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## Person helicoptered to hospital

A person with moderate injuries was taken by helicopter to Taranaki Base Hospital when a car left the road near Opunake on Saturday July 10 shortly after midday.

Two other young people, also in the vehicle, were taken by ambulance to Taranaki Base hospital.

The accident took place in Ihaia Road, 7 kilometres out of Opunake.

The vehicle, which was travelling away from Opunake, left the road, missed a deep a drain and ended up facing back to Opunake in a paddock.

Constable Kylie Brophy from the Opunake Police, who attended the accident, said all three were wearing seat belts.

The accident happened on a straight piece of road and police are investigating the cause.



The helicopter with patient leaves the scene.

## Two robbers hit service station

The Opunake Service Station was robbed at around 5am on Monday morning

A service station spokesperson said the two robbers were aged between 25 and 35, wore gloves and had their faces covered. They arrived in a Highlander vehicle from the direction of

Hawera, turned around and parked outside the main door, which they smashed through with a large hammer.

"They broke the cigarette cabinet, and took all the brand new stock we had, mobile accessories and cigarette lighters," the spokesperson said. "The glass shattered all over the shop. The robbery

took four minutes, and it took us four hours to clean it up. In the last five years we have never had this happen in our business in Opunake."

He estimates between \$8000 and \$10,000 worth of stock was taken.

The robbers left the scene in the direction of Hawera from which they had come.

"Something like this requires the community to look after each other. If anyone knows anything or has any suggestions, they should talk to us or the police," the spokesperson said.

Senior Constable Matt Goodman of the Opunake Police says there have been a number of similar incidents

in the wider Taranaki area.

"A suspect vehicle has been seen at a couple of them. We would like gas station owners and dairy owners to keep in mind that cigarettes are especially a target. We would like to hear from anyone who has seen suspicious activity around gas stations after hours."

## Gearing up for the finals

The Coastal Rugby Premiers and Coastal Division 2 teams have made the Taranaki finals which are due to be played at the weekend.

Coastal Rugby managed to get four out of five teams in the semifinals and, speaking to Coastal Rugby Club Captain Kelvin Weir a week ago, he was "really chuffed" at how the season had gone thus far.

To get four out of five Coastal Rugby teams in the semi finals for Taranaki is "pretty cool" he said. It's also quite rare and a real reward after the end of 14 regular season's games.

"The boys have been training since the middle of February," said Kelvin.

"To see all the hard work come to fruition is very satisfying. It makes you feel quite proud to be part of it."

He added they had had a lot of injuries this year and said the players had all proved good in adversity. "They're battlers which



Coastal Rugby Club Captain Kelvin Weir at the Rahotu Domain on Coastal Rugby training night.

is the Coastal way," said the proud Club Captain.

Kelvin said they had a really good culture in the club. "Everyone knows everyone," he said adding there was a "great spirit."

The fifth team, the Women's Rugby team, came third in the Taranaki wide competition and finished a month ago.

The Coastal Rugby players train every Tuesday and Thursday night and play on Saturdays.

There are around 130-150 players throughout the season.

If any men or women are wanting to play rugby next season come along to the 2022 pre-season training, urges Kelvin.

The Coastal Premiers play Inglewood at the TET Stadium at Inglewood on Saturday July 18 starting at 2:45pm.

Coastal Division 2 play Okaiawa on Saturday at the TET Stadium at Inglewood at 12:30pm.



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### Cashless society

Your article on the missing ATM in Opunake, and a letter to the editor regarding the loss of queuing services may have a common thread.

The Holy Grail of banks is to achieve a cashless society. This effectively traps people into using their online services, and any fees they may choose to charge.

A recent attempt by the Australian Government to outlaw any cash transactions over \$10,000 (punishable by two years’ imprisonment) shows how serious they are about this.

This arrogant power grab was stopped by effective citizen action, but one can be sure this agenda is still on the table.

The people of NZ should be ever alert to any such attempts of governmental over-reach.

Cash is legal tender, and any banishment amounts to a flagrant attack on civil liberties.

*R. Herdson  
 Manaia*

### Not a fair contest

I write with some disgust over the All Black game versus Tonga on July 3. The Tongans did not field their true team as a number of their players were unable to be in New Zealand because of the COVID epidemic. The game should have been put on hold or whatever until their true national team could be assembled instead of players taken from the club teams here in New Zealand. What pride could the New Zealand players have in putting on the Black Jersey to set farcical records by the scorers and the final score of just over 100 points to nil.

Those in positions of power in New Zealand Rugby should hold their heads in shame and I note the All Blacks Head Coach and Selector sidestepped a question or two when interviewed after the game.

I am an avid rugby believer and was on the Taranaki Rugby Union for a number of years, also manager of the Taranaki Team and have played representative rugby in New Zealand and am a Life Member of the Taranaki Maori Union for over 50 years. Writing this does not make me seem modest but I

wanted to indicate my dedication to Rugby.

I watched about ten minutes of the above mentioned game but, after hearing the facts given by the commentators on TV, I changed channels to watch another comedy show.

While on a whinging note I want to forward food for thought on players leaving the field for possible head injuries, actions to which I do not disagree but highlights the point I wish to make to readers. I’m all for sport but boxing is a sport where the aim of participants is to hit the opponents head, knock them unconscious, an act not accepted by other sports. And to cap it off boxing is an Olympic sport.

I reiterate, it is food for thought for you the readers.

*Gordon (Mac) Sole  
 Hawera*

### Respect our province’s name

Like Mr McAlpine I am always hearing people from our province using this slang word Naki for Taranaki which really sends a real chill of anger up my spine.

It’s extremely interesting where Mr McAlpine found those different meanings of Naki from, Japan, Wales, Indiana USA, and from our Maori people. So if one was to ask the meaning of Naki on the East Coast of the North Island, the Maoris above Auckland who live in Northland, and in the South Island you would get different meanings, but no doubt they’d see it as a slang word.

To me it is real laziness and extremely disrespectful, as already certain businesses here in our province have been told not to use it, so let’s show some respect for our province’s name, as to me Taranaki means a lot to me and to many others also.

*Tom Stephens  
 New Plymouth*

### The world has still gone mad

So, just where have things gone astray?

It appears the problem is the incursion by Politics and Big Pharma money taking over

control of the world’s medical fraternity and the Main Stream Media. The money is huge. Who owns the big pharmaceutical companies? Billionaires with an agenda. Last year Pfizer made a loss. This year they are looking at a minimum 26 US\$ billion profit, because of the vax rollout. The vaccine trials are almost exclusively carried out by the vax companies, and they are removed from any responsibility for damage with this vax. Previously they have been successfully sued for \$billions for the human damage they have caused. This vax didn’t even get trialled in real terms.

Normally a vaccine has several years of trials, using animals, and then consenting humans. By creating a bit of hysteria, the medical profession has been hijacked into mass vaccination of the NZ public. The normal process, which helps ensure so-called minimal harm from a jab, has been circumvented, bypassed.

Government controlled employees are saying it is all OK, rather than reliable science. Most doctors are flat out looking after their patients, relying on normal scientific processes, unaware their trust is in a corrupted system above them.

The governments of the world have largely been responsible for the mass vaccine rollout, backed by the WHO and Big Pharma. The WHO is clearly a political monster now, not the reason it came into being. The medical trials are apparently unimportant now, we are supposed to watch and learn instead. This approach clearly breaks the Nuremberg Code, requiring the informed consent of the dangers, and then proven results of trials before any medical trials on humans. There are large legal cases commencing in Europe and UK against this tyranny, ‘Crimes against Humanity’. The nearest case is in Australia. The whole C19 event is now touted as the greatest crime in the history of our world.

In New Zealand we have had an unprecedented barrage of media hype, scaring many people into submission, professing “the vaccine is

safe, trials are carefully monitored, if you don’t get the jab you are somehow a danger to others, anything else is misinformation and so on.” I believe this is unacceptable and bordering on criminal, as the unsuspecting public is misled.

There are numerous cases of adverse events and deaths involving the jab in New Zealand. Why has the media not reported these cases? We still hear about car accident fatalities. Could it be the \$55 million given to the NZ media last year is playing it’s part? Lynda Wharton’s, ‘The Health Forum NZ’ page on Facebook, while censored heavily, is one of a very few sources of real information.

The wonders of the human immune system are being overlooked and we are all being trained to believe we require our immune system to be suddenly altered, possibly irreparably, by a gene therapy vax, whose inventor Dr Robert Malone, has indicated is not as safe as he intended and should have been discontinued. We have no idea of the long term consequences.

Singapore has just announced they no longer have a pandemic, they have an ‘Endemic’.

This means they are going back to life as normal and will endeavour to help those vulnerable and/or immune compromised stay healthy. What a breath of fresh air approach, in a crazy world.

*Alan Murray  
 Ohawe.*

### Let’s have patience

It hasn’t taken me long to really find out that here in our province, in which we are not alone, that we have far too many people becoming far too impatient as we all know that many towns in South Taranaki are all being given a good facelift which is great to see happen, yet those same people are wanting it to happen right now. Projects like those don’t happen like this.

Look, just remember Our Lord nearly took a lifetime to convince people that he was the Son of God, and when the Roman Empire was built it

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EDITORIAL

# House price increases, high rents and variable local body rates: Action overdue

When Jacinda Adern became prime minister in 2017 she targeted child poverty as the foremost problem she wanted to alleviate. However, with house prices increasing well ahead of inflation or wage increases; high rents for those who cannot afford to buy a house; and local body rates increases (in some, but not all) cases excessive; it is the youngsters of New Zealand who will be the most disadvantaged. If a family has managed to buy a house at the inflated prices that are the rule these days or are paying a high rental, there will be less money for the doctor, dentist, optician or clothes, as well as healthy food. Other expenses include

insurance, transport, furniture and home appliances. For those families who end up with neither a bought nor a rented home, the prospects are bleaker. One child given a certificate in a Taranaki school recently responded to the teacher's, "You can stick this on your fridge," with "But we don't have electricity."

The statistics look grim and are getting progressively worse. In New Plymouth, house prices have increased 15.31% in the last 12 months to yield an average of \$583,796, yet nationwide inflation is predicted to be just 2.4% this year. Has anyone in Taranaki received a 15% wage increase in the same period? Nationally,

house prices have increased by 6.27% over just three months to reach an average of \$838,826. Perhaps house sale prices should be capped (by legislative control) to no more than the rate of inflation above the QV value of a particular house.

What about rents? Keeping in mind that most renters are in the average to lower economic band, how exactly are people supposed to pay some of these rents and have enough for all their other needs? A glance at the current rents (on offer) in New Plymouth range from about \$450 up to \$800. There was a nationwide rent freeze from March 26, 2020 to September 25, 2020; it would appear that we urgently need another.

Part of the problem is a lack of available houses. Maybe it would be sensible to build many more state houses and reduce the Kiwibuild programme, which has not lived up to its initial promise.

What about the rates that local bodies levy on their ratepayers? The South Taranaki District Council is keeping rates to an average increase of 3.99% - good on them. Previously, when Covid first reared its ugly head they proposed a zero rate increase. Stratford District Council has shown similar restraint at keeping its average rates increase to 4.25%.

New Plymouth District Council, by contrast, is raising its rates by an average of 12%,

which will cause hardship for many households. Part of this increase is to raise money to install water meters - in effect to lay the platform to impose yet another tax (water rates) with GST levied on top (I wonder if there is any other nation in the world where you have to pay a tax on a tax as we do on rates and fuel prices?).

A while ago the ACT Party had a good suggestion; rates increases had to be restricted (by law) to the current rate of inflation. This is a good idea which should be legislated for.

To return to the comment at the start of this editorial, unless something is done to alleviate such things as house price inflation, skyrocketing

rent increases and local body rates increases, which do not take into account the effect they are having, it is the young who will suffer most. Child poverty will, by degrees, get worse, not better.

As the years go by, and the youngsters become young adults we can expect, sadly an increase in all the negative statistics that we all have to live with. I don't need to name them.

This Government has done a great job protecting us from Covid and Jacinda Adern is an inspirational leader, but legislative action on these other issues is very overdue.

*Rolland McKellar*

ADELPHOS

## The freedom to choose

Here's one hard topic I'm reluctant to write on. Why? For four controversial reasons: 1.) Firstly hell has been depicted by some with a merciless and revengeful sense of justice for sinners, 2) some ministers/priests have avoided the topic as a "hot potato" within their congregations, 3.) many won't accept that a loving God can permit anyone to eternally exist in hell and lastly 4.) others say that hell results in the human personality and spirit being annihilated by fire into nothingness. Heavy duty, eh? All four perspectives disagree with the many teachings of Jesus and the New Testament about hell and the afterlife. His new descriptions of the afterlife even challenged the Old Testament's views. But since Jesus rose from the dead and lived with God in eternity, before coming to earth, we'll assume He knew what He was talking about.

So what did Jesus teach about hell? Firstly, He never used hell as a threat but

rather gave us a heads-up warning report: "...there is darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" and separation from God (See Matthew 22:1-14 - The Parable of the Wedding Banquet, Luke 16:19-31, Matthew 25:41, Mark 9:42-45, 48 NIV). Most Bible scholars believe the "fiery" torments in these verses are Jesus' symbolic metaphors for the feelings of eternal regret and despair of losing heaven. Hell's gates will then be eternally locked from the inside by each person's free-will decision to "not believe" in Jesus (John 3:18). Jesus is crystal clear about this in verse 18. And, if you carefully read the two previous verses in John 16-17, He explains God's loving motivation and plan behind our freedom to choose eternal life or not. Without free will love cannot exist. You can't force someone to love you. Neither will God.

In contrast to hell, Jesus' report about living conditions in heaven is that there will be

no more night, death, mourning, crying or pain. There will be no need of the sun because God will be our light. All this will take place in a real new heaven on a "new earth" (See Revelation 21:1, 21:4, Revelation 21:22-25). Sorry, there's no reported marshmallow clouds. No one can possibly imagine what God has in store for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9).

The issue of annihilation or extinction on Judgement Day is a big deal because it questions any concept of human or divine justice. Why? Because annihilation logically means that God would judge the least sinner exactly the same as genocidal murderers like Adolf Hitler, Chairman Mao and Pol Pot. No fair and just human judge would ever permit such injustice. An interwoven truth throughout the Bible is that God's judgements are just: "...Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?" (Leviticus 18:25).

God's merciful and just solution to hell was to send

Jesus to earth to destroy the power of sin and death. But I still wish that hell wasn't real. So I must agree with the words of C.S. Lewis' writing about hell, "There is no doctrine I would more willingly remove from Christianity

than this if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of Scripture and especially of our Lord's own words. *The*

*Problem of Pain*, 1940, chapter 3." Manaakitanga.

*Adelphos*

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MAYORAL COMMENT

# Long Term Plan signed off



MAYOR PHIL NIXON

2021 has been a very busy year so far at the South Taranaki District Council with plenty happening.

Our 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan was approved by Audit New Zealand and adopted by Council on 28 June. Developing a Long Term Plan once every three years is a huge undertaking for staff and elected members, so it was pleasing to have it signed off. I believe it's an excellent plan which strikes the right balance between stimulating economic growth, progress, providing the services and facilities our communities expect while keeping rates affordable.

The Long Term Plan had three main topics we wanted public feedback on: town centre upgrades for Ōpunakē, Manaia, Eltham, Pātea and Waverley, development of a district Business Park and funding for our Environment and Sustainability Strategy. All three of these projects have been given the go ahead following strong public support during our community consultation process.

Speaking of which, I would like to thank those who attended our 25 community meetings, and for the many written and verbal submissions we received. Now the Long Term Plan has been signed off, we can get stuck into implementing the many projects in it.

Last November (2020) Council resolved to establish Maori Wards for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections. This triggered another big workload for Council with a full representation review. The initial public consultation on the representation review closed last week. Later this month we will be going back out to the community for

more formal consultation prior to a final decision being made in November 2021.

We recently received good news from Global Ratings Agency, Standard and Poors (S&P) who have upgraded Council's long-term credit rating from AA- to AA and affirmed its short-term rating A-1+ with stable outlook. This credit rating signals strong confidence in Council's prudent financial management and allows significant savings for our ratepayers. Due to this higher rating we will now have savings of between \$50k-60k annually on debt servicing in the future.

Our building services team have been swamped with new building consents this year. In the seven months from November 2020 to May 2021 we have seen \$75.3 million worth of building consent applications across the district. While 27 of these were for the Hāwera area and 18 for the Ōpunakē area, what's great to see is that we are getting new house consents lodged in our smaller communities too. At the same time in just one

month (May) we received four Resource Consent applications lodged for the Ōpunakē area – two of these for subdivisions.

It was a privilege to be part of the Puanga celebrations held at the Kura in Ōpunakē on Friday morning. The new year and new beginnings that Puanga represents was a very fitting time to welcome three new school principals into their roles. Despite a 6:00am start on a windy wet winter morning, the celebration was well supported and demonstrated great community spirit.

The three new principals welcomed are, Andrea Hooper - Carr - Ōpunakē High School, Ryan Fleming - St Joseph's School Ōpunakē and Whaea Roby (Robyn) Davey - Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Tamarongo Ōpunakē.

Speaking of new beginnings, I wish the farming community all the best for the spring calving and the milking season ahead.

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took decades to do not overnight, so I do really believe that Councillor Steffy McKay is absolutely correct when stating that all good things take time, in which I do agree with her. The same goes for our Labour Government, as

they never ever promised anything at all. All it was stated was that they would be taking different issues which concern our people and country, but people expect different issues to happen straight away. Well, sorry but things don't work

that way at all, so let's crawl before we can walk.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth.

**Bare-faced liar**  
After receiving legal advice I'm afraid we are

unable to print the letter in its current form as it could be actionable. However we are interested in exploring it further and would like more facts around your particular situation.

Editor

## On this month in history

On July 23, 1996 Danyon Loader of New Zealand won the 400 metre freestyle event at the Atlanta Olympics games. This was his second gold – three days earlier he

## Danyon Loader wins Olympic gold

won gold in the 200 metre final. Four years earlier at the Barcelona Olympics he had won a silver medal (200m butterfly), his first one. He also won a gold medal at an

Commonwealth games event (and 5 other medals).

At the 1994 World Championships in Rome he won a silver and two bronze medals.

Now retired he is easily New Zealand's most successful swimmer at international level.

He was coached by Duncan Laing at Dunedin's Moana Pool.

## Actress Katherine Hepburn dies

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

Oscar was in 1968 for *The Lion in Winter* when she tied with Barbara Streisand.

Her film career spanned many years with the last one in 1981. She also was also a stage actress including

Shakespeare, as well as performing on television.

She was married twice, the second time to Spencer Tracy with whom she acted many times over a period of 26 years.

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# ATM missing in action

It appears the missing Opunake BNZ ATM is unlikely to be coming back.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (July 1) a mystery surrounds the fate of the money machine which until October last year occupied a slot outside Opunake Four Square 45. Today a wooden covering marks where the ATM was once located.

In December last year a banking hub was set up in the town's Library Plus. Opened with much fanfare, the hub was one of a number of experimental trials set up in smaller centres around the country, bringing together 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 areas serviced by the hubs.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News NZ Bankers Association spokesperson Miles Erwin was asked if this meant the existing Opunake ATMs will continue.

"Yes it does," was the reply.

There is also a TSB ATM outside the town's TSB



The BNZ ATM outside Opunake Four Square 45 was taken away in October last year.

branch.

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.

The BNZ was asked for comment, and since the last issue, the following statement has been sent to the Opunake and Coastal News

from a BNZ spokesperson.

"The building in which the ATM was located suffered significant water damage and we had to remove our ATM at the Opunake Four Square in around October 2020. The ATM was suffering ongoing damage and issues caused by the leaking and pooling of water onto the machine.

The Opunake Banking Hub opened on 7 December

2020. We are and remain committed to the pilot and the industry commitment to not close branches or ATMs in the district council areas where the pilot is running, which runs from 1 January 2021 until the end of this year."

Four Square owner Gary Arora says that when the ATM was taken away in October he was told the ATM would be replaced after Christmas.

With no sign of the ATM returning, Gary says he contacted the BNZ again earlier this year.

"All they said to me was that they wouldn't put it back because of the banking hub," he said. "I argued that it's only open from 9 to 5, Monday to Friday, not weekends, and that's not what an ATM should be. just 9-5, Monday to Friday. The leaks have all been fixed, so the problem there has been taken care of."

The subject of the banking hub has attracted comment at meetings of the Opunake and District Business Association with concerns expressed about the opening hours and only being able to handle New Zealand money cards. In the Opunake and Coastal News (June 3), former Business Association president Bob Clark said that with Opunake attracting more visitors post-Covid anyone wanting to access an overseas credit card wasn't able to do so. This could be done when there was a BNZ ATM in town, but this facility is not currently available.

# Alyssa wants sunscreen she can trust

Alyssa Case has always been vigilant about sun protection. With a fair complexion and first-hand experience of losing a family member to melanoma, she was aware that the cancer wasn't one that only affected older people.

The young mother lost her 23-year-old cousin to melanoma a decade ago, which made her determined to stay vigilant and educate others about sun protection. Despite her efforts, at age 28 she was diagnosed with melanoma after discovering a mole on her face, while 15-weeks pregnant.

"I was extremely fortunate. My melanoma was caught at stage 1, which is super lucky. I could act quickly. That said, the diagnosis is an absolute shock. As a little kid I had fair skin and white-blonde hair, so I was a perfect case study for melanoma. For those reasons I've always aimed to be as protected as possible and to monitor moles. Despite this,

melanoma was found next to my ear," Alyssa said.

"The harshness of the sun in New Zealand is no laughing matter. For that reason, it absolutely boggles my mind that we can't have full trust in the SPF labelling on sunscreens. When I heard that some companies are failing to meet their SPF claims, I felt really angry. We can't be taking chances when it comes to protecting ourselves and our families.

"I want to protect myself, and my family. It seems weird that you could sell a sunscreen as SPF 50, when it technically isn't."

For more than a decade Consumer NZ has undertaken independent sunscreen testing, finding routine failures of SPF labelling. In the organisation's latest round of testing, more than half of the sunscreens failed to meet their claims.

Consumer NZ is launching a crowdfunding campaign, seeking \$50,000 to test more

sunscreens.

"An estimated 500 New Zealanders die of skin cancer every year – that's more than our annual road toll. We think everyone deserves sunscreen they can trust, because we're all vulnerable to New Zealand's harsh sun," Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy said.

"The more money we raise, the more sunscreens we can test. It costs around \$5000 per sunscreen and 100% of donations raised will go towards funding more sunscreen tests. The results will be free and available to all from December."

Unlike Australia, there is no mandatory standard for sunscreens here, so manufacturers don't have to regularly test their sunscreens to ensure they meet claims. This means products sold in New Zealand could meet US or EU standards, or may not have been tested at all.

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Kia Ora Katou,

As I look out the window of my office whilst writing this article I can see the maunga covered in snow with the

# Excessive speed could lead to this situation warns Matt Stone.



A car which had taken the road less travelled.

the speed. Keep your community safe by your actions, thank you!

Lastly, a friendly reminder of your Police CRIME REPORTING LINE. A new number, 105, was started up last year. If you have information, want to report an incident or crime which has a time delay or offender is not present, then 105 is your number to ring. When you ring this number a file is created in our system, the file is triaged and sent to the local officer if follow up is required. If the file is not sent to me, I look at all the occurrences in our area each week and I will become aware of the information.

Good luck to the Coastal in finals footy this week. Until next time.

Matt

Matthew Stone  
Sole Charge  
Okato

sunshine glistening from it. This is a reminder of the great environment we live and play in.

Unfortunately, there are some people that affect the safety of our community through their poor decision-making and lack of consideration for others. Last week, I attended a

crash of a vehicle which is a direct consequence of a burnout and driving under the influence of alcohol, an incident that just did not need to occur.

Adding to this note of driving, it is constantly brought to my attention of locals regarding excessive speed in the coastal villages.

This is a reminder to slow down through the small villages such as Oakura, Okato, Pungarehu and Rahotu. I would appreciate if everyone can make a conscious effort to maintain the 50km/h speed limit until after the 80km/h or 100km/h signs. It is a concern that it is often the locals causing

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## Value growth continues to ease into winter

For the second consecutive month, the QV House Price Index has shown a reduction in quarterly value growth from the previous month.

The average value increased 6.6% nationally over the past three-month period to the end of June, down from the 8.8% quarterly growth seen in May, with the national average value now sitting at \$943,184. This represents an increase of 25.6% year-on-year, up from 23.7% last month.

House prices continue to push skyward at a rapid rate in New Plymouth, despite a slight drop in our three-month rolling average – from 8% in May to 6.9%

in June. In the 12 months to 30 June, the average house price has increased by 26.7% to \$658,166.

Meanwhile, house prices in the neighbouring districts of Stratford and South Taranaki have increased by 27.7% and 27.5% respectively over the past 12 months.

In the Auckland region, the average value now sits at \$1,347,092, up 6.2% over the last quarter, with annual growth of 23.4%, up from May's year-on-year growth of 21.8%.

QV general manager David Nagel said: "It's too early to say the market has turned, but this will be encouraging news for government officials and regulators, concerned about the financial risks of an overheated property market."

"This easing comes after a range of government policy announcements earlier this year to dampen activity by property investors and speculators, while there's also plenty of chatter about interest rates rising later next year. But we're also now into the seasonal downturn that normally accompanies

the cooler months, so it's difficult to attribute the cause to any single thing," he said. Of the 16 major urban centres QV monitors, all except Rotorua have shown a reduction in quarterly growth compared to last month. The strongest value gains over the past three months have come from Hastings at 8.6% growth in value, down from 11.4% last month, closely followed by Palmerston North at 8.5% growth, down from 10.7% quarterly growth we reported last month.

For the major centres, Tauranga continues to lead the way for the second consecutive month with 8.3% value growth over the past three months, down from 10.2% quarterly value growth in May. Tauranga is joined by Christchurch on 8.3% quarterly growth, both down from around 10% quarterly growth last month. Central New Zealand continues to show the strongest annual rate of value growth, with the three fastest growing regions all in the lower North Island. Values in the Manawatu-

Whanganui region have grown 36.0% in the past year, while the greater Wellington and Hawke's Bay regions have experienced annual growth of 33.3% and 31.5% respectively. The three lowest annual growth rates are all in the South Island with the Otago region experiencing a still significant 18.6% increase, Southland showing 19.1% and Tasman at 22.9% annual growth.

"With our borders essentially closed to new residents, we've given the housing supply chain an opportunity to catch its breath with record rates of new houses being constructed, particularly in the main centres. But while interest rates are still at record lows, accompanied with a dearth of property listings in most parts of the country, it's unlikely that we see house values fall any time soon. We'll likely see a continued slowing in the rate of price increases over the coming months as the property market absorbs the recent changes and winter really sets in," Mr Nagel said.

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# Portrait of eminent scientist by Taranaki artist

A portrait of Wendy Lerner painted by Marianne Muggeridge, commissioned by the New Zealand Royal Society was unveiled at a special ceremony on June 21st. The unveiling was attended by, among other dignitaries, Ashley Bloomfield Director-General of Health and Siouxsie Wiles.

It is the eighth portrait Marianne, who has twice won the New Zealand Adam's Portrait Award, has painted of notable scientists.

Though commissioned by the Royal Society, it is the sitter who chooses the artist.

Marianne was approached by Wendy Lerner, an internationally recognised social scientist, who had seen Marianne's seven previous portraits of eminent scientists including Professors Paul Callaghan and Alan MacDiarmid and wanted Marianne to also do hers.

Marianne who uses oil on canvas, works entirely from sittings.

How she arrives at her final result is a fascinating process which she describes. "Observation is where you start," says Marianne.

"This is how I always work," she continues adding spending time with the model and getting to know them is an important part of the process.

"We had 17 sessions, each of about three hours duration before I 'got' her face."

She says "I like to get past the first impression or the 'snapshot'." It is this that distinguishes her work and is what makes her finished result so different from a photo - or a painting from a photo - which captures a moment (and expression) in time.

Important too is the interaction between the model and the artist and the relationship that develops.

"On the eighteenth session, she (Wendy) started to look at me almost with concern that maybe I wasn't going to



Scientist Wendy Lerner painted by Marianne Muggeridge, which is on show at the Royal Society in Wellington.

get it."

It's that quizzical, attentive look that Marianne has beautifully captured which also somehow describes her essence.

As soon as she saw the face Wendy commented "Oh yes that's me."

Marianne amusingly described the expression people usually adopt when they're being painted.

"People start with the idea it's going to take a few sessions and to begin with start off smiling.

After an hour or two the smile fades and gradually they relax and realise this is a long process and they are as much a part of my process as I of theirs.

Marianne has kept a photographic record of her chronological efforts and it is fascinating to see how the final result evolves. "The focus is all about the face," she says, not the dress she was wearing or the background. She speaks of the difference in eyes which she has previously noted when doing portraits. While Wendy's right eye is directed with interest

to the artist, the left eye is more coolly appraising and detached.

Once you have the likeness the other details follow relatively quickly. Hands can be time consuming but in this portrait were done almost in one session.

Clearly each of her subjects are very interesting people and "on top of their game."

"They talk to me " says Marianne adding Wendy was no exception and a great story teller.

Marianne who is a graduate of Elam School of fine arts, says she particularly likes painting people beginning when she was 10 she says when she first drew her younger sister Cindy.

The official unveiling of Marianne's exquisite portrait was deemed a great success.

Regrettably however there was a sequel to the ceremony.

The Australian Covid visitor who had had a busy couple of days in Wellington visiting Te Papa and other places - including the Surrealist Exhibition which Marianne and partner artist Roger Morris had

also visited, at exactly the same time. Meaning that Marianne and Roger had to spend two weeks in isolation afterwards. Had the covid visitor been infectious they may have taken the virus to the unveiling.

Marianne and Roger also organise the weekly life drawing group that meets every Tuesday night (from 7pm till 9pm) at The Emporium in Tasman Street Opunake. Anyone is welcome to attend including beginners and they're always on the lookout for models, men and women

## Wendy Lerner

Wendy Lerner is an internationally respected New Zealand social scientist and president of the Royal Society Te Aparangi.

The eldest of five daughters, Wendy grew up on a sheep farm in North Waikato.

A former Fulbright Fellow she has held academic positions at various universities and is currently Provost and Professor in Human Geography at Victoria University.

Her research has centred on the interdisciplinary fields of globalisation, governance and gender.

In 2018, she was awarded the UK Royal Geographical Society's Victoria Medal.

Appointed president of the Royal Society Te Aparangi in 2018, she is only the second female president in the Royal Society's Te Aparangi's 150 year history.

Her priorities stated at the time of appointment included addressing issues of equality and diversity in all their forms, strengthening relationships with Maori researchers and te ao Maori and considering how our research system might better support early career researchers.

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# Making zero the hero

Barbara Kuriger took part in a special Parliamentary debate to acknowledge the Zero Suicide Aotearoa report released on World Suicide Prevention Day last year.

The report was commissioned by a cross-party committee to address New Zealand's high suicide rate and achieve, as its name suggests, the long-term aspiration of zero suicides. Members include National MP Matt Doocey, ACT



**Barbara Kuriger MP**

Leader David Seymour, Labour MP Louisa Wall and Green MP Chloe Swarbrick. It estimated 150,000 Kiwis thought about taking their own life and of those, 50,000 made a suicide plan, 20,000 attempted it and more than 500 died.

"There is no room for politics in mental health and every family has a story," she said.

"In 1995 my sister lost her husband, and we were left with two young nephews, one of whom is about to become a dad.

"Until it happens in your

family, it's something that's over there and it's often not talked about. But I think every family in this day and age has been touched in some way — if not by suicide, at least by mental health."

Mrs Kuriger said she was heartened by the cross party's focus on rural mental health.

"Because my brother-in-law Steve was a farmer, and it can be lonely."

She paid special tribute to the rural community groups who are "doing some fantastic work".

"I want to make mention of the Rural Support Trust — Neil Bateup and the team — who are out in our rural communities.

"Sometimes I have to ask the support trust people if they are okay because they are dealing with some pretty heavy issues.

"I really thank those people for the work they've done. We all need to get behind them, because in every community there are people who are helping the mental health situation.

"Most of us don't know what to do often and it's the Rural Support Trust and others who get behind those of us who are suffering."

She went on to ask her fellow politicians to take care with the words they use.

"I would ask every politician in this House to consider the language we use every day when we talk about farmers as I often find myself saying 'Farmers are people too'.

"As we go through our environmental issues and all of the other issues that we're trying to deal with, people are working so hard, and the language that is used towards farmers sometimes is so tough they feel like everything's coming at them, and, no matter what they do, it's never enough.

So I would ask us all not just to watch our language around zero suicide, but to please watch the language that we use when we're talking not only about farmers but every group in the community."

Mrs Kuriger also discussed the Supporting Farmers initiative launched recently

by Fonterra which she, husband Louis and her son Tony are lending their support to.

The programme, which has a focus on sharemilkers, aims to help them with issues including power imbalances, bullying "and those types of things".

"We got here through an experience where the help Tony was asking for was not forthcoming," she said.

"We're really proud that Tony is still with us and that he's going to be using his experience to help other young men and sharemilkers as they step forward in their farming careers."

In a debate filled with tears and raw emotion, Mrs Kuriger says she believes the report's launch in Parliament was a momentous occasion.

"We're all humans at the end of the day, so I want us to get behind this cross-party group and make the most of the initiative that's been launched by this team."

*Barbara Kuriger  
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# Winter Highway maintenance continues

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency System Manager Ross I'Anson says recent winter weather has led to a large number of potholes forming on some of the region's busiest routes.

"Water does to roads what sugar does to your teeth — it causes our road surfaces to decay and potholes to form. When water penetrates the road surface through cracks, tyre action and weather can quickly turn these cracks into potholes.

"Some of the worst affected areas include SH3A and SH3 between New Plymouth and Patea. Long sections of these highways are due for

and in the meantime, we will make sure these highways fulfil the important function of moving people and goods safely and efficiently," says Mr I'Anson.

Waka Kotahi plans to undertake a significant amount of work to address the condition of these roads within the next four years. In the coming weeks crews will be asphaltting some of the worst affected areas to create a more resilient surface over the winter until permanent repairs can be undertaken in the summer.

"We are planning for significant renewals works next year and a large repair programme for both SH3 and SH3A.

"Over the coming months we'll install signs to let the community know which roads we'll be renewing next year. We'll also install warning signs in areas where there's a high risk of potholes forming so drivers

know to take extra care and adjust their speeds.

"Taranaki's volcanic ground conditions, coupled with significant groundwater and rainfall, mean the road surface isn't as resilient as in other regions. It is a challenging environment, but we are working hard to create a safe and well-maintained road network," Mr I'Anson says.

"We are working with our contractors to address issues on the network, but this is not a quick process. Motorists will see an improvement year on year as we carry out the renewals programmes."

Mr I'Anson encourages motorist to drive to the conditions and be kind and respectful to roadworkers who are working long hours in all weather conditions to ensure the region's roads stay safe.

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recovery. This will not only create jobs and strengthen our economy, but it will also ensure our communities have the schools, hospitals and transport networks we need for the future. We've funded projects right across New Zealand, supporting thousands of jobs and in many cases, enabling work to start sooner than planned. Here in Taranaki, a number of projects are already underway. For example: The Cycling Education park and half basketball court in Stratford, the rebuilding of Yarrow Stadium, estimated to be able to host

up to 16,000 spectators once completed and the Mawhitiwhiti Kanihi Pā build project. Also, the first stage of work on the new Te Ramanui o Ruaputahanga - Library, Arts and Culture Centre in Hawera has started. These projects have generated 116 jobs so far, with up to 493 projected. Of course, investing in critical infrastructure isn't the only way we're creating jobs and getting people into work. We're continuing to roll out initiatives like our Jobs for Nature programme, which is supporting essential environmental

and pest control work, and we're linking businesses and workers through programmes like Flexi-wage and Mana in Mahi. According to the Treasury, around 221,000 more people will be in work over the next four years, thanks to our Government's actions.

As we create jobs today, we're also making sure we have the skilled workforce we need for tomorrow. Since we introduced our free trades training and apprenticeships programme a year ago, more than 135,000 people have signed on to upskill and get the experience they need for a career in the trades. This will strengthen New Zealand's workforce as our rebuild continues over the next few years, while opening up lots of opportunities for people here in Taranaki.

Accelerating our recovery through infrastructure and jobs is a key part of our plan, but it's not our only priority. We're proud that as we rebuild our economy, we're also making sure we

tackle long term challenges like child poverty, housing affordability and climate change. Whether it's investing in projects like Hiringa Renewable Power and Green Hydrogen Project

to support jobs, or rolling out free lunches in schools to help give Taranaki's children a great start in life, our Government is ensuring that together, we can come out of COVID stronger.

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## Infrastructure Acceleration Fund opens

The Housing Minister Megan Woods is encouraging councils, iwi and developers to put forward ideas for getting Government help to fund infrastructure needed for new housing.

Expressions of Interest have opened for the billion dollar contestable Infrastructure Acceleration Fund to pay for services like water pipes and roads to enable new housing.

"We have set down expectations on how the Fund will be weighted toward bringing on multiple, affordable new homes quickly and in the right places; in urban centres as well as in the regions," Megan Woods said.

"Now we need people to work together to come up

with infrastructure proposals to make use of the funding. Councils have been clear that a key barrier to getting new housing underway is having land ready to build on, and the Fund is a golden opportunity to make it happen.

"Our engagement with councils suggests there will be a number of projects that the Fund can help get underway in the short to medium future, if they meet the criteria.

We are looking for projects that will bring on multiple, affordable new homes quickly and in the right places; in urban centres as well as in the regions.

"Developers and landowners will benefit from the infrastructure investment as it will provide them

with build-ready land for housing - we expect them to contribute through co-funding or other financial contributions.

"We'll also need councils to show that the proposed infrastructure is genuinely additional to what they were going to pay for anyway, and whether the infrastructure supports intensification particularly through the National Policy Statement - Urban Development.

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Phone Chris Lamain at 0220945650 for information about future events. Local folk would be welcome to join in this project which appeals to all ages.

Kathy Stanley



Murray Dobbin finds his favourite place for digging in the sandhills.



LEFT: Andy Whitehead (left) as Chairman of the OMV Community Action Group had plenty to talk to volunteer Kupa Wineera, while digging plants at Te Tuahu Sandy Bay.

RIGHT: Happily at work planting on July 1, 2021 are Laura Hickey (left) and Kelsi Bayly (right).



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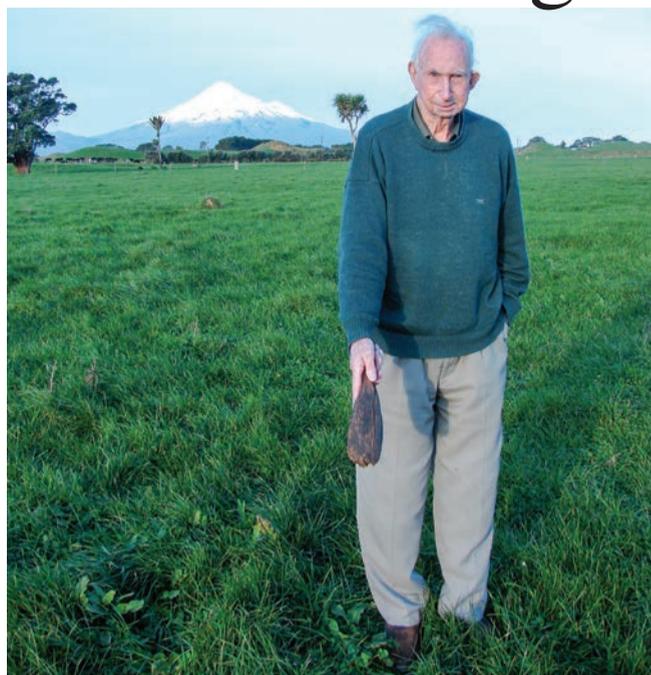
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# Artefact found on Pungarehu farm

About fifty years ago Michael Fleming discovered something of interest on his Cape Road, Pungarehu farm. Made of wood the artefact resembled a mere (club), but is more likely an implement for crushing vegetable matter, such as flax and roots. "I was quite pleased because it is the only one I've found." However, he has been given, over the years, several other artefacts including stone adzes and other items with sharpened edges.



**Michael Fleming holding the wooden artefact he found in this very location fifty years ago.**

The wooden artefact was found about 100 metres to the seaward side of where Michael's grandfather had his homestead (It no longer exists). The artefact was sitting uncovered on the top of the terrain. He said the item probably dated to

a time before 1880. Michael said the area where it was found was quite swampy. The old homestead site is

marked by an ornate stone fence on the left side of Cape Road, heading towards the sea.

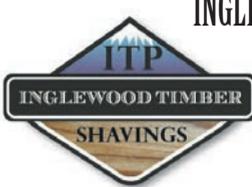


The larger of the stone adzes was given to him by Maru Murutoroa. "He worked for my father forty years ago," comments Michael.

These artefacts were gifted by Michael Fleming to the Cape Egmont Boat Club and they will be eventually on display at the Cape Egmont Replica Lighthouse/Museum.

**LEFT:**  
The stone artefacts Michael Fleming was given with the wooden one he found (on the extreme right).

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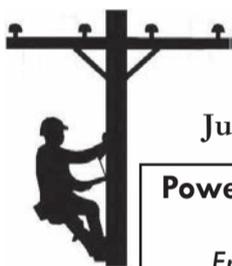
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# East End beach at Sunset



Obeying the sign and staying off the beach on the walkway, check out the signage *Photo by Irene van der Sar.*

## Mandatory folic acid in bread to reduce birth defects

All non-organic bread-making wheat flour in New Zealand will be fortified with folic acid within the next two years..

The supplement has been proven to prevent birth defects like spina bifida. Food Safety Minister Ayesha Verrall said more than half of pregnancies in New Zealand are unplanned, so it's not practical for all women to take a folic acid supplement a month before they conceive.

Professor Clare Wall, Head of the Discipline of Nutrition and Dietetics, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland, comments:

"Information collected by Growing up in New Zealand, this country's largest contemporary longitudinal study, was an important contributor to the development of the new policy announced that all non-organic bread-making wheat flour in New Zealand will be fortified with folic acid within the next two

years.

"Published research from Growing Up demonstrated that 92% of pregnant women were not taking folic acid supplements according to the national recommendation (4 weeks before until 12 weeks after conception), with 69% taking insufficient folic acid, and 57% extending use of the supplement past 13 weeks' gestation.

"This study also indicated that there were important sociodemographic inequities in the rates of inadequate use of folic acid. The risk of having insufficient folic acid use during pregnancy was higher among mothers: under 30, with lower levels of education, of non-European/Pakeha ethnicities, unemployed, who smoked cigarettes, whose pregnancy was unplanned, living in more deprived households or who had older children. In contrast, there was decreased risk of extended use of folic acid (past the 12th week after conception) among mothers: of Pacific

ethnicity (versus European) and for whom this was not a first pregnancy

"Then, a subsequent study, using Growing Up dietary data collected from mothers antenatally, enabled us to explore the impact of different scenarios of folic acid fortification of foods on women's dietary intake of folate. This study demonstrated that the current voluntary fortification of food with folic acid in NZ is not providing equal access to folate intake among its ethnically diverse population of women of childbearing age. It also showed that if food products made with wheat flour and rice were mandatorily fortified with folic acid in New Zealand, ethnic inequities in women's folate intakes would be potentially reduced.

"The findings of both

studies are of relevance for New Zealand, as it used contemporary data and which are nationally generalizable."

Main findings from study 1:

- 13% did not use folic acid at all;
- 22% did not take sufficient supplements during the recommended period (4 weeks before until 12 weeks after conception);
- 33% did not take sufficient supplements during the recommended period but extended folic acid use beyond the first trimester of pregnancy;
- Only 8% used folic acid supplements according to the recommendation;
- 23% achieved the recommendation and kept using this supplement past the 12th week after conception.

## Renewable gas study shows promise

A new study showing the potential of renewable gas made from organic and farm waste has been welcomed by Energy Resources Aotearoa.

The joint study by Beca, Firstgas Group and Fonterra estimates that biogas with low emissions could be in use by homes and businesses by 2030.

"This is an exciting potential new energy source that could use the existing natural gas infrastructure," says chief executive John Carnegie.

"It shows the importance of keeping our options open, and not banning new gas connections which could be used for this new form of gas.

"It also shows the ETS is working. By putting a price on emissions, it is encouraging new technological innovations like this.

"New Zealand is going to need more energy from all sources as we transition to lower emissions, so this is a very welcome project."

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# Kaponga WI

We all met at the home of our member Dene Lines for our June meeting. We had Gillian Frandsen sit in as secretary as Sharyn Hurley was absent.

The thought for the month was "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help somebody."

The roll call was "What was your first fancy dress?" This discussion brought back many memories of the costumes that were worn. A few of the costumes were Buttons and Bows, Fairies, a Dutch girl and Oliver Twist just to name a few.

A couple of members have visited the display down at the Patea museum and commented that it was a great display.

Four of our members Val Eliason, Fiona Collins, Sharyn Hurley, and Gillian Frandsen attended the Conference in Wellington celebrating 100 years of Women's Institute in New Zealand and Fiona Collins gave us a report on the wonderful time they had there.

Secret friends were thanked for gifts given and received



Rodney Dunlop from Habitat for Humanity.

from members. winners were  
The monthly competition Raffle - Margaret Arbuckle.

Embroidery – 1. Rosalie Gibson 2. Dorothy Hughes 3. Joy Eliason. Cheese scones. 1. Jo Ellis. 2. Diane West. 3. Nan Stokes. Serviette – 1. Dorothy Hughes. 2. Dene Lines. 3. Margaret Arbuckle.

The Jubilee dish was awarded to Jo Ellis..

The meeting was then closed and we all indulged in a beautiful lunch which the members had brought and lots of catching up with one another.

After lunch we had Rodney Dunlop from Habitat for Humanity come to speak to us. This was extremely interesting to hear about the marvellous work they do not only in New Zealand but over in the Islands ad well.

This ended our fabulous day.  
Jo Ellis

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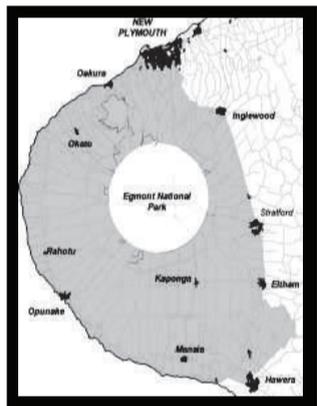
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### 'THE ARTS' TERM TWO FOCUS

Term two at Coastal Taranaki School has been focused on the Arts with Visual arts, Kapahaka, Music and Performing Arts just some of the areas students and staff have been working on.

#### KAPAHAKA

##### Ka kite anō Matua Clive

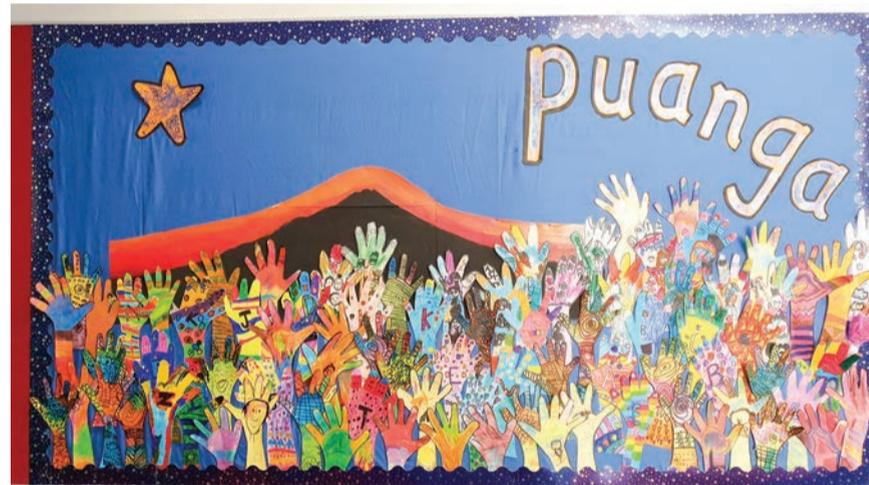
Last week was Matua Clive's last appearance at CTS as our Kapa Haka tutor. At our final Kapa Haka practice as a school our tamariki and staff presented Matua Clive with a taonga to show our gratitude, and in recognition of his years of time spent at CTS.

We look forward to welcoming Whāea Nganeko Eriwata who is stepping in to fill the role of Kapa Haka leader moving forward.



#### PUANGA CELEBRATION & OPEN DAY

We held our annual Puanga Breakfast Celebration last month. This year's event was organised and run by our Year 11 students and we are very proud of the event they prepared for our school community. With over 200 people in attendance, we gathered for a karanga to call in both the new day and Māori New Year. This was followed by karakia, kōrero and a ceremonial fire lighting. Then we moved into our school hall that had been prepared as a dining hall for a lovely breakfast and some presentations. We also hosted an Open Day event for families considering joining our school and for parents who are considering their children's options for Years 9-13 schooling.



#### MOTOCROSS

Our school Motocross team finished the 'King of the Schools Primary/Intermediate Series' for 2021 at the final event in Whangarei on July 3rd. The team finished the series as the overall winners! Completing the four events held around the North Island to finish first in the North Island out of 95 primary and intermediate schools. Thanks to our team sponsors Puniho Engineering, Honda Hub, Okato Foursquare, and Fruit Party. We would like to acknowledge the parent community who have supported our students to represent our school. Well done to the students who have such a passion and enthusiasm for Motocross!

##### Motocross Winning Team by Ethan Hooker and Te Ihorangi Walden

At Motocross we came first place in the North Island out of 92 schools at the King of the Schools Primary/Intermediate Schools MX Series for 2021. We had to drive all the way to Whangarei, and it took seven and a half hours to get there. Ethan Hooker won the Yrs 7-11, 53-149cc Trail Class with 150 points. Lucca Mclean came 2nd place, Luccas Ripia came 4th, Tula Mclean came 5th. Te Kaewa won the Intro Trail Class. Liam came 5th place out of in the Pro 65 class. When we got there, we took a photo of the team sitting on the motorbikes, and the people in the team got new sweatshirts from our sponsors Puniho Engineering, Okato Four Square, Fruit Party and Honda Hub. Ethan had to sit next to the box bumping him in the head the whole way. All the Motocross teams were impressive at riding and everyone was fair and kind. Some people fell off their bikes, Kyan hurt his shoulder but kept on riding. Billy got knocked out by someone on a Husqvarna 50cc 2 stroke bike, he went to the hospital but he didn't break anything. We Face Timed him during the results when we won the championship trophy.



#### SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Back in Term 1 2020 Whaea Justine voiced an idea around 'Te Aranui o Pukeonaki' as our Production. Over the last 4 weeks we have literally sewed costumes, painted scenery and worked on the logistics of the transitions of classes that culminated in our slick performances. What a joy it was to see Whaea Justine's initial idea coming to fruition. Each and every performer made us proud. Special mention should be made of our main characters:

Pukeonaki: Cypress-Jak Ryder  
Rauhoto Tapairu: Brianna McCready-Scouller  
Tongariro: Ricky Smith  
Pihanga: Shanay Rikirangi  
Pihanga understudy: Elena Barron  
Ruapehu: Grady O'Sullivan  
Tauhara: Alana Wood  
Pouakai: Francie O'Sullivan  
Kaitake: Shiloh Baylis  
Nan: Melody Weir  
Koro: Kalani Dalton

Tahurangi: Te Mokena Walden  
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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tatarakihi Festival upcoming event for Kapa haka.

Taranaki Puanga Festival.

Coastal Kapa Haka schools event.

# Coastal Taranaki School Production

Back in Term 1 2020 Whaea Justine voiced an idea around 'Te Aranui o Pukeonaki' as our Production. She talked it through with Mr Walden and myself and whilst we agreed it was a great idea and the kaupapa worked well within our localised curriculum portraying our school value 'Ako', we were very conscious of how large this project would be.

Then COVID hit and our priorities changed overnight. Sadly any kōrero around the production was set aside and we were left to defer it until 2021. In Feb 2021, we reconvened our discussions around the production and we gave Whaea Justine a short time frame to put together a summary of the play and draft script that the Project Based Learning Group could then further develop and work on collaboratively. She met with Taipuni Ruakere and Fay Mulligan who whakapapa to Puniho Pā and Taranaki Iwi, to ensure that we captured localised cultural narrative. Again, this fits well into our school values and vision of 'Whanaungatanga'. Auditions took place and parts were cast.

Early term 2, the work stream quickly got put into



The performers are a vision of colour and action.

place. Raelene Luckin was drafted in to support the classroom teachers with the dance and choreography. Band and choir practises began and cast members commenced practicing their lines. Cale Snowdon and Shanay Rikirangi began writing and producing their amusing 'rap' about the two fighting mouna.

Over the last 4 weeks we have literally sewed costumes, painted scenery and worked on the logistics

of the transitions of classes that culminated in our slick performances. What a joy it was to see Whaea Justine's initial idea coming to fruition. Each and every performer made us proud. What is left to say is the gratitude that we have for all the 'Manaakitanga' shown to us throughout the last month. Those people who gave their time and talents to us. Our thanks go to them all.

Richard Grevers and

Soren Grevers-White for organising with Taranaki Stage Hire (TSH) and all the lighting. Caleb Rayner, who is studying sound production as part of his WITT training, worked on the sound with David. Our backstage crew led by Stage Manager Ngahua Hohaia who worked alongside our hard working Learning Assistants, Liana Giftins and Kirsty Koboski on the stage management and props, and the runners Jordan Smith,

Krystal Breeze Ryder, Keyana Taylor and Isabelle McCready-Scouller.

The creative hands of Mrs Gorrie-Lawn, Mrs Richardson, Whaea Katey, Amy Wade, Megan Riddock, Glenda Palmer, Jocelyn Grigsby, Melanie Thomson, Brianna McCready-Scouller, Shanay Rikirangi, Aliya Fever for our wonderful kakahu.

Unfortunately, our new kapa haka costumes were still being made so at the

very last minute Nanny Joy and Sally Tippet put together an interim kapa haka outfit for our group. What a super job they did.

Min White and Amy Wade shared their skills, coming up trumps with the make up requests to add the finishing touches to the costumes.

We sadly also say a big thank you and a fond farewell to Matua Clive who instructed our kapa haka performance group as Whaea Nganeko takes over the reins.

We acknowledge the Design PBL group, supported by Mr Leppard and Matua Lester for creating the scenery.

This production should rightly and obviously be mostly attributed to the brilliant writing and casting by Whaea Justine but also shows clearly how a small community knows how to put on a big show.

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*The leader at the front and the workers behind the scenes.*

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# A journey for a mountain and a school

For their 2021 production Coastal Taranaki School has gone for something home-grown, and based on a story of local significance.

Te Aranui Pukeonaki Journey of the Mountain is a nuanced take on the battle of the mountains. This version is one which may not be so familiar to those more used to the generic story of how Pukeonaki quarrelled with Tongariro for the love of Pihanga and left his home in the Central Plateau for a new home on the west coast and with it a new name, Rua Taranaki.

The show opened on the afternoon of June 7, followed by evening showings on June 7 and June 8. The school's primary and intermediate classes provided the dance numbers, with speaking parts going to members of the senior school.

The story has the beautiful Pihanga (Shanay Rikirangi) attracting the attention of Pukeonaki (Cypress-Jak Ryder) and Tongariro (Ricky Smith). The action then proceeds through to Taranaki's final home where the handsome hero becomes the centre of



Performers at Coastal Taranaki School's production *Te Aranui Pukeonaki Journey of the Mountain*.

romantic attention, this time from Kaitake (Shiloh Baylis) and Pouakai (Francie O'Sullivan).

In putting the show together, the school had consulted with the Puniho marae and hapu Nga Mahanga. Coastal Taranaki School principal Scott Walden says every hapu has its own cultural narrative, so they had decided to follow



Above. A distraught Pukeonaki/Taranaki (Cypress Jak-Ryder) contemplates the loss of Pihanga.



the local one in putting the production together.

Justine Francis, the show's director began work on it back in December. As well as director, she also describes herself as scriptwriter, although she says she wanted the cast members to have their own input.

"I left bits blank so they could write their own scenes," she said.

"We were talking to people and noticed a few variations on this story. In our one there's a little bit more focus on peace. He (Taranaki) leaves because he want to

promote peace. It's a very modern retelling and more in depth. It's really great for kids."

All through term, the school had been learning about the story, and their artwork which was on display to be seen by those coming to the show reflects this.

"All term it's been mountain madness," says Justine.

Scott says having the entire school and its various departments creating the show is what sets it apart from something based on an established format.

"We have new entrants through to school leavers, which creates a need to produce opportunities for students of all ages to learn, grow and participate. It's required the contribution of a whole lot of expertise in arts, music and technology. It's been reflective of our school values of encouraging those community partnerships, and Ako, or empowering our learners."

Te Aranui Pukeonaki comes three years after the success of the school's production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, which had been put together after consulting with the local community, Scott said at the time.

"A prominent part of the feedback was that they wanted to bring back the school productions, so we responded with *Pirates of the Curry Bean*."

The school was looking to put on a production every two years, but last year the uncertainties of Covid and lockdown meant this was postponed.

Scott says the production has had benefits for the school beyond putting on the show.

"The real learning is what has already occurred throughout the term, and this becomes an opportunity to share and celebrate that learning."

Left: Koro (Kalani Dalton) tells the story.

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# New District Governor loves being a Lion

Megan England says she enjoys giving back to the community. A member of the Eltham Lions Club for the last 15 years, the principal of Ngaere School has just started a one year term as District Governor of Lions District 202D which stretches from Uruti to Foxton.

She has spent most of her life around Eltham.

Originally the Lions had tried to get her husband Robert interested in joining, she says.

“He’s a Rotarian at heart, but I was quite keen. I had been brought up with Lions. My father(Jim Best) had been a Lion and joined the Eltham Club shortly after the club chartered.”

Since joining as the Eltham Club Megan has served as president and secretary, as well as being zone chair. She had earlier been approached and asked if she wanted to start the path which would lead to her being installed as district governor.

“I said I wasn’t ready, but this time I think the timing is right,” she says. “I enjoy giving back to the community. I think I have the skills and knowledge and leadership as a school principal to make a go of it. I like the big picture stuff. I like being part of a



Lions District Governor Megan England with her husband Robert before her installation via Zoom.

bigger organisation than just the clubs, and I love being a Lion.”

Her theme for the year

ahead is “Tell your story, know your why,”

” Think about why you joined Lions and why you

remain a Lion. Let others see the passion you have for what you do, for the belief in doing ‘good’ for your

community, for the fun you have while doing it. Share our purpose. Share our collective ‘why’. Tell our collective story,” she says.

Prior to Covid, Megan would have been installed as district governor at the Lions World Convention. This year it was originally intended that the country’s seven district governors would be installed at a weekend away in Martinborough, but Wellington going into Alert Level 2 meant this plan had to be shelved. Instead Megan, along with the other incoming district governors were installed via Zoom in the comfort of their respective living rooms.

Like other service organisations Lions faces challenges of continuing to be relevant and attracting younger members.

“Everybody’s extremely busy these days,” says Megan.

She says there’s a need to attract newer members in the 30-40 year old age group and encourage them to make giving back a priority, although she says she has been impressed with some of the initiatives clubs have taken to bring in new members. These include relaxing the format of meetings, social media, and making projects more

appealing to younger members.

Megan has been principal at Ngaere School for the last eight years. Before then she was assistant principal at Eltham Primary School. She has four adult children.

Megan succeeds Louise Knapman of Opunake as district governor. Taking over from her next year will be Colyton farmer Stephen Barr who also has an Opunake connection. He is the son of Opunake identities Jim and Gabrielle Barr and was head boy at Opunake High School.

## Sandfords Mania Golf Club results

July 3. Logan Symes +3. Trevor Larsen +3. Grant Gopperth +1. Jim Greenough +1. Kevin Murrell.

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# Inaugural rail programme creates certainty and jobs

The inaugural three-year plan for investing in New Zealand's rail network creates certainty and jobs and marks the start of a new era for KiwiRail, the company's Group Chief Executive Greg Miller says.

Transport Minister Michael Wood released the first Rail Network Investment Programme (RNIP), which details the \$1.3 billion investment to maintain and improve rail lines across the country over the next three years.

"This plan has major benefits for KiwiRail, will create and sustain jobs,

and will help ensure New Zealand's exports and domestic freight get where they need to go," Mr Miller says.

"It covers the important work of replacing aging bridges, worn-out tracks and the civil works necessary to ensure that our national rail network is up to standard so that the thousands of train services we run are reliable.

"With 70 per cent fewer emissions than road transport, getting more freight onto rail offers a real opportunity to reduce New Zealand's transport emissions. But we're only

going to see that mode-shift if we have a resilient and reliable network. This first RNIP is about getting the basics right, which will allow us to really grow rail."

Mr Miller says having a funded three-year plan also creates the certainty needed for KiwiRail and its customers to make effective business decisions.

"Instead of having to go to the Government every 12 months for funding to maintain the network without knowing if we will get more money the next year, we now have certainty of funding and a three-year

plan.

"That's essential for any infrastructure business and it means we can confidently take on the staff we need, knowing there is a pipeline of work ahead of us. KiwiRail is among New Zealand's largest infrastructure construction companies, with about 1,200 track staff already, working 24/7 across the country. We need to increase our staff by 15 per cent to carry out this work, with a commitment taking on more trainees. In addition, this investment will support numerous civil contractors and material supply businesses.

"Having a solid plan also gives KiwiRail a massive procurement advantage. The best way to use capital is to carefully plan spending. For example, the RNIP means we can purchase some materials needed in bulk three years at a time, which helps manage costs.

"I'm sure our customers will be delighted with the RNIP. It gives them clarity on where network investment will be happening and when, so that they can make their own investment decisions.

"KiwiRail's freight customers are crucial to New

Zealand's GDP and they are already having to navigate the disruption Covid-19 has had on the global supply chain. With this plan we are able to assure them that the rail component of their supply chain can be relied upon."

The RNIP details the

work KiwiRail will be undertaking between mid-2021 and 2024, in line with the Government direction outlined in the NZ Rail Plan. The work is funded through the National Land Transport Fund and has to be approved by the Minister of Transport.

## Council credit rating upgraded

Global Ratings Agency Standard and Poors (S&P) has upgraded the South Taranaki District Council's (STDC) long term credit rating from AA- to AA and affirmed its short term rating A-1+ with Stable outlook.

Council Chief Executive Waid Crockett says the upgrade reflects the Council's sound financial management and liquidity coverage.

"This credit rating upgrade from S&P is great news not only because it signals strong confidence in

Council's prudent financial management from a well-respected independent source, but also because it will result in significant savings for our ratepayers," says Mr Crockett. "The higher credit rating means we will be able to save a further up to \$50k-60k annually on debt servicing in the future."

South Taranaki District Council is one of 32 Councils across the country that has credit ratings. S&P conducts its reviews annually.



STDC chief executive Waid Crockett.



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# First time competitor is Young Farmer of the Year



**Young Farmer of the Year Jake Jarman of Inglewood.**

Jake Jarman, 24, has been crowned FMG Young Farmer of the Year 2021, for the contest's 53rd season.

Jake represented the Taranaki Manawatu region, beating six other grand finalists for the title.

"Feeling overwhelmed, excited and relieved that it's over! I'm just also so incredibly thankful to so many people, far too many to name but it's a huge team of people to pull together this event and a big team behind me to get me here too".

Jarman said he was determined to give Grand Final his best shot after initially signing up to the contest to just give it a go.

He said he never dreamed he'd win the title of FMG Young Farmer of the Year but was immensely proud of the achievement and hoped it would inspire others.

The victory was a culmination of days of gruelling practical and

technical challenges set out to test the seven Grand Finalists' skills, knowledge and stamina.

Contestants participated in a technical day, a practical day, speeches, exams and the famous FMG Young Farmer of the Year buzzer quiz.

Jake has a Bachelor of AgriCommerce and a Masters in Agri Science from Lincoln University and Massey University respectively.

"I opted to go down the commerce route for my studies because it's always been something I've found interesting. When I did my masters we looked at the financial aspect of the farm system change we investigated which was something I really enjoyed"

After completing his studies, Jake headed home to work on the family farm in Inglewood.

"I loved being home and working with my parents,

it's a privilege in many ways to work land that's been in the family for so long. It was a nice change of pace after studying".

Alongside working on the farm, Jake was working part-time as a farm systems research graduate with Dairy Trust Taranaki working closely on their 'Living below the Fat Evaluation Index' supplementary feeding research project, which seeks to compare alternatives to feeding PKE in an attempt to lower the fat evaluation index of the milk.

Earlier this year, Jake landed a job within ANZ's rural lending team as a relationship associate. Jarman has his eye on farm ownership and raising a family on the land, just like his parents.

Jake has been involved in Young Farmers since University.

"Young Farmers is a lot

about networks and a lot about meeting like-minded people. I've been a member of four clubs as I've moved around the country so I have friends in all parts of the country now".

Congratulating Jake on his win, New Zealand Young Farmers CEO Lynda Coppersmith said he was a fantastic representative for contest and the agriculture, food and fibres sector.

"As a first time competitor, it has been amazing to watch Jake shine and not just 'give it a go', but take out the title,"she said."He has proven to us again that this contest isn't about age and experience but determination

and cross-sector skills.

"Jake is a fantastic leader for the ag sector, a role model and has already inspired other young people to believe in themselves and showcase what they're made of. It's incredibly exciting to see what lies ahead for Jake

and as the 2021 FMG Young Farmer of the Year, we are grateful to be able to part of that."

The Young Farmer of the Year began in 196, and now attracts around 200 contestants each year.



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## On this month in history

### William Massey becomes PM

On July 10, 1912 the Liberal Party era of government in New Zealand ended with interim PM Thomas Mackenzie losing a confidence vote. William Massey the founding leader of the Reform Party

(established 1910) became prime minister. He lasted in this position until May 1925 when he died in office. His span of 12 years and 304 days is only exceeded by Richard Seddon, who also died in office (in 1906).

Earlier, William Massey was Leader of the Opposition from 1903 to 1912.

He was born in county Londonderry (now Northern Ireland) on March 26 and came to New Zealand as a youngster in October 1862.

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# Effluent application: the way it spreads matters

There's a lot of things to consider when choosing effluent equipment for your farm, and when it comes to your spreading application – the way it sprays matters. It affects council compliance rules, operational efficiencies, and the amount of nutrients able to be utilised.



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- An accurate, defined spread width for control over where the effluent is landing.
- To keep the spray lower to the ground to minimise wind drift; and
- Produce larger droplets for a less atomised spray, for reduced volitisation and to allow nutrients to get to the root of

the structure and not sit on foliage.

Your choice of applicator will depend on the method of application – slurry tanker, umbilical drag hose system, travelling irrigator, travelling rain gun, or stationary irrigators and rain guns. All have their place depending on the farm's operations, so here's some



**The choice of application will depend on the method of application.**

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important considerations:

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is making it into the soil to feed pasture and crops.

If effluent irrigators or rain guns are the best option for your farm, a good strategy is to spread overnight, or at times where the sun is lower to maximise the amount of nutrients making it to the ground. Also be sure to spread a good distance from waterways, roads or neighbouring properties to be sure wind doesn't carry the effluent into unwanted territory and cause council compliance issues.

### Dropper booms and disc injectors

These applicators provide extreme accuracy and next to no wind drift or volitisation issues, which is great. However, there are a few compromises. The application is slower and it takes a little more skill to use the equipment. In terms of how they spread, the thing to be aware of is that applying high concentrations of effluent in defined lines can cause hot spots if not properly monitored – which is not great for council compliance.

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*Lloyd Thomas  
Nevada Effluent  
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## Applications open for dairy worker border exception

Applications are now being taken by DairyNZ for dairy farmers applying for border class exception, which could see 200 dairy farm workers and their families come into the country.

Following the Government's decision to grant the exceptions, DairyNZ has worked closely with Federated Farmers and the Ministry for Primary Industries to ensure a robust

and fair process is in place.

DairyNZ responsible dairy general manager Jenny Cameron says opening these applications is a positive step, providing more clarity and detail for farmers nationwide who are facing a staff shortage.

"This will help some of the workers stuck overseas to return to their jobs on Kiwi farms or new migrants looking to join the sector,

while supporting our farmers by relieving some of the workforce shortage," says Ms Cameron.

"Applications will be open for an initial two weeks so we can assess and understand the interest from farmers looking to bring workers into the country through these exceptions."

For the border class exception, it is Government requirement that the industry

body needs to manage the processing and assessing of exception applications.

As implementation partner, DairyNZ is responsible for ensuring that employers with the most critical workforce needs can utilise the class exception. DairyNZ will assess applications to determine if they meet the specific eligibility criteria of the exception, as set out by Government.



# Wrapping up Fieldays 2021

“This could well be the [most] significant show of its kind globally this year,” was the comment from Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern at her Fieldays TV interview on day one of Fieldays 2021.

It was the second biggest in the event’s 53-year history, with a total of 132,776 people attending over the four days to experience the true essence of New Zealand agriculture. On Friday 18 June alone, 44,044 people came through the gate – a record day that will go down in Fieldays history.

New Zealand National Fieldays Society CEO Peter Nation says that getting to opening day was no small feat and he was thrilled with the public’s response to this year’s event.

“Along with our loyal sponsors and exhibitors, the team of 5 million did the hard yards to get us to opening day, and we are extremely grateful for the support.

“The events industry is a huge part of our DNA, and this was reflected by the astronomical numbers of people coming through the gate.

“Beyond the numbers, the intangible factors that can’t be measured, such as the smiling faces and people reuniting and having a good time, tell me this year’s event was a huge success.”

Many people opted for alternative transport options to get to Fieldays this year. Over 14,000 people took the bus, with 292 trips taking place. Around 1,100 visitors also travelled to Fieldays in the Waikato River Explorer, with 536 catching the Camjet, and 94 people took to the skies, flying to Fieldays in a helicopter with Helicorp.

It was also the first time that Fieldays had staged a hybrid event bringing the best of the physical and virtual events together. The virtual extension of the event, Fieldays Online, returned off the back of last



This year’s Fieldays was the second biggest in the history of the event.

year’s success to connect with rural communities that are more isolated, or weren’t able to attend the physical event.

Once again, Fieldays Online was successful in bringing New Zealand agriculture to the world, with high visitation from Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, and South Korea.

Some of the primary sector’s greatest minds put their ideas to the test at the Fieldays Innovation Awards, with a total of 64 entries on display in the Innovation Hub.

Winners included Springarm Products Limited with their ballcock arm that flexes and won’t break (Prototype Award), Cropsy Technologies with their AI enabled hardware that helps winegrowers monitor their crops (Early Stage Award and Young Innovator’s Award). IGS Limited was the winner of the Growth & Scale Award for their vertical farming technology. As they are based in Scotland and the United States, IGS Limited couldn’t make it to Fieldays due to border restrictions, though they

were well-represented by the British High Commission.

Co-founder and inventor of Springarm, Ric Awburn, says he’s been “overwhelmed” by the high levels of interest and support they’ve received since their Innovation Award win.

“We’ve gone from exhibiting at Fieldays with a few ballcock arms and a bit of signage, to lots of emails and calls from people wanting to buy our product, news articles, and conversations with manufacturers. It’s a lot to take in.”

Ric manages a 500-cow farm in Te Kawa by day, and now, he makes ballcock arms by night. The Springarm (also known as the ‘farmer’s little saviour’) is now available to purchase on the Springarm website, and Ric says he and his wife Marianne are working hard to keep up with the demand.

Another aspect of the event in high demand this year was the Fieldays Health & Scale Award for their vertical farming technology. An astonishing 33,000 plus people visited the Hub and received free check-ups and advice to meet every aspect of physical and

mental wellness.

During Fieldays, 673 skin cancer spot checks, 364 hepatitis C tests, over 1,200 blood glucose tests, 722 blood pressure checks, and around 550 atrial fibrillation checks were just a portion of the check-ups completed at the Hub.

It has been calculated that the primary sector needs 50,000 skilled workers

by 2025. To address this, the Fieldays Careers and Education Hub highlighted the wide scope of training and career opportunities on offer, inspiring school students or those rethinking their career options.

Over 1,600 school students visited the Careers and Education Hub, a fun and interactive zone to learn and be inspired by the wealth of opportunities available in the primary sector, hosted by GrowingNZ and supported by Inspiring the Future. A new feature of the Hub this year was the mystery panel event. School students played ‘guess who’ to figure out the careers of four mystery role models in the food and fibre sector. This

broadened their awareness of the wide range of options on offer as a result.

The iconic Fieldays competitions entertained the masses and demonstrated the high levels of skill and finesse from the best in the business.

The boy racers of farming went head-to-head in the Fieldays Tractor Pull and the skills and endurance of New Zealand’s top fencers were put to the test in the Fieldays Fencing Competitions. Waikato and Bay of Plenty excavator operators raced the clock to complete tasks to challenge their skill and precision in the Civil Contractors New Zealand Excavator Competition.

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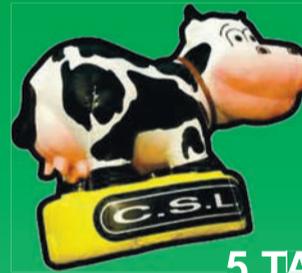
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# Primary Industry heroes honoured by peers

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roles behind them for a few hours. Surfing for Farmers now boasts a team of 50 volunteers and has spread to 16 regions, with nearly 3000 farmers taking part.

“For most farmers it is their first time on a surf-board. Steven says when farmers come out of the water, it’s like a reset for them,” judges noted.

The Innovation and Collaboration Award went to Ballance Agri Nutrients and Hiringa Energy. Their \$65 million investment will see construction of four wind turbines nearly as tall as Auckland’s Sky Tower. This wind generation together with hydrogen energy will replace use of natural gas to produce urea at Ballance’s Kapuni site.

As judges noted, this will not only accelerate implementation of green

Food and fibre sector achievers were recognised at the 2021 Primary Industries New Zealand Awards, with seven winners named from 65 nominations.

A favourite with many of the more than 500 farmers, growers, foresters and fishers present was the winner of the Team Award. Stephen Thompson from Bayley’s Rural Real Estate started helping farmers get out on the ocean waves as a way to leave the stress of their busy



Stephen Thompson of Surfing for Farmers.

hydrogen infrastructure in New Zealand but use of low-emission fertiliser will help build on our reputation for producing low-emissions food.

It was a sweet night for the True Honey Company, named winner of the Primary Industries Producer Award. Judges said True Honey has taken the highest grade New Zealand manuka honey to the world’s most exclusive markets.

“From having hives in dense manuka serviced by helicopter, to world class processing for a quality

driven highly discerning marketplace the company has taken a natural New Zealand product to international recognition and acclaim.”

Malcolm Bailey, Frances Clement and Emma Bose were all recognised for their leadership.

Malcolm Bailey (Outstanding Contribution to the Primary Industries) was described by judges as “the complete package as a primary industry leader”.

He re-organised Federated Farmers from a bunch of tribes to a single, effective

voice. He was on the Fonterra Share holder Council and on the Board of Fonterra. He was our special trade envoy over a period of international trade disruption and he currently chairs the Red Meat Profit Partnership and the NZ Dairy Companies Association.

NZ Pork’s Policy & Issues Manager Frances Clement took out the Primary Industries Champion Award, sponsored by Federated Farmers, to recognise a genuine ‘good bugger’ who has championed their rural community and their

industry. “Frances stood out for her 25-year commitment to the New Zealand Pork Industry, making significant improvements across the board for our country’s pig farmers and, as a result, New Zealand in general,” judges said.

Emma Boase for Horticulture New Zealand won the Emerging Leaders Award, particularly for her efforts attracting new talent to the sector.

The Science and Research Award went to Professor Jon Hickford, Dr Huitong Zhou and Freeman Fang. The judges said they were most impressed with the holistic approach of the Lincoln University team to bring a highly professional genetic approach to the business of farming.

“Their genetic program was impressive as was their relationship with farmers. This guaranteed a practical result from a highly specialised scientific process.”

In the Innovation and Collaboration category, judges gave special recognition for outstanding cultural collaboration to the Tōtara Industry Pilot - Scion, a two-year feasibility project was to test the business case for a new regional industry based on the sustainable management of regenerating forests of Tōtara in Northland.

## An average June for most

Rainfall for June varied with totals ranging between 76% and 137%, with an average of 101%, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Patea recorded 137% with 140.2 mm, while Kotare (Tongaporutu) recorded just 76% of normal for June

with 145.0 mm. Te Maunga sites recorded near normal rainfall with totals between 96% and 104% of normal. The majority of the rainfall fell in the second half of the month, with unexpected snow falling down to levels as low as the Stratford and Midhirst areas on the June

27. Year to date rainfall is sitting between 74% and 116% of normal, with an average of 99%. Cape Egmont has recorded 116% of normal with 773.6 mm, while Rimunui Station has recorded just 74% for the year with 462.0 mm. At the halfway point of the year rainfall totals are ranging between 34% and 56% of normal for the full calendar year, with an average of 46%.

River flows were above normal for all sites by between 17% to 71% except for the Waitara River at Bertrand Rd, Waingongoro at Eltham and Whenuakura at Nicholson Rd which recorded 6% to 13% lower than normal.

Water temperatures were all above normal for the month by between 0.41°C and 1.54°C. The Timaru Stream recorded a new June maximum water temperature with 13.63°C, which was 0.69°C higher than the previous maximum.

The average air temperature for the region, excluding Te Maunga, for June was 11.71°C, which was 0.86°C warmer than the long term average. Eight sites recorded new June maximum air temperatures, these sites were: Brooklands

(21.60°C), Motunui (19.37°C), Hillsborough (18.23°C), Inglewood (20.74°C), Stratford (19.25°C), Okato (19.64°C), Manaia (20.19°C) and Ngutuweru (18.52°C). Also North Egmont (-1.48°C), Dawson Falls (-1.25°C), Okato (1.82°C) and Te Kiri (-0.16°C) recorded new record minimums for the month of June. Brooklands Zoo recorded the warmest air temperature for the month with 21.60°C, while Whareroa recorded the coolest with -0.16°C.

Soil moisture was mixed for the month, with six sites (Kotare, Hillsborough, Pohokura Saddle, Okato, Manaia and Patea) recording above normal for the month by between 0.30% and 6.70%, while the remaining sites recorded below normal by between 0.16% and 7.91%.

Soil temperature was above normal for all sites by between 0.61°C and 1.92°C, except Hillsborough which had a mean soil temperature of 12.25°C, which was 2.20°C cooler than the long term June average. Patea recorded a new maximum soil temperature for June with 13.88°C, which was 0.05°C warmer than the previous June maximum.

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## Premiers finish pool play in style

Our last game of the round of pool play was against Tukapa at Saunders Park.

The weather was beautiful and it was a great day for running rugby with the field in great condition.

We fronted up with basically the same team as the week before and we call that a luxury.

The game started with plenty of ball movement but Tukapa were awarded a penalty to take an early lead 3-0.



**Jeremy Newell top Taranaki try scorer.**

Then our boys hit their straps and moving the ball side to side in entertaining rugby before powerful centre Sean Mare crashed over off an excellent centre pairing move with Daniel Crowley giving him a beautiful short ball.

Then we scored again after a strong five metre scrum a well worked back move with Logan Crowley and McKenna to Gaz Goodin to score next to the posts to give us a 14-3 lead.

After many attacking raids and plenty of good ball movement we were a last pass away from scoring two or three more five pointers, and with McKenna adding the extra penalty to make it 17-3.

From the clever short kick off by Potroz Tukapa gained ascendancy and after a series of strong attacks scored off a lineout dive to make it 17-

8, and then after a heap of strong raids the half ended after Liam Hurley was deemed to have been held up after crashing over.

Andrew Trolove was replaced at halftime with a sore back by his boss and angry human Ben May, and after a few minutes ended up watching from the city end for 10 minutes, checking the dead ball line was clear for the last play of the game.

Tukapa played excellent rugby for the next 25 minutes keeping us pinned in our end, taking an 18-17 lead with 14 minutes to play. We tried unsuccessfully to get to the other end of the field. With time ticking down we managed to break out through Jacob Gopperth who was head high tackled after a couple of rucks. McKenna had a drop kick and the ref awarded us a penalty 32 out from wide out

McKenna stepped forward and looked to hit it well with time up on the clock but it just dropped under the bar, but no one told Mr Competitive Logan Crowley who raced through after the kick which Tukapa didn't field. It bounced on its end and a twist which never happened very often to us it bounced back toward the field of play and Logie dotted down for the match winner. Then things got a little ugly with plenty of players offering their opinions to ref Stone who in his defence was well away from the action and had reffed a very entertaining game and had done a top job.

Captain Newell showed his experience and quickly sent our team back to halfway and I think a few Tukapa players and supporters should be a little disappointed in their actions.

The try was awarded, and the rest was history, so we're into the semi final at the same venue against the same team.

It is pleasing to finish second equal on 37 points earned, after all the injuries we've had across the whole club.

For Tukapa they had a few serious injuries and nobody likes to see that, and a couple were of their high quality players. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Of note Dylan Schuler was our POD after another huge game, a heap of good carries and defence.

Two points shared between Daniel Crowley and Jackson Sinclair who both had excellent games and one point to hard running Troy Stevenson.

Like always everyone gave it heaps in a huge team effort.

Jeremy Newell ended up top Taranaki try scorer with 12 tries. He plays with huge heart and is a very respected player in our team.

Rick McKenna with the last conversion making it 24-18 win brought up 100 club points for the season and the semi will be his 150th game for the coast, and with Gareth Goodin making his 100th game for the Coastal Premiers a huge achievement for both and not only a huge day for our club.

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**Coastal vs Tukapa Semi Final**



Rick Mckenna celebrated his 150th game for Coastal in the Semi-Final against Tukapa.

Saturday weather was a mixture of ugly light showers, chilly breeze, but by the time kickoff rolled around it wasn't pleasant conditions.

We fielded the same starting 15 as last week and the feeling in the team was excellent. We tried to keep it just as another week, but deep down the boys were nervous yet keen to go.

The match marked our legendary back Rick Mckenna's 150th game for us and top winger and

general all round good guy Gareth Goodin 100th match for the Coastal Premiers.

After a jersey presentation to those two players, kick off rolled around fast.

Tukapa came out hot and within five minutes for the second week in a row they had a 7-0 lead to a lineout drive.

Boys were working hard and the game was a real arm wrestle and to both teams credit; neither side was backing down.

Our scrum was working

well again and we had a slight edge in that department and 15 minutes in Jeremy Newell crashed over after a 5 metre scrum and a couple rucks to get us on the board 7-5.

The game continued to be very tight and our lineout wasn't working at its best.

Just before halftime Rick Mckenna landed a nice penalty from 35 out to give us a 8-7 lead turning with the wind which was getting stronger.

Tukapa came out playing

well in the second half and made our defence work overtime and the boys were putting bodies on the line. With Dylan Schuler making an excellent desperation tackle, barrelling a Tukapa attacker over the corner flag when he was looking like he was going to score.

After 50 minutes the wind dispersed the ground and we were sorting wondering what did we do to deserve that.

At the 60th minute Tukapa scored a excellent

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try in the corner after a nice backline move to lead 12-8.

Both teams carried on the arm wrestle, but at the 70 minute mark we lifted our game and applied a heap of pressure, but couldn't get over the line.

Mckenna had departed with a serious injury and with Logan Crowley hurting his leg badly, it wasn't looking like our day.

After a 78 minute lineout mistake it looked like our season was done, but Jeremy Newell and his lifters had other ideas and stole the ball. In the last play of the game, after an awesome lineout drive and a series of drives, Logan Crowley managed to get the ball to hard running winger Troy Stevenson to crash over in the tackle wide out to give us the victory in the last play 13-12 - much to the delight of the large coastal contingent in the excellent sized crowd.

Also I must acknowledge the part that young up and coming ref Mitch Young had in the game. It was a high pressure game and he certainly played his part and both teams were given every opportunity from his high standard officiating.

It was gutting for Tukapa who were exhausted after the final whistle. The game was a true semi final and could have gone either way, but unfortunately for them the



**A speeding Troy Stevenson puts on the gas.**

Stevenson's try sunk them as it now became obvious that, why the Stevenson's moved a church onto their property at Pihama and Troy and his Dad had obviously been putting in the hours praying to get us home.

For us once again a huge team effort and, although things always didn't go right for us, we stuck to our systems which got us home and it was once again hard to single anyone out.

One point went to Liam Hurley, 2 points to our captain and big moments man Jeremy Newell and 3 points to our POD Logan Crowley who was once again, like every week, having a huge part to play in the game. It is a worry with his leg injury as to whether he will be able to

take the field this Saturday in the Final.

So it's onto the Final at Inglewood this Saturday. Hard luck to the Div 1 boys and the Colts whose season ended on Saturday and it will be just us and the Thirds who represent the Coast, but we also acknowledge the fact that with our high injury toll that we will be playing for all teams as we realise the significant part you guys have had in our success and that it affected your teams season.

Thanks again to our supporters, you guys are amazing. We really know you guys are there and the boys talk about it all the time. It be great to see as many of you as we can to support Saturday at

Inglewood for finals day for us and the Thirds, but pack wet weather gear because the forecast isn't looking good at this stage.

Lastly congratulations to Rick; 150 is a hell of a sacrifice. You still play with pride in the jersey like it was your first game and your standard of play is still second to none. He's a huge team player and a real character in the team with still a heap of games in him.

Gaza 100 games like your bro Brett and the Goodin name a huge part of our club. You've had a sabbatical from 2013 and came to help out when injuries struck and the boys love having you in the team again.

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# Te Kiri women unbeaten A helping hand for Surf Club



The victorious Te Kiri Women's hockey team..

The Te Kiri Women recently won the Championship Women's hockey competition for 2021. They last won the Championship women's trophy in 2016.

The final was played against Apex with Te Kiri eventually coming out 3 - 2 after extra time and a shoot

out!

Te Kiri women also won the Championship Challenge Trophy for the season which is similar to the Ranfurly Shield. The team that beats the current holder takes the trophy from them.

Te Kiri played 15 games, won 13 and drew two, scoring 66 goals, with eight

against. Naomi Feek who scored 30 goals received the 'Most Goals scored Cup' over both the Women's competitions.

The team are grateful for the role of the younger High school girls coming through to play at this more senior level.

The Opunake Surf Life Saving Club needs half a million dollars so their clubrooms can meet the required earthquake standards. Last week the Pihama Women's institute turned up to help things along with a \$1500 donation.

The work to meet the standards would involve removing and replacing the external walls on the original, south-east side of the building, says club president Trent Olliver.

"The far end is about a hundred years old, and the reinforcing is starting to go." The club had already

done enough of their own fund raising to contribute a small amount to get things underway. Currently they are at the later stages of the consultation process, and ideally would like to get work started in September and be finished in December in time for the 2021-2022 summer.

Last Thursday Pihama WI president Bernadette Gopperth, treasurer Bernadette Bourke and Liz Sinclair presented a \$1500 donation to the club on behalf of the Pihama WI.

Bernadette Bourke says they decided to make the

donation after having catered at a function at the Surf Club. The Opunake Surf life Saving Club looks after the only patrolled beach between Whanganui and Oakura and its building is often used by the local community. The club has about 170 members.

"We've qualified 12 new life guards this year, which is huge for us, and brings us back to 38 life guards which takes the pressure off a lot," says Trent.

They were named the Club of the Year at this year's Surf Life Saving Taranaki Awards of Excellence.



Liz Sinclair, Bernadette Gopperth and Bernadette Bourke with Trent Olliver

## Indoor bowls results

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre recently played their Open Triples. Ten teams took part with six qualifying for post section play:

Ross Wright defeated Grant Harvey 13 - 1, Rodney Morris defeated Noeleen Picard 11 - 3

Wright went on to defeat Morris 10 - 9 and Sue Bourne defeated Karl Hughes 8 - 2

The final was between Ross Wright (Skip) Richard Sturmer, Hayley Ward (North Taranaki) and Sue Bourne (Skip) Trevor Bourne and Chris Reed with Wright winning 10 - 4 to take out the title.

The "B" Grade representative game for the Hamley Trophy was played between North Taranaki and Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centres over the weekend with North Taranaki winning by 77 points to 31. Top scorer for the local Taranaki team was Martin Harding.

The local Taranaki teams were: Rose Ratahi (Skip) Bill Schrader, Judith Muggeridge, and Stephen Vince,

Chris Reed (Skip) Win Finlay, Noeleen Picard, and Bruce Chapman. Ella Smailes (Skip) Martin Harding, Ray Finlay and Manu Unka.

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre selector Trevor Bourne has named the following teams to play in the Paterson Zone Final on July 17 and 18 at Wanganui against North Taranaki, King Country, Wanganui and Manawatu. The winner of this will go on to play the Welch Trophy later in the year.

Karl Hughes (Skip) Rodney Morris, Win Finlay, Judith Muggeridge.

Trevor Bourne (Skip) Sue Bourne, Chris Reed, Andrea Berry.

Reserve: Ray Finlay

Jenny Hamley.

## Coastal Adult Riding Club results

The Coastal Adult Riding club had a better number of entries for its first Winter tournament this year and some good percentages were achieved. Judges for the day were Tracey O'Rorke from Opunake and Kelly Teesdale of the Egmont Village Riding School.

Results  
Class 1 Pony Club test BG 2  
Sarah (Dancing) 74.4% 1st.  
Helena McLeod (Cabaret)

2nd Rebecca Kay (Cloudy)  
3rd Kelsey Espin (Oscar)  
4th.

Class 2 Pony Club test J 7  
Maree Collins (He's a Gem) 72.3%  
I. Sheree Espin (Royal)  
2. Maree Collins (Pagan Warrior)  
3. Lucy Wilkinson-Smith (Philka)  
4.

Class 3 Pony Club test J 10  
Viv Percy (Jackson)  
1. Lucy Wilkinson-Smith (Philka)  
2.

Class 5 NZ Riding Club test 2B  
Viv Percy (Jackson) 77.7%

1.

Class 6 NZ Riding Club test 3A

Sharon Keith (Spike)  
1. Linda Cruikshank (Chikita Bonita)  
2. Kiri Fletcher (Tiraumea Bola)  
3. Helen McCallum (Tommy)  
4.

Class 7 NZ Riding Club test 4B

Helen McCallum (Tommy)  
76.1%  
1. Linda Cruikshank (Chikita Bonita) 71.0%  
2. Sharon Keith (Spike) 70.0%  
3. Kiri Fletcher (Tiraumea Bola) 4.



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# Golf course gets Deere treatment

The Opunake Golf Club has just purchased a new John Deere tractor to enable us to continue to mow our local golf course. The tractor cost \$68425.00 GST inclusive and was funded by a grant from the NZCT as well as funds the club had from its annual Golf Tournament held in January which attracts about 240 people. This tournament would be the largest golf tournament in Taranaki with people coming from outside the province to play. Further funding came from lamb sales and pine tree sales. We would like to acknowledge the NZCT that assists in so many ways to sport clubs throughout New Zealand. For small clubs to be able to purchase a new tractor like this means we will be able to continue to present our course in a very good state for all our locals and also for the many visitors that come to stay in Opunake at our local beach that like to have a round of golf.

These people bring a lot of money into our community and we need to have things to attract them here. *Lawrence Robins*



Opunake Golf Club President Aaron Langton with club member Richard Julian and the new tractor.

## Congratulations Aarun

Opunake basketballing and golfing stalwart Aarun Langton was named Volunteer of the Year in this year's Taranaki sports awards.

He has been involved in basketball as a player, a coach and an administrator.

He has been coaching basketball since 1988, and has done three stints coaching at Opunake High School, in the late 1980s, mid 1990s and today.

In between he has coached at Taranaki Diocesan School. He says his best result there was a sixth placed finish at the Small Schools nationals competition in 2012.

He has coached both Boys

and Girls age group teams at Taranaki level. This has included a fifth place for the Under 15 Girls at the nationals and a third place for the Under17 Girls. And he was assistant coach when they won three years ago. He has also coached the Women's First Division side.

As an administrator he is currently on the board of Basketball Taranaki, and was on the board of Basketball Taranaki Incorporated for five years before that.

He has been on the Opunake Basketball Committee for 20 years, and continues to play the sport himself. Next year will mark 40 years as a player.

For the last five years Aarun has been President of the Opunake Golf Club, and has been on the committee for the last 20 years. He has been on the Taranaki Golf Executive for 25 years and is the Convenor of Selectors. He first played golf for Taranaki as a Junior in 1984 and has been in seven Inter-Provincials, playing number One twice.

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# A Great Face For Radio: Great Entertainment

Opunake Players latest production *A Great Face For Radio* opens on Thursday 15th July. This review is written after watching the final dress rehearsal.

*A Great Face For Radio* is by New Zealand playwright Amanda Stone. It depicts a fictional radio station from the 1960s, in this case Radio 2OP. The audience is treated as a live studio audience. Part comedy, part concert, this production is well worth seeing. The 60s theme is evident upon entering the foyer which is set up like a living room of the period. As you enter the "studio" proper, the theme is continued with vinyl 45s suspended from the ceiling and long playing album covers adorning the walls. A great nostalgic trip for this writer. The open stage is set up like a recording studio.

Amanda Stone wrote the dialogue, but with this show she allows directors to choose their own music. Director Lynelle Kuriger has done an excellent job in her selection with a nice mix of 'toe tappers' and slower numbers. The singing is superb and each singer shines. With so many excellent performances it's difficult to single any out for mention. However I particularly enjoyed Bert



**On Air and On Stage.** Chloe Danz and Bert Treffers perform their duet in Opunake Players latest production *A Great Face For Radio* which opens on Thursday 15th July and runs until the 24th. See ad below.

Treffers two Sinatra duets with Sherrie Flanagan and Chloe Danz respectively. Stephanie McKenzie's *Angie Baby* was sung with emotion. Watch for Bert's "Elvis"

parody, sure to amuse. Other singers are Monica Willson, Terry Simpson and Michelle Julian. Of note are the three younger singers, Melissa Kuriger, Ellaura Danz and

Christelle Centeno. All still at school and assuring the Players of more good vocalists.

Many of the songs were accompanied with dance.

The four young dancers with over the top accent, interpretation of their numbers were just right and added to the enjoyment of the songs. Choreographer Elizabeth Andersen-Gardiner and fellow dancers Phillipa Gasson, Lia Sefton and Christelle Centeno are to be congratulated on their use of the space available, made smaller by the announcer's desk. Rather than detracting, this added to the intimacy of the numbers.

The singing is interspersed with the characters and happenings both on and off air, or the reverse may be the case. Announcers Gary Gusher (John Smith) and Cynthia Payne (Sam Allison) showed the right amount of contempt for each other, while Morgan Pollard as the Producer did his best to keep the show going, Tea Ladies Ida and Beryl (Christine Ryan and Elaine Spencer) were well characterised in their Hilda Ogden style costumes (minus curlers). They portrayed the frustrations of their lives and husbands with the type of boredom and resignation you'd expect from such characters which added to the humour. They had some great one-liners. Lia Sefton's stereotypical 'Kiwi Sheila' interpretation of Miss Taihape, complete

with over the top accent, was as she would say "ruly good". She has some great one-liners as well. The three radio serials and the accompanying sound effects were, for me, highlights. Ellaura Danz as Billie, the put upon sound effects woman, does a fantastic job of keeping up. Well done to those who must have spent ages working out and practicing this section.

Congratulations must go to Suzie Stanley whose costuming gives a real 60s feel to the show. Space restrictions prevent me from mentioning every part of the show, and everyone involved, but it would be fair to say there is not one weak link both on and off stage. If I had to find something to gripe about it would be at times the pace and cuing of the dialogue was a bit slow. I'm sure this will pick up as the session progresses. But such a small thing for such a great show.

Congratulations to Lynelle and all at Opunake Players for the excellent show that is *A Great Face For Radio*. I suggest you book now as once word gets out, this will be a popular show. The season runs until July 24.

*Paul Anderson-Gardiner  
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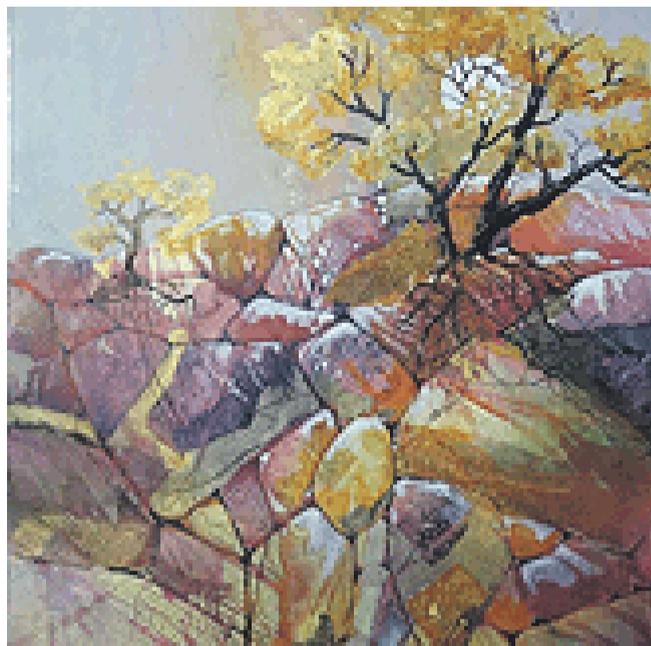
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# Two great bits of news



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here in Taranaki, but their acquisitions committee came to the conclusion that an international collection isn't in line with their aim of collecting local history. Fair enough.

So I offered it to a very good Art Museum in Upper Hutt (by Wellington) Their committee sounded sad to have to report that the collection of over 400 collages was too big for them to handle.

So, third option, offer all the collages to collectors around the world.

And here it is. (Some have already sold as I offered it first to the participating artists, in case they wanted their own work back) Have a look at my own site at dalecopeland.co.nz and follow the links to the Collage Sale.

Do tell me if you have any problems with the site, and just email if there's something that you'd like to own yourself.

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site at tart.co.nz They are lovely works.

You may know that for the 20yearsIrantheInternational Collage Exchange. I built up a personal collection of absolutely stunning collages. My intention was always to donate the final collection to a fine museum.

Well, I offered the collection to a very good museum

## Applications Open to STDC Community Initiative Fund

Applications are open for the South Taranaki District Council's new Community Initiative Fund.

South Taranaki District Mayor, Phil Nixon says the new fund is designed to support community initiatives and activities that will make positive contributions to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community.

"The new Community Initiatives Fund replaces the previous practice whereby groups applied for money

during the Council's Long Term and Annual Planning process. This proved to be a bit ad hoc and often saw the same groups make funding applications. With the new fund, organisations will be able to apply each year in July and will be allocated grants from a set pool of money," says Mayor Nixon. "The new fund will provide a fair and transparent process where all applications will be considered and determined by the Council at the same time each year," he says.

The pool of money

available in the Community Initiative Fund will be established every three years through the Long-Term Plan budget setting process. This year Council set the Fund at \$237,460 with \$60,000 to be ring-fenced for the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust.

Information and application forms for the Community Initiative Fund can be found on the Funding and Grants page of the South Taranaki District Council website southtaranaki.com

Applications close at 5pm on Saturday 31 July 2021.



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

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAYS

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

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

### FRIDAYS

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

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

### WEEKENDS

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

### APRIL 16 TO AUGUST 15

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

### JULY 5 TO 30

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

### JULY 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 24

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

### JULY 25

**Poweorx Opunake Cup** At the New Plymouth Raceway. First race at 12.30pm.

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Full Name

Date of Birth:

Phone:

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Address for Correspondence:

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Name of School or University attending at present (or occupation and employers name:)

Proposed Course or Degree:

Parent or Guardian Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Describe your relationship to the Coastal Farming Community:

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

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

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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  
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Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
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