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Coastal Cobras to face Marist in the senior finals.

## Cobras face old foe on Saturday

The Coastal Cobras senior rugby league team is bound for the Premiers Grand Final, and will face the Marist Dragons at Pukekura Park on Saturday.

In a one-sided clash in perfect conditions at Opunake

last Saturday, the Coastal Cobras put on their most complete performance of the season in front of a good sized crowd at Sandfords Domain. These two teams had played each other four times previously this season

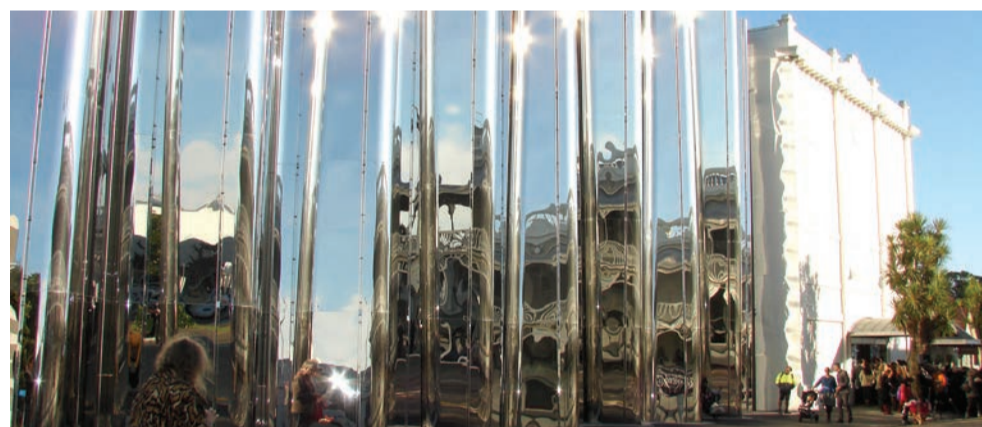
Coastal winning all four, but the average winning margin was only 18 points. It was 10-0 after 10 minutes as the Cobras turned their strong defence into attack with several long runs, two to outstanding second-rower Sean Mare

who run over 50 metres each time, and one each to in-form centre Levi McPhee and prop Mike Kahui who broke through the Bears flimsy defence. The Bears tried hard to stay in the contest, but it was all Coastal as their big

forwards ran strongly, and the backs ran with purpose, none more so than evergreen centre Jason Castle, who crashed over for two tries in the first half. McPhee was also prominent,

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The official opening of the Len Lye Centre was held on Saturday July 25, with many events scheduled for the whole weekend. After a powhiri the Hon Maggie Barry, Minister for the Arts, Culture and Heritage spoke. Courting controversy, she said, "And it didn't cost the ratepayers a cent" and alluded to "A noisy group of naysayers", which included several New Plymouth councillors. She pointed out that the centre would be a great drawcard for tourists and that tourism is an important money earner for NZ to the tune of 3.5 billion dollars. She concluded that the centre,



The exterior of the Len Lye Centre. Many people wait to go in and see the interior.

## Len Lye would have been proud

"Will inspire a successive generation of artists to push out the boundaries." She said the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre was surely "the swaggiest gallery" in New Zealand.

After a waiata, led by a cultural group in the official marquee, the Hon Steven Joyce, Minister of Economic Development (etc) spoke. He quipped, "Te Atiawa have the best songs," to cheers. He joked about the controversy surrounding the Len Lye Centre, by acknowledging "...all who have been united behind this wonderful project." Wry laughter greeted this quip.

In his wide ranging speech he said that New Plymouth had been transformed in many positive ways in recent years and mentioned such

things Puke Ariki and the Coastal Walkway. Conceding that he was Taranaki born and bred he said, "It is exciting to come back and be part of all this."

He commented that the debate that had accompanied the planning and building of the complex, was healthy. "The community is better for these debates."

He concluded by saying, "Today we are opening a celebration of Len Lye's works." And added, "I think you should all be very very proud." As he cut the official tape a rousing haka was performed by the cultural group.

"I thought the opening ceremony was brilliant, one lady said. She is a member of the Ngati Te Whiti Hapu, and a resident of Parihaki the peace village. With her was

a teenager who smiled and said, "It was just amazing and something I'll remember for the rest of my life." Both were wearing the white feathers in their hair signifying Parihaka and peaceful action.

The public were invited into the complex with such a diversity of work on display it would take hours to take in and appreciate. One of the key Len Lye-inspired exhibits was the 'Four Fountain', a tangible motion sculpture. There were four of these consisting of stainless steel

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Freedom Camping**

I sympathise with Jenny Russell and her comments on freedom camping, but I would like to put in a few thoughts from the campers' perspective. I have a self contained motor home,

and spent all I could afford to buy a good fully self contained motor home that leaves nothing but wheel tracks, and I object to paying 50 dollars or so for a piece of grass to park on overnight. We don't need showers or power, as we have solar panels to charge our batteries, a shower and toilet and storage for the waste. Some Councils tried to swim against the tide with banning freedom camping, one classic example being

Coromandel District Council, where tourism is so much a part of the economy. Motor homers avoided the Coromandel because of their restrictive policies, but since they have relaxed the rules on freedom camping and are working with New Zealand Motor Caravan Association, to promote their area, vans are going there in increasing numbers. Although this

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may not seem to benefit the Camp ground owners, they do get a rub off, because motor home owners do like to have a night occasionally in a camp ground. It also has a huge rub off for other businesses, as motor homers spend 50 to 100 dollars a day on the road. I guess this question about freedom camping is a bit like internet shopping, which has had a bad effect on a lot of local businesses, but you can't

hold back time, and need to look at things to make people want to come to your camp ground. Many camp grounds offer a reduced weekly rate for vanners to come and "winter over" in their camp grounds. They may not make as much but it does give them extra occupancy in the quiet times,

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**125 years of schooling under the mountain**

During the Easter weekend next year, Kaponga School will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The first house was built in Kaponga by William Swadling in 1882, and after that the town grew, adding a school in 1891.

On October 14, 1891, the Hawera and Normanby Star reported on a meeting of the Kaponga School Committee, where concerns were expressed about school attendance, often a problem in those times given the erratic state of local road conditions.

"A report from the teacher stated that the number on the roll at the end of last quarter was 42, the average number on the roll 32, and the average attendance 24.7," the paper's Kaponga correspondent wrote

"The percentage of attendances to average number on the roll is thus only 75 per cent, which is not at all satisfactory, but it was explained that the very bad state of some of the roads prevented many of the children from attending so regularly as they might do, although the teacher drew the committee's attention to the fact that several of the children who were living quite close to the school did



**Kaponga School about to celebrate 125 years**

not attend very regularly, the attendance having fallen below the half number of possible attendances.

"It was resolved. That the chairman see the parents of the children complained of in the report and ask them to send them more regularly."

In the years since, Kaponga School has grown, absorbing pupils from nearby schools such as Rowan, which closed in the 1930s, and Kapuni and Mahoe which

closed in 2004.

A jubilee committee was formed in October last year. Committee chair Alison Smith was on the school's board of trustees in 2004 when the school merged with Kapuni and Mahoe.

"We're just plodding along at this stage," she said. "It's difficult to do much more until we know how many people are coming."

She said there are 14-16 people helping out with the

committee, with some good support from ex pupils of the school. So far the message has been going out mainly by word of mouth and social media. There have, however, already been 60-80 expressions of interest from people wanting to come.

There are plans for a jubilee book, but this is not likely to be published until after Easter next year, and would include coverage of the jubilee celebrations.

**BBC: (Bible Believer's Corner) Soul**

What someone believes determines everything. It fixes their philosophy on life.

We all like to think that we are rational human beings; that we think logically and come to reasonable conclusions about life, the universe and everything. But we don't. Our beliefs determine what we accept as facts and what we scorn as myths..

Our bodies and the universe are made up of atoms, molecules and so on. But life appears to be more than just a bunch of atoms strung together by chance. There is a life force life that

makes us move, think, be.

Yes, I know that some say those things are just chemical reactions in the brain. Thought is said to be no more than neurons connecting and completing a circuit in our head, that matter and energy are all there is. But that is a presumption. And that is my point. The belief determines the outcome. It sets the parameters of what we see and understand.

Is love just a chemical reaction? Is thought just a matter of genes and environment creating a sort of random circuitry in our heads? Is life itself a chance

mixing of a set of chemicals?

If so, then life is meaningless and a total waste of time. It means we are not people, real thinking loving, kind, individuals. We are just a glutinous mass of proteins waddling aimlessly through the short amount of time that our chemicals are able to hold themselves together for.

But if there is a life force, or spirit, that is not made of time, matter or energy, then everything changes. It allows us to accept ourselves, our world, in a totally new and far less restrictive way.

All animal life has a spirit, including us. But I

also believe that humans also have a soul. This is something extra that the animals do not have. And a soul either believes or doesn't.

God deals with our soul. If we believe Him then He adds His spirit to ours.

But believing is a choice we make. In the final analysis we chose either to believe in God or not. And when we finally face Him there can be no excuses. We each chose our eternal destiny by belief, or lack of it.

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# A celebration of dance for Opunake's Sesqui

Saturday night was a night for dancers of all ages. Over 80 people turned up at the Sandfords Event Centre to dance the years away. The wave Church and Opunake Lakeside Lions teamed up to present 150 Years of Dance as part of the celebration of Opunake's 150 years.

A slide show of historic photos depicted some of the highlights of the town's history. Beginning with the Viennese Waltz, the evening proceeded on to dances from more modern times. Quinny's Band provided the musical entertainment, with the Opunake Floral Art Group helping out with



Dancing the night away



Hilary Huang Shanshan and Grant Cavaney cut the cake.

decorating the hall. People attending were encouraged to come in period costume from their favourite era, with prizes given out for

the best costumes. There was even a cake to celebrate 150 years, with the centrepiece provided by Janice Mullin. Cutting

the cake were longtime Opunake identity Grant Cavaney and one of the town's more recent arrivals, Hilary Huang Shanshan, just

arrived in town from China, who is taking up a position as an exchange teacher to teach Chinese at Opunake High School.

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## Len Lye would have been proud

wands in arrays "dissolving into light" but of different heights and colours. There were pamphlets available, which described what was on display

currently and in the near future. Of this one it said, "Len Lye: Four Fountains sees the realisation of one of Lye's most ambitious works, the 8 metre tall Fountain IV

– sized as he envisaged for the 21<sup>st</sup> century." Another highlight, played on the stroke of each hour was Len Lye's Trilogly (A Flip and Two

Twisters) "... its thunderous cacophony, sending shivers tumbling down your spine. Recognised as Len Lye's masterpiece ...". Not all the artistic endeavour was inside – outside in the street were colourfully attired dancers, as well as two silvery figures who cavorted around. Trouble was they never stayed still long enough to

take a picture of them! The Govett-Brewster/ Len Lye Centre has some remarkable events coming up including talks such as on Women's Suffrage day and Parihaka Anniversary Day, workshops including weaving and exhibitions like that of Anthony McCall and Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, as well as films such as Len Lye's Colour Box (1935)

and others of his short "... colourful, musical and technically thrilling" short films. Call by at 42 Queens Street, New Plymouth and pick up their informative programmes. The Gallery is open 10am to 6pm daily although on Thursdays are open 10am to 9pm. (The Gallery is closed on Tuesdays).



Len Lye inspired Four Fountains.

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## COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

As we all know the rains of June 19 and 20 brought havoc to large areas of inland Stratford District, South Taranaki, Whanganui and the Manawatu. Waitotara had 15 per cent of its annual rainfall in one weekend. South Taranaki had 18 per cent of its roading network affected. Following inspections, contractors and

consultants have recently completed estimates of the cost to repair, with the total value now estimated to be \$8.45m. While there is now access across all roads except for the Wai-inu Beach Road past the Limeworks Bridge, a number of roads are only accessible by 4-wheel drive vehicles. Repairs are being

## The June 20 floods



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undertaken to the Limeworks Bridge, which is expected to be open to all vehicles by the end of this month. This road is a priority road for South Taranaki, as not only does it allow access to a number of residents on the road and at Wai-inu Beach it also services the Silver Fern Farms works which was due to reopen and start process-

ing stock, including bobby calves. An alternative route is being investigated for the long term which would result in approximately 6 kms of new road being formed. The cost to form the new route is estimated to be around \$1m, which is about the cost of upgrading and protecting the Limeworks Bridge and approaches. While the repairs will have an effect on the South Taranaki District Council's finances, a considerable amount, yet to be finally determined, will come from Government.

The Council will soon be releasing for consultation the Proposed District Plan. This is another large but very dry document containing the policies and rules about

how people can develop and use land in our district while attempting to ensure that environmental qualities are protected for the future. It covers subdivision, use and development of land, as well as the use of current buildings and structures. The rules cover such items as how much noise is allowed to be generated at parties, how close a house is able to be constructed to its boundaries, whether people are able to complain about road noises, how small sections can be, sign sizes, and where they can be placed to name but a few. As with all the other plans and items calling for submissions, copies can be viewed at the LibraryPlus centres, online, at the council build-

ing in Hawera or requested by ringing council.

On October 1, a new kerb side rubbish collection service will start with a new contractor, EnviroWasteServices Ltd. Customers will receive new containers: a red-lidded 120 litre bin for general waste, a yellow lidded 140 litre bin for mixed recycling waste, and a 60 litre blue crate for glass. These will be delivered over the next two months together, with an information pack. The old bins are owned by the current contractor who will be collecting them. If you have any questions please call the Council on 0800 111 323 or visit [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

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## COASTAL OUTLOOK

## China and the dairy farmer

I work in a School of Business at a university in the south of China ([www.gdufs.biz](http://www.gdufs.biz)). My city, Guangzhou (once called Canton, third largest city in China), has strong ties to New Zealand.

The Chinese who ran fruit shops in Manaia and Stratford in the 1890s came from Canton. Seventy five years ago we accepted refugees from the Japanese occupation of Canton. My students are proud of the part their families played in Japan's defeat. NZ and China together fought the Japanese.

## Dairy history

The Chinese have saved the South Taranaki dairy industry three times. (1) A Chinese entrepreneur in the 1870s sold a fungus known as Taranaki Wool. The fungus was collected by farmers. In some years their income from this source was five times that from the sale of butter. Thus, impoverished farmers survived because of a market in China.

(2) Our early dairy sales to Australia and the UK were often found to be putrid on arrival. The Chinese built NZ's first refrigeration unit



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for butter and established the cool storage industry. In the 1880s, Chew Chong developed innovative cream and butter factories, mainly around Eltham but also at Ngaere, Cardiff, Stratford, and Mangatoki.

(3) Chinese leadership introduced into Taranaki a system of share-milking to ensure a steady supply of milk.

## Our economy

Taranaki faces economic disaster. There is radical change and our politicians refuse to face the facts. John Key avoids the reality for Taranaki when he said last week, dairy farming "makes up only about 5 per cent of our economy and other key industries are all performing well".

If you think the Chinese dairy

boom is going to come again, you do not understand China. China needs food, but China is a command economy, and it has the ability to adapt. China does not believe in free markets, except to the extent that they work for the country (not for individuals or companies). The price of basic milk products will stay down. Why? Let me give you two examples of China's approach to economic matters, soccer and personal relationships:

## Soccer

Embarrassed by poor World Cup results last year the government made soccer compulsory in schools. Good news children, you will all enjoy soccer. Money pours in. Soon China will win the World Cup. This extreme nationalism is also behind their manipulation of the stock exchange. Conclusion: China will make dramatic changes to achieve long-term goals and maintain China's prestige.

## Personal relationships

A few weeks ago money suddenly appeared in my Bank of China account. The money was a gift (on top of my sal-

ary) because my university gained an international accreditation for their MBA degree. Conclusion: contracts are not important, and the Chinese are generous with their friends.

## China's Food Policy

China's demand for food will continue to grow. The Chinese approach to food security is like their approach to other things. They will not let prices get out of control again, and they will ensure a diversity of suppliers. Possible food contamination anywhere in the supply chain will result in gross bans. New Zealand simply says, "Oh we have more competitors in the market" – but it is not as simple as that. That conclusion sees things from the free market (western/American) perspective. How is New Zealand to prosper in China? Understand that markets will be manipulated and build personal relationships. Do not expect China to operate like a western country.

## Market Risk

Taranaki dairy risks market failure because it allows drill-

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# Shining on through the years

The Historic Cape Light and Museum on Bayley's Road has had a facelift and is back open for business.

"It got to the stage where we needed to do some upgrading of the outer coverings as they were showing signs of rust deterioration," trustee Len Pentelow said.

The work included dismantling the outside walkway below the windows, waterblasting the tower's outer covering, and applying several coatings of a membrane to protect against the elements. The entry doors were even painted dark red to match those of the nearby Cape Egmont Lighthouse.

The whole job took a couple of weeks, and the lighthouse was closed during that time. This is the first tidy up done on the lighthouse since it was first built in 2007, although there will now be a need for continued maintenance and upkeep, Mr Pentelow said.

Cape Egmont had had similar improvements carried out three and a half years ago. On both occasions, a number of interesting signatures and numbers had been discovered



The Historic Cape Light and Museum is again open to the public

when the paint was stripped away.

Mr Pentelow said the idea of putting up the lighthouse had started with a newspaper photo of an engineer dismantling the old light from the Cape Egmont lighthouse and replacing it with a more modern New Zealand-made

Vega replacement.

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

"we made a few inquiries with Maritime New Zealand in Wellington and spoke with the chief lighthouse engineer Mr Ken Belt, who informed us that the light could be

made available for display to the public, but not allowed to go into a collector's possession. So an arrangement was made that it's now on permanent loan to the South Taranaki District Council, but still belongs to Maritime New Zealand. A trust was set up and the council gave us the task of resurrecting the light and showing it to the public."

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

The light which it houses had been built in Stockholm, and been operating since 1929..

"During the course of its life, it's seen many modifications to bring it up to its present day operation," Mr Pentelow said. "The old light runs reasonably well. We have had issues, but we feel we have overcome them."

In former times, the Cape

Egmont Lighthouse would use gas or acetylene, and the light was turned by a clockwork mechanism driven by a weight which allowed the light to drop down the centre column of the lighthouse, revolving as it went. The lighthouse keeper would wind the weight up before the start of each evening.

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

Current plans include putting in a caretaker's cottage near the lighthouse. At one

stage the idea of a road linking the Bayley's Road and Cape Egmont lighthouses had also been mooted.

Mr Pentelow said improved signage on the corner of Bayley's Road and Surf Highway had been a factor in a large number of visitors to the lighthouse last summer.

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

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

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## China and the dairy farmer

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ing waste to be spread over the land. Try to tell the Chinese this is safe. The Chinese believe in food purity in a way we do not. They believe in their inner-feelings and we believe in the Regional Council. If they discover we spread waste products on our land, all of Taranaki's land-based production could suffer a ban. Silly Taranaki risks its reputation and farm income to help overseas investors make money.

### Dairying's problem

A hydrocarbon industry is incompatible with farming. The only way we can have both is to insist that the hydrocarbon industry is ocean based and does not impact on the land. That means no drilling on land and no dumping of waste on the land. Our regional council (those responsible for environmental standards) and the STDC (responsible for land use via the District Plan) seem unable to protect dairy farm markets.

### Compare

The hydrocarbon industry uses our resources to make money for their shareholders. That is their goal. They give us just enough to make us docile. They will be gone when the resource is gone. In contrast, dairy farms are the lifeblood of Taranaki. They buy and sell at home. They are a sustainable industry. But one day they will have to pay to clean up our land and our image in China.

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Chew Chong's family: Rear, from left, Veda, Maude, Amy and Wilfred. Front, from left, wife Elizabeth, Chew Chong, Gerald and Albert. Image courtesy of Puke Ariki.

## Maniaia Women's Institute enjoy Bingo Fun Day

Members enjoyed a Bingo Fun Day at the July meeting of the July meeting of the Maniaia Women's Institute held at St Cuthberts lounge. Competition Results. Shrub. Joy Brogden 1<sup>st</sup>. Ricki Neil

2<sup>nd</sup>. Phyllis Malcolm  
3<sup>rd</sup>. Other Stem. Jenny Hamley 1<sup>st</sup>. Ann Chisnall 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ruth Binns 3<sup>rd</sup>. Home Craft. Joy Brogden 1<sup>st</sup>. Ruth Binns 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ann Chisnall 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Hand Craft. Ruth Binns 1<sup>st</sup>. The wondering coin was won by Ricki Neil and the Mary Hutton Trophy was awarded to Phyllis Malcolm.

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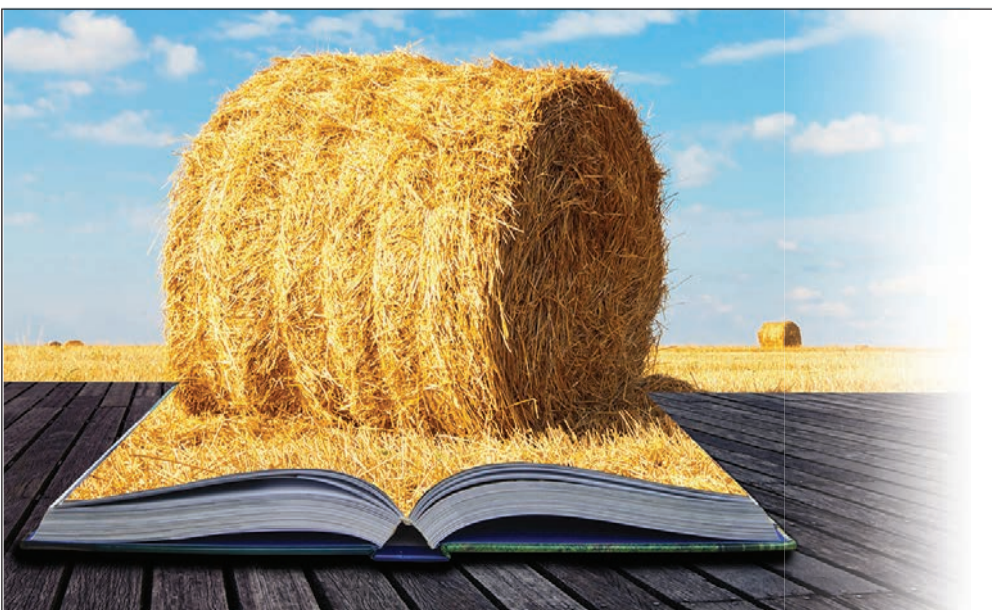
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# OKATO COPS Time to watch out for rural thefts

Hello Everyone. First of all congratulations to the Coastal Div 2 team who won their final against Patea on finals day. I hear the game was a bit of a time warp back to the good old days with having to contend with all the mud and rain. Good result though. Well done lads.

There has been a spate of rural burglaries over the last few months or so which have been a cause for concern. These have mainly been in South Taranaki, but it is a good time to have a bit of a yak about security on the farm. What is worrying is that the property stolen from some of these burglaries is specific farming gear which



Constable Rhys Connell

is identifiable to the dairy industry. When property being stolen is pasture plate meters, knapsack sprayers, shed aprons, wet weather gear and items like that, it leads us to believe that the thief or thieves are familiar with the

dairy industry. If you hear of anyone offering to sell cheap farm equipment or gear then please let me know.

You may or may not be aware of the recent burglary of the Inglewood Veterinary Clinic where several thousand dollars of drench was stolen. There is a chance that this product may be passed on to an unsuspecting buyer. As above, please let me know if you hear of anyone offering to sell cheap drench products. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

The message in these cases is clear, keep all of your expensive equipment locked

away as best as you can. Try not to store valuable tools in open bay implement sheds or cowsheds that are unable to be secured.

Police often rely on forensic evidence to solve crimes and these come from fingerprints, DNA, tool markings and footprints to name a few. When offenders attempt to get into a locked room for example they spend a lot more time at a point of entry trying to break in. As a consequence they can leave fingerprints, they could cut themselves trying to get in, so therefore leave DNA, or they can leave specific tool markings from

their tools trying to break in. Tool markings can be as valuable as fingerprints. Now if that door is wide open (like an open bay shed), the offender can walk right in without touching anything, take valuables and walk right out unopposed. The chances of getting any forensic evidence at this crime scene is nigh on impossible, and the chances of getting the crime resolved is significantly diminished.

Breaking into a locked room also takes time, which makes it riskier for a thief. He will always take the easy option. The less time, the less risk of being caught.

Also consider cameras. Cameras are very cheap nowadays and easy to operate. You can pick up a good motion sensor camera for several hundred dollars. Usually a similar cost to what your insurance excess may be, add to that the hassle of having to go and buy replacement equipment, and it could be money well spent. If you want to have a discussion with me in regards to any advice on how to make your property more secure feel free to give me ring on 0211914920

Have a good few weeks  
Rhys

## Opunake Volunteer Fire Station news and hints

I mentioned in the last edition that it is a good idea for our country cousins to make a mental note of where a suitable water source could be found near their property, should our services be required. Well, the night before

that paper hit our letter boxes, we were called to a house fire on the Kina Road, and as if the farmer had already read the article, said he had a pool that we could pump from. This saved our brigade and Rahotu a heap

of time scratching around looking for water, and as a result, we were able to halt the fire and limit the amount of damage. The owner, I must say, had done a marvellous job of slowing the spread of fire by using a garden hose and at least two fire extinguishers before we drove up the drive. This inevitably saved their home and contents from being a complete disaster. Great work Grant.

As a precaution, the Kapinga Brigade was called, as they have a heat detector to check for any "hot spots" that may have been lurking. We feel awful calling them out on occasions like this because

they need as much beauty sleep as they can get. Therefore we have decided to fund source the \$14000 required to purchase a heat detector for ourselves. The detectors are not only extremely useful when dealing with all sorts of fires, pin pointing any hard to spot areas of heat, but are wonderful for finding people trapped in smoke filled buildings or under debris as with an earthquake situation. One of our members has tested one in a smoke chamber recently and was amazed at the speed of finding the casualty. The machines can be set for various "pick up" temperatures, as with a human around 39 degrees. Very handy and very worthwhile, especially if a big earthquake does hit us, as everyone would have us believe. So if there is any group that would like to get behind this idea and help us with our drive, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

In only the fifth time in the 71 years of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade, one of our members has gone on to become a permanent fireman. Michael Ford has recently passed an extremely rigorous twelve week training course at the Rotorua fire training

facility and is now attached to the New Plymouth Fire Brigade. Luckily for us, all of the wonderful intensive training we have given him over the years, and I must say very trying on occasions, will not be lost as he will be staying in Opunake and still be part of our brigade. Congratulations Michael from all of your fire brigade family.

Recently we placed an order for 27 helmet torches for our crew. The New Zealand Fire Service does not fund these, so it had been our goal over the past two years to save and kit everyone out with what you would think as a vital piece of safety gear. The need for them was cemented the other day when one of our members took a good tumble when attending a car accident at about 2 in the morning on the Wiremu Road. He never had enough hands to hold a torch, hang on to tree branches, and clamber down a bank and into a drain to check out the upturned car. Shortly after that incident, we decided to push the budget and order them, and I'm happy to say they have arrived, all \$2400 worth.

The house fire on the Kina Road has been our only call-out in the past fortnight how-

ever, training still goes on. Even in the atrocious weather we seem to be having on Monday nights we are out there honing our skills, fine tuning procedures, so if we are required we are suitably trained to handle whatever is thrown at us. In the near future, we will require an old car or two to practice extricating patients with our Holmatro cutting gear. We would prefer to have vehicles that have wheels, so we can learn to chock them up to stabilise them before cutting. If you have a vehicle that has well seen its last warrant of fitness, just sitting there rusting away, and you aren't sure what to do with it, please think of us. We would be happy to come and collect anything you wish to part with. Old cars are not worth a lot at the scrap metal merchants at present, and we badly need vehicles to practice on. Bear in mind, we can give you back the chopped up car, or any parts you may want (wheels and tyres, battery etc). So if you think you can help please give the station a call on Monday nights between 7 and 9 on 761 8199, or Beau on 761 7242.

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## Eltham Lions look to another year of serving the public



**At the helm of Eltham Lions for the year ahead:** Back left - right: Jenny Mack, Joycelyn Carter (2nd VP), Clare Bramley (bulletin editor), Brenda Stanners, Doug Wilson Front left - right: David Turner (treasurer), Liz Bramley, President Matt McDonald, Joyce Lawrence (secretary, 1st VP), Llew Eynon (outgoing president). Absent: Megan England

On July 24 the Eltham Lions installed a seat at the Eltham Health Centre for people to sit while waiting for their prescriptions to be made up. The seat had been built out of macrocarpa by Lions Club member Bob Bramley.

The previous day, the Eltham Lions Club held their annual Changeover, with the theme being After 5. A competition for the best tie was jointly won by Mike Weren and Bob Bramley. It was a wonderful evening of fun and laughter, especially as the Eltham Club

was joined by some past members who have now moved away.

Matt McDonald was inducted as the new President having only been a member for 2 years, and is set to bring some fresh ideas into the Club. Joyce Lawrence has stayed on as club secretary and also accepted the role of 1st vice-president while Joycelyn Carter has come on as 2nd vice-president. David Turner returns as club treasurer.

# Hawera Club soars to new heights



**Wayne Harrison.**

The Hawera Aero Club has been flying high lately. Their chief flying instructor Wayne Harrison picked up a national award when he was presented with the Capt. Greg Vujcich memorial award for excellence in general aviation instruction on June 16.

This award is offered and presented by the New Zealand Air Line

Pilots' Association and is considered one of New Zealand's premier Aviation Awards.

To be eligible for this award a nominee has to have demonstrated accomplishment over a significant period of time with excellence in instructional technique, a personal and conscious commitment to mentor others, effort to impart good aviation practice, teaching

to the highest standards of safety in airmanship, and a consistently high level of achievement from students.

"Wayne has certainly achieved all of the above and we offer him our hearty congratulations," Flying NZ president Richard Small said. "He had no idea he had been nominated so it was a complete and very pleasant surprise for him. It is well earned."

Before being chief flying instructor at Hawera, he held the same role at the New Plymouth Aero Club before they closed.

Wayne has followed this up by winning an international award from the Federation of Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) for his contribution to the success and development of aeronautics.

On top of all this, the Hawera Aero Club beat all other clubs in the country to pick up the Flying NZ Aero Club Service Award, "for encouraging new and existing members to enjoy Club flying for sport and recreation, personal achievement, fun and participation in a safe environment."

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**Karen Chard (left) and Debbie Coltman hard at work archiving.**

## Okato & Districts Historic Society progressing in leaps and bounds

In her Annual Report, Karen Chard, president of the Okato & Districts Historic Society, wrote that her organisation is "coming along in leaps and bounds." She was pleased to report, "... major milestones achieved in many areas."

On a sad note was the passing of Iris Putt, a former president and "long time stalwart of the Historic Society.... Her calm manner, her in-depth knowledge of the history of Okato and its districts, her passion for this society and her friendship will be sorely missed."

Some of the achievements included the success of the

Okato Sesquicentennial celebrations; including the excellent display in Hempton Hall, the computerisation of historical assets, and the comprehensive displays progressing in the Society's rooms at 47 Cumming Street, Okato. Being awarded a TSB Community Trust grant has also been a great help. It is being used to upgrade the archival system.

Karen pays tribute to the members who have spent so many hours helping in various ways. She mentions Meg Cardiff (vice president), Richard Cardiff, Anne Bolton (treasurer), Colin Bolton, Dave Gallie and Debbie Colt-

man (secretary).

As to the future the PastPerfect 5 cataloguing programme "should better manage the archiving of our collection," Karen states.

The Society's rooms are open every Wednesday from 10am to midday, so come along and have a look at the historical records, treasures and old photographs. The Society is always looking for more members - it's just \$10 to join.

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# Being able to afford the Kiwi dream

There has been a lot of talk about foreign speculators buying homes here lately and a lot of commentary around the figures we released regarding house sales in Auckland.

Rising demand for housing has prompted a number of countries, including Singapore, Hong Kong, and Australia to restrict foreign buyers from purchasing residential dwellings for investment.

The same thing is happening here, especially in Auckland, where first home



Andrew Little MP

buyers have watched house prices soar by over \$100,000

on average in the last year alone. The result is that many people in Auckland can no longer afford the Kiwi dream of buying their own home.

Labour believes the first obligation of any Government is to look after the needs of people resident in this country, rather than overseas investors.

Given there have been no moves by National to collect the data, the level of foreign investment going into residential houses can only be guessed at. However those

working in real estate suggest it is increasing quite rapidly.

Regardless of where that investment pressure is coming from – Britain, China, the United States or South East Asia – one thing the Government could do to ease the pressure on prices is stop foreign speculators buying existing residential houses.

Investment into building new houses would be acceptable. Investing in existing properties, however, just serves to push up prices even higher at a time when insuf-

ficient houses are being built to meet demand.

Lack of hard data on the impact of foreign purchases needs to be addressed immediately. The Government should set up a register now, so that we know exactly what the impact of incoming foreign investment is, and make that available for public scrutiny.

Of course, the Government can do more to help the problem by introducing policies to build more houses to meet demand and to stabilise prices.

Every resident of New Zealand, whether they have lived here for two years or two generations, deserves the opportunity to do their best for their family and to have the hope of being able to buy their own home.

Labour's policy will treat all New Zealanders equally. It will put those residents in our country ahead of those whose intention is to speculate on housing prices rather than to live here.

Andrew Little MP, Leader of the Opposition

## Better results from public services

Taranaki people care about the quality of Government services delivered in our community.

Constituents tell me they want to know children are achieving at school. They want to see the government tackling crime and looking after the vulnerable in our community. They care that our health system treats patients promptly and effectively.

Those same people are also taxpayers. They want to know that the public sector is spending money carefully and on services that make a

difference.

Three years ago the Prime Minister set 10 challenging targets for the public service to achieve over the next few years.

These targets are focussed on complex issues such as welfare dependency, crime, child abuse, and educational achievement. Some of these are extremely difficult targets but we believe in challenging our public services to get better results from the more than \$70 billion we spend each year.

So far we are tracking well. We have more young people



Jonathan Young MP

achieving higher qualifications, welfare dependency has fallen, and Kiwis are doing more of their government transactions online.

National is achieving record results in health. Since the

targets were introduced, the proportion of immunised eight month olds has increased from 84% to 92.9%, and there has been a 14% drop in people being hospitalised for the first time with rheumatic fever.

We've also boosted elective operations, reduced waiting times for cancer treatment and emergency care, and put more doctors and nurses on the frontline.

We want all children to leave school with the skills they need to reach their potential in the modern economy. This approach is work-

ing with all three education Better Public Service targets showing meaningful progress over the last three years.

We also want New Zealanders to feel safe. Since June 2011, total crime, violent crime and youth crime have dropped 17.6%, 9.1% and 37.3% respectively, with the rate of reoffending dropping by 9.6%.

While progress is being made across all targets, some are harder to achieve than others.

For example, the previously increasing trend for assaults on children has been

successfully flattened, but more needs to be done to see it reduce.

Our challenge is to keep progressing. There's still a lot of work to do and National will continue to focus on the things that matter to New Zealanders.

It's all part of our plan to build a brighter future and deliver better results for families.

Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

## Art work on display at Te Kiri CWI meeting

Members and visitors were welcomed to our coffee morning held at Judith and Ian Armstrong's home. Morning tea and a short social time was enjoyed.

Our guest speaker Phyllis Malcolm spoke on her paintings which were on display. Phyllis was awarded a scholarship to help with her paintings. She showed

us a beautiful painting of the swans taken in the lake in her garden, and one of Mount Egmont/Taranaki, also painted from her home.

Phyllis showed us there are many beautiful things to paint, and then demonstrated how to do a European floral arrangement using different kinds of foliage and mixing artificial flowers with real

ones, and how to make and use small branches in arrangements, creating a lovely design to greet visitors on arrival.

Phyllis was thanked and our meeting started after a delicious luncheon.

A thank you letter was received from the Theatre for the donation sent to the committee.

It was decided to send a donation to Waitotara re the flooding.

Judith spoke on "Sweet." This is a programme to help the young people of Opunake to be taught to find work and get a job. Judith is looking into this to find out what help is needed.

Te Kiri has been asked if we would hold the council

meeting in October. We have decided to do so, and have to wait to hear from the executive committee whether we need to cater for the lunches or whether the other WI need to bring their own.

Neta Kaiser gave a report on the meeting held in New Plymouth. Joy Collins and Heather Radford did very well in the competitions.

A beautiful hand knitted blanket in autumn colours

knitted by Raima Karam was displayed, which was nice, cuddly and warm, and neatly done.

Afternoon tea was served by the committee. Our bring and buy did a roaring trade with plenty of goodies to choose from.

Thanks to Judith for the use of her home, and showing us her daughter's wedding frock.

Mavis West

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### On this month in history

## Rainbow Warrior bombed and sunk

On July 10, 1985 the Greenpeace ship The Rainbow Warrior was bombed by French secret service agents, while the vessel was at its mooring in Auckland.

The ship was owned by the international Greenpeace movement.

One member of the crew was killed, Fernando Pereira, who was the photographer.

The French were angry at the protests Greenpeace mounted against French nuclear testing in the South Pacific – often sailing into the testing vicinity.

In an extra-ordinary blunder Prime minister of New Zealand David Lange allowed the two agents who were caught (Alain Mafart and Dominique Prieur) to serve their 10 years (manslaughter) in French territory (Hao atoll) and - surprise surprise - France reneged on the deal and the two criminals were released to France within months where they received French military honours soon after.

The two convicted terrorists served very little of their ten year sentence for manslaughter.



# MAYOR'S COLUMN

## A new rubbish regime will start in October

All three districts in the region are preparing for the new recycling and rubbish collection system that will start on October 1.

While New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki districts are under a single contract for this service, the service provided in each district is slightly different.

For New Plymouth District, properties that pay a targeted rate for rubbish collection will have a weekly rubbish and recycling collection.



Andrew Judd

There will be a blue crate for glass recyclables and a wheelie bin for mixed recyclables, with each collected on alternate weeks, while rubbish bags will be picked up every week.

(You can check your rates bill to see if you pay a targeted rate for rubbish collection, or phone the Council on 06-759 6060, or check out the map of the collection areas on our website at [newplymouthnz.com](http://newplymouthnz.com).)

The aim of the new system

is to reduce the amount of material that goes to the landfill, which would mean cost savings for all of us. We have a lot of room to improve as 65 per cent of waste from households can be diverted from the landfill.

Also, we'll be able to recycle a lot more plastics – currently, we can recycle only types one and two plastics but from October 1, that expands to types one to seven.

Right now we're in the midst of delivering the wheel-

ie bins and blue crates to every household in the collection areas, followed shortly by the branded rubbish bags. This is a big undertaking by the contractor, but the deliveries will be completed by the end of September.

Meanwhile, the important thing to remember is to keep using our current system of plastic bags for both rubbish and recycling until the new system starts on October 1.

Please read the information pack that comes with your

new bins, which will explain the new collection system and which weeks are for putting out the glass or mixed recyclables.

Also, check out the sticker on your new wheelie bin – this will tell you your new collection day from Oct 1.

If you have any questions, please phone the Council on 06-759 6060, or email us [enquiries@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz), or go online to [Facebook.com/newplymouthdistrictcouncil](http://Facebook.com/newplymouthdistrictcouncil).

Mayor Andrew Judd

## Karen and Colin McLachlan's ANZAC Day wedding - a day to remember



Colin McLachlan and Karen Hobson were married on Saturday April 25 at Openlands, Auroa. From left, Nicole Pickering, Phillipa Ritchie, Cindy Gray, Karen and Colin McLachlan, Lance McLachlan, Brodie Hollis and Neil Sinclair. Congratulations to the happy couple. Photographer Taylah Smith

## Kaponga WI recall the past

Kaponga WI members took a trip down memory lane at their July meeting. Hostesses Joy Eliason and Dorothy Hughes read to members about activities from meetings dating back to the 1960s. The variety of activities, guest speakers and competitions were of great interest and caused some laughs.

Oldest Certificates were displayed, and these included a blood group card from the 1960's, a Baptism certificate dated 1942, a musical certificate, marriage bans; a soldier's certificate from the Battle of Crete, a character reference, a framed certificate for most colourful and attractive from the 1940 NZ

Centenary Exhibition, and a receipt dated 1928 for a hat and a pair of trousers. It was a most interesting collection.

Highlights from the recent WI AGM held in New Plymouth were reported by Fiona Collins, who had attended with Val Eliason, Rayleen McDonald and Margaret Arbuckle. Dorothy Hughes had attended an evening function. Hughes was congratulated by the members for winning the handmade coat hanger. At the opening of the AGM, Eliason had made a speech on behalf of the past national presidents, and she read this to the Kaponga members.

Special mention was made of WI members who have

died recently: Joan Oakes and Hazel Brown (past members of Kaponga), and Delia Cameron (Kapuni WI).

Jo Jones received the 70th Jubilee Dish, and secret friends were thanked for recent birthday gifts.

Two members will attend the Co-ord lunch, and three will attend Turuturu's meeting on August 5. The next meeting will be at Val Eliason's New Plymouth home in September as there will be no August meeting.

Competition Results: Unusual Foliage: 1st Joy Eliason, 2nd Dorothy Hughes, 3rd Gillian Frandsen. Shortbread: 1st Diane West, 2nd Dorothy Hughes, 3rd J.Eliason.

Unusual Egg Cup: 1st Carolyn Nicholas, 2nd Dorothy Hughes, 3rd Diane West.

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## On this month in history Lovelock sets a mile world record

On July 15, 1933 Jack Lovelock became the first New Zealander to set a new world record for the mile. His time in winning the race was 4 minutes 7.6 seconds, which beat the old record by 1.6 seconds. The race, held

at Princeton University, USA was described as the 'greatest mile race of all time'. Afterwards, Jack Lovelock said the winning the race was more important to him than the record itself.

In 1936 at Berlin Olympics

Jack Lovelock won the gold medal for the 1500 metres race in world record time (3 minutes 47.8 seconds).

He died aged 39 when he fell in front of a train in New York subway.



From left, Kayne, Aileen, Sarah and Neil Pennington outside their new business premises.

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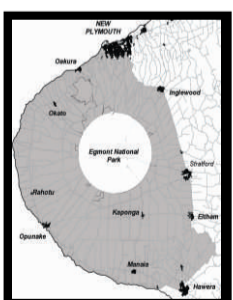
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# Three-in-one business ventures in Okato

Three exciting new business ventures have opened in Okato, involving the Coastal Pennington family. It involves Neil and Aileen Pennington and two of their family Sarah and Kayne. It includes three separate, but overlapping businesses, run from 62B Carthew Street, Okato. These include **Complete Property Management (CPM), Pennington Consultancy** and **WholeFarms**. The Managing Director of CPM is Aileen Pennington, in conjunction with Sarah as Director. Neil is the Managing Director of Pennington Consultancy, which offers advisory services in business strategy, business change and best practice, accounting services and business valuations. Kayne is the General Manager of WholeFarms which will be

a wholesale supplier of farm equipment and supplies with a vision of lowering costs to farmers.

Having recently sold the family farm Neil sees this trio of companies as a legacy which can continue into the future, even beyond his input. He is justifiably proud that one of his ancestors is his great grandmother Fanny Fantham, who was the first woman to climb Fanthams peak on Mt Taranaki. "By all family accounts, she was a hard lady – she was so determined," he comments. She'd certainly have given her approval! Having spent some time overseas and in different areas of New Zealand he is pleased to come back to his roots. Smiling he says, "It's always been home and it is such a wonderful

place to be."

All three ventures are happy to include clients as far north as Urenui, as far south as Hawera and eastwards to Stratford. WholeFarms and Pennington Consultancy will extend beyond its home boundaries with new and innovative ways of reaching New Zealand and potentially overseas clients.

Whilst starting one business from scratch can be exciting and challenging, the family are relishing the opportunity to work together to build the new businesses and continue to invest on the coast.

*This article will focus on two of these enterprises CPM and Pennington Consultancy, as WholeFarms has an important new initiative to be unveiled in October, which we will highlight at that time.*

### Complete Property Management (CPM)

It is apparent that a huge amount of research has gone into the setting up of CPM, perhaps a reflection of Sarah's six years' experience in the field, as well as Aileen and Neil's valuable input. A strength is the carefully laid out comprehensive documentation of what is on offer, with information included in an attractive folder.

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Finally, discounts are being negotiated for such things as finance, insurance and repairs & maintenance, which save money for the client.

**Pennington Consultancy**

Neil brings a wealth of top level experience to his role in all three enterprises and notably Pennington Consultancy. He has been CEO, General Manager, or Chief Financial Officer in several diverse fields including energy, financial markets and

sport, as well as holding a number of directorships. For example he was CEO of Taranaki Rugby Football Union and also General Manager of King County Energy, a subsidiary of Todd Energy, based in Taumarunui. He also has a strong love of rugby and is a fourth generation player and administrator for Rahotu and Coastal. He is currently treasurer, part time coach, sponsor and a member of Coastal Rugby.

Neil has always attacked each role with gusto, “being involved with and realising the growth potential of businesses and its people is what drives me professionally.” Through over 15 years senior management experience, continued education and a common sense approach to business, he has developed

numerous business models for effective business planning and implementation.

Neil is highly qualified and holds several qualifications including a Master of Business Administration (MBA), Bachelor of Business and is an Associate Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management.

Neil aims to provide frameworks and advice to small and medium businesses to plan and grow based on clients individuals aspirations and goals. He brings his many skills to this endeavour including finance, governance, risk management, business strategy, new business development and business change.

Anyway, Neil, Aileen, Sarah and Kayne are keen for you to come in and find out more, as well as view their extensive

upgrade of the premises at 62B Carthew Street. Office hours are 9am till 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am till 2pm Saturday (Sunday by appointment).

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# Breeding dairy cows to proven beef genetics ticks all the boxes

Breeding the balance of dairy herds (after replacements) to proven beef genetics has the potential to treble calving income for dairy farmers and comes with the reassurances farmers need for animal health and production.

General Manager of Angus NZ, Alan Cook, was responding to the Beef+Lamb Dairy Beef Integration Programme, raising the potential for dairy farmers to significantly increase their income from calves by mating the balance of the herd to proven beef genetics.

Cook says dairy farmers traditionally breed early calving cows to high genetic dairy AI bulls as herd replacements, with the balance of herd often mated to 'run' bulls – either dairy or beef – with unknown genetics.

"Registered beef sires have Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) which reassure farmers on five critical aspects – short gestation, calving ease, birth weight, temperament and bull fertility.

"Any one of these factors has a material impact on the productivity and profitability of the dairy farm and getting it right – on all counts – is more important this year than before. It's crucial for dairy farmers to only select bulls that have been bred for

low birthweight and calving ease". Cook says farmers have a wide choice of proven beef genetics in New Zealand, and says the Angus breed is particularly well suited to the New Zealand dairy beef industry.

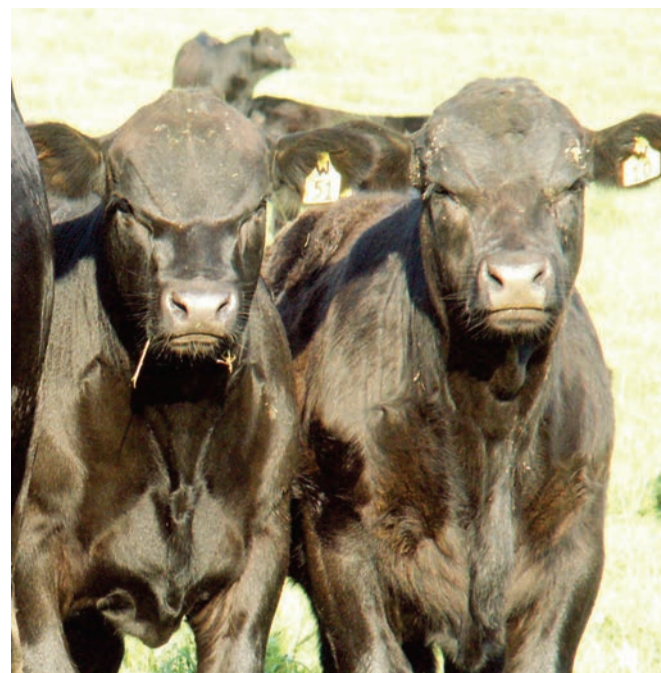
"Angus are naturally polled so farmers have a 'marker' which identifies them from dairy calves.

"Angus cross Friesian/crossbred calves are identifiable as they are always polled – Friesian or Friesian cross Jersey calves have horns detectable as early as four days old. Farmers can also apply an Angus ear tag to give an extra layer of identification so people can buy with confidence.

"Angus also have a very strong colour gene, which means calves are always black with 'Angus' physical characteristics.

"Gestation length is important to dairy farmers as they want a tight calving pattern. The average gestation period for proven Angus sires equates to that of dairy at 280 days."

Traditionally 'run' bulls arrive on farm towards the end of the AI period, but Cook says farmers have options – they can simply change their AI programme to proven Angus sires for the balance or the herd or purchase/lease



Angus cross calves

proven bulls from registered Angus breeders.

"If you are going to use a bull or bulls you need two basic things – good temperament and fertility – and registered bulls come with these reassurances.

"Bulls must be easy to handle and have good 'manners'. Bull fertility is often an unknown quantity with unrecorded bulls – you literally won't know how good they are until it's too late to recover – ie cows empty at the end of mating. This year more than any other, you

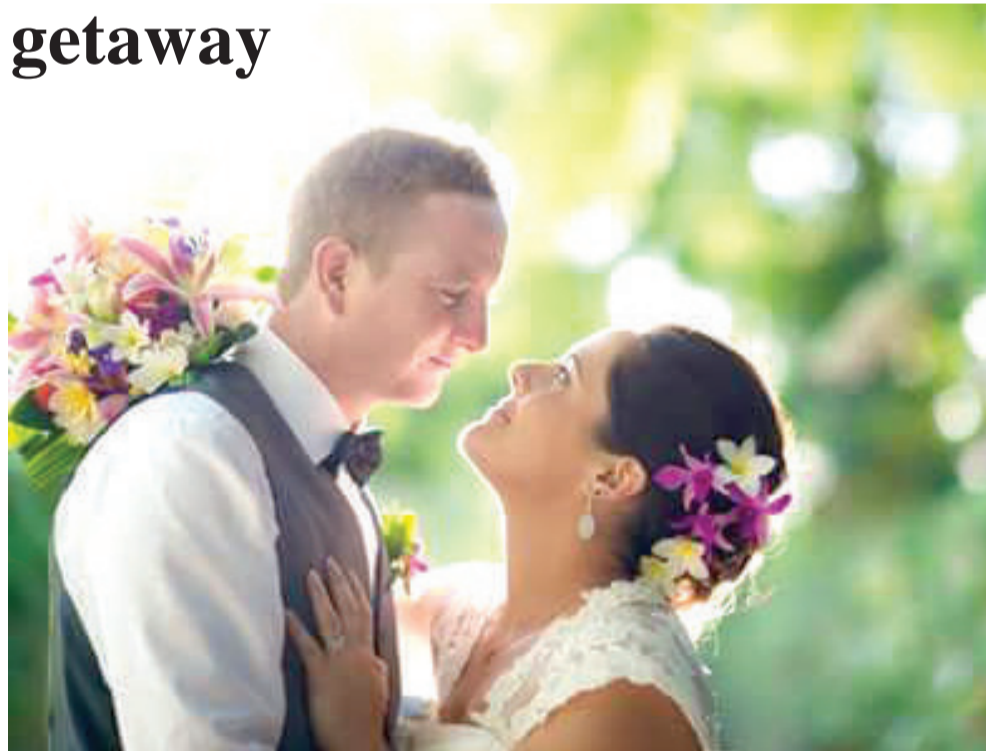
have to know that any bulls you are grazing are pulling their weight."

And when it comes to the end product, Alan Cook says Angus produce meat with marbling which provides the eating experience that consumers are wanting.

"The world is demanding more Angus beef and there is a very strong consumer preference in Asia for Angus. Using registered Angus bulls in dairy herds allows NZ to produce the grass fed Angus beef that consumers worldwide want."

## A tropical getaway

Eddie and Nicole Strange were married in Rarotonga on May 15. They are both former pupils of Opunake High School.



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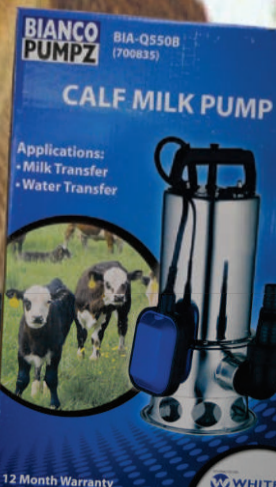
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# From city to country to DWN coordinator

It was the call of the land that saw Dairy Women's Network's newest staff member pack up her family from living the city life and head back to the family's 830-cow dairy farm.

Melissa Sinton, who has just taken over the role of DWN regional convenor coordinator for the lower North Island, was working in pharmacy in Rotorua three years ago, when she was encouraged to come back to the family farm in Arohena, south east of Te Awamutu.

"As a mum of three young boys, it was an opportunity that was too good to pass up. Moving back to the farm was definitely something I did for myself, but more so for my family," she said.

So leaving behind her job and her studies in conservation and biodiversity, Sinton and her three sons Trae (13), Kaine (10) and Quinn (9) moved to her parents Vaughan and Tracy Sinton's property Kennavara Farms Ltd. where Melissa started as a farm assistant and has since met new partner Roger.

"I've really loved being back home and on the farm. It has opened up my eyes and given me an appreciation and understanding of the kinds of challenges that farmers face today - there are a fair few more pressures than there were when I was growing up," she said.

"I've had the full experience of getting up to milk the

cows in the morning, getting in late at night and trying to raise a family at the same time, but it's been good."

Melissa's children are fifth generation on the farm, and at Arohena School, where she is also the Board of Trustees chair.

It wasn't long before Melissa heard about Dairy Women's Network and decided that the organisation's philosophy of inspiring and supporting women to succeed in the dairy industry was something that she wanted to be a part of.

Kennavara Farms had decided to take on a contract milker at the same time that the DWN vacancy came up for the role of lower North Island regional convenor coordinator. As she was in a more flexible on-farm position, Melissa decided to apply for the part-time position.

"I really admire the work that DWN does throughout the country, and am really looking forward to working with the regional convenors and making sure they are connected to the organisation and are well represented.

"It's an exciting prospect to be able to play a role in expanding members' potential through leadership, inspiration, learning and connection."

She said she also sees her role as managing relationships between DWN and its partners and the wider in-



Melissa Sinton

dustry, using her own experiences as a basis to do that.

"With my background in conservation and biodiversity, I'm looking forward to sharing ideas to make farming environmentally and economically sustainable for this country into the future through compliance and encouraging more conscious land practices," she said.

"Women in general are great communicators and can play a big part in necessary changes to make sure farming is a sustainable industry for New Zealand."

Melissa takes over from previous regional convenor coordinator Karen Forlong and joins Megan Edmeades in the North Island and Cathie Cotter in the South Island.



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No problem. We would just have to play to the conditions, and as it turned

out, that was the winning of the game. There was a huge amount of kicking as both teams played force back, and tried to work on an opposition error. Decisively for us, Whitebait and our back three won this game of force back, consistently putting the ball behind their back three, and our energetic loosies were there to put the pressure on. The entire forward pack played the way you need to in the mud, and won most

of the collisions and at the breakdown, and showed more energy at the rucks. While it wasn't an expansive game, the handling in the backs complemented a fine team performance as we methodically strangled Patea. With only a point in

both round robin games, the final score of 30-0 came as a bit of a surprise, but reflected our dominance of the game. Back to back titles, and if the majority of this team turn up next year, a threepeat is a definite possibility and target.

Top Right Early in the game Phil Barron makes a burst upfield.

Bottom Right A little later in the game Nick Lawn battles the conditions.



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# Top score for Cameron

Bruce Cameron came to Small Bore shooting with his dad Ian Cameron in 1973 and has been shooting ever since. He was on fire at the latest round of the NDC (National Districts Champs), scoring what was to be believed to be the first 200.20 in New Zealand following up with a 100.9 for a score of 300.29. The Hawera shooter was part of the Taranaki Team up against Southland Centurions. The open squad had a win by five points as

did the juniors. Taranaki is now tied in first place with Wellington, five clear points from the Marlborough Suns. Although a number of shooters have scored 100.10s, no one had managed a 200.20 until Bruce's score against Southland. A 100.10 is achieved by shooting at a target 25 yards away and taking out a fly spot or pencil dot in ten consecutive shots,

while a 200.20 involves taking out that target in 20 consecutive shots. For Bruce it is yet another highlight in what has been a distinguished shooting career. Bruce has won the Hawera championships 23 years running. This in addition to being in the North Island Team 21 times, and the New Zealand team 16 times. Taranaki scores against Southland were :Bruce Cameron 300.29, Dave

Fake 298.20, Brent Moratti 296.14, Gary Rowland 295.18, Paul Tidswell 294.10, Trevor Jupp 293.16, Doug Gibson 292.19, Kevin Bocock 292.13, Jason Cameron 289.11, Steve Lye 288.11, Emg. Frank Eustace 293.20 Composite: Sam Gooding 292.15 Graham Moratti 290.7, Brian Shewry 286.9, Alan Drake 286.8, Kat Mischefski 284.11, Juniors : Thomas Schaare 192.9, Braedon Bowater 191.7 Matt Sulzburger 184.3.



Bruce Cameron holding a 100.10, one of two that he shot.

## Interest and shooting high at the Hub

The weekly shoot of the Hawera Target Rifle Shooters at the Hub in Hawera on July 22 saw a good turnout of shooters. Jackson Jennings scored a PB 90.0 on a full card and a 100 group. The only other 100group was from Noel Hainsworth. In the seniors there were three hundreds shot by Bruce Cameron, Jason Cameron and Frank Eustace. Scores were: Dwayne Rangi 98gr, 90.1, Mary Healy Whitting 95gr,96gr, Dylan Farr

95gr,94gr, Sean Michael Bower95gr,96gr, Noel Hainsworth 100gr,90.0,90.0, Jackson Jennings 100gr, 90.0 Kade Lott 83.1, 85.0, Brody Lott 90gr,90gr, Alex Munro 97gr, 72.0, Clayton Robinson 97gr, 69.0, Rico Symes Patterson 97gr, 80.0, Joe De Costa 98gr, Hayden Andreoli 97.4,96.3, Bruce Cameron 100.3,99.9, Jason Cameron 100.7, Frank Eustace 100.7, 97.2, Sam Gooding 98.5, 98.4, Mathew Peters 86.0,94.2

were scored. On the groups Dwayne Rangi and Sean Michael, scored 100s. On the whole cards, PBs were shot by Noel Hainsworth97.3, Jackson Jennings 88.2 and Joe De Costa 81.1. Bruce Cameron is on a roll at the moment, having returned from the Wellington open, which he won in fine style with 499.40. In the last 13 cards, Bruce has only dropped two points, and this week had a 399.29. Scores were: Clayton Robinson 98gr,87.0, Alex

Munro 100gr, 87.1, Rico Symes Patterson 97gr,87.0, Jackson Jennings 100gr, 88.2J Dwayne Rangi 97gr, 100gr, Hugo Bower 98gr, Sean Michael Bower 97gr, 100gr, Noel Hainsworth 79.0, 97.3, Llewellyn Farr 98gr, Dylan Farr 92gr,97gr, Tim Greenhalsh 92.4, 91.4, Joe De Costa 98gr, 81.1, Garry Dyke 87.0, Bruce Cameron 100.8, 100.5, 100.8,99.8, Jason Cameron 99.5,98.4,99.6,98.3, Frank Eustace 98.4,98.8,96.5,97.2, Mathew Peters 99gr,92.2.

## Stratford scouts take aim at Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

There was a big turnout of shooters at the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club this week with a visit from Stratford Scouts working towards their Marksman Badge. They shot on grouping cards and their scores were: Devon Coley 97,96; Henry Armond 96, 95; Samantha Buckley 98, 96; Isaac Jones 88; Matthew Mills 85, 85; Thomas Olmo 93, 95; Brendon Simons 93, 93;

Kelston Wanakore 96, 95; Trevor Walmsley 92, 92; Hamish Hiestand 100, 96; Richard Armond 100; Rob Mills 96, 100; John Palmer 97, 100; Stan Buckley 100, 97; Donna Salisbury 97, 97; Ryan Hiestand 96, 96. Eltham shooters continued their good form, with veteran shooter Murray Chinery having one of his best scores for the season with a 97.1. On the grouping cards, Junior shooter Keira

McLeash improved on her 96 to finish with a promising 99; Matt McLeash 100; Simeon Cook 97,96; Brian Cook 99, 100; Bob Bramley 100. On the full cards, Brian Hicks had a very good card of 97.5, and a 90.2; Andrew Craig 92.3, 91.1, 92.1; Noel Hainsworth 93.0, 84.0; Adrian Clark 89.1, 95.1;

Clare Bramley 87.1, 89.0; Bob Bramley 92.1; Alan Drake 97.4; Don Litchfield 92.2, 93.0; Kathryn Mischefski 93.2, 95.4, 93.2; Michelle Hofmans 94.4, 89.1; Cameron Symonds 82.1, 84.0, 84.0; Heather Symonds 90.0, 92.1, 91.1; Murray Chinery 97.1, 89.1; Garry Rowlands 98.2, 97.6.

## Waimate Plains Indoor Bowls results

The Waimate Plains Indoor Bowls Association recently held their championship Pairs and the outright winners were the Pihama club combination of Kevin Ratahi (Skip) and Pat Barrett. The winner of the

Championship singles was Gordon Hamley of the Otakeho Club. The final challenge in the Hudson shield was played and the Otakeho club had a comprehensive win over Riverlea.

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# New Kubota tractor for Golf Club



The Opunake Golf Club has recently purchased a brand new Kubota 70 HP tractor to enable mowing the fairways with the new fairway mower purchased last year. The old Universal tractor had been struggling to drive the new mower, and was starting to cost money to keep it going, so it was decided to replace it. The club is now well on the way to replacing all its equipment, meaning it will be able to continue to develop without having to constantly pay for repairs to old gear.

**Left: Opunake Golf Club Members with their new tractor.**

## Cobras face old foe on Saturday

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pouncing on a loose pass, sprinting 50 metres to score under the posts for Coastal to lead 28-0 at halftime, and it looked a forlorn hope for the Bears to come back from that score line.

This proved to be the case as Coastal opened the second half with the same determination, as outstanding prop Mike Kahui scored one of his three second half tries in a powerful performance. At 34-0 down the Bears looked

shell shocked, but a strong barging run by big second rower Jackson Tamati resulted in a well taken try to the visitors, only for that to be snuffed out by a try to Mare after some slick passing between the backs and forwards. Big Bears centre Paul Tuuta, who had been well contained in the first half, crossed out wide for the Bears best try to make it 38-10, but Coastal then pressed home their strong advantage with five



Coastal Cobras defeated the Waitara Bears last week to qualify for the final to be played on August 1st at Pukekura Park.

unanswered converted tries, after some scintillating interchange play between backs and forwards to lead 68-10, with 10 minutes to play. Cruz Rauner then scored a consolation try for the Bears, but Coastal weren't finished, as Kahui scored his third near time for the Cobras to run out 74-14 winners in what could only be described as a highly

impressive performance. This sets up a mouth-watering final on Saturday at Pukekura Park as Coastal Cobras take on competition leaders the Bell Block Marist Dragons.

For the Cobras it was an exceptional team performance with every player contributing. Big second rower Sean Mare had an outstanding game,

closely followed by prop Mike Kahui, while fellow prop Maloni Tuitupou continued his excellent form with several strong carries. Loose forward Jamie Taylor was superb on defence and attack, while young second rower Liam Kupe had another strong game. In the backs, the halves Darren Parata and Mark Davis directed play well, while

the outside backs all played well. McPhee and Castle capped fine games with a brace of tries each.

For the Bears it was probably their worst defensive performance of the year with so many first up tackles missed but hooker Chris Abraham tried hard in a beaten pack, while big prop Shanin Hughes made some strong carries. Rauner and Tuuta tried hard in the backs.

Scorers: Colton's Coastal Cobras 74; Mike Kahui 3, Levi McPhee 2, Jason Castle 2, Arepa Bishop, Darren Parata, Maloni Tuitupou, Liam Kupe, Sean Mare and Travis Bennett tries, Mark Davis 8 goals, Herwini Karena 3 goals; Drillco Waitara Bears 14; Paul Tuuta, Cruz Rauner and Jackson Tamati tries, Tyson Lewis goal.

The previous weekend, the Dragons hosted a desperate Coastal side determined to upset their unbeaten opponents in heavy underfoot conditions. The first fifteen minutes was an arm wrestle, with both

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# Trophies reflect bigger numbers for Cobras

On July 25, the Coastal Cobra Junior Rugby League Club gathered at the Sandfords Event Centre to celebrate another successful season and have their annual prize giving. The club has grown from 30 players and two teams in 2014 to 75 players and 5 teams in 2015, due to the huge recruitment effort of an enthusiastic committee earlier in the season.

The club was able to enter an under 15 team for the first time in many years. The boys qualified for the grand final only to be beaten by a determined Tigers team and finish as runners up of the U15 grade, which is not a bad effort in their first year together.

For a lot of the teams, there weren't many wins but that just made the victories they did have all the sweeter. They played with pride and passion, which has been instilled in them by their coaching and management staff, and turned up week in



Coastal Cobra Junior Rugby League players at Sandfords Event Centre.

and week out to give their best for their club. Trophy winners. Under 6s. Most Improved- Tyler

Parata. Most Dedicated- Connor Garland-Mackenzie. Most Outstanding- Bede Moss.

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Outstanding- Tamatea Jahrese Under U8s. Most Dedicated- Christian Moeahu. Most Improved- Breckyn Drought. Most Outstanding- Levi Clement Under U9s. Most Improved- Rylan Cremen. Most Dedicated- Cayden Marsh. Most Valuable Player- Leo Lea'ana Under U11s. Most Valuable Player- Aingel-Lee Ruakere. Most Improved Back- Braith Castle. Most Improved Player Forward- Jamie Smith. Most Improved Player- Daragh Hamilton Davis. Most Valuable Player- Aingel-Lee Ruakere Under U15s. Most Improved- Luke Hohaia. Most Dedicated- Jordan Clement Player- Jono Butler. Most outstanding- Josh Young. Man of steel Brodie Symes

Congratulations to our Trophy winners. The prize giving was concluded with the children

forming a Guard of Honour for the Premier team before they completed their 74 - 14 destruction of the once dominant Bears, in their grand final qualifier.

Congratulations also to our Taranaki Whanui and Taranaki Sharks representatives;

Taranaki Whanui Reps - Aingel-Lee Ruakere (U11), Kobyin Baldwin (U12), Chaytah Rangi (U10), Ropata Taylor (U10), Luke Hohaia (U13), Brae Scott (U13), Kenan Sionetama (U15), Brody Symes (U15)

Taranaki Sharks Reps- Luke Hohaia, Brae Scott (U13s), Sione Tuitupou, Josh Young, Jono Butler, Brody Symes

The Committee would like to thank our Sponsors, Coaches, Managers, Assistants, Referees, Players, Parents and Supporters for their commitment to our Club and hope that we can grow and develop together again in 2016.

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## Cobras face old foe on Saturday

teams trying to assert some ascendancy on the game, but it was two well directed last play bombs by in form Marist standoff Dylan Hall that broke the shackles, as Coastal failed to secure them. They were pounced upon by the Dragons, who leapt out to a 12-0 lead courtesy of two converted tries. This was quickly followed by two further tries, one to fullback Jason Mattock, who scored his second, and big centre Frank Te Wake crashing over after some good interplay by the Dragons. They led 22-0 after 35 minutes, and it looked like Marist would run away with it. The Cobras had other ideas and rallied together scoring a good team try for the half to finish 22-4.

The Cobras scored the first points of the second half through a strong charge by centre Jason Rankin, who crashed over to make it 22-8, and that was how it remained for the next 20 minutes. During this time Coastal had a lot of possession, but made it hard by dropping the ball at crucial times. This allowed Marist to attack the Cobras line, but Coastal's defence was strong and effective for the most part. They eventually cracked, however, as Marist winger Enele Fidow scored a great try out wide to make it 26-8, with 15 minutes to go. Back came Coastal with a well taken try to standoff Mark Davis who had his best game of the season,

converting his own try from out wide to make it 26-14. For the last 10 minutes, conditions worsened as thunder and lightning struck with torrential rain, but both teams threw everything at each other in a thoroughly entertaining game. Marist had the final say with a penalty right on time to win 28-14.

For the Dragons the forwards continued to impress with their strong

runs, none more so than loose forward Cody Martin who made many metres up the middle, and was particularly strong on defence, while second rower Tiemi Ransfield ran great lines in another impressive display. Fellow second rower Taani Prestney was also strong, while hooker Jesse Pirini impressed, and evergreen prop Andrew Castle capped a fine game with a try. Bench forward

Kane Newman ran strongly when given the chance. In the backs Jason Mattock was sound at fullback, scoring two good tries, while Aidan Prestney directed play well from halfback.

For the Cobras big second rower Sean Mare had a strong all round game, while props Mike Kahui and Maloni Tuitupou worked hard with some strong forward play. Young Liam Kupe had another good game. In

the backs, halfback Darren Parata directed play well while standoff Mark Davis had a top all round game and was Coastal's best player.

Scorers: A+ Driveways Marist Dragons 28; Jason Mattock 2, Andrew Castle, Frank Te Wake, Enele Fidow tries, Dylan Hall 2 and Enele Fidow 2 goals; Colton's Coastal Cobras 14; Trent Deegan, Jason Rankin and Mark Davis tries, Mark Davis goal.

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Next meeting: Monday August 3rd at 5.30pm

**Te Namu Iti (Ngatitamarongo 6)**

To all Owners and Beneficiaries  
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To be held on Saturday 15th August 11 a.m. at the Headlands, 4 Havelock Street, Opunake.

- AGENDA**  
Karakia timatanga  
Apologies  
Chairman's Report  
Election of Officers  
Update of Te Namu  
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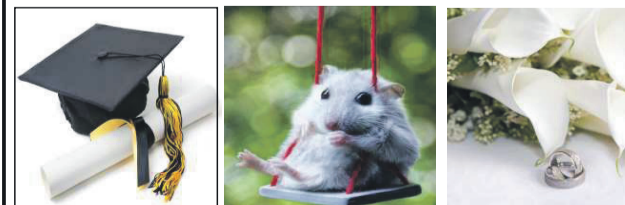
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**Taranaki Iwi Trust**

**2015 Election of Trustees**



Nominations for the 2 available Trustee positions have been received from Pungaerere Elaine Denton-Conroy, Rawinia (Donna) Leatherby, Dennis Ngawhare, David Tamatea and Puna Wano-Bryant.

As there were more nominations received than vacancies, an election will be held by postal and internet voting to confirm the Trustees required. Voting papers will be posted to registered members of the Taranaki Iwi Trust from Wednesday 29 July 2015. Voting will close at 5pm on Friday 4 September 2015. Please contact the election helpline with any election enquiries.

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**AGENDA**

1. Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2014 AGM
4. Chairperson's Report
  - Taranaki Iwi Fisheries Report
  - Taranaki Iwi Claims Report
5. Financial Report
  - Appointment of Auditor
6. 2015 Trustee Election Result
7. General Business

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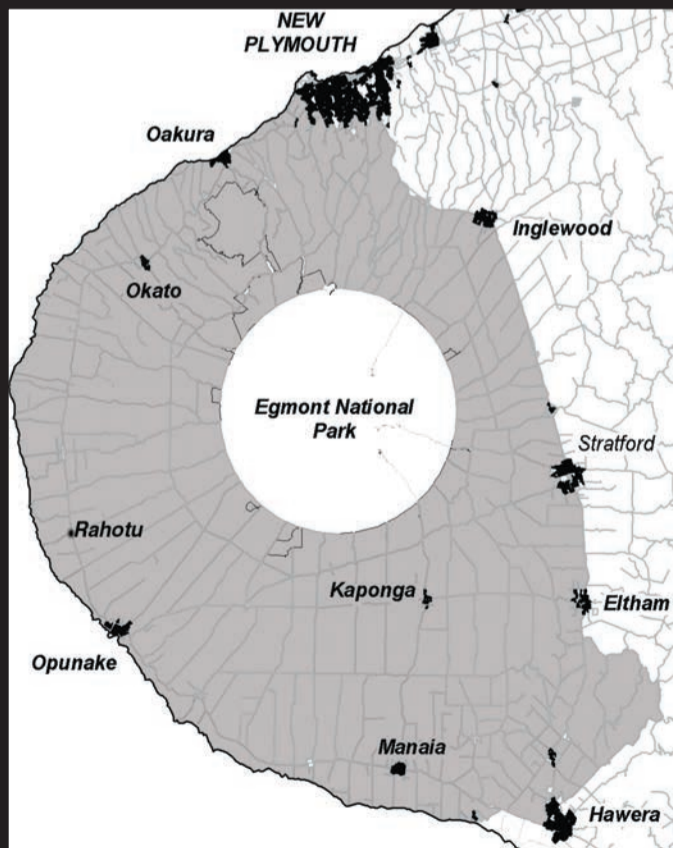
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# Rapira to headline World top 100 Title fight

Sam Rapira boxing career takes a big step forward with confirmation that he will fight a World top 100 ranked fighter next month. Rapira will headline an eight fight card in Fowler Homes sponsored main event by fighting against Australian Rob Powdrill at the TSB Stadium on Saturday 22 August. In an additional coup for boxing in Taranaki, the International Boxing Organisation has sanctioned the fight for the vacant Inter-Continental Light Heavyweight title, which is the highest ever belt fought for in the region. Perth based Powdrill is the current IBO Asia Pacific cruiserweight titleholder, and after knocking out the previously undefeated top Australian light heavyweight boxing prospect Damien Hooper, has exploded up the boxing rankings to 73rd in the world. According to Rapira, getting a match up against a boxer ranked in the World's top 100 was a one off oppor-



Sam Rapira will be fighting a World top 100 ranked fighter next month.

tunity for him and a direct result of Rapira being the current IBO Asia Pacific light heavyweight title holder. "It is a massive opportunity for me, and it is a fight I am really excited about as Powdrill's current world ranking gives me a genuine shot at securing a top 100 world ranking. "We have also worked in with the IBO to secure the fight for their vacant Inter-Continental title, and as this is the next title down from the World Title, it is a big incentive for both boxers and was a big reason why both of us took the fight" he added. Also known as a Muay Thai fighter, Powdrill holds an impressive collection of kickboxing titles, including a WMF World title that he has collected throughout his 60 pro kickboxing bouts.

"I know he will be a tough opponent as he has also competed in MMA, and he is a full time professional who just loves to fight" said Rapira. Rapira said that Taranaki people would also be impressed with the undercard which will feature three pro-fights and five corporate fights in what will be a highly entertaining night. "It is an extremely competitive card as we are now getting approached by a wide range of people keen to box at these events". The main undercard fight see's Opunake's James "Batman" Langton fighting Tongan Scott Taliauli over six rounds. Rapira said Langton was in the form of his life, and after his home town win last month was now rated third in New Zealand in the competitive

Cruiser Weight division. "James is a real success story as he is training full time and really learning his craft. With his increased power, 40 per cent of his fights have been knockouts, so he has a growing reputation as an all action fighter. "He has secured his first title, and his opponent is a no nonsense boxer, so people should expect some fireworks" he added. The third pro bout will feature Auckland's "Epic" Carlos Ulberg who will fight Daniel "Stone Hands" Meehan from Wellington. "Both of these fighters are well matched and have similar records and their styles match well for a great bout. Ulberg is a scientific mover that likes to box, and Mee-

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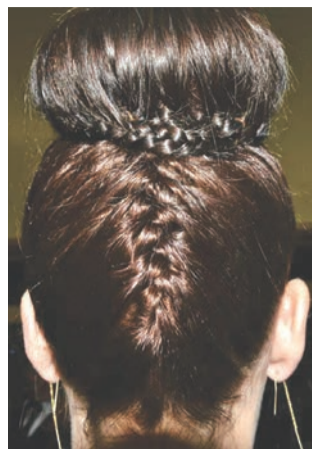
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rate fight would be a real cracker with McCurdy Engineering's Peter Arbuckle taking on Bobby Johns from Hookers Transport. "All the corporate fighters are really good value as they are all enthusiastic, and training really hard, and there are some full on bouts which people will not want to miss" Rapira said hospitality tables were available for groups or companies, and could be booked by contacting Box Office Boxing in New Plymouth, and tickets which start from \$30 for adults and \$15 for students are on sale from the TSB Showplace box office or Online at Ticketmaster. Tickets available from TSB Showplace or www.ticketmaster.co.nz GA Arena Seating \$30 Premium Seating \$45 Family Pass (2 adults/2 kids) \$75 Student Pass \$15 For further information contact Ashley Smith ph 0274 300461



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