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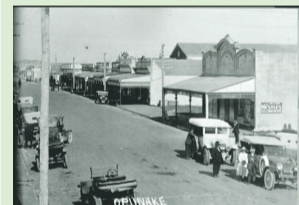
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Precision trip a real adventure

Now that the lockdown is over there is a push for Kiwis to get out and see the country.

Precision Helicopters is primed to help this happen. Their latest venture is a day trip involving a helicopter ride to Blue Duck Station on the Whanganui River. Visitors are then given a tour by station owner Dan Steele explaining the history and fauna and flora of the station. There is also a jet boat ride with a supplied picnic lunch on the banks of the Whanganui River thrown in, before another half hour helicopter ride back to New Plymouth Airport.

"New Zealand has got lots to offer, and people from all over the world come to see it," says Precision Helicopters owner Matt Newton. "Because people have grown up in New Zealand, they don't realise what's out there."

Matt says he has had a long association with Dan Steele and done a lot of helicopter work for him. He got a phone call from Dan after the lockdown asking if he could take some material over for a restaurant he is building at the station. Matt then put the word out he was making these trips and asked if anybody would be interested in going along for the ride. Things moved quickly from there.

"We sold it out seven times. We realised there was a demand, and we now promote it as a regular trip."

The helicopter used is a red AS350B2 airbus.

"It's an open cavern, so in the back you can see through to the front," says Matt. "It's made in France, has plenty of power, nice, quiet and smooth to ride in."



At Blue Duck Station. From left. Fraser Grant, Scott Russell (pilot), Rowan Cambie, Dan Steele (Blue Duck Station owner), Jaden Street (Blue Duck Station), Gavin Jones, Linda Jones.

"The key thing is a helicopter ride offers an escape for people who are pressed for time. Blue Duck Station offers an adventure with a spectacular helicopter ride through Eastern Taranaki. From New Plymouth you head east over Tikorangi, Tarata, Tahora and Kohuratahi and turn up the Whanganui River to land at Blue Duck Station. You have as much adventure in eight hours as you could get done in 2-3 days. You have what was once a dead end road with nothing happening, and it's amazing what Dan has turned it into."

With pilot Scott Russell at the controls the red helicopter leaves Precision's base at New Plymouth Airport with five passengers. The weather is fine with wisps of cloud through which can be seen the Eastern Taranaki hill country.

After half an hour the copter lands below where Dan is building his new restaurant at 500 metres above sea level which he plans to open in November.

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Fire destroys house



A house in Namu Road was gutted in a fire on Wednesday June 10. See Opunake Fire Service News page 6.



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Letters to the Editor

Shop owner with community experience

From time to time our small coastal towns have the knack of attracting people from other provinces to become Taranakians like Manaia’s new Four Square owners Mike King and Dee Young who both come from the Bay of Plenty.

They both arrived here in February, and like all New Zealanders worldwide got caught up with the problems of COVID-19.

It now seems that both have other skills. Mike was at the Whakatane District Council for 13 years as their revenue manager, plus served two terms on the Ohope Beach Community Board, studied business, then learned the grocery trade at the Ohope New world, and spent six

months at Ohope’s Four Square which enabled him to get a Four Square franchise, so Manaia’s Four Square came available.

Dee Young studied Early Childhood Education at the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand and was a teacher for 10 years.

I now hope the community of Manaia gets together and welcomes them. It’s not very often people with community experience come to our province. Welcome to Taranaki Mike, Dee and family.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.

Try and save building

It seems Eltham’s former two storey municipal building has drawn some media attention to itself and become something of an issue for the South Taranaki District Council and the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board.

The Eltham Municipal Building is 109 years old and has harboured many clubs and organisations. In 2018 after a seismic survey it was deemed an earthquake risk, so now it stands empty. Now it’s come under discussion with the South Taranaki District Council and the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board, so a public meeting maybe the only way a decision can be made.

I’d like to see the District Council and the Community Board have a public meeting, see what reaction you get and take it from there.. If there’s a positive note to keep it, maybe they can try and get funds from the Lottery Board and our TSB Community Grants . They can advertise it, and maybe someone may buy it, but if after 12 months nothing happens, then sadly this building may have to come down. So what is the Council going to

do with an empty section? It also seems the Council had been prepared to call a meeting over the Manaia Sports Centre. Well do it again. Bringing all these smaller communities would be good to see happen

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Great service

Can I just thank Callum from the Coastal Veterinary Service in Opunake for the care he gave my little cat who had sprained her hind leg and was hopping around on three legs.

She is now on the mend and should make a full recovery thanks to Callum’s attention and interest over some weeks which even went to organising a large cage for her to restrict her movement to hasten her recovery.

Thank you.
Bernice McKellar
Opunake

EDITORIAL

Do we need newspapers

Do we need newspapers? Or are we all OK with google and facebook etc.

That’s the question facing a lot of publishers. (Perhaps a similar question was posed when radio first hit the airwaves competing with newspapers and later when television arrived).

The newspaper industry has tried to adapt, some rejigging just their news articles to make them suited to the digital platform. It never really made sense however to me.

We were a newspaper. Something people can pick up. Read anywhere. Take anywhere. Share with others etc.

A few years ago when technology had advanced

sufficiently and we were able to put the paper online however we did – the entire paper with adverts and articles – as published.

The anticipated increase in the wider audience and advertisers wanting to advertise much vaunted at the annual community newspapers conference attended however did not happen. Did it result in lots of people contacting us to advertise. No.

Getting advertising has always been about going around and seeing people, building a relationship with the client that is of mutual benefit. We still do that.

Daily newspapers seem to be feeling the impact

of a loss of advertising to digital platforms.

The trouble with daily newspapers is a lot of their news is accessible online from all sorts of sources.

Community newspapers are different however. Their news is often only accessible from the newspaper. That’s because it’s generated locally and is a reflection of the local community.

I would often post Opunake and Coastal News to my sister in Australia who used to take them into the rest home where she worked. One of the residents, an elderly man, once sent me a letter saying what a lovely community Opunake was. If

he’d been younger he would have loved to come and live here. He had gleaned this of course from the newspapers and I always remembered it. Community newspapers reflect their community.

With the Covid crisis the value of community newspapers have been noted. People have come to realise (in their temporary absence) how important they are in knitting together a community – especially in times of crisis.

They are intrinsic to a community’s identity. So thanks to everyone who recognises their worth and value not just to the community but also to the businesses they service and who in turn serve them.

Leave the statues alone

The latest trend, of some people on a frenetic ‘mission’, of pulling down statues is not a positive activity. No matter who the famous person so honoured by a statue is, there will be some aspect of their lives or personalities which will offend someone.

In Britain Sir Winston Churchill’s statue has been boxed up to protect it, because he was supposedly racist and could be targeted. Yet he rallied the nation at a time when national morale was low, with constant bombardment and casualties

an ongoing reality.

Here in Taranaki Colonel Malone’s statue in Stratford has been viewed with dislike because he was involved in the invasion of Parihaka in 1881. Yet the lawyer, farmer and civic leader was an inspirational military leader at Gallipoli during World War 1 and subsequently lost his life.

In the United States their national hero is the inaugural president and supreme military leader George Washington, but he was also a slave owner. Should his

many statues be toppled?

What about literary great Ernest Hemingway, who enjoyed shooting countless animals, many species of which are endangered today. He was also a supporter of bullfighting, a cruel ‘sport’. Down with his statues?

In Wellington our longest serving Prime Minister Richard Seddon’s statue beckons us to Parliament. He helped many elderly people with the first Old Age Pension (1898). Yet he held racist views towards Chinese immigrants. Should his statue

be removed?

If you start destroying statues where will it end? With time, will any remain? Where will it all end?

All of these famous people had good aspects (hopefully mostly), but also some negative aspects simply because they were human.

No, we need to endeavour to accept the positive in these noteworthy people and celebrate their achievements and good points, not dwell on their defects to the point of destroying the art work which is their commemorative statues.

ADELPHOS

As people we are often perceived in a variety of ways by others. Here are 99 different biblical descriptions regarding one influential character in world history:

Ninety-nine names

He Who Comes From Heaven, Wonderful Counsellor, A Babe, King of Kings, The Word of God, Lord, The Christ, Judge of the Living and the Dead, The Righteous Judge, A Prophet Without Honour, The Mediator, The Light of the World, The Lamb of God, My Beloved Son, The Truth, The Author of Eternal Salvation, My Strength and My Song, The

Sin Offering, Redeemer, Good Shepherd, The Door, Our Peace, He Who Endured Such Hostility, Victorious

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Social Credit candidate has links to Opunake

Social Credit's candidate for New Plymouth says she has fond memories of her time in Opunake.

Kath Lauderdale has been selected to contest the New Plymouth seat currently held by Jonathan Young (National) at this year's general election.

Although she was born on the Kapiti Coast she has lived most of her life in Taranaki, including time in Opunake when her then husband was the local police officer.

"I had a nice time here. I see it as a great example of Kiwi life, community spirit, resilience and independence," she says.

She has three children, Phoebe Tiatia, who was born in Opunake, Nelson Tiatia and Suhayl Tiatia.

She later bought a house in Opunake for her father, John Lauderdale, who passed away in October last year. John had served in the Royal Air Force

and was a musician of note whose musical career was capped by being elected as an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music.

"Opunake has great support systems for the elderly, and I know he really appreciated the last years he spent here," says Kath.

Now she is in the process of shifting here from Inglewood.

She worked as a retail manager before training in journalism and working for the Nelson Evening Mail and the Taranaki Daily News. She has also been involved in the voluntary sector.

This is the first time she has stood for parliament, although she once stood for the New Plymouth District Council. She joined the Social Credit Party three years ago. Before then she had been involved with the Greens, but says she felt Social Credit policies were a "better fit."

"The priority for New



Kath Lauderdale.

Zealand is to change the monetary and fiscal system, and I found that with the traditional parties this was not going to happen," she says.

Social Credit contested its first general election in 1954 and had its heyday under Bruce Beetham with 21 per cent of the vote at the 1981 election. She believes the Social Credit message is still relevant today.

"I just think we have to make it clear that what has always been a good and proper idea is still a good and proper idea," says Kath. "We did this in the 1930s with the state advances programme and we can do it again using the balance sheet of our reserve bank. Any country's money supply should be sovereign. We don't have to be financed by offshore debt."

She says she wants to see all New Zealanders have an adequate living income.

"If you have 300,000

children in poverty something is very very wrong, and it hasn't been a priority for this government which is very very disappointing," says Kath.

She says Social Credit policies are well suited to managing conditions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"If you go to Social Credit you can manage this crisis and the crisis to come as a country, but if not then we are beholden to the corporates and the offshore banks who will limit any recovery."

Mitigating climate change is another concern. She says farmers who have been indebted to banks and corporations have been given the message they need to produce more. Social Credit policies would help them transition to ways of farming that would produce better returns while being more environmentally friendly, she says.

New cases could spell resurgence of COVID-19

Two new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in New Zealand at the time of going to print both linked to international travel.

The two women arrived from the UK together on the 7th of June, and were granted a compassionate exemption from isolation to travel to Wellington on the 13th.

Dr Amanda Kvalsvig, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Public Health, University of Otago, Wellington, comments:

"These two new cases illustrate very vividly how quickly rules and guidelines can unravel when they collide with real life. We're now in a situation where potentially hundreds of people have travelled for several hours in an enclosed space with someone who was infectious. There is an enormous amount of 'mopping up' to do to make sure that all potential

transmission chains have been extinguished. It's also notable that one of the people who tested positive had no symptoms and might never have known they were infectious if the person with them hadn't become unwell.

"A situation like this could so easily trigger a major outbreak and take us back to where we were in March. Inevitably, some travellers will have COVID-19 infection and inevitably, some of those will be making the long trip back because they need to be with family at a sad time. There will be more cases like this one in the future.

"The government needs to insist that international travellers wear masks to prevent those who are infectious from breathing virus into the air around them. Mask wearing can't replace handwashing, isolation, and the other measures but it could make all the difference between a



'Käte Tarrach (left), mum of Rena, journalist who spent time in Opunake when travelling and a neighbour on a street in Germany - most Germans still have to wear a mask - in public transport (bus, train, taxi) and shops, supermarkets; they do not have to wear them on the street, that is optional, but here both ladies do, as they are older (Rena's mum is 91 years) and so in the risk-group, and they are waiting for the bus to come.

Photo: rena tarrach

situation we can control, and going back to lockdown."

Prior to the announcement of the two new cases being

reported after 24 days of no new cases, Dr Kvalsvig prophetically warned, "If we do get further outbreaks of COVID-19, the most likely source will be new infections being introduced into the country as we open up the borders. We'll need strict border controls for a

long time to come, but no control measure is 100% effective and we can't rely entirely on border measures to keep safe. She also advised "Our new normal at Level 1 will still include meticulous handwashing and cough etiquette, staying home if feeling unwell, testing and contact tracing. Level 1 might include some new measures as well. There's increasingly strong evidence of the value of face coverings (non-medical masks) to prevent people who are infectious but have no symptoms from unknowingly spreading the virus. An obvious use for face coverings in Level 1 is on international flights to give additional border protection.

"Masks also have potential value on trains and buses and in other closed settings where physical distancing is difficult to achieve. GP waiting rooms are another example of that type of setting, perhaps especially there because people are unwell and there's a higher risk of someone in the room being infectious. How best to use face coverings in these

situations is a conversation we should be having urgently as part of our preparation for a safe Level 1."

"The threat from Covid-19 obviously remains while this pandemic continues across the globe. This risk will rise again in New Zealand as we gradually increase the numbers of incoming travellers. It will also rise during the coming winter when coronaviruses are more transmissible.

Professor Michael Baker also commented as the country was poised to move into Level 1, "The active cases are not the ones we have to worry about, because we know where they are. That's why you need modelling to tell you if you might have these hidden chains of transmission," he said.

Modelling work did indeed show a small possibility of undetected cases remaining in the country, according to University of Canterbury Associate Professor Malcolm Campbell.

"We have seen other countries get into similar positions in controlling the virus, but then seen a subsequent flare up," he said.

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Ninety-nine names

One, The Fourth Man, Holy One, His Anointed, Saviour of the World, A Merciful and Faithful High Priest, Servant to the Jews, Prophet, Fisher of Men, A Thief in the Night, The Holy One, He Who Made Me Well, A Ghost, The Bridegroom, My Righteous Servant, Man of Sorrows, The True Bread From Heaven, The True Vine, The Lord of All, The Peace Offering, Minister of the Sanctuary, A King, The Consolation of Israel, King of Righteousness, Prince of Peace, The Nazarene, Son of God, A Priest Forever, Emmanuel, The Trespass Offering, Lord of the Sabbath, The Rock, Lord of the Dead and the Living, My Lord and My God, The Sacrifice For Our Sins, The Carpenter's Son, His Only Begotten Son, The Chief Cornerstone, The Lord of

Lords, The Amen, The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Rabbi, The Bread of Life, Faithful and True, The Ruler Over the Kings of the Earth, A Male Child Ruling the Nations, Our Hope, The Son of Abraham, He Who Called You Out of Darkness Into His Marvellous Light, Our Great God and Saviour, The Last Adam, The First Born Over All Creation, Christ Our Passover, Christ Who Strengthens Me, The Way, The Door of the Sheep, Good Teacher, He Who Loved Us and Washed Us, The Bright and Morning Star, The Lord Who Is and Who Was and Who Is To Come, The Life, The Almighty, The I AM, King of the Jews, The Author and Finisher of Our Faith, The Advocate, The Propitiation For Our Sins, My Companion, The Risen Lord, The True Light, The

Rider On the White Horse, The Almighty One, The Alpha and the Omega, Your First Love, Jesus.

Lastly, "The name that no one knows but he himself" (Revelation 19:12 NIV).

Remember to return to worship our indescribable God this Sunday, even "if" after many years. There are 12 faithful community based coastal churches in this readership. As Christians, in our 2020 post-Covid and revolutionary world, we need to support each other in prayer and in practice locally, nationally and internationally. Christians must not be defined by their circumstances, but by our faith and service to others. God has truly blessed coastal Taranaki.

Adelphos
PS. Hope you enjoyed counting the 99.

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Council reject Oakura rezoning



Oakura Village.

The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) have voted to adopt an Independent Commissioner's recommendation not to allow nearly 60 hectares of land in Ōākura to be rezoned.

The application was to change what the 58 hectares of land is allocated for in the District Plan. The

area south of Ōākura is currently zoned as rural and the Private Plan Change Request was to change this to residential, business, rural lifestyle and open space, paving the way for subdividing it into 399 sections.

The application received more than 436 submissions with more than 390 of those opposing the plans.

The applicant amended the request in response to evidence at hearings held last year, cutting the scale of the rezoning bid to 15.9ha and 144 subdivisions.

The commissioner had said the plan change is not aligned with the 'growth and direction' for Ōākura, the social and cultural impact on the size of the township had not been

adequately evaluated, and that there is already capacity for development and growth for at least 30 years.

The decision to adopt the recommendation was made at the 2 June Full Council meeting, giving the applicant and submitters 30 working days to appeal the decision to the Environment Court.

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Drinking fountains for lake and beach

Parched throats will soon be less of a problem for visitors to two of Opunake's best loved sites. The Taranaki Coastal Community Board has voted \$11,432 to place drinking fountains at Opunake Beach and Opunake Lake. This would pay for a Hydrate 004 drinking fountain at the lake and a Hydrate 002 fountain at the beach, as well as the costs of installation. "I'm a little bit disturbed

that it's taken this long to get a drinking fountain at the beach which is Opunake's number one tourist attraction," said community board chairman Andy Whitehead at the board's last meeting earlier this month. He says there had been requests from the community following concerns that there was no drinking fountain at the beach when big events are being held during the summer months. The other place the board had been looking at was the Opunake Lake, where the only sources of drinking water are from the hand basins and toilet buildings. The lake is popular with freedom campers and has a playground nearby. The

Community Board would also like to install a dog drinking bowl here, he said. The board's deputy chair Sharlee Mariekura said the fountains would provide drinking water that would serve as a more wholesome alternative to fizzy drink. There would also be fewer problems in disposing of plastic bottles. The Community Board had already installed a drinking fountain at the Event Centre. Mr Whitehead says if there is sufficient interest in other centres like Manaia and Rahotu they would look at installing drinking fountains there as well. These would have to be placed near an existing water supply. Board member Bonita

Bigham said there are places in Manaia where drinking fountains could be placed, like the swimming pool, skate park and playground, although she said there could be issues with having one at the playground, where a secluded location could mean problems with vandalism. Mr Whitehead said the board hoped to have the drinking fountains installed at the beach and the lake in time for summer.



A Hydrate 004 drinking fountain.

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Oaonui book a fascinating glimpse into the past



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Opunake present day.

A book on the Oaonui Water Board gives a fascinating glimpse into the past. Written by Kathryn Stanley, the booklet commemorates the centennial of the founding of the Oaonui Water Scheme.

Full of interesting photos, the account also gives an insight into past farming practices and captures the spirit of the early pioneers in the district who had “the vision and energy to carry out their plans” to establish the water scheme as stated in the preface by the Chairperson of the Oaonui Water Board, Ron Stanley. “I really enjoyed doing it,” says Kathy who was commissioned to do the book.

There’s some amusing anecdotes. Local contractor Brian Vincent contracted in the 1970s to put 13 kilometres of pipes at the Oaonui water scheme, laughed as he recalled the comment of Pat Spring of the Egmont County Council that the project would “never f... work”. There were other recollections of earlier times that speak of the grit of these early settlers. Leo Clegg relates how his late grandfather George Leo Clegg who farmed in Arawhata Road in 1897 ‘went to Opunake to buy provisions one day and he walked all the 6km on a rough track. By the time he plodded into the township he heard the bells

of St Barnabas Church so he decided it must be Sunday and turned round to trudge all the way home. The shop was shut in Opunake and Grandad had no way of keeping track of the day or time.’ George was one of the first owners of a car and during the 1918 flu epidemic, would ferry any sick neighbours to the nearest doctor. With World War over, work on the digging of the water scheme race using pick and shovel and wheelbarrows was likened to trench life. “Though easier”, it clearly required the same grit and dogged determination. Some famous names feature in the narrative. Like Rutherford and sons (the family of Ernest Rutherford

who graces our \$100 note) who had a flax mill on the Oaonui River and, a Mr Snell (father of Peter Snell). There’s also stories of inspiration like one farmer who broke his back in a tractor accident but went on to farm successfully despite his disability. There were also physical fights between farmers over water rights, recounts Kathy. The Unemployment Camp in Kaweora Road taken in 1932 is just one of the intriguing photos she has uncovered. The Oaonui Water Board costs \$60. If interested in purchasing the book they can contact Kathy Stanley on: ronstanley@xtra.co.nz

Visiting now back to normal at Taranaki DHB

Visiting rules at Taranaki Base and Hāwera hospitals have returned to normal following the nation’s move to Alert Level One. Gill Campbell, Taranaki DHB chief operating officer welcomes the change but notes the importance of patients being able to rest and recover. “While we are pleased our patients can now have greater whānau support while in hospital, we ask that visitors respect staff if they need to discuss visitor numbers and that people

don’t visit if they are at all unwell,” Gill said. The same also applies for those with outpatient appointments. “If you are unwell in the lead up to your appointment, please call the phone number on your appointment letter to make alternative arrangements. We continue to use phone and video conferencing where necessary and appropriate, so this may be an option if you are unable to attend,” Gill added. All visitors are also

encouraged to download the free NZ COVID Tracer app and register their visit using the QR codes. These codes are available at all hospital entrances and waiting areas, and at Taranaki DHB’s community health centres and dental clinics throughout the region. Using the app and QR codes will enable users to create a digital diary of the places they visit. People can also register their contact information through the app to make sure the National Close Contact Service can get in touch if they need to. It’s your choice whether you share any information with contact tracers, will be used only for public health purposes.

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OKATO COPPERS Emerging from lockdown

Kia Ora Koutou,
This is my first article since the lockdown. This is obviously a very unique and challenging time for everyone. I want to thank the community for the large number of examples of care and kindness shown by many people and businesses throughout. I do hope that we are all moving back to



Constable Matt Stone

some type of normality as time passes. Unfortunately, there was another incident of graffiti around the bridge and Okato swimming pool area during the lockdown period. I have an idea of those responsible but if you have any information on this matter, please contact me ASAP.

I will endeavour to repaint the area when the weather allows. I encourage you all to follow the facebook page named 'Rural Support Taranaki.' This is a page set up to offer advice on all matters relating to the rural community. I have added some videos relating to security tips

on your farm. Some tips I have included are having heightened security, quality security lighting, gate alarms and dog kennels near your sheds. Lastly, a reminder that any offence that may have been committed, whether minor or not, or any suspicious type activity witnessed

needs to be reported. You can contact the number 105 or contact myself on the below email. Until next time, stay safe.

Matt Stone
Okato Police
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House gutted by fire

Level one at the Fire Station, and it finally feels like things are getting back to normal with training etc. We have three new recruits training hard for their seven-day course in September. This will take them from recruits to Fire Fighter status if they pass. All the best guys. It's been relatively quiet, call out wise; only a tractor fire,

which was out on arrival. On Wednesday morning a call came through for a small fire inside a house on Namu Road. Even with a quick response from Opunake - with both fire appliances, the house was well involved on arrival. Calling for a 'second alarm' gave us Rahotu and Kaponga - as back up, along with the Eltham water tanker. New



The interior of the house in Namu Road.

The heat is so intense. To see aluminium doors melt under the heat and windows blow out is scary. Going back into the house, entering the master bedroom once the fire was under control and the smoke had cleared, it was extremely sad to find the two pet cats overcome by smoke. Even staying that low there is no oxygen, because the fire takes it all once the house is well ablaze. Get out and stay out is the best advice. Enjoy Level one

Craig Dingle
CFO Opunake Fire Brigade

Plymouth sent its incident response vehicle to top us up with Breathing Apparatus

cylinders due to the duration of the callout. Our thoughts are with the family.

After 28 years firefighting it still amazes me how destructive house fires are.

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Catch me when I fall

In February 2020, the Auditor General released a report acknowledging all the work under way to address New Zealand's water management challenges such as, the Action for Healthy Waterways and the Three Waters Review. He concluded that outside of those two work programmes, there remains a need for greater central leadership to define a shared vision for New Zealand that sets out the strategic objectives and priorities for water management and how this can be collectively delivered. In light of COVID19 and the very real issue of climate change, water management has reached a matter of national urgency. The highly visible current plight of Hawke's Bay farmers with

acres of parched land and livestock at risk of starvation, has further highlighted a gaping hole in New Zealand's infrastructure. "New Zealand First is a party that I believe can provide leadership and a voice of reason on water management in this contentious and sometimes emotional space". It is increasingly clear we need smart and environmentally friendly water storage solutions to address the issues of climate change while at the same time power-up regional Aotearoa New Zealand to be a diverse and powerful productive entity. We use only 2% of the plentiful water that lands in our country each year. It's written in Labour's confidence and supply agreement with the Green

Party to improve water quality, and shift to more diverse and sustainable land use including more forestry, improve water quality and prioritise achieving healthy rivers, lakes and aquifers with stronger regulatory instruments, funding for freshwater enhancement, winding down Government support for irrigation, and to better enforce the Resource Management Act. But why would we wind down support for channelling water where it is needed when it is clear that we do not have enough reliable water to sustain our existing primary industries? And while the world is grappling with a pandemic of catastrophic proportions and a massive economic fallout, we have an opportunity to position ourselves as a trusted food

producing nation. We must stop demonising our farmers, when urban pollution is worse. Rather we should be looking at what our strategic advantages are and supporting that. This would include adapting to higher environmental standards and practices. There are also huge opportunities available to diversify land and develop previously underutilised land, especially for lucrative niche high end horticultural products. We must find ways to better catch our water when it is plentiful, and use it smartly when it is scarce. At the very least, we should raise our catchment of rainfall to between 5-10%. Thankfully the Provincial Growth Fund, the brain

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child of New Zealand First, has been a beacon of hope despite the anti-water storage brigade. The PGF has recognised the benefits of water storage projects to grow our regions, and to make this fit within Government imperatives has specified that these be smaller-scale, locally run and environmentally sustainable. These projects are all bound by the PGF

water principles which insist on environmental sustainability and delivering multiple benefits across a community. Water storage does not need to be labelled an atrocity in our natural landscape if it is done tastefully and sustainably. We could decide on 'no-go' areas and environmental and visual factors can be factored into design.

Our Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Economic Development Hon Shane Jones who is also a New Zealand First MP, is a strong advocate for tailored water storage solutions. He announced as part of Budget 2020 the need to prioritise water alongside, transport, housing, environment and health. This was the only time water was mentioned in the Government's Budget

2020 package. New Zealand First's spokesperson for Agriculture and Primary Industries Mark Patterson who is also a sheep farmer from Lawrence, has spoken frequently about common sense solutions for New Zealand's agricultural sector, including smart and tailored water storage and irrigation methods. The fresh water reforms are a consequence of long term

water quality problems in rural and urban New Zealand. A further challenge is water storage and economic productivity in our primary sector. In this sense there is a need for robust leadership to ensure that water resilience becomes a physical reality and not policy palaver. We urgently need a New Zealand wide strategy for water management that brings all competing

stakeholders to the table, not just some. Appropriately stored water is a good thing and absolutely needs to be part of the solution in New Zealand's post COVID sustainable economic recovery.

*Fletcher Tabuteau
Deputy Leader NZ First
Under Secretary for
Regional Economic
Development.*

Park development blessed



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Business as usual for Electorate MPs

With less than a hundred days to the election, you'll soon be hearing more from all parties on their various policies.

There will be Meet the Candidate events, debates, and a flurry of activity from political parties and candidates.

Tighter regulations for election advertising are in force (as of Friday June 19) and Parliament will dissolve in just a few weeks on August 12.

Amongst that, Electorate MPs like myself will still be working hard on behalf of our constituents.

I want to take this



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

opportunity to remind you that you can come to me for representation, advocacy and assistance no matter what your political affiliation. And with the way this year has gone, I feel it

is important that you realise you can come to me as your Member of Parliament in complete confidence and know that my team and I will do our very best to help in whatever way we can.

Many of the issues we've been dealing with in recent weeks have been Covid-19 related, and I am still working on cases where people are stuck overseas and trying to return.

With the move to Level 1 restrictions last week, we're starting to hear more from people needing advice and assistance with matters of health, housing and welfare.

People have also been in contact with me wanting to discuss and improve different laws and how they affect people. I am always happy to talk through the issues people are concerned about.

There is also important work going on in my two portfolio areas of Energy and Resources and Arts, Culture and Heritage which will continue over the coming weeks.

The creative sector is working hard to get back up and running as quickly as possible and the passion of contributors shows through

when I meet with them in what is probably lockdown's big legacy to the nation ... Zoom meetings.

Energy and Resources continues to require vast amounts of reading and information gathering to keep on touch of developments in traditional, renewable and potential new sources of power and fuel.

I welcome your thoughts and input to my work in both these portfolios.

My main message this time is that as an Electorate MP, I represent all the people of New Plymouth electorate, regardless of political views

or situation.

If there is something you think I can help with, please get in touch with my office (06) 759 1363 or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

*Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth*

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Let's do our bit to help tourism

Last month, The National Party underwent a transformation when Todd Muller and Nikki Kaye were elected the new Leader and Deputy of the Opposition. In the shadow cabinet reshuffle, I was appointed spokesperson for Maori-Crown Relations (Te Arawhiti - 'the bridge') and retained my Maori Tourism role. The Maori-Crown Relations portfolio carries great responsibility, working to strengthen relationships and support improved outcomes for Maori across social, cultural, economic and environmental policy areas. In this role I will strive to ensure Government meets its Treaty of Waitangi obligations of inclusive and engaged partnership, participation and protection. The Maori Tourism portfolio remains equally important, particularly given the economic crisis New Zealand is facing.

Tourism is one of the hardest hit industries and will take

the longest to recover. Borders will remain closed for the foreseeable future and tourism operators, hospitality, retail, events-based businesses as well as the small towns that depend on the visitor market will face unfathomable hardships. The sooner the borders are safely opened, the sooner New Zealand will start to replenish what has been lost. It's more than the economy and money – but losses and hardships on the lives and livelihoods of every day New Zealanders. In last month's Budget announcement, the Government committed \$400 million to tourism – That's \$400 million for an industry that supports over 400,000 jobs and last year contributed more than \$40 billion to the New Zealand economy. In comparison, rail received \$1.2 billion for fewer than 4000 jobs.

For 10 weeks, Tourism Minister Kelvin Davis left an industry in the lurch. Businesses and operators



HARETE HIPANGO MP

called out for support, communication and certainty in the most uncertain of times. Mysteriously, Minister Davis cancelled his appearance on an Epidemic Response Committee where he was expected to answer questions from the Tourism sector. When I tuned into webinars during lockdown, the Minister failed operators and the industry by refusing to answer or disclose the Government's plans to help them, deferring to the standard, "wait for the Budget announcement".

That announcement included the establishment of working groups to consider the 'future of tourism' despite having sufficient time during the 6+ weeks of lockdown to make those considerations. New Zealand and New Zealanders deserve better. A disappointing and bitter dose of a pill not easily swallowed.

National will help the industry by investing \$100 million through the Tourism Accelerator grant programme. The programme will offer direct grants for tourism projects aimed at increasing demand for tourism. It will provide an incentive to tourism businesses to invest in the sector, to facilitate opportunities by funding innovative ideas, and to encourage new options for tourism markets. We will encourage operators to submit proposals with project funding being split 70/30 between Government money and private sector

investment. So far, this initiative has been well-received, in addition to the pragmatic business package that will help reboot local businesses and sustain them and their communities through the really tougher days ahead.

Right now in our resilience and recovery, where we can, let's be adventurous and get out to explore our country, support our local businesses and spend money, time, and energy in our communities. Campaigns like Venture Taranaki's 'Shop Local', Hawera's 'Think Hawera', and Whanganui's 'Go Local' and 'Aroha Local' have encouraged community-mindedness. I hope this will continue for months down the track as we rebuild the economy. I hope Kiwis will continue to travel, book activities and boost an industry as well as the livelihoods of the 400,000+ people affected.

A recent survey conducted by Horizons Research

suggested Whanganui was a region likely to attract more visitors post-COVID-19 than prior to the pandemic. Likewise, Taranaki bodes well for attracting domestic travellers looking to explore another corner of New Zealand. It will be the effort of New Zealanders, investment and a sound plan from the Government that will get us through, the latter of which we are still waiting on. For many operators and businesses, Level 1 will open the roadways, the bridges, the pathways, and the doors to rebooting our local and domestic markets, and providing sustenance to our families and local communities.

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On this month in history the Black Budget was presented.

On June 24 Finance Minister Arnold Nordmeyer delivered the so-called Black Budget. Many believe this sounded the death knell of Walter Nash's Labour Government. National won the forthcoming 1960 General Election. Mr Nordmeyer's Budget increased taxes on beer, tobacco, motor vehicles and petrol.

He was trying to address a balance of payment crisis caused by plummeting butter prices. Many considered these measures affected Labour supporters more severely than other voters.

Labour's team standing for Taranaki

Labour's candidates for the Taranaki region in this year's election – Angela Roberts for Taranaki King Country, Glen Bennett for New Plymouth and Steph Lewis for Whanganui – are now back on the campaign trail after the COVID lockdowns, and looking to gain momentum.

"The restrictions of the COVID-19 lockdown have meant this year's campaign had to be put on hold for a couple of months, and as a result it will be shorter and sharper," said Glen.

"We've got just 13 weeks

until election day on Saturday 19 September, though advance voting begins two weeks earlier on 5 September."

All three candidates are in the role of challenger, but are confident that the Labour-led Government's positive performance over the last term, and strong support of the region, will help change the way Taranaki is represented in Parliament.

"We know that the last year has been a tough one for New Zealand, with a number of major events that have tested the Kiwi spirit. The way that

this Labour-led Government has responded and shown leadership throughout these events shows that we've got what it takes and can confront challenges head-on. This leadership also extends to our region," said Steph. "There's been substantially more investment in Taranaki and its future than we saw under the previous Government. The National New Energy Development Centre, Phase 2 of the Taranaki Base Hospital redevelopment, and the many projects supported through the Provincial Growth Fund

have got things happening in Taranaki again," said Glen. "COVID has put enormous pressure on our economy and businesses from big to small, but we have been able to get back to safe operations quickly, and a huge array of support programmes has been put in place to help manage the impacts," said Angela.

New Zealand Labour Party President Claire Szabó has acknowledged the strength of the Taranaki candidates, and notes they have the depth and community connections to significantly strengthen

the Party's representation in the region.

"Angela Roberts, Glen Bennett and Steph Lewis are excellent examples of the strength Labour has to offer regions like Taranaki. There's no better way to advance the interests of the region than by sending these outstanding candidates to join a Jacinda Ardern-led Labour government come September" said Claire.

"We're all experienced in our own fields and are looking forward to taking that experience and our connections to Wellington

to represent the region in September," said Glen. September 19 is election day, with advanced voting opening two weeks earlier on September 5.

People need to ensure they're enrolled to vote so they can have their say in election 2020. For further details contact: Angela Roberts 0211305080 angela.roberts@labour.org.nz Glen Bennett 0274389052 glen.bennett@labour.org.nz Steph Lewis 0221917911 steph.lewis@labour.org.nz

Going hard and going early

Mycoplasma bovis could have been crippling for our region's farmers and the many individuals, families and communities whose livelihoods depend on our rural sector. But two years ago this government made a bold decision to eradicate it from New Zealand, something no other country has attempted.

Recent data shows that we are on track to do just that. There remain just 17 active properties - a further 232 farms have been cleared of the disease. While this required the culling of many thousands of animals, it offers significant protection to the New Zealand dairy



Glen Bennett

sector and the many hardworking people who helped build our national reputation on it.

New Zealand went hard and went early when Mycoplasma bovis was detected. Agriculture and Biosecurity Minister Damien O'Connor recently noted "two years ago the Government, DairyNZ

and Beef + Lamb and industry partners made a bold decision to commit to a 10-year, \$880 million programme to eradicate M. bovis to protect our most important sector and our economy."

Of course 'going hard and going early' was also the response to another, more recent, and potentially more damaging virus. Our collective response to Covid-19 underscores how a government willing and able to make a call based on evidence, take decisive action, and put support in place for those impacted, can make all the difference in the fight against the challenges

we face. Those whose farms and herds have been impacted by M. bovis have not had an easy road, and nor have the businesses of coastal and central Taranaki who have had to close their doors for weeks on end. But, with support packages from the government, the impacts have been managed and the majority of livelihoods and businesses protected. This care for the wellbeing of those who have been impacted are principles that sit at the heart of the Labour Party.

We can all take comfort in our response to the fight against Covid-19., and with

daily cases sitting at zero for three weeks now(as at June 15), we can take pride in our achievements of eliminating the virus. We hope that in the near future we will have similar cause for celebration when Mycoplasma bovis is eradicated from New Zealand.

Damian O'Connor said "as we have with our response to Covid-19, this Government showed leadership, made a tough decision, and has managed this eradication effort with discipline and focus, because we knew we were doing it for the economic and social good of the country."

New Zealand has shown,

once again, that we are a nation with the courage and commitment to achieve what other countries cannot.

As I meet people throughout the electorate, discussion often turns to what a post-Covid world will look like. If we can keep going hard and going early on the challenges that our communities face - whether that's global pandemics, diseases that risk our national brand, or deeper issues such as social equity or access to suitable housing - then imagine how bright our future could be.

Glen Bennett
Labour Party
candidate

On this month in history Prime Minister Richard Seddon dies

On June 10, 1906 Richard Seddon died while returning to NZ. He had been in

Australia to negotiate a reciprocal trade deal. Just 15 hours after the ship the

Oswestry Grange sailed from Sydney he suffered a fatal heart attack.

He was prime minister for 13 years and 44 days, longer than any other

politician. His Liberal Party, while in government was very reform minded. Closet

to his heart was probably the introduction of NZ's first old age pension (1898).



Adrian Rurawhe

MP for Te Tai Hauāuru


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Mac Sole Episode 20

Mac continues telling us about his childhood memories, included the period when the World War II was raging.

Now, one more confusing edifice which I was incapable of comprehending was the building of a tank (as in military) block which was erected across the road outside of Jack Thompson's gate. This was about two hundred metres north of Wharepuni Marae. This block consisted of two rows of pine logs dug into the ground protruding maybe six feet skywards from roadside

to roadside leaving only the road area clear for traffic. The idea was that logs, in the advent of a Jap invasion, would be rolled across the road to impede the tanks. There was a tactical fault, that even I worked out, was the tanks could bypass the block by advancing through the flat land on either side of the block.

A pleasing thing was one could climb up onto the fairly wide flat top of the dug in logs and leap from one to another, a type of hopscotch.

Something which I thought

was unkind was that my older brother Bill would not let me go to school in time to play with other kids. I could not leave home before 8.30am to walk the one mile to school. At home time I had to go straight home and get the cows to the shed ready for milking, change clothes and go back to work.

I longed to play with other kids. An outlet I used for my loneliness, although I may not have realised in my childhood thoughts that I was lonely, was when I could I would go into a small area of native bush, which was on the slope of a gully, not all that far from the cowshed and just sit in quiet peaceful solitude and listen to the birds singing and other bush sounds. This all helped me to find a form of peace and happiness. About 100 metres from the bush was a dam where I also tried to spend some time there to



A tranquil bush scene.

observe frogs, tadpoles, wild ducks, pukekoes, geese and any other kinds of wildlife. At times I would find goose eggs, which I would take

home to cook. Goose eggs are somewhat larger than those of ducks and taste fairly rich. There were the small freshwater crayfish

which are lovely to eat and are normally found in the watercress in the gully drains. Kids refer to them as crawlies.

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Arnold, who confesses to being in his mid-70s, had an earlier career as a secondary school teacher teaching engineering and graphics at Stratford High School.

He was born and bred in the King country. For relaxation he enjoys reading fiction and also has an interest in woodturning.



Arnold Cox inside his Stratford shop.

Apart from the quality materials he sells, Arnold enjoys the social side of the job. "I just enjoy working with people and solving their problems."

A feature of the shop

is the attractive layout of goods and spaciousness in this building which has lots of natural light. A comfy classic looking sofa is a welcome sight for weary shoppers. Here is just a

selection of what is on offer: There is a good selection of wool, from three ply to chunky with many colours to

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Manaia Church falls short of quake standard

David Self says he is the only one left of the building committee that set up St Cuthberts Anglican Church in Manaia.

"All the rest have gone," he said at a community meeting held in Manaia last week to discuss the future of the stone building which was dedicated in 1960. "For me this is a very very sad time."

The meeting was told that the church buildings have been given an earthquake assessment of 30 per cent of the New Building Standards, when the required standard for a church building is 60-70 per cent. A question now hangs over the future of the church, with the church's owner the Anglican Property Trust Board yet to make a decision as to what happens next.

The original plans to the church buildings had gone missing, so the 30 per cent figure had been based on the drawings when the building was assessed. David Self said the safe containing the plans had been taken by two people. The safe was later recovered, but not the contents.

He said that when the church was built, instructions were given to the architect J.W. Brimblecombe that there had to be plenty of light and a friendly atmosphere inside the church.

David, who now lives in Hawera, is well-known



St Cuthberts.

in Manaia from his days as a local nurseryman and church minister. He said he was "25 or thereabouts" when he was on the building committee, and he, Keith Bloor and Nigel MacLeod had successfully argued for using the building's distinctive Hinuera stone.

Former MP Chester Borrows who has been Anglican archdeacon for Waitotara since January chaired last week's meeting. He said the original committee had achieved what they wanted in bringing in warmth, light and a friendly atmosphere to the building. In the meantime building standards

had changed. Back then the church had been built for compression strength rather than sideways strength.

"These stone columns let in the light, but they don't help us too much," he said.

In notes prepared for the consultation, Ted Dowdall from Structural Engineers New Zealand said St Cuthberts is "more problematic" than other churches built with four walls.

"The front and rear walls are a collection of stone-clad reinforced concrete columns set at an obtuse angle and whilst extremely elegant, unfortunately they will not perform very well in an

earthquake."

Chester noted the small size of the congregation, with about seven people turning up every Sunday.

"The prospect of raising the money and saving the building is daunting," he said. "The church is the people and not the building, and while it is important to have a landmark, the loss of a building is not going to prevent worship."

He said St Marys in Hawera had been closed for the last three years. "People are not rushing through the door to fix that."

Maurice Cowling said that if strengthening work took place and steel beams were placed inside, the finished product would not resemble the building they have today.

Vincent Nuku who has been minister here since last year said the town had already lost the use of the town hall and the sports complex.

"This maybe just another building, but if you take the building out, you're taking something else out of the community."

Annette Higgs who leads a youth ministry and the Kool Kids programme at the church with Vincent's wife Kathleen said getting rid of the building would send the wrong kind of message.

"The fact that they walk into the church, and the church disappears from them is not going to encourage them in their Christian faith."

Patricia Green said there are needs in Manaia which the church could help fill. She says the building should stay.

"We are quite privileged here," she says. "For us as a people who have lived here, all of these bits here cost money and I think we've done a very good job with what we've got. We are so blessed to have this. This would be a really good place for a choir. We've got the youth, and we've got really beautiful voices in town."

David Self asked how many people had been killed on the roads in Taranaki, compared to the number killed in earthquakes.

"I was preaching here one Sunday, and I didn't feel the earthquake, but others did."

Chester Borrows said the consensus of the meeting would be referred to the Bishop and the Trust Board.

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My Favourite Book: Changing Places by David Lodge

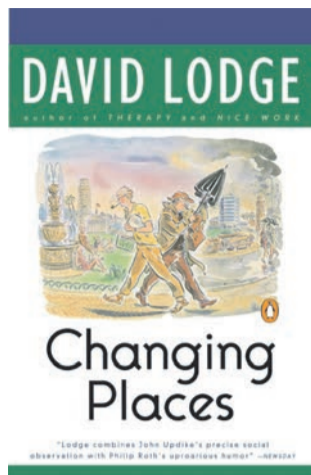
Changing Places was given to me to read many years ago by a university friend who was off to Berkeley in the States to further his studies. It remains my favourite book.

Written by British Author David Lodge it was came runner up in the Booker Prize when first published.

David Lodge has gone on to publish a number of books some of which have been televised by the BBC and become popular series.

Set in the 1960s, Changing Places is about two English Literature university academics who, in an academic exchange programme, change places for 6 months: American professor Morris Zapp from Euphoria (modelled on Berkeley, California) and Phillip Swallow from Rummidge (Birmingham).

Set against the backdrop of the 1960s how each is enmeshed into the very different lifestyles of the countries they are thrust into provides much of



the hilarious action. The reserved English, respectful students, endless winter and Phillip's conventional wife Hillary are all initially perplexing to the outgoing garrulous Morris Zapp. The more conformist Phillip Swallow meanwhile gradually becomes immersed in the relaxed lifestyle of California, the perpetual summer (of love) Morris Zapp's estranged wife and zealous feminist Desiree is just one of his startling encounters in what

is ultimately a journey of sexual liberation.

Set against the student protests about the Vietnam War, music and the sexual revolution it is also a commentary on that tumultuous decade, the effects of which still resonate today.

It is a very funny book and the two academics end up exchanging more than jobs. Things are left up in the air in its amusing confusing conclusion.

There is a sequel, Small World for anyone who wants to continue the journey.

It's really a book about the human condition to which all can relate.

I recently gave the book to a friend as a birthday present. Before she had a chance to read it her 90-year-old mother picked it up and loved it so much she phoned me up to tell me.

A magnificent comic novel," pronounced The Guardian newspaper.

Bernice McKellar

Maori leader wants marae pulled down

Ngapuhi leader David Rankin has called on Tainui to take down Turangawae-wae Marae, as it has long been regarded as a symbol of Ngapuhi enslavement and oppression.

"This represents a dark period in our history, when Tainui slavers abused our people to construct their marae and grow crops for them. For us in the north, the Turangawae Marae is a symbol of that slavery, murder, and cannibalism, and so needs to be pulled down," says Mr Rankin. "The wealth that Tainui generated was made on the backs of Ngapuhu slaves."

Mr. Rankin has the support of his Te Matarahuru hapu, whose ancestors were among those captured by Tainui, and used as slaves. Sometimes, slaves became part of the communities of their captors, but in this case, the slaves were eventually killed and eaten by Tainui.

"Tainui famously acquired corn by disembowelling my ancestor and removing the corn kernels in his stomach

for seed," says Mr Rankin.

"Tainui has a moral obligation to pull down that marae, which for us is a symbol of cultural hatred," says Mr Rankin, "and if they don't pull it down," he warns, "then we will come down and do the job for them."

Several Ngapuhi hapu are preparing a submission to

the Hamilton City Council to request the marae be dismantled. "We hope that this submission will be completed by the end of the year," says Mr Rankin, "but for many of our people, we can't wait that long. Our anger is mounting. We demand that marae's demolition immediately. For us, Ngapuhi lives matter."

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Finding the answer could help Maori Health

A study hoping to make a positive difference for Māori health in Aotearoa will focus on those who might not have whakapapa knowledge and identity.

Dr Lara Greaves (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kuri) from the University of Auckland has received a \$169,550 Emerging Researcher (Rangahau Hauora Māori stream) grant from the Health Research Council (HRC) for her two-year project: The Māori in-between? Identity, health, and social service access needs.

'Nō hea koe' (Where are you from?) is a common question in Te Ao Māori and in the answer, Māori express their identity links to people, places and Iwi, but tracing whakapapa can be fraught with difficulties, says Dr Greaves.

"A strong cultural identity has been shown to buffer against the effects of racism and continued



Dr Lara Greaves.

colonisation, however, a segment of the population (who don't have that link) may feel they fall in between mainstream social service providers and Kaupapa Māori or Iwi-based provider."

She says a result of colonisation has meant that it can be challenging for some Māori to engage with Māori culture and in Māori spaces.

"A lot of knowledge has been taken from us across generations."

Dr Greaves' research will explore differences between Māori in cultural connection, mainly focusing on those who don't know their iwi, but also including other combinations of descent, ethnicity and iwi affiliation.

"I'm specifically focusing on those who do not identify with an iwi in the 2013 Census and asking, Is this group mainly Pākehā that have Māori whakapapa they are not connected to? Or is there a group of people who only identify their ethnicity as Māori, but do not know their iwi or are disconnected from their iwi?"

The project will use the Youth19 and Māori Identity and Financial Attitudes survey data, as well as data from the Integrated Data Infrastructure (administrative data collected by Statistics NZ) to identify these patterns and link them to social service use and health outcomes.

She also wants to look

at how living within one's iwi rohe (area) might give a positive boost to some of these statistics.

"I want to see what identity patterns there are in the data and then try to find out what these groups need and how they might differ from each other," says Dr Greaves.

"This will help us provide profiles of groups who might need social or health services, which I hope will be useful information for those working in that field."

Dr Greaves is also working with the Public Policy Institute at the University of Auckland to make sure this research will have an impact from a policy advice point of view.

Dr Lara Greaves is a lecturer in Politics and International Relations in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland.

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Precision trip a real adventure

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Dan is there with his mud spattered vehicle and greets everybody. He points out the surrounding hill country. There is Hikurangi, near Taumaranui, and Ngauruhoe can be seen poking through the clouds, and there is Mt Dawson, at 600 metres, the highest point on his station.

Blue Duck Station was once five or six different farms. Now it is one. Asked its size Dan says 7300 acres. Like many men of the land, this is still the measurement he still thinks in terms of. He says his main sources of income are farming, tourism, Manuka honey and carbon credits. This year with COVID-19, tourism has taken a dive, though good weather conditions mean the Manuka honey has boomed, with 49000kg of high grade Manuka



En route to Blue Duck Station.

produced on the station.

As well as running a

farming and tourism operation, Dan is also a keen conservationist who wants to see local populations of kiwi, blue duck and native bats thrive.

Despite its apparently isolated location, people have been coming here for a long time. There was a large Maori population based along the Whanganui River and during the musket wars of the early 19th century a

Ngapuhi war party hoping for an easy victory ended up with a bloody nose instead. After World War I returned soldiers were given grants of land from a grateful government only to be later forced off.

Like Matt, Dan believes in encouraging domestic tourism. He wants to see his visitors made up of at least 50 per cent New Zealanders. "This is Bridge to Nowhere

history. This is New Zealand's history. This is New Zealand's rain forest, and I want Kiwis here learning about it."

Dan then takes everyone for a ride along mud tracks stopping along the way for local points of interest. There's the last surviving building of the 45 farms for World War I veterans that were based here. It was originally a dropping off point for goods that would arrive via the river for the new farmers. Later one of these farmers moved in here. Dan says as early as 1940 visitors saw the building as being antiquated enough to justify carving their names

on it.

Further along there is another stop at Blue Duck Falls where two specimens of the bird, known for its distinctive white beak were seen.

"The falls are an epicentre of conservation," says Dan. "Four valleys meet at the waterfalls. There's quite a big concentration of blue ducks and quite a few kiwis here as well."

Dan rings ahead and there are flat whites waiting for everyone at the Blue Duck Cafe in Whakahoro Village. Walking into the Café, there is a structure of a boar on the left made from driftwood gathered from



Station owner Dan.



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Jet boating down the Whanganui River.

the Whanganui River. Wild pigs are a common feature in these hills and a common problem for farming.

From the Café it's on to the jet boat ride along the river with stock manager Jaden Street who also helps out with the tourism side of the business at the wheel.

"There are places there that have never seen a man," says Jaden indicating the vast bush-filled banks. "The river's always changing and you're always learning."

A Maori orchard on the left bank with table and seating turns out to be a good place to pull over and enjoy the

ample picnic lunch which Jaden had brought with him. It's then back to the original starting point and a return to Whakahoro village and a look at other points of interest. These include the site of the infamous Berryman Bridge. The bridge made of untreated



What's left of the infamous Berryman Bridge.

macrocarpa had been put together by the Fijian Army as a training exercise. A beekeeper was later driving across here when the bridge collapsed causing him to break his neck and drown. What followed was a long and costly legal battle over the then farm owner's legal liability for the disaster, with colourful lawyer and ex Police Association secretary Rob Moodie acting for the owners.

All good things come to an end and it's time to say goodbye to the good people at Blue Duck Station and return to New Plymouth



The Blue Duck cafe.

with Scott the pilot. By this time the clouds have lifted and it's a clear view back home.

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Family farm takes top spot at awards

A long-term commitment to environmental stewardship has earned Rukumoana Farms the top spot at Taranaki's Ballance Farm Environment Awards, run by the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust.

The awards champion sustainable farming and growing through a programme which sees one Regional Supreme winner selected from each of the 11 regions involved. As a Regional Supreme Winner, Rukumoana Farms is now in the running for the Gordon Stephenson Trophy, with the winner of this national award to be announced at a later date.

The sheep and beef operation is run by the Brown family – Robert, Jane, Nick, Sophie, Will, Kate and Sam.

The judges said the family demonstrates a genuine passion for their farm and industry.

“This impressive family operation plays to the strengths of all family members. There’s also an excellent ability to spread risk while managing cashflow.”

To help offset greenhouse gas emissions, 32ha of trees were planted under the Afforestation Grant Scheme in 2011, plus 12ha of bush retired. Three wetland



From left. Jane, Robert, Sam, William and Nick Brown of Rukumoana Farms. Image. NZ Farm Environment Trust.

areas have been fenced off and numerous native plants put in, while poplar poles are used for erosion control and shade, and

predators are actively managed.

A direct drill is used to plant fattening crops – a no-tillage approach that helps

conserve the soil.

The positive stance of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards attracted the family to enter, along with it being a chance to acknowledge the hard work that has gone into the farm by both past and present generations.

They took out the Norwood Agri Business Management Award, as well as the Bayley's People in the Private Sector Award, the ILivestock Farm Award, the Climate Stewardship Award and the Wise with water Award.

Other category winners were Ron, Noel and Karl Stanley of the Stanley Brothers Trust, Steve Lepper of the Lepper Trust and Verna and Robert Bourke and Conna and Nick Smith of Fern Flats.

The Stanley brothers took out the Soil Management and Agri Science Awards. They have owned their Oaonui farm for about 70 years, and during that time they have significantly grown and developed their business. While pork production is the farm's main business, it is bolstered by two additional income streams – beef fattening and cropping.

They have established sustainable systems to set the property up for the next generation and their willingness to implement new technology is paying off.

Protecting and caring for the natural environment is a priority as the brothers strive to ensure products of the highest quality leave the gate.

Innovation and efficiency

are the cornerstones of Steve Lepper's pig farming operation which boasts a pioneering biogas system that converts methane into electricity and heat – significantly reducing emissions. This is the first of its kind in New Zealand and has reduced methane emissions by 70 per cent. It captures methane from the farm's effluent ponds, converting the gas into electricity. Meanwhile, heat from the engine warms water used for underfloor heating.

The farrow-to-finish pig farming operation runs 400 sows, producing quality fresh pork for the New Zealand market. It uses an environmentally friendly production system and is accredited by an on-farm animal welfare assurance programme. There's a strong focus on biosecurity and water quality, while innovative approaches have resulted in zero waste. He took out the Massey University Innovation Award.

The Bourkes have a strong connection to Fern Flats – a property that has been in the family since 1873 – and the resulting sense of stewardship is obvious.

Now operated under a family trust, the dairy operation has grown in size since Robert and wife Verna took over and combined two smaller properties into the modern farm of today.

With the help of 50:50 sharemilkers – daughter Conna Smith and her husband Nick – new systems have been embraced and there's a focus on reducing the environmental footprint of this low-input farm that breeds highly productive cows.

Significant plantings are encouraging bird life to flourish at this beautifully kept farm that continually moves with the times to ensure it remains viable into the future. They took out the DairyNZ Sustainability and Stewardship Award.

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On this month in history Mount Tarawera erupts

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Lincoln research shows New Zealand farmers can breed cows that pee less nitrogen

CRV Ambreed say they welcome the release of research findings from Lincoln University, which demonstrate that breeding dairy cows with low Milk Urea Nitrogen (MUN) can reduce the amount of nitrogen they excrete in their urine.

CRV Head Geneticist Phil Beatson says the findings are timely following the release of changes to the Government's Essential Freshwater regulations, part of which focuses on improving farming practices to reduce nitrogen loss.

"The findings of Lincoln's research confirm that genetics are an important and easily implemented solution for farmers in their efforts to reduce nitrogen loss and protect our waterways.

"The University's research findings align well with the work CRV has done internationally in this space for many years. This study shows that cows that have



Phil Beatson.

genetics for low MUN do in fact excrete less nitrogen in their urine. This in turn supports the science behind our LowN™ Sires and our expectation that daughters of these bulls would excrete less urinary nitrogen.

"Lincoln's research is the first independent work carried out in New Zealand on pasture-based grazing systems that confirms CRV Ambreed's hypothesis that genetics for low MUN will result in cows urinating less nitrogen.

"Farmers can now be confident that breeding for reduced MUN with genetics such as LowN™ Sires will help them reduce their herd's Urinary Nitrogen output and therefore, reduce the amount of nitrogen entering our groundwater, rivers and streams."

CRV has estimated that farmers who start a breeding programme using LowN Sires this season can expect potential nitrogen leaching

reductions of 10-12% by 2025.

Furthermore, the Lincoln study found that cows with low MUN breeding value have higher percentage of protein in their milk. Dairy farmers are paid per kilogram of solids in their milk, which is made up of fat and protein. So, using LowN Sires to breed low MUN cows could help lift farm profitability.

In addition to reducing nitrogen leaching, lowering the amount of nitrogen hitting the ground in urine is expected to reduce nitrous oxide emissions. This reduction in a dangerous

greenhouse gas is expected to be a significant beneficial outcome of using LowN genetics.

"Our dairy farmers have already made great strides over the past ten years to mitigate the effects of their farming operations on the environment and protect water quality," says Beatson. "Many dairy farmers understand that they need to make an investment in new innovations that will enable them to farm sustainably. We're excited about the part that CRV Ambreed genetics is already playing as a solution."

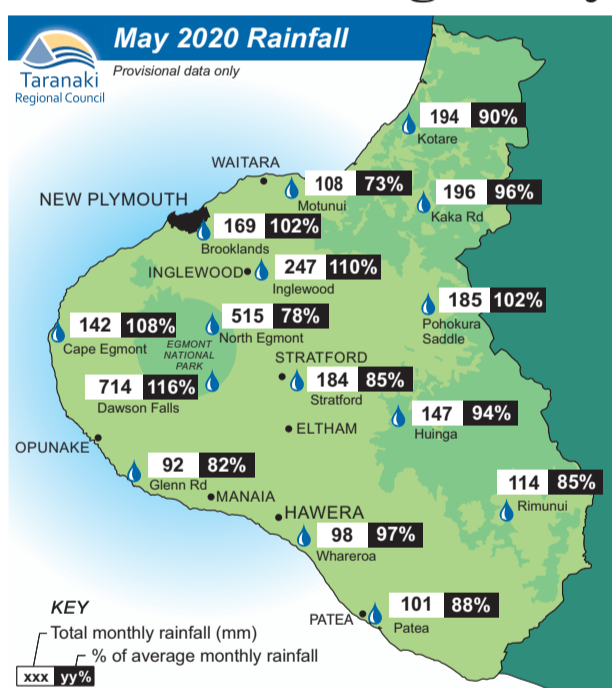
Lower rainfall pattern continues through May

Rainfall totals for May ranged between 66 % and 128 % of normal, with an average of 96 %, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. The vast majority of rainfall fell during two large rainfall events from May 3-6 and May 24-25. This masked the fact that rainfall was otherwise very sparse during the month, with sites only recording rainfall on between five and nine days. Egmont Village and Everett Park rainfall sites both recorded 128 % of normal with 276.0 and 245.5 mm respectively. Everett Park recorded 34.0 mm in one hour on May 3, which is the 8th highest hourly rainfall since records began in 1987.

Rainfall totals for the year to date have been very low across many parts of the region. Site totals range between 52 % and 82 % of normal, with an average of 69 % across all monitored sites. Pohokura Saddle has recorded the highest rainfall

in the year to date at 82 % of normal (573.5 mm), while Kaupokonui (Manaia) and Patea have recorded just 52 % of normal (218.5 mm and 217.0 mm respectively). Nine sites (of the 27 monitored) recorded their lowest five month rainfall totals (January to May) on record. These sites were North Egmont (1312.5 mm), Kahui Hut (1,245.5 mm), Hillsborough (464.0 mm), Brooklands Zoo (425.8 mm), Mangati (401.0 mm), Motunui (311.8 mm), Te Kiri (345.5 mm), Manaia (218.5 mm) and Patea (217.0 mm).

Autumn rainfall (March - May) was between 54 % and 93 %, with an average of 77 %. Patea has recorded the least with 54 % (158.4 mm), and Pohokura Saddle has recorded the most with 93 % (429.0 mm). Seven sites recorded their lowest autumn rainfall total on record. These sites were: North Egmont (1,030.5



mm), Kahui Hut (949.0 mm), Hillsborough (352.5 mm), Brooklands Zoo (314.6 mm), Mangati (328.8 mm), Te Kiri (265.0 mm) and Patea (158.4 mm).



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Comparing Sustainable Farming with other systems

Ecologically Sustainable Agriculture (ESA) is truly sustainable and global adoption of this food and fibre production system will prove to be a central pillar of the post-modern 'New Age'. Together with development and implementation of zero-emission energy production technologies, both these low-cost strategies of achieving environmental harmony herald the 'good news' the third millennium was expected to deliver.

Reluctance to appreciate the need for change in direction away from the hazardous status quo, in both fields of food and energy production has resulted in incalculable harm to the planet. This inertia requires thinking people everywhere to challenge and resolve the profound injustice the now largely discredited

neo-liberal political/economic philosophy has perpetuated. Insatiable greed which characterises rampant capitalism has led to dystopian social and environmental collapse globally. It is high time serious change to the fundamentals of this injustice were introduced.

We can look to progressive thinking in Scandinavia and Europe which provides insight and a lead for global peace and tranquillity, the New Age promises. Switzerland has recently had a referendum on whether to ban food imports from countries utilizing ag/vet chemicals in farming. This, as well as the Swedish schoolgirl Greta Thunberg's Extinction Rebellion, provides grounds for optimism. Another example

of new age thinking comes from (reportedly) ultra-right activists in Sweden who wish to see 'no need for refugees leaving their embattled African countries', in other words resolution of the corruption of social and environmental injustice foreign meddling propitiates.

The clamour for resolving social and environmental injustice is a necessary hallmark of progress towards world peace and harmony. Important questions come to mind regarding 'the great warmonger' nation (and its proxies), and why it suffers so much squalor internally. In the same way, questions

arise among thinking people as to why 'organic' food is so expensive for consumers when compared to the conventional product. contaminated with a vast range of expensive chemicals.

Perhaps these unasked questions remain obscured because we are allowed to learn only what 'they' want us to know. The very curious question of 'has the MPI conducted objective analysis of the various organic food production systems, and comparative studies between them?' If not, 'why not?'

Extending from these sort of public interest probe~, 'why haven't



Geoff Downey

taxpayer studies conducted by MPI been undertaken to objectively assess the structural composition of proteins each of these production systems create, in light of the ominous warnings Dr Michael Blake

published in 1967?'

It was Albert Einstein who observed that 'the questions are far more important than the answers'. In other words, getting right answers to the wrong questions is folly. An interesting corollary the Buddha is quoted as saying is "Knowledge paralyzes."

Let us hope that 'team NZ' with our gallant leader at the helm, has the intestinal fortitude to urgently confront selective deafness scientific researchers exhibit when showing bias against ESA and insist inexpensive meaningful research effort is carried out immediately.

Geoff Downey

Support for Minister on trade

Federated Farmers and the Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) say they support efforts by Trade Minister David Parker to take the European Union to task over its handling of early negotiations around a free trade agreement.

"Perhaps through misunderstanding rather than a determined leak of information, we now know the EU made us an excruciatingly low market access offer," Feds president



David Parker

Katie Milne says.

"It was so insultingly low, I thought they'd made a mistake and put the decimal point in the wrong place.

"Thanks to this 'leak', we are now aware the EU intend to continue to prevent Kiwi farmers from fairly competing in the EU market, while at the same

time seeking to impose absurd obligations, such as not allowing New Zealand farmers to call feta cheese by its generic name 'feta'."

The EU is attempting to use these so-called 'geographical indications' to monopolise the use of widespread generic names by international competitors

such as New Zealand

"It's disappointing to see the EU's trade negotiators ignore the long-shared relationship between the EU and New Zealand. It is in the interest of both the EU and New Zealand to work together to reinforce the rules-based international trading system, and this laughable offer does nothing to foster goodwill between the two.

"David Parker needs to stand firm and continue to express his disappointment. It's good to know he has our backs on this," Katie says.

DCANZ Chairman, Malcolm Bailey, says the reported EU offer, comprised of miniscule quota volumes and high in-quota tariffs, could never credibly form part of a free trade agreement between the economies.

"This falls short of even paying lip-serve to free trade. It is unashamed protectionism from the world's largest dairy exporter" says Bailey.

He says the reported starting cheese quota of 1500 tonnes is less than a rounding error, at just 0.02% of the EU's nearly nine million tonne cheese market. The butter offer of 600 tonnes is similarly low at just 0.03% of the domestic market, and each tonne will attract a tariff of Euro 586 per tonne, significantly constraining its usability.

"The only reason to maintain in-quota tariffs is to limit access whilst giving the appearance of providing it" says Bailey.

DCANZ's concerns are not limited to EU attempts to maintain trade prohibitive tariff protections. It is also alarmed at sweeping EU proposals to prevent New Zealand cheesemakers from using common cheese names such as gruyere, feta and parmesan.

"This trade agreement is an opportunity for the EU to take real global leadership and send a positive signal for food trade. It's time for action to match words" says Bailey.

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Back to rugby

It's on. Competition Club rugby is finally starting. The plan is to play one full round, starting this Saturday June 20 and club finals day will be August 15. This date means as a rural club we face some availability issues "town" teams do not have to deal with past mid-July which will be an additional challenge for us. It will also mean games will come forward later in the season.

Despite that we look forward to an exciting truncated year. The Premiers have new coaches in Kane Barrett and Mark Davis, and like all our coaches this year it's great to see players end their playing career and continue contributing to the club. We have retained the core of the local lads, whose loyalty and commitment in travelling (for the majority) a fair distance after a hard day at work is at the absolute heart of the club success and strong culture.

The Div 1, coached again by Whitebait finally have some good numbers and are ready to go. Div 2 grade (Jimmy Quay again coaching) will be the hardest to field a team. These boys traditionally get their boots on late, so we will give them to the last moment but they are the team probably affected most by the farming commitments. Keep an eye on the TFRU website

for updates draw. In the Women's grade we again have good numbers and a keen squad. The games will either be Friday night or early Saturday so there will be no excuse to not watch and be impressed with the standard of play from the ladies. Alan (Smurf) Crowley has committed yet another year of his time and expertise to the club and is coaching. Perhaps the most exciting

news from a club point of view is we have a Colts team again. Ross Sinclair is coaching. They have played a few pre-season games and really look the goods. The boys are fizzing, numbers are good, skill levels are high and the Coastal ticker is strong in these boys. Be sure to give them some of your viewing time. They will not disappoint. The big day will be this Saturday the 20th at Rahotu.

The Ladies kick off at 11am v Clifton, Colts 1pm v Spotswood, Div 1 v Clifton at 1pm and the Prems v Clifton at 2.45pm. The following week 27th, Prems, Div 1 and Ladies are away at Southern, Colts at NPOB and Div 2 at Kaponga. We have all been hanging out to watch some live rugby and just as importantly have a cold one and a chinwag. Get along Saturday. Ride the wave.

Brent Davies



Beauden Fleming in action against Stratford / Eltham last season.

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Chris "Chrispy" Barron can't break the tackle of an Okaiawa tackler for Goodin Ag Div 2 last year.



Harley Loveridge-Seymour makes his way up the field during the preseason against Stratford/Eltham last weekend.



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Club draw confirmed for 2020



Coastal player Thys Van Der Poel charges upfield in a match against Clifton.

Taranaki Rugby is excited to have its CMK club rugby draws completed 10 days out from the start of the refined season.

The 2020 season will kick off on June 20, 13 weeks after its original start date as Premier, Division 1, Division 2, Colts and Women's teams start to compete for their respective titles.

Premier and Division 1 competition draws are unchanged and replicates the original second round with the days pushed out. Semi-

finals, for those grades, will be held on Saturday August 8 before the season comes to its climax on August 15 when Inglewood's TET Stadium hosts the popular club finals day.

Division 2 has 10 teams entered, down from 14 and five clubs will compete for the Colts title, three teams down compared to last year. The Division 2 draw will be split into North and South pools with a cross over game per week. The top teams in each pool will play in a straight final. The Colts

grade will be played in eight weeks also with a straight final to align with finals day.

In the CMK women's competition, three teams have been entered and will play two full rounds, with a game of 'three halves' in the middle of the season before a final on 8 August.

Community Rugby Manager Cole Brown said there have been some casualties given the later start date but has appreciated the patience and commitment shown by the club chairs who have helped

organise the competitions in difficult circumstances.

"It's been an evolving situation with direction changing daily. We are thankful that our clubs have been so supportive and helpful during the planning process, but we are looking forward to kicking off on June 20."

Brown said he is looking forward to some 'ding-dong' battles in all competitions.

"The Tukapa versus New Plymouth Old Boys premier match is always one to

look forward to, that will be played on the opening weekend. But I also enjoy a trip to Toko and Kaponga for those clashes. You really see the strength and community spirit in those clubs on a Saturday," he said.

Given the shorter season, every game counts across all competitions, Brown said.

"That's what's so exciting about this, you cannot afford to get off to a slow start no matter how good your team is. If you drop the first few games, you're going to be in

trouble. Conversely, if you start well that could be the difference getting a semi-final spot."

"TET Stadium has been used for club finals in 2018 and was an ideal venue for what we needed. We are expecting the same support as we did then."

Brown said he is looking forward to seeing crowds attending matches and clubrooms opening after New Zealand moved into Level 1.

Regionally based Secondary Schools tournaments to be held

Hockey New Zealand say they are pleased to announce in partnership with the School Sport New Zealand and the New Zealand Sports Collective, that instead of holding National Tournaments in 2020 they will be hosting regional-based tournaments.

Due to several factors such as domestic travel,

tournament administration and the financial impact that the COVID 19 crisis, National Tournaments such as Federation and Rankin Cup as well as all tier 3 and 4 tournaments will not be run in 2020. The venues will be rolled over to the 2021 season to ensure that schools deposits can be held in credit.

Schools that were eligible to attend Rankin Cup, Federation Cup, India Shield and Marie Fry Trophy will now attend three regional Premiership tournaments. The venues for these tournaments will be Christchurch, Palmerston North and North Harbour.

This will also allow for the

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Javelin thrower hits the mark on Honours Board

A javelin thrower is the latest addition to the National Honours Board at the Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake.

Claude Prosser Clegg was born in Opunake in 1913, and won the New Zealand javelin title five times in 1936, 1938, 1947, 1948 and 1949. In 1950, as a 37 year-old, he led the New Zealand team in as flag bearer at the 1950 Empire Games held in Auckland, and finished fifth in the Men's Javelin. He was a contemporary of another leading javelin thrower

with Taranaki origins, the late great Stan Lay. Claude died in 1991 and is buried at Opunake cemetery. Now his photo can be seen alongside the Barrett brothers, Peter Snell, Don Clarke, Graham Mourie and others on the Opunake Sports and Recreation Trust's National Honours Board at the Sandfords Event Centre.

The Honours Board is for sports people from Coastal Taranaki between Okato and Otakeho who have represented New Zealand at their chosen sport.

Claude was one of nine children, five boys and four girls, who grew up on the family's Arawhata Road farm. He was educated at Arawhata Road Primary School, Opunake High School and Auckland Teachers Training College. Like two of his brothers, he then went teaching.

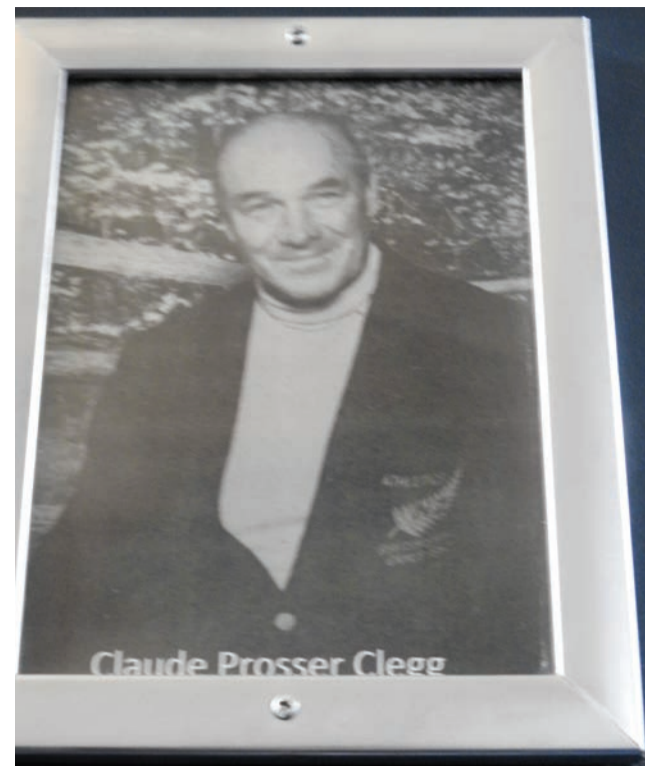
He was remembered as a progressive teacher who made a point of building swimming pools at every school he went to, says Claude's nephew Rex Langton.

"He was quite a big man, about six foot three or four. He was always smiling and always praising people up," says Rex. "He could throw the bullshit around," he added.

Rex says Claude's brother, Garnet who died at the age of 94 was still teaching when he was 85.

In later years Claude competed at Masters level and set a national record in the M70 javelin in 1985.

He and his wife Jean had a son, Rowley and daughter Hermione.



Claude Prosser Clegg. The latest addition to the Opunake Sports and Recreation Trust Honours Board.

Longstanding record broken at Pungarehu tournament

Pungarehu Golf Club held their Pork Tournament on Sunday June 14. There

was a mass start with a full field of 100 players. 22 year old Holly Winter

broke the PGC women's course record with a gross round of 67. This record

had been held by Carol Scott since 1994 with a course record of 69. Holly is well known on the golf circuit. She is a NZ age group representative and Taranaki Women's representative. Holly has returned from the United States where she held a 100% golf scholarship at Texas University and graduated with an Ag business degree. Congratulations Holly on an outstanding round

Manaia Golf results

Juniors. 1. Mikayla King. 2. Jaden Siciliano and Liam Campbell. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Payton Siciliano. 3. Katy King. 1. Hannah Symes. 2. Jahkoda Smith. 3. Harry Stone.

June 6. Saturday Men. 1. Matt Laing. 2. Paul Hunn. 3. Ralph Symes. 4. Bruce Duffus. 5. Logan Symes. 6. Sam Jones.

June 13. Saturday Men. 1. John Oliver. 2. Kevin Murrell. 3. Grant Hastie. 4. Ddale Symes. 5. Sam Jones.

Juniors. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Payton Siciliano. 1. Luke Norris. 2. Hannah Symes.



Holly Winter who broke the PGC women's course record set in 1994.

Regionally based Secondary Schools tournaments to be held

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Boys and Girls tournaments to be held at the same venue for the first time.

Schools that were due to attend tier 3 or 4 tournaments will be eligible to enter into the Championship tournaments held in their region. These tournaments will be held in Dunedin, Nelson (South Island), Wellington, Hawkes Bay (Lower North Island), Whangarei and Pukekohe (Upper North Island).

The results of this year's tournament will have no impact on the teams place at next year's tournaments and will not contribute towards promotion or relegation in the 2021 seasons. All schools will retain their eligibility in these tournaments based on the 2019 hockey season.

Ken Maplesden the general manager of Community and Events for Hockey New Zealand said "Hockey New Zealand is excited that

the great work done by the entire New Zealand community in combatting COVID 19 has allowed the possibility of providing a tournament experience for our Secondary School students. These tournaments are a highlight for many and we believe the revised format will provide the opportunity for many to attend and gain that experience".



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Young Taranaki artists wanted at Percy Thomson



Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford is calling for entries for its upcoming young artists' competition.

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The generous sponsorship of TSB Community Trust, has enabled the gallery to mount its second Taranaki-based competition and exhibition for young emerging visual artists. The TSB Community Trust Emergence Award 2020 for Young Taranaki Artists is expected to attract a large number of entries.

The artist must be born in Taranaki, live in Taranaki, or have attended secondary school in Taranaki and be aged 14 to 26 years on July

3, 2020, the date entries close.

The TSB Community Trust Award for Young Taranaki Artists aims to empower and encourage the creative talents of young, aspiring and emerging artists from Taranaki, while providing a showcase for their works.

The exhibition runs from July 24 - August 16, 2020. The gala opening event will be held on Friday 24 July, 6.30pm.

First Prize: Winner of the supreme TSB Community Trust Emergence Award for Young Taranaki Artists: \$2000. Second Place: \$500. Third Place: \$250. Prizes for best photography artist, 2D (eg painting, collage, graphic design), 3D Artist and Fibre Art, \$200 each.

Taranaki Secondary Schools Prize for : 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100. People's Choice Award: \$200

Gallery director, Rhonda Bunyan, asks all aspiring young artists to give it ago.

'You never know what the judges are looking for, what will appeal. Don't be shy about your art.'

The judges are Laura Campbell, researcher and art historian, and Justin Jade Morgan, artist and exhibition component fabricator, both from Puke Ariki. Campbell is a strong advocate for the role art plays in our society and is organiser of Puke Ariki's Homework Exhibition. Morgan has worked for a number of Arts learning-based organisations and his art practice explores

the relationship between physical objects and life as performance.

Bunyan says it is crucial to initiate positive outcomes/experience for budding young artists in the region, providing a platform for them to share their talent with the wider community.

'The experience of showing work in a public setting engenders pride and confidence. Percy Thomson Gallery is grateful to the support shown by TSB Community Trust with a generous grant to allow us to offer substantial prize money and to give young artists the opportunity to exhibit in our vibrant provincial gallery.'

Entries are on our website and close July 3

Building Resilience Into Farm Systems

Previously postponed due to Covid-19, this farm workshop is returning in July (all going well)!

Ōpunakē (7th July), Ōakura (9th July) & Inglewood (10th July) will each be hosting this 1 day interactive farming

workshop with presentations. Workshop runs from 9:30am - 4pm. Themes include: Building Resilience to drought, flooding, pests, disease & erosion. Improving Soil, Plant and Animal Health. Grazing Management and Diversity on farm. A Regenerative mindset and Farmer wellbeing.

Spaces are limited so please contact Fiona at communityeventsnz@gmail.com to more information/to register.

Take care and hopefully see you there!



Birthday celebrations postponed

The Opunake Friendship Club is sorry to report the postponement of its 50th Birthday Celebrations which were due to be held this month.

All going well they will be rescheduled for March next year. Their regular monthly meetings will resume in July.

At the first committee meeting held on November

26 1970 the following committee were elected.

Olive Armstrong (President), Daphne Chambers (Secretary/Treasurer), Margaret Ockhuysen (Programmer), Paula White, Del Rowley (Meals on Wheels).

The present committee elected on March 31 this year are-Geoff Williams

(President), Ian Sargent (Vice President), Pauline Clough (Secretary), Daphne Holly (Treasurer), Pat Dudley (Publicity), Mary Mundell, Shelia Hagen, Aileen Simpson, Ann Gibson (Meals on Wheels).

Anyone interested in joining the Opunake Friendship Club can contact Geoff Williams on 06 761 8510.

St Barnabas celebrate birthday and return from lockdown



Archbishop Philip Richardson

The St Barnabas Church building in Opunake was 125 years old on June 2, 2020. The patronal festival of St Barnabas is on June 11.

On Sunday June 21 at 10 am we have pleasure to announce that the Most Revd. Philip Richardson, who holds both the Bishopric of Waikato and the Bishopric of Taranaki and also the Archbishop of the New Zealand Dioceses; will preach and preside at this special service.

Revd. Peter Barleyman will be the celebrant at this service along with our own Rev. Ian Sargent and Rev Geoff Williams.

The parish is part of the Waitotara Archdeaconry; the Archdeacon is Chester Burrows.

This is also very special as it is our first service back in the church after the lock-down. St. Barnabas is blessed with a new heating system in the

church and hall, which will be much appreciated by church members and our Tainui Day Group, which starts again on Monday June 22 at 10 am.

We look forward to

welcoming everybody from Opunake and the surrounding area to our special service and to the reopening of Tainui.

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Karen Dey from Opunake who regularly exhibits her works at Pastimes where she works part time. She has previously won the People's Choice award at the Taranaki National Art Awards.

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The Queen's Corgi



Screening at Everybody's Theatre at 1pm on Saturday June 20.

Starring: Dame Julie Walters, Tom Courteney, Matt Lucas (voices). Directors: Vincent Kesteloot, Ben Stassen. Writers: Rob Sprackling, Johnny Smith

Another movie with a Queen. This one is delightful. *The Queen's Corgi* is what every children's movie should be. Action packed twists and turns, fantastic animation sprinkled with a few adult quips.

Donald makes an early appearance. Trump not Duck, unfortunately. The Queen is characterised well, but I thought the mannerisms of Prince Phillip are pretty near perfect. It seems there is a United Kingdom and an American (voice-over) cast. We are blessed with the UK cast including Dame Julie Walters, who of course does an amazing job of Queen Elizabeth II.

There's absolutely no dialogue for the initial five minutes at least. The first voice we hear is Nelson's – a fellow corgi, then our 'top

dog' Rex. The first scenes are the usual building blocks which move us along quite quickly to where we need to be in Rex's privileged life. Being incredibly cute goes a long way to holding audience attention, which is more than can be said for the editing or storyline, maybe both. There's something not quite right with the way the story is put together. It is a linear narrative, great for a very young viewer, but doesn't give older viewers much to sink their teeth into. On the upside, the palace modifications to accommodate the four-legged royal family are fun to see, and the chaos causing corgi ideas are innovative. There are antagonists and a few nail-biting moments, so it will be interesting to see what the kids think. Poppy (my Jack Russell) wasn't that helpful in the feedback department.

On the whole, because the animation is so superb, *The Queen's Corgi* is definitely recommended for a light Saturday arvo diversion.

Jane Forkert

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Boost for Foodbank

The Opunake Foodbank is back up and running. The Foodbank, which operates out of CoastalCare had been unable to open during the lockdown, but its doors are now open to anyone wanting to make donations of goods, and to those in need of help.

Anybody with goods to bring in can contact CoastalCare and make an appointment, says Foodbank secretary

Aretha Lemon.

She also wants to hear from people in need of help.

"We encourage people to come in if they need help and don't be embarrassed," she says.

The Foodbank had gone from averaging 2-3 food parcels a week to giving out on average one a day. The Foodbank is also seeing more working families approach them in need of help, she said.

The Foodbank recently received a \$750 boost when Abbey Mathew, Ruselle Thompson and Jason Saywell of Aviagen NZ dropped by with a cheque for \$750.

Operations manager Abbey Mathew says their company believes in feeding people, and with foodbanks having been hard hit by the COVID lockdown this is an area where they can make a positive impact.

Operations administrator Russelle Thompson says that as their company is an essential business they were able to continue operating during the lockdown.

"A lot of charities are funded by companies, and companies have been really hit by COVID, so we've been really blessed that we've been able to do this."

Opunake Library Plus book review

The Diamond Hunter by Fiona McIntosh

If you would like to be transported back in time to Africa in the day of the diamond rush - this is the book that will do it for you. Share Clementine Knights moving journey from her tragic and confusing childhood to her adulthood which is filled with distant memories and many questions. The settings and landscaping are filled with reality and the story is very true to that time period, making it all the more moving and poignant to read. It shows the beautiful bond between little Clementine and Joseph and it filled with sweet emotions.

I couldn't put this down even when I didn't think I

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Oxfam announces new location for 100km charity walk in Taranaki

Oxfam has announced it will be moving its flagship fundraising event Oxfam Trailwalker to Taranaki, with the charity walk due to make its debut in the stunning region on March 20-21, 2021.

Throwing their weight behind Oxfam Trailwalker 2021 are some well-known figures including television personality Art Green, broadcaster Sacha McNeil, comedian Te Radar and mayor of New Plymouth District Neil Holdom.

Around a thousand Kiwis are expected to take part in New Zealand's largest team endurance event, which sees teams of four tackle either 100 kilometres in 36 hours or 50 kilometres in 18 hours to raise funds for Oxfam's work fighting injustice and poverty. Oxfam Trailwalker is aimed at people aged 18-80 at all fitness levels, with everyone from trail-walking novices to pro-athletes taking part each year. It is not a relay – the challenge is for the teams of four to start and finish together.

The event typically raises almost a million dollars each year to support projects in the Pacific and around the world. Now this will include providing life-saving support to those hit doubly hard by poverty and the coronavirus pandemic. The charity made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel

the fifth and final event in Whakatāne this year for the safety of participants and communities.

Oxfam New Zealand's Executive Director Rachael Le Mesurier said: "We are excited to be looking forward to our first year in the stunning Taranaki region, with its picturesque mouna, beautiful beaches and exquisite bush. What better backdrop for a life-changing, foot-slogging, team-bonding journey that not only will inspire you, but make a difference to people challenging injustice and poverty during a global pandemic.

"We invite the fitness buffs, the nature lovers walking for their mental health, the friends of all ages looking for a new adventure together – whatever your reason for walking, join us and walk for a better world, for now and for our future generations. It is a great opportunity to lift your hopes and plans out of lockdown mode and start walking across our gorgeous whenua for a cause that reminds us that compassion knows no borders.

"As we all grapple with the effects of the pandemic on our families, communities here in Aotearoa and those we love overseas, it's hard to imagine what life must be like for people in refugee camps or poor communities with limited healthcare and clean water and no chance of social

distancing. You'll be making a difference for people when it really counts."

"We look forward to making this one of the best Oxfam Trailwalker events yet, together with the wonderful Taranaki hosts, New Plymouth District Council, Venture Taranaki and local communities."

Mayor of New Plymouth Neil Holdom said the event was an exciting boost to the region. "We're absolutely thrilled to host the Oxfam Trailwalker challenge for the next three years," he said. "It's another major event in our beautiful region as we continue to build a lifestyle capital and it will be a superb showcase for our wonderful corner of Aotearoa. It's perfect timing too as it will bring hundreds of much-needed visitors to our region as we all work to get back on our feet as the economic shock of Covid-19 bites."

CEO of Venture Taranaki, Justine Gilliland said: "From mouna to moana, Taranaki has so much to offer. Oxfam Trailwalker will bring a significant boost to the Taranaki economy, providing many opportunities for local enterprises to capitalise on the influx of event participants, as well as their support crews. We look forward to welcoming you, and the entire Oxfam whānau to Taranaki next year – nau mai, haere mai!"

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Paula McKellar
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How could we ever forget.
Bernice



Opunake-Rahotu Veterinary Trust
PO Box 117, Opunake - Phone: 021 729 471 - Email: ORVTrust@gmail.com

OPUNAKE RAHOTU VETERINARY TRUST

Applications are now open for students to apply to the Opunake Rahotu Veterinary Trust for financial assistance. To qualify for this grant you must be studying or in an apprenticeship and have a relationship to the Taranaki Coastal Farming Community (Okato - Kaponga - Oeo)

Applications close 31st July 2020. Forms available from:
The Secretary
PO Box 117
Opunake 4616
Phone: 021 729 471 - Email: ORVTrust@gmail.com



OPUNAKE LIONS CLUB CASUALTY CALF COLLECTION

Opunake Lions will again co-ordinate Casualty Calf Collection for the 2020 season.

This valuable fundraiser needs collectors to register urgently for this season starting mid July.

Please contact:
Eric Ardern
06 761 7188 or email: kiridaleview@gmail.com
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027 499 5203 or email: whiteroz@primowireless.co.nz

PUBLIC NOTICES



New Zealand GARDEN BIRD SURVEY 27 JUNE - 5 JULY 2020

Simply observe and record the birds in your garden for just one hour before Sunday 5 July.

For more information and survey forms visit tinyurl.com/NZ-bird-survey or contact the Taranaki Regional Council on 0800 736 222

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Opunake Surf Life Saving Club AGM
Sunday 19 July 10am
at the Surf Club
Queries or apologies to opunakesurflifesaving@gmail.com

OPUNAKE ATHLETICS CLUB AGM
to be held at Sandfords Event Centre
June 18 at 7pm
All welcome

Public notice of application concerning resource consent Sections 2AB, 95A, 95C, 127, 136(4)(b), 137(5)(c), and 234(4), Resource Management Act 1991

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) has received an application from Patricia and Mark Stevenson for a Land Use Resource Consent to relocate a Category 2 Heritage Building, the former St John the Divine Anglican Church in Otakeho. The deconsecrated church building would be relocated from 4 Campbell Road, Otakeho to 3500 South Road, Pihama. The relocation would trigger Rule 15.1.4 (a) (ii) of the South Taranaki Proposed District Plan and requires resource consent. The application includes an assessment of environmental effects. The application may be inspected at www.southtaranaki.com or at the South Taranaki District Council Administration Office, 105-111 Albion Street, Hāwera. If you have any questions about the application, please contact the Planning Unit at STDC on 0800 111 323 or planning@stdc.govt.nz.

Any person may make a submission on the application, but a person who is a trade competitor of the applicant may do so only if that person is directly affected by an effect of the activity to which the application relates that—

(a) adversely affects the environment; and
(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

You may make a submission by sending an electronic submission to the South Taranaki District Council at planning@stdc.govt.nz or by submitting a written submission to the STDC Administration Office or any of the District's LibraryPlus facilities. The submission must be in form 13. Copies of this form are available on the website or at your local LibraryPlus. Submissions close on Friday 17 July 2020.

You must serve a copy of your submission on Patricia and Mark Stevenson (the applicants), whose address for service is C/- Landpro Limited, PO Box 8235, New Plymouth 4342 or louise@landpro.co.nz, as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on STDC.

Public Notice of application for on-license, off-license, or club license (or application for variation of conditions of on-license, off-license, or club license)

Section 40 Endorsement
Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Calligraphy Pour Toi of 97 Ihaia Rd, Opunake has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Hawera for the issue of an Off (Remote) License in respect of the premises situated at 97 Ihaia Road, Opunake, known as Private Residence.

The general nature of the business conducted (or to be conducted) under the license is to supply personalised gifting services via online store. The days on which and the hours during which liquor is (or is intended to be) sold under the license are: Proposed 24 hours, 7 days. Online only. Operation hours 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

The application may be inspected during the ordinary hours of the office of the South Taranaki District Licensing Committee at Albion St, Hawera.

Any person who is entitled to object and wishes to object to the issue of the license may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the District Licensing Committee, South Taranaki District Council, Private Bag 902, Hawera.

No objection to the issue of a license may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

No objection to the renewal of a license may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This is the first publication of this notice.
The notice was first published on June 18, 2020.

Okato and District Historical Society
The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming Street, Okato on Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 9am
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