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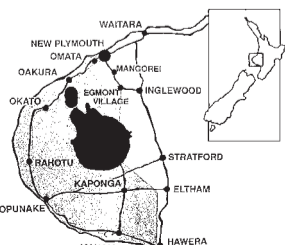
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## New plaque unveiled honouring author

Hawera's most famous son is once again honoured in a plaque on the site of his former home.

A special event was held at KFC in Hawera on Wednesday June 27, with the unveiling of a plaque commemorating (James) Ronald Hugh Morrieson's lifetime home site by Mayor Ross Dunlop. The new plaque, which replaced the original which was taken down during renovation and lost. "I'd like to acknowledge Rolland and all you (KFC) guys. Rolland came and talked to me about the issue. This was where the house was where Ronald Hugh Morrieson grew up and wrote all his novels." Ross also acknowledged Robert Surgenor who rescued the attic "He took it and located it behind a boxhorn hedge at his home for 19 years."

Also at the unveiling were KFC New Zealand president Jason McMenamain from Auckland, Luton Gleeson (Area Manager, Taranaki) from Whanganui, Nicola Edgecombe (Manager of Hawera KFC and Jason Froggatt (Assistant Manager Hawera KFC).

Others present included Nigel Ogle, owner of Tawhiti Museum, which has a wealth of Ron Morrieson memorabilia (and the restored attic where Ron wrote) and his wife Theresa, as well as architect Clive Cullen. Nigel and Clive were members of the Scarecrow Committee who fought hard to try to prevent the destruction of the homestead of Taranaki's most famous writer - sadly to no avail. (The Scarecrow Committee was chaired by Tim Chadwick, an author himself, artist and teacher who sadly has passed away).

Mayor Dunlop as a young councillor also endeavoured to save the homestead, along with the mayor of the time Mary Bourke.

Several brief speeches were delivered. Jason McMenamain paid tribute to the great support of Nigel Ogle, with special reference to ensuring the wording of the new plaque closely matched that of the original. He also paid tribute to Rolland by bringing the situation to the notice of the KFC management. Jason described the loss of the plaque as a "massive oversight." We'd been a bit careless concerned Morrieson memorabilia."

It should be mentioned that Jillian Williams of Hawera Genealogy was the



Mayor Ross Dunlop and Jason McMenamain (KFC NZ President) with the unveiled plaque honouring the lifetime homestead site of Hawera writer Ronald Hugh Morrieson.

first person who realise that something was amiss as she restored another item of memorabilia which used to be displayed at KFC. This item was thrown into a skip during renovation (This item, fully restored by Jillian's former business Framing Gallery, can be seen at Tawhiti Museum in Ron Morrieson's restored attic).

Nigel Ogle spoke of the danger of history disappearing. "History has a habit of eroding away" and referred to the missing plaque. He concluded, "It's great to see KFC efforts to put a plaque back and I'm thrilled at their effort to get things right.

Luton Gleeson said there is another plaque being prepared which will be placed at Tawhiti Museum in the near future.

The plaque reads as follows:

*Ronald Hugh Morrieson, one of New Zealand's most noted and extraordinary writers, lived in Hawera on this site from 1922 to 1972. He set his works in small rural New Zealand and is best remembered for 'The Scarecrow', 'Came A Hot Friday', 'Pallet On the Floor' and 'Predicament'.*

The unveiling event concluded with a sumptuous morning tea provided by

KFC and an inspection of the restaurant, after which the KFC officials and others headed to Tawhiti Museum for a guided tour by Nigel of the restored attic, which was extremely interesting and

**RIGHT:** Nigel Ogle, curator of Tawhiti Museum which has the foremost collection of Ronald Hugh Morrieson memorabilia and the restored attic where Ron Morrison completed his writing.



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**Letters to the Editor**

**Scare tactics by National**

Look everyone. MP Jonathan Young is telling everyone that the coalition government has inherited a strong winning economy. Rubbish. So why doesn't he start telling the real truth? Our coalition government is facing overcrowded jails, poverty, people still living in their cars, under bridges, sheds, a shortage of teachers, hospital workers are underpaid, rental properties are too high. The National Party tried to hide \$280 billion but was caught out, \$9 billion still not accounted for and seemingly missing. They did nothing to help our farmers in this ongoing dairy epidemic, but they say they care. What a laugh.

This party only cares about themselves, no one else. Yes, I forgot the rich. That's all.  
 Tom Stephens  
 New Plymouth

**ANZAC coverage**

I'd like to commend Bryan Kirk and the Opunake & Coastal News for their great in depth article on "Anzac Day in Eltham" (May 11). I know the Eltham RSA Men's and Women's sections are very proud of the Soldiers Cemetery and do a fantastic job of preparing it for the day. For those of you who cannot get to the service on Anzac Day, the bouquets on the Soldiers headstones are there for about two weeks and it's

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definitely worth a look. paper gives to Eltham.  
 Once again, well done for the excellent coverage your  
 Jenny Mack  
 Eltham



ANZAC Day in Eltham.

**ADELPHOS**

In 2018 most people have an unquestioning faith in evolution—that we're all the end product of Darwinian evolution. Many have been brainwashed that science and religious faith are necessarily in conflict—like bickering family members. So what does biological evolution actually teach? Since 2010 the "new" New Zealand science curriculum has taught evolution more in depth—beginning in primary schools. Not only does it teach that apes, you and I have common cousins, but, we also have mushrooms, chickens and spiders as our ancestors. Evolutionists today claim that organisms experienced beneficial and harmful mutational changes over 3-4 billion years on earth. Beneficial mutations survived and were passed on to future generations by Darwin's natural selection. Harmful ones didn't survive. Recently a bright nine year old local lad explained to me his evolutionary version of how we're the cousins of both bananas and

**I Love Fairytales—Part 3**

monkeys. How can I eat a banana again? Let's now examine how time became Darwin's evolutionary magic bullet. Darwin acknowledged barrister and geologist, Charles Lyell (1797-1875), as his closest friend and the main source of his magic bullet time theory. As one of the most influential geologists of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Lyell coined terms describing time periods such as Paleozoic, Mesozoic and Cenozoic: he assigned them dates ranging from 66-360 million years. Darwin cut and pasted Lyell's endless geological timespans onto his own evolutionary theory. Eons of time make biological evolution possible. In his three volume *Principles of Geology, 1830*, Lyell insisted that the geological processes we see today are the same ones that "very" gradually formed earth's geology at a uniform rate over millions of years. Many geologists disagreed with Lyell and suggested much shorter timespans due to the many observed catastrophic events. But Lyell ignored any

catastrophic flood evidence because he openly rejected the Bible as God's revelation. As a persuasive barrister, he convinced the public that non-acceptance of his timespan was an abandonment of scientific truth. He popularized the misconception that science and religious faith are in conflict. Of course they are not. Not every scientist agreed with Darwin either. In the first edition of his *Origin of Species*, he wrote that a bear species actually changes into a whale species over millions of years. He saw a bear swimming with its large mouth open while catching food and wrote, "...a creature was produced as monstrous as a whale." The public ridiculed it as a whale of a fairytale, and, Darwin's colleagues persuaded him to omit it in future editions. However, today's evolutionists actually believe that Darwin's idea was "scientifically" correct, although he chose the wrong animal to evolve. Funny eh? In a nutshell, evolutionists have faith in their belief that over 3.5 billion years ago a

single celled bacterium somehow became the first parent of all evolved human beings today—certainly not Adam and Eve. In evolutionary theory, the magic time bullet makes an improbability a possibility and a possibility a scientific certainty beyond questioning. Dr. James Tour is a world acclaimed synthetic organic chemist at Rice University who has written over 600 articles, many involving DNA research. With 500 other scientists Dr. Tour contributed to a petition entitled, *A Scientific Dissent from Darwinism*. This document asserts, "We are skeptical of the claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged." Sadly, other prominent scientists have been censored, ridiculed or dismissed from their university positions for examining the "unquestionable." Belief in God, atheism or evolution will take faith. I wonder which one requires more?

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# Travelling house jammed on bridge

On Friday June 22 an excited lady called by at our office. She said that a house removal truck, with a house on board, was securely jammed on a bridge down

Eltham Road.

The incident was well, down Eltham Road from Opunake, led by a pilot vehicle alerting motorists to the potential hazard, they were heading in

the direction of Eltham.

By the time our reporter had arrived on the scene, the house had been freed from the bridge and they were travelling quite fast towards

their destination.

While the house was jammed several cars had to be diverted to nearby roads so they could continue their journey.



The house that was jammed on an Eltham Road bridge, but as this picture was taken, it was on its way (having been freed) via the house removal vehicle.

## On this month in history

### Lawson Quintuplets born

On July 27 1965 the Lawson quintuplets were born at the National Women's Hospital in Auckland.

The babies were the offspring of Ann Lawson and her husband Sam and were named Selina, Shirlene, Lisa, Deborah and Samuel.

Born at 33 weeks they were only the fifth surviving quintuplets born in the world and the first born in New Zealand.

A book has been written called 'Stolen Lives: the untold stories of the Lawson Quins by Paul Little, which tells a shocking account of the years ahead including the murder of Ann Lawson in 1982.

### Fidel Castro's 26<sup>th</sup> of July anniversary

On this month in history the Communist revolutionary Fidel Castro attacked a barracks in Cuba, was captured and spent the next two years in prison as a consequence.

When Castro took over Cuba he nationalised much property including ones belonging to American interests. The trade embargo that was imposed by the US remains to this day.

### Moscow Olympics opens but is boycotted

On July 19 1980 the Moscow Olympics opened but the event was boycotted by athletes from over 50 nations because of their invasion of Afghanistan. The protest was led by the United States.

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT



# Marae welcome for new citizens

Sixteen South Taranaki residents were sworn in as new citizens at Taiporohēnui Marae last Thursday.

South Taranaki Mayor, Ross Dunlop, says the citizenship ceremony was doubly significant - not only

did the residents become new citizens (which is always special in itself), but it was also the first time the South Taranaki ceremony was held on a marae.

“Our residents come from a very diverse range of cultural backgrounds and it was very special that we were able to hold the ceremony at Taiporohēnui,” says Mr Dunlop.

“It helped the new citizens gain a better appreciation of tangata whenua and what this relationship means for us as New Zealanders.”

Ngati Ruanui kaumatua Sandy Parata congratulated Mayor Dunlop for taking the initiative to hold the citizenship ceremony at the marae.

“It was great to see our new citizens being welcomed and respecting our tikanga within the whare and marae. It was wonderful to see such support from the community and hope we can do it more often.”

New citizen, Manaia resident Mary Moore, says she was very moved by the citizenship ceremony.

“The marae was beautiful, the speakers and singers were stirring. The powhiri was very

warm and moving. There were hongi, handshakes and hugs. I felt privileged to be welcomed in this way along with a diverse group of people from all parts of the world.”

A number of citizens who were recently sworn in at a previous ceremony in March were also there to experience the unique ceremony on a marae.

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# Super rugby comes to Hawera

Were the Chiefs to play the Hurricanes in Hawera which would be the home team? After all Taranaki players have played for both these sides.

Hawera is in the Chiefs franchise area, but was for a long time part of the Hurricanes region, and the first ever Hurricanes captain was Taranaki's own Mark "The Bull" Allan. The Chiefs are coached by Colin Cooper who made his name as a successful coach of Taranaki, but the Hurricanes' coaching team includes former Hawera man John Plumtree son of Hawera sports identity, the inimitable Peter Plumtree.

When the Chiefs played the Hurricanes in a friendly match at the TSB Hub in Hawera on June 21 opinions on where home town allegiances lay were as varied as the supporter flags in the stand and on the sidelines.

"The Hurricanes have always been my team," said retired farmer Alan Jenkins. "The Hurricanes colours are the same as Taranaki's colours and when you're a Taranaki man you don't change."

Damian Wilson of Toko and Wayne Wilson of Manaia would disagree. They were there to support their nephew Ciarahn Matoe who was in the Chiefs squad. A former New Zealand Secondary Schools rugby representative, Ciarahn had done his schooling at Auroa and Hawera Intermediate before going on to Kings College in Auckland.

"I was a big Hurricanes fan until the Chiefs came



Rahotu School was out in force backing both teams.

on board," Damian said. "Most of my allegiances are with the Chiefs now. I've been up to a few games. It's impressive how much depth the Chiefs have got at the moment. They've got lots of Taranaki players."

Divided loyalties could also be seen within the groups from Rahotu and Tawhiti Schools at the game. "We have got a mix of Canes and Chiefs supporters," said Rahotu teacher Richard Carr. "There's a foot in both camps."

This year Rahotu received double hits with former cyclone Gita followed seven weeks later by a tornado ripping through the coastal Taranaki community. School principal Bridgette Luke said she thought taking the school along to the game would be good for

everyone's morale and was surprised when they were offered 100 seats in the main stand.

"I had initially contacted the council to ask if we could bring a large number of students, but we were fortunate to be gifted 100 seats through the Chiefs management team, and we were delighted with that," she said. So 88 students aged from 6-12 made the trip to Hawera by bus.

"I love the fact they've come to the provinces. It's an awesome opportunity to get the kids to enjoy top level rugby. Some of our kids wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to a Hurricanes Chiefs game. The point of our curriculum is to get kids to experience real life situations. As a good country school we're able to take 100 kids to something like this. Bigger schools may not have that same opportunity."

On the sidelines were four classes from Tawhiti School, who like Rahotu seemed to have a mix of Chief and Hurricane supporters. Teacher Kylie Lodge said probably about a third to half of the school were there.

"We've had a heap of parent support and they are here with us," she said.

The ambiguity about who was the home team took another twist after the game started when the scoreboard showed the Chiefs as being Taranaki, and the Hurricanes as the visitors.

The friendly match was sandwiched between tests when the All Black players were away preparing to face the French, so the two teams were made up of a mix of newer and more established players.

With half time approaching the Chiefs were ahead 31-14. Opunake man Murray Baylis who was there with grandson Hadlee was backing the Hurricanes.

"I'm just hoping they can get another try before half time, and they then can go on and win it in the second half with the wind behind their backs," he said.

The second half started with the score still at 31-14, but the Hurricanes put on 29 unanswered points and looked to have the game comfortably in the bag. The Chiefs scored a converted try to bring it back to 43-38 shortly before fulltime

which turned out to be the final score.

Three of the Hurricanes' seven tries were scored by

Julian Savea three days after the announcement of his departure for French club Toulon.

Chiefs coach Colin Cooper said the game had been a good opportunity to see how much depth there was in the team and look at younger players "who had not made their mark yet," as well as "blow away the cobwebs" before their next big outing against the Highlanders.

He said he would like to return and play another game in Hawera.

"I would love to come back, but that's all about things like crowds and stadia."

He was asked how he felt about coming to a supposed home game and seeing so many Hurricanes flags.

"Most of the flags I saw were Chiefs flags," he quipped. "It's rugby at the end of the day and it's good to see young men who want to play."

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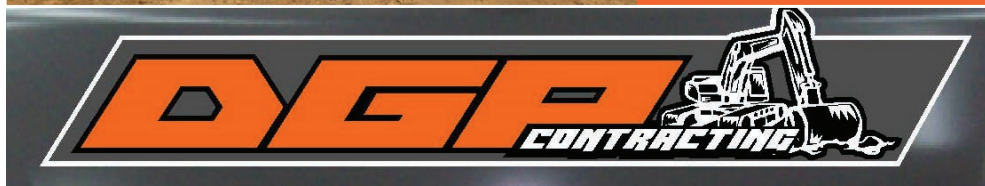


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Children as young as five can learn what to do in a fire emergency. Teach your children to get out and stay out, if there is a fire. Tell your children to get out of the house fast (using your

escape plan). Shout "Fire, Fire, Fire. Then walk to a safe meeting place and stay there.

This is stressed to children in the Get Firewise Programme at school. This wonderful programme encourages families to carry out fire checks and prevent fires starting as well as where to install smoke alarms in bedrooms, hallways and living rooms. It advises families to develop escape plans that include two ways to get out of every room and establishing a family safe meeting place.

A must watch New Zealand fire safety video is called "Escape my House." It

shows what it is really like in a house fire and it makes you realise how important it is to have working smoke alarms. These give you an early warning that there is a fire, and it gives you time to escape. You will find it on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) website and it is great family viewing.

We would like to thank the following groups or individuals for their extremely kind donations over the past few weeks. Our thanks go to the Opunake Lakeside Lions, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration, Karam's on the Coast, the Op Shop, Sayer's, Good's, Phillip Field and the Shell

Maui Safety Program. We are in the process of replacing our auxiliary lighting (a power supply from an extremely large and heavy generator to a manageable battery pack system), as well as extending our kitchen area by 15 square metres. So your generous donations will go to either of these two worthwhile projects.

We are modifying the kitchen space so we can cater for a large number of people should the need arise. There is always the threat of a weather related incident (tornado, flooding), an earthquake, a volcanic eruption (ever second day someone is commenting that

Mount Taranaki is overdue for an eruption) or a large fire, so we want to be self-sufficient. We want to be able to feed all personnel involved in the incident, as well as members of the community.

We were out and about on Monday June 25, when we were dispatched to help out the St John Ambulance crew with a tricky lift. A gentleman was unable to physically move on to the stretcher due to his condition, so we were sent along to lend a helping hand. What made it challenging was the fact that we had to get him out of the bedroom on the stretcher and down

the hallway....and stretchers don't bend in the middle. We did manage to safely get him onto the ambulance stretcher without tipping him off and he was soon heading off to hospital.

On Sunday July 1, we were called to power lines arching on Fox Street. The "light show" can be quite spectacular but there is very little we can do. It can be caused by salt spray on the lines or even just light drizzle but unfortunately there is nothing we can really do other than make sure nobody wanders under them.

*Secretary Beau*

### COASTAL COPPERS

# Approach of winter not deterring crime

Unfortunately as we delve into the depths of winter the recent bad weather has not done much to slow down things on the crime front. We have been busy of late with domestic assaults, thefts and mindless wilful damage by

people in the community who have no respect for our town or the property of anyone who lives in it.

Recently an 80 year old lady has had her mobility scooter stolen from her

garage over the weekend 29th - 1st. The mobility scooter is a Pride Pathrider 140XL model and yellow in colour. It also had a rear bag along with a crutch holder attached. Any information of its whereabouts or those

involved will be treated as confidential and we would like to know about it.

Over the same time, two young males have attempted to gain entry into the cafeteria at the High School. They have used a large rock to smash a window and then used a piece of wood or stick to part the curtains of the window before the alarm has activated. These males have been seen on security cameras. Inquiries are continuing in regards to their identity. These males could also be responsible for the theft of the mobility scooter from the 80 year old victim who lives nearby.

If you see or hear something going on that shouldn't be, call 111 and give us a fighting chance to catch them in the act. All too often recently we have heard two or three days later about incidents where someone has seen something happening and not called 111 as they did not think it was serious enough. Please call and report what you have seen. I know that we are not always able to attend immediately but if you don't call these people just get to cruise around town and cause havoc as they please.



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With the recent tragic accident in Waverley and a number of other accidents around the Taranaki area we again remind people to take care and drive to the conditions. There is no offence in being extra cautious whilst driving on our roads. There has also been an increase in the number of rural burglaries recently. Again farm bikes, quad bikes and tools are all on the rural burglars' shopping list. Rural New Zealand has a reputation for tightknit, supportive communities. You can help up by knowing your neighbours, exchanging contact phone numbers and keeping those number handy. If you live rurally and need to leave the property to investigate something

untoward ensure someone knows where you are going, as much as possible about what you're checking, and how long you expect to take. Reduce the risk and opportunity by taking notice of who is out and about. Keep all your property secure including your houses, outbuildings and farm equipment. Remove keys from tractors and bikes. Keep a detailed inventory of all your property including marking to easily identify your property if it does get stolen.

We would like to make mention to those who have recently moved property that have a firearms licence to call into the station. As I know you will be aware you need to notify your change of address. We have the appropriate forms here and are more than willing to assist in making this process quicker and easier. Lastly we would also like to mention that we will soon be at full capacity with three members stationed in Opunake along with our resident Highway Patrol officer.

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# Otakeho woman gave life helping others

One hundred years ago the Great War finished and an influenza epidemic cut its gruesome swathe across the world killing 50 million people.

Any feelings of elation over the end of the war dubbed The War to end all Wars, and which is known today as World War I were more than offset by the effects of the Influenza pandemic sweeping around the globe in the closing months of 1918.

In New Zealand the epidemic of what was dubbed The Spanish Flu took 9000 lives, about half the number of New Zealanders killed during the entire world war. One of these was Jeannie Lindsay Membro who is buried in the Otakeho Cemetery.

The inscription on her headstone refers to her as "Grannie," and notes that she died on December 6 1918 from the Influenza epidemic contracted while nursing the sick. She was 65 years old.

Two days later she was buried at Otakeho.

"There died at the Manaia



In December it will be 100 years since Jeannie Membro died after nursing others during the 1918 Influenza pandemic.

Temporary Hospital on Friday a very old and respected resident in the person of Mrs Membro who had resided in Otakeho for the last 20 years," noted the Hawera and Normanby

Star on December 9. "The late Mrs Membro was a very energetic worker for all patriotic purposes, and was untiring in her efforts to help all those she knew to be in need of assistance,

and it was as a voluntary worker in an afflicted home that she contracted the terrible epidemic disease that terminated fatally on Friday. Though somewhat brusque and outspoken in manner, behind it all there beat a kindly heart, and it mattered not when the call for assistance came, or what the state of the weather. The call was never made in vain, and many a poor sufferer received help and comfort in time of need."

Newspaper reports refer to her work with patriotic causes, the local Ladies Red Cross Society, the Otakeho Hall Committee, Presbyterian Church and Women's Christian Temperance Union. She also seemed to be on good terms with Sir Thomas MacKenzie, who was New Zealand High Commissioner to London

and a former Prime Minister and MP for Egmont, as local newspapers quoted from a letter he had written to her. Her great grandson Garry Hall said his family had remembered her as a strong personality.

"She seemed to be quite a formidable force in the area and stood her ground somewhat," he says. "Apparently she and her husband spoke fluent Maori

and she did a lot of work with local groups in that area."

This included nursing the sick during the epidemic and it was in appreciation of the work that she and Garry's grandmother Violet Ada Hall had done that Jeannie was presented with a green stone adze mounted on gold into a brooch.

She had been born Jeannie Kirk and arrived in New Zealand with her parents from Victoria as a child. She grew up at the Otaki Mission Station and with few other Europeans nearby she gained an appreciation of Te Reo and things Maori which never left her.

Garry says she and her husband bought a farm on the Auroa Road in 1893. At the time of her death she was working for and living with the family of Sir William Le Fleming.

The Hawera and Normanby Star says she was survived by her husband "and a family of two sons and six daughters and a large number of grandchildren." One of these was Garry's father who was only five when Jeannie died.

Garry says he would be interested in hearing from any descendants of Jeannie interested in wanting to hold a commemorative service.

## Helping celebrate Matariki

The Māori Development Minister Hon Nanaia Mahuta is pleased that Te Puni Kōkiri is supporting New Zealand communities who want to mark the start of Matariki, the Māori New Year.

The Māori New Year is marked by the dawn rising

of the star cluster Matariki (the Pleiades) or in some regions the rising of Puanga (Rigel in Orion) in the night sky. This year Matariki rises around July 6-9. This is the time when you can see Matariki just above the horizon before the sun rises. "It is wonderful to see the range of activities that have been planned to mark the rising of Matariki-Puanga. Te Puni Kōkiri has invested in 70 events around the country to celebrate the Māori New Year. Te Puni Kōkiri has provided more than \$250,000 to support these community initiatives. The funded projects cater for everyone

from tamariki to kaumātua and will be held from the Far North to the South Island," says Nanaia Mahuta.

These events include festivals, art exhibitions and workshops that have been initiated by kōhanga reo, rangatahi groups and other non-profit organisations.

"The growing number of communities celebrating Matariki is a great sign.

"More New Zealanders are interested in learning more about Māori culture and language. Matariki-Puanga is a good time to learn more about Māori culture, strengthen our connections and plan for the year ahead," says Nanaia Mahuta.

**We welcome your contributions**

**Please send to**

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## Coastal Coppers

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Management have recently appointed our third member and he will be joining us in the not too distant future.

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any information for us call in to the station. We are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800 555111 with all anonymous information.

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## FROM THE BEEHIVE

# Dropping of health targets a major concern for Taranaki

The Government's cancellation of the National Health Targets is a concerning step that will cost lives in Taranaki.

Research shows that the Shorter Stays in ED (Emergency Department) target which aimed to have 95 per cent of patients admitted, discharged or transferred from EDs around the country within six hours resulted in a 57 per cent reduction in the death rate of ED patients - saving around



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP**  
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

700 lives a year across the country.

Not only do these targets save lives, they also make a big difference to our communities. For example, the Taranaki DHB delivered 114% on its target to improve access to elective surgery when it was last reported under the previous National Government.

The National Health Targets drove improvement in the areas that New Zealanders care about.

Significant increases in the number of elective surgeries and immunisations, as well as faster cancer treatment and improved children's health were all partially driven by these targets and the health sector's commitment to them.

These targets not only let us see exactly the kind of difference the money we invested was making for real people, they also gave public servants a clear focus on what they needed to do to

improve lives.

It's particularly disappointing because the Taranaki DHB has been working hard on these measures, and the publically-available targets are easy to follow for every New Zealander interested in their own DHB's efforts.

Health isn't the only area that Labour has abolished targets in. They have also abandoned the whole of government Better Public Services targets. This

Government is trying to avoid accountability by refusing to publish important information about the delivery of public services.

The Government's decision to abolish the health targets will cost lives if the focus and public scrutiny on better, faster healthcare in specific areas is lessened.

*Jonathan Young  
New Plymouth MP*

## Multinationals to pay fair share of tax

New measures to ensure multinational companies pay their fair share of tax come into force this week.

The Taxation (Neutralising Base Erosion and Profit Shifting) Bill tonight passed its third reading in Parliament. Revenue Minister Stuart Nash says it takes effect from July 1 and will considerably improve the integrity of the tax system.

"Companies should ideally pay tax in the right country," says Mr Nash. "This legislation will ensure that multinationals pay tax based

on the actual economic activity they carry out in New Zealand.

"It is not in the interest of New Zealand taxpayers if multinational companies avoid paying taxes here. The changes address the problem of companies operating cross-border and using aggressive tax structuring to reduce the tax they pay.

"Estimates from Inland Revenue are that these measures could result in an extra \$200 million of tax revenue each year, once fully phased in. This will contribute to other

Government priority areas like health, housing, education and policing.

"Ultimately however this is a matter of fairness - multinationals paying their fair share. Most multinationals operating here pay the tax they should and are compliant. But some adopt base erosion or profit shifting [BEPS] strategies to minimise their tax obligations.

"The BEPS strategies distort investment and threaten the integrity of tax systems all over the world. It also means governments

lose out on tax revenue. Unlike smaller domestic companies and individuals, large companies with cross-border structures can exploit opportunities to get around tax rules.

Mr Nash says the BEPS legislation is a first step, and he has asked Inland Revenue officials to work closely with international agencies like the OECD and G20 to consider whether further measures are required.

"These changes enjoy the unanimous support of Parliament and are possible thanks to the work of MPs

from all political parties, as well as valuable advice from tax professionals and useful submissions from members of the public.

"We will have a better, fairer tax system as a result of these changes," Mr Nash said.

The changes will prevent multinationals from using BEPS strategies, including artificially high interest rates on loans from related parties to shift profits out of New Zealand, related-party transactions which are intended to shift profits to offshore group members

in a manner that does not reflect the actual economic activities undertaken in New Zealand and offshore, hybrid mismatch arrangements that exploit differences between countries' tax rules to achieve an advantageous tax position, artificial arrangements to avoid having a taxable presence or a permanent establishment in New Zealand and tactics to stymie an Inland Revenue investigation, such as withholding relevant information that is held by an offshore group member.

## Vision to become most liveable in NZ

Striking the right balance between progress and affordability was the driving force behind South Taranaki District Councillors as they adopted their 2018 - 2028 Long Term Plan at the June 27 council meeting.

For most South Taranaki ratepayers that means a rates increase of between 1.8% - 3.1% for the 2018/19 year. South Taranaki Mayor,

Ross Dunlop says the guiding vision behind the Plan is to make South Taranaki the most liveable District in New Zealand.

"We have identified a number of priorities to work towards achieving this aspirational vision, ranging from; building a new community facility in Manaia, developing a district digital strategy,

expanding our district pathways programme, building a new library, culture, arts and information centre in Hawera, to investigating an industrial park development," he says. "Over the last ten years, the Council's focus has been on upgrading our district's water infrastructure and key community facilities. We are now in the

enviable position of having completed many of the costly upgrades that a lot of Councils' are still facing," says Mayor Dunlop.

"Since our last Long Term Plan three years ago, we have progressed the Hawera Town Centre redevelopment, District Pathways Programme and Opunake Beach Masterplan. Our focus for the next ten

years is to complete these key projects, maintain our current assets and core services and improve our wastewater infrastructure."

"At the same time the Council is conscious of the need to keep rates affordable, so we are funding many of our key projects with existing reserves and earnings from the Council's Long Term

Investment Fund, rather than through rates," says Dunlop.

"With a projected average rate increase of 3.08% per annum over the next ten years, we believe our Long Term Plan strikes the right balance between progress, providing the services and facilities our communities expect and affordability."

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# Every piece of wood is different

Wood turners from around Taranaki gathered at Hollard Gardens last month to show the Taranaki public what they are capable of doing.

The Woodcraft Expo is a biennial event bringing together the Stratford Wood Turners Club and New Plymouth Woodworkers Guild along with the Taranaki Regional Council who administer Hollard Gardens near Stratford on behalf of the Taranaki public. Examples of craftsmanship of varying shapes and sizes were on show at the Gardens Visitor Centre on June 21.

This is the second time the event has been held. There were 260 people who had come through back in 2016, and there had been a good stream of people through that morning, Stratford Club member Graeme Penwarden said. His club has around 20 members.

"We're always looking for a few more," he says. "It looks like we might have rounded up a couple more today. We'd like to see a few younger ones. The demographics are a bit lopsided at the moment."

Like many of the others there, working with wood would appear to be in the blood.

"My father was an axeman and my grandfather was pretty handy with the axe and cross-cut saw. One of my distant relations was a world crosscut saw champion."

In the Visitor Centre a rocking chair sat invitingly



Intarsia work by Doreen Hooper reflect a journey through life and a longtime fascination with wood.

close to a burning fire on a cold Kaponga winter afternoon.

Ian Gregory said making that chair had been his "major headache."

"The rocking is critical. Getting it to rock is not that easy," he said. "John Kennedy said that if everyone has a rocking chair there would be no wars, so I'm thinking of making one for Donald Trump."

Heather Vivian is a founder member of the Stratford club and has been woodturning for the last 25 years.

"It's something I felt I'd

like to do. Once you get into it you always feel the challenge to do something different."

She was demonstrating pyrography to burn patterns on to wood.

"You decorate it how you feel like doing it. Sometimes you use pyrography. Sometimes you use piercing. Sometimes you leave it plain."

Doreen Hooper had two works made with the Intarsia technique on display, Rust in Peace and The Apprentice. Intarsia involves inlaying and connecting different woods to produce an artwork. It is a style she enjoys working with.

"Each of the woods has a difference and it's a case of working with the wood to get the best of what's there." Rust in Peace takes the journey through the various vehicles that have played a part in Doreen's life, each made with a different type of wood, including the VW Pickup used by the family when she was growing up, through the Mini which took on her first date, the Vauxhall Viva used on her honeymoon and beyond. The cars had taken 160

hours work to put together, she said.

The Apprentice which also uses different woods for each constituent part of the work which are then joined together comes with a family

significance.

"My late husband was a builder and my grandson might be a builder so he sees himself there."

Another with a longtime interest in the craft is Bruce Bryant.

"I started when I was 16 and I'm now 82," he said. "I started with my high school woodwork teacher and I just carried on through the years."

He was there with a scale model D9-D10 caterpillar bulldozer he had made using 6-8 different types of timber. The tracks alone had taken 40 hours work, and he says he lost count of how much time the rest took.

Bill Whyte says the possibilities of what can be done are always endless.

"Every piece of wood is different from every other one," he says.

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# You're the one that I want

It wasn't exactly the weather for Summer Lovin on Sunday July 1, but Grease was the word for the brave folks who came out to celebrate the 40-year anniversary of Grease at Everybody's Theatres July Boutique Night.

The lights were on, rock n roll playing, plenty of denim jackets, pink ladies and combed hair were on show, with the usually awesome platters that have become the hallmark of the Boutiques Nights and a wonderful Grease birthday cake for dessert. There were plenty of spot prizes for those in 50's and 60s outfits and a few brave folks twisting on the stage as well. A wonderful array of classic cars were on show at the front of the Theatre with thanks to the



Cars from the Highway 45 Cruisers club at the Grease Boutique evening.

Highway 45 Cruisers, and a good-looking beast, admired by a few in front of the stage, thanks to Erin Field. A good

time was had by all with a trip down memory lane for many and some new jive talkin for the younger ones.

Grease is screening again at Everybody's Theatre on Friday July 6 at 7pm and Wednesday July 11 at 7pm.

If it's just that pampered feeling of a Boutique Night you're after look for the first Sunday of every month and get in quick, as this becomes a very popular event and tickets sell fast. August boutique is Adrift, no dress ups, no rock

and roll but still a good night out.

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## Where there is a need there is a Lion



Louise Knapman and Daphne Sinclair-Holley present a cheque to Mike Williams, chair of Coastal Transport.

The Opunake Lakeside Lions have distributed the money they raised in the Opunake community over

the 2017/2018 Lions Year. Many worthy organisations exist in Opunake, a town known to have a 'do it your-

self and help your fellow man' attitude.

This year the Lakeside Lions have supported Coastal Transport (amongst others) in recognition of the great work that they do in helping people with transport to appointments outside of Opunake.

A cheque for \$1000 was passed on by President Daphne Sinclair-Holley and 202D Zone chair Louise Knapman to Mike Williams and Aretha Lemon from Coastal Transport.

## Beautiful new books



Shell Taranaki staff members Amelia Rentzios and Ben Plumtree with Opunake Primary students enjoying the newly donated books by Kathy Stanley.

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### PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

Coastal Taranaki School is proud to present 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. Rehearsals are underway for this weeks shows. Shows on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July



Above Left Emma's amazing poster advertising our School Production.

Above Right: Sky and Mia rehearsing for this week's School Production of Pirates of the Curry Bean.

### BASKETBALL TRAINING WITH THE TARANAKI MOUNTAINAIRS

Our Yr 5/6 Basketball team coached by Megan O'Donnell had some special training with Shay Haira from Basketball Taranaki, and members of the Taranaki Mountainairs Basketball team - Roger Woods, Xavier Smith and Javonte Douglas. Our school team was given new basketballs, bibs a bag and tickets to a Mountainairs basketball game....what an awesome experience for our students to train with professional players!



### CODING BOYS

A group of Years 7-11 students have been attending a Boys Coding Group with Jason Ruakere. This programme is an initiative between Core Education, Coastal Taranaki School and Puniho Marae. The boys attended a Camp recently where they tramped up the Pouakai Ranges and stayed in Pouakai Hut.



### MATARIKI - PUANGA

Friday June 22nd was Matariki - Puanga. Coastal Taranaki School celebrated with an early morning viewing of the Puanga constellation, followed by a story about Matariki in the Library with Delwyn our school Librarian. Students, staff and family then went to the lower field where lanterns were released....and chased! A pancake breakfast finished off the early morning celebrations. Thanks to students and staff who all got up extra early to make the day a wonderful success. Thanks to Dairy NZ for funding the catering through the SchoolKits program.



### READING TOGETHER PROGRAM

New Entrant Teacher Ulla Paige has been running the Reading Together program. We would like to thank the parents who attended the Reading Together workshops this term. It was awesome to have parents and caregivers participation and to see an increase in understanding of how children learn to read. Our Year 10 girls did a wonderful job looking after the preschool children so their mums could join in.

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP CAMP

In the first week of the April school holidays, Coastal Taranaki senior student leaders, Kiana Armstrong, Brandi Dakin-Spershott and Holly Tippett attended the New Zealand Area Schools Leadership Camp at Wainui Heights YMCA Campsite, on the Akaroa Harbour. Students from all over New Zealand, some from very remote regions, were involved in adventure based learning activities, leadership challenges and cultural development. Students had the opportunity to share experiences and show off their respective Area schools and regions. Strong friendships were formed with students in similar education situations. This year Coastal Taranaki staff played a part in the organisation and the delivery of outdoor education credits. A big thank you to Glenda Palmer and sponsors Okato Lions Club and Friends of Coastal Taranaki School, without the support this trip wouldn't have happened.

# Sword of honour for new pilot

Former Opunake man Dylan Arlidge is one of seven new pilots to have graduated at Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Base Ohakea.

The pilots were trained using the T-6C Texan II planes and received their brevets from defence minister Ron Mark.

In his speech the minister applauded the graduates for their achievement in being selected initially from more than 1000 applicants and then demonstrating continued excellence to make it through their pilot training to graduation.

“The next few years will be an exciting time for the Defence Force and the Royal New Zealand Air Force and you are superbly placed to be part of the team that delivers military air operations for our country,” Mr Mark said.

“The Government and the people of New Zealand have great trust that you will deliver.

“I have seen the work of those who have gone before you—the pilots flying operationally across the whole of our RNZAF fleet—and I have



Flying Officer Dylan Arlidge receives the Sword of Honour from Defence minister Ron Mark.

been impressed by their professionalism and skill, and I know that you will go on to achieve the same.”

Dylan received the

RNZAF Sword of Honour as the graduate who achieved a distinguished pass in all phases of the course.

The new pilots will be

posted either to the RNZAF rotary wing fleet to learn to fly helicopters on the Augusta A109 Light Utility Helicopter at No 3 Squadron,

or No 42 Squadron to learn to fly multi-engine aircraft on the Beechcraft B200 King Air.

The helicopter pilots will

then go on to fly the NH90 or Seasprite helicopters at No 3 or No 6 squadrons respectively, while the multi-engine pilots will go on fly either the Hercules or Boeing 757 at No 40 Squadron, or the Orion at No 5 Squadron.

Flying Officer Dylan Arlidge was raised in Opunake and attended Opunake High School where he was head boy. He competed at a national level for many years in swimming and later in adventure racing, including the Hillary Challenge, and was a volunteer firefighter in his last year of high school. He studied Software Engineering at Victoria University in Wellington while applying for the RNZAF and left university to attend the Initial Officer Training Course (IOTC). Upon completion of IOTC at the end of 2015 he was posted to No 42 Squadron as Operations Officer for 2016, and began pilot training with No 14 Squadron in January 2017.

## What’s happening at St Barnabas

Archbishop Philip Richardson will visit Opunake in July.

On Sunday July 22 Archbishop Philip Richardson will be visiting St Barnabas at our 10am service. He will be visiting his church as those of us who minister at St Barnabas do so as representatives and under the authority of our bishop. As Bishop, Philip looks after the Anglican Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki as well as looking after the Pakeha thread of

the three stranded Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific Islands in his role as Archbishop. Each strand or Tikanga has an Archbishop and together the three Archbishops look after the total province. This allows each strand to grow within each culture and add to the richness of the whole.

As the Parish of Opunake includes all people living within the Parish boundary, everyone is invited to join us when our Bishop visits

his church of St Barnabas in Opunake on July 22 at 10am.

### Tainui Day Centre

The weekly time of exercise and social activity for the older person has been embraced by the Opunake community with enthusiasm. We meet on Monday mornings at 10am in the Church Hall. The exercise is gentle and designed to increase muscle tone and reduce the risk of falls. It is fun. Tainui Day Centre is a by-product of the work of the Bishops Action

Foundation in conjunction with the Tainui Trust.

### Night Prayer

We have started gentle, relaxing and ancient form worship on the third Sunday of the month during winter. We gather at 6pm and share a simple meal before entering a quiet and colourful space for prayer. Many find this very relaxed and contemplative form of worship helpful. Our next night prayer is on July 15.

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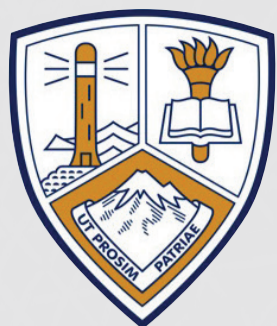
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## OPUNAKE HIGH, OPEN FOR EDUCATION

To judge the success of a good open day, you just need to ask the Hospitality teacher if she has left-overs, and when Mrs Aileen Watson just laughs at you and says "don't be silly", then you know it's been a roaring success!

Open Days at Opunake High School are a chance to showcase ourselves and demonstrate all the things that make us unique.

Over two days, we welcomed nearly 180 students and their whanau onto our school grounds where they were treated to a mini-expo with all our faculties showcasing just what it is they have to offer. The Moto-X Academy was especially popular, with a couple of student motorbikes on display.

Once everyone arrived and settled in, our principal Mr Peter O'Leary welcomed everyone, taking the opportunity to introduce himself

to many people meeting him for the first time, but also presenting some key information about what makes Opunake High tick.

Once Mr O'Leary was finished, we handed the rest of the day over to our student leaders, who had arranged a modern "treasure hunt" around the school grounds, where visitors were split into groups, given iPads and had to work their way through a series of QR codes to reveal clues as they roamed around our school grounds.

Following all of this, students were treated to healthy hamburgers, while parents enjoyed a sit-down meal, all prepared by Mrs Watson, Mrs Joyce and our amazing hospitality students.

Thank you everyone who took the opportunity to attend this year, we hope to see you in our school colours in 2019.

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### WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

This week, our Year 12 students have been out around the province working in a field of their choosing. The purpose of this is to give students a taste of their possible career pathway. We'd like to acknowledge and thank to all the businesses and individuals gracious enough to host our students this week.



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### CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

We love it when our students achieve great things at any level, but when the level is just that little bit higher it is important to acknowledge student success because it shows all of us that anything is possible if we put our minds to it.

Deputy Head Girl, Stevee-Jai Kelly (left), recently represented Opunake High School at the Nga Manu Korero speech competition held in Waitara. Much more than just representing Opunake, Stevee-Jai actually took out first place overall in the Senior Korimako section. To win overall, she competed with a prepared speech as well as winning the impromptu speech competition. Stevee-Jai now goes on to compete at a national level.

We all know Isabelle Cook is a bit of a gun at basketball, and for the second year in a row Isabelle will be representing New Zealand. This year however, she will be travelling to Belarus to compete at the U17 World Championships. The Kiwi side earned the right to compete at the worlds during qualifiers in India, where Isabelle was part of that team also.

Good luck to both girls. Kia Kaha.

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# Basketball is a family affair

When Isabelle Cook represented Taranaki in basketball at the Under-13 level she was brought into the New Zealand development programme. This month the Year 12 Opunake High School student from Auroa will represent New Zealand at the Under-17 Women's Basketball World Cup at Minsk, Belarus. This will be the first time a female age group team from New Zealand will have made it to a Basketball World Cup. Not only will Isabelle be the only Taranaki member of the

12-strong squad, she will be the only player from outside Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch. The World Cup tournament will be held from July 21-29. Sixteen teams will be taking part and Isabelle says they will be "scouting out" the other teams in their pool, Spain, Hungary and Argentina. To get to Belarus, New Zealand had to finish in the top four teams in last year's Asia round held in Bangalore, India. The New

Zealand team, of which Isabelle was part made it through to the semifinals where they lost to Japan. "They were fast, like little speedsters," recalls Isabelle. The New Zealand team performance was however good enough for them to progress to Belarus. This year's team will not be exactly the same as last year. Isabelle had to retrain to get back in, and some members of last year's team have progressed to Junior Tall Ferns level. Isabelle and older sister Simone have been Taranaki age group representatives for the last six years, and both were in the Opunake High Schools Basketball teams which won the National Secondary Schools A Championship two years running. This year Isabelle is team captain, taking over from her sister who held this role in addition to being Head Girl. Both sisters have also been in the Taranaki Thunder Basketball team for the last two years. Isabelle says her next ambition is to make the Junior Tall Ferns team. Younger sister Bethany has already represented her country this year. The Year 8 Auroa School student was in the Under-14 Development team that won the Basketball Pacific tournament in Melbourne. The tournament was held during four days in June and involved playing up to four games a day. She has also represented Taranaki at Under-13 and Under-15 level. Rounding off the family's basketballing foursome is Tessa, who is an Under-11 Taranaki Country Basketball representative. Her mother Catherine says she loves supporting and learning from her big sisters.



Coastal Cookies and Opunake Basketball Association babies. From left Simone Cook, Isabelle Cook, Bethany Cook and Tessa Cook. All four girls have played in the Opunake Basketball Association competitions from the age of five.



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# Oaonui breathes new life into local hall

Oaonui is a small farming community halfway between Opunake and Rahotu townships. Once there was a store, a dairy factory and a busy bustling school that was the central hive for get-togethers and events. Oaonui School had been open for 114 years before the Education Ministry reviews of small country schools forced its closure back in 2003. The local community had fought hard to keep their school open but ultimately the fight was in vain. When the closure eventually took place the small district went very quiet. Community members were exhausted from their extensive campaign to keep the school going and it was a huge hit to a once bustling and thriving area.

After some time to rest and reflect, the hall committee came together again and the hall became the centre of the community. Oaonui has a

fantastic hall which is very well kept and a popular hall for hire.

Oaonui now uses the hall as the heart of the area. Every month a Tea 20 is held to bring the locals together for social gatherings. These are often sponsored by different businesses and heavily supported by the locals. We have had BBQs, pizza nights, fun nights involving zorb balls and often have some very good speakers along to join us.

Just recently Oaonui Hall held the Inaugural Gumboot Ball. This was an event that had been held in years gone by but had somehow come to a standstill. The Oaonui Hall Committee teamed up with Coastal Veterinary Services and our other amazing sponsors – Skellerup, Farm Source, Coastal Agri, Farmlands and Coastal Pharmacy and D'Man Entertainment to reinvent and relaunch the

ball. Well what a relaunch this was. We had nearly 150 people purchase tickets and enjoy the night. The “Gumboot” theme was well supported with the majority of people donning their boots, and even decorating them. Our Hall looked amazing with some long hours spent water blasting and painting many, many, many old pairs of gumboots. John Baldie was named King of the Ball and Chelsea and Mel Young shared the Queen of the Ball Trophy. Lots of amazing people bid on our auctions for signed Warriors and Barrett Brother gumboots.

The outcome of the Ball was that the Community all came together and we also had great support from people out of the district. At the end of the night Oaonui had raised \$4000 which will be going towards the accessibility upgrade to the hall which is due to start shortly.



Decorations and trophies at the Ball



Adrienne (Snapper) Young with one of the auction items.



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# Crowdfunding a forest to celebrate PM's baby

To celebrate the arrival of the Prime Minister's new baby, conservation charity Trees That Count has launched Trees for Kiwi Babies - a gifting registry to acknowledge the birth of every Kiwi baby born in 2018.

Donations will go towards community native tree planting projects to be planted during Matariki 2019. Trees That Count will work with community planting groups throughout New Zealand to identify planting locations and will invite Kiwi parents and their babies born in 2018, who will then be turning one, to come along and plant a native tree.

Supporter of Trees That Count, Sir Stephen Tindall says "we were delighted to gift the first trees to the Tree Registry. The Prime Minister herself has said that climate change is this generation's nuclear free moment. Every tree gifted will help Trees



Trees That Count aim to plant one native tree for every baby born in next six months.

That Count's overall goal to see 200 million new native trees planted over the next 10 years, which will make a significant impact on carbon reduction, and contribute to New Zealand's climate change goals. There's nothing better we can do for our children and grandchildren than act now for climate change, and planting a tree for every baby born is a lovely way to honour a new arrival."

Whilst ambitious, the goal is to see 60,000 native trees gifted over the next six months - one for every baby born in New Zealand this year. The registry is open to the public, and has seen some high profile donors already, such as Mayor Phil Goff and Sir Eion and Lady Jan Edgar - as well as plenty of Kiwi families or businesses acknowledging either a baby that is special to them personally, or celebrating the Prime Minister's new arrival.

# New initiatives to support m.bovis response

Minister for Biosecurity Damien O'Connor has unveiled a set of initiatives to support the Mycoplasma bovis response and improve farm biosecurity

practices based on feedback from farmers and rural communities.

"Farmers have been attending the Mycoplasma bovis roadshow meetings in

big numbers and are naturally interested in the response and changes that could be made to help them manage their on-farm biosecurity," Damien O'Connor said.

"We have been listening to them and the Ministry for Primary Industries is making a number of changes that can be implemented quickly, without legislation.

"Some farmers have expressed frustration at not being formally told when a neighbour's farm is identified as an infected property.

"MPI will start directly informing neighbouring farms of infected properties or high-risk properties. This will mean farmers can take appropriate steps to improve their on-farm biosecurity and reduce the risk to their own stock.

"This is a measured step that balances the privacy concerns of individuals with the need for farmers to protect their own farms.

*"Some farmers have expressed frustration at not being formally told when a neighbour's farm is identified as an infected property."*

"MPI will also publish a list of the NAIT numbers of all affected animals on its website. This includes all animals associated with or traced from an infected property.

"This will give farmers better information to make informed decisions when purchasing new stock.

"MPI will also do more to ensure enforcement of the Animal Status Declaration (ASD) form. It is a legal requirement that the ASD form must accompany a consignment of cattle when a stock sale takes place.

"Farmers need to disclose the health history of their stock in the form and declare whether their farm is under any movement controls. They need to ensure they are completing the ASD form correctly and, along with greater compliance with NAIT, this will support our efforts to eradicate Mycoplasma bovis.

"Regulation and legislation changes are also being

considered, including amending the Animal Products Act to add a new infringement offence for failing to use the ASD form correctly, amending the NAIT Act to bring its search powers in line with the Search and Surveillance Act, and new regulation to control the use of discarded milk

"I am continuing to listen to feedback from farmers and will work with MPI and industry groups to consider further changes to support strengthened biosecurity practices and compliance in our rural communities," Damien O'Connor said.

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# Big turnout for TeenAg competition

An event testing the agri-business skills of high school students from the Manawātū and Taranaki has attracted a huge turnout.

About 170 teenagers from New Plymouth, Whanganui, Feilding and Palmerston North took part in the TeenAg competition in Feilding.

Students tackled modules from fencing to tractor and quad bike safety, finance, nutrient management and livestock trading.

“It was hilarious watching them take bids and spin yarns during a mock livestock sale,” said Megan Bates from NZ Young Farmers.

“Senior pupils got to conduct pre-start quad bike safety checks and then attach a trailer and navigate



Students handled a wide range of modules at Feilding.

a small course.”

TeenAg is booming in the Taranaki/Manawatu region and unprecedented demand meant organisers had to turn away teams.

“It really shows how keen students are to be involved in the agri-business sector and to have a go at some of the more practical tasks,” said Megan.

“As a result, two additional TeenAg skills days will be held next term in Whanganui and New Plymouth.”

The event gave four Feilding High School students who have made the TeenAg Grand Final in Invercargill a chance to hone their skills.

David Reesby, Levi Stewart, Olivia Buick and Sophie Ridd will go up against 24 students from across New Zealand.

“A highlight of the day was learning more about fencing and how to correctly assemble water troughs,” said Olivia Buick.

“It was great to get in some practice and get feedback from experienced professionals.”

“We now know what we need to study and work on in preparation for the grand final,” she said.

Olivia credits the success of the event to its supportive atmosphere.

“All of the students were keen to give everything a go,” she said.

The event at Feilding High School would not have been possible without the generous support of skilled professionals who ran the modules.

Brad Markham

## Only one viable option

Only one of the proposed options for a new emissions reduction target in the Zero Carbon Bill consultation paper is both achievable and responsible, says DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle.

“To secure New Zealand’s future as a sustainable agricultural nation, we must see long lived gases reduced to net zero, and short lived

gases like methane reduced and stabilised in accordance with scientific evidence,” says Dr Mackle.

“We know methane needs to reduce, and we welcome the opportunity to work with the government on just how much that reduction needs to be.”

Science shows that

methane doesn’t need to be reduced to zero because it is a short-lived gas. It can be reduced and stabilised at a certain point.

“Methane is released as part of a cow’s digestive process, which would make a net zero methane emission target extremely difficult for the agricultural sector to meet. Allowing a

specific amount of methane emissions will safeguard New Zealand’s future as an agricultural nation,” says Dr Mackle.

“Right now we are working with farmers to help them optimise their farm systems which will assist in reducing methane. We’re also investing in the development of a methane

vaccine and inhibitor via the PGgRc.

“All three proposed targets will still require significant uptake in forestry planting and we hope to work with the Government on simple changes to ETS forestry regulations to make planting more accessible for dairy farmers.

“Regardless of the new

emissions reduction target chosen, New Zealand needs to be planning for a different climate.

“We support and welcome the Government’s commitment to planning early and avoiding sudden change. This will allow all sectors to transition over time.”

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## Premiers face home semi this weekend



Jacob Gopperth celebrates his blazer (50th) game with a good run up the guts.

The last two weeks have seen Coastal Farmsource Premiers fight through two tough games against Spotswood and NPOBs to finish top of the table after round robin play.

On Saturday June 23, the team travelled to New Plymouth to play Spotswood.

It was one of those games of "two halves" with Spotswood dominating

possession in the first half which had them leading 17 - 7 at the break. In the second half Coastal dominated possession and territory to take the game 22 - 17.

Only one try was scored, by captain Jeremy Newell. The remaining points came from the boot of Rick McKenna with one conversion and five penalties.

Man of the match was

Tevita Fa'ukafa.

June 30 had Coastal back in Rahotu to take on NPOBs in a top of the table clash. Old Boys took a slender 8 - 6 lead into the break. The lead changed five times in the second half, with Coastal coming out on top after a 39th minute penalty, by 19-18.

Coastal's only try was scored by Jeremy Newell,

along with 14 points from the boot of Rick McKenna.

Man of the match was Chris Gawler.

Next week it is Semi-final time and Coastal will take on Clifton at Rahotu. Come out to Rahotu to cheer the boys into the final.

See you there.

Brian Olliver

**It has been an amazing effort by all our teams to make the semi's. The Three senior teams have topped the table so are all playing at Rahotu from 12.30 for Div 1 v NPOB.**

**1.00pm for Div 2 v Southern and Prem's are playing at 2.45 v Clifton. It will be a huge day. Hope to see you there!! Colts are playing Spotswood away at 12.30pm. Thanks for your support.**

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## A sobering result for Division 1 team

In Round 13 FBT Coastal Division 1 played Spotswood United at Yarrow Stadium. After a close encounter the previous week versus Tukapa the team were anxious to put in a good performance nearing the end of round robin. After early pressure put on Spotswood up front they were able to score tries through Ben Brophy and Bryn Chard (2) to take them into half time leading 17-5. The gates opened up in the second half with the backs having lots of open spaces with tries scored by Trent van der Poel (2), David Hughes and Kyle Farquhar. Jamie Fevre was in good form turning the big Spotswood forward pack around with some well executed kicks, however player of the day went to Ben Brophy who put in an outstanding eighty minutes. Jamie Fevre converted six tries and the final score was 45-12.



Trent Van der Poel gets outside his man.

The first half was hard to watch if you were a Coastal supporter, as constant handling errors, missed tackles and penalties allowed NPOB to control the game and enabled them to take a 10-0 lead into halftime. They again scored early in the second half and with 20 minutes to go led 17-0. What happened next is what this Coastal team is capable of doing, playing some really

good rugby. With good tries to Ben Brophy, Jarod Davey and two conversions by Jamie Fevre, FBT Coastal reduced the deficit to 17-14. With time fast running out Coastal had one last surge into NPOB territory. With good work from both forwards and backs, Jordie Fleming was able to crash over out wide to score the winning try. The end result FBT Coastal 19 NPOB 17.

Coastal had really good impact off the reserves bench from Nathan Moffitt which rewarded him with the player of the day.

Coastal can ill-afford another performance like this in next week's semi-final against the same NPOB team or the goal of the grand final and a chance to win back-to-back titles will not be realised.



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# Success for former Manaia swimmer

Carter Swift, a born and bred Taranaki boy hailing originally from Manaia and the Hawera Swimming Club recently competed successfully at his first International Swimming Meet, representing New Zealand in Papua New Guinea at the XII Oceania Games 2018.

He competed in five individual events and four relays over five days, winning six gold medals and one silver medal. Individual events of the 50 fly and 100 free saw him win two gold before a silver by 0.03 seconds to fellow kiwi Dan Calder in the 50 free. Carter absolutely loved the experience of competing on the international stage wearing the silver fern, something that has been

a long term ambition of his since he started swimming and hopes to repeat the experience in the future

Carter is the son of Michelle and Stephen Swift, who lived in South Taranaki for over 30 years, Michelle (nee Judkins) swam and competed with her brother Shaun to a national level for Hawera Swimming Club in the 80s under coach Adrian Anderson. Carter and his three siblings were introduced to Hawera Swim Club under the tuition of Robbie and Beth Low and CamLow swim squad from preschool age, and swam with the squad until they left New Zealand in 2007. They have maintained their membership of the club, returning in 2015 to swim at NZ Age Nationals with the Taranaki Team.

Carter and his brother



Carter Swift a Taranaki swimmer representing New Zealand in Papua New Guinea.

Brennan compete to national level in Australia, training with Shepparton Swim Club under the guidance of their mum and current head coach Michelle. Carter benefited from his swimming ability to gain a full scholarship to Eastern Michigan University in 2017, where he earned the MAC conference Freshman Swimmer of the Year and also co-swimmer of the Year awards, before their successful swim program was cut in April 2018.

Carter is now headed to Arizona State University for the next three years on a swimming scholarship to train and compete under legendary coach Bob Bowman (Michael Phelps coach) and hopefully progress his future aspirations of representing New Zealand again at an elite level

## Eltham Smallbore rifle results

Because there was inter-club in Inglewood, there was only a small group shooting at the range on June 11. Don Litchfield led the night with scores of 97.5 and 96.4 while Murray Chinery was hot on his heels shooting 97.2 and 96.2. In group cards, John McGill scored his personal best with 100 and 97, while his father Craig scored 84.0

and 93.2. Eddie Hagenars scored 90.2 and 80.1.

Congratulations to Inglewood Club for retaining the Bridgeman Shield.

On June 15, there were some very good scores with Garry Rowlands narrowly taking out the top score of the night with 99.6, followed by Clare Bramley 99.5, 98.3. Paul Tidswell shot two

consistent 98.5 cards. Paul Longstaff decided to shoot 4 cards after taking a small break scoring well on all four 97.4, 96.3, 97.5, 96.2. Keely Burnell came close to her PB with 96.2. Dave McGregor had a really good night scoring 95.4, 97.5 and 94.4. Murray Chinery 90.2, 98.4; Henry Armond 91.1, 93.1; Stephen Hicks

93.3; Craig McGill 88.0, 86.0, 92.4; Eddie Hagenars 83.0; John McGill shot two consistent 97 group cards.

On June 18, Clare Bramley took honours with the highest score and her first possible on her home range 100.7, followed by a double card 196.11. Bob Bramley is continuing to improve with scores of 98.4, 97.3,

95.4; Paul Tidswell also shot well with 99.8 and a double 194.13. Many members are now shooting postal competition entries in both national and Taranaki competitions. This will pit them against other shooters from across New Zealand and Taranaki within their grades or as a veteran shooter.

Murray Chinery 96.3, 96.5; Garry Rowlands 96.6; Alan Drake 95.3; Don Litchfield 93.2, 93.1; Dave McGregor 93.1, 89.1; Keely Burnell 93.2, 89.1; Henry Armond 91.1; Boston Taylor 89.1; Craig McGill 87.3, 86.1, 88.1; Eddie Hagenars 80.0. John McGill shooting on group cards scored 97 and 95.

## Coastal Adult Riding Club winter dressage series

The Coastal adult Riding Club held its first day of the Winter Dressage series at the TSB Indoor arena in Hawera on Sunday June 17. As Riding Club is a very good place to start, several

riders had their young horses out for the experience of doing their first ever test in competition.

Judges for the day were Belinda Wakeling and Kay Bloomfield of Eltham

and Claire Norton from Normanby.

Results. NZ Riding Club test 1A. 1. Becca Smith (Cisco Kidd). 2. Sarah Kennedy (Spiderman). 3. Nikki Spedding (Suvision). Emilie Husillos (Enticing). Pony Club test M. 1. Kylie Robertson (Galen). 2. Becca Smith (Cisco Kidd). 3. Amy Schumacher (Blue). 4. Nikki Spedding (Ghost). Pony Club test Q. 1. Kylie Robertson (Galen). 2. Nikki Spedding (Ghost).

NZ Riding Club test 2A.

1. Marion Pink (Monty). 23. Lisa Hutton (Molly). 3. Lydia Williams (Tad Cruzee).

NZ Riding Club test 2C.

1. Marion Pink (Monty). 2. Lisa Hutton (Molly). 3. Lydia Williams (Tad Cruzee).

NZ Riding Club test 3A.

1. Helen McCallum (Tommy). 2. Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco). 3. Aimee Parker (Jake).

NZ Riding Club test 4B.

1. Helen McCallum (Tommy). 2. Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco). 3. Aimee Parker (Jake). 4. (Arum Park Christmas Eve).

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Helen McCallum with Tommy had a successful day, winning both her tests. Photo L. Huitson

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# New Zealand IRB coach and team manager appointments announced

Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) is pleased to announce the coach and team manager of the New Zealand Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) team, who will be competing at the Lifesaving World Championships for the first time this year.

Jaron Mumby from Fitzroy and Opunake Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSC) will head the team as the New Zealand IRB Coach, with Andrew Lancaster of Muriwai SLSC as the team manager.

Both Jaron and Andrew have vast experience with IRBs in lifeguarding and sport, with Jaron competing at the 1998 World Championships in Auckland along with the 2001 and 2003 Tri-Nations event [a competition between New Zealand, Australia and South Africa] while Andrew successfully circumnavigated New Zealand in an IRB, spending a total of 34 days at sea.

Interestingly, Andrew spends his time as an IRB driver while Jaron prefers being a crewman, making them the ultimate duo to take the New Zealand team to gold. In fact, both of them have previously won the Arancia trophy for being New Zealand's top IRB crew, which is no easy feat.

Head coach Jaron said: "Along with Chris Scott, while competing for Opunake SLSC, we were the last to represent New Zealand in the IRB. So when I heard there was the possibility of IRB racing returning to international competition, and for a chance for our talented IRB crews to wear the fern, I knew I could add a lot of value and help our crews become world champions."

Team manager Andrew echoes Jaron's thoughts but adds "IRB racing has been my passion for many years, so when the opportunity to be involved in a high performance programme presented itself, it was a no brainer."

Although the two admit that the quality of athletes in the squad is so high, selecting the final men's and women's team will be difficult. "We have quite an impressive squad with an intriguing mix of raw talent, experience and pure pace. Selecting the final two crews to compete in Adelaide is going to be a massive challenge," said Andrew.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand Sport Manager, Mike Lord said he's delighted to have two highly experienced IRB operators leading the team, which means the New Zealand crew have the best shot at winning a world title.



Jaron Mumby from Fitzroy and Opunake Surf Life Saving Clubs will head the team as the New Zealand IRB Coach,

"Both Jaron and Andrew have such extensive knowledge of IRB racing, so there is no doubt they will do a great job leading our New Zealand team at the Lifesaving World Championships later this year, and again in 2020.

"Everyone is really looking forward to seeing the IRB team back in world events, and I'm sure these two will do us proud representing New Zealand at the top level of the sport."

Selection of the New Zealand team will be announced later in the year, following the final trial from the New Zealand IRB squad. To read about the squad selection, [click here](#).

To keep up-to-date with the journey, visit the [SL-SNZ High Performance Facebook page](#) or on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) - @SL-SNZHP.

## Taranaki Indoor Bowls

In the representative match played against Manawatu on Saturday June 23 at Marton the Manawatu team were too good and accurate for our Taranaki team and were victorious by 97.5 points to 46.5 points.

The Taranaki Open triples were played at the Stratford A & P Hall on Sunday June 24. After section play five teams qualified with six points or more. They were: A.Wilson(North Taranaki), L.Landers (Otakeho), B.

Schrader (Normanby), D.Brehent (North Taranaki) and D Semple (Otakeho). A.Wilson defeated L.Landers 12-4

In the semi finals there were two very close matches with the results decided on the last bowls played.

A.Wilson defeated B.Schrader 7-6 and D.Brehent defeated D.Semple 6-4 This set up a North Taranaki final. A.Wilson

(skip), I.Phipps (second) and J.Wilson (lead) played good draw bowls and accurate run shots to defeat D.Behrent (skip), R.Wright (second) and P.Behert (lead) by 10-4.

This Taranaki title gave Alister Wilson his gold star for five Taranaki Open Centre titles.

Ray Finlay  
Publicity Officer  
Taranaki Indoor Bowls

## Manaia Golf results

Chipping to pin. Lucas Symes. Kieran Taylor. Driving. Ashton Sharp. Joe Gibson. Running to pin. Joe Gibson. Carter Symes. Chipping cone. MacKenna King. Ashton Sharp. Jayda Sharp. Longest 5 iron. Ashton Sharp. Joe Gibson.

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# An exercise system on many levels

When Dhyana Tribe heard that people in Opunake wanted to learn about yoga she decided to get some classes going.

From July 25 she will be taking two classes every Wednesday at Sandfords Event Centre. A class in slow yoga in the morning will focus on gentle exercises which would be good for beginners, while

a Hatha Yoga class in the evening will challenge those who want to take their yoga further while giving beginners the space to do exercises at their own pace.

"Yoga is not a competitive sport. It's about meeting yourself and understanding that you can influence your body's intelligence," she says. "Yoga is an exercise system that has many levels,



**Dhyana Tribe will be taking Yoga classes at Opunake starting July 25.**

depending on where you want to take it. Yoga will help your body to function better and this healing effect will flow through to your mind. A flexible body equals a flexible mind.

"Correct breathing is an integral part of Yoga and for those who have physical disabilities which prevent them from doing some of the exercises, the breathing can be just as important as the exercises. Breathing brings

not only oxygen but prana-chi-mauriora into the body."

Yoga is a versatile exercise system, and can benefit anybody, including older people, Dhyana says. Some exercises can even be done while sitting in a chair.

Her morning classes will include exercises to help with fluid in the leg.

"Yoga goes deep. On the surface it's about the exercises, but it can go deeper into psychological

and spiritual aspects," she says.

Depending on interest, she is prepared to organise special classes on meditation.

"Meditation is the ultimate medicine as many people suffer from psychomatic problems which originate in the mind," she says. "When you meditate and close your eyes you encounter the contents of your mind, and that's quite a process for some people. How often do we sit and close our eyes and examine the contents of our mind? It's not a habit we have in New Zealand. It's very helpful for some people to sort out what's going on in their minds."

Her interest in yoga started when, as a 20 year-old she picked up a book on the subject by Paramahansa Yogananda, although having started learning ballet as a five year-old she had been aware of the benefits of good posture long before then.

She trained with Ashram Yoga in Parnell, Auckland, who run the Ohui Retreat on the Coromandel peninsula.

Together with her husband and two children she lived on an ashram in India for three years. It was here they learned to meditate in the

classic Vipassana style.

For a time she and her husband ran the Prana Retreat next door to the Ashram Yoga at Ohui.

In addition to her other talents, Dhyana is also a trained naturopath. She has produced food charts which argue for among other things, having a diet with a balance of 80 per cent alkaline and 20 per cent acid. While at Ohui she wrote My Best Alkaline Rich Recipes, a recipe book which came out about 10 years ago.

Her husband has since passed away. Although a recent arrival to Opunake, Dhyana is no stranger to Taranaki, having been born in Inglewood.

"I love Taranaki and can see myself living out my years in Opunake," she says.

Forms for Dhyana's classes can be picked up from Sandfords Event Centre. Dhyana says she encourages people to make comments so that she can tailor courses for their own situations.

She is also prepared to run private classes for small groups by appointment.

"My approach to yoga is take it easy and be gentle with yourself," she says.

*A Melting Pot of Creations*  
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## A melting pot of creations

Meet Fleur Le Bas, a local teacher at Eltham Primary School, who is a diverse artist in her own right.

If you visit her upcoming art exhibition, you will see a Melting Pot of Creations that displays a lot of different techniques/mediums that she has dabbled with over the years.

Her curiosity started when she was a poor student who wasn't able to afford quality materials. This made her experiment with

cheaper products. A lot of it was recycled from the local waste station, reusing discarded items wherever possible. These days she gets a lot of waste dropped off to her by students that she has taught. The Pukeko statue on display is a prime example. It turned up looking like a malnourished plucked

chicken with rusty legs. She had to rebuild the base to make it look plumper and then treat the rusty legs before she could begin to mosaic it.

Curiosity is often the base behind her creations. She wanted a treehouse in her attic, as she has very little land outside her property so decided to have a place in her

house where she can connect back to nature. It took her five years to complete using many different materials and techniques. At the end of the project she perfected her paper pulp mixture that she used to create her tree trunk and limbs.

The paper pulp mixture comprises of a lot of paper and glue, which is then glazed with a compound. "It's quite amazing what you can do with paper," she says.

Fleur will try out different techniques at home first, and then teach her students once she has mastered it. Over the last six years she has volunteered to tutor art to the Youth from E-Town every July School Holidays. She has taught a variety of mediums including; mosaics, carving, tie-dyeing, spray painting, wearable arts, mixed media collages, PVA printmaking and a large scale mural for the town's community garden.

During her exhibition she will be holding several workshops for youth on how to create a Sunset and Silhouette canvas painting. This is thanks to the Creative Communities Scheme (through South Taranaki District Council) support for this exhibition.

A Melting Pot of Creations is on display at The Village Gallery, Eltham from July 2-27.

Be sure to check it out.



Pukeko statue on display at the Village Gallery.

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# Runner remembered in fundraiser

The Inaugural Cape Egmont Half Marathon run/walk is being held on the 15th of July 2018. It is in memory of a good friend and fellow runner Andrew Smith "Andy" who sadly lost his battle with a brain tumor in December of 2016. The event is being held to raise money for the Taranaki Cancer Society. It starts at 8.00 am on Old

South Road Okato in front of the swing bridge, heads out into the country along Oxford, Saunders, Wiremu, Newall and Bayly Roads and finishes at the Cape Egmont Boat Club. As well as a half marathon, participants can enter as a team of two doing ten and a half kilometres each. Every finisher will receive a medal and the Cape Egmont Boat Club will be open for refreshments at the end. Entries are open now on line at [www.capeegmonthalf.com](http://www.capeegmonthalf.com) until Saturday the 14th of July and then cash payment for entries on the day. You can also find us on Facebook. *Nicky Smith*



Shoe Clinic New Plymouth owner Nick Bull and staff member Mikayla Robson proudly point out the awards they won at the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Top Shop Awards last month. Congratulations on being chosen the Supreme winner.



"Andy" Andrew Smith passed away from cancer in 2016



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	<b>TAG</b> Comedy   1hr 40mins   M: Language, Sexual References & Drug use. For one month every year, five highly competitive friends hit the ground running in a no-holds-barred game of tag they've been playing since the first grade. Based on a true story, "Tag" shows how far some guys will go to be the last man standing. Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm   Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm		<b>ISLE OF DOGS</b> Adventure   1hr 41mins   PG An outbreak of canine flu in Japan leads all dogs to be quarantined on an island. A boy journeys there to rescue his dog Spots, and gets help from a pack of misfit canines who have also been exiled. His quest inspires a group of dog lovers to expose a government conspiracy. Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1pm   Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1pm Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1pm   Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1pm
	<b>INCREDIBLES 2</b> Family   Comedy   1hr 58mins   PG Helen is called on to lead a campaign to bring Supers back, while Bob navigates the day-to-day heroics of "normal" life at home with Violet, Dash and baby Jack-Jack—whose superpowers are about to be discovered. Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1pm   Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1pm Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul 1pm		<b>ANT-MAN AND THE WASP</b> Adventure   Action   1hr 58mins   PG Scott Lang grapples with the consequences of his choices as both a Super Hero and a father. As he struggles to rebalance his home life with his responsibilities as Ant-Man, he's confronted by Hope van Dyne and Dr. Hank Pym with an urgent new mission. Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul 7pm   Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm
	<b>LIFE OF THE PARTY</b> Comedy   1hr 45mins   M; Sexual References When her husband suddenly dumps her, dedicated housewife Deanna heads back to college - landing in the same class as her daughter, who's not entirely sold on the idea. Plunging headlong into the campus experience, the increasingly outspoken Deanna - now Dee Rock - embraces freedom. Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm   Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1pm		<b>OCEANS 8</b> Action   Crime   Comedy   1hr 50mins   M: Offensive Language Upon her release from prison, Debbie, the estranged sister of legendary conman Danny Ocean, puts together a team of unstoppable crooks to pull off the heist of the century. Their goal is New York City's annual Met Gala, and a necklace worth in excess of 150 million dollars. Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm   Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7pm

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# Best little revolving stage in Taranaki

It's not often a stage in a small theatre, such as the one at Opunake Players' Lakeside Playhouse gets the benefit of a revolving stage. But thanks to an innovative design by director Lynelle Kuriger, that's what they've got.

Lynelle is directing Opunake Players' latest production 'Me'n'Gus', a musical adaptation of Frank S. Anthony's novel 'Gus Tomlins'. The script is by Paul Andersen-Gardiner with music by Jo Doolan and Helen Duff. Set under the mountain just out of Midhurst, it tells the story of returned World War One servicemen Mark and Gus as they attempt to farm marginal land and court local women Violet and Rosie.

The revolving stage idea came about because of the fact that this musical has been adapted from a book.

"I liked the idea of turning the stage as though starting

a new chapter of a book," says Lynelle. It is also very useful as there are a large number of scene changes involved. "I wanted them to be as quick as possible. Scene changes can be quite time consuming as cast go off, crew on, change scene and off again. But with the revolving stage, changes can be made out of sight during the previous scene. Turn it around and, voila, next scene ready to go."

Models and precise measurements were needed to ensure a revolving stage would fit the Playhouse. Luckily it went in with little fuss. The bulk of the construction was done by Lynelle's husband Paul, ably assisted by many of Opunake Players members. "The hardest part was the frame," says Paul. "Once that was in place the set could be built on top. It's not motorized or set into the floor, but it works".



The cast of Me 'n' Gus enjoying 'The farming life' of the 1920s.

Stage manager and set builder Bert Treffers is pleased with the result. "It was primarily built for 'Me'n'Gus', but the beauty of it is that it can be dismantled, stored and reassembled as needed."

One of the scenes is at Ngaere Gardens between Stratford and Eltham. Members of Paul's family were one time owners and he has helped Lynelle with some research.

"It was once the go-to place in Taranaki. It had garden walks, a water wheel, and even row boats. It was the Pukekura Park of its day".

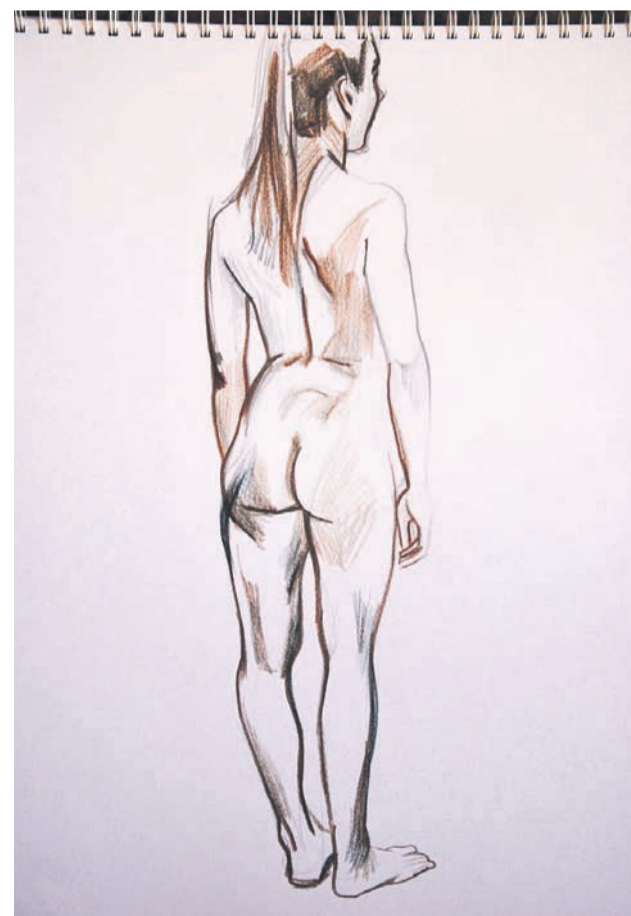
"Me'n'Gus' plays for ten performances at the Lakeside Playhouse in Layard Street between July 14-28. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration.

## Drawing true to life

Over a haircut, Rhonda Crawford from Turnheads and Marianne Mugeridge discussed the possibility of starting a life drawing group in Opunake. Rhonda offered her studio space which is next door to Turnheads, 88 Tasman St and Marianne her experience in setting up and running a Life Drawing group.

We plan to make a start on Tuesday July 17 from 7 pm to 9 pm. Drawers are asked to bring their own sketch blocks, pencils, boards and an easel if you have one. Costs will be kept to a minimum. \$8.00 per session. \$5.00 for students and unwaged. We share the model and the space. This is not a class. Everyone draws to extend (or begin) their own practise. Quick poses to begin with, a short break at half time and a longer pose to finish. All welcome.

Marianne Mugeridge



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