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# Sun, sand and surf

There were lots of people cooling off last Tuesday evening at Opunake Beach.

Locals, tourists, children, young people, older people they were all out enjoying the record breaking temperatures.

From Germany, Henni Ermshaus, Doreen Schulte and Mona Blankenautulland who were travelling around New Zealand in a car had just arrived in Opunake and after a quick snack were off to have a swim in the sea. The water is apparently 4-5 degrees warmer than usual because of an anticyclone in November last year.

Dustin Appleton and Ashleigh Ball from Canada had just been in Raglan and were in Opunake for a few days. Then they weren't sure where they were going they said but were clearly enjoying themselves.

And Helena Bryng and Christer Andersson from



From left, Henni Ermshaus, Doreen Schulte and Mona Blankenautulland enjoying the sun at Opunake Beach.

Sweden were also revelling

in the baking weather at Opunake Beach as they cooked up a meal of leftovers and lamb chops. The couple who arrived in Auckland a month ago had been travelling around the North Island. They'd come to Opunake because they had friends who'd talked about the place and for the "the surfing, fishing and spectacular views in Taranaki." The pair had just done the Tongariro Crossing and the next day were heading up the Mountain.

For locals Noel Arden and Joanna Phillips it was an

opportunity to introduce son William to the surf. hang out.

And for three young chaps, it was just a great place to

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Helena Bryng and Christer Andersson from Sweden.



Dustin Appleton and Ashleigh Ball from Canada.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Don't buy flat-nosed dogs

Trade Me's decision to ban the sale of bulldogs and pugs from March 1 is a great start, but more needs to be done to restrict the breeding of brachycephalic, or flat-faced, dogs.

Pugs, bulldogs and other "flat faced" dogs face a life of misery due to reckless breeding, according to veterinarians and the RSPCA, with many requiring surgery just to be able to breathe properly. Some are sleep deprived because they cannot breathe when they lie down, while others develop oesophageal issues requiring them to be fed in a baby's high chair. These dogs may also be susceptible to heat stress, eye problems, dental disease, skin infections and spinal deformities.

These are just a few of the many problems associated with breeding dogs to have certain unnatural physical traits at the expense of their health. About one in four purebred dogs is afflicted with serious congenital defects, including hypothyroidism, demodectic mange, epilepsy, cataracts, allergies, chronic ear infections, hip dysplasia and others that have been handed down through generations

of inbreeding. What's more, while breeders churn our dogs for profit, thousands of homeless animals are destroyed in New Zealand every single year for lack of good homes.

If you have the time, space, money, and compassion needed to care for an animal, please adopt a homeless dog or cat from the local animal shelter or rescue group. Never buy an animal from a pet store or breeder, and always have your animal companion desexed to prevent contributing to the overpopulation crisis that sees so many animals languishing in shelters across the country.

Desmond Bellamy  
Special Projects  
Coordinator  
PETA Australia

### Opunake's young sporting teams

Nearly every time I've read this great newspaper called the Opunake and Coastal News I've been seeing many young sporting teams from Opunake regardless of their sporting codes beating some of New Zealand's top high school teams which is extremely brilliant.

I am now beginning to realise if these young and upcoming sports youngsters do realise that their small town of Opunake has had many great sports people like All Black Graham Mourie and New Zealand's Olympic champion Peter Snell just to name a few in their given sports codes.

Look, it's not the winning it's the matter of taking part, giving your best shot

and if you all win it's good. However, if not don't worry there's always another time when you meet the same team that beat you beforehand, then you all as a team beat them, but one thing to remember - always play and be smarter than your opposition and play as a team, not as individuals.

Remembering myself when attending high school, many of us never had the same opportunities as high schools have today. I played against many Taranaki secondary school teams, but nowadays it's gone national, so take every opportunity you can as one never knows what lies ahead for each pupil and student.

Tom Stephens,  
New Plymouth

### Water a vital commodity

Every New Zealander needs water, and to have irrigation of some sort you have to have water.

Our Federated Farmers should be pleased our coalition government actually recognises that farmers need help with their water, just like our cities and towns.

Everyone knows water is not only the lifeblood on how we all live, but it's becoming a vital necessity to each and every one of us.

Our changeable climatic environment is affecting everyone of us. Now what our farmers must do is to start planning at least one or two years ahead, so if and when we have heavy rainfall or a hot, dry summer causing a drought, everyone should be prepared.

Farmers rely heavily on our overseas exports to bring in the dollars, but like the rest of us, they must all do their part to achieve this by

proper strategic planning ahead of time.

We have the potential of doing this. This means all of us, our farmers, our cities and towns, along with this great government, working on this important issue.

### Coastal wards becoming one

From an outsider's point of view, having two separate working wards within the coast is somewhat stupid and ridiculous and a complete waste of time.

Look everyone, wouldn't it be far better to have one viable, working ward which brings in Opunake, Manaia, Rahotu, Pungarehu and the rural areas which would then be known as the Coastal Plains Ward, similar to how the three separate rugby clubs have formed one strong rugby club. Now there can be one strong coastal ward.

Every separate town can still have their own separate community committees, then have a selected representative on the ward board which could form an extremely strong alliance between the towns and the rural areas.

When it comes to having a meeting with the South Taranaki District Council, this Coastal Plains Ward board could put each case to them and have the support from other members, so before running this idea of having two separate wards, please keep this suggestion in mind.

Remember, every coastal town must start working together for the betterment of the coast itself. I believe there are some extremely capable people who could really help the coast in the potential which it has.

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### ADELPHOS

*Thought:* C.S. Lewis, a former atheist, said Jesus' claims were so radical that he was either a liar, a lunatic, a legend or the Lord. Here are some of Jesus' claims: He claimed to be the Messiah (John 4:25-26). He claimed to be God's Son (Matthew 26:63-64) who pre-existed in heaven (John 6:38). He claimed to be the great eternal "I am" of the Old Testament (John 8:58). He claimed to be the only way to come to His Father—God. (John 14:6). He claimed that hell is a real place of eternal suffering (Matthew 13:42)\*. He claimed to be the giver of eternal life (John 10:28). He claimed to have the authority to forgive sins (Mark 2:10). He claimed that he would be resurrected (Luke 9:22).

### The claims of Christ

He claimed power to resurrect three very dead people (Lk. 7:14; Matt. 9:25 Jn. 11:44). He claimed that he will resurrect to life those who believe in Him (John 11:25-26). He claimed to be the gate to heaven (John 10:7) and few will enter by it (Matthew 7:14). He claimed authority over demons (Mark 9:25). He claimed that God loves us and wants us to choose life (John 3:16-19). He claimed to be the bread of life (John 6:35). He claimed to be both a king (John 18:37) and a servant (Mark 10:45). He claimed He will send the Holy Spirit to believers (John 14:25-26). He claimed to be the light of the world (John 8:12). He claimed that following

Him will require sacrifice and denial of ego (Luke 9:23). He claimed to always be with his followers (Matthew 28:20). He claimed that He will come to earth again (John 14:3, Matthew 24:30). He claimed to be the final judge of all people (John 5:22-23). He claimed to give rest to all who are weary and weighed down by life (Matthew 11:28). \*C.S. Lewis said of hell, "There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than this, if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of Scripture and, especially, of our Lord's own words" (*The Problem of Pain*, chapter 3).

Adelphos



# Sun, sand and surf



People swimming at Opunake Beach on Tuesday night.

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People continued to swim in the warm sea as daylight gave way to a beautiful sunset. Sun, sand and surf, what more could you want for a brilliant summer.



**RIGHT:**  
Noel Ardern and Joanna Phillips from Opunake with son William .

**RIGHT:**  
From left Cameron Quinnell, Nico Hill, and Scott Quinnell.





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**Community focus attracts new chief executive**

Waid Crockett says he is enjoying his new role as the South Taranaki District Council's chief executive.

"You get to do something different every day," he says. He takes over from Craig Stevenson, who has made the move north to be chief executive at the New Plymouth District Council.

For the last four and a half years he has been general manager (the equivalent of chief executive) at the Upper Hunter Valley Shire Council in New South Wales, which had 195 full time staff. Among the services the Council were in charge of were an airport, saleyards, an aged care facility and an early learning centre.

The Upper Hunter Valley has a name for being the horse capital of Australia and when it comes to thoroughbred breeding is second only to Kentucky, Waid says. Hence the importance of keeping the airport well looked after with the wealthy coming in and out on their private jets.

The Shire was the product of a merger of councils back in 2004, in much the same way that South Taranaki District was formed through an amalgamation of councils in 1989. The Shire has half the population of the South Taranaki District, but two and a half times the area.

"The Council I came from is very community-focussed, and this one is too. It's one of the things I like about South Taranaki and one of the reasons why I put my hand up for it," he says.



**New South Taranaki District Council chief executive Waid Crockett.**

Waid was officially welcomed to his new position at the South Taranaki District Council on January 15 with a powhiri in Hawera led by Ngati Ruanui and supported by all Iwi of South Taranaki. This is not his first time in Taranaki, having been born in Stratford, although his family shifted to Wellington when he was "very young."

He has family connections in Taranaki and has memories of milking cows and hay-making on his uncle's farm

at Cardiff.

He grew up in Island Bay where he enjoyed the snorkelling and fishing lifestyle before his family shifted during his fifth form year to Levin. His career working for local government began with the then Levin Borough Council. In the years since then, he has worked for the Palmerston North City, Tauranga City and Horowhenua District councils as well as working in private enterprise. He and wife Soraya have owned and operated businesses of

their own. They have been married for 33 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

Over the years Waid has also studied through Massey University and the University of Newcastle.

"It's really important to keep your mind active and ticking over," he says.

He moved to Australia in 2011 and was a group leader for Cessnock City Council before taking up the general manager position at the Upper Hunter Valley.

Since coming back to New Zealand, he has been staying at Opunake. He enjoyed Sounds on the Sands at Opunake Beach and has been impressed with what he has seen of the Opunake Walkway. He also says Opunake has the best fish and chips he has tasted for a long time. "Having lived in inland Australia for a long time you don't get that fish and chip taste," he says.

He is looking forward to getting into his golf and exploring further afield. Waid comes from a family of three older brothers and a younger sister. While his sister had made a summit of Mt Tararua when she was at school, neither Waid or any of his brothers have achieved this feat. He sees his shift to Taranaki as a possible catalyst to change this.

"We've talked about heading up there and I think we might give it a crack in the next year or so," he says.

**On this month in history Renoir born**

On February 25, 1841 Pierre Renoir was born in Limoges, France. He is closely associated with the Impressionist style like Edouard Manet

and Camille Pissarro whom he admired. He also admired Gustave Courbet for his realism and Degas for his sense of movement.

He participated (six paintings) in the first Impressionist exhibition in 1874 along with Money, Sisley and Pissarro, which had a mixed reception

to put it mildly. Later in life he developed severe arthritis, but he found ways to continue painting. He died in 1919 aged 78.

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# Government allows new seismic blasting in Maui dolphin habitat

Environmental organisation WWF-New Zealand says that the New Zealand government is failing to protect the last 63 Māui dolphins by allocating oil and gas exploration rights within Māui dolphin habitat off Taranaki.

The Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment recently announced that it is handing out a 12-year oil and gas exploration permit for 547km<sup>2</sup> of ocean within the

known range of our critically endangered Māui dolphins.

“Allocating oil exploration rights in the Māui dolphin habitat is just irresponsible. Only around 63 Māui dolphins survive today and the seismic blasting used in oil exploration is known to affect whales and dolphins,” said WWF-New Zealand CEO Livia Esterhazy.

“This makes no sense when all three parties in the current

government have pledged to extend protection for Māui dolphins. We should not be exposing these critically endangered animals to additional threats like seismic blasting. Instead, the government should be doing everything it can to protect these dolphins throughout their entire habitat.”

WWF calls for full protection for the last 63 Māui dolphins wherever they swim.

This means a genuine sanctuary, ending set netting and conventional trawling with help for fishers to transition to dolphin-safe methods, and placing a moratorium on risky marine mining activities and seismic testing, from Maunganui Bluff to the Whanganui River mouth, including harbours, in waters out to 100 metres deep.

WWF-New Zealand also calls for government to end

new oil exploration to complement its climate change commitment to pass a Zero Carbon Act.

“Even if Māui dolphins did not live there, it would still be inconsistent for the government to keep allowing new oil and gas exploration while aiming to lower our greenhouse gas emissions,” Ms Esterhazy said.

“Business as usual will not get New Zealand to the

government’s target of net-zero emissions by 2050. We should be planning for the transition to a 100% renewable, clean energy future, not continuing to search for new fossil fuels.”

We have sent an Open Letter calling for an end to new oil exploration [www.wwf.org.nz/?15481/endnewfossils](http://www.wwf.org.nz/?15481/endnewfossils)

# Take fewer medicines older people told

The Council of Medical Colleges (CMC) is encouraging older people to talk to their doctor about whether they could take fewer medicines.

The CMC coordinates the *Choosing Wisely* campaign, which encourages patients to ask their health professional do I really need this test or procedure? What are the risks? Are there simpler, safer options? And what happens if I don't do anything?

In the Taranaki DHB region, 38% of people aged over 65 are taking five or more long-term medications. The all-of-New Zealand rate is 35%.

CMC chair Dr Derek Sherwood says it is important older people get their medicines reviewed regularly.

“This helps make sure you are receiving the best treatment. When a doctor or pharmacist reviews your medicines they will check things

like what medicines you are taking and why, how many different medicines you are taking and any side effects you may be experiencing.”

He says some medicines are more likely to cause side effects in older people.

“Benzodiazepines like diazepam and antipsychotic medicines like clozapine or risperidone are two examples of this. Side effects include feeling dizzy when standing up, feeling sick, not thinking

clearly and having blurred eye sight.

“These side effects can also make the person unsteady on their feet, increase the risk of falling, and can affect driving.

“It is important that the benefits of taking such medicines outweigh the risks – that’s why it’s so important to review your medicines regularly with your doctor.”

Dr Sherwood says stopping a medicine can seem daunt-

ing, especially if you’ve been taking it for a long time.

“But for many older people, stopping a particular medicine may actually benefit their health. The more medicines you take, the more likely you are to experience side effects and interactions.

“Many older people successfully stop medicines without feeling worse. In fact, you may feel better and improve your quality of life –

especially if your symptoms were being caused by your medicines.”

The *Choosing Wisely* campaign was launched in New Zealand over a year ago. It is led by the Council of Medical Colleges, with partners the Health Quality & Safety Commission and Consumer NZ, and wide sector support.

						
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Our brigade once again set up the gazebo at the beach carnival and let the children climb all over our fire appliances. We displayed a very good smoke alarm, in fact, so good 98% of Fire Brigades in the United Kingdom install them. The reasons they are popular are a) the battery is sealed in so no one can remove them, b) they last 10 years, c) they pick up both smouldering and fast burning fires, and d) moisture can't get into the battery compartment. They do cost a little more than a basic smoke alarm, but they are cheaper over the 10 year period because the batteries don't need replacing. We had a limited number for sale at the beach, and those that liked a bargain, quickly snapped them up. The good news is, we have managed to secure a few more, (at the same price) so get in touch if you require some. Who knows? We may even install them free for you.

We had been called to two vegetation fires in the days leading up to Christmas. With the first call, we were going to back up the Rahotu brigade but got the call to say our services weren't required so we were turned around and headed for home. The other was on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> when we were called to a small fire on a river bank off the Namu Road. Apparently, a small motor that a farmer had been using had managed to set the grass alight. Luckily it was beside the river so there was plenty of the wet stuff for us to spray around. Very little damage had been caused, so once our officer in charge was happy we headed for home.

We often find that after a



A bonfire that was best not lit.

dry spell, vehicles have a tendency to slide out of control once the roads become wet. This is exactly what happened around morning tea time on Thursday January 4. A young lady had the misfortune of putting her car on its roof at the first corner past Winstone's quarry on the Wiremu Road. Fireman Sam was working at the quarry and couldn't believe his eyes when he spotted a vehicle upside down on the road. Fortunately, the driver wasn't seriously injured in the ordeal, but the same couldn't be said for her vehicle. Fireman Beau would like to thank young Will Hurley for helping place the road cones to direct other motorists around the incident.

Cheers Will.

The 13<sup>th</sup> day of January was certainly unlucky for a local farmer. It was the day his four wheeler motor bike was burnt to a cinder. As you can see in the photo that was taken prior to our arrival, there wasn't a lot left for us to save.

We were called to the Kura Kaupapa on Tasman Street on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> when smoke was seen coming from a room at the northern end of the property. It turned out that a smouldering hangi sack, which had been tossed onto a nearby trailer earlier, was the culprit. It seems that the strong northerly had fanned the sack, which caused it to ignite and send a rogue spark into the older building.

Murphy's Law came into play because the hot ember landed in some dry rot in a door and managed to set it smouldering. Luckily one of the Stanley building boys who were working on another part of the school, noticed the smoke and dialled us up. The building team managed to halt the flame with an extinguisher until the brigade arrived. The extinguisher was only a small one but it sure did its job and proved just how valuable they are. They are so inexpensive these days, you would be foolish not to have one in your vehicle.

Later the same day, we were called to a King Street property where a pile of timber and car parts, somehow, decided to have fun and hold a bonfire. The call was phoned in by a caring neighbour who saw black smoke billowing from the property and thought it was the house on fire. Luckily it wasn't because we were struggling to get a full crew, and the outcome would have been quite different.

The Christmas Eve street parade is always a buzz for us. It was wonderful to see so many people out and about, and it is great throwing out lollies to the future firefighters. The children who were lucky enough to have a ride in the appliance looked like they enjoyed it as well.

Our last raffle for the year, the fire engine and suit, was won by Nigel Robinson. We would like to thank all those who have supported us throughout the year and Nigel would probably like to thank Constable Brophy for drawing his name out of the helmet.

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## Milestone for Mount Messenger bypass project

The Mt Messenger Bypass project has moves a step closer.

Public submissions are being called by the New Plymouth District Council and Taranaki Regional Council for the NZ Transport Agency's resource

consent applications and Notice of Requirement for a designation over the land required to build the bypass. Transport Agency Director Regional Relationships, Central North Island, Parekawhia McLean says the public and community leaders have been supportive of the bypass going ahead.

"Thorough environmental and geotechnical investigations together with ongoing

engagement with iwi and the community have informed our consent applications," says Ms McLean.

The new \$200 million bypass with a bridge and a tunnel provides a faster route with a lower and less steep gradient through the Mt Messenger section of State Highway 3 north of New Plymouth.

It will improve safety, resilience and route reliability, avoid geologically unstable

areas and contribute to the ongoing economic growth of the Taranaki region.

The 20 working days notification period is open for public submissions. During this period the Transport Agency and its Mt Messenger Alliance partners will be available at some local events and venues in Taranaki to discuss the consent proposals.

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# Bluehaven complex will boost Taranaki GDP

Bluehaven complex to boost Taranaki GDP by \$1 billion within 8 years of opening

More than \$126 million per annum will be pumped into the Taranaki economy when a major new commercial complex to be built in New Plymouth is fully operational. The construction phase alone will contribute \$85 million to the region's GDP and provide approximately 300 jobs, with 1,500 jobs following when the complex opens.

These preliminary figures were prepared by Auckland-based analysts Insight Economics.

Tauranga-based Bluehaven Management says its plan is to transform the rundown former fertiliser plant into a "high-end gateway statement that serves the whole Taranaki region – one that people can be proud of and enjoy for generations."

It is already known that the complex will house food and beverage outlets, retail



**City Gateway.** The new development will transform the current site into a high quality gateway to New Plymouth.

stores, a supermarket, a six-screen cinema, a 75-room hotel, additional large-format retail and offices.

The development is also likely to bring a number of new brands to the region.

Among new details revealed recently, plans show that the complex is intended to have over 1,200 car parks includ-

ing 400 covered car parks. It is understood this will be the largest number of free car parks for visitors to a single site in the Taranaki region.

Also revealed is the fact that the centre will have two main levels with a four-level hotel, and that the main building envelopes will actually be lower than many of the exist-

ing structures on the site.

Bluehaven CEO Nathan York said the company had been considering investment options for the complex since at least 2016, and had "ultimately chosen to go ahead with a massive show of faith" in the Taranaki region.

"We believe that New Plymouth and the wider region

have a bright future – and we're willing to back that belief with a major investment into the local economy," he said.

The site will also include a re-established Parapara-iti Pa, which Mr York said "is a wonderful initiative for hapū as a significant historical site."

Mr York said that Bluehaven had already been in discussions with local hapū, Council representatives and

prospective tenants, and was committed to being open and consultative with the wider community after the consent process was completed.

He said that such a major project relied on the support of the community, authorities and region to ensure the clean-up and development of the site and its ongoing success.

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## Record number of whoio ducklings on Mount Taranaki

A record number of whoio ducklings have been located on Mt Taranaki in what is proving to be a boom year for the rare native blue duck.

Fifty six ducklings have been found by Department of Conservation rangers on the eight rivers that DOC surveys on the Mouna as part of the Whoio Forever partnership.

DOC biodiversity ranger Joe Carson says on January 8, three more young male ducks were released into the Waipuku Stream on the eastern side of Mt Taranaki, further boosting the whoio population.

"These three juvenile ducks will increase the genetic pool of our population, helping to diversify and strengthen the lines. The release caps off a record year for breeding with 56 ducklings counted within the surveyed rivers, signaling positive movement towards a self-sustaining population of whoio on Mt Taranaki," she says.

The three new ducks were bred at the Nga Manu Nature reserve in Waikanae. They are three and a half months old and have spent the last few weeks at DOC's Turangi whoio creche to 'harden up' before being released into the wild.

The local whoio/blue duck population on Mt Taranaki was designated "functionally extinct" in 1945 because of predation by stoats and rats, but has since built up to 33 pairs.

"Taranaki Mouna is delighted to build on the great work already underway to increase the whoio population



**Whoio ducklings galore which pleases DOC staff.**

on the mountain. Whoio are particularly vulnerable during nesting time so it's fantastic to hear we have a record num-

ber of chicks on Mt Taranaki this breeding season," says Taranaki Mouna Project Manager Sean Zieltjes.

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# Coping with the big dry

The current weather is too hot for the townies, and it's heart-breaking to see the parched land and worrying to think about the long term effects for the local community. Everyone wants some rain!

It's well-known that farmers have been forced to dry off or drop to once a day milking

five or even six months early. That's a big hit to take and a long time to be without an income. Fortunately there are things being done to help and we really need to make sure the message gets through to those who need it.

The Rural Support Trust is doing a great job looking



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH**

after our farmers. A couple of weeks ago I was at a picnic they organised to get people affected by the drought

together and remind them they're not alone. I know that turnouts at similar events have been positive and it was good to hear first-hand how people are coping and how they're getting through. We often hear how resilient farmers are and that's true, but it doesn't mean they need to battle through alone.

Tomorrow (Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>) I'll be visiting farms in the area and businesses in Opunake to see how the drought is impacting on locals. I'll contact Damien

O'Connor, Minister of Primary Industries and make sure he knows exactly how things are on the ground in Taranaki since his early trip a few weeks ago.

Looking at NIWA's drought index, all of Taranaki is now considered to be in severe drought.

<https://www.niwa.co.nz/static/climate/NZDI.png>

I just want to encourage farmers, businesspeople and anyone affected by the situation to look out for each other. It is important that you

remember there are support networks in place and waiting to help.

My office is open in New Plymouth 9am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and you can contact me at [newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz) or 06 759 1363.

I'm not much of a rain dancer, but my team and I will do whatever we can to support you.

*Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth*



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## Electoral (integrity) bill receives second reading

The Electoral (Integrity) Amendment Bill has received its first reading in Parliament. Justice Minister Andrew Little says the Bill will help uphold the public's confidence in the integrity of Parliament, MPs and the voting system.

"The Bill will introduce a mechanism to allow an MP's seat to be declared vacant when that MP departs the political party for which he or she was elected.

"This ensures that it is New Zealanders who determine the shape of Parliament through their votes – rather



**ANDREW LITTLE MP**

than political manoeuvring within parties.

"It is a key principle of MMP that voters' decisions, not political moves within Parliament, determine each party's share of the seats.

"This Bill puts into law a process to uphold that principle. This will give voters

more confidence in the integrity of the electoral system."

"The Bill will mean the MP departing their party, or that the party's leader can choose to activate a process to have that MP's seat declared vacant. This would mean that person would no longer be an MP. The vacant seat would then be filled either at a by-election if the MP was elected as a constituency MP, or by the next person on the party's list if the MP was a list MP.

"Electoral integrity legislation is not new in New Zealand. This new Bill is closely modelled on the 2001 Law considered and applied by the Supreme Court. That Law followed

public concerns about MPs leaving the parties they were elected for and it had a 'sunset clause' meaning it expired in 2005.

"This new Bill does not contain a sunset provision. The values of integrity and proportionality, and keeping the shape of Parliament in the hands of voters, are worth protecting, and will continue to be just as important in the future."

"The bill will now go to the Justice Select Committee for further review. I encourage all members of the public to participate in the select committee process and have their say," says Andrew Little.

## Rural women need equal pay

Women working in the rural sector need to be included in the discussions of the reconvened Joint Working Group on Pay Equity Principles says Rural Women New Zealand.

"Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) welcomes the news that the government is keeping its promise to reduce the gender pay gap, and we hope that by

reconvening work on this, they include women in the rural sector," says Board Chair, Penny Mudford.

"The rural sector is male-dominated, there is no doubting that, and our rural women have been working alongside and amongst men as partners for a long time, however for little or no financial reward.

"There are many factors

affecting salaries and wages of rural women, some which are particular to our farming women, particularly when they are also the primary caregiver.

"RWNZ urges the Joint Working Group to consider principles which will reduce the gender pay gap in our farming sector," says Ms Mudford.



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# Obituary: Jim Anderton A brief look at an outstanding personality in New Zealand politics

James Patrick Byrne Anderson – usually known as Jim Anderton – was born 21 January, 1938 in Auckland and died in Christchurch on 7 January 2018. Following a requiem mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Addington, Christchurch, he was buried at Onetangi Cemetery, Waiheke Island.

Jim joined the Labour Party in 1963 and resigned in 1989 when, as a MP he had refused to vote for the sale of the Bank of New Zealand – something the Labour Government has promised it wouldn't ever do. Prior to his resignation, he had been suspended from the Labour Party caucus. He was critical of his Party's swing to the right under PM David Lange and prominent Cabinet members such as Roger Douglas, Richard Prebble, Michael Bassett and David Caygill. There were MPs who mostly agreed with him such as Larry Sutherland, Sonia Davies and Helen Clark who later referred to the "dark days of Rogernomics" but were unwilling or unable to take a stand with Jim Anderton.

He was trained as a teacher, but after two years teaching at St Peters College had several other jobs including founding his own business Andersons Holdings (manufacturing) with his brother and the brothers bought a superette in Parnell. He was also, at one time, employed by the Catholic Youth movement.

He married Joan in 1960 and they had five children together. Later on, he was married to Carole. His son Chris gave one of the eulogies at his service and spoke of his love for cricket, music (eg Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel), fishing, and go-karting. As a ten-year-old he'd belonged to a window smashing gang. "Looks like you've got away with it Dad," he joked.



Jim Anderton

On a sad note one of his daughters committed suicide which inspired his interest in suicide prevention and mental health.

His earlier foray into politics was in the local body arena; he was elected as councillor in 1965 for Manukau City and later the ARA (Auckland Regional Authority). His bids to become Auckland mayor in 1974 and 1977 were not successful (Later, in 2010 he would also fail to win the Christchurch mayoralty).

Time magazine named Jim as one of outstanding young people in the world likely to become major figures. He became prominent in the Labour Party and was the 25th President from 1979 to 1984. He was, without doubt, the best President in memory as he reorganised and revitalised the Party – membership soared in consequence.

Jim was elected to Parliament in 1984 for Sydenham (then Wigram) and remained an MP until 2011.

As the Rogernomics reforms took hold, with the highest recorded unemployment in NZ since World War 2, interest rates topping 20%, NZ owned assets being sold to overseas interests, vulnerable people

becoming poorer (and richer people accumulating more wealth), as well as many farmers being forced off their properties, Jim was increasingly uneasy about what he saw as Labour neglecting their basic underlying principles. He endeavoured to become president again to try and slow the reforms, but David Lange made a concerted effort to prevent this – and succeeded, despite Jim's outstanding earlier presidency.

After leaving Labour Jim founded the New Labour Party (1989-1991), which was "based on social-democratic principles Labour used to stand for." Next, an alliance of minor parties (Greens, Mana Motuhake, Liberals, Democrats, New Labour Party) followed called the Alliance (1991-2002) and finally the Progressives (2002-2011). Latterly the third party was renamed 'Jim Anderton's Progressives'.

As Labour returned to some semblance of its political roots, under PM Helen Clark, Jim made his peace with the Party. He was Deputy Prime Minister from 1999 to 2002 and held various Cabinet posts with distinction.

Perhaps he has come full cir-

cle because he endorsed current Labour MP in Wigram Megan Woods when she was standing as his replacement.

Jim's legacy as a public figure is considerable. Examples include Kiwi bank (owned by our nation), the NZ Superannuation Fund (with Dr/Sir Michael Cullen), the antinuclear stance with the banning of USS Buchanan - and more recently the Christchurch Stadium (He was Chair of the Stadium Trust) and the agreed restoration of the Christchurch Cathedral (with ex-MP Philip Burdon).

In a special ceremony last year in June Jim Anderton was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. The high honour was bestowed by the Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy who made a special trip to Christchurch for the occasion.

Here are a few quotes from some prominent people:

"He was a towering figure in the Labour Movement for several decades. He will be remembered as someone who stood up for his principles and for the people he represented. His integrity during difficult times marked him out as a true leader." (Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister).

"I saw with my own eyes the extraordinary passion he brought to his portfolios," (Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch).

"Jim Anderton was a strong-minded politician who was admired by friend and foe alike. He was a critical figure in the evolution of MMP." (Rt Hon Bill English, Leader of the Opposition)

"It is impossible to reimagine my life without you lighting the path." (Laila Harre - former MP).

Jim Anderton is arguably the outstanding New Zealand politician of modern times. Rest in peace, Jim.

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# Rook sightings raise concerns

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a large black bird threatening cropping and horticulture in Taranaki?

Taranaki Regional Council is urging the public to report potential sightings of a large black glossy bird called a rook. It is slightly larger than a magpie, with a harsh call.

The public should contact Taranaki Regional Council - 0800 736 222 - about any potential sightings, noting the number of birds, location and behaviour. Are they flying and in what direction, are they feeding or roosting?

Rooks are a pest animal, which in high numbers

are capable of wiping out crops and horticulture, and have been sighted in New Plymouth.

The Council wants to eradicate them before they become established in the region. Rooks have so far been prevented from establishing in Taranaki and sightings are extremely rare.

However, rooks have been a problem in the east of the North Island, from Wellington to the Hawkes Bay.

Slightly larger than a magpie, the birds are capable of wiping out crops in a few days, as flocks target them as an alternative food source to insects. Rooks may target young crops, especially cereals and new grass, eating grubs, seed or seedlings. Ripening walnuts are also a favourite.

They can also impact the native bird population as they harass native birds and restrict their range.



The Taranaki Regional Council want to hear about any rook sightings.

Rooks like nesting in the tops of tall pines and eucalyptus trees, but have been known to nest in other types of trees. Twigs, leaves, and pine needles are used to

build their nests, which are usually lined with wool and grass.

Rooks often nest within metres of each other, in groups called rookeries.

They can have up to six eggs.

Rooks are the only pest animal where total eradication is sought in Taranaki.

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## WA Apprentice award for former Opunake resident



Megan Feaver (left), along with Emily Davis were the two top apprentices for the graduating class of 2017.

Megan Feaver, former resident of Opunake and pupil of Opunake High School, after four years of hard work has been awarded the apprentice of the year under the Electrical Apprenticeship stream for Western Power, Western Australia.

The awardees were judged by the operational leadership team to be a top performer throughout their apprenticeship in the areas of safety, teamwork, training and leadership.

Megan was not only an

outstanding individual performer but she was also team focused in all aspects of her training and work life.

An example of her focus on lifting performance levels for everyone was seen in her organising a "Capstone Preparation Guide" to assist fellow apprentices prepare for the final assessments of their apprenticeships. Megan also led from the front on safety, which is a cornerstone of Western Power's work ethic and became a "face of safety" for our organisation.

### On this month in history

#### David Lange challenges for leadership of the Labour Party

On February 3, 1982 David Lange, the Deputy leader challenged Bill Rowling (later Sir Wallace) and became leader of the Labour Party. Technically, Mr Rowling narrowly survived the challenge, by using his casting vote to release the tied vote count.

Mr Rowling was seen by some as too quiet to

successfully challenge the prime minister Robert (later Sir) Muldoon.

Even so, Labour under Mr Rowling had gained more votes than National in the 1978 and 1981 general elections. Mr Rowling was later Ambassador to the United States. Both men are now deceased, having died in their 60s.

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# Big jump in tourist numbers for New Plymouth

A big boost in tourism to the region, a near sell-out crowd for Yusuf/Cat Stevens concert, creating a community space in Marfell Park and having a budget surplus were just some of the many success stories for New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) last year.

The Lonely Planet had named Taranaki as one of the top two regions in the world to visit in 2017 and this helped to bring thousands of extra international travellers to the province.

Figures from Stats NZ for the year ending October 2017 show a massive 25.3 per cent rise in international guest nights in Taranaki. Overall guest nights in the region were up 4.5 per cent as well.



Visitors are flocking to New Plymouth.

Lonely Planet had highlighted the NPDC-run Len Lye Centre, Puke Ariki and the TSB Festival of Lights as key attractions worth seeing as well as the Pouakai Crossing and Surf Highway 45.

“It’s fantastic to see so many international and national visitors discovering what we all know so well – that our region is very special,” said NPDC Chief Operating Officer Kelvin Wright.

NPDC’s Venture Taranaki is building on the momentum created by Lonely Planet with its My Local Secret campaign to bring in more international and Kiwi visitors.

## No down side in getting hearing tested



Audiologist Lisa Keen.

Did you know that after arthritis and high blood pressure, hearing loss is one of the top three chronic health concerns facing older adults? Individuals over the age of 70 with a mild or greater hearing loss will have a higher risk of developing dementia due to the increased cognitive effort required. The good news, however, is that hearing loss has also been identified as one of nine modifiable health and lifestyle factors that if eliminated or

improved might prevent or lessen the effects of dementia. Professionals have recommended that if you have hearing loss it makes sense to have it addressed as soon as possible. This can help lead to less social isolation and depression which are also risk factors for dementia. If you have never had a hearing test, book one today, you never know what you’ve been missing. If you do have a hearing loss, address it sooner rather than later. There is no down side

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# Voyage into the Heartland exhibition travelling to Lysaght-Watt Gallery

Voyage into the Heartland: Photographic Works from the Batten Collection will be travelling to the Lysaght-Watt Gallery in Hawera from February 7 - March 4.

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sensitive objectivity. While their landscape images have a sense of objectivity and bleak isolation, their portraiture shows an affectionate bond between the photographers and subjects. This familiarity creates an unburdened, carefree outlook from each

in New Zealand. These landscape images speak of a time where landscape photography was in its infancy and still forging its own identity.

This collection focuses both on powerful landscapes and intimate portraits achieving a great aesthetic approach.



The three Plunket babies.

During the early 1930s the family set out across the North Island of New Zealand with their camera and a horse called Judy to photograph the central region of the Land of the Long White Cloud. Their perspective is a particular one, carrying us on a journey into early 20<sup>th</sup> century life in New Zealand with practical but

sitter they photograph. These experiences stretched their understanding of the world around them and ultimately had a great effect on the family.

Voyage into the Heartland showcases the Batten Collection, a unique photographic anthology exposing original landscapes of the 1930s unseen before

to their photography where every image engages us, allowing us to immerse ourselves in their world.

The exhibition season begins 7 February and runs till 4 March 2018 at the Lysaght Watt Gallery, 4-6 Union Street (on The Square), Hawera.

*Cameron S. Curd, Exhibition Curator.*

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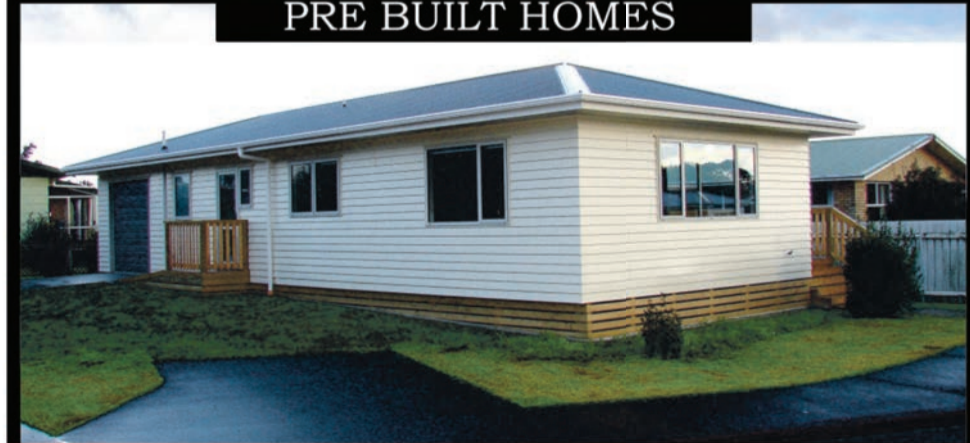


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# Record set by Opunake junior

Undoubtedly one of the most impressive performances at the second day of the West Coast Centre athletic championships at Hawera on Saturday was the high jumping of 15-year-old Shirley Fraser, of Opunake.

This is Miss Fraser's first season with the Opunake Athletic Club though she has shown ability in this event at school sports, being intermediate winner last year with a jump of 4ft 3ins.

A high jump event had been included only three times in the club programme, but Mr F. S. Barraclough arranged a small training squad which produced amazing results.

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD SHIRLEY FRASER, of Opunake, second from left, with three of her club mates, Valerie Henderson (left), Diane Chard and Linda McNeil. Shirley set a junior women's high jump record on the second day of the West Coast (North Island) Centre championships at Hawera last Saturday, clearing 4ft 10in.



Shirley's best jump up to the Taranaki championships was 4ft 6ins. There she equalled the West Coast and Taranaki junior women's record with a jump of 4ft 6ins.

More training sessions with attention to run up and limbering exercises seemed a

## ATHLETICS

rather inadequate preparation for the task only a fortnight away. But Shirley astonished her coach and herself, with an amazing 4ft 10ins to break the centre junior women's record by 2ins, in conditions that were not near perfect.

A very fine gesture did not go unnoticed when the centre titleholder, Miss Nichol steadied the crossbar in the wind for Shirley and was spontaneous in her congratulations.

Immediately after the record breaking jump, Miss Fraser showed herself as a promising sprinter as first runner in the Opunake relay team which finished the closest of thirds but suffered disqualification through the last runner getting into the wrong lane.

ABOVE News clipping of the four athletes, and at right...



The four who were at Valerie Henderson's mothers 90th birthday late last year. From Left Diane, Valerie, Linda and Shirley.

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# Grand opening of Jean Sandel Village Centre

There was great excitement from residents and staff at the opening of the new extension to the Jean Sandel Retirement Village.

The mayor of New Plymouth, Neil Holdom cut the ribbon to officially open the village centre at a gathering of 220 residents.

The extension includes a movie theatre, billiard room, enlarged dining and lounge area, bar and a magnificent deck looking towards the hills.

Neil said, "It's an amazing facility and a first class place. It reflects the Taranaki attitude to make things happen. It's ultimately the people who are working here that will generate the culture, and in Taranaki we care about our people. We treat them with respect and create opportunities to have a good time and enjoy themselves."

He congratulated the construction team and remarked that he knew how difficult it is running a building site where people are living and working.

"I have a huge respect for the construction industry. It (the village) looks beautiful

and I love the fact it is a community facility where people can talk to each other and build relationships and spend time together."

Among the audience were two residents who had family connections with the council.

A previous deputy mayor, David Wilkinson who lives with his wife Jan in a townhouse in the village said the extension was fabulous and moving to the village was the best thing he ever did. He chatted with the mayor who allowed him to wear the mayoral chain which they both agreed was quite heavy.

Margaret Chong's grandfather, Edward Gilmore, was mayor of New Plymouth from 1933-53. Margaret and her husband Brian were enjoying the celebration and Margaret searched the mayoral chain for the family name.

The extension began in February last year and Village manager Shelly Mills was thrilled with the result. "It's a wonderful space for our residents. It's spacious, relaxing and comfortable."



From left: Don McKay (Ryman property projects manager), Bruce McCloskey, (Ryman regional property manager), Neil Holdom (mayor of New Plymouth), Shelley Mills (Jean Sandel Retirement Village manager), Teresa Jurkiewicz (clinical manager).



Neil Holdom cuts the ribbon to officially open the new village centre.



Resident Margaret Chong looks for her grandfather's name on the mayoral chain.



Former deputy mayor David Wilkinson tries out the mayoral chain



Residents, Brian and Margaret Chong with Mayor Holdom

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# Fast feed fix for winter

Fixing all the pasture damage caused by a harsh season is no overnight job. But prompt, strategic use of short-term ryegrass will offset the immediate challenge of growing enough feed for winter.

That's the advice from pasture specialist Bruce Paterson, Agriseeds, as many farmers head into autumn with poor daily grass growth rates, low pasture

covers and much less grass silage than normal.

One way to tackle this is sowing annual ryegrass as a winter feed 'crop', he says.

"A modern annual like Hogan, for example, rockets out of the ground, and grows literally tonnes of high quality feed through late autumn, winter and early spring.

"There are two big advantages with this. First,

you get some grass growing again, fast. Second, it gives you a way to take pressure off other parts of the farm that really need to be looked after if they are to recover and grow well next season."

Because it's an annual, Hogan will need to be sprayed out and re-sown in late spring. But by then it will have done its job, and few alternatives can do it better, Bruce says.

"Hogan grows 1t DM/ha

more than old genetics like Moata or Tama. It's at least 20 per cent faster out of the ground, too, because it was specifically bred for rapid establishment, so you don't have to wait as long before grazing it."

Hogan's significant yield advantage over old genetics is valued by the DairyNZ Forage Value Index (FVI) at \$380 per ha extra profit.

Growing Hogan as a winter

crop will subsequently set farmers up for sowing a summer crop like chicory in spring.

"In effect we're talking about growing as much DM as possible off one paddock in the next 12 months. If you look at what your existing pasture is growing next to the potential DM of two high yielding, high quality crops in a row, there's no comparison."

Because of this he recommends sowing Hogan in paddocks which have been severely damaged by extreme wet and dry weather over the past several months. These are the ones that need to be cultivated and put through a full renewal programme. They can be sown with new perennial pasture seed in autumn 2019

Hogan is recommended for sowing at 25-30 kg/ha.

## Progress welcomed

The Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) has welcomed the news that negotiators concluded the deal on the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) in Tokyo.

"It's pleasing to see deal on CPTPP come together" says DCANZ Chairman Malcolm Bailey.

"While the agreement does not go as far as we would like in terms of dairy access, there are some useful gains in markets such as Japan and Mexico," says Mr Bailey. "CPTPP market access outcomes are also critical to avoid New Zealand dairy exporters ending up at a tariff disadvantage in key markets, including Japan". Over the past year there

have been some big trade developments in the trans-pacific region, including the conclusion of FTA negotiations between Japan and the EU. The EU and Mexico are also looking to upgrade their existing FTA. Both are key markets for New Zealand dairy exports, with the Japanese market worth more than \$795 million for New Zealand dairy exporters in the year to November 2017.

"Given these developments, the timely implementation of CPTPP is critical. It is great to see indications that the agreement will be signed very soon".

Mr Bailey said it was clear that New Zealand was continuing to play a strong

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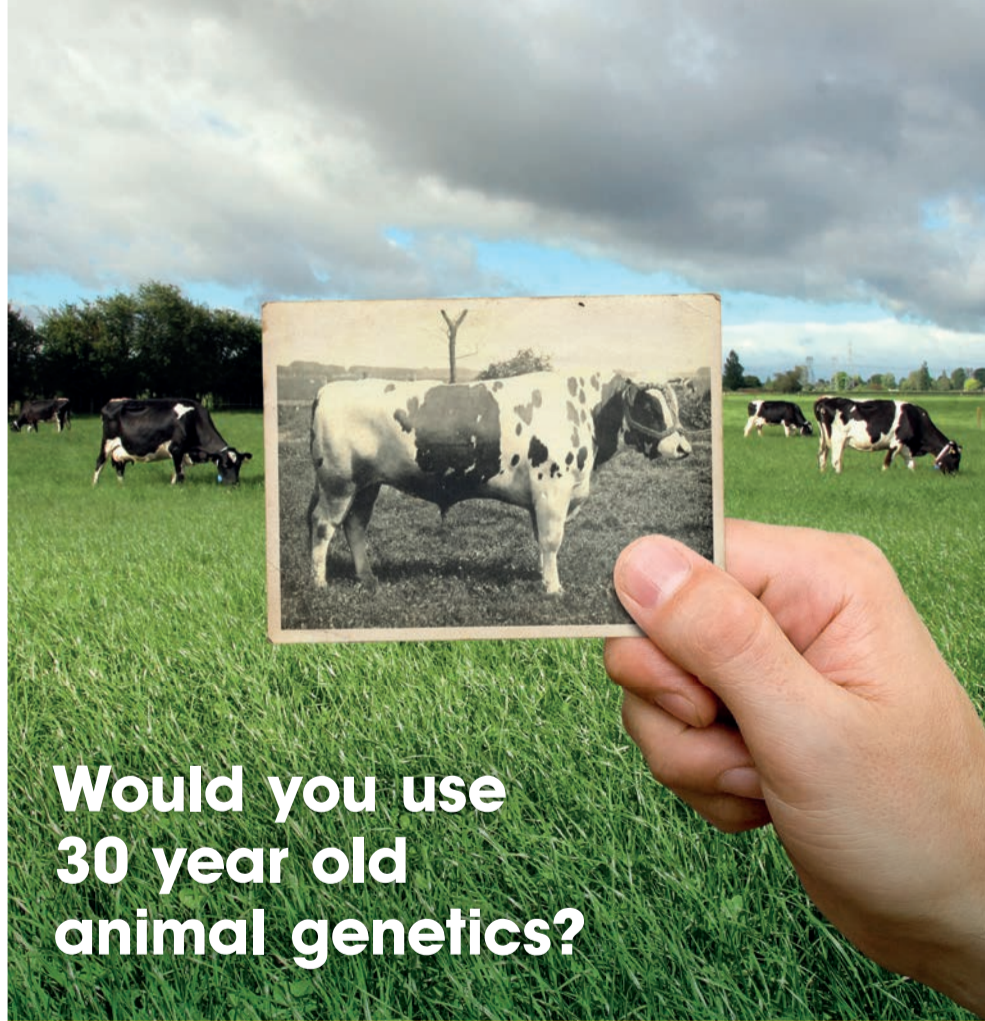
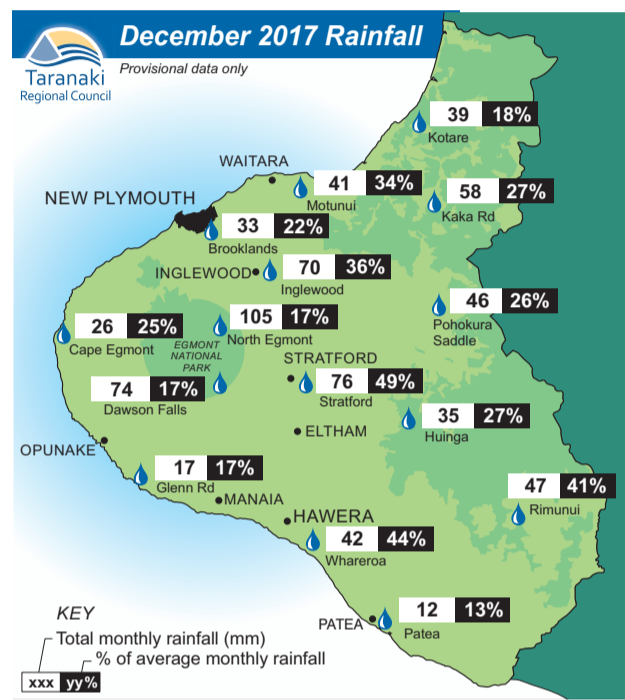
## Year ends with dry December

Rainfall was extremely low in Taranaki for December with only 13% - 55% of normal being recorded, according to Taranaki regional Council figures.

Patea and Stony (near Okato) recorded just 13% of normal rainfall with 12.4 mm and 23.5 mm respectively. The rainfall site at Taungatara (east of Opunake) didn't fare much better, receiving just 15% of normal with 18.5 mm for the month. Nineteen of the 27 sites that rainfall is monitored at recorded new December monthly minimum totals, these sites were: North Egmont, Dawson Falls,

Kahui Hut, Hillsborough, Brooklands, Mangati (Bell Block), Egmont Village, Everett Park, Inglewood, Huinga, Kotare, Okoki, Pohokura Saddle, Stony (Okato), Taungatara (Te Kiri), Manaia, Patea, Omaru and Omahine. Rainfall days were between seven and 15 days, with a majority of the rainfall occurring in afternoon thunderstorms.

Rainfall for the year ended up being between 88% and 124% of normal, with North Egmont being the only site that recorded below normal for the year (6257.5 mm). At the end of November all sites, except North Egmont had already received their mean annual rainfall.



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# Farmers recall Anderton's effectiveness as minister

Farmers will remember Jim Anderton as a pragmatist who got things done, Federated Farmers President Katie Milne says. "While many Kiwis cherish him as a straight-shooter who spoke up for the disadvantaged and less well off, his significant contribution to the primary sector also should not be forgotten."

People in rural communities will join other New Zealanders from many walks of life in mourning the loss of a respected MP and leader who fought hard for the causes he believed in.

There were some raised eyebrows when Helen Clark appointed Mr Anderton as Agricultural and Biosecurity Minister in 2005. Three weeks into the role, he told a meeting of the Federated Farmers National Council that while he didn't know much about farming compared to his audience, as Economic Development Minister for the previous six years he brought expertise in bringing industries together to improve their economic performance and "I'm the minister for 'getting things done'."

"So it proved," Katie said. "He turned out to be one of our best agriculture ministers. He was a strong advocate for the sector, and regularly reminded New Zealanders that farming was the most important source of export income for New Zealand."

"I was greatly impressed and inspired as a young leader when I had the privilege of accompanying him when he visited the West Coast in his early days as the new minister. My lasting memory of Jim Anderton is of an approachable and accessible man who listened and got things done."

Mr Anderton championed the importance of irrigation



Jim Anderton

to the economy, supporting an in-depth study that quantified the economic and environmental value of the Opuha Dam to South Canterbury and boosting funding assistance for irrigation through the Community Irrigation Fund.

His advocacy spurred a significant boost to the sustainable development of the primary sector, including \$700 million for the R&D Fast Forward Fund, rebranded as Primary Growth Partnership; financial support to establish a nationwide network of Rural Support Trust to assist rural communities following adverse events; and funding a range of initiatives seeking to reduce the primary sector's carbon footprint, recognising that bringing livestock emissions into the ETS was problematic.

Mr Anderton was not afraid of a challenge and would do what was right rather than what was popular, Katie said. He was one of ministers who initiated New Zealand taking Australia to the World Trade Organisation over their blockage of NZ's apple access to Australia.

Despite a degree of

opposition, he was a strong supporter of the highly successful Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) scheme that came into effect in 2007. It has been vital to the horticulture and viticulture industries to recruit workers from overseas for seasonal work when there are not enough New Zealand workers.

"Federated Farmers pays tribute to Mr Anderton, who earned the wide respect of those in the primary sector during the three years he was Minister of Agriculture."

## Progress welcomed

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leadership role on trade issues and, longer-term, it was important for CPTPP to be a launch pad for the elimination of all remaining barriers to regional dairy trade.

"We congratulate Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Trade Minister David Parker and trade officials on the progress they have made. We also acknowledge the efforts of successive trade ministers, including Todd McClay and Tim Groser".

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# Dealing with facial eczema in a time of flux

Fluctuations in temperature and humidity levels can lead to uncertainty in what to do with preventative treatment of facial eczema. What to do, when and how



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much is straightforward when the season is consistent. However in

times of flux, how do we effectively manage the risk of facial eczema?

eczema is three consecutive nights over 12°C can influence spore levels in the pasture. The common management practice has been to start off with zinc dosing at a low rate and build up to combat the rising spore levels, giving the animal time to accumulate enough zinc to mitigate the risks with facial eczema. A gradual increase in dose rate can also help off-set the unpalatability of zinc. Using products such as Seales Winslow's Zincmax+ which already includes peppermint flavouring offsets the bitter mineral flavour.

When the spore levels fluctuate, how can we best support our animals through this period? Maintaining a constant zinc dose rate throughout the risk season is the easiest way to ensure that all animals are getting protection. Consistency is key to effectiveness of the zinc treatment. This helps prevent reduced milk production as well as potential liver damage that can take months to regenerate, if at all.

The high levels of zinc that are required to combat facial eczema dramatically reduce the uptake of copper. Copper is essential for reproduction and growth. By including chelated copper in Zincmax+, we can ensure the copper liver levels aren't affected. Chelated or organic copper is protected from the rumen microbes and therefore directly taken up by the cow. Even when feeding 3kg PKE there can be insufficient copper in the diet over the facial eczema season.

All in all, it is important to ensure all animals are getting zinc, including young stock and dry cows. Remember that consistent dosing is essential for full coverage, and using Zincmax+, a combination product with peppermint flavour helps to maintain copper levels for reproduction and growth.

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It seems that each year our seasons change and farm management tools are needed to assess day to day decisions. After a dry start to December, and patchy rain over New Year that didn't quite get to all of Taranaki, we need all the support we can to make sure milk production doesn't drop. But it's not just the milking herd that are at risk; dry cows and young stock are also in need of facial eczema protection.

The typical rule of thumb when it comes to facial

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# Tax relief for drought affected farmers

Revenue Minister Stuart Nash has confirmed tax relief measures will be extended to farmers in drought areas.

In late December and early January the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Communities Damien O'Connor classified the drought as a medium-scale adverse event across Taranaki, parts of Manawatu-Whanganui and Wellington, and the Grey and Buller districts of the South Island's West Coast.

Local authorities affected by the drought classification are: Stratford, New Plymouth, South Taranaki, Whanganui, Rangitikei,

Manawatu, Palmerston North, Horowhenua, Kapiti Coast, Upper Hutt, Porirua, Wellington, Lower Hutt, Grey and Buller.

Mr Nash says the declaration of an adverse event allows government agencies to step up with additional support for farmers and growers in affected areas.

"We know the rural community is having a tough time. Many farmers will have more urgent issues on their minds than tax compliance. Inland Revenue has confirmed there will be greater flexibility and assistance for those affected.

I am pleased that IR is able to respond in a more accommodating way.

"I strongly encourage any farmers who are struggling to meet their tax obligations because of the adverse conditions to talk to their accountant and engage with Inland Revenue. We acknowledge the scale of the challenges faced by farmers in exceptionally dry conditions.

"If any farmer has concerns, please talk to the experts who can help," Mr Nash says.

Inland Revenue will allow farmers in drought areas to make late income equalisation deposits for the

2016-2017 income tax year. They will also be able to apply for early refunds. This allows farmers to smooth out fluctuations in their income from year to year.

"Farmers can now better plan their financial response to the drought conditions. Tax rules are able to take account of extraordinary events like droughts, floods or earthquakes. It is important to acknowledge the reality of the situation that farmers face," Mr Nash says.

Acting Social Development minister Peeni Henare has announced drought-stricken farmers will have access to

Rural Assistance Payments (RAPs).

"We know some of our farming families have been hit hard by this long and challenging dry period and are struggling to make ends meet. We want them to know they can ask for help and that there is support available to them," he said.

"We also recognise that even with some rainfall, droughts can be slow to recover from and that the effects will be felt longer term.

"RAPs will be accessible from Monday 22 January. They are provided to help meet essential living

expenses with a payment equal to Jobseeker Support for farmers affected by an adverse event.

"The income of some farmers has been severely impacted. I urge those suffering hardship as a result of the drought to contact Work and Income to see what they might be eligible for.

The drought classification has also triggered other government support with \$160,000 in North Island areas and \$50,000 in South Island areas going to the Rural Support Trusts for recovery coordination and on-farm recovery facilitators

# Dairy Industry Award activity heats up

While many people have had a rest from the stresses of work over the Christmas and New Year break, the reality can be different for farmers.

Summer is a busy time in the farming calendar, and General Manager of the New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards Chris Keeping says it is just as important for farmers to take a break as any other person.

"Farming is a 24/7

commitment, and it is vital that farmers find time to rest and relax with family and friends," she said.

However, Chris says entrants in the New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards who used their summer holiday to prepare for the 2018 competitions will be one step ahead of their competitors, as Awards activity heats up.

The awards, which oversee the Share Farmer of the Year, Dairy Manager of

the Year and Dairy Trainee of the Year competitions, received 374 entries prior to Christmas.

General Manager Chris Keeping says some information events for entrants and sponsors have already been held in some of the awards' 11 regions, and the rest will take place over the next few weeks.

"These events provide an opportunity for entrants to meet, and to learn more

about the Awards and what to expect, as well as connecting people within the industry."

Chris says the events are also useful for entrants as they prepare for judging, which began for the Dairy Trainee competition in Taranaki, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa and Northland on January 24.

There is no on farm judging component in the Dairy Trainee competition. Instead

entrants participate in a short practical session covering every day farming tasks and an interview.

The time allowed for on farm judging is two hours in the Share Farmer of the Year competition and one-and-a-half hours in the Dairy Manager of the Year competition. It is up to each entrant to determine how best to cover off the judging criteria, so it is important that entrants make the most

of that time and plan well. "This is where time spent planning over the summer will really pay off," says Chris.

The first regional winners will be announced in Hawkes Bay on March 1, while the West Coast/Top of the South region is the last to name its winners on March 27. All regional winners will progress to a national final in Invercargill on May 12.

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# Rise in preventable deaths reflects growing pressure on water safety sector

Provisional figures from Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) for 2017 show a 13 per cent increase in preventable drownings on the previous year. There were 88 preventable drownings in 2017 compared to 78 in 2016.

There were two preventable drowning deaths in Taranaki in 2017.

Preventable drowning fatalities are those where water safety sector intervention could have had an influence (for example where the victim was boating, swimming, diving) while non-preventable drowning deaths include events such as suicides, homicides and vehicle accidents.

"I can't sugar coat it," says CEO Jonty Mills. "The water is our playground but it's incredibly unforgiving."

There is an obvious connection between drownings and the weather,

and the early onset of summer in 2017 contributed to the spike.

However, Mills believes the problem goes deeper than that.

"Most of the time, it comes down to poor decision making in the general sense. That's why most drowning deaths are considered preventable."

Spikes in the under-fives and over 65 age groups are features of the 2017 figures.

"For under-fives, the only fool-proof solution is constant active adult supervision. Also, we are living longer healthier lives and retirees are more active, which adds additional risk" says Mills.

Female fatalities have almost doubled, reflecting higher participation rates across a wide range of activities and there were twice as many accidental immersions in 2017.

"Accidental immersions are people who ended up in the water when they had no

intention to. This reinforces how important it is to think about water safety around any aquatic environment" says Mills.

Preventable fatalities in Auckland have doubled, while the West Coast has the highest drowning rate per capita.

"New Zealand's drowning problem is a complex one. We have a very diverse and growing population with very high participation rates across a wide range of different activities and aquatic environments" says Jonty Mills.

Mills also warns of the widening gap between the water safety sector's ability to meet growing expectation and demand.

"Sector resources are stretched beyond their capability. This is a sector which relies on volunteers and is predominantly non-government funded."

Mills believes all Kiwis need to take personal responsibility and is keen

to work closer with government at both central and local level.

Drowning remains the number one cause of recreational death and number three cause of accidental death in New Zealand, with a social cost of over \$400m per annum to the country.

"We need to educate more to ensure our kids are coming out of the system with the skills, competencies and risk awareness to enjoy the water safely, as well as run ongoing campaigns to create a long-term attitude and behaviour change around water. We also need to secure the future of frontline water safety and rescue resources," Mills said.

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Junior. Putting. Seniors. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Lucas Symes. Intermediate. 1. Divan Denton. 2. Kieran Taylor. 3. Jayda Sharp. 4. Carter Symes. 5. Zoe Reader.

Junior. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Lian Bright. 3. Hannah Symes. Hitting Cone. 1. Hannah Symes. 2<sup>nd</sup> equal. Liam Bright, Kieran Taylor. Lucas Symes. Highest HH. Ashton Sharp.

Monday night Ambrose. 1. Salt & Pepper. 2. Corona and No Red. 3. The Mexicans. 4. Reader Clan. 5. Mahi. 6. Otakeho Hackers.

Saturday night. Men. Bogey Round. 1. Joe Gibson. 2. Joel Wolfe. 3. Robert Black. 4. Grant Gibbs.

Junior Championships. Putt Trophy. 1. Divan Denton. 2. Lucas Symes. 3. Kieran Taylor. McLean Trophy. 1. Carter Symes. 2<sup>nd</sup> equal. Jayda Sharp and Jasmin Rae. 3. Zoe Reader. Bryant Trophy. 1. Oliva Symes. 2.

Jaxon Rae. Gibson Trophy. 1. Hannah Symes. 2. Chantel Wong. Taunt Trophy. Most Improved Boy. Lucas Symes. Sturgeon Trophy. Most Improved Girl. Jayda Sharp.

January 22. 1. YTB. 2. Auroa Hackers. 3. Mahi.

Juniors. Pee Wee Putting. 1. Hannah Symes. 2. Maxwell Stechman. 3. Chantel Wong. 4. Connor Thomas. Putting. 1<sup>st</sup> equal. Hannah Symes and Chantel Wong. 2<sup>nd</sup> equal. Maxwell Stechman and Connor Thomas. Rising Stars putting. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2<sup>nd</sup> equal Jayda Sharp and Lucas Symes. 3. Carter Symes. 4. Oliva Symes. Gross. 1. Lucas Symes. 2. Carter Symes. 3. Oliva Symes. Putting. 1. Lucas Symes. 2. Olive Symes. 3. Carter Symes.

Opening Day. 1. Rod le Fleming. 2<sup>nd</sup> equal. Gary Dowdle, Paul Hunn, Jackie Higgins. Nine holes. 1. Jessie Craig. 2. Lorraine May. 3. Lorna le Fleming. Twos. Paul Hunn, Greg Elliott, Gary Dowdle, Colin Koch, Carolyn Koch.

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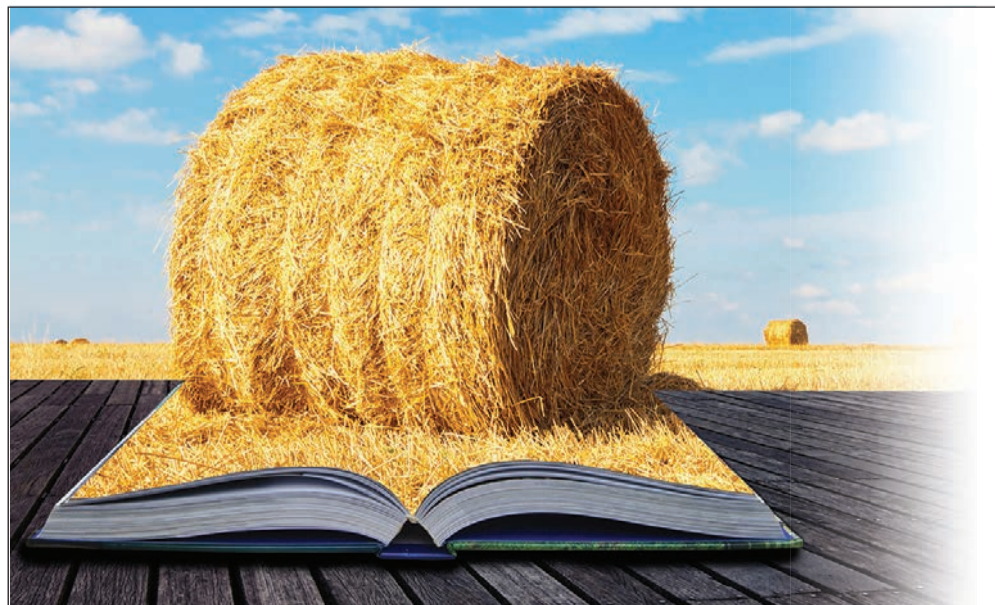
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# OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS



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February 4 to March 30

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## PUKEITI BUFFET LUNCH GARDEN TOUR

February 7 to March 30 at Pukeiti. Refer to advert for details.

## OPUNAKE PLAYERS AGM

February 10 at 7pm. Refer advert.

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We have 10 prizes in the Snapper Section, with up to four prizes in the Blue Cod, John Dory, Tarakihi, Trevally, Kahawai, Gurnard, Tuna and King Fish species plus a dive section, as well as random spot prizes for those who have not weighed in prize winning catches.

On the final night there will be a complimentary roast meal served for all ticket holders at approximately 6pm with prize giving starting at 7pm at the clubhouse on Middleton Bay.

The late entry fee is \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members and \$30 for divers, while our annual sub is only \$25.

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Individual Skippers discretion on weather conditions and fishing days.

All anglers on all boats must have paid up valid tickets prior to fishing

Weigh-ins 6pm to 8.45pm daily only at the Boat Clubrooms and 1pm to

5pm on the final day or if committee member available. The roster will be on the whiteboard at the weigh-in area.

BBQ / Social evenings will be held at the clubhouse during the tournament. Any of your surplus catch would be much appreciated on these evenings. Social Organiser, Graham Payne 06 7618254 or 027 4971727.

**Special prizes**

These include the Top Boat Trophy. The most points achieved for fish species, by the crew on the boat over the duration of the tournament.

Rules will be posted on the white board at the weigh in area.

Other prizes include the Rod and Reel Trophy sponsored by Collins Sports Centre. There will also be numerous spot prizes and product auctions.

Remember to use VHF Channel 62 for both Opunake and Cape Sea Rescue. If you want to talk to other local boats use Channel 77.

*Dave Cathie  
Tournament Organiser, 06 7618053 or 0277 368827*



## Valentines Day



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Jay Newton of New Plymouth was a winner at the Annual Opunake Collins Sports Centre take a kid fishing competition held on the 3rd of January.

Helping out with the weigh in and prizegiving Kane Barrett former Taranaki Rugby Captain and Opunake Surfcasting and Angling Club members Paddy and Mark Walsh.

Jay must have recieved some great tips from his grandad Brian Collins. Congratulations Jay.

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## 2018 STL Annual Tournament



### \$1000 Snapper Fishing Competition

**DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Inclusive**

**Prize Giving: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February with Meal at 6pm and Prize Giving 7pm**

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

Also up to 4 prizes for heaviest for selected species including – Kahawai, Blue Cod, Tarakihi, Gurnard, Tuna, Trevally, King Fish and John Dory and a Dive Section.

Plus, random spot prizes for those who have not weighed in prize winning catches.

**Late Entry Fee: \$60 Member, \$70 Non Member and Diver \$30 paid after 26<sup>th</sup> January**

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



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



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# A musical New Year's resolution for 2018



up an instrument. Magic often happens outside of our comfort zone. Do you already have an instrument in mind? Go for it.

We'd love to see you at our next music group night on February 20, 7:30pm at CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake (opposite Opunake & Coastal News).

All musicians, singers etc are welcome. Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust.  
*Anne Montgomery*



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## Opunake Music Workshop

7:30pm Tuesday, 20th February 2018  
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## The Cottage Rest Home



**The Cottage Rest Home warmly invites the community to our OPEN HOME and GARAGE SALE on the 17th February 2018 from 10am - 2pm. There will be a coffee cart, cake stall and raffles for sale.**

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- Day Care
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Enquiries are welcome at The Cottage, 1 Layard Street, Opunake or Phone (06) 761 8009  
email: [admin@cottageresthome.co.nz](mailto:admin@cottageresthome.co.nz)

Opunake Music Workshop January 9. 2018

Happy New Year to all. By now, you will have opened your presents from under the tinsel laden Xmas tree, picked up the wrapping paper off the lounge room floor, and thrown it into the recycling

bin. As usual, New Year's Eve has come and gone in a flash. Its 2018, and who knows if the next party will be just as good as the last one. This time of year gives us an opportunity for reflection

on one's life. Take one look back and at least one step forward. Expand your horizons, maybe you realise that you've reached a plateau in your life, and you've begun to wonder if your creativity

could be reawakened with a musical instrument in your hands. We are, after all, our own worst enemy, so let's take the New Year as an opportunity to expand our horizons, musically, and pick

## Open day for Cottage Rest Home



Opunake Cottage Rest Home is opening its Facility on February 17 from 10am-2pm. The Trust, staff and residents invite the wider community to the Open Day which will be held in conjunction with a big Garage Sale. Members of The Trust, staff and residents and Resident Advocate will be there to talk and answer questions. Our community look forward to people coming in to visit with them. Anybody wishing to donate any goods can please drop them off before February 16. No clothes please. On the day there will also be a cake stall, sausage sizzle, raffles and Coffee Mania. Proceeds raised will go towards updating residents clinical and community activities.

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# Free Wheelhouse Training Sessions in Opunake for Community Groups

On February 15 The Wheelhouse is back in Opunake with the ever popular free two hour evening workshop, An Introduction to Governance for Trusts, Clubs, Societies, Voluntary and Community Organisations.

"We were asked by members of the community to bring the session to Opunake" said Marcia Millard, Wheelhouse Manager.

The workshop will be an interactive session

covering the roles and responsibilities of the board and its members, effective processes and templates, and provides an opportunity to action plan. It will be held at the CoastalCare Centre from 5.15pm to 7.30pm on Thursday February 15.

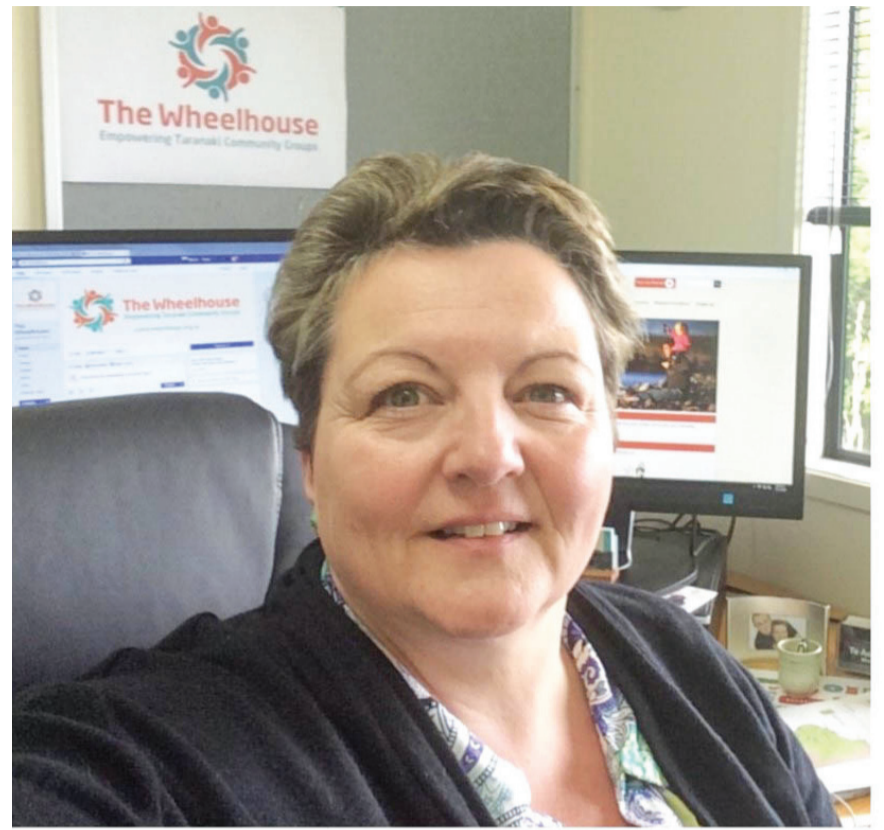
This session will be facilitated by Leighton Littlewood from TSB Community Trust and Ella Borrows from South Taranaki District Council. Both

organisations are partners in the Wheelhouse.

"It's our partners and their genuine desire to grow and support the voluntary and community sector that ensure The Wheelhouse are able to continue to provide opportunities locally. We will be running the follow up session, An Introduction to Planning, sometime after Easter," said Marcia.

For more information see our advert or visit the [www.wheelhouse.org.nz/training](http://www.wheelhouse.org.nz/training) or to register for the workshop contact Marcia direct [manager@wheelhouse.org.nz](mailto:manager@wheelhouse.org.nz) phone 06 759 1178 ext 4 cell 027 789 4351

The Wheelhouse is a partnership of nine capacity building organisations which include the three district councils, TSB Community Trust, Sport Taranaki, BAF, Tui Ora, Te Puni Kokiri and Department of Internal Affairs.



Wheelhouse manager Marcia Millard



## The Wheelhouse Training Opportunities for Voluntary and Community Organisations

[wheelhouse.org.nz](http://wheelhouse.org.nz)

### FREE two hour workshops:

#### An Introduction to Governance

Opunake: Thursday 15 February – 5:15pm–7:30 pm

#### An Introduction to Marketing

New Plymouth: Wednesday 28 February – 5:15pm – 7:30 pm

Hawera: Wednesday 7 March – 5:15pm – 7:30 pm

Stratford: Thursday 8 March – 5:15pm – 7:30 pm

#### An Introduction to Finance

New Plymouth: Tuesday 20 March – 5:15pm – 7:30 pm

Stratford: Thursday 22 March – 5:15pm – 7:30 pm

Hawera: Tuesday 27 March – 5:15pm – 7:30 pm

In partnership with Volunteering New Plymouth and Taranaki Community Law –

#### Volunteer Rights & Responsibilities

Urenui: Tuesday 20 February – 10.30am – 12.30pm

New Plymouth: Tuesday 27 March – 10.30am – 12.30pm

Stratford: Tuesday 10 April – 10.30am – 12.30pm

Patea: Tuesday 22 May – 10.30am – 12.30pm

#### Disclosure of Information

Inglewood: Tuesday 1 May – 10.30am – 12.30pm

The Wheelhouse is proud to launch our new one day workshop **Governance for Sustainable Voluntary and Community Organisations**

We have **30 FREE places (normally \$75)** - first come, first served  
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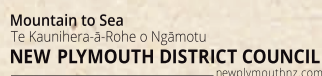
Thanks to the generosity of South Taranaki District Council there are 10 full subsidies available for South Taranaki Organisations – See our website for details.

For more information and booking details visit our website [wheelhouse.org.nz/training](http://wheelhouse.org.nz/training) or our **Facebook page**

Marcia Millard,  
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# Promoting good grief in your community

Good Grief is extending its positive activities into South Taranaki through its programme called Seasons for Growth. The programme is aimed at helping youngsters aged 6 to 18 deal with grief that can arise from many kinds of change impacting on their family, such as divorce, domestic violence, death, illness, incarceration - and even a shift. "Change and loss are part of life and grief is a normal response to these losses." ('Season for Growth' pamphlet).

The co-ordinator for the programme in South Taranaki is Sharon Albrechtsen, who works under the umbrella of the Bishop's Action Foundation with administrative input also from Catholic Care. However, Sharon stresses that the programme is not religiously based. She also points out that counselling is not provided, but rather the programme provides peer support groups, which are small in number (4-7 participants).

Mostly the programme is run in schools in school time, although other venues (and time slots) can be used. For example, Coastal Care in Opunake have kindly made their meeting room

available if required. There is a modest charge of \$20 per youngster for the nine week programme (There is a cheaper rate if more than one young youngster from the same family are enrolled; eg. \$30 for two youngsters.). Referrals from parents are welcome.

Age-related Levels ensure that participants spend time with young people of a similar age.

Sharon has been involved with Seasons for Growth for two years and recalls the 2017 programme fondly. "We had a marvellous time." The schools involved included ones in Hawera, Eltham, Normanby and Waverley.

The youngsters can voice their feelings then express them in various ways, with an emphasis on art including drawing, painting and collage. Trained 'Companions' facilitate the group programme. She mentioned the young people constructing Memory Boxes, which they decorated. Another favourite were the Trust Buses along the themes 'Who can we talk to?' and an expansion of who they can meaningfully talk to.

Sharon is hoping some more 'companions' can be trained and she plans a two



The co-ordinator for the Good Grief programme in South Taranaki is Sharon Albrechtsen

day training programme in March if you'd care to apply. (This is followed up by regular opportunities to meet, network and keep learning through Reconnectors, newsletters, conferences and the website). She is especially

keen to hear from males who can volunteer some time for this worthy cause.

The Outcomes for youngsters include:

- Learn about how different people respond to change, loss and grief

- Understand that it is normal to experience a range of grief reactions
- Explore new approaches to dealing with change and loss in their lives
- Build communication, decision making and problem solving skills
- Participate in a supportive network of peers and adults
- Integrate their new learning into their relationships with family, friends and others.

Last word goes to

a participant who was greatly helped. "I felt a lot better because I was letting all the pain out. Sometimes in school I'd feel like crying about it and I nearly cried. Then I just held it in. But when I went to Seasons for Growth I could just let it out and talk about it. I didn't need to cry because I could talk about it." (Matt, aged 9).

If you'd like to know more please phone Sharon on 027 534 6067 or email south@seasonsfg.org.nz

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in making a positive difference in the lives of our vulnerable tamariki in South Taranaki? Are you committed to child safety, and are you able to volunteer approx. 2 hours a week when required? You will receive 2 days training and will involve a police vetting. Next training is March 2018.

Please contact the South Taranaki co-ordinator Sharon 0275346067 or Email us at south@seasonsfg.org.nz. SFG is an educational grief and loss peer support program for children aged 6-18yrs. Groups are facilitated by specially trained volunteers called companions.



## CoastalCare

### Health and Community Centre

Some of the regular services we currently have running are:

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**TAI CHI - NIGEL CLIFFE**  
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**HAUMIRI MASSAGE**  
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 <b>THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI</b> Comedy, Crime, Drama   1hr 55mins   R16 After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting 3 signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby, the town's revered chief of police Fri 2nd Feb 7pm   Wed 7th Feb 7pm   Sun 11th Feb 7pm	 <b>COCO</b> Adventure, Animated, Kids 1hr 45mins   PG Despite his family's generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colourful Land of the Dead. Sat 3rd Feb 1pm																
 <b>THE STOLEN</b> Action, Adventure, Drama   1hr 38mins   M Young Charlotte Lockton has settled in the South Island of New Zealand with her wealthy British husband, David. But her dreams of a new life and prosperous future are violently shattered when David is murdered at their home and her baby son is kidnapped (set in 1870s) Sat 3rd Feb 7pm   Wed 7th Feb 1pm   Sat 10th Feb 7pm	 <b>DISASTER ARTIST ***BOUTIQUE***</b> Comedy, Drama, True Story   1hr 44mins   M When Greg Sestero, an aspiring film actor, meets the weird and mysterious Tommy Wiseau in an acting class, they form a unique friendship and travel to Hollywood to make their dreams come true. Sun 4th Feb 7pm   Wed 14th Feb 1pm Fri 16th Feb 7pm																
 <b>FERDINAND</b> Animated, Kids, Family   1hr 47min   G The story of a giant bull with a big heart. After being mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured and torn from his home Set in Spain, Ferdinand proves you can't judge a bull by its cover. Sat 10th Feb 1pm	 <b>MAZERUNNER- DEATH CURE</b> Action, Sci Fi, Thriller   1hr 54mins   M Finale to the Maze Runner saga, Thomas leads his group of escaped Gladers on their final and most dangerous mission yet. To save their friends, they must break into the Last City, a -controlled labyrinth that may turn out to be the deadliest maze of all. Fri 9th Feb 7pm   Wed 14th Feb 7pm   Sat 17th Feb 7pm																
 <b>NUT JOB 2</b> Adventure, Kids, Comedy   1hr 31mins   PG Surly the squirrel and his animal friends find out that the corrupt mayor of Oakton plans to bulldoze their beloved Liberty Park to make way for an amusement park. Hoping to save the place they call home, Surly and the gang join forces with Mr. Feng. Sat 17th Feb 1pm	 <b>ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD</b> Biography, Crime, Drama   2hr 12mins   R13 Follows the kidnapping of 16-year-old John Paul Getty III and the desperate attempt by his devoted mother Gail to convince his billionaire grandfather to pay the ransom. When Getty Sr. refuses, Gail attempts to sway him as her son's captors become increasingly volatile and brutal Sun 18th Feb 7pm   Wed 21st Feb 1pm   Sat 24th Feb 7pm																
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# A fun outing for the whole family



The Hillsborough Holden Museum and Bathurst-themed mini putt course has recently opened its doors to the public. This is a fun outing for the family and a great social opportunity conveniently only 10 minutes from the centre of New Plymouth at 683 Egmont Road. To book call 0274 470 708.

The Holden Museum is a must see with 39 cars and loads of memorabilia. Entertain the whole family with a game of mini golf, 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.

Opening hours are 10 am to 4 pm weekends and public holidays

## Knights set for battle in Stratford

Are you ready for a stupendously good day out? Baldrick's Big Day Out Medieval Festival is fast approaching with a day full of fun set to take place at Victoria Park, Stratford on Saturday February 17 including knights on horseback and possibly even some turnip tossing.

Baldrick's Big Day Out committee secretary Leanne

Richards says the biennial event is a free family event providing fun for all ages. She says the knight battles are always a crowd pleaser on the day, gathering plenty of cheers for the "home team" of knights.

This year the festival will also feature demonstrations of skill at arms on horseback, something Garry Hill, Baldrick's Big Day Out



Baldrick's Big Day Out Medieval Festival will be held at Victoria Park Stratford on Saturday February 17

planned, as well as awesome displays including a traditional blacksmith forge," says Leanne.

The Ranfurly Shield will also be on display for rugby fans looking for a photo opportunity with the Log o'Wood.

For the younger visitors, there will be a dedicated Kids' Zone as well as the ever popular "Shoot the Knight" stall.

There will also be lots of market stalls and food stalls. "Plenty of stall holders have already booked their space for the market, so bring along your coins, as there are many great things to buy on the day."

Prizes are also on offer for a range of competitions, including Sauciest Wench, Raggiest Urchin and Best Baldrick, says Leanne.

"So come along in costume and prepare to have a great family fun day out."

### Natural Progression work by Aaron Tippett at The Village Gallery

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committee member, says will be great to watch.

"The horses and riders are incredibly skilled and the crowd at Baldrick's Big Day Out will have the opportunity to see some fantastic demonstrations of skill, speed and precision, giving an insight into how battles were fought and won in times gone by."

The event runs from 10.30am until 4.00pm and provides plenty of other entertainment on the day,

"We have live music, dancers and some great entertainment



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