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COVID testing in a traffic light summer

Will the nation's Covid-19 testing be able to keep up with Aucklanders leaving the city, and much of the country spending New Year's Eve in 'Orange'?

Rapid antigen tests will allow non-symptomatic people to get tested at pharmacies, and unvaccinated travellers will need to schedule tests before domestic flights.

Terry Taylor, President, New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science, comments:

"As the provincial and international borders free up there is the expectation that this will lead to widespread community spread throughout the motu. There are two vital weapons in the fight to mitigate the risk, vaccination and reliable, accurate surveillance and diagnostic testing. Aotearoa New Zealand is fortunate to tick both boxes as we move into the well-deserved summer holidays.

"The diagnostic testing comes with a caveat as we head into the summer break. The testing capacity in our large urban hospital and community facilities is being increased all the time. This is all part of the planning to increase our daily capacity to around the 50,000 - 60,000 mark. This is on top of the 200,000 other laboratory tests performed daily. The regional holiday hot spots around the motu do not have the capacity for large scale testing but will be available for testing acute cases. This means that the majority of the COVID PCR testing will be shipped to a larger nearby laboratory that has the capacity. In most cases this travel time will end up adding another day to the turnaround time. It must be remembered that these regional areas do not have the general medical capacity to deal with large numbers of acute cases and that is something everyone who travels to these regional areas needs to be aware of.

Parade cancelled

Opunake's Christmas Parade has been cancelled due to the current Covid status which limits crowds over 100 people it was decided at the Opunake & Districts Business Association meeting.

There will however be a Movie held at Everybods



Will 2022 see the sunset for COVID?

"Those people who are required to get a negative surveillance test for domestic travel will, from the 15th December, have the option of a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) from selected pharmacies. RAT testing is not being used for symptomatic cases and those people still need to get a nasopharyngeal COVID PCR test.

"Our large public hospital laboratories are open 24 hours and 7 days a week, but some of the commercial laboratories providing pre-departure testing will have reduced hours over the holiday period. Be

aware that if you are going to a remote area before your international flight, the timeframe in getting a sample to one of the commercial providers needs to be factored in.

"Finally, spare a thought for the group of amazing and dedicated health professionals who are involved in all aspects of the COVID testing response. This group have been at the forefront of the pandemic response for 20 months and the past four months have been exceptionally trying, particularly for the Northern laboratories. Our Christmas wish is for everyone to follow the rules and think of those who are working hard so we can all have the freedom of a relaxing and safe holiday."

Dr Anja Werno, Chief of Pathology & Clinical Microbiologist & Virologist, Canterbury Health Labs; and Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Canterbury, comments:

"With the Auckland border

opening, more introduction of positive cases to the South Island is highly likely. But because of the increase in vaccination rate, case numbers in Auckland appear to be stabilising or even decreasing. The other thing of course is that summer tends to help with keeping numbers down because people are doing more outside activities rather than being stuck in the same room for hours on end.

Photo: Pauline Sandford.

"It's important to remember that testing is only one of the tools we have to keep tabs on Covid. Worldwide the main tool to have a degree of control over the case numbers and severity of cases, is vaccination. It's probably not wise for people to throw their masks away at this point, and it's good to keep sticking to practical advice: like holding big meetings outdoors - not indoors - and using masks."

Happy Christmas everyone

Merry Christmas and happy holidaying everyone.

We will be having a break over the Christmas New Year holiday period.

Our first issue will be on January 27 2022.

The office will re-open on Monday January 17.

See you all in 2022!





Letters to the Editor

We close on Wednesday 22 Dec at Opunake.
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While we welcome free speech, the views expressed in the Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of the Opunake & Coastal News. Please limit letters to 350 words as we sometimes struggle for space to fit them all in.

COVID vaccine

It's interesting that one of the main arguments for COVID vaccination is that by doing so people are ensuring the safety of others, although if offensive and aggressive individuals like Mr Stephens (letters December 2) are any representation of those "others" then I can certainly understand the hesitancy of anyone not rushing to be jabbed.

I'm fine with him thinking every unvaccinated person is "naive, stupid and selfish." And I can also accept that he's personally scared of them even though everybody else seems to be aware that these mRNA vaccines can't stop you catching or passing on the COVID virus to your own family, friends or strangers. But to take obvious pleasure in the thought of the half million plus unjabbed New Zealanders being made unemployed and denied government benefits - meaning their children will starve - well, that's a truly horrible thing to say.

People like this have a choice. They can either remain locked in their little bubble of paranoia or they can put on their big boy pants, start thinking for themselves and face the

reality that's right in front of them. Rather than the one they're told is there. And that is, despite what we're being led to believe, this COVID virus is in fact so "deadly" that most will never get it, so deadly you need to be tested to see if you've even got it and ever so lethal that it has a mortality rate comparable to that of the common flu.

A Concerned Kiwi.
Eltham

Santa completes summit of Taranaki

Merry Christmas from the summit of our icon, Mt Taranaki, Santa (Ian McAlpine) and Santa's helper (Glenys Grant) waving good cheer to the Taranaki people and checking whether the children are good. Getting to the top of Mt Taranaki had to be achieved by foot due to the Department of Conservation not allowing animals (reindeer) in the park or allowing us to fly our sleigh there!

Merry Christmas
Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth

ADELPHOS

"Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle. The cow jumped over the moon. The little dog laughed to see such fun and the dish ran away with the spoon." Do you remember that childhood nursery rhyme? How about Jack and Jill going up the hill to fetch a pail of water? As a kid I wondered if that was such a brainy idea.

Nursery rhymes are important in helping children under five hear language, learn rhymes and rhythms and later learn to read. However, fables,

folktales and fairytales are written more so to teach over 5 year olds lessons about dealing with conflicts, desires, right and wrong and the consequences of breaking social boundaries. Boundaries protect children and give them security. With less security in our post Covid-19 world, New Zealand adolescents are reporting soaring levels of anxiety in high school counselling departments.

More recently some fables, fairytales and legends are being thoroughly dissected

History taught us nothing

As we rush down the cattle race toward Dr Fauci's magic bullet, History should be acknowledged as having taught us nothing.

The template for COVID was crafted by Fauci and Gallo in the distorted data fields of HIV/AIDS, reported in the mass graves of vax experimentation across USA, Africa and India where nobody knows the numbers of the dead in the NIAID Trials of Dr Anthony Fauci (BBC Guinea Pig Kids' 2004) Before that, the direction of US medicine was decided by the Rockefeller Foundation 1910 Flexner Report centralising what is known of as germ theory, 'uber alles'.

Above all else.

Now, we face the terrible

result of these controlling influences; concentrated through the bioweapon labs of the Military Industrial complex; funded and patented by Fauci with taxpayer dollars.

Peter Duesberg and Kary Mullis and Mark Lane wrote how the manipulations were done. Malone and Yeadon and Mikovits called out the dangers and the damage; but; most important at this critical point is the magnum opus of the nephew of President John F Kennedy, slain in Dallas by the CIA 59 years ago; Robert Kennedy junior - Writing that cleaves the heavens wide open to no doubt whatsoever : "The Real Anthony Fauci: Big Pharma and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health" in a Library near you.

Roger Morris
Oeo.



Correction

In the story about the Manaia Christmas Parade on page 12 of the December 2 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News it was stated that the Manaia Christmas Parade will be held on December 16. This is incorrect. The parade will be held on December 18. The Opunake and Coastal News apologises for the error.

Christmas, nursery rhymes and fables

and blacklisted in our era of political correctness and identity politics. But in an often upside-down world, there couldn't be a more needed time for fables and folktales with the lessons they teach children. Remember The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, Pinocchio and The Tortoise and the Hare? Their simple lessons are profound and grounded in unashamedly old fashioned and time-tested traditional morals.

Don't forget the more adult

Maori legend of Mahuika (Atua of fire) and Maui. There's a deeper life lesson for us: It's to help us to fan the fire deep inside to keep it alive. But also to ensure it doesn't rage out of control and be used to bully and manipulate others.

Christmas is about the "historic" birth of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world. Almost 300 Old Testament messianic prophecies were fulfilled in His birth, life, miracles, death and resurrection. Yet it is still the popular belief of many people, who never read the four gospels, that these are fabulous but fictitious fairytales.

At Christmastime we are left with four ways people have looked upon the baby Jesus' life. He grew up to become either the world's greatest liar, a concocted legend in His disciples' minds, a lunatic or Lord and Saviour for the world. Jesus once asked His leading disciple Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" He asks each of us the same question this Christmas.

Happy Christmas and manaakitanga,
Adelphos

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CONSTABLE KYLIE BROPHY

As this is the last column for the year on behalf of Matt, Nigel and myself - I would like to wish you all a Great Christmas and Joyful New Year. We wish you all the very best and hope your Christmas and New Year is a fun filled safe holiday period.

It is unfortunate to report that there have been a number of Domestic Violence incidents attended in our area recently. One thing I stress is that any behaviour that makes someone else feel controlled

Stay safe over Christmas holidays

and fearful is never OK. Everyone in a family or in a relationship should feel safe and nurtured. No one should be frightened of their partner or someone in their family. If you are frightened and fear for your safety, call 111 for immediate help.

Also there have been a number of burglaries in the outer areas of Opunake and Manaia. Farmers you are being targeted and it is time to take action. If you see any strange behaviour such as vehicles cruising up and down the road at strange times of night or cars that you have not seen before driving around get out and take note of the registration. Most of you know who lives around you and what type of cars they drive so if you don't recognise them what are they doing?

We all live in a small community where most

people know each other or know of each other; the problem with this is that some people are reluctant to talk with us when they know someone has been doing something illegal. However you must consider that by not coming forward you are only allowing the behaviour to continue and as with most things the more they get away with the more they do. Next time it might be your car that is kicked in or house broken into.

A timely reminder about taking steps to ensure your property is safe such as locking doors and windows, advising neighbours if you are going to be away and getting your mail cleared. Another suggestion is not advertising your absence from home whilst on holiday with postings on social media of photos from some idyllic spot with the entire

family. Easily accessible by many and often seen as an open invitation to an unoccupied property. These are all small steps that will help prevent your house being a target.

During this holiday period we would like to remind people that Opunake has a liquor ban on Tasman Street, Opunake beach and the surrounding cliff tops. This is unfortunately necessary to prevent a small percent of the community behaving in a manner that is not acceptable. Police will again be monitoring these areas very closely to ensure the rest of us enjoy the holidays.

The Opunake Beach Motor Camp also has security cameras in place for the camp security. Police will be utilizing these to monitor any anti social behaviour in the area.

We have unfortunately attended a number of crashes recently. Our advice continues to be, drive to the conditions. If your cellphone rings, leave it, it's a distraction that inevitably takes your concentration away from what's in front of you...

On that we need your

help to ensure everyone gets through the holiday period safely, so please be careful on the roads, make sure everyone gets to their destination in one piece and take care in the water. Know your limitations.

That's about it from us, stay safe, have a good Christmas and enjoy the sunshine...

Opunake Beach Carnival called off

The 2022 Opunake Beach Carnival will not go ahead. "We are so sorry to announce the cancellation of this Summers Ōpunakē Beach Carnival 2022,"an Opunake Beach Carnival Committee reads. "Please know this wasn't an easy decision for our organising committee, however after a lot of deliberation on alternative

avenues we've found it wouldn't be possible to hold the Carnival under the new COVID restrictions and guidelines. "We plan on bringing the iconic Ōpunakē Beach Carnival back and better than ever next summer. Stay safe out there and we can't wait to share the fun with you in 2023."

Editorial:No merry Christmas for Scott Watson

Having just been turned down by the Parole Board for the fourth time, after serving five years beyond the original minimum sentence of 17 years, Scott Watson (now 50) will spend a bleak Christmas in jail this month.

After an eleven week trial, he was found guilty of the January 1, 1998 murders of Ben Smart (20) and Olivia Hope (17). Justice Dick Heron passed sentence in September 1999. Since then Mr

Watson has always protested his innocence and said he'd never even met the pair.

Ben and Olivia, were celebrating New Year's Eve at Furneaux Lodge, in Endeavour Inlet, Marlborough Sounds and around 4am boarded a water taxi skippered by Guy Wallace to reach their expected place to sleep - a vessel called the *Tamarak*. Finding all the berths taken they re-boarded the water taxi with three other passengers. A mystery man

(one of the other passengers) offered them a place on his yacht for the night which they accepted. They were never seen again and their bodies have never been found.

Guy Wallace has stated that he dropped the pair off to a wooden ketch (2 sails) with portholes. However, Scott Watson was named by the police (Headed by Detective Inspector Rob Pope) as the mystery man, but his boat *Blade* was a metal sloop (one sail). Also, there is considerable dispute as to whether the mystery man (the probable murderer) fitted Scott Watson's appearance.



Does the photograph of Scott Watson really look like the police identikit sketch on the right?

Letters to the Editor

Three Waters

STDC mayor and councillors deserve praise for the letter you reported in your December 2 issue. This was to the Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government about the "totally unacceptable" lack of consultation as to the proposed Three-Waters roll-out. A big thanks also to local farmers who protested at the latest Groundswell event. Having participated in two events myself, I am acutely aware of the rising anxiety level plus the urgent need for accurate information. As a result of nation-wide protest, the Minister has delayed the introduction of the dangerous Water Services Entities Bill – now awaiting a February report from a large working group she has appointed. Time to unearth documentation now in the public domain

but difficult to access. One of particular concern is a June Cabinet paper in which the Minister admits to Three-Waters being "heavily dependent on the capital markets." This confirms the demand by Shane Jones and Phil Twyford that all infrastructure be privately funded in their two pre-election bills – the Infrastructure Commission and the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Bills respectively. Both these foundation bills were supported unanimously. Social Credit was the only political party to make opposing submissions. Time is now on our side. Let's make the most of it.

Heather Marion Smith
2020 Social Credit candidate,
Whanganui Electorate)
Blenheim

Many people recall the Crewe murders where Arthur Allen Thomas was twice wrongly convicted of their murders. The prime minster of the time Robert (later Sir) Muldoon arranged for a Royal Pardon and Mr Thomas received compensation for nine years of wrongful imprisonment. Maybe our current leader

Jacinda Ardern should give serious consideration to this step in the current case involving Scott Watson.

No matter how this case is viewed, it would appear the conviction of Scott Watson is highly circumstantial and frankly, unsafe.

Rolland McKellar



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Phil Nixon

Mayor, South Taranaki

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STDC MAYOR'S MESSAGE

A Message from the Mayor

Despite the continued disruption in our lives with our second year of COVID-19, 2021 has been an extremely busy and productive year.

On the Council front we have undertaken a major representation review, completed our Long-Term Plan for the next 10 years (which focuses on economic growth, environmental sustainability and undertaking town centre upgrades in Ōpunakē, Manaia, Eltham, Pātea and Waverley) and kept our average annual rate increase below four per cent. We have started a number of our key projects such as Stage 1 of the District Business Park, site preparation for our

STDC MAYOR
PHIL NIXON

new library, culture and arts centre, and the Nukumarū Station Road extension. We have also completed other projects such as Eltham's Soldiers Park and the Hāwera to Normanby pathways,

Bridger Park entrance beautification and the Manaia pool upgrade.

The strong performance of our Long-Term Investment Fund also saw Council receive an even higher credit rating.

Despite the many challenges of COVID-19, the news for South Taranaki has been equally positive. Our agricultural and food processing sectors have had a great year as has the construction industry with record numbers of subdivisions and new houses being built. In fact, South Taranaki ranked as having one of the fastest rates of job growth in New Zealand

over the last 12 months. With exciting developments, such as Hīringa Energy's green hydrogen and ammonia project at Kapuni, the momentum looks set to continue.

Christmas is a great time for catching up with family and friends, however, please continue to do all those things you've been doing to keep yourself and your family safe and well up to this point. If you're driving over the holiday season take care on the roads, stay calm, and take plenty of breaks. Have a great Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Phil Nixon
South Taranaki District Mayor

COUNCILLORS COMMENT

What's next on the agenda?

Hi All

Three Waters explained in plain English

1 Drinking water, is the water that comes out of your taps.

2 Waste water, is water that goes down the toilet.

3 Storm water, is the water that comes off your roofs, footpaths, roads.

To make it simple they call it "Three Waters".

You own and have paid for these Three Waters through your rates, they are managed by your Council on your behalf and are worth hundreds of millions of dollars for South Taranaki. The Labour

CR BRYAN ROACH

government is taking all of the Three Waters off councils with no consultation or input from you the rate payer/owner. The South Taranaki District Council has officially written to the Minister of Three Waters and the Prime Minister of New

Zealand along with other councils around New Zealand expressing our concerns on behalf of our ratepayers.

My thoughts are when the Government gets control of this asset which is worth multiple billions of dollars across New Zealand they will sell your Three Waters as lots of governments overseas have done and you will get a Three Waters bill from China or America or whoever. A lot of the water companies in other countries around the world are in foreign ownership. What's next on the Labour Government's agenda? To get rid of all councils in New Zealand. If

so you will lose your local voice and your local choice and the small rural towns will miss out again. Maybe we need a new Government at the next elections to sort it out?

COVID-19 is in Taranaki so please be kind to each other, scan in and show your passport, and we will get through this together.

To my fellow farmers not very often in my farming career have the stars aligned - good grass growth along with good payout. Stay safe keep COVID-19 at bay.

Roachie from the Coast

New Plymouth District Council opposes Three Waters reforms

A letter signed by New Plymouth District mayor Neil Holdom and New Plymouth district councillors has been sent to Local Government minister Nanaia

Mahuta opposing the Three Waters reforms.

"The decision to legislate the Three Waters Reform and require the transfer of effective control of drinking water, waste water and storm water infrastructure assets to four large entities under the proposed arrangements goes against the feedback of council and the communities we serve.

"In fact the majority of councils agreed that change was required but opposed the model Government has decided to mandate without

providing an opportunity for community feedback. NPDC approached this review in good faith and on the basis our Councils could decide to opt in or out after consulting our communities."

"The residents we work for are rightly concerned about the loss of local say over the three waters and the absence of any opportunity for them to provide feedback before the proposal was finalised.

"Throughout this process NPDC has always maintained that quality drinking water and better environmental

outcomes are essential, and we were open to change.

"Where NPDC disagreed was the fixed view the Government has on the proposed model. We were open to discuss alternatives but were not afforded this opportunity.

"Throughout this process it appeared that Government had a fixed view that centralisation based on the proposed model was the solution, and the mandate would appear to provide no other options."



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Hands off freedom and rights



Anti Mandate Protests have been held throughout New Zealand.

On Saturday December 4 an anti-mandate rally was held in New Plymouth. About 200 people, many in vehicles or on motorbikes, gathered outside Puke Ariki then marched up Devon Street, then returned back to

the same location. Eventually, they congregated in Centre City where there were a number of speeches. The demonstration was peaceful and orderly. There were a few flags flying including Tino Rangatiratanga and

the United Tribes of New Zealand. There were many placards which reflected a wide spectrum of views, which ranged from *Trump – make America Great again* to *I'm vaxxed and pro freedom of*

choice. Some placards aimed at being informative, such as *one million kiwis are not vaccinated*. Other placards warned of the danger of lockdown such as *Lockdown wrecks mental health*.

The placard reading *Hands off freedom and rights* perhaps summed up the sentiments of most of the protesters. The objection was not against vaccination as such, but against the increasingly mandatory nature of the process. Outside Puke Ariki there were some speeches against a background of lively music. One speaker urged

that protesters be orderly and peaceful. He also said, "They deserve our silence. Sometimes the most powerful thing you can say is nothing at all. Make your own truth." One of the organisers approached the reporter and in a courteous manner wanted to ensure that the write up would be accurate and without bias.

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missing someone out I will thank everyone. No matter how big or small, your generous donations, support and gratitude go a long way in helping us. Like all government departments we are given the basics, and with community support we are able to obtain more efficient and up to date lifesaving equipment. A big thankyou also to our grounds keeper who, as usual keeps our lawns and garden well manicured, and with a freshly painted station, they look a picture.



Out with the old, and in with the new.

Although we have an open fire season at the moment and ground moisture levels are

high, that could easily change as we get into January. A good web site to go to is www.checkitsalright.nz. This site tells you the type of fire season we are in and what you can and cannot do. It also has a link to get a fire permit if it is required.

Recent callouts have been to assist Rahotu with a commercial alarm activation,

scene safety follow a MVA, assisting Kaponga with an MVA, assisting Kaponga with smoke coming from a house, a tractor fire, a gas leak at Okato, a quad bike rolled and truck over turned.

It's the end of an era for our old rescue tender. This truck which carries all our rescue equipment to assist with patient extrication following motor vehicle accidents has been there just about as long as I have and is starting to show its age. Our new (second hand) truck comes from the Stratford fire station, and comes with more room for equipment and better pumping capabilities.

Andrew Pentelow (Interim CFO)
Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade

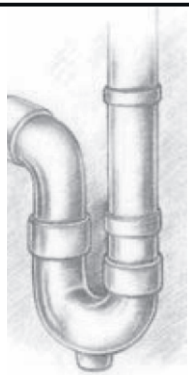
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A truck which rolled over on Skeet Road spilling lime flour and salt.

Tractor fire is swiftly extinguished

Just before midday on Tuesday December 7 the Opunake Volunteer Fire Service attended a tractor fire at a rural property on Eltham Road, near Te Kiri. When the fire engine arrived at the location a tractor was engulfed with such a fireball it was hard to work out exactly what was on fire. The firefighters soon had the fire mostly extinguished, which was timely as the tractor was parked partly in a farm building. Luckily, there was



The fire-fighters had the fire mostly extinguished very quickly. Just five minutes a earlier there was a spectacular fireball.



Masses of smoke billowed from the tractor.

not too much damage to the building, although the mid-section of the guttering was

melted by the intense heat. Once most of the flames were extinguished there was

a huge cloud of billowing smoke heading south. Three fire engines attended the emergency.

The farmer was unhurt and was just clear of the tractor when the fire took hold. "I'm a bit gutted," he commented. "That was a good tractor." He remarked, "I only parked the tractor half in (the shed)." A fire-fighter commented, "This is the first tractor fire this year." He added, "There is usually one or two a season."

He thought an electrical short may have caused the fire.

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Truck accident on Skeet Road

Parts of the Skeet and Patiki Roads were closed on Tuesday morning after a truck rolled on the side of the Skeet Road spilling lime, flour and salt.

The accident occurred in wet conditions on the Skeet Road near the intersection with Patiki Road at around 9.50am. Fire brigades from Kaponga and Opunake as well as police and ambulance attended.

Kaponga chief fire officer Jason Hurley said the truck was travelling in the direction of Opunake when it lost



control and had a very low impact roll over. The driver was picked up by the rescue helicopter from a nearby paddock and flown to hospital.

LEFT: Lime, flour and salt littering Skeet Road after a truck overturned.

Royal honour for New Plymouth firefighter

Rachael Utumapu of New Plymouth was one of five Fire and Emergency New Zealand personnel presented with their Queens Birthday honours by Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro at Government House last week.

Mrs Rachael Anne Utumapu was awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for service to Fire and Emergency New Zealand and people with cancer

In 2003 she became the first female career firefighter in New Plymouth, and has been a senior trainer, coordinator and member of the national management team for the Fire Awareness Intervention Programme (FAIP) since 2006. She has written and designed FAIP programme and resource materials and managed a nationwide team to deliver more than 5,500 interventions with at risk youth. She has twice won the New Zealand Fire Service firefighter scholarship to undertake research in the



Rachael Utumapu (left) receives her Queen's Service Medal from Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro at Government House.

United States on FAIP and diversity and inclusion.

Mrs Utumapu was a founding member of the Women in Fire and Emergency New Zealand (WFENZ) National Women's Advisory Committee and is a former chair and current member of the Te Ūpoko Region Women's Advisory Network (RWAN). She has been manager of the Fire and

Emergency New Zealand's Women's Development Team since 2019.

Mrs Utumapu has been a facilitator for Look Good Feel Better 'Facing Cancer with Confidence' in Taranaki since 2009, helping raise funds and develop and deliver a nationwide men's programme. She co-established the New Hair Project in New Plymouth in 2017, providing wigs for

people with hair loss from cancer treatment and other medical causes. Mrs Utumapu has been a volunteer speaker in the community on fire safety and supporting those affected by cancer.

Fire and Emergency Board Chair Rebecca Keoghan paid tribute to the five Fire and Emergency personnel receiving honours.

These five worthy recipients have provided years of contribution to help their communities become stronger, safer and more resilient both through their efforts for Fire and Emergency, and through all their other community contributions. It is a pleasure to see their efforts recognised.

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Looking ahead with greater certainty

As we near the end of a challenging year in which COVID-19 was again at the forefront I'm reflecting on the conversations I have had with, and messages I have received from employees and business owners who shared with me their experiences of lockdown and moving from alert levels to the COVID19 Protection Framework traffic light settings. Many expressed how tough-going it has been but were grateful for the financial support available and the systems that have kept us safe.

I'm thankful to the health professionals, businesses, volunteers, and all essential workers who have supported our community throughout this year. I want to acknowledge how our community in Taranaki has transitioned fairly seamlessly into the COVID-19 Protection Framework. It's testament to our united commitment to keep us all as safe as possible. This new way of managing COVID will ensure we can look forward to a summer with fewer disruptions and more certainty. Big events can go ahead, and people can plan with greater confidence, because our high vaccination rates mean lockdowns are no longer our main line of defence against COVID.

I'd also like to say thank you to everyone in our electorate who got vaccinated in 2021 so we can all enjoy doing the things we love this summer. It's brilliant that 90% of eligible people in the Taranaki DHB



STEPH LEWIS MP

rohe have already received their first dose. If you're fully vaccinated but haven't yet got hold of your vaccine pass, you can request it now by visiting [mycovidrecord.nz](#) or by calling 0800 222 478.

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mean restrictions like being seated and separated, or limiting the number of people able to enter are no longer required in many places – if all customers and staff are fully vaccinated. In these settings vaccine passes add an extra layer of protection for people who can't be vaccinated, like young children.

Of course, it's still really important to keep up those key health behaviours like scanning in wherever we go and wearing face coverings when we're out and about.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and the exciting opportunities 2022 will bring for our community and also for my role as your MP. As you may already know I am expecting my second child and will be taking leave for a short period of time in autumn. My offices in Hāwera and Whanganui will continue to be open and my team will be available to offer assistance to our community on my behalf. I'll be staying in touch with my team to be updated regularly and provide support where possible.

I'm delighted to say we will also have a Youth MP representing our Whanganui electorate and our young people at Youth Parliament in July next year. I received a number of exceptional applications which made it a difficult decision but after a lot of consideration I selected Ebony Kalin from Hāwera High School. I also have the privilege of being able to appoint Youth Advisors who will

support and work alongside Ebony in her role as Youth MP. The Youth Advisors are Charlotte Hardy, for Whanganui, and Keisya Gunawa for Stratford. I know they will serve our electorate well and I can't wait to work with Ebony, Charlotte and Keisya who will begin their six month tenure in March 2022.

Finally, I am wishing you all a Meri Kerimete, Merry Christmas. My offices will be closed for the festive season from 16 December until 17 January 2022. During this time we will keep an eye on emails sent to steph.lewismp@parliament.govt.nz. Have safe, healthy and happy holidays as we all look forward to a New Year.

Steph Lewis
MP Whanganui

Taxpayers funding anti-dairying messages

"Some days it's difficult to comprehend what I see in the news," says National Agriculture spokesperson Barbara Kuriger.

"Unbelievably, and thanks to Louis Houlbrooke of The Taxpayers Union and Scoop Independent News, I learnt on Monday taxpayers

have funded the anti-dairy documentary 'Milked' to the tune of \$48,000 – a 'finishing grant' given by the New Zealand Film

Commission.

"Houlbrooke said in the story the 40,000 Kiwis employed in the dairy sector wouldn't be happy to know they've funded a film that attacks their livelihoods.

"I can tell you right now, as a farmer and MP for a huge rural electorate, we are not. It is a real slap in the face to a sector which brings in 80% of the country's export revenue.

"He also said: The film is explicitly political with constant shots of the Beehive in the trailer, and



BARBARA KURIGER MP

features contributions from Greenpeace, SAFE and the Green Party. The film appears to be part of a wider anti-dairy campaign – the promoters have erected billboards attacking the dairy sector.

"Meeting generic criteria without proper scrutiny is not enough. Kiwis need to know that they are funding works which contain political messaging and propaganda designed specifically to move public opinion in one direction.

"And it needs to stop now!"



Meri Kirihimete

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On this month in history

Kiri Te Kanawa debuts at Covent Garden

On December 1, 1971 soprano Kiri Te Kanawa made her debut at Covent Garden, London. Aged 27, her role was as the countess in the Marriage of Figaro. She became a leading soprano in the world in the 1970s and 1980s. Famously, Prince Charles asked her to sing at his wedding to Lady Diana Spencer.



Happy Holidays!

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Cloud lifts from historic Eltham building

A business known locally as one of Eltham’s “four grand old ladies” has been granted a reprieve.

Last year there were fears that the historic Eltham Municipal Building might be destined for the wrecking ball after a seismic assessment rated the building at just 8 per cent of the New Building Standard. At that stage the building had been closed for two years , and the cost of strengthening and upgrading the building was conservatively estimated at up to \$1.7 million.

In June 2020, the South Taranaki District Council decided to put the building up for sale for a nominal sum, on condition that the buyer had the intent and means to strengthen the building.

Fast forward a year and a half and Patea-based property developer Dean Martin has stepped in to buy the building, which he wants to earthquake strengthen and renovate.

Dean says previously he had mainly been involved in residential property, and had had properties in Taranaki, Whanganui, Huntly and Auckland. The Eltham Municipal Building



The Eltham Municipal Building has attracted a buyer.

was therefore a change of direction.

“I had got to the stage of my life that I had done enough residential property, and I appreciated the architecture of those old buildings. I wanted to do something

that I could show my kids. I definitely did not do it for monetary reasons.”

He admits that when the Eltham Municipal Building first came up for sale he had not given it much thought.

That all changed after he bought the Caplen Building in Hawera three months ago. Located in Princes Street, the building had been built in 1882, and is sandwiched between two other historic buildings, Charles Major’s office and the Edmonston Building.

“At that stage I hadn’t

planned on another building then a friend said why not buy the Eltham Municipal Building?” says Dean. “I thought I had done one, so I might as well do two.”

The Eltham Municipal Building on Stanners Street was built in 1911, and was initially home to the Eltham Borough Council. In more recent years it was used by the likes of Young Farmers, the Assembly of God Church, the Eltham Historical Society, law firm Thomson O’Neill and a couple of non-profit organisations.

When the question of what to do about the building came up at the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board meeting last year, board member Lindsay Maindonald said it was “an iconic building, one of a set of four.” As well as its “twin” and next door neighbour, the Eltham Town Hall, and the bank and post office buildings it made up one of the town’s “grand old ladies.”

Dean says that he has had engineers do some initial assessments and is “amazed” at the building’s soundness.

“I’d expect it’ll be a solid year of preparation before the major earthquake strengthening can start taking place. In the meantime, the exterior will get a fresh coat

of paint in the new year.”

He already has a couple set to move into the downstairs part of the building to run a second-hand and upcycling business. He plans to reinstate and renovate the two two-bed apartments upstairs.

Eltham councillors Steffy Mackay and Mark Bellringer welcome the sale and Dean’s plans for renovating the building.

“We advocated very strongly for a suitable buyer to be found for the building and we are really pleased to have found someone with experience and a proven track record. We welcome him to the Eltham community.”

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says this was a great outcome for Eltham and the community is looking forward to seeing the progress made on strengthening and refurbishing the magnificent old building.

Dean says that having bought the Caplen and Eltham Municipal Buildings he would be open to the idea of buying another.

“It would be about finding the right price. At the end of the day it’s a labour of love. The cost of earthquake strengthening is just huge.”

Support for Sands NZ

St Vincent de Paul Op Shop in Hawera have pledged the month of December takings to Sands (Stillborn and Neo Natal Deaths) NZ. Sands is a voluntary, parent run, non-profit organisation that supports parents and families who have experienced the death of a baby at any stage during pregnancy, as a baby or infant.

Every year over 600 babies die between 20 weeks gestation and 12 months of age in New Zealand. No official statistics are kept for pregnancy loss prior to 20 weeks. However, the Ministry of Health estimates that 1-2 out of every 10 pregnancies result in a miscarriage. Using these figures Sands estimate

between 7,500 to 14,500 miscarriages occur every year in New Zealand.

St Vincent de Paul is helping to raise funds for a Cuddle Cot. This is a cooling system which is placed into a bassinet to let parents take their baby home and have a couple of extra days with their deceased baby, which helps the grieving process. The cost is estimated at \$6,000. Currently there isn’t one of these in South Taranaki and Sands would like to have one available for local families.

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A concert pianist and an award winning photographer who have settled in Opunake are enjoying life in the coastal town.

They moved to Opunake 8 months ago attracted by the beach and the mountain.

“My idea of paradise,” said Wayne Wilson-Wong.

He and his wife Rosa Wilson-Wong

nee Scaffidi, moved to Opunake from Australia.

“We searched the entire country for property to buy they say,” says Wayne, originally from Auckland, keen to return home after seven years living in Australia.

“I fell in love with Taranaki straight away, the people, the mountain, the fresh air,” says Rosa adding that the mountain felt like a magnetic force pulling her here.

“It’s so beautiful here,” adds Wayne.

Originally from Geelong in Australia, Rosa has been playing the piano since she was two years old. She has a Masters degree in Performance from the Victorian College of the Arts specialising in solo and ensemble playing.

Her mother told her the first time she heard me play I was one and a half, says Rosa, adding she heard some music playing and wondered where it was coming from. “I was standing at the piano playing by ear music from playschool,” says Rosa. Her mother at that moment realised she had a gift. She started lessons when she was three and quickly progressed giving her first public performance at the age of 8. Rosa said her favourite composer is Schumann and she likes Beethoven and “all the Romantics.” Rosa has also composed a musical



Rosa seated at the Yamaha grand piano which they shipped over from Australia piano. She played some Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky to the interviewer. It was a wonderful performance which demonstrated her prowess on the instrument.

about a group of convicts sent to Australia from England.

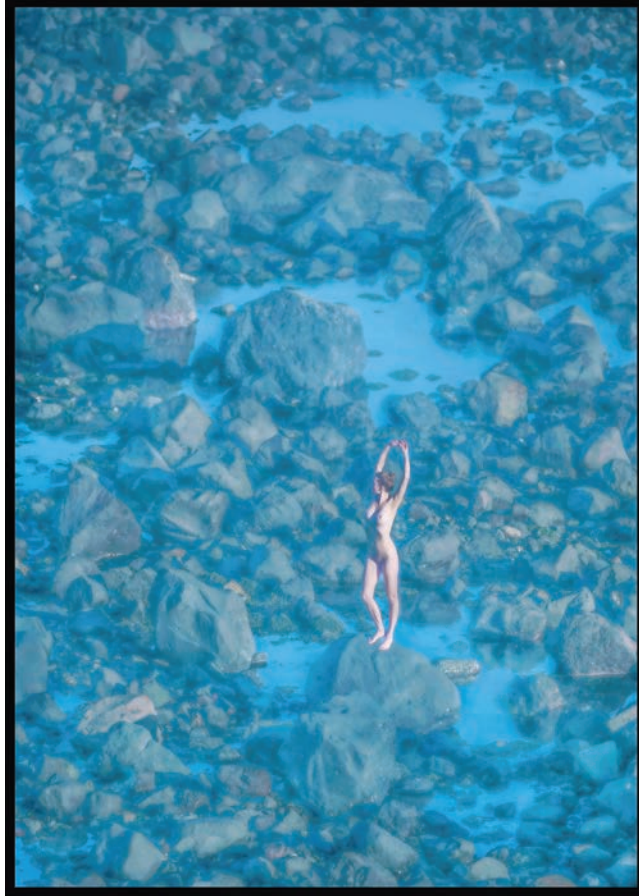
“I’ve always heard that New Zealanders were more friendly,” says Rosa, with clearly no regrets of leaving Australia.

Wayne has a Master of Fine Arts with First Class Honours and has also done a doctorate in Fine Arts. He is also a registered secondary school teacher. He is widely exhibited and won numerous awards.

Wayne started out in photography as a photo journalist and for four years worked for Reuters in the UK. He’s had photos published in Time Magazine (the Dunblane massacre, in Scotland, the deadliest massacre in Britain’s history). He also photographed some well known people including Tiger Woods, Judi Dench, Tony Blair and John Major

and made three front pages of the UK dailies. He was posted to Balmoral when Princess Diana died. After four years in the UK Wayne decided he wanted to “own my own photographs” and did a Post Graduate

Diploma at Elam School of Fine Arts in Auckland, then went on to do a Masters and finally a PhD majoring in social documentary through still and moving images. He’s exhibited in the Auckland Museum



Emily Ratajkowski & The Male Gaze: Female form in South Taranaki landscape, Wayne Wilson-Wong.

“Mike and Dee wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thanks for your continued support during the year”



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“The coastline from Hawera to New Plymouth is so beautiful. It needs to be documented and reach a wider audience,” says Wayne. He is also fascinated by the lahars “mixed up with pa sites,” and describes the coastline as “so unique”.

Wayne has pioneered an intriguing technique called moonlight photography, all done under moonlight using long exposure which combines street lights and hand held torches to create some intriguing effects. The resulting photos are quite beautiful and have a surreal, dream like quality.

Wayne references writer John Berger, and a new way of seeing. Rosa and Wayne had intended to come to New Zealand sooner but got stuck in Australia because of Covid. In fact they bought two properties, sight unseen, over the internet in 2019, one in Eltham and the other in Opunake. The Eltham property which they bought for \$50,000 they have renovated is now rented out. Their charming Opunake property which has a stream running through it they are continuing to develop. “I dreamt of a stream running through your property,” says Wayne. During the rain it became a little more than a stream but they’ve now cleared the overgrown area causing the problem in the property which they hope to put in the garden festival next year.

From January 2022, Rosa will be working for the New Zealand Modern School of Music and will be the piano tutor for the Opunake district. She will also have private students from the South Taranaki district.

“I do love teaching,” says Rosa. “I love helping them to unleash the performer inside them.”

Rosa is planning to give a piano recital in early 2022.

We’ll keep you posted.



Wayne’s intriguing beautiful photos: capturing movement and time and the recording of past time. This photo of Opunake Beach is part of a larger series of work in progress.



Wayne Wilson-Wong and his recent artwork of Mt Taranaki by moonlight.



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In-store now are Christmas lilies (lilium regale) with tall spikes up to a metre and ready to flower. White (Snow Queen) and red are especially popular, but yellow lilies are also stunning.

If you enjoy Christmas Day outdoors, plant pots with red and white tropical impatiens or petunias. Flowering now, these will continue to look good right through summer. Add cineraria silverdust for a pop of silver. Rosemary has long been associated with Christmas. In the Middle Ages, people believed that if they smelled rosemary on Christmas Eve, they would be healthy and happy throughout the year. Plant in pots by your front door, or as table decoration. Rosemary can be clipped into a Christmas tree shape and looks good in terracotta pots. Rosemary sprigs can be made into mini-wreaths and napkin rings or slotted into place cards and floral arrangements.

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Success story for Eltham engineering firm



Shaun and Greg Cadman with a bund bound for Westside's hydrocarbon production station at Mokoia.

The founder of an Eltham engineering firm says he is surprised at how fast his business has taken off.

It's been three years since Shaun Cadman started Central Engineering Taranaki on his 1.6ha farmlet on the edge of Eltham.

"The original intention was to employ about three people, and somehow it just exploded from there," says Shaun. "Now we've got 10. I never had the intention of being as big as we are. I suppose we came along making the right products at the right time."

Their "flying start" was also their first job, making 3600 stainless water meter covers for the South Taranaki District Council.

More jobs came along mainly through word of mouth, including a contract with prominent petfood exporter King Country Petfoods in Taumaranui to instal Chinese-made conveyors and silos.

"They asked me to go up

there and have a look. I gave them a quote and three days later they gave me the job," says Shaun.

In the last two months this contract has meant a lot of travelling to and from Taumaranui where King Country Petfoods are based at the site of a former freezing works which closed down 25 years ago.

"It's all brand new machinery they are installing over there. It's been a good experience for the guys," says Shaun. Back at Eltham, Shaun says they do anything from light fabricated stainless work to heavy fabricated structural work.

There are two workshops on site, one used for mild steel, while the other is used solely for stainless work, to avoid sparks getting on to the stainless steel. There are plans to add another workshop.

Central Engineering builds trailers to order, and have done boat work as well. They also do general engineering for farmers.

"Our gates are always open for them," says Shaun.

His crew include son Greg

and son-in-law Henare Goble, who is married to Shaun's daughter Ashley. Greg is a diesel mechanic and engineer and looks after things when Shaun is away.

"We're a family oriented business," says Shaun. "I like to look after my guys the best I can, both inside and outside of work."

He has two mechanical engineering apprentices working for him.

Shaun says they like to use local suppliers as much as they can.

Their work takes them around Taranaki and beyond. They continue to do survey work for the South Taranaki District Council at their wastewater sump stations, and have done mechanical shutdown work for Fonterra and Ballance.

Central Engineering has a contract to make new modules for Tegal and repair broken ones. When visited by the Opunake and Coastal News, Greg had finished off a bund for a chemical pod at Westside's hydrocarbon production station at Mokoia. Shaun is originally from Opunake, which he says

he still classes as his home town. He has spent most of his time in the dairy industry as a mechanical engineer. He did his apprenticeship with Robert Stone Stainless in Hawera, mainly at what is now the Fonterra site at Whareroa when it was run by its forerunner Kiwi Co-operative Dairies Ltd. Before striking out on his own he worked for the Normanby branch of Fitzroy Engineering.

For the last 33 years, Eltham has been home. It's where he and his wife Shona, who has been a teacher aide at Eltham Primary School for the last 26 years have raised their son and three daughters.

As well as his engineering business, Shaun leases a 317 acre dry stock property at Norfolk Road. His interests include a clock collection, which began with an 1870s American model which his father-in-law gave him. Another interest is gardening, an interest he shares with his wife Shona. "I don't get to do as much time on it as I would like," he says.

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A Beatles Museum is opening in Opunake.



Graeme McPherson (right) with Bob Clark in the Beatles Museum.

Until now the venture has been kept top secret but a preview of the museum due to open late January was given to Members of the Opunake and Districts Business Association revealed an amazing collection of Beatles memorabilia including every album they've ever produced. Graeme and Marilyn McPherson who have been collecting Beatles memorabilia since 1988 came to live in Opunake in 2018 from Tauranga. Extensively travelled they previously lived in the UK where they worked on an estate there. They did "quite a few trips to Liverpool" in their time there said Graeme acknowledging their interest in the Beatles was "a bit of a passion." Before touring the exhibition, Graeme gave a breakdown of the history of

Beatles from the early days beginning with John Lennon's appearance at the Woolton Fete as part of the Quarrymen Skiffle Group. His meeting Paul McCartney and shortly after Paul's friend George Harrison and, with Pete Best on drums, their experiences in Hamburg where they would routinely play 7 hours a night. It was after this that they tried to get a record deal and were famously turned down by Decca. They were subsequently signed by EMI, Pete Best was replaced by Ringo Star and the rest is history. Their first record was Love Me Do which reached number 1 in Britain, Next was Please Please Me. The Beatles who began to write their own music went on to change the face of music and endear themselves to all which their songs, their

embracing of new sounds and their whacky sense of humour. The world fell in love with them. "Four lads who shook the world," is the title of a sculpture of the four which stands near the

Graeme said A Day in the Life was his favourite Beatles song while Marilyn, herself a pianist, said her favourite Beatle was Paul. The museum is absolutely fascinating with lots of



The Sergeant Pepper clock.

site of the Cavern Club, in Liverpool. In 1964 the Beatles toured New Zealand and Liz Sinclair, President of the Opunake & Districts Business Association who was at the meeting says her mother took her and a cousin to the concert held in the Auckland Town Hall. "All I could remember was the screaming," said Liz. She recalled they played Love Me Do, the Beatles first number 1. The writer recalls their coming to Dunedin and the main street of Dunedin packed with people hoping to get a glance of the four who were upstairs in a hotel.

photographs of the group going back to their very early days, their album covers lining the wall of the museum. There's also some very early singles such as My Bonnie, their first, recorded in 1961. One intriguing exhibit was a limited edition of the gold disc Imagine marking 25 years since the release of the iconic song. The museum itself which is in the basement of their house, evokes a little of the atmosphere of the Cavern Club in Liverpool where the Beatles first played. Though the Cavern Club was later amid controversy at the time destroyed to make way for a carpark it has since been

reconstructed in Liverpool in its original spot and is accessed by the same stairs leading underground. When the writer visited it some years ago, the original stage on which the Beatles played – about 6 foot wide – was still there. One of the walls of the museum has a big blown up photo with the names of all

the people who have played there, a reproduction of a photo that is in the present Cavern Club in Liverpool. The museum has clearly been a labour of love for Graeme and Marilyn; a wonderful monument to the most influential band of all time.

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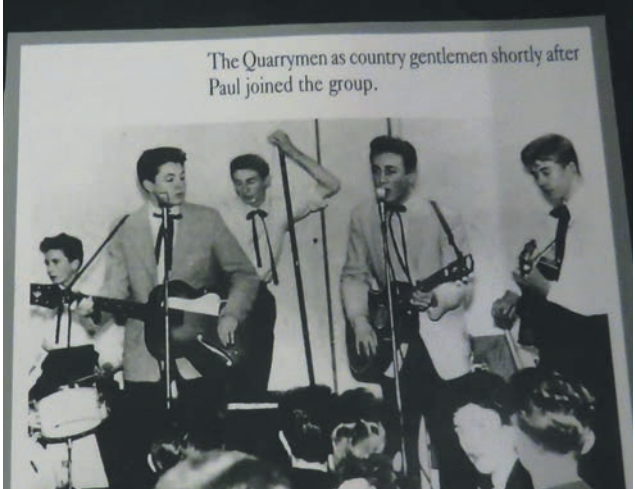
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White Sail Gallery a breath of fresh air

The White Sail Gallery down by the waterfront in Breakwater Road, New Plymouth has been bought by Coastal people.

Ray and Anne Barron bought the gallery off artist Jill White who has owned the gallery for 7 years. Their daughter Joanne who is a fine arts graduate will also be assisting in the business.

"I wouldn't have sold it to anyone else," said Jill adding they were "a perfect fit." She said she needs more time to paint and will continue to sell her work at the gallery.

Buying the gallery is very much a family affair for the Barrons. Joanne did a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Ilam in Christchurch and has spent the last 20 years as a graphic designer.

Anne has an interest in interior design. Says Ray, a farmer who confesses he doesn't know much about art, she's "very, very good at putting things together."

Anne and Joanne say with a laugh they are busy educating Ray about art.

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From left Ray and Anne Barron, Jill White, and Joanne and husband Brad Purcell.



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Art work by Libby McColl.

Gallery has an interesting range of smaller gift items.

The three main exhibiting painters are Jill White, Libby McColl and Lester Earl.

Libby describes her work as "disrupted realism, to give the impression of life and movement."

Lester Earl's works are known for their semi-abstract landscape painting of Taranaki, and focus on waves and Mt Taranaki.

Ray added that they see it as a "destination



One of the more unusual pieces at the White Sail Gallery.

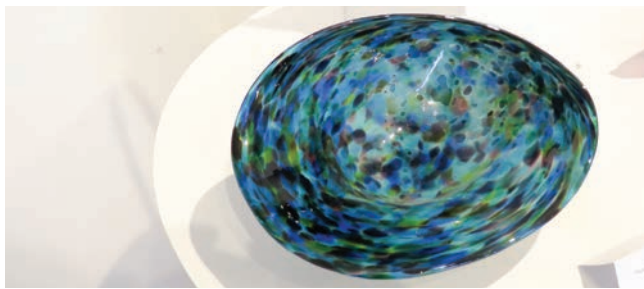
very involved with Coastal Rugby.

Jill who founded the business remains involved in the gallery. A lot of the artworks on display were chosen by her prior to selling the gallery. She has exhibited at exhibitions around New Zealand and meets a lot of artists.

She's always exhibited a few feature artists. They are established artists who she knows and comments "Nice people make nice art." Adds Jill, art is selling. People aren't travelling, instead they're putting their money into redecorating.

The charming revamped gallery which the new owners have beautifully redecorated was officially opened last Friday night. In the delightful picturesque setting it's a lovely place to visit.

Says Anne, "We look forward to seeing Coastal people."



One of the glassworks for sale.

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Arts scholarship awarded to local student



Belle Evans wins George Mason Trust scholarship.

The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery was the first place Belle Evans (18) would take her grandparents every time they'd visit and holds a special place in her heart. So she was delighted to receive a personal call from the gallery awarding her the George Mason Trust scholarship, worth \$3,000.

"I just broke down crying," said the recently-graduated New Plymouth Girls' High School student.

The prestigious annual scholarship, awarded by NPDC's gallery to those who show drive and motivation towards a visual arts career, is paid in a lump sum.

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery director Zara Stanhope says it's fabulous to be able to help young artists through the scholarship, which it has administered since 2016.

"The gallery is excited

to support future artists within the community – we congratulate Belle and look forward to seeing her achievements in the coming years."

Evans said the scholarship was just the push she needed. "It can be scary going into an arts degree and getting a student loan, but this scholarship shows you can go into the arts and build a career."

Evans will be studying for a Bachelor of Fine Arts with honours degree at Massey University in Wellington.

"I chose Massey as I took a programme at school called 'Shape your Future' for the past three years, which is essentially a very hands-on creative class and I'd heard a lot about Massey University and their hands-on learning. I have chosen Wellington campus to study at because of the endless new ideas and people that will come with living in a new city," she said.

The Health Shop

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RACHAEL NIELSEN IS A BIT OF AN INSTITUTION IN TARANAKI – AND RIGHTLY SO. SHE IS WELL-KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE REGION AS THE OWNER-OPERATOR OF THE HEALTH SHOP IN CENTRE CITY AND 31 YEARS LATER, SHE'S STILL GOING STRONG!

As one of the pioneers of the natural health food and supplement industry in the region, Rachael has been at the forefront of the move towards natural health remedies. It's fair to say business was booming – until the Covid-19 pandemic came along. The Health Shop, along with most retailers, was forced to close for months.

"I was disappointed we weren't classed as an essential service, because for many of our clients we were just that," says Rachael. However that was not to be and her clients had little choice but to stock up online. That was understandable, but it has had a lingering effect and some of her former clients haven't come back. That is something she's keen to turn around.

"Before the lockdown online shopping was our major competitor, but during the lockdown that was the only way they could buy it. So people got out of the habit of coming into buy from us." The advantages of buying locally are something the Taranaki

Chamber of Commerce and councils have been emphasising lately. However, that is even truer when it comes to our health

"We stand by what we sell, and if people aren't happy, they're welcome to bring it back. Being a woman, a mother and a grandmother I've been there, done that, when it comes to PMT, menopause and the many issues we have. I'm in my sixties so I've experienced the lot. "I'm always happy to give advice to anyone who asks. I know what works best for many people as well."

Rachael and her experienced team are well-known for their service and their willingness to go the extra mile for their clients. "In all the years I've been in the shop, the training I've had, the diplomas I've got and the degree I got – a Bachelor of Nursing – means I am well qualified to give that advice."

So too are her staff. "Both Jan and Janine are qualified naturopaths; Jill has been working in health for many years and she, like all the staff, is well trained. People come to us because they know us. "We also get to know our clients too and being able to see how they look and have them tell us how they feel makes a huge difference. A computer can't do that."

Rachael says the reality is simple: "If people don't support us we're not going to be here."

Rachael says if anyone has a problem getting into to see her, they are welcome to contact her. "Give me a ring, or email me and we can courier your order the same day or the following day. You won't get any unordered goods because they have your credit card either, and you won't be waiting six weeks like some online businesses make you, that's for sure."

Rachael also runs regular clinics specially designed for people with sore backs, sciatica, headaches and the like. "We also do hair analysis for DNA. It goes to Germany and is back in an hour with a 32-page analysis of vitamins, viruses, bacteria, funguses, electromagnetic fields and what foods to avoid and what foods are good for you.

"The cost is \$90, which is pretty good, especially if you are not well and you don't know why. I often get people to bring in their blood tests and I go through those. If you are not well, you have to look after your immune system and it doesn't have to cost a fortune. "It seems a lot of people have trouble getting into see a doctor these days."

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SUMMER 2020

Stewart Island Mt Anglem 50 Peaks

December 12th,,Stewart Island backpackers..... WOW!!! ...Mission accomplished. Mt Anglem summited! After 4 nights and 5days out in the Stewart Island wilderness, we are back in Oban and feeling spoilt enjoying civilisation. From arriving in Invercagill and sharing the 50 peaks for mental health project, with most people we came across, we were very well received and wished all the best with our endeavour. Next morning, when sharing our story with the taxi driver to the airport we received a free ride. The airport staff were very supportive and put us on their face book page. The flight from Invercagill was stunning, We squeezed into the plane,(10 seater),to experience crystal blue glassy, Foveaux Strait, not a cloud in the sky. We reached an altitude of 500metres where Harrison spotted a shark out the back window. With a clear view of Mt Anglem,it looked bigger than expected. The coast of Stewart Island was pristine, the brightest blue southern ocean merging into the kelp and rocky foreshore . We had a perfect landing on the airstrip above Oban



On Stewart Island.

town, picked up by Amie who transported us to the flight office and gave us free gas bottles for our stoves due to no gas bottles being allowed on the plane. She

had a cupboard full of them. Understanding our mission and purpose behind it, she put us on to a local taxi ferry operator who could spring board our trip by

speed boat and save us 12 hours-worth of hiking. For only the cost of his fuel, a big shout out to Rakiura Hertzoff. Stocking up at Stewart Island's only shop,

the 4 Square, got chatting to Lucas, and Sammy the owner who felt very passionate about the project and gave us a very generous donation. A big shout out

to Sammy. Meeting up with Rakiura,at Golden Bay wharf, we climbed aboard his 200 hp speed boat that got us up the coast at 50 kms an hour, dropping us off on a remote beach,4 kms from Christmas village hut. Jumping overboard and wading to shore the hike began. Endless gullies, deep mud,streams,,5 hours later we arrive at Christmas village hut. Sand flies.. by the millions. The boys go fishing off the rocks and came back with a few decent size blue cod caught on hand lines . Up to Mt Anglem summit the next day, supposedly a 6 hours round trip, it took me 8. The boys were flying, a variety of bush slowly faded as we gained altitude, waist-deep mud holes,along the way ,which Cayden discovered.A long slog to summit ridge, greeted by a gale force southerly, a little shelter found and finally after 4 hours we are on the summit of New Zealand's highest most southern mountain, at just under 1000 metres,5 minutes to shake hands ,high 5and take some photos and we are freezing. With numb fingers we rapidly descend, feeling a great sense of achievement, it's our 14th





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summit...slow descent once out of the wind. Great to be back at the hut, this was our main goal of the trip. Tasty blue cod, pouched due to no oil, so good. Alex casts a hand line off the beach on dark and hooks a giant paua. Sleep so well. Paua and blue cod for breakfast, finally packed and tidy the chaos and mess we have created, over 2 days and nights in the hut .Off we go on a 7 hour slog to Bungaree hut, not a cloud in the sky, the highlight being hiking Murray beach for an hour, crystal deep blue, southern ocean, pure white sand with a vague outline of the southern coast of the south island on the horizon. A final few hours in the bush and we arrive at the most beautiful of the trip, Bungaree hut perched a few metres above a beautiful sandy beach. I'm straight in for a swim, followed by Harrison and Ethan its bitterly freezing,,at waist deep, the shark stories come to mind.no longer than a minute, we are out and hyperventilating and drying ourselves. The next morning Ethan sees a shark not so far from shore. The boys camp on the beach with a fire and cast out the rod to no avail.

I end up with the hut to myself,,11th December...a well- deserved lay in. A wander down the beach to try our luck at fishing off a rocky outcrop. With the idea of this being a day off. Regardless of this pristine beach,beautiful weather, we're out of bait, and lost most of our sinkers and hooks, and vote to hike on to Port William with the idea of having our last night in Oban with the luxury of a back packers, fish and chips, and a feed at the 4 Square. It was a decent 5 hours grind to Port William which was the first western settlement on the island in the mid-1800s..With the idea of attracting hardy Scottish from the Shetland and Orkney Islands to relocate and break in the east coast around Port William , combined with a giant oyster bed, whaling and timber. Most new settlers moved to the South Island, with the cold and hardship of breaking in in the land being too much to deal with. Up at 4.45 this morning to go looking for kiwis to no avail, although I got to see a young white tailed deer bounce across the trail a few metres from me. I left the boys asleep in their tents and set off at 7.30, dead set

on Oban for mid-afternoon, 14kms, knowing they'd catch me up soon enough. One and a half hours I'm hiking along Maori Beach, another old settlement with no remains to be seen, an absolutely stunning beach. We are now on a section of the Great Walk of Stewart Island, and it is spectacular, beautiful, pristine bush with sparkling southern ocean, visible most of the time. Within a few hours I've been caught up. At one spot we have a magnificent view of Anglem, appreciating its size and how far away it is. Finally we are on the road with 6km to Oban. A semi-sigh of relief, but still a walk. Four of us are a fair distance behind the other three managed to hitch a ride at the 3km mark straight to the 4 Square. A friendly wave out of the window of a squashed station wagon was not overly appreciated as we sped past our hiking buddies. The 4 Square turned out to be a decadent affair of sandwiches, chips, chocolate, ice creams, energy drinks and a great feeling of satisfaction. Now onwards to the Oban Backpackers who gave us a warm welcome, showers,

nice rooms and comfy beds. A few hours later we bought a mountain of fish and chips which we eagerly devoured. Many games of pool were played and we decided to go kiwi spotting unfortunately to no avail., and we said our good nights. It had been a long day. Conclusion Stewart Island proved to be a great adventure to us all, and it's more than we could have hoped for. From the

extremely friendly generous locals to the stunning, wild, rugged terrain. A fantastic week enjoyed by all. Feel free to check out our Facebook page(50 peaks

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Te Hononga, was gifted to us by kaumātua and speaks of connection, partnership and relationship with our unique taiao / environment and with each other as a community. After the initial ceremony, all classes were welcomed into Te Hononga to take part in karakia, waiata and a bite to eat so as to become acquainted with the latest addition to the CTS whānau.

The original school wharenuī was removed from our premises last year due to the MOE rationalisation requirements. This led to the refurbishment of what was originally the school's sewing room. Our senior Māori students discussed tikanga and decided that we would honour Te Hononga by not wearing our shoes or eating inside of the whare. Although there has been some delay, we now have a purpose designed and built meeting, teaching and sleeping space for our kura and for use by the wider community.

BRYCE JOURDAIN SCHOLARSHIP TOPEC

Year 8 student Shiloh Baylis has been at TOPEC on the Bryce Jordan Scholarship. Bryce Jourdain was a much loved and respected Husband, Father, Friend, and Outdoor Instructor at Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits and Education Centre (TOPEC). Bryce lost his life on August 8th, 2012 whilst attempting to save students washed into the ocean.

As part of Bryce's legacy, TSB TOPEC in conjunction with Robyn, Isaac and Grace Jourdain, offer scholarship opportunities to students of Intermediate School age to participate in an Outdoor focused week-long course. The course is aimed at personal development, self-discovery, and unlocking the inner potential. The scholarship is intended for students identified as high achievers, as well as students who would benefit from an opportunity to shine and unlock their potential. The course also aims to inspire participants to become role models for others, to show leadership and importantly to recognize the NZ Outdoors as a special place. Shiloh spent a week at TOPEC developing her leadership skills, building friendships and being challenged by Taranaki's ever changing weather, she enjoyed the challenge of the activities like abseiling, white-water rafting and building a seat to be used around the bonfire for future students to enjoy.



COMPETITION SURF TEAM



Our Year 5 and up competition surf team is lead by parents Simon Ripia, Chris Becroft, Ida Staunstrup and Tom Debreceeny who support our CTS competition surf team in weekly training sessions in the pool and along the coastal surf breaks. We encourage our kids to be healthy, active learners and connected to the environment. At last week's competition Albie Staunstrup-Moore finished in 2nd place.

NEW P.E SHED



FoCTS – Friends of Coastal Taranaki School support our school and currently have underway a new sports shed being constructed by Tom Debreceeny one of our committee members and students, for the use and storage of play equipment. Construction is nearing completion. This shed will be used to house the playing equipment used by the students at lunch time.

MKR YEAR 8

Year 8 students competed in the annual CTS My Kitchen Rules competition, cooking for their guests a scrumptious and healthy lunch. Many of the students went out of their way to impress with themed table settings and inviting menus. Points were given by the guests and also allocated to pre organisation, the preparation of the dish, presentation and of course the clean-up. Well done to all Year 8's - despite the pressure they delivered the food on time and in a very professional manner. This year the first place has been shared by two groups: Tula MacLean and Ayla van Eijk, and Francie O'Sullivan and Jasmin Kemsley. The other prize was awarded to Alana Wood for her outstanding solo effort.



New Plymouth is again most liveable city



A view of New Plymouth on a cracker day, with the Windwand in the foreground and framed by Mt Taranaki.

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New Plymouth has won a prestigious global award for the Most Liveable City –for the second time!

New Plymouth has been crowned the most liveable city (for a population between 75,000-150,000) by the International Awards for Liveable Communities.

The win, first taken out in 2008, proves it was no fluke, and follows on the back of recent accolades for NPDC's Bowl of Brooklands being named New Zealand's best large event venue.

New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom says this global award is a fantastic Christmas present after a tough COVID year.

"It confirms what we already know; we live in New Plymouth the most liveable city in the world, with a lifestyle second to none thanks to careful strategic planning with a focus on the very long term.

"We've made no secret we're working closely with Mana Whenua towards a Sustainable Lifestyle Capital, ensuring we are leaders in sustainability, prosperity, partnerships and delivery for all our residents and visitors. This international recognition

against world class competition, affirms how good we have it and a huge thanks to those who have been involved in shaping our district, both past and present," he said.

NPDC prepared a rigorous presentation up against finalists Nassar (Egypt), Qihe County (China) and Rishon Lexion (Israel). Overall, 160 submissions from 30 countries were entered in this year's awards.

Holdom said the awards were a great opportunity to showcase the district to an international audience and endorse the city's stellar reputation, promoting it as an attractive place to live.

Achievements highlighted included NPDC's Let's Go travel initiative, the coastal walkway and tracks, the city's award winning airport done in partnership with Puketapu hapu and the 250 roadmap to a low-emissions future.

"All the good things we have going on are underpinned by a whole lot of strategies, including the District Plan and 10-Year Plan, which are helping drive the changes we need to being more sustainable and prosperous for everyone," he said.

Venture Taranaki chief executive Justine Gilliland has congratulated the New Plymouth District Council on the award..

"{With our many jewels including the coastal walkway, parks and increasing green spaces, upgraded airport, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and Len Lye Centre with its iconic façade, world class events such as WOMAD and TSB Festival of Lights, this accolade is very well deserved and something the community should be extremely proud of.

-We're humbled to have contributed to this success supporting a vibrant events

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Kia ora koutou

What a term it has been at St Joseph's, Opunake. Production, Agriculture Day, Cross Country, Bike skills, Cricket skills, Prize Givings and much more. Children and staff have continued to make every post a winner. Whilst the most recent week has been wet, the previous dry spells have ensured our children have been able to do what they do best - get outside, explore, learn and play. Below you'll find just some of the highlights from Term 4, 2021

Nga mihi aroha
Ryan Fleming, Principal

St. Josephs 2021 Prizegiving

Congratulations to the following students who won the Diligence awards for their year group in 2021.

Room 1, Year 0 Boy: _____ William Lawn
Room 1, Year 0 Girl: _____ Harper Mellow
Room 1, Year 1 Boy: _____ Jock Julian
Room 1, Year 1 Girl: _____ Natalie Mullin
Room 2, Year 2 Boy: _____ Alexander Torres
Room 2, Year 2 Girl: _____ Jadyn Taylor
Room 2, Year 3 Boy: _____ Khiann Ramos
Room 2, Year 3 Girl: _____ Lucia Gorgievski
Room 5, Year 4 Girl: _____ Olivia Lynskey
Room 5, Year 4 Boy: _____ Mack Lynskey

Room 5, Year 5 Boy: _____ Zion Aldridge
Room 5, Year 5 Girl: _____ Sienna Bourke
Room 5, Year 6 Boy: _____ Cade Carr
Room 5, Year 6 Girl: _____ Amy O'Rorke
Room 6, Year 6 Boy: _____ Erban Germino
Room 6, Year 6 Girl: _____ Molly Stevenson
Room 6, Year 7 Boy: _____ Kiel Ramos
Room 6, Year 7 Girl: _____ Eleesha Fernando
Room 6, Year 8 Boy: _____ Gerald Torres
Room 6, Year 8 Girl: _____ Chloe Bartley

Senior Prizegiving Major Awards

Congratulations to the following students who won major awards in 2021.

Duynhoven Performing Arts Trophy: _____ Grace Clough

Excellence in Leadership: _____ Isabelle Neil-Warner

Commitment to Agriculture:
Lawrence Joyce Memorial Trophy: _____ Crystal Jordan

Excellence in Sport: _____ Grace Clough

Alan and Maree Drought Shield
for Outstanding Character: _____ Isabelle Neil-Warner

Academic Excellence Runner Up: _____ Chloe Bartley

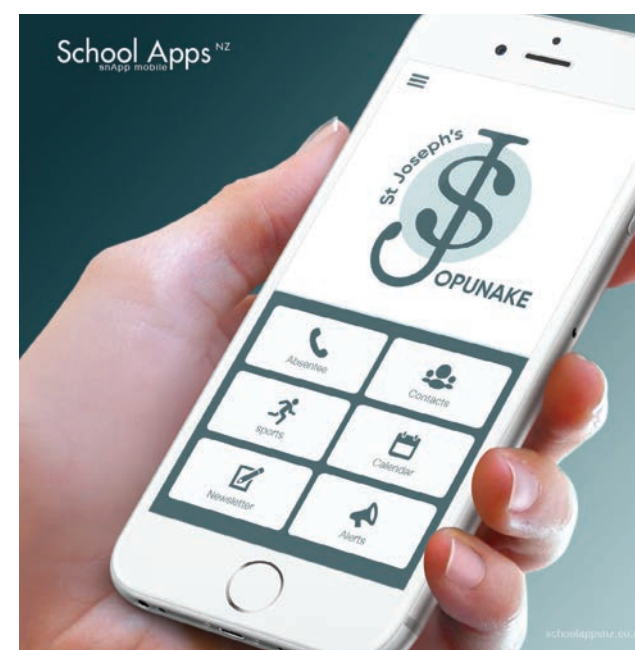
Quinnell Trophy for Academic Excellence: _____ Grace Clough

Stronge Cup for
All Round Best Student: _____ Isabelle Neil-Warner



Isabelle Neil-Warner

Winner of the Stronge Cup for All-Round Best Student 2021



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Star Blaze

Amid covid restrictions we were able to hold our production, Starblaze, at the Opunake High School Hall to three small but vocal and supportive crowds.

This performance, held in school week 3, had been a long time in the making after being postponed in Term 3. Nevertheless, staff, students and a huge range of volunteers stuck at it and persisted, determined that the show would go on.

Many thanks must go to our director, Paul Anderson-Gardiner for his expertise and guidance. Events like this also highlight how fortunate we are at St Joseph's to have so many wonderful volunteers without whom we could not do this.



The Great Galaxy of Andromeda AD 2500

a short story by Mike Burr

Father, I come to You on my knees, a shaken and shattered man, for this day has tested my faith as I had never thought possible. Your covenants with a largely ungrateful world show that the greatest of rewards demands the greatest of faiths, the greatest of sacrifices and the greatest of tests, just Abraham was tested and, more, even as Christ sacrificed himself to bring Man the priceless reward of life eternal with You. Yea Father, great events are not infrequently attended by suffering of many kinds – but this.... this, Father, makes it truly hard for men to acknowledge that “Thy will be done.” You know as no other that I fight a daily battle with the nigh-sinful pride I feel in my appointment as chaplain to the Starship Command, but in the blackness of this day I wish with all my heart that the mantle had never fallen upon me. You guided me through a doctorate in astrophysics and then to ordination in the Society of Jesus that I might show and witness how science and faith are not incompatible and I never ceased to praise Your name as I did so.

Was today my Calvary, Father? My punishment for that sin of pride in my achievements? Truly, I don’t know, and there’s irony for a man whose training has been largely about knowing things. And yet more irony; my Calvary today began with the sort of thrill that every deep-space mariner dreams of—the discovery of another civilisation. I walked onto the conning bridge with a tray of coffee for the duty watch about an hour after the low-level scout vessel Omega Three slotted back into its bay eight decks below. “Hey, Father, there you are. Got something for you.” remarked the duty officer, picking up a steel canister. “Omega Three picked up faint nuclear decay on the surface of whatever it was sniffing at last night, so Duty Ops ordered it investigated, and retrieved if it was juicy. Omega’s crew found the radiation was from a pilotless drone – real tiny and mostly engine, with a ground-approach hologram display for a controlled landing and nothing but this canister on board. Threat scanners

confirmed no threat, so I cleared the whole lot aboard. “This canister’s clean. I’ve had a quick peep inside, and it’s full of laser disks – what I saw seemed to be about big buildings and half-naked people. I was going to put them aside for later, but us working mariners don’t have ‘later’. Not like chaplains who spend all week writing sermons, y’know?” he teased. “I mentioned them to the Old Man, and he said you’d done a course or two in archaeology when you trained at Loyola and you might want first look. OK with you?” Tell me, Father – did You send those disks to test me? So I took the disks to my quarters and slid the first into my reader where it sits beneath Your feet as You undergo Your agony for mankind upon my wall. One after another, the disks showed me pictures of a tall, laughing and handsome people, honey-gold in colour and recognisably as human as ourselves as they went about their lives and business in a land of quite surpassing beauty. Two suns hung in the sky in each of the pictures that swam up on my

screen, and I could see from the nakedness of the people and from the fruit that loaded the trees around them that the climate was what we of Earth would call tropical. The people of this place travelled on foot or by small boat, for I saw no sign of any other form of transport or anyone in haste of any sort. My duty-officer friend was wrong in one aspect – the people were not half-naked, but fully naked and I nowhere saw any sign, in the people or their responses to each other, of any awkwardness, embarrassment or self-consciousness of their naked state. In fact, Father, I found myself reminded fancifully of Eden and its two original occupants. The buildings around them were as handsome as the people – classical in style, resembling nothing so much as our museum pictures of buildings from the Greek civilisation of Ancient Earth and as beautifully- proportioned as that implies. For the better part of this day, Father, what I watched on those disks was a Paradise that held me as enthralled as if I had

indeed been transported to Eden before the Fall, and I wish that I had never turned to the last in the series. That disk was different, for it opened upon a screen filled with the words that have broken my heart, tested my faith to its limit and seared themselves into my memory so that I can recite them to You – who surely know them already – from there. Greetings to you who read these words. You have seen our world as it is and was, for it is now no more. It is and was a world that lived for aeons in peace and harmony under the manifold blessings of the great god Ro, but we of this place must have offended Him in some way, for we know that the days of this, our world, are numbered. Therefore, strangers, may what you have seen resound in your minds and live as our last song to a world that, in our pride, we held to be perfect in all ways. In our world those who make and fashion have conquered want, for there is enough for all so that none go without. In our world there is neither envy nor jealousy and since

this is so our world has known no war for aeons. In our world, those who till the land feed us all and those who heal the body have conquered disease and disability. In our world we revere those who gave us life and they are cared for until they decide the time of their final rest. In our world we live with beauty, for those who design and create are greatly honoured among their fellows. In our world, children are encouraged to work together with their peers rather than against them. In our world children are the concern and the care of all adults, not merely of those who gave them birth, and it follows that they trust and respect all adults. In our world, our people themselves have come to reject division such as tribalism and nationalism in favour of a common humanity that has bound us all under the blessings of Ro.

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YEAR 9 & 10 PRIZEGIVING

Once again, we had to hold another important event in the life of Opunake High School - our Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving - without the support of family and whanau. Due to senior NCEA exams being held in our school hall, prizegiving was held in the gym at the Sandfords Event Centre, and while we hoped to livestream this, unfortunately we weren't able, but still took a video recording. You can view this on our YouTube channel; www.youtube.com/c/opunakehighschool.

Congratulations to all students who picked up an award in 2021. Its been a rollercoaster year again, we hope that everyone has a great summer vacation. School starts again on February 3rd with a whole school powhiri and orientation camps or events for all age groups.



Left: Top-of-year 9 student Benjamin Gasson with Board of Trustee Presiding Member (and proud mum) Liz Gasson.

Below: Major sports award winners.

Right: Top-of-year 10 winner and runner-up, Caleb Neil and Charlie Carr



Principals Address



Kia ora Koutou,

And so we reach the end of another challenging year affected by Covid. However, our resilient tamariki have still managed to continue tracking towards 90% achievement at NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3.

Our Year 9 & 10 juniors have just completed their end of year camps after participating in a fabulous prizegiving. Thank you to all those parents, caregivers and community for all your support this year. We are a community kura, and only as a community can we 'grow good people for this rapidly changing world'. It is such a shame this year that we have been unable to share the successes of our akōnga/students with you in person. However, I trust the online prizegivings have gone some way to mitigating this.

Our camps were a huge success, and unbelievable fun where whanaungatanga (kinship), aroha, and mana were role modelled by all. A quote from the Eltham campsite manager where the Magical Mystery tour stayed - **'the school, parents and teachers can be very proud of your students. A pleasure and joy to have on site'**.

We will be starting next year with a bang, as Year 9, 10 & 11 will be visiting marae, camping in tents, and going to Vertical Horizons respectively. The aim of these activities is to build a sense of team amongst our year groups, focus on Aotearoa Histories so students have a sense of whakapapa (genealogy) and tūrangawaewae (where they are from), whilst also positively engaging in mahi tahi (working together). These values will stand our students in good stead to realise our DREAMS values in 2022 in all they do.

To all the supporters of the 'best kura on the coast' nga mihi ki a koutou, a huge gratitude to you all.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui (Be strong, be brave, be steadfast),

Meri kirihimete, Merry Christmas,

Andrea Hooper Carr
Principal



A MUDDY GOOD TIME



To round out our the school year, Year 9 & 10 students from Ōpunakē High School were able to participate in camps around the greater Taranaki area. From heading north to Tongaporutu (pictured above), staying at Fitzroy Beach camp and finding the best surf SH45 has to offer, to boarding the bus on the Magical Mystery Tour, or keeping it local and participating in Art, Gaming or fantasy game play - camps in 2021 had something to offer everyone.



Action from the Magical Mystery Tour (from top left): Alex & Riley hitting the mud, Alyssa had her race face on, Stak giving the slide the double thumbs up, Charlie & Ella shoot for victory.



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HEAR NO EVIL, SPEAK NO EVIL, SEE NO EVIL

The Great Galaxy of Andromeda AD 2500

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few, for soon this our perfect world will end in the fire and fury of the death of those twin suns that have sustained us throughout our history. Sadly, the blessed and once-fortunate children of Ro the Great know enough to read the signs, certainly, but not enough to alter their course or avert what that course will bring. We of the Council have decided that all that escapes the ruin will be this messenger, bearing our last anthem of praise to the world with which we have chosen to die, for we have not the resources for all to escape. It is fitting, therefore, that none escapes and that we die together, even as we have lived together, in accord and amity. Therefore, one day soon our wise ones will send forth the signal that the Fire

is imminent. At that time families will retire to their homes, make their farewells and lie down together to await a moment that we are told will be swift. Strangers: view our world, share our world, and consider it our last gift to the universe. Farewell. Father, I was moved beyond belief by such a testament. Seeking to know more of these people, I asked Engineering to run a diffusion analysis on the few shreds of nuclear fuel left in the drone's engine. I wanted, You see, to fix the date when that engine burst into life on its long and lonely journey carrying the canister through the stars. And when I knew, I wished that I did not. I spoke before of sacrifice, and I know that we must give in order to receive.

More, I shrink from questioning Your will, for have I not vowed my life to its service? But by the faith that is the centre of that life, Father, I must ask You this: Was it

really necessary to destroy such a world in the fiery savagery of a supernova so that a star that burned by day and night might guide three men to a manger in Bethlehem?

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Botanical drawing a very old art

Tabatha Forbes is a contemporary botanical artist. She and her sculptor husband Chauncey Flay opened a gallery called Forbes and Flay in Opunake two years ago (next to Sugar Juice) where they both exhibit their work. Tabatha has a doctorate in Fine Arts at Elam majoring in environmental perception which she explains is "How we are connected and are disconnected from nature". The couple moved to Coastal Taranaki after

spending 6 years in Rarotonga where part of Tabatha's thesis was about the South Pacific. Chauncey is a contemporary stone sculptor. Tabatha works in acrylic paint from life. Botanical drawing is a very old art says Tabatha who has studied botanical art history. "Studying plants creates a deep connection with our natural world," she says. "It's also very therapeutic." Her work is meticulous and Tabatha says "slow and therapeutic."



Tabatha Forbes in Forbes and Flay.

She also does private tuition and has local students focussing on drawing and painting focussed on plants. She is also a writer and a tutor and runs workshops from the studio including a monthly plant drawing club from the studio, one Sunday a month. Tabatha has also held workshops connecting with gardens at Pukeiti. "I find that gardeners are like artists," she says but adds: "Their vision is much longer and slower." During the recent garden festival, she set up a pop up shop. As a sideline from the studio she has plant based designed cards and also sells t-shirts. She also ran a workshop at

Keteonetea/Puketarata just out of Hawera, a place with a fascinating history, during the garden festival this year. The couple have bought a house in Tai Road Oaonui. "It's a beautiful spot," says Tabatha. Forbes and Flay is a working gallery and Tabatha invites people to drop in.



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*"We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic.
Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings,
different hopes, different dreams"*
~ Jimmy Carter~



Top left: Tommy (2) sharing his leaf with Diane, showing his family and the lambs.
Top right: Diane sharing her love of bowls with our tamariki.
Lower left: Millie (4) sharing her rugby team photo with Meera, Quinn (4) and Haig (4).
Lower right: Meera wearing her traditional clothes called 'kebaya' and playing her favourite game 'congkak' with Ryan (4), Sadie (2), Bella (3) and friends.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MOANA ROOM



At left: Emerson (1), Kylo (2) and Danni removing weeds from the planter box to make way for sunflowers! The sunflowers should be tall by February 2022 just in time for Opunake's first Sunflower Festival. This festival is to promote yellow ribbon and suicide prevention awareness particularly for young people in New Zealand and in some other countries around the world. The yellow ribbon message is clear. We can help to keep people safe by following three simple procedures, if they seem fragile: listen to them, stay with them, get help!

Kindy hope to run a garden safari in conjunction with the festival. Watch this space!

ENVIROSCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

We have lots of Enviroschools activities happening around Kindy! Check out all our fun learning below:



Below and at left: Brooke (4) and Sydnee (4) sorting food wastes to feed our fruit trees and the worms in the worm bath.



Below and at left: Kourtney (3), Jenna (2) and Ethan (2) helping Diane making the firebricks using paper waste. First we wet the papers, then put the wet paper in the metal firebricks maker, pressed the water out and then let them dry.



Above: Our worm baths are almost ready! We will be distributing them to the local schools and educational services and educating them as to how set up and maintain a worm bath. Thank you everyone who came along to our latest working bee and helped make the worm baths!

Helping each other through COVID-19



With more cases of COVID-19 in the community, it's possible you and your whānau will be exposed to the virus. To make sure you're ready, have a plan in case you or someone in your house tests positive and needs to isolate.

Everyone who tests positive for COVID-19, and those who live with them, will need to isolate for at least 10 days to stop the spread of the virus. If someone else in your house tests positive for COVID-19, they'll be advised how much longer they need to isolate.

Make a plan

If you're travelling and away from home, know how you will get home or self isolate where you are.

While isolating, you will need to have all of your food and necessities delivered. You cannot go to work, school, church or any community or private events or gatherings. No one outside of the people you live with can visit or enter the home.

Most fully-vaccinated people with COVID-19 are likely to have a mild to moderate illness and will fully recover at home.

Who can help out

Be prepared in case you're exposed to COVID-19. Speak with a neighbour, friend, or whānau about the support you could need. For instance, dropping off food and supplies, and help with activities outside the house. Being ready is about people, conversations, connections and knowing what to do, so your whānau and community can help each other when needed.

Support while isolating

It's normal to feel anxious about isolating with COVID-19.

You'll have a support person who will contact you often to check that you and your whānau are safe and supported – even if you're travelling and away from home. You will also get a telephone number for 24-hour health support.

If you need more help or support to manage at home, you can access a COVID-19 welfare line.

What you'll need

To help you get through, you will need to have food, medications and supplies available to you. Find a detailed checklist to help you prepare at [Covid19.govt.nz/prepare](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/prepare)

Check what support is available for self-isolating at home and find more preparation tips at [Covid19.govt.nz/prepare](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/prepare)

Share what you can to help others in need



From left, Henry Stone (10), Constable Matt Stone, B. Barron, Maggie Stone (6), T. Burkitt and Elsie Stone (8). They are pictured at the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade headquarters.

The Okato Volunteer Fire Service sirens on Monday December 6 (from 7pm onwards) reminded everyone that it was time

to leave donations of food and other groceries at the kerbside, as the fire engine wended its way through all the streets in Okato.

This worthwhile event is organised by Wendy Clement of the Okato Co-operating Parish, and Okato Volunteer Fire Brigade with

It should be mentioned that prior to December 6 donated groceries could be left at the Okato Vet Clinic when open or the Okato Volunteer Fire Brigade on Monday nights (7pm to 9pm).

A huge quantity of groceries was sorted by Wendy Clement, Glenys Putt and Margaret Douglas in the St Paul's Church hall. The assembled food and groceries were mostly non-perishables such as

canned food, but more perishable foods, including bread, is purchased and added to each of the food/grocery parcels, which are distributed to families in need in Okato and Oakura.

Wendy has been involved in this worthwhile cause for about five years and undertakes most of the deliveries. "I'm very pleased with the response" commented Wendy, explaining that the event is usually held every two years, but is currently

annually, yet the amount of donations hasn't fallen, despite the increased frequency of the drive. "I'd just like to thank the Okato people for their generosity."

Wendy, Marie, Glenys, Margaret, Matt, Henry, Maggie, Elsie and the many other helpers also deserve a big thank you for their kindly commitment to helping local families in need.



Sorting the groceries at the St Paul's Church Hall are, from left, Glenys Putt, Margaret Douglas and Wendy Clement.



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Mangatoki WI visit many interesting places

On November 3, members of the Mangatoki WI met up at the Mangatoki Hall to pool cars and then drove out to the garden of Bev and Andy Davy's Toilette Stoppe garden, on the Oeo Road. This was a very full and interesting garden which had taken 56 years to accomplish with many interesting features, such as old toilets! Next on to Alison and John Nicholls' Taraire Garden which is a rambling country garden of "rooms." We then visited

Openlands on Auroa Road, which is always a favourite. This established garden has been extended in the past few years and also offers a wedding venue. Next it was on to Charmain and Leo Brennan's Lucy's Place garden on the Skeet Road, a smaller garden with many points of interest, also with plants and garden art for sale. We then had a lovely lunch at the Waimate Hotel, Manaia, the first time there since the rebuild for many of us. After lunch



Members of Mangatoki WI at Bev and Andy Davy's Toilette Stoppe Garden.

we visited Neda and Greg Howes' interesting five-year-old Jabulani garden, still in progress, located on Normanby Road, Okaiawa. Here they have meandering paths and sunken entertainment area, plants and crafts for sale, also tea and coffee by donations to the Breast Cancer Society.

Some members visited the Ohawe Creative Collection in the Ohawe Hall and then we all met up at June and Hugh Hartwell's Little Ardlui on Wilson Street, Hawera. This is a townhouse garden, full of colourful plants and with a raised vegetable garden, HO Scale Model Railroad on display, and a sales table. Our last garden was to Alf and

Bernie Christian's popular Garbot's Garden on Glover Road, Hawera. This was a great day out even though it was a very cold day with a southern wind blowing.

On November 24, 13 members went on a two-day Christmas shopping trip, the bus being driven by Olwyn Duthie. The first stop was at Bushy Park near Kai Iwi, then on to Spring Vale Garden Centre, Whanganui, where purchases were made. Next on to Granny's Christmas Grotto in Marton, where purchases were made, the whole purpose of the trip. Back to the Christmas Barn Kairanga, Palmerston north. On November 25, still in Palmerston North, more shopping was done. Then on to Christmas Heirloom Company, Keith's Doll Hospital, Uncle Bill's and Ezibuy shops. Dinner in the

evening was as usual, at The Brick House Restaurant, Whanganui. A great two-days of shopping away, was had by the members. Our December meeting took the form of dinner at The Rough Habits Sports Bar & Cafe, Hawera, when 15 members and six husbands met for a beautiful evening meal. After the meal we visited two members' homes, the first being that of Kathy Campbell of Hawera. This was beautifully done and parts of it had a Scottish theme. On to Karen and Russell Joblin's of Eltham, which is a much larger house and was decorated outside and inside, of course a lot was done in black and white, Karen's favourite colours. Here we met up with other members' husbands who weren't able to attend the dinner. We also had supper here,

which was provided by the committee members. A very enjoyable time was had by us all. Thanks to the Christmas decorator members for letting us visit their homes.

Lucy Moger

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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Welcome to this special quarterly edition of Southlink for Ōpunakē and Coastal News readers. Council wishes all residents a happy and safe festive season.

Summer water restrictions the new normal unless we conserve now



For the first time in many years parts of South Taranaki will likely see water restrictions this summer, largely due to new regulations and a storm affected river catchment.

South Taranaki District Council Group Manager of Community and Infrastructure Services Fiona Aitken says severe weather events on the maunga during spring resulted in significant erosion and silting of the Waiaua river catchment which feeds the Ōpunakē water supply.

“With heavy rainfall the river quickly becomes laden with debris and silt which clogs the intake to the water treatment plant and puts severe strain on our ability to treat and process the water.” Aitken says the Council is working on plans to stabilise the area around the intake, however these won't be complete for some time, so the only option is to conserve water or introduce restrictions.

In other parts of the District, new consent conditions also mean water restrictions are more likely.

“We had to renew our consent for taking water from the Waingongoro River for the Eltham Water Supply. As part of our consent conditions if the river drops to a certain level we must introduce water restrictions too - we don't have any option.”

Aitken says these new conditions are all part of the government's freshwater reforms which have a greater focus on preserving the health and vitality of our streams and rivers than previously. “We need to appreciate that this is the new normal, not just for South Taranaki but the whole of New Zealand,” says Aitken. We are fortunate in that we've got enough water to go around, but not enough to waste. We just need people to conserve, fix leaks, use water wisely and not be wasteful. If we can do that, we can protect the health of our streams and rivers and get through summer without needing widespread restrictions.

You can visit www.southtaranaki.com for easy tips and tricks of how you can conserve water in the home and garden.



The fastest and easiest way of hearing about water restrictions, or any other Council news, is by downloading the free mobile app Antenno.

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**Summer
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Raumati Manawareka

Registrations are now open for South Taranaki's Literacy Programme, Summer Blast. This free programme, for ages 5 - 12, is packed full of reading challenges and activities. There's heaps of prizes to be won, as well as Activity Bags to collect. Sign up today at your local LibraryPlus or at www.southtaranaki.com/summerblast

Manaia Community Pool's \$620,000 upgrade includes, installation of a new diving platform, recladding and refurbishment of the lifeguard station and changing rooms, refurbishment of the learner and toddler pools and a mural. Still to come is new solar heating and internal plant upgrade.



Community Pools open on Saturday 8 January 2022!

Check if it's Safe to Swim

Water quality in our rivers and at our beaches is pretty good over summer, except in poor weather conditions. Heavy rain flushes contaminants from urban and rural land into waterways and we strongly advise you not to swim for at least three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall. Before heading out check which popular South Taranaki swimming spots are safe to swim, on our website www.southtaranaki.com.

We can help with Vaccine Passport

South Taranaki District Council LibraryPlus centres are able to help you get your COVID-19 vaccination pass. LibraryPlus staff are also able to help people download the COVID tracer app, although in some LibraryPlus centres the demand for help is so high it might pay to call (toll free) 0800 111 323 in advance to book a spot.

Temporary Liquor Bans

In accordance with the South Taranaki District Council's Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018, a temporary liquor ban will be in place in:

Manaia:

South Road (SH45) Manaia, between Hassard and Kaipi Streets. All public places adjacent to these streets and within the area including the Band Rotunda. The temporary ban will start on Friday 24 December 2021 and ends on Sunday 2 January 2022.

Ōpunakē:

Ōpunakē Lake Reserve, Ōpunakē Beach and the surrounding cliff tops (excluding Ōpunakē Beach Camp). The temporary ban will start on Friday 24 December 2021 and ends on Sunday 9 January 2022.

Council facilities festive open hours

Head to www.southtaranaki.com for a full list of all Council facilities and open hours.

Ōpunakē/Manaia LibraryPlus

Friday 24 December	9am - 1pm
Wednesday 29 December	9am - 5pm
Thursday 30 December	9am - 5pm
Friday 31 December	9am - 3pm
Wednesday 5 January	9am - 5pm

Ōpunakē/Manaia Transfer Stations

Sunday 26 December	1pm - 4pm
Wednesday 29 December	1pm - 4pm
Sunday 2 January	1pm - 4pm
Wednesday 5 January	1pm - 4pm

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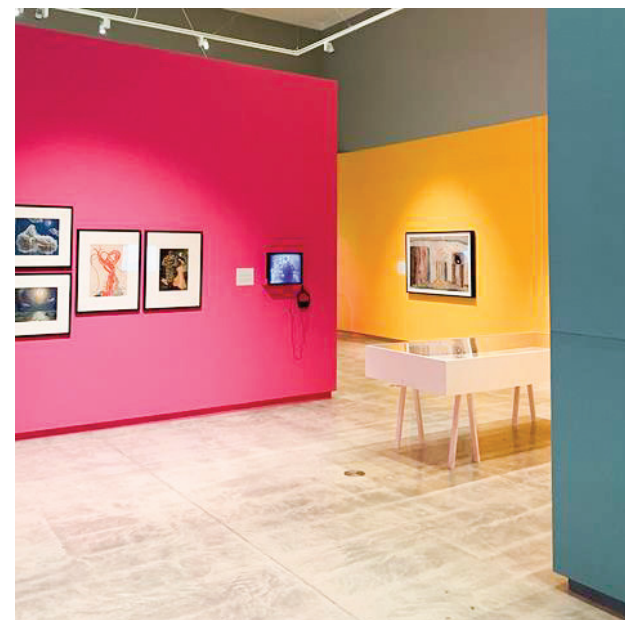
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Exhibitions at the Len Lye Centre and Govett Brewster Art Gallery



Introducing Len Lye's Convolutions

One of Len Lye's most novel projects has been realised with the newly-constructed *Convolutions*. This the third of Len Lye's kinetic sculptures to be reconstructed by the Len Lye Foundation, in partnership with Team Zizz! *Convolutions* is on show until 8 May 2022, and offers a wonderfully contemplative art experience that truly demonstrates the breadth and brilliance of Lye.



Rainbow Dance

14 August 2021 - 31 July 2022

Rainbow Dance surveys Len Lye's multimedia practice over his 50-year career with essential, must-see film and sculptural works together with lesser known and recently conserved works from the Len Lye Foundation collection.

Saturday 11 December.
11 am. Free. All welcome.
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Swallowing Geography



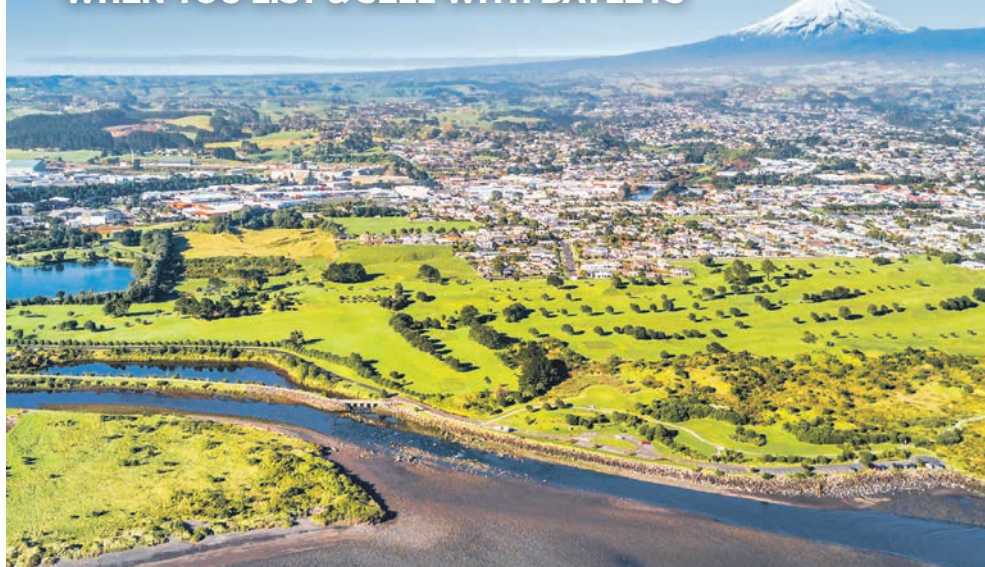
8 October 2021 - 13 February 2022.

Matt Pine, Shona Rapira Davies, Kate Newby, Ana Iti present *Swallowing Geography*, an exhibition that explores our relationship with land and place. The show is centred on the particular whenua (la

Join us on Saturday as Dr Kate Linzey explores the newest Len Lye sculpture, *Convolutions* and discusses what the work - and Lye's sculptural practice in general - could mean for the field of architecture. Book now online or at the Govett-Brewster Shop.

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Your Summer Guide

Whats on in

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Over the Holiday season

Welcome to the Opunake and Coastal News 2021-22 Summer Guide to What's On in Taranaki showcasing what our region has to offer. Surfing, Golfing, Adventuring - you found it! As well as some places that you must visit. Keep this guide and use it over the coming summer months.



Merry Christmas from Wowthem the Valais Black Nosed ram from Switzerland at Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park

Photo Gail Symons.

Welcome to Taranaki: Things you can do

The list of things to do in Taranaki is endless.

Tawhiti Museum is just minutes from Hawera, and is one of the best private museums in the country. Nigel Ogle has recreated a world of historical snapshots in his dioramas that reflect Taranaki's past. Learn about how Taranaki came to be a dairying province, and take a boat ride to enjoy the Traders

& Whalers exhibit.

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

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

Check out the Opunake Loop Trail, including the Opunake Lake, Cliff Top Garden and sites of historic interest around Opunake including the Te Namu Pa site. This is user friendly for both walkers and cyclists.

For garden lovers the Taranaki Regional Council has three gardens open to the public at Pukeiti and Tupare near New Plymouth,

and Hollard Gardens near Kaponga.

Take an invigorating walk on the Coastal Walkway in New Plymouth with great views of the coast and sculptures. You may also spot a seal or a penguin.

To get up closer to a seal colony, take a boat trip with Chaddy's Charters which will take you on a cruise around

the Sugarloaf Islands..

Puke Ariki has three permanent exhibition galleries that explore the region's history, taonga and natural world.with a wealth of literary and historical treasures to experience. Just minutes away is the iconic Govett Brewster Gallery where you can see the Len Lye inspired masterpieces.

The Festival of Lights in

Pukekura Park is a sight you'll never forget. The Festival also has a range of musical treats and other entertainment at different times.

We are taking a break from the paper for a few weeks. Our next issue will be out on the 27th January.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

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History Snapshots



1
Janet Frame (1924-2004), who is generally considered to be NZ's best writer (with Katherine Mansfield), lived in **Stratford** from 1976-79. One house, in Juliet Street has been demolished, but her **124 Miranda Street** still exists.



2
Jim Bolger (1935-) became NZ's 52nd Prime Minister in 1990. (He eventually lost the National Party leadership to Jenny Shipley in 1997). He was born in **Opunake** and grew up on a farm near **Rahotu** (in Opuratu Road) and attended Rahotu Primary School and Opunake High School. He farmed in the area until 1965 when he bought a sheep and beef farm near Te Kuiti. In 1972 he entered Parliament and was soon elevated to cabinet minister status - he was Minister of Maori Affairs and, later, Minister of Labour. After leaving Parliament he was NZ's Ambassador to the US and, later, Kiwibank's CEO.



3
Dr Peter Snell (1938-2019) is generally considered to be NZ's greatest sportsperson of all time. He won three Olympic gold medals and two Commonwealth gold medals and set eight World Records as a 1960s middle distance runner. He twice broke the World Record for the mile. As a child he lived in two houses in **Opunake**, including **14 Dorset Street**.

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



4
Gustavus Von Tempsky (1828-1868) Born in Prussia, he travelled the world and arrived in NZ in 1862 - attracted by the Coromandel gold rush. He joined the Colonial Defence Force in 1863 and his Forest Rangers were involved in European-Maori clashes. He was promoted to captain - then major. He was killed fighting Titokowaru's warriors at Te Nguto-o-te-manu. He is not only remembered as a brave soldier, but also as a painter; some watercolour pictures are held in the Alexander and Hocken Libraries.

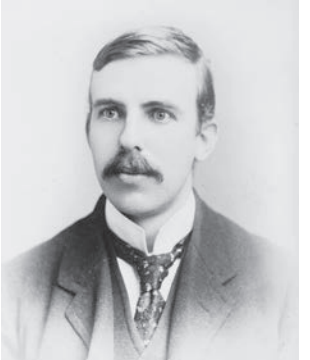


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Don Clark (1933-2002) played at fullback for the All Blacks between 1956 and 1964, scoring 781 points. He is described as the "greatest goal kicker of his time". He could kick goals huge distances - even from deep in the opposition's half. As a child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

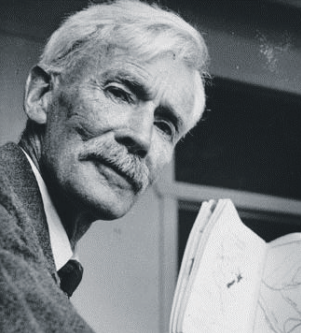


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Te Whiti-o-Rongomai III (1830-1907) was born in **Pungarehu**. He lived in **Parihaka** and practiced non violence and passive resistance to the confiscation of Maori land. He is as close

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

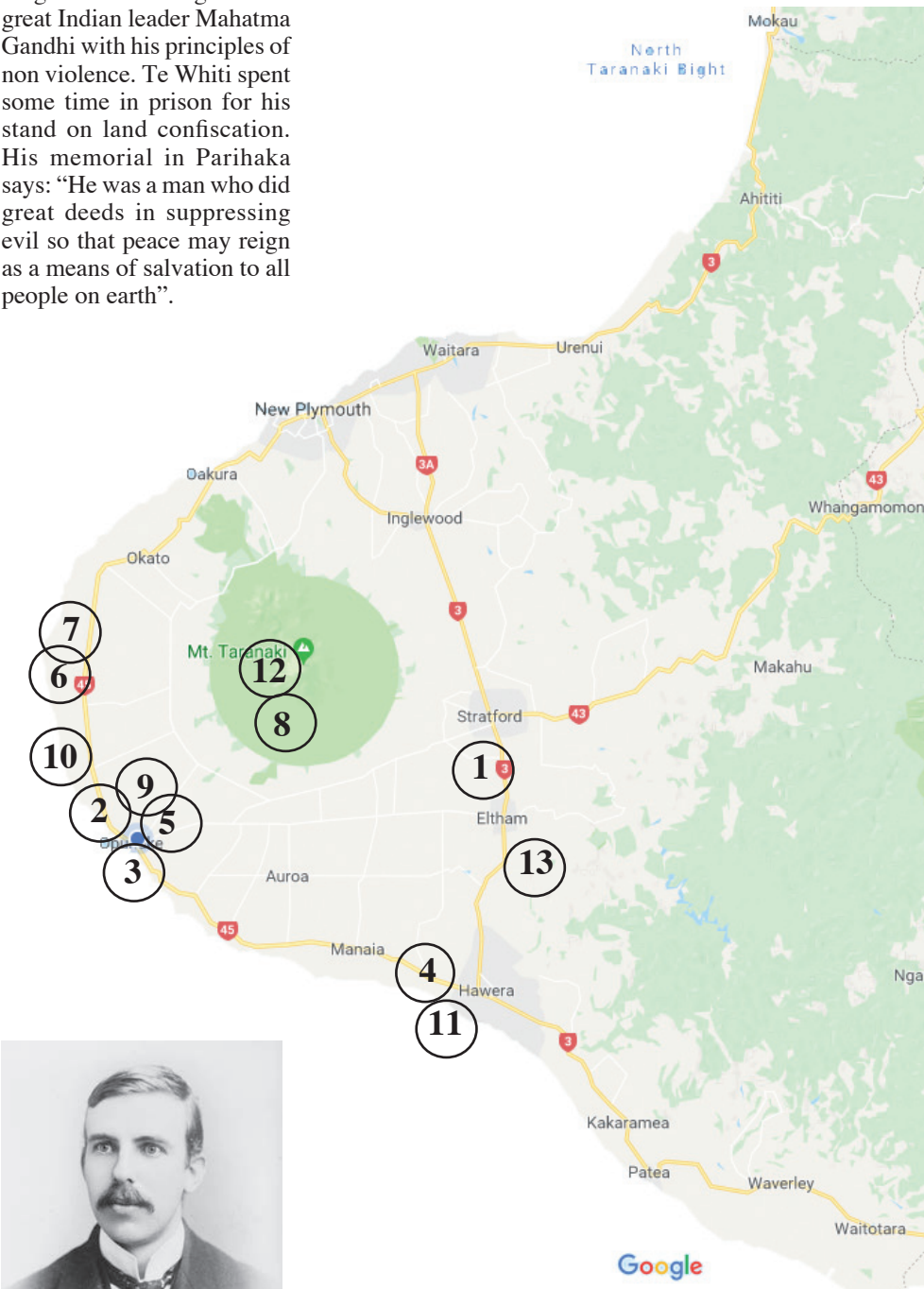


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Lord Ernest Rutherford (1871-1937) is generally considered to be the greatest New Zealander of all time. The scientist won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1908. He is best known for 'splitting the atom'. His family lived in **Lower Parihaka Road,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



8
Sir Alfred Reed (1875-1975) He is better known as AH Reed. He is remembered for founding NZ's biggest

A map of Taranaki



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



9
Graeme Lay (1944-) was born in Foxton. He is a well known writer. As a child he lived at **31 Ihaia Road, Opunake** and his parents had a shop in **Tasman Street** where the Opunake Op Shop is situated. He was inspired by the short stories of Frank Sargeson and eventually became a friend

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



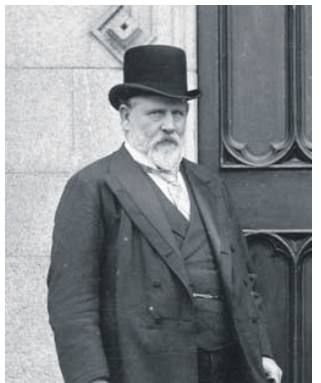
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Dame Malvina Major (1943-). The famous classical singer was born in Hamilton, but lived on a dairy farm near Opunake (**Lower Kina Road**) with her husband Winston. Sadly, Winston died suddenly when he was in his 40s. Earlier, Dame Malvina studied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



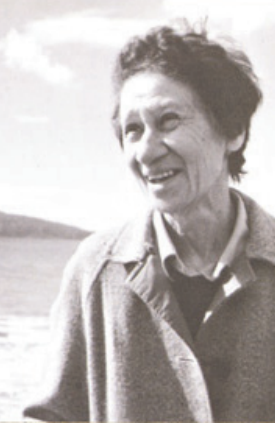
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Ronald Hugh Morrisson (1922-1972) has been described as "the most original novelist NZ has produced". He wrote such books as 'The Scarecrow', 'Predicament', and 'Came a Hot Friday'. More of his novels have been made into films than for any other NZ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



12
Sir Edmund Hillary (1919-2008) He is known as the conqueror of Mt Everest, leader of the third overland party to reach the by Captain Scott) and many other expeditions. However, he considered his building of schools, hospitals, bridges etc for the Nepalese people as his greatest achievement. He also has climbed **Mt Taranaki**.



13
Richard Seddon (1845-1906). He was our longest serving leader - called Premiers in his day, not Prime Minister. The Englishman led the country for 12 years and died in office on board a ship on the Tasman Sea. He enjoyed having meals at **Eltham's Railway Hotel**. The photo of the pub on the historical plaque was captured in 1893, which is appropriate - it was this year that women were allowed to vote and he was Premier. NZ was the first country in the world to allow women to vote.



Jacquie Sturm (1927-2009) is best known for being the wife of the poet generally considered to be our greatest - James K Baxter. She was also Janet Frame’s closest friend. However, she is an acclaimed award winning writer in her own right. She grew up in Gisborne Terrace, Opunake with Nurse Wehipeihana - her maternal mother died when Jacquie was very young. Although better known for her prose when younger, she has recently concentrated on poetry. Her anthology ‘Dedications’ won the Honour Award for Poetry in the Montana Book Awards in 1997. In 2003 she was made an Honorary Doctor of Lit.



Chew Chong (1830-1920). He was born in China, but emigrated to NZ after 11 years in Australia. He made a lot of money by collecting edible fungus in forests especially from mahoe trees. He established stores in New Plymouth, Inglewood and and Eltham. A historical sign marks the spot in Eltham (Eltham Road) where he had a dairy factory.



J James John (J.J) Patterson who died in 1937 was reputedly the world’s largest dairyfarmer. He owned more than 4000 dairy cows on over 35 farms from Taranaki through to Waikato. Five years earlier the New Zealand Dairy Exporter called him “The man who owns the largest number of dairy cows in the world.” C.P.McMeekan later said his estate was the largest single producer of milkfat in the Southern Hemisphere. Born in 1859, he had lost both his parents in 1864. In

1885, he had set himself up as a blacksmith in Manaia. As the years went on, Patterson acquired more farms, including the Glenn estate at Kaupokonui and the Lysaght block at Ohangai. The first of his farms to convert to dairying was one at Normanby which later became the Waimate West Demonstration Farm. Having acquired these blocks, he divided them up into dairy farms. Of the sharemilkers he took on, many went on to own their own farms, while others carried on working for him for up to 20 years. During his lifetime, J.J.Patterson had wanted to set up swimming baths in Manaia as a safer alternative to the swimming hole in the Kapuni River. In 1940, the town finally got its baths, complete with plaque dedicated to the memory of J.J and his beloved wife, Catherine.



11

Born in Hawera, Michael Campbell won the US Open in 2005, defeating Tiger Woods by two strokes. He remains one of only two New Zealanders to win a golfing major. The other is British Open winner Bob Charles. Other golfing achievements include being part of the New Zealand team which won the Eisenhower Trophy in 1992. He now lives in Spain and conducts golfing workshops around the world. Michael Campbell has iwi links through his father Thomas to Ngati Ruanui and the Taiporohenui Marae at Hawera, and through his mother Abby to Nga Rauru and the Wai-o-Turi marae at Whenuakura. He has never forgotten where he came from, says Bruce Campbell, his uncle, “one of many.” Michael took up golf as a seven year-old and his early golfing experiencing was played out on golf courses like Hawera, Patea and Manaia. His father’s work meant the family shifted to Porirua. In 2018 Michael was inducted into the South Taranaki District Sporting Hall of Fame.

Get a Taste of Taranaki this summer

More than 20 premium Taranaki food and beverage producers have come together to showcase their products in one place this summer at 183 Hight Street in Eltham. The Taste of Taranaki Pop-up in Eltham, the home of New Zealand’s first cheese exports and continued innovation (and more), is now open to the public Thursdays-Sundays, 9am to 4pm, featuring foods and beverages from local producers, which are available to purchase until the end of January.

With fruit and vegetables, baking, honey, chocolate, snacks and more, plus coffee, food trucks and live music on weekends, the pop-up is an exciting new retail addition to South Taranaki over the summer months. The pop-up is a collaboration between Venture Taranaki and South Taranaki District Council and is an opportunity to showcase the strength and diversity of the food production in Taranaki, to both locals and the influx of visitors to the region over the summer months. Plan a trip to Eltham this summer to visit the Taste of Taranaki Pop-up, and check out everything else Eltham has to offer, such as vintage and retro-shopping, an eclectic art scene, historical buildings, and the gateway to the award-winning Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve.



Check out the Taste of Taranaki Pop up Shop at Eltham.



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Map It! The Interactive Scitech exhibition



Above: Kids can learn about GPS and how coordinates work.

Puke Ariki Museum, Temporary Gallery. 4 December – 27 February, Open daily 10am – 5pm, free entry.

Looking for some family fun this summer? How about Puke Ariki’s newest exhibition - Map It!

Map It! is an educational and interactive exhibition for kids of all ages to learn new skills. Visitors will be able to solve puzzles and collect different parts of their own map, which can

then be viewed and brought to life through augmented reality. Every visit will be a whole new experience, and there’s an onsite café for when the whole family needs a break.

Kids and parents can undertake a quest across land, sea, and space to explore the role of mapping and navigation in everyday life. Mapping and navigation has been at the heart of the human experience since the dawn of our species,

underpinning advancements in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) over millennia.

At Map it! kids can explore the intricate global ocean currents using real-world scientific modelling by tracking the movement of debris from a spilled cargo container full of rubber ducks. Using the oldest navigational techniques known to humankind students will learn to use

the stars to find their way across both land and ocean, just as our ancestors did tens of thousands of years ago. Throughout Map It! your kids will be captivated and surprised in the quest to explore cities, oceans and the night sky, and in developing their own mapping skills as they complete the quest map and uncover hidden layers of information.

The exhibition comprises 12 activities which align with the Next Generation Science Standards, and the lessons and activities

bridge the learning from the exhibition to the classroom for kids aged 8 – 14 years old. Teachers can choose which activities are best aligned with their curriculum and which best fit their students’ needs and interests.

The twelve activities include: an evacuation plan, Master gamer, Location via triangulation, Mapping the ocean floor, Topopotato, Magnetic seafloor, a treasure hunt, Tectonic earthquakes, Map distortion, Earth manual: piecing it together, Warming = cooling? And

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Above: Children can identify how to navigate the fastest way out of the building.

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Ember



Owners: from left: Thanh Nguyen, Jon Baker, Tia Toanikere, Dylan Wilson, Hope Loveridge (Absent Gordon Huang)
New Plymouths latest hospitality establishment recently opened in the former Fitzroy TSB branch.

ember BRINGING THE HEAT



Ember Restaurant and Bar opened in Fitzroy's former TSB branch earlier this month, in partnership with one of New Zealand's most favoured breweries, Good George Brewing.

The restaurant's aim is to provide a unique, all-round dining experience for its guests, that starts with the design and decor, and carries through to the way the food is prepared, cooked and delivered.

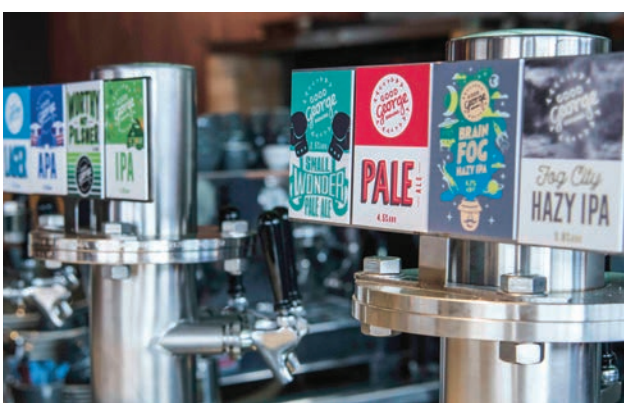
With a mouth-watering menu that caters for brunch, lunch, dinner and dessert, there's something for everyone at Ember.



AUTHENTIC FLAVOUR

Executive chef, Dylan Wilson, says majority of Ember's food is cooked on the open flame of the restaurant's authentic Argentinian grill, to give its meat, seafood and even desserts, a traditional edge.

Paired with Wilson's passion for dry ageing meat to perfection, it's a recipe for rich, natural, authentic flavour.



LET THE GOOD GEORGE ROLL

Ember is the only restaurant in the region to stock the extensive range of Good George craft beers, ciders and spirits. Guests can expect to enjoy the latest and greatest direct from the Good George brewery, just up the road in Waikato.





The Hideaway Café hours are Thursday to Sunday 9am to 4pm and public holidays. During these school holidays the luge is open Saturday and Sundays 10am to 5pm and the mini putt is open every day of the holidays 10am to 5pm. The museum is only open weekends and public holidays. The Hillsborough Holden Museum and Bathurst-themed mini putt course and Hideaway luge is a fun outing for the family conveniently only 10 minutes from the centre of New Plymouth at 683 Egmont Road. Entertain the whole family with a game of mini golf, a ride on the train and merry go round. Challenge your brains to a game of outdoor giant chess or draughts, or just relax in the sun or shade and enjoy a coffee, ice cream or cold drink from the kiosk.

A good time and a great family outing

There’s nothing like it in Taranaki. So says Steve Fabish of the luge installed three months ago at his Hillsborough Holden Car Museum and Mini-Putt. This is in addition to the many other things Steve has in store to add to the holiday experience. There’s the country’s only Holden museum, a mini-putt, train rides complete with train stations and as a café to refresh the needs of the inner person. On top of all this, Steve promises a good time and a great family outing.

The museum and mini-putt have been open for the last four years and the café opened two and a half years ago.

There are also train rides to bring people back from the bottom of the luge track, complete with the two railway stations, Hillsborough and Huntaway. There are also five acres of gardens in which to enjoy a leisurely stroll.

Those waiting for a game of mini-putt can while away the time with the giant chess

or draughts pieces. Steve says this was something he had seen at other places he had visited and he thought it would be good to have there.

When he opened the Holden Museum four years ago he had 32 Holdens. Now he has 48. Most of them are his own. They range in age from 1949 models through to the latest. It is the only Holden museum in New Zealand and the biggest private Holden collection in the country.

“People get blown away when they walk in the door,” says Steve. “As far as I’m concerned it’s a nice looking car, a practical wagon. It’s a shame they stopped making them.”

Visitors come from throughout the province and beyond.

“We get a lot from Wellington, Auckland, Napier, Hastings. They come from all over,” says Steve.



Lita Wilson and Emily Cook playing Giant Chess.



Emily, Charlotte Cook and Lita Wilson enjoy Mini Golf.




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The Luge operating hours are Saturdays and Sundays 10am-5pm.

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Hillsborough

Museum



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Marianne Muggeridge

Marianne Muggeridge and Roger Morris work from their studios/house at the top of the Oeo Rd. If you would like to see the work, ring ahead to make a time: (021) 482 464. COVID permitting.

Marianne is a full-time artist, award winning portrait painter and print maker. Her work has been collected by Puki Ariki, Te Papa, The N Z Royal Society, Treasury, Massey University and many private collectors. She works from life and life-draws once a week with the Life Drawing Group in Opunake. Life drawing has been described by film maker Mike Leigh as “he most creative process he has ever engaged in” (R N Z interview)



Detail from a currently in progress painting from Oeo.

Rhonda Crawford



Rhonda Crawford

My eclectic studio is located at the back of the Emporium Gallery in Opunake which is owned b y my daughter Michaela Niederberger. I love to connect with nature, giving a close up experience., creating a feeling and memories, as if through a child’s eyes. I want my work to pull you in, be present. I paint mainly from life, creating one-off paintings. I have created a painting register, this came about due to people purchasing before I had finished a piece. This way people have a chance to own an original of their choice. People can put down what they would like, and size. I will give them a quote, and they will have first option to purchase that piece once I have created it, or first right of refusal, and under

no obligation to purchase, as I want people to connect with my creations. I’m proud that my family helped create my eclectic studio. You will often catch me in my swing seat contemplating my work. I love sharing my space with visitors, enabling them to see my works in progress, giving them an understanding that good things take time. We hav e life drawing at The Emporium every Tuesday night at 7pm. This has been a great discipline for my practice towards my paintings. That eye hand coordination, translating this to paper is a great challenge to oneself. We are extremely lucky with the high calibre of talent in and around Opunake and Taranaki, and it is great for everyone to experience this.

Toi Manaia Gallery

A new gallery space in Manaia is providing easy access to authentic, quality art made by local Māori artists.

The artists’ collective Toi

o Taranaki Ki Te Tonga first opened its Toi Manaia gallery during the Garden Festival and this month’s exhibition is called ‘Taonga,’ enabling art lovers to buy and take their items home immediately.

Contributing artists come from all over Taranaki and beyond.

They either have whakapapa to an iwi from around the maunga or are Māori artists with ties to other parts of the motu, but live within the Taranaki province.

Work is available from beginning, emerging and established artists of all ages and includes paintings, whakairo (carving), raranga (weaving), photography, works on paper, tukutuku (decorative wall panels), mixed media items and jewellery.

Stock can change from day to day, depending on what artists have made available and what shoppers take home with them (cash sales, no

eftpos).

This month all sale proceeds go directly to the artists who produced the work to support their creativity.

Toi Manaia is open right up to and including Christmas Eve, on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-3pm.

Where possible it will also

be open on Friday nights from 5pm-8pm to coincide with the Manaia Markets.

The gallery can be found on Manaia’s main street, in the middle shop across from the band rotunda. Look for the pink ART flag flying outside when we are open.

If you are looking for the real deal, nau mai, haere mai.

Creative coastal cousins Mahuki Mareikura (front) and Jordan Quinnell both have work featuring at Toi Manaia this month. Jordan’s solo exhibition ‘Masters of the Mask’ is also showing at the Lysaght Watt Gallery in Te Hāwera at the moment.





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Manaia
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up to and including Xmas Eve
(cash/online payments only)

Liz Sinclair

Liz is an artist who works mainly in oil and pastel. Her main inspiration is botanical. This plays into the Lavender Farm and other botanical interests. Her works in pastel are usually inspired by animals, and birds. She finds this medium very suited to conveying texture needed to depict feathers, fur, hair and wool.

Liz spent four years in The Netherlands and had instruction in sculpture and art. Her time in Europe has influenced her art and the way she uses light in her works. Liz also uses her space to showcase local artists.



Liz Sinclair

Paul Hutchinson



Paul Hutchinson

Paul Hutchinson is a well-known painter of local scenes and still life. Reclusive, but likes to talk with genuinely interested people.

Some of his work is currently in The Emporium in Opunake

He is just about always in his studio at 7266 Surf Highway, or on the beach with his dog Jimi Houndrix.

It pays to phone or email first.

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Roger Morris

Facing the results of the Bio-weapon Laboratories of Dr. Anthony Fauci, the CIA and its Military Industrial complex.

‘Transformers of the WEF and BBB.’ A painting by Remo/ Roger Morris, Oeo Road. From the series “Tales of the new Dominion’.

Oils on Canvas. 2021
1000 x 1000



Roger Morris.

Dale Copeland



Dale Copeland - maker of assemblages.

An art form which has been variously called ‘careful constructions of treasured objects’, or ‘heaps of old junk’, ‘The Philosophy of the Found’ or ‘Weird Wind-Ups’

You can see her work in the Showcase section of the Virtual Tart website ... www.tart.co.nz which she writes and maintains for Taranaki artists or on her own site ... www.dalecopeland.co.nz

She and the painter Paul Hutchinson are too reclusive to take part in the full Arts Trail, but if people genuinely would like to see or talk about their art then do email or phone. dale@tart.co.nz or 06 7528126

7266 Surf Highway, between Okato and Warea

Bernice McKellar



Bernice has been drawing, mostly, people for some time.

I like pencil portraits, Like black and white photos, they have a certainly quality not captured in colour.

However I also like colour so lately have been experimenting with adding water colours to the pencil drawings which have been photocopied onto watercolour paper. Pint dribbling over the face flattens the drawing which is another effect.

I’ve also worked with charcoal and also oil paints

Opunake Life Drawing Group

The Opunake Life Drawing Group is in its fourth year. Every Tuesday between 7 and 9 pm we draw from the life model. We are a very mixed bunch, from experienced to complete novices.

We have been very fortunate to find some excellent local models who are willing to work with us. We are always on the lookout for drawers and for models. If anybody has life modelling or «drawing from life» on their bucket list give me a call on 021 482 464. Drawers pay \$10 per session. We have a good core group who come regularly. You have no obligation to the group other than to respect the model, the space and the other drawers’ peace and quiet. Nobody looks at your work if you don’t want them to. We stop for a 20 minute break at 8. You may

come once a week once a month or once a year. Or once only. We have only had to ask one drawer to leave and that’s because they were not drawing.

Mike Leigh, Film Director, said recently in an interview with Radio NZ that «the most creative experience of his career was life drawing “

Marianne Muggeridge

The Village Gallery, Eltham

Thank you to all our Members, Exhibitors, Supporters and Volunteers. We can’t do it without you!

The Gallery will be closed from Friday, 17th December for our annual holiday, giving our Volunteers a well-deserved break.

Members’ New Year Exhibition opening on Tuesday 18th January, 2022

Greetings of the Season and wishing you all Health and Happiness in the New Year

Claire Jensen

The Brown Bach Studio is the home-based studio of local Opunake artist Claire Jensen who primarily works with recycled materials to create sculpture and functional design pieces. Her studio is located near to the historic Te Namu Pa and alongside the Opunake Loop Trail. You may visit Claire on Sundays 12-4 and by appointment. Claire’s studio is part of a collective of seven artist run galleries and studios in the area, Opunake Open Studios and Galleries, open to visitors throughout the year. Accessible by car, bike and foot. More information available at www.clairejensenart.net www.opunakeopenstudiosgalleries.business.site



Claire Jensen’s Brown Bach Studio in Opunake.

Viv Davy



Viv Davy, from Out Of The Blue Studio Gallery 18 Halse Place Opunake

Viv Davy hosts ‘from out of the blue studio gallery’ which highlights all things fibre and textile related.

Over the Christmas holiday period there will be a specially curated collection of handmade items available

as part of the “For The Home Annual Collection.” All items available are made in New Zealand by hand using totally natural fibres. Items include cushions, runners, table linens, blankets, vessels, wall items - something for every home. Each item is one of a kind so these are ideal for special gifts. Visitors are also welcome to see the upstairs studio space that Viv uses for her own weaving practice. The other parts of Viv’s art include botanically dyed fabrics and handmade books. There is something for everyone to explore. The gallery and studio spaces are open Thursdays - Mondays 1 - 5 pm. We will be closed 25th and 26th December 2021 and January 1st 2022. Or please txt Viv on 021 407 424 for an appointment.

Forbes & Flay

Contemporary Art Studio. 40 Tasman St. Opunake. South Taranaki
Forbes & Flay was set up just after lockdown in 2020 by Tabatha Forbes and her artist husband Chauncey Flay. The idea of the space is to showcase their work, be the venue for Tabatha’s workshops and studio and occasionally collaborate and feature other creative friends’ work. Tabatha has a Doctorate in Fine Arts from Auckland University which focussed on environmental perception. For 20 years she has focussed on plants and has a passion for connecting her students with art and nature which she does through teaching Botanical Art classes and Nature Journaling. There are plant-based drawing workshops held in



Tabatha at work.

the gallery every month and weekend workshops around New Zealand. During the recent Garden Festival, and for Christmas,

the gallery has the Plantgirl & Co little Pop-up shop featuring a small amount of flora and fauna themed design, cards and plants.

Karen Dey

I am a self-taught artist painting mainly in acrylics on canvas.I have a small gallery next to our home where I display my paintings for sale. The gallery is open most weekends 10 - 4pm, and by appointment. I also have my work in Janes Gallery and The Gover Street Gallery New Plymouth, The Emporium and Pastimes Opunake. I paint a range of subject matter but have a love for what surrounds me, in particular the sea,bird and animal life, and our mountain. The diversity we have provides me with inspiration and passion, and by using photos for references I strive to bring out the colour, light



Karen Dey.

and beauty in every piece of my work. I am humbled when someone

appreciates the beauty in my work and chooses to purchase a piece.

Graham Kirk



Graham Kirk

These aren’t the easiest of times, with the threat of COVID never far away, but life hasn’t changed a lot for us Kirks, under the Pouakai Ranges. We count ourselves lucky. There’s a lot

of misinformation out there and on the internet, (usually driven from America - thank you Donald), but it just seems like a no brainer to me. Get vaccinated. My subject matter is pretty

much always Taranaki these days. I’ve no desire to go to Auckland, (although that’s where most of my work sells). I just like to find settings close to home - preferably walking distance. Then it’s a case of finding someone or some ‘thing’ to put in there. I like to create a kind of narrative. My paintings are usually largish, acrylic on board, painted with a mixture of cotton buds and brushes. Recently I’ve been having a lot of paintings from the last thirty years printed as laminates on aluminium at around three feet. Seeing early works printed on that scale is always a buzz. I’m not in any hurry to open the studio just yet but will take another look in six months or so. My paintings and prints are available through the Gover Street Gallery in New Plymouth.

Richard Landers



A kaleidoscope of implications to exploit colour, light, line and reflection, in a space.

Richard Landers became a full-time glass artist in 1987

“Born in Hawera, my mother was very crafty as well as

technically artistic, e.g. farm-ing, sewing, woodwork and music etc. I have lived in Taranaki all of my life, always close to the mountain, or the coast- and I am now lucky enough to operate a studio and gallery with both on my front door step. I work in a variety of sheet-glass applications, ranging from modern float glass sculpture, kiln formed glass and leadlight panels, sometimes including stained glass conservation. Working on a mix of different commissions at any one time in the studio, ranging from transparent three-dimensional sculpture to full colour stained glass panels appears to ‘freshen’ your appreciation for the characteristics that glass has to offer in design.

(Dr) Wayne Wilson-Wong

(Dr) Wayne Wilson-Wong, B. 1969, New Zealand. Doc FA, MFA 1st Hons, GradDipTchg (Sec), registered Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Wayne Wilson-Wong’s fine art practice represents subject matter ranging from; social documentary, portraiture, light drawings and moonlight pictorial landscapes. Predominantly working in limited edition photographic series, his work strikes a balance between the objective authenticity of what is recorded in front of the camera, and the artistic drive for originality through subjective perceptions and interpretations. Wilson-Wong’s compositions are recognisable through his creative use of; materials and equipment, light and colour, movement, and the digital zone system. Representing ways-of-seeing the human condition and constructs - in context to visual documents of cultural and historical significance.



(Dr) Wayne Wilson-Wong

Wilson-Wong’s art has been exhibited regionally and internationally (China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia) in public and private Galleries and Museums, and represented by McNamara Gallery,

Whanganui. Winning national awards (NZIPP), a four-time finalist in the Wallace Trust Art Awards, and finalist in the AGFA International Photojournalism Photography Awards. Wayne currently resides in Opunake.

Rosa Wilson-Wong (néé Scaffidi) pianist

Rosa Scaffidi began her life-long love affair with the piano at the age of two. Her first public performance followed at age eight. Rosa has spent a lifetime devoted to the study of music having received a Bachelor of Music from Melba Conservatorium; FTCL in Performance from Trinity College, London, and a Master’s degree in Performance from the Victorian College of the Arts. Rosa is a well-sought-after soloist, accompanist and teacher. Upon graduating from the Melba Con, Rosa was on staff as an accompanist, piano teacher, lecturer and performer, and for many years at Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS) as Head of Dance Accompanists. Recent recordings include Stravinsky’s *Rite of Spring* for two pianos in collaboration with Dr. Tony Gould and *Siegfried’s*



Rosa Wilson-Wong

Story, an arrangement of 12 movements for Piano, French Horn and Tuba (*Bonza Brass* ensemble) from Wagner’s *Ring Cycle*.

Lester Earl



One of Lester Earl’s paintings.

Lester Earl was born in Wellington in 1949, but he has lived in New Plymouth since 1960. “My aim is to capture the mood and feelings of a place, and to give an idea of its character. I do not portray accurate detail and my landscapes could be described as expressionistic. My paintings are a combination of imagination and observations. They are not meant to be illustrative but an expression of what I see and feel. I hope to make an initial appeal to the viewer, but also to retain interest after repeat viewings.I try

to grow awareness about the lasting visible beauty of the unique Taranaki rugged landscape. The landscape is changing under human pressures, but we must try and protect what we have now.My work has been influenced by Scottish-based artist Joan Eardley (1921-1963), who painted the wild Scottish east coast from the village of Catterline. She painted outdoors in the worst weather imaginable. Also Welsh landscape artist David Tressa, a truly amazing artist.I use mainly acrylics, but experiment with all sorts of mixedme-

dia. It involves risks, and I have a lot of disasters, which become a lesson as I try and correct the mistakes made.I work with intuition, and ‘go with the flow’. This means that the medium, style and, sometimes the

subject, can change at any time of the process. My process is fluid.”Current available work is on display at The White Sail Gallery 35 Ocean View Parade New Plymouth.email; lesterearl@hotmail.com

from out of the blue studio gallery

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It has been a wonderful year for our gallery because of all the support and encouragement the community gives us. Thank you everyone.

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King Edward is still king

King Edward Park has been an integral part of the Hawera scene for the last 115 years. In recent years, statues of Hawera's two Victoria Cross winners from the closing months of World War I, Harry Laurent and John Grant have been set up across the road from the park, not far from the statue of 19th century Hawera farmer A.A.Fantham inside the park gates.

Croquet was played at the park for many years. The Park Croquet Club in Hawera owes its name to that park rather than to James Campbell Memorial Park where it has been based since 1973.

In recent years King Edward Park has hosted a series of annual events like Arts in the Park and the Little Ships Regatta as well as a number of summer outdoor concerts. King Edward Park is also a popular place to visit during the garden festivals.

This year COVID has meant many of these events have been called off, but South Taranaki District Council parks curator David Bruce says there is still a lot to see at the park.

The Little Ships Regatta may have been called off, but there are still people bringing in boats to have a play. There are still people coming in to have picnics, and wanting to try out two of the park's newer attractions, the sound mirrors. These face each other, enabling one person to whisper into one dish and be heard by another at the other dish 50 metres away on the other side of the lake.

Despite the borders being closed there was still a good stream of visitors coming to have a look



King Edward Park.

during the garden festival season, says David.

"The garden festivals bring out the garden visitors. We've had a reasonable number of people coming through. We don't have the far distant visitors that we've had in the past, but we've had the people from Taranaki, our locals, and people from New Plymouth, Whanganui and Palmerston North."

At the time of writing King Edward Park was awaiting its assessment from the New Zealand Gardens Trust, as well as the assessment for its Green Flag.

King Edward Park currently enjoys a five star rating from the New Zealand Gardens Trust, which has named it a Garden of National Significance.

The Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for parks and green spaces and for every year since 2018 King Edward Park has been awarded one of these, which proudly flies from the observatory inside the park. King Edward Park is one of two places in Taranaki and 24 in New Zealand which currently has a Green Flag.

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

"It's not just judged on the gardens, it's about the park," says David. "It's a bit of an endorsement for the staff who work in the parks across the district. It also reflects well on the town."

David says he welcomes assessments such as these, as outside judges can see new possibilities for future development of the park.

Meanwhile there is always something new to see at the park, says David.

"It's forever changing. There's always something happening, something slightly different. There's always the summer spontaneity, the likes of those hollyhocks that have popped up."

David points to a red rhododendron which offers a stunning backdrop to the statue of A.A.Fantham. The roses have also been doing well this year and the parks staff have been cutting back on a belt of camellias which have been an ongoing problem.

"They all want to be trees," says David.

This has enabled the rose garden to be extended.

"All of a sudden it opens up a vista that hasn't been there."

Horticultural team leader Scott Mills agrees that things are always changing.

"Gardens are always evolving, and fashions change as well. Berginias are coming back into vogue, and the 1980s style is making a comeback."

He points to the dahlia border by the tennis courts where it was decided to put in three tiers with yellows and reds, and tree dahlias growing up behind them.

"Hopefully at the end of January into February we will see a nice blast of colour," he says.

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Summer at the Beach

The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club is looking forward to the warm dry summer predicted and seeing our community enjoy our beach. A couple of key things to remember; Our club will have COVID scan in QR codes around our facility to help people keep track of where they have been. We encourage the use of these. If you are anything like most of us, unless we use our eftpos card, it is hard to remember that you popped in to a place or event. Our club is undergoing a renovation project and there is no public access to any part of our building and no building hire this summer. Our lifeguards operate from both on the beach and from a higher view point whether this is on the beach, in a tent, or in our tower. Regional lifeguards are on patrol Monday to Friday from 11am till early evening 6pm from December 20 to January 28. Volunteer lifeguards are on patrol Saturday and Sunday from 11.30-4.30pm. All lifeguards from January 1 are required to be fully vaccinated. Our lifeguards have first aid supplies. If you need a plaster

or some assistance come see the team. Another thing you will see during summer is the lifeguard team training. Usually IRB training happens on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, so if you see action happening down on the beach, it will likely be the team upskilling and practicing. Our junior surf programme continues over the summer on Sundays, though it takes a break over the Christmas/New Year period.

Under the Orange traffic light system, we remind people to space yourself out on the beach. Remember facemasks are recommended when moving between people and if you have any symptoms or feel unwell, please stay at home. If we are at Red, there may be changes to what we can offer. While at the beach remember to never swim alone, always swim between the flags or if outside of patrol times, it is usually safer in front of the surf club building (rips can occur anytime though). If caught in a rip please relax, raise and ride (relax your body and focus on keeping afloat while you raise your hand to get attention and ride the rip until it finishes) where you can then swim to the nearest land. If you see anyone in trouble outside of patrol times please phone 1-1-1 who have a direct line to our Search and



The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club members training.
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Taranaki Racing

Taranaki Racing are pleased to welcome the public back to it's two December race meetings, Wednesday 22nd and Monday 27th. Wednesday 22nd is a new date for the season, and a twilight to boot, with the first race at 3pm, last at 7.10. The iconic 27th has a first race time of 12.16pm. Both days will see popular band Thozz Guyz play all your favourite tunes after the last race of the day. Club CEO, Carey Hobbs, commented "Whilst it's great to have been able to keep racing during this pandemic, having the public back on course will see a return to near normality". All attendees will be required to use My Vaccine Pass to gain entry, as per NZTR guidelines. The 27th of December meeting will have a Best Tipster competition, check the website for all the details. With recent inclement weather we are hoping for some respite and expect big crowds and great fields for thoroughbred racing enthusiasts to witness some great racing action.



Off to the races see ad page 35.

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Shining on through the years

For mariners battling the seas off Taranaki in the 19th century, the lighthouse often gave a sense of comfort knowing there was that signal to warn them of possible danger.

Built in 2007, the Historic Cape Light and Museum on Bayley's Road serves as a memory of those bygone days when wrecks off the Taranaki coast were a not uncommon occurrence.

"The idea of putting up the lighthouse had started with a newspaper photo of an engineer dismantling the old light from the Cape Egmont lighthouse and replacing it with a more modern New Zealand-made Vega replacement, trustee Len Pentelow said.

The question then arose of what was going to happen to the old light, he said.

"We made a few inquiries with Maritime New Zealand in Wellington and spoke with the chief lighthouse engineer Mr Ken Belt, who informed us that the light could be made available for display to the public, but not allowed to go into a collector's possession. So an arrangement was made



Lord Ernest Rutherford

that it's now on permanent loan to the South Taranaki District Council, but still belongs to Maritime New Zealand. A trust was set up and the council gave us the task of resurrecting the light and showing it to the public."

Where better to place the light than a replica lighthouse? The Bayley's Road lighthouse has similar dimensions to Cape Egmont, but is only two thirds the height. Whereas the Cape Egmont lighthouse is made of cast iron, the one at Bayley's Road is made of steel and reinforced concrete.

The light which it houses had been built in Stockholm, and been operating since 1876.

"During the course of its life, it's seen many modifications



The Historic Cape Light and Museum is a reminder of Coastal Taranaki's maritime history.

to bring it up to its present day operation," Mr Pentelow said. "The old light runs reasonably well. We have had issues, but we feel we have overcome them."

In former times, the Cape Egmont Lighthouse would use acetylene gas which

was turned by a clockwork mechanism driven by a weight which would gradually drop down the centre column of the lighthouse, revolving as it went. The lighthouse keeper would wind the weight up before the start of each evening.

Now, illumination has been improved by a 1000 watt light bulb, with electric motors turning the light.

Mr Pentelow said that with improved signage on the corner of Bayley's Road and Surf Highway, he has noticed an increase in visitor numbers.

A Keeper's Cottage has been added where volunteers can set themselves up and greet the public.

Despite the advent of GPS, Mr Pentelow still sees lighthouses continuing to have a role.

"If you are out at sea it gives a measure of comfort to know there's a signal out there to warn you to keep away from danger," he said.

The lighthouse also houses a fascinating museum on Taranaki's most illustrious son, Sir Ernest Rutherford which is well worth a look.

Soon to be installed (hopefully by Christmas)

are five new information panels which deal with the history of the Warea district. Included are some photographs of the early history of Warea, as well as historical information about clubs, agriculture, churches, shops, families, Maori iwi, archeology and much more.

The panels are state-of-the-art with clear perspex and LED lighting.

Our first issue of the Opunake & Coastal News in the new year (27 January) will have an article with more details about this exciting new addition to the building.

The Historic Cape Light and Museum is open weekends from 11am until 3pm and is also open on Boxing Day (December 26) and New Year's Day, 2022.

It is also open other times by request. Phone Len on (06) 763 8489 or Brian on (06) 761 8353.



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Another good year for Opunake Loop Trail

The Opunake Loop Trail Trust was delighted to receive a grant from Pub Charities to allow a trail to be developed within Hurst Park and the adjoining Council land. Access will be available to trail users from Ihaia Road, Whitcombe Road and Allison Street

Locals will have seen contractors shaping the trail, levelling off uneven areas, trucks and tractors delivering and spreading Wiremu Fines to create an even meandering trail. This forms the basis of further development as a recreational area and the Trust will be seeking public consultation on the future use opportunities of this community asset.

To protect the farming use and provide a short distance of fencing in anticipation of riparian planting by the local Fire Service, volunteers have supplied labour and farm machinery



A map showing the Opunake Loop Trail.

to accomplish this work as suggested by the South Taranaki District Council.

Just another project in this community that is underpinned by a range of volunteer groups that enhance Opunake and its environs as a great place to live, work and play.

For this recreational area to proceed, the Opunake Loop Trail Trust acknowledges Pub Charities who provided \$39,990 grant to not only



Yet another load of material to improve the Opunake Loop Trail.



Extensive work on the Opunake Loop Trail has been undertaken.

enhance the Loop Trail but expand the use of Hurst Park.

There have been a number of people and organisations involved and it is important to recognize particularly the cooperation of the STDC, Darrell Hickey and Wiremu Quarry [who kept the gates open until 8.00pm nightly] and Opunake Lions allowing this project to go ahead in a structured way. It was particularly noticeable that local runners and riders used the trail immediately the Wiremu fines were spread. It has been great to see high usage on all sections of the

Opunake Loop Trail, with many walkers, runners, cyclists and dogs enjoying the track and vistas. We hope you all enjoy the summer months using the Trail, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for volunteer days to help us improve and maintain this community asset. We thank all those that have given up their time this year to give back to their community.

Merry Christmas from the Opunake Loop Trail Trust, and have a safe New Years.

Bob Clark.

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Manaia Walkway is truly local

While the Manaia Walkway may not be as well-known as its Opunake Coastal counterpart, it still has enough to keep visitors interested, including the town’s own redoubt. The Walkway is an attraction developed and maintained over the years by local individuals and groups. It begins and finishes at the Manaia Golf Club rooms. It wends a circular route, skirting the golf course, taking in the Lone Pine Grove, the historic Manaia Redoubt site, and a bush-clad walk along the banks of the Waiokura Stream. Signs have been placed at the corners of Hassard Street and South Road, and Tauhuri and Karaka Streets but the Walkway is still unknown to many, including some locals. “One woman used to play golf here in Manaia, and didn’t even know the walkway was here,” says Anne Chisnall, who with husband Gordon was a longtime volunteer on the Walkway. There are 40-50 species of native trees which have been planted, including some that don’t normally grow in the Manaia area, like the puriri and pohutukawa which are more familiar in frost-free areas. With the plants have come the birdlife including tui, kereru and morepork. It is only appropriate then that two of the streets in Manaia, Karaka and Patukukupa refer to trees that attracted birds to the area, and to where the birds gathered for food. A recent addition to the Walkway has been a planting by the Manaia and District Returned Services Association of three seedlings descended from the Lone Pine which gave its name to the battle fought at Gallipoli a century ago. followed by the installation of a seat and commemorative plaque. When 12 of these seedlings became available for RSAs



Anne and Gordon Chisnall on the Manaia Walkway (above).



The Watchtower of the Plains.

throughout the country. The apply for three of them, and Manaia RSA decided to this was what they ended

up getting. The Lone Pine Grove now includes seating and a commemorative plaque. In earlier years the Keep Manaia Beautiful Committee looked after the Walkway. Their projects included a bridge made from old power poles, with sides added by the local Lions Club. Reminders of some of the people on that committee can be found along the walkway, including three totara from the property of the late Jack Landers which have been transferred in his memory. Others to have worked on the Walkway have included Lorna Le Fleming and Bev

Rothe who would come and work on it every Thursday morning. Places where they worked are now known as Bev Rothe’s Peace and Lorna’s Legacy. Local groups like the Manaia Golf Club and individuals like Gail Thorley have looked after other parts of the walkway. Gordon and Anne Chisnall came on board when the Manaia Indoor Bowling Club, of which they were members folded in 2004, leaving some money for projects like the Walkway. An integral part of the Walkway is the Manaia Redoubt built in 1880 after a force of 80 Armed Constabulary under Colonel John Roberts were ordered to set up a position on the right bank of the Waiokura Stream. They chose the disused pa site Te Takahe, and built a redoubt with watchtower and blockhouses. The double walls of the blockhouses were filled with gravel, to hinder any bullets from coming through. In 1885, the order was made

to remove the redoubts, but the Manaia one stayed. The original wooden tower, the Watchtower of the Plains blew down in a storm in 1912, and was replaced by the concrete tower which can be seen today. The blockhouses have had a few repairs in the years since, and concrete floors have been put in. Leading up to the redoubt are the Meuli Steps. When Lorenz Wilfred Meuli went overseas to serve in World War I he had some money which he told his mother to give towards something for the town of Manaia if he didn’t come back. He did not return, killed in action in France in 1916, so the money was used to pay for the Meuli Steps.

The first issue of Opunake & Coastal News in 2022 is Thursday January 27. Ph 06 761 7016.

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The Opunake Loop Trail Trust

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Did you know that the Loop Trail Trust was part of two TRC Community Awards?

As you can see a lot of community involvement in numerous ways in developing this community asset. A big thank you to **Pub Charities** who provided a significant grant for the Hurst Park track.

And wait! There’s more to come in 2022 [and 2023, 2024, and 2025 etc.] Follow us on Facebook and give consideration to being part of this active Community Group. See our FB for contact details

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The informal and intimate garden at Hollard Gardens.

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Opunake Golf Club looks towards Jubilee



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The Opunake Golf Club is located 2.5km up the Namu Rd just north of Opunake. The 18 hole course is surrounded by pohutukawas with spectacular views of the mountain and sea.

The Club just held it closed Christmas hamper starting with a champagne breakfast followed by our Annual Prizegiving then a round of golf with an amazing lunch and Christmas prizes to finish.

The Golf Club has just celebrated its newest life member, Lawrence Robins thanking him for his tireless work towards the Club

We would love to see families and non-golfers come up and give Golf a go over the summer. There is twilight golf on Wednesday nights, starting at 5pm for all abilities, then in January we will have Business House starting

Unfortunately the Club

has decided to cancel our Opunake Open in January due to COVID restrictions and uncertainty

However we are celebrating our 50th Jubilee on Friday 11th March – Sunday 13th March 2022. We are taking registrations now. Go on to our facebook page.

Opunake Golf Club Mens and Ladies days continue throughout the summer, tee times from 9.30 – 10 Sundays and Tuesdays. The ladies

will be running a Sunday competition for new and existing members

New members are always welcome and the course is open to the public throughout the year and is a fun low cost outing for the whole family to enjoy

Any queries contact Chris Cathie 0276225030

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Pungarehu Golf Club



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Taranaki Crossing update
The summer of 2021–2022 marks another new phase of work for the Taranaki Crossing, with the Department of Conservation (DOC) awarding contracts for six sections of track upgrades on Mount Taranaki.

The upgrades focus on the track network from Manganui Ski Field to Pouākai Hut, and work is underway following karakia from respective hapū and iwi.

In awarding the contracts DOC placed a strong focus on social procurement and regional benefit, ensuring investment into the local Taranaki economy. One contractor will be employing 12 Taranaki residents for the summer period, reflecting the Department’s local emphasis and benefit.

The summer work programme will mean some track delays and diversions and visitors may encounter delays at some worksites. Each section will have up-to-date signage and DOC Visitor Centre staff and the DOC website will also be kept up to date. If you are planning to complete the Pouākai Crossing allow an additional hour of delays and include this in your

planning. There will be no construction work from 24 December to 5 January.

Contractors completed the upgrade on the track between Wilkies’ Pools and the Stratford Plateau in late November. The next phase of the project includes defining the visitor experience design component of the project and continuing design work on the Manganui Gorge Bridge.

The Taranaki Crossing is a project within the Egmont National Park, connecting and upgrading a series of walking tracks on the maunga. For more information: www.doc.govt.nz

Around the Mountain Track due to reopen

Mount Taranaki’s Around the Mountain Circuit (AMC) is due to reopen after significant damage closed western access to the track during storms in July. Department of Conservation (DOC) rangers have been busy assessing and repairing track damage on the Maunga during the past months after the storm. The most severe damage included a blowout on a tributary of the Waiaua River creating a deep canyon, blocking access to Waiaua Gorge Hut from the



Holly Hut. Photo Tamsen Walker.

upper Ihaia Track/western side of the mountain. DOC staff have been rerouting the track, and all going well it will reopen in late

December.

“It’s been a big challenge,” says DOC’s Taranaki District Ranger Supervisor Andy Johnston.

“The team has rerouted the Ihaia Track lower downstream, crossing the river, then up a spur to the Waiaua Gorge Hut.”

He encourages trampers to be cautious in the area and look closely for orange track markers and DOC signs.

Trampers are urged to check for up-to-date track and weather conditions on the DOC website or contact North Egmont Visitor Centre prior to heading outdoors. **Remember to book your hut before heading out this summer**

Trampers overnighing at Mount Taranaki’s Holly Hut or Pouakai Hut are reminded to book online via the Department of Conservation website before heading out

this summer.

Both Pouakai and Holly huts are along the scenic Pouakai Circuit, with the larger Holly Hut also services the Around the Mountain Circuit track. “As these are both popular tracks the huts can get really busy during peak season on the mountain. Pre-booking online will ensure people get a bunk for the night,” says DOC Taranaki Recreation/Historic Supervisor Andy Johnston.

Pouakai Hut moved to online booking in November 2020 and Holly Hut moved to online booking a year later. Feedback from users has been positive, says Andy Johnston: “People appreciate knowing they will get a bed at the end of their tramp.”

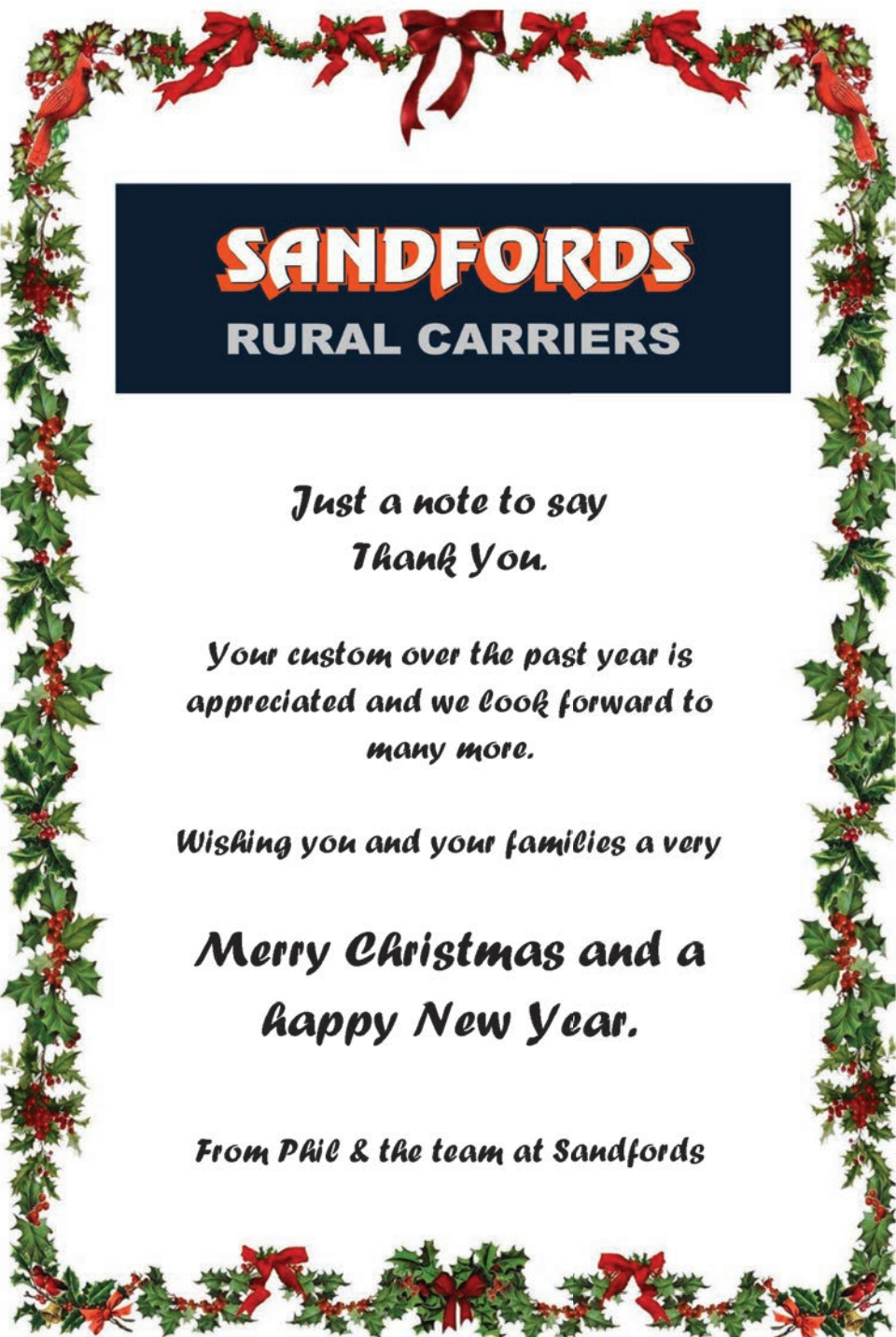
Trampers should carry proof of their booking with them. Backcountry hut tickets are

no longer be valid at Holly Hut or Pouakai Hut, but they may be used at any other hut in the park. Pricing remains the same, with adults \$15, youth (11-17 years) \$7.50 and children 10 and under free of charge. Backcountry hut pass discounts apply.

Staying in DOC accommodation? Make sure you’re vaccinated

The Department of Conservation has introduced a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for all accommodation facilities.

“This means from 15 December 2021, eligible people, aged 12 years three months and over, must be fully vaccinated to stay in a DOC hut or campsite,” says Department of Conservation (DOC) Heritage and Visitors Director Steve Taylor. DOC will be finalising a vaccination policy for staff



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Have fun this summer on the mountain

in the next fortnight he says. “DOC’s accommodation is often remote, off the grid and brings people together from all locations. Vaccination provides a higher level of protection and significantly reduces the risk of infection spreading and people suffering serious illness. “Our visitor survey data and visitor feedback show a strong public desire for confidence that others sharing DOC accommodation are also vaccinated. “All DOC campgrounds and huts will only be open to those who are fully vaccinated. When booking, visitors will be required to confirm they and all others in their group are fully vaccinated. Hut wardens and camp hosts are regularly on site and will be checking for vaccination status. “For more remote huts and smaller campsites that are not bookable, there will be spot checks. Visitors will need to make a judgment on whether they are comfortable with that. “Where issues arise for higher-risk sites – such as popular unbookable huts and campsites – some facilities may need to be closed at Red or Orange and people should prepare for this possibility when planning a trip. “We are asking all members of the public to respect the health and safety of others. When requested you must show your COVID-19 vaccine verification. We will be monitoring peoples’ compliance and regularly reviewing our policy. If there are problems with non-compliance, DOC will assess whether facilities need to be closed. “People who are not fully vaccinated can still use tracks and most DOC toilets but cannot use DOC hut facilities or DOC campgrounds. “We will be contacting people ahead of their bookings advising them they need to be fully vaccinated otherwise their booking will need to be cancelled. “Cancellations are easy and DOC will provide a full refund to those who are unwell, subject to travel restrictions, concerned about COVID risks or who are not fully vaccinated. “DOC staff will be undertaking health and safety spot checks for confirmation of vaccination status. Where practical, we will be turning those without a COVID-19 vaccine verification away and where appropriate, taking safety measures to isolate them from other hut and campsite users. “These health and safety measures are being implemented to help keep visitors and staff safe and ensure New Zealanders can have a fantastic summer enjoying



DOC is seeking help from the public in protecting the Kiwi.

nature,” says Mr Taylor. Visit www.doc.govt.nz/accommodation-vaccine-policy for further information. **Keep your pets and drones off the mountain this summer** Leave your pets and drones at home when visiting Mount Taranaki this summer urges the Department of Conservation (DOC). Our native wildlife such as kiwi and whio need as much protection as we can provide. Even the most obedi-

ent, domesticated dogs and cats can reveal their predatory instincts in the wild says DOC biodiversity ranger Joe Carson. Drones can disturb birds and affect people’s enjoyment of the outdoors she says. “Keep your pets and drones out of Egmont National Park summer and help keep our wildlife safe.” People found with pets or drones illegally in the park can face fines under the Wildlife Act.

Help find kiwi on Mount Taranaki Taranaki Kiwi Trust is asking for the public’s help finding kiwi signs on Mount Taranaki. The Trust, who work throughout Taranaki to protect Western Brown Kiwi and increase their populations, is wanting more information on kiwi distribution on the mountain. Photos of kiwi footprints, probe holes and feathers and their location on the mountain would help, says TKT Kiwi Operations Leader Sian Pottier. “If you hear kiwi calls while overnigh-ting on the mountain we’re also keen to hear from you”. For kiwi sign sightings email sian@taranakikiwi.org.nz describing your experience. For information on kiwi sign and calls visit: www.taranakikiwi.org.nz

Short walks and tramps for families on Mt Taranaki this summer Here’s some ideas for getting

the family out exploring Mount Taranaki this summer. Check out the DOC website for more track info www.doc.govt.nz or contact North Egmont Visitor Centre ph 06 7560990. **Wilkie’s Pools Loop Track** Time: 20 min to the pools, 1 hour 20 minutes loop Distance: 1.9 km loop From Dawson Falls road end walk through young forest then subalpine (goblin) forest to a series of pools, scoured from 20,000 year old lava. Take togs and a towel and enjoy a refreshing dip in the pools. The first 900m of this track (to the pools) is baby buggy/ wheelchair friendly with the remainder of the track good for children. The track winds through ‘goblin forest’, crossing the bridge over the Kapuni Stream to reach the turnoff to the small lava formed Wilkie’s Pools. Families may want to return the same way – continuing around the loop

requires some rock hopping across Kapuni Stream. Return to the signpost to continue around the loop, past small waterfalls, bubbling springs and the intake weir for the power station. Recross the Kapuni Stream and head back to the visitor centre. Take care when crossing the Kāpuni Stream as the river bank may be eroded, making access difficult. There is no bridge across this stream. It may be impassable after heavy rain. **York Road Loop Track** Time: approx. 3 hours (with stops) Distance: 5.3km loop York Road Loop Track follows part of the old Egmont Branch Railway Line. It is best walked in a clockwise direction and passes ten numbered sites of interest along the way. The terrain is mainly flat with some gentle inclines.

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York Road Crusher site. Photo Tamsen Walker.



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Diorama details social impact of the car

The transport display at Tawhiti Museum continues to grow. Their last article in this paper focused on the challenge of obtaining good hard roading metal in Taranaki. A new diorama in that same display looks at the social impact of cars.

In the horse-drawn vehicle days a trip to the beach for most families was, at best, a slow trot in a gig or buggy on poorly formed roads – still mostly rough tracks really.

No sooner had you got to your destination, had a quick dip in the sea, maybe a bite to eat, than it was time to head back home to milk the cows.

But having a car meant that such trips become more comfortable, quicker and longer – beaches, rivers, lakes and ‘up the mountain’ became possible – and with time now to really enjoy the features these new destinations offered.

The diorama featured here,

from that display, shows a 1931 Ford Sedan and Pickup at the beach, with kids and parents stylishly equipped for bathing in their new woollen swimsuits. Saveloys and new potatoes will be boiling over a fire, while the kids collect shells to take home as a memory of their big day out. And almost invariably, the outing was photographed with a ‘Kodak Box Brownie’ camera. Look in your shoebox of old family photos – there’s guaranteed to be some of ‘cars and picnics’ – recording a very real technological and social change.

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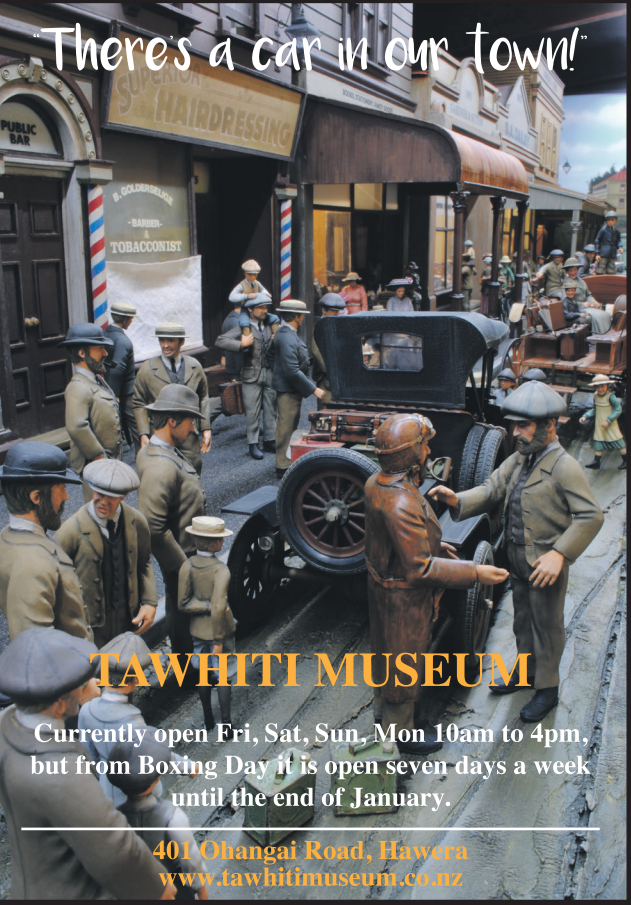
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Planning the key to combatting higher costs

Strong financial management, grazing management and people management skills will help dairy farmers buffer rising input costs and produce milk more efficiently.

That's the message from DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle who says despite a high milk price, high-cost pressures are expected to continue for at least the next couple of years.

Statistics New Zealand released its latest farm expense price index last month which showed large inflation costs for farmers over the past two years.

Four key farming costs have experienced inflation of more than 10 per cent between 2019 and 2021, including fertiliser with a 15.9 per cent increase; cultivation, harvesting and animal feed with an 18.9 per cent increase; electricity with a 21 per cent increase; and stock grazing costs which are 36.9 per cent higher this year than they were in 2019.

"The current economic climate is unique and reflects a combination of forces that seldom come together," says Dr Mackle.

"International demand for food, especially dairy products, remains strong, but poor production and high input prices worldwide have limited supply. This means world food prices are currently around a third higher than the same time last year."

DairyNZ principal



Dr Tim Mackle.

economist Dr Graeme Doole says shipping prices, on average, are around 600 per cent higher than two years ago due to port delays and closures related to COVID-19, and the prices of ocean freight out of Asia have grown substantially, increasing by 15 times between March and August this year.

Urea prices alone have jumped by 67 per cent since August 2020 due to greater global demand for nitrogen. FAO figures suggest nitrogen use has only increased by 1.33 per cent since 2020, but higher seasonal demand, coupled with international supply

issues, have pushed up urea prices globally.

"In New Zealand, China is our largest supplier of urea for fertiliser and there is huge competition with other industries for shipping containers. China has also tightened exports of urea to assure supplies in its domestic market, so this is having a real impact on international markets, and of course our dairy farmers are also grappling with those extra costs," says Dr Doole.

Domestic PKE prices are currently at their highest since the start of 2020 at \$391 per tonne.

New Zealand is also seeing higher fuel prices due to less crude oil production and

exports.

Dr Doole says New Zealand can expect to see strong global demand and a high price for farming inputs, especially feed and fertiliser, for some time.

"While the payout may fall in the near to mid-term compared to where forecasts are now, it will likely stay above its long-term average of \$6.50 next season," he adds.

Only two farm cost categories have deflated since 2019, which are lime at -4.5 per cent, and interest rates at -13.4 per cent.

Lower interest rates between June 2019 and November 2021, coupled with higher payouts, have helped to reduce debt in the dairy sector by \$3.58 billion.

However, business lending interest rates are starting to increase as the Reserve Bank seeks to control inflation across the economy, making debt more expensive to issue.

Farmers will start facing more scrutiny from banks over the next few years as environmental policies start to affect profitability and banks introduce tighter lending criteria to meet new legislative requirements.

"While we do have challenges ahead, efficiency is the low hanging fruit, and we know that at least 50% of farmers can produce the same amount of milk with less inputs like feed, nitrogen and fertiliser," he says.

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On this month in history Peter Fraser dies

On December 12, 1950 Peter Fraser died, aged 66. The Scottish born parliamentarian took over when Labour prime minister Michael Joseph Savage died in 1940. He lost the

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How to ‘flood-proof’ your effluent management system

Your effluent management system needs to work for you 365 days of the year, so that means preparing for all kinds of weather. While extreme events can’t be predicted, it’s reasonably foreseeable in New Zealand to have storms, floods and large downpours at one time or another – some areas more than others. So here’s some best practice guidelines for how to ‘flood-proof’ your effluent management system...

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much, than not enough. We always recommend having more than the minimum council requirements to allow for times where



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fast and is a cost-effective investment. Maximising the amount of storage you have available gives you one less worry should you not be able to spread at all over the wet season.

Solids separation
If solids separation is used it may be worth considering a cover/roof for your solids storage area. This will reduce the chances of your solids becoming muck, or getting washed away during heavy rainfall.

Pond design
Your pond should have a reasonable freeboard to allow for additional water levels during flood prone times.

Electric motors
As we all know, electricity and water are not a great mix, so it’s best to have any electric motors on a plinth or something that keeps them above reasonable expected water levels.

Flood pumps
If you are in a flood prone area, a flood pump could be of value to assist with pumping over stock banks.

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spreading is not an option, and rainfall is high. Should an extreme weather event occur, this also reduces the chances of you having a big effluent clean up to deal with.

Storm Water diverter, pipes and systems
Having a storm water diverter is insurance should

it ever be needed. Your storm water diverter should be large enough to handle more than just a heavy downpour. Further to this, the pipes leading the water away should be big enough to handle large intakes of water, and should lead to a storm water system that can handle the intake.

Preparation
Set aside some time to reduce effluent storage levels as much as possible before winter. You never know what the weather will bring, so it’s best to hope for the best and prepare for the worst. A Nevada RainWave™ Drag Hose System can be ideal for dropping pond levels

Vet shortage prompts pragmatic response

The Veterinary Council of New Zealand (VCNZ) has clarified how it will manage a number of issues related to the country’s shortage of veterinarians. It is also encouraging vets to keep a close eye on their

wellbeing, as the shortage puts increasing pressure on them and other veterinary professionals. VCNZ CEO and Registrar Iain McLachlan says the Council’s response, which is detailed in a recently released statement to all veterinary practices, reflects a pragmatic approach to the current situation. “We have tackled issues such as professional development and requirements for after hours services, to assist veterinary teams to adopt new ways of working and look after their own safety and wellbeing, as well as that of their patients and clients,” he says. “We are also launching a campaign to let the public know that while vets may be working differently,

high standards of care are being maintained. VCNZ acknowledges that at the moment many people will be finding it harder to book their animals for the likes of routine checks, but this is generally because vet teams are prioritising animals that need urgent care. A little patience and understanding will go a long way at the moment.” In its statement to veterinary businesses last week, the Council highlighted key steps it would take in response to the shortage. These included being open to reasonable requests for temporary relief from 24-7 emergency service provision; recognising that not all professional development will be completed during the shortage; and that its

Complaints Assessment Committees and Notification Review Group will take the vet shortage and pandemic into account when considering complaints and concerns. The Council is encouraging veterinary practices to contact them if they want to reduce services, and in its official statement, highlighted several aspects of the Code of Professional Conduct that are commonly misunderstood. “For example, in less stressful times, a lot of vets have taken the approach that they respond to any emergency call but under the Code they are only required to respond to calls from their own clients. Non-clients can be referred to their normal vet,” Iain says.

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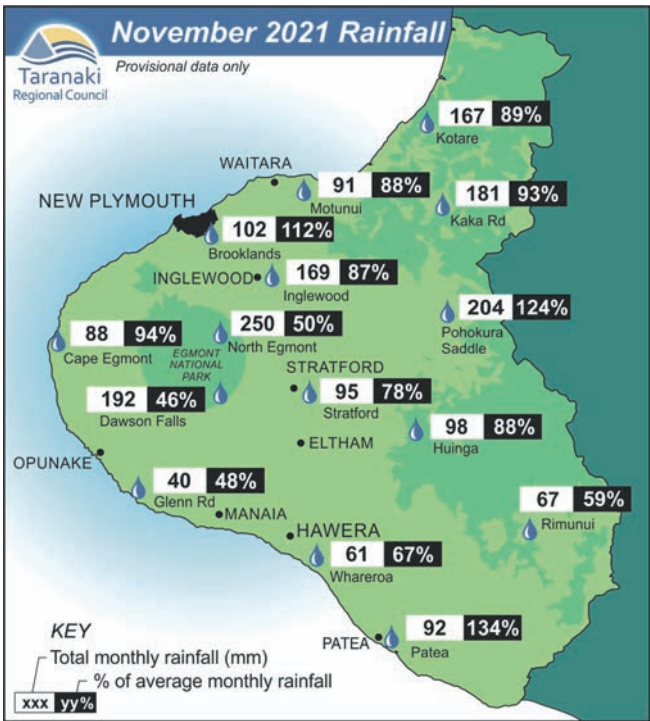


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November rainfall less than average for most

Rainfall for November varied between 46% and 139% of normal, with an average of 88%, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Dawson Falls recorded just 46% of normal with 191.5 mm for November, while the Mangatete Rd site (near Okato) recorded 139% of normal with 186.0 mm. Just six of the 27 sites recorded above normal rainfall for November, and these were: Hillsborough (128%), Brooklands (112%), Everett Park (100%), Pohokura Saddle (124%), Mangatete Rd – Okato (139%), and Patea (134%). Te Maunga recorded below normal rainfall with totals ranging between 46% and 73% of normal.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 84% and 116%, with an average of 100%. Dawson Falls has recorded the most rainfall to date, with 6401.0mm, which is 116% of normal. Omahine at Moana Trig



has recorded the least with 1363.5mm (88% of normal). Due to the lower than normal rainfall, all river flows were below normal for the month, with mean flows being between 46% and 99% of normal. No new extremes were recorded. Water temperatures for the month were above normal for all sites by between 0.56°C and 1.85°C. No new extremes were recorded.

The average air temperature, excluding Te Maunga, for November was 15.62°C, which was 1.24°C warmer than the long term November average. Inglewood recorded the maximum for the month with 25.65°C, while Whareroa recorded the minimum for the month with 4.09°C. Soil moisture was mixed with Tongaporutu, Okoki, Pohokura Saddle, Okato, Manaia and Patea recording above normal by between 0.39% and 3.82%. The remaining four sites of Hillsborough, Cape Egmont, Te Kiri and Waitotara Valley recorded below normal by between 1.40% and 9.20%. Soil temperature for November was all above normal by between 0.49°C and 3.83°C. Cape Egmont and Te Kiri also recorded new maximum November soil temperatures with 23.76°C and 20.90°C respectively. Spring rainfall, consisting of the months September,

October and November, had totals ranging between 76% and 123% of normal, with an average of 97%. Ten sites recorded above normal for spring, and these were, Dawson Falls, Omaru at Charlies, Patea, Stony, Pohokura Saddle, Everett Park, Egmont Village, Bell Block, Brooklands Zoo and Hillsborough

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Farmer led project wins Challenge

A new project that will support farmers to use scientific landscape data to meet carbon and water quality goals has won the AGMARDT Aotearoa New Zealand Food & Fibres Challenge. The Challenge is a contestable fund from primary sector funder AGMARDT aimed at giving new thinkers with innovative initiatives an opportunity to solve specific priority issues for the sector. With this second round of the Challenge, AGMARDT invited applications for industry-led initiatives that break new ground in the drive towards a zero-carbon economy. Thriving Southland, a farmer-led, cross-sector initiative has been awarded more than \$498,000 for its Beyond Regulation project. This will develop and trial a new model for

providing farmers with relevant scientific landscape data to inform carbon and water quality solutions, meeting both their own and government sanctioned environmental targets. “This project is about farmers and the rural community working directly with scientists to make a difference,” says AGMARDT Chair Nick Pyke. “It’s not only next generation thinking but is being driven by farmers who want to see change from the ground up and at the end will deliver a valuable tool that will benefit rural communities across New Zealand.” The funding will support a pilot project in Southland’s Matāura River Catchment, delivered as a joint initiative between the rural community, Thriving Southland and local

environmental consultancy Land and Water Science. It will use satellite and airborne data sets to develop a model of landscape properties that highlight variations in greenhouse gas emissions and water quality at catchment, farm and paddock scales. An online portal will also be developed where users can access this information and a training course developed for rural professionals and a support network for land users. Thriving Southland chair Jeff Grant says the project is critical for environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing of Southland and ultimately all rural communities. “It’s fantastic to receive funding through The Challenge for this project. Farmers want to see change and they also want to be confident that their decisions

and investments will achieve the desired outcomes. “Our whole focus is on giving farmers landscape knowledge so they look under the bonnet, understand key issues such as where carbon is being emitted, where mitigation is happening and where and how they can make changes that will really make a difference. “Ultimately it gives farmers another layer of options for meeting their aspirations for an inherently more sustainable and hence resilient rural environment.” Mr Grant says farmers are part of the project advisory group to ensure information is practically aligned in an easy-to-use format. Farmers should start to see information they can work with coming out in July 2022.

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With the track partially ripped open and new lime chip laid before the rain arrived and then an ominous weather forecast for the week leading up to racing, there was doubt that speedway would get to run on Saturday. However, the rain cleared on Thursday which allowed the track prep team to get the track sorted

and then stayed away long enough on Saturday for the race meeting to get through. Of the six classes that were racing, five were racing for trophies, including the Streetstocks racing for the Kettle Handyman Service Taranaki Champs, the first Taranaki champs for any class to be run this season. Paul Blinkhorne, who was making his first on track appearance of the season was too fast for the rest of the field and won the Taranaki Champs after placing second in the first race and then winning the next two. Defending champion Nic Smith was quick, but just couldn't quite catch Blinkhorne and had to settle for second overall after recording a win and two second places. Veteran racer John Young came home third. After one travelling driver elected not to come due to the dicey weather and another broke down on the way to Stratford, Modifieds were left with just five cars to compete for the King of the Mountain champs. After sorting some engine issues, Jason Kalin has found a lot more speed in his car and he won the event by two points from Blair Luscombe after winning the first two races and placing second in



Recent action from the Stratford Speedway.

the other. Shaun Bloeman, who's car didn't seem to want to do anything that it should be, managed to bring his car home in all races and claimed the third step on the podium. Stockcars raced with the biggest field on the night and included several visiting drivers from Whanganui in the starting lineup. Carol Podjursky, who was in fine form, survived being slammed into the wall by William Hughes in race two and finished all three races to win the Heritage Shield by just one point from Hughes. Karlin Painter-Dudley and Whanganui driver Blair Reeves-Smith were tied on points for third place with Painter-Dudley cementing his place on the podium after beating Reeves-Smith in an entertaining run off. Carl Shearer was in

great from as usual and beat home thirteen other competitors to win the King of the Mountain Superstock Champs. Brad Uhlenberg raced to a well deserved second place ahead of his cousin Blair Uhlenberg who was third. Blair Uhlenberg would likely have finished higher up the points chart but was slammed into the wall late in race three after a restart by Matthew Picard which dropped him back a number of places. Minisprints raced for Best Pairs. Race wins were spread between Daniel Nickel, Cameron Hurley and Karl Uhlenberg but it was the pairing of Nickel and Whanganui racer Brad McDonald who's combined points secured them the top step of the podium. Ella Sharpe and Mark Phipps, who are both nicely coming

to grips in their new class (both being ex Superstock drivers) were second and the pairing of Karl Uhlenberg and Jono Noonan third. Gary Adamson dominated the racing in the Adult Ministock class, winning all three races. The next race meeting at MG Taranaki Stratford Speedway is on December 18th and as well as speedway racing, Santa will be there with his sleigh to have photos taken with kids, there will be a Christmas themed dress up competition for kids with prizes and give aways and more. Check out the details on www.stratford-speedway.co.nz or find Stratford Speedway on Facebook for more detailed information.

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Boxing in a new direction

When young boxers at James(Batman)Langton’s boxing gym were having to leave Opunake because they couldn’t find work, Batman decided to do something about it.

Opunake farmer James Langton has been the New Zealand National Boxing Federation Cruiserweight champion and is undefeated as New Zealand Pro Box heavyweight champion. These days he is more familiar as the face behind Barbwire Boxing and Fitness. Now he has added Barbwire Fencing to his repertoire.

“We had a couple of young guys who had been training with us for 6-7 months and had to leave the community for employment,” said James.

The answer was Barbwire Fencing, a business made up of young boxers from Barbwire Boxing and Fitness where all profits go back to the boxing gym.

The only criteria, says James is that they have to



In the ring at Batman’s farm. From left James(Batman)Langton, Noah Matthews, Bobby Katene, Manase Fililia, Leon Trepels.

train.

Last week, James and young boxers Noah Matthews, Bobby Katene and Manase Fililia were putting up a boxing ring on

James’ farm. Other boxers involved with Barbwire Boxing are Ruckus Ratahi and Beau Petley..

“The boys asked us for some work and suggested

fencing,” says James. “ I said go and do a business plan and they did. It was a little bit light on detail but we got there.”

James enlisted the help of

local retired builder Leon Trepels who has done a bit of work with decks and fences for Barbwire Boxing and Fitness to act as an advisor.

“Hopefully this will steer the boys in the right direction,” says Leon.

With COVID meaning events are being called off, Barbwire Fencing has given the boxers something to fill the gap.

Bobby and Manase were due to have fights last weekend, but because of COVID restrictions these had been pushed back. Bobby has a number of fights under his belt and is so far undefeated. For Manase it would have been his first fight.

Bobby has been with the gym for just under a year, Noah for a year or two, while Manase has been with the gym for a month or two.

Meanwhile James says Barbwire Boxing and Fitness has been doing well.

“Plenty of people have been turning up to learn boxing and the science behind it,” he says.

He has also taken on Ange Hapeta as PA to do paperwork and look after promotion and marketing.

In the short time Barbwire Fencing has been running they have already picked up a number of jobs around Opunake.

The boxers working in Barbwire Fencing range in age from 17 to 20.

“School wasn’t really for them, but they train really hard and come here and do five days’ work,” says James. “This is keeping youth busy and occupied. You’ve got four or five fit young men able to do a solid day’s work.”

Active participation in physical activity at Matapu School



Matapu School principal James Willson briefs students between exercises.

An hour of physical fitness training is going down a treat at Matapu School. The school had applied for funding from the Te

Manawa Fund through Sport Taranaki and were able to get equipment which included Box Fit gear, kick pads, boxing gloves, focus

pads and table tennis gear. This term the gear has all been put to good use with hour-long fitness sessions for Year 7 and 8 students on

Fridays.

“The kids are really enjoying it,” says principal James Willson. “Some play rugby, soccer and netball, but half of them haven’t been involved in consistent sport, so it’s been great to have them sign up for an hour’s worth of fitness. You never hear them complain about being tired or wanting to sit it out. The key thing is active participation in physical activity.”

The school has 26 Year 7 and Year 8 students, and notices had been sent out, and 20 had been returned expressing an interest in

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colours at Jordy's funeral, and continue to support Jordy's family and friends. Thank you to the Coastal Rugby players, members, stakeholders and sponsors who are all important cogs in the wheels that keep the Coastal Rugby machine moving, to all who played their part in organising the jubilee, the team working behind the scenes that get players on the field at home and away, and those involved in setting up the Coastal Rugby legacy which will benefit all players, their families and those associated with Coastal Rugby for future generations. I encourage you to commit to setting up a regular payment to this fund, for as little as \$1 per month you will be making a difference. Merry Christmas and all the best for 2022 Ride the Wave


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Apollo Projects boost Taranaki school sports opportunities with major sponsorship programme

Students from several Taranaki high schools will soon benefit from a share of more than \$400,000 of sports funding, thanks to a new sponsorship initiative from one of Aotearoa’s major design and construction companies, Apollo Projects.

The company is sponsoring 13 schools across Taranaki, Gisborne and Hawke’s Bay for two years in an effort to help more students play

sport. Apollo Projects is building the new Stratford Aquatic facility and has been working in the region for a number of years at the Fonterra Whareroa site.

Apollo Projects co-director Craig Waghorn says his team are excited to be helping students get out and enjoy sport.

“At Apollo, we have always been passionate about sport, and we know the difference it can make

in young people’s lives,” he says. “It’s a privilege to be able to support the communities we operate in, in such an impactful way.”

Apollo Projects hopes to increase the level of sports funding it provides and extend the sponsorship to even more regions as it continues to grow.

The initiative has been made possible thanks to a partnership between Apollo Projects and NZ Sport

Collective, led by former Olympic champion, Rob Waddell. The NZ Sport Collective works with not-for-profit organisations, schools and charities helping them achieve better funding outcomes.

Mr Waddell, who is managing the initiative, says, “it’s rewarding to see the funding going to schools where it will make the most difference for young

people.”

“Schools have been delighted to receive the funding and have shared the impact it will have on participation levels, affordability and access to various events and tournaments,” Craig Waghorn says.

To date, the sponsorships have already funded a wide range of needs, including direct student funding through athlete scholarships, school sport uniforms and equipment, transportation, and other associated costs.

Hawera High School Principal Rachel Williams says, “financial support for our struggling families is fantastic and introducing new games and sports at lunchtimes is our way of engaging with a diverse range of students to create a healthier wellbeing.”

Active participation in physical activity at Matapu School

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taking part, so the sessions started off from there.

Sessions begin with warm-up exercises, often led by one of the students taking part. Students then split up into pairs, rotating through a series of exercises with the gear, and they are invited to give positive feedback on how well their partners are doing.

Ryan Blackburn says that with other things getting canned, the classes filled a gap.

“I thought I would try something new, as most of the teams this year got



Jasper Mitchell faces off against James Willson.

cancelled,” he says.

Cahill Sievert-White describes herself as a “moderately active person,” and says she has found the exercises a good way of gaining confidence. She has enjoyed getting stuck into the punch bags and kick boxing followed by the table tennis, which she describes as “being like a warm down.” She has also enjoyed leading some of the exercises.

“It definitely helps doing this with people you know rather than those you don’t, like you would in a gym,” she says.

Jasper Mitchell says he had signed up because he thought it would be a good

experience, and the sessions had measured up perfectly to his expectations.

“I’ve enjoyed meeting up with new people and making new friends,” he says.

James Willson says what they have been doing has attracted interest from outside the school.

“The Te Manawa people are doing a case study on us, as this is quite different from what they normally fund.”

He says as time goes on he would like to have other Year classes in the school take part.

Life memberships awarded



Life members Len and Sharon Adamson.

On Monday December 6, Len and Sharon Adamson were awarded Life membership at the Pungarehu Golf Club’s 89th AGM. Deserved recipients, Over 16 years of service to the club, Len in charge of the course, mowing the fairways, and with Sharon by his side working on the course fixing, creating and planting many trees, insuring the course looked its best. Len’s trade as a mechanic has saved the club thousands of dollars as he fixed the club’s mowers, tractors, and anything else mechanical. The Adamsons have always done this

quietly with no fuss. Len also ran the men’s pennant team.

Sharon has been on the committee for 16 years, 11 years as treasurer, Plus ladies club captain and bar manager. Over the years Sharon spent many hours applying for different charities for funding to enable our little club to complete many works in progress, providing our community with a club we can be proud of.

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Percy Thomson Gallery Director Rhonda Bunyan with one of the commemoration books she has produced, which features all 68 Taranaki artists participating in the Art of Resilience exhibition.


How do life experiences change the way they work and what they create? 'Art builds resilience when we make creative choices, even if we don't know what the outcome might look like. It is why humankind has continually returned to art-making as a way to repair and recover from the inescapable

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Sunday January 16th.
Registration day at the TSB Stadium. Time to relax to meet friends in the afternoon At twilight or any night you wish, take a stroll through the adjoining beautiful Pukekura Park.

Festival Motoring.
On each of the motoring days (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) you day will start from either Devon Street East or Devon Street West and have the option of a short or a long run. As we don't want to disrupt early traffic, no vehicles will leave from the TSB Stadium (racecourse) in the morning.

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Along the way you will learn about some local history including the Land Wars, and the Oil and Gas industry.

Tuesday January 18.
Competitive day.

This is an optional event. The competitive aspect is timing only. There will be separate routes for the following classes of vehicles. Veteran, Vintage,

Post Vintage, Post War. P60s, P80s, Motorcycles and Commercials. The starting points for these routes are separate and will be from places of interest.

These routes will be unique to the Competitive Day and will not traverse the other motoring day runs.

If you prefer, you can have a rest day today or take time out to enjoy the sites of Taranaki.

Wednesday January 19 -Destination Opunake
The coastal town of Opunake is our destination and lunch stop. The main street will be closed for us to park our vehicles, where a packed lunch will be provided by one of the local organisations and time to take in the local art gallery, street art and other shopping that this unique corner of Taranaki offers. TVCC member Nigel Ogle will also have his restoration business open to check out his latest project.

From Opunake we head back to New Plymouth via some very unique historical sights, Parihaka and the East Cape lighthouse, the Oaonui on shore Natural Gas site plus the magnificent Pukeiti garden or the Korver Molloy Art Gallery in the old Okato Cheese factory.

Thursday January 20th. Destination Stratford / Whangamomona
There are three optional Lunch stop routes today. The short and medium

to Stratford and the long route to the republic of Whangamomona with all ending up at the Inglewood Street party commencing at 4pm.

1. The short and medium routes offer entrants whose vehicles are not up the demands of the steep hills to Whangamomona the opportunity of relaxing in Stratford from 10am through to 2pm where you can wander the streets, parks and enjoy a relaxing lunch at one of the many cafes and restaurants in Stratford. In the centre of the town is New Zealand's only Glockenspiel and with Stratford's Shakespearean heritage you can listen to Juliet making her plea of "where for art thou Romeo" at 1pm in the centre of town after having visited one of New Zealand's finest small art galleries and wandered through the King Edward Rhododendron dell.

2. For the more motorable vehicles, the independent Republic of Whangamomona is the place for you and will afford you the longest day's motoring you will have. Today, while you have time to see the sights, it's not a day to dawdle as at the end of this day we have something different for you, a Street Party in Inglewood.

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Friday January 21. -Destination Hawera

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The afternoon covers a wide variety of terrain. Some of this is quite hilly and so there are alternative routes to accommodate lower powered vehicles.

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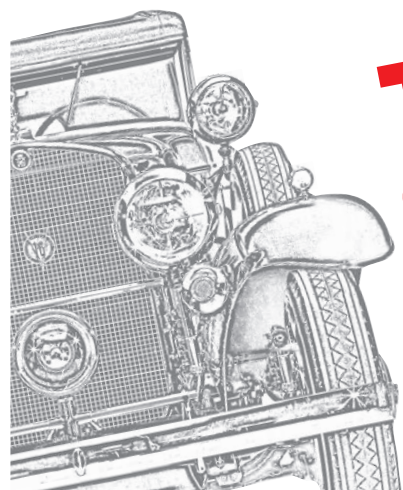
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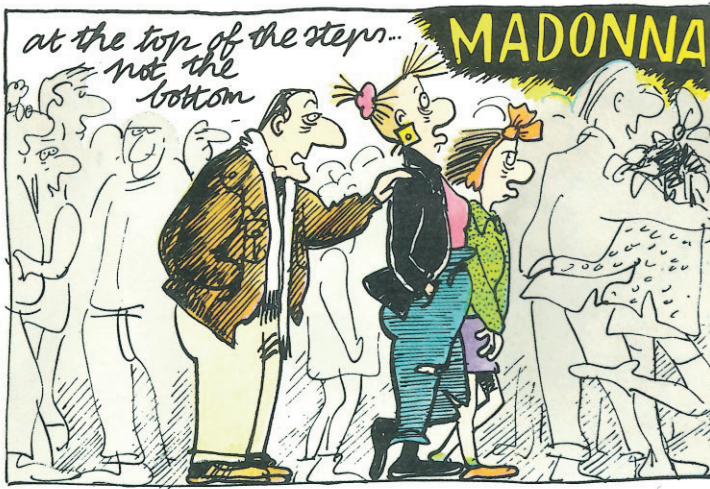
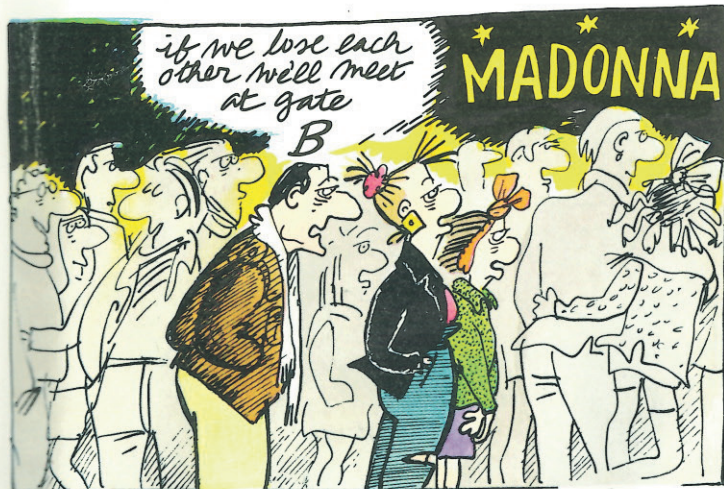
GWENYTH RICHARDS:
Closed December 21st - January 9th 2022

LISA KEEN AUDIOLOGY:
Closed December 24th - January 9th 2022

MIHI HENRY:
Closed December 17th - February 16th 2022

Thank you for your support during 2021.

THE CONCERT



What's On Listings

ONGOING

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

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.

TUESDAYS

Opunake Walking Group: Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.

Life Drawing Group: Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

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.

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus: Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

THURSDAYS

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia: Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.

FRIDAYS

Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 9:30am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth: Last Friday of the month at Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm.

WEEKENDS

The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

DECEMBER 18, 26

Stratford Speedway Racing: At Stratford Speedway. Racing starts at 7pm.

DECEMBER 18 2021 TO JAN 30 2022

'The Art of resilience' exhibition by Rhonda Bunyan: At Percy Thomsom Gallery, Stratford.

COMMENCING JAN 2022

Holiday Art Workshops, Opunake: Explore techniques in sculpture and printmaking. Contact Claire on 761 8468

JAN 16 TO JAN 21 2022

VERO International festival of Motoring 2022: Throughout Taranaki. See article for details.

FROM JAN 18 2022

Members New Year Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

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Next Meeting is on
Monday February 7, 2022
at 5.30pm
Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the
Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake
(opposite the Coastal Care Medical Centre)

Stevenson Calf Rearing

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
to our friends, family and suppliers

Ph. Mark or Trish on 0800 350 340 or txt
027 495 2897 E: markstevo@xtra.co.nz
Troy Stevenson 027 469 7636
E: troystevo@gmail.com

Manaia Community Services Group
Stand Still Christmas Parade



Santa and his helpers will visit every street
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Starting 6.30pm, December 18



Dear patients

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

OAKURA MEDICAL CENTRE and OPUNAKE MEDICAL CENTRE	
OPENING HOURS	
Monday 27 th December 2021	CLOSED
Tuesday 28 th December 2021	CLOSED
Wednesday 29 th December 2021	8.30am – 5pm
Thursday 30 th December 2021	8.30am – 5pm
Friday 31 st December 2021	8.30am – 5pm
Monday 3 rd January 2022	CLOSED
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	CLOSED
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	8.30am – 5pm
Thursday 6 th January 2022	8.30am – 5pm
Friday 7 th January 2022	8.30am – 5pm

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If you would like more information, please contact Katie Simmonds on
027 715 7348 or send your current CV, cover letter and two referees to
kjssteppingstones@gmail.com

Closing date for applications is 3pm Friday 17th December 2021.

Opunake Co-operating Parish
Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

Okato Co-operating Parish
Okato - St Pauls – 10.00am, 1st and 3rd Sundays each
month
Okato - St Pauls – 5.00pm, Evensong, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
each month
Oakura - St James – 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays each
month

Opunake Catholic Church
St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays
of the month
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
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 - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

The Wave
Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10.30am
Women's Group 10am Tuesday
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
Come along or contact
Belinda Philp
027 935 6191


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 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.
Everyone welcome

PUBLIC NOTICES

OPUNAKE DISTRICT RSA

Brian Vincent, President
of the Opunake RSA would
like to thank everyone who
contributed to Poppy Day.
Also appreciated is people's
remembrance of Armistice
Day (11,11,11)



The Opunake Christmas
Parade has been cancelled
for 2021 due to COVID
restrictions.
President: Liz Sinclair
Opunake & District
Business Association

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