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THOMAS

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NORDEN

TONI  
TUITUPOU





# THE COASTAL RUMBLE

## Tricia Mackenzie



Tricia Mackenzie (34) is an Opunake girl, who has lived in and around the Coastal Community since the age of 5. She has always been an active sports woman, playing in Premier League Netball and various other sports representing Taranaki.

Now as a dairy farmer, with some time to be flexible she can commit to following her passion for fighting again after having a break for some years due to having her second child and recovering from a torn calf muscle. With a previous record of eight wins two losses, she has made the decision to turn to pro. We wish Tricia all the best for this fight and her Pro career.

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## Lance Thony



Lance Thony (26) has spent 22 years living on the Coast. Lance has just started up his own business as a contract sprayer. Boxing and this event was a suggestion, and he is now supported by one of Lance's best friends. Lance was keen to give boxing a go and is excited to be fighting on this card in the corporate section. Lance comments that he has been learning heaps and there is still plenty to learn. Making time to train has been working in well with work life as he is a single man.

"I am finding that this is an enjoyable environment to be in, with lots of things happening at training. I wish all the boxers the best for their fights on the 2 July."

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## Bobby Katene



Bobby Katene (16) from Opunake is a local boy that came to Barbwire Boxing and Fitness Gym 12 months ago. To get fitter for his rugby, after thorough training sessions he decided to carry on with the fight game and give amateur boxing a go. After winning his first three fights and losing his last fight in Auckland he is keen to get back on track with a win at Coastal Rumble against Dylan Bartman. Bobby is one of Taranaki's top heavyweight fighters. We wish Bobby all the best for his fight.

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## Natasha Norden



Moved to Opunake 18 months ago. She is a mother of four, who enjoys gardening, art and has always been interested in fighting. She has a back ground in Muay Thai but has always been passionate about boxing to get a better understanding about the sport. Tash used boxing as therapy to overcome the bereavement of her late mum and loves the fact that at Barbwire, we have a built a culture around supporting and uplifting our youth in the community.

We wish Tash all the best for her fight.

## Amber Thomas



Amber has always been a keen sportswoman and has dedicated years of time to soccer and has obtained a scholarship to America in August. She moved to Opunake from Wellington sixmonths ago and came to Barbwire Boxing to increase her strength and fitness, only to have found a passion for boxing and will be having her second amateur fight against Zoe Bewley. This will be a rematch as the pair have already had a fight earlier this year.

We wish Amber all the best in her rematch and her future with football in America.



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## Inside

# Opunake boxer to make pro debut

For Trish MacKenzie July 2 will see a trip back to where it all began. In 2014 she had her first corporate fight at the Coastal Rumble in Opunake. On July 2 she will be back at Opunake to make her professional debut taking on Ayisha Abied in the main fight at this year's Coastal Rumble.

Trish says she is "ready to roll."

"It will be good to come back to Opunake and have my first pro fight here at home," she says. Of her opponent

"I know it's going to be a tough fight. She's already had pro fights and fought some of the best."

Trish's fight record, both amateur and corporate is eight wins and two losses. Her boxing career was sidelined through injury, and this will be her first fight in four years.

As of last week she had been training for about 14 weeks. For the past eight of these she had been training three times a day, seven days a week., with two sessions of boxing training and one of fitness training every day.

Her eight week training had included sparring with Leanne Friar from New Plymouth, as well as sparring practice in Wellington

"For all of my fights I've had to drop weight, mostly through training," she says. "I've been on a strict diet this whole time as I've had to drop weight." In 14 weeks she has gone from weighing 83kg to 68kg.

Barbwire Boxing owner and Coastal Rumble organiser James (Batman)Langton is



Trish MacKenzie shapes up to James Langton during training.

looking forward to the fight. "I think it's going to be a good fight," he says. "It's a 50/50 fight, and the best prepared fighter will win on the night. Trish has trained hard. There's been heaps of improvement, and we're exactly where we want to be going into the fight."

"I'm excited to have the Coastal Rumble coming to Opunake. The last one we had here was in 2017. I'd like to

thank all the sponsors who have gone out of their way to sponsor Trish and the event. I can only encourage people to support these businesses who have sponsored a true Coastal sporting event."

This year's Rumble will incorporate a competition between the Opunake and Clifton clubs.

"This will be the first time in 25 years that we've had an inter-club competition," says James. "It will be our amateurs fighting their amateur boxers."

Amber Thomas will front up against Zoe Bewley, Bobby Katene against Dylan Barham, Caleb Thomas against Jono Heaps, and Manase Filihia against Troy Davy-Beech. Other fights will see Barbwire Boxers matched against boxers from other clubs around Taranaki.

"All the boxers have been training hard, and I'm really stoked that Barbwire Boxing has been able to produce 12 fighters," says James.

He hopes the competition will become an annual event and Barbwire Boxing is looking to donate a shield to be competed for.

It is a prospect Trish welcomes.

"This will be good for Taranaki, as I've always had to go out of Taranaki for events in the past," she said.

Weigh-in will be at Club Hotel at 6pm on July 1. The following day doors open at 6pm with the first fight

at 7pm.

Previous Coastal Rumbles have all proved popular and James says he's expecting this one to be a sell-out.

"A special thanks to Ange for all her work, and to Terry Simpson and Keith Belcher who's going to be joining me as coach," he says.



Fire Brigade lend a hand. See page 6.



Pushing the farming message in Europe. See pages 8-9



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High noon at the Funeral Parlour. See page 21,

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Trish working out on the punching bag.

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## Three Waters

“New legislation to improve water services” (16th June) is how the Water Services Entities Bill is described. It’s a Bill now awaiting submissions to Parliament’s Finance and Expenditure Committee, having passed its first reading. But the word “entity” is deceptive – a way of avoiding the fact that the big four so far proposed would be giant corporations able to borrow far more heavily on the capital markets than can our local councils. A fact very few members of the public know.

A study of legislation passed in the last three years provides clues. Two Bills headed by Labour MPs – David Parker’s Venture Capital Fund and Phil Twyford’s Infrastructure Funding and Financing Bill reveal the entrenched neo-liberal belief in debt-funding per the capital markets. Also there is NZ First’s Shane Jones speaking to the third reading of his Infrastructure

Commission Bill. He is adamant that projects must be funded privately, with us Kiwis as “stewards.” Incidentally, these Bills were supported by all the opposition parties. I recall an article in the NZ Herald back in 14 November 2015 where Paul Goldsmith urges readers to “love the financial markets”. His colleague Andrew Bayley urges higher debt levels – very lucrative to the investors in that debt.

So it came as no surprise to us Socreds to read in a June 2021 Cabinet paper under the name of the Hon. Nanaia Mahuta that the implementation of her Three Waters proposals “depends heavily on the capital markets.” There is also a Treasury recommendation that some of this borrowing could be off the Crown balance sheet. This means Crown debt looking deceptively lower. What is more, should the new water corporations collapse financially, they could be called “too big to fail” - leaving tax and rate payers facing enormous liabilities.

## ADELPHOS

Most of us know the fairytale of an Italian toy maker’s wooden doll that came to life: Pinocchio. And how when he told a lie his nose grew longer. Many psychologists inform us that lying is a common part of life. But not all surveys on lying agree. Come to think of it, how can we be sure participants are being honest?

Numerous studies conclude that “white lies” are told to please someone, often friends and family. “Black lies” benefit the liar at the other person’s expense, especially involving money, with men lying more so than women. Other surveys conclude that teenagers tell more lies, being concerned about what others think. Adults generally tell fewer lies as they get older. A growing number of studies see compulsive or habitual lying as a mental disorder/

addiction, and not a moral issue. Some peer reviewed studies indicate that about 10% of a given population are pathological/habitual liars.

At any rate, it has been said that people lie for four basic reasons: to make themselves look good, to make others look bad, to get something they don’t deserve or to avoid getting something they do deserve. These categories can problematically include both white or black lies. It then becomes a matter of conscience as we look to God’s Word and ask for forgiveness from God through Jesus.

Too many “black” lies of relative truth bombard social media platforms with over 3.7 billion subscribers worldwide. It gets more complicated with political biases and talk about one’s personal truth, alternative facts and narratives that

## 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*

To date, the only political leader to object to those preliminary bills has been Social Credit’s Chris Leitch. In spite of reminding our MPs that both the Public Finance and Reserve Bank Acts give the Finance Minister discretion over borrowing, even at nil-interest, they refuse to take heed. Makes you wonder what we are paying them so handsomely for.

*Heather Marion Smith  
 Acting -chair, Western Region, Social Credit NZ  
 Blenheim*

## St John

I have noted in the article (Opunake and Coastal News June 16, page 9) re the defibrillator at Coastal Care that here is an ‘s’ entered when St John is mentioned. Edward Gilbert started St John and ensured there was not an “S” with the Saint he named the business after.

*Rosemarie Knapman-Smith  
 Opunake*

The Opunake and Coastal News apologises for the error.

## Electric vehicles

An interesting piece on electric cars provided by Paul Butler of Merit cars. I read it twice to make sure it wasn’t tongue in cheek. 20 points are provided that “prove” EVs are terrible things. This is a list originating from countries with low renewable electricity generation that has been floating around social media for years and is well and truly outdated. All 20 are either complete rubbish or highly subjective. No room to argue them all here but surely he has one hand on his tinfoil hat when he suggests the “powers that be” will be able to “control where you go and how much power you consume.” He also insinuates they are not as green as “an alternative” (love to know what that is) and bangs on the same tired old rubbish about the batteries only lasting 8-10 years. Most manufactures give an 8 year warranty and they are in the game to make money so you can be assured they will not be providing a

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## Pinocchios

create different realities and inevitable conflict: It’s clearly raining for some, but others say it’s sunny. Hmm?

But God is more serious about lies than we are. His Word warns us that habitual liars along with the sexually immoral, the unbelieving, the vile and murderers will not enter the kingdom of God (Revelation 21:8). Proverbs 12:22 tells us that, “The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in men who

are trustworthy ” (NIV). Just imagine a relationship with a God of forgiveness delighting in you and me.

Will Shakespeare’s famous quote offers us priceless advice on our topic: “This above all: to thine own self be true.” Something to think about the next time Pinocchio pokes his nose out from behind the stage curtain.

Manaakitanga

*Adelphos*

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warranty that equals end life. He is actually right on one point. "Do full research." You will find that even after a higher initial footprint from manufacture they quickly become a greener alternative and emit far far less of a CO2 footprint over a lifetime, which going by the earlier models with less efficient batteries could easily be 1 million km. Running costs

of \$5 -600 a year for 25 000km is a nice bonus, as is next to no maintenance. I wish Mr Butler all the best going all in on fossil fuel cars. With every major car manufacturer transitioning to EVs I would respectfully suggest that some humble pie may be eaten in the coming years if he wants to stay in business.

*Brendan Dixon.*

## Roe v Wade

The overturning of the Roe v Wade case in the U.S Supreme Court is causing huge protests there, and even some in New Zealand. However, it is a landmark victory for those who have fought for the life of the unborn child, but the mainstream media have shown incredible bias in their reporting of this,

strongly supporting the pro-abortion position.

The pro-choice movement are protesting for a woman's right to choose what they want to do with their own bodies, but who considers the rights of the life of the baby growing within a mother?

Our own government voted to decriminalise abortion in 2020 just days before the first lockdown in 2020 when

everyone was distracted. The legislation that was passed was hugely radical, allowing abortion up to 20 weeks without a doctor's consent(a baby has a heartbeat around 6-7 weeks), and after that with consent from two health practitioners, so there is nothing in law to stop it happening right up to full term.

On the U.S. decision,

Jacinda Ardern said "watching the removal of a woman's fundamental right to make decisions over their own body is incredibly upsetting."

I wonder if she's considered the bodies of the babies who endure a violent end to their lives during an abortion.

*Murray Baylis  
Opunake.*

## EDITORIAL

# Record low unemployment at 3.2% Yeah right!

Just about everywhere I look we read that New Zealand's rate of unemployment at 3.2% (94,000 jobless) is at a record low. Even the likes of such reputable economists, as Infometrics principal economist Brad Olsen, has claimed this misleading claim.

New Zealand has had much lower unemployment

in the past, as reported in the newspapers at the time. For example, in the early 1970s (at one stage) the total number of people unemployed in the nation was about 450 people – a figure less than 1% of the work force. One main centre from memory, it may have been Christchurch, had a reported figure of zero unemployment in the same

period in our history.

Going back still further in time to about 1954 evidently the total number of registered unemployment numbers in New Zealand was just 51 people.

Apart from recently reported inaccuracy, there's something else to keep in mind; not everyone seeking a job registers as unemployed for various reasons. Some

consider registering as unemployed demeaning, others don't believe in it, while others don't want to be dependent on the state (and a myriad of other reasons).

So if New Zealand has 3.2% registered as unemployed, there's plenty more people who ideally seek a job.

Here in Taranaki, with supposedly lower unemployment than most

other parts of New Zealand, there are virtually no jobs advertised in the newspapers (admittedly there are more jobs offered on-line) and anecdotal reports of people who have been unsuccessful in their applications being informed by the potential employer that over 100 people have applied for the job they missed out on. Virtual full employment? - I

don't think so!

Anyway, it would be good if economists and the like check their facts and statistics more carefully. In front of me, as I write, I read "unemployment is at a record low of 3.2%", in an article written by Tom Pullar-Streker in the The Monitor, (June 2022, page 3). Please check your facts more carefully, Tom (and others) before launching into print.

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# Garden leader to leave lasting legacy

Greg Rine is hanging up his secateurs after decades turning his visions into reality at Taranaki's renowned regional gardens.

Greg has been the Regional Gardens Manager for 28 years, overseeing the Taranaki Regional Council-owned Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens.

Greg oversaw significant improvements to Pukeiti from 2014 to 2016 with the building of several large treehouses to form a kids' treehouse trail, a self-guided activity through the gardens. Other projects at Pukeiti in recent years include the Rainforest Centre, elevated walkways, Pukeiti Lodge, Piwakawaka Hut in the Pukeiti Rainforest and a fitness trail. All have added to the magic of Pukeiti, broadening the range of offerings and making it a must-do experience for visitors.

Hollard Gardens highlights included the creation of the family corner with a playground, barbeques and kitchenette. Bernie's home garden was another of Greg's ambitious projects, where vegetable gardens, chickens, beehives, compost, worm farms, bug hotels and a food forest reside, a popular destination for school groups and workshops.

Greg's gardening career stretches back to 1989 when, at age 27, he became a Gardener at Hollard Gardens, progressing to Gardens Manager of Hollard Gardens and Tūpare in 1994. The Council took over ownership of Pukeiti in 2010. With three gardens in his portfolio, Greg was excited by the possibilities.

"It was a fantastic opportunity to create experiences through the public gardens for the community and visitors to our region to enjoy."

Greg looks back at his time in the gardens with fondness, but is hesitant to name a favourite.

"Transforming the Regional Gardens into quality public gardens that the whole community can enjoy and be proud of and seeing people out in the gardens, enjoying the fruits of your labour so to speak, is a memory that resonates the most.

"Asking which garden is my favourite is like asking me which child is my favourite! I don't have one because the first time you step into a garden, each one holds a special connection, a special memory, and I hold each one with me."

Council Director-

Operations Daniel Harrison thanked Greg for his dedicated service and says his work has had significant regional impact.

"Taranaki's Regional Gardens are of the highest calibre, gardens that are truly world class, thanks to the vision, drive, and artistry that Greg has translated into action.

"Greg's legacy to the Taranaki region is immense and brings joy to thousands."

As recruitment for his role begins, Greg gives practical advice to his successor.

"Be hungry and be patient. Take your time to truly own it, and with a fantastic team supporting you, you will be able to do just that."

Greg will now enjoy life at a slower pace, focusing on passion projects in farming and consultation.

Tūpare and Hollard Gardens were owned and managed by the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust, an independent charitable trust established in 1977 by the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust. In 2002, ownership was transferred to the Taranaki Regional Council.

In 2010 a partnership agreement between the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust and the Taranaki Regional Council was signed, and the running and ownership of the property was passed to the Regional Council.



Greg Rine is stepping down after 28 years tending our regional gardens.



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Unfortunately the recent bad weather has not done much to slow down things on the crime front. We have been



**CONSTABLE KYLIE BROPHY** busy lately with domestic assaults, car crashes and mindless wilful damage

by a few younger people in the community who have no respect for our town or the property of anyone who lives in it.

On this matter I would like to raise two points. If you see or hear something going on that shouldn't be call 111 and give us a fighting chance to catch them in the act. All too often we have heard two or three days later about incidents where someone has seen something happening and not called 111 as they did

not think it wasn't serious enough. Please call and report what you have seen. If you discover something that is non-urgent call the alternative number of 105. We know that we are not always able to attend immediately, but if you don't call these people just get to cruise around town and cause havoc as they please.

The second matter is a delicate one. We all live in a small community where most people know each other

or know of each other; the problem with this is that some people are reluctant to talk with us when they know someone has been doing something illegal. However, you must consider that by not coming forward you are only allowing the behaviour to continue and, as with most things, the more they get away with the more they do. Next time it might be your house broken into or your vehicle that is stolen.

The theme for this article as

you have probably guessed is call, call, call whenever you see anything going on you believe shouldn't be and help us keep the Sunshine Coast – (where it is always shining but often behind the clouds), a great place to live.

That's about it for now, remember, all information will be treated as anonymous unless requested otherwise and alternatively you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

*Constable Kylie Brophy*

## Fire Brigade give the Loop Trail a hand



Opunake Fire Brigade members and their families who volunteered to help plant the trees.

The world is certainly heating up and while we enjoy the sun, warm sea and time outside in our lovely seaside town, there are increased fire risks in Opunake as it gets hot, dry and windy.

The ground dries out, (tinder dry in fact) and water supplies become limited. You know what happens next...someone drops a cigarette butt or an ember from a nearby fire blows onto the ground. Before we know it, the siren goes off and the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade members drop what they are doing, head to the station, jump into their firefighting gear and off to put out the fire.

As they respond, family members take over their duties on the farm, workers help pick up the slack, birthday parties are left, sleep is disrupted and things like opening the Christmas presents wait until later. Sometimes they are lucky, and the fire is out, often it's not and the brigade are left to deal with the loss of life, property, or the environment. To help make the

community more resilient to adverse effects of increased fire risks over the summer Andrew Pentelow, Chief Fire Officer of the Opunake Brigade, came up with the idea for this project when he heard that the Opunake Loop Trail Trust were looking at extending the Opunake loop trail. The idea is to educate public and to help with the development of the loop trail.

Andrew had seen an article about low flammability trees on the Fire Emergency NZ (FENZ) public web site last year. You may be familiar with this year's campaign involving All Black Sam Whitelock on TV and on social media, as increased wildfires are a serious national concern.

FENZ are responding to more and more fires in scrub, wetland, forestry, and reserve areas than ever before. Although it is incredibly tragic to experience the loss of life and people's homes, the loss to the environment is also devastating. Some of these areas like the Waiharahara Wetland Fire in Northland took months to extinguish.

It caused over 2400 hectares of habitat loss. Wildfires this year have cost nearly 10 million dollars to extinguish.

You may recall incidents FENZ has attended last summer in Taranaki where several fires were lit along the coastal walkway. A large area of plantings was destroyed which included the habitat for many species of insects and animals, as well as one being a memorial site for local legends. It was estimated that it will take 15 to 20 years before the area is regenerated and it once again becomes the home for our unique biodiversity of life.

Funding for the project came from FENZ who supplied the signage and labels for the trees so you can learn about what trees you should consider if planting. The Taranaki Regional Council supplied low cost trees. Thank you to Ian Armstrong who helped prepare the site, and to Brian Gasson for his advice, both from the Loop Trail trust.

This project took nearly 12 months to complete and Andrew and his team have plans to further develop the site with some flax for

windbreak and a seat for you to have a rest on the walkway and admire the community project.

A special mention must be made to members of the Opunake fire Brigade who have been really enthusiastic about the idea. They had around 25 people help plant the trees, made up of Opunake Volunteer fire fighters and their families.

Opunake is fortunate to have this asset in the community, with the aim to keep you all safe from the dangers of fire over the summer. You must also play your part, by preventing unwanted fires from happening in the beginning. Always visit <https://www.checkitsalright.nz> before lighting any fires.

To find out some of the tree types which are suited to drier conditions, please visit our site in Hurst Park (enter opposite the Catholic Church on Whitcombe Road).

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# Van makes work easier for Food Bank volunteers



the gate and then we go," says volunteer Barbara Hurcomb. "To date we have done over 200 and the van has been wonderful." Before then she was using her own car, a Holden Cruise to do the deliveries.

Ruth Rangiwhia says the van is much more user friendly as well as saving on the wear and tear of the volunteers' own vehicles.

Foodbank chair Hazel Robinson says there is a strong need for the Foodbank and what they do. She says she first became involved with the foodbank when her church minister Arthur Barnfather encouraged her to

do so. In the years since, the Foodbank has had a number of homes, and they currently rent the former Shaw Printing building on Albion Street next to Pak'n Save.

Applications for food parcels are vetted and most of these are genuine says Hazel, although they do get the occasional one who tries to rort the system.

"Things are pretty tough out there," says Barbara. "We average 20-30 parcels a week and it's growing. Without the people of Hawera we wouldn't survive. A lady came in yesterday and gave us a hundred dollar Pak'n Save voucher."

From left with the new van.

Hawera Foodbank volunteers, Hazel Robinson, Barbara Hurcomb, Ruth Rangiwhia.

A Nissan van is helping the Hawera Foodbank to meet the challenges of COVID.

The Coronavirus pandemic has meant that delivering food parcels to people who

are forced to isolate has been added to what they already do, so they applied to the

Toi Foundation for help in purchasing a vehicle. The Toi Foundation came to the party with a \$45,000 grant which was used to buy the Nissan Caravan van. In the eight weeks the Foodbank has had it, the van has already clocked up 30,000km delivering parcels as far afield as Manaia, Rowan Road, Kaponga, Eltham and Patea. "We drop the parcels off at



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## Professor Coxhead



Averil Coxhead.

Linguistics, Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington in 2020. Her inaugural lecture was delayed by COVID but finally took place on 21 June in Wellington. Averil's research focuses on language learning and teaching research, mostly in the areas of vocabulary studies, English for Academic Purposes and English for Specific Purposes. She has published over 15 books and textbooks and more than 90 journal articles and book chapters. Some of her recent research focuses on the vocabulary needed in trades education, including carpentry and plumbing, along with technical vocabulary in areas such as rugby and aviation. The Coxhead family attended Averil's Inaugural speech (en-masse) and the following celebratory dinner. It was a very proud time for us all. Congratulations to Averil.

Averil Coxhead, youngest daughter of the late Bev and

Doug Coxhead was appointed Professor in Applied



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# Ag holding strong despite major challenges



BARBARA KURIGER MP  
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Ag holding strong despite major challenges New Zealand is a trading nation. We are respected by the world and the best at what we do.

Despite a pandemic, disruption to global supply chains, rapidly rising inflation, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and a lack of RSE workers, our food and fibre exports have outperformed

expectations. In fact, by June 30, they will have brought in \$52.2 billion in revenue.

I recently returned from a Parliamentary trip to Europe. Zoom is a wonderful invention, but nothing can beat sitting at a table face-to-face with farming representatives to discover areas of collaboration and where we differ.

With the Russian/Ukrainian situation, food and energy security were to the fore, given Ukraine is Europe's second-largest supplier of corn and wheat to the European Union, as well as countries in Asia and Africa. Growers and their lands will take a long time to recover from the devastating assault they are being subjected to.

Soil structures were the main topic of discussion in Ireland.

While New Zealand agriculture is at the front of the global pack according to 2021's Net Zero Readiness

Index, to stay there, we must look to science to help us reduce methane and further develop the carbon sequestration of our soils.

We must also understand more accurately the sequestration of indigenous planting and reduce food waste which adds to emissions.

He Waka Eke Noa is now in the hands of the Government and the Climate Commission.

This is the food and fibre industry's chance to take control of its destiny in the climate space rather than become part of the ETS. National will be engaging with interest in the process throughout the next six months.

But any transitions we make from this must be fair and workable. Because there are overseas examples where doing it by decree has gone horribly wrong.

None more so than in

Sri Lanka, where the government ruling that all farmers (tea, rubber, coconut, rice etc) go organic was a disaster, causing an economic and humanitarian crisis.

Regenerative practices are coming to the fore in most countries, but there is still some confusion about what this means. It's about understanding how the biology of our soils can be restored and the methods needed to achieve this.

Despite the challenges of the past few years, our farmers and growers have shown resilience and adaptability. For example, they are hiring students in place of the RSE workers in the horticulture industry, selling frozen rather than chilled meat in response to shipping delays, and successfully implementing cross-industry freight sharing operations.

It hasn't all been rosy. 2022's export revenue could

have been higher if RSE workers had been allowed into the country in time for areas like Hawke's Bay.

Thousands of apples were left to rot on trees, with industry experts estimating more than \$100 million down in revenue and three million fewer cartons sent overseas.

We know more challenges are on their way, but with this year's record export revenue and a predicted rise to \$56.8 billion by 2026, there is much hope for the future.

Our agriculture sector will never be the sunset industry predicted in the 1980s because our food and fibre producers do such a great job.

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We believe that all Kiwi kids deserve classrooms that are fit-for-purpose, vibrant spaces to learn and play in, and decent sports facilities. To make this a reality, in 2019, our Government announced the biggest capital injection for school maintenance funding in over two decades – and thanks to this, almost every single state school in New



GLEN BENNETT  
MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

Zealand has been able to make much-needed property improvements.

Here in Taranaki, we've provided funding for class room upgrades for Fitzroy, West End Te Kura O Morere, Woodleigh, Merrilands and Opunake High just to name a few as well as Spotswood Colleges \$23 million injection to rightsize the school and classrooms. Many more on the list

have new outdoor learning areas so students have great places to learn, specialised teaching areas and more. Waitara East, Central, Oakura, Moturoa School, New Plymouth Girls' High School are all benefiting from a mix of landscaping, playgrounds, outdoor learning areas, playground upgrades and changing shed refurbishments with New Plymouth Boys' High School much needed playing fields and hardcourt on the list.

All of these improvements are helping to make our local schools, places where young people want to be with little upgrades such as heating, security alarms, pool covers-roofing, a new hall, playing fields and hard courts, all making a big difference.

In addition to delivering upgrades to almost every state school, building

hundreds of new classrooms our Government is also making school funding fairer by scrapping the outdated decile system, and boosting investment to give schools the teachers and equipment they need.

All of this builds on the work we've done since 2017, to make sure that every Kiwi kid gets a great education, including making schooling more affordable for families, better supporting teachers, and more.

We know there's still more work to do, but our Government is committed to making New Zealand the best place in the world to be a young person, and building a stronger education system is a vital part of that.

Glen Bennett,  
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# A farmer is a farmer is a farmer

Eighty one years after New Zealand soldiers spilt their blood on Crete, New Zealanders are still fondly remembered there.

This was one of the memories Taranaki-King Country MP Barbara Kuriger took from a recent New Zealand parliamentary trip to Europe. Also on the trip were former National Party leader Judith Collins, Speaker Trevor Mallard and government MPs Duncan Webb and Helen White. They visited Crete, Athens, Rome, Warsaw, Brussels and Dublin. While over there they met with parliamentarians, food producers and industry leaders to talk agriculture and trade, while also attending memorial services in places like Crete, one of the first places New Zealand troops saw action in World War II.

“We were surprised at how many people we met who were alive at the time,” Barbara says of their visit to Crete. “They distinctly remember the New Zealanders, and they remember the Maori Battalion. They are very grateful for what we did. We met a 95 year-old Cretan woman who was 14 years old when the war happened, and has vivid memories of the atrocities. When we introduced ourselves as New Zealanders, she said thank you and gave us all a big hug.”

Barbara, who is also National Party spokesperson on Agriculture said in some of the countries they visited there were misconceptions about New Zealand farming based on factors that are no longer relevant.

“A lot of people were quite concerned that New Zealand was going to double its milk production and flood their market. The reality is this is not going to happen.” She said that with concerns about climate change and food security the emphasis



In Crete, Barbara Kuriger speaking to a ninety five year old woman (middle) who remembers the New Zealanders.

is more on being sustainable and adding value to what was already being produced. “Part of our role was to allay their fears,” says Barbara. “As we travelled our message was a farmer is a farmer is a farmer and farmers together will provide the best solutions. If there’s going to be two billion more people in the world, we are going to need more food.” She says Ireland was the country they visited which was most like New Zealand, and facing issues like methane emissions and carbon sequestration. “Ireland has good research facilities, and if we can combine we can double our ability to find some answers if we share our research. We need to find new technologies which combine research and science to find solutions to methane emissions without undermining our ability to provide more food.” Barbara says there needs to be more emphasis on the soil, and the organisms which contribute to its health.

“We have focussed on the top six inches, but we need to go deeper, even up to a metre. If we can do that it will be a big bonus for sequestering carbon and meeting our environmental goals.” In Poland, with a war on the doorstep and concerns about food and energy security it appeared farmers had other things to worry about rather than methane emissions. Barbara recalls meeting one farmer who said that their family farm had gone from milking eight dairy cows to 120 “In one generation they had gone from village farming to trying to get a business

approach into farming,” she says. Also in Poland, Barbara said they met a delegation of Ukrainian parliamentarians and were impressed with their resolve and their confidence that ultimately their cause would prevail. They also visited a refugee centre. “Over a hundred babies had been born and some would never get to see their dads. All of us looked at each other and thought, when is the world going to learn?” Barbara says that there had been reports of Ukrainian farmers going missing. Russia and Ukraine between

them produced 30 per cent of the world’s wheat and a lot of canola, and there were concerns about food shortages in Africa and there were concerns in Europe that this could lead to further refugee problems, she says.

In Italy the delegation visited a Zespri farm. Zespri has been working with farmers in Italy to ensure a year-round supply of kiwifruit on the shelves. She rejects concerns about New Zealand giving up its monopoly on an iconic kiwi product.

“It means consumers can have kiwifruit all year round. As long as demand is bigger than supply it won’t be a problem.” Barbara says the trip had been worthwhile. “You can’t experience this on Zoom,” she said.

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# On the hustings at Te Kiri

Local people know best how to manage their own affairs whether it's water systems or farm emissions. This was the message three National Party MPs, Andrew Bayley, Barbara Kuriger and Harete Hipango took to an audience of about 30 people at a lunchtime meeting at Te Kiri Hall on June 15.

"If you think about Jacinda, Grant Robertson and Chris Hipkins, they are all good people, but they are products of Wellington," Andrew Bayley said. "They are centric people and that's all they know."

He said he had grown up on a farm at Kai Iwi near Whanganui so the farmland of Coastal Taranaki was land he could identify with. He graduated from Massey University and worked in London as a merchant banker before returning to New Zealand. He has also started a number of businesses.

"I, along with Barbara, am one of the few people in Parliament who have had to pay wages on Monday morning, and at times I've had to wonder where's the cash? It's a skill that's sadly lacking in Parliament today."

He entered Parliament as MP for Hunua in 2014,



Andrew Bayley addresses the meeting. Behind him is Barbara Kuriger.

the same year Barbara Kuriger was first elected MP for Taranaki-King Country. Boundary changes have meant he is now MP for Port Waikato, which he says has meant a shift from representing an electorate with a large lifestyle block component to one with a strong farming base. He is now National Party spokesperson for Revenue, Small Business, Manufacturing, Consumer Affairs and Commerce, Building and Construction.

"Two years ago the country was doing fairly well and debt was \$60 billion. Go forward two years, Grant Robertson has spent \$60 billion and debt is now \$120 billion," he said. "If you look at the \$60 billion Grant has spent, \$25 billion was spent on small business and I'm right behind that. He probably spent another \$10 billion on stuff we would have done, but there's \$25 billion of stuff we've no idea where it went. You've got inflation coming through so

it's only going to get worse. "What they've done is bake in a higher cost structure for New Zealand businesses. Even if inflation comes off, our vulnerable people are still paying \$150 per week more rent than they were two years ago."

He said migrant workers worried about their residency status and afraid to make a visit home in case they would not be allowed back in could be sending a message back to their family and friends that New

Zealand might not be such a good place to come to.

Taranaki-King Country MP Barbara Kuriger, who is also National Party spokesperson for Agriculture has recently returned from a parliamentary trip to Europe and had looked at the issues facing farmers over there.

She said the National Party was keeping a watch on He Waka Eke Noa (HWEN), the alternative to the Emissions Trading Scheme put forward by several farming groups, to see what the government would do with it. It was important that food producers from other countries didn't get the advantage over New

Zealand farmers. One of the criticisms made of the HWEN proposals was that farmers would not have the necessary expertise to measure their farm emissions. It's an argument Barbara Kuriger has little sympathy for.

"We didn't earn \$52 billion by being dumb people sitting on our backsides," she said.

She says the message had to get out there about the contribution that farming was making to the New Zealand economy.

"People who don't understand farming and don't identify with farmers

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Andrew Bayley with Cobus Blom.



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# On the hustings at Te Kiri

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 still identify with food, fibre and timber," she said.  
 "Chris Luxon used to talk about agriculture and farming as though it was like playing tennis with 10 balls coming at you. Now it's probably 25 balls rather than 10."  
 She said this was despite a record payout, good weather and low interest rates.  
 On the issue of water quality she said there was a need for the government

to work with farmers rather than imposing top down solutions.  
 "We have got to start from the bottom up and do it like the Taranaki Regional Council who have been sensible and have worked with farmers." She said farmers have to do their bit, but they are often blamed for things they aren't responsible for.  
 Like Andrew Bayley she spoke about the concerns faced by migrant workers.

"These are all real people wanting to earn money," she said.  
 Harete Hipango paid tribute to Te Kiri farmer Stephen Fleming, one of the organisers of the meeting who had recently passed away.  
 "He was a mate and an integral part of the Te Kiri community," she said.  
 Harete Hipango was elected MP for Whanganui in 2017, defeated in 2020, but later returned to Parliament as a list MP. She says she was born near the mouth of the Whanganui River and her background is in family law. She says despite the Prime minister saying she wanted

to make it her issue, child poverty had only intensified and worsened under her leadership.  
 Harete Hipango says the Budget has shown that the government is "crazed with spending."  
 "We've got the biggest budget that's going to take generations to recover from, fiscally as well as socially."  
 She says the Water Services Bill introduced into Parliament under urgency would take away control of water systems from local people.  
 "The government is looking at pushing this through with speed," she said. She cited the local



From left: Harete Hipango, Andrew Bayley, Barbara Kuriger.

Cold Creek water scheme as an example of what local people could achieve when left to their own devices.  
 "That's the difference between National and Labour. National believes in our local communities knowing better than central government."

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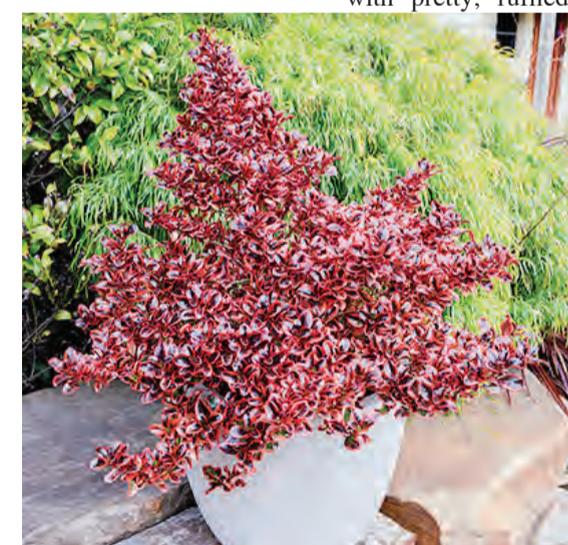
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Seventeen participants took part in a short story workshop (Open category, Short Story), run by Dr Airini Beautrais on Saturday June 18. The event was held at Hawera TSB Hub (Camberwell lounge), over three hours from 10am to 1pm. It is part of the Lysaght-Watt Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards, Taranaki's foremost literary event, which is most capably organised by Katherine Bosworth, who

introduced Dr Beautrais.

Last year Dr Beautrais won the highest financial prize for New Zealand writers, a total of \$57,000. This was for her collection of short stories Bug Week and Other Stories. Written over ten years she explains, "It is inspired by the female experience from girlhood through to middle age to the end of life." Put more simply, it included a number of unhappy love stories. This

is only the second time this award has been won by a collection of short stories.

In a relaxed, engaging manner Dr Beautrais shared many of her writing experiences and hinted at a few less treasured moments at her life, which generate material. She also mentioned writers who have inspired her, such as Karen Slaughter and set brief writing exercises, usually 5 or 10 minutes in duration. The participants were invited to

share what they had written.

An excellent morning tea was provided and tea and coffee was available at all times.

During a question time near the end Dr Beautrais confirmed that five finalists will be chosen from the anonymous entries (2000 word limit) ranging from First to Commended (effectively fifth).

It was an honour to learn from the literary experience of such a notable writer of

short stories and poetry. Dr Beautrais won the Jessie MacKay Best First Book of Poetry for Secret Heart at the 2007 Montana NZ Book Awards.

Many people will recall that in 2018 Dr Beautrais was the Poetry judge (Open and Secondary School), at the 31st annual event of this contest.

Although not reviewed Dr Robert Sullivan (Ngapuhi and Kai Tahu) held a Poetry

workshop at Hawera Library Plus on Thursday June 16. This year he is joining the staff of Massey University as Associate Professor of Creative Writing.

He has published eight collections of poetry including best-selling Star Waka (1999). His latest anthology Tunui Comet will be published later this year.

*Rolland McKellar*

# Tainui Day Care Centre celebrates five years

Monday June 20 was celebration day for the Tainui Day Centre at St Barnabas Church. It was our fifth birthday.

A survey undertaken some years ago by the Bishops Action Foundation and at the instigation of Rev Peter Barleyman discerned a need for physical and social activity among the older people within our district. Tainui Day Centre was born, but before we could 'get cracking' some modifications were needed in the hall and the right people were needed to run the programme. All that eventually fell into place.

Each Monday at 10am a bunch of senior women and men gather in the St Barnabas Hall, under the leadership of Jenny Cavaney and her team. We use the Age Concern 'Steady As You Go' exercise program that consists of five segments of gentle exercise aimed at strengthening balance, spatial awareness and muscle tone. The exercises are designed by physiotherapists particularly for the older person.

The exercise is followed by morning tea and a good old chat around a spacious table. Sometimes a guest speaker is arranged to speak

on a subject of interest. At other times people talk about interesting journeys or holidays. We do plan to gradually return to playing board games and indoor bowls or putting, when we think the time is 'right.'

The Tainui team are constantly amazed by the interest that the Tainui Day Centre concept has generated and in the way our people look forward to 10am on Monday mornings. They just keep 'turning up.' They have for the past five years. Perhaps you may like to join us.

*Rev Ian Sargent.*



Jo Hoogenberg cutting the cake with team leader Jenny Cavaney.

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# Regenerative Agriculture Event in South Taranaki

Regenerative Agriculture will be in the spotlight during a community event on July 2 at Normanby Hall.

During the event, attendees will hear from farmers who are on a regenerative farming journey and tracking a profitable and more enjoyable path. As part of this, they are putting soil health at the centre of their decision making, and it's working well for them, improved animal health being a consistent early indicator. A Regenerative Farming Coach and Soil Food Web educator will be among the speakers.

One of the featured speakers is Otago Dairy Farmer, Mark Anderson. Mark grew up on a diverse sixth generation family sheep and beef farm and then spent 20 years conventional dairy farming while expanding to a 580ha farm with and 900 cows. He subsequently transitioned to incorporate regenerative techniques 6 years ago and reducing cow numbers to the 600 he has today.

Says Mark, "We are entering our fourth season of once-a-day milking and continue to learn how we can close nutrient and energy loops with composting and grazing techniques while scaling up plantings of perennial tree and fodder crops. Herd breeds are also a focus towards dual purpose as we look further out to 50-100 years."

This will be Mark's first visit to Taranaki to talk about regenerative agriculture. He's keen to share what he's learnt along the way.

Another featured speaker is Jules Matthews. Originally from Taranaki, Jules now manages a diversified farm, farmed regeneratively near Wellington. This 900 hectare living laboratory has its focus on transitioning dairy and pine into regenerative agriculture and includes sheep and beef, dairy and native forests. As well as additionally developing a food hub to provide local produce the intention is to educate and build a connection with the community and beyond, says Jules. Outside of managing the farm, Jules coaches on the Integrity Soils Create Programme which aims to help consultants guide landowners through the process of regenerating their land with the focus on human, environmental and financial health. Trained in holistic management, dispute resolution and human nutrition Jules has worked in the agricultural sector for over 40 years, both here and abroad.

Cherryle Prew is the Soil Food Web Teacher and Technician joining the day. She has been working with

soil biological processes for the past 31 years. She has spent the last 18 years adapting the Soil Foodweb science to NZ farming, horticulture and viticultural systems. Although now winding down after selling the Soil Foodweb NZ laboratory, Cherryle Prew is passionate about soil and helping others understand how it functions.

Inspiring and proactive local Taranaki Farmers will also speak at the event including Rachel and Kenneth Short and also Brooke and Matt Laurence who are now 2 - 3 years into the trials and tribulations of transitioning to regenerative farming. Things are going well and the improvements have been impressive.

Event organiser and local regenerative farming advocate regional catalyst and coordinator Fiona Young, will also share about local initiatives to connect and grow support and opportunities for farmers.

Fiona says the day aims to inspire and increase understanding and clarity around actions farmers can take whilst also connecting more people who are

interested and active, and offering an enjoyable day for farmers and the wider community before calving and lambing kicks in.

"It's been a while since we've put on a community event like this, it's a great chance for people to learn more about regenerative farming from people who are actively on and supporting the journey," says Fiona.

"We have an awesome line up. I'm really looking forward to welcoming folks for what's sure to be a really inspiring day! Over the past year and a half our local focus has been on a smaller action group. So it's great to now open that up and have some of them as featured speakers. I know there's a lot more people in our wider network and beyond here in Taranaki who are active, curious, keen and interested to learn more as well. So we look forward to meet more of them at this event," says Fiona. "Our action group got going with about 30 dairy, sheep and beef farmers who were ready to dive in at the end of 2020. They've been on a collaborative learning journey focused on regen and soil health, coordinating

workshops, webinars and farm discussion groups." She added that last year their group was supported as a 'Curious Minds' participatory science project through Venture Taranaki.

Fiona concludes, "We aim to have more community events and programmes for farmers later in the spring, as well as a website."

*Regenerative agriculture (regen ag) is a whole farm system approach that works towards optimal wellbeing, resilience and prosperity for our environment, economy, animals, farmers and community, as well as producing quality food. Central to regenerative agriculture is understanding and improving soil health.*

This community event will be held at Normanby Hall in South Taranaki and is put on by Taranaki Regenerative Agriculture and ReGenerative Solutions, with support from Venture Taranaki. 10am to 4.30pm. Tickets are \$50 +gst or \$60 on the door and come with a delicious, fresh, local and organically grown catered lunch, light morning snacks

and afternoon tea.

To register and reserve your ticket thanks to go online to the facebook page 'Taranaki

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find tickets in our event page or message Fiona Young at taranakiregenag@gmail.com.



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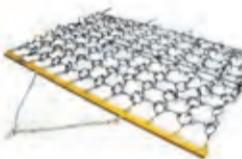
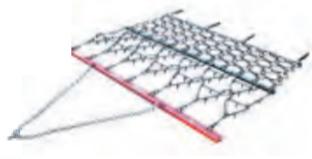
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# Reduce fertiliser costs and utilise what you've got

Effluent is becoming a hot commodity when it comes to farm fertilisation. The rising cost of synthetic fertilisers has highlighted the value of recycling the free nutrients naturally produced on farm. Here's some ways farmers can utilise their effluent and cut down on synthetic ferts...



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- Take the slurry tanker when locking cows back in the paddock after milking and make the most of your time.
- A drag hose system is very effective in pumping out large volumes quickly.
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**Utilise your feed**

Cow feed can add to the nutrient value of the effluent produced. Rather than nutrients solely being recycled from grass to cow, any additional feed will be providing beneficial outside nutrients back into the

system.

**Use it all**

Slurry tankers can suck up nutrients from more than just the effluent pond. Use the slurry tanker for cleaning up thick feedpad slurry, cleaning out troughs,

## Kaponga WI learns about SANDS

'The speaker at the June meeting of Kaponga WI which was held at the home of Carolyn Nicholas in New Plymouth was Judith Moorhead from S.A.N.D.S - Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Support. Judith is the chairperson of the Taranaki Branch and

like all of the supporters is a volunteer. SANDS has been in New Zealand for 30 years and has 20 groups. Judith became involved after a very personal experience of a sleeping baby. SANDS is not Government funded and the system does not acknowledge the consequences of this kind of loss. These volunteers are trained in their work and deal with referrals from midwives, doctors, family etc. Funds through donations are used for many items like cooling cots and mats to keep baby cool during the time the parents have with their baby, the ingredients to do foot and hand casting, to make care packages for

the family, and a memory box of special memories. Some local professional photographers donate their time and materials to provide memories also. Judith was thanked with a donation towards costs and members also donated two huge bags of toiletries etc to make up care packages for families arriving in hospital unexpectedly. Judith joined the members for lunch and happily answered more questions. After lunch the June meeting was held. President Jo Ellis gave an extensive and very interesting report from conference. Jo (a relatively new member and first time attendee) and

two others attended and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Dorothy Hughes was congratulated on her entries in the competitions at conference and her successes. We are proud of you Dorothy. Diane West was congratulated on her recent 50th wedding anniversary and Rosalie Gibson on her 60th wedding anniversary and we all wish them many more years of wedded bliss. The silver dish was won by Diane West and the raffle by Rayleen McDonald. The hostesses Carolyn Nicholas and Diane West were thanked.

Competition results; Fruit Loaf. 1. Diane West. 2. Jo Ellis. 3. Dene Lines and Nancy Stokes. Flower from your garden. 1. Carolyn Nicholas. 2. Dene Lines. 3. Diane West. Childhood keepsake. 1. Joy Eliason and Jo Ellis. 2. Rayleen McDonald. 3. Jo Jones

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## Coastal Women end season with a win

After a slow start to the season the Coastal Women's team managed to finish on a high. The season was a bit up and down with limited numbers and a few season ending injuries hitting the team hard. In the pool play the results had been a mixed bag but on a whole the team was improving.

Playoffs rolled around on June 18 with both the 3v4 and 1v2 games held in Hawera as a Women's Festival Day. Coastal were playing Inglewood which was a repeat of the last pool

game with Coastal hoping to turn around a 39-24 loss. Inglewood got out of the blocks quickly with two tries to Danielle Muggeridge. Coastal managed to pull a try back through Aroha Nuku to go into the break 10-5 down to make for an interesting second half. The Coastal forward pack had been dominating and applied the pressure after the break and managed to get two tries in the 10 minutes after halftime to Jaymi Ngaia and Leah Barnard to take a 15-10 lead for the first time in the game

Again the points scoring machine of Muggeridge hit back for Inglewood to level the game. With 20 minutes left on the clock Nuku managed to cross the paint again which was converted by Aaliyah Kere-Rako. With time almost up on the clock Muggeridge scored again but fortunately it was out wide so it was unable to be converted. The conversion to Kere-Rako proved to be the difference between the two teams with Coastal managing to secure a hard fought win of 22-20 and get

revenge for the previous week.

Coastal only had 15 players so it was always going to be a tough day with the players having to dig deep and have each other's backs. Both teams benefitted from having a quality referee that keep the game clean and free flowing. Some players have moved on to higher honours with the Taranaki Whio but all are looking forward to building on from this season.



Above: Jaymi Ngaia carrying the ball hard.

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## A close one against Inglewood

We travelled to Inglewood in a must win game for us to keep our semi-final hopes alive.

The weather all week had been wet under foot but by the time kick off rolled around conditions were probably as good as they had been all month.

Unfortunately for Coastal we started slowly with a few handling errors and the odd missed lineout. We were 12-0 down after 20 minutes.

We had constructed a lot of good play but this was ruined by a handling error or a bad lineout, and by the

end of 40 minutes we were 17-0 down and had a huge job ahead of us.

We kept it positive, and at halftime we came out a different side. Things started to click and we struck back with two excellent tries, one to Blake Barrett and the other to our first five Daniel Crowley.

Then Inglewood managed a penalty kick from a fair distance to lead 20-12.

Coastal struck straight back, and when Beni Kalin the Swiss international scored under the posts with 20 to go to make it 20-19 it

was our game for the taking.

Frustratingly for us we couldn't get the job done, and with some officiating that would surpass the All Whites during the week we couldn't get the job done.

After 12 injury breaks and seven reset scrums, the full-time whistle came and we were again on the wrong side of the scoreboard.

We never helped ourselves, as the first half handling errors and our lineouts made life tough for us.

Blake Barrett was our Player of the Day and put in a huge performance on

attack and defence, and this would have been one of his best displays in a Coastal jersey over the years.

Logan Crowley, Chris Gawler, Jeremy Newell and Rick McKenna all had their moments, and Dylan Schuler and Liam Hurley came on in the second half to add plenty of really good stuff.

Shane Stevenson helped out reserving for us from a full game of Div 1, and we thank him for that. With Div 1 boys fairly beaten up we thank them for their club spirit and helping us out.

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## A loss in must win game

We headed to Stratford to try and keep our semi-final hopes alive against a strong Stratford/Eltham side that have been playing entertaining rugby all season.

It was a tough week, with a heap of flu and the odd Covid case sweeping through the team, so it was going to be a big ask to get the win.

Stratty came out hot and at the 21-minute mark we were down 21-0, and looking like it was going to be a long day.

Then we flicked the switch and a few things banded together, Shamus Hurley-Langton was playing out of his skin on attack and defence, both powerful and direct he got us the momentum and after many huge runs crashed over after some good interplay from the forwards and backs at the 30-minute mark to get us on the board.

After halftime Stratty scored again to take it 28-7 and we needed to score next, and that we did with a spectacular try to pacey winger Harry Symes, one of our best of our season, and then with our skipper Jeremy Newell crashing over to get us right back into the game and making it 28-21 with 20 to go with accurate goal kicking from Rick McKenna.

Jeremy Gopperth had departed due to a dislocated shoulder after having a strong 55 minutes. Veteran Brett Goodin came on at halfback to replace, having answered an SOS at 1.30pm to come and help out.

The injuries kept coming. Shamus kept cramping but kept getting up and handing out the punishment to the opposition till the 80th minute, and with Thomas Kalin having to be replaced

after a hip injury suffered a week earlier David Hughes came on and had his first run for the season and kept up the quality with some nice touches.

Stratty scored two late tries to make it a final score of 38-21, a well-deserved win to them and we wish them well for the rest of the season as it looks like they will end up in the semis as the only team out of South/Central Taranaki area.

For us it showed our player depth is at crisis point. The guys helping out have already played 80 minutes and really are under the pump when called upon.

Thanks to all the guys who helped out this week Scott Anderson and Stevensons bros, Hughsey and Goodies we really do appreciate the effort you guys make helping out.

Our Player of the Day was Shamus was an easy choice as he was everywhere. Mark Martin got two points,

he toiled hard and put in a strong 75-minute effort, and one point to classy winger Harry Symes who had a busy day.

Our scrum and lineout were good, and Jeremy Newell won a heap of ball on ours and Strattys throw.

The whole team's effort was A1. You couldn't fault anyone's commitment. It was a gutsy display against a good opposition.

Next week we're back at Rahotu for our last home game of the season against Southern. They play a great brand of rugby and we will do our best to turn around our loss to them in the pre-season.

Let's hope Gopy recovers quickly from his shoulder injury as he was having a great season. On a positive note, it was great to see Kobe Sinclair back again after a long break with a solid game.

*Ride the Wave.*



Shamus Hurley-Langton has been playing out of his skin on attack and defence.



Beth Cook carrying the ball with Charlotte Webby in support.

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# Awards of Excellence winners announced

Macy Sinclair of the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club was named Lifeguard of the Year in this year's Surf Life Saving New Zealand's Taranaki Awards of Excellence.

This year Macy took on Patrol Captain duties as well as instructing new lifeguards within the club. Macy also helped with Junior Surf and was engaging with the younger members. She regularly made herself available to represent the club within the community, with school visits, talking to local groups and as one of the leaders for the Christmas parade.

The awards honour the volunteers who have devoted numerous hours to keeping our beaches and people safe and lifesaving sport athletes who have shone in competition. Volunteers from Surf Life Saving Clubs at Wanganui, New Plymouth Old Boys, Fitzroy, Opunake and East End make up the Taranaki region.

Joel Meuli, Surf Life Saving New Zealand Central Region Club Support Officer says "Across the board, our statistics have increased from previous seasons. More people at beaches, more interventions and more



2022 Taranaki Lifeguard of the Year Macy Sinclair.

rescues. Fortunately for the region, the volunteers have been working hard and we have seen more clubbies gain their Lifeguard Award this year than in the previous five seasons. We have also passed more First Aid, Patrol Captain and IRB Driver Awards. Thanks to all of the volunteers' work passing awards and up-skilling, our

beaches are now safer and better equipped to handle situations that may arise."

The Volunteer of the Year winner is Darren James from Fitzroy SLSC. Darren takes on a multitude of roles at the club, getting stuck into whatever job needs to be done. His widespread involvement includes sitting on the Fitzroy club

committee and acting as the club representative on the Lifesaving Committee, Mount Monster team Manager, fundraising, organising, instructing and coaching Junior Surf, active Patrol member, and helping coordinate Junior Surf Carnival. Darren is also well-known as the club cook, spending countless hours prepping food and cooking for carnivals or club fundraising evenings, his speciality being the "best butter chicken going".

Part of this year's major awards also covers all aspects of Surf Lifesaving Sport to celebrate the officials, coaches and high performance athletes.

Sportsperson of the Year goes to Joe Collins once again after scooping the Award last year. While Joe

was unable to compete in any regional competitions this year due to Covid-19 cancelations, he achieved some fantastic international results with tenth equal finish at the 2022 NutriGrain Ironman series, third place finish in the Australian Open Ironman at the Australian Champs and first place finish in the Surf Teams race at the Australian Championships.

The regional awards culminate in the National Awards of Excellence which will be held on September 17.

Taranaki Awards of Excellence major winners. Instructor of the Year. Ashleigh Hurring (Fitzroy). Lifeguard of the Year. Macy

Sinclair (Opunake). U19 Sportswoman of the Year. Tara Shotter (East End). U19 Sportsman of the Year. Caleb Lawn (Opunake). Sportswoman of the Year. Claudia Kelly (East End). Sportsman of the Year. Joe Collins (Fitzroy). U19 Sports Team of the Year. Opunake 'Oriental Express' IRB Team (Opunake). Senior Sports Team of the Year NPOB SLSC IRB Team (POB). Coach of the Year. Carl Barnes (Fitzroy). Surf Official of the Year Joanne Brimelow (Fitzroy). Volunteer of the Year. Darren James (Fitzroy). Michael Taylor Award. Paul Baker (East End).



2022 Taranaki Volunteer of the Year Darren James.

## Sandfords Manaia Golf results

June 18. Saturday Men. 1. Colin Koch. 2. Greg Elliott. 3. Caleb Symes.

June 25. Saturday Men. 1. Matthew Laing. 2. Denis Hurcomb. 3. Kevin Murrell. 4. Ralph Symes.

Junior. Fitzroy. June 24. Joshua McOnie third 6 Holes. Hannah Symes second 9 Holes. Jayden Poole eighth 18 Holes. Carter Symes twelfth 18 Holes.



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# Winter time fun in Hawera

The Hawera Winter Festival is on July 8 from 5pm – 8.30pm and offers free family entertainment along with late-night shopping, stalls, entertainment, and food truck options. Some shops will offer special discounts or menu additions like mulled wine at The Burnt Place.

“Dress warmly, gather your friends or family, and hit the town for our fourth annual Winter Festival event,” says Nikki Watson – Bizlink Hawera coordinator and organiser. Nikki says. “I love being able to offer the town a winter festival, it’s a real opportunity to support local groups fundraising as we pay them to run activities and our local retailers look for opportunities to make our town vibrant. There is something magical when

the braziers are all lit up and the music is playing, people connecting.”

“Darker areas will feature light projections - Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga site and Tasman Toyota section next to Town Takeaways”. This empty section will also feature two fire shows from our visiting entertainer Unity Wara and her team of fire and flow performers. Wilbur Smith + Jonte Van Endhoven will also entertain in the High Street.

Unity Wara will also be joined by ‘Fanta’ - one of our three visiting drag queens on the night. Erika Flash and Coco will also be out mixing and mingling with locals or you’ll find them at The Burnt Place at 8 pm. These ladies plan to razzle-dazzle the Off the Cuff window as

live mannequins in visiting other businesses.

A ‘Winter Challenge’ will take place at several locations throughout town. Fun tasks earn you a stamp on your form, completed forms handed in by 8.30 pm to Bizlink Hawera office on the night. . Winners of the prize draw will be notified following the event. Challenge forms will be at open businesses on the night.

Food options will be varied, Someday Café will be open, Safe Delights food truck will offer gluten-free and Coeliac safe food outside the Variety store, Baked by Blanche will have his new shop open, he and friends will also serve up a pig on the spit with delicious ciabatta buns, and coleslaw in the town square. Ferns Kai Waka will be parked at

the end of Campbell Lane and this lane will host a free sausage sizzle courtesy of the Lions and Te Ara Pae Trust, brazier, music from Mitch Careswell, and the South Taranaki scouts offering giant bubbles.

AOG Church will be open offering free hot chocolates and use of their toilet facilities, free sausage sizzle, and Kiddylanz Toy Library will have some of their large toys + a bouncy castle for under 7’s to play.

Gertie the Cow and Olaf mascots along with giant LED heads will be out on the street and if you make an effort to light up your clothing you may win a spot prize. If you need to boost your light-up supplies St Joseph’s school will be selling glow products in the town square.

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# Francis Salole’s Blindspot exhibition at Opunake

Blindspot is an exhibition of vibrant new woven paintings by Francis Salole.

Francis Salole is a painter based in Paekakariki. In these weavings he has cut up his own past works and reassembled them.

“By dissecting previous paintings, drawings and prints, I’m breaking down past narratives and old ideas. By weaving them together I am reimagining and revivifying them” says Francis.

“Art is pattern, with the potential to soothe, confuse, surprise or alarm.”



“We are pattern-seeking beings. Through our exquisite suite of senses we perceive complex patterns and weave them moment to moment into a model of who we are and what the world is”.

The Blindspot – Woven Work exhibition is on at the from out of the blue gallery in Opunake between July 8 and August 18.

Left: Blindspot exhibition on at the from out of the blue gallery, Opunake.



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If you want to know more please phone 06 755 0044, 027 294 6385 (Joy) or 027 447 0708 (Steve), or email [joyfabish@farmside.co.nz](mailto:joyfabish@farmside.co.nz)

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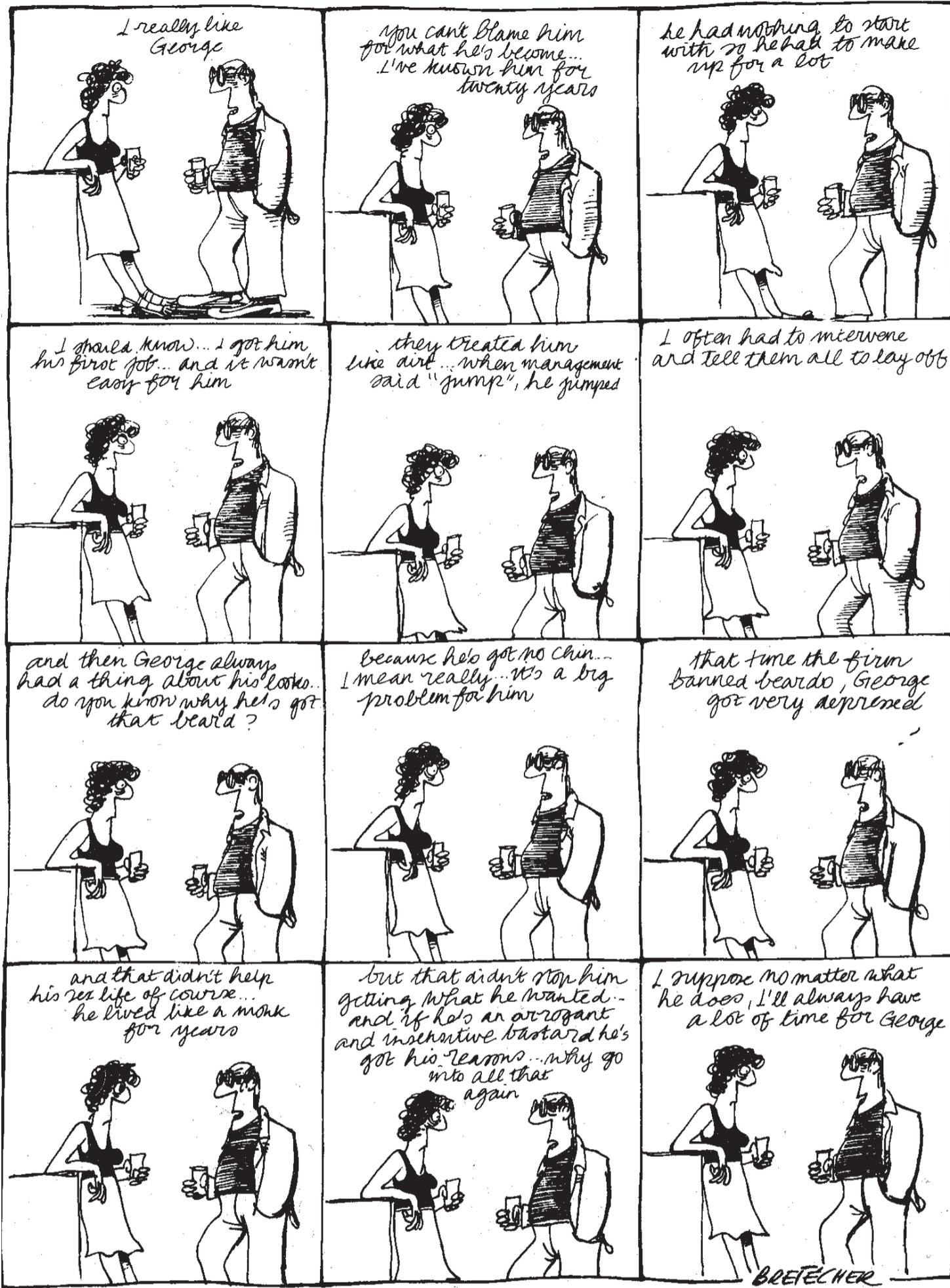
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### TUESDAYS

**Opunake Walking Group:** Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.  
**Life Drawing Group:** Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake:** Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676  
**Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday:** At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

**Opunake Embroiders Guild:** Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.

**Okato Market:** In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

**Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus:** Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

### THURSDAYS

**Coastal Young Farmers:** Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

**Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia:** Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.

### 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.

### WEEKENDS

**The Historic Cape Light & Museum:** Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

### MAY 26 - JULY 4

**'Call and Response' exhibition:** At from out of the blue gallery, Opunake.

### JUNE 30 - JULY 3

**Opunake Players present 'Stiff'.**

### JULY 2

**Regenerative Agriculture Event:** At Normanby Hall, 10am.

**Quirky Quilters Event:** At the Opunake Bowling Club from 10am.

**Coastal Rumble:** Twelve action packed boxing fights. At Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre, Opunake.

### JULY 4

**Opunake & Districts Business Association AGM:** At the Opunake Business Centre, 5.30pm.

### JULY 5 - 29

**Puanga - Looking Up exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

### JULY 7

**Opunake & Districts Foodbank AGM:** At the CoastalCare Community Lounge, Opunake, 10am.

### JULY 8

**Hawera Winter Festival:** At Hawera from 5pm.

### JULY 8 - AUGUST 18

**Blindspot exhibition:** Woven paintings from Francis Salole. at from out of the blue gallery, Opunake.

### JULY 19

**Coastal Taranaki Health Trust AGM:** At the Community Lounge, Coastal Care, Opunake, 5.30pm.

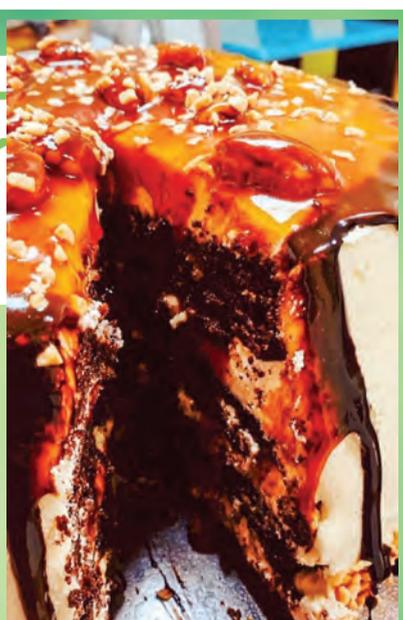
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**OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS**

# From funeral parlour to massage parlour

Sex and death have always been the two big taboo subjects and Opunake Players' latest production tackles both.

Stiff by April Phillips and directed by Alexandra Lawn opened on June 23.

The patriarch of a family which has been in the funeral business for the past 95 years has just passed away and he has handed the business on, not to his long serving and long suffering assistant, but to his long lost love child. A condition of the will is that the business would continue to be operated as a funeral parlour for the next five years until it reaches the hundred year mark. After that his daughter can do with the business what she likes. The problem is that his long lost daughter (Lynelle Kuriger) who goes by the professional name of Angel Delight knows more about massage parlours than funeral parlours. The solution? Pretend to run it as a funeral parlour, while operating it as something else. So she enlists three of her work colleagues, drag queen Delilah (Ethan Smith), dominatrix Roxanne (Elaine Spencer) and the naïve



Sherry (Monica Willson). At the same time the disgruntled former assistant who had been hoping to take over the funeral business,

the unfortunately named Roberta Swipe (Michelle Julian) is hovering around, hoping to catch out the new owners so that she can

reclaim what she feels is rightfully hers. Things come unstuck and there is a mishap with one of the clients. Stiff acquires a title character and

our intrepid foursome have to organise a funeral for real.

The plot is crazy and convoluted, but in the hands of Alexandra Lawn and her talented cast it works.

There is a chemistry between Angel Delight, Delilah, Roxanne and Sherry, with the four bouncing off each other to keep the humour and the story going. Lynelle Kuriger does a good job of holding them all together as Angel Delight who has a vague idea that she might be a diva. She had always wondered about her father, so is pleased to have had that question answered, but who was her mother? Ethan Smith is believable as a character that it would have been easy to have played in a "don't take this too seriously" vein. Elaine Spencer combines the right mix of sex and menace as the dominatrix, while Monica Willson successfully plays a character to whom the show's double entendres always seem to be lost on. One of my favourite scenes was where they coach Sherry on how to handle her pimp Garry, a character

often talked about, but never seen.

Michelle Julian does an amusing turn as the perennial busybody, while Chrissy Ryan as the widow of the deceased springs a surprise or two at the end. Rounding out the cast are Sherrie Flanagan as the lawyer and Blair MacBeth as the corpse. Oh, and look out for the uncredited cameo by somebody who is a familiar face in Opunake as one of the clients.

The night the reviewer was there was a sell-out. The previous night had been the opening night, and one of the cast members told the reviewer that had gone very well.

"It was one of the best first nights we've had. The audience was laughing and clapping which lifted the whole cast," she said.

Before the play started there was an acknowledgement of the contribution Mike Smith had made to the Opunake Players.

Stiff is playing at the Lakeside Playhouse from June 30-July 3.

Bryan Kirk

## Puanga / Looking Up

An open invitation for artists from Taranaki or Whanganui to submit up to two works with a personal interpretation of the theme. Puanga is a time of reflection, preparation, and celebration – planning and looking to the future as well as remembering and honouring the past. The exhibition is up to the artists to express the theme as they wish.

It is open to Whanganui and Taranaki. In Aotearoa New Zealand, Matariki signals the beginning of the Māori New Year. However, iwi Māori in some



locations favour the rise of Puanga because Matariki sits low in the eastern horizon and is therefore not always visible from their location. Puanga can be seen in the eastern sky and is celebrated by iwi in Whanganui, Taranaki, parts of the Far North, and parts of the South Island. In Aotearoa New Zealand, Matariki signals the beginning of the Māori New Year. However, iwi Māori in some locations favour the rise of Puanga because Matariki

sits low in the eastern horizon and is therefore not always visible from their location. Puanga can be seen in the eastern sky and is celebrated by iwi in Whanganui, Taranaki, parts of the Far North, and parts of the South Island.

Winter hours will be in place so check with facebook to see opening hours.

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# New Attendance and Engagement Co-ordinator for Coastal School Cluster

The Mountain to Surf Principals' Association (MTSPA) is pleased to introduce Stephanie McKellar as their new Attendance and Engagement Co-ordinator.

The Mountain to Surf cluster consists of Auroa School, Kaponga Primary School, Matapu School, Opunake High School, Opunake Primary School, Rahoitu School, St. Joseph's School and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori O Tamarongo.

Stephanie will be stationed at Opunake Primary School and will work closely with Principal Lorraine Williamson in establishing this role, in collaboration with the other school principals.

The Government has developed an Attendance and Engagement Strategy for tackling the decade-long decline in regular attendance and engagement in schools, based on what has been heard from the sector through Korero Matauranga and the Education and Workforce Select Committee inquiry into school attendance. The drop in attendance has been significant since 2015 and worsened by the impact of COVID-19. This drop has been for everyone, every ethnicity, every decile and every year level, and every region has experienced declines. The largest declines have been seen in primary and intermediate schools (Years 1-8) which have experienced a decline in regular attendance of 14%



Stephanie McKellar, Attendance and Engagement Co-ordinator.

since 2015.

A complex range of societal and within-school factors act as barriers to engagement and achievement. Some factors within the education system include school culture and inclusiveness, having a locally responsive curriculum, supporting wellbeing and mental health, and having strong relationships with learners, whanau, iwi, hapu and community. External influences include broader societal issues of housing affordability and security, family violence and poverty. These need collective efforts at a local level to connect whanau with the supports they need.

The engagement process will also look different for each learner. For some belonging will come first, for others it may be a sense of a lack of progress and achievement that leads to disengagement and low attendance. Poor health (mental and/or physical) can be an issue and lack of foundational skills to build learning on. The value whanau place on education and peer influence can also be factors.

Research indicates that each day of absence from school predicts a similar drop in attainment, however it also tells us that it is never too late to turn attendance around.

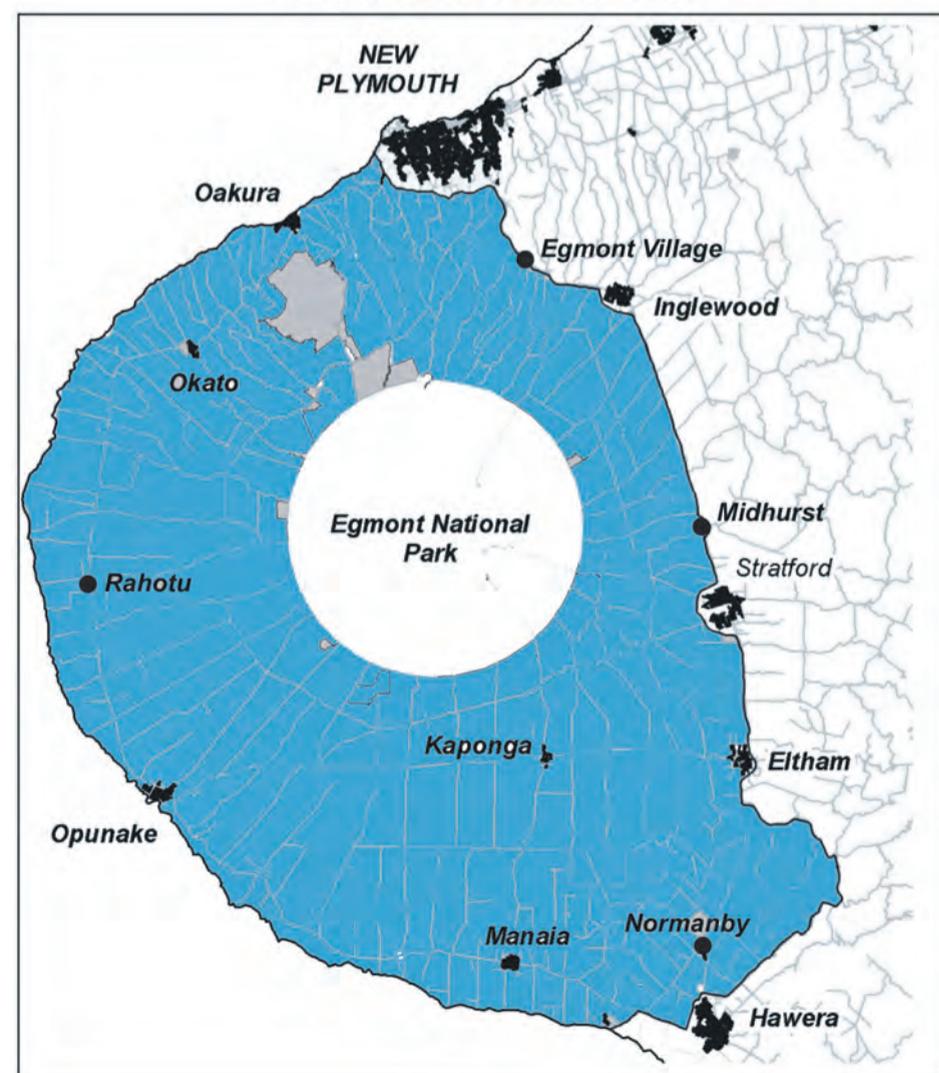
The Strategy has three key parts: clear expectations for everyone involved, ambitious targets for attendance levels, and bold action.

To increase attendance and engagement we need to focus on learners being present, participating and progressing. These expectations mean that we all have a role to play. Parents, caregivers and whanau are responsible for making sure their tamariki are enrolled in school and attend every day. Schools need to provide a welcoming environment, engaging learning and develop good relationships with whanau. The Government needs to prioritise attendance and engagement and bring social services and government agencies together to work with whanau and communities that need help with the wider problems that are barriers to attendance.

Stephanie is very excited to be a part of this new venture and fully agrees with the vision that children, young people and their whanau exercise their right to education every day, because every day of learning matters.

Stephanie brings a wealth of experience to this position having had roles in teaching, education and administration. She has worked at all levels of teaching from primary to tertiary, as well as having administrative and human resources positions in the education sector and management roles outside the sector. She hopes that together we can see a positive impact on increasing numbers of learners who are present, participating and progressing for the best possible future in their lives ahead.

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Coastal Taranaki Health Trust  
**A.G.M.**

CoastalCare Health and Community Centre  
19 July 2022, 5.30pm in the  
Community Lounge

This will be followed by a Strategic Planning session to  
guide our focus for the next 3 years.

We need your input – come along and see our exciting  
new plans to improve the facility for our services.

Please RSVP by 14th July

Email: [info@coastalcare.co.nz](mailto:info@coastalcare.co.nz) Phone: 06 761 8488



**AGM**

Monday July 4, 2022  
at 5.30pm

*All welcome*

Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake  
(opposite the Coastal Care Medical Centre)



**Opunake and Districts Foodbank AGM**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

10.30am CoastalCare Community Lounge

All welcome, tea and coffee provided  
Parcel and shopping volunteers needed.  
Secretary needed

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Opunake Co-operating Parish**

Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday  
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

**Okato Co-operating Parish**

Okato, St Paul's – Sunday Service every 1st and 3rd  
Sundays of each month, 10am  
Okato, St Paul's – Prayer Meeting, first Thursday of each  
month, 7.30pm  
Oakura, St James – Sunday Service every 2nd and 4th  
Sundays of each month, 10am  
Oakura, St James – Prayer Meeting, first Wednesday of  
each month, 7.30pm

**Opunake Catholic Church**

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays  
of the month  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
Other areas  
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm  
(2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
All welcome

**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

**The Wave**

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10.30am  
Women's Group 10am Tuesday  
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday  
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Belinda Philp  
027 935 6191

**St. Barnabas Anglican Church**

141 Tasman St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10am  
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday  
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday  
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for  
a Combined Service

**Okato Community Church**

Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.  
Everyone welcome



**Opunake-Rahotu Veterinary Trust**

PO Box 117, Opunake - Phone: 021 729 471 - Email: [ORVTrust@gmail.com](mailto:ORVTrust@gmail.com)

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS - APPLICATION FORM**

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

Full Name

Date of Birth:

Phone:

Email:

Sex:

Address for Correspondence:

Bank Account for Grant (if successful) Please attach proof eg Screen Shot or Deposit Slip.

Name of School or University attending at present (or occupation and employers name:)

Proposed Course or Degree:

Parent or Guardian Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Describe your relationship to the Coastal Farming Community:

Please provide proof of study and/or employment - ie statement of support from employer, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester results.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

**Please return to: The Secretary, Opunake-Rahotu Veterinary Trust, PO Box 117, Opunake or**

**email to: [ORVTrust@gmail.com](mailto:ORVTrust@gmail.com)**

**Applications close 31<sup>st</sup> July and late applications will not be accepted**



**Notice of 2022  
Cape Egmont Boat Club**

**AGM**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July - 11.30 am  
At Club Rooms, Bayly Road**

**AGENDA:**

- Apologies
- Annual Reports
- Election of Officers
- Life Membership
- General Business

**Followed by a shared lunch**

**- All Welcome -  
Members to bring a plate**

**The next issue  
of the Opunake  
& Coastal News  
is due out on  
Thursday July 14.**

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

**Wanted: Facility Manager**

The Opunake Sports and Recreation Trust are seeking a new Facility Manager for the Sinclair Events Centre in Opunakē.

Applicants who require full-time or part-time job employment (as a job-share) will be considered.

This is a family-friendly role with some flexibility.

Applicants who have experience with Xero, Excel, grants and funding and competent computer skills will be an asset, however these skills can be gained by the right person willing to learn.

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# THE COASTAL RUMBLE

## Manase Filihia



Manase attended Opunake High School where he was a keen sportsman, playing both rugby and rugby league. After watching his good friend Bobby Katene (also fighting) in his first amateur fight, he decided to try boxing on a more serious level. The opportunity to fight in the up-and-coming Coastal Rumble arose and he didn't hesitate to take on the challenge. We wish Manase all the best for his first amateur fight against Waitara boxer Troy Davy-Beech.

## Caleb Thomas



Fitness is something that Caleb expresses he has always been passionate about and is a keen motocross and mountain biker. Mother Trudy was training at Barbwire and suggested he start boxing himself and give the sport a go. It was a constant enjoyment and something fun she got out of the sessions at the gym and when Caleb was offered a corporate fight on the card, did not hesitate to take it on.

After this fight he plans to continue boxing and see where the journey takes him. Currently working at Fonterra in the cheese factory, Caleb can find it hard to get to training with shift work but is committed going forward.

We wish Caleb all the best for his bout against Olympis Gym member Jono Heaps.

## Toni Tuitupou



Toni Tuitupou (20) moved to Opunake when he was 11 years old. Attending Opunake High School, Toni enjoyed all sports, excelling in Rugby, making Ross Brown and several age grade Taranaki Rep Teams. Father Maloni took part in a corporate fight some years ago inspiring Toni to want to start boxing and give it a go himself. We wish Toni all the best for his fight.

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## James Mc Donald



Living just outside Opunake, he played rugby along side his brother Layden (also fighting), and wanted to take on the challenge to fight. He is enjoying the experience and is mentally and physically preparing himself for this occasion as it is unique in a way to have brothers fighting on the same card. He works as a mechanic in Midhirst and is passionate about boxing also.

Wishing all the best to James for his fight.

## Layden Mc Donald



Moved to Opunake last dairy season (June) and was farming in Patea previously. Layden enjoys most sports and has played rugby in Kaponga alongside his brother who is also fighting in this event. Now working in Opunake, he thought he would put more effort into boxing as it is always something he has had a passion for. This will be Layden's second corporate fight and he is desperate to avenge his loss in Palmerston North earlier this year.

We are wishing Layden all the best.

## Elias Mataitini



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**DELAINE MIHAERE VS QUINTON WILSON**



**LANCE THONY VS JOCK WHEELAN**



**LAYDEN MCDONALD VS MICHAEL HARDY**



**JAMES MCDONALD VS KEVIN TAKARANGI**



**MANASE FILIHIA VS TROY DAVY-BEECH**



**CALEB THOMAS VS JONO HEAPS**



**TONI TUITUPOU VS CONNOR PERRY**



**NATASHA NORDEN VS NIKITA MULLIN**



**BOBBY KATENE VS DYLAN BARHAM**



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