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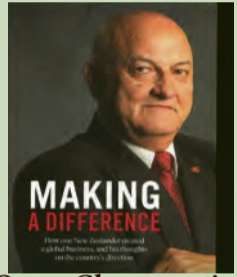
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Author Margaret Mahy passes away. See page 7.



Owen Glenn continues to make a difference. Book review on page 9.



Cleggs Funeral Services, Hawera has a new Director in Andrew Blanche (from August 1). Refer page 5.



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The jubilant Altum Coastal Senior As after their victory over New Plymouth Old Boys with the McMasters Shield.

## Coastal triumphs twice!

Supporters yelled themselves hoarse as Coastal A secured their second championship title by just one point at Yarrow Stadium in New Plymouth, but only after a heart-stopping penalty shot at goal by the NPOB goalkicker Wayne Matson – which fell short. Not to mention a seri-

ous comeback by NPOB who were trailing 6-14 at halftime. The final score was 17-16 to Coastal. Read all about the

game inside.

Earlier the Coastal B won their title against Stratford B, also at Yarrow Stadium, and

the margin was more clear-cut, although they did concede the first try within the first ten minutes of the game. Stratford led

at half time. The final score was 16-11 – close enough. Read the match report inside and photos.

## Fonterra welcomes passage of DIRA Bill

Fonterra welcomes the passage of the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act Amendment Bill, which provides the changes to legislation that are needed to facilitate Trading Among Farmers. "The enactment of these changes to DIRA is another milestone as we move towards Trading Among Farm-

ers," says Fonterra Chairman Sir Henry van der Heyden. "While the decision to implement TAF was always one for our farmer shareholders, we appreciate the Government's ongoing support for Fonterra and the role it has played in enabling the evolution of our capital structure. "The changes also intro-

duce a new regime of Commerce Commission oversight of Fonterra's setting of the Farmgate Milk Price which will improve understanding of the transparent and robust method Fonterra uses to set its Farmgate Milk Price. "This is an important time for the Co-operative and we look forward to continuing to work constructively with the Government to strengthen our dynamic

dairy industry in a way that benefits all New Zealanders." Sir Henry says the Board is still working towards a November launch for TAF but this will be dependent on market conditions. The pre-conditions in the Constitution need to be finally satisfied, including the support of the Shareholders' Council.

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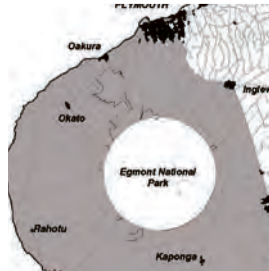
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## EDITORIAL

# Ownership of water

It is a mystery how any group, notably the Maori Party, can claim to own water. Water falls on our country from the sky and, whatever is not absorbed or used, makes its way to the sea, or, by evaporation back to the sky. In short, the water cycle.

At present the coalition

arrangement between National and the Maori Party is somewhat strained. However, the alliance is unlikely to founder, because the water ownership claim does not bear close scrutiny – even by the leadership of the minor coalition partner. The Maori Party have got to have another

look at their claim that the Tangata Whenua own New Zealand's water. What's next – air? Perhaps the air waves?

The Waitangi Tribunal is fully occupied dealing with legitimate, sensible claims and some wrongs have been partially righted. However, unreasonable claims, such as

the ownership of water, tend to make a mockery of and undermine the many legitimate claims.

Come on Dr Sharples and Mrs Turia, reconsider this claim of the ownership of water. No one can claim ownership of water.

See also page 3

## BBC (Bible Believers Corner) Wars and rumours of wars

One argument used against Christianity is that it causes wars. And history does tell of Crusades and Inquisitions, of Catholics fighting Protestants and Protestants attacking Catholics.

However Jesus Christ repeatedly taught that the Kingdom of Heaven was not of this world but within a person. He said that if it were of this world then His followers would fight, clearly indicating that there is no need to control this world for the sake of the Christian religion. Jesus also taught love your enemies, do good

to those who hatefully use you, bless those that curse you and forgive those who do you wrong.

As for the cause of wars, the Babylonian Empire was not founded on religion, nor was that of the Medes and Persians, nor the Greeks. The Romans were after power and control, not religion. Genghis Khan was not a religious leader and nor was Napoleon.

And what of more recent history?

Since 1850s the concept of evolution and eugenics became popular. Life is

viewed as just being chance.

Our emotions are just chemical reactions. Ethics are therefore adjustable according to circumstances.

Eugenics, the applied science of human breeding, became popular in certain states in the USA in the early 1900s. Some people, who were deemed unsuitable to have children, were sterilised. The Third Reich imported this concept and planned a master race. The German Nazi party dramatically extended sterilisation to include genocide. The Japanese held similar beliefs in their genetic superiority over other Asians. Communism threw out religion, being based on atheism allowing Stalin's purges. Communist China carried out cultural revolutions killing millions in its "cleansings" while Pol Pot's plan in Cambodia was for a new nation. To ensure correct breeding he killed 25% of his population. In short about 200 million people have been killed in the last 100 years in nonreligious

wars.

Evolutionary thinking of life being a random chance, thoughts being just the brain's chemical reactions and life having no purpose or direction has devalued human life and ethics. This combination of blind science and evolution is responsible for far more deaths than in all "Christian" wars throughout history. And it has achieved all that in a little over 100 years.

It is blind science and evolutionary thinking that creates wars.

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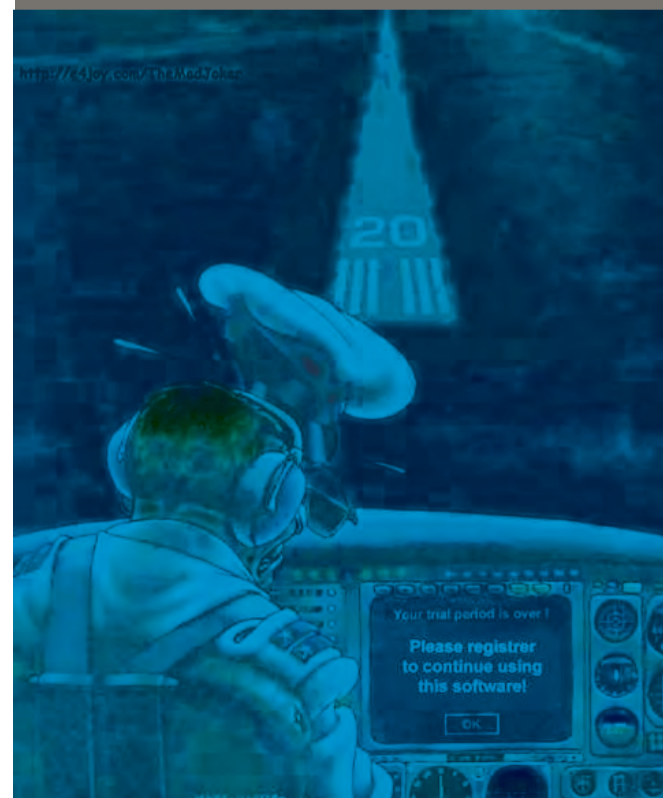
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# Documentary inspirational

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Sunday Theatre on TV One featured, among others, Opunake's most famous son and Sportsman of the Century Peter Snell whose statue stands in the centre of Opunake township.

It was riveting television as the documentary with dramatized re-enactments traced the Golden Hour of New Zealand's athletics history when New Zealand picked up two gold medals back to back, and one bronze in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

With live footage of the event interspersed with reconstructions it was simply fascinating viewing.

How New Zealand was to so distinguish itself in the glamour track events was laid squarely at the foot of Coach



Peter Snell (left) and Arthur Lydiard.

Arthur Lydiard ostracised at the time by the Olympic committee for his unconventional coaching methods.

Unbelievably he was not included in the Olympic team. An outraged public mounted a fundraising effort

to fly him to the Rome. Even then he was not admitted to the Olympic village and had to give his wise counsel to his athletes at the gate of the Olympic Village.

In the days when sports competitors worked for a liv-

ing, it was also interesting to witness how the committed sportsmen, like their coach who owned a shoe business, managed to find the time to earn a living and pursue their passion.

Fellow athletes which included Murray Halberg - who collected a Gold Medal in the 5000 metres and Barry Magee who achieved a Bronze observed of Snell who was a late entry to 'Lydiard's boys' that he didn't socialise with the others. Peter Snell who was interviewed in the programme said he private boarded at the time and, between working full time and running, there wasn't much time for anything else. He didn't have a girlfriend.

There were lots of shots of Peter Snell and the other athletes running in the Waitakere's following their guru's

directive which was to focus on building up their endurance. It was later acknowledged that it was this that singled out the New Zealand athletes for medals.

Peter Snell was to go on and win a further two Gold Medals in the next Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

Peter Snell who said he failed School Certificate the first time went on to achieve academically gaining a doctorate in Sports Psychology and lives in the States.

The documentary was inspirational and showed what can be achieved with conviction and courage.

Opunake should be justly proud of Peter Snell who was born in and spent his early years in the seaside town.

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'Presence' used in this context is a subtle state that I will attempt to explain, mainly because I believe that there are many situations in a child's life where this state of Presence is called for. It allows much greater potential for the child to naturally return to a balanced state; body, mind and emotions. Perhaps the external problem still exists, but the child's response to the problem is now much more resourceful.

To hold a state of presence you would likely be aware of your physical being, your emotional flow, the thoughts in your mind, aware of any rising anxiety in you when your child is telling you what's troubling them...and also being more than this. Noticing and giving space, or as close to this state as you can manage.

I must say I am not always in this balanced state of attention with my own children. However I notice that if the need arises and I do sit with my child in a state of presence, that is not too intense

and not driven by a need to fix the problem necessarily, a return to balance very often occurs.

If this idea is new to you one way to begin to tap into this state is to track your breathing, in the moment just notice your breath. Listen to your child and notice your breath. Don't try to fix their problem, or tell them they shouldn't feel sad, or angry. Just be with them, and as best you can give them your settled attention. Of course you can still talk with your child during this time, it's actually your state of presence (or not) which speaks most loudly to them.

It may seem like you are doing nothing, that you are not helping at all. But in fact what you are doing is giving your child space, space to express themselves, space to complete an emotional process that was possibly still held in the body as stress. You are holding the space for restoration and regulation. Think of a spring that has been compressed too tightly,

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COUNCILLORS COMMENT



Cr Michael Self

Well done Coastal it is great to see the Taranaki Rugby Championship coming into South Taranaki. The result is all the more sweeter when the team is comprised (from my perception) of mainly locals who are equally proud to call both the Opunake and Rahotu grounds home.

Now we move into the Ranfurly Shield defences and hopefully we will enjoy the Shield for a good long while.

To the East we have seen that other long standing trophy battled for; the Dean Cup. The Dean Cup is New Zealand's second oldest sporting trophy behind the Ranfurly Shield and, although start-

ing life as a cricket trophy, it has morphed into a rugby trophy fought between Toko, Whangamomona and Strathmore. To play for one of the teams you have to have a connection - residential or blood - with one of those districts. The rugby is really hard fought and at times the games make the Australian State of Origin players look like babies rolling on a feather bed. The pride in the districts is huge.

This brings me to a point regarding Taranaki; recently I spent some time in Italy filming and while there was taken by the tremendous regional pride, especially in things food. Upon my return it struck me that in spite of being one of the World's top Dairying Areas we no longer have any true Taranaki Dairy Products to hold up to the World and especially visitors. While cheese is made here the raw milk is not necessarily from here. Perhaps it is time that we had cheeses and other Dairy products stating the area of origin of the raw materials just as the wine industry does.

Recently I took part in the Ngatitara Celebrations. This was marking the preservation of an important wetland on Kina Road; this is one of our last. Elsewhere we see massive draining projects totally destroying the wetlands with scant regard for water conservation. The groups that are working and creating this beautiful project deserve the best of accolades. Projects and sites like this say to the world that Taranaki cares.

On the other end of the scale, a short while ago I stood by a paddock watching great flakes of oily soot come out of an oil site flare pit landing in pasture, which was being grazed by young stock. This crap was entering a food chain and I was left wondering what is the effect of that soot on the animals wellbeing, and their future production. Then further on what about the consumers of that future production. To this end this weekend I am part of a tour involving people from all round New Zealand looking at some of the dirty sites around Taranaki. I will pointing out with pride Taranaki's good points and hanging my head with shame at some of the things that we have allowed to happen. There is hope, but we have all act soon.

Take some time out to watch the LORAX and look for the parallels.

Taranaki has much to be proud of - beauty, people, soil, water, soul, but we need to stop the sullyng of these by poor practices in the way we treat Taranaki. Celebrating the positive is wonderful, however, along the way we need to eliminate the negatives.

Cheers, Michael Self

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# Andrew Blanche to lead Cleggs Funeral Services



in the business, especially as a mentor.

Andrew has considerable experience in the industry, both here in Taranaki, as well as Auckland where he spent five years managing two funeral homes on the North Shore. He is a familiar face in Hawera having spent time with Cleggs before he headed north. "I'm an old familiar face", he says with a smile. He's been back with the firm about 18 months now. "My heart's on the Coast", he admits. He adds, "The people here are just ordinary people - there's no pretentiousness".

The reason he's returned to Hawera has a lot to do with his family. He feels the pace of living is less pressured here and allows him more time with his wife Jo (Joanna) and two-year-old son Silas. In contrast, back in Auckland he was putting in huge hours - 65-70 hours a

week was usual. "I feel more time spent with my family makes me a more rounded person", he explains.

Another reason for his return south was the exorbitant cost of housing in Auckland - both rental and ownership. There is more value for your money in the Hawera area.

Although born and bred in the Wellington region - Upper Hutt to be exact - Andrew has relatives in Taranaki. On a sad note, he directed a recent funeral of a person, who was a cousin - the late Bev Coxhead of Opunake. On his mother's side he is related to the well-known Clement family.

Andrew does not plan any dramatic changes to the business, but intends to maintain the high standards set by Michael Clegg. "The tradition of good service never goes out of fashion", he comments. However, Andrew does admit to "a few ideas"

he'd like to implement. For example, the use of webcam at funeral services, which can allow the departed's nearest and dearest on the other side of the world to be part of the service.

Andrew's philosophy can be summed up simply as, "I can do the job with dignity and

respect and I love helping people". He is aided in this by his pleasant, personable approach - backed by extensive knowledge of his industry.

Andrew Blanche who becomes the new Director of Cleggs Funeral Services on August 1.

As of August 1 Andrew takes over as Director. Outgoing leader Mike Clegg will continue to be involved

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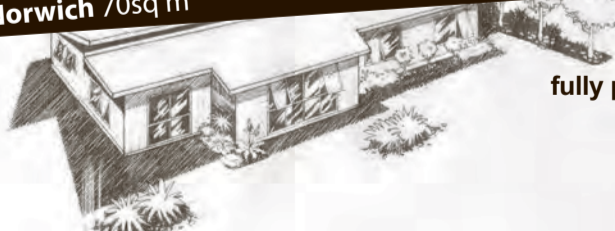
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Mark Jorgensen

sympathise somewhat with the people who have had them stolen. However, in saying that if they had been secured inside then the owners would still have them. Please do not give offenders such an easy opportunity and secure these or anything else of value that you have left, or when you're away from your address. We are currently looking for a pink girls BMX bike and a full size female bike that is purple and has a black basket on the front. If you have seen these

bikes or have an idea where they may be please contact us ASAP.

Scrap metal thefts have started to occur again the latest being copper spouting from a business premise in Opunake. In this instance it was sold to a scrap dealer in New Plymouth who alerted Police that they believed it may have been stolen. As a result of this a 23 year old Opunake male was arrested for receiving. Police have a very good relationship with local dealers and interact on a regular basis. This was a pleasing result for both parties, especially the scrap merchants who are often portrayed in a bad light. Unfortunately there is no fast fix for stopping these thefts. However, if you do become a victim then it is important that you notify us as soon as possible so that we can pass the information on to the

scrap dealers.

The security cameras that are being provided to Police by the Opunake Business Association have been ordered and will be here in late August. These will be a welcome addition to the three we currently have and will go along way we believe in deterring crime and catching offenders.

We are often criticised indirectly for not being at the station when someone calls and that it is never open. This of course is not correct and is something that is part and parcel of a small station. Remember that there are only three of us working in Opunake and the majority of time it is on our own. We are often out carrying out inquiries, attending jobs or on the highway doing road patrols. For those who are not aware we have a small group of volunteers Mar-

garet, Maureen, Monique, Len and Mike - ably lead by Julie who man the station Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10am and 2pm. They do a great job and are able to help out with most inquires or at the very least able to pass your concerns on to us. If you are making the effort to come to the station for a specific reason then you can be sure that when the volunteers are there the door will be open.

We have one piece of found property handed in recently and it is a ladder. If you have lost one and can come in and describe it to us we will be happy to give it back.

**Quote of the week:** "There are more honest people and more good people than there are thieves and bad people. It's just always been that way." **Michael Nesmith**

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Rich Corry

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So pull your head in please. To those of you who are sick of this type of driving get me a rego and let me deal with it please, do not take matters into your own hands.

Secondly it appears we have someone in the area that has gas installed, but does not want to pay for the bottles to be refilled so has started pinching other people's gas bottles.

For those of you out there that have these external gas bottles I suggest you

secure them with a chain and padlock. For anyone with information about this person/s, let me know please.

For anybody that travels up and down Dover Rd there has been some activity at the infamous two storey house up there. If anybody has seen anything up there around the 12th, 13th, 14th of July I need to hear from you please.

Also a quick reminder for those of you that have scrap lying around we have had an increase in scrap theft of late.

For those of you that are new to the area and don't know my rule about wearing cycle helmets you get one warning

then you clean my car. If you are caught again it's the car and the station. Caught yet again it is the car the station and a ticket. Just wear one! That's about all on the crime side of things.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the Coastal Senior Bs and As with their wins at the Club champs in the weekend. Well done to both Ray and Joe. What a great effort by both of you and your teams, go the mighty Coast.

Anyway must go. Take care and be safe.

Rich

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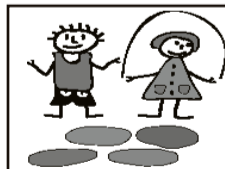
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David Lindsay

Been a few weeks since we have had a report, but that is because we have been so busy we have not had the time.

School holidays came and went without the usual issues that bored and unsupervised children can bring. We didn't have the issues of shoplifting, graffiti or disorder that can often occur. So well done to all the school kids and to the parents for making the holidays a successful one



Andrew Russ

for everyone.

There have been a number of incidents at a local pub where patrons have been involved in assaults and generally disruptive behaviour, which has put a drain on Police resources. Remember if you going out to a pub for a few drinks then look after each other and, if someone is getting a bit too intoxicated and not handling their alcohol very well, then take them home. It's better you take them home early

then we give them a home for the night because we don't provide blankets or a mattress and you might have to share your room with 6 others!

On the other hand if you're only going out to cause trouble because you are an idiot, who can't handle his/her alcohol then expect that the Police will give you trouble. We are very good a ruining the night of people who are just out to ruin other people's night - but we get paid for it. Is it really worth it?

On a different note as of 23 July 2012 I will be returning to work at my old position with the Stratford Police. What was supposed to be a 2 week covering stint in August 2011 has almost been a year! Unfortunately at this stage there are no plans in place to replace me so Constable David Lindsay will be the 'Eltham Police'.

Obviously you will still see me around as Stratford covers Eltham when needed so no need to cry too much at my departure.

Plenty of people asking about the Eltham station moving and that is about all we know. We have been told we are moving to the old station on Burke Street (behind the Vets), but that needs some decent renovations to be suitable for modern Policing and as far as I know that hasn't started. So we don't know when any of this is happening at this stage so 'watch this space'. The current High Street station is apparently not up to earthquake standards and sitting here now looking at the water running down the walls inside I would have to agree it looks a bit dodgy!

Constable Andrew Russ  
and Constable David  
Lindsay.



# Obituary: Margaret Mahy



Author Margaret Mahy and some of her young admirers.

On July 23 acclaimed children's writer Margaret Mahy died in Christchurch after a short illness. She was 76. She is the author of over 160 books, which have been published in 15 languages. She has written

picture books, novels and short story collections. Margaret was born in Whakatane, the eldest of five children. At school she was something of a slow learner, but she had her first story published at

age seven. Her story was published on the children's page in a local publication. As a girl she was a very good swimmer. She attended university and graduated with a BA in 1955. Following this

she gained a Diploma in librarianship in 1958. Her vocation was as a librarian, in Petone and later Christchurch, until she became a full time writer in 1980 from her base in Governors Bay, near Christchurch. She bought her house here in 1965.

Although published in School Journals, she was unable to find a publisher in NZ for her first books and sought publication overseas, where 'A Lion in the Meadow' was published in 1969.

Margaret's books are usually humorous, often zany and she enjoyed acting out her characters in schools to the delight of her youthful audience - often endowed with a colourful wig.

Margaret has received many awards and honours in her life - both literary and non-literary. For example, she was awarded the esteemed Carnegie Medal

and also the Hans Christian Andersen Award. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Canterbury and was made a member of the Order of New Zealand in 1993.

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Cowley, Margaret Mahy is generally considered to be NZ's most beloved children's writer. She is survived by her two daughters. She will be greatly missed.

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The Trustees are pleased with the response to their request for volunteers to man the Historic Cape Light and Museum. However, at least six or so more volunteers are needed to ensure set open hours can be established and promoted. This is a unique tourist attraction, which must be seen by as many people as possible.

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## Building a brighter future



Jonathan Young,  
New Plymouth MP

The National Party often talks about 'building a brighter future'. Building something significant never happens easily and overnight. It takes strategic leadership and real effort from every sector of our country. Getting the balance right between encouraging economic development and protection of our environment is important. Taranaki has a top-rate record in both of those areas. In the Prime Minister's short visit to New Plymouth in April he saw a region where environmental sustainability and economic growth were achieving a great result for the people of Taranaki.

It's long been recognised in the National Party, that the agricultural communities of New Zealand are the economic backbone of the

country, especially during the hard times the economy has been through since the beginning of 2008.

One of the reasons why we revised Labour's high cost ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme) in 2009 was because we would not put costs on the economy and agricultural community that our major trading partners refused to do. If we hadn't have done that, our dairy exporters in particular would have been less competitive overseas – and that wouldn't have helped anyone.

The Prime Minister John Key recently announced amendments to New Zealand's Emissions Trading Scheme.

Financial liability for biological emissions from agriculture has been left out of the ETS subject to review in 2015 but there is mandatory reporting of biological emissions by processors from 1 January 2012.

Labour's ETS came into effect in 2010 and 2011. It increased the price of petrol and electricity, and imposed costs in areas such as steel, cement, and aluminium production. National amended the scheme by adding transition measures to soften its impact. Our changes more than halved the costs on households and exporters compared to Labour's origi-

nal scheme.

The legislation required the removal of these transition measures from 2013, but given the challenging international economic environment and the minimal progress made by other countries to develop similar climate change tools, we now feel it is wise for the measures to run for longer.

The healthy performance across most of the primary sectors has enabled our economy to weather the storms of the global financial crisis and, locally, the Canterbury earthquakes.

Unlike some previous governments, the National-led Government is acutely aware of the vital contribution agriculture makes to our economy. The primary sector now makes up 71 per cent of New Zealand's total merchandise export trade – but not to the countries we once relied on.

The EU, the world's largest economic trading bloc, faces major challenges as it deals with countries like Greece, Italy and Spain. The United States, the world's biggest economy, can at best be described as subdued. In the past, this would have had a huge impact on New Zealand. After all, these were once our main export markets.

Though such markets are still very important to us,

we are fortunate to have repositioned ourselves so significantly to Asia. China is now our second largest trading partner, with exports growing by nearly 40 per cent in the last financial year, a stunning example of the success of our Free Trade Agreement.

According to the latest Situation and Outlook for Primary Industries report, released by the Ministry for Primary Industries, China is the number one buyer of our forest products, the biggest buyer of our wool, and seafood, and comes in a very close second as a purchaser of New Zealand dairy products. We are well on the way to realising the Prime Minister's ambition, which is shared by China's leaders, to double our bilateral trade to \$20 billion by 2015.

The Government's trade agenda, led by Tim Groser, has the potential to deliver more opportunities to primary producers and exporters. We are in talks with the eight other Trans-Pacific Partnership countries and just recently Mexico and Canada have joined the TPP discussions. Add to the list Russia, India, South Korea and the Gulf States and you sense the size of the potential prize.

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## More stick less carrot won't help with welfare



Andrew Little, List MP

Over the last few months we have seen many announcements from the government about welfare policies and efforts to "assist" those on a benefit.

Just last weekend, we heard about a new project to track down those in households who may be claiming more than one accommodation grant to help pay the rent.

### On this month in History

On July 28, 1893 a third petition urging the extension of franchise to women was

"There may be rorts," minister Paula Bennett exclaimed in justification of this new pursuit.

Two things stand out about the weekend's announcement. Firstly, the minister merely thinks there may be something going on. She had precious little factual information to back up the need for this policy, although there was plenty of discussion about what might be happening ("There might be several adults in a house all claiming the accommodation allowance and between them receiving more than the weekly rental cost").

The second aspect to this sort of policy is its focus on punitive measures within the welfare portfolio. There are rorts. People are doing things wrong. Let's punish them.

The energy and effort this government puts into want-

ing to punish those on a benefit points to another aspect to its welfare policies: they are directed to trivial issues (by comparison), rather than to underlying systemic problems.

The problem with the accommodation allowance, which assists welfare recipients into privately-owned housing, is that some landlords, once they know a tenant receives an allowance, raises the rent significantly knowing most of it will be covered by the government. Even the minister has conceded that more than \$1.2 billion is being spent this way after the Labour Party raised it with her.

So, the problem may be less about more than one adult in a household receiving an allowance, and more about how rents are being set in some places.

The earlier petitions had 9,000 signatures (1891) and 20,000 signatures (1892).

Both houses of Parliament

Consider the changes to youth welfare assistance which was passed by Parliament last week.

Even though there are more than 80,000 18-24 year olds not in education, employment or training, the government huffed and puffed triumphantly over its new measures that will help, at most, 17,000 under 19 year olds. And, as we've come to expect, the measures carry more stick than carrot.

New Zealand is not alone in having high levels of young people out of work. But we are kidding ourselves if we think we can help anyone by whacking them over their benefits and not concentrating on those things that will generate work and supported by training geared to work that actually exists.

voted in support of women's franchise in 1893.

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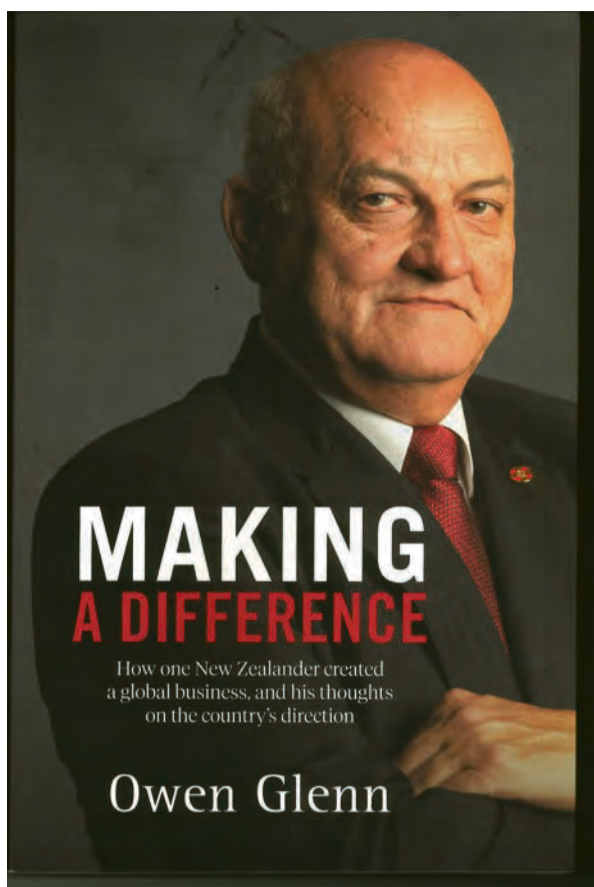
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# Making a Difference - a book review



India, but his parents emigrated to NZ when he was about ten. The book is a no holds barred look at his rise, and quite frequent falls. He made his fortune by buying companies and later selling them at a profit, such as (recently) the OTS Logistics Group. At one stage he blithely outlines how he bought back a company he has sold, making over six million dollars in the process.

He freely admits he is less successful in other aspects of his life, notably relationships with women. He has struggled with some highly unpleasant custody battles, although appears to have good relationships with his children who are now adults.

There is a strong personal philosophy which underpins all his dealings both business and personal. His personal integrity is the main motivation. However he admits to various faults; once, for example, when abused by a taxi driver in India he punched a hole in the man's windscreen and narrowly avoided being arrested.

He has donated money

to political parties, on both sides of the political spectrum, although has some regrets. One donation he regrets was the \$100,000 he sent to Hon Winston Peter's lawyer to help with his legal costs, especially when the politician denied the donation ever took place.

Owen Glenn has not enjoyed optimal health in recent years. There have been heart attacks, strokes, brain surgery and a quadruple bypass operation. Yet he claims to have no fear of death.

This is a very interesting book, and its 240 pages are very readable. Readers will not be disappointed reading about a man, who purports to be straightforward, but is really quite complex. And, despite any flaws, has certainly made a difference, especially in his philanthropy. I bought this copy at Paperplus, Hawera, but I expect it is readily available in many bookshops. All royalties from book sales go to the charitable Glenn Family Foundation.

Rolland McKellar

*'Making a Difference' by Owen Glenn. Published by Random House, Auckland, 2012.*

This intriguing autobiography was written by one of NZ's richest men and

probably the person who has contributed the most to charity in this country. Most recently he donated 80 million dollars to help combat domestic abuse.

Owen Glenn was born in

## Manaia WI members volunteer at local school

Over the past month some members of Manaia WI have willingly volunteered in teaching some of the old crafts of knitting, French knitting, sack work, crochet and scrapbooking at the Manaia Primary School. This has been a very successful and rewarding project and looks like continuing next term as the children as so keen.

With the upcoming Olympics it was timely to hold our own 'WI Mini Olympics' which members and visitors from Kapuni and Riverlea WI's enjoyed and participated in darts, quoits, croquet, and shot put. The eventual winners were the New Zealand Team who stepped up to receive their Gold Medals followed by Mexico who received Silver

Medals and the Bronze went to Hong Kong.

The raffles were won by Bep Knorth and Elizabeth McAllister.

### Competition Results

Bloom: 1<sup>st</sup> Phyllis Malcolm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy Brogden; 3<sup>rd</sup> Daphne Ashley  
Shrub: 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Binns; 2<sup>nd</sup>

Phyllis Malcolm; 3<sup>rd</sup> equal Ann Chisnall and

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## Influenza A cases on the rise

Taranaki people suffering from influenza is on the rise, said Taranaki DHB Medical Officer of Health, Dr Greg Simmons.

Recent general practice data shows that the rate of illness had increased in Taranaki, above the national average.

"Immunisation against influenza provides the best protection from influenza infection. While it takes up to two weeks to develop immunity following influenza immunisation it is still not too late to receive it," he said.

"There are also some other ways to protect yourself and those around you from influenza: covering your coughs and sneezes; washing and drying your hands thoroughly and regularly; staying away from people who are sick with influenza-like illness; staying away from work or school if you're unwell

Dr Simmons says "people in the community who are pregnant, aged 65 and over, and people of any age with ongoing health conditions such as heart disease, strokes, diabetes,

respiratory disease (including asthma), kidney disease and most cancers, are at higher risk of more severe influenza and its complications. These groups are eligible for free influenza immunisation, but only until July 31."

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# Vintage art t-shirts promoting Opunake

An Opunake man, Mike Shegedin, has set up in business selling t-shirts bearing a quite unique image dating back to the early 1930s.

Mike, who has an interest in history, says he came across early images relating to Opunake Beach among some old family papers and was immediately intrigued.

"I found some old envelopes of a girl on a surfboard," says Mike.

Captivated by the artwork because of the colours and the theme he thought it would be nice to "re-invent it".

He's now created a business and registered logo called Ok Surf Art - Puttin' Vintage Art in Ya Day, using the images and has plans for using the vintage artwork on a range of items. First up though are t-shirts.

Explains Mike, using a special ink jet printer they are printed on canvas and then I sew them on which gives them a frayed edge. The t-shirts come in 8 colours. The advantage of this type of printing is they're very durable," says Mike adding that "he's using top quality American-made t-shirts."

Mike does all the stitching, layout and design work. He pays great attention to detail and this is reflected in the overall product, right down to the tags and the printed packaging which is all environmentally friendly.

"I wanted to turn out a qual-



Mike Shegedin wearing one of his vintage art t-shirts.

ity product in respect to the art work and Opunake," says Mike.

Opunake Beach is still a popular swimming and surf beach but in earlier days when very few people had cars it was a popular holiday resort with holiday makers coming to Opunake by train from Patea, Stratford and Eltham. Opunake was the end of the line which closed in the 1970s.

"People would come for the day," recalls Mike's mother Margaret who also grew up in the seaside town adding that Opunake was regarded as Taranaki's premier beach.

The envelopes bearing the 1934 lady surfing image and the 1933 lady in the waves with the beach ball were used by Opunake businesses to promote Opunake.

Mike is keen to also promote Opunake and "the wonderful beach we have", and admits that, having grown up in Opunake, he has always had "a passion for the beach where I live."

As well as clearly having a

creative bent, Mike has an "inventive problem solving mind" which he hopes to apply to other items. He's now venturing into expanding the range of products using the images, designing and making the technical gear he needs himself. "I've designed and made a lot of the devices," says Mike, which means he's able to do all of the production himself.

"The t-shirts are just a start," enthuses Mike.

He's also insistent that no plastic is used and that the packaging and labelling is recyclable.

Mike has been tickled at the reaction of people to the t-shirts whenever he's worn one in, say New Plymouth, and says they often attract comment and lead to sales. He recalls with amusement two ladies who were so taken with the t-shirts they each chose one and insisted on stripping off and putting them on so they could wear them there and then.

They're certainly a rare and unique gift.

The novel t-shirts are available at Country Connections in Opunake, at Heydon Priest, Oakura and Top Stitch in St Aubyn Street New Plymouth who do the printing.

There is also a display of

the t-shirts in the window of his brother Dave's Barber Shop in Opunake.

## "Opunake the heart of surfing in the '50s"

One delighted customer is Tom Waite.

Now living in New Plymouth, Tom Waite grew up Opunake. A surfer from way back, when he heard about the t-shirts Tom drove to Opunake in search of them. He was disappointed to see Dreamtime in Opunake wasn't stocking them and eventually went to Mike's home address buying four of the t-shirts.

He thinks the 1932 image of a girl riding a solid wooden surfboard was amazing. In 1932, surfing was very new to New Zealand and found elsewhere in the world only in Hawaii and California.

"Opunake was literally the heart of New Zealand surfing in the 1950s," said Tom.

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on a Lions Youth Exchange scheme visit for a month in New Zealand. Kaisa is photographed near the cowshed of Margaret and David Dravitski. Blonde Ella Aitta, hails from a small village in Finland. Ella is photographed making friends with a young calf that needed bottle feed-

ing. Jan Deegan, of Opunake, is hosting Kaisa while Ella is staying with Kaye Mourie, Opunake Lakeside Lions Club President

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The Kaponga Lions Club held its 40th Charter celebrations over the weekend of 26-27 May with members and partners, and ex members from all over the country attending. The club was chartered by the Patea Lions Club in 1972, and members of the Patea and other Taranaki clubs joining for the celebration. Stories were told of projects completed over the years including Hay day to raise funds for cutting equipment for the Kaponga Fire Brigade and the social activities - these were also displayed over the evening on DVD. Some of the social activities were guest performances by Patsy Rigger, John Hoare, and Bavarian Beer Festival performers. The evening started with guests receiving a shot (drench) of Kahlua and milk as they entered the well decorated Hall, complete with keepsake placemats and pro-

grams on the tables. Once seated a welcome was extended by Current President Colin Pope and MC Leo Danz kept the evening in control. The Guest Speaker was Chester Burrows (MP) who entertained with stories on his life as a rural policeman and retraining as lawyer. District Lions Governor Gay Harvey presented 100% awards to club members. Don Gibson ex Charter President addressed the gathering and Charter Members Bruce Gibson and Jim Leslie cut the celebration cake presented by Danny and Sharon Hurley. A Sunday brunch prepared and served by the Kaponga Fire Brigade was enjoyed as the stories of past years continued to be shared.

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**Coastal Senior teams take out 2012**



Proud father Ray Barron with his three sons Steven Barron, Chris Barron and Phillip Barron who all play in the champion Coastal Senior A team.

Coastal Taranaki has taken out the finals of Taranaki Rugby in a hard fought game 17 to 16. This is the second time that Altum Coastal Senior A has taken out the championship in four years. The final game was held between NPOB at Yarrows Stadium on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. Loyal Coastal fans decked out in black, white and green packed the stand in numbers to cheer on the lads from the Coast. A great win over Stratford by Coastal's development team set the standard for

the day and spurred Altum Coastal Seniors into making it a brace of wins for the Coastal based club. After a solid start by both teams with each missing a penalty Coastal's half Rick McKenna put Coastal in front with his second attempt. Old Boys evened the score after applying pressure in Coastal's 22. Coastal forward play and a kick chase saw lively hooker, Mitch Campbell, touch down to put the lads from the Coast ahead 8-3. Patience was called for and

with Campbell and Kane Barrett showing out Coastal was awarded with a penalty. McKenna had found his range and calmly slotted the goal. Coastal 11 NPOB 3. McKenna and winger Goodin challenged the NPOB defensive line, but to no avail after good carries from Weir, Barrett, and Campbell with Pies Lawn and Rangī Morgan showing out in rucks and mauls. The pressure paid off and as NPOB infringed McKenna again found the posts and the Coast was looking good at 14-3. NPOB clawed back some points with a long-range penalty and the teams went to the break 14-6 in Coastal's favour. The second half started with McKenna kicking an early penalty and at 17-6 NPOB looked done and dusted, but that was not the case. They hit back at Coastal and dominated the middle quarter of the second half. Scoring a converted try brought the town team into striking range with score at 17-13. NPOB threw everything at Coastal and solid defence by C. Barron and Mike Summerall kept Old Boys at bay. Coastal's Captain Nick Lawn organised his troops after a penalty from NPOB got them closer and with 15 minutes to go only one point separated both teams at 17-16. During this time winger Michael Julian was solid at the back and with Campbell, Weir and Barrett gaining metres or defending, and Pies Lawn prominent around rucks and mauls.

With the subs on Andrew Trolove and Jeremy Newell were composed in driving towards the NPOB line and with 80 minutes up on the clock NPOB chose to have a shot from 60 odd metres. The kick was short, Summerall put it out and the green, black, and white went mad in the stands - in short "priceless."

Final score in a great game: Altum Coastal 17 NPOB 16 and Coastal were the 2012 Taranaki Rugby Champions. Points: Mitchell Campbell one try; Rick McKenna four penalties.

Congratulations to Joe Lawn and his team - a great effort, and to Ray and the Development team.

Congratulations go also to Pies, Mitch, Rangī, Kane, Nick, Kelvin, Rick and Stevo for making the rep squad and doing the Coast proud and to Andrew Trolove and Jade Fleming for making the under twenty reps.

A big thanks to all supporters who have remained ever so loyal, especially in those tight games. To the boys of the Altum Coastal Senior A - two championships in 4 years is not bad. Enjoy the moment and remember pre season starts in 5-6months.

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## Taranaki Rugby Championships

### COASTAL SENIOR Bs

What a difference a year makes!

Twelve months ago it was agreed that the Senior B team were probably a season too soon in attempting to win the B competition after they were beaten by Inglewood in the semi-final. Well last Saturday saw the Bs turn those thoughts into reality when they overcame a tenacious Stratford team, by 16-11, to win the Taranaki RFU Senior B competition for 2012. And what a reward it was for a hard working group of players who relied upon a simple game plan, strong defence and teamwork to gain the ultimate reward.

Played on Yarrow No 1 the Senior B's started well and despite a try to Stratford after 10 minutes, they maintained their composure and at the 20 minute mark Matt Sim crossed for an excellent try following a very good build up. Converted by Thys van der Poel the Bs held the lead 7-5 until conceding a penalty just before halftime to go into the break 7-8.

Some small tactical changes were made at halftime and this team showed what it is really made of when it quickly went on the offensive after the start to mount concerted pressure on Stratford. An early penalty to van der Poel saw the Bs ahead by 10-8. By now the momentum had shifted significantly in favour of the Bs and more pressure saw two more penalties converted by van der Poel to give the team a 16-8 lead with 20 minutes to go.

From the kick off the team rolled back onto the attack and were desperately unlucky to have a try under

the posts disallowed when the referee ruled that Justin Tito had been held up. Unfortunately they were unable to get any further points and with 7 minutes to go Stratford kicked a penalty to close the score up to 16-11 to Coastal. Stratford applied a big finish in the last few minutes of the game in an attempt to win the game but the B's held strong to get a deserved win and be crowned champions for the first time since 2008.

This win was a real team effort with everyone performing outstandingly. Hooker Sam Lawn made numerous telling runs, his front row partners Ryan Hosking and Shane Stevenson dominated set pieces, Simon Adams dominated lineouts, Geoff Bourke was tireless and put his body on the line often and the loose forwards of Shaan Goppeth, Dylan Juffermans, Kieran Young and replacement Hereward Basher were simply dominant.

Thys van der Poel controlled things well at halfback and kicked the important goals, Brook Gray showed the improvement he has made this year controlling the teams game well, Lewis Flood and Justin Tito dominated the mid field making telling tackles and breaks and while wings Nick Aldape, Junior Niwa and replacement Garath Smith had limited chances they were strong in attack and defence. Matt Sim, at fullback, was the rock that the teams defence was built on and scored the important try.

While some of the reserves did not take the field (and actually didn't get much game time in the last two weeks) their contribution

and support cannot go unrecognised. Carl Smith, Dominic Tatham, Liam Richardson, Eddie Olliver and Jordan Fleming all thoroughly deserved their Championship medals and played important roles during the season.

This win was just the curtain raiser the club needed as two hours later the As held out the fast finishing NPOB's team to win the Senior A championship. The Bs salute the Senior As for their win and making it a very special day for Coastal rugby and the Coast. Well done to Joe, Trent and all the boys.

The season saw the Senior B's play 17 games, Win 14, Lose 3 and score 521 points while they conceded 225 points. Goal kicker Thys van der Poel scored 153 points. It is a very rare achievement for a Senior B player to score over 100 points, but this showed his consistency throughout the season. Leading try scorer was newcomer Dylan Juffermans with 10.

The team played consistently well throughout the season, leading after the first round before finishing second overall behind Stratford. Highlights of the two rounds saw two close wins over old rivals Southern, two big wins each round over Spotswood and Clifton, a second round thumping of Tukapa and successive defeats of Inglewood at the end of the season. The second defeat of Inglewood by 22-3 was the semi-final game.

This season saw fewer players involved and along with less injury worries it certainly proved that a settled squad can certainly achieve more. A settled squad, particularly in the last few weeks, was definitely a major factor in the Coastal

B's success.

Special thanks must be given to Manager Brian Olliver and his assistant, Ben Olliver for their outstanding efforts during the season. Nothing was ever too much for these guys and the players were able to simply turn up and play thanks to them.

It would be remiss to not mention the amazing contribution Dinny 'The Fridge' Moeahu made to the team. After a season ending injury he stepped up to help out by assisting with coaching and continued to maintain a positive and often humorous approach to everything.

Finally, a big thanks to coach Ray Hayward, who finally got his reward after four seasons of trying. His dedication, commitment and loyalty to his players is outstanding, not forgetting his tactical and technical nous. And word is that he has decided that this is the perfect way to end his coaching career.

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# Coastal Cobra's win Development title



Coastal Cobras players celebrate winning the Taranaki League Development title with some loyal supporters.



Coastal Cobras have won the Taranaki Development Rugby League title making it through the season with an unbeaten record. Coastal Cobras were determined to take out the grand final and bring home the trophy which they did defeating Bell Block Marist Dragons at New Plymouth 26-6 on Saturday! Club President Michael (Speed) Debiqie said that it was a huge team effort from the boys with good solid coaching from Jason Castle and experienced

players working well with the new ones and combining well throughout the competition and winning is a huge boost to the club. Coastal Cobras will be stepping up to the premier level next year and will be looking out for new players to strengthen the ranks. President Michael said the Club has had incredible supporters throughout the season and the team look forward to the same next year.

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left unattended at any time, children should be taught not to touch a firearm without a licenced adult present, and if children find a firearm that they should seek the assistance of an adult," added Mr Carpenter.

There are very few non-intentional firearms incidents each year in New Zealand leading to injury or death, which is an indication that the owners of firearms do follow the seven basic rules. "However it is generally on the occasions when the basic rules aren't followed, that tragic incidents occur and the consequences can be absolutely horrendous for those involved," added Mr Carpenter.

"We urge all firearms owners to refresh their memory of New Zealand's Arms Code and make sure that they follow the seven basic rules of safe firearms handling at all times," concluded Carpenter.

The Firearms Safety Code: Seven Basic Rules of Safe Firearms Handling

1. Treat every firearm as loaded. Check every firearm yourself. Pass or accept only an open or unloaded firearm.
2. Always point firearms in a safe direction. Loaded or unloaded, always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

3. Load firearms only when ready to fire. Load only the magazine after you reach your shooting area. Load the chamber only when ready to shoot. Completely unload before leaving the shooting area.

4. Identify your target beyond doubt. Movement, colour, sound and shape can all deceive you.

Assume colour, shape, sound, and shape to be human until proven otherwise

5. Check your firing zone. Think! What may happen if you miss your target? What might you hit between you and the target or beyond? Do not fire when you know others are in your firing zone.

6. Store firearms and ammunition safely. When not in use, lock away the bolt, firearm and ammunition separately.

They should be out of the reach of children, out of view and in a secure room, rack or cabinet approved by a Police arms officer.

Never leave firearms unattended.

7. Avoid alcohol and drugs when handling firearms. Good judgement is the key to safe use of firearms.

For further information about firearms safety, please visit [www.mountainsafety.org.nz](http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz)

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## Identify your target beyond doubt.

The death of a 10-year-old boy, believed to have been shot dead in a remote area of the East Cape, is a tragic reminder that firearms and ammunition should be secured safely and never left unattended.

"While we don't know the exact circumstances of this particular incident, we can say that by law all firearms and ammunition should be stored separately, out of the reach of children, out of view and in a secure room, rack or cabinet approved by a Police Arms Officer," said Darryl Carpenter, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council. The Arms Code states that a

firearm must not be put in a place where a child has ready access to it. All family members, especially children, need to know what a firearm is, what it is for and why it must not be touched. Letting children handle firearms under the supervision of an adult licence holder may help to satisfy their natural curiosity, but it is essential that children are taught that firearms are not playthings and must be treated with respect.

"In rural areas where guns are more commonplace, educating children about firearms safety is a must," said Mr Carpenter. "Whilst firearms must not be

# Manaiia WI members volunteer at local school

Over the past month some members of Manaiia WI have willingly volunteered in teaching some of the old crafts of knitting, French knitting, sack work, crochet and scrapbooking at the Manaiia Primary School. This has been a very successful and rewarding project and looks like continuing next term as the children as so keen.

With the upcoming Olympics it was timely to hold our own "WI Mini Olympics"

which members and visitors from Kapuni and Riverlea WI's enjoyed and participated in darts, quoits, croquet, and shot put. The eventual winners were the New Zealand Team who stepped up to receive their Gold Medals followed by Mexico who received Silver Medals and the Bronze went to Hong Kong.

The raffles were won by Bep Knorth and Elizabeth McAllister.  
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Application forms are available from all LibraryPlus Centres, at the Council Contact Centre in Albion Street, Hawera or the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator, or on the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) under Funding/Grants.

For further information, please contact the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator at:  
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## Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2012/13 – 2014/15

The final Regional Land Transport Programme for Taranaki 2012/13 – 2014/15 (RLTP 2012-15) is now publicly available. In accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the RLTP was prepared and consulted on by Taranaki's Regional Transport Committee, and approved by the Taranaki Regional Council on 26 June 2012. It is the second of its kind in Taranaki and includes all land transport activities recommended for national funding in the region over the three financial years from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015.

The RLTP has been submitted to the New Zealand Transport Agency for consideration. The Agency is currently determining which activities included in the RLTP are to be funded over the next three years. Final funding approval will be provided in the National Land Transport Programme, anticipated to be published by 31 August 2012.

The RLTP is available for public inspection at the Taranaki Regional Council offices (47 Cloten Road, Stratford). Copies are also available at all public libraries in the region and the district council offices as follows:

New Plymouth District Council – Liardet Street, New Plymouth

Stratford District Council – Miranda Street, Stratford

South Taranaki District Council – Albion Street, Hawera

Alternatively, the Programme can be downloaded from the Council's website at [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz) or a copy requested by phoning 06 765 7127.

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## Review of Representation Arrangements for the 2013 Local Elections

On 26 June 2012 the Taranaki Regional Council reviewed its representation arrangements and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council for the elections to be held on 12 October 2013:

### Council representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise 11 members elected from four constituencies. The four constituencies reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Constituency	Communities of Interest
New Plymouth	The urban area of New Plymouth district
North Taranaki	The rural area of New Plymouth district including Okato, Oakura, Inglewood, Waitara and Urenui townships.
Stratford	The area of the Stratford district except for that portion of eastern Stratford district within the Horizons Regional Council region.
South Taranaki	The area of South Taranaki district.

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Constituency	Population	Members	Population per member
New Plymouth	50,700	5	10,140
North Taranaki	23,100	2	11,550
Stratford	8,980	1	8,980
South Taranaki	26,900	3	8,967
Totals	109,680	11	9,971

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the population that each member represents must be within the range of 9,971±10% (8,974 to 10,968), unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise. The representation of the North Taranaki and South Taranaki constituencies falls outside the stipulated range. The Council considers that the North Taranaki Constituency warrants two members and the South Taranaki Constituency warrants three members for the following reasons:

- the proposed representation reflects the status quo which is well understood and accepted by the regional community
- the constituency boundaries are closely aligned to territorial local authority boundaries
- the territorial local authority boundaries align with identified communities of interest within Taranaki
- the proposed representation is close to complying with the ± 10% requirement especially in the South Taranaki constituency.

### Further information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed constituencies may be viewed and obtained from the Council's offices – 47 Cloten Road, Stratford.

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to Kathryn van Gameren (06 765 7127 or [kathryn.vangameren@trc.govt.nz](mailto:kathryn.vangameren@trc.govt.nz))

Relevant information is also available on the Council's website: [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz)

### Submissions are invited

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on the Council's representation proposal.

Submissions are to be forwarded to:

The Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, Private Bag 713, Stratford

**Submissions must be received by the Council no later than Friday 10 August 2012.**

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### STDC - CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME FUNDING LOCAL ARTS ACTIVITIES

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### TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL - REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2013 LOCAL ELECTIONS

Submissions are being called for the above. Deadline 10th August - Refer public notice for further details.

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### AGM NGATITARA OAONUI SANDY BAY SOCIETY

5.30pm Monday August 6th - refer public Notices

### JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE SHOW

The Hawera Memorial Theatre, Saturday July 28th 7.30pm and Sunday July 29th 2pm - All proceeds to the Hawera Memorial Theatre Friends Trust - see advert for further details

### CHURCH ON THE MARAE - ORIMUPIKO MARAE

Sunday 5th August 7pm - see Church Notices

### COASTAL RUGBY PRIZEGIVING

Saturday 28th July Rahotu Club Rooms 7pm

### JUNIOR ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

Hawera Repertory Society 5th August 2012 1.30pm, Sunday, to register as we are entering at least one play into the festival If you are at school and interested in being involved, come along to Repertory House, 59 Collins Street.

### FESTIVAL PLAY PERFORMANCES

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This weekend The Hawera Memorial Friends Trust will host the Johnny Cash tribute show and will celebrate a musical legend.

The two-and-a-half-hour show boasts an awesome band, (Terry Fell, Lin Wineera, Nancy Muller,

Dougie Brooks) strong backing vocals, the Normanby School choir and Hawera Brass.

Well known recording artists 16-year-old-Abby and Teena McEwen will be joined by recent award winning singers Mary Barnard, Alex Hockly and Chris Welson.

Other vocalists include Aileen Lord and her daughter Catherine Hewson from Taupo, Dennis and Gloria Carswell, Bryan Vickery, Helen Braithwaite, Richard Baylis and 24-year-old Bergen Raikes who will sing "Ring of Fire and "Ghost Riders in the Sky."

The singing line-up also includes well known performers Nancy Muller, Terry Fell, Lin Wineera and Dou-



gie Brooks. A high point of the show will be the backing vocals of the Normanby School choir. History will also be made with a Johnny Cash medley by Hawera Brass.

## Crafty Kids on the Coast!



Above: Crafty kids keep themselves busy during the school holidays decorating cupcakes

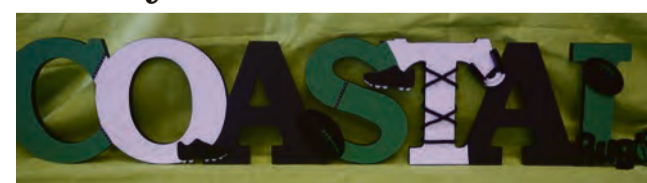
Fifty nine children from the Coastal district took part in a fantastic holiday program recently. Crafty Chics on the Coast received very generous funding from Creative Communities and it was put to very good use in running eight classes during the school holidays.

Topics ranged from painting on a canvas, scrapbooking pages in a frame and delicious cupcake decorating with Coastal Cupcakes! The children worked at two ven-

ues in Opunake, the Crafty Chics Studio and Opunake Library Plus. Work produced by the children will be displayed in a special exhibition at the Taranaki Art Review.

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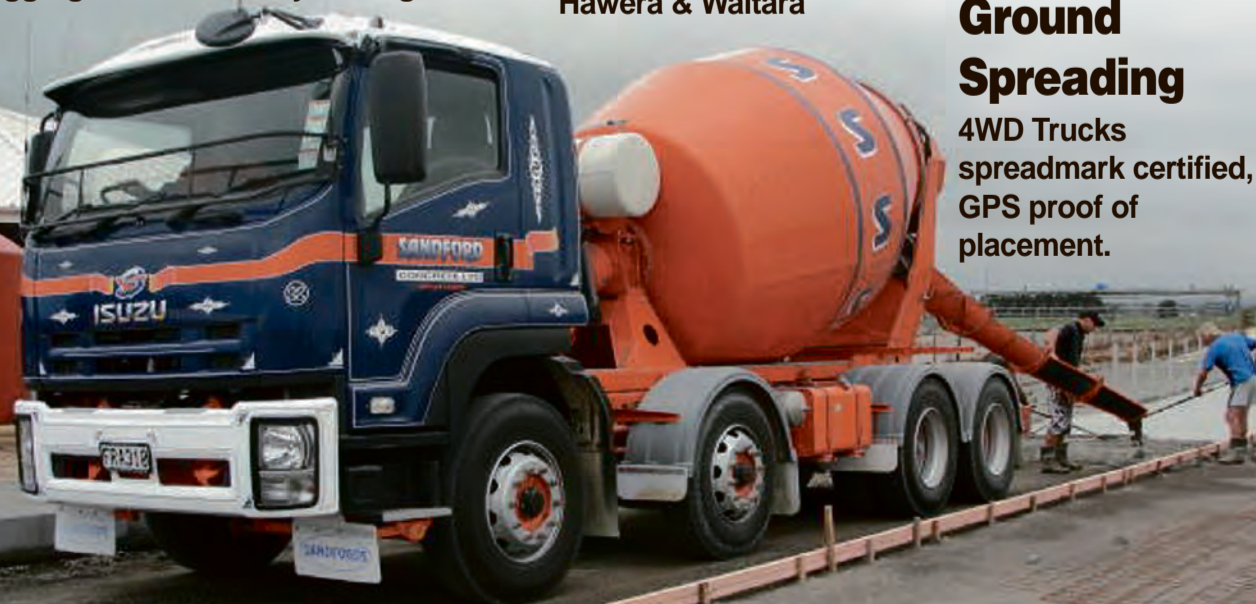
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The official opening and awards presentation is at the gallery on Sunday August 5 at 1.30pm.

Guest Exhibitor is Isbel Shepherd from Whanganui. Creative Fibre is the New

Zealand body for all fibre crafts. It brings together spinners, weavers, knitters, dyers, flax workers, felters, crocheters and free-form fibre artists.

The awards list:

- Taranaki Area Award of \$200 for artistic design & colour. The design must be the original work of the entrant
- Sentosa Silk Award of \$150 and \$50 Merit for an entry using at least 75% silk & demonstrating the characteristics of silk

- Alpacas Restyle award of \$100 & \$50 (fleece or fibre), and Merit \$50 (fleece or fibre) for an entry including at least 75% alpaca & demonstrating the characteristics of alpaca.
- Taranaki Regional Council Recycled Award of \$150 and \$50 Merit for an article using a recycled resource
- Education Fund First Time Exhibitor Award of a \$100 voucher for a first-time exhibitor.
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  - Black & Coloured Award of fibre for an entry using 100% black & coloured wool. No more than 20% overdyed.
- The Community Gallery will showcase photographs by Laurence Aberhart.

These are among the most respected and memorable artworks produced in Aotearoa New Zealand over the last four decades. In 'Recent Taranaki Photographs', Aberhart is absorbed in capturing the architecture and landscapes that we may barely notice or see ourselves.

Sometimes melancholic, sometimes quietly humorous, his 30 black and white photographs explore the land we inhabit and the memories embedded in the relationship between natural and built forms. This exhibition has funding from the TSB Community Trust.

# Te Kiri WI prepares for Conference

We were welcomed to our June meeting by our president Sue Muggeridge. Our delegates to the conference in Wellington were all prepared for the meeting. Remits were discussed and talked through.

Our progressive dinner was a wonderful success. Our hostesses and committee prepared a very delicious meal, fit for a queen and so very nicely presented. It was lovely to see many friends from the township come along and join us. We were thrilled with the amount of money we raised for the Kidney Kids. It was a great night of comradeship and laughs and renewing friendships.

We are thinking about holding another evening later on in the year. We had a lovely surprise as our guest speaker was Sue who demonstrated some beautiful floral arrangements. As flowers are hard to get this time of year, Sue used a glass vase with some glass marbles in the

bottom, a tall twiggy branch and a winter gladioli - so simple yet so enchanting. Next was a table arrangement which was very pretty and suitable for a coffee table. Last of all she showed us how to make up a very pretty posy. Sue talked us through all the arrangements and most importantly how to tie the posy together, which I usually find most difficult. Sue however had a special floral wire that makes this task a lot easier. As it was Nita Kaiser's birthday she was presented with the posy. Finally Pauline Clough and Joy Collins were presented with beautiful hanging baskets and given a big thank you for the use of their homes.

Jim and Newton were also thanked for their help. It is a lovely feeling to go into a member's home and know you are made so welcome. Competition Results:  
Bloom:  
1st Kath Perrett  
2nd Joy Collins

- 3rd Merle Clement  
Shrub:  
1st Heather Radford  
2nd Kath Perrett  
3rd= Pat Barrett & Merle Clement  
Handcraft:  
1st Joy Collins  
2nd Kath Perrett  
3rd Heather Radford  
Home Craft:  
1st Joy Collins  
2nd Kath Perrett  
Floral:  
1st Mavis West  
We were very spoiled at afternoon tea time as our hostesses served us in our lovely warm meeting room. Thank you to Pauline and Kath for a lovely warm room, yummy afternoon tea and particularly for those sandwiches which were out of this world; what more could we want.  
Thank you to Heather and Kath for their help - another very happy meeting, much enjoyed by us all.  
Mavis West  
Publicity Officer

# Intrepid Climber tells all



Above: Intrepid climber Grant Rawlinson scales Mt Everest where, on 19 May 2012, 6 fellow climbers did not come back down alive. Local firm Juffermans are sponsoring a presentation dinner where you can hear Grant's amazing story yourself

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# Chef of the Year field announced

From South Island Luxury lodges to hotel chains from the North; the nine competitors in the 2012 New Zealand Culinary Fare's prestigious Chef of the Year competition have been named.

The range showcases just how deep New Zealand's pool of talented chefs is, says Marisa Bidois, CEO of the Restaurant Association of New Zealand. "Our entrants are from boutique hotels, wineries, large international hotel chains, iconic restaurants, a culinary consultancy company and a luxury lodge. Their diverse backgrounds show just how many opportunities exist in hospitality."

In addition to four cooking challenges over three days, the finalists will - for the first time - have to sit a theory test. The winning chef must achieve a minimum score of 450/500 points over the five events.

"We're looking for a great

all-rounder," says Bidois. "The winner of the Chef of the Year should have it all; excellent technical skills, creativity, and sound theoretical knowledge. Only the very best will succeed in the series of challenges."

Returning to defend his 2011 Chef of the Year crown is David Schofield, owner of culinary consultancy Star Anise. He will be joined by:

- Kevin Blakeman, from Auckland's Waitakere Estate
- Monique Garnett, from The George Christchurch
- Atesh Ram, from The Stamford Plaza Auckland
- Zhao Yu from the North Shore International Academy and The French Café

- Caetano Godinho from Hawkes Bay winery Te Awa
- Rajeet Kumar from Sky City
- Daniel Reynolds from Blanket Bay
- Nirav Patel from Novotel Queenstown.

Brian Davies, National Sales Manager of long-time Chef of the Year sponsor Moffat Limited says the competition is expected to be fierce. "This competition has it all. Immense and sustained pressure and the need to deliver food that not only tastes, but also looks amazing before 'time' is called. It is great fit for Moffat, which prides itself on an outstanding range of appliances for professional chefs." Co-sponsor, Andy Doherty, CEO of Southern Hospitality is pleased to be sup-

porting the competition. "With a workforce drawn from the hospitality sector, we champion the latest food trends and fashions. We look forward to the competition and to congratulating the eventual winner," says Doherty.

Visitors to the NZ Culinary Fare's open day on Tuesday 21 August can see Chef of the Year competitors in action, competing in the live main and dessert class, starting from 10.15am in the Pacific Kitchen. In this 90 minute class, contestants have to serve the main course within 60 minutes and the dessert no earlier than 75 minutes. The winner receives a top of the range turbo fan oven and stand, valued at more than \$6,500 from Moffat Limited, and \$2,000 of vouchers from Southern Hospitality.

For more information about the 2012 New Zealand Culinary Fare visit [www.restaurantnz.co.nz](http://www.restaurantnz.co.nz)

## Hawera Crash Rescue Team at 2012 A & P Show

The Society has been asked by the Egmont A & P Association Executive if we could provide some people to be involved in the Hawera Crash Rescue Team's demonstrations at

the A & P show on both Friday 16th and Saturday 17th November.

The demonstrations are after lunch on both days (confirmed times to be advised) We will require people to

play the following parts for each demo -

1. Injured
2. Stressed
3. Hysterical
4. Dead

5. Crying
6. Observer

Please register your interest by contacting Samantha Turner by email: [hawerareportory@gmail.com](mailto:hawerareportory@gmail.com)

## Fifi meets the baby hedgehog



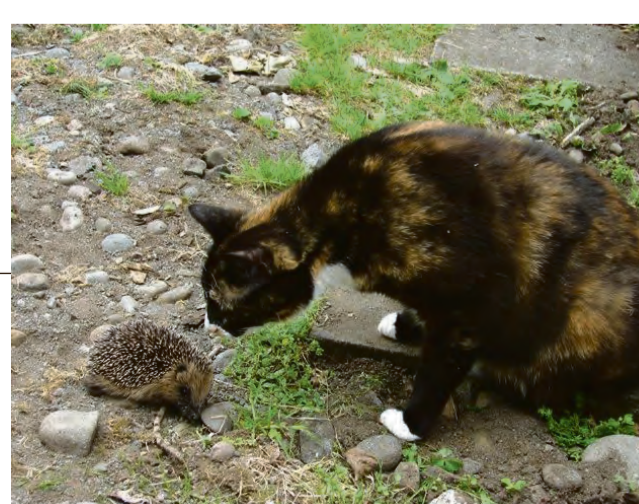
1. "What's this little spikey thing coming my way?"  
"What's this big furry thing".



2. "What is it up to? Not sure about this".  
"Is that a big worm to my left?"



3. "I'd better give it a little nudge with my paws".  
"Nice matching white paws".



4. "Or perhaps I'll just leave it be".  
"I think I'll head thataway".