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# A rural howl of protest

Kevin Moratti was the organiser, on behalf of Groundswell NZ, of the so called Howl of a Protest, (aka the Ute Tax protest), which was held on Friday July 16. A huge number of farm vehicles, predominantly tractors and utilities, assembled at the Raceway at midday before making their way to the New Plymouth CBD. "I was ecstatic. I was expecting about two or three hundred, but 900 vehicles turned up," explained Kevin.

Although perfectly peaceful, it wasn't a quiet protest with vehicle horns blasting, dogs barking and the theme from television's Country Calendar blaring. Even rural children were present. Jenna Joyce's sign read No farm, No Food, No Future. A major gripe is that high carbon using vehicles, such as utes, will incur a fee which will be used to enable a discount on low emission vehicles such as EVs. However, not only farm vehicles are implicated: "Kiwis can't tow caravans and boats with a Nissan Leaf," commented Opposition Leader the Hon Judith Collins MP.

The lower emission vehicles attracting a subsidy would include electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids and even low polluting internal-combustion vehicles. However, vehicles often favoured by farmers such as the Toyota Hilux and Ford Ranger are penalised.

Kevin says there are other



From left, Alan Good, Richard Stieller, Mike Davey, Madison Preston and Christina Preston.

issues which he considers affects farmers adversely. He mentions freshwater regulations, which became law in September 2020 aimed at improving water quality in lakes, rivers and streams, but involved extra fencing, less intensive winter grazing and reduced nitrogen coverage. Overall, the changes involve considerable financial strain and more work for the farmer.

Other concerns include the Crown Pastoral Land Reforms Bill, which if passed, would divide Crown-owned leasehold stations into freehold and conservation land.

Groundswell NZ comment, "It's another big-stick layer of regulation being applied to high-country farmers, over and above existing council regulations."

Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) are another area of contention. Although intended to protect biodiversity (indigenous vegetation, fauna and threatened species), some farmers feel it is, in reality "a land grab." Groundswell holds that the regulations should be abandoned or rewritten. They favour proven systems like the QEII National Trust where private land (eg wetlands or

indigenous lowland forests) can be voluntarily placed in protection by landowners in partnership with an independent Trust.

Groundswell NZ consider that the Covid restrictions are too severe, resulting in too few seasonal workers, many of whom should be recruited from overseas. Groundswell NZ says the rural sector urgently needs contractors, horticulturalists, dairy farmers and fruit pickers. It wants overseas seasonal rural worker to be given entry as "skilled manual labourers" and prioritised through MIQ to help lift the pressure on

farmers and growers.

One of the participants in the protest was Mike Davey, who was impressed. "It was very passionate. There were utes, trucks, tractors and even combined harvesters." Mike was the long term Manager of Ravensdown in Taranaki, until his recent retirement. He explained the protest left the Racecourse to travel down Coronation Avenue to Devon Street as far as the Clocktower. It then travelled to Fitzroy. The protest lasted about two hours (until 2pm).

He was heartened by the response from onlookers. "It was so peaceful and disciplined. I felt proud to be part of it." He added, "We engaged with the urban sector so they have a better understanding of the rural sector and its contribution to New Zealand, which is huge." Another participant was Rusty Campbell CEO of Campbell Contractors who had six vehicles in the protest, such as tractors, utes and a front end loader. He commented that the protest was not just about the ute tax, but the various other measures which mitigated against the rural sector. "There was really good response from the public to the protest," he said.

Kevin Moratti points out that the Government have been given until August 16 to address the concerns that led to the protest, otherwise further protest action will be the consequence.

# Country at crossroads says Seymour

There was a near full house when ACT Party leader David Seymour visited Stratford on Saturday night.

"If over 80 people come to an ACT meeting in Stratford on a Saturday night, imagine the momentum that's building in the country," Mr Seymour told his audience at the Stratford Senior Citizens Hall.

The ACT Party leader was about halfway through a 45 stop tour around the country. Earlier that day he had spoken to meetings in Whanganui, Ohakune and Taumararui. In three days he had spoken to eight meetings. His Hastings meeting had drawn 200 people, with 170 people coming to hear him in



ACT leader David Seymour MP speaking in Stratford.

Feilding.

Opinion polls have Mr Seymour outpolling National Party leader Judith Collins in the preferred prime minister stakes.

"This country is at a crossroads," he said. "There has got to be a better option than campaigning from the right and governing from the left. Can we afford another

National government that beds in Jacinda's policies like they did with Helen Clark's policies?"

Accompanying Mr Seymour was Mark Cameron, the party's Rural and Primary Industry spokesperson. A Northland dairy farmer and list MP, he spoke before his leader.

"We were as farmers that lauded part of society, and we don't seem to be any more," he said. "The government is totally out of touch with what we all do."

Mr Seymour said that travelling around the country it seemed there were five issues which people were most concerned about.

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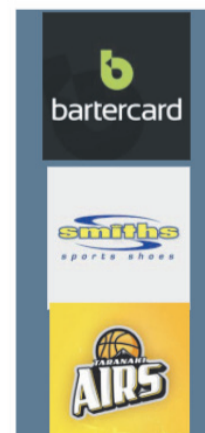


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### Letters to the Editor

#### All newspapers must continue

As an ex-newspaper person I can imagine how our lady editor must feel when learning that the Kawerau Paper Mill was due to close. I recently heard our deputy PM state that only half of this mill is closing supposedly down as our government talks with the owners.

Now that we cannot close, not only our community, but also our provincial newspapers simply because these types of newspapers keeps everyone informed on what’s going on in each small community within our province alone.

Many upon many big and small businesses around the country rely on our newspaper and junk mail to do most of their advertising and then some businesses receive goods in cardboard boxes. Once they are empty most cardboard boxes are then recycled back into cardboard again.

Look, technology is great, but what our inventors didn’t realise that it’s making our now and future generation of people lazy-minded and becoming computer and cyber criminals.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth.

#### A letter to the chair of the NZ Medical Council

To Dr Curtis Walker  
Chair of the Medical Council of New Zealand  
Tena koe Mr Walker  
RE NZ Doctors speaking

out with science

I am writing this letter to you in support of the courageous doctors who have formed the group NZDSOS. The public vilification and smearing of these doctors as “conspiracy theorists” in the stuff article online and in the Dominion Post is very concerning to me. These doctors are simply upholding their professional duty and providing their patients with information so that their patients can make a decision based on informed consent. Fully informed consent is the bedrock of medical ethics and should underpin all vaccination programmes.

I agree with your comments that doctors were “entitled to have personal views”, but their professional practice and the advice they gave to the public needed to be “expertly informed and evidence-based.” Can you please inform me as to what information on their well-researched and referenced website is not evidence-based? Can you also explain why the Medical Council allows doctors to have their views about other health issues such as abortion without having their livelihoods threatened?

I am not an “anti-vaxxer” but I like to know as much as possible about any drug that I choose to introduce to my body and my children’s. After reading the New Zealand government official flyer, “Unite against COVID-19”, I undertook further research and discovered quite serious information not widely shared in our media:

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The Covid vaccine is still in the experimental phase with clinical trials scheduled to be completed in 2023: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT4368728>

• That the vaccine was granted provisional consent from Medsafe despite 58 unanswered concerns: <https://www.medsafe.govt.nz/COVID-19/Comirnaty-Gazette.pdf>

• That the vaccine should actually be classified as a gene therapy as it introduces an mRNA payload into a human being: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene\\_therapy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene_therapy)

• Pfizer has no knowledge of long-term side effects.

• An associate editor of the British Medical Journal has pointed out in an article “Will covid-19 vaccines save lives? Current trials aren’t designed to tell us” that the clinical trials are not even designed to show whether they will prevent transmission or save lives. The UK government’s own information also states it may not prevent transmission or stop a person from contracting the virus. <https://www.bmj.com/content/371/bmj.m4037>

You also comment that “The weight of scientific evidence over Covid-19 is that the vaccine is safe and effective and necessary if we are going to defeat this global pandemic and that is the over-arching message we are expecting medical

professionals to adhere to.”

With respect, Dr Walker, how can any doctor upholding their oath “to first do no harm” recommend a product as safe and effective when the “trial” is still underway and official safety reports as of July 2021 now show 29,934 deaths following COVID-19 vaccinations in the US, UK and EU alone, based on official reporting systems. There are now at least 10 deaths in NZ and according to Med safe, 234 reports of serious adverse reactions including stroke, seizure, deep vein thrombosis, hypotension, myopericarditis, Guillain Barre syndrome, blood in urine, jaundice, as well as reports of anaphylaxis. there have now been a number of child deaths associated with COVID-19 vaccinations in the U.S, despite these vaccines only being given to children within trials and during a very recent rollout to 16-17 year olds. Last month in the US, the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) said that there is likely a link between heart inflammation and Pfizer, Moderna COVID vaccines. ACIP members acknowledged 1,200 cases of heart inflammation in 16- to 24-year-olds, and said mRNA COVID vaccines should carry a warning statement.

I also refer to your comment around these doctors being a small minority as if their

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## Shifting sands

Coastal erosion is not just a New Zealand problem. The world’s fastest eroding area is the Holderness coastline, situated in the North of England. In a stormy year waves from the North Sea can cause between 7 and 10 metres of coastline to be removed and each metre is estimated to move a million tons of material. When we look close to home we see the way wind, tidal currents and ocean waves are affecting the New Zealand coastline; we can find many examples of coastal erosion along our Taranaki coastline. The stand-out example is our beloved and iconic Three Sisters in Tongaporutu. In 2003 they became the bereaved Two Sisters due to coastal surges.

Coastal erosion studies undertaken in the late 1980s by the Taranaki Catchment Commission showed that the entire Taranaki coastline is eroding at long term average rates between 0.05 m/year and 1.89 m/year with exceptions at the Patea and



Stony (Hangatahua) river mouths where the coast was accumulating, or gaining new material (accreting). But coastal erosion and accretion are normal and it has been happening for a very long time: It’s a natural process. It only becomes a problem when we humans decide that we want to invest money into the land that is at risk. We only need to look a much of the New Zealand coastline to see that we are pretty good at that.

Jesus once gave an amazing talk, to many people, from a mountain. Straight after it He talked about how those who follow His ways will be like the wise man who built

his house on a rock. The rain came and so did the floods. The winds also came and beat against the house but it was not affected; it didn’t fall because it was built on rock. He went on to say that everyone who heard Him and did not follow His ways was like a foolish person, because they built their

house on a shifting sand foundation. Those same winds came with rain and floods, but this house did not stand. It fell (Matthew 7:24-27).

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opinion had no influence due to their numbers alone. May I remind you that good science rests not on consensus, but on evidence, data, and reproducible results. The drug Thalidomide was once deemed safe and effective for pregnant women. Many more babies would have been damaged by this drug were it not for the voices of courageous doctors like Dr Frances Kelsey, who received the President's award for successfully preventing Thalidomide from being approved for use in USA. We must also remember that the 1976 swine flu jab was withdrawn after 50 deaths and numerous vaccine related injuries.

Today, many well-credentialed and highly respected doctors are courageously sharing the full information about the potential dangers of the experimental mRNA vaccine product, and their numbers are growing every day. They share information in the face of hostile attacks in government funded media campaigns and threats to their reputations and careers. They do this because the science and data are on their side.

I assume you are aware of the New Zealand Bill of Rights and the Nuremberg Code which stipulate that a person has a right to refuse medical interventions. In the spirit of these overarching rights and principles, I hope you will respect the doctors' views, as well as their patients' rights to decline an invitation to receive this vaccine.

Helen Waddington  
Wellington.

**Questions for DOC**

Questions need to be asked, when a NZ Government department management staff members, such as the Department of Conservation, who are supposed to be managing our Egmont National Park are unable to make future decisions regarding operation projects in the Department of Conservation estate should

be employed on full pay when they can only do half their job for several years now and in the foreseeable future.

Question two. The Department of Conservation said that the Taranaki Crossing Trek upgrade project, when they requested dollars from the New Zealand Government would require having 25 new jobs of Department of Conservation staff and contractors to complete the five year project by the end of 2023. At this stage, halfway through the project, only a very small number of staff and contractors have been seen to be employed to complete the process of this project in the Egmont National Park. With 25 calendar months to go, and if contractors are only working during the summer months it doesn't leave much time to complete both the Department of Conservation Pouakai and Taranaki Crossing Treks upgrades projects on time? Why, why, when it seems to be spade ready projects which have been ongoing up there since 2017?

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**Why would I trust them?**

JFK and 911 taught me one thing; that we can be and are being, lied to in an organised fashion and to a grotesque extent, by a 'system' we are told to otherwise trust.

So that; if there is a US patent and funding paper-trail preceding this pandemic; leading to the Bioweapons Industry and their scientific modification of a specific virus-line, later confused by them as a natural occurrence; a trail connecting Big Pharma, Fauci and NIAID / CDC and Wuhan to whatever this modified 'Covid virus' is — that all further link to the vaccine industry ready and able to immediately respond to the developed patents (under emergency use provision) to provide an entirely new but already patented technology;

redefined as 'vaccine.'

Why would I trust 'them' to inject its experimental synthetic serum into my or my grandchild's arm ?

Roger Morris

**Not a joking matter**

OK this is a bit different folks, something evil is afoot.

It is the release of the staggering facts that will have the people of our world saying, "I knew that bloke was crazy writing those letters." The thing is, everything is falling into place, and if you sit far enough back from your normal vision of the world today, it all begins to make some sort of sense.

There are people in NZ dying from the jab. It is not a vaccine, it is an mRNA gene therapy experiment, and it is all going wrong. There are many, many more having adverse effects after the jab.

The Nuremberg Code clearly states 'medical trials on humans must be accompanied by informed consent.' This jab rollout is accompanied by a Government propaganda machine called the NZ Media, saying continuously, "The vaccine is safe and effective." This is misleading and a blatant lie.

Our Media are saying nothing about these adverse effects which include; enlarged hearts in young men; women suddenly having periods again after many years, severe headaches, numbness or loss of use of limbs, blood clots, swelling, uncontrolled shaking, brain bleeds, fevers, headaches, etc. etc.

Why is our media complicit in covering up these events? Answer- A \$55 million bribe using taxpayers money. Surely this is criminal behaviour.

Also, Medsafe themselves admit that any reporting of events is the 'tip of the iceberg'. It has emerged that although there is a procedure available to report adverse effects, it is difficult and time consuming to utilise, often to the point of frustration and

'timing out' of the process. Health workers feel they are gagged by the system, when unable to point out or record the apparent dangers. An estimated 95% of adverse events go unreported in NZ.

The Defence Force and more frontline port workers are now being approached and coerced into receiving the jab, or else. Many of these people are looking for alternative employment.

Why is our Government intent on this unprecedented jab rollout? OK things start to get messy now.

Worldwide data is suggesting the actual jab may be responsible for the sudden surge in cases, like Israel and Fiji. Those who have had the jab are worst hit. Those who have had the virus previously are 100% immune. Really, our immune system works? How have we forgotten this?

We did not realise that a simulated Pandemic meeting was held in Africa in 2019, three months prior to this scamdemic. The simulated result was 65 million dead. The attendees included health officials, politicians, Pharma reps and owners, and so on. No independent immunologists, virologists etc, unless they were tied in somehow.

GAVI (The Global Alliance of Vaccination and Immunology) leading all the following; The World Economic Forum, WHO, United Nations, The World Bank, CEPI, COVAX and many others are all part of this crap. Gates owns GAVI and its headquarters are in Geneva, funded by worldwide taxes, paying no tax, and immune from everything including Swiss police and laws. .

Now we have Boris, Trudeau, Angela, Macron, Scomo, Jacinda, and many, many more leaders dragging the world down a similar path to mandatory experimental vaccination, removal of civil liberties, and removal of common sense. How can anyone explain this? Millions of adverse reactions worldwide and the jab rollout goes on.

Meanwhile Hipkins is on our screen saying, "we want everyone jabbed before Xmas and we'll find you if you are not vaxed," and Jacinda is nodding and saying, "Listen to the Government and Dr Bloomfield, the rest is misinformation." I have seen both interviews.

What about the medium to long term effects of these JABS. No one knows.

Five thousand dead and 1.5 million adverse events in the USA, and that is the reported figures a few weeks ago. Again, a small percentage (estimated 1%) of the real situation. Many thousands of other deaths worldwide and millions of adverse reactions. Nothing in our media.

Big Pharma don't care, no responsibility, given immunity from prosecution. Why?

Alan Murray  
Ohawe

**Visitor centre closure**

It is a huge concern to park-users to the Egmont National Park that the Dawson Falls Visitors Centre is not opened for several days during the school holidays especially when it is winter conditions up there, and it was long ago the Department of Conservation staff stated

"Visitors should seek advice from the visitor centres or i-sites in towns, and if they want to do a winter ascent find a professional guide or experienced mountaineer to take them safely.

"In winter the ground is frozen. It would be very difficult for anyone trying to climb the mountain if they didn't have the right gear, and if you're not experienced, you're going to get into trouble," they said.

The department always states park-users should gain information from their visitors centres, then just when the school holiday comes along it is closed. I find it outrageous and DoC can't have it both ways, and when I looked at the Egmont National Park website one finds that their map and information on it still includes Lake Dive Hut still being there, even though it was burnt down in September 2020.

The closure of the visitors centre for six days during the school holiday shows the lack of interest DoC has for park-users and the public wishing to take advantage of our icon of the Egmont National Park.

Ian McAlpine  
New Plymouth

**Correction**

In our story ATM missing in action(July 15) we gave the impression that the Opunake Banking Hub is open only from Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm. The Banking Hub is also open from 9am-12.30pm on Saturdays. We also gave the

impression that the hub does not handle overseas money cards, which we have since been told is incorrect.

We apologise for this but were quoting people in the article hence the misinformation.



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# Opunake Players show a triumph

It was a great night, brilliant cover versions of favourite hits interspersed with comedy skits, Opunake Players A Great Face For Radio was fantastic. A sort of Radio with pictures, the two radio hosts

the grumpy Gary Gusher played by John Smith, and Cynthia Payne with smiles turned on and off to order (Sam Allison), constantly sniping at each other, took us through an entertaining night.

Written by Amanda Stone and directed by Lynelle Kuriger, the singing was magnificent, a great choice of songs from the 50s and 60s.

With chart toppers like To Sir With Love, You don't own me, Walking Back To Happiness, One Fine Day and Blue Suede Shoes the hits kept coming.

Hard to single anyone out such was the consistent quality. Sherrie Flanagan gave us some memorable performances of a host of numbers. I loved her version of Shout.

The duet with Sherrie and Bert Treffers of the old Frank Sinatra hit Something Stupid, was touching. An unrecognisable Bert also (I had to ask was it him after the play) gave a great Elvis impersonation. With a wig and sideburns and in a white jump suit (never a flattering garment on a man but impersonators don't seem to choose the sexy black leather garb of Elvis early years) it was entertaining. Bert has a lovely voice and accompanied other numbers throughout.

I also enjoyed the Nancy Sinatra hit These Boots Are Made For Walking and the exquisite To Sir With Love, the theme song from the movie of the same name, both endearingly sung by 11 year old Melissa Kuriger.

Terry Simpson's version of the Beatles number Here Comes the Sun was a lovely performance. What a fine voice he has.



Chloe Danz and Bert Treffers perform their duet in Opunake Players latest production A Great Face For Radio.

Chloe Danz also sang beautifully.

Between songs we were treated to some great skits.

I particularly enjoyed the one where John Smith in the rural programme interviews the inarticulate rural commentator (Terry Simpson) who struggles to find a word that John helpfully but incorrectly provides. I also enjoyed John's dancing.

The sound effects improvised by Ella Danz in the radio soap opera were clever and Lia Sefton as Miss Taihape showed comedic flair.

The choreography was also well executed, the young dancers perfectly in sync.

Billie (Ella Danz) who finally gets her moment in the sun closed the show with I will Survive, an exuberant ending.

It was the last night and the audience clearly loved the show joining in and clapping in several of the more upbeat hits.

The whole show was brilliantly produced and hard to fault.

A true triumph for the Opunake Players.

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## Surfboard icon among ideas discussed at board

Manaia has its loaf of bread, so there's no reason Opunake shouldn't have something greeting visitors coming into town. This idea has been mooted from time to time, with a giant surfboard appearing to be the latest suggestion. At the Taranaki Coastal Community Board's July meeting at Okaiawa, South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said a letter had been written to

the Council suggesting this. He suggested that as this idea had only just been put forward it might be something the Community Board might like to consider at a future date.

"The idea of a big surfboard to make Opunake stand out is a good idea," he said.

There was some discussion about plans for a mountain bike track in Opunake. In a report to the board, South Taranaki District Council community development manager Ella Borrows said the Council had discussed

using the former BMX track land with local iwi, and noted the area holds a strong significance to them. The youth group who were looking at using the land for a mountain bike track were understanding of the decision and had proposed an alternative which Council were considering.

Community Board chair Andy Whitehead said the track idea was "not off the radar." Community Board member Liz Sinclair said there had been safety concerns about boys using the track around the lake, as

some of the older boys were being aggressive towards them.

The Innovating Streets Pilot Project for Eltham and Waverley was also discussed. As of the time of the meeting, work in Waverley had been completed, but there was still road marking to do in Eltham.

"The job's done in both towns, and it's definitely slowing traffic. The fact that some people are not happy with the look is not a big matter, as it's a trial," he said.

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# Break in at Surf Inn

The Black Bull Liquor Store behind Surf Inn in Opunake was ram raided early on the morning of Sunday July 25. Surf Inn owner Iqbal Mander says at 3am three people wearing gloves, and with their faces covered arrived in two cars, which police later told him had been stolen. One car was driven through the glass door and left there, while the thieves helped themselves to top shelf items and cigarettes, before leaving in the other vehicle.

“They were here for a maximum of three minutes,” he said.

Iqbal says this is the first time his business had been hit, and it took six people more than two hours to clean the mess up.

The alarm had gone off when



The boarded up entrance at the Surf Inn's Black Bull Bottle Store.

the car smashed through the door, but by the time Iqbal got there the thieves had gone. He then phoned the police, who arrived from Hawera about 45 minutes later. Iqbal says

he was impressed with the police who turned up to deal with the incident, particularly the officer who returned later to help him clean things up, but the time it took them to

arrive at the scene from out of town showed the need for somebody to be available at all times.

“The police who turned up were pretty good, but we

need police here at night time as well as during the day,” he said.

The thieves' getaway car was later found abandoned at Hawera.

The Opunake and Coastal News has since received the following statement.

“As the owner of one of the cars stolen in the early hours of Sunday morning which was then used to rob the Surf Inn, I hope the mongrels' karma is hot on their heels. It's a huge inconvenience for my family as I have a sick son who requires hospital care

regularly.”

A police spokesperson says the vehicle left at the scene has been seized by police for forensics, and further inquiries are being explored by way of potential CCTV.

The Surf Inn robbery comes nearly two weeks after thieves smashed the window of the Opunake Service Station. A 36 year-old man was arrested in New Plymouth last week in connection with this and similar incidents around Taranaki.

# The Bankers Association responds

Following the story ATM missing in action which appeared in the July 15 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News the following comments have been received from NZ Bankers Association chief executive Roger Beaumont.

“In September 2019, when we announced the banking hub trial, the six participating banks – ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Kiwibank, TSB and Westpac committed not to close regional branches, defined as those outside the main urban centres of Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. This did not apply to co-located Kiwibank and NZ Post premises where the owners had already decided to disestablish that operational model.

“The commitment was meant to be for the duration of the 12-month banking hubs trial. As a matter of good faith, the banks stopped closing regional branches from September 2019, even though the hubs were not scheduled to open until early 2020.

“When Covid-19 hit in March 2020 it quickly became apparent we would need to further delay the start of the trial. It didn't make sense to trial the hubs at a time of an unprecedented lockdown across the country, and a high level of ongoing uncertainty. In October last



The BNZ ATM was taken away in October last year.

year, when the situation was improving, we announced the trial would launch in the four sites over November and December and run until the end of 2021.

“At the same time, we announced a change to the regional branch closure commitment as a result of the unexpected delays to the trial. It would continue until the end of 2020 meaning that the original commitment not to close regional branches was in place for 15 months from September 2019. From January this year the participating banks committed to not closing branches or ATMs only within the district council boundaries where the hubs were located, for the rest of

the 12 month trial. The idea was to prevent any closures in the local area affecting the trial results.

“The original regional branch closure commitment was no longer sustainable because of the significant change in customer behaviour due to the Covid-19 lockdowns. Restrictions on movement meant many customers who previously used branches moved to digital banking and phone banking. The shift in customer preferences away from branches to digital and non-digital banking has accelerated since the lockdowns.

“In April this year the participating banks renewed their commitment not to

close any regional branches until the end of the year when the trial ends. So, there was a three and half month break in the original commitment not to close any regional branches. The renewed commitment does not apply to any branches that had already been announced to close.

“According to your story the BNZ ATM was removed in October 2020, when the original branch closure commitment was in place. That did not include a commitment about withdrawing ATMs. The revised commitment, which included ATMs, came into force on 1 January 2021. On 13 April this year we reinstated our original branch closure commitment.

“In effect, the branch closure commitment in South Taranaki briefly extended to include ATMs from January to April this year.”

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# Races attract a great turnout



Holding the Powerworx Opunake Cup after the win are, from left' owner Bruce Sharrock, trainer Allan Sharrock and Bruce Wilson from sponsor Powerworx.

In stunning weather the Opunake Cup attracted a big crowd on Saturday July 24. It was a great day with a lot of locals enjoying a day

out at the races which were cancelled last year due to Covid. Both the winner and second place getter were trained by Allan Sharrock



Elated jockey Sam Weatherley after riding the winner Justaskme in the Powerworx Opunake Cup.

from New Plymouth.

The coveted Powerworx Opunake Cup, with \$70,000 prize money, was won by Justaskme. Second was London Express, also trained by Allan Sharrock.

"She's a beautiful little horse," said jockey Sam Weatherley before the presentation of the cup. He added it was "a nice race to win."

In the Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration sponsored race that followed Manaia owners were the victors with Miss Dixie the winner. Second was Ladies Man jointly owned by, among others, Kathryn and Ron Stanley who looked set to pass the eventual winner Miss Dixie creating some

excitement. Though gaining on Miss Dixie, as the horses approached the finishing post, Miss Dixie won by half a length.

In the presentation later, the owners of the three year old Miss Dixie, Graham and Annette Hill from Manaia had had a lucky week. Commented Graham, who said they had "lost count of the number of winners they'd bred over the years" they had had a lucky week.

In 60 years farming he had never found a four leaf clover, but on the Monday, he found one. Several days later on Thursday he noticed a ewe with four lambs. A

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bit of checking revealed they were indeed her own lambs; she'd produced quadruplets, a "one in a million occurrence," said Graham. Then two days later the 3 year old they bred came in first at the Taranaki races.

"It was a close finish," said Kathy Stanley who was predicting a big future for the three year old second place getter Ladies Man.

"It's been a lovely day," commented Kathy Stanley. Attendance at the New Plymouth Raceway was well up on previous years.

Taranaki Rose of Tralee winner for 2019 Johanna McIntosh nee Poole was at the races. Because of Covid, the competition was cancelled last year which extended her reign.

It had been a busy several years, as well as being an ambassador for Taranaki as Rose of Tralee, she'd got married and now was pregnant.



Brian Sinclair (centre) presenting a specially labelled Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Pinot Noir to Annette and Graham Hill, the owners of Miss Dixie, winner of the Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration sponsored race. Noel Stanley, one of the joint owners of Ladies Man who came second in the race, looks on.

# Races attract a great turnout



Taranaki Rose of Tralee winner for 2019 Johanna McIntosh nee Poole and organiser of the Taranaki Rose of Tralee Carol Julian.

RIGHT:

Embassy of Ireland Ambassador Peter Ryan and wife was also at the Opunake Cup photographed with his daughter Aoite.

He clearly enjoyed his day at the races, said he hoped to make his attendance an annual event and invited people to come and visit the newly established Irish Embassy in Wellington.



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# Country at the crossroads

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These were the country's constitutional position, housing, law and order, Covid-19 and free speech. He said there were already 31,000 signatures to their

online petition against the hate speech legislation, and they wanted a citizens initiated referendum on this issue. "We want to make the

election about repealing that law and we're pretty sure New Zealanders will turn up en masse to repeal that law," he said. "If we don't have the ability and freedom to debate, we are stuffed." He said New Zealand has a name for being an egalitarian society and people came to live here attracted by that vision.

"We need a conception of what it is to be a kiwi. We are a frontier society, a pioneering society. People came here because they were aspiring to be part of a property owning

democracy. If people don't see a pathway to a property owning democracy, where do you end up? We make it so difficult to build anything."

The Resource Management Act which had started off being 400 pages long is now 900 pages long.

The government's reforms to the act, he said wouldn't solve anything, and his party has an alternative.

"We would make property rights the number one priority so that you can enjoy your property so long as you don't harm other people's

property."

ACT has recently made a number of proposals on gangs including having gang members receive their benefit in the form of an electronic card that would track spending on alcohol, gambling and tobacco. He said Jacinda Ardern, like Rob Muldoon before her was making the mistake of being too close to the gangs. "If the state endorses the gangs don't be surprised if they grow. At the moment joining a gang is economically smart for a lot of people."

He was asked about his stand on a number of issues, like arming the police. "I am open to it, but generally I would say no," he said. "We are at the crossroads. We can either give police the guns or take the guns off the gangs."

On the subject of vaccination, he said he had taken his cue from what he read in the medical journals rather than from the government and had been vaccinated, although he said people should still be free to access alternative views.

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## Enhanced Task Force approved for West Coast and Marlborough

The Government has activated Enhanced Task Force Green (ETFG) in response to the West Coast and Marlborough floods, Social Development and Employment Minister Carmel Sepuloni announced recently.

"To assist with the clean-up, up to \$500,000 will be made available to support the recovery in Buller and Marlborough which has

experienced significant damage particularly to farmland, vineyards, homes, roads and bridges," Carmel Sepuloni said.

"This funding will mean job seekers can be employed to help farmers and growers clear debris and complete clean-up work on their properties. It will also enable the local councils or other authorised agencies to hire job seekers to help with the clean-up.

"Government is keen to

ensure that local job seekers will be used wherever possible due to pressure on accommodation, particularly on the West Coast.

"Through this funding we're expecting up to 30 job seekers to be employed to help out on the ground for a maximum of 12 weeks," Carmel Sepuloni said.

Across the West Coast and Marlborough, damage assessments are being carried out. The Ministry will work with agencies to

make sure Enhanced Task Force Green assistance is provided as soon as possible to farmers and growers that need this support.

Carmel Sepuloni  
Minister for Social Development & Employment, Minister for Disability Issues, Minister for ACC, and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

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Wild windy weather is making big waves on the New Plymouth foreshore. Hopefully, floods will not be an issue as they are elsewhere.

## On this month in history decimal currency is introduced to New Zealand.

On July 10, 1967 decimal currency was introduced to New Zealand.

The old currency of pounds, shilling and pennies was dropped. In charge of DC Day was Robert Muldoon (later Sir), who later became prime minister.

\$100 notes. In 1981 a \$50 note was added. The \$1 and \$2 notes were discontinued in 1990. The first decimal coins included one cent, five cents, ten cents, twenty cents and fifty cents. Much later we were introduced to a \$2 and \$1 gold coins.

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# Mangatoki WI enjoy their Annual Mystery trip

On Monday June 14th, 12 members headed south to Hawera and picked up another member. Still continuing south, for our Annual Mystery Trip. We ended up at The Herb Gardens Ashhurst for our first stop for morning tea. We then stopped at Gwavas Homestead and Gardens at Tikokino for a lovely lunch in the large English styled house, now run as a bed and breakfast place. After lunch we were given a tour of the house and gardens by Graham and his wife Linda (Smith). From here, we drove on to Napier where we spent two nights.

On Tuesday, we boarded the bus and drove to the Anna Elizabeth Jerome Spencer statue for group photos for the WI 100th anniversary. We visited David Trubridge's showroom and factory. He and his team design and make bamboo light sides, also a few other things. From here we visited Te Mata Figs for morning tea. The owner took us out to see the fig trees in the orchard and gave us a talk about how to grow them and then how easy it was to prune them. He gave us some cuttings to bring home to grow. From here we drove into Havelock North, and it was off to Mangapapa Spa Sanctuary for a beautiful lunch | high tea, all made in their kitchen on the premises. The house of English style was built by James Wattie in 1885 and was lived in by him and his family for many years. Next on the itinerary was a visit to Askerne Winery for some wine tasting and some purchasing. On Wednesday, we all went down to the hotel dining room for our breakfast and a short business meeting. We then packed up and left



Mangatoki WI on their Annual Mystery trip.

the hotel. Our first visit was to Paddy Cooper's on the outskirts of town, who is a greenstone and wood carver. He told us of his work and showed us numerous pieces in his showroom. His daughter also works with him. From here we drove back into Napier and visited an antique shop and a few other shops in the area of Port Ahuriri. Back onto the bus and off to Silky Oaks Chocolates, Links Road, for lunch and then to the factory shop to purchase some chocolates etc. We then started to make our way

home, stopping at the New Zealand Natural Clothing shop at Norsewood for more shopping of woollen products. Away again and another stop at the Yummy Mummy's Cheesecake Café, Woodville, where some purchases of cheesecakes were made. Off again to Whanganui where we had our evening meal, and back home after a great and enjoyable three days away. Many thanks go to Cathy and the other organisers for this well organised trip, also to Olwyn Duthie, our bus driver, who got us there and

back safely as always. Maree Kemp won the raffle.

On July 7 members visited Manutahi Taxidermy Museum where the owner, John, showed us around his huge museum of creatures, great and small, which he had prepared for his displays. He explained how he had obtained many of them and how he processed them, starting at around the age of 13. Specimens came from many parts of the world. From here we visited Slater's Orchids on Ninia Road, Bell Block, where we were shown around the

green houses by the owner, who was the third generation of the Slater family to own the business. She described how and why the flower stalks were tied upwards on elastic threads, how they are cut and packed for export. The blooms were just starting to flower, and they

had just sent their first batch to Japan. The raffle was won by Cathy White.

Lucy Moger  
Mangatoki WI Reporter  
Mangatoki WI members in Napier.



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## On this month in history Katherine Hepburn dies

On June 29, 2003 actress Katherine Hepburn died. She made many films and won four academy awards (Best Actress), the first one for her third film Morning Glory in 1933. She was nominated a dozen times (Only Meryl

Streep has been nominated more times for an actress). Her fourth and final Oscar was in 1968 for The Lion in Winter when she tied with Barbara Streisand.

Her film career spanned

many years with the last one in 1981. She also was also a stage actress including Shakespeare, as well as performing on television.

She was married twice, the second time to Spencer Tracey with whom she acted

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# Kaponga WI has a very busy president

On a cold wet July day 15 members of Kaponga WI met in Kaponga for their meeting hosted by Jo Ellis and Margaret Broomhall. The roll call - 'What would you do if you had the chance to live life over again? Would you repeat or change the journey?'. We have a very contented group as all were very happy with their life's journey.

Dorothy Hughes gave a report on the excellent day held in Kapuni recently. They heard a conference report and among other things learnt how to make flax flowers.

It is a concern that nationally the WI membership is down by 14%. A sign of the times perhaps?

Several members plan to visit the display that includes WI memorabilia at the Patea Museum. Donations were approved for The Barbara Wood Foundation and medical research. Our treasurer is currently setting up internet banking for our WI.

Plans are underway for our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations later in the year and a sub



**President Jo Ellis who spoke about her work with Idea Services.**

slippers. 1. Jo Ellis. 2. Fiona Collins. Salt and pepper shakers. 1. Joy Eliason. 2. Gillian Frandsen. 3. Dene Lines.

After our usual delicious lunch our speaker was our very own capable and very busy President Jo Ellis who works for Idea Services in Stratford but it is a Nationwide organisation. Idea Services support adults with intellectual disabilities in their daily living. There are 45 residential homes in Taranaki where these people live with support and guidance. Jo has been a manager from 2009 to 2013 and managed five of these homes and continues with this special work today. The care these residents get is amazing with carers living in at times and at times giving their own time to assist these folk. eg Jo takes a resident to ten pin bowling in New Plymouth out of her normal work routine.

We thank you Jo and along with being an active farmer and many other things in your life you are a special person.

A lovely day spent with good friends. Thanks to our hostesses Jo and Margaret Carolyn Nicholas

committee was formed to organise this. Competition results Three slices louise cake. 1. Jo Elli. 2. Gillian Frandsen. 3. Dene Lines. Pair adult bedsocks or

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An Eel escapes the fast water and flooding caused by heavy rains recently.

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# Green light for SH3 Waitara to Bell Block intersection

An additional \$53m in funding has been secured to progress improvements at four high-risk intersections as part of safety improvements on State Highway 3 between Waitara and Bell Block.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency recently refined roundabout concepts for the intersections at Princess Street, Waitara Road, State Highway 3A/Mountain Road, and De Havilland Drive/Airport Drive to help reduce land, consent and stormwater requirements.

Director of Regional Relationships Linda Stewart says Waka Kotahi



**Safety improvements planned for State Highway 3 between Waitara and Bell Block.**

undertook this process to speed up construction, after it identified roundabout concepts developed in 2018 would take a number of years to progress due to extensive land and consent requirements.

“We now have approval of the concepts and additional funding required to progress the project, so we will be able to get on and deliver.

“We know this news will be welcomed by the community. We appreciate

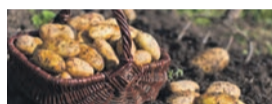
everyone’s patience while we have worked through this process and we are delighted to be in a position to accelerate delivery of these much-needed safety improvements,” says Ms Stewart.

of the first roundabout in the 2021/2022 summer construction season, dependant on acquiring property and consents.

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in between the trenches and not on the foliage as this may cause blight. The potato mounds also need to be kept weed free.

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# Double celebration for priest and his wife



Michael and Rosemary Bent cut the cake.

There was a double celebration held on July 7 at New Plymouth's Auto Lodge. The Very Reverend Michael Bent was celebrating his ninetieth birthday, as well as the fiftieth wedding anniversary with his wife Rosemary. The couple were married in Wellington Cathedral by the Bishop of Wellington on July 3, 1971.

There were many friends of the couple present to enjoy

a delicious meal served by the attentive staff. One of the guests was the Most Reverend Phillip Richardson the Anglican Archbishop of New Zealand who spoke of Michael's outstanding clerical contribution over 65 years in parishes in New Zealand and overseas in places such as England (where he was born), Fiji, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

A special guest was Carla Brown who was the parish

secretary 40 years ago at St Mary's Cathedral, New Plymouth. Michael explains how Carla was very effective and kept all bookwork up to date. She also seemed to know about important events and anniversaries of people in the congregation and ensured that they were acknowledged – often by a visit by Michael.

Carla also used to carry out Bible in Schools with Sir Paul Reeves who was a minister in Okato at St Pauls

in the mid 1960s. Later, he was Anglican Archbishop of New Zealand and later Governor-General.

Michael and Rosemary

were delighted that virtually everyone invited were able to attend, including their Best Man the Rev David Day and the Rev Ray Taylor who

was also at the wedding.

"We were delighted to see everyone enjoying themselves and to meet old friends."



Archbishop Phillip Richardson pays tribute to Michael Bent.

## New partnership to develop future energy skills

A new skills partnership has been launched in Taranaki to grow the number of skilled energy workforce supporting the transition to lower emissions.

Energy Skills Aotearoa (as part of Energy Resources Aotearoa) and Te Pūkenga have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Friday July 23 to work together on this challenge.

"As New Zealand moves towards a lower emissions economy, the energy workforce has a challenge to meet the future skill needs of emerging industries," says Energy Resources Aotearoa, Skills Manager, Sheree Long.

"We have to support, retain and retrain our current highly-skilled workforce who will be crucial in this transition. The planning for this needs to start now."

The first step will be to develop an industry skills action plan for the broader energy sector, including both renewable and non-renewable companies. This work will be led by Energy Skills and supported by Te Pūkenga.

Te Pūkenga Deputy Chief Executive Employer Journey and Experience Warwick Quinn says the creation of Te Pūkenga provides real opportunities for skills planning with industry and to develop expertise that is

aligned to climate change goals.

"The mahi we are doing is an upscaling exercise in the long term. We want more learners and employers to be involved and this will happen as industries, like the energy sector, look at upskilling their workforces and supporting their people to apply existing skills to new technologies and new challenges.

"Te Pūkenga can bring a nationwide view and look at a range of learning options that meet the needs of both learners and employers so that learning becomes a life-long and positive experience," he said.



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# Plans afoot for Opunake Loop Trail

At the beginning of June 2,500 seedling trees were given to the Opunake Loop Trail Trust by "Trees that Count", a predominantly Taranaki Regional Council funded organisation. Since that time, the majority of the trees have been planted by a number of different groups including the Opunake Lions, students from the High School, Feats (a Taranaki based training group) and the Loop Trail Trust.

During the week ending 20 June approximately 70 different people were involved with planting around the Waiaua River. For Opunake this is a huge number of volunteers working on the same project. In addition to planting the donated trees, further planting and maintenance has occurred upstream of the Otahi River bridge by Pihama Women's Institute and Opunake Lakeside Lions. This area is looking fantastic and if you haven't been there, you should really take a look.

St Joseph's Primary School has also been maintaining their plantings from last year, which are growing well and David Knapman and others have continued planting and maintaining their areas.

Further planting of the remaining donated trees is to



Year 13 Opunake High School students who did a planting day on July 9.

be done by Fonterra-Kapuni on August 10.

The Trust has learned from last year that clearing the land for planting by scalping the areas to be planted with a drain digger or tractor has made life so much easier than battling our way through kikuyu, fennel and a multitude of other weeds. While the use of wool carpet around the plants helped hugely with weed control and plant survival, which was great, the wool carpet does have a synthetic

backing which doesn't biodegrade. For this reason we are now using wood chip and trialling sheep dags donated by farmers near Mangamingi.

On July 24 a group of 10 people erected sides on the bridge upstream of the Otahi Road Bridge. This was a very full day and has added to the safety aspects of this part of the track.

Further projects planned to be carried out over the next few months include:

Replacing and upgrading Dudley's Bridge just past the Cliff Top Garden

Metalling and eventually concreting the pathway under the Otahi Road Bridge

Surface upgrades of parts of the track

Additional signage is

to be erected recognising those who have planted and maintained areas of planting

The Trust will be making an application for community funding from the South Taranaki District Council and Pub Charities to form a pathway through Hurst Park on the opposite side of the road to the Bowling Club. If we are successful this will be formed in the summer of 2022.

The Trust has been told there may be a number of people in the community who would be keen to help with the track, but would not be interested in attending meetings. We would like to set up a "Friends of the Loop" who we would contact by an agreed method when work is going to occur

and when assistance would be appreciated. .

If anyone is interested, could they please contact either Esther Ward-Campbell at the Opunake Motels, Claire Hunn 027

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The working bee at Otahi Bridge on July 24, putting sides on the bridge upstream from the Otahi Road bridge.



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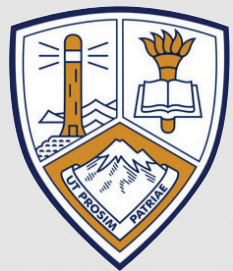
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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Congratulations Fraser Sturgeon on winning the Taranaki Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Association "Best Achiever in Term 2"

During the last week of Term 2, our Year 12 students accessed work sector areas that they are interested in looking at for future pathways - they spent the week in these workplaces building their skills, knowledge, interest and networks for future opportunities.

This programme gives our students some "life in the real world" - the reliability, the expectations, the work ethic and the interaction/social skills that are required to be successful in the workforce.

Te Arikinui spent time with local Opunake artists during her work experience. She made this beautiful feather while with Claire Jensen.



Congratulations Jorja Symes (second from left) on representing Counties-Manakau as a guest player at the recent U18 Hockey Nationals. Her team finished in a tie for 11th when the play-off fixture got cancelled due to heavy rain.



The Opunake High Year 13 rangitahi, and a few of their kaiako/teachers, helped out with community planting at the Waiaua River on the last Friday of Term Two. They got stuck in and were absolutely awesome to the point where one of them got a job offer! They also separated flaxes, planted many of them, and mulched around all the trees with sheep dogs.

It was really inspiring to share this mahi with the students, and to witness their enthusiasm and positivity. A big thank you to Opunake High for supporting the Loop Trail Committee on this journey.

Esther Campbell, EnviroSchools Facilitator

A huge number of senior students have all completed the Health & Safety in the Workplace and First Aid units enabling them to be placed into a fortnightly work placement. Thus far we have builders, baristas, engineers, lab technicians, early childhood workers, farmers, sport and musicians placed throughout the province, all enjoying and excelling in these sectors. One student has already been accepted to a local apprenticeship and is thriving in the 'real world'.

We need to acknowledge all the businesses and sectors we approach for a possible placement as the students' pathways are different every year. The task of accessing these placements is generally well received by most businesses of which the students are so appreciative and fortunate.



Tyran Jones pumping iron on his WITT fitness course

## Principals Address



Kia ora Koutou,

After a wet couple of weeks with whanau and friends we welcome staff and students back to term 3. We do however, send our thoughts and prayers to all of those in need across Aotearoa and the world, who have been affected as a result of extreme weather patterns. Our mission statement to continue to 'grow good people for a rapidly changing world' appears to be more pertinent than ever.

During the holiday, any number of our staff and students could be found giving back to the community. Christine Ryan, Philipa Gasson, Christelle Centeno, Ella Danz, Lia Sefton and Elizabeth Anderson Gardiner were treading the boards at the local theatre in a fabulous, funny and fruity performance, "A great face for radio". Whilst, Mahana Knuckey has also lived up to our DREAMS values at the Blue Light camp held at Ohakune, gaining a Merit in leadership.

Mike Griggs has also been working with some incredibly supportive community members and students: Daryl Hickey, Lloyd Morgan, Phil Hooper, Jayden Forsyth, Brendan Forsyth, Andreas Danz, and Rhys Young on developing the Tiny Homes project. These wonderful individuals have given their time and energy to prepare the build for a Tiny Homes construction area to continue moving forward in this exciting curriculum area. Another community member I would like to celebrate for their aroha is Kay Fleming, who donated 2.8 hectares to grow maize for school fundraising. We really are a true community school.

If you check out the calendar in this newsletter you can see how busy our Term 3 is. Do make sure you note down a few key dates in your events calendar, as there are so many exciting events and whanau engagement opportunities taking place - everything from bingo night the first week back, thanks to Chantal Brophy, and the basketball boys. To musical showcase, overseen by Andrea Dingle, which always proves to be an awesome evening of performance and talent.

The ball which Kerry Walsh has dedicated huge amounts of time to, will undoubtedly be the magical evening a "Chateau Garden at the Lavender Farm" promises to be. The Kuranui College exchange involving a fifth of our school representing us on the sports field will give us a chance to high profile our outstanding sports men and women. We also have an exciting, sponsored art trip to Wellington, Open days for future Year 9 students, not to mention academic reports, Individual Development Plan day for juniors, plus senior benchmark exams.

Staff will also be involved in NCEA Accord training days, where we are working collaboratively with schools around the region to discuss, plan and prepare for the upcoming changes to NCEA.

So from all our staff, and students we again thank you for your ongoing support of our dynamic, diverse and driven kura on the coast. Our students continue to work diligently towards their DREAMS, with over 50% of our students competing in school sports codes and over 15% of our senior school already having achieved success at their NCEA level.

Arohanui and to all;

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Arohanui,

Andrea Hooper - Principal



Mahana Knuckey (L) - Blue Light Merit award



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With the Tiny Home pod at the Opunake Motel nearing completion, attention & planning has turned to the next phase - earthworks to turn the old sandpit into an all-weather build space.

With the help of Mr Griggs and Jayden Forsyth, Brendon from Forsyth Contracting spent the start



of the holidays getting things started and by the end of the holidays - 95% of the earthworks for the new building platform had been completed with lots of hard work. Thanks to Phillip Hooper, Darrell Hicky, Andreas Danz. The next stage is to prepare for concreting and shipping containers to build a shelter.

# Lifelong passion keeps Shirley collecting

Shirley Hazlewood QSM estimates she has been collecting horse ornaments and memorabilia for 55 years. She says she now has over a thousand ornaments in her collection. For the last 31 years this collection has been based at Hazlewood's Horse Ornament Museum at her home in Kaponga and is open for the public to see. Opening hours are 10am-4pm Monday-Friday, 10.30am-3pm on Saturdays and 11am-2pm on Sundays.

With Covid putting the brakes on overseas travel, there has been a push for people to see more of their own country instead. Shirley and her museum have benefitted from this with visitors from all around the country dropping by for a visit. Her collection fills up the walls and roof of every room of her house.

"I'm running out of room fast, but I'm still collecting," she says.

"I have had people from all over the world, from Japan, England, Scotland, Germany. I have rest homes visit us too, as the older people see it as something from their era. I've had people who didn't even know it was here, and they lived in New Plymouth for goodness sake."

Horses have always been part of Shirley's life, and are something her family has been into for as far back as can possibly be traced.

Her grandfather Wallace Muggerridge who originally hailed from Sussex, England worked on the roads around Taranaki, eventually buying a farm on the Rama Road. His son, Lou, who was Shirley's father was interested in horses all his life. Shirley has a photo of Lou as a four year old with his first cup which he won at



**Shirley Hazlewood with daughter Sandra Muggerridge, granddaughter Renee Muggerridge and great great granddaughter Indi Muggerridge-Moeller.**

the Hawera show.

"The horse was Flicker," she says. Lou went on own Clydesdales which he took with him to shows and parades all around the country. It is an interest which his son Stephen who now lives in Woodville has carried on with.

Shirley was only 14 months old when she came down with polio and was paralysed down her left side. She says her father got her working with horses as a way of building up her strength.

In later years Shirley started a Post-Polio Support Group and was awarded the Queen's Service Medal. Her advocacy work continues to this day through her involvement with the Taranaki Disabled Person's Assembly, of which she has been president for the last 16 years.

"I spent the first 15 years

of my life in and out of hospitals. I think that's why I enjoy life so much," she says. "I spent so much time in hospital I love being in the open doing things. I do all the gardens from my wheelchair. I might be in a wheelchair, but I hate sitting around. I have to do something."

She loves showing off her collection, but any antique dealers who come calling are soon given short shrift. Among the items of interest in her collection is a horse collar used by the Karamea Fire Brigade in the 1920s, which was left unpadded, as it would have heated and burned the horse's neck. The pieces in her collection come from all kinds of places, including the rafters of houses being demolished. These include a 130 year-old ornament of a

wounded cavalryman being carried back by his faithful horse. Even the coffee table



in Shirley's living room is based around a 150 year-old steel wagon wheel.

Shirley still has two rescue horses to keep her company, a nine year-old miniature, and an 11 year-old Welsh pony, along with two rescue dogs.

As well as her ornaments and animals there's also family to keep her occupied, with Shirley now a great grandmother with the birth of great granddaughter Indi Muggerridge-Moeller.

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## From the Chair

### Re-imagining the way our communities ensure their wellbeing

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all. You might be aware that the delivery of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services has been in the news lately, as the Government puts more flesh on its Three Waters reform proposals.



These services are crucial to us all, and sadly, we've seen how catastrophe can result when their delivery goes wrong. But Three Waters is only one part of the significant changes taking place in the way communities are governed and supported by their local councils.

We've also got the new legislation replacing the Resource Management Act, the swiftly developing national pathway to zero emissions, and new efforts to honour the Treaty of Waitangi by ensuring Māori have an effective role in decision-making at all levels. Overarching it all is a formal review of the future for local government.

It's clear to me, and many others in local government, that all this adds up to a real opportunity to re-imagine the way in which local government might lead and support its communities. We're looking at a future that will be fundamentally different from that of 30 years ago when the current model was put in place. And we need to be open to change and 'giving up' some of what we have known in the past.

The onus is on us as communities and local authorities. Unless we are open to having some of the courageous conversations that are needed to take us into a new future, we will not be good ancestors for the future generations that will come after us.

In the past week we've seen encouraging signs that the Government is committed to working in real partnership with councils and local communities to ensure we find the best way forward.

Individual councils need time to discuss and digest the unfolding Three Waters proposals, and consult their communities, for example. So it's heartening that the

Government has recognised this by abandoning its initial timeframe and creating some breathing space. It's also put its money where its mouth is, with a commitment to cover Council costs and ensure none is worse off after the reforms are implemented.

I see these as signs of good faith. They give me more confidence about the future.

Rapid change is challenging. I can empathise with farmers feeling pressured to the point that they mount a protest. The pressure is real, and councils are feeling a similar squeeze.

But be assured that TRC remains committed to finding outcomes that will strengthen Taranaki communities and ensure the region has the voice it deserves at a national level.

If you have any ideas, questions or concerns, talk to your TRC Councillor. You'll find our contact details on this page.

And watch this space!

*David MacLeod, Chair*

## Around & about the region

Video: [www.trc.govt.nz/TupareWinter](http://www.trc.govt.nz/TupareWinter)



### Winter magic at Tūpare

For an antidote to winter, check out Tūpare, on Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth. Its many deciduous trees take on an austere majesty at this time of year, while the winter-flowering plants really stand out. Head Gardener Mitch Graham offers his insights in the video above.

→ [www.tupare.nz](http://www.tupare.nz)

### Fresh look at representation

Community feedback is sought on the way the Council proposes to rearrange its representation following its April decision to introduce a Māori constituency (ward) for the 2022 local body elections. The initial proposal is to remain at 11 elected members, with one elected from a region-wide Māori constituency. The other 10 would be elected from the existing four general constituencies (New Plymouth, North Taranaki, Stratford and South Taranaki), but with South Taranaki dropping to two members from the current three. Submissions close on 13 August, with a final proposal to be decided in September.

→ [www.trc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay](http://www.trc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay)

### Team to design new stand

A consortium led by GHD Woodhead Creative Spaces and New Plymouth-based firm Boon has been awarded the design contract for Yarrow Stadium's new East Stand to replace TSB Stand. The architects will be supported by Beca (structural and civil engineering), Aurecon (mechanical and electrical services) and Holmes (fire services). More contracts will be confirmed shortly. It's the biggest component of the project's total \$50m budget and the design priority is flexibility - making the new stand more usable, more often, by more people.

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## Supporting livelihoods

### Wizard helps Taranaki hex unwelcome pest plant species

Have you met Taranaki Regional Council's very own Weed Wizard? He's been putting out weekly videos highlighting pest plants to help you identify the weeds that are common in Taranaki.

He takes a light-hearted, engaging approach, but he knows his stuff. And the information he shares is very useful if you care about Taranaki's precious native biodiversity.

With scores of weeds in the National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA), it's going to take a team effort to start controlling them.

We know it's an uphill battle, but every little bit will make a difference.

Catch the Weed Wizard's videos at [www.trc.govt.nz/WeedWizard](http://www.trc.govt.nz/WeedWizard).

Pampas is the first weed off the block, but you can also learn about a dozen others ranging from African clubmoss to wild cherry. Generally there is no obligation to

Video playlist: [www.trc.govt.nz/WeedWizard](http://www.trc.govt.nz/WeedWizard)



remove these weeds from your property, but it's a really good thing to do!

Here at TRC, we focus our own control efforts on the 16 plants in the Taranaki Regional Pest Management Plan. Of these,

we do direct control on five while the other 11 must be controlled by landowners - including nasties such as old man's beard, giant gunnera and ginger.

See [www.trc.govt.nz/pest-plants](http://www.trc.govt.nz/pest-plants).

## Taking Taranaki forward



Waitara Taiao were among winners in the 2020 TRC Environmental Awards.

### Tell us who deserves Environmental Awards

Nominations have opened for this year's Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards, which recognise efforts to protect and enhance the environment - at any scale from neighbourhood to regional.

The Council has presented 313 environmental awards since the programme began in 1993. Awards are made across five categories - business,

dairy farming, land management, community and education.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.trc.govt.nz/enter-awards-2021](http://www.trc.govt.nz/enter-awards-2021).

Nominations close on 20 August and awards will be presented in October. Sponsorship support from Fonterra, Corteva and Contact Energy mean they can be presented at a catered evening function.



# Mattress campaign helps Women's Refuge

Taranaki Women's Refuge is the lead support agency for Domestic Violence services in Taranaki. In the 12 months to March 2021, police attended 4298 Domestic Violence incidents in Taranaki alone. We work to support women to become and remain safe in a confidential setting and without judgement. Since late last year we have been able to employ an advocate to provide a face to face service in South Taranaki. We are excited to be able to provide this great resource and it means our services will be more accessible to women and children. Covering from Stratford to Patea, and around the coast to Okato, our advocate will provide services such as information and advice, safety planning, and support with legal, financial and counselling needs.

We are also very excited to be bringing our major biennial fundraiser "Deck the Rooms for Refuge" to South Taranaki this year. A pocket of five wonderful home owners just south of Opunake have jumped on board to become part of this sell-out event that will take a trip around the region for the first time. Joined by six

homes in North Taranaki, we are thrilled to be able to further connect with our communities and bring you the events you have come to love.

Taranaki Women's Refuge have recently been recipients of a fabulous Furniture Zone mattress campaign. Often, when women leave a violent relationship they must begin to build their life again. To be able to receive new mattresses for themselves and their children is a helping hand that can provide a huge sense of relief and comfort. Thank you to Furniture Zone for running this thoughtful initiative. When we all work together we can create positive change.

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We worked with the Women's Refuge head office to finalise numbers of mattresses required by refuges across the North Island. The Furniture Zone team subsequently delivered the requested

mattress to our regional stores so that the individual store managers could get involved with the contacts at their local Women's Refuge.

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# Managing feed pad effluent: a cost effective and futureproof solution

Councils are tightening rules around the collection and storage of feed pad effluent meaning a lot of farmers are having to adjust their effluent management systems. The good news is there's a cost effective, futureproof solution.

## What are the rules?

Feed pad design and infrastructure must include the effective collection and disposal of effluent from the feed pad itself as well as the entries, exits, transit races and supplementary feed storage bunkers.

## How does this affect effluent management?

### Increased storage needs

This may mean storing higher volumes of effluent, which can lead to needing more storage to meet council requirements.

### Higher solids content

Effluent from feed pads often results in higher solids content, which may affect the way you manage the effluent content.

### More nutrients

With more nutrients you can cut back on synthetic fertilisers, however you may need to spread further so pasture isn't oversaturated.



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## What's the best solution?

### Storage

Lined ponds are the most economical option. If your current storage is already at capacity, increasing the size of your pond, or adding another pond is likely to be the best way to futureproof your farm.

Covering feed pads is sometimes recommended to prevent rainwater increasing capacity requirements. This investment is unlikely to provide much return. Investing in larger storage will provide greater return as the additional rainwater helps to dilute solids as well as providing an irrigation option over dry periods.

### Processing

To effectively manage a higher concentration of

solids a good pond stirrer is essential. Without stirring the solids will accumulate at the top and bottom of your storage pond, meaning nutrients are wasted, and storage capacity is compromised. Creating a homogenous mix is important both for nutrient dispersion and reducing the workload on your pump.

### Spreading

Increased effluent provides the opportunity to spread further. If you currently rely on travelling irrigators the addition of a slurry tanker will provide easy spreading over unreach paddocks. Alternatively, if you're looking to reduce effluent pond levels fast, a RainWave™ drag hose system could be ideal and is very cost effective.

*Michael Prestidge  
Nevada Dairy Effluent  
Management Specialist*



Rules on the collection and storage of feed pad effluent are being tightened up.

## Mycoplasma bovis four years on

On 21 July 2017, the bacteria Mycoplasma bovis was first found in New Zealand cattle. A year later, in May 2018, New Zealand became the first country in the world to aim to eradicate it.

Dr Geoff Noller, Assistant Research Fellow, Department of General Practice & Rural Health, Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago, comments:

"The disease, causing untreatable mastitis in dairy and beef cows, severe pneumonia in up to 30 per cent of infected calves, and other symptoms, was first identified in July 2017. In May 2018 the government committed to investing \$880 million over 10 years to eliminate the disease in New Zealand, including farmer compensation, something never attempted elsewhere.

"The programme was heavily criticised for its ham-fisted response to managing the incursion during its first 18 months,

with this culminating in MPI issuing a public apology for its response. This followed the release of two critical reviews, which identified issues including a lack of staff to handle the workload, a critical shortage of appropriately skilled and experienced individuals in key roles, poor or absent liaison with local veterinarians, and poor systems and processes to support the response.

"Subsequently, the programme has gained ground, with more recently-exposed farmers generally reporting increased timeliness of interventions and responses.

"Nonetheless, published and on-going research from Otago University researchers at the Dunedin School of Medicine's Department of General Practice and Rural Health, led by Dr Fiona Doolan-Noble, has identified significant and lasting psychosocial harms to farmers, and their families and workers, and

rural professionals such as veterinarians, associated with MPI's management of the incursion.

"Our research team has suggested that given New Zealand will always be vulnerable to future disease incursions, the management of such events would be more effective and less traumatic for the agricultural sector if MPI engaged directly with affected communities. By drawing on their expertise and pragmatic problem-solving, the human cost of biosecurity incursions could be reduced - and the effectiveness of responses overall increased.

"At the time of writing, over \$200 million has been paid out to farmers in compensation, over 170,000 cattle culled, and there are still active cases of M. bovis on New Zealand farms - with three cases currently in Canterbury and almost 100 properties under active surveillance nationally."

Professor Scott McDougall, Vet and Registered Specialist

in Cattle Reproduction, Professor at Massey University, and founder of Cognosco animal health and production research, comments:

"The eradication programme has had significant impact on affected farmers, but improvements in processes and shortening of turnaround times for compensation, as well as support from numerous organisations, has hopefully reduced these impacts.

"Not unexpectedly, due to the at-times cryptic nature of infection with this bacteria, combined with unrecorded cattle movements, cases have been detected outside of tracing networks via the background surveillance system. The recent Canterbury cluster, and a number of recent bulk milk test positive samples, reinforce the need for ongoing care with cattle movements and National Animal Identification and Tracing (NAIT) recording."

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# Chicory benefits both animals and environment

Fast-growing annual 501 Chicory ticks all the boxes for farmers, stock and the environment this season.

That's the advice from an experienced agronomist as spring sowing approaches.

Blair Cotching says 501 Chicory in particular combines high DM yield with quick establishment, superb quality and climatic resilience to keep animals well-fed in summer and autumn.

What's more, research has shown cows grazing chicory excrete significantly less N every time they urinate, reducing the N load in the urine patch compared to ryegrass-clover pasture.

With urine patches major contributors of N loss from grazed systems, averaging 700 kg/ha N per urination in traditional pastoral farming<sup>1</sup>, this is a key benefit for chicory, says Blair, who heads the pasture systems team at Barenbrug.

"We've heard a lot about plantain's potential to mitigate N loss, but it is not the only forage herb available to help farmers improve their environmental performance.

"Science has shown us chicory can be equally as helpful, giving farmers another way to balance productivity and profitability with responsible stewardship of both land and freshwater."

The first study to directly compare urinating patterns of dairy cows grazing chicory, plantain or ryegrass was carried out at Lincoln University Research Dairy Farm in February and March 2018 by scientists from the university's Faculty of Agriculture and Life Science<sup>1</sup>.

Milk yield was similar across all three forages for the trial period.

Cows grazing chicory substantially lower urinary N concentrations, similar to those recorded for cows grazing plantain.

In short, Blair says, like plantain, chicory diluted the cows' urine because it is high in both water and minerals, particularly sodium, potassium and



**Chicory ticks all the boxes for farmers, stock and the environment.**

calcium.

Results from this study align with earlier research showing cows grazing chicory produced more milk solids than those grazing ryegrass, reflecting chicory's higher summer ME, which averaged 12.3 in this trial compared with irrigated ryegrass at 11.9.

And Blair says chicory's nutritional advantage is much higher in summer dry situations.

When it comes to incorporating these and other chicory benefits into individual farm systems, it's worth taking a close look at the different options available.

"Most chicory cultivars are perennial types. But 501 Chicory is an annual type, so it establishes quicker and can be grazed sooner. This advantage can add up to one full grazing more than other chicory cultivars over summer-autumn.

"We've measured this dry matter yield difference in two trials, and it's significant – for example, 501 Chicory

can grow 550 kg dry matter per ha more than Choice."

That may not sound like a lot, but it could equate to an extra \$450/ha income (based on \$7/kg MS, 120 MJ ME to produce 1 kg MS).

501 Chicory's deep roots also improve soil structure, mine deep soil N and pull up other minerals from the soil profile.

It is ideal for effluent blocks, for example, because it soaks up both excess N and K, which are then re-distributed more evenly around the farm via the cows.

It's low risk for facial eczema; unlike brassicas, it doesn't need insecticide sprays, and because it is tap-rooted, it is more resilient and water efficient than ryegrass in summer droughts.

"Farmers in sensitive catchments like it because it establishes well via direct drill or minimum till, and can be renewed into grass in autumn the same way. So they're not getting the same soil N losses as they would with full cultivation."

That's better for fragile soils, too, he says.

"Plus animals love eating it. It's green and leafy and consistently high in protein when pasture dries off in summer, and much cheaper than feed that arrives on a truck. You can't ask for more than that."

For best results, 501 Chicory should be sown early, while moisture is available for good germination (as soon as soil temps are 12°C and rising), using treated seed at 10 kg/ha, drilled no deeper than 1 cm.

*I Mangwe et al. (2019).*

*Forage herbs as an alternative to ryegrass-white clover to alter urination patterns in grazing dairy systems. Animal Feed Science and Technology Volume 252: 11-22.*

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# Visa extension gives dairy farmers some certainty

DairyNZ and Federated Farmers say they are pleased with the government's decision to extend Essential Skills visas.

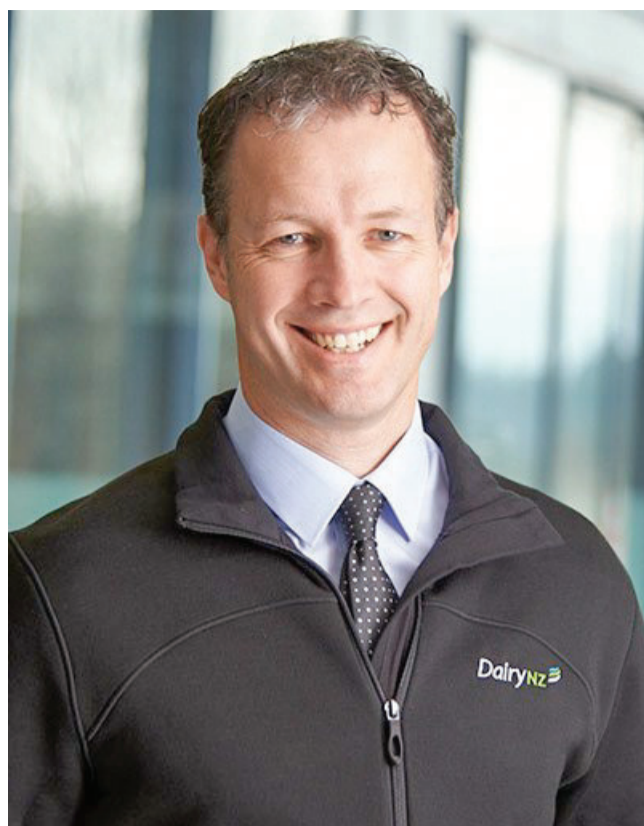
From Monday 19 July, the maximum duration of Essential Skills visas for jobs paid below the median wage, will increase from 12 months to 24 months. The maximum duration of Essential Skills visas for jobs paid above the median wage will remain at three years. The application process for renewing Essential Skills visas will also be simplified for workers remaining in their current roles.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle said the changes are a positive as they will help resolve short-term pressure on some farms.

"It's great to see the Government is listening and recognises the pressures dairy farmers and other sectors are under," said Dr Mackle.

"However, it's important to note this decision doesn't add more workers into our workforce, so there's still a gap between what we have and what we actually need. It's about helping us hold onto the valuable migrant workers we already have."

"There are plenty of jobs



Dr Tim Mackle.

on farms for Kiwis and migrants but at this time the reality is, not enough Kiwis are applying for jobs. This is despite a recent survey showing 87 percent of farmers had made changes to make their business more attractive to staff, so we need our valued workers from

overseas as well."

Dr Mackle said while that's a positive step, more needs to be done to ensure sufficient staffing on farms throughout the country for the wellbeing of staff and farmers, and animal welfare. "This is where our wonderful migrant workers

come in. Dairy farmers highly value our overseas workers who become part of our local communities and many help train Kiwis to work on farms."

Federated Farmers employment and immigration spokesperson Chris Lewis said the migrant workers are needed.

"We need them helping with calving and putting cups on cows now more than ever with the border still closed and low domestic unemployment."

"We don't want these

people taking their good skills and work habits and exiting the country because of visa uncertainty, and this is an important step to help keeping them here. We are doing what we can to attract Kiwis to the industry, but all provincial employers feel like they are fighting over the same scraps of the labour force pie at the moment."

The requirements for all employers and workers to move to the Accredited Employer Work Visa, which was due to come into effect on 1 November, will be

delayed until the middle of next year.

"Farmers and their workers have got enough to worry about at the moment without getting their heads around this new visa system.

"We just want to get on with the business of farming and anything that helps ease the current labour woes is a good step, so Federated Farmers would like to thank the Government for listening to the concerns of our farmers on this one," Chris said.

## Taranaki Indoor Bowls

Results of the Indoor Bowls Paterson Zone playoffs held in Wanganui are: North Taranaki 110.5 - Manawatu 83.5 - King Country 63.5 - Wanganui 58.5 - Taranaki 44.

For the local Taranaki team Trevor Bourne was the top scorer.

The winners North Taranaki will now go on to play in the Welch Trophy in Hamilton in September against the other zone winners from throughout the country.

The results of the Indoor Bowls Challenge Trophy which was played recently

in Upper Hutt were North Taranaki 147 - Upper Hutt Valley 128 - Hutt Valley 100 Taranaki 57.

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre played their Champion of Champion Pairs and Singles over the weekend of July 24-5.

In the Pairs event five clubs participated, and a playoff was needed with three teams having an equal number of wins.

In the first play off the Cardiff club team of Sue Bourne (Skip) and Dave Schumacher defeated the Normanby team of Andrea

Berry (Skip) and Joanne Corbett, Bourne then played the Otakeho team of Gordon Hamley (Skip) and Jamie Taylor and defeated them to take out the title. This win was a first title for Dave Schumacher.

In the Singles competition six clubs participated and Sue Bourne from the Cardiff Club won the event outright defeating Rose Ratahi (Otakeho Club) 14 - 4 Judith Muggeridge (Stratford Club) 10 - 7 Ray Finlay (Turi Club) 15 - 5 and Martin Harding (Normanby Club) 11 - 8. This win now gives Sue nine Taranaki Centre Titles.



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## Coastal vs Inglewood Finals Day

As we all knew Saturday's weather was very bad and made trying conditions for both teams and officials.

We had a disrupted week with injuries to Rick McKenna and Logan Crowley and with Logan with drawing on Friday we brought Heinrich Fourie into the side from the Div 1 team to replace Logie.

After Rick withdrew we named our backline with Daniel Crowley taking the 10 jersey.

The boys were ready for a big game and knew the enormity of the task of taking on an in-form Inglewood.

Jeremy lost the toss and we ended up playing into the wind and after 10 minutes we were 0-3 down.

We constructed some good phases, but too often we had handling errors or were just a fraction too slow to our ball carriers, just giving Inglewood a chance to turn the ball over or slow our ball down.

In the 25th minute Inglewood scored a well worked try after multiple phases and took a 10-0 lead into halftime.

The boys tried to lift the ante after halftime, but Inglewood lifted as well, and within a couple of minutes got out to a 13-0 nil lead, then 16-0 nil with 15 minutes to go.

We played right till the 80th



**A tough day at Inglewood for finals rugby.**

minute, but unfortunately we were left scoreless. 23-0 nil was the final score and once again for us no silverware.

For us it was a torrid game and we were outplayed by Inglewood, who played classic wet weather rugby so congratulations to them.

Our player of the day was Blake Barrett who tackled his heart out, followed closely by Jacob Gopperth, Jeremy Newell and Dylan Schuler. Heinie showed plenty of energy at 9 and once again a huge team effort by the whole 22 players, who took the field and all should be proud of the effort to make the final in the first place.

Thanks to all the players, and a quick count 41 in total - 23 forwards and 18 backs throughout the season who played and

benched for us. It was much appreciated, especially the four Senior Third boys, who came in late and kept our team functioning at a high standard through the last six weeks. I realise our high injury toll was a detriment to all your guys' teams.

Thanks to Ben May, Alan Crowley Mark Davis and Gerard Kalin for the excellent job they did for the team this year.

Also thanks to Will Hurley our tee boy and physio Grace

Kelly who worked overtime most weeks.

Lastly, thanks to our committee, sponsors and supporters. Without you guys we couldn't be doing what we do and having so much fun doing it. The boys are all home-grown local guys who wear our Coastal jersey with pride and I'm sure will be trying to work a way to go one better next season.

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**Mixed fortunes for Coastal teams on wet finals day**

Coastal rugby supporters will have to wait until next year for another crack at the Premier rugby title.

Coastal went down 23-0 to Inglewood in the CMK Club Rugby final played at TET Stadium on July 17. The last time the two teams had faced each other was in the second round when Inglewood trounced them 51-0. Since then Coastal had finished off their last game before the semis with a 24-18 away win over Tukapa. They repeated this feat on the same ground a week later with a 13-12 semi-finals victory against the same team.

Meanwhile Inglewood had booked their finals slot with a 27-11 win against Stratford-Eltham.

Inglewood was after their first Premier title since 2014. Coastal was after their first since 2012, although they have made it to the finals a number of times since then. In 2017 they had lost to Tukapa at New Plymouth in a game that went into extra time. A year later they lost to New Plymouth Old Boys at Inglewood, and in 2019 they were beaten by Spotswood United. Last year Covid meant a change to the club rugby season which clashed with the vagaries of the farming season. This meant Coastal were without some of their key players in must-win games and were unable to make the final.

The finals were played on a day when storms were



Coastal Premiers made the Taranaki finals again.

lashing the country, and Taranaki was not immune to these. There was a heavy downpour prior to the start of the Premiers final, but come kickoff the rains held

off for the first sustained period of the day.

Coastal started the match on attack, but from then on in, the traffic flowed the other way. A penalty and converted try gave Inglewood a 10-0 lead at half-time, to which they added a converted try and two penalties in the second half.

"It wasn't our day, but we still had a great season," said Premiers coach Mark Davis. "We won two in a row (against Tukapa) to make it here. Halfway through the season when we had half our boys injured Inglewood beat us 51-0. A big thank you to all the boys and the management"

A week earlier two other Coastal teams had made it to the semi-finals. The Colts who had gone in as



The Division 3 Final was battled out in murky conditions.

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### Coastal U13 defeated Patea 47-14 in the restricted final.

last year's title holders lost their semi-final to Stratford-Eltham 21-13. The Division 1 lost their semi-final to Spotswood United 31-17. Two other Coastal teams were playing on finals day. The Division 2 team had made it to the Division 3 final after Tukapa had defaulted their semi-final match the previous week. The Coastal-Kaitake Under-13 team coached by Dean Spicer, Liam O'Sullivan and Jason Peacock had gone unbeaten this year, and went into the final as reigning title holders. Only three days before they had got back from their tour

of the Bay of Plenty, having won all their games. In one of the first two games played on finals day they defeated Patea 47-17 on the field next to the Inglewood Cemetery. At midday the Division 3 final between Coastal and Okaiawa kicked off on an already mud splattered field lashed by heavy northerly winds. After 12 minutes Coastal opened the scoring with a penalty right in front of the goalposts to Nathan Potter. With the wind making its presence felt this turned out to be the only successful attempt at goal during the entire match.

Coastal scored three tries to Jamie Taylor, Justin Tito and Jamie Kape. They were ahead at 8-0 at halftime, and were leading 18-0 in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute when Okaiawa put points on the board with an unconverted try. The final score was 18-5. Coastal coach James Quay said his side had suited their play well to the muddy conditions and he was pleased they had been able to close down the Okaiawa backs. Coastal had beaten them in the final two years ago, and he said that with Okaiawa having celebrated the club's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year,

they had gone into the match with a point to prove. As for Coastal, the last season had been a good one, he said. "We had a strong core of players who kept us going through the tough games when some of the boys had to cover for the higher grades." In other finals, Spotswood United beat NPOB 13-9 in the Div 1 final, Kaitake beat Normanby 17-12 in the Div 2 final, Stratford-Eltham beat NPOB 10-3 in the Colts final and Tukapa beat NPOB 34-12 in the Under-13 Open final.



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# Celebrating a local team with a local heart

Coastal Rugby players were celebrating the season at their prize giving on Friday July 23.

The Coastal Rugby Club has earned itself a reputation as being the envy of Taranaki rugby, says club president Janet Fleming.

"I go to TRFU meetings and I keep getting asked how do you create your club culture," she told players, club members and supporters at the function held at Butlers Reef in Oakura.

It was a season that saw the Coastal Premiers make the final, only to lose out 23-0 to Inglewood. Coastal took the field that day minus the experienced first five-halfback pairing of Rick McKenna and Logan Crowley, and had to draw on players from other grades to fill in the gaps.

A few weeks earlier Inglewood had trounced them 51-0 in the second round of the competition in a match that saw Coastal nursing a large number of injuries. In the first round of the competition, Coastal had managed to come out on top.

The Senior Thirds team had had some of their players siphoned off to support the other grades during the year, and the Premier team that played in the finals included four from the Senior Thirds side. Despite this the Senior Thirds were able to win their final, while the Div 1 and Colts teams had managed to make it as far as the semis.

Among those celebrating that night were Coastal life members Ray Barron and Paddy Mullin.

Ray said the Premiers had done well.

"Our forward pack has improved out of sight. Our



**Gareth Goodin played his 100<sup>th</sup> game for Coastal this season and Rick McKenna celebrated his 150<sup>th</sup>.**

front row has been the best in the competition by a long way. There was not a scrum that bettered us in the first round."

Paddy said the Premiers had done this through using local talent.

"Every one of those guys were Coastal boys," he said.

Ray and Paddy both commented on the club culture which focussed on looking after all the players. Ray said it was noteworthy Coastal had managed to get four teams as far as the semifinals.

"I don't think any other club in Taranaki would have done that," he said.

The prizegiving was a time for marking a couple of milestones. Gareth Goodin had played his 100<sup>th</sup> game for Coastal, while Rick McKenna played his 150<sup>th</sup>. Gareth had begun his rugby playing days at Okato, attended New Plymouth Boys High School, and has been with Coastal since 2006. In that year he played I the New Zealand Under-19s team. Rick had done his schooling at Francis Douglas Memorial College, where he played for New Zealand Secondary Schools in his final year.

Ray Barron paid tribute to a number of people including the club's president Janet Fleming.

"She's the only woman president in Taranaki rugby. I hope you stick around for a few more years," he said.

The club's patron Margaret Fleming, together with her

Whio playing Manawatu the next day.

The Div 2 team who won the Division 3 title received the trophy for Most Outstanding Team, while the Premiers received the trophy for Outstanding Team Off Field.

The Club congratulates Coastal Players have made representative teams this year. Beauden Barrett, Scott Barrett and Jordie Barrett were selected for the All Blacks; Kendra Cocksedge for the Black Ferns; Josh Lord for Super Rugby; Victoria McCullough, Aroha Nuku, Charlotte Webby, Sharna Tito-Green, Tiffany Nuku, Jaymi Ngaia, Danielle Mugeridge, Nat Jones and Nikki Katene for the Taranaki Whio, with Brooke Sim as manager; Logan Crowley and Josh Lord for the Taranaki Bulls; Blake Barrett and Jackson Sinclair for the Taranaki Trojans; Dylan Schuler for Taranaki Maori, and Abe Maitatini for Fiji Under-21s. The Club also wishes all the best for the triallists from Coastal for the Under 19's, Under 16's and Ross Brown teams.

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# Coastal juniors enjoy a successful tour

The Convenor of Coastal Junior Rugby Wayne Taylor travelled to the Bay of Plenty area with two teams, the Under 11s and the Under 13s. The latter team was actually a Combined Coastal Kaitake team. There were 43 players all told and this number included 7 girls.

Also on the tour were the coaches of the Under 13 team Dean Spicer and Liam O'Sullivan, and Manager Jason Peacock. Chris Simons, coach of the Under 11 team was also aboard, as was manager of the team Michael Lawn. Coastal Rugby Club Captain Kelvin Weir also joined the tour party. Kelvin is also Rugby Development Officer for the Taranaki Rugby Union covering the Coastal Area.

The bus tour, which started on Monday July 12, also included a number of memorable adventures apart from the games. Their final destination was to be at Pacific Park Camp, Papamoa Beach.

However, the first stop was to visit the Meads Museum in Te Kuiti where the children were hosted by former All Black Stan Meads who celebrated his birthday on the same day, turning 83. Stan was great with the children explaining



From left Lachlan Taylor and Jaden Doherty pictured with the three trophies mentioned above.

that he had played a few games at Rugby Park in New Plymouth, but they were hard games against Taranaki. Then it was onto the bus again to head to our first game in Pirongia, although only the Under 11s were involved. On Monday July 12 this team won convincingly, which was a heartening start to the tour.

The under 13s had their first game further up the line at Hinuera and they

also did themselves proud winning 57-20. The tour party finished the last part of their day with their arrival at Pacific Park Camp. After unpacking and settling in the players enjoyed a film at United Cinema in the Bayfair Complex at Mount Maunganui watching Space Jam 2

Next day on Tuesday both teams played BOP Eastern Districts at Paengeroa with the Under 13s winning 42-

22, but the Under 11s were held to a 34-34 draw.

That evening the players had some splashy fun at Mount Maunganui at the Baywave Swimming Complex and helped to put out a longline to catch fish. This also gave the children a chance to have a play on the beach, which of course

involved some touch rugby.

Blake Park, Mount Maunganui was a highlight for the Under 13 team who played the top team in the local competition. Unfazed, the Coastal team won easily 62-25. "I was pretty proud," admitted Wayne with a smile. However, the Under 11s did not fare so well and lost their encounter with Mount Maunganui 17-28, but still had a great game.

The teams then returned home after enjoying, all in all, a very good tour, according to two players Lachlan Taylor (aged 11) and Jaden Doherty (aged 12). "It was fun," enthused Lachlan, who played on the wing. One highlight for him was a spectacular view of the Waikato from the top of the Kaimai's.

"It was fun going to a different place to play rugby," commented Jaden. He added, "The other teams were decent, but not as good as I thought they would be." A highlight for Jaden was scoring two runaway tries in the game against Mount Maunganui.

Wayne was delighted with how the tour went,

but admitted that some serious fundraising had been needed. "It was a definite success. The fundraising meant we were in a position to have the tour at no cost to the players, which was amazing."

The fundraising included the making and sale of about 750 burgers. Also, the Barrett family kindly supported us with the Crusaders jersey, signed by the entire team, which was auctioned; the winning bid raised \$1,600.

In total about \$6,000 was raised to enable the trip to proceed. Wayne explains that the plan is for a similar trip to occur every two years.

All Black Beauden Barrett, who was named by the International Rugby Board as the World's best player two years running, has donated his former rugby boots, which have been incorporated into three trophies; the Coastal Pirongia Combined Champions Trophy, the Coastal Mount Maunganui Champions Trophy and the Coastal Eastern Districts Champions Trophy.

## Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

Saturday July 10. 1. Grant Hastie. 2. Rod Le Fleming. 4. Kevin Murrell and Greg Elliott. 5. Sam Jones.

July 11. Juniors. Chipping over the goal post. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Luke Norris. 3. Hannah Symes..

Putting. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Hannah Symes. 3. Luke Norris.

Pitching over the goal post. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Luke Norris. 3. Hannah Symes.

Field chipping. 1. Luke Norris. 2. Carter Symes. 3.

Hannah Symes. Longest Drive. 1. Kobi Symes Simpson. 2. McKenna Norris. 3. Luke Norris. Straightest. Jaxon Symes Simpson. Connor Thomson. Boston Symes.

July 11. Waimate Plains Tournament. Men. Gross. 1. Sam Jones. 2. Ethan Jones. 3. Caleb Symes. Nett. 1. Wayne Baker. 2. Rod Le Fleming. 3. Garry Wallis.

Women. Gross. 1. Kaye Maree. Nett. 1. Carolyn Kock. 2. Marina Gopperth.

3. Jo Ropiha. Longest Drive. Men. Andrew Gibson. Ladies. Kaye Maree..

Saturday. July 24. Men. 1. Logan Symes. 2. Joshua Symes. 3. Matt Laing. 4. Jamie Johnson. 5. Caleb Symes.

July 26. Nine long holes. 1. Olive symes. 2. Carter Symes. 3. Luke Norris. Putting. 1. Luke Norris. 2. Anise Borrie.



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# Three Point Shootout Classic coming soon to Opunake



Make sure you mark this date in your diary, Saturday July 31. Basketball enthusiasts have an exciting treat in store at the Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake, where participants can compete for prizes by shooting three pointers. Maybe you prefer to sit back and watch the action. If so, you can book a VIP table (8-10 of them) at \$100 for five seats and be closest to the action.

If the members of any of the VIP tables can score a goal from halfway, their admission fee will be refunded by way of Barter Card vouchers, who have kindly sponsored the event.

Further back ground floor seats can be booked for just \$10, or just \$2 for an upstairs view. Primary school students get in free and high school students have the upstairs seats available to them also free. The event starts at 7pm sharp and continues until about 9.30pm.

The organiser is basketball coach Daniel Sefton, who sees the event as a fundraiser to help fund his Swap n Drop initiative. With young basketball players growing so fast, it is common for youngsters to grow out of one pair of sports shoes quite quickly. Daniel helps by swapping the outgrown

shoes for bigger ones that fit comfortably. "Sports shoes aren't cheap and kids grow out of them fast, sometimes in less than a season," explains Daniel. Of course, this scheme costs money and hence this event has evolved.

The older players (16 and older) will compete in the Opunake Three Point Classic, with a \$100 first prize up for grabs. Top players such as Eva Langton and Joellen How will be in action. The clash of brothers Tui versus Herewini will be

well worth watching. Also in the running are sharp shooters Nico Hill and hometown hero Cameron Quinnell.

The Junior (Under 16) Three Point competition has a prize of \$50, which will be keenly contested by such players as Harlan Deegan, Alex Moss, Luke Goodman and Oscar Goodman (Entry fee \$10). A mystery player from Francis Douglas College will also compete; all we know is that he is a sharp shooter of the highest

calibre. Can he beat the Opunake contingent?

The Junior Slam Dunk is an event for players eleven years and under. Some of the competitors include Spartan, Lennon, Victor, Kobe, Zion and Tyree.

There will be a practice session every Sunday, 4pm to 5pm at the Sandfords Event Centre if you want to improve your shooting skills.

On display will be the sports mascots including Yeti from Taranaki Mountain Airs, and Wolfie from sponsor Smith Sport Shoes. Kids, here is your chance to score a picture with one of these iconic mascots.

Refreshment will be available thanks to the Opunake High School basketball girls, who will supply food and non-alcoholic drinks. A special treat will be waffles with cinnamon and a gourmet barbecue. The Soul Kitchen bar will be open from 7pm to 9pm.

Live music will be provided by Iron Sands, with lively percussion, guitar and violin playing that will be hard not to dance to. "They took part in the battle of the bands," comments Daniel, "And are really cool."

There is going to be a massive Replay Sports Gear giveaway of pre-loved sports gear at the event, including more than 20 basketballs

and other gear such as tennis racquets, as well as hockey, rugby, and soccer equipment. If you'd like to know more please visit Facebook Trays4days. This is a unique event not to be missed so get in early and book your seats at the Sandfords

Event Centre and avoid disappointment.

If this worthwhile event is the success Daniel expects it to be, he plans further events (next year and beyond) to raise funds for such charities as the Cancer Society and SPCA.



Three point Shootout Classic organiser Daniel Sefton.

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# A new vintage

Over the weekend of July 31/August 1 the Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club will be holding a new type of show.

Sadly we've had to cancel our Vintage Working Weekend two years in a row thanks to Covid 19 which

has been really frustrating to the club. It was this frustration that led to us deciding to hold the first ever TVMC Indoor Winter Show, to be held in the TSB pavilion at the Egmont A&P showgrounds Hawera. The idea of the show is to

provide an inexpensive and enjoyable day out for the whole family. Entry is \$5 for adults and kids under 15 are free.

There will be heaps to see and do, including Vintage tractors, cars, trucks, military vehicles, Hornby

train display, miniature steam engine rides, vintage haybaling, blacksmith display, rock crusher, craft and memorabilia, kids activities plus food and drink available.

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# Literary leaders gather for Festival of Words

Some of the biggest names in New Zealand literature are descending on New Plymouth District this month to celebrate Puke Ariki's Festival of Words.

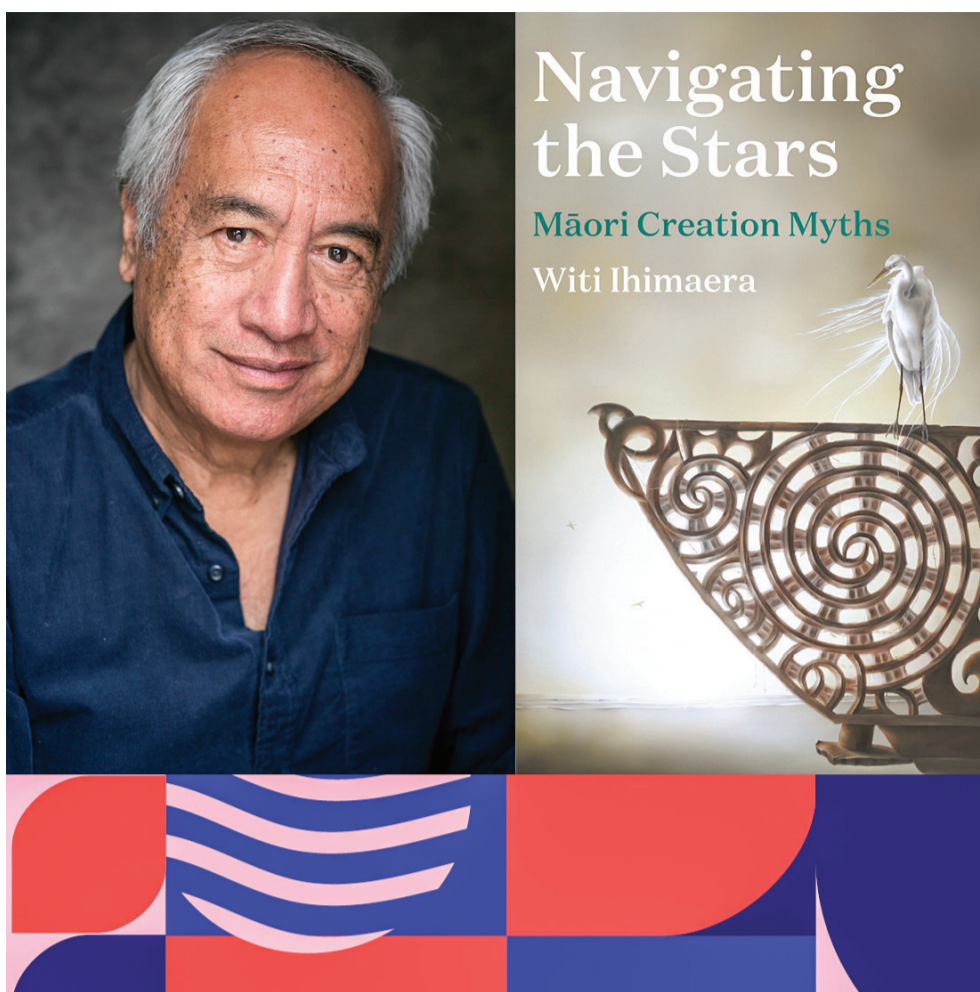
NPDC Libraries Manager Dyane Hosler says public interest in the festival is growing with a number of the scheduled events already sold out and limited tickets for the rest of the bookable performances available.

"We have a fantastic line-up of guest speakers, writing and poetry workshops, comedy and kōrero," she says.

"Most of all we hope that the Festival will be a reminder that NPDC's libraries are all about connection with our community and the many opportunities that come from discovering the world of words."

The Festival of Words opens with a special evening featuring award-winning writer Witi Ihimaera and Kingsley Spargo on Thursday 29 July at Puke Ariki Museum.

Ihimaera's career started nearly 50 years ago when the first collection of short stories by a Māori writer was published. This was a landmark occasion for New Zealand literature and led to a bibliography of more than 40 titles, including *The*



Award-winning writer Witi Ihimaera and Kingsley Spargo will open the Festival of Words at NPDC's Puke Ariki.

Whale Rider.

Other highlights include an afternoon with author Sarah Myles in the Cinema at Govett-Brewster Art Gallery where she will speak

about her experience piecing together the stories of her grandfather (a carpenter from New Plymouth) who died in the Mt Erebus disaster more than four decades ago.

For those looking for something a bit different, celebrated writer Dame Fiona Kidman will be at a sell-out event at Empire Tea & Coffee on Sunday, 1

August for High Tea and an afternoon of words, wit and wisdom.

Comedian, impersonator and writer Tom Sainsbury will add to his growing reputation and following when he appears at Puke Ariki Museum on Saturday 31 July to chat about his hilarious book *New Zealanders: The Field Guide*, a compilation of his favourite kiwi archetypes.

His comprehensive array of kiwi heroes and heroines include the useless farmhand that is forever jack-knifing the trailer, the Martyr Mother who guilt-trips her children, the officious office worker who narks on the rest of the staff for low-level misdemeanours, and the Alpha male teenager who loiters around Mt Manganui every New Year.

"I'm completely obsessed

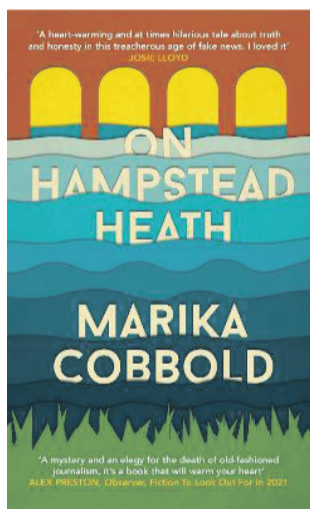
with human psychology," he says. "I've spent a lifetime watching the people that populate this fair nation and boy, there are some wonderful characters out there. Humans are beautifully and entertainingly flawed."

The Festival runs from 29 July to 1 August and includes paid ticketed free ticketed and open (no bookings required) events.

Puke Ariki's Festival of Words takes place at the same time as TAFT's Right Royal Cabaret Fest.

Audiences will be able to experience the allure, glamour, and thrill of live cabaret by night, and a showcase of writing workshops, poetry readings, comedy and kōrero at venues right across the district earlier in the day.

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### On Hampstead Heath by Marika Cobbold

On occasion I like to read something whimsical and witty. This book was a lovely surprise as the story breaks up the humour with complex characters and some serious world issues. It's also very touching in places. The main character Thorn is a hoot. She's a journalist who while searching for the truth finds herself caught up in something unexpected. When her way of life comes under threat Thorn pits

herself against the darkly shadowed world of the media with all its undercurrents.

It's also an excellent take on fake news and its ramifications and while the prickly slightly crazy Thorn had me laughing out loud, the thoughtfulness involved in the story made me think. A little like a slapstick comedy movie with a not-so-subtle message.

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If you have booked your vaccinations with someone else, that's fine. Continue with those bookings. Each appointment will take about an hour, and there will be a cup of tea available.  
All whanau and support people are welcome.

## What's On Listings

### ONGOING

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

**MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake:** Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

**Opunake Friendship Club:** Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

### TUESDAYS

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

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

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

**Opunake Embroiders Guild:** Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.

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

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

### THURSDAYS

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

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

### FRIDAYS

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

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

### WEEKENDS

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

### APRIL 16 TO AUGUST 15

**1896 - Christopher Aubrey's Taranaki Exhibition:** At Puke Ariki, New Plymouth.

### JULY 5 TO 30

**Frame & Fortune exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

### JULY 31 & AUGUST 1

**Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club Indoor Winter Show:** At Hawera A&P Showgrounds. 10am start.

### AUGUST 2 TO 27

**Creations in Fibre exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

### AUGUST 9

**Opunake & District Business Association Special General Meeting:** At the Meeting Rooms, Hughsons Building, Napier St, Opunake. 5.30pm.

### AUGUST 13 TO SEPTEMBER 15

**Thinks exhibition:** At the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.  
**Marti Friedlander - Portraits of the Artists exhibition:** at the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.

### AUGUST 15

**Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust AGM:** At Cape Egmont Boat Club, Bayley Rd, Warea. 12pm.

**Taranaki Air Patrol Inc AGM:** At Cape Egmont Boat Club, Bayley Rd, Warea following the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust AGM.



## PUBLIC NOTICES



### Opunake & District Business Association

#### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9th August 2021

5.30pm

Meeting Rooms

Hughsons Building

Napier Street

Opunake

Agenda: To Consider the dissolution of the Opunake & District Business Association.

Ray Hayward  
Chairman



### Notice of 2021 Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust AGM

To be held at Cape Egmont Boat Club,  
Bayly Road, Warea  
On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00 pm

#### Agenda:

Apologies  
Annual Reports  
Election of Officers  
General Business

#### Followed by:

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**TOI FOUNDATION**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

DATE: 11 August 2021  
 TIME: 1pm-3pm  
 LOCATION: Toi Foundation, 21 Dawson Street, New Plymouth

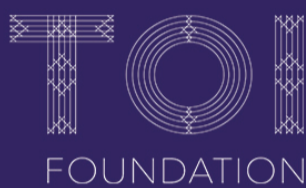
To report on the Financial Statements and the operational activity for the 2020/2021 Financial Year.

All welcome.

**RSVP Essential: by 6th August to**  
**info@toifoundation.org.nz or phone 08007699471**

**PIHAMA HALL SOCIETY INC AGM**

Wednesday 4th August 2021  
 7pm  
 at the Pihama Hall  
 All welcome  
 T. Stevenson, Secretary  
 027 281 8836



**STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES**

The Toi Foundation considers applications for Annual, Programme & Event or Capital grants from the Strengthening Community Fund quarterly.

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

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

**Okato/Oakura Co-operating Parish**  
 Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays each month  
 Oakura - St James - 9am Bible Reading, Prayer and Reflection every Tuesday  
 Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays each month  
 Okato - St Pauls - 10.30am Fellowship time 3rd Thursday of each month  
 Okato - St Pauls - 6.30pm Silent Prayer and Reflection 3rd Thursday of each month

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

**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**  
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

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

**St. Barnabas Anglican Church**  
 141 Tasman St, Opunake  
 Sunday Services 10am  
 Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday  
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