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No Honour Board recognition for James Langton

Despite winning a New Zealand championship belt (on June 26, 2015) in boxing (Cruiserweight class) James Langton and his wife Kelly are disappointed that his achievements have not led to his inclusion on the Honour Board of the Sandford Event Centre by the Opunake Sport & Recreation Trust Inc.

"I was told, by management, at the time, that being the National Champion would mean I was placed on the National Honours Board," comments James. He adds, "My eligibility had never been questioned before."

James and Kelly consider the criteria for inclusion has been attained and, after two years of negotiations are feeling frustrated. They have been informed that the main reason for James non-inclusion is that he has not represented New Zealand. "I've represented New Zealand on two occasions," states James. They have received a letter from Steve Scott, Vice President of IBO Asia Pacific which they consider backs up this claim: "James has fought for both our IBO Asia Pacific Title and our IBO Oceania Title. He has represented New Zealand in a very tough fight ...(etc)." The let-



From left Mark 'Bam Bam' Flanagan (Australia) and James 'Batman' Langton (NZ) weigh in ahead of their trans-Tasman clash for the IBO Oceania Belt in Melbourne, Australia, August 2016.

ter is dated 27 October, 2016. This fight was held on August 3, 2016 across the Tasman and featured on Australian Television. James opponent was Mark Flanagan, who won.

James concedes there is a letter from the Trust (dated 12 December, 2016) mentioning that they have contacted the NZ Boxing Association, who claimed he has not represented NZ and has only represented himself. James points out that this body oversees amateur boxing and, as a purely professional boxer he had only fought under the auspices of NZNBF (New Zealand National Boxing Federation) which deals with professional boxers like him.

Earlier this year, the couple sought permission to speak at the Trust's next meeting, presumably to put their case, but after consideration at the February meeting, the request was declined. The letter was dated February 20, 2017.

"We've got huge respect for everybody on the Trust," says Kelly. "But this situation is really upsetting. People don't grasp the magnitude of what James has achieved.

James last word is, "Perhaps the community should decide."



A jubilant James on winning the New Zealand Boxing Federation Cruiserweight title with his mother Val.



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Letters to the Editor

A pohutukawa tree

Years ago when I was a boy at High School, Mr Griffiths was the head master. He told us at one morning assembly as we stood on the concrete slab outside Room 3 about the large Pohutukawa tree that was at the front gate. The tree would be saved when the new assembly hall was to be built. This Pohutukawa tree was not a New Zealand Pohutukawa but a Kermadec Island variety. The difference being, that the Kermadec variety flowers in the middle of winter, not like our NZ Christmas tree. I see it's in flower now.

David Knapman
 Opunake

Opunake has so much to offer

With interest I read your editorial Lets Update the Map. I agree fully with your comments and have enjoyed Opunake for all these reasons as mentioned. I love it. Your editorial brought back some memories, from what my brother said 11 years ago.

When we had our golden wedding anniversary, we had seven visitors from the Netherlands. We travelled

the North Island, and lastly we showed them a bit around Taranaki, finishing with Opunake.

They all said "Why did you keep this last? Something so beautiful as this? We

have no more time to come back".

Then my brother said "Honestly, we have seen a lot but Taranaki beats it as the best." And I agree. Well done Opunake it is beautiful.

I love the Opunake & Coastal newspaper too.

Elisabeth J Albers
 New Plymouth

Newspaper merger stopped

It's pleasing to see that our Commerce commission has finally seen sense in disallowing the newspaper merger between New Zealand's two main newspaper groups, Australian-owned Fairfax Media and New Zealand ME.

When the Australians took over our two newspaper groups, too many people lost their jobs, then joined the unemployment lines which now total over 135,000 people. This is extremely similar to our banks, like the BNZ, ASB, ANZ, Countrywide and many other provincial banks except our Taranaki Savings Bank.

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For those newspapers that are left to operate, they must now form an alliance board of control, then together seek government help to survive, and not allow any outside newspaper company to come in and take over like we have all seen.

As an ex newspaper worker who worked in the Taranaki Newspapers commercial printing department for 20 years, I have seen many things happen within our newspaper company and outside it.

Maybe technology has been good in some ways, but in other ways, too many people around the world have been made unemployed. Remember technology will never stop human communications.

Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth

Kaponga improving its image

To the people of Kaponga. Look, the sad reality is we all, like me, love to have our historic buildings and places repaired and somewhat updated. Sadly there comes a time when some of these lovely old buildings are showing signs

of deterioration, both inside and outside and become a hazard. I am talking about your library.

Fifty per cent are wanting it repaired, but nowadays any repair costs for historic buildings are rapidly getting astronomical. Forty four per cent want the library relocated to the Memorial Hall where it is now, which is a wise decision. Six per cent don't express any preference.

Now what pleases me the most is that your town has now formed a progressive committee which will now give everyone a chance to voice their ideas and opinions for the betterment of Kaponga itself. Everyone must now start working together.

I agree with Maree Liddington that any changes aren't easy, but sometimes it's necessary to move forwards. I myself do believe Kaponga can really do this, but it's got to be all done gradually. Don't rush things too quick, just one good step at a time. Once every other coastal town sees what's happening, they will do the same thing, then I can see visitors and tourists flocking to our coastal towns, as every town must promote themselves also.

Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth

More Opunake & Coastal News' out there

We have printed more copies of the Opunake & Coastal News.

Copies of the paper are now also available at the

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Trophy Wife

Bob, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful 25-year-old blonde-haired woman who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful appeal and charm and who hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast.

At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bob replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!". They are knocked over, but continue to ask.

"So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?"

"I lied about my age", Bob replies.

"What, did you tell her you were only 50?"

Bob smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."

Saying goodbye to part of Opunake's history

Part of Opunake's history has been going out the door.

With the Print Shop now operating out of CoastalCare as Coastal Printers, the Napier Street building which once housed the Cavaney's printing business has changed hands and old printing equipment from days gone by has been going out the door.

On Sunday morning, three members of the Press Gang, Terry Foster, Rob Clarkson and Chris Rickards could be seen manoeuvring a bulky German-made Heidelberg printing and die cutting machine out the back door.

The Press Gang is an informal group of volunteers who try to find homes for, or dispose of old printing machines such as this.

They are all members of either the Taranaki Pioneer Village Museum or the Taranaki Aviation Transport and Technology Museum (TATATM) or both.

"We have the contacts and can work independently," Terry says. "We can go to the museums and say we have all these machines in Opunake, which is better than in days gone by, when they would contact just one local museum, they would say no thank you, and they would get scrapped."

They had been able to get the Taranaki Pioneer



Taking the old Heidelberg out. From left, Chris Rickards, Terry Foster, Rob Clarkson.

Village to take on a smaller Heidelberg machine and a two headed stitching machine, but finding homes for the larger Heidelberg, an Italian-made Nebiolo Torino printer and a large guillotine was proving more of a challenge.

"I haven't moved a Heidelberg as heavy as this one, but I have moved Heidebergs of a similar weight," Terry said. "These machines are still used in New Zealand right now for commercial die cutting. We had hoped that we could find a home for it in New Zealand. We sent out emails to museums and to the Association of Handcraft Printers, but we got no response. This machine would take a bit to get back

to working order. To me it just seems like an acute waste of machinery. Some of these parts will get saved. Unfortunately the rest will go the way we will all go in the end. They will get recycled."

Getting the heavy guillotine out the door had been a particular challenge, and it left a hefty imprint on the floor where it had once stood.

Chris once worked for the

RIGHT: The Press Gang were able to find a home for the smaller Heidelberg.



NZ Electricity Department and says he used to shift similar sized machinery. He says modern equipment could use air and hydraulics to lift machines such as this.

"Sometimes you can even lift it on to an air bag and float it out," he says. The cost of doing this in a case like this would however, be too expensive, he said.

Terry is a former linotype operator and at one stage even had his own linotype machine at home where he kept his own printing press going.

Another group member Alan Penfold had done an apprenticeship as a compositor in Kent, England before coming out to New Zealand and finishing his working life on the other side of the desk, as a sub editor for the Taranaki Daily News.

The building's new owner Julie Nowell says she has hopes of one day maybe using the building as a B & B.

"But as you can see, there's still a lot to do," she said.

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An online survey is giving Taranaki people a voice in crucial decisions about protection of the region's renowned surf breaks - and the chance to win a \$400 surf-shop voucher.

The survey, at seeks information on which surf areas are important to the community, and why. It's being run by the Taranaki Regional Council as part of a review of the Council's

Coastal Plan, the 'rulebook' that covers the coastal environment.

All participants will go in a draw for the \$400 voucher to be spent at the winner's choice of surf shop.

"The survey will help us to decide the appropriate protection for the surf breaks, so it's important that we hear from a wide range of users," says the Council's Planning Manager, Chris Spurdle.

"The survey is open to anyone who appreciates our coastline - whether they're swimmers, bodyboarders, paddleboarders, picnickers, photographers or, of course, surfers."

The survey form prompts participants to select which surf breaks are important to them and then answer questions on why they are important.

The survey runs until 16

July.

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Opunake to be bombed

Plans are afoot to bomb Opunake. In the week of October 27-November 5, a week in which the town will already be humming with the Fringe and Powerco Garden Festivals, not to mention the Taranaki Arts Festival, the Opunake Lakeside Lions are planning to work with local groups and schools to yarn bomb the town.

Yarn bombing is a type of graffiti or street art that employs colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre rather than paint or chalk.

The practice is generally attributed to Magda Sayeg from Houston, Texas who got the idea in 2005 when she covered the door handle of her boutique with a custom-made cozy.

The idea has been enlarged on and expanded across the world since then.

Now, thanks to the Lakeside Lions, it's coming to Opunake.

"We've even had one lady volunteer to yarn bomb a cow," Monique Sinclair of the Lakeside Lions told the April 19 meeting of the

Egmont Plains Community Board.

As a matter of respect, flag poles and crossing poles are being avoided.

Local schools and pre schools were already getting into the act, with one of the preschools making pom poms.

Monique said she had worked out a "rough cost" for the project of \$741.

Six weeks later she told the Egmont Plains Community Board the project was gaining momentum, with other Lions clubs getting

interested and material being sent in every day from all around the country.

On May 12, the Lions had been granted \$1060 from the Creative Communities Scheme to hold four community crafting times and two adult felting workshops to create work for the Yarn Bomb.

Egmont Plains Community Board chairman Craig Dingle said he thought it would be good for the town.

"I think it's such a good idea. It will put us on the map, as a one-off, and then as an annual event," he said.

Flax a problem on streets of Opunake

The issue of overgrowing flax encroaching onto footpaths and streets is raising safety concerns in Opunake.

As far back as the days when Ernest Rutherford spent some of his formative years in these parts and before then, flax has long been associated with Coastal Taranaki, but an Egmont Plains Community Board member says there are places around Opunake where it has been allowed to grow unchecked for too long.

Flax plants may look attractive when first planted,

but if left unattended they encroach onto footpaths and streets, Brian Vincent says. This can cause problems for among others, users of mobility scooters.

There may also be problems for young children passing by who may be forced to wander on to the street to get around overgrown clumps of flax.

"It's not something that's just happened. It's a problem that's been growing for years," Brian says.

"It's OK when it's just a hedge as a barrier, but this is



Overgrown flax on Dorset Street is intruding on the view on the way to Opunake's iconic beach.

more than a hedge. I'm just asking why has it grown that far? People have just got to learn to keep them trimmed."

He cites as examples a flax bush blocking the verge on Gisborne Terrace leading up to the Ihaia Road intersection and a flax bush along Dorset Street. Another concern is flax encroaching towards the Give Way sign on the intersection of Hickey Place

and the Surf Highway.

At the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting on May 31, South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach said he had also got phone calls about the same issue.

"This is a hazard for people walking on the footpath, so if no action is being taken, you should ask your local councillor about it," he said.



Overgrown flax is starting to make its presence felt at the intersection of Hickey Place and the Surf Highway.



Flax is causing problems on Gisborne Terrace.

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Dorothea farewelled in style

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“When GST started we used to do it manually on bank statements, now we’ve got computers they work it out for you” remembers Dorothea adding that it also meant all the information was collated for the annual accounts. Despite a few reservations about computers, they make life easier for wages, computer payrolls. “Overall they’re good,” she says.

Dorothea started working at Veitch Lind & Co at Patea in the early 1980s. Most memorable was when a milk tanker crashed into the building. Fortunately it happened in the early hours of the morning when no one had arrived at work.” If it hadn’t been for the concrete strong room it would have gone right through the other side,” says Dorothea. The building had to be demolished.

Veitch Lind was subsequently bought by Mark Hughson and Dorothea has worked for Mark Hughson Associates who are based at Hawera ever since. When her two children were young she worked just 3 days a week, then 4 days a week when the children left home. Her daughter now lives in Dubai which has meant many visits for Dorothea and her husband Rob to the



From left Dorothea Henry and Mark Hughson watched on by staff at the farewell at Tairoa Lodge in Hawera. The event was held Tuesday May 30 amongst a multitude of guests.

“We will miss you Duchess,” said co-worker Sandra Sharp (Office Manager) as the farewell cake was wheeled out to be officially cut by Dorothea.

most populous city in the United Arab Emirates. She describes Dubai as “good to visit and see significant buildings”. There is a lot of wealth she said. There are no plans to retire there however. “The seasons are so hot, in June and July the height of summer reaching temperatures of 55 degrees. “Kids aren’t allowed outside. It’s too hot.” They also have a son who lives in Brisbane. “I’ve enjoyed working with clients and staff,” says

Dorothea adding there’s been lots of laughs. “I enjoy working with figures.” Travel is a major interest and says Dorothea, “We’ve been to a lot of places.” They have more travel planned for the future. And Dorothea hopes to be doing some charity work along with the occasional bit of relieving at Hughsons. Dorothea said she’d like to say thank you to all the clients. “I’ve enjoyed working out

of Opunake and getting to know a lot of the Opunake people.” Brenda Pittams will be taking over Dorothea’s one day a week in Opunake. “I’ve enjoyed my work. That’s why I’ve enjoyed it for so long. I’ll miss people, says Dorothea. The Opunake & Coastal News has shared the same premises in Opunake with Hughsons. We’ll miss Dorothea’s keen sense of humour and wish her all the best for the future.

Antiques at May Meeting

Kaponga WI members met at Hollards Gardens to view the seat gifted to South Taranaki by all WI members within the South Taranaki Federation to commemorate 95 years of active WI in NZ. A photo was taken before the members moved on to the meeting at the Palmer Road home of Sharyn Hurley.

Gillian Frandsen was thanked for the lovely sheath of flowers she made for the Anzac Day laying of wreaths at the Kaponga War Memorial.

Members had an entertaining time with Rawinia Henderson from Junk in the Trunk at Stratford. Rawinia identified and talked about the antique items members had brought on the day, and her fun approach, and the fact that she knows what she’s talking about when it comes

to antiques made for a fascinating afternoon. The Roll Call, My Mother’s occupation was very interesting with a variety of occupations, despite it being the era when women did not usually go away from home for paid employment. The main occupations were helping fathers/mothers on

the farm/in the home, office work, and nursing. Competition Results: Mother’s brooch: Sharyn Hurley 1st, Gillian Frandsen 2nd, Margaret Broomhall 3rd. Handmade Cushion: Joy Eliason and Dorothy Hughes 1st equal. Louise Cake: Margaret Arbuckle 1st.

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Oh but I do know so very well. Recently I did the Making Good Decisions Course and spent two hard long months studying and researching the Resource Management Act (RMA)

so I could pass and become a Commissioner for our Councils Environmental and Hearings Committee. During that period, I was sweating it. There was so much to learn and absorb so I could have an understanding of what / how it all worked. The RMA was all new to me and I had to read and reread the large Resource manual to get a handle on it. I had to do a Pre Course Assignment, a two day Course and then a Post Course Assignment. I felt like I was at University and could suddenly relate to the stress that some of our University students feel. I was not confident at all and really started to wonder what I had got myself into. So I

had to give myself a good talking to and start practicing what I preach to my youth who attend E-Towns Youth Centre.

First of all “Believe in Yourself” – Yes Steffy you can do this.

Secondly “Never Give Up” – I would read the same module three times and then reread the question before I was confident that I had the right answer.

Thirdly “Chase Your Dreams” – I wanted to be successful at this, I wanted to pass so I could be involved and have a say in protecting and sustaining our environment for our future generations.

So I ensured I practiced

Good Study Tips as follows: Time Management – what’s your time deadline? Break it up into how many questions you need to answer each day.

Do your Research – Google is a wonderful resource. It certainly beats using the set of encyclopedias like in my young days.

Read the question thoroughly – Make sure you understand the question thoroughly before answering. If you skim read the question you might miss the and why part that is worth half your mark.

Ask for Help – if after doing all the above steps you find yourself still struggling don’t be afraid to ask for

help. So were all those blood, sweat and tears that engulfed me for two months worth it? Most definitely. Not only did I pass but I did so with an Excellence mark. So I am now a qualified Commissioner for STDC Environment and Hearings Committee. What a huge sense of achievement.

So yes Son, it is important that you study hard and apply yourself fully if you want to be successful in life. From now on it’s not “Have you done your homework?” It will be “Show me your completed Homework please.”

Cr Steffy Mackay.

OPUNAKE FIRE SERVICE

Winter brings its own challenges

Daylight saving has long ended so it is probably time to get your winter overcoat, electric blanket and heater out of the cupboard. But just like summer, winter brings its own unique set of fire dangers. I started off in the last edition with a few hints on how to keep you and your whanau safe and warm, so

I will continue in the hope that we won’t need to visit your house with our big red trucks.

After kitchen fires, fire involving heating and clothes drying are the next most common reason we are called. You may have seen the graphic in the last edition

saying “keep everything a metre from the heater.” That means furniture, curtains, clothes and children must be at least a metre away. Don’t let your children sit in front of the heater or fire place in their pyjamas when they get out of the shower. We all know that fire loves nylon,

so please stress the importance of the metre from the heater rule to your children, and that way you won’t need the services of the fire brigade or the St. John ambulance.

Still on the topic of heaters, don’t place items on the top of them. They are not

to be used to warm up your clothes on a cold day or for drying your clothes. If you use a clothes dryer, don’t forget to clean the lint filter each time you use it. If you don’t do this, the dryer will get extremely hot and possibly catch fire. I have been to four such fires, with two of

them being extremely nasty. Our sleep was broken at around 3 o’clock on the morning of Monday 29th when we were sent out to the Auroa Road to assist at a house fire. The house was well ablaze by the time we got there and we were re-

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Travelsmart New Plymouth wins prestigious award

Travelsmart New Plymouth has won the 2017 Top Shop award at the Travelsmart conference in Nelson.

The award, presented to Bev Ellice, was judged on professional service, sales growth, marketing initiatives and local community involvement. In addition, the award recognised the outstanding levels of service & knowledge that Travelsmart New Plymouth provides to the travelling public.

In presenting the award, Director of the Travel Managers Group Limited Nicola Jamieson said "This is a great achievement and we congratulate Bev Ellice and her team on their outstanding performance on receiving this prestigious award. Travelsmart New Plymouth were up against strong competition."

Bev Ellice said "We are delighted to have won this award which reflects our commitment to delivering the best travel service to our community in the Taranaki region and beyond. This award is also a tribute to the excellence and quality of staff we have here."

"On behalf of my team



Bev Ellice (right) , the owner of Travelsmart and Gina Blackburn, Manager of the Waitara Travelsmart branch.

both in Strandon and Waitara, I want to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful clients that continue to choose Travelsmart New Plymouth and Waitara.

Our aim is to keep delivering great travel service and to help people fulfil their travel dreams."

Bev Ellice has owned and operated her travel business

since 2012. The office located in Devon Street East, Strandon is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.30pm, with weekends and after hours by appointment.

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Winter brings its own challenges

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lied to find the sole occupier was accounted for. Both of our appliances responded to the incident, along with Kaponga, Manaia and water tankers from Eltham and Stratford. Our fire support crew were also dispatched to help with scene protection and traffic management. The house was lost but luckily not a life. The tenant owes his life to his dog, as it wasn't a \$10 smoke alarm that aroused him but "old faithful." This fire could

have quite easily ended with us looking for a body. We can never stress the point enough. If you don't have working smoke alarms in your house, go out and buy two or three and fit them straight away.

Our fire chief Rodney Woods, took an enthusiastic team of dart players to the National Fire Service darts tournament at Papamoa a couple of weekends back. Karla and Simon Hitch won the ladies and men's national titles, and a team consisting of Ryan Moss, and Rodney and Anne Woods won the

triples plate trophy. Congratulations to you all for repeating last year's results and putting the name Opunake on the trophies again. That was such a marvellous effort.

We must also congratulate our training officer Andrew Pentelow for being elected onto the Taranaki Provincial Fire Brigades Association executive. He is the first officer to be elected onto the committee from our brigade since 1978. Nice one Andrew.

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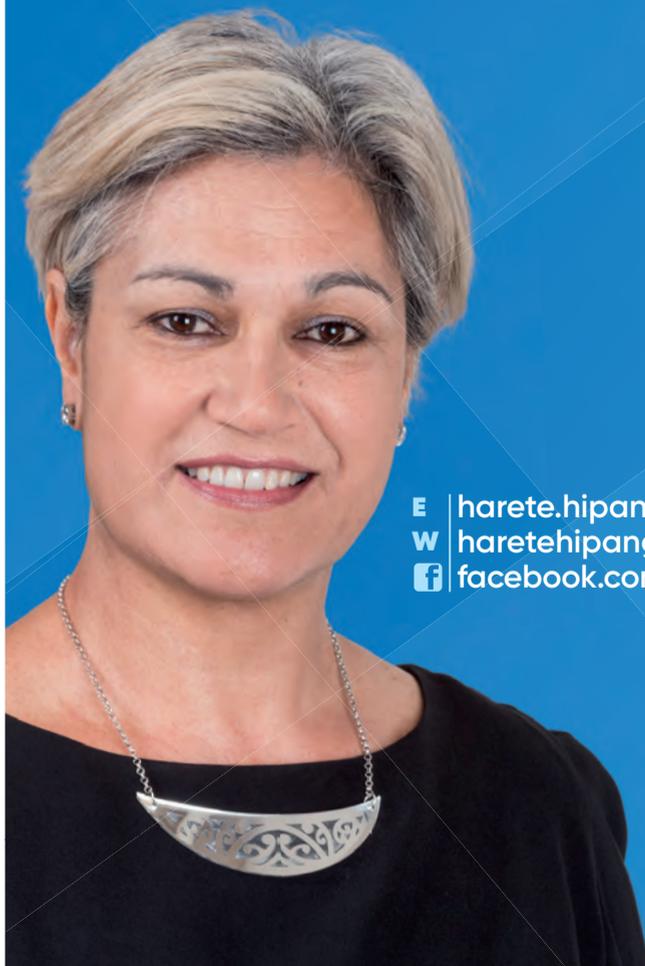
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Labour

New Budget brings new roles but same old script for Labour

It's a funny old thing when budget time comes around especially within a few months of an election. There are always lollies in the budget which will endear the public towards the government of the day but there is tension because opposition parties also wish to curry favour with the voters. The Pre-Election Fiscal Update, where treasury reveals how much money is in the kitty and how much any incoming government has to spend, means an opposition can't say "we'll do all that and more," because there is no cash unaccounted for.

Labour says there are hundreds of thousands of children living in poverty. This budget raises 50,000 children out of benefit dependant households, but Labour is voting against it. The budget raises tax thresholds and cuts tax to everybody and gives some of the poorest up to \$100 per week when accommodation supplements are taken into account. Labour has voted against this too.

The budget raises Working for Families and Labour is voting against that too. It ups the money going to schools and hospitals to more than



CHESTER BORROWS MP

they have ever had before, and Labour is voting against these provisions as well. Labour argues that as the population goes up and the per capita dollars don't follow at the same rate, so then health is getting cut, but with 50,000 more elective surgeries like hips, and knees and cataracts getting replaced, and with thousands more nurses and hundreds more doctors in our hospitals, the point is moot. If you are putting billions more money into the pot, spending it more efficiently and achieving better results, it is hard to call that a 'cut' even with reduced population.

But maybe the very telling behaviour that has come from the budget has been the behaviour of the opposition parties as they have voted. The Labour Party has voted

against any of the legislation which activates changes in the budget such as increasing the accommodation allowance and lowering taxes for the low paid, and raising payments to parents through Working for Families, because they hate the government. The Greens have voted for those measures because they think any enhancement is worthwhile because it will benefit people. Even if it doesn't go far enough in their view, it's a step in the right direction.

This seems to highlight that the marriage made in heaven between Labour and the Greens is going through a rough patch. Last year both Green co-leaders spoke at the Labour Party Conference and the event was attended by several Green MPs. This year the Greens were a no-show. The Greens have not notified Labour of changes in policy or their decision to support the government's budget empowering legislation. Although the Greens have pulled their candidate in Ōhāriu to give Greg O'Connor of Labour a better chance of tipping over Peter Dunne, they are still standing

candidates in marginal seats held by Labour such as Port Hills in Christchurch, where Ruth Dyson only has a 2,000 vote lead over National. The MOU is MIA.

The big news to come out of the Budget is that NZ is back in the black and projected to stay there with higher growth, lower unemployment, better healthcare and education, lower taxes, increased benefits, increased take-home pay, and a fairer economy. This puts the opposition under pressure as they contemplate another term off the treasury benches. The Rt Hon Winston Peters is doing a far better job leading the opposition than Andrew Little or the co-leaders of the Greens.

Extended bouts in opposition puts politicians under pressure and their whole show at the moment is reminiscent of Dad's Army, with Corporal Jones disguised as Ron Mark screaming 'Don't panic!! Don't panic.'

Andrew Little seems to have scored the lead role as Captain Mainwaring.

Hon Chester Borrows

MP for Whanganui

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Labour

Youth mental health

Did you know that throughout New Zealand, every single day, the police collectively spend 600 hours dealing with people with mental health issues, which are not related to an offence. This costs the country \$36 million a year.

This is a terrible waste of time and money. It is an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. It is a clear indication that the Mental Health system in New Zealand is broken.

I believe that investing in mental health will save lives. Preventing people falling off the cliff in the first instance is preferable to waiting at the bottom of the cliff. This has got to be a priority.

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of youth suicide

in the developed world, and we need to fix this urgently. It's time for a fresh approach to ensure all young people get the help they need and support for all mental health issues they face.

We need to extend the School Based Health Services in all public secondary schools and ensure all schools have a comprehensive youth health service.

School Based Health Services were introduced by Labour in 2008 and are currently funded for decile 1-3 public secondary schools, teen parent units and alternative education facilities. This funding provides school nurses.

Evidence shows schools where students had access to



ADRIAN RURAWHE MP

a health professionals who were on-site as part of a collaborative team had better mental health outcomes. Depression and suicide risk were lower by up to two-thirds. Early intervention works.

Currently, however, the quality of health services provided in secondary schools is variable. Some schools only

have basic First aid provision or visiting health professionals from time to time.

The comprehensive school health service Labour in Government will fund equates to 240 nurse hours per 100 students a year with additional GP support available.

What this means, is that a student can go to a health professional in their school and either have all their needs met on-site, or be referred to youth health services, Child and Youth mental health services, or their own doctor.

Extending comprehensive School Based Health Services to all public secondary schools will benefit thousands of young people. This is a coordinated consistent care approach available from health services in all secondary schools. This has the potential to save lives.

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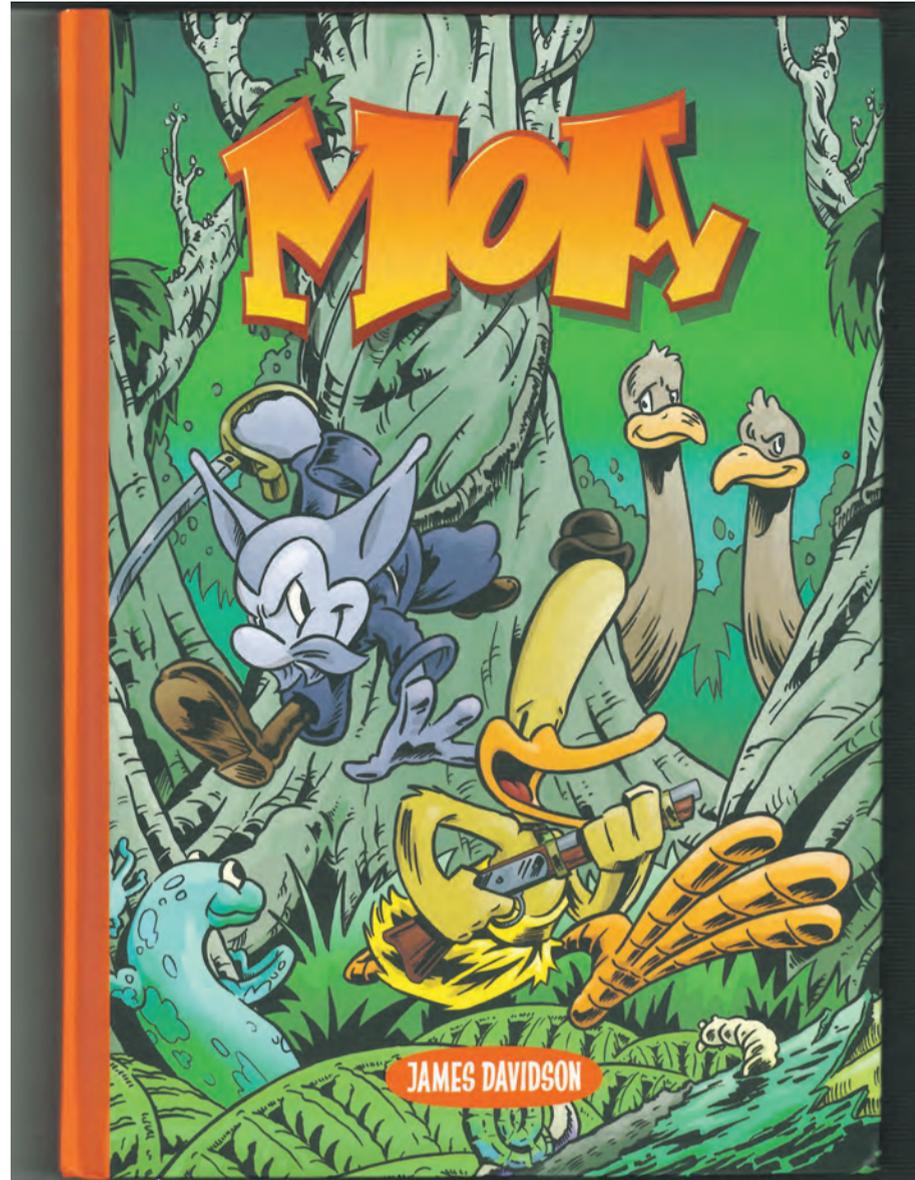
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Our next issue is scheduled for June 23, but Monday June 19 is our absolute deadline for material as a rule. We look forward to hearing from you.

Possum and Kiwi hit the bookstands



Published author and artist James Davidson.

Put together artistic flair, a fascination with history and Maori myths and legends, and a love of Asterix, and you have *Moa*.

The book, published by Earth's End Publishing takes in the complete five episodes of the comic adventures of the Moa Rangers, Possum Von Tempsky and his mate Kiwi Pukupuku..

The characters and their adventures are all the brainchild of Opunake High School deputy principal James Davidson. Originally from Waitara, he has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Whanganui Polytechnic and a Diploma in Teaching. He has been teaching at Opunake High School since 2003.

"I've always been interested in history, and as I learned more about the local area, I've become more interested in appropriating stories and adapting them," he says. "I've always been interested in New Zealand history, myths and legends, as well as the local personality Gustavus von Tempsky. So I have been taking aspects of New Zealand history, and mixing them in with Maori myths and legends. I was a big fan of Asterix when I was a kid, so I was keen to craft a book young people could enjoy as I did, except with a New Zealand setting."

"It's like a buddy cop movie. One's a loose cannon and the other one is wiser. Kiwi thinks before he does anything as opposed to Possum who does things then thinks afterwards."

Everything happens in a parallel universe.

"It's like New Zealand, but

not New Zealand," he says.

In *Taonga in Trouble*, Possum and Kiwi take their orders directly from a Maori prime minister, a character who James says we can expect to see more of as our heroes' adventures continue to develop, along with a range of new villains.

"I've always got a whole lot of stories in my head. It's just finding the time to put them on to paper. My children talk to me about them, and say they should do this and do that. My daughter finds my mistakes and gives me feedback."

The characters had their first public outing with the release of the first issue, published by Pikitia Press back in 2011, though James says he had been working on Possum and Kiwi for a couple of years before then.

He had worked on earlier comic attempts but nothing had come of these.

After four more episodes of the Moa Rangers, Possum

and Kiwi's fan base has been growing, culminating in the release of their complete adventures with the launch of Moa at the Chromacon NZ Indie Arts Festival at Auckland in April. From here the plan is to get their adventures into libraries, and wherever good books are sold.

The striking book cover of Moa, written and illustrated by James Davidson.

James will be at Pastimes Opunake on Friday 16th of June from 3.30 pm until 4 pm to sign copies of MOA.

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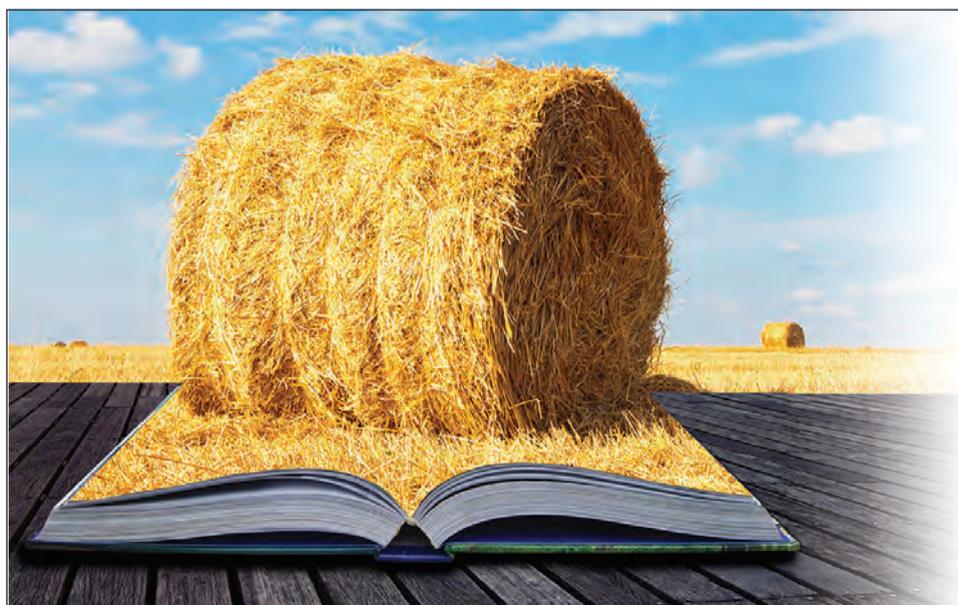
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Fastway Couriers Taranaki award winner buys in

Fastway Couriers is excited to announce Roger Gore as the new Regional Franchisee in Taranaki.

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Over the last twelve months, Mr Gore led his team to win the Regional Franchise of the Year Award and the Business Development of the Year Award at the Fastway Couriers Annual Excellence Awards announced in April.

“We are very pleased Roger has decided to step up and embrace the business totally,” said Scott Jenyns, the Chief Executive Officer of Fastway Couriers New Zealand.

“With the award, he has already shown he has a great understanding and



Roger and Denise Gore.

commitment to Fastway Couriers.”

Before taking over the management of the Fastway Couriers Taranaki franchise, Mr Gore had spent 15 years in the transport industry and ran Gould’s Fine Foods from New Plymouth.

“It’s a great opportunity,” said Mr Gore. “We’ve built up the business since we took over the management and we know what Fastway Couriers has coming in the future.”

Mr Jenyns said the Gores already know the Taranaki market very well. “He is the ideal candidate to take over the Fastway Couriers Taranaki operation.”

The company, based in New Plymouth, operates from Awakino in the north to Hawera in southern Taranaki.

Mr Gore said winning the Regional Franchise of the Year award two months ago was a big boost for the business. “It made all the hard work worthwhile.”

“We aim to continue the personalised service and operational excellence that won us the awards.”

Among the criteria considered for the

company’s major awards were profit improvement, compliance, sales growth, new customer growth and several operational KPIs.

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national and international courier service. The timetabled service has parcel tracking online 24/7 and cost effective, easy to use systems that put you in control of your courier costs.



Graduation from Waikato

On May 3, Daniel Francis Lawn-Crofskey graduated from the University of Waikato with a Bachelor of Management Studies with majors in marketing and leadership communication. His graduation certificate was presented by the University chancellor, former prime minister and one-time Coastal Taranaki farmer Jim Bolger.



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PINK RIBBON FUNDRAISING

On May 24, the staff of Opunake High School gathered on a sunny winters morning to recognise and show their support for the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Ribbon campaign. Staff were treated to an amazing cooked or continental breakfast prepared by our Librarian Noeline Joyce and our Head of Technology Aileen Watson along with their team of helpers including Polly-Anna Aramoana and David Watson. Breakfast goers were treated to an array of goodies, and many were seen licking their lips on their way to their first period classes. A total of \$255.70 was raised with further fundraising by way of a special muffin day for students on the following Friday.



ROCKQUEST

Blossom Eiffe entered the Smokefree Rockquest, held at TSB Showplace May 26. Congratulations to Blossom who won Smokefree Pacifica Beats and Best Vocals sections. Smokefree Rockquest is a national youth event held for students who are wishing to play their own original music either in a band or a solo/duo to a live audience, and if you do well in the competition you could be selected to play up

in Auckland at nationals. "Personally I encourage anyone who is looking to pursue a career in music to compete in this competition as it gives you a opportunity to play in front of a live crowd and its great being around developing musicians your age, plus huge prizes!! So hopefully I will be seeing students from Opunake High entering next year!" Blossom

MANAWATU EXCHANGE

Opunake High School students and staff travelled to Foxton to compete at the annual Manawatu College exchange on Wednesday May 31, returning Thursday 1 June. The students represented Opunake High School well and showed fair sportsmanship. The Debate team of Steeve-Jai Kelly, Dylan Coleman, Daniel Potier debated on the affirmative "That the youth of New Zealand are becoming increasingly violent." With a very close result of 281-299 to Manawatu, and Dylan Coleman gaining the best overall speaker with 83/100. Congratulations to all players and participants at the 2017 exchange.

Results from the two day tournament. Opunake High School taking out Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, and Manawatu winning Debate, Volleyball Girls.

Right: Daniel Potier, Dylan Coleman, Steeve-Jai Kelly the debate team.



Hannah Portman, Janis Baker and Katie Sinclair - YES Basket Buddy team.



BASKET BUDDY

Congratulations to Katie, Janis and Hannah who have made it through to the Dragons Den finals on June 29. They will compete with 7 other teams in New Plymouth to pitch for real cash to support their business. Finalists from the regionals have opportunity to go to National Dragons Den.

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Ronald Hugh Morrieson Writer/Musician

If author/musician Ronald Hugh Morrieson was alive today he'd be 95 - with just five years to wait for his telegram from The Queen. John Ronald Hugh Morrieson - to give his birth name - was born January 29, 1922 in Hawera. He lived virtually his whole life - just 50 years - in a house at 1 Regent Street, which was demolished to make way for a fast food restaurant, despite protests.

Ron Morrieson, now generally regarded as one of our best writers, has the distinction of being New Zealand's only writer to have all his novels (numbering four) made into feature films. Three of these garnered a plethora of awards, both in NZ and overseas.

Over the last few years I have been researching Ron and in the process have been in contact with about 30 people who knew him personally. These people have included musicians, his friends, music pupils, relatives, and writers. Sadly, several have died since I spoke to them.

He was evidently a brilliant musician who could play a range of instruments including the piano, guitar, double bass, violin and



Ronald Hugh Morrieson

saxophone. However, the guitar and double bass are the two instruments which he is most closely associated with. He was also a very patient and gifted music teacher.

Ron played in several

bands, some as leader including the Rhythm Masters, but many musicians he played with have now passed away. However, surviving musicians I have spoken to include Dick Wills (Rhythm Masters),

Colin King (leader of the Harmonisers), and Bob Crow (Harmonisers), as well as Opunake's Ian Smith. I also spoke to Eric 'Johnny' Johnson, who said he was in the first band Ron was in. "He cut his musical teeth on us," Eric explained (Sadly, Eric has since died).

Ron retired from band work in his late thirties and took up musical tutoring to allow him time to write. His first two novels 'The Scarecrow' and 'Came a Hot Friday' were published by Australian publishers Angus and Robertson in 1963 and 1964, respectively. Unfortunately, he was unable to get later work published and it contributed to depression and alcoholism. His third and fourth novels 'Predicament' and 'Pallet on the Floor' were published posthumously in 1974 and 1976 by NZ firm Dunmore Press. He also had two short stories published after his death in the highly respected periodical Landfall - 'Cross My heart and Cut My throat' and 'The Chimney' both in 1974.

Due to a lack of reviews in NZ and other reasons his work went under the radar, until several famous writers became aware of the merit of his first two novels. Frank Sargeson and Maurice Shadbolt were highly enthusiastic. Other writers who upheld his work included CK Stead, Len Chambers and Dick Scott. Dick Scott, CK Stead and Maurice Shadbolt even met Ron, with the latter meeting him twice in 1966 and 1972.

Ron had a special affinity with Maori people none more than with Gordon 'Mac' Sole, Chairperson of Ngati Ruanui. Mac was a close friend and drinking buddy of Ron's. Ron regularly visits Ron's grave at Hawera Cemetery and says a karakia.

In the 1990s there was controversy when a fast food outlet wanted his house gone so they could build their restaurant. Opposition came from The Scarecrow Committee led by local teacher, author and artist Tim Chadwick aided by Nigel Ogle and Clive Cullen.

The mayor of the time Mary Bourke and Cr Ross Dunlop (now mayor) also fought to save the house. However, despite the weight of objections at Council being overwhelming, the writer's home was duly demolished.

However, the attic where Ron did his writing was saved by Robert Surgenor (a former music pupil of Ron's) and sat on his Hawera property for almost 20 years until skilfully restored by Nigel Ogle.

Robert tells a horror story of the permits and police escorts needed to shift the attic, which had started to disintegrate in places.

However, at a special ceremony on November 19, 2012 Robert - with Nigel beside him - cut the official tape to declare the restored attic open. to the public.

A visit to Tawhiti Museum to see this carefully restored attic, replete with interesting memorabilia, a film set from 'Predicament' and a PowerPoint presentation of people who knew Ron - is well worth it.

Rolland McKellar



LEFT: From left, Gerald Patterson and his wife Barbara with their close friend Ron Morrieson on Opunake Beach.

Tragically, Gerald, who was Deputy Mayor of Hawera at the time, was drowned near Patea. Barbara said Ron was so upset he was in tears for a week.

Ron often was a babysitter for his close Opunake friends Malcolm and Moorie Robinson.

The fight to save Ron Morrieson's Hawera house

In the early 90s, a group of people including former mayor, Mary Bourke and myself tried to save Ronald Hugh Morrieson's house from being demolished and replaced with a KFC outlet.

It was hard work to get any support from the wider community because Ronald Morrieson was quite a divisive person in the

community.

His talent as a writer was not recognized by many locals. He was seen more as someone who didn't have a real job and frequented bars, dance halls and billiard saloons. It is not uncommon for people with artistic or writing skills to be seen in this light.

The group of people who

wanted to have this house as a memorial to South Taranaki's greatest writer (four novels and four movies) were enthusiastic and motivated, but without support from the wider community and organisations like council, it was a doomed effort.

The irony is that the whole episode played like a chapter in one of Morrieson's books. The large American Corporate, KFC taking on the people of a small town.

There was some good news. A local builder, Robert Surgenor, bought the top story of the house and stored it behind a boxthorn hedge on drums for twenty years.

Tawhiti museum's Nigel Ogle acquired this last remnant of the Morrieson house recently and has constructed a very fitting tribute to Ronald Hugh Morrieson at the museum.

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LEFT:
The upstairs section of the restored attic where Ron did most of his writing. The model of Ron depicts him totally absorbed in his latest writing project. Apart from his beloved books, as he was an avid reader, there are musical instruments. The window used to look out on Regent Street, Hawera.

While looking at this, his friend Barbara Patterson spoke to me of her memories of Ron, as did former band member Eric Johnson who said, "He cut his musical teeth on us."

Sadly, both of these people have now passed away. Thanks to Nigel Ogle for permission to include this picture.

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Thirty year anniversary of Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards

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All have been adapted for the cinema, the only New Zealand writer to have acquired this achievement. Two short stories were published posthumously, in 1974; *Cross My Heart and Cut My Throat* and *The Chimney*. **New Section**

Last year we offered a new section for secondary school students to cover nonfiction writing. This section is a research article piece and is kindly sponsored by the Normanby Lions Club. Terms & Conditions are quite different to the short story and poetry so make sure

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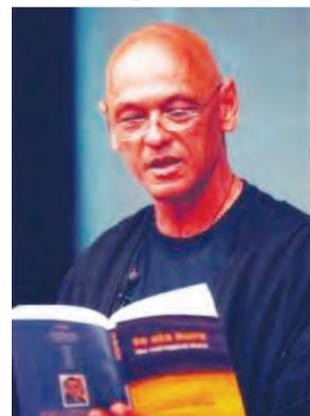
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Homework pays off for Otakeho Community Group

The Otakeho Community Group went to the Egmont Plains Community Board on May 31 and came away with all they had been asking for.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (April 27) the Otakeho Community Group had gone to the Community Board on April 19 for funding from the Egmont Plains discretionary fund to shift the flag pole and war memorial plaques honouring Otakeho residents who had died in the First and Second World Wars. The pole and plaques are currently at the site of the Otakeho School which closed in 2002, and the the Otakeho community group's favoured option was to place the plaques on a stone wall similar to the war memorial at the Okaiawa Cemetery. The wall would be specially built with donated rock and placed near the Otakeho Hall.

In recent years ANZAC ceremonies have been held outside the school gates, but having to compete with

the noise of passing traffic including tankers along the Surf Highway this was not always ideal, the Community Group had argued. The school was also in a state of disrepair and the future of the buildings, including the wall holding the plaques was uncertain.

At this meeting, Community Board member Brian Vincent said he had been told of similar concerns being raised in Pungarehu with the plaques on the Pungarehu School.

The Community Board voted to defer a decision on funding and asked the Community Group to come back with another quote on the project's likely cost.

With the Otakeho Community Group due to apply for funding from the Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund the suggestion had been made that they might have a better chance of getting what they wanted from here. The Waimate Plains



Otakeho residents want their War memorial plaques to be relocated.

Development Levy is for projects within the former Waimate Plains County Council, an area which includes Otakeho.

On May 31 Michael Joyce and Rod Le Fleming were at the Community Board meeting to ask for \$7250 from the Waimate Fund, as opposed to the \$10,775 that had previously asked for. Michael said they had been able to find a more competitive price and there

had some positive feedback including offers of help for the project after the report in the Opunake and Coastal News.

Community Board member Andy Whitehead said he believed the new war memorial would be a great asset for Otakeho.

"I am very aware of what happens to a community after they lose their school and how quickly it disperses,

so these things are very important to people,' he said. Board chairman Craig Dingle said he would support the Group being voted the full amount asked for.

"It's a good cause and I feel they have done their homework," he said.

South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham agreed.

"In my time I can't remember a time that we supported the Otakeho

community, so I'm very happy for it to go through," she said.

The Board voted to grant the full \$7250 being asked for.

Among the 10 names listed on the plaque is that of Sergeant Outram Young who died of wounds on the Western Front in 1916. His nephew Venn Young, and great nephew Jonathan Young went on to become MPs.

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Business Association not just for retailers

Getting people interested in joining was among the issues addressed at the Opunake and Districts Business Association AGM held recently.

A reduction in the membership fee to \$70 does not appear to have attracted new members, outgoing president Allison Hayward told the meeting.

"It is difficult to change the perception that the Association is for the retailers in Opunake; there are tradespeople, farmers, and numerous other businesses in our area that have the future of Opunake in their hearts," she said.

There had been a number of networking events including events to discuss

rubbish collection options and to showcase Opunake High School. There was also the visit by the Minister of Small Business Craig Foss.

The mid-winter swim was held on a fine winter day with around eight participants, and the market day was also fine with around sixteen stalls.

It was decided to keep with tradition and hold the Christmas Parade on Christmas Eve, and as a result there had been a good deal of interest, she said, although health and safety issues had to be addressed.

"This committee has to be seen to show due diligence and to be taking all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of all involved. A registration form was instigated. New terms came to light such as 'wheel walkers'. Lollies had to

be given out, not thrown. People on floats had to be restrained or confined by a barrier. We thought we couldn't do it but we did. And the public were able to see the changes and understand why they were required."

Taranaki being named Lonely Planet's second best place in the world to visit has had its own impact on Opunake, as regards tourism.

"Freedom Campers stay most days and self contained vehicles are seen daily as well. This highlights the need for an improved infrastructure and the council are working on it. Tourism is developing rapidly here which can only have positive spin offs for our town. I personally ask you to welcome all visitors with open arms."

Although the town had spruced itself up for Americarna, the interest from those taking part was less than anticipated.

"We did our bit but the cars were on the beach and the people did not want to leave their cars or tackle that hill."

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Money to upgrade a wee problem

The Men's toilets at the Kapuni War Memorial Hall received an unusual public viewing when the Egmont Plains Community Board met here on May 31.

On the same day the Community Board held their meeting, the Hall's committee were asking the Board for \$7712 from the Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund to upgrade the Men's toilets. The Levy is for projects in the area making up the former Waimate Plains County, which includes Kapuni.

The toilets had deteriorated and already been repaired a number of times, Hall secretary Sue Lawn told the board members. Board members and council staff were able to look inside and assess the situation for themselves before deciding on the matter.

With the \$7712 asked for being more than what was available in the Waimate Fund, the Board voted to grant \$4225.

Also applying for funding, this time from the Egmont Plains discretionary fund was the Oaonui Hall committee wanting \$798 for a new oven.

Community Board member Andy Whitehead, who declared a conflict of interest said the oven was 20-30 years old and needed upgrading. This was in addition to other needs at the hall including getting disability access. Like Kapuni, the toilets at the Oaonui Hall also needed upgrading.

Community Board chairman Craig Dingle said the hall would be the focal point in an emergency situation, so he was happy to support the full amount being awarded.

The board voted to grant the \$798 being asked for.



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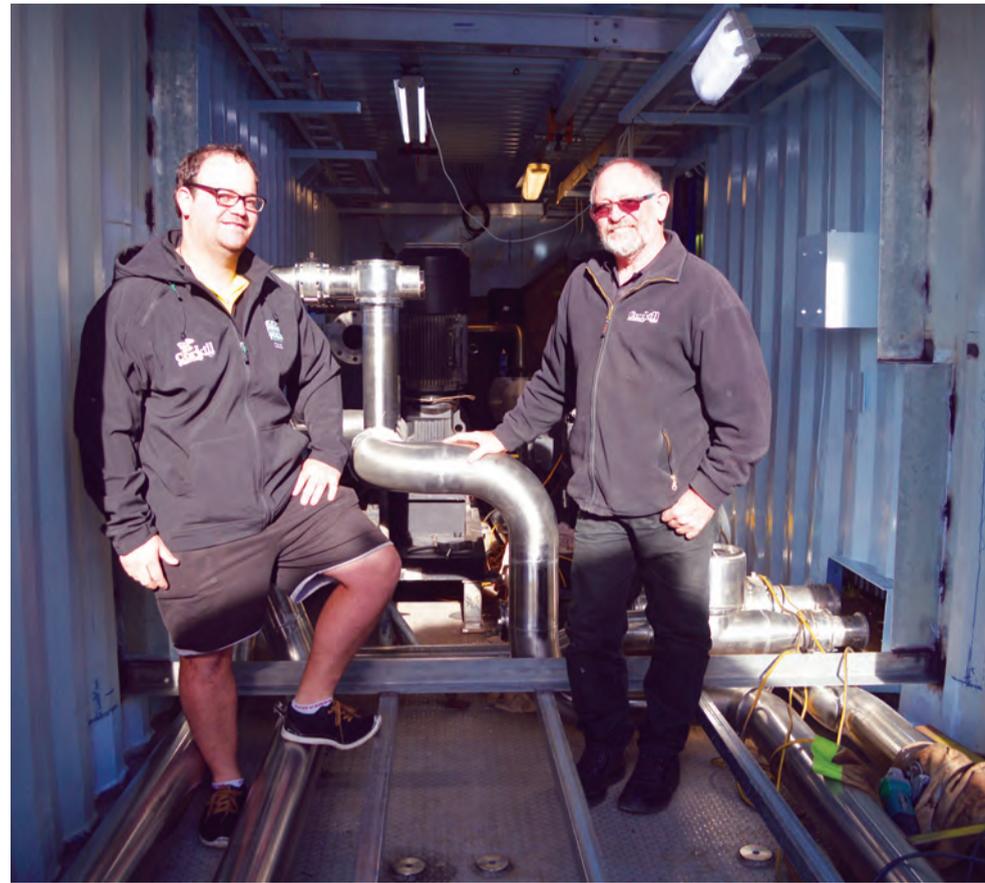
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New dairy price forecast welcomed

Fonterra milk price forecast of \$6.50 for the 2017-18 season, coupled with the revised price of \$6.15 for the current season, is great news for dairy farmers, says DairyNZ.

It is great news too for the country as it will boost the regional and national economies, they say.

While welcoming the forecast increase, DairyNZ's chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says he needs to challenge farmers to 'make hay while the sun shines'.

"By this I mean that farmers need to take advantage of the milk price increases to pay down debt, and carry out the likes of deferred maintenance," he says.

"Our farmers will continue to focus on the bottom line so that they can move towards regaining the positions they had before the past three seasons of downturn when the price dropped as low as \$3.90/kg (2015-16), and many were forced to take on additional debt to survive," Dr Mackle says.

"These were tough times, the toughest this generation of farmers have endured. However, they tightened their belts, and went about managing costs firmly so as to lower production expenses.

"The debt accumulated needs to be paid down, but very importantly farmers will continue to work to make their business competitive and robust so as to ride out future milk price volatility.

"A strong focus on the fundamentals of profitable dairy farming is important. As part of this, it's putting pasture first. It's essential to carefully manage and utilise pasture, and if supplementary feed is required, then on-farm feed crops such as beet and maize are economically used."

This winter cash flow will be improved with Fonterra's starting advance rate of \$3.70 (as opposed to \$2.50 last year) and retrospective payments coming through, he says.

Dr Mackle adds that as farmers update their cash flow budgets they will be looking for the chance to make debt repayments, and the optimum time to do so.

DairyNZ economists estimate farmers will need to commit 80-85 percent of the



Photo Dana McMurray

\$6.50 milk price on running their business.

He says during the lean years farmers were able to reduce their cost of doing business by 15 percent, and have been able to keep expenditure low this season as cash flow has remained tight.

"At the same time our dairy farmers have continued to meet their environmental commitments as is proven in the recently released Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord report on protection work they are carrying out on their farms – voluntarily and at their own expense.

"On top of this, farmers in many regions have just endured one of the wettest seasons on record.

"Now we need a favourable spring to allow farmers to increase profit levels, which will continue dairy farming's contribution to the economy. It will also allow farmers to continue to re-pay some of the additional debt that's been built up."

Dr Mackle says it may take three or four seasons of good milk prices for farmers to recover financially.

The latest forecast has also been welcomed by Federated Farmers.

"This is great news and comes after a turbulent few years where the industry has been under the pump," says Andrew Hoggard, Federated Farmers Dairy Industry Chair.

Based on Fonterra's forecast and current production cycles, around \$280 million dollars is expected to flow through

the New Zealand dairy sector and wider provincial communities this season.

"If you take on board the amount of milk we are producing at present this means the average dairy farm in the country will be around \$23,000 dollars better off".

"This will enable farmers to invest in their business and farm infrastructure, which has perhaps not been priority in the past two years in what has been a challenging time just trying to survive.

"We'll also have more money to continue investing in our environmental goals, which has been the focus

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Let's talk about animal welfare

Currently, the discussion about production animal welfare is driven and defined by animal rights activists. It is largely limited to identifying casual violence against animals by individuals who no doubt have other issues in their lives. It is not defensible



and it has smeared all farmers. However, there is so much more to the welfare landscape that needs to be addressed.

Welfare ethics impact on every area of farming. Downstream considerations such as consumer demands, product quality, and market access also need to be addressed. Welfare can and should drive farm profitability by integrating farm systems through the lens of animal requirements. It is proactive and aims to reduce loss and optimise production within whatever system the farmer may use. Yet this discussion is not currently happening. And if it's not happening, expect the rights activists to lead the way.

By way of an example of proactive welfare, in my MAF (MPI) days I was heavily involved in the welfare of animals at slaughter in the freezing works. If we have any humanity at all about us then making damn sure that these animals meet their death with no pain and with minimal stress is an absolute priority. The science is sound and by ensuring the process was properly carried

out we could be confident that the final act of welfare was delivered.

The key was to ensure that the gear worked and the operators knew their job before the first animal was killed. It was just not good enough to wait until



Pat Poletti

stuns looked wrong before anything was done. Neither was it acceptable to stun a few animals to see if gear worked. We had to be confident everything was

good to go before the first animal arrived.

We can and should apply the same sentiments to our farming systems. We do get the milking machines tested, crowd up the races and clean and disinfect the calf pens. However, there is way too much risk accepted in feeding systems. One size fits all supplementation programmes and often unnecessary anionic salt supplements force cows to operate at the edge of their physiological ability to cope. Cows go down, mastitis and empty rates go up and cows die. Does guessing and trying something else next year constitute good welfare if the outcome is likely to be more death and disease?

A Mineral Systems nutrition analysis and measurement of the herd energy profile reveals a lot about the risks the herd is subject to. A diverse range of farm systems are then necessarily questioned;

diet construction, feed management and pasture quality, sward composition, fertiliser and effluent nutrient use, shelter systems and young stock performance.

Reframing production diseases in terms of animal welfare forces an upfront examination of the farm system with risks to animal health and production identified and corrective actions applied. The outcomes are transparent, can predict animal health outcomes and inform ongoing management decisions which builds better animal health and performance. Good for the animal, good for the farmer, good for dialogue with consumers and good at leading the way in the animal welfare discussion. It also marginalises the rights activists particularly when it is not clear if it's the animals they care about or their own agendas.

Pat Poletti

Steven Joyce's Budget spend-Up

Federated Farmers has given a mixed review to Finance minister Steven Joyce's first budget since taking over from Bill English.

A statement released by Federated Farmers describes it as "the first shot in an election year spend up."

"It's hard to quibble on the Budget's focus on spending on public services, social investment, and infrastructure. It's also hard to take exception to tax and

spending initiatives targeted at lower and middle income families," the statement reads.

"However, Federated Farmers is disappointed there was no movement in the threshold for the top rate of income tax or for the company tax rate. Too many taxpayers will continue suffering the effects of several years of fiscal drag and our company tax rate runs the risk of falling behind those overseas.

In terms of the primary

industries, there is additional spending for MPI on biosecurity, irrigation, and trade facilitation. These are all important priorities for farmers.

"We welcome an increase in science and innovation spending but would have preferred more emphasis on building our science capability across the country, particularly in biological and environmental sciences, rather than it

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New dairy price forecast welcomed

Fonterra milk price forecast of \$6.50 for the 2017-18 season, coupled with the revised price of \$6.15 for the current season, is great news for dairy farmers, says DairyNZ.

It is great news too for the country as it will boost the regional and national economies, they say.

While welcoming the forecast increase, DairyNZ's chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says he needs to challenge farmers to 'make hay while the sun shines'.

"By this I mean that farmers need to take advantage of the milk price increases to pay down debt, and carry out the likes of deferred maintenance," he says.

"Our farmers will continue to focus on the bottom line so that they can move towards regaining the positions they had before the past three seasons of downturn when the price dropped as low as \$3.90/kg (2015-16), and many were forced to take on additional debt to survive," Dr Mackle says.

the toughest this generation of farmers have endured. However, they tightened their belts, and went about managing costs firmly so as to lower production expenses.

"The debt accumulated needs to be paid down, but very importantly farmers will continue to work to make their business competitive and robust so as to ride out future milk price volatility.

"A strong focus on the fundamentals of profitable dairy farming is important. As part of this, it's putting pasture first. It's essential to carefully manage and utilise pasture, and if supplementary feed is required, then on-farm feed crops such as beet and maize are economically used."

This winter cash flow will be improved with Fonterra's starting advance rate of \$3.70 (as opposed to \$2.50 last year) and retrospective payments coming through, he says.

Dr Mackle adds that as farmers update their cash flow budgets they will be looking for the chance to make debt repayments, and

the optimum time to do so.

DairyNZ economists estimate farmers will need to commit 80-85 percent of the \$6.50 milk price on running their business.

He says during the lean years farmers were able to reduce their cost of doing business by 15 percent, and have been able to keep expenditure low this season as cash flow has remained tight.

"At the same time our dairy farmers have continued to meet their environmental commitments as is proven in the recently released Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord report on protection work they are carrying out on their farms - voluntarily and at their own expense.

"On top of this, farmers in many regions have just endured one of the wettest seasons on record.

"Now we need a favourable spring to allow farmers to increase profit levels, which will continue dairy farming's contribution to the economy. It will also allow farmers to continue to re-pay some of the additional debt that's been built up."

Dr Mackle says it may take

three or four seasons of good milk prices for farmers to recover financially.

The latest forecast has also been welcomed by Federated Farmers.

"This is great news and comes after a turbulent few years where the industry has been under the pump," says Andrew Hoggard, Federated Farmers Dairy Industry Chair.

Based on Fonterra's forecast and current production cycles, around \$280 million dollars is expected to flow through the New Zealand dairy sector and wider provincial communities this season.

"If you take on board the amount of milk we are producing at present this means the average dairy farm in the country will be around \$23,000 dollars better off".

"This will enable farmers to invest in their business and

farm infrastructure, which has perhaps not been priority in the past two years in what has been a challenging time just trying to survive.

"We'll also have more money to continue investing in our environmental goals, which has been the focus

for many farmers in spite of modest returns from their businesses."

"The regional economies and service centres will also be boosted with farmers prepared to spend again, now that they have more certainty about their businesses".

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Coastal Young Farmers

Steven Joyce's budget spend-up

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 going to companies for commercialisation.

MFAT gets more funding for trade negotiations and international presence.

"Federated Farmers is pleased to see there is also more funding for tourism infrastructure, transport and

police - provided rural needs in these sectors are also looked after.

Looking ahead, surpluses are forecast to grow. As was the experience from 2005 to 2008 the temptation to spend more will grow in tandem.

"Whoever wins the September election will inherit a healthy set of

books but they could easily be squandered if there is a spending spree followed by a shock (as happened in 2008).

The temptation to spend up needs to be guarded against. Better perhaps for the Government to have moved more on taxes so reducing the headroom for even more lavish spending promises."

Dr Mackle says it may take

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Wetter in the south but drier in the north

Rainfall for May was mixed for the month with percentages ranging between 80 per cent and 133 per cent of normal, according to Taranaki Regional Council figures.

There were eight sites that recorded below normal for the month and these were all located from Inglewood north to Kotare. Brooklands Zoo recorded only 80 per cent of normal for the month with 140.5 mm,

while Waitotara at Rimunui Station recorded 133 per cent of normal with 169.0 mm. Most of the rainfall for the month fell on May 10-12 and May 17-20.

Year to date rainfall is sitting at 108 per cent -186 per cent of normal, with the Patea site having recorded 688.8 mm (186 per cent of normal) already in the first five months, which is 66 per cent of its average yearly rainfall.

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Premiers celebrate Blake's 50th



Cal Davies hurdles up the field as the Farm Source Prem's go down in a heartbreaker to NPOB.

Saturday May 27 was another way game for the Coastal Premiers. NPOB was next on the radar, but things are always tough at Vogeltown Park. Coastal had the best of the first half and took a 12 - 7 lead into the break.

The close encounter continued into the second half. Every time Coastal scored, Old Boys struck back with points of their own.

With time up on the clock

Coastal held a one point lead, but the last act of the game came in the form of a penalty being kicked by NPOB to take the game 24 - 22.

Coastal point scorers were Rick McKenna (try). Dylan Schuler (try). One penalty try. Thys VanDerPoel (one penalty, one conversion). Coastal's man of the match was Liam Hurley.

One week later table topping Tukapa travelled to Rahotu. Coastal was

determined to perform well at home.

It was Blake Barrett's 50th game for Coastal and a win would be the perfect way to celebrate the occasion. It would also take Coastal back to the top of the table. The home team came out all guns firing and had a 24 - 3 lead after 18 minutes. Tukapa kicked a late first half penalty for a half time score of 24 - 6 to Coastal.

Tukapa never go away, so the boys knew that the job

was only half done. Coastal extended their lead to 31 - 6 after 15 minutes of the second half. Tukapa scored two more tries to take the score to 31 - 18 at full time.

Coastal points came from tries by Thys VanDerPoel, Liam Hurley, Blake Barrett and a penalty try, two conversions and a penalty by Thys VanDerPoel and a conversion by Rick McKenna. Man of the match was Blake Barrett.



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Coastal Div 1 continue unbroken run

Coastal Div 1 proved too strong for NPOB at Vogeltown in conditions that prevented running an expansive open game. A tight forward battle once again laid the platform for the win with strong contributions by Luke and Daniel Doyle leading to tries in the first half. This saw us take a 12-5 lead into the second half. A good impact off the bench mid way through the second half by Joel Chard and Jordan Fleming kept the pressure on Old Boys and Bryn Chard crossed over

after numerous attempts close to the NPOB line to give us a 24-5 win.

A few less errors in the match would have seen a bigger margin however Coaches Alan Crowley and Tom Brophy are happy to have won four and drawn one from the last five away games. Player of the Day, with some strong carries and solid defence, went to Jordan Fleming.

On Club day at Rahotu on June 3 we played Tukapa. After we narrowly beat them in the first round we needed to show why we're

still the only unbeaten team in the competition. Playing into a stiff breeze, we came up against an improved Tukapa forward pack who pressurised us into giving two penalties away which were the only points Tukapa would get. Again the forwards battled hard, with the Brophy and Chard brothers leading the way, carrying ball and cleaning rucks, but it was the skipper Richard Beckett who stole the show, bagging three tries.

One was scored by breaking off the scrum 30

metres out with not a hand belaid on him. Kyle Farqhar also scored with a strong sniping run. Solid defence in the second half by David Hughes and Trent van der Poel in the mid field restricted Tukapa from any chance of gaining territory, with Jamie Fevre again turning the opposition around with some well executed kicks. Winning 26-6 and earning a bonus point sees us still top of the table. Next week we're in Inglewood at TET stadium. Kick off 1pm.

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Richard Beckett takes it up the guts for the FBT Div 1

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Fewer shooters but good scores

Despite fewer than usual shooters at the weekly Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club shoot, there were some good scores recorded.

Paul Tidswell in the Master grade had consistent scores and was top scorer with a

very good 100.7.

Frank Eustace, visiting from the Hawera range, had the hard-luck story dropping his second-to-last shot to record a rare 99.9.

Eltham results were: Bob Bramley 97.4, 86.0, 90.1,

94.3, 90.0, 92.2; Clare Bramley 97.6; Murray Chinery 87.1, 89.0; Paul Tidswell 99.7, 99.6, 99.6; Paul Longstaff 99.5, 96.3; Brian Hicks 94.3, 93.3; Stephen Hicks 95.2, 88.1; Don Litchfield 96.4, 90.3;

Frank Eustace 99.9, 96.4, 96.4.

On the grouping cards, new shooters Amanda and Cameron Hill continued their close contest, with Alex Gilling making a good start with his card. Their

scores were Amanda 100, 97; Cameron 98, 100; Alex 95.

Dave McGregor is making good progress with scores off the rest, achieving 88.2, 90.2.

Shooters completing double cards for the postal shoots were Paul Tidswell 197.11, 199.15; Paul

Longstaff 190.6, 189.8; Alan Drake 193.4, 190.5, Clare Bramley 193.9.

Local shooters attended the Awahuri Open Championships held during the weekend, where Paul Tidswell made the final of 10 shooters.

Alan Drake

Newcomer off to a good start

The standout shooting at the Hawera Hub on May 24 would have to be Christina Burr with 98.5, 98.4. Christina only started shooting last year and now looks like she is

very close to her first 100. Bruce Cameron showed a return to his old form with a total of 299.21. Scores in general show a lot of promise for so early in the season. Grouping cards: J.

McRae 93gr,95gr, Whole cards: P. Mills 73.0, 86.D. Rangi 88.2, 90.0, K, Lott 82.2, 87.1, R.S. Patterson 88.1, 92.3, M. Beare 82.0, 87.1, C. Burr 98.5, 98.4, T.C. Conchie 90.1, 85.1,

B. Cameron 100.9, 99.5, 100.7, J. Cameron 98.6, 98.7, S. Gooding 98.4, 94.4, M. Peters 86.2, 83.0 F. Eustace 96.5, 97.4.

Frank Eustace

Stratford to host Melbourne Cup Tour



The Magnificent Melbourne cup

The Victoria Racing Club (VRC) has announced that Stratford will join racing history when it plays host to the iconic 18-carat gold Emirates Melbourne Cup in 2017.

Stratford, selected for its passion for racing and community spirit, was revealed as a Tour destination at a special event at 2016 Emirates Melbourne Cup winning owner Lloyd Williams' training facilities at Mount Macedon, Victoria.

Stratford will join 30 other cities and towns across Australia and New Zealand that will be part of the 15th annual Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

Peter Dalziel, Chairman of the Stratford Business Association, said they were thrilled to be part of the Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour which would provide the community with the opportunity to come together and experience the magic that is the Melbourne Cup.

"New Zealand has a rich historical connection with the Emirates Melbourne

Cup and Stratford itself can claim significant links. Famous jockey Greg Childs, who has ridden in countless Melbourne Cups, is a local Stratford boy, and the parents of Michelle Payne, the first ever female winner of the Emirates Melbourne Cup, grew up just south of Stratford. The last Stratford owned horse to enter the Cup was All in Fun owned by Peter and Min McDonald in 1997.

"Further afield, but still in Taranaki, the 1983 winner of the Melbourne Cup, Kiwi, was owned and trained in Waverley and another famous horse from the region, Doriemus from Waitotara, won the rare double, the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups in 1995.

"These connections make it incredibly exciting for us to host the Emirates Melbourne Cup here, in the heart of Taranaki, and we're looking forward to making it a day to remember," Mr Dalziel said.

Commencing on July 1, the \$200,000 trophy will visit 31

destinations across Australia and New Zealand, starting in West Wyalong in regional NSW, where the gold used by ABC Bullion to make the trophy is mined, before returning to Flemington for 'The Race That Stops A Nation'™ on the first Tuesday in November.

VRC Chairman Amanda Elliott said the Cup is an Australian cultural icon so it's only fitting that the trophy and its rich history is taken on a journey to meet the people.

"The Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour celebrates the stories intrinsically linked to the Cup and its contribution to Australia's cultural and historical heritage," Mrs Elliott said.

"Since the Tour began in 2003, we have delighted in bringing communities together in the shared history and magic of this extraordinary phenomenon.

"We are looking forward to sharing this passion, both here and across the Tasman, as we travel to places as diverse as Roebourne to

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"In an exciting journey, the Cup will also travel by train on The Ghan from Adelaide to Alice Springs taking the trophy to Australia's red centre."

Mr Williams said he was delighted for Macedon Lodge to be the launching pad for the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

"I think it is fantastic what the VRC does in taking the Cup to the people across the nation and to New Zealand. The Cup has meant so much to me over the years and to see people get the opportunity to get up close and hold the trophy is such a wonderful thing."

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Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club looks back on the season

Another season done and dusted. After a few years of hard work, we are beginning to see some great results come through. Thanks to all of our committed members who have worked tirelessly to achieve them. Long may they continue.

Individual highlights were, in Junior Surf, the medal winners at the Taranaki champs, hosted at Opunake beach: A.J. Lawn, Will Perrett, Georgie Olliver and Caro Olliver.

In IRB, we were the top club at the Taranaki Champs, and sixth overall at the NZ Champs.

Courtney Keech and Jackie Lawn were second overall in the Women's section, and multiple finals were made across the whole team.

NZ IRB Medal winners were Courtney Keech/Jackie Lawn (patient Caleb Lawn).

Silver (single rescue) and Bronze (assembly) Jordy Hooper/Thomas Bell (patient Caleb Lawn). Silver (single rescue)

A special mention to the following members who have been nominated for individual awards at our Taranaki awards night on June 17. Good luck to you all. Georgie Olliver (junior

surf), Jo Morgan (volunteer of the year), Jordy Hooper (Michael Taylor award), Trent Olliver (coach of the year) and Mikey Corkill (examiner of the year and lifeguard of the year)

Our AGM is 11am on Sunday July 2 at the clubrooms. We will have our new sponsors board and concept drawings for our changing shed upgrade ready to be viewed by all.

On a personal note, I am standing down at the AGM. I have now given 23 years in service to surf lifesaving, and it's now time for me to take a break, and for the club to have a fresh set of eyes and ears to lead us towards our centenary in 2023.

To all of the public who

have donated time, money, and feedback, please accept this as a personal thank you. Your input has been invaluable and appreciated. We have come a long way over the last seven years, but the way our junior section is looking, we are going to get better.

Mike Roach

Trophies. Women's IRB. Courtney Keech, Jackie Lawn. U21 Men's IRB. Cory Jury, Jack Hartley.. Senior Men's IRB. Jordan Hooper, Thomas Bell. IRB Patient. Caleb Lawn. Most breakages Jack Hartley. Most flips. Jackie Lawn. Rescue of the Year. Jordan Hooper, Brooke Smith, Taine Morgan.. Patrol of the Year. Green(Nathan Hickey,



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Thank you Taranaki Tennis Association

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Olivia Corrigan and Reeve MacRae who have been participating in tennis coaching.

A group of children from Room 2 with coach Guillermo Gomez, who has enjoyed teaching HCS students both tennis and a bit of Spanish language.

A win to Cardiff

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Champion of Champions Fours were played at Stratford A P Hall on May 27. After qualifying rounds, teams from the Cardiff Club and Otakeho Clubs had three wins. In the play off for the title the Cardiff team of Sue Bourne (skip) Kevin Davidson (three) Shirley Hancock (two) and Janet

McKeown were too strong and defeated the Otakeho team of Paul Midgley (skip), Jenny Hamley(three), Kaye Bird (two) and Josh Fox (lead) by 14-5. This victory was Sue Bourne's fifth Taranaki Indoor Bowls title and gave her a gold star.

The Champion of Champions singles were

played on the Sunday May 28 at the Stratford A&P Hall, and after qualifying rounds, Gordon Hamley from the Otakeho Club was the only player to score four wins, so he won the title. This was Gordon's eighteenth Taranaki Indoor Bowls Center title. Win Finlay from the Turi club was runner up.

Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club looks back on the season

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Solei Ehrhorn. Outstanding cadet. Bella Pivac. Rookie sportsmanship (male) Jerrim Sinclair. Rookie sportsmanship (female) Melah Sinclair. Best all-round rookie. Caro Oliver.

Nipper sportsmanship (male) Tyler Clement. Nipper sportsmanship (female) Zoe Robinson. Attitude award (male) Mace McCort. Attitude award (female) Macy Sinclair. Best All Round Boy. Niall

Clancy. Best All Round Girl. Georgie Olliver. Best overall junior surf member. Zac Perrett. Adult beach flag champion (male) Matt Lawn. Adult beach champion(female) Jorja Ehrhorn.

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- General Business
- NZSFC Affiliation
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**OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

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17th June 2017
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RAHOTU BOWLING CLUB**Notice**

AGM at Clubrooms
Main Rd, Rahotu
10am Sunday 11th June
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Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES

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Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St, 9.30am every Sunday and the
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TARANAKI ARTS TRAIL

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PIHAMA LAVENDER

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RAHOTU BOWLING CLUB AGM

Sunday June 11 at 10am followed by prizegiving. Refer advert for details.

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NAUMAI SOUTH TARANAKI TOASTMASTERS 20th ANNIVERSARY

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OPUNAKE BOWLING CLUB AGM

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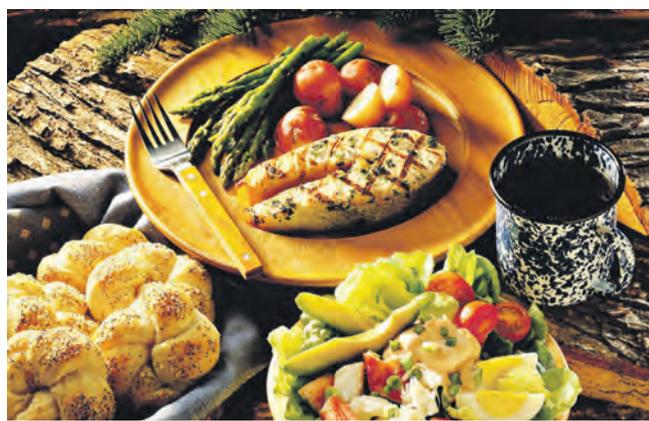
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A free space for new blood

Art is vibrant and growing in my developing sculpture garden and gallery Koru on Koru

When I offered free space to local artists to exhibit alongside my own work in my refurbished photographic studio it was a totally selfish move.

I needed company and inspiration to get me through a huge change in my life after the sudden death of Harry, my husband of 57 years.

The art community has always seemed fragmented to me. While there were a number of nationally and some internationally recognised artists recognised within our region, underlying that demographic were many creative spirits labouring away at any kind of recognition, given the lack of any community space to exhibit, notwithstanding the great opportunity the Real Tart Gallery offered in its time.

Promoting visitor numbers to our region has always and will always be my focus. I love this place. Hopefully my work communicates this to the many buyers of my

publications

Reinvigorating the Oakura Arts Trail whetted my appetite for concentrating on doing something within my own landscape, and I certainly had plenty of that in my purpose-built studio on our farm.

My first foray into exhibiting my own work and that of local artists came by way of joining the Fringe Garden Festival as a place of interest combining my limited but historical Koru garden and the studio into a combination of sculpture and print space.

The gallery has gathered many local artists along the way and some New Zealand artists discovered while researching for a new book "My Front Paddock."

Over 1000 visitors arrived and the following year the numbers grew, as did the sales.

2017 brings new and exciting exhibitors to my place.

The Taranaki Arts Trail will be the first chance to check out some talented new young creative spirits plus well known names who continue to produce new



2015 "My Front Paddock" exhibition Local dance group "Highway 45 Dancers"

concepts to tempt buyers.

I look forward to introducing visitors to this talented group and meeting new potential exhibitors over time. As a place of interest in the 2017 Taranaki Arts Trail, and later on in the year, the Fringe Festival, I sought some new blood. Fortunately a number of exciting artists found me.

Chris Wells chef, surfer, artist has come home from the super yacht life for the winter.

His large collages, from his National Geographic series, reworked using digital imaging are inspired by his inspiration from the crop circle phenomenon.

My garden sculpture collection is being added to by Chris, who with a collection of chisels is pursuing another interest, carving and shaping an elderly Ponga stump in my garden into a living sculpture.

Along with Renate Verbrugge's "Madame Frog"

I am super proud to have

a collection of Shannon Novak's "Medley Sculptures" permanently outside the front door.

Jimi Walsh's paddles are quietly rusting away and fitting in with the growth around them. There is more of this kind of work to arrive.

Inside the gallery is a fresh collection from some locals who have been with me from the start: Richard Landers (glass), Kris White (painting), Lisa Walsh (glass), Linda Barbour (ceramics)- Linda McFeteridge (painter) just back from Paris exhibition, Lester Earl (painter), Brenda Walsh (painter)- Anna Korver (sculpture), newcomers Marama Hotere, Shaun Dunlop, Conrad Smith, and now painting again, Ali Girling Butcher

The www.faylooney.com Gallery page is presently showing a lot of the work in the latest exhibition. Open weekends from Midday or by appointment groups welcome off road parking.

Fay Looney



Print on acrylic Fay Looney.

Pihama Lavender open for Arts Trail

On the weekend of June 10-11, Taranaki is hosting its annual Arts Trail from 9.30am to 4.30pm each day. Pihama Lavender is pleased to be associated with this event once again as a place of interest. The gallery is open all year and showcases work from local artists. A number of those artists will be in residence on the weekend of the Arts Trail so the public can see them at work. Liz Sinclair is the owner of Pihama Lavender and is an artist herself. She works in a variety of media but her favorites are pastel and oil. She returned to New Zealand three years ago after living in several countries overseas. In The Netherlands she studied painting and sculpting.

Pihama Lavender has sponsored a Fibre Art Award for the past two years at the Taranaki National Art Awards. It seems fitting, then that several fibre artists will be working there over



Eight artists will be displaying at Pihama Lavender.

the weekend of the Arts Trail. Visitors will also be able to see work in mixed media, oil, pastel, wood, china painting and perhaps jewelry.

Sweet Aggie's Vintage coffee caravan will be on site that weekend so visitors can linger over a coffee and talk to artists. The grounds of Pihama Lavender are spacious and perfect for picnicking if the weather is fine. Regardless of weather, there is plenty of undercover space.

Pihama Lavender continues to be a proud showcase for the creativity

of its local community. This

is also shown in the Growers and Makers Market it hosts on the third Sunday of each month. The next one is on June 18 from 10am until 2pm.

For details of the Arts Trail weekend visitors can collect a brochure from Pihama Lavender or from local shops and Libraries. Otherwise contact Pihama Lavender by phone on 06 7617012, visit www.pihamalavender.com or find on Facebook.

PIHAMA
Lavender

Taranaki Arts Trails

8 Local Artists at work.

Pihama Lavender Farmers Markets

Sunday 18th June

Contact Liz on 06 761 7012

Taranaki welcomes all art lovers

The Taranaki region is opening its studios to visitors from around the country. Brochures and maps are available from galleries and i-sites or can be picked up from the Novotel New Plymouth Hobson. An exhibition involving all the registered artists on the Trail will be on at the Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford from June 2-25. With a huge selection of artwork on offer you can

plan your trail by visiting the exhibition and selecting what studios to visit. Don't forget to also pop next door to the gallery shop called Percy's Place which has loads of fabulous local work for sale as well.

All Arts Trail visitors who fill out an evaluation form will go into the draw to win a luxury night's accommodation including breakfast for two at the Nice Hotel.



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Entertaining and fun, that's Maree

It's pretty common for retirees to sit back, relax and take it easy in their 'golden years'. Not this lady. Maree doesn't look like she's slowing down any time soon, and reveals she goes to group exercise classes at the Gym two to three times a week, "I think it's important to keep fit," she says. Still very mobile, she buzzes around in her nifty little green car, regularly performing at Country Music Clubs around New Plymouth and Waitara, and entertaining the patrons at rest homes. She's turning back the clock, and why not? She's blessed with good health, and the stuff she's always wanted to do in her youth she's doing now, and living the dream - her love for singing, song writing, and playing music.

At the age of eight, she began developing her singing skills while at school, and in church.

"It wasn't until the 1980s, the opportunity arose for me to sing at Country Music Clubs. Before that, they

didn't exist," she says. "I was always isolated in the country on farms."

While working at Kuratou sheep station, near Turangi, she started writing her own songs about real life experiences. Then in the 80s she joined the Tongaririo Country Music Club. Maree was a finalist in the song writing section in 1980 at the NZCMA (New Zealand Country Music Association) awards, and gained runner-up position when she entered one of her songs at a Te Puke talent quest.

On May 6 this year she was invited to sing at the Performing Arts concert, held at the New Plymouth Club. Another string to her bow, she says.

"I play the ukulele, but just haven't played it in public yet. I've also been given a piano, which I'll be practising as soon as it's been tuned."

Since moving to New Plymouth in 2016, she's become much more involved in music, meeting new



Maree Christensen sings

people, and cramming as much as possible into each precious day.

It was lovely to see Maree again at the Opunake Music Workshop on Tuesday May 30. First up, she sang the 1962 Italian pop song 'Quando, Quando', followed by 'Knock Three Times.' Later in the evening she

introduced her self-penned rap song 'No Strings Attached.'

A regular musician at the group, Vic Almao set the tempo by shaking some bright red Maracas. Oops, a little fast according to Maree, who carried on, even though at high speed. Amazingly, she managed

to squeeze all those lyrics in. Not only that, she took a deep breath, and played a harmonica instrumental. It was entertaining and fun, and that's what it's all about.

In total, she has three CD's to her credit. The first, 'Soaring to New Heights,' released in 2015, features a selection of Maree's original

compositions. 'Just Me,' predominantly cover songs, and also includes a couple of originals. Proceeds from her third CD 'Those were the Days' were used to raise funds for the Child Cancer Foundation. Maree is still keen to pursue her recording career even further, and says "I still have more originals I haven't recorded yet."

If anyone would like to purchase any of Maree's CD's, please contact Colour Conversions Ph: 027 897 8941.

All ages and genres are welcome to join us, as we work toward future concerts. The next Opunake Music Workshop meeting is at 7:30pm, Tuesday June 13 at the new venue, CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake (opposite Opunake & Coastal News). Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust.

Anne Montgomery

Opunake Music Workshop

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OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

Opunake to be bombed

Plans are afoot to bomb Opunake. In the week of October 27-November 5, a week in which the town will already be humming with the Fringe and Powerco Garden Festivals, not to mention the Taranaki Arts Festival, the Opunake Lakeside Lions are planning to work with local groups and schools to yarn bomb the town.

Yarn bombing is a type of graffiti or street art that employs colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fibre rather than paint or chalk.

The practice is generally attributed to Magda Sayeg from Houston, Texas who got the idea in 2005 when she covered the door handle of her boutique with a custom-made cozy.

The idea has been enlarged on and expanded across the world since then.

Now, thanks to the Lakeside Lions, it's coming to Opunake. "We've even had one lady volunteer to yarn bomb a cow," Monique Sinclair of the Lakeside Lions told the April 19 meeting of the Egmont

Plains Community Board.

As a matter of respect, flag poles and crossing poles are being avoided.

Local schools and pre schools were already getting into the act, with one of the preschools making pom poms.

Monique said she had worked out a "rough cost" for the project of \$741.

Six weeks later she told the Egmont Plains Community Board the project was gaining momentum, with other Lions clubs getting interested and material being

sent in every day from all around the country.

On May 12, the Lions had been granted \$1060 from the Creative Communities Scheme to hold four community crafting times and two adult felting workshops to create work for the Yarn Bomb.

Egmont Plains Community Board chairman Craig Dingle said he thought it would be good for the town.

"I think it's such a good idea. It will put us on the map, as a one-off, and then as an annual event," he said.

International Collage Exhibition coming up

June's exhibition is paintings, drawings and doll/assemblages by Erin Libby of Bellingham, WA, USA. Magical surrealism, very skilled work. Do have a look, on www.tart.co.nz

Now that the Paris exhibition is over, I can concentrate on the 19th

International Collage Exhibition/Exchange. The deadline is mid-august. The exhibition is online and in the gallery during September, and exchange packs are sent back in early October. It's good to see so many collage

artists saying they'll be part of it. I don't know if we'll get to 20 of these annual events, but we're certainly going to make 19.

All the details are on www.outofsight.co.nz/Dale/collage.htm

Paris was good, but it's great to be home, and improving each day, as the jetlag fades away. Life is good, yes?

Dale Copeland

A U D I T I O N S

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PATEA	AOTEA UTANGANUI MUSEUM OF SOUTH TARANAKI 127 EGMONT STREET, PATEA	MONDAY 26 JUNE 7:00pm - 9:00pm
STRATFORD	STRATFORD ON STAGE, THE CASTLE REGAN STREET, STRATFORD	TUESDAY 27 JUNE 7:00pm - 9:00pm
OPUNAKE	OPUNAKE LAKESIDE PLAYHOUSE 17 LAYARD STREET, OPUNAKE	WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 7:00pm - 9:00pm

We call on performing artists from throughout Taranaki to audition and support this Hawera Memorial Theatre Trust production to be staged at the Memorial Theatre in November 2017.
All proceeds will go to the Hawera Memorial Theatre Trust Refurbishment fund.
The Song and Dance ensemble will comprise soloists, duets, trios, quartets, a choir and adult dancers. If you can sing or dance, we want to HEAR from you! Come to any one of the four auditions.
For further information check out the Memorial Theatre Trust's website - www.haweramemorialtheatrefundtrust.weebly.com
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Parihaka celebrating the Māori New Year

The Puanga Kai Rau Festival will once again take place at Parihaka on June 9-10 to celebrate the Māori New Year.

“Also known as the star Rigel, Puanga appears in the Southern Hemisphere during winter marking the beginning of the Māori New Year,” says Parihaka Puanga Kai Rau festival spokesperson Maata Wharehoka.

It all starts on Friday June 9 at 4.30pm with a mihi whakatau to welcome newcomers.

The festival will play host to high profile and internationally renowned musician Dave Dobbyn who will headline a concert on Friday June 9 starting at 7pm. He will be joined by



Many come along and celebrate the Maori New year which is being held this year on

Billy TK Senior who will perform at the festival for the first time alongside local artists Nganeko Eriwata, Shirleen Ngāwhare and Shaskeen Reel.

“Puanga is a signal to finish the harvest in the maara (garden) and to prepare for the planting of kai in the following months,” says Emily Bailey. “It’s a time to farewell those we have lost and celebrate the new year and all that it may bring. This is a particularly special year for Parihaka as we start a reconciliation process with the Crown and begin our plans to rebuild the pā.”

This is a free, whānau-friendly festival: drug and alcohol free. There will be workshops, kai, a gardening bee, kids games, zumba, weaving, art and of course the concert. The festival is organised by a committee of volunteers who are passionate about Parihaka and their tikanga tuku iho. The full programme is available at <http://www.puanga.com>

Parihaka Puanga Kai Rau Festival

9/10 June 2017

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Everybodys to host Volunteers event

Volunteers contribute a huge amount to the community and this year they do the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) is inviting volunteers from across the District to the Everybody's Theatre in Opunake on 22 June.

Ross Dunlop says the event is being held during National Volunteers Week which runs from June 18 to 24.

“Volunteers have the opportunity to choose either a 10am or 1pm screening of the New Zealand movie “The Catch”, produced by Simon Mark-Brown,” says Mayor Dunlop.

“Not only is this an opportunity to thank our communities volunteers, but it’s also a great opportunity to showcase the fantastic work that has been undertaken by the Everybody’s Theatre volunteers who have raised over \$800,000 to first earthquake strengthen their community-owned building

and then continue the work to undertake an impressive refurbishment,” he says.

“Everybody’s Theatre is a huge asset to the community and this group is an amazing example of what can be achieved in making our community a better place to live.”

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Next meeting Tuesday June 13th at 7.30pm
Bring instruments, basic amplification provided.

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JUNE 2017

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GOING IN STYLE Comedy, Crime 1hr 36 mins M offensive language You're Never to Old to Get Even Morgan Freeman, Alan Arkin and Michael Caine play three pensioners who decide to rob a bank.	GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: VL 2 Action, Science Fiction, Blockbuster 2hrs 17 mins M Violence You Only Get One Chance to Save the Galaxy Twice Cast newcomer Kurt Russell will be playing Ego, a living planet which is, somehow, the father of Star Lord.		
Wednesday 7 June 1pm Wednesday 14 June 1pm	Saturday 10 June 7pm Wednesday 7 June 7pm Friday 9 June 7pm Sunday 11 June 7pm		
BABY BOSS Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family 97mins G Born leader A comedy about a seven-year-old who is suspicious of his new, suit-wearing, business call-making baby brother voiced by Alec Baldwin.	JOHN WICK 2 Action, Crime, Thriller 2hrs 2mins R 16 contains graphic violence and suicide. ID required. John Wick, Bound by a blood oath to help him, Wick is lured away from retirement once more.		
Saturday 10 June 1pm	Wednesday 14 June 7pm Saturday 17 June 7pm Sunday 18 June 7pm Friday 23 June 7pm		
SNATCHED Action, Comedy 1hr 31 min R 13 This is the Closest they have been in Years Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn (returning to the screen after a 15-year hiatus) are a daughter and mother who find themselves enmeshed in a criminal underworld in Ecuador.	KING ARTHUR: Legend of the Sword Action, Adventure, Drama, Fantasy 2 hrs 6mins M Violence and Offensive Language Writer-director Guy Ritchie (Sherlock Holmes) casts Charlie Hunnam (Pacific Rim) as King Arthur in this retelling of the classic tale.		
Friday 16 June 7pm Saturday 24 June 1pm	Wednesday 21 June 1pm Saturday 24 June 7pm Sunday 25 June 7pm Wednesday 28 June 1pm		
WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7 Going in Style 1pm Guardians of the Galaxy: VI 2 7pm	9 Guardians of the Galaxy: VI 2 7pm	10 Boss Baby 1pm Going in Style 7pm	11 Guardians of the Galaxy: VI 2 7pm
14 Going in Style 1pm John Wick 2 7pm	16 Snatched 7pm	17 Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2 1pm John Wick 2 7pm	18 John Wick 2 7pm
21 Snatched 1pm King Arthur: Legend of the Sword 7pm	23 John Wick 2 7pm	24 Snatched 1pm King Arthur: Legend of the Sword 7pm	25 King Arthur: Legend of the sword 7pm

Welcome dinners planned for new farmers

Dairy farmer David Bennie knows what it's like to move to a new area and not know anyone.

In March, he swapped the flat plains of Stirlingshire in Scotland for the hills of Huinga, east of Stratford.

"I knew my boss and his wife, that was it," said the 25-year-old, who's a 2IC on a 400-cow farm. "Isolation

can be a bit of an issue in rural areas. I really had to put myself out there and make the effort to meet new people in my local area," said David.

The isolation didn't last long though.

David attended his first Central Taranaki Young Farmers meeting in April at the Toko Tavern.

He was a member of



Aimee Schumacher and David Bennie at the Young Farmers Ball

Young Farmers in Scotland, and recommends getting involved.

"The only regret you'll have with Young Farmers is not getting involved sooner," laughed David.

"I know 21 and 22 year olds who wished they'd joined when they were 18 because they missed out on three years."

"It can offer you so much - everything from regular social events to job opportunities," said David.

David's encouraging

farmers and rural professionals to get along to 'Welcome to the district' events being organised by several of Taranaki's Young Farmers clubs this month.

The first is this Friday, June 9, at the Matapu Hall near Eltham.

"We're having a BBQ dinner," said Waimate West Young Farmers member Brendon Bevins.

"It's a really friendly environment and is a great way to meet new people."

Central Taranaki Young

Farmers' event is on Friday June 23 at the Pembroke Hall near Stratford.

It's the region's fastest-growing Young Farmers club.

"Everyone's welcome; whether you're new, or you've been farming in the district for ages," said Central's secretary Kelsi Bayly.

The Taranaki/Manawatu Young Farmer of the Year James Lawn is a member of Coastal Young Farmers.

It's holding its 'Welcome

to the district' dinner in conjunction with Okato Vets on Friday 30th June at the Okato Rugby Club.

"It's going to be an awesome night. There'll be live entertainment and guest speakers," said Coastal's chairperson Emily Robinson.

"Tickets cost \$40 per person and all farmers and rural professionals are welcome."

*Bridget Kelly
Wintec journalism student*

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OPUNAKE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our next meeting will be in the Te Kiri Hall on June 26th

Opunake Friendship Club

We meet on the last Monday of each month in the Opunake Town Hall starting at 1.30pm. The entry fee of \$2 includes a raffle ticket and afternoon tea.

We have entertainment, a wonderful friendly atmosphere, a place to relax and meet new friends and greet old friends. Everyone is welcome, young and old, male and female. Over the last four decades we have kept the club going and it is a wonderful way to meet

people.

We would love to see some new faces on our committee. Don't be put off by that word, as being a committee member, there certainly isn't a lot to do, just turn up once a month to help set up the tables and chairs etc. There is no membership fee, just come along and be one of the happy family.

I want to thank the local Lions for the years they have prepared a Christmas luncheon for us. Father

Christmas turns up as well. I also wish to thank the many organisations that provide entertainment and afternoon tea throughout the years, and they are continuing to do so for the future.

Our next meeting on June 26 will be at the Te Kiri Hall. The Te Kiri Women's Institute are putting on a roast lunch and afternoon tea. Our regulars will be notified about the price and transport closer to the date. Contact (06)7618510 and

(06)7618232.

We are sorry to note the passing of Shirley Langlands who joined the Friendship Club in 1992, and served as treasurer(1994-6) and president (1996-2008). She was a loyal and dedicated member and a lovely lady.

We offer our sincere condolences to her husband and family.

The Opunake Friendship Club committee

Kids voting reaches 100,000

More school students than ever before will be running their own mock elections this September through the Electoral Commission's Kids Voting programme.

More than 100,000 students from 541 schools are already registered for Kids Voting and more schools are expected to sign up before the General Election in September. That compares with 78,000 students from 556 schools at the last General Election in 2014.

"The high number of early registrations shows schools are keen to give their students an opportunity to learn about the electoral process," says Chief Electoral Officer, Alicia Wright.

Kids Voting provides schools with the resources needed for students to run a mock election. Students learn about and vote for real candidates and parties and then compare the results with the outcome of the General Election.

"It's a practical way to

show students how our electoral system works," says Ms Wright. "It helps them understand the process and get ready to vote when they turn 18.

"Voting is a lifelong habit. The earlier young people start to vote, the more likely they are to keep voting. That's why civics education is so important and why we have developed Kids Voting and curriculum aligned teaching units for schools."

About half the schools taking part in Kids Voting

are primary and intermediate schools and about half are secondary schools. It can be run on a small or large scale, from one to two classes to the whole school.

"It's great fun for students and teachers and some schools go all out. Over the years we've seen some schools hosting candidate debates for their electorate, and others forming student branches of political parties and developing their own campaign material," says Ms Wright.

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