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Rescue Boat saves two

In the space of several days the TSB Bank Sea Rescue Boat saved two men who got into difficulties in rough seas off Cape Egmont recently. One incident involved a yacht and the other a kayaker; both were men in middle age.

The Huia rescue

One incident was on April 29 involving a 12 metre ketch called 'Huia' whose occupant got into difficulties about 50ks out at sea. The distress call was received at 6.05am and the team departed at 6.32am. The rescuers were implicated in a lengthy rescue (11 hours 20 minutes) of the man who was exhausted and vomiting uncontrollably. The team, led by skipper Chris Mullin, ended up extremely tired themselves, as well as famished. "We were knackered," commented one. The men missed out on both breakfast and lunch.

The rescue team involved Frank Goodin (President of the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust), Chris Thompson, Phillip Barrett, Snow Mullans, John van der Poel, Carl Linnell, Peter Mills, Norm Holland - while Brian Gilbert manned the headquarters on land for communications purposes.

The rescue boat arrived just over two hours from departure (at Cape Egmont) and were on the rescue scene at 8.42am. The yacht was located at 3919.08 South



From left, Kevin Billing, Brian Gilbert, Carl Linnell, Snow Mullans, Frank Goodin, Phillip Barrett, John van der Poel. Missing: Norm Holland, Chris Thompson and Peter Mills.

17314.640 East with the help of radar. During the rescue the focus was getting someone on board in the two metre seas, with a wind measuring 10KT. "This was difficult, but the yacht man was very pleased to see us," commented Frank Goodin. The diesel motor was started and the boat was motored to a fixed mooring at Port Taranaki, as towing was not an option - lacking a suitable place to attach ropes. The yacht itself was undamaged.

Frank said, "I'd like to congratulate the crew in getting here promptly - we were in the water within 30 minutes." (Some crew members live as far away as New Plymouth).

The Kayak rescue

The other rescue occurred about a fortnight before the Huia one and involved a kayak. The kayak had capsized and the man simply was unable to get back in and was becoming very fatigued. Luckily a member of the public spotted the distressed man through a pair of binoculars. Also, it was fortunate that the Cape rescue crew were at their Cape Egmont premises during a training session and could effect a rescue more quickly than otherwise. The man and his kayak were just 500 metres off shore from Cape Egmont. "He was very exhausted and was going nowhere. He was drifting south," explained Frank Goodin. He added, "He had lost some electronic gear," which was a concern.

This rescue involved Pete Mills heading into the water in wet gear and the man was saved. "He was grateful too," said Frank - surely an understatement.

Congratulations to all concerned in these rescues - a great effort.

The Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust are always seeking more volunteers, especially if you are young (or young

at heart!).

Phone Brian Gilbert if you

are interested on
06 751 4000.



The TSB Bank Sea Rescue Boat.



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**Letters to the
Editor****Opunake Sesquicentennial**

The committee for Opunake Sesquicentennial thank all groups and individuals who provided events and supported us for 2015. All groups were invited to contribute.

Our committee is disbanded. The few remaining history books have been given to

the Opunake Business Association. They will sell and use the income for the district. Thanks to the committee's hard work and sponsorship from the TSB Community Trust and STDC, we have been able to clear the finance records. These are audited and lodged with the OBA and the TSB.

The 40 submitters

suggestions for an Icon Memorial received a letter inviting them to a meeting with the committee. Many attended to promote their suggestions. Those attending were advised to promote, find funding and follow this through, as the Sesquicentennial Committee were disbanding. A follow up letter was sent confirming

this arrangement. Now all suggestions are with the Egmont Community Arts council for further investigation.

The following thank the district for your support.

Bryan Roach. Chair

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Peter Trolove. Finance

Judith Armstrong. Short

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Maree Drought. Archives/
Funding /photos
Debbie Campbell. History
book, flags

June Wallace. Promotion
and sales of history book
Library displays.

Lennie Stimpson.
Historical

Correction and apology

There was an inaccuracy in our last issue (May 20) on page 10 in the article headed 'Academic acceptance for Parihaka historian'.

The fourth paragraph from the end of the article reads, ... as the Parihaka community recently agreed a deed of settlement and a

\$70m compensation package with the Crown.

This is evidently incorrect. In fact, Taranaki Iwi as a whole was signatory to this.

We apologise for this inaccuracy and are grateful to the member of the public who put us right on this.

Perfekt entertainment

Just a quick note to congratulate the local Players group on their recent play "The Perfekt Crime". Wendy Smith needs applauding for her directing of her group of amazing young actors. We had the most enjoyable evening, a sentiment that I know was felt by all that attended, and

thank you for the two hours of belly laughing. Well done everyone. It's great to see local talent and the humour is much appreciated at this stressful time for the farming community. Keep up the great work.

Entertained

EDITORIAL**Community papers thriving**

We apologise for closing the Opunake & Coastal News office on Friday, a week ago and hope no one was too inconvenienced.

All of the staff at the Opunake & Coastal News were attending the annual NZ Communities Newspapers Association (NZCNA) conference, this year held in Rotorua. The Communities Newspapers Association of which the Opunake & Coastal News is a member is comprised of all the independently owned community newspapers throughout New Zealand.

It was an interesting experience and the general feeling among those who attended the conference was that despite the proposed merger of the two major publishers of the daily newspapers Fairfax (founded by the Fairfax family in Australia)

and NZME (Australia's APN News and Media) intended to combat the huge competition for audiences and online advertising, community newspapers with their emphasis on local community news are still strong and popular among their readers and continue to occupy a central place in the heart of their local community. The local community newspaper is the only place where local stories can be accessed and advertisers targeting those who live in communities recognise this.

Commented Gordon Chesterman, a former news editor and currently Deputy Mayor of Hamilton City Council who spoke at the CNA conference, the merger of Fairfax and NZME could possibly be a great opportunity for community newspapers. He added that

he could see the possibility of a New Zealand Herald covering the entire country in which case the regional dailies would further lose touch with the regions creating a void which the community newspapers could step in and fill.

The merger of the two media giants has been proposed because of the competition for online advertising and audiences. The Internet has resulted in a plethora of ways to access national news and a bewildering array of online options competing for the advertising dollar. Likewise other media outlets.

According to one of the speakers at the conference, Christchurch has 32 radio stations.

The merging of the two Australian owned media giants - competing for the same audience - would give

the former rivals a greater slice of the advertising dollar.

To really serve a community you need to be in touch with the community. Live there, produce the paper locally. People are rightly loyal to their local community papers for this reason. They provide local jobs. Their emphasis is on shopping locally. They are both the mouthpiece and reflection of the community. Such was the general consensus of the conference.

People want to read things like the local sports results and community news. They want to see wedding and graduate photos.

So despite the changing media community, the Internet, social media, other media, the local community newspapers place in the community.

Editor

BBC: RELIGION

Away with religion, all it causes are wars.

Rubbish. All modern wars have, with a very few minor exceptions, been caused by money, greed, communism, fascism or political ideology; not by genuine belief in a god or gods.

The Christian religion, in particular, has created a better world by banning slavery, creating a legal system based on fair and impartial justice and by setting behavioural standards.

Religions have gods, superior beings that the believer acknowledges as the final authority. Most religions have lots of gods, often with a supreme God in charge, Zeus in Greek mythology for example. This is polytheism, a belief

in many gods. Buddhists of India, the Norse Vikings, Maori and the American Indians, among many others, have religions based on this concept.

There are only three religions that have just one God: Islam, Judaism and Christianity. All three acknowledge the same God, the God of Abraham.

Muslims call him Allah. They believe that Abraham's first son Ishmael, from whom they descend, is the chosen line. Jews, or Israelites, believe that God's name is Jehovah, and that Abraham's second son, Isaac and his son Jacob (also known as Israel) is the true line.

Denominational Christians, however, seem to have avoided a name.

They believe God to be three persons yet one God. They have given these three the titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This goes against Judaism and the Islamic understanding of one God.

Neither Islam or Judaism can accept three persons being one God. For them, and for some Christians, God can only be one.

All three religions, Judaism, Muslim and Christianity accept the Old Testament as being from God, although Muslims believe that parts of the Old Testament were corrupted. They believe that their book, the Koran, corrects those errors.

Muslims do not have a saviour. They only have

judgment. Islam does not claim that Mohammed is God, they only claim that he is God's prophet. Mohammed has no sacrifice for sin, hence Islam concentrates on Muslims keeping themselves pure through laws. They will often treat non Muslims as polluters of God's law and this world.

The Jews are waiting for the Messiah, the saviour of the world, who will be God Himself.

In Christianity there is a Saviour, one who has created a way back to God. That, of course, is Jesus. Colossians 2 v9 speaks of Jesus as being, not a part of God, but all of God.

Richard Oliver, Pastor
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Security in Opunake and other matters

The Opunake and District Business Association invited local people to the first of a series of networking events planned for this year. This was held at The Club Hotel on May 30 from 5.30pm. The event was ably chaired by Ali Hayward, who is Chairperson.

One speaker was Graham Lynch of **Graham Lynch Security Ltd**, a Hawera firm. He is a former policeman who was once stationed at Opunake. "I love Opunake and I love coming here," he commented.

He expressed concern at some unpleasant criminal incidents including vandalism, delinquent behaviour and even physical threats causing injury. One

case in particular involved stones and glass being thrown from the cliff top onto the area below; a boy was hit by glass and suffered a head injury. Graham was concerned that a similar incident could "even kill" someone.

He suggested that several strategically placed security cameras could help apprehend individuals intent on causing mischief or worse and even deter people from such misbehaviour. One location he suggested could include the beach area, as well as the CBD. He thought that three cameras could possibly be positioned at the cliff top.

He mentioned that images from cameras are becoming



Graham Lynch speaking at the meeting

clearer with the increasing emphasis on digital cameras, while analogue cameras are gradually being phased out. He considered that cameras

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Is there a case for security cameras in Opunake?

As part of research into a possible upcoming article on security camera installation in Opunake we are running a poll to get some public

opinion and feedback on the issue. Please complete the poll below and drop it off to the Opunake & Coastal News offices in Napier Street. The

poll is also available to be completed on our website at <http://opunakecoastalnews.co.nz/scpoll2016.html>. PLEASE DON'T FORGET

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- 1) Would you support or oppose the installation of a new security camera system in Opunake?
 Support Oppose Don't know
- 2) Why do you support, or oppose, the installation of new security cameras?
- 3) Where would you like to see security cameras installed in the town?
- 4) Who should pay for the purchase and installation of a new security camera system? Multiple answers are allowed
 Opunake Business Association Egmont Plains Community Board South Taranaki District Council
 New Zealand Police Central government Locals through fundraising Other
- 5) Who should pay for the on-going costs of a new security camera system? Multiple answers are allowed
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- 6) What privacy concerns, if any, do you hold about the installation of security cameras in Opunake?
- 7) Please add any additional comments you have about security cameras in Opunake

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Theatre raises money for cancer research

Everybody's Theatre in Opunake raised \$800 when they hosted a Pink Ribbon Breakfast on Sunday May 29 to fundraise for breast cancer research.

Everybody's Theatre volunteers supplied a delicious brunch menu including corn stacks, breakfast wraps and sweets, muffins and slices, with donated art work and gifts also available for purchase. The grand theatre was beautifully decorated for the



Patrons enjoying the recent Pink Ribbon Breakfast held at Everybody's Theatre.

day in all shades of pink, with the people who attended getting into the spirit of the day. "A few of our friends have been touched by breast cancer," says attendee Tina Chapman.

"We wanted to do our bit to support an organisation that's funding research to save women's lives." The Pink Ribbon Breakfasts are an annual campaign to raise much-needed funds for

the work of the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation. "In addition to research, a large part of our work is in informing and supporting people in the community, so it's wonderful to see com-

munities helping us to meet that need," says Evangelia Henderson, chief executive of the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Proceeds from the Pink Ribbon Breakfasts will go

towards funding research projects and medical grants to help improve breast cancer survivorship in New Zealand. Last year the Foundation spent more than \$1.2 million on research.

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COMPUTER CHAT

This is the first of a regular contribution to the Opunake & Coastal News on computer issues and happenings within the IT world.

Microsoft Windows 10
Microsoft released Windows 10 in 2015. At the time of its release they stated that everyone who was running a Windows 7 or later PC was entitled to a free upgrade to the new Operating System until July 29 2016. That is just two months away. Many of you may have noticed that Microsoft have started to push this a little harder and are now forcing Windows 10 upgrades to happen, whether you have requested it or not. I have had customers

bring their PC into me after they have discovered their PC had downloaded and installed Windows 10 overnight. I guess it would be a little strange to wake up one morning and discover that everything on your PC has changed.

If you do not want this upgrade to occur you can cancel it, but only if you are aware that the upgrade is imminent. If you are running Windows 7 or 8 you will see in the bottom right hand corner of your screen a white icon. If you right click on that icon and go to 'Check Your Upgrade Status' you may find that your PC is scheduled to upgrade. You can cancel the Upgrade or the Reservation from this screen.

Should you upgrade to Windows 10? My advice is yes - and, no. It all depends on how you use your computer and what programs you use. If you have programs that



are more than two or three years old, check that your version of it will operate under Windows 10. Some programs, including some of the expensive Adobe products that came out in 2012 and earlier have issues, as does the Corel packages from that time. If you use your Windows 7 or 8 PCs to run a business, you should check carefully that your programs will run under Windows 10. Windows 10 supports a wide range of programs and I have had no issues on my computers. Windows 10 is fluid, quick, user-friendly and offers a much improved user experience over, especially, Windows 8.

So, what if you find that your PC has upgraded to Windows 10 on its own, or

you decide that you prefer the earlier versions of Windows? You can revert back to either Windows 7 or 8, as long as you do it within a month of upgrading. To do this, you need to click on the 'start' button in the bottom left corner, open up 'Settings' on your PC, and then go to the 'Update and Security' tab. In here you will find the 'Recovery' option. Click on this to restore your PC back to how it was.

If you have any issues with Windows 10 upgrades, or are having other issues with your PC, call Shane on 021 1439336 or come into Pilot Computing in the old BNZ Bank in Opunake.

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Taranaki Regional Council 2016/2017 Annual Plan

The Taranaki Regional Council is firmly focused on ensuring it has the people, processes and platforms to continue its core work and build on previous gains.

The Council has adopted its 2016/2017 Annual Plan setting out a 'business as planned' programme with no significant departures from the 2015/2025 Long-Term Plan, on which the public was fully consulted. So under recent amendments streamlining the Local Government Act, the Council has not undertaken further public engagement and consultation this time around.

The Council has a busy work programme planned for the coming year and, as outlined in the Long-Term Plan, there will be an increase of 1% in the general rates take.

The team of elected councillors and Council staff look forward to a solid year's work ahead and to continue working with people and caring for Taranaki.

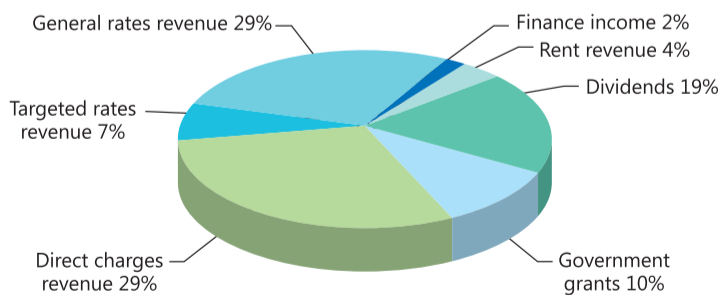
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David MacLeod, Chairman

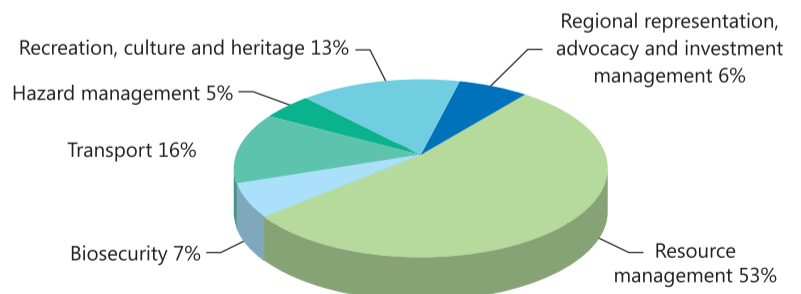
What we plan to do:

- Deliver our successful sustainable land management programmes, particularly in the eastern hillcountry.
- Advocate for Taranaki's transport interests and seek further gains following its successful advocacy for projects such as the Mt Messenger bypass, Awakino tunnel bypass, Normanby Bridge realignment and the SH3 Vickers to City upgrade.
- Develop and grow bus and Total Mobility transport services in Taranaki.
- Carry out an exciting upgrade at iconic Pukeiti to maintain it as an internationally renowned heritage and amenity property, along with Tupare and Hollard Gardens.
- Work with farmers to fence and plant streambanks on the ring plain and coastal terraces, and supply around 450,000 native plants to riparian plan holders.
- Efficiently process resource consent applications within statutory timeframes, and comprehensively monitor and report publicly on the performance of consent holders.
- The Council will also complete the final stage of the Lower Waitara Flood Protection Scheme upgrade to give the Waitara community the level of flood protection it deserves.
- Maintain the successful self-help possum control programme and align maintenance work around Egmont National Park with Department of Conservation pest control work inside the Park.

Proposed revenue 2016/2017



Proposed expenditure 2016/2017



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Noeleen, Lance and the team at Headlands would like to thank all our customers over the past 8 years and welcome the new owners Mark and Penny Burt

Headlands under new ownership

Mark and Penny Burt are the new owners of Headlands Hotel in Opunake – taking over from the Moir family, who had the iconic hotel / restaurant built. The Napier-based couple took possession just last Saturday. Helping run the hotel is their son

Stefan and his wife Lara.

Penny and Mark have strong association with Opunake. Penny was born here and spent her formative years in the township. Mark hails from Napier, but his father Les ran the Club Hotel for 18 years, from 1964 to 1988 – once banning writer/musician Ronald Hugh Morrieson (more later).

Although the couple have definite plans for the future for the time being they are continuing with things as they are, including the staff.

As they have a business in Napier – ‘Breakers’, they will need to travel between the two centres at least for the time being. However, they have extended the opening hours; Headlands will be open seven days and will be open until 8.30pm at least. They will concentrate on lunch and dinner and forgo breakfast, apart from those staying overnight, of course.

The busy couple don't

have much spare time these days, but there is always time for their grandchildren and they are avid readers, with the novels of Ronald Hugh Morrieson amongst their favourites. “We have all his books,” explained Mark. They also have his dictionary, complete with his signature within.

It was Mark and Penny who set up Morriesons Café Bar in 1993, with the staircase from Ron's Hawera house, fireplaces and wood from the house being used for flooring, the bar and tables salvaged from the Morrieson homestead at the time of its controversial destruction. Referring to the house being destroyed, Mark said, “I hated it.” Penny points out that the loss of the home of one of the few famous people from Hawera was regrettable. After winning a prestigious award for having Best Restaurant Garth Weir made them an offer they

could not refuse and they sold Morriesons. Penny explains that they left while the restaurant was going very well. They left on a high note.

There is another curious connection with Ron Morrieson. The writer's drinking pal Gordon ‘Mac’ Sole explains how they were barred from the Club Hotel in the 1960s by Les Burt, Mark's father. As Gordon explains it, they had offered to shout everyone a drink, then reneged. This incident was related in an earlier issue of the this newspaper. Gordon, now in his 80s still lives in Hawera and regularly visits Ron's grave for a karakia and still misses his old mate.

All the best with your new venture, Mark and Penny. It's great to have people with such close and positive association with Opunake take over Headlands. Best wishes also to Noeleen and Lance.



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Grab your coffee and get ready for the next set of “Hot Tips for Cold Weather”. Firstly you must turn off your electric blanket before getting into bed. Never sleep with the electric blanket on because if a wire should break and the blanket fuses, you will possibly be fried. There is also the thought that sleeping on an electric blanket or on a water bed with its heater on, can for some people cause leukaemia. The electric field plays havoc with the blood and the bone marrow, and this can lead to cancer. So don't take a chance, and turn them off.

If you have folded your electric blanket to store over the warmer months, please get it checked out by a lo-

cal electrician. Blankets are meant to be rolled up when not in use, because the fine wires in the blanket have a tendency to break, and if they are used in this condition, you will get to see us coming up your drive in the big red truck. Before heading to the electricians to get the electric blanket checked, have a look at the condition of your heater cords and plugs. If they are frayed or broken, it will be cheaper to get the sparky to fix them than to have a call out and shout us a few drinks after we have mopped up.

We were called out at about 3:30am on Saturday morning when a car went off the rails near Sugar Juice in the main street of Opunake. It crashed into a pole beside the pedes-

trian crossing, exposing the wires leading to the light. We were called by Police to keep an eye on the scene until the power board arrived, while they went to find the culprit. The driver had managed to get someone to tow the car before the law arrived, but didn't realise when you live in a small town news travels fast, and the car was soon found.

On Thursday 26th we were hosts to two American and one Australian fire fighter who were in town to catch up with two of our crew. Jozien and Jana had met these folk when they went over to the USA to take part in a couple of 9/11 Memorial climbs,

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Principal was years ahead of his time

Opunake High School's longest serving principal died on May 18. Ronald William Burrow died at Wimbledon Villa in Feilding, two hours after his 86th birthday.

Mr Burrow was principal of Opunake High School from 1969 to 1988.

"He was a really forward thinking principal who was well ahead of his time," said Murray Dobbin who was both a student and a teacher when Ron Burrow was principal.

"He brought in study time for senior students and an options structure for the school. He did away with corporal punishment long before it was fashionable to do so. He brought the community into the school, rather than keeping them out. One of the first things he did was get rid of the gates."

During Ron's time as principal, the gymnasium was built in 1971, and soccer fields and a cricket pitch, as well as a sports pavilion were put in. The high school swimming pool was covered and heated in 1984, which Mr Burrow made sure would also be a community swimming pool.

His name lived on at the high school, with the opening of the Ron Burrow Wing in 1989.

He was principal when a large part of the school was ravaged by a destructive fire in 1982. Teacher Cindy Dobbin said the way he handled this situation showed him at his best.

"He was really a good person at getting people on side and making the best of a bad situation," she said.

"Things were basically up again in 10 days. He worked tirelessly with the Education Board, and it just happened. He didn't let negativity affect him. He just got on to it. For him it was a challenge to get it up and going again."

Ron Burrow was born in Dunedin, one of three children of Jack and Flora, who lived at Benhar, where



Former Opunake High School principal and dog lover Ron Burrow

Jack worked at McSkimmings Pottery.

Ron was awarded a teachers certificate in 1953, Diploma of Education in 1959, and an MA in History from the University of Auckland 1966.

Before coming to Opunake, he taught at Martinborough, Waiuku, Wesley College and Papatoetoe High School. Among the tributes read out at his funeral at the Feilding Funeral Chapel was one from former Labour Party leader and Foreign minister Phil Goff, who was also one of his former students.

Ron had also developed a keen interest in sport, both as a player and an administrator. He was a founder of the South Auckland Cricket Association, and was on the management of Counties Rugby Club, Franklin Cricket Association, and the Auckland Cricket Association. He was president of the Auckland Secondary Schools Cricket Association from 1966-1969. Phil Phillipps remembers him teaching at Martinborough.

"One day an Inspector of Schools came to visit him. He found Ron and his class out on the playground playing a cricket test match. While he was in South Wairarapa,

Ron played Rugby. Ron was a good goal kicker but with local identity Ben Couch Maori All Black, who became an MP and Minister of Police claiming the easy shots close to the posts, Ron had to the long or wide out shots."

Phil was later employed by the Taranaki Education Board as the Executive Officer Teachers' Services, where he was responsible for the paper work covering staffing and salaries for Teachers employed at Opunake High School. He remembers when Ron landed the principal's job.

"When the then Taranaki Education Board, which administered Opunake High School was interviewing a short list, for the position of principal, the District Senior Inspector of Secondary Schools (DSISS) sat with the Board in an advisory capacity," Phil said. "Ron told me the first question he was asked at the interview by the DSISS was, what was the score in a cricket test match being played overnight in England. I then happened to walk up the board office steps, returning after lunch, and I overheard a board member's comment that after that first one (Ron), they

could send all the other short listed candidates home."

From the start Ron took an active interest in the Opunake community. Shortly after arriving in Opunake, he joined the Lions Club, and in 1997 he was awarded a Lions Club International life membership.

Opunake RSA and Lions stalwart Geoff Williams said the projects Ron took a particular interest in included helping build the Opunake cemetery wall. He was also active in the Opunake Beautification and Shelter Society. Geoff said Ron helped plant hundreds of pine trees behind the Cottage Rest Home as well as thousands of trees and shrubs around Opunake.

"Conservation was a big word in Ron's vocabulary," Geoff said. "He was our wordsmith whenever anything happened in Opunake. If it was going to benefit Opunake, he wouldn't let it go."

In 1974, Ron wrote the booklet Welcome to Opunake in Taranaki for the Opunake District Promotion Committee.

The Opunake walkway was another of his interests.

He also received two Woolf

Fisher Scholarships, one to Japan, and another to the USA and UK, studying education in the outdoors. This inspired him to help set up the Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits Education Centre (TOPEC).

Honours included a South Taranaki District Council Citizens Award and a Keep New Zealand Beautiful Achievement Award.

Phil Phillipps remembers his love of cricket.

"I was able to promote with Ron, an interest I had in taking cricket teams in Fiji," he said. "In 1975-6 there was the Taranaki Secondary Schools Cricket team, this was followed by in 1982 an Opunake HS Boys Cricket team and in 1986 the Opunake HS Boys Cricket team and the Girls Netball team. A highlight were the visits to Lakeba (Lakemba) the Island home of the then Prime Minister Ratu Mara. Ron aptly named the ground in the main village where the cricket was played, with about 500 villages watching as the Cardiff Arms Park of the South Pacific."

Ron's son Andrew says one of his father's favourite quotes was, "school is more than an educational sausage factory."

"Dad really loved living in Opunake, especially the friendly local community," Andrew said. "I remember him for making use of the locals' collective wisdom having a down-to-earth approach, using common sense, and having fun. He was a great communicator and kept everyone informed. One of his aims was for Opunake High School kids to stand tall and proud."

Similar sentiments were voiced by Dot Fisher who worked for Ron Burrow for 19 years.

"I enjoyed working for him. He was a good friend, besides being my boss. He was good for the pupils, and would make sure somebody who wasn't doing so good would do well," she said.

Ron is survived by his wife Helen, three children, two stepchildren, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.



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Our kids are our future

In 2004 Statistics New Zealand began measuring and reporting on the number of young Kiwis who were not in employment, education or training - the NEETs.

Fast forward 12 years and we now have 87,200 young Kiwis between the ages of 15 and 24 categorised as NEETs. That's 23,100 more than when National took office.

There's no shortage of evidence that shows there are both short-term and long-term consequences for the so-called "disengaged" individual - and for the economy as a whole. AUT has estimated that NEETs set the country back at least \$1.8 billion over one to three years.

Young out of work Kiwis and those not in education - in Spain NEETs are referred to as "ni-ni" (neither-nor) - are likely to have a lifetime of poorer outcomes, not just in future wage earning capacity, but in terms of personal health and well-being.

The situation is particularly acute for our Maori and Pacific communities, with their younger demographic profiles. The overall NEET rate for Maori is now 23.1 per cent, and for Pasifika 20.6 per cent. Those are pretty grim statistics.

Research shows that those



Andrew Little MP, Leader of the Opposition

out of work spells of longer than just a few months will experience much poorer outcomes than their working peers after two years.

What a waste of opportunity. Put yourself in their shoes. Ever applied for a job and not received a reply? How many, thanks, but no thanks, responses would you need before each became just another acknowledgement of failure?

Here's what one job seeker - not a NEET, but someone in their 30s and qualified - put it: "I am desperate for a job. I am one of those people who have the skills, experiences and tertiary qualifications, and has worked for national and local government, yet my recent job applications for roles have all been declined."

Bill English, you'll remember, called this demographic "pretty damn hopeless."

As well as having a corrosive effect on important working skills, long periods of unemployment also negatively influence employers' perceptions about a candidate's ability. Being unable to find work can have a debilitating and long-term effect on the mental health toll.

If a young NEET is lucky enough to find a job, the work is likely to be at a lower skill level and pay rate relative to their non-NEET peers.

That, is of course, if there are jobs to apply for. In some regions work has just dried up.

It might be a cliché, but our kids *are* our future. In coming decades the number of New Zealanders over 65 will double, and today's young people will be steering our economy.

We're entering an age where lifelong learning, being able to train and retrain across multiple jobs and even multiple careers, will become more important than ever.

That we have increasing numbers of jobseekers experiencing unemployment for long periods of time demands not just attention but

bold policy as well. As OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría has said: "Investing in young people is vital to avoid a scarred generation at risk of long-term exclusion."

Being able to learn new skills, whether you're 17 and just left school, or you're 47 and just been made redundant is the currency of the future of work.

And with studies telling us that 46 per cent of the jobs we rely on today are likely to be replaced by automation in the next 20 years, being able to retrain is vital. We have shortages in skills across the country. Training our NEETs so they are better equipped and have the skills the country needs would seem to be a no-brainer.

Labour's three years' free post-school education plan means Kiwis can do that across their working lives, without having to take on huge debts. Alongside that, we'd give a leg up to young entrepreneurs - many of whom are smart, innovative kids who have ambitions outside of traditional education pathways - in the form of a grant.

The employment potential of our young people needs to be exploited. They are, after all, New Zealand's future leaders.



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We all have an inbuilt crap-o-meter and we can use it

In my book kids come first. No matter how frustrating the parent's situation may be. Situations of their own volition, stupidity, criminality, or just bad luck, if there are kids involved, it pushes all my buttons. I will fall over myself helping and always have. I'm big enough to admit that I probably made decisions last week that I wouldn't make a second time. We have all made mistakes and I own mine but don't want them thrown in my face every time I am in need of being cut a little slack. So the starting point is that if there are kids involved, they didn't have any choice because some adult made a decision for them on their behalf. So let's think of the kids first.

Now, about those families who are living in every garage in South Auckland that Andrew Little has told us



Hon Chester Borrows MP

about but can't find. Those ones we can see same time; same channel every night - are there a few questions we'd like to ask them? Hell yes.

To the woman who was asked where were they all living before living in the car? And who said "At home with my parents, but then I got kicked out." I want the media to find out why. To the mother of ten children living

in a carport I would like the reporter to explain that if she is on her own and her children are all school age, that she is entitled to \$1,500 per week from WINZ - which may not be much with ten children - but what happened to that money this week. With an accommodation supplement on top of that, her income would be much closer to \$2,000 per week. And another question she could be asked, bearing in mind she has probably been renting previously is, why she moved? Has she got a good rent record? Did she always pay rent on time? Was the accommodation ever damaged? Did she have to move because of the harsh and unfair treatment of the landlord or what? None of the answers affect the bottom line which is that it is all about the kids. But I want to know.

I don't think I am a mean person, but I have got a bull-dust detector set on high beam and I know when there is a lot more to the story. If a person is happy enough to be on television and be held up as a victim of bad times, then let us hear the full story. Remember when a beneficiary went on TV and told her version of her tragic plight, and Paula Bennett told the WINZ side of the story. The uproar was deafening.

The betrayal of trust by the Minister was labelled a huge abuse of power. But the truth came out.

Others being in bad circumstances does not make us become cold and uncaring towards them, or unsympathetic towards their circumstances. It doesn't mean we all want to see people living in cardboard boxes under bridges, or begging on the street. It doesn't mean we say it's their own damn fault. The opposite is generally true. We open the doors to our homes, we open our wallets and give of our time energy and resources to help, we drop off groceries and raid our own firewood supplies to help with heating, especially when kids are involved.

Knowing the full facts doesn't absolve us from a responsibility to help. But I am stuffed if I am going to be denied the knowledge of those full facts because a news agency can't be bothered asking the questions. Alternatively, maybe they have decided that we don't need to know because it doesn't fit with the angle they are taking on a particular story.

When my bull-dust radar is screaming, the only way to turn it down is to know the truth. Let the fourth estate step up on this occasion.

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Winter bugs drive up Home-based childcare

New Zealand's leading in-home childcare provider, PORSE is experiencing more demand from parents wanting their children cared for in a home environment as the winter bugs hit.

PORSE General Manager, Kerry Henderson, says the organisation always notices a spike in interest at this time of year when winter bugs start spreading.

"Some busy working parents turn to in-home childcare where their children aren't exposed to so many sicknesses because they are cared for in smaller groups in a warm home environment."

Mother Anna Yates says it was a stint in hospital which prompted her to enrol her young son Arthur with PORSE.

"Arthur was constantly sick and he was in and out of his daycare. He didn't sleep at night, and it was very stressful. He had a series of ear infections, tummy bugs and runny noses, which really took its toll on us," said Mrs Yates.

"Arthur also ended up sick in hospital for four nights with a severe respiratory infection. He was often sick, and when I returned to work I found this a struggle."

"We needed to take him out of day care because he's prone to getting sick and that wasn't going to improve. Some children pick up sniffles, which is perfectly normal, while a few like Arthur will develop full-blown illnesses. Our doctor recommended we look at alternative childcare."

The Yates family found in-home PORSE Educator Dorren Va'aelua, and now the toddler is a picture of happiness and health.

Soon after the move, the 14-month-old's chest symptoms cleared, his nose stopped streaming and they have not looked back.

"Arthur isn't sick anymore, which has made a world of difference to the whole family. He is healthy again, so we are now getting a good night's sleep. Home life is so much more enjoyable. I feel like we're not surviving anymore, but thriving without the added stress of a sick child," said Anna.

In her seven years as a PORSE Educator, Mrs Va'aelua says she hasn't experienced a lot of sickness.

"Children may pick up the odd bug but nothing to worry about. I believe this is one of the major benefits of in-home childcare. We are caring for fewer children

with smaller ratios, so they are less exposed to sickness and infections."

An important part of ensuring a healthy environment was having clear hygiene routines, and the experienced PORSE Educator makes sure she is always strict, with hands washed several times a day, before meals and after outdoor play.

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PORSE - winter bugs drives up home based childcare.

Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade news

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and now they have travelled here to compete in the Sky Tower fundraising climb in Auckland this weekend. So they decided to come and see the crew in Opunake and have a reunion drink or two. Good luck to the 850 fire fighters from around the country who are taking part in this worthwhile cause. Over the time this event has run, \$850,000 has been raised for the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation, and this year the organisers hope to reach the million dollar mark.

On Saturday 28th we had our 72nd Annual General Meeting at the fire station. Invited guests included Area man-

ager from New Plymouth Pat Fitzell, and both the present and immediate past president of the Taranaki Provincial Fire Brigades Association. Several past members braved the weather to attend. They included ex Chief Fire Officer Colin Butler and his wife Karol, along with Ron and Moya Lewis from New Plymouth. Several members received honours for the service they have given the Opunake District with Chris Harvey the first up to receive a Five Year Medal. Another 205 years of service by our members was acknowledged with gold and

silver bars which are added to the recipients 5 Year medals. Pat thanked the brigade for its high level of training and the professional service that is delivered to the community, and said he wished all brigades showed the same commitment that the Opunake Brigade gave. Pat said the Opunake District was in good hands and wished the brigade the very best for the coming year.

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Medical clinic to close

From June 24, Manaia will be without a medical clinic. Mountainview Medical Centre practice manager Jude Dinsdale declined to comment any further.

“While we are sorry to announce this outcome, we have had to make this hard decision to consolidate our Hawera practice for a variety of business reasons,” a statement issued by Mountainview Medical read.

Opunake and Coastal News, Mountainview Medical Centre practice manager Jude Dinsdale declined to comment any further.

Manaia Medicines, Health and Beauty Centre owner Ben Araba said he would continue to operate this business as a pharmacy depot for prescriptions and medication collection for as long as possible. Opening hours will stay the same, but these may have to be reviewed or changed in future.

“Where there is a need to serve the community, and with the continuing patronage of the Manaia people, we will endeavour to provide the service,” he said.



The Manaia Medical Clinic will close from June 24.

Project winds up but work goes on

Many positives have emerged from a pilot project to turn around the lives of young people in South Taranaki.

The Social Sector Trial called SWEET (South Working to Enable and Empower Teens) will wind up at the end of June but much of its work is ongoing.

The project began in 2013, trailing a different approach to the funding and co-ordination of support services for young people aged 12-18 years. Tui Ora

was the lead agency in the South with an advisory group having an oversight role.

SWEET had four aims: To reduce offending, truancy, alcohol and drug harm, as well as improve education and training.

One of the outcomes has been enhanced relationships between agencies and organisations who work alongside young people and their whānau. That's demonstrated in three working groups:

The truancy working group, education training to employment group, and youth offending group, whose work will continue despite the trial ending.

Sergeant Kayanna Holley is one attendee of the youth offending group, and says regular meetings encourage the sharing of information and solutions, as well as tracking responsibility for actions.

“We are all on the same page. We are not working in our isolated silos. People get sick of having to repeat their story to different agencies.”

There have been other spin-offs, she says. For example in the past two years, 51 young people attended life skills camps, another five went on the Spirit of Adventure boat, and a handful more to the Outward Bound course.

Many of them were students who were at a crossroads in life, and after the camps a more positive attitude was evident.

“SWEET supported the South Taranaki Blue Light committee to organise these experiences, to tap into new funding, and to develop a pathway for youths to have these opportunities,” says Kayanna.

Pop Up Lounges saw Police and SWEET staff setting up an outside lounge with a bbq and games at schools and venues around

the region. “Having people there, interacting positively with Police - that was made possible with the support from SWEET.

“Without the trial all of these things would have taken longer. We would not have had the success we have had in three short years,” she says.

The education training to employment group is another monthly forum, with members' case managing students struggling to make the transition from school to training.

It is working alongside 24 students, aged 16-24 years, while the progress of another six is monitored.

Says chairperson Cheree Menzies: “We're supporting the young person in practical ways. It's also useful from a training provider's point of view in that we can identify gaps in training.”

Since the inception of the truancy working group in 2014, schools have reported improved student attendance as well as better coordinated agency support for students and their families.

The group will continue to meet monthly, but each time it will focus on truancy issues of an individual community – Patea, Opunake and Hawera – as not all South Taranaki communities have the same challenges.

Sarah Foy



SOUTH WORKING TO ENABLE & EMPOWER TEENS

Thanks!

SWEET wants to thank the community groups, schools and agencies it has worked alongside in the past three years.

Together we worked hard on improving the lives of young people aged 12-18 years in South Taranaki.

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Jenny Bennett

After 36 years at Opunake High School Jenny has retired. Students Ben Morgan, Atayla Fakavamoeanga, along with Vincent Edwards and Simon Reid spoke of her contribution and dedication to school where she was presented with flowers and gifts in appreciation.

Words from Simon Reid.

I have been lucky enough to have had Jenny as my Head of Faculty for the entirety of my tenure at Opunake High and it has been a privilege to work with her. Her expertise in English, her ability to design resources that fit the 'Opunake student' and her relentless pursuit of success for students at Opunake High have been a cornerstone of the teaching and learning in the English faculty.

The importance of literacy and its' place in the lives of young people in Opunake has been paramount for Jenny and Opunake High School's annual success at the prestigious Ronald Hugh Morrison Literary Competition each year speaks volumes to the ability of our young writers and the tutelage and encouragement of the English department under the fair but firm leadership of Jenny.

Staying up to date and modern in an educational landscape that is constantly changing is a challenge for teachers. This was never shirked by Jenny as she adopted new ways to assess students and became an expert at gathering, collating and presenting data to inform teaching and learning. Technology was not a problem for Jenny, as it is for many older teachers today, and her teaching was enhanced by the use of modern teaching aids to foster engagement for students.

Loyalty to the school, her subject and her colleagues was a hallmark of Jenny's career at Opunake High School. This was best seen in her passion for Whanau Awhina and Maori being successful as Maori. She was a true champion of Maori achievement and completed a post-graduate diploma in Maori achievement in the early 2000s to enhance her ability to encourage success for Maori students.

Thank you Jenny for the dedicated and expert contribution you have made to education at Opunake High and in the community as well. Your random acts of kindness will be missed as will your expertise and knowledge in English. Your determination to make English available and understandable to all students will be the lasting legacy you leave behind.

'It is better to have a meaningful life and make a difference than to merely have a long life.'

Bryant H. McGill



Open Days

OHS student leaders will visit contributing schools before the open days to inform the Year 8 students about the transition process and invite to view our school at the Open Days.

You are invited to come to OHS to view what we have to offer at our Open Days 29 & 30 June to begin the transition process.

In August Mr Fuller will come to your school to conduct the enrolment interviews.

Any questions or queries please contact the school office.

Swimming Results

- Junior Boys **Ben Sinclair**
- Junior Girls **Leila Symes**
- Intermediate Boys **Cormach Hughson-How**
- Intermediate Girls **Katie Sinclair**
- Senior Boys **Brody Hitchcock**
- Senior Girls **Aleisha Cram**

Cross Country

The annual cross country was held on May 10.

Lucas Feek pictured right was the first person home and the first of the Junior Boys.

- Junior Boys **Lucas Feek**
- Junior Girls **Jamiee Siciliano**
- Intermediate Boys **Benjamin Shelford**
- Intermediate Girls **Aimee Abplanalp**
- Senior Boys **Christian Rosewarne**
- Senior Girls **Krysten Johnson**

Calendar of Events

- 3 June Teacher Only Day
- 6 June Queens Birthday Holiday
- 10 June Whole Day Course
- 11 June Coastal Lifestyle Expo @ SEC
- 17 June Reports Issued
- 22 June Report Evening from 4pm
- 4-8 July Work Experience Week Yr 12
- 5 July Project Presentation Day
- 8 July Whole Day Course, Last Day of Term 2

REPORT EVENING

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Stage Challenge

On May 23, 38 students competed in the 2016 Stage Challenge. Held nation wide Stage Challenge is a inter school competition, where schools choreograph and perform a 8 minute dance telling a story developed by the students. The New Plymouth event is held at the TSB Showplace and gives students the opportunity to experience a show in an authentic environment and venue. Our entry for 2016 was titled Doubtful Deception and was told the story of two young girls who get lost in the woods and encounter all sorts of strange and spooky entities. The team has worked on the production since the start of the school year and have been practicing lunchtimes and Sundays for months in order to get themselves ready. The students put together the soundtrack, designed the costumes and made the sets to be included in the performance.

Overall, the Opunake High School students demonstrated high levels of diligence and presented themselves with mana and pride on the night. Although we didn't come in first place, the students and all the staff involved were very pleased with the team performed. Huge amounts of praise needs to go to all the performers and backstage crew for making this years Stage Challenge a very positive experience.

Photo Above the Stage Challenge group taken by Taylah Smith.



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Okato Community Trust house opens at Okato

On Thursday May 19 an official opening was held in Okato. The Okato Community Trust (OCT) opened a new house for people in need (with focus on the elderly), the main speaker being Jim Lawn, Chairperson of the Trust. The house is situated at 14 Fox Street, Okato (where the opening celebration was held) and was constructed, then transported by Branderson Homes.

Also in attendance was Jonathan Young the Member of Parliament for New Plymouth, who commented, "This is a fantastic project."

Present were three former Trust Chairpersons (Ken Donald, Will Fleming, Rodney Smith and John Wells),



Jim Lawn, Chairperson of the Okato Community Trust speaking at the opening.

Masonic Lodge gifted their local hall and land which is in the immediate vicinity. The idea was for houses to be set up for the well-being of the elderly and disabled, as well as the local community in general. Currently,

ing should ensure ample hot water. It has an attached garage which should be handy for the elderly residents. Low maintenance features include aluminium joinery, non-rust guttering and hardiplank exterior.

Jim Lawn seeks more Okato Community Trust members, especially those in the younger bracket.

Please phone Jim (06 752 4138 or 027 956 6604) if interested.



Jonathan Young, Member of Parliament for New Plymouth also spoke at the opening and praised the contribution of members of the Okato community in helping this project to its successful completion.

as well as TSB Community Trust's Jenny Gellen, whose organisation contributed \$40,000 (Tania Pirini put in an apology). At the end attendees were invited to Lahar for refreshments.

Jim Lawn gave an informative opening speech, mentioning that the whole process has taken 18 months. He expressed gratitude to the hard work of the Housing Committee including Bernie & Raewynne Lawn and Paul Julian, "Without their work and wisdom this housing project would not have happened. Communities are very fortunate when they have people of this calibre and dedication."

Jim gave an interesting history of the Trust, which was formed in 1991 when the

OCT has three rental dwellings and also receives land rent from the owner of another house.

Jim spoke of some of OCT's activities which include twice yearly mystery trips for the elderly. "These trips are looked forward to and it is pleasing to see the pleasure the elderly of our community receive from these outings," said Jim.

Jim mentioned locals who had contributed greatly including SAG's Steve and Amara Gibson for contributing excavation work free of charge, as well as builder Bruce Barron who built the car shed and deck, to complete this project, "which looks very good."

The open plan-style house is very attractively appointed with lots of natural lighting, and extensive wall-to-wall carpeting, as well as vinyl flooring in the kitchen. It has plenty of storage capacity. Rheem gas water heat-

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The Perfekt Crime

Inspector Drake and the Perfect Crime staged by the Opunake Players was rollicking good fun.

It is a comical take on the classic whodunit. A woman is murdered in the opening scene and Sergeant Plod (played by Ben Morgan) and Inspector Drake (Brody Chapman) are brought in to solve the crime.

There are various suspects: Sabrina – the daughter (Ariana Miller) – or is she; Miss Short (Honey-Rose Hutchins) who also claims to be the daughter and the woman's husband Dr Short played by William Andersen-Gardiner – but is he really the husband. The plot thickens with these multiple identities and confusion reigns supreme as Sergeant Plod and Inspector Drake hilariously attempt to solve the mystery though the amorous Inspector Drake clearly has other things on his mind. Likewise too do the two female suspects who are both attracted to Inspector Drake and succumb to his charms.

It was confusing fun. There were lots of corny jokes. I've fallen for you says Inspector Drake to one of the young women and then literally falls on the carpet and pretends to be examining the carpet when, as



From left Sergeant Plod, Inspector Drake, Miss Short and Sabrina in The Perfekt Crime.

happens regularly throughout, Sergeant Plod enters the room and threatens to interrupt Inspector Drake's amorous endeavours. Take this and blow it up instructs Inspector Drake handing Sergeant Plod a crucial piece of evidence that needs closer examination. Inspector Plod exits and next we hear a huge explosion and Inspector Plod reappears, his helmet askew, his uniform in tatters.

The audience entered into the spirit of the tomfoolery and enjoyed it all. The victim Victoria Short is played by Elaine Spencer.

We only see her in silhouette however at the start of the play as she is attacked. It was cleverly done and set the scene for the following action. Brody Chapman was an attractive cad. William Andersen-Gardiner played the part of the vaguely distant Dr Short authentically. In his silk dressing gown which he wore throughout however I couldn't get the image of Hugh Hefner out of my mind. Honey-Rose Hutchins played the seductive Miss Short well and Ariana Miller made a convincing imposter. It was

Ben Morgan playing the part of Sergeant Plod however who was the standout for me. Every inch the English bobby, trying to do his job and being frequently castigated by his superior whose mind was clearly not on the job, he showed great timing, milked the part for all it was worth and was rewarded with the greatest laughs.

The play was written by English playwright David Tristram and was directed by Wendy Smith.

Bernice McKellar

Doris Day tribute concert a delight

Ali Harper captivated her audience at New Plymouth's Fourth Wall Theatre on Saturday 21 May in performing her Doris Day Special. Not only did she sing many of the songs that Doris Day is fondly remembered for, but she also told tales relating to the famous singer/actress, who is now in her 90s.

Perhaps the three songs I enjoyed the most were 'Sentimental Journey', 'Que Sera Sera' and 'My Secret Love' – Ali Harper's personal favourite.

Her heyday was the 1950s and 1960s when she was the world's biggest box office star for several years. She acted with all the greats such as Cary Grant, Rock Hudson and Clark Gable. 'My Secret Love' was the biggest selling single in Great Britain in the year of its release. (early 1950s).

The most intriguing of the many stories was Ali visiting the diva's home in the United States and capturing her attention as she stood on her balcony. Ali then proceeded to sing My Secret Love and Doris Day called down to say how beautiful her singing was and the two women had a brief chat.

There were some sad sto-

ries in Doris' life, including an abusive violent husband (she was a teenage bride) who committed suicide. However, somehow she managed to rise above adversity and find a silver cloud in some grim life misfortunes such as the death of her only son (and only offspring) from cancer.

In the show there was a really good backup of costumes, props and a huge screen; I especially enjoyed watching a train meandering through rocky countryside as Ali sang 'Sentimental Journey'. I presumed the film was of the backblocks of America.

At the end of the show Ali sat on the front of the stage and answered questions in an engaging manner. Later, she was in the foyer to talk to patrons who had enjoyed her professionally and excellent show. If you have the chance to see Ali Harper in the future make sure you take it. It should be mentioned that the Christchurch based singer also performs shows highlighting other divas such as Barbara Streisand, Dame Vera Lynn and Edith Piaf – to mention just three.

Rolland McKellar

Security in Opunake and other matters

Continued from page 3

of 3 mega-pixels would be adequate for Opunake. He said each camera would cost \$700-\$800 and he would offer his services in installing them free of charge.

To monitor the cameras he thought it would be useful if several local residents could be trained up. Apart from the technical aspects an important part of training involved awareness of the Privacy Law. "People must know what they can and can't do."

Graeme fielded a number of questions including some asking how long the cameras would last. He admitted that salt spray can cause gradual damage oxidising, but still expected a life of 5 to 10 years. (Stainless steel camera were available but were, "very expensive.") He pointed out that the original cabling would still be in place. He also thought that requests for funding were, "worth a crack."

Ingrams Contracting Ltd (Bin and Skip Hire), also a Hawera firm, was represented by two speakers in Laird Harper and Joseph Ingram. Owner Terry Ingram was also present. The locally owned firm has been in business for 50 years. "We are dedicated to offering the best service at the best price."

Now that the South Taranaki District Council are to cease collecting (from July 1) refuse from non-residential groups Ingrams offer

their services at competitive rates. "... we are ready to pick up the slack."

They recycle most material, although not glass. Although they admitted that there is a degree of 'trailing about their offered service to see what works best and suit most clients. They would offer monthly, accounts but explained, "We are not into locking people into long term contacts." Flexible options could include weekly, fortnightly or monthly pickups.

Ingrams consider that their 240 litre bins or the bigger 1.5 cubic metre front loader bins would suit most situations, but they would be flexible to suit different client's requirements. "Everything is negotiable," they explain.

As regards cost the \$10 plus GST per pick up for a 240 wheelie bin would suit most pockets. The 1.5 cubic metre option would be \$146.23 including GST monthly. However, they offer a free trial for a period of time.

Other services on offer include 4 by 4 bins, Jumbo and Huka bins Super Skips and Hiab Crane Hire.

The firm has a 24 hour phone service if you need to get in touch.

Raymond from The Egmont Refuse and Recycling Ltd was the speaker of the third firm involved, which is also based in Hawera. His operation had been going for 21 years and

he is prepared to recycle virtually everything including glass and plastic bags. "There is nothing that can't be used," he comments.

He had on display several products that are yielded by the recycling process, including paper weights, car components and tile surfaces. In The recycling of some plastic at his business ends up providing pipes for cables, with the final process being completed in Otaki. His firm has had positive recognition from the Biz-

link Business Awards and from the Taranaki Regional Council, which he is understandably proud of. The latter award was for "consistent and innovative waste recycling." He states, "I'm passionate" about my operation.

The speakers at the meeting were most informative and positive. Ali who was "very pleased" about this event said the next meeting is on Monday June 13. She concluded, "All those positive about Opunake please get involved."



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Hold on tight farmers, the future is bright

Leading industry speakers at the DairyNZ Farmers' Forum held in Hamilton say that while farmers can expect another year of low milk prices, the long-term outlook for dairy remains bright.

Deputy Prime Minister Bill English, Fonterra CEO Theo Spierings and Rabobank head of food and agribusiness research and advisory, Tim Hunt, all said global demand for dairy products will continue to grow.

Mr English said in the government's view, the dairy industry will remain the engine room of growth as the second biggest New Zealand exporter behind tourism. But facing up to the reduced milk price is the current challenge.

"The next five years is the real test for how competitive we really are on the global market. We all got a bit complacent of the New Zealand dairy industry's dominance in global markets."

Mr English said New Zealand benefited economically from the dairy industry when it needed



The long-term outlook for dairy remains bright. Photo credit: Dana McMurray, Opunake.

it most, during the global financial crisis.

"I would like to thank the dairy industry for pulling this country out of the recession in 2008, when the milk price generated the revenue, paid the tax, helped us stave off the pressure on the government's books and, in particular, lifted

the general confidence in regional New Zealand," said Mr English. "It's something of an untold story."

"Now other primary industries are doing the work, and dairy is under a bit of pressure."

Mr Hunt said Rabobank's expectations were that demand for milk will

continue to grow, led by emerging markets.

"We are amidst a distressing super cycle, and the protracted downturn looks likely to extend into the 2016/17 season," says Mr Hunt. "This is our third major downturn since 2008, it's important to reflect on that and make better decisions for when the next downturn comes."

"New Zealand pasture-based dairying is likely to remain competitive."

Fonterra CEO Theo

Spierings said the long-term trend for dairy is good.

He said the globally traded dairy market involves 66 billion litres of milk, and that is projected to increase to 91 billion litres by 2020. "That is why the long-term prospects of dairy are good."

The topic of 'disruption' also came up throughout the two-day event, held May 17-18 at Mystery Creek Events Centre, attracting over 800 attendees.

Mr Spierings said dairy needed to avoid falling

into similar situations as the media, taxis and music, which have all been disrupted by new business models which have seized business. "Retail is the next in disruption because of online buying," said Mr Spierings.

"So we need to be part of that, because the new generation has different nutritional needs and think of food differently. Nutritional needs are going to expand extremely fast."

Mr Spierings said Fonterra is currently working on a 'disrupt' business model.

"If we do not disrupt, we will be disrupted. Disruptive business models - that will bring change, that will make a difference."

DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle said being the most competitive and responsible in the way we farm remains key.

"We have got to maintain a collective approach to converting the opportunities. We have to keep the focus on being competitive and responsible, with a low-cost base structure to launch value add from," says Mr Mackle.

"It's finding that sweet spot of strong, robust cost of production and high food integrity."

Beledene purebred jerseys hold their own

The Beledene Purebred Jersey Stud held its 45th Annual Sale recently. The vendors, the Revell Partnership met the down market with honour. As usual, the cattle came in excellent order and were the envy of all present.

The top priced bull was Beledene Mon's Lonato, a dairy like sire from the top breeding sire in beledene Dels Montana from one of the elite cows in the Beledene Stud in Beledene Grand Lass Superior, from a line of 5000 ltr milk cows back to a favourite in Beledene Grants Lydiette VHC 93 Res Royal Show Champion. This

fellow was knocked down to the McBeth Family Te Kowhai for their Jimandav Stud for \$3600.

The opening bull of the sale Beledene Loyal Sam set the bench of buyers on edge (as only half share was offered), but spirited bidding took place for this son of Beledene Sams Starlee VHC 96, a cow of world class. A figure of \$3000 was settled by Allan Jenkins, acting agent for the Australian Breeders Peter and Angela Parson of Nirranda.

Mike and Linda Wood took home Beledene Loyal Imperial, a son of Beledene Kings Isalei Superior 94 for their Lindale Stud Tuakau at \$1950.

Terry Payton Rai Valley paid \$1700 for Beledene Mons Luke, a son of Beledene Top Lillian VHC

92.

Other breeders that secured bulls were - Murray Skedgwell (Beledene Loyal Link) Paul Vanner 9 (Beledene Circus Lorne) Allan Preston (Beledene TS Star & Beledene Mons Lanzo) Stu Davidson (Beledene Mons Sandy) John Hills (Beledene Demo Sheriff) J McBeth (Beledene Demo Lord)

The line of bulls averaged \$1250

An outstanding line of heifers went under the hammer. The best price of \$1900 was paid by an undisclosed buyer for the well presented heifer Beledene Andys Idabel, full sister to the top heifer Beledene Andys Ida.

The excellent line of heifers averaged \$1210 on the day.

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Early initial rebate, price cut and investment offer triple benefit for farmers

\$21 per tonne paid three months early, urea below \$500 per tonne and \$6m investment in precision blending

Farmers are set to benefit with an early initial June payment on their annual fertiliser rebate, Ravensdown announced at the opening of its new Precision Blending Tower. The co-operative will pay out \$21 per tonne in cash to farmers three months earlier than the industry norm.

Last year, Ravensdown paid its record annual rebate on purchased fertiliser tonnages in one amount in August. This year, Ravensdown will pay its annual rebate in two parts: the June rebate portion and the rebate remainder after completion of its financial accounts for the year 2015-16.

The early rebate payment to all transacting customers is intended to help many farmers facing cashflow issues, and reflects a deliberate strategy to improve financial returns at the co-operative.

"We're making this early part-payment of the annual rebate because many farmers are facing exceptional commercial and climate related challenges," said Mike Davey, Ravensdown's Regional Manager.

"It makes sense that, with lamb and dairy prices where they are, and dry conditions wreaking havoc for some farms' growing conditions, that we don't wait to make one payment, but split it into two. As a farmer-owned co-operative, we'd also be delighted if the early June rebate portion has a flow-on effect to help all farming sectors, and other rural industries and communities."

Payments will be hitting



Mike Davey
Ravensdown
Regional Manager

bank accounts from June 7.

In a related move, Ravensdown is cutting its urea and ammonium sulphate fertiliser prices to \$495 per tonne as a way to help spring pasture growth and support its 'pasture first' agronomic approach.

This is the third time in this calendar year that Ravensdown has been the first in the industry to lead with a fertiliser price reduction, and the first time Ravensdown urea has been below \$500 per tonne since 2006. Urea now sits at 55 per cent of its 2012 peak, and is \$80 cheaper than it was in January this year, which is worth about \$60 million to NZ farming on an annualised basis.

As a valuable source of nitrogen, urea is critical for spring growth as farmers attempt to feed their livestock with home-grown pasture. Lower priced nitrogen fertilisers will also help horticultural and arable sectors achieve their production goals more profitably.

"It may be a while until

some sectors see a turnaround, so keeping feed costs down and adopting a 'pasture first' model will help the competitiveness of New Zealand farming. The co-operative is in good shape, orders are strong and, because of the improvements we've made to our balance sheet, efficiency gains and global trading arrangements, we're able to pass these savings on when we can," says Mike.

The announcement of the early rebate and urea price cut was made at the opening of Australasia's first Precision Blending Tower in Christchurch.

Ravensdown's new \$6 million Precision Blending Tower was opened by the Minister for Primary Industries, Nathan Guy.

The plant offers precise blends and coatings of fertiliser, made to order at three times the previous speed. This means the co-operative can process and dispatch up to 250 tonnes of precision, made-to-order, fertiliser blends an hour, compared to the current 80 tonnes an hour.

Greg Campbell, Ravensdown's Chief Executive, said, "This precision blending technology arms farmers with the technology to get the most out of their land and livestock in a more sustainable way. Our soil testing laboratory diagnoses what nutrients the farmers' soils need while precision spreading allows the right amount to be applied in the right place."

Chertsey farmer and Ravensdown shareholder Ross Hewson said, "It's great to

see Ravensdown investing in precision technology and productivity. We're really looking forward to the efficiency gains we'll achieve now, with the plant's capability to deliver our tailored blends pretty much instantly. With the variable rate spreading and the more intense monitoring we're doing with micro-nutrients today, this is a huge advantage for us." While Ravensdown's advanced precision blend technology will initially only be available to Canterbury farmers, it is planning to upgrade selected plants in both the North and South Islands.

Greg Campbell added, "Ravensdown is in a position to deliver this good news thanks to a deliberate strategy over the past few years, a lot of hard work from our motivated team and great support from customers. Since our superphosphate cap last December, we signalled that we were aiming to deliver all-year value as well as targeting a sensible rebate. Well, this is what all-year value looks like: keeping input prices competitive, investing in infrastructure, developing new technology and delivering sound technical advice."

Most farmers still satisfied with banks but pressure building for some

Farmers overall remain satisfied with their banks, but pressure is building and sharemilkers are feeling it most a Federated Farmers survey has revealed.

The Federated Farmers Banking Survey, which is undertaken quarterly to gauge the relationship farmers hold with their banks, has indicated that perceptions about 'undue pressure' have gradually built.

Federated Farmers Dairy chairman Andrew Hoggard says that it comes at no surprise considering the current environment.

"Despite sharemilkers being particularly exposed at present bank satisfaction remains strong overall."

The survey shows 81 percent of all farmers and 79 percent of dairy farmers were 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their banks. However, 9.7 percent of all farmers felt they were coming under 'undue pressure' regarding their mortgage, up from February's 8.5 percent. For dairy farmers this was up to 12.9 percent from 10.9 percent last quarter.

New Zealand Bankers' Association chief executive Karen Scott-Howman says that banks are still working closely with farmers to help them plan and manage through the tough times, and the survey results are positive given the current

environment for farmers.

"Banks remain committed to supporting their farming customers, and they will continue working closely with dairy farmers and sharemilkers to help support the viability of their businesses," Ms Scott-Howman said.

"The survey shows the vast majority of farmers remain happy with the quality of communication with their banks. Regular two-way communication is vital in times of financial pressure. We encourage farmers to continue talking with their banks early and often about budget planning, managing cashflow and the assistance that may be available to them," she added.

Mr Hoggard continued: "To end on a positive note, interest rates are relatively low and they are still edging down. Compared to February both mortgage and overdraft rates were down by about 20 basis points to 5.41 percent and 7.59 percent respectively on average.

"Today's low interest rate environment is a godsend and it will be saving many farmers significant debt servicing costs. Those who remember the mid-to-late 1980s with borrowing rates well over 20 percent will be well aware of this," Mr Hoggard concluded.

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DairyNZ's commitment to supporting dairy farmers

Industry body DairyNZ say they are committed to supporting dairy farmers following the announcement by Fonterra of an opening forecast Farmgate Milk Price of \$4.25 per kgMS for the 2016-17 season.

"The \$4.25 per kgMS is not a surprise, although the particularly low opening

advance rate of \$2.50 per kgMS plus capacity adjustment is tough for farmers who will find the winter particularly difficult," says DairyNZ chief executive, Tim Mackle. "This is the lowest opening advance rate in at least the last 14 years.

"The break-even milk

income required for the average farmer is \$5.25 per kgMS, yet under this forecast scenario they'll only be receiving \$4.45 per kgMS all up in terms of farm income, including retro payments from last season and dividends.

"We will see continued pressure for farmers to manage cashflows for the first six months of the 2016-17 season which will, for many, lead to further increases in debt to get their businesses through another low milk price season," says Mr Mackle.

Dairy cash incomes (from milk and livestock) at the announced milk price are expected to be 10-15 percent higher than last season. However, it will be challenging for many farmers to reduce farm

working expenses further, and interest expenses will be higher from increased borrowings over the last two seasons.

"DairyNZ has already boosted its Tactics campaign to help farmers cope. We're providing advice and wrap-around support for our farmers to help them with all the decisions they will have to make," says Mr Mackle.

"Ultimately this could make us more competitive if we use it to drive efficiency throughout our businesses. Many of our farmers have been coping with low milk prices for the past few seasons, so this isn't new for a lot of people.

"We'll particularly need to continue our support for those farmers who have just bought farms or who

are first year sharemilkers, as they will have more debt to manage. Lower order sharemilkers are also under immense pressure as they have little wriggle room."

DairyNZ has now visited over 1400 farms as part of its Tactics programme to ensure dairy farmers are aware of and have access to the right support based on their individual circumstances.

"It's been through these visits, and many more over the coming months, that we come across farmers who are going the extra mile to help each other out," says Mr Mackle.

"We have Tactics host farmers who are 'farmers helping farmers' and sharing information to help each other get through. At our recent Farmers' Forum,

three farmers shared their learnings on the key ingredients to operate a farm at \$3 per kgMS, and how they have set up their systems to run at a consistently low farm working expenses level.

"We also have 420 Dairy Connect farmers who are acting as short-term mentors, and we are offering workshops on getting the best use out of pasture," he says.

"We will continue to work with our farmers to share tips and tactics around the regions on getting through a low milk price cycle.

"While we are in challenging times, the majority of dairy farmers are resolute and are remaining as positive as they can."

Report gives qualified approval for genetically modified crops

Genetically engineered crops are safe, but new regulations are needed as the definition of GE organisms becomes blurred, say US academics. A study by the US-based National Academies of

Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has analysed the costs and benefits of genetically modified crops, drawing on almost 30 years of research. The report says there is no substantiated evidence of a

difference in risks to human health between current commercial GE crops and conventional crops, and no conclusive cause-and-effect evidence of environmental problems from GE crops. The report also says

evolved resistance to current GE characteristics in crops is a major agricultural problem.

Looking to the future of GE crops, the report says new genetic technologies are blurring the line

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Where there's a chill there's a way

Urenui farmer Brad Sulzberger was pondering the two day pick up milk cooling problem, and had a brainwave. After a bit of experimenting, he contacted Steve Corkill of Corkill Systems Limited with his idea, and together they have developed a simple solution to many farmers' cooling problems. The saying goes that the simplest ideas are often the best, and so is the case with the CSL Chillboost, which has the potential to save dairy farmers many dollars as they strive to meet the new dairy cooling requirements.

We probably need to understand those new regulations which say that milk in the vat has to be cooled to 10 degrees C or below within four hours of commencing milking, or down to 6 degrees or below within six hours of commencement, and within two hours of completion of milking. The milk must also be held at 6 degrees C or below until collection or the start of the next milking, and must not exceed 10 degrees C during subsequent milkings. The Chillboost device is aimed at this last point, the 10 degree C threshold when adding fresh milk to the vat. Typically milk already held in the vat will be between 4 and 6 degrees C at the start of milking, with 4 degrees being the switch-off point, and 6 degrees being the cut-in



Steve Corkill (left) and Brad Sulzberger solving the chill problem.

point for the chiller system. In effect, the device is a waterproof timer, encased in a module, which uses a shunt to connect to a thermo-coupler that can be set to activate the chiller system around 30 minutes before the start of milking, and "tricks" the chiller unit into thinking that the milk is actually warmer than it really is. This allows the chiller to bring the contents of the vat down to 4 degrees C or below prior to milking, and goes on to repeat this cycle every 30 minutes, and as milk is added keeps the

"blend" temperature lower than normal. In practice this means that the chiller will never wait to see the cut-in temperature of 6 degrees C, and will have the overall effect of reducing the blend temperature by around 2 degrees C, which for a large number of dairy farmers will allow them to stay under the 10 degree C blend temperature brought about by the new requirements. The unit can be retro-fitted to existing chiller systems and offer advantages such as using the milk already in the vat as a cold storage

bank to help lower the blend temperature as it enters the vat, is easily adjustable to cater for different systems or regimes, and lends itself well to two-day pick up cycles. The unit also enhances the existing chiller performance, by maximising output before having to consider an upgrade, and is extremely cost effective with an expected sale price

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between conventional and GE crops, and that the U.S. regulatory system needs to assess crop varieties based on their individual characteristics, not the way they are produced. Assoc Prof Peter Dearden, Director, Genetics Otago, University of Otago, comments: "The US National Academies report indicates that many of the proposed problems with GM crops have either not eventuated, or not been significant. They find no issues for human health, no clear evidence for environmental effects and favourable economic outcomes for producers using GM crops. The biggest issue they indicate is the development of resistance to insecticide-carrying crops, something which is of no surprise. "Perhaps the key aspect of the report is the recognition that new genome editing tools have changed the game with GM crops, and that this has huge consequences for New Zealand. Alongside this, the development of

novel DNA sequencing technologies have allowed a much better understanding, and screening for, the unintended consequences of genetic manipulation. Prof Jck Heinemann, School of Biological Sciences, University of Canterbury, comments: "The summary of the report is not out of line with what I would have expected. The report authors have said that it is not possible to extrapolate the safety of all GMOs based on the track record of currently released GMOs, which are mainly plants, only a few kinds of plants, and predominantly only two traits: herbicide tolerance and insecticides. They advocate ongoing risk assessment. "The authors also acknowledge that it is possible to create potentially harmful characteristics in plants by other means. Thus, avoiding a particular process should not automatically exempt a product from a safety assessment just as using a particular process

should not indicate that the plant is necessarily harmful in particular ways. Note though that the US regulatory system is not the same as here [in New Zealand]. 'Process' there means such things as the source of the genes, not just the techniques. We need to be cautious about wholesale adoption of report language. "On the benefit side of the equation, the report finds some limited evidence of benefit depending on what other farming choices are made. There was no indication that adoption of GMOs is of a uniform net benefit in any or all agroecosystems. For example, if GM cropping is compared to high input monocultures without crop rotation, there can be a benefit, but not necessarily a benefit if it is compared with some other management systems. Importantly, they confirm observations that many of us have made that the adoption of GM cultivars has not so far contributed to increases in yield.



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Round 2 has started well for RD1/Ballance Coastal Premiers. On May 21, Coastal travelled to Stratford. After losing to Stratford in Round 1, it was important to get some points back on the competition table. Conditions weren't favourable for running rugby, so a wet weather slog

was on. Tries by Brett Goodin and Emmett Hurley, along with two conversions and a penalty by Thys Van der Poel had Coastal leading 17-9 at half time. Points were hard to come by in the second half, and although Stratford scored two second half tries,



Thys Van der Poel has been putting in a great effort so far this year.



Blake Barrett about to boot away on defence.

to a solitary penalty by Thys Van der Poel, Coastal held on to win 20-17. Man of the Match was Brett Goodin.

a conversion by Thys Van Der Poel.

On May 28, Coastal travelled to Tikorangi to take on Clifton. A very good performance had Coastal leading 17-9 at half time with tries by Troy Stevenson, Liam Hurley and Jimmy Ellis, and

Second half tries by John Julian (2) and Andy Weaver, all converted by Thys Van Der Poel led to a 38-14 win. Man of the Match was Daniel Rae.

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Eltham Smallbore shooting

The first club shoot in May saw Paul Tidswell lead the way with two possibles, and two 99's. He was closely followed by Garry Rowlands, with Adrian Clark shooting consistently well in third place. Scores were: Paul Tidswell 100.3, 100.5, 99.3, 99.8, Garry Rowlands 100.5, 99.6, 98.5; Adrian Clark 96.4, 93.2, 98.6, 97.4, 95.2, 94.3; Kat Mischefski 94.3, 94.1; Paul Longstaff 93.2, 97.4; Frank Eustace 97.3; Murray Chinery 91.2; Alan Drake 94.3, 94.4; Bob Bramley 90.1, 91.1, 93.2; Don Litchfield 95.2, 96.4; Matt Sulzberger 94.1; Brian Hicks 87.0, 84.1; Stephen Hicks 92.0; Clare Bramley 92.3, 92.2.

New shooter Bob Bramley continues to improve and had some very good scores.

Scores were: Garry Rowlands 99.8, 98.4, 100.8, 97.4; Paul Tidswell 98.3, 97.3, 97.7, 98.5; Bob Bramley 97.6, 94.2, 95.3, 95.2, 95.2; Clare Bramley 92.2, 93.2, 93.4; Matt McLeish 84.0, 76.0; Keira McLeish 72.0, 72.0; Alan Drake 96.4, 97.6, 99.5; Kat Mischefski 93.0, 89.1; Paul Longstaff 94.4, 94.3; Adrian Clark 97.5, 98.3, 98.6, 95.3, Cameron Symonds 86.1; Heather Symonds 94.3, 89.0; Noel Hainsworth 85.0, 91.2; Don Litchfield 96.4, 96.2; Brian Hicks 92.2, 94.1. Steve Smith shot well with 97.3, 95.4, 99.5.

On the grouping cards, there was intense competition with Adam Swainson leading the way. Scores were; Adam Swainson 100, 100; Ken Swainson 100; Cameron Symonds 100; Noel Hainsworth 100;

Kat Mischefski 100; Ellie Swainson 95, 96.

Last week's results saw Garry Rowlands again taking top spot with a very nice double possible to make a combined score of 200.14. Paul Tidswell was next best with 198.12 on his double card, and this included a 100.7. Bob Bramley scored 191.5; Clare Bramley 187.4; Alan Drake 193.5.

Single cards were the main interest for shooters with Adrian Clark scoring well with 99.4, 98.6, 93.1, 98.4. Kat Mischefski also retrieved some of her form with a score of 99.6. Other scores were Paul Longstaff 94.2, 94.3, 98.6; Paul Tidswell 99.7; Bob Bramley 90.1, 96.4; Clare Bramley 94.2; Cameron Symonds 92.2; Heather Symonds 90.3, 91.0, 95.3; Don Litchfield 93.2, 95.2; Kat Mischefski 95.3, 99.6; Alan Drake 98.1; Murray Chinery 96.2, 95.3; Brian Hicks 93.1, 94.2. Grouping cards were completed by Adam

Swainson 97, 97; and Cameron Symonds 100.

This week new and junior shooters had a tussle for top spot in the weekly shoot at the Eltham Smallbore range.

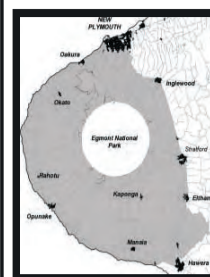
All scored well with several making the coveted 100. Scores were Matt McLeish 99, 99; Keira McLeish 98, 100; Brian Boyd 100, 99; Cameron Symonds 99, 100; Adam Swainson 98, 100; Ken Swainson 97.

Of the senior shooters, Paul Tidswell had the highest score, followed by Garry Rowlands. Scores were: Paul Tidswell 99.5, 100.7, 97.5, 99.5; Garry Rowlands 99.7, 99.8, 98.6, 97.6; Paul Longstaff 95.1, 94.3, 96.5; Alan Drake 97.4, 94.1, 97.6; Bob Bramley 96.4, 94.2, 93.1; Clare Bramley 92.4, 94.1, 95.2; Murray Chinery 89.1, 89.0; Adrian Clark 97.4; Frank Eustace 98.2, 99.3, 98.7; Don Litchfield 91.2, 95.3; Heather Symonds 93.2, 88.2, 91.3; Matthew Sulzberger 92.2, 95.2; Brian Hicks 96.7, 94.2.

Steve Smith shot well in the scoped class with scores of 100.9, 98.6, 98.6. The following week, a larger turnout of shooters saw good competition with the placings of the previous week being reversed with Garry pipping Paul for top spot.

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In the eye of the Tiger

The Taranaki Tigers had a double header against the Otago Blues and the Canterbury Snipers in the National District Champs telephone shoot (NDC) on May 19. Taranaki Tigers came out with a draw with the Otago Blue and Golds, and a loss against a strong Canterbury

Snipers team. The Taranaki Tigers Open team continue to put up good scores, but the Composite and Junior squads are a little down.

Top score in the juniors was a fast improving Mathew Peters with 190.02 and the other standout was

Bruce Cameron with a clean sheet of 300.24, a whole 4 points ahead of second place Frank Eustace.

Scores were: Bruce Cameron 300.24, Frank Eustace 295.17, Jason Cameron 294.14, Paul Tidswell 293.13, Gary Rowlands 293.12, Sam Gooding 293.9,

Doug Gibson 292.14, Trevor Jupp 291.15, Robert Hine 289.9, Dave Fake 287.8, Hayden Andreoli 291.12, Hayley Jupp 290.10, Adrian Clark 289.12, Phoebe Lye 285.8, Alan Drake 284.8, Mathew Peters 190.2, Heather Symonds 185.4, Xander Campbell 182.1.

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Mathew Peters posing at the Hawera Range

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Charlie Ngatai commits to Port Taranaki Bulls and Gallagher Chiefs

The quick feet and tactical smarts of mid-field dynamo Charlie Ngatai are here to stay, with the 25-year-old committing to the Port Taranaki Bulls and Gallagher Chiefs for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. The announcement comes just days after the influential back was named in the 2016 All Blacks squad for the upcoming series against Wales. Port Taranaki Bulls coach Colin Cooper says he was thrilled to have Ngatai sign on for a further two years. "Charlie has been significant for our team since joining us in 2014, so we're very

pleased to have him on board for another term. He is highly respected by his teammates and management due to his professionalism on and off the field. He is a great leader, making him a natural choice to captain the Port Taranaki Bulls when James Marshall was ruled out early last season. Although we expect his availability will be limited due to his commitments with the All Blacks, we are very proud of what he has achieved, and we know he will continue to contribute to the team from afar and make the most of every



Charlie Ngatai. Staying with us.

the side before heading north to join Taranaki in 2014. A central figure in the Port Taranaki Bulls, Ngatai helped his team to their first ever Mitre 10 Cup Premiership win in his debut year with the side. He has played 20 games for the Port Taranaki Bulls to date. Ngatai's national representative career continues to flourish. He played for the New Zealand Secondary Schools side in 2007 and 2008, and was part of the Junior World Championship-winning New Zealand Under 20 team in 2010. Ngatai is a member of the Ngati Porou and Te Whanau-a-Apanui iwi, and has played for the Maori All Blacks since 2012, captaining the side for the past two years under Port Taranaki Bulls coach Colin Cooper. In 2015 Ngatai made his debut for the All Blacks against Samoa in Apia. He backed up his impressive first outing in the black jersey four days later when he captained the Maori All Blacks against Fiji.

opportunity he has to play for Taranaki," said Cooper. Charlie Ngatai said: "I'm really pleased to have the opportunity to play for Taranaki again. I love it down there, especially the culture, the good bunch of boys, and the support we get from the fans and community. I've

enjoyed myself the last couple of years, playing under coaches like Coops who I also worked with in the Maori All Blacks. I'm looking forward to playing for the Naki again and hopefully winning another Mitre 10 Cup." Charlie Ngatai was destined for big things from an

early age. The national age grade sprint champion and former Gisborne Boys High School 1st XV skipper made his first-class debut for Poverty Bay while still at school. In 2009 at just 18-years of age, Ngatai debuted for Wellington in the Mitre 10 Cup going on to play 39 games for

Hawera shooters get some valuable preparation

Target Shooting Hawera at the Hub on May 25 had a few of the regulars away, but the standard of shooting was still high. Joe De Costa had a personal best with 94.3. Bruce Cameron was

a dead eye dick with 100.10 in the first of a double with 100.8 on the second. It is an achievement that Bruce has managed before and it is one that most shooters will never ever get. Taranaki shooters were preparing themselves for the Taranaki Champs at Eltham and the Hawera Champs. Shooters will be here from all around the North Island, so competition will be intense. Weekly club scores were: Dylan Farr 85.0,82.0, Llewellyn Farr 84.0,82.0, 88.1,84.0, Jackson Jennings, 91.2, Alex Munro 93.2, Dwayne Rangi 93.4, 86.2, 91.0, Rico Symes Patterson 82.1, Brody Lott 98gr,98gr, Tenneile Conchie

Crump 87gr,97gr, Joe De Costa 94.3, 84.1, Dylan Robinson95gr,95gr, Heath Robinson 97gr, 99gr, Bruce Cameron199.18, Jason Cameron 198.13, Frank Eustace 99.2, 98.6, Mathew Peters 100gr,96.2,

A week earlier, there was some consistently high scores from the younger shooters a result of their keenness to shoot double cards. Sean Michael Bower had a personal best with 91.3, and Jay Harris on one of the few grouping cards shot scored 100. In the seniors, a consistent Bruce Cameron showed the way with two possible cards and the only 100s of the night.

Scores were: Sean Michael Bower 83.0,91.3, Dylan Farr 88.1, 91.3, Llewellyn Farr 89.2, 167.2, Jackson Jennings 96.2,93.4, Alex Munro 85.1, 192.7 Dwayne Rangi 87.1, 175.2, Clayton Robinson 75.0, 85.1, 73.0, Christina Starr 86.1, 170.0, 170.3, Rico Symes Paterson 90.2, 176.4, Jay Harris 100 gr, 92.3, Tenneile Conchie Crump94gr, 98gr, Hayden Andreoli 192.8, 193.6, 188.5, Bruce CAMERON 199.15, 199.16, Jason Cameron 98.5, Frank Eustace 98.7, 195.11, 195.7, San Gooding 198.11, Mathew Peters 192.5, 91.2, Robbie Mc Nair 96.3, 195.12.

Frank Eustace

Taranaki shooters go close

The North Island Ten Man team shoot at Petone was a close run affair with winners Manawatu edging out the Waikato and Taranaki teams. For a while it looked like Taranaki might have been second, but a good finish by Waikato relegated Taranaki to third, which was the highest placing for Taranaki for some years. There were 16 teams and a

total of 164 shooters, with Taranaki having eight shooters in the top 50. The top shot was Ryan Taylor from Levin with 398.29. Ryan is one of the New Zealand representatives for the Olympic Games. Dave Fake from Oaonui had the highest score for Taranaki with 393.23, with Paul Tidswell close on 393.19 Hayden Andreoli shot well to end up 7th for

Taranaki. Scores were: Dave Fake 393.23, Paul Tidswell 393.19, Bruce Cameron 392.18, Garry Rowlands 392.17, Kevin Bocock 391.21, Jason Cameron 389.18, Hayden Andreoli 389.15, Trevor Jupp 389.13, Sam Gooding 388.15, Doug Gibson 383.08 team total 3899167 emergency Frank Eustace 381.08.

Frank Eustace

Indoor bowls winners announced

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre has recently played their Mixed Fours and Mixed Pairs and the winning teams going forward to represent us at the Zone playoffs to be held in Stratford the first weekend in July are:

Fours: Trevor Bourne (Skip) Sue Bourne, Arthur Podjursky, Bari Oliver (Cardiff)

Pairs: Arthur Podjursky (Skip) Raewyn Fredrickson (Composite team)

The third round of inter association was played at

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See what kiwis can do at The Great New Zealand Craft Show. Admission is \$10, Gold Card holders \$7, kids and students \$6 and under 8s free.



This beautiful skull by New Plymouth artist Terri Bracey will be one of the Skulltopia entrants auctioned at The Great NZ Craft Show at TSB Stadium this weekend.

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Left: Nicole Brophy, who studied at the Western Institute of Technology, graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing. She is the daughter of Phillip Brophy and granddaughter of Simon and June Brophy.

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Relocation of Mountainview Medical Manaia Clinic to Hawera.

After much consideration and thought, the Manaia Medical Centre will move permanently to Hawera. While we are sorry to announce this outcome, we have had to make this hard decision to consolidate our Hawera practice for a variety of business reasons.

Services for patients who see their GP at Mountainview Medical Clinic in Manaia will permanently move to the Mountainview Medical Centre, 65 Victoria Street, Hawera.

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Russell plays despite the pain after a week in hospital

The enthusiasm of Opunake Music Workshop members is astounding, and even extends to playing guitar with an acutely poisoned finger.

Russell Wicks has been travelling from Eltham once a fortnight to perform at the music evenings, and has been a regular patron since they began in 2015. On Tuesday May 24, Russell put on a brave face. Arriving quite flustered, having driven through the thunder, lightning, and hail with a bandage on his right index finger, he had a grim story to tell. Russell confided, "the doctors want to amputate my finger down to the knuckle, because it isn't healing".

He was gardening in his backyard when his finger was pierced by a common thistle plant.

"I didn't think anything of

it at the time, but four days later, I was in agony, my finger was throbbing, and the swelling had travelled further up my hand."

Concerned about his finger, Ashley Pedersen advised Russell to get to Base Hospital as soon as possible, otherwise he may risk losing his finger. They kept him there on medication for over a week to try and eliminate the infection. Thankfully, he accepted Ashley's advice, but may have waited too long. Having already lost an index finger on his left hand many years ago in a freak accident, the prognosis is not pretty for his right index finger, which will be an additional handicap for his guitar playing.

Still, the show must go on, and he seemed to perk up, as he sang the 1969 Creedence Clearwater Revival hit, "Bad



Russell puts on a brave face.

Moon Rising." The pain killers must have kicked in, and deadened the soreness. Wearing a brave face, he strummed the strings of his guitar whilst avoiding the use of his infected finger as if nothing was wrong. It just goes to show, the power of music can overcome the pain.

Anyone who would like to

develop their talents further with expertise, mentoring and training from regular professional musicians and singers, please join us at 7:30PM on Tuesday June 7 at the Catholic Church lounge, 33 Whitcombe Rd, Opunake.

Anne Montgomery

Happy New Year Taranaki - Ngā mihi o te tau hou Taranaki

"The community of Parihaka are extending a welcome to the public to join in our upcoming Puanga celebrations.

Puanga and the Maori New Year are a way of paying respect to the unique place and land on which we all live," says Jean Hikaka, a member of the Parihaka Puanga Kai Rau Festival Committee. The festival takes place at the world-famous Taranaki village of Parihaka from

June 10-12, and celebrates the rise of the star Puanga (Rigel) which marks the beginning of the new year. "We start with a pōwhiri on Friday, 10th June 2016, at 5pm and will then light the Puanga fire. Early on Saturday, we will be able to watch Puanga rise in the East above mouna Taranaki at about 6am.

The maara (garden) is the special and only feature of the morning, as everybody

can help harvest and prepare the soil for the next lot of crops," says Jean Hikaka. "The afternoon and evening will consist of workshops, movies and six local bands taking the stage.

Last year Shaskeen Reel got all the whānau up dancing with their Irish folk tunes. We're looking forward to them this year. Other activities throughout the weekend include kids' fun. Children can work with

LED lights, compete in an "amazing race," get physical with Zumba, and complete a round of frisbee golf.

There will be a café to purchase food from lunch to dinner." In parts of Taranaki, Northland, the West Coast of Te Waipounamu and Rēkohu/Wharekauri, the Māori New Year is marked by the rise of Puanga.

Showtime at Stratford

Choristers of the Stratford Singers will be taking the stage in style for their upcoming production, 'It's Showtime!'

With the backing of a TSB Community Trust grant the choir has purchased a set of risers that will be both safe and sturdy. The choir will find the risers an asset for the three public concerts



Stratford Singers' Bernard Hughes and John Sextus constructing new choir risers

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they stage each year. Also, they will be available for use by community groups and schools in Central Taranaki.

Stratford Singers and The Great Taranaki Steam Band are practising hard for next week's performances. The combination of voices, big band sound, sensational trio Words with the Birds, the classic music of the 40s and 50s and the wonderful acoustics of Stratford's TET Kings Theatre, is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Get your tickets now!

Things to see and do at Pihama Lavender

Pihama Lavender is proud to be part of this year's Taranaki Arts Trail. This year there will be a number of artists who exhibit at Pihama Lavender working over the weekend of June 11-12. This means that people who visit this place of interest will be treated to a feast of arts. There will be a wide range of artists. Katrin Lemke is an artisan jeweler who will be working on some of her pieces. Louise Knapman and Ian Hitch both work with fibre, and will be showing their talent at felting and spinning, dying and production of woolen items. Lorrain Moser will be working in oil. Liz Sinclair will be working in pastel. Carol Hill will be carving. Ian Jensen will be working in mosaics. Hilary Sillis will be producing work in multimedia and acrylic.



Pihama Lavender, Pihama.

over summer, and the success of the recently launched Growers and Makers Markets. Out next market is on Sunday July 24. We are also planning a market and event expo on August 21. This aims to showcase all that is available on the coast for people wanting to organize

an event, such as a wedding, birthday, Christmas Party or any special celebration.

Pihama Lavender also has interesting spaces available for events. These can be viewed by visiting our website www.pihamalavender.com. Our boutique accommodation

is one of South Taranaki's hidden treasures. It has been admired by all that stay here. Guests come from as close as Pihama, to as far away as Finland, and everywhere between. It is called Punehu Stream Cottage, and can be viewed at www.punehustreamcottage.com

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Thinking of Barb

The other day I was walking with my very good friend Barb and I asked her 'Do you believe in miracles?'

She responded, "I don't know." "Really," I said. "Because I do."

On December 3, 2015 an early phone call changed the life of not only my very close friend Barbara, but her extended whanau and beyond. Severely injured in a car crash, Barb was flown to Waikato Intensive Care Unit. The family were told to prepare for the worst; friends gathered and supported one another. The outlook didn't look good, and honest and frank discussions were shared with the amazing doctors and nurses that were to care for Barbara.

The days were long and the nights were hard but one thing that remained consistent was the undivided love and care of her whanau and friends. Well wishers and followers on facebook were plentiful. Prayers were sent out, and many sent their love and support from afar.

One thing was certain-that if anyone could get through this, Barb could. I wasn't convinced. In my mind I was thinking of a funeral and the what ifs. Slowly but surely some glimpses of hope appeared. She started to squeeze hands, move legs and tilt her head, her focus started to return, and she was able to breathe on her own. We all sighed a breath of relief.

Day by day we all waited in anticipation on the daily updates, as did the many followers now eager for the progress.

On December 24, Barb was transferred to ABI Rehabilitation Centre in Henderson, Auckland. Tubes were withdrawn, plugs were discon-



Barbara Fakavamoeanga

nected as she grew stronger. She started to talk and learned to walk. I will never forget the sheer look of determination on her face as she struggled through the intense physio, or the joy from the whanau as they celebrated her progress. One step forward.

I truly believe that without the love and support of her whanau, friends and the

wider community, her recovery would have been so much more of a challenge.

Barb is a giver. She gives her time, energy and love in all she does. She is known as the "Relationship Queen," because making connections is paramount to Barb. Acknowledging the good in all, and igniting dreams, especially for her students,

remains pivotal in her role as a teacher and educator, but most importantly as a friend to many.

She truly is a miracle.

And sometimes, even miracles need a helping hand to grow and reach their full potential. What better way to do this than as a community.

Bridgitte Luke.



INVITATION TO JOIN HON NATHAN GUY, MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND TARANAKI MPS HON CHESTER BORROWS, BARBARA KURIGER, AND JONATHAN YOUNG

FARMER SHED MEETINGS

Date: Tuesday 21 June

INGLEWOOD - 10.00am - 11.30am
615 Dudley Road, Inglewood

OPUNAKE - 2.30pm - 4.00pm
32 Young Road, Opunake

STRATFORD - 12.00pm - 1.30pm
Stratford Demonstration Farm,

44 East Road, Stratford

*RSVP Essential by 14 June

RSVP: 048179281 or email Barbara.KurigerMP@parliament.govt.nz

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Coastal Lifestyle EXPO

SATURDAY JUNE 11th 2016 - Time: 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Sandford's Event Centre, Main Road, Opunake

Entry fee \$5.00 Adults, children under 12 yrs free

All proceeds made from door sales will be donated to the Deputy Principal of Opunake High School, Barbara Fakavamoeanga to help her and her family at this difficult time.

Food and drinks available - No eftpos, cash only on the day.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR CAUSE!

The day will consist of Candles, Homemade Lollies, Preserves, Cards, Crystal Healing, Reiki, Massage, Soaps, Jewellery, Cake Haven, Nails, Readings, Clairvoyance Readings, Aura Photographs, Crystals, Books, Life Coaching, Animal Healer, Crystal Elixirs, Energy Healing, Colour Therapy, Chocolate Lady, Art, Pottery, Wedding Flowers and more!

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Friday 10th June 2016

Doors & Bar open from 7pm, seated by 7:30

Coastal Rugby Clubrooms, Rahoitu Road, Rahoitu

Supper provided Bar available Tickets \$10 per person

Tickets available from Coastal Rugby home games or Opunake & Pungarehu RD1 Stores

For more information or tickets contact Jeni Kettlewell 027 420 6354