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Sun, surf and fun

In blisteringly hot weather people seemed to come from all over to enjoy Opunake's 150th centennial picnic on February 15.

There was a lot happening but for many it was a chance to chill out and just enjoy a relaxed day and listen to some great music.

Two bouncy castles were a great hit with children who, from toddlers up, spent hours playing in the maze of tunnels and slides. The bouncy castles were free – a gift from the Opunake Sesquicentennial Committee. Face painting was another activity that children seemed to enjoy.

The South Taranaki District Council also came to the party and paid for the band, Blistered Fingers who gave some good covers of iconic hits such as Stand By Me and Stairway to Heaven. They also, interestingly, did at least one of their own numbers which was an added treat.

The 150th Sesqui centennial booklet sold well on the day. If people want to buy a booklet which charts Opunake's history they're available for purchase from the Opunake Library for \$20.

For those who want an opportunity to guess the number of lollies in the jar, there's still time. They can go down to Opunake Post & Lotto and place their guess for a \$1. The winner gets the lot.

It was a bit windy elsewhere but the sheltered area – a kind of natural amphitheatre – meant that it was perfect weather for the celebration of Opunake's 150th birthday which culminated



Karl Spruth, one year old, from Germany in the bouncy castle at Opunake's 150th celebrations.

in a photo of those present forming 'the 150' on Opunake Beach. A drone was to have photographed the group but unfortunately it was too windy so the throng were captured from the surrounding clifftops.

"It was a great day," commented Secretary of the 150th Opunake Sesquicentennial Committee Jean Roach especially as the event conflicted with a number of other events around Taranaki.

The Sesquicentennial celebrations continue. The Americana Classic Car Show will be held at Sandfords Event Centre this Friday



Opunake celebrates 150 years.

February 27 at 10am finishing at 12 noon. Then they head to Hawera. There'll be three free minibuses laid on by the South Taranaki District Council to ferry people around local tourist attractions including the town centre.

Note that there's still time to get in your short stories for the short story/poetry competition which will be judged by Opunake's own literary son Graeme Lay. The deadline has been extended to Saturday February 28.

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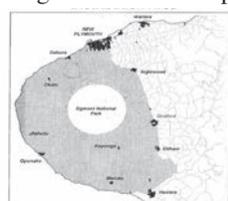
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Letters to the Editor

An Amazing Little Town

Having just spent a few days in Opunake, while on holiday, I feel compelled to say what an amazing little town this is.

You have two of the best second hand shops I've seen in a long time, a surprisingly good supermarket hidden behind a "corner shop" facade, excellent café (with the best bacon and egg pies) and a great library, every kind of stationary and nic

nacs my heart desired.

All in all a pleasant and rewarding place to visit and shop. Much better services than bigger towns up north by a coast that blows me away.

Thank you for your hospitality.

I will return with my family.

Janet Simperingham
Whangarei

EDITORIAL: NZ soldiers to Iraq

It is a grave mistake to send NZ soldiers to Iraq, whether in a combat role or in a support/training capacity. Help out? Yes, but with humanitarian and medical aid, as well as opening our doors more widely to refugees. But military involvement? - an emphatic no.

Just for a start, a decision so vital as this with possible dire consequences, should be a decision reached by all parliamentarians, of all political parties, not just the

MPs representing 49% of the popular vote, the National Party. It is my understanding that National's coalition partners are generally opposed to military involvement. Such a decision should be, furthermore, a free conscience vote.

With horror we have all learned about the shocking atrocities, with the one involving the Jordanian airman perhaps the most appalling. However, it was a shock to see the targets which had been bombed by the Jordanian Airforce

- built up residential areas by the look of it. The anger of the airman's captors is hardly surprising. These bombing raids are mostly indiscriminate and civilians are the most affected as regards casualties and loss of homes or livelihood. Do we really want to be part of this in any military way?

Terrorism is the scourge of the modern world. But it is fuelled by anger and military intervention simply fuels this anger and leads to more recruits for terrorism.

Only dialogue, admittedly

hard as it is to implement, is the only chance for peace and the cessation of terrorism. People with special qualities need to be used as intermediaries with opposing leaders prepared to talk at length and hammer out compromises, despite their antipathy and even hatred.

Remember the invaluable past contribution by such people as ex-US President Jimmy Carter and our own Sir Paul Reeves in this regard.

BBC: Scientific Pharisees

One of the arguments used against Christianity is that mankind has evolved intellectually and no longer needs religion. Society, apparently, has risen to scientific reality. Faith in Jesus Christ is no longer needed.

The Bible tells us that there is nothing new under heaven. In other words the same thoughts and arguments are used throughout history, though possibly in different clothing.

2000 years ago Pharisees had everything sorted out. They had all the knowledge. They knew it all, there was no need for correction.

And then Jesus came. They rejected him. And that, I think, is what is happening today; not on a religious basis, but on a so-called scientific basis.

I have been around long enough to have experienced changes in what was thought to be scientific fact. For example, when I went to school it was understood that the universe was a solid state universe. In other words it had always existed and always would exist. There was no need of a Creator God. Now the scientific theory is that the universe came from nothing, exactly as the Bible said. Another

great argument against a Creator God was evolution. If life could evolve naturally, by pure chance and random mutation, then there was no need of a Creator God. Today science and mathematics proved conclusively that evolution is a dead duck. The Biblical concept of a creator of life is now a logical option.

The only remaining pillar of the anti-God argument is the geological time line but, as the other two anti-God pillars have already fallen, I believe this one will fall too.

Just as the Pharisees of old believed they had the answers and there was no

need of Jesus, so it is with many people today. Today's news aligns so closely with the Bible's prophecies of Jesus' return that it looks as if today's people will be proven to be just as wrong as the Pharisees.

The point of all this is that Jesus is offering eternal life now. Now is the only time to accept Him, to believe in Him, to meet with Him. Will you hang on to old ideas or accept Jesus Christ as God?

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Post Polio advocate stepping down

After 22 years as president and co-ordinator of the Taranaki Post Polio Support Group, Shirley Hazlewood is calling it a day. When she steps down on June 30, the group which she set up will come to an end.

It is harder to get funding, often having to compete against larger groups for available money, Shirley said. She has been in a wheelchair since losing a leg to bone cancer 10 years ago, and the polio which she first contracted as a child is getting worse and moving into her spine. Finally, nobody is prepared to step in and take her place.

Twenty two years ago Shirley placed a newspaper ad for a meeting to set up a Taranaki Post Polio Support group. Fourteen people attended the first meeting held at her Kaponga home. "It just went from there and got bigger and bigger," she said. "We had 90 members within two years. We are now down to 40. The oldest one is 95, and I'm the youngest at 68."



Shirley Hazlewood was awarded the QSM in 2009.

travel, and Shirley would go through four cars, racking up 70,000 kilometres a year. At first, she did not have a drivers licence, and her husband Tony would drive her everywhere. When he died, Shirley taught herself how to drive, and picked up a licence of her own, so she

could continue her work. The group had members as far afield as Stratford, Hawera, New Plymouth, Matamateonga, and even Wanganui. There is even a former member living in Australia who still gets the group's newsletter. "We had meetings every six

weeks," Shirley said. "We would go out for lunch, get together and talk. We would get a lot of house-bound people out playing bowls and joining groups to get them out of the house." She has picked up a slew of awards on the way, including a QSM in 2006.

Her group has been awarded a Roosevelt Medal, named after the polio survivor who went on to be the longest serving president of the United States.

Shirley was 14 months old when she contracted polio. She spent most of the next few years in hospital, only allowed home one weekend a month.

"Having polio I could never play sport or ride horses, as I had no co-ordination," she said.

Nevertheless she did what she could to help her father Lou Muggeridge around the farm handling the family Clydesdales. Her lifelong love of horses is reflected in the Horse Ornament Museum she runs out of her Kaponga home. After she married and had children, she recalls milking cows with a baby on her back, and that despite having had polio.

She still enjoys working away in her garden.

"I spent so many years in hospital, so I love being outside," she said.

She plans to keep in touch

with the members of the Support Group, and will be continuing with her presidency of the Taranaki Disabled Persons Assembly. "People with disabilities think that because they have a disability, they can't do anything, but when you get talking to them, they say, I didn't realise I could do that," she said.

She is looking forward to seeing a bit more of the country and spending time with family and friends. She also plans to keep a proprietorial interest in the town she has come to call home, having been an outspoken advocate for more footpaths and ramps for the disabled. She is one of two co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Watch in Kaponga.

She says she has never let her polio hold her back.

"I don't think about it. I get on with life. I love people and I love history and learning about things. I can't sit around doing nothing. I've got to be doing something."

Another week...another month



The Opunake Health Centre is looking more and more inviting, looking forward to the day of occupation.

Business owner on the mend

Opunake businessman Bill Hayward who fell off a ladder two weeks ago and had to be helicoptered to Taranaki Base Hospital is in a neck brace but is expected to make a full recovery. Bill cracked three vertebrae in his neck, said Ali and will be off work for six weeks.

Bill who with wife Ali own Opunake Fish Chips and More was working inside the shop which they are in the process of refurbishing when he stepped down the

wrong side of the ladder and fell onto the lino floor. Very fortunately Dr Mitch who lives close by was soon at hand to administer aid. The rescue helicopter arrived shortly after and Bill was whisked away promptly without their having to even turn off the engine which is apparently quite unusual said Ali. She added that she'd like to thank everyone involved for their help.

We wish Bill well and a speedy recovery.

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Maree Liddington

pocket knife to show how it could happen. Later this great idea was carried out and the Suez Canal was formed 1869. This new shipping lane had a huge influence on the sailing distance and times between the west and the east. And this all started with an idea.

Why am I telling this story and what does this have to do with the Eltham/Kaponga community?

The Eltham Development Group and Community Board would like some of your ideas. We want to know what the people of Eltham and district (that includes Kaponga) want or think we need in our towns. You might have some great initiative that would

boost the towns' appearance or economy; make it a better place to live; provide more facilities for children, youth, the elderly. What ideas do you have?

The EDG is organising a public get together to 'fly your ideas and dreams' on the 25th of March, 7pm at the Eltham Fire Station. We will be sending out flyers with the time and date, and also watch for posters with our 'Kite' logo for further information. If you can't get to the public evening, then speak to one of the community board members about your ideas.

Sometimes we wonder though, if it is really worth all our work to beautify our towns and provide new facili-

ties. There is a little group of people at present in Eltham who find entertainment in being destructive

and spoiling the town. We would ask everyone to keep their eyes and ears open to see if we can stop this stupid behaviour, and report it to the Police straight away, whatever the time of the day.

Let's all work together to make our towns a better place to live. Remember our Public Get together "Fly your dreams." Come and share your ideas at the Eltham Fire Station on 25 March.

Maree Liddington
Eltham Community Board

A French diplomat, Ferdinand de Lesseps was looking at a map one day and said to his friend, "What a pity a narrow strip of land keeps the Mediterranean from the Red Sea."

He cut the map with his

Plug it say Climate Justice Taranaki

"It's time to plug OMV's operations after a third oil spill in the Maari field off the Taranaki coast" says Emily Bailey, member of Climate Justice Taranaki.

"According to an OMV estimate, up to 300 litres of oil spilled into the sea on Friday 20 February. While company spin doctors will

try and talk this down calling it 'small', the US EPA states that 300 litres of oil can contaminate 300 million litres of water, and this near a blue whale breeding ground and in the habitat of the critically endangered Maui's dolphin." "OMV already spilled oil from this same operation on two occasions in 2010, which

washed up on the Kapiti Coast. OMV publicly apologised then and now but again left much of the oil to 'break down naturally', promising to 'ensure best practices are followed to minimise any environmental risks'." "Clearly their operations and equipment are still not up to scratch. We're tired of our

seas being used as dumping grounds. We don't want to wait for another big spill.

The EPA should never have given OMV a marine consent to further destroy our natural environment. It's time to send OMV packing" concludes Emily Bailey.

Board votes grant to Okato 150th

The question of how far Okato and districts extended was debated at the Egmont Plains Community Board at their first meeting on January 28. The Okato Districts 150 Years committee was asking for a \$5000 grant from the Egmont Plains Community Board.

Although Okato town is outside the Egmont Plains boundaries, the celebrations, to be held in March will cover Okato and districts, which

extend from Warea through to Tataraimaka, committee chairman Anthony Williams said. This would include a large area within the Egmont Plains.

Mr Williams said it was difficult to tell how much money they would be able to get to run the event.

"I was part of the 125th anniversary celebrations, but the world has changed a lot in 25 years," he said.

He said there had before Christmas "nobody had want-

ed to know about it," but momentum had gathered since then, and people in Okato are now looking forward to it.

"We want all of Taranaki to be part of it, and we are going to get a fine weekend," he said.

Cr Ian Armstrong said the northern end of the Egmont Plains don't often come to the community board asking for money.

"Perhaps they are well overdue for a bit of support" he said.

Cr Bonita Bigham said she had reservations about making a grant to an organising committee based outside the Egmont Plains, and granting money on this occasion could encourage other groups based outside the Plains boundaries, to make similar applications.

"I would be far more comfortable supporting something held within our boundaries," she said.

The board voted to grant \$750.



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Okato looks forward to 150th celebrations

The countdown is on for the Okato and districts 150 years celebrations. The members are busily getting last minute things organised for the fun weekend planned. There are a number of activities organised to suit everybody.

Friday evening will begin our celebrations and is a great time to come down and enjoy a bustling market followed by the official welcome and cutting of the cake, then spend the night dancing to the band 'Nga Tama'. Most stalls will be cash only but you can purchase drinks from the bar and Okato 150 souvenirs using eftpos.

Saturday is a fun family day out. This includes the parade, beginning at 10am, followed by the family picnic. There are 80-100 floats in the parade, including Clydesdale horses, army tanks and plenty of local businesses and families.

You can either bring a homemade picnic or purchase food from one of the many stalls provided by local community groups. Once again, there will be no eftpos facilities available for these stalls. There will be plenty of entertainment for the children, including the bubble man, stilt walkers, a fairy and CJ the clown. There will also be a bouncy castle, a Ferris wheel, water walkers and the Clydesdale horse and cart rides. These rides will



In a few days there will be throngs of people in this space.

range between \$2-\$5, and you can either pay with cash at the ride or purchase tickets from the souvenirs stall using eftpos.

Please think in advance about how much cash you will need over this weekend as there is no ATM in Okato and the local businesses are not always able to give cash out.

There will be an auction during the family picnic for a range of products including a chainsaw, a line trimmer, a child's pedal tractor, meal

vouchers, plus many more. Keep an eye out for the auction, you may be able to score yourself a bargain.

There are still seats available on the historic bus tours. There will be a north tour and a south tour, with a running commentary as you pass local sites. Tickets are \$20 per person.

The celebrations continue on into the night with the dinner followed by the party. Tickets can be purchased until Monday 2 March through our website or by phoning

7528150.

Sunday brings us a combined church service incorporating the local denominations. This will be held in the marquee starting at 10am. Following the church service there will be an opportunity for a cup of tea while viewing the displays in the Hempton Hall provided by the local historical society.

A spit roast is available for Sunday lunch (tickets can be purchased through the website for \$20), followed by the

Puniho Pa visit or the Amazing Race. All ages are invited to the Pa with the bus leaving the township at 1:40pm while the Amazing Race begins at the Okato Rugby Club at 2:00pm.

The celebrations end with a performance based on the history of Okato. The show is written and directed by Raeleen Luckin and will feature local performers. This show will be a fun filled night for the whole family. Tickets can be pre purchased or bought on the night.

Throughout the weekend the Historical Society will have a display in Hempton

Hall for all to learn about the rich history of the area. The Coastal Taranaki School history projects will be presented in the Hempton Hall on Saturday at 1:15pm.

The weekend's events will be held in or around the marquee at the old Okato Primary school field next to the playground and skatepark.

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Okato and Districts 150 years committee.

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There are five finalists in each of the four competition categories: Nga Haerenga - NZ Cycle Trails, Off-Road and Adventure Rides, Urban Trails and Commutes, and On-Road Rides.

Dougal List, National Cycling Manager with the NZ Transport Agency - the organisation which funds and coor-

dinates the Bike Wise programme, says the promotion is all about getting Kiwis to identify, share and celebrate their favourite places to cycle throughout New Zealand. "The number of nominations received shows that Kiwis love to cycle and that there are thousands of well-loved places to ride our bikes."

Whakarewarewa Forest (The Redwoods) in Rotorua was voted NZ's Favourite Place to Cycle in the 2014 Bike Wise promotion. Marketing Communications Coordinator for Destination Rotorua, Ash Palmer, said, "Being crowned New Zealanders' favourite place to cycle in 2014 was a great result for The Redwoods and Whakarewarewa Forest. It's helped to reinforce Rotorua's reputation as the

mountain biking capital of the Southern Hemisphere. The Redwoods are truly spectacular and this award has helped promote Rotorua's world-class mountain biking trails to an even greater audience."

The finalists for 'NZ's Favourite Place to Cycle' are: NZ Cycle Trail - Nga Haerenga: Great Lake Trail, Taupo, Hauraki Rail Trail, Hawke's Bay Trails, Otago Rail Trail, Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

Off-Road or Adventure Ride: Craters Mountain Bike Park, Taupo, Makara Mountain Bike Park, Wellington, Taupo trails - includes Huka Falls and Aratiatia, The Redwoods, Rotorua, Wanaka lake and river tracks.

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Top line camera for Kaponga fire brigade

There are only three thermal imaging cameras available for fighting fires in all of Taranaki, and the Kaponga Fire Brigade has one of them. "Getting a camera has been a talking point for two years," station officer Warren Goodall said. "We had a spate of fires, and we always had to request one from Hawera, as it's the closest. We thought it would be nice to have one on our patch."

The Kaponga Lions Club, who use the fire station to hold their meetings was prepared to pitch in to help with fund raising, and late last year, the 24-strong Kaponga brigade were able to pick up their new Drager UCF 9000 thermal imaging camera. The camera is able to pick up hot spots early, so that danger areas can be detected and dealt with earlier.

As well as a video camera, it comes with eight different settings, enabling it to have uses other than just firefighting. It can pick up human body temperatures, making it useful for search and rescue, and can also detect leaks and contamination levels when dealing with hazardous goods emergencies.

The only other thermal im-

aging cameras are in New Plymouth and Hawera. Kaponga chief fire officer Jason Hurley said Kaponga's Drager camera is a top of the line model, and is the only one in Taranaki.

"It gives our firefighters an additional tool when going into a blaze. If you go into a smoke filled building it can be like looking for a needle in a haystack, but having the camera can minimise the risk," he said.

As well as the mountain, he noted the close proximity of strategic sites such as Foknterra and Kapuni.

"We have a major risk on our back door if these are down for any length of time," he said.

The camera has already been used a number of times, including twice in dealing with house fires in Stratford. Warren said one of these was a kitchen fire where it was used to detect hot spots in the ceiling. On the other occasion it was used to make sure a fire inside the walls of a house hadn't proceeded any further.

"It has a type of x-ray. You can hold it against the wall, and it shows the studs as well."



From left. Kaponga Lions president Trevor Hurley hands Kaponga fire station officer Warren Goodall a cheque to go towards the brigade's new thermal imaging camera, held by Raymond Eynon.

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TRC sees no reason to up rates

The Taranaki Regional Council has signalled essentially no change in rates next year despite plans to expand some programmes.

The Council's draft budget for 2015/2016 envisages an overall decrease of \$34,594, or a little over a third of one per cent in its total rates take (made up of general rates, targeted rates and uniform annual charge). However, the general rates take on its own will increase by just under one per cent with the impact to vary across the region.

The 2015/2016 budget forms part of the Council's draft Long-Term Plan 2015/2025, for which councillors have approved a Con-

sultation Document to be open for public submissions during March.

The Chairman, David MacLeod, says the Council's long-term budgets are based on general rates increases below the rate of inflation across the life of the plan. "We are among the lowest rating Councils in the country and we want to keep this status," he says. "Rates increases have been minimal in recent years, the Council's financial position is strong and we have no public debt."

Progressions to existing programmes, rather than fundamental changes, are envisaged in coming years:

New Government directives and the Council's own reviews will bring changes to

its state of the environment reporting regime and its resourcing of the riparian management programme.

The Council's approach to biodiversity partnerships will evolve, building on a collaborative approach among Taranaki agencies and groups working in this field.

The cost of an upgrade of the Pukeiti gatehouse is being added to the budget.

The Council plans to enter a partnership with other regions and the Government to develop a new electronic ticketing system for bus services.

Submissions on the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document run for four weeks from Monday March 2.

WI members visit Lysaght Gallery

Members of Manaia WI enjoyed a visit to the local gallery for their February meeting to view the Exhibition of 'The Princes Street Row - Now & Then' which is a picture history story on five heritage buildings and their occupiers by Cecilia Russell, who was on hand to enlighten us on how it had all come together - members really enjoyed what was a walk down memory lane.

Cecilia also showed some of her beautiful 'Word Pictures' which are unique and you can view some of her

artwork on www.wordpictures.co.nz.

Cecilia was thanked by member Jenny Hamley.

Members were then welcomed to our first meeting of the year by President Ann Chisnal, which was held at the Fat Cow Cafe followed by an enjoyable lunch.

A Christmas Card had been received from our link - Becket WI in England.

Members were reminded of Founders Day to be held at Patea Beach at 11.15am

on February 24, and if wet at the Patea Museum.

Tickets are also available for Federation Harvest Dinner to be held on March 15 at 6pm.

The Mary Hutton Trophy was awarded to Phyllis Malcolm for arranging a WI float in the Manaia Christmas Parade and gaining second prize.

Soaring to New Heights - a lovely listen

Maree Christiansen's recently completed CD Soaring to New Heights, is a lovely listen.

There are some very catchy numbers and though Maree has a background in country music, not all songs fit into this category.

The thirteen songs were written over a number of years and the production of the full 'album' a long nursed ambition though Maree had previously recorded four original numbers and some covers for a CD some years ago. This time however she was aiming for a different sound, and she certainly has with a smorgasbord of instruments which include guitar, strings, saxophone, vibraphone and drums as well as added vocals accompanying her expressive voice. Her subject matter is of-

ten personal though she also writes on Taranaki themes like the mountain and the sea.

The CD has taken quite a hammering on my car stereo. There are three numbers I particularly like. The second and title track Soaring To New Heights originally submitted for a song writing competition to promote the Special Olympics, is a cleverly constructed song. Co-written by Ashley Pedersen from Colour Conversions in Opunake where the CD was recorded, the song begins with a catchy chorus with strings adding poignancy to the vocals. Maree then introduces the solo. The chorus repeats later. It's a stirring track.

I also enjoyed the fourth track in Heartache. Starting with lush strings it is a soul-

ful ballad, a love song. The saxophone is an inspired addition and complements the overall effect.

My final of the top three was the evocative Lost Children which begins and ends differently again, this time with Maree humming. There is clearly a story behind the motivation for this song which has some haunting visual imagery of lost children - a beautiful song.

Another track entitled I

wrote this Song interestingly charts how Marie came to do the CD with Colour Conversions beginning with how she saw their advert in the Opunake & Coastal News.

Marie is a talented song writer and with Ashley's production with assistance from Anne Montgomery, herself a fine singer who has previously featured on television, they have come up with something quite special.

Bernice McKellar



Maree Christiansen, who has recently completed a CD of original music at Colour Conversions in Opunake.

On this month in History. St Valentine executed

Tradition has it that St Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269. He had tried to convince the emperor Claudius Gothicus to become a Christian. Not only did Claudius refuse, but he sentenced Valentine to death, commanding that he either renounce his faith, or he would be beaten with clubs and beheaded. This Valentine refused to do. The idea of St Valentine being associated with romantic love dates back to the time of Geoffrey

Chaucer. One theory is that in the Middle Ages, birds were paired with romantic couples in mid-February. Another says that St Valentine's Day was meant to succeed the mid-February pagan festival of Lupercalia

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Sending troops to Iraq not the answer



Andrew Little MP

The government has taken one of the most controversial decisions it will ever take, the deployment of troops to Iraq.

Labour opposes the deployment.

The purpose of the mission is to provide training for the Iraqi Army along with troops from a small number of

other countries. Information released by the government this week shows that of the 143 personnel to go to Iraq, only sixteen will be trainers. The chief of the army says all personnel will conduct their duties "behind the wire" (meaning they won't be in the combat zone).

The problem with the mission we are sending our troops on is it's been tried before without success. The US Army supplied thousands of soldiers to train the Iraqi army over ten years and at a cost of \$25 billion, and it failed to act as an effective fighting force. The reality is the Iraqi army has seen mass desertions, it has low morale, its leadership is incompetent and it is rife with corruption. Faced with fighting Islamic

state, the brutal and barbaric militia force that has seized many parts of Iraq, Iraqi army soldiers fled or surrendered. Weapons intended for the Iraqi army have found their way to Islamic State.

After seeing on many occasions how brutal Islamic State can be, it is natural to think we must do something. We must be able to repel them in some way. But Islamic State is not a conventional enemy. It isn't a country with borders and its own people. It is a movement that operates across borders, operating in Syria and Libya as well as Iraq. It is funded from stolen bul-

lion and money, and seized oil refineries. Arms supplies come from a number of sources, including state governments that support it.

Islamic State recruits into its ranks the disillusioned and the disaffected who have no hope of finding a job.

Training an incompetent and corrupt army to repel Islamic State is a fruitless task. It is reckless to send our troops to a mission in a region as dangerous as Iraq when it will have little or no effect. Shutting down Islamic State will require stopping its funding, stopping its supply of arms and stopping its source of recruits by providing an alternative.

Sun

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The tale of two public servants



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Last Friday I was witness to what turned out to be an interesting comparative example of quality customer service

in the public sector.

Last Thursday a young Job Seeker on a benefit was scheduled to sit his driver's licence test and out of decency to the tester I'll refrain from saying where. The young man really wanted to sit and pass his licence that day. He had a job interview and the prospective employer had graciously put off the interview until after the test in the hope that he would pass his licence which would be a plus on the boy's CV.

The young man had arranged to borrow his mother's car which she had left for him and gone off to work. He went out to the car to leave early for his test as he had been advised to get there early, only to discover that mum had gone off to work and mistakenly taken the car keys. He rang in a panic and his mother quickly left work and headed home with the keys ringing the AA to let them know of her mistake and promise that the son was still coming but could be a little late. And the boy was late by six and a half minutes which is one and a half minutes past the five minutes 'grace period' unilaterally imposed by the Testing Officer. The young man didn't even get a chance to get out of the car. The Testing Officer stuck his head in the driver's window of the

car and told him he was a "no show", would have to book to re-sit the test and pay another \$67.50 for the privilege. The tester confirmed he had got the message from mum but "it made no difference" as he walked to his own car and left for the day.

On Friday I met up with a young couple about to tie the knot. I am their marriage celebrant and we had a wedding practise at the venue the day before the wedding. It was in the gardens at King Edward Park in Hawera and when I saw the beautiful show of the annuals in flower I was blown away and mentioned it to the bride to be.

Now here is a story about Quality Customer Service. The bride had phoned and booked the park venue with the Council Parks and Reserve department. While in conversation she was told the beds would be ready for replanting and was asked the colours of her bridal party so the colours of the flowers could be coordinated. And there they were all shades of pink and purple to match the purples in the bridal frocks. The staff were also repainting the pagodas the party would stand under the next day as well as others in the vicinity. When I spoke to Dave Bruce the manager of Parks

and Reserves for STDC he took it as if it was the most natural response in the world when he said "... well, it's a big day and we wanted it to be nice for them." That man deserves a DB so I rang his boss and sang his praises, and additionally I knew I had the perfect subject for my weekly column.

It doesn't matter how much a government, council, company or organisation want to provide the best service for their taxpayer, ratepayer or fee paying customers if the blokes on the frontline don't get who they work for. If the Testing Officer had decided to knock off seven minutes late rather than 23 minutes early he might have had a beer dropped off to him too.

Thankfully, after a heads up chat to the Associate Minister of Transport, Craig Foss' team have arranged a quick re-test and waived the fee. Boy I hope he gets a different Testing Officer and boy I hope he flies through his test. His mum reckoned it was great to know that they really did matter after all. I reckon that is a big lesson for a young unemployed boy wanting to get a job.

But it is a much bigger lesson for any public servant.



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The band Blistered Fingers. We apologise for the photo in the last issue which was incorrectly captioned as The band Blistered Fingers. Editor



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Mike Weren - The Adviser - for all insurance requirements

Mike Weren has recently opened an office in Opunake. Mike has worked for locally-owned insurance firm The Advisers for five years now. He is impressed with the professional support of his colleagues; who include CEO Bruce Flay, fellow adviser Jacinda Doell and five support staff. The Head Office is in New Plymouth at Unit 6, Top Town, 123 Devon Street East, New Plymouth.

“We have great support staff in New Plymouth. They can do almost anything.”

Mike brings a wealth of relevant experience to his position, including about 15 years in the insurance industry and a further 20 in banking. He mostly works from home and actually prefers to see clients in their own homes. He points out if there is a document they need to consult or show, it is handy to locate it in the

nearby drawer or cabinet in the home.

Although Mike is based in the Stratford area – he lives between Stratford and Eltham – he covers a wider area incorporating south Taranaki generally, including the Opunake area. He does not have set hours for his Opunake office, but visits there on an ‘as needed’ basis, at times to suit his Opunake clients.

Mike covers all types of



Mike Weren

insurance, including house and contents, business, farms, life cover, income and health – you name it, he can probably do it!

He deals with a number of insurance firms, such as AMP, Asteron, NZI, Lumley General Insurance and Fidelity Life to ensure the optimal deal for his clients.

He takes great satisfaction in his firm’s concern to get the best deal for his clients at competitive rates.

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mate concern, he explains.

Mike has well-established involvement in the community, which reflects his concern for people and the environment. He has been Chairperson of the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust for the past five years (and a Trust member for 10) and has been a member of the Eltham Lions for 20 years. He explains he knows Opunake and its people well as a result of his

co-operation with the two Lions clubs in the township. He is also a member of the Taranaki Underwater Club. He is a family man, married with two children, who are now adults.

You can contact Mike Weren by phoning his home office on 06 765 7474 or 0275 693 736. His email address is mike@theadvisers.co.nz

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Te Kiri WI celebrate first meeting for the year

We celebrate our first meeting of the year with a shared delicious finger luncheon at the home of Merle and Roy Clement where we were welcomed by Merle and our president Sue Muggeridge.

We had a lovely view of the garden from the dining room. Very colourful and just delightful.

A very busy meeting was held, Founders Day on the 24th February was held at Patea Beach. Members were reminded to bring lunch, a cup and a chair. If wet this will be held in the Patea Museum. Other dates in March and April will be discussed nearer the time they are to be held.

We discussed our birthday which is next month and it was decided to have lunch at the Black and White Restaurant and hold our meeting at Kath Perretts new home in Hawera.

Rita Kaiser read an interesting letter from our link in England. We all admired the beautiful wine glass decorations we were given as a Christmas present. Pat Barrett celebrated a very special birthday and was presented with a rosy of flowers with our best wishes.

Competition results:

Bloom
1st Raima Karma, 2nd Merle Clement 3rd Sue Muggeridge

and Pauline Clough

Shrub
1st Merle Clement 2nd Sue Muggeridge 3rd Aileen Simpson and Pauline Clough

Cooking
1st Sue Muggeridge
Floral

1st Sue Muggeridge 2nd Raima Karam

As Dianne Bright was resigning we held our Annual Meeting.

Dianne was congratulated on her writing of the report. We have had a very interesting and busy year. The highlight being catering for a dinner to raise funds for the theatre and the medical centre.

We are very sorry to lose Dianne so she has been a brilliant member travelling from Waitotara to our meetings. A wizard with the computer and Dianne and Judith have been very helpful keeping us in touch with institute business. Dianne was presented with a gift of appreciation and best wishes for her and husband in their new venture. Dianne, you will be missed.

Points prizes over the year were presented and Merle was thanked for the use of her home and presented with a gift of appreciation.

We’ll enjoy this year and some new ideas we have to share. A thank you gift to be sent to Arthur Hughson our auditor.

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Coping with bullying



Sylvia Huitson

Do you have a bully in your life? Someone who keeps digging away at you trying to make you feel bad? Sometimes we can avoid these people, sometimes we can't. Often they are our boss, our work colleague, another kid or group of kids at school, and sometimes our partner or our parent, or even our child if we are an older adult.

Bullying is a behaviour that is carried out to make you feel bad. Often bullies are people who are being, or have been, bullied themselves. It's mostly about power and control. They get off on making you feel bad. Not nice. I remember the first time I can recall feeling

bullied. I was seven and some kid was stopping me from getting home from school by blocking the shortcut. (Result – a feeling that the world is not a safe place). Bullying can happen to anybody, but is more likely to happen to quiet people and people who don't have many friends. The effects of bullying can last a very long time.

How do we manage a relationship with someone who we feel bullied by? The most important point about this is not to take this abuse on board. If you are being put down and criticised, try not to take it to heart. Why? Because it will damage your self-esteem and your confidence. It will chip away at your resilience. Resilience is what is vital, along with good self esteem and confidence, to succeed in life. If we get too far down and think we are no good we will find it very hard to do well, get a job, find a good relationship, be happy. Instead we can be filled with doubt and self loathing because – you guessed it – we have felt bullied and criticised by someone on

some sort of power trip.

Some people may not notice they are being bullied, or will pretend they don't notice. That is one way of dealing with bullying. We can ignore the comments. We can challenge the comments – 'that wasn't a nice thing to say', 'that's not an appropriate way to speak to me,' 'please don't speak to me like that'. Sometimes it is not safe to challenge comments, for example in a domestic violence relationship. In the workplace if it continues to happen, write down the comments and the dates, so you have a paper trail if you need to speak to a manager or go higher up. Again, most importantly, keep your self esteem and confidence intact by not taking on board negative and abusive comments – block them out with your invisible shield. Remember it's about the behaviour of the bully. Internal processing can help if you can manage your thoughts to something like this – 'they are having a bad day', or 'they got out of bed the wrong side,' or 'I'm glad I am not like him/

her'. Or, out loud – 'is that what you think', or 'really?' 'That's your opinion'. Again the point in this is not to take the comments to heart. Ask yourself if it matters what this person says to you or about you. The opinion of friends and supportive family is more likely to be truthful. If that's how they speak to people, then do you really want to take notice of their opinion? Use them as a motivator – it works for me. Get in the fast lane and pass them.

There is a serious side to bullying, because it can lead to suicidal thoughts. It can also lead to depression, stress and other health problems. Bullying is what is going on in domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and in many, many workplaces. This is a huge subject to cover in a small column, but I hope something has been useful.

For further survival tips you can check out my book, *Survive and Thrive Choose Life*, which is available by emailing me at counsellor.sylvia@xtra.co.nz.

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Climate Justice Taranaki slams bill

Climate Justice Taranaki has slammed a bill which would amend The Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (EEZ) Act 2012.

The bill was needed to correct an "error" or loophole that must be fixed "to remove any uncertainty on the capacity for STOS to operate the Maui platform," Environment minister Nick Smith said.

Urs Signer of Climate Justice Taranaki said there is no error or loophole.

"The EEZ Act gives plenty of leeway through its transitional provisions, and by allowing existing activities to continue for the term of their permits while marine consents are sought. STOS has always known when its permit (since 1973) is go-

ing to expire and it's had three years to prepare for their marine consent application (since the EEZ Act was passed). If they can't get their act together or there are sufficient oppositions to cause delays through legal appeals, then they should accept the consequence. There is no reason for the government to bend over backwards and change the law for them," he said

"Let's not forget the 'Anadarko Amendment' which prohibits protest at sea within 500 metres from a drill rig was a direct result of industry lobbying. And last October, STOS was found to have drilled two wells at Maui illegally, breaching the EEZ Act. Smith, the then Environ-

ment Minister defended the company with 'argy-bargy' at the time!" continued Signer.

Climate Justice Taranaki said they and members of the public had been declined when they asked the EPA to extend the public submission periods for OMV's marine consent application, but the EPA had agreed to OMV's request for more time to prepare missing information needed in the impact assessment, and for its Discharge Management Plan (DMP) to be kept away from the public. STOS had also asked for a delay in hearing and for most of its DMP to be kept confidential.

"When is the government going to turn around and start serving New Zealanders and protecting our environment

and natural resources?"

Catherine Cheung of Climate Justice Taranaki said. "The era of fossil fuel dependence is over as global and local institutions from the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund to churches and universities are divesting billions of dollars. New Zealanders, wake up, divest from fossil fuels and invest in alternatives. We deserve a more just, healthy and sustainable future for all," concluded Catherine Cheung

Kaponga WI knit poppies

Kaponga members knitted 200 Anzac Poppies which have been sent to the Waiouru Museum to be included in the WW1 Centenary Poppy Project. As many as 18,166 crafted poppies are needed for a display representing each serviceman and woman lost by New Zealand in the Great War.

President Fiona Collins congratulated the 15 members

and thanked them for their wonderful effort, with a special mention of Joy Eliason who knitted 60.

The February gathering of members commenced with a walk around Hollards Gardens, before a meeting and lunch at the Kaponga Hotel.

Nominations for committee are: F Collins, G Frandsen, R McDonald, M Broomhall, D Hughes, J Jones, M Nicholas,

and D West.

Names were taken for a bus trip to Pirongia to the craft markets, and 12 members will attend the Harvest Dinner at the Swiss Hall Kaponga, on March 15, organised by the Federation.

Members were reminded about the Founders' Day picnic at Patea beach on February 24.

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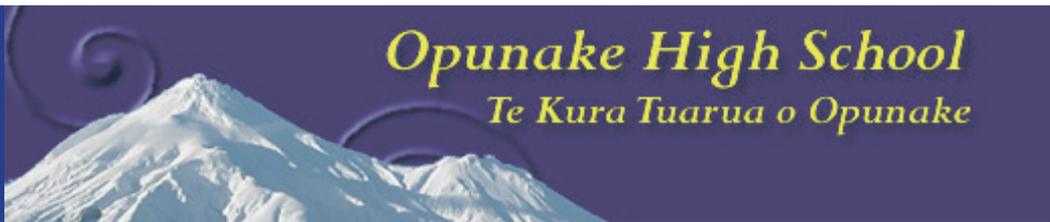
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Athletics Day

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The staff were involved in a three legged race, and competed against the senior students in the relays. A close call in both events, lots of fun and cheering!

Points are yet to be tallied for the winning hapu of the day.

Left: **Cate Tulloch** with **Tara Clement** following.

Right: **Atalya Fakavamoeanga** and **Tiana-Vai Taamaru** are part of the Awhina winning Tug of War team.



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Above: **Destiny Clark** has a go at shot put

Right: **Charles Sanderson** - Student Exchange Teacher from Prince Edward Island in the staff three-legged race, with **Kerry Walsh**. **Michael Griggs** and **Phil Hooper** were the winning team representing Totara. Below: **Ashleigh Tito-Collins** and **Sadonie James** dressed as dice.



RELAY FOR LIFE 21 and 22 March

Students and staff are taking part in the Relay for Life fundraising event on 21 and 22 March. This event is held in support of the local Cancer Society, so please support the students if they ask for sponsorship using the official sponsorship forms.



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After 23 years in the hairdressing business, Liddy Hutchinson has struck out on her own.

"Hair's No Drama (On Rama)" is among the latest hair salons to open in South Taranaki. Being able to operate out of her Rama Road, Otakeho home, Liddy says she is able to keep her prices low. She is open by appointment, so is also able to offer flexible hours, being available between milkings, and at nights. All this while doing farm work and milking cows as well.

New Plymouth-born, she has worked in salons in New Plymouth, Hawera, Manaia and Opunake. She has also had over 20 years farming experience, and enjoys interacting with the farming community.

"Being on a farm, I love the social interaction with clients. I do love having a good chin wag about farming.

"It's a nice, comfortable, professional home environment, which will suit a lot of dairy farmers."

Her latest venture began

with a conversation late last year.

"At Christmas time, a couple of friends said, why not put in a little salon at home?" Liddy said. With one son having left school and out working, another at boarding school, and daughter Poppy at kindergarten, the time seemed right.

"From just after Christmas to a week ago, it's been an action-packed month to get it all up and running," Liddy said.

As well as getting her business registered and compliant, this also meant renovations to get her salon opened.

"How fantastic my painters, plumbers, electricians, and my lovely builders were to do such things on such short notice for me," she said.

This is the first time she has owned and operated a salon.

"I have experience in, and love all aspects of hairdressing, whether it be perming, setting, blow waving, cutting. I stock a wide range of fudge colours and do facial waxing."



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Okato Playcentre gets a



Jemma Moorby, President of Okato Playcentre, in the brand new, modern kitchen.

The parents, staff and the 43 children of Okato Playcentre are enjoying the fruits of their recent renovations. About \$80,000 has been spent and this has

meant that the playcentre is vastly improved, more pleasant and in line with legal requirements.

Jemma Moorby, President of Okato Playcentre says the funding was raised in a

One of the reasons for the renovations was that the centre was up for re-licensing, in line with the Early Childhood centre regulations. Without at least some of the renovations the stricter regulations which are now in place would have meant that the playcentre may not have been allowed to stay open.

The kitchen area is hugely improved, as well as enlarged. There are new bench areas, extensive cupboards and new state-of-the-art appliances including oven, fridge-freezer, a boiling 'Zip-type' water cabinet, microwave, dishwasher and washing machine. There are three new stainless steel sinks, two for usual culinary and washing purposes and the third a 'dirty' sink for emptying mopping up water and the like. An attractive vinyl floor surface completes the picture.

The kitchen looks modern and very attractive to say

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the least. "It's been great. We've been able to do more cooking. It's great to be able to cook with the children, such things as pizzas and scones," comments Jemma.

The bathroom area has had a major upgrade, with a shower and shub installed. The taps are touch sensitive which turn on when little hands are near and turn off soon after, thus making floods unlikely. There is wheelchair access and hand rails to help those with such special needs. The non-slip floor will help prevent accidents. Several lockable cupboards help with the storage of towels, toilet paper, soap and other toiletries. An overhead fan keeps the bathroom relatively steam free. Modern two tone colours make the whole area aesthetically pleasing.



The upgraded bathroom has many safety features.

Outside the old softfall surface has been replaced in locations such as under the swings and around the slide, thus softening any falls the children may have. The

include extensive laying of ReadyLawn and the huge sandpit has been upgraded and the sides strengthened.

The huge improvements look wonderful and very child-friendly.

Okato Playcentre welcomes children from birth to six years. They are open twice a week on Tuesdays 9.30am, to 12.30 and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30.

Want to know more? You can phone 027 326 5479 or attend the Open Day on March 22. To learn more about playcentres generally you can try www.Playcentre.org.nz



swings have been greatly improved and strengthened. Other improvements

On this month in history; First female doctor in New graduates from university - Dr Emily Siedeberg

On February 6, 1896 the University of NZ announced that Emily Siedeberg, aged 22 had passed her final exams to become this nation's first female doctor.

Upon her marriage, late in life, she became Dr McKinnon.

Her first position was as a locum at Seacliff Psychiatric Hospital on the Otago coast. This was the hospital which, at a later date, threatened novelist Janet Frame with a lobotomy.

In 1905 she became a doctor at St Helen's Maternity Hospital and later she became the Superintendent, a position she held until 1938.

In 1929 she was made

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Rural Women New Zealand is alarmed that there has been another fruit fly incursion – the fourth in three years.

This latest incident is a chilling reminder of the long

reach a biosecurity breach has into New Zealand.

“The downstream effects are widespread, affecting the growers, their families and communities, both socially and economically,” says Fiona Gower, Rural Women New Zealand’s environments spokesperson.

Rural Women backs the

call by Horticulture NZ to bring in 100 percent passenger bag x-rays at all international airports, and for MPI to invest in a better border control system to prevent this happening again.

“In our Manifesto we recommend better controls at the border as we see containment as a more cost-effective

strategy.

“Growers take pride in their worldwide reputation for quality produce that has been built over many years. To have this reputation undermined because of a failure to protect our borders is devastating.”



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Farm injuries continue to take a toll

On Sunday, November 17, 1907, 40 year-old Thomas John Keneally was kicked by a cow he was milking on his Otakeho farm. The cow caught her hoof in Keneally's clothing dragging him under her feet, where he was stomped on. He lingered on for four hours before dying, leaving behind a widow and two children.

Over a hundred years later, farmers still face similar risks. Every year over 1300 New Zealand dairy farmers are injured by their own livestock, according to Work Safe New Zealand.

This month the government has launched a Safer Farms programme. Bringing together the ACC and Work Safe NZ, and supported by groups like Federated Farmers, DairyNZ and Rural Women, it aims to promote work safety on the farm.

Animal-inflicted injuries, along with injuries caused by vehicles and machinery would be the most common causes of injury in the dairying sector, Safer Farms manager Al McCone said.

Other common causes of dairying injuries are slips and falls from the same level, such as tripping over in the dairy shed, and injuries caused by lifting and



carrying.

The number of deaths in the farming sector have increased, particularly in the last two years, he said.

"When you compare the number of people severely injured to the number of people who work in dairying, it becomes the highest risk sector in New Zealand, higher than forestry, or any other type of farming."

There are, however regional variations.

"Taranaki as a whole doesn't figure as highly in the accident statistics. We are still to have discussions with local farmers, and there might be practices from Taranaki we can take to the rest of the country."

From January 2008 to the end of December 2013, there were more ACC claims from

the dairying sector than from any other type of farming. Of the 44,288 ACC claims made from the dairying sector, 4099 of these were from Taranaki.

There were 120 farm fatalities in the period 2008-14. Last year there were 20, making up 40 per cent of the workplace deaths in New Zealand.

Al is reluctant to give any hard and fast reasons as to why farm accidents happen.

"A lot of it is not fully understanding the risks, and accepting that day to day, risks change in some circumstances. You can look at that slope that you have driven hundreds of times on your quad bike, and then on that last time it rains. It's these little variances that catch people out. We want

to give farmers the tools whereby safety becomes second nature."

He said WorkSafe is looking forward to meeting farmers in the next three or four months.

"We are not looking to impose. We want to learn from farmers. If you go and talk to farmers, they accept that there are risks. There are risks with the weather, there's risks working with animals, there's risks working with pastures, and they manage that risk day by day in the way they run their farm."

He said they have sometimes received flak for insisting on farmers wearing helmets on bikes, but he believes the message is getting through.

"At one time only 30 per cent of farmers wore helmets. Now it's a lot more."

Injuries suffered by riders who wear helmets are 6-7 times lower than for those who do not, and those suffering head injury are less likely to make an early return to work, he said.

"You can never know how many head injuries have been prevented through wearing helmets."

Deal worth millions of dollars to New Zealand wool growers

PGG Wrightson Wool has announced an exclusive multi-year/multi-million dollar contract to supply New Zealand fine micron wool to one of the world's premium sock manufacturers, point6.

Point6 was developed in the United States by apparel entrepreneurs Peter and Patty Duke seven years ago. The brand has earned international acclaim for the quality and durability of multi-sports socks made from fine micron wool, and with demand now at record levels, the Dukes decided to enter a direct supply contract to provide line-of-sight to where and how the wool, used in their garments, is grown.

PGG Wrightson Wool's Business Development Manager, Craig Smith, said the opportunity to join forces with point6 came about through the proactive efforts of New Zealand farmers Walter Cameron and Simon Williamson who met with expat New Zealander and investor, Chris White, who lives in the United States, and is friends with Peter and Patty Duke.

"The Dukes have been frequent visitors to New Zealand and know that New Zealand 22.5 micron wool is the best in the world. They wanted to lift an already premium product to another

level by going to a pure New Zealand 22.5 micron wool and, because they work on 12 to 15 month lead manufacturing times, also wanted to lock in price stability.

"The contract will see PGG Wrightson Wool source 150 tonnes per year of 22.5 micron wool from New Zealand growers.

"Starting in early March we'll be talking with growers of fine micron merino wool, and, providing they can meet the tight measurement criteria which includes length, strength and

whiteness, will be offering them a price which equates to a little below the 10 year average."

Craig Smith said the New Zealand wool will be shipped to a yarn spinner in China and then on to point6 in the United States where it will be made into socks.

"In the future, point6 socks will be made exclusively from New Zealand fine micron merino wool."

Craig Smith said PGG Wrightson Wool representatives will assist fine woolgrowers preparing to enter into supply

contracts, and again at the start of shearing to ensure quality criteria are met.

"In a market such as this, quality is vital to the success of the end product and to ensure on-going demand.

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Golfers keep it in the family

Okato's, Tumahu Golf Club President, bar manager and life member, Bruce Sim scored his first hole in one on the 96 metre 7th hole with a pitching wedge on Sunday February 8. The last person to hole out on the same hole was his son Keiran in 2002.



Bruce Sim hole in one 2015. Kieran Sim hole in one 2002. Mitchell Sim Kieran's son. Eighteen months in training for a hat trick.

Opunake Golf Club Tournament

On January 18 Opunake Golf Club hosted a Multi Sponsored Golf Tournament. The idea was the Brain Child of Callum Roach and some other members hatched one

afternoon after a round of Golf. We had been having two tournaments, one after the New Year break, and another held on Taranaki anniversary weekend. Whilst they had both been reasonably well supported it was thought we could do better, so it was decided that we combine both tournaments and get some more sponsors on board and make it a large tournament with very good prizes. Callum and his team worked very hard and managed to get sponsorship from Farmlands, Sinclair Electrical, the two original sponsors from the two earlier tournaments, coupled with sponsorship from Allied Concrete, Power Worx, Marc Gopperth Contracting, and Andy and Bev Davy Contracting. This level of sponsorship enabled prizes with a retail value of \$11,500.00 to be purchased and competed

for on the day. A total of 145 people participated in the tournament and was very well supported from clubs throughout Taranaki, also from players from Wellington and Foxton. A special mention must be made of the Life members Hec Otene, and Russell Simpson who run the half way house at the 9th tee, cooking a BBQ for all the golfers, Dot Fischer another life member and Margaret Briscoe who take all the entries and look after the Raffle. Lorraine Langton wrote up the board with all the names and scores. And our Lady Members who provided an excellent Lunch for everyone. We are very fortunate to have Snoz Hamilton to Run our Bar and Geoff Kapernick who looks after our course which was in excellent condition for the tournament, along with all the other volunteers who

helped to prepare the course. The scoring was exceptional for the day with Kerry Otene getting a new course record going around in 62 and securing the best gross score, T Vanderpol had the best Nett in the senior division with a Nett 64 and T Forsyth the best Stableford with 42, Intermediate Division first Nett J Caldwell Nett 61 1st Stableford S Julian with 44 points and in the junior Division 1st Nett J keir Nett 62, 1st Stableford C Preddey 41 Points. In the Ladies division the best Gross was C McClean with a gross 75, first Nett W Finlay Nett 66, and first stableford D Williams with 42 points. A very well run tournament and one we hope to build on in the future, we look forward to having another next January, and hopefully all who participated enjoyed the day and will return next year.

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Surf Expression Session – Opunake Beach Monday 9 March at 12pm. Refer advert for further details.

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Saturday 7 or 8 of March 2015. Best day will be picked for the surf and weather. Join us at Dreamtime Opunake at 7am. CONTACT Harry James 0277142776 OR Murray Weir 0273766268 for more information.

TSB COMMUNITY TRUST – ROADSHOW TO DISCUSS BIG CHANGES TO THE TYPES OF GRANTS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

New Plymouth – March 10, 12.30-1.30pm, Central Baptist Church

Stratford – March 12, 12.30-1.30 pm, War Memorial Hall

Hawera – March 13, 12.30 – 1.30pm, Hawera War Memorial Hall

Opunake, 16 March, 12.30-1.30, Sandfords Event Centre.

Please refer to advert in the What's On section for more information.

TARANAKI MASTERS GAMES

March 12-15

OPUNAKE PRIMARY HOME AND SCHOOL AGM

March 18, 10.30am at Soul Kitchen, Opunake

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HOSTEL OPEN DAY

Friday March 20, 2015 – 11.30am – 2.30pm. Enrolling now for 2016 and beyond. Please refer advert for further information.

CONNECT15

Connecting people to jobs and careers. TSB Hub, Hawera on May 22-23.

RAHOTU HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Wednesday March 25 at 7pm at the Rahotu Tavern Lounge.

HAWERA REPERTORY.

ANZAC by John Broughton directed by Clive Cullen. 18 - 25 April 2015. Cinderella by Ben Crocker directed by Donald Campbell. 4 - 11 July 2015

Dramatic start to Players' year

Opunake Players recently held their AGM with a small group attending. This might seem discouraging but the AGM turnout is not what the club is about. We are confident that when a production is planned and auditioned there will be plenty of interest, as in the past. That said, a number of our members have been supporting our local theatre for a long time, and would surely welcome some fresh enthusiasm. The Lakeside Playhouse is valuable asset to the coast, and it provides a great outlet for creative talent. Anyone interested in getting involved "should find us on facebook" or text or phone Mike 0276255066.

Member Lynelle Kuriger, now resident in Taumarunui, is directing Gary Henderson's play "Skin Tight" for the local theatre over there, and is bringing the show to the Lakeside Playhouse on February 28 for one night only. Limited tickets have been available from Wendy at TSB Bank but may well be sold out by the time of going to press.

Skin Tight has been performed in rehearsal for the Taumarunui season in early March, and the following review was written by one of Performing Arts Taumarunui's committee members, who knew nothing about the play beforehand.

"There is a deep, soul-wrenching ache after watching Skin Tight – an ache in body, in lungs, in eyes, in heart. So lost is the audience, it forgets to move – I think it forgets to breathe. Eyes cry tears of empathy,



Skin Tight cast members Angus Long and Ellie Hodder.

of memory and of a life imagined – hearts break. This performance is consuming, brutal, incredible. I loved every astonishing second.

This is a spectacular production; spectacular in its simplicity. Kiwi playwright Gary Henderson has been said to take his audiences to the beating heart of humanity and, with Skin Tight, he does so by reminding us of Denis Glover's iconic New Zealand poem, The Magpies.

Director Lynelle Kuriger gives us a bathtub and a black set, and yet here she paints the home of Tom and Elizabeth so clearly the audience can almost smell the Canterbury paddocks and see the distant mountains.

Henderson's script is like raw poetry, and its harsh, no-holds-barred interpretation of enduring

love needs skilful handling. That task falls to two very young actors, Angus Long and Ellie Hodder, who turn in startlingly mature performances more than

worthy of any professional company. The pair are utterly convincing as they strip away the layers of a relationship. Undaunted by the brutality of the subject matter, they are mature and accomplished, dignified and polished. Their performances will stay with you. They will eat away at you. Taumarunui loves its

Little Theatre and now PATI gives our town a special treat. This is art worthy of Wellington or Auckland, but it's here, it's for us, it's about us. Embrace Skin Tight and find in it a story you know, about people you love. You will ache in your heart, but

Coming up at The Percy Thomson Gallery

Ohura was once a thriving town. *Another World: Portraits from Ohura*, produced by award winning professional photographer, Tony Carter seeks to recapture those times. This show is a sensitive and confronting series of portraits that depict the fascinating individuals who

chose to live here.

Over the Fence features local artists Michelle Rowland and William Whipp, a series of paintings depicting waterways and landscapes from our environment. These two have worked together and separately to produce some stunning work that reflect

our love of the outdoors and the beauty that surrounds us.

The opening for both these exhibitions is Thursday March 5 at 6pm. We are also holding an informal question and answer session with Tony on Saturday March 21 at 11 am. Come along and discover the characters and stories behind these



Another World

Portraits from Ohura

Tony Carter

March 5 - 29

join us for the Opening Thurs 5 @ 6pm

Over the Fence

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 From 9.15am - 2.30pm
 if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ring me at the above phone number or fax.

PUBLIC NOTICES

OPUNAKE RAHOTU VETERINARY TRUST

Financial assistance is available to students to undergo tertiary education relating preferably to agricultural or horticultural studies although consideration will be given to other applicants.

Application forms available from:-
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OPUNAKE 4616
PHONE 761-7150
EMAIL: nevisbrewer@xtra.co.nz

OPUNAKE INDOOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

SENIOR TEAM REGISTRATIONS

Forms are available from Sandfords Event Centre or copy and paste form from our facebook page (Opunake Basketball Association) or email opunakebasketball@hotmail.co.nz
FORMS to be returned by Sunday 1st March 2015 by email to OBA opunakebasketball@hotmail.co.nz or drop into Sandford's Event Centre office
 Send us your email address to receive draws and notices
DUTY TEAMS to supply referees and bench for the whole night, Cost \$300.00 per team plus \$200.00 bond for new teams
 Mens/Womens A & B Grades
 Tuesday & Friday nights - starting 17th March
For any more information check us out on facebook or contact us by email
Or phone Bryan Roach 027 445 7888 or Kim Ahern 027 632 4377

PUBLIC NOTICES

OPUNAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL Home & School's AGM
March 18 at 10.30am
Soul Kitchen, Sandfords Event Centre - Opunake
 Contact: 027 565 9101

RAHOTU HOME & SCHOOL A.G.M.
 Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 7.00pm at the Rahotu Tavern Lounge.
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Wednesday March 4th at Sandfords Event Centre - 7pm
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 Enquiries 761 8059



You're invited to attend the **COASTAL RUGBY CLUB FARM OPEN DAY**
 Location : 358 Kina Rd, Opunake
 Date : Tuesday 3rd March 2015
 Time : 10.30am to 1.30pm
 Guest speaker - Graham Mourie
BBQ lunch and refreshments provided.

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS DUE OUT ON March 13
PHONE US TODAY TO ADVERTISE

Coastal Care Dawn Blessing

Members of the public are invited to attend the Dawn Blessing of the new Coastal Care building. This will take place on **Wednesday 4 March at 6.30am** and will be followed by light refreshments. Everyone is welcome, gathering on the site at 6am. The Coastal Taranaki Health Trust is planning to have the official opening on April 2 and the building will be open for business after Easter



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 Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month.
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 Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Opunake Catholic Church

SUNDAY 8.30 am at Pungarehu (St Martins), 10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star Of The Sea).

Other areas

Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm (2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs).
 Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
 Okato - St. Patricks - Saturday 6pm

WHAT'S ON

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Performing Arts Grants
Your invitation to share the dream

The Dame Malvina Major Foundation is proud to provide funding opportunities to talented young Taranaki Performing Artists.

Applications are now being invited for the second annual funding round, closing at 5 pm on Tuesday 31 March 2015.

Grants are available in three categories to support the cost of education, training, and development in the performing arts in New Zealand or overseas

Secondary: For Taranaki Secondary School Students aged 12 - 18 years

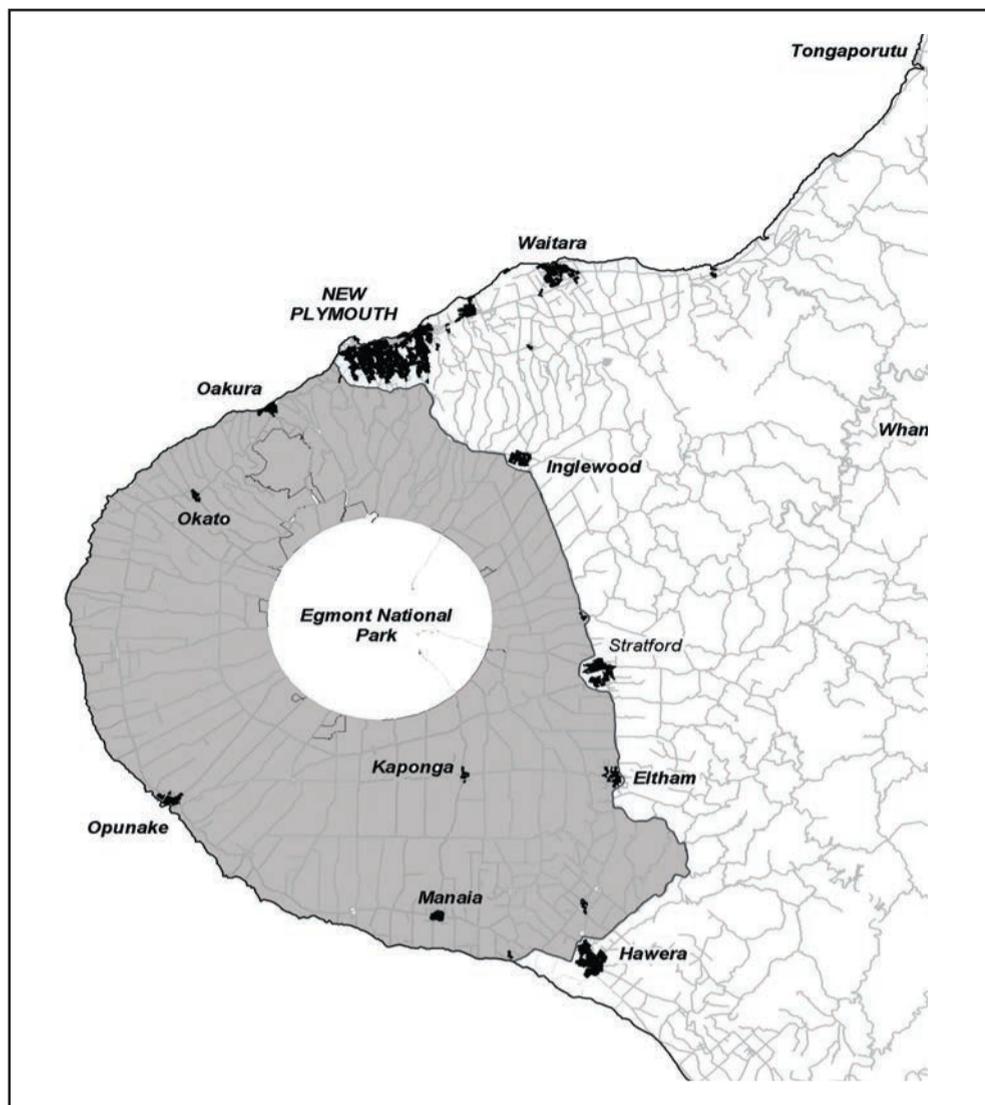
Elite/Tertiary: For performers from Taranaki pursuing a career in the performing arts through tertiary qualifications

Group: For groups whose student members are based in Taranaki and are providing training and/or development opportunities in performing arts.

For an application pack and further information, please contact Rebekah Lock on 06 757 3155 or email dmmf@staplestaranaki.co.nz



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Apart from EOI's the Trust will not be accepting any funding applications in March 2015

To learn more about our new grant types, discuss your project and find out whether your organisation may be eligible to submit an Expression of Interest visit our website www.tsbtrust.org.nz or contact the Trust office phone 06 769 9471 or email info@tsbtrust.org.nz

Help your community prepare for an emergency

Come along to the

Community Meeting

Date: Tuesday 3 March 2015

Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Venue: Sandfords Events Centre

Help develop a Community Emergency Plan for the Opunake area or become a Civil Defence Volunteer.

STDC Deputy Mayor Ian Armstrong, TRC Emergency Management Officer Ben Ingram, and STDC Community Development Advisor Marcia Haigh will be in attendance.

For more information contact Marcia:
Ph: 0800 111 323
Email: marcia.haigh@stdc.govt.nz





The Princess Row historical buildings.

Lysaght Watt Gallery has an intriguing exhibition

The Lysaght Gallery in Hawera currently has an exhibition that is extremely interesting which continues until March 31. It is entitled

'The Princes Street Row – Now and Then'. It involves the history of five historical buildings in Hawera and has information and pictures of

some of the absorbing people who have occupied them over the years. The exhibition includes the buildings bearing street numbers from 69 to 83. "A row of period buildings, which for consistency, scale, decoration and style is unsurpassed in Taranaki and has national historical importance." (STDC Heritage Inventory).

Cecilia Russell must be complimented for putting together such a unique exhibition with research and editing help from Katie Russell (daughter) and husband Robert Russell.

Cecilia and Robert live in one of the row of historical buildings at 77 Princes Street (the smallest one), where once a real character had his professional office during

the period 1880-1910. The man in question was Charles E Major (1859-1954), who was mayor of Hawera and also a Liberal Government parliamentarian for Hawera under Richard Seddon ('King Dick'), our longest serving prime minister. There is an interesting story taken from Charles' memoirs where he voted in a contrary way to Richard Seddon's wishes. Richard Seddon was furious shook his fist and demanded that Charles get out of his sight. Soon after Charles went to Seddon's office and stood up to him in no uncertain terms. Curiously, later that day the prime minister put his arm round Charles' shoulder and asked that he come to have a meal with him – obviously Richard

Seddon's fury had subsided very quickly and perhaps he admired his colleague's assertiveness.

Cecilia has compiled and edited a well-illustrated, carefully researched book about Charles E Major, which was published in 2014 and I look forward to reading it. Apart from his political life, Charles was also a horse racing enthusiast, all-round athlete and a Rationalist. In 1889 he convened a meeting in his Princes Street office to set up the Taranaki Rugby Football Union.

The other buildings include the Caplan Building (79-81), which halted the devastating 1895 fire in Hawera, Edmondston Building (83), the Bank of NSW Building (69-71), the first bank in Hawera

- and the BNZ Building (73-75), in addition to Charles Major's former office (77).

The exhibition has many photographs, newsprint cuttings, paintings, lithograph prints – even a hand printed plan of Hawera, as well as a mine of absorbing information. Also on sale are prints of drawings of historical buildings.

It was undoubtedly one of the most interesting exhibitions I have ever had the good fortune to see. Make sure you visit Lysaght Gallery at 4-6 Union Street (Town Square) before March 31. The gallery is open weekdays 10am to 4pm (and until 6pm on Wednesdays), as well as Saturday 10am to 1pm.

Rolland McKellar



Cecilia Russell pictured at her exhibition, holding the book on Charles Major.

OPUNAKE SESQUICENTENNIAL

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Beach picnic

The beach picnic was a huge success with great music and fun for all the children. Lollies still not counted.

Americarna

The next Event on the Opunake Sesquicentennial calendar is 'Americarna'. With 600 classic American cars descending on the Sandfords Event Centre rugby field at 10am on this Friday 27 February Leaving at 12.00. No charge. Food available from Soul Kitchen and OHS sausage sizzle. Let's hope the great weather continues until then.

The Opunake History Book will be available to purchase at the event, \$20 each.

Coastal Cruisers

Have a fun day to celebrate Opunake 150th birthday at Sandfords Event Centre. There will be classic, vintage, hot rods, motor bikes etc. with category awards. Also children's entertainment, shooting gallery, fire brigade demos etc. Taranaki Anniversary March 7 10am to 2pm. Charge \$2 only for vehicles entering the competition.

History book

These are now available from the Opunake Library Plus at \$20 each. Paid orders can be made through all South Taranaki Libraries.

Short story /poetry competition

This definitely closes this Saturday 28 February. Entry forms and details at Opunake Library Plus or www.opunakenz.co.nz/150years.html

Please sponsor me

Hi, my name is Leigh and you may have seen me walking around town lately. I am really challenging myself this year and have registered to walk in the Bayleys Mountain to Surf Half Marathon (21.1km) on Saturday, March 7. To keep me motivated, I have decided to seek sponsorship for a worthy local cause. If you decide to sponsor me for this walk, a hundred percent of the money I raise will go to St John Opunake. You can sponsor me per km walked (in case I cannot

finish through sickness or injury) or you can sponsor me that I must complete the walk. Or you can just pledge a donation for the St John Opunake. And if you want to guess the time that I will hopefully eventually complete this walk in, I will give the person closest to my actual time \$5 from me own money to thank you for your faith in me. I hope to finish anywhere between 3 and 4 hours, so please sponsor me and together we can support St John Opunake.

Leigh Offord.



Hawera Repertory Society presents



ANZAC

A play by John Broughton, directed by Clive Cullen

18 - 25 April 2015

Hawera Memorial Theatre

Adults - \$10

Students under 18 - \$5

(Booking fees apply)

Tickets on sale now from **TicketDirect**

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Hollard Gardens rolls out Children's Day magic

Hollard Gardens in Kaponga will be magically transformed into a little people's kingdom on Sunday March 1 with dance, music, stories and games to mark International Children's Day.

The Family Fun Day's activities will include pony rides, storytelling, performances by roving

musicians and fairy dancers, mural painting and games including stilt, sack and wheelbarrow races, Twister, quoits and a treasure hunt.

The event will run from 10am to 3pm at Hollard Gardens, 1686 Upper Manaia Road, Kaponga. It has been organised in association with Kindergarten Taranaki. Entry

and all activities are free.

Snacks and treats will be available, including a free barbecue courtesy of Kaponga Lions Club, and families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch.

Children's Day - Te Rā O Te Tamariki provides New Zealanders with an opportunity to share time with

children, and is held every year on the first Sunday of March. Sunday's Family Fun Day is part of a year-round programme of free public events at Hollard Gardens, Pukeiti and Tupare, the three heritage properties owned and managed by the Taranaki Regional Council on behalf of the people of the region.



Bring your family along to Hollard Gardens to celebrate the International Children's Day on March 1.

Museum turns focus on Eltham

Eltham and Beyond: Showcasing Eltham and its Land Usage at Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki in Patea is a new exhibition showcasing the various land uses and pioneering discoveries which occurred in the South Taranaki township of Eltham. From Chew Chong's discovery and commercialisation of fungus into a roaring cheese trade, to businessman turned politician Charles Anderson Wilkinson, to the modern battle against predators with the establishment of the Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve in 2004; Eltham

has often shown a strong entrepreneurial spirit.

The exhibition includes extensive photography, moving images and artifacts from the collections of Aotea Utanganui, Puke Ariki, Alexander Turnbull Library, Te Papa Tongarewa, TVNZ Licensing, Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision, Whanganui Regional Museum, Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, and private collector Mike Coils. The moving images include the World Championship Axeman's Carnival in Taumata Park in 1911, and footage from Eltham's 75th Jubilee in 1959. Footage

supplied by TVNZ Licensing from a Country Calendar episode tells the story of farmer Ernie Tippler farming his *slice of paradise* in Eltham for over 50 years. Also featured are some Texas Toys from Eltham inventor and toy-maker Gunner Burger.

The exhibition opens on Monday 2 March and runs until early August at Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki in Patea. This exhibition is free entry however Koha is always appreciated.



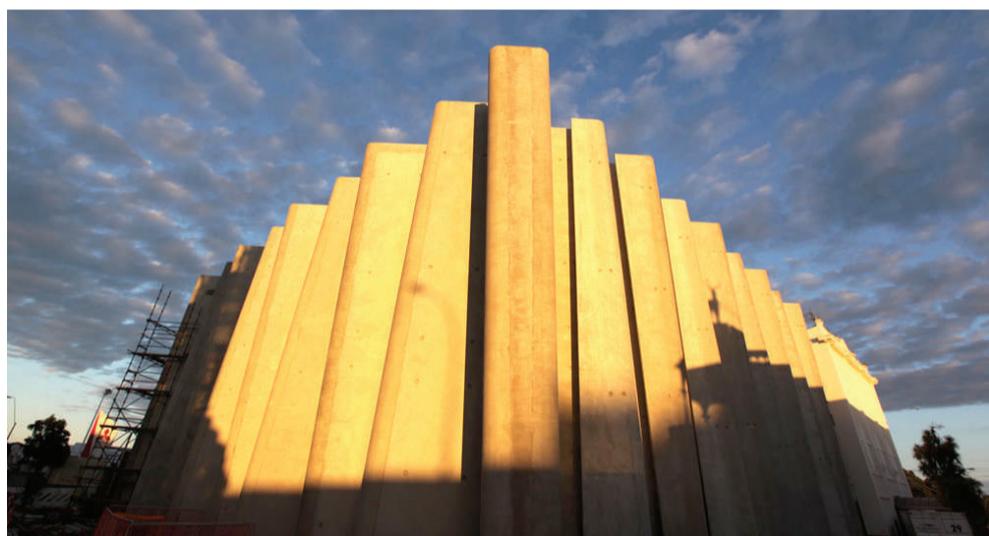
What's On **butlers reef**

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The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre in construction. Photo Glenn Jeffrey

Opening date announced for the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre

The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery will re-open its doors with the new Len Lye Centre on Saturday July 25.

The Len Lye Centre is New Zealand's first art museum dedicated to a single artist, and with its curved exterior walls of mirror-like stainless steel, it will also be the country's first example of destination architecture linked to contemporary art.

Govett-Brewster Director Simon Rees says staff are planning a community-spirited weekend celebration and preparing opening exhibitions which include Len Lye works, the Govett-Brewster Collection, and a moving-image programme

in the new 62-seat cinema.

The opening weekend will celebrate the culmination of more than three decades' commitment to realising a permanent home for Len Lye's work in New Plymouth.

In 1980, pioneering New Zealand filmmaker and kinetic artist Len Lye (1901-80) gifted his collection and archive to be housed at the Govett-Brewster, coining it the 'swinging art gallery in the antipodes'.

Govett-Brewster staff will be able to move from their temporary office space and into the building in April. Before the art work is installed the building must reach in-

ternational museum climate standards. Construction work on the Len Lye Centre began in June 2013.

New Plymouth Mayor Andrew Judd: "The Govett-Brewster is a cornerstone of contemporary art globally and with the Len Lye Centre as well, New Plymouth will be a key destination in the arts landscape."

"When the Government committed \$4 million to the project, the previous Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage Chris Finlayson said the Len Lye Collection was of international significance and New Plymouth was positioning itself to become the culture capital of New Zealand."

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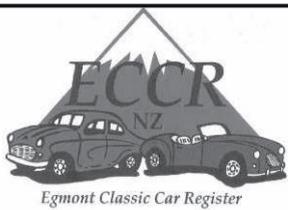
50 Shades of Grey – Please book your boutique tickets before 1 March!
Drama, Romance | 2hr 05mins | R18 | Sex scenes, offensive language Adaptation of E.L. James' best-selling erotic novel, the fastest selling paperback of all time (its sex scenes of bondage and masochism has been devoured by over 70 million blushing readers). The novel, the first of a trilogy, traces the relationship between college graduate Anastasia Steele and wealthy entrepreneur Christian Grey. *United International Pictures.*
Sunday 1st @ 6.30 pm, Friday 4th & Sunday 8th March @ 7 pm.

The Imitation Game
Biography, Drama, Thriller, True Story, War | 1hr 54mins | M | Adult themes
The true enigma was the man who cracked the code. The director of Norwegian crime thriller *Headhunters* helms this World War II true story of Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch) - the English mathematician and logician who set out to break the Enigma code used by the Nazis but was persecuted for his sexuality. Co-stars Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode and Mark Strong.
Friday 6th & Wednesday 11th @ 7 pm

What We Did On Our Holidays
Comedy, Drama | 1hr 35mins | PG | Coarse language
British comedy heart-warmer from the creators of BBC series *Outnumbered*. Doug (David Tennant, *Doctor Who*), Abi (Rosamund Pike, *Gone Girl*) and their three rug rats head to the Scottish Highlands for grandad's (Billy Connolly) birthday, whilst trying to keep their impending divorce a secret.
Saturday 7th & Saturday 14th @ 1 pm & Friday 13th @ 7 pm

The Theory of Everything
Biography, Drama, True Story, Romance | 2hr 03mins | PG
The extraordinary story of Jane and Stephen Hawking. Biopic on renowned theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking. Stars Eddie Redmayne (*Les Misérables*) as Hawking and Felicity Jones (*Like Crazy*) as his long time partner, Jane. New Zealander Anthony McCarten adapted Jane's memoir *Travelling to Infinity* and produces, having tenaciously pursued the project since 2004. Sunday 15th & Wednesday 18th @ 7 pm

Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	27 Feb Unbroken @ 7pm	28 Feb Penguins of Madagascar @ 1pm	1 March - **Boutique** 50 Shades of Grey 6.30pm
4 50 Shades of Grey R18 @ 7 pm	6 The Imitation Game @ 7 pm	7 What We Did On Our Holidays @ 1pm	8 50 Shades of Grey R18 @ 7pm
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Egmont Classic Car Register

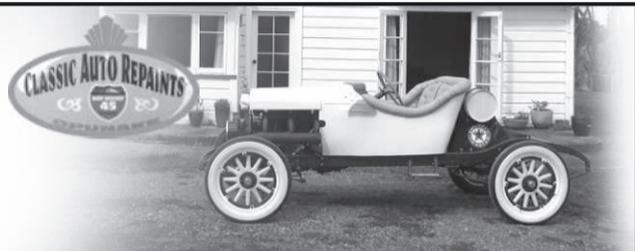
Croucher & Crowder Ngawhini Classic Car Hillclimb - 2015

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 10.00am start

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BBQ, Tea, Coffee throughout the day

Spectator entry by Gold Coin Donation



Classic Auto Repaints welcomes Americarna to Opunake

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Classic Car Hill Climb roars up again this weekend

The Ngawhini Hill Climb was first held in 1955. Through the 50's and 60's it was a fixture of the Motorsport Association of New Zealand (MANZ) Gold Star and National Championship events. This was an era when New Zealand motor racing was dominated by homebuilt specials, or modified ex-grand prix cars such as the Ron Roycroft Bugatti Jaguar, George Smith's GeeCeeEss Ford V8 Special, and the famous Lycoming Special.

Changes to the road and construction of a new bridge saw the demise of the event in the early 70's and it was not run again for many years.

The Egmont Classic Car Register revived the event as a Classic Car Hill Climb in March 1995, and has run it as a bi-annual event ever



Photos. Grant Waugh images.

a 1999 Lotus Elise which are able to compete this year in a newly introduced class for 'Future Classics'.

Each car will have a practice run followed by three timed runs, from which their fastest time will determine their overall result for the day.

Hawera's Steve Midgley driving his 1300cc Hayabusa powered Mini holds the current record for the fastest ascent of the hill, and he will be back this year to defend his title – and perhaps to improve on his impressive time of 47.96 seconds for the 1.4 km Hill.

Spectators are invited to watch the action from a number of vantage points. Entry is by Gold Coin Donation, and BBQ, refreshments will be available throughout the day.

since. Saturday Feb 28th 2015 will be the 11th time that the ECCRNZ will host the event which this year has 40 cars entered. Cars

range from early vintage machinery such as Nigel Fraser's superbly restored 1927 Chev Speedster, right up to a 1994 Porsche 993, and



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Americarna is back!

There seems to be a little confusion about whether Americarna is happening this year – Opunake and Hawera, get ready, because the cars will definitely be roaring into your town.

On Friday February 27 the 400+ cars will be travelling from New Plymouth to Opunake via SH45 where they will park up at Sandfords Event Centre from 10.30am-12.15pm. From there they will travel along SH45 to Hawera where they will spend the afternoon.

In Hawera the cars will be parked on High Street (from Argyle to Caledonia St) and in the Community Centre carpark. Albion Street (From High to Erin Sts) will be

closed for an exciting new event – The Repco Go-Stop Drags. "People need to be aware that there will be limited parking, so it's a good idea to car pool or to walk to work" says South Taranaki District Council Event Coordinator Jody Bloor.

Within the CBD there will be music and a market day with the local businesses entering in a window dressing competition.

There will be no road closure in Opunake, however motorists need to take extreme care around Sandfords Event Centre as the schools will be walking to view the cars. Opunake will be a chance for the drivers to re-gather, have morning tea, take a look



around the local shops and visit the beach.

"We are really excited to have Americarna visit South Taranaki again, the community and businesses really get behind this event and make it the success that it is," says Jody.

The cars will be in Inglewood on Thursday 26, and in New Plymouth for AmericARnival on Saturday 28 February 28.

Go – Stop is an event where competitors charge off from the start line and head for

a set of cones at the other end of the straight. When they reach the other end they have to come to a complete stop inside the cones and the competitor that completes this task in the fastest time is the winner. This discipline needs a combination of good acceleration and braking capabilities - the big more horsepower cars can get away quicker, but smaller, more nimble cars stop quicker. The straight is long enough you will have to shift a gear or two!



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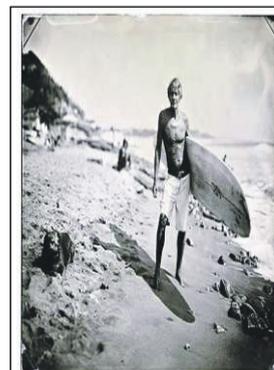
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Time to express yourself

It's time to dust off that old 9ft single fin sitting around under the house and head to Opunake beach on Taranaki anniversary March 9. As part of the 150 year anniversary the Opunake Board Riders are hosting a one hour expression session. This will be a fun event with some novelty prizes for the best old school moves.

Come up with something like a soul arch, a head dip, or the best nose ride, and you could be in for one of those prizes. But the main thing is a celebration of surfing in the Opunake area, so just come along reminisce, get in the water and enjoy the day. And after the surf enjoy a sausage and a cold drink at the OBR clubrooms.



In celebration of Opunake being 150 years old
Surf expression session
Opunake Beach Monday 9 March 2015
Meet at the Opunake Board Riders Clubroom at noon
In honour of the old time style boards must be around 9 foot and single fin
please contact Murray Baylis for details and to enter ph 0272183377