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Taranaki's Beauden Barrett, who won his first cap for the All Blacks against the Irish team recently.

Beauden from us. When Taranaki's outstanding player came onto the field off the bench during the third test against Ireland, he looked so assured and smoothly became part of the All Black onslaught. One could have been mistaken for thinking he's been an All Black for some time - not in his first test! He also made an impact with the boot, contributing to the All Blacks score with a penalty and three conversions (9 points in all). Here is a bit about him, compliments of Taranaki Rugby.

Beauden entered the Taranaki Rugby environment straight out of school. He was one of our first recruits in the Olex Taranaki Academy. The Olex Academy enabled Beauden to stay in Taranaki and play his rugby - without it he would have left to play elsewhere as he pursued his studies. He was selected in

the Olex Sevens team who won the Gold Coast International Sevens tournament. He was selected straight from this provincial team into the New Zealand Sevens team (now All Blacks Sevens).

Being part of the Academy meant Beauden played his club rugby for Coastal. This game time allowed TenderLink Taranaki coach Colin Cooper the opportunity to see Beauden and he was selected into the TenderLink Taranaki squad in 2010.

He is everything that we look for when selecting players to join the Olex Academy. He has an incredible work ethic, he's coachable, has great character, he's resilient, self-reliant and a real team player. He has everything it takes to be an outstanding athlete. He also has an exceptional level of support from his family.

We are very proud of Beauden and we are pleased to see him excelling. We are

very pleased to have played a part in his development as a player. Taranaki has produced many outstanding rugby players and with continued community support and the continued development of the Olex Taranaki Academy we will produce many more. Beauden is a fantastic role model to all young rugby players.

We wish him every success in his journey and look forward to seeing him in amber and black this year.



Beauden in action.

Dale Copeland honoured for services to art

In this year's Queen's Birthday honours Taranaki artist Dale Copeland was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) for her services to art. A modest woman, Dale commented, "It was partly embarrassing - also (left me) full of guilt being honoured for something I do, and love".

Dale lives in a century-old house near Okato township

with her partner award-winning artist Paul Hutchinson. The house is the original school house for the old Puniho Native School. The house is dominated by books and art treasures in equal measure.

Dale's greatest love in art is assemblage and the objects she uses are very diverse. She showed me one which included the foetus of a possum. "I have such fun with it", she comments. One work she showed me was called 'No Matter How You Measure - Extinction is Forever'.

Dale is well known for her work with other artists. She

has just taken part in 6PLY a New Plymouth exhibition with five other artists. She has also exhibited overseas frequently; she took the work of twenty one Taranaki artists with her to show in the Lincoln Centre in New York.

She has also done much to encourage art in Taranaki and was the founder of the Real Tart Gallery and runs the Virtual Tart website.

Dale is a trained teacher - her specialty is maths and this also a hobby of hers. She currently tutors secondary students in this subject.

Another great love is Tae-kwon-do. "My proudest title



Dale Copeland MNZM, with two assemblage creations.

is Sabum", which is a Korean term for a senior black belt. She holds a 4th Dan Belt and trains three times a week.

She is a great enthusiast for Taranaki art. "Taranaki has some superb artists and they deserve all the support that

anyone can give them. They deserve stupendous support".

Finally, she concludes, "I think I'm the luckiest person in the universe because I love what I do".

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EDITORIAL

Car crushing - a tasteless display

Many people, no doubt, will be turned off at the sight of the Hon Anne Tolley (Minister of Police) standing triumphant on the flattened remains of Daniel Briant's Nissan Laurel car - valued at about \$9,000. *What a waste of an asset which could have gone to a needy organisation, intact or its equivalent value after sale.* One charity which could have benefited is the Women's Refuge Centre, an organization whose government funding has been recently cut.

Of course the nineteen-year-old driver should have been prosecuted. He has lost

his licence for 21 months and a fine would also have been appropriate. But this wasteful exercise, with its element of grandstanding, will probably have the opposite effect - the would-be boy racers will respond by being even more defiant. We can now expect more of this dangerous activity.

There have been many prosecutions for boy racing, but this is the first crushing, as far as we know. I imagine that Daniel will feel singled out for this unfortunate spectacle under the Sentencing (Vehicle Confiscation) Act, which has been around for

about four years now.

Professor Greg Newbold, the Canterbury University criminology lecturer has a point when he described the car crushing as a vindictive, petty and undignified way of dealing with the boy racer problem.

The spectacle of the triumphant Minister - seemingly gloating on the top of what was left of the car - was nauseating. Let's hope this is the last photograph of this nature we see, as wiser heads at the Cabinet table prevail - and the practice is halted.



The Hon Anne Tolley and the flattened car.

We are grateful for The Dominion Post allowing us to reproduce their photograph.

Letters to the Editor

Dog impounded -The STDC responds

Thank you

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to an article in this paper's last edition about the condition of a pit-bull held in the pound for 17 days, and express my disappointment with the reporter's failure to investigate and report a balanced story to your Readers.

To put the record straight: Our After Hours Animal Control Service attended the property at 4am after we received a call from a neighbour complaining that the pit-bull in question had come onto their property and was harassing their dog which was tied up. (We do not generally make house calls at 4am just because we feel like it)

The article also failed to mention that Missy, the "sweet natured" two year old pit-bull that had never been registered, was roaming the streets, going onto other properties and was acting

in a threatening manner. By law, a pit-bull must be classified as a Menacing Dog (under the Dog Control Act) and should not be off its own property unleashed or unmuzzled. All menacing dogs must also be desexed - which this dog obviously wasn't.

The accusation in the article that dogs in the Pound are not well cared for is also wrong. All impounded dogs are well fed and exercised daily. Our Pound site is also shared with the SPCA.

This particular dog was in average condition when it entered the pound and most feeding mothers lose some condition as they feed their pups. The dog and her litter were in the pound for 17 days before the owner, who knew where they were, claimed them. Most owners uplift their dogs from the Pound after only a few days. The pit-bull owner also explained to us that there

were originally ten puppies in the litter, six of whom died before the mother was impounded.

The Council has a zero tolerance approach when dealing with menacing dogs which we make no apology for. As a result, there has been a massive 40% drop in dog attacks/incidents in South Taranaki over the last two years. Owners of aggressive dogs or dogs declared 'menacing' can expect attention from the Council. Our community has strongly signaled to the Council that they do not want to tolerate the effects of such dogs in our district.

I trust next time the reporter will get both sides of the story before publishing.

Jim Single,

STDC Regulatory Services Manager

Dear Editor:

My wife, Terri, and I wanted to express our appreciation to the neighbours, friends, co-workers, and patients who have made our stay in New Zealand such a special experience.

We return to the US with stories of unique adventures and experiences in this beautiful country.

It is my greatest desire that Opunake soon gets its new clinic and a young enthusiastic New Zealand physician to become a long term member of the community.

This is a special place and we felt honoured to have been so accepted and were humbled by the graciousness of our adopted town.

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Letters to the Editor cont.

Solid Energy plans for developing Coal Seam Gas

Written in response to the article "Coal seam, gas nightmare" which appeared in the June 14 issue of the Opunake & Coastal News.

The potential benefits from coal seam gas (CSG) development in the Taranaki could be significant, writes Solid Energy's General Manager Gas Developments, Dr Steve Pearce, but allegations being made about the social and environmental impacts of the company's plans are alarmist scaremongering.

Solid Energy's coal seam gas resources in Taranaki equate to around 900 petajoules, enough to power a combined cycle gas turbine like the 400MW generation unit at the Huntly Power Station for 45 years.

Solid Energy has already proven at our demonstra-

tion plant in Huntly that we can construct and operate a CSG plant producing high quality gas, and generating electricity from it. This has been achieved over the last few years, meeting our own very high environmental standards and by integrating the plant into some of New Zealand's most productive farmland.

Solid Energy is still in the early stages of developing our work programme in Taranaki. The initial aim will be to rank the best locations to develop for pilot-scale extraction trials. The gas resource sits in multiple thin coal seams in Taranaki, so we will likely trial some

innovative technical solutions through the appraisal phase.

Once potential locations and the appropriate technologies have been determined we will formally engage with landowners, neighbours and the wider community before applying for resource consents. Each potential location we identify will have different challenges and would need appropriate controls in place. From an environmental perspective, the resource consent process ensures this happens.

A typical CSG production well site is very unobtrusive, with little surface

equipment, taking up small areas of land measuring about 8 metres by 6 metres, surrounded by pastureland with stock grazing right up to the fence line, as pictured here at our Huntly demonstration plant.

There will be no comparison with the experience of a small number of Australian land holders involved with CSG extraction from their properties and how we develop our plans in Taranaki. The geology and the geography are vastly different and it is likely that the technologies used will also be different. But more importantly, it is because Solid Energy starts from the position that we have to minimise our environmental impacts and meet stakeholder expectations in the way we carry out our business.



Solid Energy Project Manager CSG, Mark Westbury, carries out one of the daily routine checks of the flare at the demonstration coal seam gas plant in Huntly, Waikato.

Everybody's Theatre News Update



Everybody's Theatre closed.

We have had it suggested a number of times that we should just use Sandfords Event Centre to show movies. We would like to explain why this isn't possible. Firstly, it is illegal to hire a movie from a hire centre and sell tickets to the public to watch the movie. If we wanted to hire our movies from distributors like we have done in the past we would need to run them by way of two options: move our present two projectors, power supply and amplifier down to Sandfords where they would need to be

wired permanently in place. This equipment is large and would be in the way for other uses in the centre. The screen for showing a movie needs to be of a certain standard and is expensive. Secondly, to hold movie nights would interfere with dinner and bar bookings and the restaurant would miss out on income for the sake of a few movie goers. It may not be suitable to have children attending movies in a bar/drinking environment if there were other functions being held at the same time.

Your support and views are

important to us as it give us direction and further ideas for the survival of the theatre. We need to know them. It maybe you wish to see a new auditorium instead of an upgrade or just stick to the upgrade plans but your input is vital to us at this stage. To help with funding through the council's long term plan or other funding agencies we need to prove that our community supports this project.

Thanks to everyone who has already donated and written letters of support. We ask that you write letters of

support or simply fill in our form provided today, which states that you agree with or disagree with the upgrade for the theatre. So get writing and drop them off at Opunake Post and Lotto or mail to Debbie Campbell, 4 Napier Street, Opunake or email: northmeetswest@xtra.co.nz

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I am constantly in awe of the rural towns and communities in our district. They are full of focussed, committed go-getters who believe in their community and work their butts off to make things happen. They work long hard hours on a voluntary basis to create and maintain facilities for all ages and to encourage participation in a diverse range of activities.

Without these people the fabric and fibre of our rural communities would be bland, boring and totally uninteresting. There would be a lack of the many important services and amenities contributed by so many selfless volunteers.

It was no surprise then that there was a huge list of submissions to the recent Long Term Plan from community groups and their supporters, each wanting support from Council to continue doing what they do for the communities they serve.

It's a really different experience, being in the 'deciding seat' as opposed to the

'asking seat.' How does one judge that a certain project deserves more support (money) than the other? Who is really able to elevate one group's value to a community above another group in another community - or across the whole district? What really makes a difference and who benefits most - a specific user group, a particular township or the South Taranaki district at large?

Despite what some people may think, the coffers at Council are not bottomless and nor do we as councillors flippantly make our decisions about what to do with ratepayers' monies. Sitting in the 'deciding seat' means that while we may be able to call on our own local knowledge and experience, we really must rely on information that you, the people across the district, make available to us to.

After all, none of us will be able to claim to have the full picture of what the Waitotara community considers a priority and conversely have

the total handle on what's happening in Pungarehu and up in Eltham. Only you, the people who live, love, work and play in those areas can tell us what you want for your communities for the years to come.

This year, based on cases made to us, the Council decided to up the level of support for the Sandfords Event Centre from \$25k to \$40k per year for the next three years and is also supporting the iconic Taranaki National Art Awards for the amount of \$10k per year over the same timeframe. Re-roofing the Opunake Community Baths is on the staff's radar for urgent attention and the funding already tagged for new public toilets is going to be directed towards the Coastal Care facility - with public toilets included.

For the major stuff, community consultation is crucial to this process. Last year it was about Hawera's Cinema2. This year the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, the group that created and manages the inland island

pest-free sanctuary around Lake Rotokare near Eltham, also put their significant application (\$600k over 10 years) out to the community for feedback.

The result? An avalanche of support that made up more than 60% of the submissions to the Long Term Plan - that's more than 500 of the 800 submissions we received. That's 'a heck of a lot of reading' for councillors - but the message was clear and is one we listened to.

The same process has been suggested for the committed, community-minded bunch heading the drive to restore Everybody's Theatre. If this or any other group asks for community feedback please give it. Your Council is committed to considering all your comments and where there's obvious and overwhelming support... or not... for something from the very people whose money we are allocating - then who are we to argue?

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Polar swimmers



Above. A few brave souls entered the Opunake Polar Bear Swim on Sunday, which is a fundraiser for the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club (The Oaonui Hall committee members). Top Right Olivia Anderson (right) and Jesse Nicholson as Siamese twins. Bottom Right Seal killer Andrew Pentelow.

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A daughter's tribute – Doug Coxhead (4th June 1928- 24th May 2012)



Above: Doug Coxhead

Douglas Ivor Coxhead, has died. As Dad would say, "He's never done that before and he'll never do that again". But there was a lot of doing and caring 'in between'.

Dad was always ready to go and always ready to do. Dad's 'doing' is all around us. There's scarcely a piece of Opunake that he hasn't thought about, dug over, planted, concreted, painted, or contributed to in some way. Mum and Dad were both doers. They were a unit that worked and walked together.

Dad wanted his own hockey team of kids - a team of 'doers'. He got seven of his own, but his team soon grew to the size of an entire tournament. Dad worked for the basic things in our lives and of his two communi-

ties - Te Kiri and Opunake. He worked hard on the Cold Creek Water scheme. He was a main driver for the Opunake Cottage Rest Home and worked on home and school committees and was a stalwart of Lions. He literally gave his shoulder to the church, when he fell off the roof during a painting bee. He dropped and rolled, and picked his brush up straight away to keep painting. One thing I can guarantee is that we don't know the half of what Dad's done, and for whom.

Think of him and working bees every time you take a walk around the lake, wander along the new path along the cliff tops, or go to the lookout over the sea. He's carted stones

for the stone walls, put up Christmas trees in the main street, led the Christmas Parade, and fitted many more things into his nearly 84 years to support his community and look after his patch of the universe.

He'd like us to keep on doing. He'd like to know that we looked forward to the future. He'd like to know that we will continue to love, laugh, and live life without him as we did with him. He'd like the stories to grow mercilessly longer, funnier and slightly less connected to reality.

A year ago I ended Mum's eulogy by saying, "It was. It will never be again. Remember". For Dad, I'd like to say, "It was. It never will be again. Remember. And be a doer in whatever

way you can".

So, Dad, you've been a safe pair of hands, a driving force of good for many, and a source of inspiration and wonder. We bid

you farewell in your own words, "Goodneet, and good gardening to you all".

Averil Coxhead

Fleur Beale's writing workshop very informative



Award-winning writer Fleur Beale speaking at a recent writer's workshop in Hawera.

A number of writing enthusiasts turned up to the workshop held on Saturday June 23, conducted by multi-award winning writer Fleur Beale. *She is the judge for the 2012 Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards and this workshop is one event to mark the 25th anniversary of this award.*

Fleur Beale was born in Inglewood and has worked as a secondary school teacher. She currently lives in Wellington. Her 30 plus books – published in NZ, USA, Australia and the UK – are mostly for children and young adults.

She has won many awards, such as the Esther Glen Award – twice - for 'I Am Not Esther' and 'Slide the Corner'. This year she won the Storylines Margaret

Mahy Medal for her outstanding contribution to NZ writing for children and young adults.

The three hour session was as intense as it was worthwhile. Fleur spoke freely of her own experiences as a writer, set several writing exercises and gave constructive feedback. She also made many suggestions as to what to do and not to do when writing short stories. For example, she argued against the use of too many adjectives - and adverbs ("Too many are toxic") she felt should be used even more sparingly. Given the vagaries of publishing she has one piece of advice, "Get a good day job". She had a word of warning. "Be very careful because if it (writing) gets you by the throat, it won't let you go".

She mentioned several writers she felt were outstanding, such as Margaret Mahy, Sherryl Jordan, Maurice Gee, and David Hill, but urged, "It's good to develop your own voice and style".

One of the writers who inspired her was her own mother Estelle Corney, who had written stories and plays. Estelle was just starting to get work published when she became ill.

Fleur thought it important to share a story with someone

rhythm of the writing, and unfortunate sentences, could be discerned in this way.

Beginnings were important, but she admitted, "I find starting short stories very difficult". She suggested, *just get started*. "Don't angst about getting it perfect". She added, "Often we have to write our way into a story". She also explained, "Your beginning doesn't have to be exciting - it just has to pose a question" and also allow a positive response to the ques-



The writers workshop, which is part of the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Award's 25th anniversary celebrations. Participants listen to writer Fleur Beale.

trusted, but not someone who will be overly negative. "Share your story with someone you respect".

Reading aloud was important and revealed more than a silent reading on the computer or hard copy. The

tion "do we (the reader) want to keep on reading".

This workshop was excellent and the participants will have gained greatly from the experience.



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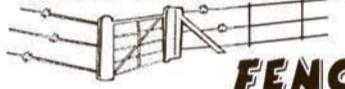
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Please check the location of your tanks and the security you have in place. If there is a problem please do something to eliminate it.

With the onset of the wet weather we are seeing an increased amount of mud being dragged on to the roads, particularly in rural farming areas. Common sense would tell you that this mud is a danger to traffic particularly if it is in a large volume and certainly if it becomes wet with rain. The onus is on those responsible to ensure that this is removed and not for us to deal with at a later time.

We all wish we lived in a perfect world where we could leave our doors unlocked and no one

would come in and take anything. Unfortunately these days have gone and any opportunity given will be taken. Residents in both urban and rural locations need to make every effort to secure their premises when they are absent from it. Rural residences in particular are prime targets and it would appear the occupants of these are generally the worst for locking anything up. Just because you live in a rural location does not make you immune from offenders. The most recent serious burglary where a large quantity of items were taken was committed by an offender who resided in Stratford. He had no links or connections to our area and was specifically here to commit an offence. Seriously consider security systems that can be installed these days at a competitive and affordable price. In fact the cost of the system may be less than that of the damage caused by those entering, let alone the property that is taken.

Finally we always welcome information from the public in regards to information you can provide that helps us and the community. If you do not want to talk to us direct then call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or if you wish to do it online at <http://www.crimestoppers-nz.org>.

Mark, Nigel and Ricky

Okato

Hello everyone.

Sorry I have not put in an article in for a while. You could read two things into that; either I have been too busy or there has been nothing happening for me to complain about.

Well things around the Coast have been pretty good to be fair; I have however attended the odd vehicle accident and am already dealing with some of the farm employees who are new to the area.

I know as an employee it is a challenging time employing new staff, but I can't stress enough how important it is to complete the relevant checks on any new staff - especially if they are coming from outside of the district.

On that note don't forget if you have changed addresses lately and have a firearms licence you have to inform police and we will complete a security check. Now, this needs to be done if you have a firearms licence, you don't have to have any firearms at the address.

I have had a small amount of damage occurring at the old Okato School. If you see anyone over there pop in and let them know that, as a community, we are all looking after



Rich Corry

the buildings and that any damage will not be tolerated by us.

On the traffic side of things it amuses me that I still hear the odd person complain about getting caught crossing the centre line on the stretch of State Highway 45 between Upper Timaru and Upper Pitone Rds. One easy way to insure that you do not get a ticket there is don't cross the centre line, easy.

Anyway enough of the business side of things. What a great sight it was in the weekend to see Beauden get his chance in the Black jersey. It also was very pleasing to see the Coastal A's dispatch New Plymouth Old Boys at Rahotu in the weekend, which must put them in a pretty good position to secure a home semi final.

Anyway must go. Take care out there and be safe.

Rich

Martha has Elvis floored!

Martha Nuku from the Opunake IHC with the rug she made bearing the image of Elvis Presley.

In answer to the perhaps unnecessary question, was she a fan, Martha commented: "I've got badges, books, trinkets of Elvis,

cups, DVDs, CDs and posters" all of Elvis.

She's also a Member of the Elvis Presley Fan Club which is based in Auckland. Every three months she gets sent a magazine of Elvis, she said.

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Health facility to have pharmacy



Above; Oakura Pharmacy's Jin Kim addressing the last meeting of the Coastal Care Committee expressing an interest in running the pharmacy.

Addressing the last meeting of the Coastal Care Committee, Oakura Pharmacist Jin Kim expressed interest in running the pharmacy which will be attached to the new Health facility being proposed for Opunake.

Jin recently bought the Oakura Pharmacy which he has been managing since 2009. His wife is also a pharmacist. He has a close friend, also a pharmacist "very keen to come into partnership" who accompanied him to the meeting. Between the three of them they

would staff the pharmacy he said. He said his friend, if involved, would commute from New Plymouth while Jin would continue to run the Oakura Pharmacy.

Originally from Korea, Jin who spoke about the importance of the relationship between the pharmacist, doctors and nurses remarked that he had been approached in the past to open a pharmacy in Opunake. Though Opunake no longer has a resident pharmacist, a dispensing service is currently provided by Ben Araba who

owns the Manaia Pharmacy and Opunake Medicines. Ben has also expressed interest in running a pharmacy attached to the new health facility.

Dan Holmes, President of the Coastal Care Trust, commented that the proposed new health centre, which is expected to service the 4,200 people in the area, has "got to have a pharmacy on the premises."

Steve Corkill commented that the Trust was still three months away from making really firm decisions about



Above: Tom Chapman President of the now defunct Club Hotel's Social Club (right) and Mike Williams (centre) - also from the Club - with a cheque for Dan Holmes, President of the Coastal Care Trust.

Tom said a decision was made to wind up the social club which started 25 years ago. In accepting the cheque Dan commented that it was great the way everyone's got in behind the proposed new health facility. "The support has been absolutely fantastic." Money raised from the community for the new health centre in Opunake including pledges currently stands at \$437,000.

Dan added that they had over 428 letters of support for the proposed health centre. Tom said hopefully the residue of funds from the social club, which they had also divided between the Opunake Fire Service and the Ambulance Service, would benefit the local community.

Poor dental hygiene unsexy

"It's unsexy to have poor dental hygiene," said Lois Harrop, one of the speakers at a special assembly at Opunake High School who followed the new CO of the Taranaki Rugby Football Union. Echoing the theme of his talk the dental therapist also linked good dental hygiene to success. "Success is linked to teeth," she added.

Ninety percent of dental decay is preventable the Dental Therapist with the Mobile Dental Service told the students.

"You must start taking responsibility for yourself", she advised adding that ten percent of students did not keep their appointments.

The Mobile Dental Service is available to all children

form the age of 0 to 18 years. The dental therapist commented that half of school students took advantage of the mobile dentistry service, a quarter "don't want to know" and the remaining quarter go to their own dentist.

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Speaking prior to the assembly on the fluoridation of water which the New Plymouth District Council has controversially recently voted to discontinue, Lois said though fluoridated toothpaste "had changed the face of dentistry", a little under 50 percent of people don't clean their teeth once a day hence the need for fluoridating the water. Her opinion was based on her 30 years experience as a

dental therapist.

"It doesn't occur naturally," she said of fluorine adding that unfortunately it was the lower socioeconomic group who were at higher risk of dental decay and most benefited from adding fluorine to the water supply. She added that fluorine was present in very small amounts, one ppm (part per million).

She added "I don't think the council should make that decision. I think it should be a central Government decision by the Health Department or the District Health Board."

The Stratford District Council has recently decided to continue to fluoridate water in their area.

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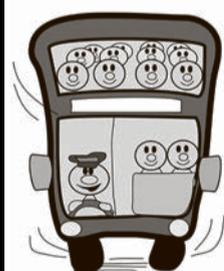
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Performance pay usually the mark of failure



Andrew Little, List MP

Performance pay seems to be all the rage in the public service.

This government wants teachers to have it. They're proposing police officers should get it. Apparently, it's already been introduced for some ACC staff.

I think performance pay for most jobs is just another management fad and is total nonsense. It tends to be the

mark of failed management.

Some types of payment that might be described as performance pay, like commissions on sales, are valid forms of remuneration. They reflect skill and effort to close a sale, the very thing you want of salespeople. But for complex roles like teachers, police officers and even ACC staff, there is no case for performance pay.

In my nearly 20 years of being either a union lawyer or union secretary, I dealt with dozens of proposals for performance pay. Most were more about management control rather than superior performance. Only one succeeded. It was in a manufacturing company and applied to plant operators and maintenance staff. It started in the 1990s and is still in operation today.

It had a number of features. Firstly, it was mainly de-

signed by the workforce and was agreed between management and workers. Secondly, it related only to things in the control of the workforce. Thirdly, it was not dependent on company profitability. Finally, it was not used as a substitute for negotiated cost of living adjustments.

The scheme worked because it incentivised the right things. So, for example it didn't reward minimising lost time injuries because that would just see injuries swept under the carpet and would defeat good health and safety management.

For teachers, what is it that would be rewarded? There are so many factors bearing upon the successful education of a pupil and very few of them are in the control of the teacher. Attitudes to learning at home. Reading habits. Nourishment and sleep. Intellectual ability.

The absence of cognitive problems.

A serious performance pay system for teachers would have to exclude the impact of all these things. Then you're left with rewarding a teacher for being in class and preparing decent lessons. But that's what they're meant to do anyway. And if they're not, then it's not performance pay that is necessary, it's performance management.

Likewise with police. What is it that would be rewarded and incentivised in a job that is different every day, subject to superior orders and includes challenges that are probably immeasurable?

Getting good performance from our public services won't be achieved with phony pay mechanisms. They need good leadership and good management practices.

Andrew Little, List MP

Fieldays and philosophy



Hon Chester Borrows MP for Whanganui

Last week was the Mystery Creek Fielddays, the largest agricultural showcase in the Southern Hemisphere. It provides a great opportunity to look at the contribution of New Zealand's rural sector. I was there on Saturday to meet the public and answer questions on everything from government policy to the price of fish. We touched on crime and punishment, information technology, healthcare, aged care, pet care, tertiary education, primary education, secondary education and sex education. Fielddays are a great barom-

eter for public opinion like Lambton Quay, High Street, Victoria Avenue or leaning on a gate up the Parapas.

We know farming is the backbone of our economy. The rural sector is a key part of National's plan to build a stronger economy, create more jobs, and raise incomes. But Labour called farming a 'sunset industry' and did nothing but bad mouth farmers.

We are working hard to support our primary sector and rural families and communities. We have more vets, doctors, and midwives in our rural areas through our voluntary bonding scheme. Our rural broadband initiative will deliver much faster broadband to rural New Zealand.

National is encouraging research and innovation in agriculture through the Primary Growth Partnership. This government-industry initiative is showing great results so far, with projects underway across a range of sectors coming from hundreds of millions of dollars invested.

But Labour says we are not focussed on export growth.

We have allocated \$35 million to the Irrigation Acceleration Fund to help get irrigation projects underway, and proposed future investment of up to \$400 million of equity in regional irrigation projects. But Labour says we do nothing for the provinces.

We've also invested in rural infrastructure and roading to improve connections and services for our rural communities. Last week I watched a teacher at Matapu School teaching astronomy classes across the North Island. There are 50 schools in this network including cosmopolitan city schools and remote rural schools. They are connected to the fibre network and urgently await a provider to ultra-fast broadband in the next few months. But Labour says National doesn't care about education. These initiatives are being supported by moves to break down barriers to growth, such as improving the tax system and cutting red tape.

We've cut the company tax

rate to 28 per cent, implemented across-the-board personal tax cuts, and reduced ACC levies for farmers. We've also been making changes to the Resource Management Act to make it easier to do business. But Labour says National doesn't care about business.

The concerns of rural New Zealand and provincial and metropolitan New Zealand align. Our economy would be stuffed without the exports the rural sector produce. Those who create those exports would be stuffed without the infrastructure of urban New Zealand. Without sustainable farming practices, a smart education sector, a connected infrastructure, and a productivity focussed economy we'd be like Greece and Spain. We will continue to support and invest in our rural sector, to grow our economy, create jobs, and deliver a brighter future for all New Zealanders.

Chester Borrows

MP for Whanganui

'Stole Me' gets thumbs up from Police

Police have put their support behind a new website launched today to help people recover their stolen property. The website aims to reunite people with their lost or stolen property or pets by creating a forum for people to post photographs and descriptions of their missing property.

National manager Crime Prevention, Superinten-

dent Bruce Bird says the website is a non-commercial enterprise and fits in well with the police online stolen vehicle and stolen boat databases.

"Our stolen vehicle database was launched earlier this year and it's been extremely well received by the public with over 260,000 stolen vehicle searches."

"I'm sure the online com-

munity will welcome the service that Stole Me provides."

The public and businesses are able to list their lost or stolen items to increase visibility, prevent re-sale, and ultimately aid recovery of the items. It can also be used by prospective buyers or traders of second hand goods, to reduce the risk of buying or trading stolen goods.

The website also has the support of the Crime Prevention Partnership Forum, a collaborative partnership between Police and business, working together to prevent and disrupt crime.

A link to the Stole Me site is on the police website www.police.govt.nz or at www.stoleme.co.nz

To succeed you've got to have a dream



Neil Pennington, how to succeed in life.

It's important to have a dream, said the newly appointed CEO of the Taranaki Rugby Football Union who gave an inspirational talk on how to succeed in life to Opunake High School students at their morning assembly recently.

"I started in a hall like this," began Neil Pennington originally from Rahotu who has just been appointed to the prestigious position and who went on to detail his steady rise to achieve the pinnacle of his career as the

new CEO of the TRFU.

In an address in which, using no notes, he "spoke from the heart." Neil started by talking about his dreams.

"At about your age I was sitting in a hall like this wondering what I would do with my life," he said. "All I cared about was rugby." He left school "with not a very good education".

His first job was in a newspaper. At the interview the employer told him he threw away 90 percent of the applications. He was taken on

provisionally for just three weeks and must have impressed the boss however because at the end of the three weeks he was handed a contract.

It was the first step on the ladder to success.

Married at 18 - and still married after 25 years - and with two children and "an old car", Neil subsequently decided he wanted to be an accountant.

He then returned to the theme of his speech about the importance of having a dream which "has to be personal and it has to be specific", he said.

Aged 20, "I decided I wanted to be the boss. The second thing I wanted was to be a millionaire."

And finally he said "I wanted a Holden V8 brand new."

Education was the key, however, to achieving these lofty goals.

Neil went on to qualify as an accountant, essentially going back to school.

"In four years, without my degree, my salary went up \$12,000," he said. Once he had his degree, it went up in the same period of time - by \$180,000.

Neil emphasised the importance of working hard, being patient and holding onto the dream, as he ascended the corporate ladder.

He was working for Price-Waterhouse, got "absconded to Shell Energy" where "I worked my butt off. For a couple of months I watched everything - didn't say a thing; was a sponge," Neil said.

"Then I started to make comments," and ask questions. Never be afraid to ask people who are successful questions, he advised the students.

Neil went from being an accountant to General Manager of a 100 million dollar business.

And a final piece of advice Neil advised the students to not be frightened to change careers in the pursuit of your goal.

Over the years he changed careers five times and jobs, ten times, all with the aim of being the boss.

"When I was 40, I took a risk and bought a business. I worked a 110 hour week." In 18 months he went on to sell the business for a large profit.

This enabled him to realise another of his dreams, to buy back his (the) family farm.

Today he lives in Warea on the farm juggling farm life with his dream job.

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Diane takes over at Kapuni Store and Takeaways



New leaseholder of Kapuni Store and Takeaways Diane Coltart.

and Rick for this opportunity, which she is enjoying so much. (Sarah and Rick have retained ownership of the property).

Despite her busy life Diane expects to find time for some fishing as well as solving a few jigsaw puzzles – a passion of hers.

Diane and her staff look forward to seeing you at Kapuni Store and Takeaways at 1393 Skeet Road. The phone number is 06 274 8175. Friendly service assured, as well as delicious food and groceries at competitive prices.

On the first day of this month Diane Coltart became the new leaseholder of Kapuni Store and Takeaway. It's early days but so far she's loving the "awesome" challenge of running a shop for the first time. "It was a good opportunity," she says simply.

She continues, "I like the people here. It's a good place to be". She is in a good position to know – she's lived in Kapuni for

34 years.

She admits to no challenges that cause her to frown. "No you just ride over those", she says.

Although she enjoys all aspects of the shop, her special love is the takeaway side of the enterprise. Diane is grateful for the help of several staff - including her daughter Sarah Coltart, who was the previous lessee with partner Rick Harvey. She says she is grateful to Sarah



Above: Diane gets ready for the takeaway trade.

Folic acid in bread submissions

Time is running out for the public to have its say about options to fortify bread with folic acid.

Public consultation on the issue began in May and will finish on Monday 16 July 2012.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has released a discussion paper setting out four options which range from mandatory fortification of most breads from 30 September 2012, through to voluntary fortification.

To help inform the review, the Ministry has released a scientific paper which looks at both international and New Zealand research on the impact of folic acid

fortification on folate status and potential effects on birth defects.

"This will give all interested parties an opportunity to consider the options and let us know their views," says Julie Collins, MPI Director of Biosecurity, Food and Animal Welfare Policy. "This is an important issue and we encourage people to go to the MPI website and make submissions.

"MPI will then analyse the submissions and give advice to the Minister for Food Safety."

Information about how to make a submission, along with the discussion and scientific paper, are available at www.foodsafety.govt.nz/consultation

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Schools to be demolished

“We tried to get them leased or sold... there’s no demand for them,” said Wayne O’Styke from the Office of Treaty Settlements Landbank standing in front of the old Pungarehu Primary School. The boarded up school, which closed in 2003 amid emotional scenes and has since been extensively vandalised, was a forlorn sight. It is one of the closed schools which are now to be demolished. A third of the smaller primary school in the region were closed

in 2003 in the controversial decision by the Ministry of Education. The group of locals gathered at the meeting called by the Office of Treaty Settlements included Taranaki iwi and locals. The old Pungarehu School will be demolished and the site tidied up said Wayne O’Styke. “The site’s going to be used for iwi settlement in the future.” The decision to demolish the schools – many of which had been vandalised – had been on the cards for

some time he added. There had been an attempt to get them leased or sold but there was no demand for old schools, he commented. Pungarehu, Te Kiri and Pihama primary schools are all to be demolished within the next week or so. It was acknowledged generally among those present that the buildings which cannot be moved had “too far gone” to be habitable. Barry Proffit from Warea Road remembers helping to construct the playground and pull down the old school house down which previously occupied the site of where the playground still stands on the hill overlooking the school. “We sold the timber,” which was rimu recalls Barry “and with the proceeds of that we paid for the playground.” Barry was on the School Committee for a number of years and one of their three children was a former pupil. “It’s got to the stage where it’s past renovating. It’s pretty well wrecked,” he said of the buildings. Puna Wano-Bryant formerly from Parihaka and on the Taranaki Iwi Trust who was among those gathered, said her grandmother went to school at Pungarehu Primary School in the early 1940s. Her uncle Charlie



Above: Among those gathered with Pungarehu Primary School in the background.



Above: One of the Pungarehu school rooms which has been vandalised.

Phillips who was also there described the fate of the school as “sad”. A former pupil he had many happy memories he said. He recalled calf days and school picnics. Also walking barefoot to school from Parihaka, a distance of three and a half kilometres, “picking blackberries” en route. And chasing cows from where they had been sitting and lying in their place to keep warm. Though the school was to be demolished “Memories live forever,” he commented.

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in Chapter 4 and sees God on the throne. Verse 2 clearly says John saw ONE on the throne. In Chapter 5 the Lambs book of life is found sealed. Unless it is opened the names of those who have eternal life cannot revealed. A call goes out for anyone worthy of opening the sealed book. No man was worthy to open this book, not Moses, Adam, or Elijah. No one was found worthy to

open the sealed book. John weeps for this is the end. Unless those seals are broken all is lost, including himself. But an angel tells him not to weep for the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed. John looked to see this Lion but saw a lamb, as if it had just been killed. Where was that Lamb? The Lamb was in the midst of the throne. But it can't be, because we know from verse 2 there was only one

on that throne, and that was God. So where did the lamb come from? God had become the Lamb. That Lamb was Jesus and Jesus is God revealed!

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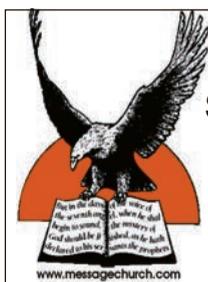
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Huge turnout at opening

There was a huge turnout at the opening of RD1's new premises in Opunake last Thursday night. Hundreds crowded into the new premises – the former

edge of Opunake township.

The more central location of the former Taranaki Farmers Building would mean a lot more foot traffic said Michael who is in

treated to continuous spot prizes of goods donated by suppliers of RD1

There was also a lot of specials on the night.

“It would be one of the

fence standards, normally \$4 each which had been knocked down to a \$1. Water blasters which usually retail for \$300 had been slashed to \$99.99.

The new manager also got the thumbs up among patrons. “You couldn't get a better manager,” commented Julie Morgan who was at the opening referring to Carol. “She gets

things done.”

Appointed to the managers position in March this year, Carol Dodunski formerly worked in the Kiwi Trading Company for 12 years under Robert Fisher. She subsequently transferred to Hawera, then Stratford where she became the assistant manager of RD1 before returning to Hawera. She is now in her

18th year with the company.

“It's been great, people have been really welcoming,” said Carol clearly delighted to be back in the town she grew up in.

And of the successful opening she said with obvious pride “It's been a great turnout.”



RD1 Opunake branch Manager Carol Dodunski address the opening while Regional Operations Manager of RD1 Michael Mouat looks on.

Taranaki Farmers building – enjoying a meal, courtesy of RD1 and complimentary drinks. It was quite a do.

Regional Operations Manager for RD1 Michael Mouat congratulated the RD1 Opunake branch manager Carol Dodunski and her staff describing the new shop and the effusive launch as “a credit to you all.” He added: “It's a fantastic turnout.”

The former premises of RD1 were on the northern

charge of 12 RD1 branches covering all of Taranaki and beyond as far as Pio Pio. He said the new store was also much bigger than the former premises.

A retail outlet owned by Fonterra, part of RD1's profit goes into the dairy farmer payout – 4 cents per kilogram of milk solid, commented the Regional Manager.

In addition to the complimentary meal, patrons at the opening were also

bigger trading days of the year,” remarked Michael who commented that

the Opunake branch of RD1 was “one of the bigger branches in the region.”

It's great for the town commented Jim Dodunski, owner of Ihaia Motors who was impressed at some of the specials on the night such as CRC which normally retails at \$10 but were selling at 6 for \$12. Other specials included



Bob Watt holding his spot prizes which included some Maxi-crop which stimulates plant growth. “I'll try it on my hair,” he quipped after receiving the spot prize.



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Bigger, and better – new RD1 store opens in Opunake

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Store Manager Carol Dodunski says the RD1 team

look forward to welcoming customers to the new store.

“We’re pleased our new store is up and operating as the dairy industry prepares for one of the busiest times of the year. We’re

now working out of a larger site with extended yard and retail space, the store itself will be easier to navigate, and we’ve got room for a larger range of products.”

She says the new store

will also be offering fuel (self-service) on site 24 hour/7days/with EFTPOS transactions only. plus will continue to operate the fuel pumps at the old store location at 108A Tasman St during work hours only (8am – 5.030pm) using cash or account transactions for the foreseeable future.

“We are the only fuel provider in town and saw continuation of supply as an important consideration when establishing our new store. “If you’re in the Opunake area pop in and see us – we’re focused on having a wider range of competitively priced products and ensuring these are available when you need them. We also offer quality supplementary feeds, advice on buying and selling livestock, comprehensive farm insurance, discounts on fuel, power, telecommunications and much more. If you aren’t already taking advantage of these extra services, we look forward to helping you do that.”

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Above : Manager Carol Dodunski congratulates Francis Mullin on winning the Major prize Draw



Above and Below: The crowds embrace the opening nite and enjoy the festivities



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Stepping Stones underway with a flourish

The brand new Okato early childhood centre Stepping

Stones is in its first month of operation and everything

is going well. Currently 18 pre-schoolers are enrolled, although not all children at-

morning, the main activities were art, dressing up and puzzle completion.

With the art activity that Head Teacher Sarah MacGregor was conducting the children were busy with collage. One skill was the successful and safe use of scissors. "It's



Above: Sarah MacGregor teaching collage with some of her pre-schoolers, Keziah, Jaden and Jordie.

tend on the same day. All the children seemed very focused on the activities. On Monday of this week in the

not so much the end product that is important but the skills needed", explained Sarah. Glueing material was another skill being fostered in this art activity.

Although everything is going well, there are a few challenges, such as "Getting routines established," says Sarah.

Two children were absorbed in an activity by themselves. They were fishing from a table with various objects such as paua shells and glass beads. "I've got two fish," announced Reiley proudly. Teacher Carolyn Primrose was helping the children with dress ups. "I'm loving it," she enthuses. She adds, "We have a lot of fun here". Another low key, but important activity is the appropriate treatment of animals. "Lilly" the Maltese cross dog helps here. The children know not to pick her up, despite her friendly nature. She's very good with the children. The feeding of the fish is an important part of the day. One child Jaden was very keen on the puzzles he was doing.

One involved matching the shape of various animals with the words. "This leads to the development of maths skills, such as shapes, matching, colours and colour identification", explains Sarah. "It also teaches the importance of perseverance", adds Sarah. It's early days, but Sarah is pleased with how Stepping Stones is progressing. "It's pretty much how I wanted it to be", she says. "However, it may be a while before we pick up the (enrolment) numbers".



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A 1938 bright red Austin 10 is just one of his vehicles.

It was built by his grandfather Phil Dillon "out of ten Austins" says Chris. And "it goes". His father is also a car enthusiast so it's clearly in their DNA.

Chris also races cars and has three cars which he has built which are Streetstocks.

Originally from Palmerston North, Chris grew up in Hawera moving to the Coast 18 months ago where he's been working for a local contractor.

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Madeley Park sets sale series with a roaring tone



Above: Cattle in excellent condition commanded high prices

The Madeley Park Jersey Sale on account of Rione and Trish Belfield, Ngarua Road, Waitoa held recently has set the tone of the sale series on a very high note. Sale averages - 7 cows averaged \$2685

11 yearling bulls av \$2325
10 I/C heifers av \$3255
37 Head av \$2755
The cattle came forth in excellent order which contributed to the high prices paid. Top money paid for the day was \$8600 by local woman

Mrs Oldhum for the outstanding in calf heifer Madeley Park Red Fyn sired by Madeley Park Red Victor, a son of Taranaki bred cow Beledene Rems Veil VHC 94. 800 M/S for Madeley Park Fyns Briar VHC 90

627 M/S.
Mrs Oldhum also purchased Madeley Park Suga for \$4000, a great granddaughter of MP Loyal Sugar VHC 95 1235 ? noted champion and Madeley Park Red Lizz at \$3800.

Tom McBeth Te Kowhai purchased 7 head - paying \$3000 for Madeley Park Red Dell strongly bred to the Big Hollow Easter Daisy Ex CPSD family being a great granddaughter of Merrilands Lees Dream Ex ep purchased at the 1984 Merriland Dispersal for \$15,000 by the Brookvale Stud Ngaere. She bred superbly well there. In the yearling Bulls, which was a magnificent line, the young fellow which caught the attention of the crowd was the son of Madeley Park Red Susan VHC 91. He fell to the hammer at \$4700 to an undisclosed buyer. Another bull, a son of MP Red Sonny from MP Boys Stacey VHC 90 663 M/P showing the strong likeness of Tarnhowe Red Linden bloodlines took the bidding to \$4400 - also to an unknown bidder. The first bull in the ring, with a brimful of top production backing everyone expected him to bring the

top price, but he went reasonably at \$3200 to Jim McBeth Te Kowhai's bet. A son of Madeley Park Red Sonny whose dam MP Loyal Sugar VHC 95 1235 M/S noted Show Champion dam of bull none other than Madeley Park Prince Beaut VHC 90 888 M/S. For milk volume his dam and sister are both over 8000l, in the same season - a New Zealand record. In the cows the top price was Madeley Park Sam's Nita VHC 89, a cow that looks like it will be a top producer, which already has the two 5000l milk records - took the bidding to \$4200 to D Scott Feilding ca 11. This cow was sired by a son of Madeley Park Loyal Sugar VHC 95 Show Champion from a Top Tarnhowe female family. Allan Jenkins Taranaki Purebreeders Jersey Club Publicity Officer

Don't get caught short on Farm Trusts

I was recently in the Mokauiti Valley visiting a farming couple who had set up a Farm Trust as advised by his accountant. By becoming employees of the Trust they could waiver their ACC levies of over \$5,000pa, a fantastic saving for their already tight farm budget. The Accountant also advised them to take out Income Protection to top up their ACC cover due to their meagre taxable income they paid themselves through the Trust. However, after contacting a number of insurance companies, they found that due to their age (45+) and medical history, insurance companies were either reluctant to offer them 'Income Protection' or the premiums

from those that did accept them had lots of exclusions and/or were far too expensive. They therefore left it at that, thinking "Oh well, we'll sort it out later," and 'yes', you guessed it. Soon after he had a severe accident that resulted in weeks of hospital time, months of recovery at home and a permanent disability, leaving his wife having to do 95% of the farm work. Little did they know that there was an opportunity to cover them selves without having to pay for sickness cover by taking an 'Accident Only' insurance policy. After all, they only needed to replace ACC - and they would have had enough insurance to contribute toward the cost of a

farmhand. Income protection has both accident and sickness attached. It is the sickness portion of the policy that contributes towards the majority of the premium due to the risk being greater as people age. Therefore, taking an 'Accident Only' policy, would have sufficed in their situation and would have cost a fraction of the premium. However, not many companies offer just accident cover. If you believe you are in a similar situation or you are paying too much for your Income Protection plan then you may need to revise your situation. As they say, "Better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it" - as this farming couple found out!

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Plenty of action in basketball scene

On Thursday May 24 two Senior Opunake Association teams played against teams from the Stratford Association.

The Women's team included Sophie Cooksley, Sinaed Horo, Gemma Grey, Marama Hohaia, Tupai Cooksley, Cath Cook, Lianne Lash, Jade Smith and Sharlee Mareikura.

The Men's Team included Haydn Langton, Graeme Mehrtens, Shea Bentley, Ethan Bloemen, Chris Cook, Matt Lash, Chris Hipp and Neihana Tapiki.

The Inter-club Basketball results were as follows: Opunake Women 88 vs Stratford Women 48 and Opunake Men 56 vs Stratford Men 48. We will play them again in July at home.

Senior Basketball Results Week 9

Cross Ova 33 - Nomads A 32
Rebels 24 - Nomads 22
OHS A 43 - OHS Junior



Blaine Cook acts as trailing referee at an Opunake A Grade men's game as part of Opunake Junior referee training programme. Blaine is wearing his Junior Ref Shirt which tells players and spectators "IF YOU SEE, GREEN DONT BE MEAN".

Girls 20

Wahine Toa 32 - Classics 23
Nek Minit 32 - OHS All Stars 35
FACT 79 - OHS Junior Boys 46
EFS 44 - All Sorts 11
OHS A Boys 32 - Blitz 26
We recently held Junior Referee clinics with the

much-appreciated help of Chris Cook, Matt Cursors and Bryan Roach.

The Juniors who have passed their junior referees test are Jessica Roach, Dylan Roach, Liam Ahern, Tyler Ahern, Blaine Cook, Krysten Johnson, Johnathan Tahau, Jo-Ellen Hughson-How, Tara Clement, Taylah

Smith, and Simone Cook, who are now permitted to referee a level below their playing grade with supervision. They were awarded certificates, whistles and Junior Referee Shirts with "If you see Green Don't Be Mean." Well Done!

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A close contest

Trish Mackenzie (Nomads Women) prepares to shoot against Womens A grade table leaders Rebels. The tightly played game was sent into extra time after a 22 all draw. Rebels won the game after scoring the golden basket in extra time.

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Junior Basketball takes out top honours



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CJ Taamaru won most outstanding Year 5 and 6 Isabella Perrett won Best and Fairest Year 5 and 6 Krysten Johnson was a awarded Best Junior Referee

Winners of the A grade year 7 and 8 competition St Josephs Falcons
Winners of the B Grade 7 and 8 competition Auroa Storm

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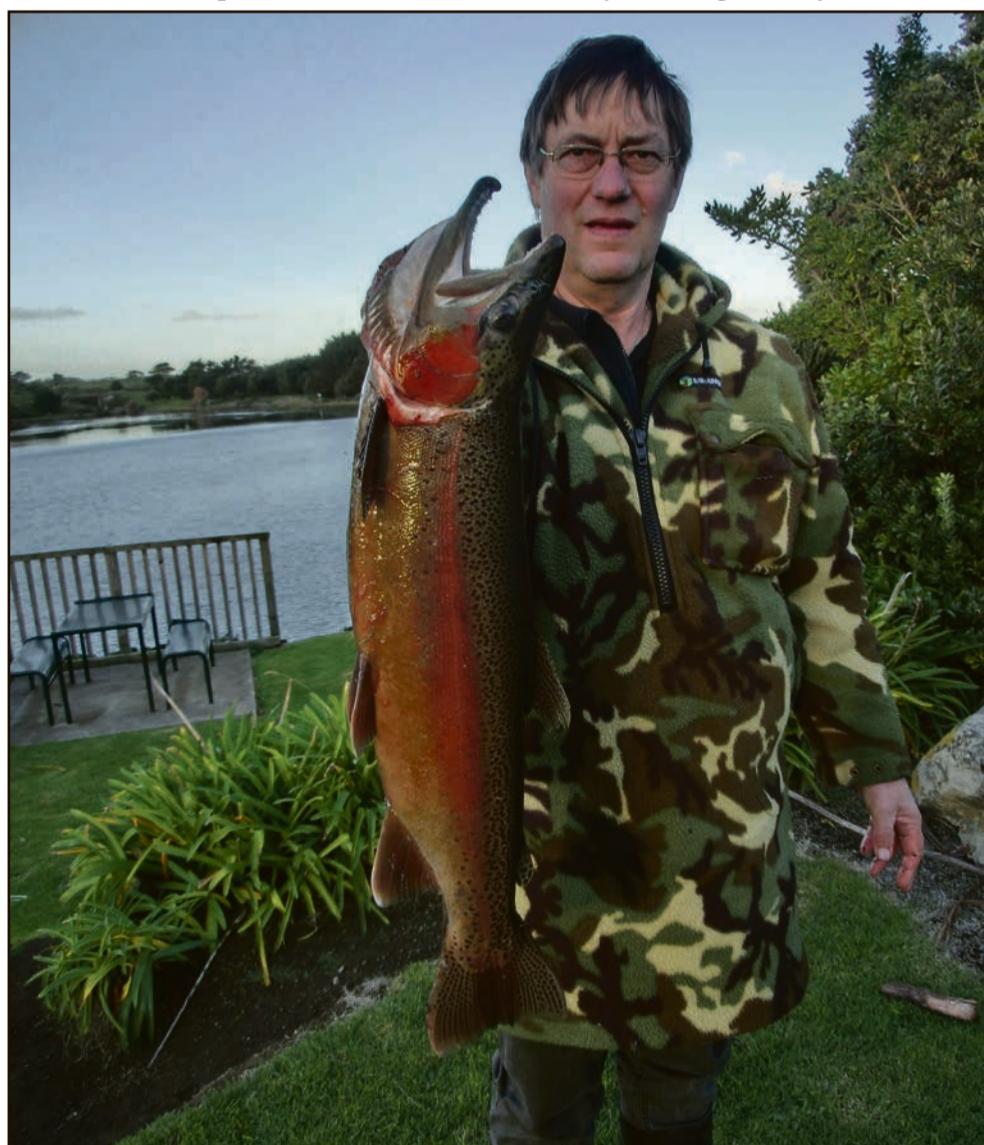
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Joke of the Week

It was Timmy's 5th birthday and he was joyfully opening all the presents he received. He saved the biggest for last, so it took a while until he got to opening Grandma's present. "Wow" Timmy exclaimed in delight upon seeing

the mini drum set that his Grandmother bought for him. "Thanks Grandma this is just what I wanted." It was after Timmy went to bed that Timmy's mother approached her mother. "Ma, I'm surprised at you, don't you remember how

it used to drive you crazy when we used to play the drums in the house growing up?" Grandma simply smiled and replied, "Oh I remember, darling... of course I remember."



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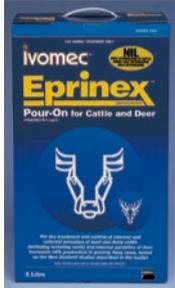
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Altum Coastal vs. Tukapa

A big crowd on a fine but windy day on the 16th of June gathered to see the reigning champs Tukapa and competition leaders Altum Coastal go head to head.

It would turn out to be a game Coastal would rather chose to forget as Tukapa raced out to a 24 to nil lead with Coastal having one try disallowed and not able to score due to Tukapa's defence that caused the visitors to make mistakes.

In the second half Coastal crossed for two tries to fullback Steve Barron and winger come half back Gareth Goodin. Tukapa however were not going to let this one go and the final score showed Tukapa handled the conditions better, made fewer mistakes and even with two men down due to yellow cards, forced the boys from the Coast off their game and into third spot on the table with Tukapa 34 and Altum Coastal 10.



Brent Stevenson is fended off in Coastal's loss to Tukapa. Photo supplied by Brent Davies.

Wil Helu for Coastal made some telling breaks ably backed up in the forwards

by Mitchell Campbell and Jade Fleming. Tries went to S. Barron, G. Goodin; MVP.

Jade Fleming (1), Mitchell Campbell (2); Player of the day, Wil Helu (3)

Altum Coastal Senior A vs. NPOB

A good crowd turned out to witness Altum Coastal take on NPOB in a must win clash for the hosts. The game, played at the Rahotu Domain on sponsors, members and old timers' day, started at a furious pace with both teams fired up from the start. Coastal scrum half Rick McKenna got points on the board early for Coastal with a penalty after plenty of

time spent in NPOB half. However NPOB came back and scored a try and a penalty to go out to an 8-3 advantage.

Heeding the words and game plan of coach Joe Lawn and captain Nick Lawn, Coastal settled and played competent, tight football to pressurize their city visitors into mistakes. Coastal forwards showed maturity and patience during this

spell with solid defence and grinding play at ruck time. Wil Helu made a number of hit ups for the pack to run off and the green, black and whites were rewarded with a penalty, to go to the break 6-8 after McKenna added to his tally.

Turning with the wind Coastal were without prominent lock Kane Barrett (taken off due to injury),

but withstood a fiery NPOB restart. Solid defence coupled with some thinking clearing kicks (missed from last week's game), got them the territory they needed to pressurise NPOB. Paddy Stevenson taking over from Barrett showed his experience and worth bolstered a fired up pack. McKenna was having a superb game and as his *continued next page*

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Altum Coastal Senior A vs NPOB



Coastal's Jeremy Newell carries the ball with Kane Barrett in support winning 21-15 against NPOB last weekend.

Again NPOB hit back but the line speed of the Coastal team matched them as B. Stevenson having a fine game at 5/8th marched them back with a kick downtown. From the ruck Coastal scrum on half way and like "a thief in the night" McKenna went blind to beat the defence to scuttle away and score his 2nd try of the day much to the delight of the many Coastal supporters. His sideline conversion pushed Coastal out to 21-8 with 15 minutes to play.

It was in this period of play that Coastal dug deep as NPOB mounted attack after attack. Solid defence by the Coast kept them at bay. The loss of a player sin binned for ruck misdemeanours meant for the last 5-10 minutes Coastal were up against it. Outflanked, NPOB scored an easy try and converted taking the score to 21-15 in Coastal's favour. Again the tackles went in, Coastal kept it tight, pushed NPOB down field with some solid 'pick and goes' thanks to the fresh legs of Murphy, Le Prou and Trolove and big tackles from Weir and Newell.

With Coast getting under NPOB and holding up try attempts and clearing their line the game was finally put to rest as Gareth Goodin cleared the ball to touch. Coastal had a fully deserved win over a solid and determined NPOB. The scoreboard read Altum Coastal 21 NPOB 15. With McKenna scoring all Coastal points. "On ya Rick."; MVP.1 point Jeremy Newell,

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front 11-8.

NPOB again came back but solid tackles from the pack, which saw Jeremy Newell, Jade Fleming, and Kelvin Weir standing out, kept them out. Coastal again used the wind cleared their line and went deep into NPOB half. Constant pressure in rucks and mauls was where the front rowers,

Pies Lawn, Campbell, and Morgan made life difficult for the much fancied NPOB. In the back line, TeWaite, Mairekura, Steve Barron, Helu and Chris Barron put pressure on their opposites and forced mistakes. Coastal were awarded a penalty, McKenna made no mistake and the Coast eased out to a 14-8 lead.

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Altum Coastal Senior A vs NPOB



Coastal's Rick Mckenna dives for a try against NPOB last weekend supporters Sonya Moeahu and Mark Robinson applaud on the sideline.

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2 points Kelvin Weir, 3 points and Player of the Day Rick McKenna

Next week the lads have the bye then we are home again

to Inglewood. We need more Coastal colours in the stand so see Muzza and get 'logo-ed up' - especially as we march

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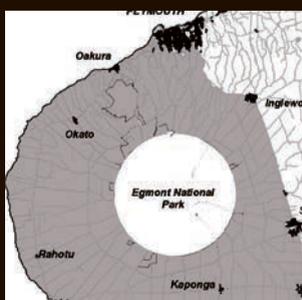
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Twenty seven children making club sandwiches and they were going for it! Year 7 and 8 students, all competing fiercely for a place in the Maggi Intermediate Schools Cooking Competition Team.

I was invited to help Oakura Primary School compete in this competition, and I had to firstly figure out how to choose just 4 baby-chefs from the 27. I finally settled on a nice simple yet effective selection event. We set up the school hall with all the necessities to make a peanut butter/raspberry jam and banana club sandwich - delicious! The participants had just 15 minutes to make their creation and clean up. The success criteria was based on :

- Listening skills and ability to follow instructions
- Food and knife handling
- Neatness and timing
- Presentation

I chose **Isabel Goodhue, Nicole Watchorne, Sian Tran-Lawrence and Georgia Sanders.**

Over the next couple of weeks, The Fabulous Fondue Four and I prepared recipes for what would be a gluten-free, vegetarian meal for a family of four, which had to contain at least 2 Maggi products. What would

it be – Tofu vs Haloumi? Asian vs Italian influences? As the girls wrote on their entry form: *“We wanted to use Maggi products in an unusual way to make us stand out from everyone else. We also wanted to help people with restricted diets like gluten-free and vegetarian. We did lots of taste testing to create our winning recipe and it is a yummy and delicious meal, which uses all the food groups and looks very appealing”*.

Our dish is: **“Pan seared Haloumi cheese, on pumpkin puree with Parmesan Gnocchi and green vegetables”**

We made it into the semi-finals. I'd hoped choosing a gluten-free theme would find favour with the judges and at least get us into the next round. Gluten Free food is a bit of a hot topic right now and I wanted to take advantage of that. And I'm guessing we would be the only ones to do vegetarian. There's nothing like difference done well to set you apart and get some attention. Out of the 112 schools throughout NZ that entered, our team were selected for the Central Region, - 3 regions with 12 teams in each, and the girls were very excited.

They practised at least two full afternoons a week for several weeks. As time went on we discovered that doubling the

salt in the sauce or completely leaving out the brown rice flour from the gnocchi or cooking the pumpkin without taking out the pips first, did nothing to enhance the dish! So to overcome that age old problem of *“but I know the recipe off by heart now so I don't have to look at it”*, we laminated each girl's individual duties in the meal prep. From then on, they would cross each ingredient off their sheet with a whiteboard marker to ensure nothing was forgotten or doubled! We had our timing down to within one minute of the allotted time. I was happy with that – one minute to spare is plenty!

The day of the semi-finals of the Maggi Kitchen Showdown dawned cold and clear in Porirua. We had to take all of our gear apart from the stoves so our cars were well packed with food and pots and excited girls. We camped locally the night before, which meant we got to the venue with plenty of time to spare to get dressed into the yellow Maggi aprons and paper chef's hats.

They had the thrill of meeting Erin Simpson (of TV fame) and the guest chef judges and being a part of all the drama of filming a television show.

The large commercial teaching kitchen at Whitireia Polytechnic was a far cry from my warm, rustic kitchen at home – very industrial, but the girls soon sorted out their area alongside the other 3 teams in our heat. The place was full of TV cameras and crew, people and pots and steaming pans.

They were great and their meals looked beautiful. Any restaurant would have been proud to have served what all those children had created that day.

So now we wait. *The results will be shown on the Erin Simpson Show on TV on June 29th* and we don't know until then who wins and goes on to the finals to be held in Christchurch in mid August. Of course we hope it's us, but without a doubt we've all enjoyed the experience of getting to know each other, learning new skills (for me and them) and having the excitement of being part of a television programme. That doesn't happen to kids every day.

Birthday month for Manaia WI

Manaia WI members were welcomed to their meeting by President Ann Chisnall and enjoyed a pot luck lunch of party food to celebrate their 58th year.

A great display of knitted, booties, beanies and matinee jackets was on show before being given to the midwife who passes them to babies in the area, and beanies had also been knitted for a South Taranaki Federation Project.

It was also agreed to make a donation of books to the Manaia Pre-school and some members have volunteered to help with reading and craft at the Manaia Primary School over the next few weeks.

Meg Kelly gave a report on

the Grandmothers' outing, and they had enjoyed lunch at a Hawera restaurant and a visit to the Lysaght Gallery.

Cleta Clark also reported that some of the members had attended the Pink Ribbon Breakfast also at The Fat Cow and had made a great effort with their decorated bras. Special guests Ross Dunlop and Michael Self did a great job serving the breakfast.

The Roll Call was what I enjoy most in our Home & Country magazine – it was the cooking and gardening sections that were most enjoyed.

Remits were discussed for the upcoming National

AGM, which is to be held in Wellington starting June 18.

The Mary Hutton Trophy was awarded to Meg Kelly, and the wandering coin was won by Noeleen Graham.

Members were reminded of the up coming Institute walk in Manaia on the 25th June – to meet at the Gibson Hall at 10.30am.

Competition Results:

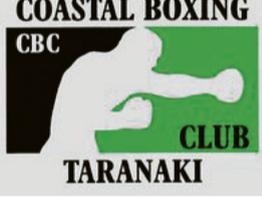
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Maggi Kitchen showdown



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Double treat at Percy Thomson Gallery



Winner of the Adam Portaiture Award was this self portrait by Stephen Mary Welch entitled '3 Nights, A mirror & Loads of Coffee'.

The official opening night – for two concurrent exhibitions - was held on June 25 at the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford. Firstly, on display there were the finalists (and winner) of the touring Adam Portraiture Awards and secondly 'Te

Papa's 'Dutch Etchers in a Golden Age: Rembrandt and his Peers'. Both exhibitions run until July 26.

There were two distinguished speakers at the event Avenal McKinnon, Director of the NZ Portrait Gallery and Vicki Robson, Curator

of the European Collection at Te Papa.

There were a number of distinguished artists who attended the opening such as Dale Copeland, Paul Hutchinson, Roger Morris and Marianne Muggeridge - who has twice won the Adam Portraiture competition.

The Adam Portraiture award went to Stephen Marty Welch for his self portrait entitled '3 nights, A Mirror and Loads of Coffee'. Several paintings were accorded 'Highly Recommended' status.

The etchings were intriguing, with portraits, everyday scenes, and landscapes. Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669) was keen on self portraits – he did at least 31 of these in the 1630s, which "capture personality and mood with extra sensitivity". The other etchers of his period – such as Nicolaes Berchem – depicted an interesting set of scenes and portraits.

This is one event not to be missed. Remember, last day is July 26. Don't miss out.

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The venue will be the Percy Thomson Gallery and will coincide with the Gallery's exhibition of the 2012

Adam Portraiture Awards and the Dutch etchings of Rembrandt and his peers. This will be the first time the choir has performed in such surroundings and everyone is looking forward to providing a treat for both sight and sounds. The

programme called 'Mixed Media' will consist of both sacred and secular pieces - some new and old favourites - and will include a bracket of songs to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens.

On Saturday evening,

there will be drinks and light refreshments and the cost will be \$20.00 plus booking fee. Bookings are essential and can be made at the Stratford Information Centre. Sunday's afternoon concert will be \$15.00 with door sales only.

Johnny Cash tribute show



JOHNNY CASH

The Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame in Manaia will play host to a specially filmed Johnny Cash Tribute show in front of a studio audience.

The 70 minute show will feature some of Taranaki's finest singers, including Teena McEwen, a visually

impaired entertainer who boasts a superb voice plus is an accomplished drummer. Other performers include award winning country music artists Alex Hockly, Mary Barnard and Chris Welson along with recording artists Helen and Ian Braithwaite. Twenty-four-

year-old baritone vocalist, Bergen Raikes, will be also be a stand-out performer.

Media personality Bryan Vickery will also make a cameo appearance. Other musicians are keyboard player Nyall Corbett and harmonica player and recording artist Russel Sutherland.

Musical director Helen Braithwaite says the tribute show will capture the essence of Johnny Cash. «This concert will be performed in front of a studio audience in a museum which has thousands of country music pictures on the walls, «says Helen Braithwaite. The filmed performance will be professionally filmed and edited and be used to promote tourism to Taranaki and the Hall of Fame.

Each month at least one tour

bus from outside of province visits the Hall of Fame for a tour of the museum and a country music show.

Up to 40 people are invited to the free show which starts at 1pm on Sunday, July 15 at the Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, 11 Surf High 45, Manaia. Those wishing to attend must be well dressed. And because demand for the show will be high, they are asked to contact Bryan Vickery on bryanvickery@radionetwork.co.nz or 0274-498-896 to book their seat. Attendees are requested to be there be no later than 12.30pm.

The filmed show will also serve as a polished rehearsal for a Johnny Cash Tribute show which is being held on July 28 and 29 at the Hawera Memorial Theatre, with all proceeds going to the Hawera Memorial Theatre Friends Trust.

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several floors of New Zealand House in London.

He was raised on the Kapiti coast and Waikato, but headed overseas in 1947 to pursue his singing career, including

training at the Trinity College of Music. He performed in many roles at venues such as the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London and Broadway, New York.

Dirty Dusting delights the audience



Dave (Ben Thomas) wrestles Olive (Jane Lawrence) for the phone, while Elsie (Felicity Willis) and Gladys (Carole Hosie) are otherwise occupied.



Olive (Jane Lawrence) looks shocked at what her boss Dave (Ben) might be hearing.

Hawera Repertory has maintained their high standard with their latest production, 'Dirty Dusting', whose season continues until Saturday June 30. Repertory House, Collins Street, Hawera is the venue. The show reviewed was the matinee on June 23.

The play was written by Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood and premiered in the UK in 2003. This production was directed by Samantha Turner her first since her hugely successful 'Ladies Night' in 2010. She must be delighted with the way her comedy was received – the audience only drew breath to continue laughing.

The story was about three

veteran cleaning ladies in danger of being made redundant. They come up with a money-making venture – dirty phone calls. However, there is a huge surprise at just who phones in to have his fantasies exercised.

One cleaning lady decides to be 'Marilyn Monroe', to the horror of her other two companions. *Loud bump*. "That's Marilyn turning in her grave", they chorus.

The acting crew gave an

excellent account of themselves. 'Elsie' was played by Felicity Willis, 'Gladys' is played by Carole Hosie and 'Olive' played by Jane Lawrence.

Ben Thomas plays 'Dave' the rather unpleasant boss with a humorous campy twist – and no regard for tact. "The company has decided to employ some younger models", then departs singing 'Happy Days Are Here Again'.

From the curtain fall to reveal a superb set, through a few songs and much comedy, the audience had great value for their money. Well done all involved with this show – backstage, on stage and not forgetting 'front of the house'.

There's still time to see the show. Remember, last night is Saturday June 30.

Rolland McKellar



Caltus, Stoney Oaks American bison enjoying a quiet moment. He's getting to be a big boy and can be rather intimidating at times according to Gail Simons from Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park at Inglewood who sent in the photograph.

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