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Covid concerns in India felt on the coast

The focus of world attention has swung to India as Covid-19 continues to cut a swathe across the globe.

For those with friends and family in that part of the world it has been a worrying time, and phone calls from India are likely to bring on a sense of anxiety and anticipation of yet more bad news.

In the early days of Covid, India had not been seen as one of the epicentres of the virus.

“So many people who had it in the first wave recovered quite well,” says Rahul Tyagi of Opunake. “Some of my friends never had any symptoms, just a little cough, but this latest one is the worst one. With 400,000 cases a day, the hospital and emergency services are out of capacity.”

Rahul comes from Delhi which has borne the brunt of the virus.

“So many of my family members have either had or have Covid.”

He says he recently lost two or three members of his extended family to Covid

“A couple couldn’t even get to hospital as the hospitals are over-capacitated.”

The father of a childhood friend died a month ago, while a school friend has also lost a father.

“There’s another really good friend who lives in Auckland, and her father died a couple of days ago.”

Vaccinations are now being made available to people over 60 years old. Rahul considers his family among the luckier ones, as his father, a police officer is classified as an essential worker meaning that he and the rest of his family have been vaccinated.

Manasa (Maggie) Chandu from Manaia says whenever she gets a phone call, she fears bad news.

“My husband’s brother is affected with Covid. They didn’t have enough beds at the hospital, so he’s had to get



Manasa (Maggie) Chandu and daughter Anika.

the remedies at home. “India definitely needs prayers. Most of the popular Indian actors are raising funds to support families who have no work to pay bills. Families don’t get to see their

loved ones one last time if they go to hospital. They just

get the news from the hospital that the person is dead. They

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are burning hundreds and hundreds of bodies every day. Children are left homeless, and their life is now so blank with no parents and no family. Every next door has Covid in that place. They’re not able to buy groceries and stuff for home. They’re struggling to get oxygen.”

She says Covid has led to the development of another virus called Black Fungus.

“They are running out of medicines. It’s very difficult and we feel very helpless that being over here we’re not able to do anything.”

Jahnai (Jenny) Chitneni from Kaponga also dreads getting phone calls from India.

“Every time we get a phone call from India we hear something bad. My husband’s family lost three family members, and they were mainly in their 30s.”

Her father had Covid three months ago.

“For the first 10 days he had a very bad fever. They took him to hospital, but the Covid test was negative. Then after seven to eight days he had shortness of breath. After the eighth day they took him to hospital. They did a CT scan and a test and he was positive. By that time Dad’s lungs were infected. He was not given much of a chance but very luckily he survived. My Dad survived, but if something happened to him, we can’t even get to India. We spent 15,000 New Zealand dollars on medical treatment. We’re doing what we can to support our family. They can’t get any support from the government. There are no bedrooms available and there’s a shortage of oxygen.”

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Letters to the Editor

Unprepared for the Mountain

Will always get people unprepared on the mountain

I have listened to people/experts, even given some myself, on why people go unprepared and unequipped on Mt Taranaki over the years. I agree with Lindsay Maindonald's comments about the persons he came across on Friday. One only needs to spend time on the slopes of Mt Taranaki to come across this sort of people up there.

Unfortunately, sadly it doesn't make a difference to some people what information and warnings some people are given by where it comes from, verbal, signage or the internet.

'It comes down to personal attitude.' Personal attitude and personal responsibility decide what they listen to and what ideas the person(s) take notice of.

When I have spoken with the experienced Department of Conservation Visitors Centre staff in the Egmont National Park, they say it doesn't matter what wise

information they give some of the visitors who come in there, they have already made up the plans. Sadly, they or anyone have the right to stop people from doing what visitors/park-users choose to do or with or without the right equipment. In some, they walk straight past the centres.

Sadly we cannot change some people's attitude or mindset.

*Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth*

Glyphosphate

I agree with your correspondent Rolland McKellar. The above mentioned poison is used far too regularly.

It's basically a lazy man's solution.

I noticed once I stopped using it the weeds stopped growing and by simply cutting instead there was a healthy lush green swathe growing instead of spindly weeds.

If you don't want growth of any sort use asphalt it's a healthier and more productive use of time, money and materials.

*Dave Hancock
Eltham*

Visits to Parihaka

When I visited Parihaka Pa and its settlement a few days ago my thoughts brushed up memories of my young youth.

We would bike from Oakura to Parihaka two or three times a year back in the sixties. We were fascinated by the place. At the time there were very few buildings on the site and very few persons living on site, and one of the main buildings had been burnt down around 1960. We were always met by a very old Maori woman who lived there. Interestingly she walked very slowly but always had a spectacular vegetable garden, and she was always very happy to see and greet us. We never knew her name but she wished to be called Aunt. We would help her out for a while in her garden. One day when we arrived at the pa she came over to meet us in tears, and she told us someone had come in and stolen valuable items/treasures from her

house and the Te Whiti's monument within Parihaka. She was devastated. After comforting her we said have you called the cops? She said she didn't have any way of contacting them, but she said she didn't want to cause trouble, so we spent time in her garden. The interesting thing when I returned in 2021 was the big numbers of houses/buildings and families living there now, but there seemed little veggie garden input there now.

*Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth*

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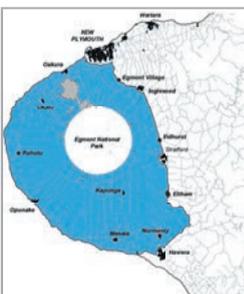
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Jesus was thirsty. So he decided to stop to have a drink and a chat with a Samaritan woman at a well. But Samaritans were ostracised by the Jews for their different beliefs and worship style. And Him speaking with a woman

True worship

would have been doubly unacceptable to His young working class disciples. Yet, He didn't condemn or shun her because she was a religious and social outcast who had five husbands, and was living with another man who wasn't her husband.

She was amazed by His ability to discern her past life and His acceptance and compassion for her. Jesus was interested in her welfare, not her past sins. He prophesied to this marginalised social leper what true worship will mean for people in future generations. He said, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.... God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:21-24 NIV).

Jesus' new idea of true worship was revolutionary and upsetting to His own Judaic religious leaders. They hated Him. Because it meant honouring God with both an inner personal relationship and an outward lifestyle "...to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). The religious leaders of His day mostly lacked these three qualities and were blinded by pride. And they became unable to recognise hundreds of Old Testament prophecies about their Messiah that were fulfilled by Jesus. Instead they sought an earthly political messiah, the outward praise of people and ritualistic animal blood sacrifices to forgive sins.

Today religious buildings, rituals and music may be

helpful in worship. But most importantly Jesus is telling this Samaritan woman that the heart of true worship is based on God's Spirit living "within" her and truthfully practicing a lifestyle of living worship by obeying the truth of His Word daily. That's Jesus' 2021 message to us about true worship in spirit and truth.

This politically and spiritually outcast woman at the well was so impressed by Jesus that she went about as a missionary for His radically new message. She may have risked her life among her own people. One can only imagine how her life was changed. Perhaps she was one of the many faithful and courageous women who followed Jesus to His cross? Personally, I believe she had good reason to put her money on the only religious leader who ever came back from the dead.

Jesus' conversation with this despised Samaritan woman illustrates that His forgiveness was inclusive of all people. His merciful love wasn't based on the identity of their gender, culture or colour. On the cross Jesus settled the matter once and for all: All lives matter to God!

*Manaakitanga
Adelphos*

Deadlines for copy

We find we are working very late on a Tuesday night to put the paper together for it to be at the printers first thing Wednesday morning.

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

We continue to receive a lot of material on Tuesday and are struggling to process it all as well as put together the paper.

If you have trouble meeting this deadline can you let us know.

This deadline does not apply to the Cops and Fire Service columns where incidents can occur on the Monday and Tuesday.

We do appreciate your contributions, so thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Editor

Opunake & Coastal News
Paste Up Night



A step up for new Principal

Formerly Acting Principal since earlier this year, Deputy Principal Andrea Hooper has been appointed as permanent principal of Opunake High School. The promotion "is so exciting, I'm chuffed but also humbled," she comments.

She admits that she has "big shoes to fill," with outstanding former principals like Mark Bowden to emulate.

She had not initially considered applying for the principal position, but many people told her "You can do it" and "eventually I believed them."

Andrea has been on the staff since 2001. After travelling on the back of a motorbike with her husband Tony, leaving behind in their wake a dozen countries in Europe and Asia (as well as Australia), she arrived in Opunake; she was first appointed in a relieving capacity. Since then she has held a number of senior positions including Deputy Principal (for the last 7



Principal of Opunake High School Andrea Hooper.

years) responsible for the Senior school. She is also a delegate to NASDAP (National Association of Secondary Deputy and

Assistant Principals), "which I've loved representing."

Andrea spent her formative years in Wales and graduated with a science degree

from Dundee University, majoring in biochemistry. She later gained a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from Cardiff University.

After qualifying she taught in several countries including Wales, Switzerland, Zimbabwe and Hong Kong. Prior to her teaching career she has also worked in the health sector and hospitality, as well as being involved in environmental expeditions.

She explains that the reason she stayed in Opunake, after having had rich experiences in so many other locations, was her love of the township. "We discovered this wonderful place called Opunake and have never left." However, it's not just Opunake - she adds, "Taranaki is just paradise."

She especially appreciates the kind of learning OHS specialises in: "I have taught in many schools, but never one where the student is totally at the centre of decision making as it is here." Andrea's

own teaching philosophy is clear, which is: "To ensure all students have access to a safe, diverse, student-centred learning experience where resilience is built, learning conversations had, and opportunities given - that's my goal." Chemistry and science have been the subjects she has mostly taught.

She also has an intensely collaborative approach embracing, not just students and teachers, but also the entire community. "It takes a village to raise a child," is a well-known saying which she strongly supports.

She mentions a number of goals she intends to uphold including sustainability, and becoming a Green/Gold Enviroschool. Whilst ensuring equity for at risk akonga. She also wants to "challenge our academically gifted," with scholarships, science fair, technology, art and music projects.

That so many students are involved in school sporting teams is a positive she is

heartened by - currently half the school. Literacy and relationship based learning, are other aspects she intends to continue to focus on. Andrea wants to ensure the kura is a place of learning where all learners have a sense of whanaungatanga, and where the transition from primary to secondary school is underpinned by cross school collaboration.

Other aspects she outlines with pride includes individualised pathways, the robust mentoring programme and new initiatives such as Hillary Challenge, and Tiny Homes.

As a new principal Andrea Hooper has much to occupy her time, but with her collaborative outlook to the fore, obviously much can be achieved over and above the record of the already impressive learning institution which is Opunake High School. We wish you all the very best Andrea in your new role.

Covid Concerns in India felt on the coast

Birendra Rawat of Opunake says he has a sister with a two year-old daughter living in India. The father of a childhood friend had recently passed away due to Covid at the age of 51.

"A couple of weeks ago you had hundreds of thousands of people with Covid. Now with lockdown, cases are decreasing," he said. "Hopefully if they keep lockdown for longer that will break the chain."

Jaggi Virk of Opunake says he speaks to his family every day.

"Where I come from is only a small place, and Opunake is big compared to that. No relatives have had Covid, but my grandmother is quite old, and my mother has some breathing problems. Hopefully they will be getting the vaccine in a couple of weeks."

Ruby Saini of Opunake comes from Chandigarh in



Birendra Rawat.

North India.

"The situation is much better than in other parts of India. They all got their vaccination three months back. In the capital of India,

people are quite worried with Covid happening. The government can't provide enough of the oxygen to all the patients."



Jahnaui (Jenny) Chitneni with husband Kris and daughter Bahudha.

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High interest in Long Term Plan

Hi All
 We've been very busy lately with our Long Term Plan. This is a 10 year plan reviewed every three years. We have been having a lot of meetings around the district and have had good conversations from locals on what is working good and what is not working good, which is good feedback for us as Councillors of South Taranaki District Council. Thank you to everyone who attended these meetings around the district. We had a good turnout of submissions



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for our Long Term Plan and thank you to all the people who took time to drive into Hawera and speak to the Council.

Tar sealing on Gregory Road at Rahotu is well underway. This will make it a lot safer for residents and the school. A plan for the cliff stabilisation at the transfer station in Opunake is well underway and just about finalised, then work can begin. A lot of people have been asking me about the town centre upgrade we are planning. Council will be coming back to the community about the plans to finalise them, so you will all have another

chance to add or remove items as a community. Each community has to take ownership of their own Plan to enable Council to deliver on it.

A lot of work has been done on Maori Wards behind the scenes as to how this is going to look at the next elections. How many councillors, how many wards and the size of the wards and the overall size of the Council come next. Elections work is still being done on this. Coming up, we will be reviewing

Solid waste and rubbish collection, and how this is managed right down to food waste, collection of bins, weekly or fortnightly, E-waste, whiteware etc. If you have any ideas please let me know.

To my fellow farmers have you downloaded the Council app "Antenno" onto your smart phone? We will be using this app more and more, especially in emergencies with road closures, flooding, water sewage emergencies etc.

It's easy, just download the app and load in where you live under "Places." You will receive posts from Council and you can also report issues or put ideas on there. Now that most of you have dried off or just finished calving, it would be timely to take your staff out to dinner and thank them for the work they have done and look at them as an asset not a liability. All the best for next season.

Cheers.

Roachy from the Coast

Investment creates pathway for KiwiRail

The Government's significant rail investment in Budget 2021 is another major and welcome step to making KiwiRail sustainable, Group Chief Executive Greg Miller says.

The Government has committed \$1.3 billion for rail in Budget 2021, building on previous Budget investments of \$1.2 billion in Budget 2020 and \$1 billion in 2019.

"This is an outstanding level of investment from the Government which is truly revitalising rail for New Zealand," Mr Miller says.

"KiwiRail has already replaced its aging North Island locomotive fleet, and this latest tranche of funding will fully cover the cost of

replacing our South Island locomotives, many of which are more than 40 years old, and purchasing new electric shunt locomotives."

"It's allowing us to build a new hub for maintaining South Island rolling stock at Waltham (Christchurch), and we will build a new facility at Hillside Workshops (Dunedin) to assemble wagons in New Zealand.

"The Budget includes a large contribution to the National Land Transport Fund to raise the national rail network to a resilient and reliable standard after decades of under-investment."

Mr Miller said the investment will benefit the

regions and sets KiwiRail on a clear pathway to business sustainability.

"As a result of Budget 2021, more than 600 contractors will be needed to upgrade and build the new facilities, particularly in the South Island, and local businesses will be needed to supply building materials.

"The investment also means that KiwiRail will be taking on around 200 more employees – for ongoing track maintenance and renewal work across the country and wagon assembly at Hillside. We have committed to 10 per cent of new staff being apprentices or trainees.

"This all means money going back into the regions, and helping New Zealand

recover from the economic impacts of Covid-19.

"But it's also important for the future of KiwiRail and its customers.

"When we have new locomotives and wagons, and a rail network that is up to standard, we will be able to provide more reliable and timely services to our freight customers to better meet their needs.

"We know there is more demand for rail freight than we can currently provide with our aging assets.

"The Government's significant investment in KiwiRail is bringing us into the 21st Century with a secure future and will allow us to really grow rail for the benefit of New Zealand."

Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

May 22. Saturday Men. 1. Greg Marsh. 2. Josh Symes. 3. Logan Symes. 4. Andrew Gibson. 5. Greg Elliott. 6. Caleb Andreoli.

Juniors. 1. Cooper Symes. Nett. 2. Carter Symes. May 23. Ethan Jones won the Manawatu/Wanganui Open with scores of 69, 67

and 69. Well done Ethan. May 28. End of month. 1. N.Ngere. 2. P.Elliott. 3. D.Hurcomb. 4. H.Caskey. May 30. Junior. 1. Carter

Symes. 2. Hannah Symes. 3. Saxon Symes Simpson. 4. Connor Thomas. Sandfords Manaia Golf Club.

Venture Taranaki welcomes energy deal

Venture Taranaki has welcomed Methanex's announcement to work with

Genesis Energy confirming a gas supply arrangement over winter.

"This co-operation between the two companies highlights both the importance of gas to New Zealand as a reliable energy source and

the continued commitment shown from these companies in supporting New Zealand, our enterprises, and our communities," says Venture Taranaki chief executive Justine Gilliland.

"This is a timely reminder

of the importance natural gas plays, and will continue to play as we transition to a low emissions economy, providing security of supply through the critical winter months as New Zealand homes put further pressure on the grid."

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More to cannabis than meets the eye

A hydro power station that once powered Hawera, Eltham and Manaia is set to power a medicinal cannabis operation.

The Normanby Power Station on the Waingongoro River between Normanby and Okaiawa was commissioned in 1903, decommissioned in 1967, and rebuilt in 2011. In December last year, Greenfern Industries Ltd, which has recently been certified as New Zealand's first Toitu carbonzero medicinal cannabis and industrial hemp company bought the dam. In April the Taranaki Regional Council gave them the go-ahead to produce hydroelectricity.

Greenfern's focus is on producing medicinal cannabis grown indoors, so being able to produce their own electricity made the Normanby dam site an attractive option said managing director Dan Casey.

Spin-off benefits include being able to sell off any surplus energy back to the national grid, as well as making the prices of their products more competitive.

Dan is one of a group of five friends that started Greenfern Industries. He says his own interest in medicinal cannabis goes back to when he did a paper on ethnobotany, or plants and people while at university.

"It's just so crazy how many species of plants in the world are used for treatments of different



Greenfern managing director Dan Casey.

ailments and improving the health of people, and cannabis is no exception to that," says Dan. "About 40% of all medicines behind the counter at the pharmacy are derived from plants."

Dan says deforestation means many plants are being lost forever, so it will never really be known what benefits they could have produced.

"The problem with cannabis is that it has been regulated for so long that the research into what the plant and its cannabinoids and compounds are actually capable of is very much in its infancy," he says. "While there is a lot of noise around currently about CBD (cannabidiol) and THC

(Tetrahydrocannabinol) they are just two of over 100 cannabinoids that have been identified in cannabis along with over 400 compounds."

He cites a growing interest in cannabis which can be seen in growing support for its legalisation around the world.

As an example of what medicinal cannabis can do, the company points to the experience of Theo, son of T.J.Irwin, Greenfern's outdoor grow manager. Theo had started getting seizures at the age of three and a half, and with conventional medicines not offering much help his family turned to medicinal cannabis oil as a solution. They say he has been free of

seizures ever since. Cannabis has many other uses says Dan, particularly in the heart of farming country.

"Hemp (which is cannabis with a THC content of less than 0.35%) has a great potential," says Dan. "Despite being an awesome rotation crop with high carbon sequestering abilities it is also a soil phytoremediation plant as well as being versatile in the fact it can produce medicine (high in CBD when grown under medical licence), fibre for building and clothing, seed for food and oil production, plastics, fuel, the list is vast."

The growing season lasts from October to March. Dan says that with fertile soils and a good mix of sunshine and rain, the crop does well in Taranaki, although there are problems with birds once

the seeds ripen. "The birds love them and can go to town if this is not managed closely," he says.

Dan says they had been working with one local farmer, and a couple of others have since shown interest.

Meanwhile they are looking to the future.

"We need to remember as far as New Zealand goes, this is still very much a sunrise industry and we are

early movers in this space. We have been in operation for three and half years now and we are really starting to see some momentum."

He says they want to grow the hemp space and to keep up with demand for the hemp food sector, which means more workers, supplies and knowhow.

"It is a part of our ethos to seek this locally as much as, and where we are able," he says.

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Animal welfare is not getting the funding it deserves

Animals are losing out in this year's budget, which doesn't include any additional funding for animal welfare initiatives, say animal advocacy group SAFE.

SAFE CEO Debra Ashton said this was a concern considering the stressed Ministry for Primary Industries took over a year to investigate the mass death of 180,000 chickens at an Auckland farm.

"MPI's animal welfare inspectorate is understaffed

and ill-equipped to monitor and enforce our animal welfare laws," said Ashton.

This has to change, which is why we've been calling for a Commissioner for Animals to ensure they have a voice in any decisions or policies that Government is making.

The Government has announced that \$24 million will be spent on initiatives to reduce emissions from animal agriculture. This will be spent on researching and developing vaccines,

methane and nitrous oxide inhibitors, and low-emissions animal breeding.

Ashton said this money would be far better spent on transitioning to regenerative plant-based agriculture.

"Animal agriculture has been proven to be disastrous for our environment and climate. We need to be diversifying away from raising animals for food rather than investing further into these sunset industries.

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Gold bars for long serving firefighters at Opunake

With the winter conditions, the Opunake Fire Brigade has been called out to a couple of motor vehicle crashes. One was on the Eltham Road and the other just north of Opunake on the main road. Both were single person crashes with minor injuries, and the patients were taken to New Plymouth Hospital for check ups.

Kevin Joyce received his two year gold bar for 33 years' service and Brian Vincent also received a two year bar for completing 60 years' service.

It's good to see some new recruits joining the Brigade. It should be a lot of fun with training and social events.

Till next time Stay Safe.

Craig Dingle
CFO
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Brian Vincent (left) receives his gold bar from Craig Johnson.



Craig Johnson (left) presents a gold bar to Kevin Joyce.

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Emergency services were called out one night last week after a car ended up in a ditch near Manaia.

A police spokesperson said police had been called to the scene sometime after 10pm on Wednesday May 26. Fire and ambulance services were also called out. The car had been travelling along the Manaia Road between Normanby Road and Tauhuri Street Manaia when it had gone into a ditch and rolled. There was one person at the scene of the accident



A vehicle ended up in a ditch in an accident last week.

when police arrived, the spokesperson said. Manaia chief fire officer Shane Taylor said it was unclear exactly what

happened but it appeared the vehicle had lost control and clipped a power pole before ending up on its side. By the time the fire brigade

arrived, the car's occupant was already free of the vehicle, leaving the brigade to assist police in protecting the scene of the accident.



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On this month in history Maurice Shadbolt is born

Author Maurice Shadbolt CBE (1989) was born on June 4, 1932 in Auckland. He wrote eleven novels; Season of the Jew (1981) about Te Kooti is one of the best known. He also wrote four collections of short stories; it was one collection *The New Zealanders* (first published in Great Britain)

which launched his overseas reputation. He also wrote two memoirs *One of Ben's* and *The Edge of the Sky*. He also wrote a war history and plays.

He is the only writer to have won the Katherine Mansfield Short Story competition three times. Katherine was the author he most admired.

Sadly, he developed

dementia in his mid sixties and eventually was housed in a Taumarunui rest home where he died on October 10, 2004.

He is survived by his five children (now adults). Four were with his first wife the late Gill Heming and the fifth was with the late Barbara Magner.

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A Tikorangi wedding for Janine and Shanan

Janine, fourth daughter of Bernie and Margaret Mullins was finally able to have her big day on 14 November 2020 after Covid arrived and caused the postponement of the planned wedding on 23 May 2020.

Janine married Shanan, second son of Tikorangi farmers George and Sharron Jupp at the historic St Luke's Church at Tikorangi. The wedding was a happy family celebration, which Shanan and Janine said was "everything and more" that they had ever wished for.

One of many special moments was when Janine walked down the aisle in the wedding dress her Mum had made for her own wedding forty eight and a half years ago.

The vintage cars used by Shanan and Janine were the same cars used by Shanan's George and Sharron for their wedding day.



Janine and Shanan on their wedding day in Tikorangi.



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MP grilled on Budget

Opunake business people had their chance to tell their MP what they would have liked to have seen in this year's budget.

At a meeting at CoastalCare organised by the Opunake and District Business Association, New Plymouth MP Glen Bennett fronted up to answer questions and take comments on this year's budget.

Business Association president Ray Hayward said he believed the biggest issues at the moment are housing, mental health and "health generally."

Issues with mental health are "worsening and not getting better," he said. He noted an upcoming fundraiser for

the Taranaki Retreat, and asked why groups such as this, along with the Rescue Helicopter and St Johns continually had to fund raise to get the money they needed.

Glen Bennett said there had been a funding increase for St Johns.

The housing shortage was a popular topic for discussion. Steve Corkill said recent government measures are discouraging people from becoming landlords.

"You should be encouraging landlords because you need them," he said.

Glen Bennett said the government is looking to hold a housing summit to bring interested groups

together. Since March last year 8-10,000 had come back to Taranaki, he said.

He said successive governments had "taken their eye off the ball for 30 years."

"I'm uncomfortable with the way things are, but we need to build more houses." Another comment made at the meeting was that while the government had done the right thing in supporting the railway workshops in Dunedin, something similar could have been done with developing the timber processing plant at Kawerau. Another concern raised was about the introduction of the Three Waters reforms, and whether this signalled a

move from local government to central government control.

"Opunake has been built by volunteers. It's not been reliant on New Plymouth, and it's not been reliant on government," said Bob Clark. "It's important that continue."

Glen Bennett said that while New Zealand could be seen as a "spread out

city of five million people," communities like Opunake and Oakura still had their own concerns.

"I would hate to see local government lost, as it's the local voice, and I want to fight to ensure local councils do have a strong voice."

Bob Clark said that post-covid, Opunake is attracting more visitors, but as the banking hub only caters for

New Zealand money cards, anyone wanting to withdraw money from their overseas credit cards is not able to do so. This could be done when there was a BNZ ATM in town, but this facility is not currently available. Aretha Lemon said the banking hub is only open during library hours, so there needed to be something which could be used at other times.

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A stronger recovery for Taranaki

It was exciting to be in Parliament when Minister of Finance, Grant Robertson, delivered his fourth Budget speech. The Budget is an important part of our plan to recover from COVID, so we wanted to give you a quick update on some of the key highlights and how it will impact people here in Taranaki.

At its core, the Budget is about securing our recovery from COVID. It lays the foundations for coming out of the pandemic stronger by addressing long term challenges like housing, child wellbeing and climate change, while making sure we can continue to grow the economy.

As we continue to respond



to the uncertainty COVID has thrown our way, we know that we need to keep on managing our economy responsibly. But our recovery plan has to be about more than just growing GDP and keeping debt down. It must also prioritise the wellbeing of our people. So, we're taking a balanced approach that will create jobs, grow the economy and keep a lid on debt, while tackling those long term issues like child poverty.

For example, one of the key initiatives in this year's Budget is a major increase to main benefits. We're raising benefits by between \$32 and \$55 a week, in line with a key recommendation of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group. This money will help families put food on the table, buy shoes for kids, and heat their homes, and ultimately, will help to lift up to 33,000 children out of poverty.

However, this initiative won't just support Kiwi families – it will also create stimulus to bolster our economic recovery. This is money that gets spent in local communities, so it will provide a boost for our businesses here in Taranaki, while supporting our wider recovery.

We're also continuing to upgrade infrastructure across New Zealand to drive economic growth. Budget 2021 includes a record \$57.3 billion investment in infrastructure over the next five years that will create jobs and address the long-term underinvestment in infrastructure in New Zealand, ensuring that we have the hospitals, schools and transport networks we need for the future. It's just one way we're supporting people into jobs. In fact, Treasury forecasts show more than 220,000 people will enter work, and unemployment will drop to 4.2%, over the next four years, as we continue our recovery.

In Taranaki, Budget 2021 will mean more jobs and

fewer children growing up in poverty, and it will build on the work that's already underway to improve our community. For example, we've already funded playing fields, hardcourts, security systems, and a gymnasium at New Plymouth Boys' High School, supported Taranaki DHB to reduce carbon emissions by funding the replacement or bypass of its gas boiler with a low emissions alternative and improved healthcare infrastructure across Taranaki DHBs through NZUP, including funding for the completion of a refurbishment of the mental health facility in Taranaki. We've invested in linear accelerators for radiation treatment in Taranaki to provide better cancer care,

and approved the next stage of a major redevelopment of Taranaki Base Hospital, to deliver new and improved facilities for patients.

Our Government is committed to a recovery that supports all New Zealanders, a recovery that ensures our finances remain sustainable while tackling the long-standing challenges we were elected to address. With Budget 2021, we're getting on with the job. There's a lot in the Budget, and if you're interested in learning more, you can find a full wrap of initiatives and read more about our recovery plan at labour.org.nz/budget2021.

*Glen Bennett MP New Plymouth
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The Minister is off planet

I've decided Minister O'Connor and I must live in an alternate reality.

And that's a problem as it's affecting Rural New Zealand and its communities badly.

One of his most recent statements in the media – 'that dairy farmers needed to do more to attract workers' – is so out of touch.

For months now, industry



BARBARA KURIGER MP

groups around the country have been telling him and the Government about the need to open the borders and MIQ spaces to help fill the desperate shortage of skilled workers.

The operative word here is 'skilled'. It includes dairy, rural contractors (currently suffering by using unskilled workers), agri-business, red meat, horticulture, wine, wool and shearing industries – and the extensive list goes on.

Minister O'Connor thinks unemployed Kiwis will rush to fill these vacancies. While I, like most of us who operate and live in the real world know, that won't happen, nor is a statement like that, helpful.

We've labelled Budget 2021 the 'Broken Compass' budget for good reason. It's obvious the Government is

lost.

The only clear direction throughout the Budget reading was that Rural NZ will be expected pay the country's bills.

Labelled as 'the biggest lift in a generation to beneficiaries' ... where was the support for the hard working, getting-on-with-it rural sector?

I travel through rural communities, speaking with them and their industry representatives, constantly. As an MP for NZ's only rural political party, we value greatly and appreciate what these communities contribute.

The Minister, meantime, is sending them into a spin. Not only are there staffing issues; there are catchment (water), carbon farming, methane, banking, health and connectivity issues, to name but a few.

Mental health issues and angst is rising rapidly in the rural sector. Why does this Government spend so much time talking about "wellbeing" when it's contributing to the problems?

Farmers who really don't want to be political, are fighting back on any

proposed new rules and regulations individually, and through their industry rep organisations, while a group of southern farmers has just formed Groundswell NZ, in response to proposed policies they see as 'so far off the wall, it's ridiculous'. Other support initiatives are underway. Readers may be aware of my family's animal welfare issues four years ago. At the time, my son sought help, which was not forthcoming. So our family was pleased to be a part of the launch of a Fonterra review seeking views on support services for farmers last Friday (May 21).

Simply because our first-hand experience is about the matters Fonterra is looking to address. The situation we faced was avoidable if the support structures, which were in place worked properly, so we're helping publicise this to ensure robust feedback.

Now I'm asking the question – What will you be doing in the next week, month, to help Rural NZ Minister?

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Labour Party hub premises opened in New Plymouth

The five Labour MPs representing the Taranaki region have a dedicated office hub in New Plymouth for their support teams and to meet with constituents.

Despite inclement weather, on Saturday May 28, there was a considerable turnout of well-wishers to witness the official opening (at 12.30) of the new Labour Party Hub's premises on the corner of Gover and Gill Streets.

Present were the five Labour parliamentarians in the region, including Glen Bennett (MP for New Plymouth), Steph Lewis (MP for Whanganui), Adrian Rurawhe (MP for Te Tai Hauauru) deputy speaker of the house, Angela Roberts (List MP) and the Hon Andrew Little (List MP) Minister of Health.

Also present was Harry Duynhoven who won five elections for the New Plymouth electorate from 1987 to 2005 until Jonathan Young (National) won the seat in 2008.

Just prior to the ribbon being officially cut iwi leader Haydn Te Ruki of Ngati Te Whiti gave a welcome. The reason for the laughter (see the picture) was that



From left, Hon Andrew Little MP, Glen Bennett MP, Angela Roberts MP, Steph Lewis MP and Haydn Te Ruki.

Haydn accidentally called the Labour Party the Maori Party.

Speeches were given by several people including Glen Bennett who said, "There are five Labour MPs here in Taranaki so we are strong and need only to show

this strength, but everyone is welcome to visit to try to solve the complex issues confronting our nation."

Glen paid tribute to a number of people who have paved the way for this new hub premises.

He pointed out that the

hydrogen gas-fired barbecue was provided by the Taranaki-based company Firstgas in recognition of Labour's initiative towards a low emissions economy. On offer were sausages and vegetarian beetroot patties. He concluded, "Welcome,

this is our space to welcome our community."

The Hon Andrew Little paid tribute to Glen's commitment and commented that that he had done much more even before he was an MP. "He is so deeply connected to Taranaki." He continued, "I see my role as supporting the new political talent to do the Mahi here in Taranaki. He acknowledge the astute leadership of Jacinda Adern. He concluded, "As this ship sets sail, this whare, I wish them well and all who sail in her." He also spoke positively about the work of the other MPs.

Angela Roberts said, "I think this place symbolises what can be achieved. We can be courageous and

creative." She had some positive things to say about the hydrogen barbecue. "It's really humbling to see you all come out in this (inclement) weather."

Glen had the last word, with a quote from Afro-American feminist Bell Hooks (Dr Gloria Jean Watkins): Love is profoundly political. Our deepest revolution will come when we understand this truth. Glen quipped, "So let's go out and love and be political." - to laughter.

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Funding boost for Maori media

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"When we see Māori content and when we hear te reo Māori on our multimedia platforms whānau across the country

are encouraged to use our language more every day.

"That's why this Government has invested \$42 million over the next four years, to build a sustainable Māori media sector that will continue to develop innovative local Māori media content in collaboration with independent producers, Māori Television and iwi radio stations.

"The Government has a critical role to play in

supporting locally made content to ensure authentic local voices are part of our media landscape."

Willie Jackson was joined by his fellow Māori ministers; Minister for Māori Crown Relations Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Health (Māori Health) Peeni Henare and the Hon Meka Waitiri at a post-Budget breakfast held at Te Manukanuka a Hoturoa Marae in Auckland.,

Kelvin Davis said it was estimated that this funding

would create 102 hours of innovative media content and as much as 940 news and current affairs stories.

"In addition, it will grow the capability of the Māori media sector and iwi radio to ensure that the sector has the appropriate skills and capacity to produce content in a digital environment. This in turn creates new job opportunities for Māori in a critical growth industry," Peeni Henare said.

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Superb talent, superb concert

Geoff Sewell, the creator of Amici Forever and Bravo Amici, and his special guests Jonathan Lemalu, Cameron Barclay and pianist Carl Doy, ably backed by the Black Quartet, entertained us royally on Friday May 28 at the TSB Theatre, New Plymouth.

On offer was a mix of opera arias, classical crossovers, songs from the great musicals and some popular hits. There were solos, duos and all three singers together, as well as Carl Doy providing memorable accompaniment. He also played several numbers solo, notably ones from *Phantom of the Opera*.

Tenor Geoff Sewell started the show off and it was obvious that his sense of humour was going to be an integral part of the show, as well as the encouragement



Geoff Sewell.

of audience participation. We spent plenty of time standing up, clapping, swaying and even singing. There was even a bit of name dropping with delightful

anecdotes. "I phoned Howard Morrison to ask if he minded me performing his classic *How Great Thou Art*." Sir Howard replied, "Who

just a good as Sir Howard's, maybe better.

Next on stage was Jonathan Lemalu who was introduced by Geoff as, "Probably the most talented opera singer New Zealand has ever produced. He won the Mobil Song contest, but better than that he has won a grammy." Jonathan sang several opera arias with his rich bass baritone voice, with depth and authority.

Jonathan's first musical coach was the acclaimed singer and music tutor Honor McKellar, who is now 100. "She's in pretty good shape," he commented after the show; he recently paid her a visit in Dunedin.

The only New Zealander of the acclaimed Tenors (since 2014) Cameron Barclay was next on stage with an excellent selection of music. He has a wide repertoire in English, French and Italian.

"What's the most recorded love song of all time?" Geoff asked the audience? After fielding several incorrect suggestions he revealed that it was *Unchained Melody* (first recorded by the Righteous Brothers). We were treated to an excellent classical version of the classic by the three singers.

However, the best was saved for last, the one I was hoping they'd sing *Nessun Dorma* (None May Sleep) from Puccini's opera *Turandot*.

The three singers performed the popular operatic classic with finesse and emotion, concluding to a well-deserved standing ovation.

Without a doubt it was one of the best concerts I've ever attended.

Rolland McKellar



Jonathan Lemalu.



Carl Doy.

the hell are you?" When the audience laughter subsided Geoff told us of Sir Howard's decision.

"Yes you can sing it, but make sure you don't do it as well as me." - to more laughter. Geoff broke his promise; his rendition was



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Camellias



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Should we put brakes on urban vehicle speeds?

A fresh look at how to make sure everyone gets home alive has been launched by NPDC.

The Safer Speeds Review is focusing on urban roads in all towns in New Plymouth District.

“It’s well-known that speed determines how badly injured a person is in a traffic crash – ten or twenty kilometres per hour can be the difference between serious injury and getting home on time,” says NPDC Group Manager Planning and Infrastructure David Langford.

“We all make mistakes; we don’t deserve to die from them. Bringing in safer speeds is something we can



A Safer Speeds Review is underway and will look at urban roads throughout the New Plymouth District.

Fitzroy, Bell Block and Waitara, and in a wider area of New Plymouth’s CBD. Centres such as Urenui, Inglewood, Moturoa and Ōākura are not included as they are state highways and under the control of Waka Kotahi/NZ Transport Agency.

The speed limit around urban schools would be variable (active only during drop-off and pick-up times) for schools on arterial routes, and permanent for schools on residential streets.

A map that shows the potential speed limits changes on individual urban roads, as well as a feedback form, is online at newplymouthnz.com/HaveYourSay. Feedback closes on Friday 18 June.

This survey follows a review of rural roads at the end of last year, which received 730 responses. The information received from these reviews is helping NPDC to draft proposals for our roads that will be part of a future, formal public consultation.

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do now as a community to save lives but before we draw up any formal proposals for speed limit changes, we want to hear what locals think.”

The review aims to increase the safety of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and school students.

If NPDC were to follow how other districts in New

Zealand are setting speed limits, some things that could be seen include: dropping the speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h on some of local roads (mostly residential streets). The speed limit could be dropped to 30km/h around all urban schools. Speed limits could also be dropped to 30km/h in the retail centres of Westown,

Heating your rental property

Did you know that the Housing Improvement Regulations Act 1947 states that, *Every living room must be fitted with a fireplace and chimney or another approved form of heating*

This has been overlooked by many owners and landlords. Some councils may provide information on approved forms of heating. The Tenancy Tribunal may consider that an inexpensive plug in heater is enough but



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Under the healthy homes regulations, landlords must provide one or more fixed heaters that can directly heat the main living room to a maintained temperature of at least 18 degrees C all year round.

How to find what size heater is required.

There is an online tool available at www.tenancy.govt.nz/heating-tool or use an inspection company experienced in the healthy homes standards.

Some heaters that cannot

be used to meet the standards include portable LPG bottle heaters, unflued combustion heaters, open fires, heaters less than 1.5 kilowatts.

There are some exemptions. These include where it is not reasonably practicable to install a qualifying heater, where the rental is a certified passive building and work could cause substantial damage to the property.

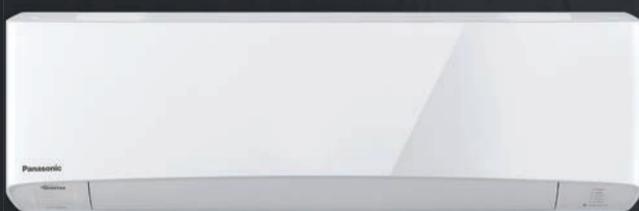
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Salty 20 year celebration for EMR at Poor Knights Islands

This year's twentieth anniversary competition trip took place on May 14 and included students from as far north as Waiharara and as far south as Rakiura - Stewart Island. Students are selected based on their action projects undertaken and enthusiasm they show when studying and experiencing the marine environment.

Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) started in Taitokerau/Northland in 2001 with just three schools and the idea of comparing unprotected marine areas to fully protected marine reserves. Water safety messages are embedded throughout the programme. Seeing huge Tamure/snapper swimming has inspired thousands of kids to take action for the marine environment and exercise kaitiakitanga - guardianship for their local beach or harbour.

The local provider for the EMR programme provider in Taranaki is Nga Motu Marine Reserve Society.

"Action projects included removal of invasive seaweed, citizen science fish surveys, shellfish monitoring, wetland restoration, a mufti day and ocean disco fundraiser, presentations to parents, upcycling waste to furniture, murals and marine artwork on a double decker bus" says EMR founder Samara Nicholas.

There were 34 students and 29 guardians from 25 schools from seven regions



The Poor Knights Islands have been protected by no-take status since 1981.

of Aotearoa including Northland, Auckland, Taranaki, Gisborne, Wellington, Nelson and Rakiura (Stewart Island).

Special guests included EMR crew and students from the first competition trip twenty years ago. This time Cameron Pene experienced the Poor Knights with his daughter Dylan -Rose. Since 2002, representatives from 351 schools, totalling 500 students have been taken on this annual trip.

On board the vessel 'Perfect Day' our snorkel site this year was the stunning 'Garden's at Maroro Bay, part of the Poor Knights Islands that have been protected by no-take status since 1981. A commotion amongst the boat's crew alerted Ben and Bryce Wigley from Kaingaroa School who

were first on the scene for a glimpse of a sunfish before it headed for deeper water. They were treated to a face to face encounter with the charismatic fish and observed its interactions with a group of king fish.

The cave snorkelling experiences were particularly memorable this year. The conditions allowed safe snorkelling through the dark passages of the caves where vast schools of blue maomao lingered. Thousands of two spot demoiselles were feeding on the surface. Participants were delighted to see scorpion fish, black angel fish, massive snapper and friendly sandagers wrasse.

A pair of participants commented that their home looks out to the Poor Knights, but they had never

before visited the islands. 98% of the Northlanders on board this trip had never been to the Poor Knights before and it was a 100% new experience for those from Auckland and the regions.

The prize trip for the Taranaki participants included flights, accommodation, the Poor Knights experience and an entire weekend at Matapouri, Northland.

"It was a great experience. I really liked it. I really liked how we went in the cave on the boat. When I first looked in the water I was pretty amazed. There were so many fish. I saw lots of little blue maomao, a proper and some big snapper," said Eddie Thorp of Moturoa School

"When I heard that Eddie won I felt like Grandpa Joe from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It was like we won the golden ticket... such an awesome treat. The Poor Knights is one of the most special places to go in New Zealand to see all the fish and marine life. So yeah, really privileged, just really pleased that he could have that experience," said Emma Thorp (parent/guardian)

"It was really fun. I really liked seeing all the fish and we went into the cave and when I was snorkelling I saw lots of baby sea anemones. My favourite part was getting into the water and going on the floating mat and I fell off and got back onto it. It felt weird to be in the deep

water but when I had the snorkel gear on, I was trying to push myself down under the water, but I couldn't- it kept me afloat. I saw heaps of big snapper. I thought I saw a turtle, but it was just a big bunch of seaweed. I also saw a pigfish," said Sharlize French of Urenui School

EMR has a sister programme called the Whitebait Connection, together they are Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust - celebrating 20 years.

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From the Chair

This journey's just starting - so let's make the most of it

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all. It's no exaggeration to say we're on the cusp of a new era in the way local and regional communities govern and manage their environment, their social, cultural and economic development and the delivery of essential everyday services.

Change is already well under way. Here at the Taranaki Regional Council, we've just signed off a new Long-Term Plan that includes significant investments to allow us to implement the far-reaching new requirements that are part of the Government's Essential Freshwater reforms. This will be one of the biggest projects we've ever undertaken.

We've also decided to introduce a Māori constituency for next year's local body elections. We heard eloquent arguments for and against during the public consultation and hearings, and in the end we decided that it's the right thing to do. We believe the majority of our community supports a move to better, more meaningful Māori representation on the Council.

But all that's just the start of the changes. The Government recently announced a



two-year review of the future of local government. It will look at what we do, how we do it and how we fund it, as well as current representation arrangements.

We haven't seen such a comprehensive review since the 1980s, and now is the ideal time to have another good look.

It's timely because the Government's also working on new legislation that will replace the Resource Management Act, rolling out the '3 Waters' reforms, and building a national pathway to zero emissions.

Each of these is likely to have a great deal of impact on all councils. The RMA alone accounts for well over half of TRC's programmes and activities, while 3 Waters and climate change will also bring new responsibilities to us.

So there are a lot of balls in the air. One thing we can be sure of, though, is that in five years' time, councils will be quite different from what you know today.

Change brings challenges and opportunities – but we've seen before that Taranaki can meet these with imaginative and positive responses. I'm confident we

can do so again. In the meantime, we're getting on with the immediate priorities.

You can find out more about our Long-Term Plan in this edition of Talking Taranaki. You'll also find news about other aspects of our work in supporting livelihoods, improving lifestyles and taking Taranaki forward.

- David MacLeod, Chair

New faces on the TRC team



Abby Matthews has been appointed TRC's Director-Environment Quality following the retirement of the long-serving Gary Bedford. She was previously the Science and Innovation Manager at Horizons Regional Council.



Another recent newcomer is **Daniel Harrison** the Director-Operations. Daniel was previously the Council's Rivers Manager and his promotion followed the departure of Stephen Hall.

Abby and Daniel join Fred McLay (Resource Management) and Mike Nield (Corporate Services) in the executive management team led by Chief Executive Steve Ruru.

Around & about the region



A million plants on the move

A million native plants are being distributed to nearly 1,000 Taranaki farmers and landowners this week under TRC's 27-year-old Riparian Management Programme, in which farmers voluntarily fence and plant their streams. This year, \$5m in Jobs for Nature funding will help many complete their riparian plans. The rest must order next year's plants by 1 July to get the wholesale rate.

→ www.trc.govt.nz/riparian2021



Freshwater visionaries

About 16 people attended a public workshop in New Plymouth last month to share ideas on what Taranaki's long-term vision should be for the future of the region's rivers, streams and lakes. TRC is developing the vision as part of reviews of plans and documents that set out how freshwater will be managed into the future. Ideas gathered at the workshop and in an earlier survey are now being analysed. The aim is to settle on a vision that's ambitious yet achievable (difficult but not impossible) and sets a timeframe (30 years, for example).

→ www.trc.govt.nz/vision

3D mapping for Taranaki

Detailed 3D maps of Taranaki will be available later this year following an aerial LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) laser survey now under way. The \$750,000 project is funded from the Provincial Growth Fund, via Land Information NZ Toitū te Whenua (LINZ), with contributions from Taranaki's councils and Auckland University. TRC is the lead agency.

→ www.trc.govt.nz/lidar

Improving lifestyles

Video: www.trc.govt.nz/bleachers



Heavy lifting on the main pitch

Our time-lapse video captures the removal of the 351 2.8-tonne bleachers from Yarrow Stadium's West Stand, to allow access for piling and other work to strengthen the structure to meet earthquake standards. The piling is now well advanced.

Good progress is also being made on demolishing the East Stand, which will be replaced by a new stand designed to be suitable for a wider range of uses.

The \$50m Yarrow Stadium redevelopment project follows the closure of both stands in 2017 and 2018 when they were found to be earthquake-prone. The Government has awarded the project a \$20m 'shovel-ready' COVID-19 recovery grant.

Keep up with news about the project on the Yarrow Stadium Facebook page, www.facebook.com/YarrowStadiumTaranaki or at www.trc.govt.nz/yarrow-stadium

Taking Taranaki forward

The LTP in a nutshell

The TRC adopted its Long-Term Plan 2021/2031 on 17 May. It includes:

- Funding for additional freshwater-focused scientific, technical and cultural resources, as well as increased land management services, to implement new requirements, regulations and standards under the Government's Essential Freshwater package. The extra environmental spending will total just under \$3 million over three years, most of it starting in 2021/2022.
- Investigating alternative fuel options for the Citylink bus fleet, with conversion to start mid-2022, and investigating options for new Citylink routes and extra services on existing routes, with trial services starting mid-2022. Budgeting provisions for the fuel conversions and extra services will be made in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan.
- Contributing \$100,000 towards development of a Regional Recovery Plan to ensure the region talks with one voice when seeking COVID-19 recovery assistance from the Government.
- Refurbishing the Council's Stratford office at a cost of \$6 million over two years, to be funded with a loan repaid from rates.
- Restoring financial support for Wild for Taranaki, the regional biodiversity umbrella group, to \$235,000 a year.
- 2021/2022 rates increases of less than \$30 for the year for the average householder, and of around \$60 for a farm worth \$2 million, with smaller increases budgeted in subsequent years. Rates for many commercial and industrial ratepayers will reduce slightly in 2021/2022. Yarrow Stadium targeted rates are all reducing by 45%.

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Venture Taranaki launches Taranaki Story

Last week the Taranaki Story was launched, as Venture Taranaki made available over 400 assets and resources to support Taranaki enterprises.

“We are extremely pleased to be launching the Taranaki Story making a suite of promotional tools available to the Taranaki community,” says Venture Taranaki CE Justine Gilliland.

The Taranaki Story will support our regional profile across Aotearoa, and the world.

“The story comprises a narrative, tools and resources that our region’s enterprises and the Taranaki community can use to stand strong in our sense of self,” said Justine.

Akin to the widely known New Zealand Story that launched in November 2013 and has been utilised by thousands of New Zealand organisations ever since, the Taranaki Story was initially spurred by misperceptions of the region since the Government’s offshore drilling announcement in 2018.

“Following that announcement, a perception proliferated that Taranaki is a ‘sunset’ region; nothing could be further from the truth,” said Justine.

“The Taranaki Story helps



Justine Gilliland.

to show the true breadth and diversity of our strengths, initiatives, and innovations,” she adds.

The project was delivered in two stages, the first being community consultation and engagement, which saw the delivery of over 13 workshops.

“These workshops brought together business and community thought leaders to share their insights and experiences as to what makes Taranaki a great place to live, work, learn, play, create, and invest,” explains

Justine.

The second stage saw Venture Taranaki working with local creative agency Strategy Collective, bringing to life the stories that were captured as part of community consultation.

“The creative development process saw us filming at over 100 locations, and engaging with more than 300 people,” said Justine.

The project has brought together business, iwi, community, government, and local government, with over 500 stakeholders

engaged throughout the various project stages, from community workshops to the individuals who gave their time to participate in the filming and photography.

“In the creation of the case studies alone, we have had over 40 enterprises, schools, individuals, and events profiled as filmed or written case studies,” said Justine.

Enterprises and community kaupapa will be able to utilise the story’s comprehensive toolkit, having free access to imagery, videography, a sound library, presentations, guides, case studies, infographics, and animated giphys.

The themes that have been launched under the wider Taranaki Story narrative are: Environment; Business, Innovation and Export; Iwi; Visit; Energy; Live and Work; and Food and Hospitality.

“The seven pou, or seven themes that we have launched with were identified as part of our initial community workshops, and are a direct reflection of what our community sees as unique and of importance to Taranaki today and in the future,” said Justine.

The Taranaki Story, like the New Zealand Story, is set to continue to develop, with

additional assets and themes being added over time.

“The beauty with this project, is that although we launch with these today, our story isn’t static, its living, and it certainly doesn’t have an end. We will continue to evolve the story as our community and enterprises grow and develop,” explains Justine.

“We will continue to care for this asset and moving forward we will look for new ways to expand on the richness of our existing kōrero, and resources, using community feedback and input”

A pre-screening of the Taranaki story was shared with those who contributed to the project on Tuesday evening 25 May, and was well attended by a diverse range of stakeholders.

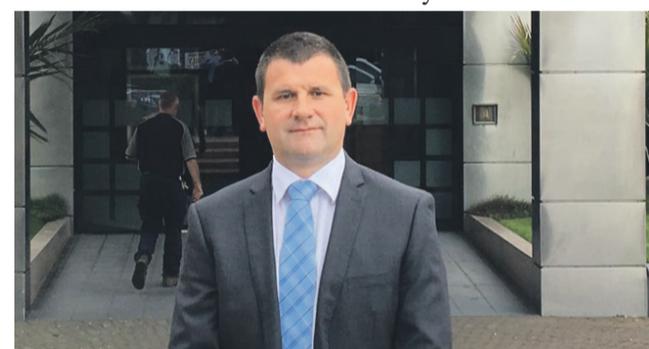
Speakers included Venture Taranaki and Tourism New

Zealand Chairperson Jamie Tuuta, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Chairperson and Taranaki Story advisory member Liana Poutu, NPDC Mayor Neil Holdom, and Venture Taranaki CE Justine Gilliland.

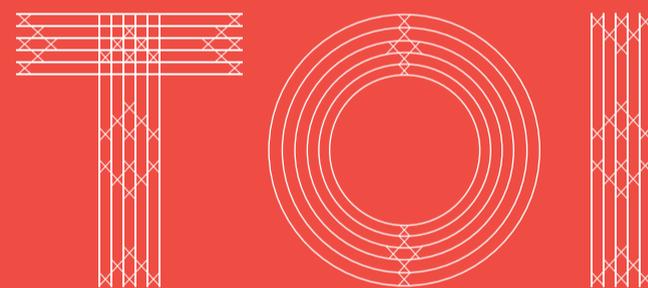
Guests were afforded the first look at the video stories and encouraged to champion and share the story to support the success of the project, and the region.

“There truly hasn’t been a better time to do business here, invest, visit, live, work, play and create,” says Justine.

Background information: The Taranaki Story is a PGF funded project, which began in June 2019. The project was put on hold during lockdown due to the large amount of community input required to reach delivery.



NPDC Mayor Neil Holdom.



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Twenty five years celebrated in style

Barbara Olsen-Henderson who founded Oakura's vegan café Lemonwood two and a half years ago – celebrated 25 years of successful restaurant café ownership in style recently among 40 current and past employees. The celebration was held, surprisingly, not at Lemonwood but at Area 41 in New Plymouth "to treat current employees", said Barbara. "It's one of my favourite places to dine in." The evening began with drinks and nibbles after which Barbara gave a long speech which she began by announcing she would be holding a quiz afterwards, the answers to which would be contained in her speech. "So please pay attention," she instructed to the amusement of those gathered. One way of getting people

to pay attention to long speeches, she later quipped. She was just 12 when she started in business she said, selling feijoa jelly to all their friends and neighbours. "I broke even and had stock in hand," she said. Her amusing speech went on to relay her challenges is starting in business beginning with the difficulty she had persuading the male bank manager to lend her money and his insistence 'women don't do well in business. You'll fail.' Employing people was another and she read out some amusing letters from keen young applicants. One new employee substituted ginger for crushed garlic which made for an interesting ginger crunch. Everyone then enjoyed a sit down dinner which was

vegetarian/vegan followed by desserts. The cutting of the truly amazing anniversary cake which had layers of fruit cake and chocolate mud cake followed. "It was the same as my wedding cake," said Barbara. Why red? "It's a celebration of colour" said Barbara. Barbara's long career in food dates back to when she young. The eldest of four girls with two working parents, she says "I started cooking all our family meals when I was 8." She is herself a vegan. For health reasons but also out of concern for the environment, she explains adding a vegan plant based diet is a growing trend. "People are more health conscious and concerned with what's happening with the planet." As to changes in the time she's witnessed since starting 25 years ago Barbara says "People now see working in a restaurant as a viable career for young people and older people." She says this has been partly due to the influence of international travel and the various new emigrants to New Zealand. "People appreciate what these new cultures bring to New Zealand," she says. With all the cooking programmes on television Barbara acknowledges that everyone's becoming food experts but bristles at the mention of Gordon Ramsay and his "air of arrogance" and "contempt towards junior employees. "It doesn't give a good message," she says. She says she once had a chef who was "rude to the suppliers, rude to the staff and rude to me." She continues "we had 'the



Barbara cutting the anniversary cake marking her 25 years in business.

professional conversation' and I said that such behaviour was unacceptable. His defence that it was "the chef rising up in me" did not cut any ice with Barbara and he was informed his behaviour was "simply a lack of self discipline." "I don't need any prima donnas

in my kitchen." The ex employee was not among Barbara's guests at her 25th anniversary celebration. New Zealand has now come of age and these days enjoys a café culture "next to none" says Barbara. "We punch above our weight." Unfortunately the

hospitality industry can go hand in hand with drugs and Barbara is vigilant on maintaining a drug free work force and is not above insisting on staff getting drug tested if she sees any suspicious signs. "Blood shot eyes," is one she's noted, also being agitated

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or at the other extreme too laid back both of which can impact on the other staff. She also doesn't encourage drinking on the premises after their shifts. "I've never had a culture of drinking after work."

Barbara's 25 year career in cooking includes apart from most recently starting Lemonwood, includes the Bach in Breakwater Café & Restaurant which she designed using recycled timber. She owned it for 11 years before selling it to one of her employees. Prior to the Bach she founded the café at Centre City called Yello which she owned from 1996-2008.

An artist who also draws and paints, Barbara's also been a spinner, weaver and a potter. These days she makes dolls as a hobby and some of her dolls are on display at Lemonwood.

Barbara's artistic bent is evident in the décor at Lemonwood and also her interest in recycling. Ten different lightshades, all clustered together and made out of recycled items – I spotted an aluminium colander among them – is an example of her creativity. There's always something to look at.

"I just have a creative streak," Barbara acknowledges.

Barbara's husband Alan, also helps out and "is a great support," says Barbara.

Lemonwood's reputation continues to grow with people travelling from afar to enjoy the healthy food and intriguing décor at the unique café and the friendly staff.

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As her accountant Peter Ertel noted at the anniversary dinner Barbara overlays her style on everything she does and makes it successful.

She deserves a lot of admiration.

The last word though perhaps should be Barbara's who ended her speech by quoting a former American president Calvin Coolidge: 'Nothing in this world can



Barbara with Lemonwood Cafe Manager Victor Higgins (left) and Rahul Radhakrishnan, the owner of Bach on Breakwater.

take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

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integral strength, the tank needs to be galvanised to maximise strength and integrity. Galvanising is widely regarded as the ultimate form of corrosion protection, lasting several decades longer than painted products. Best practice is for the tank to maintain a fully cylindrical shape with dome ends (no recesses), and to galvanise inside and out. Effluent is abrasive, and will corrode and rust the inside of the tanker if it gets stuck in corners and crevices, or if the inside is left untreated. The outside is important to protect from deterioration due to environmental elements. Once the integrity of the tank is compromised, its lifespan will be severely reduced and there is a risk of implosion from pressure.

Having a full chassis is also important for carrying implements on the back such as a trailing shoe or injector unit as these are heavy. Without a full chassis they will cause strain on the drawbar, once again reducing the longevity of



The bigger the body, the stronger the chassis needs to be.

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Budget misses mark for dairy farmers and rural communities

The Government's Budget has missed the opportunity to give farmers the on-the-ground backing they need to continue innovating and enhancing sustainability, says DairyNZ.

"This is a business-as-usual Budget with nothing new or transformational for farmers or rural communities," said Jenny Cameron, DairyNZ GM for Responsible Dairy.

"Although funding has continued for existing programmes, which is a positive, there is very little new funding to help farmers accelerate the pace or scale of the great work they are doing behind the farm gate to improve environmental outcomes.

"Farmers have faced increasing regulations over the last four years – particularly when it comes to water quality, emission reductions and biodiversity.

We are making great progress, but there is a lot to do," said Ms Cameron.

"It's positive to see some budget going to national training to deliver more skilled farm advisers, and an accelerator fund will invest in targeted initiatives to significantly broaden the uptake of integrated farm planning. This is the sort of practical on-the-ground action that is needed."

"It's good to see some money going into research and development for greenhouse gases but given the scale of the challenge farmers are facing, we hoped to see a greater increase in R&D funding that will help them meet obligations. The fact this didn't eventuate only highlights the urgent need for a clear strategy for science funding and we urge the Government to act on this."

DairyNZ say they are also disappointed there wasn't more investment in initiatives to help build resilience in rural communities – particularly when it comes to digital connectivity, biosecurity and rural mental health.

"Covid-19 has shown how susceptible New Zealand's economy is to global shocks. We need more investment in on-the-ground initiatives to protect our primary sector, yet the investment in biosecurity has fallen short," said Ms Cameron.

"We hoped to see a substantial Government boost to fund preparedness, capability and cutting-edge technologies.

"A \$10m investment over four years for increased rural digital connectivity is a drop in the bucket and falls short of what is needed. Connectivity is vital for

business resilience, and we have yet to see a real plan to address this."

Climate Change Commission recommendations said connectivity was essential to help farmers reduce carbon emissions.

Last year DairyNZ's View from the Cow Shed report identified 50 percent of farmers did not have the broadband they needed on farm. Fifty-two percent didn't have good enough mobile reception.

"Rural communities desperately need more investment to connect them, and their businesses, to the world. If we want to attract and keep people in our sectors, then we need to support our rural communities with infrastructure, health, education and sports facilities."

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Seat belts on school buses petition presented

Wheels are turning in the drive to get seat belts on school buses.

A petition on the topic that gained more than 6,500 signatures in four weeks was presented to National MP Jacqui Dean on the steps of Parliament this afternoon

by its organiser, Philippa Cameron, and Federated Farmers of NZ Vice-President Karen Williams.

The pair were backed by representatives of Rural Women NZ and St John NZ. Both organisations agree with the message that it is unsafe and illogical

that parents dropping their children off by car at pick-up points for the school bus run unbuckle their youngsters from legislatively-required restraints and seat belts to get onto buses that don't have the same basic safety equipment.

Karen said in many rural

areas, school buses travel long distances on winding, gravel roads that are shared by milk tankers and forestry trucks travelling at open road speeds. But it's an issue in urban areas too.

She and Philippa have heard from bus drivers who are very uncomfortable that they get to wear a seat belt but that protection is missing for the children riding behind them.

"In social media responses, people have told a lot of stories about when their kids were in a (school bus) crash, or when the bus driver had to put the brakes on really suddenly. Children sitting in that front seat have gone over

the rails into the footwell, others have smacked their teeth, Karen said.

"Unfortunately, unless there's a fatality, it doesn't seem to count."

Philippa, a farmer from Waitaki Valley, said in her district she talked to a bus driver who won't put 5, 6 and 7-year-olds in the front seats.

"That poor bus driver feels responsible for their safety so she puts them further back so they won't fly through the front."

Philippa and Karen said they don't expect overnight change but want to see a plan for staged implementation. That could start with the

Ministry of Education requiring, from a given date, that any company tendering for a school route must use buses fitted with seat belts.

Jacqui Dean, who chairs Parliament's Petitions Committee, pledged to put it before MPs so that information can be gathered and next steps decided.

"In my own district of North Otago, we've had buses slide off unsealed roads," Jacqui said.

"We'll get Philippa to Zoom in to our committee. I'm looking forward to hearing more from her and finding a way forward. She's pragmatic - she's a farmer."



Karen Williams, (left), and Philippa Cameron present the seat belts on school buses petition to MP Jacqui Dean.

World Milk Day recognises Kiwi dairy farmers

With World Milk Day being on June 1, DairyNZ says New Zealand dairy farmers continue to play a key role in a post-Covid economy, as a sustainable producer of milk for the world.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says our communities and regional economies see real benefits from dairy, particularly with current increased global demand for dairy product.

"We should be really proud of our dairy farmers for sustaining our country's success through more environmentally efficient products, while supporting our communities and the New Zealand economy," said Dr Mackle.

"Our analysis has shown this past season's increase in milk price delivered an additional \$2.1 billion within our communities alone. The total increase in revenue for

the country therefore sits at around \$3.28 billion.

"Our findings have shown these flow-on effects have meant the total economic contribution from dairy was around \$42 billion this season."

Dr Mackle said for every \$1 increase in milk price, around another \$1.80 flows into other sectors within the economy. Flow-on spending pays wages and injects cash into other sectors, including farm purchases, pharmaceutical products, construction, electricity and voluntary household expenditure.

"Dairy farmers achieve all this while being the most emissions efficient producers globally," said Dr Mackle. "We are committed to remaining a sustainable producer of dairy product and, to do that, we have a wide range of work underway to enhance the

environment, including reducing emissions and improving water quality, while maintaining profitability."

Farmers nationwide have fenced waterways, 100 percent of stock crossing points have bridges and culverts, while thousands of farmers are carrying out extensive planting alongside waterways.

In 2019 the dairy sector accounted for more than 5 percent of GDP in seven regions - and more than 10 percent in four of those. In dollar terms, this equates to dairy contributing more than \$100 million to GDP in most regions - including nearly \$2 billion in Canterbury and \$2.5 billion in Waikato. The sector delivers nearly \$21 billion in export value.

World Milk Day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in 2001.

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Country faces shrinking farm land

New Zealand's highly productive farmlands have been decreasing over the last two decades as residential developments such as lifestyle blocks grow, according to a new report..

Our land 2021 says the area of highly productive land that was unavailable for agriculture - because it had a house on it - increased by 54 per cent from 2002 to 2019. The number of consumers in New Zealand is projected to reach 6.8 million by 2073, which the

report says will "continue to drive the demand on land to supply food, housing, and opportunities for recreation."

Associate Professor Amanda Black, Bio Protection Aotearoa, Lincoln University, comments:

"The release of Our land 2021 provides a good comprehensive review of the critical issues facing our land, which is fragmentation and intensification. Our land supports us not only to grow our food, but provides the platform for our primary

sector, which we will need to support us economically as we recover from the impacts of a world pandemic.

"Aotearoa New Zealand is really at the crossroads of business as usual to a more informed and intergenerational approach to managing our lands. Fragmentation and unimpeded urban sprawl that covers our best productive soils threatens to undermine our ability to feed ourselves and pay our bills.

"Once land is in housing it is gone for good. The loss of good productive soil is bad enough but the additional spillover impacts of creating urban areas means that we would be limited in how we manage weeds and pests, potentially creating weed and disease havens. We need to protect our best land and

to do that we need strong policy."

Dr Anne-Gaelle Ausseil, Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, comments:

"Our land 2021 takes a deep-dive approach compared to its predecessor Our land 2018. While the 2018 report depicted most issues related to how we impact and depend on the land, this report focuses on new knowledge and data acquired on the impact of land use and land cover changes.

"A lot of it is the result of a successful partnership between Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, the Ministry for the Environment, and StatsNZ to ensure a robust process was in place for data quality assurance and scientific due diligence.

"For instance, this report explores the impact of urban and rural residential expansion on productive land. This is an issue as only 14.4% of New Zealand is so-called 'highly productive land', with suitable soil, topography and climate to grow a variety of crops. Urban and rural residential expansion around cities like Auckland, Hamilton or Christchurch has disproportionately affected this highly productive land. Ongoing and uncoordinated expansion on New Zealand's best land might restrict

future opportunities for our agricultural sector, which also faces a growing need to not only limit its impacts on the environment but also to adapt to climate change.

"These new data and analyses will be crucial to inform future policy direction, but these are still only pieces of a big puzzle. We still have a long way to go to fill gaps in knowledge and ensure a balanced approach is in place to safeguard both the environment and people's wellbeing."

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See you at our usual site G88 at the Fieldays – if the weather today continues it will be cold.

Steve Corkill

DairyNZ says climate plan must set farmers up to succeed

As the Independent Climate Change Commission deliver their final advice, DairyNZ are calling on the Government to deliver not only a pragmatic emissions reduction plan – but the funding and support to achieve it too.

“Dairy farmers are committed to playing their part alongside the rest of the economy and doing our fair share when it comes to reducing emissions – but the Government needs to be setting our farmers up to succeed,” said DairyNZ chief executive, Dr Tim Mackle.

“In practice, that means having clear and achievable targets, pragmatic timeframes, and an appropriate level of Government investment in tools and technologies that will help us reduce our emissions.

“Kiwi dairy farmers are already the most emission efficient producers of milk in the world, but we know that both our communities and our consumers expect us to continue to improve.

“Unfortunately, we have already pulled many of the levers we have to reduce our footprint. Although we are always exploring new solutions through R&D, these take both time and money.”

Dr Mackle said while Budget 2021 may have

delivered significant investment that will help urban New Zealanders reduce their CO2 emissions, there was nowhere near the same level of support for rural communities.

“The Commission were very clear in their draft

advice that we will need to see a real focus on both R&D and digital connectivity for rural communities if we want to halt our contribution to further warming.

“Investment in R&D is going to be critical if New Zealand is to meet our

highly ambitious methane reduction targets without severe impacts for rural communities and the New Zealand economy.

“The sector wants to work in partnership with the Government to deliver a clear long-term science

strategy that will focus our joint efforts and ensure funding is directed to the right places. This must be an urgent priority.”

Dr Mackle said digital connectivity continues to be an issue for our farmers, with

50 percent saying they don’t have the broadband they need on-farm. “This needs to be urgently addressed to enable the uptake of new technologies to support emission reductions on farm.”

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A million plants in programme's 25th year

Last week almost a thousand farmers turned up to pick up their share of the million native plants supplied by the Taranaki Regional Council's Riparian Management programme. Plants could be picked up any one of the Regional Council's five distribution depots at Lepperton, Hāwera, Stratford, Pungarehu and Opunake.

Among those picking up plants was Pihama farmer Hamish Campbell, whose Patiki Road farm backs on to the Pūnehū Stream.

"The clearest stream in Taranaki apparently," he said as loaded up his ute and trailer.

Helped by Cory Luond, he was at the former Opunake Dairy Factory to pick up 300 plants.

For Hamish this marked a personal milestone. This would be the last of the 2000 plants he has been planting on his Pihama farm during the last 15-20 years.

"This year my farm will be fully planted," he says.

This year a \$5 million Jobs for Nature package has meant many farmers paid just \$1 per plant.

"These would normally be five or six dollars," said Hamish while loading one of



Cory Luond (left) and Hamish Campbell picking up their plants.

these plants on to his trailer. The plants have brought the bush to the farm, and with it native birds like the tui.

"It's cost a lot of money

over the years, but we're custodians of the land, and we've got to leave it better than when we found it," said Hamish. "Now if everybody

did that with everything it would be great."

Taranaki Regional Council Land Services manager Don Shearman says the programme has come a long way since it started 25 years ago.

"Back then we handed out 15,000 plants from a lock up at the Council – a farmer would turn up and we'd drop our pens and head outside to load them up. Now we have this huge logistical operation, growing a million plants to order.

"I am proud that our farmers have achieved such great results, especially as it's voluntary. The Council works alongside farmers to prepare riparian plans for their properties and we support them

A million native plants have been distributed to Taranaki farmers, continuing a remarkable transformation of the region's landscape."

He said farmers needed to get their orders in for next winter by July 1 to ensure they got wholesale rates.



All picked up and on their way home.

On this month in history: Richard Seddon dies

On June 10, 1906 New Zealand's prime minister of the time, Richard John Seddon died (aged 60) while returning to New Zealand. He had been in Australia to negotiate a reciprocal trade deal.

Just 15 hours after the ship the *Oswestry Grange* sailed from Sydney he suffered a fatal heart attack.

He was prime minister for 13 years and 44 days, longer than any other politician. His Liberal Party, while in government was very reform minded.

Closet to his heart was probably the introduction of New Zealand's first old age pension (1898). Women were granted the vote in 1893 during his time as leader,

although he was somewhat half hearted about the legislation. Yet, ironically after the legislation change it was often mentioned in his speeches with pride.

Seddon succeeded John Ballance as prime minister, who also died in office.

The Liberal Party which he led remained in government until 1912.

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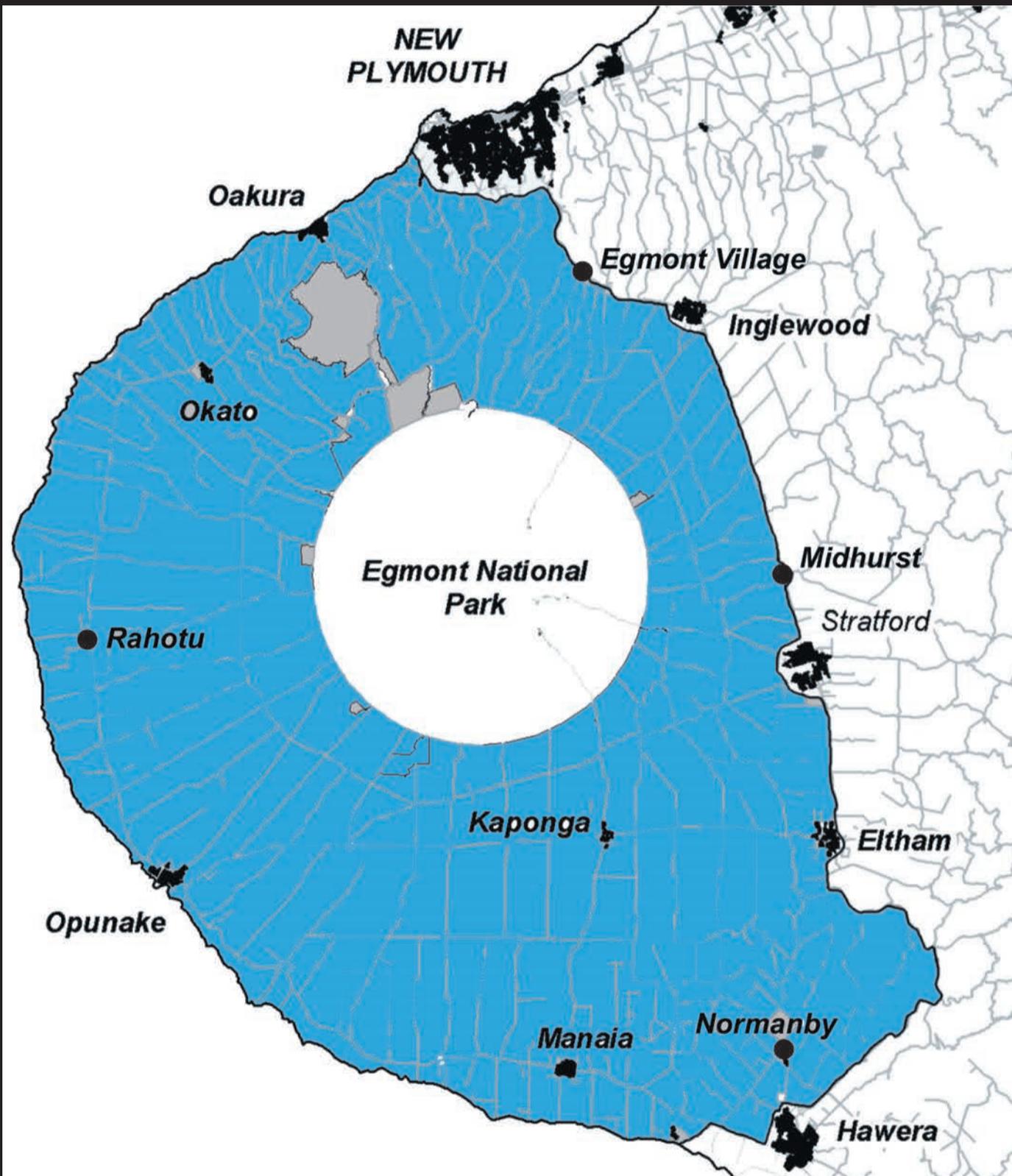
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New umpire programme proving a hit

Netball Taranaki is bucking the trend when it comes to umpiring.

When sports codes scream out for match officials week-in-week-out, Netball Taranaki has implemented a new programme that has been designed to combat the challenge locally.

A free weekly L-plates programme started during the week for young people wanting to become an umpire which is proving popular around the region.

Approximately 35 people have signed up and is available in Taranaki's five satellites – New Plymouth, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford and Hawera.

Learner umpires are taken through basic theory before being assigned to a buddy, to assist them on court on a one-on-one basis.

With a 'learn on the go' experience, L-plate umpires control Year 5-8 grades in the ANZ futureFERNs competitions.

The L-plate umpire wears a special yellow bib that identifies them as part of the programme.

Programme facilitator Corina Faamai said everyone is excited that something is available for junior umpires in a relevant competition.



Netball Umpiring Programme.

"It's a way to encourage them to umpire and they don't have to have any experience, they get that along the way," she said.

"What's better is the L-plate umpires umpire teams of a similar age and we are pleased the futureFERNs programme allows that."

At the end of the

programme, Faamai said it gives umpires an opportunity to be confident enough to become a registered umpire.

"From there, umpires will control Year 7-8 matches with pathways available after that."

Training, supporting and developing L-plate umpires, frees up coaches, parents

and supporters to participate in other ways, she said.

The programme was endorsed by former international umpire and Netball Central umpire lead Ann Hay during her visit to Taranaki this week.

"Picking up the whistle for the first time can be daunting

for anybody, so it's great to see Netball Taranaki supporting young kids to develop a love of umpiring," she said.

"The L-plate programme with the L-plate bibs lets everybody know that there is a new young umpire who is being supported by their

buddy. For the kids getting out there and just doing it with support is a great way to start."

The young umpires will build confidence and rule knowledge which will help them in all aspects of netball, she added.

Gold star for indoor bowler

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre recently played their Open Pairs. Twelve teams took part in this event with five qualifying for post section play.

Gordon Hamley and Jane Augustine (Otakeho Club) defeated Winn and Ray Finlay (Turi Club)

Martin Harding and Ella Smailes (Normanby Club) defeated Hamley and Augustine.

Chris Reed and Noeline Gavin (Stratford Club) defeated Rodney Morris and Cliff Smith (Normanby

Club).

In the final Harding and Smailes defeated Reed and Gavin to take out the title which also gave Martin Harding his Gold Star for five Centre Titles – Well Done Martin.

Winn and Ray Finlay received the Trophy for the married couple going the furthest.

Also recently played was the Inter Club Competition which was won by the Otakeho Club with 20 points and Runners Up were Cardiff and Turi Clubs with

14 points.

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre team to contest the Zone Finals for the NZ Mixed Fours is

Trevor Bourne (Skip) Karl Hughes, Sue Bourne and Andrea Berry.

Trevor Bourne (Skip) and Sue Bourne will also contest the Zone finals for the NZ Mixed Pairs

These events are to be played in the King Country Centre in early July.

Jenny Hamley
Publicity Officer.

DIGN4U Double Hillclimb Weekend

After having to cancel the 2020 event due to Covid-19, South Taranaki Car Club were delighted to Host the Tiromoana and Ararata Hillclimbs on May 15 and 16.

Both days had brilliant weather with fierce competition between the classes. The Tiromoana Hillclimb was held on the Saturday and had 22 competitors from Northland through to Wellington.

Stu Robertson from Whanganui driving his Kermit Green Toyota Corolla won the day with a time of 1.04.95 ahead of local lads Steven Milham, Taranaki Car Club, driving his Subaru Legacy RS 2nd, in a time of 1.06.78 and Shay Burkhart, Taranaki Car Club, in his Mazda RX7 finished third in a time of 1.07.58

After heavy rain on Saturday night, clear skies greeted the 20 competitors



Stu Robertson in action during the Hillclimb weekend.

who tackled the 3km, 35 corner steep incline of Ararata Road. Again the local lads gave the visiting drivers a run for their money, with positions changing throughout the day. Stu Robertson's car had a rattle as he headed back down the hill prior to his second official of the day and decided to go for bust.

His time of 1.48.78 was just enough to break the record of 1.54.98 held by Graeme Sutton in his Jedi

since 2018. Second place at 1.52.56 was Glen Bublitz, Mitsubishi Lancer EVO 5, Taranaki Car Club and third was Shay Burkhart, 1.53.41 in his Mazda RX7, Taranaki Car Club..

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Second round begins with loss to Inglewood

The Premiers first game of the second round was going to be a torrid affair as we were up against a full strength Inglewood and we had been decimated with a lot of serious injuries.

Inglewood came out of the blocks hard and had one of those days where everything stuck. On the other hand we had one of those days where nothing stuck.

Handling errors and the bounce of the ball just didn't favour us.

Our only highlight on the day was our scrum. We pumped Inglewood's bigger pack Every one resulted in a penalty to us or a tighthead.

Chris Gawler has been our standout performer this season and once again he didn't disappoint. Along with the rest of the pack we are scrumming well.

At halftime 23-0 down we had a hill to climb, and with the loss of Thomas Kalin to a serious ankle injury after 10 minutes the boys were a bit quiet at halftime, but things didn't improve and after Inglewood decided that they couldn't field a front row, the game was gone as we had to revert to golden oldies scrums.

In the last 15 minutes we emptied the bench and gave a few boys a run who had already played 80 minutes for development.

Full credit to Inglewood. They played really well. Jack



Logan Crowley booted up for his 50th game for Coastal.

White led their pack and caused us many headaches. It was a tough day at the office for us. Michael Julian was our player of the day who has come in to help out from the Senior Thirds and showed what Coastal is all about by getting stuck in and giving it 100%.

Two points the front row and one point to our busiest team member physio Grace Kelly.

It was Logan Crowley's 50th game for us .Logie is a top man and a great player with a huge future ahead of him. If you saw his father

play you'll see a lot of similar characteristics in Logie. All the team were upset to not get him a win in his 50th match. Good to see Beckett and Beni back in the boots ,hope a few more will trickle back in , in the next few weeks.

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Premiers back in winning form against Clifton

Round 9 was a big game for us after last week's performance and it was important for us to get back to winning form.

We managed to have a few fresh reserves this week with the Senior Thirds having the bye, which helped bolster numbers in all grades.

The weather was very trying. It was wet and windy and very soggy underfoot.

We won the toss and played into the wind, and it was a real arm wrestle early on, until Rick McKenna was sin binned for a cynical play, slapping the ball out of a Clifton attacker from a quick tap.

Clifton scored two quick tries in that period and took the very well deserved halftime lead 12-0.

After the break the boys upped the ante, and we got back to our pick and go game, a heap of straight running and good backing up led to two tries to Jeremy Newell and Chris Gawler to make it 12-12 with 20 minutes to go.

Then Kieran Young scored next to the posts to give us a valuable 19-12 lead.

Then we couldn't exit our half, and with a heap of dangerous phases Clifton were awarded a penalty try due to a deemed high tackle by Troy Stevenson to a Clifton attacker to make it



Rick McKenna with plenty of support against Clifton.

19-19! with 14 players on the park.

For the last eight minutes we had to dig deep, but once again our scrum came to the fore, and after one scrum after we buried the Clifton pack, Ben May complimented the six Clifton forwards who were discussing it with him, they also lost a player.

After a series of lineout drives pick and goes in tough conditions we were awarded a five metre scrum. The boys put in a big scrum and we were awarded a penalty advantage which wasn't needed as McKenna dropped into the pocket to nail a full time ugly drop kick that looked like he was trying to kick the next door

neighbour's dog to take a pleasing victory 22-19.

Clifton would be gutted as they seem the masters of losing a close game, and have a side that are capable of beating any team.

For Coastal all players should be pleased with their efforts. It was a huge team effort after a couple of trying weeks.

MVP points went to 1 point for all three wingers we used Trent Vanderpoel and Will Moalla and Gareth Goodin, 2 points to Mr Reliable Chris Gawler and 3 points to our VC Logan Crowley.

I seem to keep saying it, but thanks to the guys who helped out this week, the Goodin brothers, Keiran Young and Will Moalla,

as he is booked for a knee operation in a few weeks.

Next week we take on the high flying Stratford Eltham at Rahotu in our club's jubilee weekend.

They beat Tukapa on Saturday and will prove a very tough opposition, but it is pleasing to play a country club with great support in a big weekend for our club celebrating 25 years of Coastal rugby.

We would love to see as many people as we can get along.

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SLAM DUNK FOR COACH



On Saturday 29th May, Opunake High School was invited to participate in an evening honouring and paying tribute to the legacy of the late Steve McKean.

This night saw the Taranaki Mountainairs (wearing a retro BP Bears strip from the 90's) taking on the Southern Sharks in a Sals NBL clash, but more importantly featured a mixed Opunake team, coached by Angelo Hill, take on a mixed Stratford High School side, coached by Willie Banks. Both coaches, were honoured to pay tribute to Steve McKean in this way, and both teams certainly brought the flair.

With both sides playing a mix of boys and girls, it was the team from the coast eventually coming out on top. Well done to all those involved in this auspicious occasion, you played in a manner that Coach would've been proud of.



Principals Address



Kia ora koutou

It's a short address from the Principals desk this month. Wow! what a busy start to Term Two, and of course Trimester Two began for our Year 9 & 10 students also. It's hard to believe that we're already in Week 5 and for some departments such as Art - that puts us halfway through their learning year effectively.

By the time you read this page, we would have had Manawatu College with us for a long overdue visit following the postponement of that sporting and cultural exchange - fingers crossed we've come out on top again. More importantly friendships have been rekindled from previous exchanges and new ones formed. Its good to look to the future, yet important to hold onto tradition also - this exchange has been going for over 50 years until being affected (not infected) by COVID in 2020.

Ka ora, ka ako is up and running at Opunake High School. We want to thank Belinda and her team at Soul Kitchen for preparing and delivering us our daily kai. Its not a small job to prepare 300 meals for us, but they always exceed our expectations.

Our rangatahi are enjoying this health, ministry approved kai. All this fabulous food may have contributed to our multiple sports wins in rugby, netball, volleyball, hockey, soccer and basketball. Not to mention, claiming the TSSSA Jack Knuckey shield by our junior rugby league boys.

As we near the end of this term, the primary schools around the coastal area can expect a visit from our Pitch Week team. This is a group of very capable students delivering to our potential 2022 Year 9 students all the best the Opunake High School has to offer. The question we'll be asking is "Who do you want to be?" - because it is our aim to get you there. At our kura, we aim to turn your DREAMS into reality.

Arohanui,
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WHAT IS YOUR UNIFORM?

Hey Year 7 & 8 students around the coast, we think Opunake High School is pretty awesome so we're coming to see you in July to tell you about all the great stuff we have to offer. Keep an eye out for posters like this one in your school to tell you when we're coming. See you soon!

Names: Madaline, Pero

A suite of five new exhibitions opens at the Govett-Brewster Gallery

The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre has opened its winter exhibition suite with five new exhibitions: Stars start falling; Teuane Tibbo, Ani O'Neill and Salome Tanuvasa; Dale Harding: There is no before; Len Lye: Tangibles 1963 – 1969; Len Lye: Wand Dance; and Raewyn Martyn with Jess Charlton: Paint over, use again.

Stars start falling brings together existing and newly commissioned works by Teuane Tibbo, Ani O'Neill and Salome Tanuvasa, many seen here in public for the first time. The artists' shared sensitivity toward the conditions under which, and locations where, art is made give a complex view of the shifting landscape of Pacific life in Aotearoa over the last half century.

Also opening is There is no before, the first solo exhibition in New Zealand of work by indigenous Australian artist Dale Harding (Bidjara, Gungalu and Garingbal).



Teuane Tibbo, *Flowers II*, 1975. Acrylic on board. Collection of Malcolm McNeill. Image courtesy of Cheska Brown and Enjoy.

Combining contemporary art and cultural practices that extend over thousands of years, Harding presents

an exhibition that adds to the canon of his family's cultural production. The exhibition also includes eighteen

nulla, a rarely-exhibited group of taonga from the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa collection,

which have been selected by the artist as having a connection to his family.

“With this group of new exhibitions NPDC's Govett-Brewster Art Gallery / Len Lye Centre continues to support artists living in Aotearoa and further afield to create and share new work, and tell the stories of our place both in a national and international sense,” says Director Zara Stanhope.

“The winter programme extends the momentum and the many conversations generated by the momentous Tai Moana Tai Tangata by Brett Graham, and extends these to a Pacific and Australasian context, celebrating the gallery's 50-year history as a focal point for exhibiting contemporary art from around the Pacific.”

The adjoining Len Lye Centre presents two new exhibitions by Len Lye, with a focus on his popular kinetic sculptures and sharing some of the stories behind the works.

Tangibles: 1963-1969 is the second chronological

overview of Lye's kinetic sculpture. The exhibition presents some of Lye's most well-known and acclaimed tangibles, Universe and Storm King with lesser-seen examples such as the recently reconstructed Wand Dance and Albatross.

Also on exhibit is Wand Dance, one of Len Lye's most captivating large-scale projects. The recently reconstructed work presents seven Bell Wands swaying, shaking and shimmying in a group composition – a thrilling example of Lye's work with sensuality and scale. Wand Dance performs every half an hour.

In the gallery's external Open Window Gallery, Paint over, use again made by Wellington-based artist Raewyn Martyn in collaboration with filmmaker Jess Charlton, is a site-responsive painting installation that uses biopolymer materials as alternatives to petrochemical paint products and will change over time.

NPDC's WOMAD deal puts the Bowl of Brooklands back on the world stage

WOMAD is back in business at New Plymouth's iconic Bowl of Brooklands, thanks to a five-year host city agreement between New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) and WOMAD's parent company in the UK.

The host city deal puts the Bowl back in the international spotlight as WOMAD's New Zealand home and provides a major economic boost for the Taranaki economy after Covid derailed this year's

festival, says New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom.

“This is awesome news for music lovers, local business and visitors as the country emerges from our Covid bubble. WOMAD is part of our district's DNA as a Sustainable Lifestyle Capital, bringing in about 11,000 out-of-region visitors and adding more than \$6 million a year to the Taranaki economy in recent years,” said Mayor Holdom.

The news comes after a

red-hot summer of events at NPDC's Bowl of Brooklands in the lake-filled Pukekura Park.

About 60,000 people attended a summer of magic entertainment over five special nights while the rest of the world was largely in lockdown, including sell out gigs by L.A.B and Six60, and Synthony attracting its largest ever crowd to its first outdoor show.



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Cosmic Jive Trio brings to the stage superb acoustic

arrangements of David Bowie's finest songs, arranged especially for the show. The honest simplicity of the stripped back and largely acoustic instrumentation allows Bowie's masterful songwriting to take centre stage.

David Bowie & the Art of Being Different is a wonderfully entertaining celebration of eccentric creativity, a testament to how the arts can empower, improve mental health, heal past traumas, and provide an essential blueprint for how to deal with bullying. Above all, this show is a triumphant affirmation of the power and potential of difference.

The Band

Dr Ian Chapman (vocals/percussion)

Dr Ian Chapman is a musician, author and motivational speaker. Currently co-convenor of the Contemporary Music degree course at Otago University, where he has been on the Performing Arts faculty since 2002, he is a specialist in the life and work of David Bowie and has written two books on the artist along with many articles and other media outputs. In the 1980s he was a professional drummer working with artists such as Rob Guest and Billy T James. More recently he was the glittering glam rock performer Dr Glam.

Doug Wright (keys/vocals)

As a freelance musician, composer, and currently working as a performance tutor in contemporary music at the University of Otago, Doug has been a resident fixture on the Dunedin music scene for over 30



Dr Ian Chapman

years. A founder member of iconic Dunedin bands "Rue de Remarque" and "Oxo Cubans" his keyboard skills are always in demand. Combined with writing, and arranging music for

television, radio, and an array of live productions, his calendar is always busy.

Pānia Simmonds (bass/vocals)

Pānia studied music at Otago University where

she specialised in bass guitar; also performing and touring with Ian Chapman's glam rock alter ego, Dr Glam. After graduating she moved to Wellington to study double bass. After a stint of teaching music at Invercargill Polytech, Pānia now lives in Dunedin once again where she teaches bass at Otago University and also has an administrative role at eCampus NZ. In addition she plays in a jazz band, a string ensemble, and for local musical theatre. She has studied electric bass with Dr Rob Burns, jazz bass with Paul Dyne, and now classical bass with Dunedin Symphony Principal bassist, Pat Dean.

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Daphne Sinclair-Holley

What's On Listings

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FRIDAYS

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

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

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JUNE 4 TO 6

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JUNE 8 TO JULY 2

'Proud Aotearoa' exhibition: At The Village Gallery, Eltham.

JUNE 13

Opunake Bowling Club AGM: At the Clubrooms, 1pm.

JUNE 16

Dr Ian Chapman and the Cosmic Jive Trio: At Everybodys Theatre, Opunake. 7pm.

JUNE 19

Coastal Young Farmers 10 Year Reunion: At Butlers Reef, Oakura. 6pm.

JUNE 20

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11am

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AGENDA

Karakia timatanga

Apologies

Minutes of previous AGM

Chairman's Report

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Belinda Philp
027 935 6191

St. Barnabas Anglican Church
141 Tasman St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10am
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Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service

Okato Community Church
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Opunake Bowling Club Inc.

118th AGM

34 Gisborne Tee
Sunday 13th June 1pm
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RAHOTU BOWLING CLUB Notice of AGM

To be held at the Clubrooms at 10am, Sunday 20th June
All present and intending members are welcome
Peter Charteris Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICES



SAFER SPEEDS REVIEW: URBAN ROADS

As part of the Safer Speeds Review, NPDC is opening a discussion to understand our community's sense of safety on our urban roads and consider what speeds might be desirable for increased safety.

Public input will help NPDC draw up proposals for formal community consultation later on.

To make our roads safer, should we drop our speeds limits:

- On some local roads?
- Around all urban schools?
- In our retail centres of Westown, Fitzroy, Bell Block and Waitara?
- In a wider area of New Plymouth's CBD?

For more details and to send in your feedback, go to newplymouthnz.com/HaveYourSay.

Feedback closes on Friday 18 June.

Contact NPDC
P: 06-759 6060 E: enquiries@npdc.govt.nz

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Please contact:

Eric Ardern

06 761 7188 or email: kiridaleview@gmail.com

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