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An intriguing quest

Graeme and Jenny Leith from Mosgiel, near Dunedin who the editor - attending a scrub fire at the old Otakeho dump - discovered ambling around the Otakeho Cemetery, were found to be on an intriguing mission.

Armed with a birthday book belonging to Graeme's great great aunt Maggie, they were trying to locate some of the names mentioned in the book - which took them to, among others, the remote Otakeho Cemetery where they found one of the names.

Graeme's great great aunt Maggie Leith immigrated to New Zealand in 1874 with her family - her father James, his third wife and Maggie's 6 siblings which included Graeme's great grandfather. Apparently James already had 8 children from a previous marriage but they remained in Scotland, said Graeme.

Maggie and her family originally lived in Dunedin, but later moved to Windsor Park, inland from Oamaru, where her father was the gardener.

Maggie later moved back to Dunedin for a while and subsequently married Christopher Gwyn. Her sister

Helen married Christopher's bother George.

In 1900 Helen and George came up to Kaponga to live farming in Manaia Road.

Maggie came up for a holiday and, clearly taken by the area, she and Christopher also moved north to the same area and also went farming on Eltham Road.

Graeme's father Maitland was Maggie's brother.

Explained Graeme he "acquired" the birthday book belonging to his great great aunt Maggie and he and Jenny decided to see if they could track down some of the names mentioned in the Birthday Book. Inscribed in the inside cover "In remembrance of my happy Sunday at Balgowan (in Scotland) from MG Thomson, April 1874," the book was given to Maggie when they were living in Scotland. MG Thomson was apparently the wife of the laird who owned the estate where Maggie's father was the head gardener. Maggie would have around 10 at the time, says Graeme. They immigrated to New Zealand shortly after.

Birthday books were popular then. People would sign their names on their birthday



Graeme and Jenny Leith in front of the Pepperell family plot in the Otakeho Cemetery.

which had a verse for every day of the year.

A Thora E Barlow, Otakeho, written neatly in January 6 1869 with a quill pen in blue black ink was one of the entries.

"The entries might be of interest to some of their de-

scendants," said Graeme adding they might like a copy of their ancestor's signatures.

Though they were unable to locate Thora Barlow in the Otakeho Cemetery, they did locate another entry, E

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The Birthday Book.

Fundraising golf tournament for Theatre

Coastal Care is hosting a Charity Ambrose Golf Tournament in partnership with the Opunake Golf Club, on Easter Monday, 1 April. All proceeds will go towards the new Coastal Care facility which will host health and social services for the area. The dream of a one stop, multi-purpose health and social wellbeing

centre is getting closer with fundraising at \$1.5m and the Trust's application for another major grant due for a decision in late June.

The Ambrose Tournament is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun day out for a worthwhile cause, for both golfers and non-golfers. Teams of five will be able to register at the Golf Club

from 9.30am with a mass tee off at 10.30am. Prize giving will be at 3.30pm

with an auction at 4pm.

Already the tournament has received great support from businesses, Taranaki wide, which have chosen to sponsor a hole, provide prizes or auction items, or enter a team.

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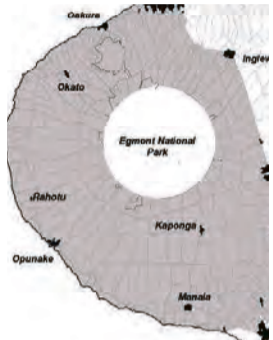
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Letters to the editor

Responding to "I Just Can't Accept"

B. Davies has trouble accepting that God will judge anyone, which means, of course, that there can be no final justice. "Extermination, not by fellow men but by God" is then inferred by Davies. This is a mistake, but probably my error due to bad writing. In trying to keep my Bible Believers Corner articles to about 370 words I find it hard to completely explain everything.

The judgement being discussed is World War III. It is extermination of men by fellow men. Just as global warming isn't God making the sun hotter but man's pollution of his home planet, so is this judgement mans doing. God is simply stepping aside allowing our natures to bring our own destruction. This happens when we reject God.

Jesus Christ did not come to make bad people good! He came to make dead people alive! Grace, or eternal life, is freely offered again and again. If someone "just can't accept" that gift and wants to stay as they are, then the result isn't God's fault. All that needs to be done to save everyone has been done. If people finish up without eternal life then they paddled their own canoe there.

As for signs of the end, of course I could be wrong. The Jewish chronology has around another 300 years to go before the end. But when the Bible says that one of the end signs is accepting sodomy as a normal part of life and the news says that New Zealand is considering passing laws for same sex marriage then I believe we really are running out of time.

How honest would I be if I failed to sound the

alarm when I saw disaster looming?

Richard Oliver
Eltham

More fluoride debate

Dr Blayney claims that my concerns for hydrofluoric acid are illogical. He then says, "I think it is quite convenient that we get fertilizer as a by-product of fluoride extraction!"

In fact hydrofluorosilicic acid is an embarrassing toxic waste from the manufacture of fertilizer that would cost millions of dollars to neutralize and dispose of.

He then writes "We use fluoride for the very reason it is taken up by calcified tissue where it strengthens teeth against decay".

Fluoridation is not about "children's teeth". Rather, it is about industry ridding itself of crude hazardous waste products, for profit.

The question has to be

asked: What does fluoride do to the bone structure?

There is as much, or more dental decay in fluoridated communities as there is in the non-fluoridated areas. However, the dental costs are higher in fluoridated communities due to dental fluorosis. Drinking fluoridated water may delay decay, but it does not prevent it.

Dental fluorosis is not simply a "cosmetic effect". Dental fluorosis is the first visible sign of fluoride poisoning. Today there is an increased prevalence of dental fluorosis, ranging from about 15% to 65% in fluoridated areas and 5% to 40% in non-fluoridated areas in North America.

Fluoride has never received FDA approval and does not meet the legal requirements of safety and effectiveness for such approval.

Bill Hazeldine
Hawera

BBC The Bride of Christ

God wanted a partner, a wife, but there was only Him in eternity. The only way there could be "another" was if part of Himself could be separated, re-formed, and then come back to Him.

Ideas are all very good, but unless they are expressed they just stay ideas. So God expressed His plans by speaking. That Spoken Word was the very life and plan of the eternal God. That Word was the Son of the original thought. It is Jesus Christ.

Having been spoken it moved outside of the eternal God. By moving out of the eternities the Word formed another place, the universe; then came the earth. Here now was a stage set for the creation of God's wife.

Adam, the image of God, was created and he, like his Creator needed a partner. So God put him to sleep,

opened his side and took all that was necessary to make a bride. This was a pattern of what was to come.

God Himself would follow that pattern. He would become a man, born in a stable. Like Adam He would be put to sleep, only this time it was on a cross. He too had His side opened during the Jewish Passover, (Easter).

The church was the result of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's wife would have to be as rich and varied as He. To express and match Him she would need to be ten thousand times ten thousands different people. All of these together, over the centuries would make God's Bride.

But how to attract her, how to test her love?

Today God sent the message of Revelation 18 v4 for people to let go of their religion about Jesus and come instead to a personal relationship with Him, a marriage relationship with Jesus Christ. God does not want a reluctant lover. She has to choose to accept Him as her Lord.

God created the universe just so that His Bride, and only she, can respond to

the call. And that call was made possible by that Easter sacrifice, when God offered His love for us on a cross just outside the walls of

Jerusalem.

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Jesus said, "Those who seek to gain their life will lose it; those who lose their life for my sake will find it." God is deadly serious about this point, but you are casual. Those who listen to this teaching should be more serious than God. The religious way is a most serious way with one false step taking you straight to hell. It is like walking on a tightrope every moment of the day, never knowing at what point you might fall off. Sun Myung Moon

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An intriguing quest

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C Pepperell, Otakeho. In the family plot there were three of the Pepperell family including an Emily Charlotte Pepperell January 25, 1891-1940. dated 7 July 1937, Gordon St... Pepperell (1924) and Kathleen Pepperell, 1924.

After visiting the Otakeho Cemetary they were off to the Kaponga Cemetery to see if they could locate other names.

Something of a nostalgic trip, for Jenny and Graeme their trip north also co-

incided with their 40 year wedding anniversary. They were married in Auckland on March 10 1973 and spent three weeks on honeymoon in the South Island. So they were on a sort of second honeymoon in reverse they said with a smile.

Reproduced is a copy of the names of the people mentioned in the Birthday Book.

If anyone would like to contact Graeme and Jenny and also maybe help them in their quest they can be contacted on balgowan@xtra.co.nz



The birthday book which is inscribed with the date 1874.

Date	Name
1 st January	Marie J. J. Luinon 1869
6 th Taranaki	Thora E. Barlow Otakeho
17 th	Alexander Brown
17 th	Bessie McKenzie
25 th Taranaki	E. C. Pepperell Otakeho
9 th Balgowan	M. G. Thomson
11 th	Agnes Meek
12 th Balgowan	Jemima Leith (Died 16th Aug 1920)
18 th	Muriel Ross (1891)
23 rd	J. E. Nicholson
28 th Taranaki	Lilly Nicholson Otakeho Ch.
10 th March	Thomas Hey 1894
16 th Otago	Robert Gwyn 1909
19 th	Arthur Richard Randall
23 rd	John Hey 1912
2 nd April	Margaret B. Ross (1886)
8 th	Matilda Hey 1871
13 th	Sarah Louisa Rainforth (1868)
	Samuel Wilson (1868)
	Benjamin Hey 1869
	Margaret Edith Barlow (Otakeho)
Taranaki	18 th April Mrs Margaret

Leith	Balgowan
	Ethel Emma Walker (1904)
22 nd	? Pepperall 1882
23 rd Portobello?	Elizabeth Ann Clearwater
27 th	Nancy Barlow Otakeho
29 th	Ethel M. Mulligan
2 nd May	Rose Pockuall? 1869
4 th	Bertha Evelyn Gwyn (1904)
10 th	Maggie Walker (1888)

ABOVE AND AT LEFT: Some of the names in the birthday book. There are more and if anyone is interested they can contact the Opunake & Coastal News and we can forward a complete list of the entries.

Contributors to the paper

Please could contributors, if emailing their articles, send the article as a Word attachment - preferably without logos etc included, just the text and also labelled. eg., Timbuku Golf News etc. Also please don't put a space between paragraphs.

It's also helpful if photos accompanying articles are also identically labelled so they don't get become dissociated from the article (there is less likelihood of them being accidentally left out). It is also helpful if captions for photos accompanying articles are writ-

ten at the bottom of the article and not sent separately. This format is much easier for us to process and minimises mistakes occurring.

Your co-operation in this is most appreciated. Also please note the email address on the inside cover (bottom of page 2). Some people are still using our old gmail which we are trying to phase out.

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Making a contribution



for the Cancer Society. Our site will be quite full, but we expect to have a lot of fun together; even though sleep deprivation may impact on those assigned the mid-night walking laps. I'm excited that these young people are motivated to give some time to helping a community cause. They will be with many others of like mind, both young and old, and I hope this will help develop a lifelong sense of community involvement and contributing.

We live in a wonderful

region of a wonderful country. We are surrounded by stunning nature enhanced by many human contributions. Many are richly involved in their communities, enjoying both the activity and the people they are with, as well as the sense of worth such giving returns. A portion of these people seem to be able to accommodate yet another request for help, even when they appear to be well committed and busy. I often wonder how much greater all this could be if everyone

gave something to a community group or cause.

Our communities were established by people working together to create a place they hoped their descendants would enjoy and value. I expect that even in these early days the load did not appear to be evenly spread, but the necessities of the day would have meant most contributed in some way. Leaders would have been put forward who had the ability to draw others into the community effort. The

youth of the day would have seen their elders cooperating with relatives, friends and neighbours toward a common goal.

I am sad that this sense of community and giving is not modelled consistently for our young people today. We all have skills and abilities that can help strengthen an aspect of our community if we would just get involved and give the time. Perhaps you simply need to lift the phone or send an email and express your opinion on a proposed change, or

suggest a change you think would make this place better. We are enriched by some wonderful 'givers' in our local area, but we could ensure our young people developed these abilities too if more of us showed them how rewarding these efforts are. I know I'm going to have a wonderful time walking with our students and sharing the camaraderie of achieving something for others.

*Sharon Arlidge
Egmont Plains Community
Board Chairperson.*

Sharon Arlidge
I'm writing this just before I head off to New Plymouth with more than 100 students from Opunake High School who have committed 24 hours to the Relay for Life fundraiser

Motocross bike damage at Opunake Lake



For the past few months several motocross bike riders have been causing concern in Opunake. Their two main riding routes are either around Opunake Lake walkway or in the

vicinity of the old BMX track and the walkway there. One resident, who is knowledgeable about bikes, says both two stroke and four stroke machines are involved and the noise

is horrendous, as well as being a danger to walkers on the tracks. "At the rate they are ripping around they will skittle someone resulting in hospital or death", he says. The resident is especially concerned about sections of the walkway where there is a blind corner.

"The track is ripped up in places", he says. Pointing to track damage in various places the resident commented, "It also means someone has to fix it".

The resident is also concerned that someone could twist an ankle in one of

the ruts made by the bike wheels. He points out that locals often use the walkways to jog around.

The excessive noise is a big issue and evidently quite a few locals are also annoyed about it. "The lake is a peaceful place for everyone to enjoy. We don't need such noise ruining this environment". He adds, "It's high pitched - like a blowfly in each ear".

Noting that neither the rider or pillion passenger, on one occasion when the culprits were seen, were not wearing helmets the resident asked rhetorically, "Do



Track damage at Opunake Lake caused by motocross bikes whizzing around the walkway.

the parents of these kids take are?" - answering his own any notice of where they question, "Obviously not".

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code for the STDC building requirements. This has been facilitated by the generous donation of \$221,000 from Pub Charity enabling this stage to be completed.

With the assistance of Jenny Goddard, architect, who has provided plans and costings for stage 2 of fire rating wall linings, lighting, and wiring for the theatre, the committee will be required to source further funding avenues. Due to digital technology progress the committee will be required to purchase a digital projector in 2013, to enable the showing of current movies.

The committee has been busy fundraising prior to Christmas with a stall on Market Day and making small Christmas cakes for sale. Two Christmas cakes have been raffled thanks to Bev and Debbie's baking expertise and further raffles will be available throughout the year - so look out and support us.

Other fundraising activities and projects planned for 2013 include a Book Fair, High Tea

and Dance, and A Night at the Races scheduled for the 23rd of May.

In the theatre window 'bricks' can be seen to show the donations from the community. This is just a temporary measure until we have the upgrade complete and a more permanent format installed. Contact Debbie Campbell 06 761 8192, if you are willing to buy a brick, or post to Maree Drought, 2 Havelock Street, Opunake.

Opunake Lakeside Lions Spud-In-A Bucket competition was successful with Alieka Hunn winning the most spuds with 1kg of potatoes in her bucket. They presented Everybody's Theatre with \$741 from this fundraiser, an excellent result.

Work is well underway with the structural strengthening of Everybody's Theatre. Kuriger Builders began work on 24 September 2012, with the digging of large footings

to prepare for the installation of the steel beams that will secure the building in the case of a major earthquake. This will bring the building up to earthquake

Lions walk fast in Relay for Life - \$100,000 raised



Opunake Lakeside Lions Club members and friends walked and laughed their way through the 24 hour Relay for Life. This event was held at Pukekura Raceway last weekend to raise funds for the Cancer Foundation.

At the Relay for Life's closing ceremony on Sunday, it was announced that over \$100,000 had been raised by all participants in the event.

Photographed at the start of the relay is Diane Forsyth, back left, and holding the Club banner, is Kaye Mourie, President of Opunake Lakeside Lions Club. In front are Kelly Ogle, Jan Deegan, Kath Williams, and Diane Williams.

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Nigel Day

After the long period of dry weather we finally got some rain - even if it was in limited quantity around these parts. This period of dryness brings with it extreme dangers when it finally does arrive. A case in point on March 16 after the first fall we had a crash on Wiremu Road. The driver was not injured, but after talking to them it was clear they were not driving to the change in conditions. When the roads are dry for so long they get a build up of grime,

dirt and other substances that makes it very slippery when it initially gets wet. This situation will occur again given the continuation of the fine weather, so please be cautious and, as the old saying goes, drive to the conditions.

Rural property owners please be aware there has been some activity that is of concern to us. There was an attempt to take fuel from a farm tank on Kina Road a few weeks ago and although this is the first for a few months, it shows the bad guys are still active. We have also received some good information that 4 x 4 motorbikes are going to be targeted. These are high value items that can easily be sold on to persons who ask no questions. Just be aware of the potential threat and do not leave those bikes where they are an easy prey.

Residents of Opunake have probably noticed an increase in the number of sub-standard motor bikes

that all of a sudden seem to have appeared on the streets. In the past this has been a very minor problem, however since the old BMX track has been opened up to motorbikes we have seen a major increase in pieces of junk racing around. Believe me we are working hard to catch the riders; however it is difficult for a number of reasons, which I will not go into. Be assured however there is a zero tolerance approach being taken and the ticket book will be working overtime. Here are a few figures for those responsible to mull over. No warrant of fitness \$200, No Registration \$100 and 35 demerits, Drove without appropriate drivers licence \$400. There are heaps more, but I hope you get my drift.

Speaking of drifts and on a positive note 'thumbs up' to Gary and the others who have been organising regular drift events down at the old dairy factory. In a controlled environment this is great

thing and given that charity also benefits this is a double whammy. Also credit to the participants and others who went along to the latest event, as to my knowledge there were no problems after the event had concluded. I might have to put some slicks on the Mistral for the next event.

Here's one we do not here very often. A motorbike stolen from a Pungarehu rural address in November 2005 turns up at Whanganui motorcycle dealer for a service in February 2013. It was a bit worse for wear, but good news for the original owner who had no insurance on the bike. Do not let this discourage anyone from insuring your bike as the stolen \$9,000 bike is now worth only hundreds.

Finishing up we have a males gold ring handed in. If you have lost one and can add a few more details in regards to it you can have it back.

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Eltham



David Lindsay

Hello people

Finally things have improved on the weather front, the paddocks have a green tinge again and things seem to be getting back to normal. You can feel a bite in the air now in the mornings and evenings so it seems autumn is really kicking in.

We seem to have a lot of people riding their bikes, mostly push bikes but a few motorbikes also, without helmets lately. This would

be a good time to remind everyone that it's a lawful requirement to wear a protective helmet on a bike when in a public place.

It's mostly teenage and adult males who a failing to wear them and it's unfortunate because kids see them not wearing a helmet and think it's ok. Please wear a helmet when riding - it's a \$55 fine without a helmet and there are some 'average drivers' out there. I've seen

some very close calls for bike riders.

Has anyone lost a yellow Suzuki 125 old style motorbike, by dishonest means in recent times? Let me know if you have please.

I've had word from the top that Eltham Police numbers are poised to double! Fantastic news, the second position has been advertised and we will most likely have another officer in amongst the community in a few

weeks once the employment process is complete. No doubt this is great news for the area and bad news for the crooks!

Please keep any information on crime coming in, we have been getting some good results from the public and as always it's confidential.

That's all for now, take care out there.

Const. David Lindsay,
Eltham Police

Maureen's rambles 2008



Maureen Gatenby

We returned to Taranaki in March for a wedding so were able to visit our old haunts and catch up with some of our friends.

Later in the month we did the day return train trip from Christchurch to Greymouth over the Southern Alps. It was a bit too early for snow so everywhere was parched. From the windows we were able to see some of the kayakers competing in the Coast to Coast race paddling down the Waimakariri River.

We went to Tasmania for two weeks which included Easter to help with the kids while Khyle attended an Australian Dairy Cattle Vet Conference in Launceston. Taranaki called us back again in May as illness had struck some of our friends.

In June we went to Auckland and visited Waiheke Island. I was last there when at High School so there were certainly plenty of changes. This was followed later in the month by a two day technical workshop in Napier but

no time for sightseeing.

In July the whole family went to Fiji for a week. Our stay was on Mana Island with 8 adults and 5 kids under three. This proved to be an interesting and sometimes challenging experience. It was very warm. I am not sure that tropical islands are a good idea with all little children and a very hot climate. Food is very different as well but we survived with only sunburn as the major issue. It is always nice to have all the family together.

During the winter we visited Mount Hutt Ski Field. It is well known to skiers, but it was the first time we had been there as we are not skiers. Showing visitors around occurs wherever we live so this was no exception. It has always been nice to be able to do so whenever visitors call, be they local or international and we always enjoyed seeing people as they passed through Ashburton travelling north or south.

In November we flew to

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Maureen's rambles 2008 (continued from page 6)

Auckland and then drove to Taupo for my class 40 year reunion. It hardly seems like that much time has past! 22 of the class (from 36 graduates) along with most of their spouses enjoyed the time reminiscing over old times and the plan is to meet again in Vanuatu in five years (2016). This was followed by a family reunion in Auckland for the Olsen's as my sister was home from Canada to celebrate her 65th

birthday. One member was not able to make it which is why these family occasions are to be treasured. One never knows when will be the last time to see family.

Back to Invercargill for a surprise visit to our ex-neighbour's 80th birthday saw us travelling via Maniatoto. (Andrew Hore's home patch). For a change this part of the country was lush with grass and the irrigation

ditches were actually flooded. Our visit happened to coincide with the Christmas get together of the Southland MAF team so we were able to join them. We also visited Gore and Queenstown before returning and visiting friends farming just north of Oamaru.

Ashburton was the home of Romania prior to the start of the Rugby World Cup so that created a lot of excitement. By November our fu-

ture plans had changed. My job in Ashburton was a desirable position for some of the Canterbury team wishing to leave Christchurch but not Canterbury. There were two positions available in Taranaki so I was offered the opportunity to return.

The offer was accepted but before we left the flat land I decided to have a double knee replacement so that was to be the start to 2012.



Fortunately the driver was able to walk away after their car left the road on Wiremu Road near the Saunders Road turnoff. The accident happened last Saturday week on a bend.



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Manaia WI AGM 2013

At the recent AGM of Manaia WI the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President - Ann Chisnall

Vice President - Jenny Hamley

Secretary - Edith Hicks

Treasurer - Phyllis Malcolm

Committee - Margaret Duffus, May Mulholland, Marion Smith.

In speaking to the Annual Report President Ann Chisnall felt that we had had a very successful year - supporting local and other organizations both with monetary and material donations, thanks was also given to committee and members for their involvement.

Ann also thanked outgoing Secretary Cleta Clark and Treasurer Meg Kelly for the work they had done for the WI over the past 4 years, and presented each with a gift.

The wandering coin was won by Phyllis Malcolm and the Mary Hutton Trophy was presented to Cleta Clark.

Overall winners of competitions for the year were:

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Hon Chester Borrows,
Last week saw the second reading of the Marriage Bill before the Parliament. This is just another transition between the introduction of the Bill and it becoming law and there will be two further debates being "the Committee Stage" and "Third Reading". I have had some inquiry about my stance, so I will state it clearly so people know how I will be voting on the Bill.

The Marriage Amendment Bill is a [private] Members Bill put forward by Labour List MP Louisa Wall. It is a conscience vote and so not dictated by party position. The Greens are the only ones taking a party position on

The Marriage Bill

the Bill. So each MP votes according to his or her conscience. The Bill seeks to re-define the word 'marriage' to include homosexual couples. My objection to the change in definition is that it rides roughshod over the historical fact that the institution of marriage is and has always been a heterosexual institution, regardless of culture, religion, ethnicity, or civilization. Marriage predates all religions and yet has been adopted by almost all, and reflects the fact that marriage refers to a solemnised relationship between a man and a woman. There are cultures where multiple partners are married, but not where same-sex partners are involved. I understand that in some ancient civilizations some hierarchy sought to marry the same sex and other species, but this is not an argument for expanding the definition. The argument pushed for extending the definition to same sex couples is 'fairness' or 'human rights' arguments.

I think it has become very clear that the argument is really about committed couples being equal before the law. That would include married couples, couples living in a de facto relationship, and couples living in a civil union. All these relationships do have legal parity except in the odd statute such as the Marriage Act and its legal effect on the Adoption Act. I believe we should be having a debate about that and not some clever-dick method of achieving the same thing by changing the definition of marriage.

I do not believe that allowing homosexual couples to marry in any way denigrates my 34 year marriage to Ella and I happily value the long term committed de facto relationships, gay relationships and civil union relationships of my friends and associates as having the same status as my own or anybody else's. I have to ask the question, "If two gay people in a Civil Union got married yesterday - how has

their relationship changed?" If the answer is they now have same legal status as a heterosexual married couple then my argument is proven. If the answer is that in some way they would be better regarded by society at large because the gay couple are now married, I would say "rubbish". We can't legislate for individuals' perceptions, morals, prejudices, and beliefs, or their religion. We can only legislate for their legal status. So let's have the public debate about that.

I believe that the law should grant the same legal status for committed relationships and people who love each other should be committed because that makes society strong. This is not a religious debate, but faith will always colour arguments, and if faith has any meaning, so it should. My faith colours my vote, because that is who I am, and I won't be changing it.

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Conflicting economics stories don't stack up



Andrew Little, List MP

The government has two stories about the economy it wants you to believe. The stories are reflected most weeks in this newspaper in the columns by government MPs.

The first story is that New Zealand is doing OK. We are not as bad as many other countries. And we have had

levels of GDP growth that are solid, if unspectacular. In the last quarter of last year, our GDP even grew at a faster rate than Australia's. On top of this, prospects are looking brighter. The Christchurch rebuild is about to take off and oil and gas exploration and production are doing great, and this will lead to higher growth for a while to come.

Then there's the other story. We are living in tough times. Tough decisions have to be made. Spending has to be cut back. It's not only tough economic decisions; it's all sorts of decisions, like leaving ACC levies unnecessarily high and cutting back the resources of the Family Court to help families in dispute.

Things are so tough we even

had to seriously think about taxing inner city carparks provided to employees in Auckland and Wellington, not to mention the phones and laptops of the smart set (which is just about everybody these days).

The two stories are contradictory. And the truth is, they get trotted out for different reasons.

To explain away persistent high unemployment and a booming stock market, the government will say the economy is in good shape. Nothing to worry about here. It's a matter of time before the jobs start showing. And never mind about the record immigration. We need it for a booming economy.

And then to justify policies like the recent "starting out" wage, which will allow employers to hire young workers for \$11 an hour for their first six months, we hear we need to help struggling employers who cannot afford to take a risk to employ young people, and we need to give

young people a chance.

The reality is that our economy is vulnerable. We are dependent on commodity production for much of our national wealth, and so our national income is dependent on what happens to the international price of those commodities.

We may be an efficient producer of some commodity goods, but we are not the only or main producer of those goods.

And relying on the aftermath of our biggest natural disaster to prop up our economic growth figures is not an economic strategy.

Our challenge as a country is to build on the natural wealth we are exploiting now, and then promote and encourage development of elaborately transformed manufactures which provide more income and higher margins along with more skilled employment.

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This month in history

On March 18, 1955 Sir Alexander Fleming's funeral was held in St Paul's Cathedral, London. He was a doctor who served in World War 1 and was shocked at injuries he saw, often maggot-infested. In 1921 he discovered lysozyme an antibacterial substance.

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Fire callout

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Council focuses on unregistered dogs

The number of animal attacks and wandering dogs in New Plymouth District has risen sharply in the last two years – and the Council is taking action.

A greater focus is going on unregistered dogs, with owners warned that if they do not register their dogs they risk having the dogs removed to the dog pound.

Two additional Animal Control Officers will be employed for a two-year term so that the Council can be more proactive in reducing the number of unregistered dogs in the community.

In addition, this week the district's four community boards are considering a recommendation that changes be made to the practice and timing of setting dog registration fees.

Customer and Regulatory Services Manager Mary-Anne Priest says the experience of Hastings

District Council (HDC) shows that when greater effort goes into having dogs registered, the number of animal attacks in the community drops.

"In the last three years the number of dog registrations in our district has been dropping – we estimate that eight per cent of the dogs currently aren't registered," she says.

"In 2012 there were 226 animal attacks in the district – up 59 per cent on the 142 in 2010. In that same period the number of wandering dogs rose 64 per cent, from 871 to 1,430.

"This week we are sending out letters to owners of previously registered dogs to warn them that if they do not get their dogs registered, we may remove their dogs."

The report being considered by the community boards this week proposes increasing the penalty for late registration from 25 per cent to 50 per cent of

the registration fee, which would begin from 1 July 2014. The expected increase in revenue from impounding fees, infringements and more registrations would offset the cost of the additional Animal Control Officers, with no funding coming from rates.

The recommendations of the four community boards, as well those from the Youth Subcommittee, Disabilities Issues Working Party and Komiti Maori, will be considered by the Policy Committee on 9 April.

The approach taken by HDC was considered best-practice by the Government's Productivity Commission.

In 2010 HDC employed two additional Animal Control Officers, increased impounding fees – especially for recidivist dog owners – and took an uncompromising approach on dog registration. As a result, there are fewer uncontrolled dogs and fewer animal attacks in Hastings District.

Month in History

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He could have made a fortune, but not wanting to profiteer he refused to patent it. How different things are today when new medical wonder drugs are prohibitively expensive – often costing thousands of dollars. Presumably someone is making an immense profit – perhaps their main consideration.

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Harry Duynhoven, Mayor of New Plymouth

It has been a tense time, water-wise, in the region these last few months.

The rain last week was a blessing, but with long dry periods still around we need to be mindful of the water restrictions in place. It will

A tense time water-wise

take several days of good rainfall before we are able to lift the restrictions around the district.

Okato's water situation is particularly difficult, given the low level of the Mangatete Stream.

In 2010 we had boreholes drilled in the hope of finding a useable supply of drinking water for the town. While we struck water, we never found an aquifer that had the quantity and quality needed to replace the Mangatete as the town's water source.

However, we are looking at the feasibility of using a mix of bore water and surface water (from Mangatete)

in an effort to give more certainty to Okato's supply. We'll keep you up to date with any developments on this project.

In Oakura, the reservoir has been repaired and is being refilled slowly, so we ask residents to keep on with their water saving efforts. Even once the reservoir is fully operational again, it would be wise to use water thoughtfully as water is a limited resource – and it costs money to treat and pump.

Meanwhile, we are still going through the process of getting feedback from Okato residents about the

town's new neighbourhood park. We have got to this point because the Kaitake Community Board, local residents, Council staff, Ministry of Education and iwi have worked together on a solution that benefits everyone.

Construction of this park is scheduled to take place during the next financial year (starting from 1 July), and I'll be very proud when all the work is completed and Okato families have a great central public space for their use.

Mayor Harry Duynhoven
New Plymouth District

How to reduce stress in five minutes



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Certain levels of stress are a normal part of life, some stress is positive and helps us to grow and evolve, but stress lived with over a long period of time without rest becomes toxic. Long term stress negatively impacts health and is a precursor to a wide variety of illnesses. Maybe it's even been suggested to you that you need to reduce stress. But how do you do that?

It may not be possible to reduce external circumstances and commitments as a way to alleviate your stress. And sometimes even if this is possible, after reducing your commitments you discover that your stress levels are still high. Perhaps you feel tense and worried during the day, find it difficult to go

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1. Turn your attention inward

Take a couple of minutes and begin by noticing your feet, your ankles, your calves, your knees, thighs, hips, abdomen... working your way up your body, to the top of your head. Scan your body with your internal attention, not so much with your mind but with your felt sense awareness.

2. Include your breath

As you bring your inner attention to each different part of your body, include your breath in the experience. Pause and let your awareness be with the particular body area for a few gentle breaths.

3. Hold open to your whole being

Once you have scanned through all areas of your

body, expand your awareness to include your whole body in your attention. Again not using your thinking mind to do this, rather you are engaging your sense of spacious body awareness.

4. Disentangling from mind

When you hear the internal chatter and narrative of your busy mind, just allow it to float on by, neither pushing the thoughts away, nor engaging in conversation or judgements with your thinking mind. You do this by noticing the thoughts and then gently returning your attention to the area of your body you are scanning and pausing here for a few breaths.

5. Rinse and repeat

This mindful body scan is a powerful tool you can use regularly, many times a day if you wish. Try it with your eyes open and closed and notice the difference

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Top secret home gem in Heaphy Rd

Wilma and Kevin Crawford's Opunake home, always a talking point with garden festival visitors, is now for sale. The top secret is out. Once inside, everybody is impressed with this extremely high quality house nestled in such a tranquil, sheltered situation.

This Lockwood home at 16 Heaphy Road, is within easy walking distance to the Opunake Beach, local schools, Sandford Event Centre, and the Tasman Street shops, cafes and hotels.

The Crawfords moved here 23 years ago after farming on the Upper Kina Road

where they had raised their four sons. The Heaphy Road home, with its solid construction, inviting warmth of the Lockwood timber interior, and large, four bedrooms, has been a happy haven for Wilma and Kevin.

"We've had nine grandchildren staying here at once and there's been plenty of room for them to sleep and they love playing outside in the garden," Wilma recalls.

Once visitors open the wrought iron garden door, next to the double garage, they can leave their everyday cares behind. It is the sight and fragrant perfumes of the

Crawford's garden, with its colourful flowers and Coastal shrubs that is so soothing. There is one paved outdoor area which is ideal for barbecues and alfresco dining. Wander around to the back of the house and you can enjoy another interesting water feature opposite a sweeping curve of flowers and shrubs.

The fertile soil in the vegetable garden produces an abundance of tomatoes, broccoli, lettuces, silver beet, and passion fruit. The western side of the fully fenced section is carefully planted with Coastal shrubs which can with-



The conservatory is an ideal place for family and guests to enjoy the light and airy garden outlook.



The modern kitchen opens out to the spacious dining area, this is ideal for entertaining.

stand any sort of weather.

"This is an easy-care section which Kevin and I have enjoyed creating into an interesting garden over many years," explains Wilma, who still finds times for playing bowls, travelling to see their family, and holidays overseas.

This house has been built for entertaining as it features an open plan dining area which opens out onto a conservatory. This north-facing room is an ideal place to relax

in the comfortable chairs and chat to guests over a morning coffee or even a cool drink when the sunset glows.

The modern kitchen is ideal for expert cooks. Notice the array of an up-to-date wall double oven and microwave, as well as the dishwasher, and large pantry. No expense has been spared in fitting many sliding drawers and much cupboard space. The corner cupboards feature stainless steel storage racks which fit snugly in place.

The cosy lounge which leads off the dining area is a restful place to enjoying television after an evening meal.

There is an en suite bathroom, and walk in wardrobe off the master bedroom, while visitors can use a separate bathroom and toilet at the other part of the house. The conveniently located laundry features huge storage cupboards and room for a washing machine, clothes drier and large stainless steel tub.

Space and Comfort

A comfortable family home with a four car garage including an outdoor hobby room in the main street of Opunake has many features that would attract someone looking for space and comfort.

Owned by builder Mark Tatham and wife Sarah, the original 1960s house has been extensively altered converting what was an average sized house into a spacious home.

An extensive living area including a dining room, kitchen and a large sunken lounge have all been added as well as a four car garage and shed which includes an inbuilt kitchen with stove, bathroom and a separate hobby room.

The house is completely double glazed, fully insulated and has an HRV unit.

The focal point of the house is the large living area which includes an attractive modern tiled kitchen complete with island in the centre which, with bar stools, doubles as a breakfast bar and divides the kitchen from the dining room. Leading off the dining area is a sheltered deck - a real sun trap and

a pleasant alfresco additional dining area. A large sunken lounge also leads off this area. French doors from the lounge give access to further decks, the back yard and the garage and hobby room. Doors can be drawn shut to separate the lounge and dining area creating two living areas. "If we're entertaining and the children are watching TV we can close the doors," says Sarah.

There are three bedrooms in the house.

The spacious master bedroom has a large ensuite bathroom complete with bath. Originally the lounge, the main bedroom has a log fire. French doors leading onto an expansive deck are another attractive feature. There are two other bedrooms which also have french doors leading onto decks which seem to surround the house.

The main bathroom has a separate shower and a spa bath. A separate office completes the living space.

The grounds have all been attractively landscaped and barked for low maintenance.

Now that their three children have flown the nest, Mark and Sarah who are both working in New Plymouth, feel "reluctantly it's time to move on". Both have long associations with Opunake. Sarah's father (Pat Paton) was the policeman in Opunake moving to Opunake when Sarah was in the fifth form. Mark who did his apprenticeship as a carpenter in Opunake with builder Tommy Lane has, after a period of self employment, done a complete circle and, in a strange twist of fate, is now happily back working with his old boss Tommy in New Plymouth.



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CHOICES, CHOICES, CHOICES

This property is suited as a holiday home, family home or rental. The home is very roomy and tidy inside. Not far from the beach this home has three bedrooms, kitchen/dining area and separate lounge. The outside is roughcast and the home has been recently redecorated.

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158 TASMAN STREET, OPUNAKE



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DELIGHTFUL

It's time for my vendors to move and make way for a young family or for an investor to rent. This very tidy three bedroom home, open plan living home has a large level section which is well fenced for children and pets. Plenty of sheds for the car, tools and toys.

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157 TASMAN STREET, OPUNAKE



View Sat 6th & Sun 7th April, 1.30 - 2.00pm

UPMARKET AND MODERN

A fantastic family home with a great price reduction. The living area of this home is huge and the renovations truly stunning. The kitchen is very modern with a gas cook top and electric oven and the two bathrooms (one an ensuite) are truly luxurious with modern fittings. The huge car shed can hold up to four cars and is complimented with a studio at the back all this is on 1,012m² well fenced section.

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This delightful property is immaculately presented inside and out. The Lockwood home is surrounded by mature delightful and well manicured gardens which were admired by many when on show for the Fringe Festival. The very tidy large home has bedrooms office, hobby room, good size lounge and dining, awesome sunny conservatory and modern kitchen plus two modern bathrooms of which one is an ensuite.

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This home on a 1012m² flat, well fenced section has been recently renovated and a new kitchen added with all the modern appliances. There are still many of the original features eg: wooden floors, rimu ceilings, rimu to dado line in the passage and bedrooms, wooden joinery. 3 double bedrooms and a good size sunroom makes it great for families. There is a double car shed and separate studio, both with power.

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Well supported AGM for Kaponga WI

The Pioneer Village Shakey Pear Café made a good half-way venue for a large number of members who travelled not only from Kaponga, but Hawera and New Plymouth as well, for the March AGM of Kaponga WI. The President Fiona Collins remarked that the attendance at an AGM was the best for many years.

The Annual Report showed that members have had an ac-

tive and social year with two programmes at Kaponga Library Plus, and several home meetings in New Plymouth and Hawera.

The Institute Project has also been generous with donations. Kidney Kids has been, and will continue to be, supported by Kaponga.

Officers elected for 2013 are: President, F.Collins; Secretary, S.Hurley; Treasurer, R.McDonald; Vice-

Pres, G.Frandsen; Committee, D.West, D.Hughes, M.Broomhall. It was also decided that F.Collins, M.Broomhall, and D.Hughes will attend the Judging School organized by Federation. After the conclusion of the meeting members enjoyed lunch and social time.

Since the AGM, the committee has organized another entertaining programme the coming year.

Publicity Officer: F. Collins



Mangatoki WI Report

On February 13, 13 members and 2 friends met at Morrisons Café and Bar for an early evening meal and then on to the Cinema 2 Complex where 3 other members joined us to watch the film 'Les Miserables'. An enjoyable evening was had by all. On March 6, 15 members met at the Mangatoki Hall for a short business meeting and our AGM Competition results for the evening. Flow- ers - 1st Marlene Henn, 2nd

Bev Marx, 3rd Cathy White. Shrub - 1st Dianne Ogle, 2nd Lucy Moger, 3rd Liz PerkesPhoto - 1st Bernice Hotter, 2nd Bev MarxAGM The Secretary's and Treasurers Reports were read and accepted. President - Robyn Roberts, Treasurer - Cathy White. The secretary, competition steward, hostess convenor and reporter will be appointed at the Committee meeting to be held on March 14th.

Competition results for the year - 1st Cathy White 26 points, 2nd Helen Whyte 23 points, 3rd jointly Lucy Moger and Marlene Henn 21 points. 4th Karen Joblin 20 points.

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Bank manager calls with good news for Waitara man

Waitara man Simon MacLeod thought it must be one of his mates calling him when a New Zealand number flashed up on his phone last week.

Instead, it was his New Plymouth bank manager with some good news – Mr MacLeod is one of ten monthly ANZ home loan customers

across the country to win back his mortgage repayments for a whole year.

“I’m absolutely stoked, but it took a while to sink in,” said Mr MacLeod, who is working in Perth, Western Australia. “When you get an international call from your bank manager you assume

it’s going to be bad news! But this is just amazing.”

Big savings for ratepayers

The South Taranaki District Council’s decision to join the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) has proven to be a good one which will save around \$700,000 in loan repayments over the next five years.

Chief executive, Craig Stevenson, says the Council joined the newly established Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) as a Principal Shareholding Local Authority in late 2011.

“The LGFA was established by a group of Councils and Central Government so we could use our collective bargaining power to borrow money at lower interest margins than we would otherwise be able to do on our own,”

says Mr Stevenson.

Over the last 6 months the Council has locked in savings of \$140,000 per year in lower costs of borrowing thanks to the LGFA and Council’s Standard and Pools A+ credit rating. That’s around \$700,000 in savings over the next five years.

“Our Council took a courageous decision to become a Principal Shareholding Local Authority and paid the initial joining fee of \$100,000 because it believed the potential savings from cheaper loan finance would substantially outweigh that initial cost. That is exactly what has happened,” he says.

Since 1 January 2013 the LGFA has issued more than \$1.5bn in loans to the Local Government sector.

Everybody’s Theatre raises \$3,500

The committee of Everybody’s Theatre has been working very hard planning a variety of fundraising activities and overseeing structural upgrades recently. The strengthening of the Theatre is completed by local builders Kuriger Builders and the relocation of the toilets is just about complete. The

next piece to finish in Stage 1 is the replacement of roof over the Projection Room and shop fronts. So far this year the committee has raised just over \$3,500. We are very excited to be holding another Race Night on 23 May and be on the look out for our Art Exhibition and Auction!

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Karl Durrant from Manaia with his V8 trike which he says does 100 miles an hour plus with pillion passenger Michelle Bryant. The trike is a work in progress and is still being built. The body work and paint work are still to be completed "and then we'll be ready to certify it as road worthy," says Karl. Karl says he's always liked bikes and trikes. "I like the open air," he says adding with a grin "When I get really old it'll be my mobility scooter."

in the Scenic City Rod and Custom Club's Show and Shine held over Taranaki Anniversary weekend.

Started 8 years ago, the annual event held over Taranaki's long weekend seems to attract more and more admiring car enthusiasts by the year.

Based in New Plymouth, it is called the Scenic City Coastal Rod Run and is an opportunity to give Coastal people a chance to view the amazing cars.

Although slightly down on numbers, this year there were 60 registered campers and 35 cars.

They also try and involve the whole community with the Lions Club selling burgers, sausages and chips on the day.

This year the car owners camped at the Te Kiri Hall arriving on Friday afternoon. On the Saturday morning

everyone took a trip out to Lawrence Mahony at Normanby whose got "a shed full of cars", said Gary.

Then it was off to the Stratford Plateau for a spin and some lunch and onto Icon Sports bar and a round of mini golf and archery.

Back home at the Te Kiri Hall they enjoyed a cooked meal courtesy of the Lakeside Lions. On Sunday was the Show and Shine outside RD1 in Opunake, then it was off to Arahata Road for a "grasscar", a series of fun events. These included various races including the most hilarious (to do with a toilet). The Young Farmers then cooked a meal for all the rodders on the Sunday night which was followed by a quiz and a few refreshments

In all it was a great weekend and thanks to all the car owners for allowing us all to see your splendid cars.



Mayor's choice. Gillian and Doug Hooper from Waverley in front of their 1955 Oldsmobile Super Delux Holiday Coupe which South Taranaki District Council mayor Ross Dunlop judged his personal favourite of all the cars at the Scenic City Rod and Custom's Club Show and Shine outside RD1 in Opunake.

Tenth year running for Ngawhini Classic Car Hillclimb

It couldn't have been a better day for the Egmont Classic Car Register's Ngawhini Hill climb. The 16th of February saw in the 10th consecutive year of the running event. The weather was ideal - fine and sunny, with a moderate breeze and not too hot to melt the road tar and make the course too slippery.

A full complement of 45 entrants lined up in three sections, with the first car, a Ford Mustang driven by Stratford's Dennis Goble be-

ing flagged away by STDC mayor Ross Dunlop. Each car had a practice run followed by 3 timed runs from which their fastest time of day was recorded.

Hawera's Steve Midgley, driving his modified Morris Mini powered by a 1300cc Hayabusa motorcycle engine, took the honours, heading off strong challenges from Wanganui Car Club's Stu Robertson's Ford Escort RS2000 and John Gray's

Holden Torana GTR XU1, running second and third respectively.

Opunake's Jim Dodunski came a creditable 7th in a standard looking 1986 2 litre Toyota Celica, and Graham Crow, up from Christchurch in an original and pristine 1976 Celica, came in 25th with a time of 57.65 seconds. Times for the day ranged from 47.96 seconds by Steve Midgley to 1 minute 32.33 seconds for Roy King of Kaponga in his 1927 Austin 7 Special.

A good turnout of spectators came to enjoy the action and the barbeque food and drinks served up by members of the Hawera Dog Training Association. Fortunately there were no major dramas for the competitors, just one or two slips and slides and the occasional spin. A Lotus Cortina replica was seen to have grass sprouting from its rear bumper after a spin against a bank and the XU1 Torana tried to leap the fence on its last run near the top of the hill and parked itself shiny side up in the neighbour's paddock. But there was no injury except to the driver's pride and a little damage to the fence, repaired next day by club volunteers.

The club is indebted to adjoining landowners for any inconvenience and use of paddocks for pits, parking and spectator viewing and to the Ngawhini Road residents for their forbearance.

Prize giving in the paddock followed straight after the event. The Elstone Cup for fastest time of the day went to Steve Midgley. Bruce Commerer (Ford Escort) took the Dawson Trophy for best time by an ECCR member, and the Chris Wells Memorial Trophy awarded to John Apps (Subaru WRX). Every driver took home a prize donated by our generous sponsors.

The day was rounded off by the club's 21st Anniversary Dinner later in the evening at the Hawera Club organised by Dave Crompton and attended by 67 past and present members, family and visitors.

The party was amused by witty and entertaining speeches from Robin Chadwick, the club's first president, Graeme Elstone, Ian Roberts and others.

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Coach Matt Lash with a group of players.

playing was Karolin Ison (aged 6), watched by her mother Lisa Ison, who commented, "All of a sudden she wants to play rugby" Karolin had a great start – she scored a try.

Perhaps the youngest player was Jacob Foley, who was encouraged by his mother Stacey. He is just four. Stacey was impressed with proceedings. "It's really cool", she enthused. She added, "It's really good to see so many kids –I've never seen so many".

Hamish Pentelow was playing in the Under 11 group attending "for his first time ever" explained mother Abbey, "he's a bit



Junior Rugby Convenor Michael Grayling coaching a group of youngsters.

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Convenor Michael Grayling was delighted at the turnout of players for Junior Rugby at their first practice on Thursday March 21 at the Sandfords Event Centre grounds. "There must have been more than 100, with more to come", he commented. However, he added, "We could do with more in the Under 12 age group".

This year the players range from the Under 6s up to the Under 12s.

One group, under Michael's watchful eye, were playing Rippa Rugby where the idea is to rip a Velcro tag off an opposing player. One of the girls

of a toughie". She followed on with, "Everything he does he plays hard – he's wanted to play for three years."

One of the coaches was Matt Lash who had one of the younger age groups. He was impressed with the number of youngsters in his group of 30. "They are really great and have a good level of skills". He continued, "There is also a good bunch of girls here".

Convenor Michael Grayling is keen to hear of more players who can come to Junior Rugby. They are welcome to just turn up at a Thursday 3.30pm practice or phone him on 06 274 5885 or TXT 027 2444 943

Opunake Ladies Golf

Feb 26 R1 Nine Hole Strokeplay D. Fisher 55, M. Brandt 61
 Mar 5 R1 Bronze 2 Strokeplay and Putting L. Langton 99, K. Williams 99
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 A Siciliano 31, L. Offord 32, L. Simpson 33
 R2 Nine Hole Strokeplay D. Fisher 62, M. Brandt 63 Winner D. Fisher 117
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& 89 184 Bronze 1. L. Simpson 87 & 96 183
 J. Deegan 99 & 94 193
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 R.U. B. Gadsby 199
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 9 Hole Bisque Par M. Brandt 7 up, J. Langford 5 up
 Mar 13 9 Holes Stableford M. Gibson 21, B. Gadsby 19, J. Deegan 18

Crusaders show touches of a championship team



James Langton

confident in his coaching ability. I initially thought an expansive style would not suit the Crusaders as their strength lies in their forwards, however, the Crusaders players have obviously bought into the change of game plan and are enjoying playing this style. Perhaps this is why they should be considered the in-form team.

With professional rugby, coaches soon come up with a defensive strategy to combat any teams' game plan. This is when the Crusaders will be tested and they need to make sure they can expand and improve on their game. We have already seen this happen with the Auckland Blues. The Blues started the competition with two good wins

but the Hurricanes and Waratah's soon realised that pushing up fast on the inexperienced Auckland back line made them vulnerable.

The teams that can continue to tweak their game plan and come up with a defensive style to combat their opponents will likely win the championship. Tough times are still ahead for the Crusaders though. The next three games in South Africa are crucial and they must achieve at least one win and collect two bonus points to get them in good shape for a play-off spot. This won't be easy though as Kieran Read is out and won't be travelling to South Africa with the team. Nor will Daniel Carter who is staying home as his wife is about to have a baby.

The other South Island Super Rugby team, the Highlanders, seem set to once again be 'the almost team'. Already they have lost four games in a row and their chances of making the play-offs are very slim. Jamie

Joseph's recruitment in the off-season; bringing in Ma'a Nonu, Tony Woodcock and Brad Thorn may have seemed a good idea at the time but it hasn't paid off. Trouble seems to follow Nonu - having

never been in a championship team and Woodcock and Thorn are definitely in their twilight years. The team is just not working and Jamie Joseph will be accountable for the poor performance this season.

I was critical of the New Zealand Super Rugby coaches in my last article but I have to take back the criticism of Todd Blackadder's Crusaders. I've really enjoyed watching them play over the last couple of weeks. Blackadder told the New Zealand public that he wanted to play an expansive game and that shows he is

Opunake High School Athletics



Determined Intermediate boys start their relay. They are, from the front:

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Joellen Hughson-Howe streaks ahead in her Karo heat of the 400m race.

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Please ring Roy on 06 761 8276 for catering by the 19th April.

SITUATIONS VACANT

The Opunake Cottage Rest Home require an Office Assistant for ten hours a week. An understanding of MYOB and Easy Books computer programmes is necessary, as well as good accountancy skills. Please apply to the Manager, Daphne Holley by the 20th April with CV and references.

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If this sounds like you then send your CV, a recent photo and 3 references to **Principal, Auroa School, 734 Auroa Road Rd 28, Manaia 4678.** If you would like to come and visit the school then feel free to contact us on 06 2745629 or 027 4550070. Applications close on the 15th April 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICES



TANGATA WHENUA LIAISON FUND

The Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund was established to support projects and initiatives which help develop positive relationships between Tangata Whenua, Council and the community as a whole.

This could apply to:

- Marae or other community facilities;
- Cemeteries/urupa or wahi tapu sites; or
- Performing and visual arts.

Applications for grants from this fund are invited from marae committees, hapu or other interested groups or organisations.

Application forms are available from Council's website www.southtaranaki.com, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hawera, any LibraryPlus facility, or the Community Funding Advisor.

Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 3 April 2013 at 4.30pm.**

For further information or one-on-one advice on completing an application form, please contact the Community Funding Advisor on 0800 111 323 or maryse.ropiha@stdc.govt.nz

OPUNAKE PLUNKET Community GARAGE SALE!

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OPUNAKE DISTRICT R.S.A. INC. Annual General Meeting to be held in the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade Rooms on the 22nd March 2013 at 1300.

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Apology
- Roll of Honour
- Minutes 2012
- Accounts 2012
- Reports
- Election of Officers
- General Business

Secretary
Rev. Geoff Williams

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY

(Never known to fail)
O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruit of the vine, splendorous of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here in you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. O show me here you are my Mother. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **AMEN**
This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

OPUNAKE LIONS CLUB

KIDS EELING COMPETITION

April 13-14th 2013

FREE ENTRY - GREAT PRIZES Weigh in at Opunake Beach Pavillion on April 14th at 1.00pm.

Age Group 1 - 8 yrs and under Age Group 2 - 14 yrs and under

Contact person: Arnold Hickey Ph: 06 761 8567

CRAFT FAIR



LOCAL HANDCRAFTS Inc, CRAFT FAIR Presbyterian Hall, Argyle Street, Hawera

March 16th 2013

9.30am to 3.30pm ALL WELCOME!

PUBLIC NOTICES

PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS

Your invitation to share the dream!

The **Dame Malvina Major Foundation** is proud to provide funding opportunities to talented young Taranaki performing artists.

Applications are now being invited for the first annual funding round, closing at 5pm on Sunday 31st March 2013.

Grants are available in three categories to support the cost of education, training and development in the performing arts in New Zealand or overseas:

Secondary: For Taranaki secondary school students aged 12-18 years.

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For an application pack and further information please contact Heather Cooper 06 7573155 or dmmf@staplestaranaki.co.nz
www.damemalvinamajorfoundation.org



WHAT'S ON

COASTAL RUGBY

Thursday training at Rahotu Rugby Grounds (6.30pm) Tuesdays and Thursdays

SURF INN

Free pool on Mondays, Tuesdays and Sundays. Pool competition starting Thursday at 7.30pm and Sunday at 1pm. Poker night on Wednesdays. AND MUCH MORE –.

EGMONT EUCHRE CLUB

Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

OPUNAKE SWIMMING BATHS

Open to the public 1-4pm Sundays, 3.30 – 5pm Thursdays. Other Classes available ph 761 8052. Aquatots and Preschoolers – Tuesday mornings.

OPUNAKE MODERN JIVERS

7.30pm every Thursday at Opunake Town Hall: Foxtrot, Waltz, Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Modern Jive Workshop

OPUNAKE SOCIAL NETBALL MIXED LEAGUE

Thursday 11 April

EASTER HOLIDAY AND TARANAKI DAY SPECIALS – OPUNAKE COASTAL PHARMACY March 1 to 31.

MARIANNE MUGGERIDGE TAKEN PERSONALLY

Exhibition at NZ Portrait Gallery, Shed 11. Opens on Wednesday March 5 at 5.30pm.

PERCY THOMSON GALLERY EXHIBITION

'Tentative Connection'. Runs until March 28. Refer advert.

VILLAGE GALLERY

Celebrating the Seasons - Members Easter exhibition runs March 18 to April 12.

TSB NZ SURF FESTIVAL

From Friday March 29 to April 7. Various venues such as Fitzroy Beach and Arawhata Road. Refer advert.

TAWHITI MUSEUM

Open the four days of the Easter Break. Refer Advert.

NEW LIFE NURSERY – EASTER SATURDAY SALE

Saturday 30th March starting at 8.30am. Refer Advert.

OKATO LIONS CLUB OFFROAD DRIVE AND TRAIL BIKE RIDE

Sunday and Monday Easter Weekend – refer advert

COASTAL AMBROSE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Easter Monday 1st April, Namu Road, Opunake. Refer Advert.

RAHOTU HOME AND SCHOOL AGM

Wednesday 3rd April, 2013 at 7.00pm. Refer advert.

LYSAGHT WATT GALLERY

Hawera High School Students Art Exhibition – 3rd to 27th April. See advert.

TARANAKI ROSE OF TRALEE FINAL

Friday April 5. See advert.

BODY HEAT AUSTRALIA – SURF INN

Friday 5th April, \$20 presales - \$35 at the door. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE PLUNKET COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday 6th April – Opunake Town Hall. Refer advert.

ELTHAM DOWNHILL CHEESE RACE

Saturday April 6. Refer advert (Eltham Four Square)

PUKEITI PUFFER

Sunday 7th April 10.30-2.00pm. Refer advert for further information.

TARANAKI HOME AND LIFESTYLE EXPO

12-14 April Refer advert

OPUNAKE LIONS CLUB EELING COMPETITION

April 13th and 14th 2013. Refer advert for more information.

TE NAMU ITI AHUWHENUA TRUST AGM

Sunday April 14, 10am at Headlands, Fox St, Opunake

OAONUI HALL AGM

Tuesday 16th April at 7.30pm

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME

Applications open April 23. Refer advert.

IKAROA LODGE ANZAC CEREMONY

Public Invitation to attend on 23rd April at 8.00pm. Refer Advert for more info.

LYSAGHT WATT GALLERY

Art Awards – May 1st to May 24th. See Advert.

COASTAL LIFESTYLE EXPO

Saturday May 11th from 10.00am at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. Refer advert.

**2013/2014 Annual Plan:
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WHAT'S ON

Okato Lions Trail Bike Ride



The Okato Lions are running their Annual 4x4 Offroad Drive and Trail Bike Ride events this Easter Weekend on Sunday March 31st and Monday April 1st. Both events will be starting at the Tataramaka Hall, Upper Timaru Road Highway 45 Okato at 9.30 am. The track is a loop of about 60km.

The offroad drive is on Sunday 31st March and will be open to Roadworthy 4x4 offroad drives. Tow rope required, optional challenging sections, entry fee \$40 per vehicle + \$5 per head.

On Monday April 1 is the Trail Bike Ride. The cost is \$25 per bike with a light lunch included, with all bikes to be cleared by 2.30 pm. Helmets and boots are compulsory.

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Opunake Catholic Church
SUNDAY 8.30 am at Pungarehu (St Martins), 10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star Of The Sea).

Other areas
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm (2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs).
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
ALL WELCOME

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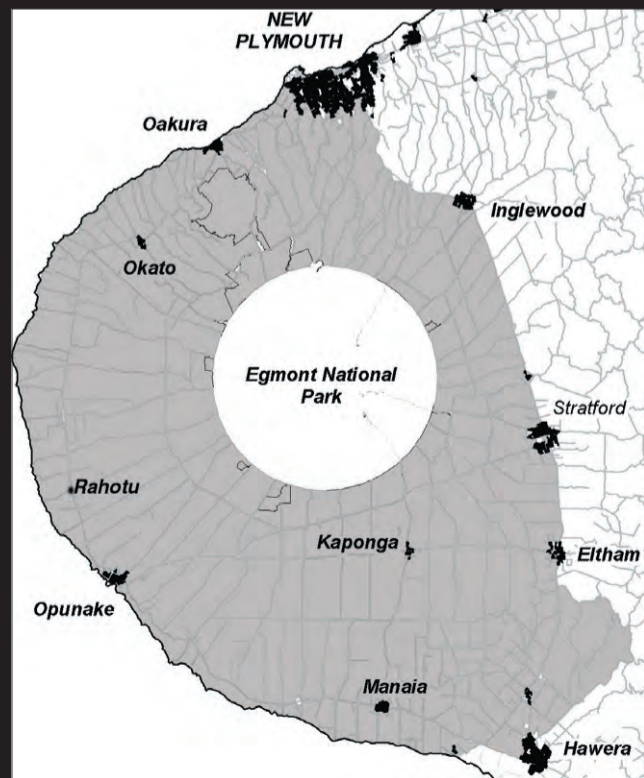
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Easter Eggs and Bunnies

Since when can eggs come from bunnies? Why does Easter have a tradition of bunnies?

Rabbits have long been associated with springtime in the Northern hemisphere since ancient times. It is believed that the Anglo-Saxon Goddess of Spring, Eostre had a hare as her companion. The hare symbolised fertility and rebirth.

Later Christians changed the symbol of the hare to the Easter bunny, the tradition becoming that the Easter bunny leaves Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. As with many customs that became integrated into Christianity, the custom took on or was given a new meaning.

For Christians the egg is a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, as when they are cracked open they stand for the empty tomb. The giving of eggs at Easter was deemed to celebrate new life. Christians remember that Jesus, after dying on the

cross, rose from the dead. This miracle showed that life could win over death.

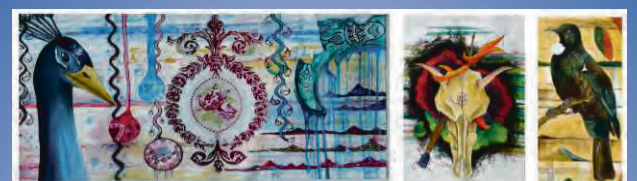
No-one actually knows when eggs were first used as symbols at festival times but it was long before Jesus' time. Eggs were always thought to be special because although they do not seem alive, they have life within them especially at springtime when chicks hatch out.

Long ago people gave gifts of eggs carved from wood or precious stones. The first sweet eggs that were eaten were made in the last 100 years from sugar or marzipan. Since then chocolate eggs have become popular and these are given on Easter Sunday.

In some countries parents tell their children the Easter Hare or Bunny has hidden chocolate eggs and they race to find them round the house or garden. Children in other countries decorate hard-boiled eggs at Easter time by painting or dyeing them. In some countries egg rolling

is a popular Easter game. This is usually done with coloured eggs and children

and parents push the eggs along through the grass with wooden spoons.



Our April Exhibition features selected Painting Folio's from Hawera High School Students

Lysaght Watt
gallery

3rd to 27th April 2013 at the Gallery
4-6 Union Street, Hawera -off the Town Square
All welcome to the official opening on
Saturday 6th April at 3.00pm



EASTER INDULGE

Why should kids have all the fun? Baileys has put together a collection of sinfully delicious recipes that'll make you melt this Easter - perfect for an indulgent treat over the holidays!

Baileys Easter Cupcakes

Ingredients

- Cupcakes
- 250g plain flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 125g golden caster sugar
- 1 medium egg
- 225ml Baileys Original Irish Cream
- 90ml vegetable oil



- Chocolate Ganache Icing
- 300g dark chocolate
- 200ml Baileys Original Irish Cream

Mini chocolate eggs, to decorate

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 190°C and line a muffin tin with nine paper cases.
- Mix together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg, Baileys and vegetable oil. Pour onto the dry mixture.
- Stir until just combined and divide between the paper cases. Bake for 25 - 30 mins until risen and golden brown. Cool completely on a wire rack.
- Once cupcakes are cool, melt the chocolate in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water.
- Remove from the heat and quickly stir in the Baileys. Beat until thickened and cooled slightly.
- Pipe ganache over the top of the cupcakes in a nest style and decorate with mini chocolate eggs.



Oakura School Gala coming!

Industrious parents preparing for the Oakura School Gala in April.



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Entries open for ITL NZ Women's surfing comp

Entries have opened for one of the most significant surfing competitions for Kiwi women - the ITL NZ Women's Open giving the winner a wildcard entry into ASP Dow AgroSciences Pro.

Held in association with Urban Studio, ITL NZ Women's Open on April 2 in Taranaki creates a golden opportunity for up and coming New Zealand surfers to compete against 17 of the world's best women surfers on the ASP Women's World Championship (WCT) tour.

As stop number four in the seven-leg ASP Women's World Championship (WCT) tour, the ASP competitors are coming to Taranaki for the Dow AgroSciences Pro to be held in Taranaki over a five day-window from April 3 to 7.

Winning the ITL NZ Women's Open and going into the Women's WCT event has always provided some real surprises in the three years it has been staged in New Zealand, says event organiser, Craig Williamson from Surfing Taranaki.

"In the first year of the Festival, 15-year old Sarah Mason won the Open - and then rocked the surfing world when she beat world champion Stephanie Gilmore in her second-round heat," says Williamson.

"Sarah then made it all the way to the semi-finals before being knocked out - an amazing achievement for such a young surfer."

Mason thrived on the experience and her surfing career took off from there, winning the Open again in 2011 and making it onto the World Tour in 2012.

In 2012, it was the opportunity of a lifetime for another young Kiwi surfer when 16-year-old Gabby



Oakura's Paige Hareb showing off her style. Photo ASP

Sansom won the Open and went on to compete in the Dow AgroSciences Pro.

"These events are all about helping Kiwi women surfers be all they can be," says Craig. "Last year we created New Zealand surfing history when we had three Kiwis competing in an ASP WCT event for the first time. Coming up against the world's best means you have to lift your game - and to date that is what we have seen. The question is - who will win the Open this year and what will be their effect in our ASP Pro event? Stay tuned!"

The Dow AgroSciences Pro is held as the culmination of the 10-day TSB Bank New Zealand Surf Festival running from March 29 to April 7 which has an event for just about any age bracket of surfers from Micro-Groms to Masters.

Based at New Plymouth's Fitzroy Beach, the TSB Bank New Zealand Surf Festival will include the Powerco Micro-Groms for all surfers aged under 11, the Hareb Deken MotorGroms

competition for boys and girls under 16, as well as the Corona Easter Masters which is celebrating its 21st year as an event.

The Masters will run from March 29-31, the Grom Comp from March 30-31, the Micro-Groms on April 1 alongside a Beach Carnival at Fitzroy, and the NZ Women's Open Wildcard Trials will be on April 2 followed by the ASP

Women's World Tour event April 3-7.

Surfers can enter any of the events, including the ITL NZ Women's Open held in association with Urban Studio, by simply registering at the website for the Festival, www.nzsurffestival.co.nz or for further information, please contact Surfing Taranaki, Craig Williamson, ph 027 6874122, craig@surfingtaranaki.org



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- HAREB DEKEN MOTORGROMS CHAMPS WITH CENTRAL FINANCE // 30-31 MARCH
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- POWERCO MICROGROMS CHAMPS WITH CLEGG'S // 1 APRIL
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Steph Gilmore riding high Dow Agro Science Pro winner 2012



The Tawhiti Museum recently installed this new diorama of the battle at Te Ngutu o te Manu. Adjacent to the model is a relic musket found at Te Ngutu in 1960 – 92 years after the battle. Still loaded and cocked ready to fire, it is a poignant reminder of the intensity of that event.

Diorama at Te Whiti Museum commemorates bloody clash

Our district has a number of historic reserves which are mostly freely accessible to visitors and locals alike. In some cases their placid and pleasant settings can conceal significant dark events from earlier years.

The Te Ngutu o te Manu reserve on the Ahipapai Road is one such place. Administered by the South Taranaki District Council, this quiet sanctuary today is an attractive grassed picnic and camping area surrounded by mature introduced trees and native bush. However the solitude of this place belies a very turbulent past.

Following the attack on the Turuturu Mokai military redoubt by Titokowaru's men in July 1868, the colonial forces decided they needed to respond by attacking Titokowaru at his bush pa of Te Ngutu o te Manu. Three

separate expeditions were made there during August and September. The third of these on the 7th September was a disaster for the 360 strong colonial force. Fifty men were killed or wounded. The inexperienced young soldiers – many brought up from Wellington for the assault – had little idea of fighting in the heavy bush and the need to develop an extended skirmish line while seeking cover constantly.

The 'Wellington Independent' newspaper of that time described this battle as: "the most serious and complete defeat ever experienced by the colonial forces." As a consequence the whole of South Taranaki was abandoned by the Pakeha – not returning until April 1869, by which time Titokowaru had lost the ability and will to wage war.

Coastal Lifestyle Expo for CJ Luke-Taamaru

Keep this date free – Saturday May 11. A Coastal Lifestyle Expo will be held at Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake to raise money for the CJ Luke-Taamaru Fund.

The event will run from 10am to 4.30pm with a \$5 entry fee for adults. Children under 12 have free entry.

CJ had an operation about two months ago and is progressing well, but more follow up medical procedures may be needed in the future – hence more money needs to be raised.

Some of the stalls include crystal healing, Reiki, Health Haven, Aura Photographs and clairvoyance reading. You can buy such

items as books, soaps, flowers, pottery, jewellery – and much more. You can even get a relaxing massage. So far 31 stalls are booked – with more to come.

There will be drinks and food for sale, but as there is no eftpos so cash is needed.

If you would like more information or would like to book a stall (Just \$25) phone Helen on 06 763 8550. "The more money we can make for this kid the better", says Helen.



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The Wizard of Oz

The girls queued up at the face painter and requested to be made up as the characters from the Wizard of Oz and then quite happily spent the day handing out flyers to promote the popular musical which the Hawera Rep will be performing in June.

Maori Television launches new series of films and documentaries

Maori Television is excited to present its new season of films and documentaries from New Zealand and around the world. Starting in April,

the top line-up of new and award-winning works will be broadcast every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Tuesday Documentaries premiere on April 9 at 8.30pm with **THE COVE**, the Academy Award winner for Best Documentary in 2009, which follows a team of activists, filmmakers and free-divers as they embark on a mission to penetrate Japan's dolphin hunting culture.

Other international documentaries to feature in 2013 include John Pilger's **THE WAR ON DEMOCRACY**

and comedian Chris Rock's **GOOD HAIR**.

Saturday Night at the Movies kicks off on April 13 at the earlier timeslot of 7.30pm for the whole family to enjoy. **DRAGON: BRUCE LEE STORY** is first up for the new season, followed by **SPY KIDS 2** and **3**, **ELLA ENCHANTED** and old favourite, **LASSIE**.

Sunday nights feature a brand new line-up of locally-made *Pakipumeka Aotearoa* documentaries at 8.30pm, which explore contemporary issues ranging from crime and justice to the arts and the environment.

A hard-hitting, emotionally charged documentary on the Maori restorative justice model opens the season on April 14 at 8.30pm with **RESTORING HOPE: AN INDIGENOUS RESPONSE TO JUSTICE**.

Sunday Cinema follows at 9.30pm, with titles including **CRASH**, **BROKEN EMBRACES** and **PRECIOUS**.

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Kidzshow opening at Percy Thomson Gallery

The prize giving and exhibition opening is 7-8.30 pm Friday 5 April and all are welcome.

This is an annual event and this year's theme is 'Power of the Word'. The event includes two facets -

A) McDonalds Real Estate Youth Challenge. Youth between 12 - 24 years who live or go to school in Stratford District are provided with canvases and paints (kindly donated by Resene) and asked to produce an artwork, which is then judged and exhibited. This year's inspiration is either a poem, prose or an excerpt from a novel.

B) A display of artwork from invited schools and groups.

Featuring in the Accountants on Broadway Gallery, is a mini exhibition of artworks from the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery's collections that use words and text in varied

and interesting ways.

Also on view is the intriguing 15th International Collage Exchange.

How it works:

International artists each make 13 collages (more or less), A4 size and send them to Dale Copeland in New Zealand.

One from each artist will be offered for sale at an exhibition here in the Percy Thomson Gallery, the artist setting the price.

That selling exhibition will also be on the Net on the Virtual TART site, at <http://virtual.tart.co.nz> allowing the world-wide audience the chance to buy these collages.

If unsold, that collage will rejoin the exchange.

One is part of a month-long exhibition on the Virtual TART site during April and will also permanently be on exhibition on the outofsite.co.nz Internet site.

It will then be donated to Puke Ariki, the museum/learning centre in New Plymouth, New Zealand.

For 2012 the Collage Collection was donated to Aotea Utanganui, the

Museum of South Taranaki in New Zealand.

The other collages are shared out into parcels which are sent back to each contributing artist.

This has obviously been a

successful formula as this is the 15th Collage exchange.

There is also a viewer's choice for the Youth Canvas Challenge - so you be the judge.

All combined, this exhibition has something of interest

for everyone so come and support our young artists and be stimulated, inspired and enlightened.

The exhibition runs until April 28.



Sarah Hamilton Stratford District Council - Community Development Officer is pictured with the materials given to entrants in the McDonald's Real Estate Challenge, which are beginning to trickle in.

KIDZSHOW 2013

OPENS: 5 April 7.00pm

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Daisy Sunday afternoon at Hollards

There's more to the humble daisy than meets the eye - but all will be revealed at a free public workshop at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga, on Easter Sunday afternoon. The daisy family is the one of the largest and most widespread in the world. It includes calendulas, artichokes, sunflowers, yacon and echinacea, all of which grow in the Bernie's Home Garden demonstration and education area at Hollards. Sunday's workshop will cover the many uses of these plants, their relationship with beneficial insects and the unique structure of the daisy flower.

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Little Theatre takes on All My Sons

Turbulent emotional seas and gale force winds are forecast for Little Theatre's production of Arthur Miller's play 'All My Sons'. In 1951 Murdoch Mackenzie was commissioned by the Admiralty to make an accurate series of maps of the coastal waters of the Hebrides and Western Scotland. His primary objective was to determine safe passage and guidance for sailors.

We have a modern day Murdoch Mackenzie in the shape of Derek Treeby, director of Little Theatre's forthcoming production, 'All My Sons.' Since January Derek has been hard at work charting the depths of this powerful drama and ensuring safe passage for a talented cast and crew.

Arthur Miller's play is a compelling story of love, guilt and the corrupting power of greed leading to the deaths of innocent pilots – a crime for which Joe Keller's business partner took the fall. One of Keller's sons, himself a pilot is thought to have been killed in action but his mother, Kate can accept neither his death nor the fact that her dead son's fiancée Anne has transferred her affections to Kate's remaining son, Chris. Ensuing confrontations lead to the uncovering of a shameful family secret.

A cast headed by Kevin Koch and Christine King includes Nathan Eriwata, Kelly Hopkins, Travis Graham, Steve Hobson,



Derek Treeby, Kevin Koch and Christine King at rehearsal

Abby Green, Shawn Stanley, Sara McLintock and Sam Spindler.

Seasoned actors Kevin Koch and Christine King take on the role of husband and wife, Joe and Kate Keller; the second time recently this duo find themselves paired on stage. They do have form too in an earlier stage

relationship as brother and sister guaranteeing intuitive and authentic performances.

'All My Sons' runs from 10th – 20th April starting at 8pm with a Matinee performance on Sunday 14th starting at 4pm. There is no performance on Monday 15th April. Both Dinner and Coffee Shows are available

on Friday and Saturday nights.

For tickets please visit www.iticket.co.nz or Freephone: 0508 iTicket (0508 4842538). Alternatively, tickets can be bought in person from Little Theatre Box Office, Aubrey Street on Mondays and Thursdays between Noon and 2pm.

Coastal Care Charity Golf Tournament - be an April Fool

Coastal Care is hosting a Charity Ambrose Golf Tournament in partnership with the Opunake Golf Club, on Easter Monday, 1 April. All proceeds will go towards the new Coastal Care facility which will host health and social services for the area. The dream of a one stop, multi-purpose health and social wellbeing centre is getting closer with fundraising at \$1.5m and

the Trust's application for another major grant due for a decision in late June.

The Ambrose Tournament is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun day out for a worthwhile cause, for both golfers and non-golfers. Teams of five will be able to register at the Golf Club from 9.30am with a mass tee off at 10.30am. Prize giving will be at 3.30pm with an auction at 4pm.

Already the tournament has received great support from businesses, Taranaki wide, which have chosen to sponsor a hole, provide prizes or auction items, or enter a team. So why not enter your team, dress up (or down) for the Best Team Uniform Competition, and be prepared to enjoy April Fool's Day on one of the most enjoyable Golf Courses in Taranaki.

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