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# Covid ends Eva's season

Opunake basketballer Eva Langton was coming to the end of her basketball season in the United States when she got Covid. So did four other members of her team, and all three coaches.

"I had excruciating headaches. I was constantly lying on my bed and had a bit of a fever," she said.

After 10 days of quarantine, Eva tested negative and her team resumed their season, but Eva's problems were not over.

"I played one game and then I had chest pains which were quite bad. I didn't play for the rest of the season after that. It was probably an accumulation of having Covid and not being able to sleep well when I had Covid, and a problem of not quite eating well enough. It took my body a long time to recover from it, and I needed more time to recover from it than other players in my

team did."

The Covid had come towards the end of what was turning into a dream season. Her Dusty Devils team had not lost any of their games playing in the Southern Division of the Lone Star Conference.

Eva has been studying at the Texas A&M International University (TAMU) in Laredo, Texas studying for a Bachelor in Kinesiology with a Minor in Psychology, while playing basketball.

The competition she has been playing in usually involves teams from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, although this year Covid meant that New Mexico did not take part. This year Eva's team won the competition unbeaten, the first time TAMU had achieved this feat.

Eva, a former St Marys Diocesan School head girl had originally gone to the United States on a basketball

scholarship where she was at Western Nebraska Community College doing a two year general studies course. She graduated from there in 2019, and moved on to TAMU.

Eva describes the basketball played at TAMU as being another step up in the level of physicality.

"Moving from a junior college like Western Nebraska to an NCAA Division 2 college, the demands on a student athlete are much higher and more is expected of you," she says.

Eva is back in Opunake for the off season and will be returning to the United States in the middle of August. In the meantime she has been training, catching up with family, and helping her father Aaron coach the Opunake High School Senior A team.

She has one more year at TAMU before deciding whether to return to New Zealand or continue playing basketball in the United States.



Eva Langton, surviving Covid.



The Dusty Devils team. Eva is third from the left in the front row.

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## Petition for new crossing in Manaia

Manaia residents say a stretch of South Road is an accident waiting to happen. A petition has been started to get a pedestrian crossing placed between the town's Library Plus and the public swimming pool.

"To my knowledge nothing fatal has happened there yet, but I'm surprised there hasn't been," says Manaia School principal Laila Kivell who has started the petition which has been circulating online and been available to sign in

Manaia businesses. "It's not a good feeling to know that there have been so many near misses and that you're waiting for the time it's not a near miss. It's been years that this has been an issue. It's not something that's just cropped up. If you ask the majority of our community, they would have noticed some near misses or unsafe behaviour on that stretch of road."

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## Letters to the Editor

### Cheques being stopped

After reading the editor's article Removal of the cheque option ill-considered I totally support and agree as most people know it was the late Jim Anderton, a man I met on several occasions was the main instigator to establish Kiwibank., supposedly owned for us New Zealanders, which has now upset many upon many people, and has done away with cheques, and now every other stupid trading bank is now stupidly following them.

Our Kiwi Bank has never taken any consideration for our elderly with dementia, and there's the unemployed who can't afford a computer themselves or even know how to use one, while at the same time our community organisations, businesses and our farming communities use cheques.

Look, our young generation of today have either got computers or cellphones or they are letting these developments control their thinking. Our criminal underworld is having a field day, simply because some have hacked into many people's accounts, taking millions and millions of dollars away from them, plus using it for many other criminal purposes, while making our students' brains too lazy, as we were all given a brain to think with, not to be controlled by some types of technology which is somewhat damaging on today's society.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

### The world has gone mad

Further to my last letter in this wonderful paper, concerning the potentially unsafe mRNA vaccines, I have the following to report.

The initial inventor of the mRNA vaccine, warned the USA FDA of a problem which had been found with the vaccines. The spike protein, which was supposed to trigger an immune response and then stay put at the injection site, has been found to travel all around the body in the bloodstream, meaning it is now a very risky business for those receiving the vaccine. His advice was to stop the rollout but his pleas were ignored.

We have a Facebook site in NZ started by Lynda Wharton, a medical professional, known as Healthpost NZ. The site was started to provide a platform for people to report any possible adverse reactions to the C 19 vaccine, or in fact any vaccine. Facebook watched the site closely and prevented the sharing option almost immediately. Interestingly there is a steady stream of people reporting adverse reactions and even more interesting is the complete lack of any reporting of adverse reactions by the mainstream media. Facebook are threatening to close the site constantly which is a major concern as yet again freedom of speech is under attack, under the auspice of spreading misinformation.

Isn't it amazing that any Facebook post with any mention of vaccines or Covid

19 all pop up with the message about how safe the job is and well researched it is?

The minimum research into these vaccines was reported to be completed in 2023, and yet we have this rushed, almost maniacal rollout just a few months into the research. What is going on? There are no cases and the normal flu appears to have disappeared.

The tests apparently need to be cycled. This means they need to be magnified and the recommended number of cycles is less than 15 to 28. Most samples are being magnified 35 to 45 times which leads to a tremendous number of false positives, over 90%. What is going on?

Adverse effects may be construed as a 'Crime against Humanity' by the promoters of such dubious medication and there are now cases commencing where governments are being taken towards judiciary events. "Watch this space", I say.

Alan Murray  
Ohawe

### Look after our land and sea

To me, the issues of overfishing in our ocean are mixed.

Commercial fishing: provides fish for dinner. Fish and Chips. Private fishing: from boats and land. Shellfish collecting: land and snorkelling.

All these people have a place to play in protecting the health of our sea.

I would be interested to see the numbers regarding those who were caught over their daily quotas, both land and sea.

I find it difficult to understand why people are caught with over their daily allowance, two or three times, with sometimes, five to ten times their limits. This is greed based, and should be blamed and shamed, and not just a slap on the hand, not just because either they say they, others in their vehicles, or we are providing them for their extended families. I heard a person got caught for the third time with several hundred shellfish many under-sized. The question is what happens when these people are caught? If this is allowed, sadly generations to come will never taste these delicacies.

Ian McAlpine  
New Plymouth

### Pray for India's people

When seeing on TV news about what's happening in India in their horrible desperate situation where millions upon millions of people have been overcome by this Covid-19 virus, and while there's 400,000 cases a day, their hospitals and emergency services are being pushed to their limits with no end in sight.

I know our government, like those of many other countries in the world have sent some sort of help in whatever terms it is, as I myself feel very helpless, so I really do feel for our Indian people who live in New Zealand, so I'd like to ask all religions regardless of their denomination to pray for these people as one never knows what might happen.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth.

### ADELPHOS

Stop for a moment and imagine all the possessions you have ever owned. Now think about them all inside your house right now. How would it look and feel?

## Sins-Another Four Letter Word

Perhaps like the programme 'Hoarders.'. Maybe worse! By now, if you're older than 40 years of age, you're probably thinking, "I have to build a good sized shed to store them in." In the extreme, too much 'stuff' can wind up overwhelming us. In the same way sins gradually invade and clutter up the healthy spaces in our spiritual lives. Sins can be defined as our actions and ways of thinking that go against God's laws in the Bible. In today's world, while the most popular four letter "F" word is more and more acceptable in everyday usage, the word "sin" is almost taboo.

Now my point today is this: Over many years everyone has built up a storehouse of sin in their life. Jesus' main mission on earth was to be the Saviour. The dictionary definition of saviour is "a person who saves someone from danger or difficulty." Question: So what danger or

difficulty was He supposed to save us from? Answer: Obviously sin. Why? Because the Bible repeatedly tells us that no one is sinless (Romans 3:23 NIV).

Jesus was the only religious leader who claimed to "freely" forgive your past and present sins without any rituals or having to earn it (Ephesians 2:8-9). He came from heaven to earth to erase your sins because they separate people from God. You can receive this forgiveness of sins when you ask God for it in the name

of Jesus, are genuinely sorry and change your thinking and lifestyle to be in line with God's ways. This attitude is called repentance in the Bible. Daily repentance is an ongoing and cleansing practice, much like the need to take a shower or wash your dishes. It unclutters and cleanses our spiritual lives (1 John 1: 8-9).

Jesus said that being set free from the slavery of sin is the greatest freedom of all (John 8:34-36).  
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# Petition for new crossing in Manaia

South Road is part of the Surf Highway which bisects the town which has a population of 984 (2018 census), meaning a large proportion of the students attending Manaia School have to cross the road to get to school. The library is also a gathering point for students going to either of the two high schools at Hawera and Opunake.

Laila says there is already a built up pedestrian area outside the library from where some kind of pedestrian crossing could begin. She says her preference would be for a raised crossing leading



**A petition circulating around Manaia wants a crossing between Manaia Library Plus and the swimming pools.**

to the swimming pools. “The foundation for that to happen is already there,” she says.

Laila said she has had parents come to her thinking that as school principal she might have been in a position to do something about it.

“This serious safety concern has been on my mind for some time but was brought to the forefront after a knock on my office door from Margie Robinson. She had just witnessed a near miss on the stretch of road between the library and the pools and approached me, upset and wanting me to sort a crossing before it was too late. I have to say this story is an all too familiar one in our community. I have been

hearing that that there should be a crossing there for years. I think it’s easy to accept the unacceptable as the norm when no one steps forward to take action.. In that respect I deeply admire Margie’s passion and drive for change in our community. It inspired me to stand alongside her to ensure this long time issue was heard and addressed.”

She is pleased with the response to the petition.

“The need for a crossing has been strongly acknowledged by a variety of members within our community, from our kaumatua who find it difficult to gauge the speed

of traffic and reduced ability to cross at a safe pace. Parents and advocates for our preschool, primary and high school students have also expressed concerns around the safety of our children who are still developing the road safety skills they need to ensure they are safe.”

Laila says she had been in touch with the South Taranaki District Council who told her that as South Road is part of the state highway, it is a Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) responsibility, so she is looking to present the petition to them.

## Editorial

# Valuing newspapers in an evolving world

I have just returned from a newspapers conference. The Opunake & Coastal News is a member of the Community Newspapers Association.

The first for two years – last year’s conference was cancelled due to Covid – they are always interesting.

We were told the sobering news that Kawerau’s paper mill was due to close. The reason for the closure of course is due to the demand for newsprint which has declined as newspapers have folded. This is due to the advent of online ways to access news

etc. Sites such as Facebook, twitter etc all of which pose threats to newspapers with their free adverts which undermine newspapers traditional advertising base.

The Opunake & Coastal News was started by former Auckland Star journalist Kathryn Stanley who when she moved to Taranaki saw the need for a local newspaper. The paper is a local business intended to inform people of what’s happening in the community, to publicise events, to receive contributions and to act as a

watchdog for the community.

When it first started, Opunake was one of the smallest communities in New Zealand to have such a paper.

Gradually circulation expanded to take in the wider coastal area and today it goes right round the mountain.

Since its inception it has employed local people to write the stories, to market the paper, to put the paper together, to make up the ads, to deliver it.

It is successful because of its dedicated staff and its loyal readership.

The paper has also supported the local Business Association ever since I’ve been involved with it and promotes local business.

The paper of course is financed solely by advertising.

It is not easy to get adverts.

We are very appreciative of those who continue to have confidence in the Opunake & Coastal News and show this by promoting their businesses in it.

At the last community newspaper conference we all attended three years ago – last year’s conference was

cancelled due to Covid – there were three young women who were employed by one newspaper – I can’t recall which – their job was solely to update social media pages. That was all they did. It was clearly a time consuming job.

Speaking to one newspaper owner at the recent conference he said they no longer employed people to rejig their news as they once did when digital media became the vogue feeling it was a waste of time. Nor did they earn anything much from online readers.

Their focus now is in putting out a quality newspaper with well researched articles that ensure the paper is read and that the advertising works.

Much like our focus at the Opunake & Coastal News has always been.

We want to continue our relationship with the community which we see of mutual benefit.

We hope we can continue to uphold the tradition of marketing through a respected newspaper.

Its loss would leave a big hole in the community.

Editor

# Time to exit the America’s Cup gravy train

Team New Zealand have turned down a joint offer by the Government and the Auckland Council of about 99 million dollars to help them host the 37<sup>th</sup> America’s Cup defence in Auckland. Presumably, most of this amount will be provided by the Government. This seemingly generous offer was turned down by the Team NZ Board; they reportedly sought twice that amount.

Why do they need so much money to organise and run a yacht race series, especially when entry fees are very high (reportedly in seven figures), it has to be asked? Well, one reason, at least, is the munificent salaries the key players are paid. Five years ago, when Dean Barker was about to leave Team NZ (he was about to be removed as skipper), CEO Grant Dalton was reportedly paid a million dollars annually, while Dean Barker was getting about \$350,000 or so (About what the PM was paid to run the nation at the time). We were assured, that Dean would be getting much more if he was helmsman for one of the overseas yachting syndicates. He must have listening because in March 2015 (turning down Dalton’s offer of a shore-based position), he signed with Softbank Team Japan.

Now that Team NZ has won back the America’s Cup



**Sir Peter Blake.**

one wonders just how much Grant Dalton is being paid now (presumably including a bonus), as well as the current helmsman, Peter Burling. Heaven only knows what the other senior team members are earning.

Entertainment costs, associated with America’s Cup are another factor. To give just one example Tourism NZ arranged for Sir Rod Stewart to sing his 1970s hit *Sailing* (he was filmed near a London Bridge) and afterwards he was interviewed by Clarke Gayford. This was part of the Rock the Dock event in Wellington, back in March of this year. The cost to the taxpayer was \$918,000, but the organisers refused to reveal Sir Rod’s fee due to “commercial sensitivity.”

When Black Magic first won the America’s Cup, back in 1995 when yachting great Sir Peter Blake was in

charge, the word *sport* (not money), was to the forefront with sponsorship from within New Zealand (eg Fay Richwhite) providing most of the funding. However, things have changed; a new crowd is in change and the word *money* (not sport) is the key element. Also, the various wins and defences over the years are mostly paid for by taxpayers and the main non-Government sponsor is an overseas conglomerate Emirates. Since 2003 successive governments have donated a total of 136.5 million dollars to Team NZ, much of it in hard cash. This equates to roughly 8 million dollars a year. And now the Government offers to increase this many fold – all in one hit - at a time when they have had to borrow heavily to cope with the Covid pandemic.

Why is the America’s cup event given such a

high profile, even above the Olympic Games it would seem? There is even an America’s Cup Cabinet Minister in Stuart Nash, but is there an Olympic Games minister? Which event is the most important, involving the most competitors selected on international merit (not ability to pay)? The America’s Cup was recently defended against just three other competitors. We would laugh if we heard that someone had won a gold medal at the Olympics against only three other competitors. Is it because the magic word *America* in involved that the event is given such overblown status.

The event now is mostly about money and high earnings with high profile competitors such as Sir Russell Coutts (NZ), Brad Butterworth (NZ), Dean Barker (NZ), Jimmy Spittal (Australia) and Sir Ben Ainslie (Britain) changing teams (competing for other nations), frequently - presumably to the highest bidder for their services. We all recall the bulk (Coutts, Butterworth et al) of the Team New Zealand defecting to Alinghi (Switzerland) presumably because they were offered more money. (New Zealand lost the Cup, as a consequence). Maybe you can’t blame them (or the others), but let’s not pretend it has much to do with sport.

Our Prime Minister Jacinda Adern recently commented, “There was a point where one could not justify the amount of money going into Team NZ.” *That time is now.* There are more important priorities for New Zealand, especially when we so often hear that

a particular life-saving medication, freely available in countries such as Australia, is not available from Pharmac (An extra hundred million here, reallocated, would surely save many lives).

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The Bolger siblings from left Jim, Kathy (Prendiville), John, Carmel (Armstrong) and Paddy pictured at the Okato Cemetery where their parents are buried.

# The Bolger siblings gathering

John, Carmel, Jim, Paddy, Kathy children of Daniel and Cecelia Bolger held a reunion at Queen's Birthday weekend at Rahotu. Paddy recounts his parent's experiences when they arrived in Taranaki.

Daniel and Cecelia Bolger arrived in New Zealand from the south of Ireland in 1930 in the middle of the Great Depression and got a job within a couple of weeks milking 28 cows by hand (no milking machines) on Waiteika Road, Opunake.

From Knochbrandon and Ballyforan to the outskirts of Mt Taranaki, they left their wedding reception to sail across to England, jump on a ship to Australia which then went to Wellington, New Zealand. This was their last holiday.

They began married life in a two roomed cottage - a third room was later added - with no power and no running water. A tub at the back door with water was all they had and served all purposes. With no insulation, no double glazing and no electric stove, a coal range was used for cooking and heating, but still it was as very cold.

They also had no car. Mum

walked down the road to the railway line that at that time went into Opunake from Hawera. Opunake was where she did all her shopping. The train would stop and pick Mum up (as well as other people). One day the train went past before she got to the railway crossing, but the train driver saw her, stopped the train and backed up to pick her up.

### The big flood

In 1935, there was the largest flood in Taranaki's history. Mum and dad had just 28 cows and a large herd at the time was approximately 40 cows. Like most workers like Mum and Dad had no car. What caused it, certainly not climate change. It wasn't the cows or the cars.

Mum and Dad saved every penny/pound (not dollars then) and purchased 72 acres on Pheny Road, Omata in 1940. They struggled with the amount of gorse on the farm however, so a year later sold the property. In July 1941, they bought 94 acres in Kahui Road, Rahotu, again milking 28 cows. By now though they owned a milking machine and a six bale walk through shed. There was no milk vat however, just cans and a horse and cart to take the cans to the factory one or two (though later four) at a time. With hills, swamps, blackberry and tussock the farm had previously grazed sheep and there was no gorse. There was also no metal race and Dad started a metal pit extracting the metal by pick and shovel. Later a front end loader jointly bought by Dad and three other neighbours was added to our tractor.  
 At 94 acres we had the

smallest farm on the road and the smallest herd. And the oldest car, a 1924 canvas top Chev, by now after working hard, they were able to afford one. Dad dug drains by hand (no diggers then) and sometimes just mum and us kids milked the cows so Dad could keep digging.

### No holidays

Yes, no holidays ever. Neighbours and church was where they got their relief from the daily grind of farming, but there was great co-operation in the farming community which made life

enjoyable. Playing cards was a popular pastime with neighbours.

With the help of fertilisers and good management and the front end loader and a metal race the farm was milking 110 cows when Jim and Joan sold it to Norm and Sybil Anderson in 1965.

Dad died before Jim became Prime Minister, but he would have been so proud; Mum always was. From poverty in Ireland to Prime Minister of New Zealand, life is what you make it.

Paddy Bolger



Daniel and Cecelia Bolger. Photo taken around 1960.

# Graduation for Joellen



Joellen How has graduated with a Bachelor of Science, with a concentration in Business Administration, majoring in Business Management, and minoring in Psychology. She completed her studies at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York. Joellen was on a full-ride scholarship to play basketball for four years. This was cut short due to covid, so she had to finish her degree online via zoom, and watch her graduation on live stream. Joellen's parents are Rachael Hughson-How and Murray How.

# Waste disposal cops \$105,000 fine

The director and shareholders of Offshore Plumbing Services Limited were fined a total of \$105,000 for illegal disposal of waste from demolition of the New Plymouth airport terminal.

They pleaded guilty to the charges laid and appeared before Judge Dwyer at the New Plymouth District Court.

Taranaki Regional Council brought the charges against the director and shareholders of Offshore Plumbing Limited, which was subcontracted to manage the demolition of the old airport terminal, for depositing

demolition waste in a pit on rural land and burning some of it, explains Fred McLay, Taranaki Regional Council's Director-Resource Management.

The rural land is owned by a family trust which is in the name of two of the shareholders of Offshore Plumbing Services.

"The community rightly expects us to take action in these circumstances, and evidence of environmental damage was present, and this is reflected in the Court's decision today," says Mr McLay.

Council officers responded

to a complaint about a smokey fire in the late evening of 9 June 2020, which was the trigger for an investigation, he says.

"The initial inspection revealed that demolition waste was being disposed of in a manner that breached Council plan rules and the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality.

"The agreed facts before the court show that the company had a plan in place for the safe and effective removal of the waste, and instead chose to dispose of it inappropriately, and the court has taken a dim view of this approach."

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# The case of the missing ATM

A mystery surrounds the whereabouts of the BNZ ATM once located at Opunake Four Square 45, which has been gone for several months. The only thing reminding passers-by that it was once there is a

blank wooden covering over the void which it left behind. It was understood at the time that the ATM was being taken away to be repaired. Across the street on the road to Manaia, based in the town's Library Plus is

a banking hub introduced last year with much fanfare. It is one of a number of experimental trials in smaller centres brought in by the country's six leading trading banks, of which the BNZ is one. At the time of the launch it was promised that none of the trading banks involved would close any of their services in the district council area serviced by the hub.

The Opunake and Coastal News ran a number of stories last year leading up to and including the launch of the Opunake Banking Hub on December 7. A number of questions were submitted to NZ Bankers Association spokesperson Miles Erwin, which he answered in an email on December 1.

One of these questions ran, "banks have promised not to close any of the ATMs within the district councils of the banking hubs. Does this mean the existing Opunake ATMs will continue?" The



Will the ATM ever be coming back?

reply was Yes it does." The BNZ website lists their ATMs around the country. In Taranaki there are two in New Plymouth, two in

Hawera, one in Stratford and the Opunake Regional Banking Hub. This would suggest they don't see Opunake as having a

separate BNZ ATM. The BNZ was approached for comment. At the time of going to print, we are still waiting.

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## Medical callout in Opunake

Around 9am on Tuesday June 29 there was an emergency callout to a house in Dieffenbach Street involving both the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade

and St John Ambulance. An elderly lady required attention and the outcome is positive according to Chief Fire Officer Craig Dingle.

Although our newspaper was expecting a fire, accident

or similar, the fire brigade is often involved in medical situations like this. Our reporters try to be as non-obtrusive as possible with sensitivity with whatever situation they encounter. However, in covering the

news, whatever it is, is part of our role as a respected (according to feedback we receive) community newspaper. Maybe, this is not fully understood at times.

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# New life for an old playground

A facelift for an old favourite is among improvements being planned for an Opunake playground. The mountain at the Bowen Crescent playground above Opunake Beach has been charming children for generations. Now a group seeking to breathe new life into the playground which overlooks Opunake Beach and has its back to the maunga see it as one of the focal points of what they want to do. "We thought we would like something in tune with the community and ocean and mountain themes, and redeveloping the mountain as well," says Lisa Beynon, chairperson of the Opunake Community Spaces Development Group. Plans for the playground include rebuilding the mountain, using the existing mountain as a base and adding a rubber pour. Planned additions include Fantham's Peak and interactive talking tubes allowing conversations between people at different points on the mountain. Other additions to the playground include a metre-wide slide, scale ropes, climbing hoops, a hammock, and a couple of custom-made surfboards by local surfing identity Cain Aldridge, "keeping in theme with our community, bringing the beach to the playground so



Lisa Beynon with the mountain at the Bowen Crescent playground which is set to get a new look.

people can have fun surfing at the playground too," says Lisa. "We want a playground that both children and adults can enjoy." Lisa, who has sons aged three and four had moved to Opunake three years ago, although she says she had been coming here for summer holidays for a number of years before that. She had raised concerns with the South Taranaki District Council about the safety of the Opunake Beach

playground, and they had asked her if she would be interested in being part of what was happening at the Bowen Crescent Playground which was getting to the end of its useful life and in need of replacement. "I've been focussing on this for the last year and a half," says Lisa. She set up a charitable trust the Opunake Community Spaces Development Group with the aim of developing,

creating and enhancing public recreation spaces within the Opunake district. Cain and Bianca Aldridge, Hannah Drought and Daniel Clarke have joined her as trustees. The South Taranaki District Council has approved the project and granted \$50,000, some of which is to be spent demolishing the existing playground. Lisa says she had approached Taranaki Iwi and they had said they

would be interested in being included in the project. The new playground will be put together by Hamilton-based Playground Creations, which designs playgrounds around the country. Lisa says all things going well it is hoped they will be at work on the new playground in November, and it will be up and running in time for summer. In the meantime the Opunake Community Spaces Development Group will be busy fund raising for the \$70,000 they need to complete the project through appeals to the likes of the New Zealand Community Trust. Last month the Taranaki Coastal Community Board voted to grant them \$3035 from their discretionary fund, and St Pauls Op Shop in Opunake also made a donation. After Phase 1 has been completed and the new improved mountain along

with all the other new additions are up and running, Lisa is already looking towards Phase 2, which could include a waka put together by a local carver.

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# So proud to be rural

It was wonderful to be back at Mystery Creek for 2021's National Agricultural Fieldays after COVID-19 led to a virtual experience last year.

My congratulations to chief executive Peter Nation and the team on persevering even though COVID scares earlier this year made it feel like a risky proposition.

Despite the rain, record crowds came to see the latest technology, machinery and products, but more importantly to socialise, as rural people like to do.

I had the honour of raising the New Zealand flag alongside the Fieldays flag



BARBARA KURIGER MP

on the first day to set the ball rolling for four fantastic days. Friday saw a record daily crowd of more than 44,000 people.

Red bands, pink bands and all manner of gumboots, along with a Swandri and an umbrella, the dress code of most amongst the

corporate apparel. There was the usual excitement of the tractor pulls and fencing competitions, as well as hot dogs, burgers and coffee shared over good conversations.

What was noticeable this year is that rural people are holding on to our history and heritage while adapting to the new era of climate change and water issues — two concerns weighing heavily on their agendas.

Many farmers are short-staffed, concerned about their significant natural areas being ring-fenced while still having to pay rates, and feeling targeted by a

government more concerned about the world stage than they are about their own people.

We might all love to drive electric utes if we had them, and the electricity and charging networks set up to run them.

But leadership should be by example not by decree.

The Government hasn't been able to electrify its own fleet and any increase in electric vehicles right now will be powered by a huge percentage of imported coal. The rural community is a group which supports each other, and that need has never been stronger. Farmers

and small businesses are feeling isolated and targeted like never before.

A little understanding would go a long way, but the rules just keep coming, without any understanding of how they will be implemented.

This means Rural Support Trust and FarmStrong and the other support organisations are busier than ever.

Supporting Farmers — a new venture between Fonterra, my son Tony and I — made its Fieldays debut.

The new service is aimed at supporting sharemilkers and young farmers but open to anyone.

Resilient Farmer founder Doug Avery was also there in his ever-supportive role.

Fieldays is an amazing event which is now in its 53rd year. My first was around 40 years ago and I've only missed one in all of that time.

There's something special about the friendship and social nature of our rural communities. Something I am proud of, and something you have to be part of, to truly understand.

Barbara Kuriger  
MP Taranaki-King  
Country

# Shovel ready project funding provides Taranaki with economic and employment returns

Members of Labour's Finance and Economic Development Caucus Committee found out first-hand the economic and employment benefits of the government's funding of shovel ready projects when visiting a range of key infrastructure, education and economic development agencies in New Plymouth. Organisations being visited

on the fact-finding visit on Tuesday, June 15 included Hiringa Energy, Yarrow Stadium, Venture Taranaki, Ara Ake and WITT, says New Plymouth Labour MP, Glen Bennett who sits on the committee.

"On the site of the Yarrow Stadium rebuild project Clelands Construction informed us it has been able to maintain employment

for its 90 staff including 22 apprentices due to the government's investment in infrastructure projects," says Glen.

The Government has invested \$48 million in seven infrastructure projects in Taranaki to support jobs and the regional economy as part of the \$3 billion infrastructure package in the



Labour's Finance and Economic Development Caucus Committee on a recent visit to Yarrow Stadium in New Plymouth.

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, announced by Finance Minister Grant Robertson on July 1, last year.

The Taranaki Regional Council led stadium rebuild project has received \$20 million in government

infrastructure funding towards its estimated \$50 million rebuild cost.

MP Glen Bennett sits on the committee and played host for the visiting MPs along with New Plymouth based Labour list MP Angela Roberts.

The other Finance and Economic Development Caucus Committee members who visited the region today included Naisi Chen, Barbara Edmonds, Ingrid Leary, Anna Lorck, Jo Luxton, and Helen White, who chairs the committee.

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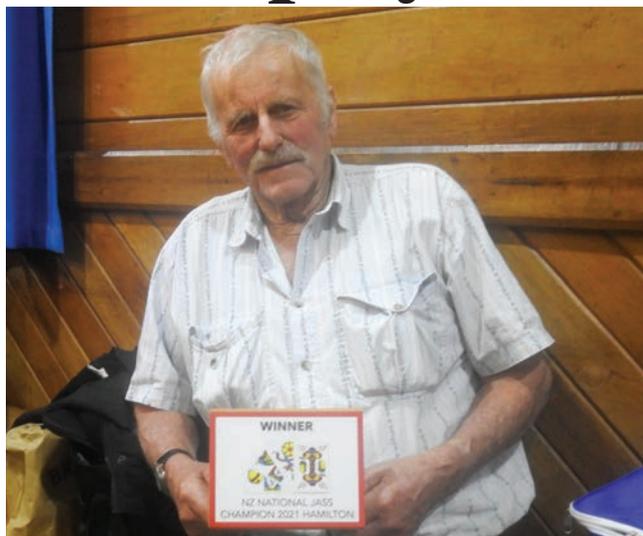
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# Otakeho card players wins national title

Otakeho farmer Alby Schuler went to the national Swiss Convention in Hamilton and came away a national card playing champion.

For the first time the convention included a national competition involving the traditional card game Jas, regarded as Switzerland's national card game. Played over a day the competition involved ten games played with different partners and against different opponents. The winner was



Alby Schuler with his award.

the player who accumulated the most points at the end of the day. "I like playing cards and I went more or less to have a bit of fun and see how I would go. I had some very good partners to help me, and I ended up having the most points," said Alby. The competition involved players from Auckland, Wellington, Taranaki and Hamilton. The Taranaki presence was particularly strong, said Alby. The Taranaki Swiss Club has around 300 members, and

the fourth place getter was fellow Taranaki Swiss Club member Bob Buhler, who had once farmed in Otakeho. Alby says it was originally intended that the competition be an Australasian one, but because of Covid, the Australasian players had not been able to come. The game of Jas has about 70 variants. It is something Alby, the son of Swiss immigrants has always enjoyed playing. "I played this game as a

small kid and Mum and Dad taught me. We always talked Swiss at home and I learnt English when I went to school," says Alby.

He says the Hamilton Swiss Club did a very good job of organising this first competition. It is hoped it will become an annual event, with the Taranaki Swiss Club organising the next one.

# Programmes focus on rangatahi

Over 230 rangatahi are set to benefit from further funding through four new He Poutama Rangatahi programmes, says Minister for Social Development and Employment Carmel Sepuloni.

"We're continuing to secure our economic recovery from COVID by investing in opportunities for rangatahi to get into meaningful employment, education or training in South Auckland, Hutt Valley, the Hawke's Bay and Taranaki," Carmel Sepuloni said. "He Poutama Rangatahi

continues to go from strength to strength and underlines our Government's focus on equipping our rangatahi with transferable skills to improve their chances of long-term employment. "A key part of securing our recovery has to be ensuring we're not letting at-risk rangatahi fall through the gaps. He Poutama Rangatahi is one of this Government's many pre-employment programmes that helps them on a path to a better and brighter future, and one where their whānau and their wider community will

all benefit. "Key to achieving this goal is the comprehensive pastoral care all these programmes offer, meaning participating rangatahi receive support during and after completion of the programme, helping them carry their success into the future," Carmel Sepuloni said. The new programmes are Toku Tai Oretanga in South Auckland, Inspiring Youth Futures in the Hutt Valley, Ignite – Youth Employment Service in the Hawke's Bay, and Learner Me Tech Camp in Taranaki.

Obtaining key documentation, acquiring employability skills, authentic work experience, and digital technology skills are only some of the types of support that are on offer across these four programmes. At-risk rangatahi, local employers and their communities will benefit from this \$2.95 million investment. He Poutama Rangatahi has so far supported 2547 at-risk rangatahi to overcome barriers to employment, education or training.

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# Work set to start on Nukumara Station Road project

An enthusiastic crowd turned out to watch South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon turn the first sod on the long awaited Nukumara Station Road extension project. The ceremony was led by Ngāti Ruaiti Hapū with support from Ngā Rauru representatives.

Mayor Nixon says the \$10.14 million project represents a major investment in the southernmost part of the district which guarantees security of access for residents and business.

"The new road is a vital access for the Waiinu Beach community, the ongoing financial viability of the Waitotara Silver Ferns Farm food processing operation and other businesses in the area and will ensure the community has a secure



Mayor Nixon turning the first sod with Nga Rauru Chair looking on.

route in and out of the village," he says. Physical work will start at the Waiinu Beach end of the 8 km road in the next two weeks.

The project to build the new road was first mooted after the June 2015 floods closed

the Limeworks Bridge, the only access road to the Waitotara meatworks and Waiinu Beach community. This was the fourth time in 26 years the bridge had to be closed for a significant period of time while repairs were made. The new road

will eliminate the risk and cost of business interruption to the community and local industry, in the event of future flooding.

\$7 million of the \$10.14 million project is being funded from the Governments 'Shovel Ready' projects fund with the remaining money coming from the South Taranaki District Council and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency. Construction of the new road will take around 12-14 months.

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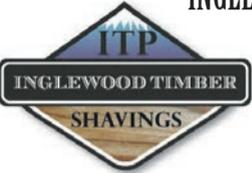
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# Mangatoki WI spend a hectic day visiting many places of interest

On May 5, 17 members met for morning tea at the Ink Pot Cafe in Stratford, after which we drove up to the Memorial Hall car park where we car-pooled of which half drove up to visit Darryl Gobles' Egmont Repairs and Manufacture Jewellers. The other half visited the Stratford Art Gallery. Darryl and his wife Margy told us about their business and how Darryl makes and repairs jewellery. After about a half to three quarters of an hour we changed over. We then visited the Wellness From Within where we met Stephanie Haughey at her new premises and she told of how she offers nutritional advice, beauty therapy and massage treatments. We then walked to the Gin Distillery on Fenton Street, where we were met by Stewart Greenhill and



Jocelyn Hicks who won the raffle.

he explained to us how the distillery is run, etc. We then had lunch there, which was delicious. While waiting for our lunches to come, we had a shortened business meeting and the raffle was drawn and won by Jocelyn Hicks. A very enjoyable and interesting morning out.

For our June 2 meeting, five members and a member's grandson met at Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki, Patea, along with about 75 other W.I. members, as well as members from the South Taranaki Freemasons and Patea and District R.S.A., for

the opening of the "100 and Over" exhibition, celebrating community organisations. We were welcomed by the technical archivist Amber Wright and then we were welcomed by S.T.C.W.I. President Phyllis Malcolm. The S.T.W.I. provided a lovely morning tea, after which we viewed the displays. Many photos were taken as members reminisced of years gone by, and this was followed by lunch, also provided by members. W.I. celebrated 100 years this year, the Freemasons are 150 years old this year, and the R.S.A. centenary was in 2019, but were unable to celebrate because of Covid 19 restrictions. This was an interesting and enjoyable day out.

Lucy Moger  
Mangatoki W.I. reporter

## South Taranaki WI attend National AGM

Sixteen ladies from the South Taranaki Women's Institute attended the 100th National AGM at Te Papa Wellington on 14-15 June 2021.

The opening ceremony held on Monday evening was opened by our Patron Her Excellency, The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy.

The venue was decorated with Federation banners, including both the Dominion and new National banner.

The Ponoke Brass Quartet from the Victoria University of Wellington School of Music performed two brackets of baroque and



Prize winners were presented with trophies at an AGM and craft day at Kapuni. From left, Bev Hawkes accepting on behalf of June Hartwell for knee-high socks, Freda McGurk Annual Report, Phyllis Malcolm photography, and Gill Campbell fingerless gloves.

modern music.

South Taranaki Federation had great success at the National Prize Giving.

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Fingerless gloves - yarn natural fleece. 1st Gill Campbell Maata WI

Woolcraft Trophy: Knitted knee-high stripped socks for a teenager. 1st June

Hartwell Turuturu WI. 3rd Gill Campbell Maata WI Rissington CWI Diamond Jubilee Trophy: Photography "Under the Veranda." 1st Phyllis Malcolm. Manaia WI.

Sudley Trophy: Annual Report: 7 WI and over. 1st South Taranaki Federation West Coast Jubilee Trophy. Scrapbook. 2nd South Taranaki Federation.

Medical Research Recipient 2020: Professor Margreet Vissers gave an informative presentation about her work involving Vitamin C and cancer. She thanked the NZ F WI for the donation.

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# Enjoying your house plants

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An appealing selection of house plants.

plants. Most plants enjoy a bright well-lit spot but not direct sunlight. Avoid draughts, so do not place your house plant in front of window that is mostly open or near the heat pump. Select a container that is a

suitable size for your plants with capacity to house the roots of the plants you want to grow. Drainage is essential. If your pot does not have a drainage hole, add pebbles to the bottom of the pot. Plant in the best potting

mix you can afford. We like Tui Indoor Plant Mix or Tui Pot Power. Both contain slow-release fertiliser and a wetting agent which is good for water absorption. Take care not to over water your house plant, especially in

winter when plants may only need watering once a fortnight. Check your plants once a week. If you feel no moisture when pushing your finger into the potting mix, water the pot by filling it to the top with water and letting the excess drain through. Avoid leaving your house plants sitting in a saucer of water as this will rot the roots. Regularly mist the leaves to increase humidity. Then sit back and enjoy your green indoor oasis!



A Spider plant.

Next issue due out July 15. Ph 06 761 7016 to be in it.

# Bayley's support of Taranaki

Bayleys Real Estate's commitment to the community continues with them getting in behind the recent push by More FM to fundraise for the Taranaki Retreat.

More FM breakfast show hosts, Ken and Anna, undertook a 12-hour stint of broadcasting on May 28 with businesses opting to sponsor an hour of this and help generate funds for the Taranaki Retreat.

Bayleys secured one of those hour-long spots and

ran a few challenges to get some donations in and help the cause, as well as organising a Quiz night at Crowded House on 15 June to further add to the amount raised.

"It was great to see people jump on board by either entering teams, donating prizes or contributing to our Auction on the night," said Bayleys Taranaki General Manager Dean File. "We were blown away and ended up having 18 teams enter in the quiz, after looking to have 16 take part, so

Crowded House certainly was living up to its name."

After some very competitive rounds of quiz questions, bragging rights went to a team by the name of "Same Same but Different" which was led by former coastal resident Weston Newman.

By the end of the night and after raffles and auction items were all sold, the generosity of everyone involved resulted in another just over \$5,200 going to the Taranaki Retreat.

"We are proud to be

a part of the Taranaki community and helping to generate support for a community group as worthy as the Taranaki Retreat is extremely satisfying and rewarding" said Dean.

## Almighty spider crawling over a farm building



**LEFT:** This huge black and white spotted spider was seen making its way over a farm building somewhere in South Taranaki. Has anyone else spotted it?

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# Historic house has intriguing link with shipwreck

The house at 73 Kina Road, Oaonui has an intriguing history; when it was built in the early 1900s, some of the timber (oak) used in construction

George Nixon. According to the Oaonui School and District Centennial 1889-1989 booklet the house was, at that time, the oldest occupied house in Oaonui. Back then the house was



The Northern Monarch in happier days under sail. Picture reproduced from Oaonui School and District Centennial 1889-1989 booklet, page 48.



The Kina Road house framed by the equally historic Norfolk Pines as it appears now.

Scottish-built sailing ship the Northern Monarch. The ship came to grief on November 7, 1903 under the command of Captain

owned by Peter and Lynette Johnston and still is, in partnership with Andy and Debi Whitehead. Currently, the house is



Jacob Whittle with his hand on some of the exposed shipwreck timber.

occupied by farm employees Bradley Hare, Rebecca Anderson, as well as the couple's seven month old baby Macy. "The home's first new-born for many years," explains Andy.

At present builders (Taranaki Builders) are busy renovating the house, including an upgrade of the kitchen and relocation of the front entranceway; some of the ancient shipwreck timber is exposed in places. As the

Northern Monarch was built back in 1875, it is amazing to think that after 145 years this timber is still in good condition and maintaining its key purpose. It should be mentioned that iron was the main component in the construction of the 1274 ton (gross) sailing ship.

Incidentally, another house was also built using some of the timber from the wrecked Northern Monarch. The house was situated on



The historic house as it appears now.

State Highway 45 (near the now closed Oaonui School), but unfortunately burned down some years ago.

How was it that the Northern Monarch came to sink at Oaonui Stream all those years ago? Captain Nixon handed over the ship's wheel to First Officer Evans and headed to his cabin at 4am having indicated a set course to be adhered to. For some reason the First officer altered the course. By 6am she was making good progress at about five knots, but was sailing very close to the shore, too close. The seamen were horrified to hear the sound of rocks tearing holes into the bottom of the ship and she was

To this day an occasional piece of coal can still be discovered.

First Officer Evans had to pay a stiff price for his navigational folly; he was suspended for 12 months and ordered to pay the cost of the inquiry.

Although the appearance of the century plus old house has changed over the years, it is still framed by two huge Norfolk Pines on the property, which were planted at the time of the building's construction. It is interesting to compare the 1989 picture of the house and Norfolk Pines, as they were considerably smaller at that stage. The picture is on page 4 of the publication



The Kina Road house back in 1989. It was described as the oldest occupied house in Oaonui on page 4 of the reference mentioned earlier.

finally wedged between two reefs. Captain Nixon ordered the crew members on deck. The lifeboats were manned, lowered and safely reached shore. Luckily, no lives were lost.

Debris was spread over a large area of the coast and included oil tanks, ropes, sails, deck timber and coal – to the delight of souvenir hunters, as there was much interest in the shipwreck.

mentioned earlier.

When the builders have finished Andy plans to install a plaque to highlight the historical importance of the house, notably its link with the Northern Monarch. "You've just got to keep some of the history, you can't just knock everything down," he comments. He adds, "Hopefully, this house will last for another 100 years."

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# Any old mountaineering memorabilia out there

Ian McAlpine is gathering together items of historical interest relating to mountaineering and tramping and is asking if anyone out there has items they could add to his collection. There are plans for the items to be displayed at the local museum.

Ian is looking for any old equipment and clothing belonging to climbers, mountaineers and trampers of years gone by. "Don't just leave it in the shed or under your bed," requests Ian who adds much history has been lost since the first climbers entered the Egmont National Park back in December of 1839.



A model is dressed in the clothing from the 1930s/1940s/1950s. The clothing and gear belongs to a member of the Taranaki Alpine Club. In those days members of several alpine clubs had uniforms and badges. The Taranaki Alpine Club colours are maroon and gold. The womens's boots and women's ice axe were donated by Roy Sole, a guide at Tahurangi House at North Taranaki.



An ice axe donated by George Barrett, dating back to the 1950s and 1960s.



From left Hemp rope used in early mountaineering, early nylon rope, present day Kernmantel rope and present day guiding short rope.



The Camphouse, North Taranaki.



LEFT: Crampons owned and used by Dan Bryant on the Mount Everest Reconnaissance Expedition 1935 and the first ascent of the East Ridge of Mount Cook in the 1930s.

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### WORM (NOKE) BATH PROJECT

We have set up our noke bath here at Kindy and our lucky noke have moved into their new home, which is pretty big and roomy! This has been a fun and interesting science learning process for us kaiako and tamariki. With all the research, investigations and trips to our community's noke bath(s), we found that noke like to live in dirt, compost, old pet bedding, newspaper, horse poop and more! We started with the bedding for our noke bath, which consist of shredded paper, dirt, and some compost from our mara kai. Then it's time to show the noke their new home. Our tamariki have been interested in what is happening with our noke in the noke farm. We feed the noke twice a week with our food scraps and some of our whānau have been so kind to provide us with some food scraps from their home. Thank you!

The Moana Room's noke farm is also thriving. Our younger tamariki have been checking the noke everyday to see that they are all growing well and loving their kai. They have been visiting Maunga Room to check on the noke in the big noke bath too.



Clockwise from top left: Beauty (4) helping Diane getting the bedding ready for the noke; Diane transferring the noke into the bath; Ethan (2) checking Maunga Room's noke bath with Diane, Connor (4) and Ollie (3); Lenni (2), Eli (2), Farrah (2) and Isaac (2) checking on the noke with Simon.

Kindy has been awarded with a grant from the Earthwise Action Fund to build 13 Bath Noke Farms for Kindy, our local schools and ECE services. The application was part of our Enviroschools curriculum to support our tamariki recycling habits and composting knowledge to continue to flourish when they move onto school. We will make the Kindy Noke Farms available to our local community for them put their own food waste in too. We also want to encourage the community to make their own noke farms at home, and we plan to help them by supplying tiger noke for free in the future. Part of the grant is to also build 'Plant Swap Sharing Stations' to put in various places around the Opunake Walkway. Extremely exciting and busy times ahead.

### DO PLANTS HAVE A PUKU? – SCIENCE IN ECE

We are currently exploring our Wonder Wall science question: Do Plants Have A Puku? Tamariki, kaiako and whānau had been sharing their thoughts. We are also discussing about what plants need to grow. Tamariki and kaiako are busy researching, experimenting and observing different plants to figure out the answer to the questions. We have set up various plants and bulbs around Kindy to investigate whether plants have a puku and what plants need to grow; we are learning and discovering together as we modify our working theories. Do you think plants have a puku? Do you know what plants need to grow? Share your knowledge with us if you know!



Left: Leonie, Kaydyn (4) and Monty (3), discussing whether plants have a puku. Right: Monty (3), Olive (2), Max (4), Lucy G (4) and Maggie (4) helping Danni planting tulip bulbs.

### KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

In today's world, children have an increasing need to learn skills, attitudes and knowledge to keep themselves safe in a range of situations involving interactions with other people. The earlier children get personal safety education the more likely they are to develop sensible attitudes to personal safety and to adopt and use personal safety strategies in their lives.

Our current focuses for this term are as follows:

- My Home, My Family – Tōku Whare, Tōku Whānau
  - Key messages:
    - For children: I know who I am and where I belong.
    - For whānau: Children need to know where they belong.
  - Learning outcome(s): Children will be able to share information about their family / whānau, say their full name, address and telephone number (depending on their age).
- How I Feel – Ōku Kare ā-Roto
  - Key messages:
    - For children: I listen to my feelings.
    - For whānau: Be aware of how children feel and respond appropriately.
  - Learning outcome(s): Children will be able to identify the feelings (happy, sad, angry and scared), identify when they are having the feelings, show how they feel both verbally and nonverbally, and say why they are feeling the way they are.



Left: Leonie (3) sharing her drawing of her family with Shirley. Right: Jenna (2), Cooper (4) and Arthur (3) sharing their feelings with each other.

### FOOD FOREST EXTENSION

We've created our Food Forest Extension graph as part of our math learning. There are 15 different types of fruit and the most popular is apple! We would like to thank Monique and Brian from Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration, and Nancy and Gary Arora from the Four Square for donating the fruit trees! We will start planting soon.



Pic 1: Haig (4), Maggie (4) and Edie (4), helping Meera colouring in the graph. Pic 2: Food Forest Extension Graph. Pic 3: Diane, Millie (3), Kaydyn (4), Quinn (4), Lucian (4), Willow (3) and Finn (3) looking very excited and can't wait to plant them.

### RANGINUI AND Papatūānuku

We will be adding Ranginui and Papatūānuku into Kindy environment. At the moment we are busy making handprint stencils with the tamariki and we'll use them to make Ranginui and Papatūānuku. Tamariki still enjoying the learning about them, the primordial parents, the sky father and the earth mother who lie locked together in a tight embrace, but were pried apart by their children because the children wanted to live in the light. Tamariki think that the poles around the lower sandpit will be a good place for Ranginui and Papatūānuku.



Leonie cutting Lucian's (4) handprint stencil while Aiyana (3) waiting patiently for her turn with Mum.

# Andy carries on piping tradition



Pipe Bands have been a part of Andy Davy's life for 65 years.

The skirl of the bagpipes and the beat of the drums are sounds with which Auroa farmer Andy Davy is very familiar.

He has performed in pipe bands or as a lone piper at ANZAC Day services at Manaia and around the Taranaki coast for all but two of the last 65 years. The exceptions were last year when there were no services because of lockdown, and the year when he was on holiday in England.

This year as well as 65 years in pipe bands, Andy is also marking 55 years in the agricultural contracting business.

Andy performed with the Auroa Highland Pipe Band until it wound up in 2000. Since then he has continued to be the piper at

ANZAC commemorations at Manaia, as well as places like Otakeho, Pihama and Kaponga. Many people from Auroa were of Scottish descent, so having a pipe band in Auroa always seemed a good fit. The Auroa Highland Pipe Band was founded in 1928 by a Scottish immigrant James Crawford Duff, the son of a Clydeside shipyard worker. The Duff family were to have a long association with the Auroa Highland Pipe Band, and their tartan, the MacDuff, would be the band's tartan. At one time band practices would be held in the Duff farm cowshed.

It could be said Andy had the Auroa Highland Pipe Band in his blood. His mother's brothers, the "Williamson brothers" were

all members.

"Two of them were pipers, one was a bass drummer, and one was drum major," recalls Andy. "My uncle rang up and said they were short of members, and could I join?"

Andy was 14 at the time and learnt to play the side drum. Two years later he took up the pipes, and bought his own set for 400 pounds. Apart from a new chanter and a new bag, this is the same set he still uses today.

His experience as a piper developed further when he was called up for military service and ended up joining the Wellington West Coast Taranaki Regiment Pipe Band. Among the highlights of this period of his life he lists the band being guard of honour to the Queen Mother on her 1966 visit to New

Zealand. Other highlights of his pipe band career included an event in Manaia to promote the arrival of the first Honda car into the country. Although the Auroa

Highland Pipe Band finally wound up in 2000, as late as 1991 they still had enough members to have two bands playing at the Auroa School Centenary celebrations. As well as being a piper at

ANZAC commemorations, Andy's talents are still called on for various functions including funerals, the most recent of which was that of Coastal Taranaki identity Rex Langlands last year.



A proposal would see the first hour of parking in NP free.

## Clock ticking on how to pay for city parking

Should the first hour of parking in central New Plymouth be free to keep the tills ringing?

That's what residents are being asked as councillors consider a proposal from city centre retailers and businesses to change how to pay for parking.

One hour free would cost about \$1million in lost income over three years,

but the cost could be partly offset by extending paid parking from 5pm through the busy period till 7pm Monday to Saturday.

"The New Plymouth Business and Retail Association and the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce suggested these changes during the feedback on NPDC's 10-Year Plan. Councillors have agreed in principle that they could

kick in from 1 October 2021. But we want to know what you think before we make a final decision," said Teresa Turner, NPDC Group Manager Community and Customer Services.

Time limits would stay the same so a P120 space would still have a two-hour limit, and Super GoldCard holders would still get free parking up till 11am.

## On this month in history: Willie Apiata wins VC

On July 2, 2007 Corporal Willie Apiata of the Special Air Service won a Victoria Cross for carrying a wounded soldier to safety while under heavy fire in Afghanistan. He was the first New Zealander to be awarded a VC since World War II. His troop was attacked by Taliban soldiers using rocket-propelled grenades.

The incident occurred in 2004 at 3am on an unspecified day. It is not clear as to why Corporal Apiata's bravery was not recognised for about three years.

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## Principals Address

**Kia ora Koutou,**

This crazy, wild winter weather, has brought with it some crazy and wild opportunities for our tamariki. Our music students rocked it hard at Taranaki Rock quest, then slowed down the pace for South Taranaki District Council volunteers day at the Lavendar farm. Go IronSands! I am sure we will see their name in lights one day.

Our prefects spent a few days in Rotorua at a conference about leadership. Here they learnt about the importance of time management, SMART goals, and collaboration. This was topped off by some more crazy and wild antics on the luge. Plus some very skilled mini golf and dominoes.

Our senior school are working hard towards their NCEA goals. We already have 11% of our seniors having achieved NCEA at their year level. Several of these students' attainment being at Excellence. Amazing!

Our Tiny Home is now ready for the roof and the framing ready for cladding. It won't be long until all the cladding is on and windows are in.

We also have a group of students working on an Evolocivity project, where a solar car is being designed, and built with the aim of being the fastest in the region. Watch out Ted Munro, here we come.

Our Year 11 students had a 'Round the Clock' activity with local businesses. Both the business representatives and our students left this initiative buzzing with excitement for future employees and careers, respectively.

Amongst all of this opportunity, we still managed to win the Manawatu College exchange, whilst making lifelong friendships with students from another kura.

Opunake also won the TSSSA 3x3 Senior Girls basketball and Junior Boys went unbeaten in their pool. We continue to punch above our weight in all the sports codes.

We continue to honour our role as an Enviroschool, our students being diligent kaitiaki of our rohe; planting hundreds of plants around the loop track and at Tai Road.

Our junior students continue to work on their literacy using the 'Write that Essay' programme. This programme is supported by artificial intelligence which enables each student to have their own personal literacy tutor. We are already reaping the benefits of this initiative in report writing, and sentence structure.

As Puanga rises in our night skies, we too welcome new beginnings for our tamariki. With 3 new Principals to Opunake in 2021: Robyn Davey, Tumuaki of the Tamarongo, Ryan Fleming, Principal of St Josephs, and myself. We look towards a bright and exciting future where we can collaborate on the DREAMS of our akonga. To which end, I invite you all to our celebration 'new beginnings for us all' at our community gathering at the Tamarongo on 9th July at 6am.

**Mehemea ka moemoea ahau, ko ahau anake. Mehemea ka moemoea tatou. Ka taea e tatou.**

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This season all three teams have been very competitive in the grades they competed in. The First XV sits fourth in the First XV A grade and have pushed the teams above them. Our younger players have continued to develop this season with a number of them looking to push for Under 16 rep selection.

The Under 15's Open team is sitting 5th out of 10 teams and one point outside the top 4. They have had close losses to three of the teams sitting above them. The girls Under 16 team has continued to show improvements week on week and are playing off for 5th place on Sunday 4th July.

The team is made up of some young and inexperienced Year 9 and 10s with older girls supporting them. The season will continue three weeks into Term 3 with semi's and finals. If teams keep playing and improving as they have done in the first half of the season, they have the chance to be in the mix come semi finals.

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# Taranaki trailblazer honoured with new portrait

Pioneering Taranaki surgeon Jean Sandel has been honoured with a stunning new portrait.

Dr Sandel, the first registered female surgeon in New Zealand, was a trailblazer who paved the way for women in medicine.

A new portrait of her by Auckland artist Craig Primrose QSM was unveiled at the New Plymouth retirement village named in her honour on June 17.

More than 150 residents and guests crowded into the village centre to hear Taranaki historian Andrew Moffat tell her story prior to the portrait unveiling.

Jean Sandel was famously too short for theatre tables designed for men, and she operated on patients while standing on a box.

“Once she had earned their respect, they bought her a stool, but the tables were still too tall.”

Dr Sandel achieved a number of firsts in her lifetime and is remembered as a trailblazer in a profession dominated by men.



Artist Craig Primrose and local historian Andrew Moffat speak at the unveiling of the portrait of Jean Sandel. Photo Sandy Henderson.

She also played a leading role in the development of Taranaki Base Hospital during her career and became a local icon.

Dr Sandel also pioneered cardio surgery in provincial New Zealand and was known as a kind and sympathetic surgeon who was always

there for her patients.

Mr Moffat said she was an outstanding student at New Plymouth Girls' High School, where she was dux for two years running, head boarder, head girl and also won a lot of sporting prizes.

“Curiously, she wrote that she didn't enjoy school

because of the expectations – she clearly excelled at everything,” Mr Moffat said.

“Her will, which is stored in Puke Ariki, shows that she left a lot to local charities, reflecting her Presbyterian values and generosity.”

Dr Sandel loved cricket and

was a regular at Pukekura Park whenever there was a game on.

“I think she'd be cheering the Black Caps on today,” he said.

Dr Sandel's life was cut short by cancer, and she passed away in 1974 at the age of 57.

The name has always been popular with residents at the village, many of whom remember her.

Judy Munro, a resident and retired registered nurse, recalled working with Dr Sandel as a theatre nurse.

“She was strict but fair and absolutely wonderful with patients,” she said.

Ryman Healthcare Corporate Affairs Manager David King said the unveiling provided a special moment for the village and its residents.

“Jean will take pride of place in reception – it is a

stunning portrait and we cannot thank Craig enough for his work.”

“We think it will add to Jean's story – it is one that's an inspiration to women and to the region.”

For more than 30 years Ryman Healthcare has named its villages after significant local people.

Other namesakes include Sir Edmund Hillary (Remuera), Dame Kiri Te Kanawa (Gisborne), Possum Bourne (Pukekohe), Miriam Corban (Henderson); Linda Jones (Hamilton) and Charles Upham (Rangiora, North Canterbury).

Ryman Healthcare was founded in Christchurch in 1984 and owns and operates 42 retirement villages in New Zealand and Australia. Ryman villages are home to 12,500 residents, and the company employs 6,100 staff

## Economic growth and sustainability at heart of Long Term Plan

Stimulating economic growth, town centre upgrades, environmental sustainability and keeping rates affordable are the key themes guiding South Taranaki District Council's 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan which was formally adopted on June 28.

For South Taranaki ratepayers, the result is an average rate increase of 3.99% each year over the next ten years, the lowest in the region.

The Plan was adopted following a month of public consultation which saw 215 public submissions made. Public support was strong for the Council's plans to undertake town centre upgrades in Ōpunakē, Manaia, Pātea, Waverley and Eltham; complete all three stages of the South Taranaki Business Park; and to fully fund an environment and sustainability strategy over the next ten years

Based on submissions councillors also agreed to put and additional \$100,000 each year towards resourcing the Horticultural Services team (in year 2 and 3), \$10,000 extra each year towards the rural halls grant

fund and \$60,000 to be ring-fenced for the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the Council's vision is to make South Taranaki the most liveable District.

“Over the past decade we've focussed on upgrading the District's water infrastructure, key community facilities and implementing projects to make South Taranaki a desirable place to live and do business. We now have a much-improved water network and, since our last Long Term Plan three years ago, we have progressed the Hāwera Town Centre redevelopment, Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga and the Nukumarū Road extension projects,” says Phil.

“Our focus for the next ten years is to complete these key projects, continue to upgrade our three waters infrastructure with a focus on wastewater, implement our environment and sustainability strategy and create the conditions that encourage sustainable economic growth in

the right places, with projects such as the Business Park and town centre upgrades.”

“At the same time we know we need to keep rates at an affordable level, so we are funding our key projects with a combination of loans, external funding sources and earnings from the Long Term Investment Fund,

rather than simply through rates,” he says.

“We believe our Plan strikes the right balance between progress, affordability and providing the services and facilities our communities expect.”



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# Children's screen time and the impact on cognitive development

New research sheds light on how Kiwi pre-schoolers' use of screen media may affect the development of executive functions, such as inhibitory control which helps children to manage their impulses and behaviour.

Two recently published studies using information from this country's largest longitudinal study of child development, Growing Up in New Zealand, looked at the prevalence of pre-schoolers' screen time; identified predictors of higher screen time for children at two years of age; and investigated how pre-schoolers' screen time could impact on executive functions and symptoms of inattention and hyperactivity.

University of Auckland Doctoral Researcher in the School of Psychology, Maria Corkin says the recently published research provides a detailed picture of New Zealand children's growing use of screen media and media parenting practices that may be linked to higher levels of screen use for young children.

"Digital technologies and the widespread use of multiple screens in the

household, not just television, has been a relatively recent development. The children in the Growing Up in New Zealand study can provide us with valuable insights into the use of screens and their potential effects on child health, wellbeing and development," Mrs Corkin says.

The first study examined the prevalence of screen time and the family behaviours that were associated with higher screen time use.

It looked at mother-reported screen time for children at the age of two-years-old and found that the majority of children (66%) had one hour or less of screen time per day.

Mrs Corkin says this meets or is very close to meeting the Ministry of Health guidelines which recommend less than an hour of screen time per day for this age group.

However, around 12% of children spent three or more hours a day on screens.

Mrs Corkin says the study identified specific parenting practices which were related to higher levels of screen time for two-year-olds. These included:

A "heavy TV environment" in which the TV is on in the



## Too many screens for pre-schoolers?

same room as a child for long periods, whether they were watching it or not.

Not having rules about how much time children could spend viewing screens.

Allowing children to view adult content.

Mrs Corkin says children who always watched screens with their parents had lower overall levels of screen time.

She hopes this information might provide some useful ideas for parents and others supporting families who may be looking for ways to reduce children's screen time.

"Children up to the age of

three are still developing the ability to comprehend screen media so parents often play an important role in mediating the viewing experience for children and supporting their learning," Mrs Corkin says.

"We'd certainly encourage families to see if they can co-view or co-use screens with their child as often as possible, set time restrictions, minimise the amount of time TV is left on in same room as their child, and avoid letting their child view content meant for adults."

The second study explored how screen media use at two and four years of age might be related to the development of executive functions and the symptoms of inattention and hyperactivity at four-and-a-half.

Executive functions cover a range of cognitive processes, including inhibitory control, flexible thinking, and working memory.

Mrs Corkin says executive functions support the development of social skills in the preschool years; foster academic competence when children start school; and support success in adult life.

"The preschool years are a period of increased neuroplasticity in which executive functions develop rapidly. It is important to understand more about children's screen use might be related to executive functions so that we can learn more about the best way to manage preschool children's screen use to promote the development of these essential cognitive skills."

The study found that two features of the home environment were associated with poorer executive functions at four-and-a-half years of age:

A heavy TV environment, when the child was two-years-old, which involved the TV being on in the same room as the child for long periods of time, whether or not they were watching it.

Eating meals in front of the TV.

Mrs Corkin says: "Watching TV often may mean that children are not engaged in other activities. For instance, if families frequently eat in front of the TV, then the opportunity for parent-child conversations can be limited. Conversations at the dinner table can aid children's early language development and the subsequent development of executive function skills."

She says the study did not find that screen time, as such, was related to the development of executive functions, or to attention.

"Minimising TV in a child's environment, and maximising parental involvement in the child's screen use through co-viewing may help to keep screen time low and potentially help with the development of executive functions during the preschool years," Mrs Corkin says.

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# Petition launched to ban all new fossil fuel expansion

A petition backed by more than 20 groups around the country is calling on the government to end all new fossil fuel extraction as soon as next year.

The petition calls to “ban any new oil and gas prospecting, exploration and mining permits including extensions of existing permits in Taranaki and to ban any new coal mines or expansion of existing coal mines in Aotearoa by 2022.” It also focuses on existing permits calling for “an end to prospecting, exploration and re-drilling in all existing fossil fuel permits by 2025 to allow only for current production to come to an end.”

“Essentially the petition is an urgent demand that the government do more and do it faster to transition us off fossil fuels,” says Climate Justice Taranaki spokesperson Tuhi-Ao Bailey. “We can’t ask for communities to urgently reduce their energy use and change their lifestyles while the government still allows fossil fuel companies to continue extraction for decades. We are in a climate

emergency and need to transition off fossil fuels urgently. Carbon neutral by 2050 is far too late.”

“Energy provinces hold solutions for energy security in Aotearoa through demonstrating a substantial reduction and re-prioritisation of energy use across all sectors with careful investment in public controlled renewable energies, a shift from the export-import economy to a domestic focused economy, and investment in our communities to transition safely and fairly off fossil fuels.”

“The oil and gas industry has exploited Taranaki for over a century,” says Sarah Roberts of Taranaki Energy Watch. “The contaminant discharges of the industry into the land, water and air degrade our environment and negatively impact on the people who live nearby. A recent Court case and local district plan shows there are potential fatality risks and consequences beyond the boundaries of petroleum sites.”

“2021 has seen an alarming increase of petroleum

activities in Taranaki, with Todd Energy’s 24 new wells being drilled around Tikorangi and Greymouth Petroleum’s widespread seismic surveys across the province. Seismic surveys using explosives or vibroseis trucks are highly invasive, with risks of damage to water supply, structures, land value and the well-being of people and animals. The industry does not have a social license to continue to operate in Taranaki.” Tim Jones, spokesperson for Coal Action Network Aotearoa said “the coal industry continues to seek resource consents for new and expanded coal mines, despite the social and environmental harms locally and globally, and the urgent need for heat plants, boilers and electricity generation to transition to 100% renewable energy.

“The continuation of coal, oil and gas exploration, extraction and reliance is not consistent with our obligations to reduce greenhouse emissions and contribute to keeping global warming below 1.5C. Energy experts like Dr Sven

Teske, the UNEP Production Gap Report, and even the International Energy Agency now all agree that there’s no room for new fossil fuel production if we are to limit warming to 1.5°C. Aotearoa is not doing enough and has been pushed to give multinational companies like Methanex and Rio Tinto a free ride while stockpiling masses of unspent carbon credits from polluters and not planting enough trees fast enough to counter our emissions.”

“Current petroleum production permits alone

can allow for transition away from fossil fuels if serious efforts are put into reducing and re-prioritising energy use,” continued Bailey. “Methanex alone uses up 40% of Taranaki’s fossil gas production to essentially make plastic. Early closure of the plant, before the currently suggested 2040, would free up substantial amounts of energy needed for essential services and transitioning communities instead”.

“The Taranaki Regional and District Councils Mayors, along with many

others, have all signed onto the Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration. It is time to deliver the promises - implement ambitious emissions reduction action plans and support resilience within councils and local communities.

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# Slurry tankers: don't be fooled by zinc paint

There's no room for doubt here – galvanising has been proven to provide the best corrosion protection. It lasts at least five times longer than zinc paint as we'll explain below. If you're a farmer who wants to make smart choices, which if you're reading this, we assume you are – go galvanised. It really

is the feature you can't afford not to have – here's why  
**It's more cost effective**  
 We're putting this point first, because it's commonly thought that galvanising will cost more which can turn the more frugal investor off. Not only is it a total myth that galvanising is more expensive, but as you will

see it's something you can't afford not to have when it comes to slurry tankers.

There's likely to be very little difference in the initial investment of a galvanised or painted slurry tanker. If there is, ask why, because it's more likely to be due to other manufacturing differences.

Of course the initial investment is nothing when you're comparing something that will last 10 years vs 50 years. Spreading the cost over the usable life of the tanker makes galvanised far more cost efficient. Even if you plan on upgrading in the future, a galvanised tanker will hold its value in terms of resale or trade-in.

## 1. Lasts five times longer

Galvanising and zinc-rich paint both use the same base theory when it comes to corrosion protection. A zinc barrier is used to protect the base metal. However, the significant difference in terms of corrosion performance, sustainability and lifespan is like comparing superglue to PVA.

Galvanising has long been proven as the best form of corrosion protection, lasting five times longer than zinc-rich paint. Hot dip galvanising is a process where the steel is dipped into a bath of molten zinc, providing it with a permanent protective zinc coating. Even if the coating



## Zinc isn't everything.

is scratched, the exposed steel is still protected by the remaining zinc.

Understandably, a painted surface cannot be expected to live up to these performance standards. Unlike galvanisation, once the paint is scratched, the underlying metal is exposed and no longer protected from corrosion. Although the type of paint and standard of application will make a difference, paint is still far less durable in the harsh conditions inside and outside a slurry tanker.

## 2. Complete protection

Galvanising is the only way to provide corrosion protection over the entire

tank, including the joints. The galvanising process is performed before the tank is put together, ensuring every crevice is protected. Galvanising does not require touch-ups.

Painting occurs after construction, so can only ever cover where the paint will reach. A painted slurry tanker will require regular checks and touch-ups to maintain the corrosive protection.

NOTE: It is critical your slurry tanker is protected both inside and outside the tank. Effluent is abrasive, so can corrode the inside of the tank, while the outside is susceptible to weather and other elements.

## Is galvanising the best corrosion protection you can get for slurry tankers?

Yes and no. Galvanising can be taken one step further to provide the ultimate corrosion protection. After galvanisation, the outside is coated in a clear lacquer which further protects the galvanising itself. This is known as double corrosion protection. It not only adds to the lifespan of the tank, but keeps it in good condition and makes it easier to clean. In fact, it can be difficult to tell the difference between a 5- and 25-year-old slurry tanker!

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## Action urged on NZ-UK FTA

Following the UK's agreement to eliminate tariffs on Australian dairy products over five years, the Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) is urging the UK and New Zealand Governments to move forward with a deal that ensures New Zealand dairy exporters are no worse off.

"In a short number of years, Australian dairy products will have the same tariff-free access to the UK market that EU dairy products have enjoyed for nearly half a century," says DCANZ Chairman Malcolm Bailey.

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# Get to know the Fieldays Innovation Award winners

The recent Fieldays saw a number of talented winners in the Innovation awards.

Winner of the Prototype Award, Springarm Products Ltd, have achieved the seemingly impossible: inventing a ballcock arm that won't break. Instead of snapping when put under pressure, the Springarm flexes, saving farmers water, time, money, and stress.

Director of Springarm Products Limited, Marianne Awburn, says that when they were announced as a winner on the awards night, they were "totally gobsmacked, and completely floored." At the Fieldays Innovation Hub they received non-stop positive feedback from farmers coming through who've been facing water supply issues for a long time.

"We've just watched all of these people come in and seeing the relief on their faces because there's a solution to their problem that they've been facing for so long.

"Some of the older generations of dairy farmers have come in and said, 'Why didn't you invent this when I still had my farm?'"

Marianne's husband and the inventor, Ric Awburn, was standing at the empty trough one evening, on the farm he manages. He was observing the cows nudging the ballcock, and the arm would just snap. He thought, "if only it could give a little."

Two years later, Springarm Products Limited have developed a durable and reliable ballcock arm that's easy to install – they call it the "farmer's little saviour."

Crosby Technologies are taking home not one, but two Fieldays Innovation Awards: the Early Stage Award and the Young Innovator's Award. The team of young engineers, Leila, Ali, Rory, Winston, and Hank are innovating in the crop analytics space with their scalable AI enabled hardware.

Co-founder and COO, Leila Deljkovic, says getting their name out there and sharing the work Crosby's been doing in the Fieldays Innovation Hub was amazing.

"Seeing all the other things going on is so cool, there's a lot of researchers here and it's all cutting edge innovation. We've been enjoying networking and connecting with people that we could potentially work with."

Leila says the idea started with Ali's internship at a hydroponic organisation where he was researching the pain points for growers.

"Growers can't monitor every vine in their vineyard, and they don't have the resources to," Leila explains. "Being engineers we thought, how can we help?"

What's resulted is a camera with machine learning that looks out for disease, counts bunches of vines, detects missing or dying vines, and anything that's wrong with the plants. Attach it on the front of a tractor, and you're good to go. With Crosby's innovation, growers can minimise crop loss, estimate yield to improve supply chains, and replant with precision.

"Getting our name out there and sharing the work we've been doing has been amazing," says Leila.

Crosby is currently trialling with large enterprise wineries, including Pernod Ricard Winemakers, and is looking for pilot partners for commercial deployment next season.

At the Innovation Hub, the British High Commission team at the IGS Limited stand was passionately chatting to the public about the Growth and Scale Award winner's

game-changing innovation. Based in Scotland and the United States, IGS Limited couldn't make it to New Zealand this Fieldays due to border restrictions, but were excited to take part, nonetheless.

IGS Limited has taken vertical farming technology to new heights with their Growth Towers. The vertical farm-in-a-box is powered by a three-tier intelligent system to deliver Total Control Environment Agriculture. It has the potential to deliver maximum yield with quality and consistency, using 50% less energy and 80% less labour.

Although IGS Limited couldn't attend Fieldays in person this year, they say they have been superbly represented by the British High Commission and the Department for International Trade. IGS Limited CEO, David Farquhar, says that they were very proud to receive the award and that the potential of their product to enhance and enable sustainable, local food production is being recognised.

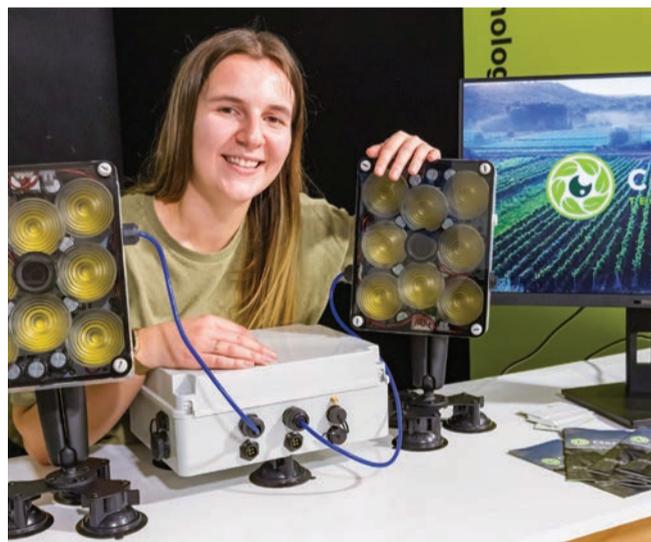
"We were delighted to receive this prestigious award. The recognition which comes from Fieldays, and particularly the vast and experienced agricultural and food producing communities within New Zealand is very significant."

"The New Zealand market presents an interesting opportunity for IGS as experienced farmers and growers consider



The team from Springarm with their winning ballcock design.

opportunities to diversify and consider new and to enhance their future their agricultural approaches innovative technologies sustainability," he remarked.



Leila Deljkovic of Crosby Technologies.





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# New Basketball Taranaki general manager

Basketball Taranaki (BBT) has appointed their first general manager.

Long time basketball player and administrator Kevin Fenwick was appointed to the role by the newly formed BBT board.

Fenwick is a qualified chartered accountant and worked in finance management at OMV for 20 years. He has been involved in basketball administration for many years and started playing when he was 13. He still takes to the court for a C Grade team on a Wednesday night.

BBT Chairman Leighton Littlewood said Fenwick was the strongest candidate from a high quality pool of local and national applicants, who had experience in high performance sport and sport development in basketball



**Kevin Fenwick.** and other codes.

"Not only does he have a very long history in basketball in various roles, as well as broad basketball connections all around New Zealand, but he stood out because of his two decades of leadership experience within a financial and commercial business management environment.

"The BBT board are really pleased to have Kevin leading the organisation as it moves forward to establish

itself in this first year and beyond. We believe he possesses the ideal skills and values to establish BBT and develop basketball at a regional level going forward," Littlewood added.

BBT was formed in February last year. It unites the New Plymouth Basketball Association, Taranaki Country Basketball – which includes Hawera, Stratford and Opunake – and the Taranaki Mountainairs and Taranaki Thunder under one umbrella. It will provide a more formalised structure under Basketball New Zealand to provide opportunities, support and funding locally.

Fenwick said the new structure will see a separation between the governance and operations of BBT.

"An independent board,

combined with many wonderful volunteers across the province, will be supported by a team employed to help them achieve their goals. This is the vision that Taranaki associations have been working towards for many years and it's great to see it coming to fruition."

He said he's looking forward to engaging with BBT stakeholders and working with them for the common good of basketball in the province.

"BBT has been actively

involved in the planning stages of the multi-sports hub as part of the Sports Project group, organised by Sport Taranaki.

"It's exciting now that it's reached a major milestone with its inclusion in the NPDC's 10-year plan. BBT will stay directly involved working with other codes on the design of the new six court indoor stadium planned for the hub," he said.

While funding is now in place from NZCT, Fenwick will look to employ two

additional development staff.

There will also be a focus on developing, not only players and coaches, but referees, volunteers and administrators, he said.

The BBT team will be based at Sport Taranaki.

Fenwick's family are also heavily involved in basketball. His three sons Lachie, Mitchell and Baxter all play – Baxter is currently playing for the Taranaki Steelformers Mountainairs. Wife Vicki is a passionate supporter.

## North Island Junior Netball Championships coming back to New Plymouth

Over 60 netball teams from around the North Island will flock to New Plymouth during the upcoming school holidays.

The EnviroWaste North Island Junior Netball Championships will be played at the Waiwhakaihō Courts between Sunday 11 July to Wednesday 13 July.

Over 2,000 people are expected through the gates each day during the three-day tournament.

EnviroWaste continues its sponsorship of the event, which was cancelled last year because of Covid.

Senior administrator Allyson Fearn said the company is pleased to be the naming rights sponsor of the tournament and helps young netball players celebrate success.

"Whether it be winning the tournament, match or getting their team on court. EnviroWaste wishes all participants all the best for the tournament," she said.

A total of 62 teams have registered with five grades from Under 16 to Under 14 with mixed divisions in each age group. 36 teams have entered in the U16 female grade, 23 teams in the Under 14 female division with 3 mixed teams (one U14 and two U16).

Netball Taranaki games administrator Pia Bailey-Nowell said it's the first-time mixed divisions have been included to encourage diversity and support our growing male membership.

"We're providing a pathway that engages male participation and are excited

that this is recognised at a representative level."

Pia said teams come from all over the North Island, including Whakatane, Hawkes Bay, Wellington and then smaller centres like Otorohanga and Maniapoto.

"New teams have entered this year, but it's also pleasing to see regular teams come back for another year," she said.

Taranaki's age-group representative teams will also be competing in the tournament.

Each team will bring an umpire that is provided with development opportunities and a structured selection and allocation panel that is appointed from the Zone. Netball Taranaki Sport Taranaki, Field 2, Yarrow Stadium New Plymouth

## Indoor bowls results

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre recently played their Henselite Singles with eight players taking part. Three qualified for playoffs – Andrea Berry, Trevor Bourne and Chris Reed. Bourne defeated Berry 10 - 9 and in the final Chris Reed defeated Trevor Bourne 14 - 8, and he will now go on to play in the Zone play off in King Country in early July.

We also have a Masters Fours team of Trevor Bourne (Skip) Martin Harding, Bill Schrader and Dave Schumacher who will also play off in the zone finals. The winners of these events then go on to a National Final later in the year.

The Taranaki Selector Trevor Bourne has named the following representative teams for the upcoming Challenge Trophy to be

played at Upper Hutt. Karl Hughes (Skip) Ella Smailes, Bill Schrader, Ray Finlay; Rodney Morris (Skip) Win Finlay, Noelene Picard, Judith Muggeridge;

Sue Bourne (Skip) Chris Reed, Andrea Berry, Bruce Chapman; Trevor Bourne (Skip) Rose Ratahi, Martin Harding, Stephen Vince. Reserve: Kaye Bird.

Jenny Hamley.

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## Odds on first ever trans competitor to bring home a medal

With the Olympic Games having its first ever trans competitor, it is interesting to see the odds BUSR are giving the trans competitor bring home a medal.

The upcoming 2021 Summer Olympics, held in Tokyo, Japan, will be the very first time that we see a trans athlete compete for a medal. The New Zealand weightlifter Laurel Hubbard will be representing her country and competing against a strong field of the best lifters in the world.

BUSR, the international boutique gaming company has announced its official betting odds for the event, opening with Hubbard as the predicted first runner up to take home the gold.

BUSR made recent headlines during the Kentucky Derby for accepting the largest wager in Bitcoin. James Ross, BUSR's Risk Analyst and media spokesperson, released a statement on behalf of the firm: "We have been researching this

market in great depth to get our prices right. We are confident that Hubbard has got a sporting chance. We make her the second favorite, but it is a very competitive event. All eyes are on her."

BUSR is also offering betting odds on the total number of medals to be won by trans athletes because Hubbard could be the first of many to be declared in the coming days.

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## Coastal Premiers v Spotswood 19 June



Sean Mare scoring one of the two tries he had on debut with the Premier side.

This week we were at Rahotu vs a dangerous Spotswood United side that had came off a good win over Southern . The days weather was atrocious wet and cold and after the Div 1 boys had left a wet muddy field we were hopefully our pack were feeling excited. Right from the kick off we were into our work and with our scrum to the fore after 2 or 3 five metre scrums we scored a penalty try to lead 7-0. Boys dug deep and after

hard running Sean Mare scored two tries on debut from the senior 3rds we were going well up 21-0 , then hardworking Dylan Schuler scored the 1st of his two tries after a messy spotty scrum to take it too 28-0 and a bonus point in 25 minutes . With tries to captain Newell and Gareth Goodin and a perfect kicking display by Rick Mckenna at haltime we were up 42-0 . With things getting torrid under foot and recognition of players getting hard we only added one more converted

try to Schuler to make the final score of 49-0 a crucial 5 competition points and keeping us in 3rd place with two round robin weeks to go. For us was hard to single anyone out as all players that took the field added and carried on the game plan and commitment that was required. 1 point this week went to Mckenna and Sean Mare and two to hard working Lock Richard Beckett and the MVP went to Dylan Schuler who like always was at his busy best .

Congratulations also to Logan Stevenson who played his first match for us as he has benched most games this season and proved that we have great front row cover as the scrum never changed after his introduction. Full credit to Spotswood who were outgunned in most areas but stuck to it after a bigger score look ominous, there skill level was high at times and both teams provided good entertainment in very tough conditions .



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Kieran Young with Daniel Crowley in support against Southern.

## A lot hinges on next game

Another day of ugly weather saw the Premiers travelling to Hawera to take on Southern on a muddy and wet Hicks Park in a game we needed to score a five point win to help us with our top four hopes.

The game started well with our big pack gaining the early edge. We were dominant at scrum time and we got out to a 10 0 lead within 10 minutes thanks to a Liam Hurley try off a lineout drive, and a conversion and penalty off Rick McKenna's boot.

Then Southern scored a well worked try off a lineout drive to bring it back to 10-7.

Just before halftime Richard Beckett crashed over next to the posts after

a series of good phases to make it 17-10 at the break and turning into the wind.

After the break Southern kicked deep and Troy Stevenson fielded the ball well and made a huge run to get us steaming onto attack that set the standard for the second half and we were holding the ball for multiple phases before try scoring legend and captain Jeremy Newell crashed over to make it his 12th for season.

This was followed quickly by Rick McKenna who ducked inside the Southern defence with his last touch of the game to get us a bonus point before Southern's well-disciplined No 8 wanted to see how soft that head was, sending him to A and E for five stitches.

Beckett was then replaced with a badly injured foot that could be a season ender and Ben May dislocated a finger, and then Jeremy Newell injured his hand and our casualties were like normal building up.

Then late young replacement hooker Harry Foreman scored wide out with some great inter passing to make the final score of 39-16.

MVP points 1 point to Troy Stevenson 2 points to Rick McKenna and 3 and POD to Ben May for the season a huge effort our scrum was excellent and gave us dominance.

All Coastal players who took the field should be happy with their efforts. It was a total team effort.

So into the final week of pool play we are away to Tukapa in New Plymouth in a game we need to secure at least one competition point to get a top four finish, as we are on 33 and NPOB and Stratford Eltham are on 28 point with a better points for and against ratio.

A five point win can secure us a home semi the following week, so who knows? There's plenty of scenario and all could happen in the last game.

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# Exhibition of Maori art is outstanding

The well-attended official opening of Ka Ora Taku Toa, a proud celebration of Ngāruahinetanga, was on Sunday June 27. The outstanding exhibition at the Lysaght Watt Gallery will continue until Saturday July 24 and is expertly curated by Bonita Bigham, who also has work in the exhibition.

Several speakers addressed the opening including Bonita who said, "It is an honour and privilege to open this exhibition and to thank you all for coming out on a cold Sunday." She paid tribute to the Toi Foundation (formerly TSB Community Trust) and Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust for providing financial and logistical help towards staging the exhibition. She also warmly acknowledged Liz Harrison, Curator of the Lysaght Watt Gallery "which is one of the gems in Taranaki's artistic environment."



**Maori Art Wahaika given to Native Minister John Ballance in 1885 by Riwha Titokowaru.**

She urged the many people present to do more than just look at the superb artwork: "Meet the artists and talk to them about their art."

On a more solemn note she spoke of several whanau members of exhibiting artists who have sadly passed away. There was

a display of photographs of such people including artist Marika Kupe-King (Ngāti Manuhiakai, Ngāti Haua, Ngāti Tū) who died earlier this year in her early twenties. Marika's Hei Tiki Series of acrylic prints were created from her own block and acrylic paints and are most impressive.

A feature of this exhibition is the sheer scope and variety of the art exhibits including harakeke weaving, photographs, paintings, assemblage, carving, pen drawings, ink drawings, felt drawings, dye work, laser prints, crochet, paua inlay, feather creations, kawakawa leaf creations, and digital illustrations.

There were also three taonga on loan from Puke Ariki, including a patu, a wahaika and a ketu. I was especially intrigued by the wahaika made of whalebone depicting a human figure with paua insets. Riwha

Titokowaru gave this item to Native Minister John Ballance in 1885 as a symbol of peace and it has been passed down through the parliamentarian's family until being donated to the museum in 1995. Later, John Ballance was premier, preceding Richard Seddon before his death in 1893. Riwha Titokowaru was a famous Ngaruahine chief associated with the Hau Hau movement.

Eye-catchingly appealing was the work Ki Roto (harakeke, Teri Dyes, kōrari) of Taniya Miles. She spent eight days weaving and undoing until the artwork was progressing to her satisfaction. "The inspiration for my piece came from thinking about our people. How we all look more or less the same (arms, legs etc), but it's not until you spend time together talking, laughing, crying, sharing kai and making memories

that we slowly reveal what's on the inside (Ki Roto) to others. So with my piece the natural Harekeke represents our kiri (our outer barrier) which hides what's on the inside. When we open ourselves up then our inner beauty will be revealed – represented by the coloured harakeke. The kōrari has dual representation – a rākau which represents our inner strength and the natural beauty of the kōkari. ... I found I like playing with colours so have incorporated this learning into my piece."

One of the youngest artists is Erina Betty-Joy Frearson (Ngāti Tu, Ngāti Tamaahuroa/Titahi) aged "almost 13." With her interesting exhibit Matariki (Pencil/Sharpie on Paper). She lives in Manaia and is a Year 8 student at Hawera Intermediate School. "This Zentangle piece began as a hexagon shape and then I expanded the lines. I have called it Matariki because

there are eight points, with a star in the middle – just like the nine stars in the Matariki cluster."

Most intriguing is Bonita Bigham's Te Kauae Ki Runga – Nga Waehanga (Drafting Paper, Stickers). Bonita (Ngāti Tu) comments, "The three components ... are part of an original seven piece installation for my final project for a Masters in Visual Arts at Waiokura Marae in 2020. It references my disjointed journey towards receiving my moko kauae, with the mouna as my central thematic and incorporates my maternal whakapapa back to my Te Atiawa kuia Ngāreere Kipa who also had moko kauae."

What else can I say; this is simply an exhibition too good to miss. Keep in mind that it ends on Saturday July 24 at Lysaght Watt Gallery, Union Street, Hawera.

*Rolland McKellar*



**Maori Art Curator and artist Bonita Bigham.**



**Maori Art Artist Taniya Miles (left) and her mother Sherylanne Ngatai-Williams.**

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- Address the underlying cause of digestive complaints rather than temporarily masking the symptoms
- Ease stress on digestive organs, especially the pancreas, by reducing their workload
- Enhance the body's digestive efficiency, leaving energy to focus on other functions, like strengthening the immune system and regenerating cells and tissues
- Improve general health and quality of life

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# A Great Face For Radio: On Air On Stage

Opunake Players are pleased to bring you *A Great Face For Radio* by Amanda Stone, directed by Lynelle Kuriger. This 'day in the life' of Radio 2OP (Where everything's real) opens on July 15th at the Lakeside Playhouse, Layard Street, Opunake. Further performances are on July 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 24. Tickets are \$30 and are available from Sinclair Electrical

*A Great Face For Radio* is a variety show set sometime in the 1960s. A show with something for everybody, except maybe a plot. There is sort of one, mostly centered around the talents of Billie, played by Ellaura Danz, but I'm not giving away too much. What else is there? Well... there's the verbal sparring between announcers Gary Gusher and Cynthia Payne, played by John Smith and Sam Allison. Gary is aware that "Payne" can be spelled another way. You won't meet Cyril and Fred, the husbands of tea ladies Ida and Beryl, (Christine Ryan and Elaine Spencer) but you'll know lots about them before the night is out. There's advice



**Paul Kuriger is Cyril, a tea ladies husband. Learn more about Cyril at Opunake Players latest production 'A Great Face For Radio'. See article and ad.**

for life from Miss Taihape (Lia Sefton) more one liners than you can shake a script at, plus a farmer who has trouble finishing his...um... err... And, of course, plenty of sixties songs, many with dances, sung by some of the great singers Opunake is lucky to have. There is more, but I'll leave it for you to enjoy. This writer has been lucky enough to attend some rehearsals, and if the enjoyment of the cast and crew is any indication,

you'll have a great time.

Just to let you know, some (not all) of the humour is a bit earthy so best leave the kids home for this one. Get them along to Peter Pan instead. Speaking of which, auditions have been held for this November panto. Director Lisa Beynon says there was a great turnout of talent on display. Casting has begun and she's looking forward to getting started on this exciting show. Dates to be announced.

We're sure you'll enjoy *A Great Face For Radio* and we look forward to presenting it to you. Tickets are now on sale so be in quick before it sells out.

We always welcome new members, so if you wish to be involved on or off stage contact Lynelle Kuriger on 027 337 8899 or Lisa Beynon and become part of *Peter Pan*.

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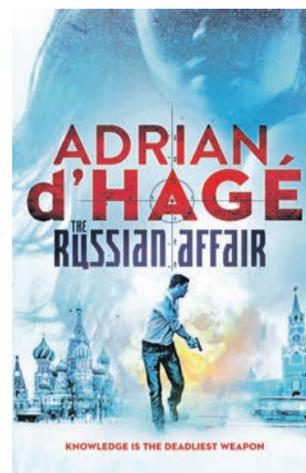
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*The Russian affair* by Adrian d'Hage.



I listened to this as an audio book because I love driving while someone else is reading to me. It is available in print format and also as an eAudio and eBook on our Borrowbox platform. It's not usually a genre I read a lot but it captivated me from the start.

A top class Russian scientist is recruited by Russian President Petrov to infiltrate the Israeli Mossad and report back on their nuclear research. The cat is set among the pigeons when Mossad assign her to steal top class fusion research from a US nuclear scientist. Dr Bartok has lived in America for 30 years and has been loyal to the USA until he is passed over for the promotion to Director of the US nuclear facility in the desert of Los Alamos. He's angry and even more angry to find his wife in bed with the pool boy. He's vulnerable and Ilana Rabinovich finds him an easy target. Add into the mix ISIS, the CIA, a corrupt Russian general, a double agent and a somewhat insane US president and the scene for a possible nuclear war is set. Can CIA agent Curtis O'Connor level an assault

on an ancient impenetrable castle in time to stop the world blowing up before it's too late?

The biggest problem I had with this book was trying to remember which side I was supposed to be on as the Russian/Israeli plot is so intriguing and well done I was really dragged into it. If you like reading espionage, this is the book for you.

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# Just one big family for Hawera High School production

Hawera High School has brought together a cast of 80 backed by a crew of 40 for their production of Footloose. Rehearsals began in April. The cast has been honing their acting, singing and dancing skills for the last 10 weeks, three times a week to start with, and five times a week as opening night drew nearer. Opening night is tonight (July 1) at the Hawera Memorial Theatre. There will be seven shows, including a matinee, and it will finish on July 8. The decision to make the popular 1980s musical

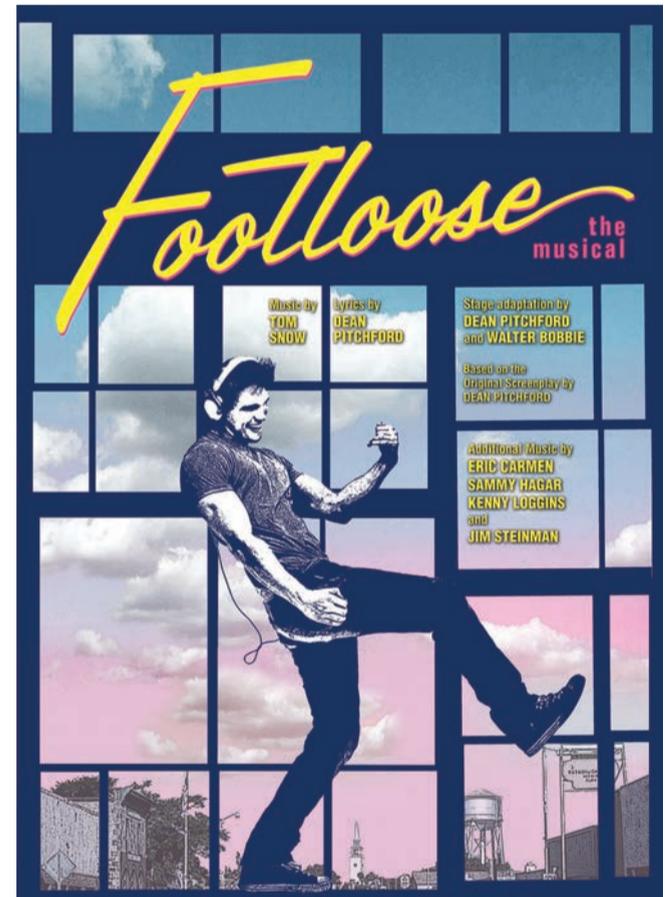
the choice for their next production had been made last year, the show's lead director Alison Wright who is also head of drama at the high school said. "It's one of those shows on the list of top school shows we've wanted to do. The 80s are usually popular with school students. It's what audiences like to see, and what school students like to do. There's been a lot of interest from the parents of the people in the show, who are really keen to see it." The show had originally been planned for last year,

but lockdown had meant Hawera Repertory having to postpone their production of Buggy Malone. Alison said the High School has a good working relationship with Hawera Repertory so they are always careful to make sure their shows don't overlap. A number of the Footloose cast have appeared in Buggy Malone and other Hawera Repertory productions. The cast has a wide range of acting experience. For the male and female leads, Noel Fortuin as Ren and Georgia Maxwell as Ariel

it's their first time on stage. It is also the first time for Aaron Booker who plays the character of Willard Hewitt who is Ren's best friend as well as the comic relief. Noah Hunt and Brenna Johnson who play the Rev Shaw and Vi Moore have several productions behind them, with Noah having appeared in Beauty and the Beast and Buggy Malone, and Brenna having the title role in Annie, and had also been in Buggy Malone. For Sativa Dwyer who plays Ren's mother Ethel it is her second show, having

also appeared in Buggy Malone. Kaylee Mihaljevich who plays Willard's love interest Rusty says she has been in the chorus or ensemble of a number of shows, but this is her first role in a production. Krishay Lal who plays the villainous Chuck has extensive experience singing in various productions and festivals. "I've grown up with a lot of the cast actually," he says. Georgia Maxwell says being in the production had taken her out of her comfort zone.

off set calling other cast members by the names of the characters they played. Noah describes the production as "one of the more fun shows I've ever done." "It feels like one big family, everyone from the directors, to makeup, to backstage. We're all doing this because we want to. A lot of people in the cast had never been in this building before." He believes the long term future of drama in South Taranaki looks promising. "When I first started in Repertory with Beauty and the Beast there would have been four or five kids. Now Repertory shows have dozens of kids auditioning. There's a wider wave of young people in South Taranaki getting into theatre."



The Footloose cast at rehearsals.



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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAYS

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

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

### FRIDAYS

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

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

### WEEKENDS

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

### APRIL 16 TO AUGUST 15

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

### JULY 1 TO 8

**Footloose production by Hawera High School:** At the Hawera Memorial Theatre.

### JULY 5 TO 30

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

### JULY 8

**Opunake Athletics Club AGM:** At Sandford Event Centre, Opunake. 7pm.

### JULY 11

**Pungarehu Community Society Inc AGM:** At Pungarehu Hall, 11am.

### JULY 15 TO 24

**A Great Face for Radio production by the Opunake Players:** At the Lakeside Playhouse, Opunake.

### JULY 19

**Coastal Taranaki Health Trust AGM:** Community Lounge, Coastal Care Health & Community Centre, Opunake. 5.30pm.

### JULY 25

**Cape Egmont Boat Club AGM:** At the Clubrooms, Bayley Rd. 12pm.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



Next Meeting is on  
July 5, 2021  
at 5.30pm

Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the  
Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake  
(opposite the Coastal Care Medical Centre)



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Please provide proof of study and/or employment - ie statement of support from employer, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester results.

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Date:

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Notice of 2021 Cape Egmont Boat Club

**AGM**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July - 12.00 pm  
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Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

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

**Opunake Catholic Church**  
St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
Other areas  
Manaiia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm  
(2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
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**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**  
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Belinda Philp  
027 935 6191

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