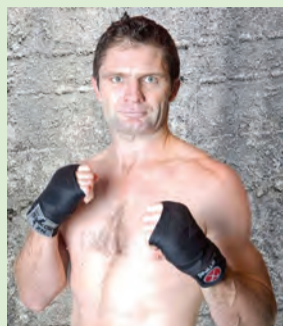




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A new chapter for Ravensdown



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In Ravensdown's office at New Plymouth there is a clock with the time permanently stopped at 12 midday. That is the time back in June 1997 when Ravensdown took over from New Zealand Farmers Fertiliser. Now time is signalling another change for the site on the corner of Smart Road and State Highway 3.

For most of the last century there has been a fertiliser plant here. The Taranaki Meat Co-operative had set up a freezing works in 1918, and Newton King had stockyards only a short distance away. The co-operative went bankrupt in 1920 and New Zealand Farmers Fertilisers (FERNZ) moved in. Fast forward to 1997 and Ravensdown bought FERNZ and continued operating from that site.

Now, reflecting another stage in the development of farming in the province,

Ravensdown is due to move from the former meatworks to a new site next door. A new \$30 million fertiliser and blending facility is due to open in late 2017, with the existing store operating until then, after which it will be put up for sale.

The new plant will be good for Taranaki farmers, says Ravensdown regional manager Mike Davey.

"The agri-sector in Taranaki is feeling the pinch and service towns like New Plymouth are seeing the impact. This investment has spin-off benefits for local contractors and shows Ravensdown's commitment to the community and to its North Island customers," he said.

"The new facility will store fertiliser in better conditions meaning better quality, will be laid out more efficiently, meaning less wait time and will be built for better performance



Ravensdown regional manager Mike Davey in the former meatworks, which has been home to Ravensdown in New Plymouth and before that New Zealand Farmers Fertilisers.

on environmental factors like dust emission and stormwater management."

He says Ravensdown serves 2500 farmer shareholders in the Taranaki region, and the fertilisers which are imported, made, stored and spread across Taranaki play a vital role in replacing nutrients extracted through farming.

Despite a continuing low dairy payout and concerns about world trade, Mike says the \$30 million investment reflects the co-operative's continuing confidence in the farming sector. This comes after Ravensdown had announced an early part payment of its annual rebate of \$21 per tonne in cash, with the rest to be paid after the accounts are finalised.

The new store will come with a state of the art precision blending tower like the one placed into Ravensdown's Hornby plant in Christchurch earlier this year.

This will be able to produce custom-blends tailor-made for the needs of the individual farm.

"Not only has it the ability to mix fertiliser, but it can also spray in trace elements such as cobalt," Mike said.

The current store handles 160,000 tonnes of fertiliser every year. The new store will take up 14,000 square metres compared with the 18,000 square metres occupied by the present facility.

Mike says that unlike the present plant, everything will be in one area, with only one despatch point instead of the current three.

He says that as the factory occupies a strategic site on the city's northern entrance, they are conscious

of the need to make it as aesthetically pleasing as possible for visitors coming in to New Plymouth.

Mike has been in the business for the last 50 years, beginning in the sales department back in 1966, and making his way up to distribution manager, sales manager and regional manager.

"There's a lot of history here," Mike says going

through some of the old records and mementoes of former times. These include photos of occasions when the site has been flooded, as well as a price list from 1926 showing superphosphate selling at six pounds 7/6 per ton. There are photos showing farms occupying the space now taken up by houses, factories and businesses.

Then of course there is that clock.



The Taranaki Meat Co-operative meatworks circa 1920.



Ravensdown's planned new store

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Letters to the Editor

Dairying a cruel industry

The conviction of a Taranaki contract milker who cut teats off 12 cows with a pair of scissors without any pain relief, reminds us of what an appallingly cruel industry this is.

Every year, New Zealand's

almost five million dairy cows give birth to more than two million "bobby calves," who are torn from their mothers within hours of birth. Mother cows instantly bond with their babies and often frantically cry out for days after they are taken away. These calves are irreplaceable to their mothers but useless to the dairy industry, so they are sent to markets when

they are less than a week old. On farms which can't make a profit from sending the animals away for sale and slaughter, calves are shot or beaten to death with hammers or pieces of wood.

Cows on dairy farms are artificially inseminated to ensure that they give birth every 13 months. This constant milking often leads to mastitis, resulting in teat diseases which farmers are

often unable or unwilling to treat, except, in the case mentioned above, with a pair of scissors. When the cows' bodies wear out and their milk production wanes, they are sent to slaughterhouses, where they are shot in the head with a bolt gun, hung by one leg, have their throats cut and are skinned, gutted and dismembered, sometimes while still conscious.

A cow's natural lifespan

can reach 25 years; cows on dairy farms rarely live longer than seven.

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Russia and the Olympic Games

Finally, the decision has been made by the IOC - a complete ban on Russia competing at the Rio Olympic Games will *not* be imposed. This is the appropriate decision.

The sanctions imposed for so-called systematic state sanctioned doping (an allegation denied by the Russian authorities, by the way) are stringent enough. There is a complete ban on all Russian athletes in the Track and Field events - some 67 Russian athletes in all. In addition, the international bodies overseeing the remaining

events will be charged with making individual decisions as to whether Russians can compete - so there will be (eventually) many more Russian competitors deemed to be ineligible. Of the original 380 or so Russian athletes originally selected for Rio the total will be decimated. Also with only days to go until the opening of the Olympics the remaining Russian competitors who get to compete will hardly be optimally prepared - either physically or mentally.

The important question to be kept in mind is: *Why*

should a Russian athlete, who is abiding by the rules, be automatically excluded because of the actions of others who are not? Remember, most of these athletes have been preparing for four years for their event/s with the usual strictures of early morning training and limited social lives. Even

with the sanctions already imposed, such as the blanket ban on the athletes in Track and Field, there will be many blameless Russian would-be competitors who have lost their chance at competing at the highest level for no fault of their own.

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BBC: We are a temple

Your question was, please explain Body-Spirit-Soul in a simple way.

Think of the temple in ancient Israel

There was an outer court. This had the altar and the laver where the sacrifices were slain.

The Laver was a bowl for washing the sacrifice, and the sacrifice, once slain, was burnt by fire.

The main part of the temple

was inside the building but this sacrificial area was outdoors. So this area was in the hot sun, and it rained in this area. It snowed, and the winds blew on it.

This area is like our human body. It is affected by the elements and the storms of life. Yet we are to sacrifice our lives to God. If we do and are accepted, then we are burnt by God's Holy Spirit. Fire destroys all evil.

If we enter the Holy place within the main building, then there are three items of furniture in there. There is the table of shewbread. The bread is a source of spiritual food. There is also the altar of incense, which represents our prayers, and the seven branched candlestick, or menorah which gives out light. All of this represents the spirit.

This Holy place is as far

as most people ever get. It is religious, it is where the priesthood operates but God does not live there. It isn't the main part of the temple.

Beyond the Holy place is another chamber, the Holy of Holies. It has the Ark of the Covenant with Moses 10 commandments, Aaron's rod that budded and a container of manna. (Rabbi Richman, our tour guide, assured us that he knows where this is, and it is only awaiting the building of the third temple before it is brought out of hiding.)

The Holy of Holies represents the Soul. We don't have a soul, we are a soul. God is only at one with His people here in this realm. We need to worship God in this soul realm.

The Soul is the real us. The Spirit anoints life and the Body is merely the container that we operate in.

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Aussie fight for Batman

Opunake boxer James (Batman) Langton is heading to Australia, hoping to boost his world ranking with a win against Mark Flanagan.

The bout against Flanagan will be the main under card to the fight between Danny Green and Kane Watts to be held in Melbourne on August 3.

Twenty six year-old Flanagan is the current IBF Oceania cruiserweight champion and ranked number 50 in the world. He has won 19 fights, 12 by knockout, and lost four. As well as his IBF title, the vacant IBO Oceania title will also be at stake.

Langton's world ranking has slipped to around 200 following recent defeats including the loss of his NZNBF title to Monty Betham last year and his defeat at the hands of Lance Bryant in the Coastal Rumble last month.

"This will probably be my last year of professional boxing, so I'm going to give it everything I got," he said. "I'm definitely going there as the underdog, but this is an opportunity. If I get a win or knock him off easily that will put my ranking in



James (Batman) Langton

the top 100, and if you are in the top 100 anything is possible."

The 42 year-old Opunake dairy farmer had been asked to take part after Flanagan's original opponent had pulled

out. He said that being on the main undercard to a Danny Green was something not to be missed.

"Danny Green is probably the most recognised fighter over there. He's the Joseph

Parker of Australia."

As for his upcoming opponent, Langton says he has not been able to find much footage of him on YouTube.

"He's going to be a tough opponent, but I'm still going to give it my best shot and hope I can knock this Flanagan guy over."

Langton said that having recently come off his fight against Lance Bryant, he believes his fitness and training are up to the challenge.

It will be a 10 round bout, a distance which Langton said he had gone twice before.

"Going the distance doesn't bother me. I'm built that way," he said.

Nevertheless, he said he didn't expect this fight to go that far.

"I want to go back to my old style of fighting. In your face, punches thrown, and somebody goes down quickly."

He said he has no definite boxing plans post the August 3 fight.

"There are a couple of fights coming up that I've been asked about, but I'm undecided at this stage," he said.

Climate Justice responds to PEPANZ

Climate Justice Taranaki has responded to comments from the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) as reported in the July 15 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News.

Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) chief executive Cameron Madgwick had said, "landfarming is nothing more than taking the ground-up rocks, mud and minerals left over from drilling activities and recycling them by placing them underneath the topsoil."

Catherine Cheung of Climate Justice Taranaki says landfarming is actually the spreading of contaminated oil/gas wastes on farmland, and mostly on the coast in South Taranaki.

"By avoiding unpleasant words like 'carcinogenic, heavy metals and toxic waste disposal', and using relatively benign words like 'rocks, mud and recycling', the industry wants us to believe that it is a good thing to use farmland for disposal of contaminated wastes that the industry generates," she said.

"Compliance monitoring by the Taranaki Regional Council reveals a wide range of contaminants that can be expected on a landfarm, including

heavy metals (e.g. Arsenic, Chromium, Mercury), BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene) and PAHs (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons). All are toxic to humans and livestock at low concentrations. Some cause cancer.

"At WRS Manawapou landfarm, elevated levels of benzene and toluene were detected in the groundwater near one storage pit in 2014, breaching the resource consent. At BTW Oeo landfarm, trace levels of benzene and elevated salinity were recorded in one monitoring bore. At Waikaikai landfarm, the total dissolved salts in groundwater under one spreading area was more than double the consented limit. At least one site, BTW Vanner landfarm in Kakaramea, has received drilling wastes from the East Coast, as other councils have wisely not allowed landfarming in their districts."

She said Climate Justice Taranaki had said in the hearings to the South Taranaki proposed district plan that New Zealand's regulations are far laxer than international standards. The acceptable soil endpoints for benzene (1.1-6.7mg/kg) recommended by Landcare, MPI and the MfE are higher than those required in Alberta, Canada (0.046-0.073mg/kg), Canada.

"Crucially, while short chain hydrocarbons readily biodegrade, longer chain hydrocarbons and heavy metals are typically persistent - a reason why only one-time disposal of petroleum wastes is allowed on landfarms.

"Furthermore, because of the potential harm to neighbours, the Canadian government requires a 500 metres minimum setback between homes and landfarms. Yet the South Taranaki District Council proposes landfarming to be a 'permitted' activity in the rural zone, not even requiring a landuse consent.

"The one-time disposal restriction means that the oil/gas industry will always need more land to dispose of their toxic wastes for as long as they drill new wells or rework old wells to continue production. In 2013, Fonterra announced that they would not accept milk from new landfarms. So what has the industry in mind for the coastal land that has supposedly become more 'productive' as a result of landfarming?

"To date, there is no research to demonstrate that meat or crops produced from such land is safe. Given the variable range and toxicity of wastes, such research would need to be ongoing and likely be prohibitively

costly. And what would such produce be worth, with the ever more stringent demand for assured quality? Is spreading contaminated wastes on farms the smartest way of using our valuable yet vulnerable coastal area, at a time when extreme weather events are becoming more frequent?

Shouldn't we be investing in coastal protection instead?" says Cheung.

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Okato residents working towards a long term plan

Another 'planning' meeting in Hempton Hall, Okato, chaired by Kaitake Community Board Chairperson Doug Hislop, was held on Monday July 25. Doug was accompanied by three members of his Board in Paul Coxhead,

Mike Pillette and Keith Plummer. The purpose of the well-attended meeting was to work towards establishing a mechanism to develop directions for a long term strategy to guide district-wide development over the next 30 years. The main focus of the meeting was towards local development of an Okato community framework towards achieving input into this goal, rather than the specific issues. This is the second such meeting (July 11 was the first one) of this type. The input of the meeting from the Kaitake Board members was of a high order.

Earlier, a long term plan was devised for Oakura, which, the Kaitake Community Board had facilitated, and there was some support for using this approach to guide the Okato process. Some quality documents were presenting at the previous meeting which attracted considerable interest.

The overall objective of the

current meeting (and ones to follow) is for the Board members to engage with the Okato community to gather local area input which will be eventually presented to the Planning Division of the New Plymouth District Council as an important guide towards producing the councils 30-year District Blueprint.

What is needed is the establishment of mechanisms to gather the information needed - such as focus groups or workshops to mention two methods used by the Oakura residents.

The meeting covered a wide spectrum of opinion, including whether experts should be included in the process. Doug pointed out that the ongoing support provided by the Council's planning team was invaluable in the Oakura situation. Doug remarked that there was no need to treat Council personnel with suspicion. "They are generally great - well qualified and doing the very



A 'planning' meeting held at Okato recently. Doug Hislop is speaking.

best they can." He added that the Kaitake Board members were grateful to have such input to support their Oakura project.

Much of the discussion centred on possible membership of a focus group. Mentioned were, for example, Okato Lions, education providers (including home schooling, playcentre, primary and secondary), local Iwi and hapu, Okato Volunteer Fire Brigade, Churches, police, senior citizens,

new residents, the farming sector, sporting groups, (people concerned with) environmental issues, professional people and businesses. "The environment's a tricky one because everything comes into it," commented Keith Plummer.

There was considerable comment from the attendees. One person raised the issue of how residents in nearby places, such as Warea fitted into the scheme of things. Doug commented, "That's

for the focus group to work out (during the process)."

Doug suggested that it would be good to have the whole process completed by Christmas, but "If it takes 22 months so be it - let's get it right."

He requested that any feedback is emailed to everybody (a list had been passed round) and asked that emails be responded to, "by any included deadline so that this initial momentum isn't lost."

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More than 135,000 people have updated their enrolment details since the start of the Electoral Commission's enrolment update campaign, but there are still tens of thousands of New Zealanders who will miss out on the chance to vote unless they re-enrol to vote now.

The Electoral Commission mailed enrolment update packs to the 3.1 million people on the electoral roll at the end of June, to make sure all those who are eligible are correctly enrolled to vote in this year's local elections.

Around 20,000 packs have bounced back to the Electoral Commission as Gone No Address.

"If you are one of the 20,000 or so voters whose pack has come back to us because you've moved house and not updated your enrolment details, you have been removed from the electoral roll, and won't be able to vote unless you re-enrol," says Robert Peden, Chief Electoral Officer.

"Local elections are held by postal vote, so it's really important that we get people

enrolled at the correct address and ready to have their say," says Mr Peden.

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Pohutukawa poses problem for church

What probably began as a random seedling has grown into a big problem for St Barnabas Church.

The roots of the pohutukawa tree which has taken up space at the corner of the Opunake church's property have damaged the Tasman Street footpath and a neighbour's driveway. It had also forced the church to divert its water line. On top of that there is the possibility of falling branches creating safety concerns for passersby, including anybody using the seat directly under the tree.

On July 13, representatives of St Barnabas Anglican Church were at the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting to apply for a grant to help get rid of the tree.

The tree has no heritage significance, Rosalie Drummond said.

"Pohutukawas are a dime a



St Barnabas Church Opunake.

dozen in Opunake. The tree church through being planted probably just began as a seedling that grew like topsy." It has no significance for the in memory of somebody. It

The church had been told that 12-14 metres of their neighbour's driveway had cracked up, and the church had agreed to pay to repair the damage.

Mrs Drummond said there was nowhere else the church could go to for funding assistance. The Rev Hugh Caulton said the situation was unusual in that the tree was in the corner rather than the centre of the church's property.

Although board members acknowledged that the tree was not just the church's problem, they expressed concerns that voting money in this case might set a precedent. Community Board chairman Craig Dingle said at some stage everyone would have a tree on their property they would want to get rid of.

Board member Andy Whitehead, who is also chairman of the Opunake High School Board of Trustees cited the example of a Norfolk Pine which had been causing problems for the school's sewage system. He said that while the board had to consider whether they were setting a precedent, they also needed to look at individual cases on their merits.

South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach said the church is a community group and there were safety issues with the branches which needed to be addressed straight away.

The board voted to grant \$500 towards helping the church get rid of the tree from their property.



After the consultation, an iconic beach continues to rouse strong feelings.

What does the future hold for Opunake Beach?

The consultation on the Opunake Beach Master Plan maybe over, but local people still have strong feelings about the future of their iconic beach.

This was evident at the July 13 meeting of the Egmont Plains Community Board.

One of the main sources of contention was the future of the sand hills separating the sea from the beach camp. While some say they should be lowered, others say they are what stops the beach from being swamped.

Community Board member Brian Vincent, a former proprietor of the Opunake Beach Motor Camp says that with tides of up to 3.1-3.2 metres at present, the

sand hills are the only things stopping the sea from making its way into the motor camp.

Directly behind the hills is the pavilion, with spouting at the same height as that of the hills sheltering it from the sea.

With the September equinox drawing closer, forecasts indicate tides will be higher yet.

"If the sandhills weren't there, the tide would have swamped out the motor camp. Take out the sand hills and you take out the beach," he said.

Mr Vincent said photos taken last century indicate the beach has been considerably raised in height over the years.

South Taranaki District Council engineer Tracey Mitchell noted forecasts of rising sea levels in coming years.

"The South Taranaki coastline is one of the harshest I've seen," she said.

During the open forum, former South Taranaki district councillor Anne Hickey had expressed concern about the buildup of sand.

"The moral is be mindful of where you want to plant, as it collects and makes the sand hills higher," she said.

She also expressed concern about the future of the roundabout at the northern end of the road into the motor camp.

"The turnaround is important

for visitors and surfers, and is used frequently all year, while it's only a few weeks in the year that the camp site is full."

Former Egmont Plains

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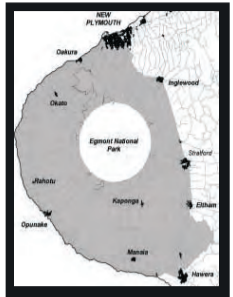
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A restored 1938 Ford fire engine made the emotional trip to Bell Phillips final resting place at the Orimupiko Urupa.

Opunake volunteer fire brigade news

Friday July 1 was an extremely sad day for the Phillips whanau and Bell's Fire Brigade family. It was the day Senior Station Officer Bell Phillips was laid to rest. It was the day the gods stopped crying and the rain went away. It was the day Bell's second home, our fire station, was turned into a venue to celebrate Bell's life. Old army mates, stock car buddies, work mates, family, and friends along with the largest number of fire fighters I've ever seen in Opunake, all came to celebrate. The service was the loveliest, most fitting funeral service I have ever attended. There were many special moments, but the highlight for most of our fire crew was the effort ex fire fighter "Sharpie" had not only gone to so he could attend, but the hilarious way he presented a few stories

about his mate. Priceless John Boy. Bells final journey was on a fire engine to his resting place at the Orimupiko Urupa. A restored 1938 Ford fire engine was kindly made available by the Eltham Fire Brigade for this emotional trip. We take our helmets off to the driver who made the trip over the day before in such atrocious weather conditions. Thanks for your involvement Eltham, as I know Bell would have enjoyed his ride on such a magnificent fire truck. He would have loved that V8 sound, but would have had something to say about the slow speed. Cheers driver, you did a marvellous job. We also would like to thank the fire crew that came from Kaponga to cover any callouts should our services have been required. Thankfully they weren't, but it's great to know

that you guys are always there to chip in and help your Coastal Cuzzies. We were called to help out the Rahotu and Okato Fire Brigades at a house fire at Parihaka in the early hours of Friday July 8. On arrival at the scene, we learnt that a very good friend of our brigade and the leader of the ANZAC Day parade for many years, Len Robinson had passed away. Len and his wife managed to escape the inferno and were waiting in a vehicle for the emergency services to arrive when Len died. Our Area Manager for Taranaki, New Plymouth Fire Chief Pat Fitzell came to the incident, along with an appliance which brought out extra Breathing Apparatus (B.A) cylinders. Our good mates from the Kaponga Fire Brigade brought over their Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) to check for hot spots in the burnt out remains. The members of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade express their deepest sympathies to the Robinson Whanau for the sad loss of your dear Len. RIP Len. Our brigade members wish to thank the St. Pauls Op. Shop and Anne Smith for

their continued support. The generous donation you made to the brigade will go towards the purchase of the item at the top of our wish list, a Thermal Imaging Camera. This piece of equipment is becoming invaluable to brigades as it gives us peace of mind as far as the extinguishing of fires go. It shows up hot spots that can then be doused there and then, rather than in the middle of the night when the fire flares up again. They are also very good in search and rescue incidents as they can "spot" people buried under collapsed buildings or cliffs. TIC's cost around \$12,000 each, so we will squirrel away any donations that comes our way until we have the finance to purchase one. We also would like to thank Karam's on the Coast for the annual support they give to the brigade. Thank you Ros and Bernie for your donation. This will be added to the aforementioned camera fund. Our newest member to our team Zac Orchard, has just returned from a week's intensive training camp in Rotorua and is now a fully trained fire fighter. Congratulations Zac.

The Frozen Hose

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What does the future hold for Opunake Beach?

Community Board member Ron Brewer said Opunake Beach and Middleton's Bay had been neglected in recent years, and they were in need of maintenance work. "A hell of a lot of money has been spent on the Opunake Walkway, and I've no problem with that, but more people are using Middleton's Bay and the main beach than the walkway. Very little has been spent on the beach, and that's in a bad way." Board member Andy Whitehead said he wouldn't

like to see freedom camping allowed along the top of the cliff by the cenotaph. South Taranaki District Council property and facilities manager John Sargent said the area was a road reserve, and therefore did not come under the council's ambit. Board chairman Craig Dingle said the beach is one of the town's main selling points. "Some people have no idea how close we are to the beach," he said.

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Preparing for an emergency

In Taranaki, the one thing the winter of 2015 will be remembered for will be the floods. On June 20, heavy flooding affected Waitotara and parts of inland Taranaki. On August 6 it was Opunake's turn as heavy rains almost cut the township off, overflowed the retention pond and caused extensive flooding around town.

Since then, an Emergency Management Group was set up 18 months ago, to prepare everyone in the event of future emergency, whether it be volcanic eruption, a road traffic incident, power outage, weather event, or anything else.

The Community Emergency Volunteer Group has worked alongside emergency management officer Ben Ingram to develop a community emergency plan for Opunake. It was decided that the Sandfords Event Centre rather would be the appropriate place to have the Civil Defence Centre, rather than the Opunake High School which had previously been the designated place. The Sandfords Event Centre Trust are currently applying



All kitted up for an emergency. From left, Ian Armstrong (South Taranaki District Council deputy mayor), Clare Moss (Sandfords Event Centre), Julie Boulton (Shell Todd Oil Services), Mike Roach (Emergency Management Group).

for funding to make a few small improvements to bring this about.

Ben Ingram and Shane Briggs from the Taranaki Emergency Management office have also been working with volunteers in other communities throughout Taranaki to develop their own Community Emergency Plans. On July 25, almost a year after the August 6 floods, representatives of Shell Todd Oil Services were at the

Sandfords Events Centre to hand over 70 high visibility vests which volunteers would wear in the event of a local emergency.

"The Emergency Management Group is community driven and owned and run by the community," Ben Ingram said.

The volunteers would be local people who would door knock their given areas and gather information on where help was most needed

and what resources were available. Information would then be sent back to the Sandfords Event Centre from where a response would be worked out with all the appropriate people.

An example would be if a situation arose where half the town had access to water but the other half did not.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Ian Armstrong, Mike Roach or Ben Ingram.

Australian success for Rahotu highland dancer

Solai Ehrhorn's love of Highland dancing has taken her to Australia and this year's Grand Australasian Festival in Sydney. She competed in the Pre-Premier Novice 10-12 years section, and was awarded the Novice title First Place Trophy and sash.

The 10 year-old St Joseph's School student has been dancing for the last two and a half years, competing in various competitions around the North Island.

When her dance teacher Morgan Bamford offered to take a group of her students to compete in Sydney, it seemed too good an opportunity to miss, Solai's mother Erin said.

While in Sydney Solai also attended a Workshop held by a highland dancing judge from the USA.

Erin said it was a great learning opportunity, which



Solai Ehrhorn

all the dancers enjoyed. "Solai loves Highland dancing and encourages anyone to give it a go. We

would like to thank Morgan for being a fantastic teacher and mentor," she said.

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National in denial on housing crisis

Come Sunday, hundreds of young Kiwis will be queuing up at open homes around the country, hoping against hope that maybe, just maybe, they'll get lucky. It's a scenario that's being played out every week – young couples up against a property market where dog eat dog has become the norm, where, unless you've already on the ladder, unless you win Lotto, the home ownership dream will continue to be just that – a dream.

And still the National Government won't admit there's a housing crisis.

It has failed to rein in soaring prices, failed to stop speculators buying and flicking on homes for massive profits, failed to provide more temporary accommodation for increasing numbers of Kiwis locked out of even the rental market, and failed to provide anywhere near enough affordable homes for a new generation of first-home buyers.

Remember John Key's solution to young families struggling to get onto the property



Andrew Little MP, Leader of the Opposition

market? Look on Trade Me. And how about Paula Bennett's solution to moving people out of cars and into temporary digs – ghost 'flying squads'.

Labour, on the other hand, has a comprehensive plan to tackle the problem by setting up an Affordable Housing Authority to work with the sector to build more affordable homes and undertake major greenfields and revitalisation programmes, and cracking down on speculators. We'll also end National's state house sell-off and stop using Housing NZ as a

cash cow, instead refocusing it on what it does best – looking after people in need. The dividend the Government now demands of it will be reinvested into building more homes and updating existing ones.

People camping out in cars or in friends' and relatives garages will be helped into temporary accommodation through extra funding to emergency housing providers, while a major hurdle for developers in Auckland, the city's urban growth boundary, will be removed, providing more options to grow.

The Government doesn't have a comprehensive plan – it is just a collection of piecemeal and grudging half-measures. Their flagship supply initiative, Auckland's special housing areas have delivered only 1000 homes in three years.

Labour's KiwiBuild will see 100,000 high quality affordable homes built over 10 years. Standalone houses in Auckland will cost \$500,000 to \$600,000, with apartments and townhouses under \$500,000. They'll range from

\$300,000 to \$500,000 outside of Auckland.

Latest figures from Statistics NZ only support the fact the Government's been missing in action on housing. In the past year the number of new families who own their own home grew by just 5,700 while the number of renters increased by twice as much 13,500 households.

If homeownership levels were at their 1991 peak there would be another 174,000 families who owned their own home today.

That, along with the daily stories of people not being able to afford to rent, of young couples – and their parents and grandparents – resigned (almost) to kissing the Kiwi dream of owning a home goodbye, of speculators making tens of thousands a month by buying and flipping property, paint a pretty damning picture.

National is still trying to insist there isn't a housing crisis. We're saying there is, and we've got some pretty bold ideas to address it.

Andrew Little MP

Loopy rules on their way out

Imagine being an owner of a bus depot with no walls who is forced to install four exit signs, just in case people can't find their way out if there is a fire.

Or having to spend \$30,000 to put in a driveway and move a water-tank from the back to the front of a house because if the house caught fire, the fire chief would not drive his truck past the house to the tank in case it caught fire too.

Those are just two examples of some of the loopy rules that could go after the National Government's response to the Rules Reduction Taskforce's "Loopy Rules" report.

The taskforce, set up in 2014 to hear which property related rules and regulations stop people from getting on with the job, submitted a report which identified 75

opportunities to improve the way rules and regulations are developed and implemented at a local level. Here in Taranaki we held a meeting last year for those who wanted to discuss the loopy rules and give direct feedback, also encouraging others who had areas of concern and ideas to make a formal submission.

Now the Government has begun work to address the 72 recommendations it accepted. One of the most common gripes the taskforce heard was poor customer service, especially when seeking building and resource consents, and generally dealing with property related matters.

We believe unnecessary barriers to consenting should be removed and processes streamlined, so we are exploring a risk-based consent-



Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

ing approach. Meanwhile, councils are getting more guidance about the use of discretion when assessing what work does not need a building consent, and we are encouraging the use of staged consents so structural work can get underway before non-structural work is approved.

Many of the changes identified by the Taskforce require

culture change at local level, and we will work with councils to address this. It's vital we continue to make progress in this space to encourage and support local and central Government to reduce the costs that regulations impose on people and businesses carrying out their affairs whilst providing safe and skilled workplaces for New Zealanders.

Getting rid of loopy rules and making it easier to live and do business in our communities is a big lesson taken from the Taskforce process. Ultimately, doing so helps the Government's programme to grow our economy, and provide better public services for New Zealanders.

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On this month in history: American War of Independence

On July 4, 1776 the Thirteen colonies in North America declared their independence from Great Britain during the American Revolutionary

War. Some members of the newly formed Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence.

King George III considered

the colonists to be British citizens who chose to live abroad. However, some colonists had been born in America and knew little of Britain and certainly felt they owed no allegiance. Also, they were expected to pay taxes to Britain, yet could not vote there and had no representation in the British Parliament.

When the king proposed a

new tax the reaction was "No taxation without representation." The British response was to send soldiers ('Redcoats') to sort the colonists out. War broke out on April 19, 1775 in Concord and Lexington, Massachusetts. After six years of war, the colonists prevailed and General George Washington became the first president.

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Obesity second only to smoking in causing early death

A mega-study that pooled together data on almost 4 million adults, including Australians and New Zealanders, has found that being overweight or obese is associated with an increased risk of premature death, which the authors say is second only to smoking. Overall, the excess risk of premature death (before aged 70) among those who are overweight or obese is also about three times as great in men as in women. The research was published recently in *The Lancet*.

Professor Anna Peeters, Professor of Epidemiology and Equity in Public Health, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Obesity Prevention at Deakin University, comments: "This is an important study using the largest sample so far of healthy, never smokers from around the world to demonstrate the high risks of mortality for those with obesity. It demonstrates that for

Australia and New Zealand there is an increase in the risk of dying of around one third for every increase in BMI unit after the overweight range. With two-thirds of Australian adults overweight or obese this underscores the seriousness of current obesity rates for future life expectancy in Australia. Obesity may lead to the first decrease in life expectancy seen in decades. Equally important is the demonstration of the impact of overweight and obesity on premature mortality.

The study estimates that if we are able to prevent overweight and obesity in Australia we would prevent 1 in 6 premature deaths.

If we needed yet another reason to step up our efforts to prevent obesity, this is it. We must see comprehensive obesity prevention policies from our government, including restrictions on unhealthy food and drink marketing, a sugary drinks tax and a national physical activity

and nutrition strategy."

Professor Tim Olds, Alliance for Research in Exercise Nutrition and Activity (ARENA), Sansom Institute, University of South Australia, comments:

"Interesting study. One weakness is the exclusion of about 60% of participants for various reasons, including the rather odd exclusion of people who have ever smoked. In other studies, this has been shown to shift the BMI associated with the lowest mortality (longest life expectancy) towards the lower end of the spectrum.

In other words, if the study included people who had ever smoked, the "ideal" BMI would likely be higher. Exclusion of those who have ever smoked might bias the sample towards higher socio-economic status participants, and people with generally healthier habits.

The study does cast some light on, and brings into question, the so-called "obesity paradox" — the finding that overweight people live

longer. You see this even in these data in the Australasian and South Asian subsets."

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Council gives go-ahead for supermarket development

The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) has agreed to sell a portion of its public car park on Victoria Street to local developers to build a new supermarket.

STDC chief executive, Craig Stevenson says the decision was made after a local consortium approached the Council last year to see if it would consider selling the land for a new supermarket development.

"We undertook public consultation on this in December last year and the response was overwhelmingly in favour of the sale," says Mr Stevenson. "Of the 264 people and organisations that responded an impressive 93 per cent were in favour of selling the land with only seven per cent opposed."

Mr Stevenson says the Council had the land independently valued and has negotiated an agreed market price. Money received from the sale will be used to fund other town centre projects. The developers have also

agreed to contribute an additional \$200,000 towards the reconfiguration of portions of Nelson and Union streets..

Mr Stevenson says the approach by the developers was very timely given the work the Council was doing on the town centre and he believes the project will completely revitalise the area.

"The whole carpark area will be re-oriented and re-designed with much improved traffic flows and pedestrian access," says Mr Stevenson. "Once the existing supermarket is demolished, there will actually be more parking than there is now. We have also retained ownership of the land around existing businesses to ensure continued access and plan to incorporate new paving around these businesses to enhance the whole area."

"As with any new development there will be some significant short term disruption. When the development is finished parking will still be free, but the majority of it will be subject to a two hour time

limit. People who previously parked all day in the public car park area, will need to find alternative parking," says Stevenson.

One alternative which the Council is already working on is the Campbell Lane project which plans to open up the underused 'Cornishs' car park and better connect it with the High Street retail area. Demolition work is already underway and the re-development work is planned to be completed in time for the Christmas period.

"I think this development is a great example of the Council and the business community working together to create a great result for the town," says Mr Stevenson.

"One of the key goals underpinning Council's Town Centre strategy was that it would be a catalyst to drive change and to encourage private enterprise to invest in the town centre — and that is exactly what we are seeing happen."

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On this month in history Amelia Earhart disappears

On July 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart disappeared during an attempt to fly around the world. She was accompanied by her navigator Fred Noonan. They had left Oakland, California in the United States of America on June 1, 1937 heading east.

Their last stop had been New Guinea and they were close to Howland Island their next scheduled stop. They were apparently low in fuel. The sea was calm that day and the aeroplane could float. The pair were never seen again and many theories have

been proposed as to what happened. One theory was that she was captured by the Japanese military.

Amelia was born in 1897 and received her pilot licence in 1922. She set many records including her 1932 solo flight across the Atlantic.

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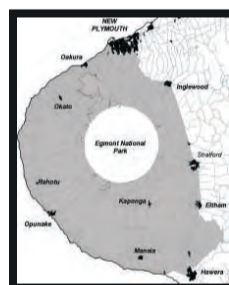
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Viruses, Malware, Apple and Microsoft

If you have used a computer before you will have heard about viruses. But, what is a computer virus?

Viruses and malware are usually scripts that someone somewhere has written, with the intention of either damaging your computer, stealing personal information, slowing your computer down so you will buy their product to 'make it better again,' or, in many cases just to annoy you and make you swear at your computer.

Then there are the well-known scams, in which someone will ring you claiming to be a representative of a particular company or organisation informing you that your computer needs to be

repaired because it has problems. To them, whether or not you actually have a computer is irrelevant – because even if you haven't, according to them it still has multiple problems and they want to access it to 'make it better.' The only thing that is made better by allowing scam-artists like this to access your computer is the size of their pockets and bank accounts, as they fill it with your money.

So, how does a computer get viruses or malware? In the early days of computers, viruses were mainly spread by the 'floppy discs' which were usually the main way that files were shared between users. With the advent of the Internet and networks, most viruses

are now spread over these. Many viruses are spread by links to websites that can be found anywhere – in your emails, or online anywhere. Once the link is clicked the virus will be downloaded onto your computer and begin infecting it.

Malware, or 'malicious software' is usually installed by a user of the PC unknowingly. This generally happens when you click through the installation dialogue when installing programs without reading what you are actually installing. Many programs bundle 'useful software' with their products to increase revenue. Unless you read carefully, and do not blindly accept the defaults during installation, malware products will be

installed because you have 'given your permission for them to be installed' by not unclicking particular options. Also, a lot of malware is found online through what looks like advertising for a legitimate product. Once the link is clicked malware can be downloaded to your computer and begin infecting it.

I have often heard from people that PCs running Microsoft Windows are more susceptible to viruses and malware than PCs running the Apple Macintosh OS. In a way, this is true. In the June 2016 NetMarketShare Statistics report, Windows holds 89.79 per cent of the Desktop Operating System Market Share worldwide, with Apple holding just

8.18 per cent of the market. Obviously hackers, and virus and malware writers will specifically target the operating system that is more than ten times more prevalent than any other worldwide.

How do you prevent viruses and malware from infecting your computer? There are many antivirus and security products available for both Windows and Apple computers. Some work, some don't. Some are better than others, some slow your computer down, and there are even some security products that claim to keep your computer safe and 'optimise' it, but are in actual fact malware that does the exact opposite. Good genuine Antivirus products will usually catch many

viruses before they infect your computer, but there are only one or two products that will prevent malware from downloading or installing onto your computer. My best advice is to be careful when you are online or installing programs, and make sure you read carefully before giving permission for certain products to install or before you click on links.

If you think your computer may have been infected with viruses or malware – it probably has. For a check-up, removal of viruses or malware, or to purchase good proven anti-virus and anti-malware products call in to Pilot Computing in the old BNZ bank in Opunake or call Shane on 021 1439336.

Shane Butler, Pilot Computing, Opunake

Nga Taonga Sound and Vision launches new direction

Nga Taonga has been through much change since 2012, merging New Zealand's radio, television and film archives into one national organisation. Its new direction and vision – launched with its new Strategic Plan 2016–2024 – is the result of much thought devoted to the organisation's purpose and

goals, says Ngā Taonga's chair Jane Kominik

"As the audiovisual archive for all New Zealanders, we're very conscious of our responsibility to perform as a unified, professional organisation," says Jane Kominik.

"The collections we hold span Aotearoa's history

of recorded sound and moving images, with more than 750,000 titles bridging three centuries.

"Sustaining, caring for and sharing these taonga with as many diverse New Zealanders as possible is a wonderful and significant responsibility. "With a fresh commitment

to being an open, trusted partner in New Zealand's heritage and cultural sector, we have sought the views of our stakeholders. They've helped to shape and enhance our vision and direction. We're grateful for the constructive and valuable thought that people devoted to us." The next few years will see

the archive connecting more New Zealanders with the collections, engaging more with iwi and Māori, and ensuring that its collections and people are safely housed.

"By making sure that the moving images and sounds of the past survive into the future, we connect people and events across time. These taonga give us

evidence about what has happened, tell our stories, and help us understand who we were and who we are."

Ngā Taonga's new vision and Strategic Plan 2016–2024 was launched at an event on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at the archive's Wellington cinema.



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Saint Joseph's students planting native plants amongst the back dunes

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Local elections a time to do something about the environment

New Zealanders are being urged to do their bit for the environment by standing in October's local body elections.

who cares about what's happening to their region to stand for council and give voters a real chance to improve their communities," says Mr Johnson.

The elections to be held on October 8 will provide the opportunity for all voters to choose who will best represent their communities on regional and district councils.

He says there are significant issues which need to be addressed before it is too late.

Nominations to stand as a councillor are now open and Fish and Game wants people who care about the environment and water quality to put their names forward as candidates.

"Throughout the country, water quality is declining and people are becoming increasingly concerned about unrestricted development. The solution should lie with the regional and district councils responsible for making the rules and enforcing them," Mr Johnson says.

Fish and Game chief executive Bryce Johnson says voters need high quality councillors to represent their interests.

Bryce Johnson believes local government bodies should be at the front line protecting our waterways and environment, but the reality is that isn't happening in many areas.

"The October local body elections provide a great opportunity for those concerned about our environment and outdoor recreation enthusiasts to elect councillors who'll push for positive action on issues like water quality and recreational access.

"Unfortunately, many of these councils are dominated by environmentally unsympathetic councillors more interested in water resource development or paralysed by the fear of a backlash from vested interests.

"I encourage anyone

"It is time we had fresh blood on these councils – councillors who actually care and want their children and grandchildren to be able to swim in the clean rivers, lakes and streams of their own childhood," Mr Johnson says.

Fish and Game has become a major partner with Local Government New Zealand to promote the local body elect

"Research by Local Government New Zealand shows water is one of the major issues concerning people throughout the country and we need to have a proper informed debate about what's happening.

"We are fortunate to live in

a democracy and this year, everyone is being given the chance to change things for the better by standing in the elections, or at the very least, voting," Mr Johnson says.

Nominations for local body candidates close on 12 August.

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Feds says excessive Kiwirail charges unfair

Federated Farmers is disappointed with Kiwirail in the manner in which it has set about implementing a new charging regime for stock access.

The new charges have been introduced under the guise of the recent health and safety reforms, though Federated Farmers understands plans to increase charges pre-date the reforms. Federated Farmers' Vice-president Anders Crofoot says many farmers have

been left stunned by the proposals they have received for new access charges. "On top of recent hikes in rentals ranging between 200% to more than 400%, this is extraordinary,"

Mr Crofoot said. "Having assisted individual farmers in their dealings with Kiwirail over the massive increases in rent, there are many situations where farmers are seeing new charges coming in on the top of that," Mr Crofoot said.

Farmers see the reasons Kiwirail cite for the charges, being administration fees and annual expenses, as disingenuous. "It is well known that many in the farming community are presently under considerable economic pressure.

"We're appalled at the timing and manner of Kiwirail's activity, particularly as a state owned enterprise," Mr Crofoot said. Federated Farmers is presently supporting farmers and making the case that farmers have been safe

and vigilant custodians of stock crossings across railway lines. "We're attempting to provide advice on commercial resolutions, however Kiwirail's current approach means we're not optimistic. "Federated Farmers

reached no agreement with Kiwirail on either the rental issue or the new charges for crossings. "We're currently pursuing ways and means to reduce the impact of this new and additional expense," Mr Crofoot said.

John Blundell on farming, real estate and Bayley's



Can you tell us a bit about your farming background?

I first milked cows at the age of 13 and by the time I was 14 I was milking regularly as well as throwing hay etc, typical of a small town lad back then. From there I eventually lower order sharemilked, then 50 per cent sharemilked in Egmont village, Warea, Pungarehu and Rahoitu before heading to North Otago and entering into one of the

Bayley's rural real estate agent John Blundell comes with extensive first-hand experience of both the farming sector and the real estate business. He shares his experiences and thoughts on both, as well as what the future may bring.

very first farming equity partnerships in New Zealand. On the sale of this farm, a year in Britain beckoned. There I milked cows in Wales and Ireland among other things. Being there at the end of a foot and mouth outbreak was interesting, as was being in Ireland with the kids at school when 9/11 occurred. Then it was back to the South Island to lease a farm and a herd. I had arrived back on the 10th of May, and the herd and farm lease was set up for 1st of June. The payout that year ended at \$3.45

And your Real estate career?

After a bit of fencing, direct drilling and silage harvesting in South Canterbury I went into real estate. At first it was hard yards, but eventually went well. Some of the deals were quite complicated with extra things like water consents for irrigation, DDT levels, and the dreaded Fonterra capital notes all needing to be signed off. In the meantime I had also done a subdivision in Wanaka and another small one in Waimate.

So why back into real estate?

I guess partly because I don't really enjoy working for wages. This first struck home when working a man's job tailing out in a sawmill when I was between the fifth and sixth form, but being paid youth rates. Also I am a fisherman and a hunter. Real estate compares to these sports a bit. The more hours and harder and smarter you work, the better your results. It's a business more than a job. It is not all about the dollars either. Sometimes it's the thrill of the deal and genuinely helping people move on to the next stage in their lives. I have some lifelong friends from this business.

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the most professional real estate company in New Zealand. One fact I was unaware of until actually starting with Bayley's is that Bayley's is "New Zealand's No 1 Rural Real Estate Brand." The support and networking within the company is very impressive.

Where do you see the dairy pay out going?

I entered the sharemilker of the year competition in 1996. A guest speaker was the chief economist of a large bank. The next day I eagerly told my boss (a prominent farmer and commercial property investor) all the things I had learnt the night before. He replied to me "Jim Hickey is more accurate". After buying a share of a farm that June, and facing three hard years brought on by the Asian financial crisis, I think he was correct. So ask an economist, I'll leave the guessing up to others.

What I would say though is, if you are considering investing in dairy, buying on a low payout has historically worked out better than buying on a high payout.

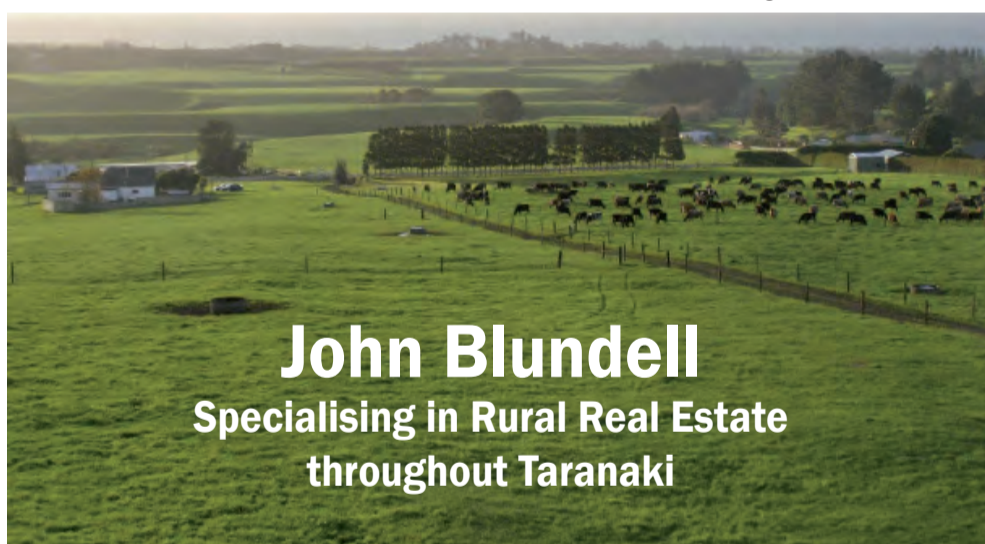
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A back to school reminder from Rural Women NZ

As children return to school after the holidays, Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) reminds drivers to stick to the law and slow down to 20km/h when passing a stopped school bus.

Rural children are especially vulnerable when drivers speed past school buses, and children have been involved in a number of serious and fatal crashes. The speed limit is 20km/h when passing school buses that are stopped to drop off or pick up children. The rule applies whichever direction you are travelling in.

Drivers are also being reminded to slow down around schools and in communities. "Drivers need to pay attention to the speed limit of 20km/h when passing a bus that has stopped for children," says Wendy McGowan, National President of RWNZ. RWNZ has supported



Buses displaying the 20km passing signs

trials of 20 km/h signs on school buses in Ashburton. NZTA southern regional

director, Jim Harland says the trials showed a reduction in the speed of

traffic passing a school bus, which had stopped to let children on or off.

However, he also remarked that "earlier trials of signs without the support of the community and police, indicated that the speed variation of traffic passing school buses may increase the risk rather than improving safety." RWNZ encourages the community to obey the

speed limit and encourages families to get involved in teaching children road safety messages. Brake NZ, the road safety charity have travel tips for families, including young children holding hands when crossing roads, and teaching children to "stop, think, look, listen and live" before crossing

Careful who you employ



RCNZ chief executive Roger Parton

Rural Contractors New Zealand – the only national association and the leading advocate for rural contractors in New Zealand – is urging farmers to ensure their agricultural contractor is a member of the organisation.

The warning comes in the wake of a recent *Fair Go* item that saw a Central Otago farmer lose a \$60,000 linseed crop due to a mistake in the spray application to the crop. "Farmers should use a Registered Chemical Applicator and preferably a member of RCNZ to ensure – as far as possible – that the potential for mistakes like this happening are minimised," says RCNZ chief executive Roger Parton. "This also gives farmers the back-up that a contractor

— who is part of our insurance scheme – will have insurance cover in these types of circumstances."

Mr Parton says RCNZ members who are part of its Registered Chemical Applicator scheme are trained and regularly updated in the safe and expert handling of applying chemicals to crops and pastures. "RCNZ has introduced its chemical application accreditation programme to meet the needs of both our members and the industry. "The application of agrichemicals has to be

carried out in a competent and professional manner to ensure the enhancement of the crop and the safety of the operator, the environment and the public.

Mr Parton says there are two levels of agrichemical applicator accreditation available through Rural Contractors New Zealand: - Basic Chemical Applicator; and - Registered Chemical Applicator. RCNZ promotes to central and local government, as well as industry associations, the following policy: Any person applying agrichemicals

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Taranaki Interclub shoot at Eltham

Hawera No1 won the Bridgeman Shield shoot by 3 points. The Bridgeman Shield was competed for by 10 four man teams at Eltham. Hawera scraped in by 3 points from a strong Eltham team with Inglewood 3rd by just three points in arrears. Quite a number of new shooters were in the Bridgeman shield for the first time in fact the Hawera Number 3

team were all first timers in the competition. It will not be long before some of these shooters are competing in their clubs top teams. Bruce Cameron showed his class by scoring 2 two hundred 8s and the only other hundred was by Inglewood's Billy Moratti. Hawera no1 Bruce Cameron 200.16, Jason Cameron 193.10. Frank Eustace 193.9, Hayden

Andreoli 194.6, =780.41, Eltham No1 Garry Rowlands 197.8, Paul Tidswell 195.5, Adrian Clark 196.8, Paul Longstaff 189.5= 777.26, Inglewood No1 Kevin Bocock 191.6, Trevor Jupp 195.7, Billy Moratti 199.10, Robert Hine 189.5, Eltham No3 Brian Shewry 184.3, Heather Symonds 175.4, Hanni Shubert 183.4, Kevin Bocock 191.7, Inglewood No2 Graham Moratti

195.6, Craig Clealand 194.3, Brian Mc Gregor 188.5, Lou Donnelley 187.5,=764.24, Inglewood No3 Ross Drinkwater 182.4, Brian Shewry 191.5, Craig Knowles 184.6, Hanni Shubert 185.4 =760.19, Hawera No2 Sam Gooding 190.7, Mathew Peters 192.8, Alex Munro 188.5, Christina Class 169.2=751.22, Eltham No2 Bob Bramley 185.1,

Clare Bramley 180.0, Allan Drake 188.8, Kat Mischefski 190.4=743.13, Oaonui Doug Gibson 197.14, Dave Fake 197.10, Ian Hayton 180.4, Lou Butler 138.0= 512.28 Hawera No3 Clayton Robinson 152. Dylan Farr 176.2, Llewellyn Farr 92, Clare Bramley 180.0. Scores were also used for mixed Handicapped teams for the Peter Smith Memorial.

The winning team was Brian Shewry, Garry Rowlands and Graham Moratti 593.19, second Alex Munro, Bob Bramley and Hayden Andreoli 591.12 and third Alan Drake, Dave Fake and Llewellyn Farr 590.17, 4th Trevor Jupp, Clare Bramley and Paul Tidswell, 590.14. It was a well run shoot by Eltham, who provided a great supper to finish off.

Frank Eustace

Target shooting at Hawera Hub

The Hawera Hub shooting saw a good turnout of shooters and a high standard of shooting on July 20., Rico Symes Patterson was one of those, with two 96s and a 96.4 being a personal

best. New shooter Teaui Nichman Rairoa with a 100 group, a great effort for a first time. Once again Bruce Cameron was tops with a 200.16 and Jason Cameron 100.6 close behind. Score

were: Dylan Farr 82.0,85.1, Llewellyn Farr 87.2, 90.2, Alex Munro 92.2, 88.2, Dwayne Rangi 85.1, 88.1, Rico Symes Patterson 96.2, 96.4, Kris Chandra 82.0, 84.1, Nico Nel 99gr, 97gr,

Jeanco Nel 99gr, 67.0, Joe De Costa 93.2, Teaui Nichman Rairoa 94gr,100gr, Hayden Andreoli 96.3, 94.2, 98.6, Bruce Cameron 100.9, 100.7, Jason Cameron 100.6, 99.6, Frank Eustace 99.5, 96.4, 99.6, Sam Gooding 97.4, 99.8, Mathew Peters 95.4, 95.4.

A week earlier, all shooters were on full cards and no grouping cards were shot. Scores in the new shooters continues to improve, with seven cards recorded in the over 90s. Kris Chandra scored a personal best 83.0. Well done. Leading the charge was Christina Starr with 94.3, 93.3.

In the next few weeks it is proposed that a training session will be held to help shooters to improve.

Four Taranaki shooters have been chosen to represent the North Island at the North vs South Island shoot on August 20 to be shot at Rangiora. They are Bruce Cameron and Samuel Gooding(Hawera) and Dave Fake and Doug Gibson(Oaonui).

Club scores were: Dylan Farr 82.1, 86.1, Llewellyn Farr 79.1, 89.2, Alex Munro 91.0, 90.3, Dwayne Rangi 87.0, 89.1, Clayton Robinson

68.0, 81.1, Christina Starr 94.3, 93.3, Roco Symes Patterson 92.4, 90.2, Tenneile Crump Conchie 86.0, 77.1, Kris Chandra 64.0 83.0 Joe De Costa 88.0, 93.0, Hayden Andreoli 97.2,

98.4, 96.4, Bruce Cameron 99.7, 100.9, 100.7, Jason Cameron 95.2, 98.4, 98.0, Frank Eustace 97.4, 97.6, 98.5, 99.8, Sam Gooding 97.6, 97.4, Mathew Peters 93.2, 92.2

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Jason Cameron is running hot



Taranaki Target shooters in the National Districts Champs were up against the Hutt Valley Hawks. Taranaki Tigers Open team shot well for a total 2938 against the Hutt Valley Hawks 2905. Jason Cameron was right on target with 300.15, which was the top score for the night. Jason has been rolling out a series of good scores of late. This helped the Tigers to tie with the Hawks. The Tigers 7 points will be handy with the next N.D.C. being a semi final. In the juniors Heather Symonds 191.11 and Mathew Peters 189.8 continue to improve and will be a great asset to the team in the future. Scores were: 300.15, Bruce Cameron 297.25, Kevin

Bocock 295.20, Brent Gooding 295.10, Hayley Moratti 294.17, Doug Jupp 292.15, Adrian Clark Gibson 294.17, Garry 291.11, Paul Longstaff Rowlands 294.15, Paul 284.10, Mathew Peters 189.8, Tidswell 294.14, Dave Heather Symonds 1291.5, Fake 293.13, Frank Eustace Jessica Riddle 189.19, 290.14, Trevor Jupp 287.5, Frank Eustace Billy Moratti 293.15, Sam

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Winter series dressage results

The first day of the Coastal Riding Club dressage was held in the TSB indoor arena at Hawera on Sunday July 24. Test 1A - Belinda Wakeling (Sugar Rush) Eltham 1, Amber Boyd (Indi) 2, Sarah Williams (Arum Park Christmas Eve) Stratford 3, Jo Zehnder (Destiny's Blackjack) Eltham 4. P.C. Test J - Holly Watts

(Asterix) 1, Janet Hawley (Mr. Gadget) Waitara 2, Kath Lambourn (Millenium Lady) Hawera 3. P.C. Test N - Janet Hawley (Mr. Gadget) 1, Kath Lambourn (Millenium Lady) 2. Test 2A - Shah Bothwell (Siavash) Stratford 1, Victoria Barczak (Issey PSH) New Plymouth 2, Leslie Bloeman (Orey) Kaponga 3, Sheryl Goble

(Baileys) Kaponga 4. Test 2B - Shah Bothwell (Siavash) 1, Victoria Barczak (Issey PSH) 2, Leslie Bloeman (Orey) 3, Wendy Pulman (Luka) Stratford 4. Test 3A - Stephanie Clement (Elle Mae) Opunake 1, Tania Smith (Donnerbella) Waitara 2, Pam Livingstone (Epic) New Plymouth 3, Kirstie Pryce (Andy) Hawera 4. Test 3B - Tania

Jason Cameron (left).

Smith (Donnerbella) 1, Pam Livingstone (Epic) 2, Stephanie Clement (Elle Mae) 3, Kirstie Pryce (Andy) 4. Pairs Freestyle - Shah Bothwell (Siavash) and Wendy Pulman (Luka) 1. The judges for the day were Kay Bloomfield and Belinda Wakeling, both of Eltham, and Claire Norton from Normanby.

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Coastal Cobras book ticket for Lile Shield final

Fresh from their stunning win of the Western Alliance Competition, the Coastal Cobras travelled to Waitara to take on the number one ranked side the Waitara Bears in the first semi-final of Taranaki Rugby League's Lile Shield Competition. The Bears caught the visitors napping with a smart try three minutes into the game, when impressive Cruze Rauner crossed under the posts after a somewhat fortuitous bounce off a kick was gathered for the hosts to lead 6-0 early. The Bears continued to attack, but a few minutes later Coastal stand-off Mark Davis latched onto a loose pass and sprinted 75 metres to score untouched for Coastal to draw level at 6-6. From this point on it was all Coastal, as they took a stranglehold on the game with three further tries to go to the break 22-6 ahead, and it looked a forlorn hope for the Bears to claw back into it. When Coastal opened the

scoring in the second half to lead 26-6, the game looked completely out of the Bears' grasp, but to their credit their young side depleted by injuries fought back strongly and were rewarded with a try to young second rower

Cairo Ahu. At 26-12 there was hope, and when Coastal had a player sent to the sin bin in the 60th minute for a swinging arm in the tackle, the Bears' chances were more likely. They failed to capitalise on the opportunity

however, and it was Coastal who scored next with an expansive team try finished off by winger Arepa Bishop who got a double. The Bears continued to try hard and were rewarded with a try out wide to young fullback

Jahran Katene who was injured in the process, giving the Bears a penalty from in front closing it up to 30-18. That was how it finished with the Cobras qualifying for the Grand Final at Pukekura Park on Saturday August 6. For Coastal, second rower Sean Mare was an outstanding figure on the park with a man of the match performance. He made several carving runs, and his defence especially on the goal line was superb. He was ably assisted by young loose forward Liam Kupe who continually punches above his weight.

the latter capping a fine game with a try. In the backs Katene impressed with his positional play and enthusiasm and was rewarded with a try near the end. The Bears will now host the third placed Bell Block Marist Dragons who qualified courtesy of a win by default after Hawera Hawks could not field a team due to injuries and unavailabilities.

Scorers:
Coastal Cobras 30; Arepa Bishop 2, Mark Davis, Darren Parata, Trent Deegan and Kieran Young tries, Davis 2, Parata goals Waitara Bears 18; Cruze Rauner, Cairo Ahu and Jahran Katene tries, Anton Gall 3 goals On Saturday July 30, Waitara Bears play Bell Block Marist Dragons at Clifton Park Waitara at 2pm. The winner will play Coastal Cobras in the final at Pukekura Park.



Arepa Bishop running hard.

Prop Maloni Tuitupou and hooker Mark Bayliss both had strong games. In the backs Davis and fullback Darren Parata both impressed, while Bishop finished well scoring a brace. For the Bears, Rauner was their best with another quality performance, while second rowers Brent Martin and young Ahu tried hard,

Cobras snare home town title win

On Saturday July 16, the Coastal Cobras won their first Premier title by defeating the Linton Cobras 32-26 in the final of the Western Alliance competition played in Opunake.

lead, and the local supporters were in full voice. Both sides came out in the second half with plenty of enthusiasm and went try for try, but when Coastal scored their third to make the score 32-20, it looked like they might have their first title. With just over five minutes remaining however, Linton showed they were not done yet and crossed again. With the conversion successful, the score now read 32-26 and another tense finish between the two sides was on the cards. The Coastal boys would have to defend hard if they wanted the win, and they did just that,

keeping the opposition at bay and finishing with a six point victory. Second half try scorers for Coastal were centre Arepa Bishop who crossed twice, while Young added another, taking his tally to three for the day.

Second rower Young and Bishop were both outstanding in defence and attack, not only contributing five tries between them, but also coming up with some big defensive plays to lift their team mates.

Halfback Herewini Karena got through a mountain of defence, while his halves



Ross McLachlan charges at the Linton defence line

partner, captain and stand-off Mark Davis was involved in everything, and had a hand in six of the seven tries scored.

The Western Alliance Premiership is played between the top two Taranaki

teams and the top two from the Manawatu competition. Coastal beat Whanganui Boxon 20-16 (at Opunake), Waitara Bears 32-20 (at Waitara) and Linton Cobras 38-26 (at Linton

army camp) to achieve a final at home in Opunake.

Stay tuned as this team continues the battle to become the Club's first Premier side to bring the Lile Shield to the Coast.

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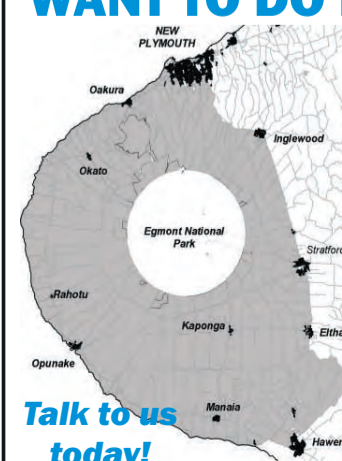
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Biggles Flies Undone to great laughter

Hawera Repertory always produces entertaining, skilful shows and 'Biggles Flies Undone' is no exception. The comedy (written by Mike Isle) has been capably directed by Charles Pittams and ably stage managed by Sandra Richards. The season runs from Thursday 21 July to Saturday 30 July. The venue is the Collins Street headquarters of Hawera Repertory. This review is based on the Saturday July 23 performance. Make sure you see the production (hurry!), if you want a really good laugh.

The play is best described as a spoof of the World War I and II flying ace James 'Biggles' Biggleworth', based on the many books (96) written by W.E. Johns (1899-1968). There is a lot of double entendre in the humour, but it is never offensive.

It was obvious from the outset that much care had gone into the set construction and costumes, as well as the amusingly garish make up. The palace set was amazing.

Act one opens in the airport at Wand Airfield in 1955, with some dialogue of different Biggles book characters with a hilarious, rapid-fire swap of



The cast of Hawera repertory's current show 'Biggles Flies Undone'. From left: Captain Algernon Lacey (Donald Campbell), Flight Sergeant Beckonfield (Katrina Fraser), Major James Bigglesworth (Pat Whyte), Baroness Strubliger (Samantha Turner), Mustapha Fagori'llchoke (Ben Thomas), and Flight Lieutenant Anne Comfort (Donella Weir).

various hats as the reader (Director Charles Pittams) impersonates different people, including Biggles, of course.

Next, Biggles (played by Pat Whyte) and Captain Algernon 'Algie' Lacy (played by Donald Campbell) appear. They

play the upper class British accent to match, as they try to catch some kip there is a

lot of talk of 'chums'.

An aeroplane suddenly crashes outside, a pond ensuring a soft landing and in walks a flight lieutenant, but, horrors it's an attractive woman Anne (Donella Weir) and Algie can't cope with the fact she's not a chum. However, Biggles has no problem and the pair get along famously to put it mildly.

Making an entrance unexpectedly is Flight Sergeant Beckonfield (Katrina Fraser) - dressed pretty much like a man with her womanhood well hidden. Under Anne's tutelage she transforms her attire to clothes which emphasize that she is definitely not a man. The interplay between these two talented actresses (playing wildly different characters) was one of the highlights of the show.

Of course being a story about Biggles there has to be villainy afoot; and Algie is kidnapped and detained in a mid-Eastern palace,

which has a sign 'Taught cha dun jun'. Baroness Strubliger (Samantha Turner) is the arch-villain. Or is she? She plays her part with deliciously wicked aplomb and matching wicked accent (foreign, of course). She is aided by Mustapha Fagori'llchoke who is her quick-tempered guard. Ben Thomas plays his part as the guard with dastardly finesse, complemented by an evil 'thick' accent to suit. His was one of the standout performances.

However, nothing is quite like it seems, but I'll not say any more as patrons who want to see one of the final shows will not be pleased.

All in all a great show, especially for those who want a great laugh. Well done to all contributors on all sides of the stage. Remember, the last show is 30 July, so don't delay - get your ticket from Hawera i-site.

Rolland McKellar

Feds say local government needs you

With nominations for this year's local authority elections opening on Friday, Federated Farmers is calling on farmers and other business-minded people to consider standing for election.

Federated Farmers' Local Government spokesperson Katie Milne said it's vitally important that we get good candidates to put themselves forward.

"Being a councillor is a challenging role, but farmers can make a real difference on councils as they can inform and educate their colleagues and staff about what happens on-farm.

"This is crucial for getting sensible, workable outcomes," said Ms Milne.

The way local government is funded, through property value based rates, has a big impact on farms' financial viability.

"The average farm now pays well over \$10,000 per year in rates, which are often in the top ten farm expenses.

"As a fixed cost there is no way for farms to cut back, short of selling up, during downturns like the current one in the dairy industry," she says.

"One of the most important council functions is to manage natural resources, including water, land and

air. The development and implementation of regional plans and policies can and does have huge impacts on the way farms are run."

"Farmers are also exposed to other council regulation like building and dog control - and bylaws for things like stock crossings and stock movement across and along roads.

"Councils also provide infrastructure and services of value for farmers and for the rest of the community. Roads are especially important for farms," she says.

Two weeks ago Federated Farmers launched its 2016 Local Government Manifesto.

"The Manifesto is a must read for anyone thinking of standing for council and not just for farmers. All aspiring candidates would do well to read a copy," Ms Milne said.

Nominations for the 2016 local authority elections open on Friday 15 July and close on at noon on Friday 12 August. Voting papers will be posted out from 16 September and they will need to be returned by noon on Saturday 8 October.

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Special forests are flourishing

Monitoring of Taranaki's Key Native Ecosystems (KNEs) shows that the programme's native forest areas are in fine fettle.

There has been an improvement in the condition of 75 per cent of the 12 native forest KNEs monitored in the Taranaki Regional Council's first five-yearly assessments, with less predator damage, fewer weeds and more native species.

KNEs are ecologically important habitats, and the forest regeneration is due to landowners carrying out regular weed and predator control, and improved fencing to keep out stock, says Environment Services Manager Steve Ellis.

"Overall, those sites are looking and feeling more alive," he says. "This is all about outcomes. What are the benefits of putting the fences and pest control in there? Is the condition of the habitat improving? So we're measuring the outcomes of that work."

Of the remaining 25 per cent of forests assessed, 17 per cent remained stable and 8% per cent had regressed.

"Before any management is started, we take a 'before' shot of the habitat for later comparison," says Mr Ellis. "Some of the biodiversity plans and control programmes have been going for five years, at which point we start taking 'after' shots to assess any change."

The methods for Coastal KNEs assessment are in development and monitoring of those sites will start later this year. The Council will also have a better picture of wetlands and be able to report on their condition in the future.

Its officers have identified 218 local wetland, coastal and forest KNEs, 80 of which were assessed during the 2015/2016 financial year.

The Council works with Taranaki farmers and landowners to prepare biodiversity plans that help them protect KNEs on their land, with 87 plans created to date. There is also provision for fencing and pest control funding.

The landowners assume control after that initial assistance, but the Council provides advice where needed, along with regular assessments. The designation of KNEs is a voluntary initiative between these stakeholders, and the programme works well because all parties want to safeguard at-risk environments.



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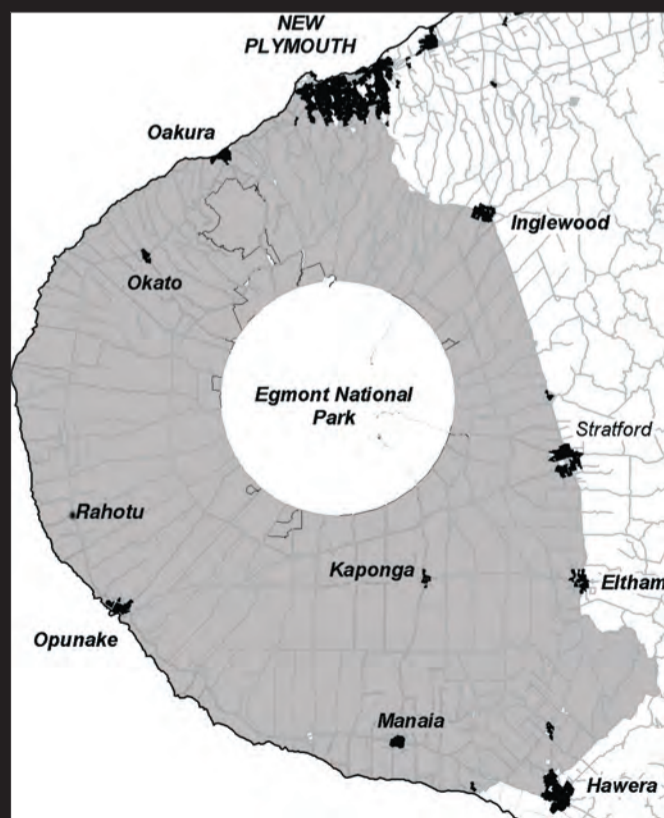
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Festival a time to escape into nature

Visiting the Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular gives people the chance to be nurtured by nature, says festival manager Lisa Ekdahl.

"I think it's a great opportunity to focus on the beauty of our world as an antidote to the things we have no control over," she says.

This year's festival, launched in New Plymouth on July 20, features 45 glorious gardens dotted all around Mt Taranaki and runs from October 28 to November 6.

Of these open gardens, 10 are new properties. "The fact we have 10 new gardens helps keep the festival fresh and the fact that the other gardens have longevity gives the festival depth," Ekdahl says. "We have got a good mix of experience and vitality."

Ekdahl says gardeners are nurtured by the garden and vice versa, so when people visit one, they in turn are nurtured.

"Dr Richard Benfield, who spoke at the New Zealand Gardens Trust conference and studies garden tourism,

said that gardens affect all our senses for positive value."

In keeping with that is the landscape design project, Lost Paradise, created by Plantation's Michael Mansvelt. "That fits in quite nicely with the idea of being nurtured and escaping," Ekdahl says.

Lost Paradise involves embellishing an already beautiful area in the Totara Dell at Pukekura Park to create a paradise-like space, which invites viewers to use all their senses.

"People can ponder what paradise truly means to them."

New this year, will be a festival hub based in the White Hart courtyard, where people can buy tickets, get help planning their itinerary and learn what else Taranaki has to offer.

"I think this year it's about encouraging people to connect with each other and what they can do to sustain our environment," Ekdahl says.

Intertwined with the open gardens are a variety of events, including a night with TVNZ food host,

Michael Van de Elzen, the in-demand Chapman-Taylor tours and a house and garden tour.

"That's capitalising on people's desire to peep behind doors. As human beings we are all quite inquisitive aren't we?" Ekdahl says.

Other events, include the garden speaker series featuring seedkeeper Jodi Roebuck on bio-diversity, Jenny Oakley on propagating and hanging baskets, Alan Morris on hillside gardening and florist Pip Jones on creating a terrarium.

The movie, Polyfaces, is also being played in the Len Lye Centre. Innovative farmer Joel Salatin, whose family the movie is about, says: "As the problems of the world become more and more complex, the solutions become clear and simple."

There's also Frocks on Bikes, an event where women embellish themselves and their bikes for a cycling event.

For people keen on bees, Canadian botanist Dr Linda



Everybody, everywhere, needs to plant for trees for bees, says Dr Linda Newstrom-Lloyd. Image credit: Valentine Tournon.

Newstrom-Lloyd will be speaking on two separate occasions about what to plant in your garden to attract the much-needed pollinators. Newstrom-Lloyd was the

guest speaker for the festival launch, where she spoke about the plight of bees. "We can't replace the honey bee fast enough."

A New Zealand survey shows there is a 12 per cent colony loss each year.

The best way to prevent bees and their colonies from dying is good nutrition which means planting the right vegetation for them to feed on. "If you have healthy nourished bees, they are going to be able to cope with these other threats – the pests, pathogens and pesticides."

She also talked about the importance of maintaining plant diversity to give bees a choice of food.

She says if people do choose to have a hive they must invest in educating themselves by joining a beekeeping club, otherwise there could be more problems with the spread of disease and pests.

"The solution is if everybody, everywhere, plants for bees," Newstrom-Lloyd says.

Disparate Visions at The Village Gallery

'Disparate Visions' describes the next exhibition at The Village Gallery very well. Two guest artists from different backgrounds and styles combine to produce a display that is worth viewing.

Dave Adlam is Taranaki born and bred and has lived most of his life in the district. Two years ago he moved to Marton where he is in the process of converting a property into a museum/art gallery.

Dave is a self-taught artist who paints pictures of the things he loves: cars, motorbikes and the



Dave Adlam – motorbike and mountain.

mountain. He paints in acrylics on canvas, and his style could best be described as "naïve."

Dave has exhibited his works at other galleries in the district and this will be his fourth exhibition. He says that his grandkids are his biggest fans.

Ngaere Bennetts is another Taranaki local who is currently living in Eltham. She is an eclectic artist whose work incorporates many media.

She enjoys taking everyday objects and incorporating them into her mixed media work to create texture and visual interest. She loves to recycle and upcycle items and is inspired to use these materials to create one of a kind art pieces.

Ngaere likes to think that her work helps others



Ngaere Bennetts – angel torso.

to see objects differently, and encourages them to incorporate these objects in their own art. All of her plaster torsos are handmade and each torso is unique.

This new exhibiton runs from August 1-26. The Village Gallery is on High Street in Eltham and opening hours are 10am – 3pm Monday – Saturday.



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He is looking for a larger venue so he can hold classes for more people.

“My martial arts history involved travelling around the world to train in other art forms including, Brazilian

jiu jitsu, karate, kickboxing, and MMA,” he says.

“I had my first professional boxing fight last year at Waitara against an opponent with 60 previous fights under his belt.

“My passions lie with youth, having worked in mental health, and with people with disabilities and challenging behaviours over 20yrs.

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Dancing farmer now tinkling on the ivories

Simon Forsyth has been steadily building up quite a reputation as an accomplished Latin American and ballroom dancer over the past 11 years. Dancing at a highly competitive level, he has numerous awards under his belt from competitions around New Zealand. Teamed up with three different dance partners at a prestigious Whanganui dance competition in June, Simon scooped first place.

“We were Judged as individuals in four separate categories: cha-cha, jive, waltz and quick step,” says Simon.

He has worked on his parent’s sheep and beef farm since the age of 15.

“I enjoy the farm life, but at times it can be quite isolating,” says Simon. “My dancing gives me a great outlet away from the farm, and I get to socialise and meet new people. It helps me to fulfil my artistic and creative flare. I enjoy sharing my passion for dance with others, and I am happy to help anyone who would like to learn”.

“Kiwis can be very timid and reserved, so dancing is a great way for people to loosen up, have some fun, and let their hair down.”

Opunake High School students are very fortunate to be coached by Simon, who is involved in the school’s music workshops held at Everybody’s Theatre. He is preparing them for an upcoming concert before the end of the year.

Locals may see him working out at Sandford’s Event Centre gym, gyrating his hips with a massive hula hoop and an oversized exercise ball as he limbers up for his dance routines.

Simon experienced his first taste of playing the piano on July 19 at Opunake Music Workshops.

He is keen to pursue this



Simon Forsyth enjoys his first lesson on the piano.

further, with guidance from pianists involved in the music group who have the skills to teach him.

“This workshop has given me the courage to expand and develop my musical talents,” says Simon.

We admire you Simon for your willingness to try new things and develop your range of musical interests. Good on you Simon.

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Community questionnaire feedback

We are very grateful to those who took the time to return our questionnaire. This was designed to provide information about current services at CoastalCare, gain feedback on these and get input from the community to help with planning for the future.

The initial questionnaire ran from 1 February 2016 to 1st March 2016. With an additional rural drop on 7th April 2016 and returns open until 26th April 2016. In total there were 1963 delivered.

There were four questions in our questionnaire as listed below.

Q1 - Did you know we have all the services listed?

Most people were surprised by the amount of services and were unaware of all we have to offer at CoastalCare.

Q2 - How would you like to hear about any new services we have?

Majority of people would prefer communication from CoastalCare to be via Opunake & Coastal News

Q3 - Are there any Services we don't provide that you would use?

People were divided

between feeling there are enough services and wanting further services.

Q4 - If Yes what Services would you like see provided?

Thank you to everyone who provided good positive feedback, on right is a small sample of these:

- The new facility is lovely and very user friendly,
- Well done, glad we've got it, ok as is
- A wonderful facility for Opunake.
- Much better than some in much larger places
- Good to receive this flyer, wonderful facility for our small town
- Congratulations on providing all the listed services in such a short time of operation
- Thank you for a friendly service, it's great to hear that there are so many diverse services under one roof in our community
- I really appreciate being able to send my out of town whanau to visit when a need arises and they always comment on the friendly service
- I think it is excellent

that we don't have to travel for these services

People took the opportunity to provide comments and ask questions below we have provided our responses for you:

Same day attention from Medical Centre - There are five appointments each day kept aside for urgent care and these do go very quick in the morning. The Medical Centre has never been a drop in centre like some in New Plymouth and will not be as this isn't possible for the business model. You can help by letting the Medical Centre know as soon as possible if you no longer need your appointment and they can then give it to someone else.

The need for more doctors

Suggested Service	CoastalCare Response
Adult mental health for farming community men especially = 4%	Already provided – referral needed from Doctor
Chiropractor = 8%	In early negotiations with a provider
Dental = 38%	Coming soon - Look for opening advertisement
Monthly skin/spot/zap/check nitrogen day = 8%	Investigations of potential providers underway
physiotherapy = 8%	Several providers already in Opunake. Call us for their details
X-ray facilities = 4%	On our wish list too
Blood Donor = 4%	Investigations of potential providers underway
Light exercise for aged and arthritis = 4%	Tai Chi has started – Every Thurs 9-10am
Cardiac care drop in check over = 4%	Investigations of potential providers underway
Community law = 4%	Investigations of potential providers underway
Employment opportunities = 4%	Outside our scope
Eye specialist/ophthalmologist/optician = 13%	In early negotiations with a provider
WINZ = 4%	See later comments
Osteopath = 4%	Investigations of potential providers underway
Midwife = 4%	Here now phone for details



CoastalCare Health and Community Centre

CoastalCare offers for hire, quiet, private, well-appointed room's for meetings, training opportunities & social gatherings. This will seat up to 60 people or it has the flexibility to be divided into two smaller rooms. The facilities include a lounge area & kitchenette for self-service of coffees and tea

Some of the regular services we currently have running are:

LISA KEEN - AUDIOLOGY

Every 2nd Wednesday hearing evaluation, hearing aid assessment, ACC hearing evaluation and complimentary hearing checks.

SURFSIDE MIDWIFERY - JO LOCKTON

supporting you from conception until baby is 6wks old - home visits & clinics as needed

TAI CHI - NIGEL CLIFFE

every Thursday, 9am-10am, low impact exercise all welcome, gold coin donation.

FOODBANK

Tuesday's and Wednesday's 10am - 2pm, providing basic food parcels for those in need.

BUDGET ADVICE

advice and assistance with budgets and finances, every second Wednesday.

TARANAKI PODIATRY

every 3rd Tuesday - specialised foot care for all ages in clinics

TUI ORA

* Haumiri massage koha based - every third Friday

* Alcohol and Drug Counselling - weekly one to one counselling

SIAS HOFFMAN

one to one counselling, specialising in anxiety, depression, and relationship therapy.

DAIRY NZ

once a month course - delivers industry training to those in the Dairy Industry

PRIMARY ITO - MILK QUALITY COURSES

one day course looking at how to get the best quality milk production.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - WEEKLY

supporting offenders addressing their offending & gain skills that will help them lead a crime free life

Also permanently residing in the building are:

- OPUNAKE PHARMACY
- OPUNAKE MEDICAL CENTRE
- ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE
- PLUNKET
- HEALTH BOARD SERVICES.

CONTACT: ARETHA, MANAGER, on 761 8488



for the Medical Centre – Unfortunately Doctor shortage for rural areas is a well-known reality and 26 rural practices within New Zealand do not have enough doctors. The Medical Centre is a separate business to CoastalCare and although we support the Medical Centre as much as we can we are not able to directly influence their business decisions. The big advantage for Doctors coming to work at CoastalCare is the modern, clean, warm, well equipped and professional work environment making Opunake a desirable option.

Wish we could see same doctor more than once. – We understand this concern, however there is a balance between consistency of Doctor and the new research highlighting the value of a fresh set of eyes reviewing patient treatment.

The need for WINZ outreach office – In discussions with Gloria

Campbell Commissioner for Taranaki region it was made clear that and outreach office in Opunake will not be possible as it doesn't fit their future planning model, which features technology driven customer service.

Newspaper Articles a good idea and Update in every Coastal News, need more publicity – We now pay for a regular advert and have regular articles in the Opunake Coastal News which many responders have suggested is the best way to communicate to the public

Newsletter in post and available from Pharmacy or Medical Centre – Currently we produce a monthly newsletter via email as this is the most economical method of delivery. As of July we will take up this suggestion of having these available at Pharmacy and Medical Centre. Other methods of keeping up to date are via our facebook page and website.

If you would like to receive our email newsletter then please get in touch with Aretha 761 8488.

Meeting room hire cost – We have recently reviewed our pricing of the meeting room and in comparison feel our pricing is about right. The advantage of our meeting space is it is a quiet, private, well-appointed, versatile room for meetings, training opportunities and social gatherings. The facilities include a lounge area and small kitchenette for self-service of coffees and tea, this Community Lounge is available to community, non-profit organisations in return for a donation.

Does CoastalCare pay its way, for example do rental fees cover all costs? - CoastalCare has just concluded its first year of operations (11 months trading). The original budget showed a loss for this first year of operations and we are pleased to report we have performed better than budgeted. We are confident that once more sponsors are found and further services begin we will move to a break even situation in the coming year.

Are the staff happy? – We have built good relationships with the users of the building who have reported being very happy in the new facility. CoastalCare do not have any staff.



INVITATION - LEARN TO PLAY TEXAS HOLDEM POKER

Starting Friday 17th June from 7pm at the Club Hotel - Opunake 761 8213



BOOKINGS & PRE-PAY ESSENTIAL

Tickets available from Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration or email everybodystheatre@gmail.com

Sing Street – Boutique night at Everybody's Theatre

Screening on 7 August 6:30pm. Movie starts at 7pm \$25 Tickets available from Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration, Opunake A boy growing up in Dublin during the 1980s escapes his strained family life by starting a band to impress the mysterious girl he likes. Seen through the eyes of 14 year-old Conor (Ferdi Walsh-Peelo) and featuring the music of The Cure, Duran Duran, A-Ha, The Clash, Hall

and Oates, Spandau Ballet and The Jam. Also starring Ferda Walsh-Peelo, Aidan Gillen, Maria Doyle-Kennedy. And Lucy Boynton as Conor's love interest Raphina. Written and directed by John Carney, the film was released on April 15 this year and runs for 106 minutes. Normal ticket prices for upstairs \$10 Adult, \$8 students and Senior Citizens.

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Coastal Care Leonie Landsheer, counsellor

Leonie Landsheer, a registered social worker, is one of the counsellors available at Coastal Care, Opunake. She is one of two therapists working for Tui Ora providing Taranaki Primary Connections (TPC), a mental health service.

At present she visits Opunake Coastal Care, 26 Napier Street Opunake, one to two days a week on an 'as needed' basis. She also visits other centres including Stratford, Inglewood, Waitara and Hawera, as well as New Plymouth. Her TPC colleague is Romy Mullan-Heijnen.

Leonie works with individuals and with families. Clients can vary in age and include adolescents, youth and adults. They are supported through a range of issues including depression, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma of various kinds, and grief.



Leonie Landsheer

Leonie brings a wealth of experience to her position. Before she joined Tui Ora in July 2015, she worked in Melbourne therapeutically with individuals and families. Leonie also worked with refugees and indigenous people in Australia.

Her colleague Romy brings another 'international'

perspective to the service. She arrived in New Zealand eight years ago, married a Kiwi and says it was always a dream of hers to be able to support others.

The pair provides short term assessments followed by up to four free sessions of counselling, called a package of care.

People needing counselling and therapy support through TPC are referred by a GP, public health nurse or school counsellor.

Enrolment with TPC entitles people to access a wide range of registered counsellors or psychologists who work throughout Taranaki. For a full list of these providers see the Taranaki Primary Connections service at www.tuiora.co.nz

To contact the TPC co-ordinator with a referral or query phone 06 759 4064 or email tpc@tuiora.co.nz.

Alcohol and Drug Counselling clinic at CoastalCare

As a counsellor for the Alcohol and Drug Service at Taranaki District Health Board, Peter Hickey works at Taranaki Base Hospital three days a week and also has a clinic at the CoastalCare Health and Community Centre in Opunake on Thursdays.

He provide assessment for people struggling with drug and/or alcohol addictions and counselling with a focus on working towards recovery from those addictions.

"In recent years, Taranaki has had higher rates of hazardous drinking than the national average, which is reflected in the proportion of clients I see with alcohol related issues," Peter says.

"While enjoyed by many people, alcohol can cause significant harm to individuals, families and communities in Taranaki, and has the potential to cause direct health harm in three main ways; intoxication (immediate), toxicity (immediate and long-term) and dependence



Peter Hickey

(long-term).

"Treatment provided to clients focuses on reducing harm from the addiction and approaches which draw upon motivational interviewing, strength-based and solution-focused techniques.

Our service plays a holistic role that may require a range of resources, such as referral to support groups, one to one counselling, detox,

rehabilitation centres, or other support networks like employment, housing and psychological counselling. People experiencing serious mental health issues are also offered specialist mental health care if necessary.

"The role places great importance on the inclusion of whānau in the recovery process. Those with addictions require the support of whānau in their journey to recovery, and whānau also require support in dealing with their family member's alcohol/drug issues.

"If you or someone you know needs help with addiction or substance use there is a range of support available to suit your needs. Contact the Alcohol and Drug Service at Taranaki Base Hospital by walking in or phoning 06 7537838 for more information.

Walk in appointments or phone support is also available at the CoastalCare Health and Community Centre, 26 Napier Street Opunake (06 7618488).

Opunake - MOVIES - BOUTIQUE THEATRE – HIRE
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 SING STREET Drama, Musical, Festival & Independent 1hr 45mins M Offensive language. Ireland <i>Boy meets girl, girl unimpressed, boy starts band.</i> Sunday 7 August 7pm *Boutique* Wednesday 10 August 1pm Saturday 12 August 7pm	 ICE AGE 5 Action, Adventure, Comedy, Kids & Family 1hr 34mins G Sid, Manny and Diego running to a new habitat when Scrat causes an irreversible disaster in space. Saturday 6 August 1pm Sunday 14 August 12pm		
 INDEPENDENCE DAY Action, Adventure, Science Fiction, Blockbuster 1hr 59 mins M Science fiction themes & violence <i>We had twenty years to prepare, so did they.</i> Wednesday 3 August 7pm Saturday 6 August 7pm Friday 12 August 7pm	 GHOSTBUSTERS Action, Comedy, Science Fiction, Blockbuster 116mins PG-13 Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy, are joined by Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones and Chris Hemsworth. Wednesday 10 August 7pm Sunday 14 August 7pm Wednesday 17 August 1pm		
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FAMILY FUN AT THE MOVIES – ICE AGE 5 Tickets MUST BE PURCHASED at Opunake Library Plus or TSB Hub Hawera. \$5 PP. Sunday 14 August 12PM			
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The Indian Ink Theatre Company presents *Guru of Chai* Written by Jacob Rajan and Justin Lewis, and directed by Justin Lewis

Scooping Best Play, Best Actor and Best Composer on debut, *Guru of Chai* has gone on to sell out tours around the world, ultimately being picked up by a top U.S agent. Coast to coast tours across the states have bought audiences to their feet pronouncing it "the best show." Now its time for our Guru to bring his magic to the wonderful Hawera Memorial Theatre.

"The contradictions of

modern India with its iPhones and ancient gods come alive in this outrageously funny and heartbreakingly beautiful romantic thriller.

A poor chai-wallah has his life changed forever when a young girl is abandoned at a busy railway station and brings the place to a standstill with the beauty of her singing. Kutisar (the chai-wallah) is one of Rajan's favorite characters: "He's actually based on a mask-dancer that Justin and I met in Bali. A man steeped in the spirituality of mask-dance, but with a weakness for beer and cock-fighting, and yet desperate to have a Facebook

page – he literally danced into our lives, and onto the pages of this play as a fully formed character".

New Zealand Herald

Our Guru (Jacob Rajan) is a buck-toothed chameleon, channeling 17 characters and leaping to multiple locations, delivering a serpentine romantic thriller while dispensing dubious spiritual wisdom. He is by turns charming, loathsome and absurdly profound. Laughter, heartbreak and enlightenment abound – not to mention the killer live soundtrack provided by his mute side-kick, Dave! (Adam Ogle).

Extremely talented and award-winning multi-instrumentalist Ogle plays the banjo, drum machine, whistles and even a humble plastic bag deftly weaving a vibrant musical score with an atmospheric soundscape. This will be Ogle's second show with Indian Ink after his stunning debut in their acclaimed production *The Elephant Thief*.

Indian Ink is firmly established as one of New Zealand's most successful independent theatre companies. It has garnered an international reputation with their works consistently enjoying sell out seasons in the UK, Singapore, Australia, Germany and the U.S.

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Scenes from *Guru of Chai*

partnership of Jacob Rajan and Justin Lewis turned 19 this year and they are celebrating by taking their two award-winning works across the globe this November! Our

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Joyful and Triumphant
by Robert Lord

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Performances
Hawera Memorial Theatre, 5 - 12 November

For further information contact
Clive Cullen, Director
Tel 06 278 1005 Hm 027 551 9979 Mob

Hawera Rep looking for cast for next production

Hawera Repertory is looking for a castoff five women and two men for *Joyful and Triumphant: An Incidental Epic* by Robert Lord and directed by Clive Cullen

Auditions will take place at Repertory House, 59 Collins Street Hawera on Sunday August 7 and Monday August 8 at 7pm.

The award winning New Zealand play is rich in insight, humour and pathos, encapsulating four decades of social change in post-war New Zealand from the 1940s to the 1980s.

It is set in the dining room of the Bishop home in a small country town in New Zealand. The first scene takes place in 1949, the last in 1989; the other scenes are scattered in between. All the scenes take place on Christmas Day, the first at 8am in the morning, the last at 10pm at night.

The cast.

Dad. George Bishop (Stage age 52 – 92) born 1897. Has worked for the Road Services division of the New Zealand Railways all his adult life. When the play begins he is manager of the Road Services depot in the town. A passionate supporter of the Labour Party.

Mum. Lyla Bishop (Stage age 50 – 73) born 1899. Married George in 1920.

Her life has been devoted to maintaining a decent home for Dad and the kids.

Rose. Rose Bishop (Stage age 28 – 68) born 1921. A bright if not exactly beautiful child, Rose becomes mousier with the passing of the years. She runs the children's wing of the town library and dreams of marriage and a life of her own.

Ted. Ted Bishop (Stage age 27 – 67) born 1922. A minor wound while in training for the army sidelined Ted from World War II and introduced him to Brenda, a nurse, whom he married in 1943. Ted and Brenda have two children, Raewyn and Tom. Since the war Ted has been trying to find a decent job. He is a little shiftless. He and Brenda live in Wellington where Ted believes the action is.

Brenda. Brenda Bishop (Stage age 26 – 66) born 1922. Brenda's father is a dentist and he doesn't approve of her marriage to Ted which makes Brenda determined to make the marriage work. She is usually publicly supportive even if privately doubtful of her husband's schemes.

Raewyn. Raewyn Bishop (Stage age 28 – 45) born 1943. On stage for Act 2 only. First child of Ted and Brenda. Five when the play starts. Headstrong, rebellious

and opinionated.

Alice. Alice Warner (Stage age 52 – 81) born 1897. A neighbour of the Bishops. Alice's husband, Jack is the town's leading accountant and Alice feels a little sorry for her working-class neighbours. A true blue National Party supporter.

Rehearsals will start at the end of August. It is planned that rehearsals and will be held three times a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Once the production moves into the theatre, there will be some extra rehearsals, of a longer duration.

A season of seven performances will be at the Memorial Theatre in Hawera from November 5-12, including one Sunday matinee. The running time of the play is approximately 130 minutes plus interval

Joyful and Triumphant was first produced by Circa Theatre, Wellington in 1992. It was commissioned by Circa Theatre, Wellington and premiered as part of the Wellington Arts Festival (now the New Zealand Festival), directed by Susan Wilson.

It was a sell-out success, winning awards in the Festival as well as the

Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards for Production of the Year, Director of the Year, and New Zealand Playwright of the Year.

This original production went on to tour New Zealand before heading overseas to Australia and London.

Review

Reviewed by Laurie Atkinson, 3 April 2016 – Circa production 2016.

"Robert Lord's best, funniest and most moving play is subtitled "An Incidental Epic". It explores the stresses and strains of family relationships as time passes quickly by and events far away in other parts of the country and the world change the way things have always been in cosy rural middle-class Pakeha New Zealand.

And what better time to explore the Bishop family than during the ritual of the Christmas Day dinner, which is spread epic-like over eight Christmas Days from 1949 to 1989 with the preparation of the meal on a scorching summer's day to the clearing of the table at the end of the day." For further information, contact Clive Cullen, Director. Phone 278 8979 Work 278 1005 Home 027 551 9979 Mobile. Email – clivecullen.architect@xtra.co.nz

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