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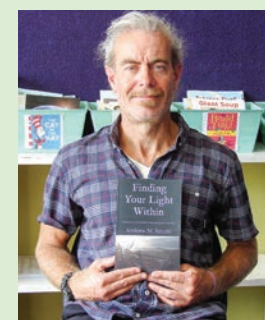
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# Beauden Barrett a Force Back to be reckoned with

Beauden Barrett presence caused great excitement at the Raho Domain Red Bull Force Back National Finals held at the Raho Domain on Saturday February 29.

Three-person teams from all over New Zealand competed in the event, the idea being to kick the ball across the opposing team's goal line to score points. The Raho event was the culmination of regional finals in Otago, Canterbury, Wellington, Auckland and Hamilton.

Coastal Rugby were the hosts for this event and All Black Beauden Barrett was the special guest, as well as being a competitor. He was kept busy signing autographs and t-shirts, as well as posing for photographs with young fans, but took time to speak to one of our reporters between games.

Also, at the event was Beauden's former teacher Mike Pillette who was Principal of Pungarehu School while Beauden was a student there and they enjoyed catching up with each other, as the photograph (below) shows. Looking back, what are Mike's memories of Beauden?

"He was just a great all-round kid. He showed early leadership skills, was passionate about sport and was most competitive."

Beauden (28), who has played first five eighth (flyhalf) and full back for the All Blacks was named World's Best Player twice in 2016 and 2017 and was



All Black Beauden Barrett (right) with his former teacher (and Principal of Pungarehu Primary School) Mike Pillette.

a nominee in 2018. (With former All Black captain Richie McCaw he is the only player to have won back-to-back titles). He has been an All Black since 2012 and has scored 649 points, including 32 tries. He was a key figure in the All Blacks winning the Rugby World Cup in 2015.

Beauden is 187 cm (6-2) tall and weighs 14 stone 7lb. He has played for the Hurricanes (2011 - 2019), but this season will turn out for the Blues. He was selected Taranaki in 2010. He first played for his

country as a nineteen-year-old in the National Seven's team and the NZ Under 20 team. He is the son of Robyn and Kevin 'Smiley' Barrett and his brothers Jordie (All Blacks), Kane (Formerly captain of Taranaki) and Scott (All Blacks) playing rugby at a high level. Blake plays for Coastal Premier team, which will be coached this season by his brother Kane. He also has three sisters Zara, Jenna and Ella.

"It's awesome being here. It's where it all began for me. A lot of families are

here - it's great to see all the supporters. I like the opportunity to give a bit back," commented Beauden.

Was it a surprise being named the world's top player twice? "Totally, it wasn't something I expected, but it's definitely what I aim at. I want to be the best I can be." As regards the current event he commented, "I can't wait to play the next game."

Beauden's Team (other members Jason Potroz and Craig 'Whitebait' Hammersley), competed successfully against the

winner of the five regional teams in an exhibition game. However, the Canterbury men's team were the overall champions (won 3 - 1 over Auckland), with Wellington ('Don't Force It') winning the women's competition (won on a goal kick playoff after a 3 - 3 draw with Auckland) and also playing Beauden's team.

Mike Pillette probably spoke for many spectators when he said, "The event was fantastic. It is such a good event to have had in the area. I loved it."

# Driver loses control in Eltham

Last Thursday February 27 at around 7.30pm a driver lost control of the Ford Mondeo he was driving

and crashed into a building on the corner of Bridge and High Streets in Eltham. The telephone booth in the

vicinity was demolished. The driver allegedly left the damaged car and took off down Bridge Street. Police

were promptly on the scene and the driver was located.

The owner of the building was upstairs when the collision occurred and said, "I heard a huge banging noise." She saw three police officers making haste down Bridge Street in the direction that the driver was headed.

The damage to the building included a pane of glass being broken and two of the veranda supports needing to be replaced. Until temporary safety-related repairs were put in place by the South Taranaki District Council by about midday Monday 2 March, Fire Service tape

prevented locals from using the adjacent section of the footpath.

A local man who had set up a pop up shop selling crystals, clothes, health foods and other things was severely inconvenienced as there was no way customers could visit his shop for a while.

The property owner admits she was somewhat angry about the damage to her property, but now just wants to move on. "It was a bit of a shock, I wish it hadn't happened, but now I just want to put it behind me



LEFT: The car which destroyed a telephone booth when it crashed into the building.



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## Letters to the Editor

### A new MP badly needed

For 12 years our electorate has put up with our current electorate MP Jonathan Young., yet like always he has stated what National has done, not only for the country, but for our province, which is absolutely, completely nothing at all. The only thing he's done is to talk the walk, instead of walk the talk.

It was National who promised the community of Marfell and its people some scheme that National no doubt dreamed up through Housing New Zealand.

OK. They came, looked around, then left. Then after six months they announced they couldn't afford such a huge project, while in the meantime shunted people out of their homes, which were left empty, then became subjected to vandals, squatters, parties, and many other unbelievable goings on which completely ruined them all, so in the finish had to be demolished, which left the people of Marfell dumbfounded and confused.

So everyone, we now need a young vibrant person like Glen Bennett not only to become our MP for our city and surrounding areas and districts, but to understand people, different issues and problems, which have for far too long been left untouched, so it could be an exciting year for the New Plymouth Labour Party.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

### Policies are working

Statistics New Zealand's latest report on the economic serves as a timely reminder of the value that this Coalition Government brings to every day New Zealanders.

The policies of this Government have meant a new and more inclusive course with strong economic management and a strong commitment to invest in our people

It is no coincidence that average household disposable incomes rose 4.9% in 2019, the highest rise in four years. We have a record 4% unemployment; continued wage increases and steady economic growth - all during the tenure of the New Zealand First Labour Coalition.

It is important the public are told of these important achievements rather than muckraking and innuendo we see from some.

The Provincial Growth Fund for example, which is the brainchild of New Zealand First, is nearly at the conclusion of having committed \$3 billion worth of desperately needed investment to spur economic growth in our regions.

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Simon Bridges' newly-released unoriginal economic plan is error ridden and a weak attempt at suggesting they have a plan. Clearly they do not.

New Zealand First will continue to work hard on this Government's plan to grow our country's prosperity.

Fletcher Tabuteau MP  
New Zealand First Deputy  
Leader & Spokesperson for  
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### Double standard

Last week an unarmed Palestinian boy was murdered by the Israeli Defence Force and his body was dangled from and mangled by an Israeli bulldozer. The video is utterly horrifying.

Is it any wonder Israeli troops act like this when Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu says "the only way to treat Palestinians is to beat them up, not once but repeatedly beat them up, until it's unbearable".

Late last year Netanyahu described Palestinians involved in an Israeli government as an "existential threat to Israel" - a comment which mirrors what was said in

Rwanda before the genocide, in Burma before the Rohingya massacres and in Germany before the Nazi atrocities.

If the word Palestinians were replaced by the word Jews in any of Netanyahu's statements the world would rightly be outraged.

So why the silence when Palestinians are talked about and treated this way?

The silence is because journalists and media outlets are terrified of being called anti-semitic by the pro-Israeli "media police" who determine what is acceptable and what is not to be reported.

The simple, unreported fact is that the Israeli leadership is driven by race-hatred towards Palestinians. The current Israeli election is being decided on which party will be the most racist and the most brutal towards Palestinians.

The sheer unadulterated brutality (there is no nice way to put it) of the Israeli state has been a constant in Palestinian lives for 70 years.

Gutless, one-sided media reporting bears a large part of the blame.

John Minto  
National Chair PSNA



## ADELPHOS

Lots of people think that Jesus should have returned by now. In fact, both He and the New Testament's writers repeatedly anticipated His first century return: "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power" (Mark 9:1 NIV). Some Christians have offered interpretations and unconvincingly tried to justify His "alleged" miscalculation. So what are we missing? Since He took thousands of years to first arrive, why is it so unusual for His Second Coming to take just as long?

The most reasonable biblical explanation for His delay is that Jesus often typically spoke in conditional Old Testament prophetic language. Not all prophecies are unchangeably engraved in granite. Here are some examples of Old Testament prophecies that were changed by the conditions of prayer and repentance from God's

people:

1.) God's mind changed with Jonah's prophecy to destroy Ninevah. People repented, prayed and the initial prophecy became conditional. God spared 120,000 lives.

2.) In Jeremiah 18:7-10 God promised that He will change a prophecy of destruction on the condition that the people repented from their evil ways.

3.) In 2 Kings chapter 20:3 (NIV) King Hezekiah's healing became a conditional prophecy, but not conditional when it was spoken by Isaiah. A sick Hezekiah was told that he would die. But, he prayed and "...wept bitterly..." and 15 years were added to his life.

4.) Micah first prophesied Jerusalem's fall. But, the prophecy became conditional when "King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah "cried out in prayer" (2 Chronicles 32:20 NIV). God changed His prophetic mind and spared Jerusalem.

Jesus and the New Testa-

ment's writers used this same conditionally prophetic Old Testament model concerning His return. But the church hasn't understood their conditional and behavioural role in hastening his return. Here are three key New Testament examples explaining His conditional return: God is calling His Church to 1.) Repentance, 2.) Prayer and 3.) Godliness to hasten Jesus' return:

1.) Repentance - Peter says, "Repent... and turn to God...that he may send Christ, who...must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything as he promised long ago..." (Acts 3:19-21 NIV).

2.) Prayer - The Our Father is an often overlooked conditionally prophetic kingdom prayer - "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10 NIV). Here, Jesus is saying that the coming of God's heavenly kingdom on earth is conditionally

connected to our heavenly directed prayers.

3.) Godliness - Our conditional role as a Church is to have, "lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God..." (2 Peter 3:11-12 RSV).

Bottom line: Our loving God is patient. We are impatient. With an eternal God a day is like a thousand years. Jesus said He didn't know the exact day and hour of His return. Only God the Father knows that. But, it would be during a time of unprecedented troubles and worldwide faithlessness (Luke 18:8). Yes, Jesus "ideally" wanted to return soon. But His return is conditionally awaiting His faithful Church's revival of repentance, prayer and godliness, motivated by the Holy Spirit. Sincere prayer moves the heart and hand of a loving God. As for His return: It won't happen overnight, but it will happen.

Adelphos

## What's Taking Ya' So Long?



Letters (cont)

Brilliant photography

Once again reading this wonderful newspaper (issue December 19), I was extremely impressed, especially with all these wonderful coloured photos which show many scenic places in and around Opunake and other coastal towns. My favourite photo is the one of the little girl with the kune kune piglet, which is priceless, while my second choice is that night photo of the OMV oil rig which is brilliantly photographed.

Now seeing so many great scenic coloured photos, may I suggest if all of them could be put into a promotional magazine printed and placed around our province in their public relations offices, plus have all the coastal businesses advertise themselves, which would help with the printing costs.

I do believe that around the coast there is beautiful scenery which hasn't been seen by the general public. Now imagine if people visiting our province, visitors and tourists buy this magazine and see for themselves our Taranaki, much of which is still unseen, so keep up the good work.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

Remember the date

It's nearly a year since the Massacre  
Of course we remember the date.

Love has overcome the pain,  
Rubbish! There's still hate!

Well, have the murders ceased?  
Assaults and Rapes gone away?  
No, so where's all this love ah  
Coming another day?

After the Murders in Christchurch  
We swore to care a little more,  
But we all know that hasn't happened  
That idea went out the door!

So who's got all the answers?  
Surely, it's up to us,  
If we try that bit harder  
We may end up with Goodness!

Do we love our neighbours?  
Let's be honest here.  
Are they our friends or not?  
We don't always hold them dear.

OK that's enough from me.  
It's just so darn frustrating.  
We hear of such evil every day  
We have to stop this hating.

So back to the beginning  
Where oh where is this Love?  
Those of us who know the Lord  
Know it comes from above!

Let's pray for those who are hurting  
Let's pray for those who do harm,  
Remember often to ask God's help  
To restore us to peace and calm.  
Remember the Date, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Jenny Cavaney



Mourning March 15 2019, Opunake Town Hall, 2019

On this month in history

Kate Sheppard born

On March 10, 1848 Kate Sheppard (nee Malcolm) was born in Liverpool, England. She emigrated to NZ in 1869 and married Walter Sheppard.

The social reformer is best known for leading the campaign for women being allowed to vote. Between 1888 and 1893 she organised five petitions to parliament. The first four were rejected but the fifth one, with 31,872 signatures (about a third of adult women in NZ) carried the day. In 1893 the Electoral Act was amended allowing women to vote.

Kate was also involved in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which she joined in 1885.

Kate, whose image is on one of our banknotes (\$10), died in 1934.

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Programme : 5pm to 9pm - Mini Exhibition  
6pm to 8pm - Guest Lectures

On this month in history Rita Angus born

On March 12, 1908 the outstanding artist Rita Angus was born in Hastings. She studied painting at the Canterbury

School of Art in Christchurch and for a shorter time at Elam.

In the 1930s and 1940s, with Colin McCahon and Toss Woollaston she helped give NZ painting a sense of its own direction.

In landscapes she tried to capture the distinctive colour of NZ with its hard light. She also created portraits of New Zealanders (Maori and European), striving for an indigenous feel.

She was a close friend of our best known composer Douglas Lilburn and her cottage in Thorndon, Wellington is within a stones throw of his.

In her sixties she became ill (cancer) and died in 1970.

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**Karen Cave**

We'll be into March by the time this goes to print and already a quarter of the way through the year. There have been so many neat summer events in the district that we could attend, like Ameri-CARna, Movies in the Park in Eltham, Paepae in the Park in Patea, Concert in the Park in

Hawera, Sounds in the Sand at Opunake, Eltham Lions Kite Day and the Eltham Lions Club Rotokare Loop MTB Trail for the more active among us.

Coming up is the Dog Splash Day at the Kaponga Pools on Monday March 9 from 12 noon to 6pm. Dog Splash Day has been running for four years now and started with a conversation between dog owners. Community can make things happen and this event is example of this. Make sure that your dog is wearing its current registration tag and is social. All sizes and breeds welcome. March

9 is the last day the pools are open and the pool is drained afterwards.

If you are looking for something more 'indoorsy' to do the Eltham Library runs regular gatherings such as Craft Group on Tuesday, Coffee group on Wednesday and the Shared Reading group on Thursday. The Shared Reading group is a new session and a bit of a mindfulness exercise where the facilitator reads out a short story and then it is discussed by the group. Eltham's Branch Librarian Lis has recently completed training on this, after seeing in it at the World

Library Conference in Athens last year. Once a month on Saturdays Eltham Library holds a Book Club, the next one is on March 7. Its low key and you come along and share about the book you are currently reading.

If you are based in other areas check out your local library for their list of events or come along to Eltham and check out these ones.

Enjoy what's left of summer, and all the amazing events that are on offer.

*Karen Cave  
 Eltham Kaponga  
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**Wheeling through the years and across the seas**

The vehicles might be American, but they are still capable of creating friendships across geographical divides. This is something Mandy Sinclair has found since acquiring her 1948 Plymouth Wood Wagon Special Deluxe.

Last month the Plymouth made its third appearance at Americarna, having won back in 2018. Mandy was one of several hundred American auto enthusiasts making the trip along the Surf Highway before parking up at Opunake Beach.

"I found her online, and I brought her over from Santa Barbara. I've had her seven years," said Mandy.

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Lee Bristol (centre) came in a Chevrolet Impala was at Americarna with friends Jean Hastie and Shona Doherty.

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# Wheeling through the years and across the seas

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The Plymouth had begun its life as a work truck owned by the Youngstown Mining Corporation in Michigan. In 1958 it changed hands and was stored in a barn for 35 years until Bruce Moffatt of Two Rivers, Wisconsin saw it, fell in love with it and bought it straight away. Fortunately oil had been in the cylinders before going into the barn, so after a new battery was added along with petrol and a paint job changing the colour from red to hot rod teal. The next owner was Tom Brown of Oregon who sold to Mandy. Tom died in 2015, but Mandy has stayed in touch with his widow.

"She's just been to New Zealand and I showed her the South Island. That's the beauty of Americarna. It brings people from all over the world together," says Mandy.

Americarna was also a time to meet together with friends drawn together by a love of the American automobile.

For Phil and Debbie Martin from Matamata this was their first Americarna. They had planned to come last year but an accident Phil had had paid to that. This year they were there with their Mustang Shelby after friends and fel-



Mustang lovers at Americarna. From left, Debbie Martin, Phil Martin, Kaylene Oswald, Lee Mahony, Craig Borlase.

low Mustang enthusiasts Lee Mahoney and Kaylene Oswald from Morrinsville had encouraged them to come.

For Lee and Kaylene, who came with their green Mustang 213GT which they dubbed Kermit, it is their second Americarna.

"I enjoy the camaraderie between the people, the hospitality and the organisation," says Lee who is president of the Waikato Mustang Club. "The New Plymouth community spirit is pretty special."

For another friend of theirs, Auckland Mustang Club president Craig Borlase it is his sixth Americarna.

He and wife Dianna were there with his Hurst Mustang. Only 50 of these had ever been built, and they had the only one in New Zealand.

"This is car number 17," says Craig. "We had it built and we got to pick the serial number. As it was 2017, I said how about a 17? Our understanding is that no others were built for anywhere outside

the United States. Someday someone in Australia or New Zealand will find one second hand."

While enjoying taking his Hurst Mustang around the Taranaki roads for Americarna, he was also looking forward to the arrival of his latest acquisition from the United States, a 1969 Mustang Restomod.

Lee Bristol has not been to as many Americarnas as Craig, or travelled as far to get here.

"For the last two years I was doing the stadium after party. This year I wanted to be in it," says Lee from New Plymouth who arrived in a 1965 Chevrolet Impala. Accompanying

her were friends Jean Hastie and Shona Doherty.

The Chevrolet, built in Nebraska still has the original paintwork.

"I'm the third New Zealand owner," says Lee. "It was flown into Christchurch, then went to Whangarei, and now I've got it."



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Kia ora Opunake, We are already in March 2020 and things have been reasonably steady for the Opunake Police over the summer season. More people out and about enjoying the long sunny days and enjoying this lovely location on the west coast. I suppose most people will be wanting some rain soon to help out with irrigation on farms, gardens and topping up water tanks.

We have been to several vehicle crashes recently, and unfortunately there have been two fatalities in the Opunake policing area over the summer. Police target Restraints, Impairment, Distraction and Speed in order to prevent these fatalities. Wear your seatbelt, don't take drugs or consume alcohol, don't use your phone and stick to or below the posted speed limit. It's all basically common sense.

Of note we have impounded multiple vehicles over summer due to drivers being

# Take it easy while driving as there are too many crashes



Senior Constable Bryce Allison

disqualified, suspended or doing burnouts. There is a reasonable cost to get your car back after the 28 days impoundment has ended. These people all get to appear in court for their offending and get disqualified for even longer.

I also just wanted to remind people of the best way to contact the Police for Urgent and Non-Urgent matters. Remember if the matter is urgent where there is a risk to persons/life or property please phone 111. If the matter is historic and there is no risk to you and or

your property then phone 105 to report the matter. You can also phone the 105 number to get an update on a previously reported matter or to contact either Kylie, Matt or myself.

Also there is now a Police App that the public can download to their phones. It is informative and gives news updates and provides information to assist you in reporting matters or any questions that you may have. You can change the settings for Central District which we police under and it can be very informative.

We have also attended a large amount of Family Harm Incidents (Domestic Violence) recently. It appears that many people seem to use verbal abuse, threats, intimidation and violence towards their partners. It is unfortunately something the Police see all too often. Police have zero tolerance for this and if Police obtain sufficient evidence an arrest will be made.

A car was stolen from Arawhata Road. It was a green 2008 Holden Commodore (GGY 437). Please contact us if you have any information.

As with most communities there are good and bad people within the Opunake community. Criminals are just cowards who steal manufacture/grow drugs and intimidate law abiding citizens. As I have stated previously they thrive on the communities fear not to report things due to the fear of reprisal.

So phone the Police you have any information on criminal activity in our community. If you are concerned about anything then you can report it anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Take care and I will see you out and about.

Nga mihi,

Bryce Allison  
Senior Constable  
Opunake

## OKATO COP

Kia Ora Koutou, This is my first article for the year as the summer closes. It's been fantastic weather and I hope you all enjoyed a well-earned break before getting back to the hustle and bustle. Unfortunately, I have been rather busy investigating some dishonesty crime. Last week was a successful fishing tournament for the Boat Club but unfortunately there were some thefts of rods and other equipment in the Anglers Avenue, Warea

# Investigating coastal burglaries



Constable Matt Stone

area. There has been some petrol thefts in that area recently also. There was another address in

Warea that was burgled twice in three days. Please keep an eye out for a suspicious Ford Transit type van coloured white with tinted windows. Also, police are wanting to make contact with the owner of a 4.5 tonne, white truck, with a high tail gate that was used in the second burglary.

If you know anything about this crime or any other crime, please contact myself at Okato.

Remember to:

- Remove valuables

out of sight

- Lock your house and car

- Take your keys with you.

On a positive note, I enjoyed attending the 'The Slacks' fundraiser concert for the Life Education Trust and I'm sure the Warea Rocks coming up will be a great event.

Matt Stone

# On this month in history Captain Robert Falcon Scott dies

On March 12, 1912 (or thereabouts) Captain Robert Falcon Scott died in in his storm-bound tent in Antarctica, with two companions (Dr EA Wilson, and Lieutenant H Bowers). They had returned from reaching the South Pole, but

discovered the Norwegian explorer Captain Roald Amundsen had got there a few weeks earlier in late 1911. Two others Petty Officer Evans and Captain Lawrence Oates had died earlier. The British explorers had

run out of food and fuel and were suffering frostbite. They were only a day's march from their next food depot, which could have saved their lives.

However, the storm and their reduced condition meant that they had to stay

put.

Their frozen bodies were found by a search party eight months later. The film from the camera showed them standing at the South Pole. They did not look too happy.



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# Eltham firefighter marks 50 years

In the last 50 years whenever Eltham has called on its fire brigade, the chances are Ian Murray would have been there.

The senior firefighter's attendance was commented on when he received his 50 year medal at a function at the Eltham Town Hall.

Also commented on was the Murray family tradition of service to the Eltham Brigade with Ian being the third generation to join up. His grandfather Stephen had served 43 years, and his father, Lawrence, popularly known around Eltham as Curly had served 25, including 14 as fire chief.

"On the tenth of November 1969 I started at the old Fire Brigade Station on York Street," Ian told the town hall audience. "If someone had asked me then how long I'd stay, I would have said about five years."

He listed some of the callouts he had attended in his time with the Eltham Brigade, from high profile fires at the Eventide Rest Home in Eltham, the Stratford Tanneries, the Stratford Hotel, Boon Brothers, Taranaki By Products in Okaiawa and the Taranaki By Products in Hawera, as well as the Hawera Intermediate School, through to shop fires and house fires.

"Now we have lots of MVAs and medical assists." "We started with portable pumps and hoses, and now we are carrying Jaws of Life, medical equipment and portable generators."

The changing nature of firefighting was a common theme from several speakers that night. When Ian joined in 1969 the Eltham Brigade came under the control of the Eltham Fire Board. In 1975 all brigades came under the New Zealand Fire Service and in 2017 they came under Fire and Emergency New Zealand. With these changes came a change in the kinds of incidents firefighters like Ian were called out to attend. South Taranaki District



**Ian Murray cuts the cake while Eltham chief fire officer David Waite looks on.**



**Ian Murray (second right) enjoying the moment with family members. From left, Don Muray (brother), Francis Laisene, Alana Laisene, Nancy Fatches (sister) and Charmaine Kelly.**

mayor Phil Nixon said when Ian started, the Eltham Brigade had 30 callouts a year. Now they have 120.

Warwick Stewart who as president of the Taranaki Provincial Fire Brigades Association had presented Ian with a plaque 25 years ago on reaching the 25 year milestone was there as past president to present him with another plaque. He noted the changed nature of a firefighter's work.

"Back in the day we put the wet stuff on the red stuff.

Now they spend a lot of time attending medical calls."

Also attracting comment that night was Ian's longstanding involvement in fire brigade competitions. The Eltham Brigade has enjoyed considerable success in which Ian has always taken a major role.

Phil Nixon said the brigade's competition prowess gave them the skills and fitness that enabled them to serve the Eltham community.

United Fire Brigades Association past president

Brian Stanley QSM recalled his own days in the Kawerau Brigade where he often crossed paths with Ian at competition time. Eltham was always seen as the team to beat, he said.

Brian said there are 210 past and serving firefighters who have reached the 50 year milestone. The number could have been higher except for a requirement that once existed, but has since been overturned by the Human Rights Commission Act making firefighters retire at 65.

"This is only the fourth 50 year medal I have presented in which all those years were served in one brigade, and three of them were in Eltham. There must be something in the water here."

Ian is the fifth member

of the Eltham Brigade to receive the 50 year Medal. The others have been Arthur Burrows, Norm Commerer, Max Mackay and Dennis Alexander.

"It's a pity your mentor Norm Commerer was not here to witness this event," said Brian.

The current head of the Eltham Brigade Chief Fire Officer David Waite paid tribute to Ian.

"Ian's unflappable nature is something not often experienced. To this day

I've not seen Ian lose his composure," he said.

As well as a firefighter, Ian is also a well-known member of the Eltham Business Community. A joiner by trade he has worked alongside his brother Don and their father Curly in Eltham Building Supplies.

Ian said that being able to work on the Eltham Brigade's station on London Street had been something he was proud of.

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# Taranaki again targeted by Government



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP  
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Taranaki is once again in the firing line as the Government has banned default KiwiSaver providers

from investing in fossil fuels, MP for New Plymouth and National's Energy and Resources spokesperson Jonathan Young says.

"The region has already been damaged by the oil and gas ban – now Labour, The Greens and NZ First are out to get us again.

"The coronavirus will have a huge effect on our economy, an economy that is already far weaker than it should be because of this Government's poor economic management.

"Instead of focussing on ways to improve this, the Government is tinkering around the edges and indulging in virtue signalling.

"This kind of virtue signalling won't actually lower emissions.

"It shouldn't be up to Jacinda Ardern to tell Kiwis they can't invest in a product they use legally every day.

"The International Energy Agency recently reported that global emissions flat-lined in 2019 while the

global economy grew by 2.9 per cent, with a significant contributor to that net reduction in emissions being fuel-switching for electricity generation from coal fuelled to natural gas.

"The Labour party are pandering to their activist base, while stigmatising highly skilled hard working New Zealanders who supply our country with essential energy."

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## More upgrades for Taranaki

More upgrades for Taranaki Every day, I'm reminded of the progress our Coalition Government is making on the issues that matter to New Zealanders. And last week is no different.

On Friday, the Government announced the latest round of regional infrastructure investments as part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme, which includes investments in Northland, Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Otago, West Coast, Canterbury and Southland.

As part of that package, there are exciting things happening right here in Taranaki.

This Government is investing in Taranaki by making major upgrades to the Forgotten World Highway, which is a growing tourist route and also an important alternative to State Highway 3 from Taranaki northwards. This sits alongside the PGF's earlier investment to seal the road through the Tangarakau



**ANDREW LITTLE MP**

Gorge.

It's great to see the Government investing in projects that are estimated to grow Taranaki's visitor numbers by up to 13,000 a year, leading to more jobs and opportunities for Taranaki locals.

The Programme is the largest investment in infrastructure in a generation. It will help future-proof our country by delivering new and upgraded roads, rail, schools and hospitals across the country. This builds on the Government's other decisions to upgrade New Zealand's facilities, which

we've focused on since we were elected in 2017.

When we came to office, our schools and hospitals had fallen into a state of neglect and disrepair. The previous government hadn't invested in infrastructure, meaning kids were learning in leaking classrooms, or in hallways or gyms, and our hospitals were mouldy or past their use by date.

This didn't sit well with us. Labour, led by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, laid out our plan to do things differently, and we're doing it. We're making the investments needed to make up for the significant underinvestment in infrastructure over the last nine years and prepare New Zealand for the future.

Friday's investment follows on from our previous investments here in Taranaki. Already, we've seen investment in our local schools, with almost every state school receiving a cash injection of up to \$400,000

to get on with long-overdue school property upgrades.

We're able to make these much-needed investments now because we've carefully managed the Government's books by running surpluses and keeping debt under control. Our economy is growing faster than other countries we compare ourselves to, unemployment is low and wage growth is high.

Over the next few months, you'll start to see some of these projects get underway. Whether it's an upgraded mental health or maternity facility, a safer road, or a new heat pump or classroom roof at one of our local schools, it's going to make a huge difference.

Now is the right time to invest to rebuild New Zealand, and we're getting on with the job. We know there's more to do, but we've made good progress.

*Andrew Little, Labour MP*

## On this month in history Michael Joseph Savage dies

On March 27, 1940 the Labour Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage died. He had been PM since 1935. He was born in Victoria, Australia in 1872 and left school at just 14. He had various jobs including shop

assistant, farmhand and goldminer.

He arrived in NZ in 1907 and worked in a flax mill and as a cellarman.

After two unsuccessful attempts to enter Parliament he won the Auckland West seat, for Labour, in 1919. He was elected deputy leader

in 1923 and leader in 1933 upon the death of Harry Holland.

His Government enacted many legislative measures to help NZ overcome the Depression, including greatly reducing unemployment.

One of his MPs John A

Lee carried out a campaign against him, partly fuelled by being overlooked for Cabinet post and was duly expelled from the Labour Party.

Mr Savage was greatly admired and his portrait graced the walls of many voters.

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# Inequity in argument for cannabis

This September, voters will be asked whether or not they support the proposed Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill. There are two things worth pointing out – one, this Bill (and debate) is different from the Medicinal Cannabis Bill which was passed into law last December, and two, decriminalising and legalising are two very different issues with their own implications.

I support decriminalising – in other words, users/consumers of small amounts of cannabis for personal use are exempt from criminal conviction – which has enduring consequences for many. I am yet to be persuaded by and convinced of a robust and plausible argument in favour of the legalisation of recreational cannabis.

Cannabis is used by people from all socio-economic backgrounds, and while some consume it for ‘recreation,’ others become dependent on and captive to it. The ‘recreational’ users – those who use for leisure and temporary sensory pleasure (often associated with higher socio-economic classes and/or ‘white privilege’) are not the same type of users as those most prone or predisposed to

addiction – the need/desire to escape reality of economic and/or societal hardships and prejudice.

This is the reality of the people and communities I have worked amidst throughout my almost 30 years in criminal, family, youth, child welfare and mental health law. Do I have a bias? Most definitely. Cannabis addiction is a precursor to ongoing and intensified harm, domestic and social problems, family violence, intra and inter-familial issues, mental health afflictions and inter-generational cyclical manifestations.

A recent report carried out by Royal Society Te Apārangi confirms as much. The report found recreational cannabis to be associated with mental illness, particularly in youth, drug use disorders, respiratory illness, impaired cognition, increased road accidents and lower birthweight in babies born to women exposed to cannabis.

There is an inequity in the argument in favour of cannabis. Most people charged with cannabis offences are from the lower/lowest socio-economic groups of society, and in NZ, are predominantly Maori. I

am also wary of the fact that the Bill, although it includes a minimum age of 20 to use and purchase recreational cannabis, it does not address the current environment where cannabis use and addiction is accessible and established under-age. THC levels are not stated or regulated within the Bill, tax rates are not stated which must be balanced to curb the black market while not incentivising cannabis use, and there is little information on who will be allowed to sell it, what the corporate market will look like, and how drug-driving and testing will be managed.

The flow-on from a competitive and driven market will likely impact the ‘under-privileged’ in negative ways – an increase in the expenditure for drugs will lead to less money, as well as capability, competency and desire, to provide healthy nutrition and nurturing environments for children, spouses, families and wider communities. This genuinely worries me.

This Government has presented itself as transparent and caring. They have purported to have a focus on wellbeing and protecting vulnerable Kiwis, yet there

is an anomaly between their words and actions. They have supported and promoted a smoke-free New Zealand by 2025, yet want to make recreational cannabis use legal. They claim to be supporting mental health and improving child wellbeing by reducing child poverty and addressing family violence, but the possible negative outcomes of recreational cannabis use contradict these wellbeing goals.

The added shame is that the Bill is seeking to promote Treaty of Waitangi principles and values of participation, partnership and equity where the government outright rejected the consideration of cultural context, values and principles within the End of Life Choice and Abortion Bills. The Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill

will cannibalise and consume those most disadvantaged in NZ society – again, Maori. There is no place for participation, partnership and equity within such a law.

There remains too many unanswered questions. New Zealanders deserve to be provided facts, not liberal, ideological and individual rights-based entitlements. I support decriminalisation and a slow, safe, measured and tested approach towards treating affliction and addiction. New Zealanders will undoubtedly vote according to the context of their values and concerns. I urge you all to cast your vote as if you are casting a vote for the future generation of Aotearoa, NZ and how that will affect our children, grandchildren and great grand-children. What world

and values-based society do you want them to be nurtured and nourished by?

Harete Hipango  
MP Whanganui



**LEFT:** A profusely growing marijuana plant. In September voters in New Zealand need to decide where they stand on the question of the Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill which is before Parliament.

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# Mac Sole: Episode 18 My early life as a child and youth

At an age I cannot remember my parents separated, a situation which confused me a bit as I did not know what it meant, but my dear mother was not at home anymore, which was somewhat devastating. Various members of my family passed through, living on the farm, until eventually there was only my father, brother Bill and myself.

cruel time, as I now know and realised after leaving the farm. At no time can I remember my father treating me badly, so I have only good thoughts and respect for him. Only on one occasion, which I did not attach much to at the time seemed odd, but now the event is more of a day of painful comedy. I relate the event with some mirth.

This period was, for me, a sad restrictive and, at times, mentally and physically

I was aged 13-14 at the time when my father and I went on a Sunday over the Ngawhini Gorge to land my



Ragwort in full flower.

father leased and was used for dry stock and sheep to cut out ragwort, a noxious plant which it was illegal to have on your property. I was culling the said plant on a hillside with a long-handled sickle and, on a particular swing the blade caught up on an over-hanging Ngaio tree branch came free from my hands came down and

cut out a 'v' shaped piece of flesh from an area just above my left wrist. A scar still exists today. I wrapped the wound with a handkerchief to stem the blood, but to no avail, the wound being so bad I called out to my father. He had a look at the fast-flowing blood and said we had better knock off, so we went back about half a

mile to Dad's 37-38 Dodge car. However, on getting across the gorge to Austin Road - instead of taking me to Hawera to the on duty doctor, he headed back to the homestead, which was a further one and a half miles from Hawera. Then from Austin Road he asked me to push bike into town to see the doctor and I should say I was still losing blood, so it was just as well I was very fit and fairly hardy even at that young age.

Off I went on my bike to ride the six miles to town and done could think my bad luck for the day. God's day of course. The doctor on duty that day was Dr O'Dea whose siblings consisted of a lawyer, an accountant and such like professionals. However, Dr O'Dea had a wee problem, he was an

alcoholic and eventually sadly his medical certificate was revoked. However, he was a very good doctor and under normal circumstances a very likeable guy as I was to discover in later years.

Anyway, back to my misadventures. Dr O'Dea started to sew up the wide wound. Whilst he sewed I winced upon which he asked me why I was in pain as the painkilling needles he gave me should be working, to which I informed him I'd had no such needle to which he seemed surprised. He then administered several needles.

Finally, I got back on my bike to milk and cook tea for Dad and Bill and so another day passes.

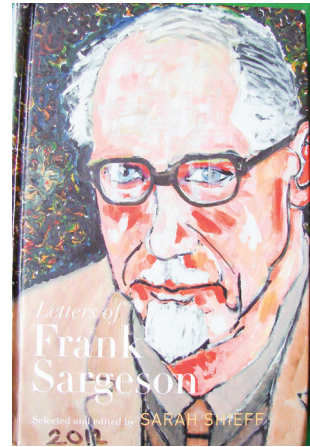
Mac Sole

## ONE OF MY FAVOURITE BOOKS: Letters of Frank Sargeson

*This is the first in a new series we are starting. We hope you enjoy what has been written.*

Letters of Frank Sargeson; Selected and edited by Sarah Shieff (Random House New Zealand, Auckland, 2012) is probably my favourite book produced here in New Zealand. If stranded on a desert island, this is the one I would take, if I had the choice.

Frank Sargeson (1903 - 1982), who is often referred to as 'the father of New Zealand writing' wrote novels, plays, articles, reviews, but is best known for his short stories where he pioneered a kind of New Zealand vernacular using brief sentences. He was also the mentor for many notable writers including Janet Frame, Maurice Duggan, Graeme Lay and Professor CK (Karl) Stead, who is arguably our current 'father of NZ writing' - or our most



distinguished living author in my opinion.

Frank was a prolific writer and in this book of 631 pages are hundreds of letters, many of them very lengthy. Presented are 500 letters to 107 recipients. These were selected from almost 6,000 letters addressed to about 450 people. Most of the letters are archived at the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington and span from 1927 to 1981.

Editor Sarah Shieff worked

out that he must have written at least ten letters a day.

The book pleasingly has an index so it is easy to locate letters from many well-known people.

The front cover has an excellent portrait by Alan Thornton, a likeness which captures some of the great writer's personality - at least as I imagine it.

Near the front of the book is a list of the people Frank wrote to and the list is staggering. Here is just a selection; James K Baxter, Ronald Hugh Morrieson, Graeme Lay, Professor CK Stead, Sir Keith Sinclair, Greville Texidor, David Ballantyne, Charles Brasch, Dame Christine Cole Catley, John Reece Cole, Dan Davin, Father Felix Donnelly, Robin Dudding, Patrick Evans, Maurice Duggan, ARD (Rex) Fairburn, EM Foster, Janet Frame, Denis Glover, Kevin Ireland and Dr Michael King.

Janet Frame succeeded Maurice Duggan as the second occupant of Frank's iconic army hut in the backyard of 14 Esmonde Road, Takapuna, Auckland, where she wrote her brilliant

first novel *Owls Do Cry*. Frank lived at this address for most of his life.

The letters are simply fascinating and contain a mix of his perspectives on literature - such as his qualified opinion of Katherine Mansfield's worth as a writer, his gardening (a major interest), his health problems (he had many), jokes (often rude), gossip, and his grumbles about noisy, polluting traffic and his displeasure at the actions of local bodies.

The address on most letters was 14 Esmonde Road, Takapuna, Auckland. This intriguing house, now best described as a literary museum, can be visited in the company of an employee from the local library.

The original letters were typed on green paper because it was, he considered, more restful on his eyes.

This book has a rich wealth of information, prosaic and literary, to fascinate anyone interested in New Zealand literature.

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# Subway bridge gets makeover

After five weeks being hidden behind scaffolding and scrim, the rail bridge at Hāwera's southern entranceway has been officially opened.

No longer covered in tagging, the unsightly bridge now proudly displays an attractive mural by Whanganui artist Dan Mills, whose work also adorns the Hawera RSA Club.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil

Nixon says the rail bridge, has been an ugly, graffitied structure in much need of a facelift for many years.

"It's essentially the southern entranceway into Hāwera. Rather than a tagged, grey, dirty front door, we now have a gateway to our town which is a part of our public history, fresh, vibrant and welcoming," he says.

Mayor Nixon says Council staff worked on ideas for

a mural across the façade and after lengthy consultation with NZ Kiwirail, iwi, NZTA and potential funders it all came together. The advice and guidance for much of the Māori designs were provided by the local Ngāti Hāmua & Ngāti Hāpōtiki hapū representatives, Rukutai Watene, Turangapito Parata and Chris Parata.

"Dan's proven experience working on rail bridges and

his solid reputation with NZ Kiwirail was a factor in getting the project over the line. Comfortable working on large structures as well as canvas and with sculpture, his work is seen around the world from Paris to Canberra, Slovakia and New Zealand," says Mayor Nixon.

Councillor and former Hawera Community Board chair, Celine Filbee, says the artist has created a design

which is meaningful, vibrant and attractive. "Kawakawa, surf, cabbage trees and whāroa, all part of the South Taranaki landscape are elegantly combined to beautify the structure. Under the bridge a large motif of the 28<sup>th</sup> Māori Battalion stands out – acknowledging the men who served during World War II, particularly the South Taranaki Māori

in D Company. I think that's fitting because other than a few names on a Patea Memorial, there has been little mention of these brave men in our district."

The mural project was funded by the South Taranaki District Council, Te Hāwera Community Board, Bizlink Hāwera (Business Association) and KiwiRail.



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## Parents encouraged to give consent for vaccinations

Please complete and return your child's immunisation consent form. That's the message from Taranaki DHB's Public Health nurses who will be visiting Year 7 and 8 schools throughout the region giving children consent forms for free Boostrix and human papillomavirus (HPV) immunisations.

parents to get their children immunised so they are protected against serious diseases like measles, whooping cough and most cancers caused by HPV," says Ms Court.

Year 7 children will be given a consent form offering the Boostrix vaccination which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (pertussis). Year 8 children are offered the HPV vaccination which protects both males and females against nine strains of human papillomavirus responsible for cervical, mouth, throat, penile and anal cancers, and genital warts.

Taranaki DHB medical officer of health, Dr Jonathan Jarman says the Boostrix vaccine is a booster injection

and builds on immunity from previous vaccinations when children were younger. "Protection after the booster is expected to last at least 20 years against tetanus and five years against whooping cough.

"The HPV vaccine is given as two injections, spaced out over at least six months, to those aged 14 or under. Those beginning vaccination at age 15 or older will need three doses."

In New Zealand approximately 160 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 50 women die from it each year. HPV immunisation has been available to girls to reduce the incidence of cervical cancer since 2008, but was extended to boys and young men from January 2017

Dr Jarman says "There is a lot of social media content regarding Boostrix and HPV which some parents may find confusing, so I urge parents with queries about the vaccine to discuss them with a qualified doctor or nurse, or contact the Immunisation Advisory Centre on 0800 IMMUNE.

"It's vital that parents have access to the best possible information to help them make the right decision for their children."

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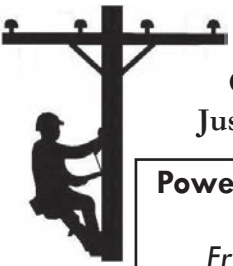
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# Kaponga WI

Kaponga WI held their AGM in conjunction with their February meeting at the home of Lynne Watts, daughter of a past member on February 10.

Our roll call was "our most memorable road trip." This comprised of some overseas trips as well as some near mishaps on the road.

Competition winners of the day were:

Floating bowl – 1. Dorothy

Hughes. 2. Carolyn Nicholas. 3. Diane West. Home craft – 1. Dorothy Hughes. 2. Rosalie Gibson and Joy Eliason. 3. Gillian Frandson and Jo Ellis. Oldest coin – 1. Dene Lines 1854. 2. Rosalie Gibson 1897. 3. Joy Eliason 1913. Other entries. Gillian Frandson 1917, Diane West 1928, Margaret Arbuckle 1952.

Overall winners for 2019 were:

Jubilee Cup - (most overall points) - Joy Eliason. Morrisey Cup (runner up) - Diane West. Thanks Giving Trophy (gardening) - Joy Eliason. Miscellaneous- Joy Eliason. Gardening - Joy Eliason. Hand craft - Diane West

After lunch we proceeded to have our AGM. The following Officers for 2020 were elected:

President - Dorothy

Hughes. Secretary - Fiona Collins. Treasurer - Sharyn Hurley. Vice President - Jo Jones. Competition Steward - Joy Eliason. Press Contact - Jo Ellis. Link Contact - Fiona Collins

Secret Friend Conveyor - Diane West. Scrapbook Convenor - Margaret Broomhall

The day finished off with a walk around Lynne's beautiful gardens.

Jo Ellis



Kaponga WI ladies in Lynne Watts garden.

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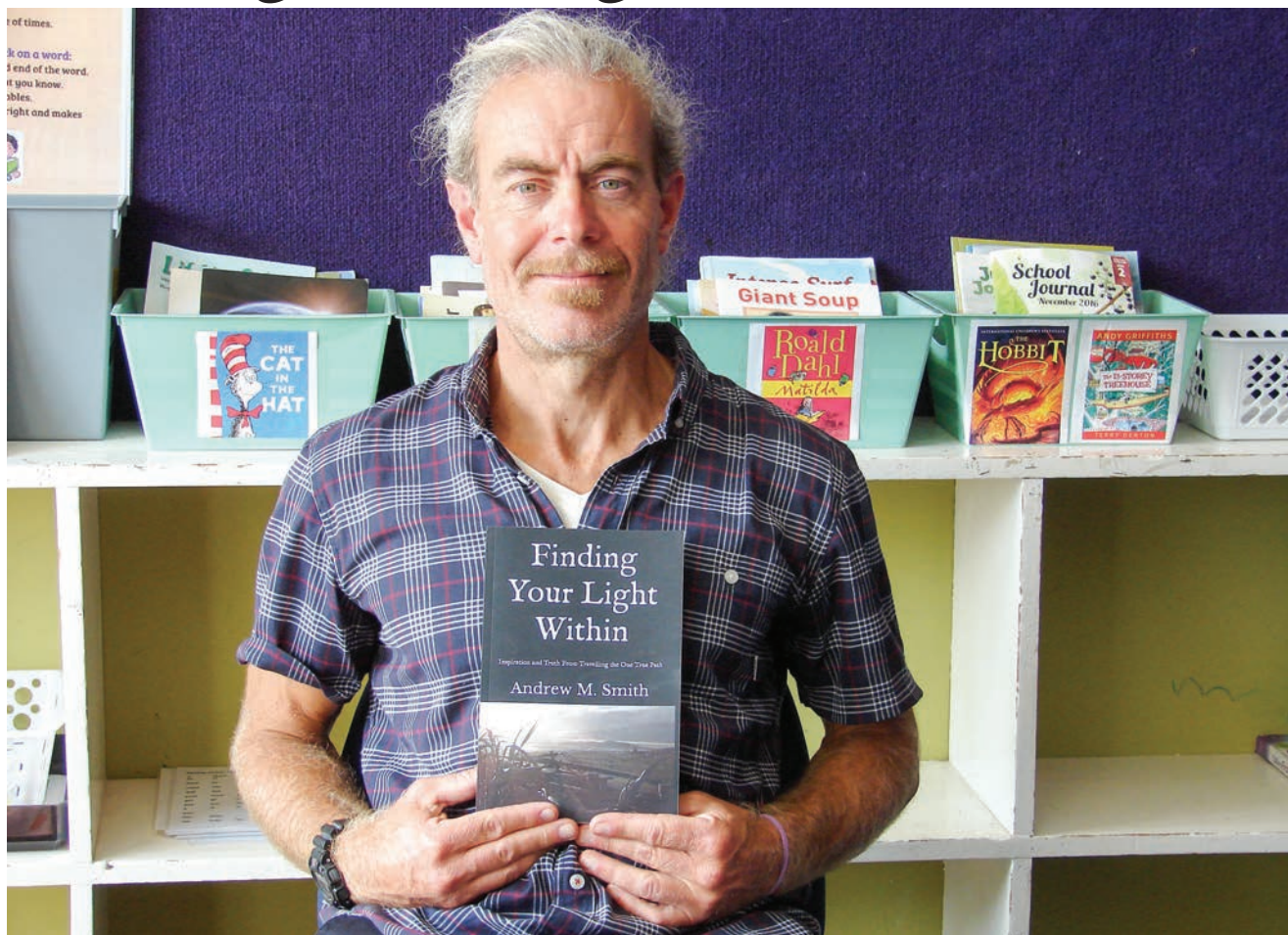
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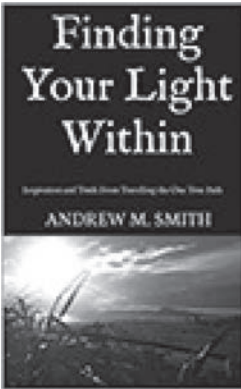
one person: "I love the book. I can't leave it alone."

Andrew endeavours to live by the principles he has written about with the motto Carpe Diem (Seize the Day) as an overriding principle. "It is a culmination of everything experienced, from the people met along the journey, the countries and cultures experienced and the study of nature and

life, that have led Andrew to the truth: that there is a light that shines brightly within each of us and it is our life's purpose to find it." (page 53).

I thoroughly recommend this inspirational book, and look forward to it being even more widely available in the near future.

*Rolland McKellar*



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**Andrew M Smiths new book available from Pastimes in Opunake.**

Andrew M Smith has written a personal growth book called *Finding Your Light Within: Inspiration and Truth From Travelling the One True Path*.

This book, which is available from Pastimes in Opunake, is an updated version of *Unlocking The Light Within*, which was published in 2013 and includes some new material. The original book was published in England by Dutton House Publishing.

The author Andrew Mark Smith, who was born in England, is currently an inspirational teacher at Opunake Primary School and the book builds upon wide vocational experiences in many different countries, such as England, Hungary, Malaysia, Curacao, Costa Rica, South Africa and Greece, coupled with effectively overcoming obstacles in his own life. The motivation for the book is as follows: "I felt a strong urge to revise and republish this collection of writing because it feels too important not to share the learning and to help others to find the key to unlock

their own inner light."

The book covers considerable ground and its many messages are stated in a simple and clear fashion; I was certainly impressed and keen to buy a copy myself.

There are a number of quotes from inspirational people including this one from Mahatma Gandhi: "The force of love is the same as the force of the Soul or Truth."

Love involves acceptance of others as they are, but the initial focus is to love one's self: "Only when you find the love within, will you be able to recognise and discover love in another soul." (page 35).

There are so many messages in this excellent book and one is that happiness is a journey, rather than a destination and the need for acquisitions is an empty requirement. One story he recounts *Boy and the Stars* illustrates this well.

Also important is living in the moment, with not too much focus on the past or future: "Life is in the moment. If there is something you always wanted to do, go and do it.

Do not put it off. Tomorrow will always be tomorrow and there is no action you can ever take in the future. The point of action is in the only moment in which you truly exist. This moment. Right now. Go find your light." (page 30).

Andrew points out that setbacks, doubts, fears, insecurity and losing one's way are a part of life and should be embraced as the underpinnings of personal growth. Aristotle puts it best: "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." (page 3), or as Andrew puts it: "Setbacks present us with

the opportunities to learn." (page 15).

There is much emphasis on striving for your dreams, and following the light within because: "The moment you cease to strive is the moment you start to wither inside ..." (page 18). Important in this striving is the Trinity of Love, Hope and Light, as well as an optimal life balance.

Andrew implores readers to make a start in confronting whatever needs changing and admits, from his own life experience that: "The start was the hardest part."

The feedback from people who have read this book has been very positive. Here is

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# Otahi bridge will link town with its past



Next week Opunake will have its own bridge to a site of local and national historical significance.

About 50 people representing local iwi, Te Namu Pa trustees, the South Taranaki District Council, Taranaki Coastal Community Board and members of the general public were at a blessing near the Te Namu Pa site before work began on a footbridge across the Otahi Stream.

The new bridge will

**A blessing ceremony was held before work began on the new bridge.**

provide locals safe access across the stream to the urupa below Te Namu Pa and to the neighbouring bay.

The ceremony was held on Monday morning with the Otahi Stream flowing under a beam leading to the Te Namu site.

“The bridge links the modern town and its past of 1833-4,” says kaumatua John Hooker. “In that time you are looking at one of the last musket raids when the Waikato came here and were defeated by Matakatea, and the Betty Guard incident when HMS Alligator and the schooner Isabella bombarded Te Namu as members of the Crown. It was the last shots between

midway next week.”

Ian Armstrong, an Opunake Lions Club member who has long been involved with the Opunake Walkway, and is himself a former South Taranaki deputy mayor says the bridge will be a valuable addition to the walkway.

“It’s been on the cards for a long time. I remember as a councillor we were looking at it, and the Te Namu Trust were saying do it now. They have been more than supportive.”

He says the beams across that part of the Otahi Stream had been placed there by the late Leo Hickey. Before then there had been nothing.

John Hooker says it was



The team at Bridge It NZ get to work.

us and the Waikato and the first shots of hostility with the British Crown.”

Kim Bevins of Bridge It NZ who have been contracted by the South Taranaki District Council to put in the bridge says the new bridge will have a steel beam and timber deck. It will be one and a half metres wide and 15 metres long. The natural height of the site will make the work easier and it will work in well with the existing loop track, he says.

“We’ll be here for a max of two weeks. If it’s a bit smoother it will be finished

good to see so many people come for the blessing.

“It’s significant that the Kura was here as it’s named after the land, and also the Kohanga Reo as they are named after the fortress of Te Namu.”

*“It was the last shots between us and the Waikato and the first shots of hostility with the British Crown.”*

John Hooker.



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# Highest number of whoio ducklings on Mt Taranaki

A record number of whoio ducklings have been located on Mt Taranaki in what is seen as the best year for our rare native blue duck.

Eighty seven ducklings have been found by Department of Conservation (DOC) rangers on eight regularly surveyed rivers. This is an increase of 71 percent from the 51 ducklings located during the 2018-2019 breeding season.

The annual whoio monitoring work on Mt

Taranaki is part of the DOC Whoio Forever partnership with Genesis Energy.

Reducing predator numbers is a major factor in the large increase of whoio.

DOC Biodiversity Ranger Joe Carson says the increase of whoio numbers is not only contained within the regularly surveyed rivers, but there have been multiple sightings across the Maunga, and whoio are now living outside the national park boundaries.

"It's been a really exciting

year. It's extremely gratifying hearing stories from locals and visitors on the Maunga encountering these taonga," she says.

"Whoio are breeding so successfully that pairs are now living on neighbouring farmland."

The local whoio/blue duck population on Mt Taranaki was designated "functionally extinct" in 1945 because of predation by stoats and rats. The whoio population has now built up to at least 31 pairs.



A Blue Duck and chick.

PHOTO: Lyn Hassell

# Compliance operation protects Taranaki pāua fishery

Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Fishery officers released 650 illegally caught pāua back into the sea after a compliance operation in Taranaki.

The operation is part of regular compliance checks

across the region to make sure people are keeping within the rules so current and future generations can continue to gather and enjoy this kaimoana.

The team issued eight infringements, nine warnings, and made one

arrest. In addition, several vehicles were seized, one person was arrested after obstructing a fishery officer who was trying to inspect their catch, and six people may face prosecution.

MPI's team manager of Fisheries Compliance for the Western North Island, Andre

Espinoza says during the week-long operation, eight Fishery officers interacted with around 180 people during patrols that took place at low tide.

"Most people understand that the rules are there for a reason and play an important part in looking out for our

fisheries.

"We're grateful for the support we get from the community who share our frustration at the minority who want to break the rules. But there are still a few opportunists out there who take more than their daily limit or gather undersize

pāua.

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# All green to go

Eltham Primary School pupils are set to continue being active in the 'beautify Eltham' projects. Principal Kathryn Pick said the school had its own vegetable garden and a butterfly garden with plants attractive to butterflies. Students have been involved in planting trees in the gully behind the school while new entrants have regular trips to the town's E Kai garden. All these green activities

are part of the school's educational programme to expand children's awareness and learning. "We want to make Eltham the school of choice," said Kathryn Pick. The school's roll was between 140-170, with the town's rental shortage affecting the number. Some children had left because families unable to find rental homes had moved from the area. Eltham School is

designated low decile, but Kathryn Pick pointed out this did not reflect the standard or quality of teaching. Decile ratings are assessed on social-economic factors of an area and those on the low end receive extra Government funding to meet their needs. "It's a myth that low decile schools mirror teaching skills," she said. "The standard of teaching is as good as any high decile school." Kathryn will be looking

The staff has four new teachers, Laura Matthews, Celeste McLean, Cheryl Dreyer and Des Bain. Kathryn will be on sabbatical for 10 weeks beginning in April. However sabbatical does not mean holiday. During that time she will be completing a post graduate paper through Massey University to qualify for a post graduate diploma in educational leadership.

at ways schools connect with families to improve students' learning. The study will involve her viewing schools in New Zealand and Canada. Deputy principal Sonia Vind will fill the principal's role in Kathryn's absence. Eltham Primary with new staff, an active environmental policy, along with normal teaching and sports programmes is set for another year.

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## Over the hills

The sun shone, a cool breeze- conditions were perfect for the Eltham Lions' Club first big bike ride.

Sixty-nine cyclists set off to complete either 17 or 25 kilometre loops which began at the Rawhitiroa Hall, Horoi Road, wound over eight farms to finish back at the starting point. The Mountain Bike Ride was the result of months of planning by organisers David Turner and Alan Liddington.

The planning involved getting permission from farmers, marking out the course then ensuring it complied with health and safety regulations. More than 100 red arrows marked out the course thanks to Glen and Wendy Hansen.



Happy cyclists line up for the start of the 17 km Mountain Bike Ride on 16th

The loop course had several degrees of difficulty and Lions Club members turned out to act as marshals. Spot prizes were provided by Eltham businesses. The Eltham Fire Brigade was present to provide

any needed first aid and the Rawhitiroa School Board of Trustees much needed refreshments, and a barbeque. The bike ride proved very successful. Alan Liddington said many of the cyclists

thought the course should be longer. Such was the success of the entire enterprise, the Eltham Lions hope to make it an annual event.

## The man behind the camera

Americarna has been and gone... but one Eltham man really saw it all. Mark Bellringer was out every day with camera taking photos of the hundreds of cars in the annual gathering. A professional photographer this was his 12th year on the road putting the whole event on film. "It's a lot of hard work,"

said Mark. His day began with packing camera, various lens, spare camera plus trusty step ladder into the car, finding a location with the right background the photographing every car. Then back home to develop, process and print the images with his day ending in the early hours of the morning.

At the end of this year's Americarna he had totalled 3000 images Americarna, he said, was a huge event bringing crowds to the province. All the cars were spotless with a mixture of models some of which were unique. Mark admitted to admiration of the passion and dedication of the owners.

He also paid tribute to John Rae, the originator and driving force of the extravaganza. "Americarna is special," he said. "There are not many car events in New Zealand on the scale of Americarna. As for his own yearly balancing act on a step ladder to get the best photo....."Well, I haven't fallen off yet," he said.

## A unique shop

Anyone out for a drive should drop by Zala Furniture and Design at Eltham. It's an intriguing shop on the main road at 181 High Street with an eclectic range of merchandise. Everything from new clothing, to stylish hats and bags through to furniture

items including some attractive full length mirrors, ornaments and other gift ideas. He also has a range of sunglasses. Recently a little museum has been added with a fascinating array of old items.

The owner clearly has a great idea for design and this is reflected in the items on sale. The shop is open 7 days and I kept coming across unexpected things that I found interesting. The items were all very reasonably priced.

All competitively priced I walked out with two tops, a stylish hat, a pair of sunglasses and, harking back to my chemistry days, a little flask, perfect for a solitary flower. Well worth a visit.

## Did you know?

That filters for the council-provided water jugs are now available at the Eltham Library. Every resident was entitled to one free filter, said Claire Symes, South Taranaki District Council community liaison officer. The number of jugs issued by the council to help alleviate the area's water problem was 650. Claire said the project was a major undertaking both in sourcing and providing the jugs.

That the Eltham TSB Bank is an important link in the Taranaki Womad Festival. The bank is the designated site for people attending Womad to acquire pre-entry wristbands. Wristbands would be available at the festival's gates, said event organiser Merme Wano, but Eltham TSB Bank was chosen as the place to get wristbands beforehand. Eltham TSB Bank has met this demand for the past four years, issuing 1800 last year.

So on Friday March 13, the bank will extend its hours opening at 9am and closing later at 6pm. That there is a new reading project at Eltham Library Plus. A Shared Reading Group now meets each Thursday at 10am for a reading and discussion. All welcome to attend. Ever thought about the value residents get for annual rates? In the Eltham area alone, residents have free entry to Rotokare

Scenic Reserve, Rawhitiroa and Eltham swimming pools, all the parks and many community events such as Movies in the Park. Rates also provide and maintain the free Library Plus. Add to the rate list sewerage disposal, rubbish of all sorts, glass, paper, garden and household, provide water to homes dispose of waste water etc ,maintain drains, roads and footpaths , cemeteries all the signage and other public facilities.



ELTHAM

# Beauty on Bridge Street

Work on the Bridge Street entrance to Bridger Park is progressing.

The next stage of the development will be the placement of pavers for which funding is being sought from the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board.

The beautification and upgrade is a major project of the Eltham Community Development Group.

As with all major undertakings there have

been snags and delays, said Jenny Mack of the ECDG, but work is progressing.

Further plans for the area include providing car parking space and raised gardens.

The development of the Bridge Street entrance is part of the continuing enhancement of Bridger Park.

Bridger Park with its natural amphitheatre is marked as a major asset of the town and its development high on the

list of priorities of the South Taranaki District Council's Long Term Plan.

The area now under development was acquired under the council's property fund after an existing building burned down.

The ECDG then took on the challenge of making what Jenny Mack describes as another attractive entrance to the park.

Over the years Bridger Park has been the venue for many events including



Development of a new entrance to Bridger Park is starting to take shape.

# Mosaic Pavers

Did you know that many of the mosaic artworks around town were produced by children and tutors at the Eltham Tech Centre in or around the mid 2000's?

The first 'practise' piece adorned the front of the Centre for a number of years.

Later, concrete pavers were produced from scratch, making the concrete base and then doing the mosaic art.

The brief for the students was 'to beautify our community.' And the pavers are continuing to do this now even though the centre has closed.

Last year the Eltham Lions lifted about 200 pavers from



A closeup of a Mosaic paver.

the Centre and these have been stored for use around Eltham's parks and gardens. You may notice a line of them recently set in place in

front of the Chorus Building on High Street. Watch for more to appear around the parks in the future.

the Christmas Carols in the Park, concerts and Art in the Park.

Added attractions in the area are the Toy Wall and its easy access to the town centre by way of Stark Park.

The park is named in memory of former mayor Ira Bridger who was notable for his many community social projects.

As mayor from 1925-38 he worked to provide for the unemployed in the area at the time of the Great Depression.

A supporter of the

movement to give workers a half day off during the week (that movement being a step in the eventual introduction of the 40 hour week) he organised a gala at Taumata Park for the relief on the unemployed.

He was behind the massive clearance of the weed covered gully in the centre of the town into the present park.

The project to clear the gully provided work for the local unemployed.

Mr Bridger also helped raise funds for the erection of the War Memorial Gates at

the Eltham Primary School. Jenny Mack conceded the present development was a major undertaking but pointed to the support and volunteer work of the Eltham Lions Club.

The entire programme of enhancing Bridge Street entrance and the park is a massive combined effort involving the ECDG, the Eltham Lions Club and oversight of the South Taranaki District Council.

*Eltham News is compiled by Maree Liddington and Helen Pickford*

# The Father of Eltham



The sign in front of the Eltham Library which has recently been replaced. C A Wilkinson could be described as the 'Father of Eltham'. He was responsible for many of the large buildings around the town, was Mayor from 1941 -47, and MP for 22 years.

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April 11	NPOB (Away)	NPOB (Away)
April 18	Tukapa (Away)	Tukapa (Away)
April 25	Inglewood at Rahotu	Inglewood at Rahotu
May 2	Stratford/Eltham at Rahotu	Stratford/Eltham at Rahotu
May 9	Spotswood United (Away)	Spotswood United (Away)
May 16	Clifton at Rahotu	Clifton at Rahotu
May 23	Southern (Away)	Southern (Away)
May 30	NPOB at Rahotu	NPOB at Rahotu
June 6	Tukapa at Rahotu	Tukapa at Rahotu
June 13	Inglewood (Away)	Inglewood (Away)
June 20	Stratford/Eltham (Away)	Stratford/Eltham (Away)
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April 18	Stratford/Eltham (Away)	Tukapa (Away)
April 25	Kaponga at Rahotu	Bye
May 2	Tukapa at Rahotu	Stratford/Eltham at Rahotu
May 9	Toko (Away)	Spotswood United (Away)
May 16	Clifton at Rahotu	Clifton at Rahotu
May 23	Bell Block (Away)	Southern (Away)
May 30	Normanby at Rahotu	NPOB at Rahotu
June 6	Southern (Away)	Tukapa at Rahotu
June 13	Spotswood (Away)	Bye
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# Sustainability tops resolution list for new decade

Whether its tackling climate change, caring for our waterways or reducing the use of plastic packaging, the New Zealand dairy industry, and food producers in general, are grappling with huge challenges around sustainability. These challenges will continue in 2020 and through the next decade, and

decades, to come.

Globally, food production systems are facing a transformational challenge. New Zealand dairy farmers feed around 40 million people globally today. But as the world grows, food producers around the world will need to find new ways to feed 10 billion people by 2050. And we need to meet these demands while protecting and restoring the environment.

This is being driven by consumers becoming increasingly discerning when it comes to the products they buy and the food they eat.

Recent market research has found that 75% of millennials – those aged 20-35 – are altering their buying habits with the environment in mind and 34% of baby boomers are willing to change what they buy if it means purchasing more sustainable products.

These present unique challenges for New Zealand food producers and Fonterra is no different.

There's no easy or quick fix.

As a co-operative, we're deeply invested in New Zealand's success and take a long-term view. We're a business built from farms passed down from one generation to the next, and that means ensuring the land and natural bounty of our country are preserved for generations to come.

Agriculture depends upon a stable global climate and is particularly impacted by environmental effects. Our farmers are close to the land and will feel climate change hard.

That's why we've put



**Carolyn Mortland.**

sustainability at the heart of our co-op's new strategy.

This means doing what's right and doing what's expected of us for the long-term.

It means producing dairy nutrition in a way that cares for people, animals and the land, and brings value to our communities.

This is not only the right thing to do but has become increasingly important as

more consumers choose environmentally-friendly products.

As a country, New Zealand has got a head start.

We are already one of the best and most sustainable places in the world to produce milk. Our farmers can make a litre of milk for 60% fewer emissions than the global average.

We are known world over

for producing some of the best food in the world, and balancing this production with our green, clean reputation.

We've got innovative people working to reduce our environmental impacts, from cutting water use through to researching world-leading science to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

But no one can do this alone. Tackling complex issues like climate change, improving biodiversity and freshwater, and addressing plastic waste will take a collective effort by government, local and regional councils, the business community, scientists, iwi, community groups and consumers. But by working together and focusing on ambitious common goals, the power of collaboration can find solutions.

With New Zealand's natural environment and some of the world's most efficient farmers, we're well positioned to lead change.

We must find ways to achieve food and agriculture sustainability for New Zealand and our export markets.

Fonterra doesn't pretend to have all the answers and we've got a long way to go on our own sustainability journey but believe we can make positive change.

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# Don't let others dominate conversation says shadow farming minister

Last year National Party Agriculture spokesperson Nathan Guy was at the Oaonui Hall meeting locals and discussing farming.

Since then, Mr Guy who was Minister of Agriculture under John Key and Bill English has announced he will retire from politics at the next election. Last week his successor as National's spokesman, Todd Muller, along with fellow National Party MPs Jonathan Young and Harete Hipango was speaking to a meeting in the same room that his predecessor spoke in last year.

For the audience of around 30 it was a chance to chew the fat with a man regarded as one of National's rising stars, as well as to chew on some of the sausages at the pre-meeting barbecue.

"I think the agriculture sector is under siege," Mr Muller told his audience.

"These guys at the controls have a mindset that the country needs to orientate itself away from agriculture."

He said a Labour Party bias against farming, now backed



National Agriculture spokesperson Todd Muller (right) chats with Neil Walker.

has to deal with measures such as the Essential Freshwater proposals, moves to tax agricultural emissions, as well as an assumption that farmers are to blame for climate change.

While the rest of the world was preoccupied with energy issues when it came to climate change, New

Zealand seemed to be the only country in the world focussing on farming.

it's a badge of honour." Farmers know their operations had to be carried out in an environmentally sustainable way, he said.

"To those of you who have been farming for a while, think back on how your father farmed. It was way different."

Farmers know their

position to know what's needed to farm sustainably. They needed to get the message out there about what they are already doing.

"The more we put this up to the light, the more we can orientate it back the right way. We cannot let the NGOs and others dominate the conversation. Farmers are a humble lot. The last thing they want to do is put up a video saying, look what we are doing."

In answer to a question, he said having a farm environment plan is "critical."

"They allow you to protect

your interests."

With the country going through dry weather conditions which was causing water problems for towns as well as the farming sector, Mr Muller said he wanted to see a national conversation on water storage.

"We spent two billion dollars on ultrafast broadband in the cities because it enabled urban businesses to be connected with the rest of the world. Why is it that we don't have

the same kind of thinking for water storage?

"Ninety per cent of the water flows to the sea and we don't store it because it's seen as too hard."

One of the factors in the way is the Resource Management Act and changing it is something a National-ACT government would be in a stronger position to do than it would have been at previous times when they were dependent on other government partners, he said.



At the Oaonui Hall. Todd Muller(right) with from left. Harete Hipango MP, Shane Ardern, Jonathan Young MP, Andy Whitehead and Adrienne(Snapper)Young.

up by having the Green Party in government, could be seen as far back as the comment made by David Lange in the 1980s that dairying was a "sunset industry."

Today the farming sector

Zealand seemed to be the only country in the world focussing on farming.

"This government has said it's going to be the first country in the world to tax agricultural emissions as if

animals and knew their operations, so are in the best



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# New legislation to boost organics

New organics legislation will boost consumer confidence and help grow an innovative sector, says Food Safety Minister Damien O'Connor.

"The Organics Product Bill aims to increase consumer confidence when purchasing organic products, allow businesses to make claims that their products are organic with certainty, and promote international trade in organic products," Minister O'Connor said.

The Bill outlines the processes businesses must follow for approval to market products as organic, and national standards for production rules organic businesses must follow.

"It's important consumers trust what they are buying is organic. Consumers have voiced their concerns about questionable and confusing organic product claims. National standards will give consumers confidence in organic products," he said.

"Businesses will be able to invest and innovate in this growing sector with certainty their organic products can be trusted by consumers and our international trading partners.

"This new Bill will also



**Damian O'Connor**

bring us more in line with the way our major trading partners regulate organics, to help grow our organic export market," Minister O'Connor added.

Recent research shows demand for organics is increasing.

The U.S. organics market alone is currently worth more than NZ\$70 billion, and the EU organics market is worth around NZ\$65b.

"We've seen a cumulative growth in the EU organics market by 460 per cent since 2000," Minister O'Connor said. "The number of organic producers in the Oceania region has almost tripled since 2006."

Meantime, domestic and global demand for New Zealand organics saw the sector grow 30 per cent between 2015 and 2018 to be worth more than \$600m, according to a report from

Organics Aotearoa New Zealand.

The report also showed organic fresh fruit and vegetable exports were up 24 per cent, dairy, meat and wool exports up 45 per cent, and wine exports up 13 per cent from just three years prior.

"Now is the time to put a framework in place to help sustain and enhance this growth," Minister O'Connor said.

"The Bill can apply to any type of organic product once a standard is in place. Specific requirements and an organic standard will be developed to apply the new organics framework to different types of products.

"Initially we'll focus on developing requirements and standards for organic food, beverages, and plant and animal products. Requirements for other products will be developed in the future."

Organic Farm NZ chair Jim Bennett said the Bill was an important step for industry.

"We look forward to contributing to the growth of the organic sector for the benefit of both consumers and the environment," Bennett said.

Chair of the Organic

Exporters Association Alice Moore and her members are pleased to see the Bill introduced.

"This legislation will establish a foundation for greater investment in organic food production in New

Zealand, and enable greater trade of organic products with our export partners," she said.

After its First Reading in Parliament, the Organic Products Bill will be sent to Parliament's

Primary Production Select Committee for the public to have their say.

"I encourage everyone to get involved and make their views heard," Minister O'Connor said.

## Human emitted methane vastly underestimated

NIWA researchers have helped unlock information trapped in ancient air samples from Greenland and Antarctica that shows the amount of methane humans are emitting into the atmosphere from fossil fuels has been vastly underestimated.

Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas and a large contributor to global warming. Its atmospheric levels have increased by about 150 per cent over the past 300 years. It is responsible for about 25 per cent of global warming to date.

However, in a paper published this week in leading scientific journal Nature, researchers from the University of Rochester in the US outline that the amount of methane in the atmosphere that can be attributed to anthropogenic fossil sources is 25-40 per cent higher than previously estimated.

The authors say the findings are significant because it means reducing emissions from fossil fuel extraction and use will have a greater impact on curbing future global warming than scientists previously thought.

Drs Benjamin Hmiel and Vasilii Petrenko describe how ice cores act as time capsules, trapping small quantities of ancient air. That air was then extracted as a first step in determining

whether the methane emitted was a result of human activity or occurred naturally.

Some of those air samples were sent to NIWA's Wellington laboratory where they were subjected to a complex and precise process to extract the methane. NIWA principal atmospheric technician and co-author of the Nature paper, Tony Bromley, says further analysis was then carried out in a machine called a mass spectrometer which "fingerprints" methane sources and identifies its chemical composition.

For every single measurement, the team had drilled out one ton of ice while working in polar environments. From that they extracted the equivalent of five household buckets of air, and then isolated the equivalent volume of one water drop of methane. In that methane, only one in a trillion molecules is radiocarbon and they measured the changes in that minuscule content.

Mr Bromley says the degree of accuracy provided by the NIWA analysis means it is possible to pinpoint exactly how much methane is produced by humans.

Previously it has been difficult for researchers to determine exactly where methane emissions originate - biological methane can be released from sources such as wetlands or landfills, rice fields and livestock. Fossil

methane can be emitted through natural geological seeps or as a result of humans extracting and using fossil fuels including oil, gas and coal.

The two types of methane can be distinguished, because biological methane contains measurable amounts of the rare, radioactive isotope radiocarbon. In fossil methane, all the radiocarbon has decayed away while the gas was stored in underground reservoirs. However, radiocarbon measurements in modern air cannot separate fossil methane that is emitted naturally from industrial sources.

"As a scientific community we've been struggling to understand exactly how much methane we as humans are emitting into the atmosphere," says Dr Petrenko.

"We know that the fossil fuel component is one of our biggest component emissions, but it has been challenging to pin that down because in today's atmosphere, the natural and anthropogenic components of the fossil emissions look the same, isotopically."

By measuring the methane radiocarbon from more than 200 years ago when there were no industrial sources, the researchers knew that all fossil methane had to be emitted naturally. They

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# Forgotten Highway spending welcomed



.It's fantastic news for the region that a total of \$23 million will be spent to seal and improve the Forgotten World Highway (SH43), says the Regional Transport Committee Chair, Matthew McDonald.

This followed December's announcement of a \$9.6m Provincial Growth Fund investment to seal the highway's remaining unsealed section.

Mr McDonald, a Taranaki Regional Councillor, says the region has been pressing for such improvements for many years. "There'll be very worthwhile dividends

**The Government has announced a \$13.4 million grant from its infrastructure fund for safety improvements such as passing lanes and bridge upgrades**

for the whole region," he says.

The Government says the improvements can be expected to drive GDP gains into Taranaki of up to \$45 million over 40 years, with an increase in visitor numbers by around 13,000 annually. It also acknowledges the route's importance as an alternative when SH3 is closed.

"It's great to see the highway's value acknowledged at last," says Mr McDonald. "And I hope the latest funding announcement will encourage the NZ Transport Agency to revise their proposed three-year timeframe and deliver all the improvements in one timely package so the region can reap their full benefits as soon as possible."

The TRC-administered Regional Transport Committee includes representatives from all Taranaki Councils and NZTA.

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persist for a long time," Dr Hmiel says.

"Methane is important to study because if we make changes to our current methane emissions, it's going to reflect more quickly."

# Human emitted methane vastly underestimated

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sharp increase in the use of fossil fuels.

They also discovered the levels of naturally released fossil methane are about 10 times lower than previous research reported.

Methane being emitted by human activity is the

second largest contributor to global warming, after carbon dioxide. But, compared to carbon dioxide, methane has a relatively short shelf-life; it lasts an average of only nine years in the atmosphere, while carbon dioxide can persist in the atmosphere for

about a century. That makes methane an especially suitable target for curbing climate change in a short time frame.

"If we stopped emitting all carbon dioxide today, high carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere would still

found that almost all of the methane emitted to the atmosphere was biological until about 1870. That's when the fossil component began to rise rapidly. The timing coincides with a

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# Bayleys expands sponsorship at Taranaki Rugby



Academy, which aims to produce players for the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls while taking part in CMK club rugby, CMK U19 and the Taranaki Development programmes.

Community Rugby Manager Cole Brown said he is excited to have Bayleys on board and sees a connection between the 1<sup>st</sup> XV competition and the Academy.

“With support from Bayleys we will continue to prioritise and develop our 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby competition, player opportunity and experience at this level is paramount to the future success of the province.”

“We are extremely grateful to partner with Bayleys in delivering this programme.”

He said the 1<sup>st</sup> XV competition draws a lot of excitement in Taranaki with classic rivalries with schools competing for the title.

Dean File, General Manager of Bayleys Taranaki, said the company is proud to be involved in the growing partnership with Taranaki Rugby.

“The opportunity to assist in strengthening a Taranaki wide 1<sup>st</sup> XV competition is a very exciting part of our relationship with the TRFU. Bayleys are a company built on strong family values and

what better way to continue that core belief than to support grassroots rugby with a chance for all secondary school players to compete and be noticed.”

File said Bayleys are also proud to be involved in the Taranaki Bulls Academy and happy to assist in the development of the local talent with support from the Academy.

The sponsorship of Taranaki Rugby is just one of many organisations Bayleys New Plymouth supports.

During 2019, they supported the Taranaki Thunder Women’s Basketball team, New Plymouth Surf Riders club, Taranaki Western Riding Club, Indian community Diwali Festival, Around the Mountain Cycle race amongst a wide range of other groups or events.

Amongst some of the other groups or events that Bayleys supports are; Make a Wish Foundation, Operatic Society, Coastal Rugby, Egmont Boat Club, Taranaki

Racing Club, Egmont Racing Club, NZ Dairy Industry Awards, Beef & Lamb, Ballance Farm Environmental Awards, Fitzroy Bowling Club and the Life Education Trust.

The Bayleys 1<sup>st</sup> XV competition will kick off in April with Clifton, Central, Coastal, Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth Boys High School, Inglewood and Hawera High Schools competing.

## Beaming Barretts



Kevin (Smiley) Beauden, Blake and Kane Barrett take in the action at the Red Bull Forceback Finals last weekend at the Coastal Rugby grounds Rahotu.

One of the other organisations Bayleys supports is the Make a Wish Foundation.

Bayleys Real Estate has expanded its sponsor within Taranaki Rugby by supporting the province’s 1<sup>st</sup> XV school competition. The one-year deal adds to Bayleys existing sponsorship arrangement with the Union. The realtors, situated on Courtney Street in New Plymouth, also sponsor the Bayleys Taranaki Bulls



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# Opunake Bowling Club

On February 11 we had our Ladies Fours and Pairs Tournament with 10 teams competing. 1. West End (Trish Howard, Lorraine Heal, Laureen Bright and Debbie Kalin). 2. Lepperton (Ellie Goble, June Ward, Carol Pearce and Jean Hagerty). 3. Jane Augustine, Alison Sayers, Thelma Edgar, Diana Rowe.

The Cucumber Stakes were held on February 16. This was a great day with good competitive bowls. There were all day tomatoes, onions, cucumbers and bread, plus a delicious ham salad, potatoes and peas lunch. Winners were Bev Robinson, Paddy Deegan, Robert McKenzie and Ma Aropo.

The South Division



Winners of the fours and pairs tournament. Trish Howard, Lorraine Heal, Laureen Bright, Debbie Kalin.

Junior 3x5 bowls were held on February 19. Teams from Rahotu, Manaia, Opunake and other clubs. Congratulats to Levi Davis, Kiwani Ratahi and

Darryl McKenzie who won and will now compete against north who have three sections..

On February 26, Club pairs were played with four teams

competing. The winners were Val Langton and Pat Barrett.

Kay Fleming.

# Spike in food gathering fatalities

A spike in underwater, rock fishing and boating incidents has seen New Zealand's provisional preventable drowning toll jump back up to almost the five year average after a drop in 2018.

There were provisionally 78 preventable drowning fatalities in 2019 which is an increase of 12, or 18 percent, compared to the 66 preventable drowning fatalities in 2018.

"Every one of these preventable deaths is devastating for a family and has real and profound impact on many people's lives," says WSNZ Chief Executive, Jonty Mills.

"While our waterways are our playground they can be incredibly unforgiving and need to be treated with respect," says Jonty Mills.

"The toll reflects the complex nature of drowning in this country. Drowning is not one dimensional. The numbers represent a wide range of age, ethnicities, activities and water environments."

Of note are significant increases in land-based fishing (12 up from 6 in 2018) and underwater diving (11 up from 5 in 2018) fatalities. There's also been a spike in powered boat fatalities compared to the drop in 2018 but the 11 fatalities is just above the 2014 - 2018 five year average of 10.

Jonty Mills says the satisfaction that comes from catching food from the water is not worth losing your life over.

"Obviously there's a recreation and cultural aspect but sometimes there can be pressure to put food on the table, resulting in unnecessary risk taking and the potential cost is one no family wants to bear. It's so important fishers and divers make wise decisions and follow best practice when

it comes to water safety so they come home to their families" says Mills.

Best practice means rock fishers, net fishers and shell fishers wearing lifejackets and always taking a buddy. It's also important to properly assess the conditions and be aware of the dangers and to have some form of waterproof communication with you so you can call for help if something goes wrong.

Lifejackets are also critical for boaties, in over a third of the 12 powered boating fatalities in 2019 lifejackets were either not available, or not worn correctly.

"The data constantly reminds us that wearing a correctly fitted lifejacket is the most important thing you can do when you are out on the water, and also taking

two waterproof ways to call for help" says Jonty Mills.

The increase in diving fatalities highlights the importance of getting professional training, and always taking a buddy and running thorough safety checks before every dive.

"Also if you have been away from diving it's important to get a health check from your doctor. Too often in underwater fatalities it's the failure to follow correct safety procedures that leads to tragedy" says Mills.

It's also been a tragic year for under-fives with seven preventable drowning fatalities in 2019 compared to three in 2018.

"The key message for under-five water safety is constant active adult supervision at all times

around water and to avoid distraction. It's also important to constantly assess potential water hazards around the home and take appropriate action" says Mills.

Preventable fatalities in the 55 - 64 year age group have gone up to 12 in 2019 compared to 6 in 2018, and the 65+ age bracket has the highest number of fatalities for the second year in a row.

"Older New Zealanders are staying active longer but it's critical that everyone no matter what the age remembers the water safety code. Be prepared, watch out for yourself and each other, be aware of the dangers and know your limits."

In Taranaki there were two preventable drowning deaths in 2019, one more than in the previous year.

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# Red Bull Force Back Finals at Coastal Rugby grounds Rahoitu



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Christchurch Men Winners Blake Thompson, Byron Robertson, Sam Talbot with Beauden.



Wellington Women Winners Montana Heslop, Fai Aumatagi, Thamsyn Newton.



Beauden catches up with some fans.



Both exhibition games were won by Beauden's teams.



The Cantabrians celebrate.

## Day time rugby at home for Yarrows Taranaki Bulls

Afternoon rugby returns to Taranaki as the draw for the 2020 Mitre 10 Cup has been announced by the New Zealand Rugby Union.

All of Yarrows Taranaki Bulls five home games, at TET Stadium, Inglewood, will be played on either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon kicking off at 2:05pm.

The move in the schedule

is due to the lights at the venue not meeting broadcast quality standards for evening matches.

Inglewood will be the home of the Bulls this season as work on earthquake-prone Yarrow Stadium is due to commence in June.

The Bulls will play in four cross-over matches where they will play Premiership teams and the remaining

games will be against Championship sides.

The draw has been split evenly with five home and five away matches.

Taranaki will start their Mitre 10 Cup campaign at home against Championship winners, now Premiership side, Bay of Plenty, on Sunday 9 August.

Five days later, Taranaki will have a chance to win

the Ranfurly Shield, for the seventh time, when they play Canterbury in Christchurch in week two of the competition. The last time these two teams met in a Shield match was in 2017 where Taranaki took the Log 'o Wood off the red and blacks.

At the end of August, Taranaki host Otago, in a potential Ranfurly Shield match, and then are away to Northland on a Friday night.

For the third time in a row, Auckland travel to Taranaki in early September. The clash has ended up being a tight tussle over the last few years.

The Bulls then have two consecutive matches away to Southland and Waikato in the middle of September before hosting Counties Manukau.

The remaining two matches for Taranaki are against Manawatu away and Hawkes Bay in Inglewood.

Yarrows Taranaki Bulls head coach Willie Rickards is pleased with the draw and is looking forward to daytime rugby in Inglewood.

“Day time rugby is really exciting for our team, especially at home. Our fans are important and provide great support that really lifts the team. We are hoping they support the Bulls at Inglewood this year at more family-friendly times.”

Taranaki Rugby Chief Executive Laurence Corlett said he appreciates the support from New Zealand Rugby (NZR) during the draw formation process.

“NZR has been extremely accommodating for us as we have moved to a new venue for the season. Obviously, we can't play night rugby at home but daytime, weekend rugby will be fantastic for families and farmers who are around where our games are played. It's worked out really well for us.”

Corlett said he is looking forward to the atmosphere at TET Stadium this season.

“Our staff is working really hard to ensure we provide an entertaining atmosphere in Inglewood for the season. We want to accommodate families to the die-hard supporter,” he said.

In the lead up to the Mitre 10 Cup, Taranaki will play three pre-season matches against Manawatu, Auckland and Waikato. A wider training squad will assemble during the CMK club competition and a squad announced prior to the first match of the season.

In weeks two, four and five, which are test match weekends, NZR and Sky will be trailing having two Friday matches kicking off simultaneously at 7:05pm.

The Mitre 10 Cup starts on Thursday 6 August when North Harbour host Canterbury in Albany.



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# Talking Taranaki

## Chairman's chat

### Facing up to the challenges that 2020 is bringing us

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all. The pace has picked up for us all as summer starts to fade, with plenty of challenges, both new and long-standing, to keep us occupied.

If you've been wondering what's happening with the repair and refurbishment of the quake-prone stands at Yarrow Stadium, I can assure you there's been plenty of action behind the scenes! We're pleased with progress so far, and no untoward surprises have emerged.

As is best practice for such projects, we've carefully analysed the risks involved, and are engaging in actions to mitigate and manage them, if not eliminate them entirely. And an outside expert is thoroughly reviewing the detailed design of repairs to both stands. That should be finished soon and all going well, we'll then call for tenders.



The Council is unwavering in its belief that if Taranaki is to be a vibrant and thriving region, it needs a venue that can host international events. That's why we're reinstating Yarrow Stadium to what it was, with the refurbishments necessary to meet current and foreseeable requirements for such venues.

Meanwhile, we've also been involved in behind-the-scenes action of a different sort, regarding the Government's latest 'Essential Freshwater' reform proposals.

This Council and others have expressed strong reservations about many of these proposals. We believe they are most likely to create an unnecessary and heavy burden, both social and economic, for many in this region and across New Zealand.

Under the banner of Local Government NZ, myself and colleagues from across the nation have been talking to Government

representatives in Wellington, stressing the importance of developing pragmatic, efficient and effective measures to bring about the improvements to freshwater quality that everyone wants.

This is not impossible – just look at the encouraging results being achieved here in Taranaki as a result of well-directed community efforts.

We await with great interest the Government's ultimate decisions on this matter.

Finally, this edition of Talking Taranaki includes comments from my TRC colleague, Matthew McDonald, regarding the sealing of Forgotten World Highway. I'm pleased to introduce Matt as the new Chair of our Regional Transport Committee. He brings to the role a well-grounded understanding of hard-working Taranaki folk and their concerns and perspectives.

- David MacLeod, Chair

## Important reminder!

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## Around & about the region



### Fab day for footwork and fun

For a fun day with a difference that's also good for your fitness, sign up for the Pukeiti Adventure Trail Run on 22 March. There'll be something to suit all ages and fitness levels, with courses of 3km, 6km and 13km. The run gets off to a mass start at 10am and there'll be spot prizes and even a masseur on-site. Enjoy lunch at Founders Café or bring a picnic. And it's a great opportunity to check out Pukeiti's many delights, so why not make a day of it? Register online today for an early-bird discount! And check out all the events coming up at Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens!

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### Pesticide survey reassuring

Almost no traces of pesticides were found in two recent freshwater surveys in Taranaki, one by the Council focusing on surface water and the second a regular national survey of groundwater. Both surveys – one of rivers and streams, the other of groundwater – turned up minute traces of pesticide residues in only three samples across both surveys, all well within relevant standards. And there were no traces of glyphosate, which is best-known as Roundup and is very widely used.

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## Taking Taranaki forward

### Many hands help to boost biodiversity

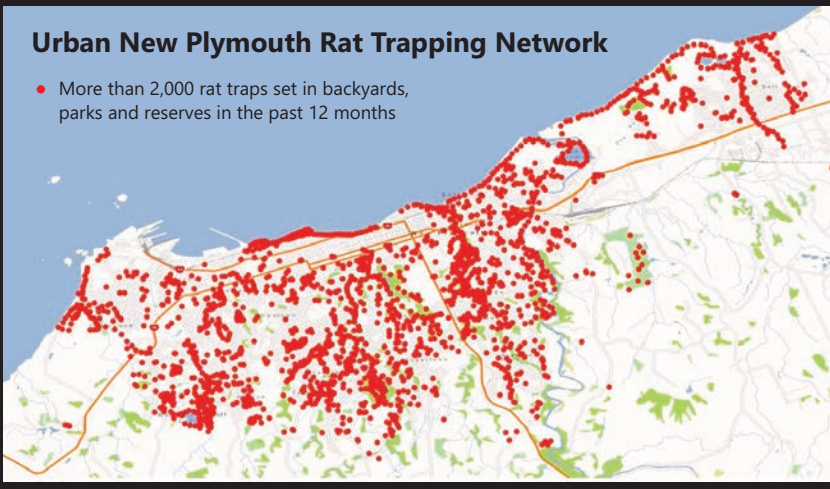
As our animated map shows, suburban rat trapping really took off in New Plymouth in just the first year of Towards Predator-Free Taranaki.

It's a great effort and firmly based in the community, suburb by suburb. So why not join in and work alongside your neighbours to support the precious native wildlife and plants that surround you?

See the list of groups at [www.trc.govt.nz/restore-groups](http://www.trc.govt.nz/restore-groups). Currently there are groups for Whalers Gate, Westtown, NP Central, Oakura, Frankleigh Park, Lynmouth, Highlands Park, Brooklands, Bell Block and Merrilands.

If there's not one for your suburb, why not start one yourself? Email the Towards

### Video: [www.trc.govt.nz/NP-traps](http://www.trc.govt.nz/NP-traps)



Predator-Free Taranaki team at [pftaranaki@trc.govt.nz](mailto:pftaranaki@trc.govt.nz) or call us free on **0800 736 222** to find out more.

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## Supporting livelihoods

### Forgotten World Highway funding welcomed



Part of the unsealed section of SH43 through Tangarakau Gorge.

A total commitment of \$23 million to seal and improve Forgotten World Highway (SH43) is fantastic news, says the Regional Transport Committee Chair, Matthew McDonald.

The Government last week announced a \$13.4 million grant from its infrastructure fund for safety improvements such as passing lanes and bridge upgrades. This followed December's announcement of a \$9.6m Provincial Growth Fund investment to seal the highway's remaining unsealed section.

Mr McDonald, a Taranaki Regional Councillor, says the region has been pressing for such improvements for many years. "There'll be very worthwhile dividends for the whole region"

The Government says the improvements can be

expected to drive GDP gains into Taranaki of up to \$45 million over 40 years, with an increase in visitor numbers by around 13,000 annually. It also acknowledges the route's importance as an alternative when SH3 is closed.

"It's great to see the highway's value acknowledged at last," says Mr McDonald. "And I hope the latest funding announcement will encourage the NZ Transport Agency to revise their proposed three-year timeframe and deliver all the improvements in one timely package so the region can reap their full benefits as soon as possible."

The TRC-administered Regional Transport Committee includes representatives from all Taranaki Councils and NZTA.

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# Snakes charm their way into birthday bash

Len Lye's kinetic sculpture *Sea Snakes* has made its world premiere at NPDC's Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre.

The seven swirling *Sky Snakes* are each made from 4.5 metres of ball chain – similar to the chain traditionally used for lamp or light switches – with a brass ball representing the head.

“They hang from the ceiling and spin to create dancing harmonic wave patterns of light and movement. This is the international debut of the seven *Sky Snakes*, and it's a great exhibition to help mark the Govett-Brewster's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration,” said co-directors Aileen Burns and Johan Lundh.

The construction of *Sky Snakes* has been funded by the Len Lye Foundation and donors through Team Zizz.

*Sky Snakes* opened on 29 February, the same day as



Len Lye's *Sky Snakes* made its debut on Saturday February 29. Photo: Len Lye Foundation Collection

the Govett-Brewster's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday street party.

A single-snake version was

exhibited at two New York galleries in 1965 and last year at the Museum Tinguely, in

Basel, Switzerland, as part of an exhibition of Lye's work.

The seven *Sky Snakes*

debuting at the Govett-Brewster have been made in accordance with Lye's

instructions by the Len Lye Foundation.

Lye referred to a group of *Sky Snakes* as a “rhumba”.

Lye envisioned one installation with 46 *Sky Snakes* around a “storm chamber”, with a Storm King made from a hanging sheet of metal in the centre.

In this exhibition, each *Sky Snake* chain is 4.5 metres long and hung from 9m above the floor. An electric motor drives each *Sky Snake* and creates wave patterns at a speed up to 190 revolutions per minute.

*Sky Snakes* is programmed to start slowly, form figures, maintain each form for a time, then coast to a stop over an eight-minute programme.

Set against a dark background, the moving *Sky Snakes* create an after-image of light playing on the metal.

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## World Premiere performance of Mountain Music celebrates Taranaki Mounnga Project

Taranaki Youth Orchestra will be joined by a massed choir of 200 pupils from eight New Plymouth schools when it performs the world premiere of *Mountain Music*, a new work by New Zealand composer, David Hamilton at a concert in New Plymouth's TSB Showplace on Friday March 20.

This project pushes the boundaries in landscape-scale ecological restoration, enhancing the mauri – vitality and life-force – of Mt Taranaki. Innovative pest management will allow rare and vulnerable wildlife to flourish once again in this treasured place. Threatened species like robin/toutouwai, kiwi, whio/blue duck and petrels will be replenished and bolstered, thriving once more on one of New Zealand's most revered mountains.

“With words by well-known NZ author David Hill, who lives in New Plymouth, based on original poems by young pupils of Moturoa Primary School, and a truly beautiful music score composed for our orchestra and a massed choir of 200 school pupils aged 5 - 17 years, by David Hamilton, this concert draws on Taranaki Mounnga as its theme and celebrates and brings together our young people through orchestral and choral music. We look forward to hearing this new work, created by David Hamilton, involving so many young people from Taranaki around this important ecological theme. Once again, our gratitude goes out to the donor for making this project happen,”

Well-known Taranaki musician Susan Case is rehearsing with the Taranaki Youth Orchestra. “*Mountain Music* is an evocative and quite lovely composition,” said Susan. “It challenges our young musicians, and the audience will be amazed at how this work reflects and draws upon Taranaki Mounnga with music that is many things – forceful, uplifting, romantic, intense, and even funny. I believe that this will be the first of many performances of this music by young musicians and choristers in Taranaki and throughout New Zealand.”

*Mountain Music* will be performed at New Plymouth's TSB Showplace on Friday 20 March. Two concerts. 4pm and 7pm. Tickets \$10 from Pianoworks, New Plymouth.

Limited Door Sales. Contact: Jocelyn Beath, Taranaki Youth Orchestra Director [jocbeath@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jocbeath@xtra.co.nz) 06 757 9379 021 144 1681

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Please join us for dinner at Soul Kitchen at 6pm on Wednesday March 11 or if you can't join us for the meal please share a presentation of the efforts to change the communities in Kenya and throughout Africa, followed by a question and answer session with Carey and Chiro to find out more about their amazing efforts. There will be Kenyan made baskets

and other crafts for sale with all proceeds going to Manasprings.

On Thursday March 12 there will be a presentation to Opunake High School students.

We are currently organizing an International Woman's Day Lunch at 12pm on Thursday March 12 also followed by a presentation and question and answer session with Carey and Chiro.

Please feel free to pass on this invitation. For more

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You can check out Manasprings on the internet or search the Manasprings facebook page

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Andy Whitehead

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Koru on Devon continue to celebrate Taranaki Art. Bringing new discoveries to our vibrant Art scene in the CBD,

"Coasties" brings together 12 Coastal Taranaki celebrated artists in a new exhibition at Koru on Devon.

Coasties artists exhibiting include Waldo Hartley, Dale Copeland, Linda McFetridge, Paul Hutchinson, Fay Looney, Alby Carter, Peter Lambert, Michael Smither, Leonie Smith, Margaret Scott, Steve Molloy, and Graham Kirk.

WOVEN - Artist Theresa Tongi. "I retreat to my happy place, where my thoughts and conversations unfold."

LONELY THINGS - Artist Ella Volino. A first time exhibition for Ella at Koru with what is a truly beautiful and elegant suite of work for this show.

SILENCE - Artist Donna O'Donoghue

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Koru continues to attract new artists, while our own collective's work will be featured in this busy contemporary gallery and Art space. In the central City.

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"Coasties Home" Fay Looney photographer.

## March exhibitions at Koru on Devon Gallery & Art Space



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LONELY THINGS - by Ella Volino

SILENCE - by Donna O'Donoghue

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# God of Carnage

God of Carnage is a viciously funny and biting comedy that takes place in the aftermath of a playground fight between two schoolboys. Their parents decide to meet to 'talk' it out.

In this entertaining and unsettling comedy from Hawera Repertory, what starts as a polite, civilised discussion soon degenerates into verbal warfare with all four adults revealing their own issues and true colours. Verbal bickering reveals the multifaceted characters and their emotional buttons are well and truly pressed and boundaries stretched and crossed.

Winner of both a Laurence Olivier Award (London) and a Tony (Broadway) for best play – God of Carnage written by French playwright Yasmina Reza is a fast-paced comedic satire described as a comedy of manners - without the manners.

Conflict and human nature are the predominant themes of the play which gives the audience an opportunity to witness the verbal battles of two families and their complex personalities.

For the audience, there is voyeuristic pleasure in watching the verbal battles unfold. We watch the characters unravel their dark sides, despite their diplomatic intentions and see them act like rude, petulant children.

The story begins as the two sets of parents, Michel and Veronique Vallon and Alain and Annette Reille meet to sort out the aftermath of a fight in which Ferdinand Reille hits Bruno Vallon with a stick and knocks out two front teeth. Despite their good intentions the civil discussion ultimately degenerates into an anarchic mess.

The play is set in the Vallon's home in Paris and

takes place in 'real' time, running for 90 minutes with no breaks or scene changes.

Veronique Vallon (played by Helen Snook) believes they can all come to an agreement about how Ferdinand can make amends for his attack but she is overly judgemental and wants Ferdinand's parents to feel shame and in turn, instil this into their son. Bruno. Veronique cares deeply about the kind of adults that children will become but becomes insufferable when she isn't listened to in her efforts to turn the incident into something positive.

At first her husband Michel (Ant Jones) seems eager to create harmony but soon reveals himself as uncouth. He denounces child-raising as a wasteful, gruelling experience and we learn

about his disturbing action in releasing his daughter's pet hamster into the streets of Paris with no thought for what will become of it.

Annette Reille (Donnella Weir) is constantly on the brink of a panic attack and feels abandoned by her husband Alain (Ron Scott) who is glued to his cell phone throughout the play. She wants the situation resolved but defends her son because he was provoked by Bruno and his gang of boys.

Alain is openly rude as he interrupts the meeting to take phone calls about the dodgy pharmaceutical company he represents. He claims that his son is a savage and doesn't see any point in trying to change him.

The playwright Yasmina Reza was born in 1959 in

Paris and trained as an actor. Her first play 'Conversations after a Burial' won the coveted Molière Award for best author. She has since won the award for two more plays and God of Carnage won both a Tony and a Laurence Olivier award. It has since been made into a film starring Jodie Foster, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz, and John C. Reilly.

This 90-minute thrill ride takes you to one of the most dangerous places on earth - parenthood - as a squabble over a playground incident becomes an all-out, fur-flying, hilarious brawl between two couples in this magnificent and funny play. Please note that language and content may offend some people.

God of Carnage will be performed at Repertory

House, Collins Street, Hawera on Friday March 20, Saturday March 21 and from Tuesday March 24 to Saturday March 28. Tickets

are available from the Hawera iSite or via Ticket Rocket (ticketrocket.co.nz)

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# Remembering sculptor of superstars

Three exhibitions are running concurrently at Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford.

Remembering Rodin Te Whakamahara ki a Rodin showcases New Zealand's most significant Rodin sculpture, *Eve* (1882), a work that has been appreciated

by fellow artists, experts, scholars and connoisseurs for many years. The exhibition is developed and toured by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

French sculptor Auguste Rodin is one of the world's most well-known artists, and his work had a profound

influence on the development of modern art. Born in 1840, he went on to produce some of the world's best known and most celebrated sculptures including *The Age of Bronze* (1876), *The Thinker* (1880) and *The Kiss* (1882).

By 1900, anyone who was anyone would include a visit to Rodin's studio on their itinerary in Paris. He was the sculptor of superstars – from modern dancer Isadora Duncan to President Georges Clemenceau, to playwright and social critic George Bernard Shaw. The world-renowned artist died in 1917.

Rodin's sculptures are normally found in the large metropolitan museums of Europe and the United States but on this occasion an important work has found its way to Stratford.

As Te Papa's Head of Art, Charlotte Davy has noted, "Rodin is accessible, relevant, powerful and universal".

*Eve* relates to Rodin's famous master work, *The Gates of Hell*. The female figure is hunched in despair, a very 'Rodinesque' pose, showing humankind's humiliation following the expulsion from paradise. It's a beautiful image, but a tragic, melancholic, timeless one too.

Also included in the

exhibition is a lithographic portrait of Rodin (1914) by his

famous near contemporary Pierre-Auguste Renoir, along

with an extremely handsome and rare leather bound edition of Gustave Coquiot's *Rodin* (Paris, 1915) with 57 hand-tipped photographs.

The second exhibition, 'State of the Art (Hanging With Rodin)' showcases new work by Taranaki artists whom curator Rhonda Bunyan sees to 'be pushing artistic boundaries with development of new techniques, style or concept'.

'Engrams – Memory Trace' is a photographic exhibition by Rhonda Bunyan, exploring the nature of shapes, patterns and shadows in water and sand, to create ghostly black and white images; luminous and dreamlike, akin to what the artist perceives 'memory traces' to be in her own brain.

Engrams are a hypothetical means by which memory traces are stored as physical or biochemical change in the brain (and other neural tissue) in response to external stimuli. The existence of engrams is posited by some scientific theories to explain the persistence of memory and how memories are stored in the brain.

The exhibitions are running for an extended period, to April 19.



Auguste Rodin, *Eve*, bronze, 1882. Collection of Museum of New Zealand. Te Papa Tongarewa.

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## Coasties along the coast

I'd thought that things would slacken off with just changing the exhibition every two months. Ha!

Wow! Nearly 5000 separate visitors, and a lot of them emailed to say they were going back and back for another long slow look. There's an appreciative audience out there.

And now it's Coasties - the work of 12 established artists from this coastal edge of Taranaki in New Zealand. An exhibition which will show in the Koru-on-Devon gallery in New Plymouth from March 6 as well as online, from now. On [www.tart.co.nz](http://www.tart.co.nz)

The images coming in looked so good I put together a full-colour book as a souvenir of the show. Had just 100 copies printed, and to help cover the formidable printing costs we've put an invitation into each book ... an invitation to visit the 8 most reclusive artists in the Coasties group. The ones who never open their studios to the public. Just this once, and by invitation only, The HideAways Tour.

It's a good exhibition ... online now and in the gallery from Friday March 6 (opening at 6pm. Be in early to get one of the books/invitations for \$10).

Life is good, yes?

Cheers

Dale Copeland



*Eve*, 1882, by Auguste Rodin. Purchased 1959 with Lindsay Buick Bequest funds. CC BY-NC-ND 4.0. Te Papa (1959-0029-1)

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# The Legend of Baron To'a

Screening at Everybody's Theatre on Saturday March 14 and Friday March 20 at 7pm.

Director: Kiel McNaughton.  
Writer: John Argall

*The Legend of Baron To'a* first screened at a fundraiser for the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club. Another movie was in line to be reviewed, but this one deserves credit. Not just because one of the producers - Kerry Warkia is friends with my friend Brenda (childhood neighbour and ex-bridesmaid). No, it's a damn good movie. It has everything from crowd pleasing heroes and heroines to a bit of a love interest. *The Legend of Baron To'a* does not depict New Zealand at its finest, but it does show a niche cul-de-sac in South Auckland with veracity. This slice of Aotearoa is relatable. Maybe thanks to the cinematography, Drew Sturge filmed with integrity. Combined with Kiel's directing, respect flows through the screen and breaks down the fictional barrier, allowing us to walk beside these characters as they sort themselves out.

My note-taking was non-existent, so I am writing this more from my heart than my head. In the first scene I felt goose-bumps, a sign



Everybody's Theatre on Saturday March 14 and Friday March 20 at 7pm.

of a movie executed from the heart too. A string of emotional fairy-lights twinkle through its core, as the main character Fritz (Uli Latukefu) revisits his family home and all the memories that come with such a reunion. There is theft and there is fighting. Quite a bit of fighting. A dog is flung over a fence, but we were reassured in the Q & A after the movie that it was all CGI (using a taxidermized lion, would you believe). The dog was completely unharmed. Kerry Warkia (friend of my friend Brenda) and her husband Director Kiel McNaughton attended the fundraiser, along with actress Shavaughn Ruakere. They very generously spent time afterward sharing their movie making experience, and mingling. Kerry and Kiel have also produced the likes of *Find Me a Maori Bride*, *Vai* and *Waru*. Also, they live up the road in Hawera. Brenda had urged me to introduce myself to Kerry, but decided I'd rather go to the superette than approach this talented, voted as "Woman to Watch" at the NZ WIFT Awards, individual.

However, passing the theatre armed with celery and toilet paper, an introduction seemed inevitable. I have no recollection what I said to the genuinely affable Kerry. I may have mumbled something about being the clapper on movie once and elegantly offering my services. Such a down-to-earth couple. Did I mention

Kerry is a friend of my friend Brenda? So, support our amazing neighbours, go see *The Legend of Baron To'a*. You'll love it  
P.S. I heard a film buff say at a meeting today "This is the best movie I've seen over the last year."

Jane Forkert.

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### Togetherness Tour Kotahitanga March 2020

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#### NEW PLYMOUTH EVENT

Venue : WITT Campus, Te Piere o Te Rangi Building (F Block)  
(Entrance via Bell Street)

Date : Thursday 5th March 2020

Programme : 5pm to 9pm - Mini Exhibition  
6pm to 8pm - Guest Lectures

## Togetherness Tour (Kotahitanga) - New Plymouth

Venue : WITT Campus, Te Piere o Te Rangi Building (F Block) - (Entrance via Bell Street)

The response of New Zealanders as a whole to the 15th March tragedy in Christchurch has been overwhelming. New Zealand has been a wonderful example of empathy and compassion to the whole world. However there is still more work needed to remove misconceptions and foster tolerance, peace and harmony among communities.

Date : Thursday 5th March 2020. Programme : 5pm to 9pm - Mini Exhibition - "What is Islam"  
6pm to 8pm - Public Lecture

The "Togetherness (Kotahitanga) Tour" scheduled to be held across many cities in New Zealand is designed to reach out to both Non-Muslims and Muslims to spread the message of togetherness in the community. It is our sincere intention that this event will be an opportunity to integrate all communities in New Zealand so that the tragic acts of 15th of March in Christchurch may never be repeated. Through creating better understanding in our communities we can break down barriers and give everyone an opportunity to meet Muslims, ask questions and know more about Islam, in order to remove the misconceptions and stop hate.

The Voice of Islam team has been working together with various local Muslim communities to make this tour happen. The tour will be in the Auckland region (City Centre and Mangere), Hamilton, Hastings, Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Wellington region (Johnsonville and Lower Hutt), Nelson, Blenheim, Ashburton, Oamaru, Dunedin and Christchurch. The details of each event is available on the VOI website. During the tour, we will hold short talks in the evenings with our acclaimed guest speakers Tim Chambers (UK), John Fontain (UK) and Fahad Tasleem (USA) and a mini exhibition on "What is Islam."

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- **Diversity** - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**



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Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou  
 Ka ora ai te iwi.

As we call to Rangi above  
 And we call to Papa below  
 Thus, we gather the people  
 The leaders  
 So, we share the breath of life.  
 To the canoes of South Taranaki  
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 With your basket and mine  
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**Te Pūtea ā-Iwi**

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.

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- Ngā Mahi ā-Toi/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](http://www.southtaranaki.com), Council's Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera, any South Taranaki LibraryPlus, or from the Council Funding Administrator.

Te rā tatū mā ngā tono; **Ko te Rāmere, te Rua tekau mā whitu o Poutu-te-Rangi, 4.30 i te ahiahi.**

Closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31 March 2020 at 4.30pm.**

For further information, please contact the Council Funding Administrator on 0800 111 323 or [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz)

*What's On Listings*



**ONGOING**

**Jonathan Young:** Need to chat with your local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email [newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz)

**Movies at Everybodys Theatre in Opunake:** Playing several days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper.

**SUNDAYS:**

**Open Mic at the Rahotu Tavern:** Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

**MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake:** Each Monday 10 am - 12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

**Opunake Friendship Club:** Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

**TUESDAYS**

**Opunake Walking Group:** Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600.

**Club Hotel Pool:** Tuesday nights. New players welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake:** Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676

**Schnitzel Night:** Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

**Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker:** Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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

**THURSDAYS**

**Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker:** Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

**Coastal Young Farmers:** Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

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

**Egmont Euchre Club:** Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

**FRIDAYS**

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

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

**WEEKENDS**

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

**FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 19**

**“Rodin’s Eve” Exhibition:** At Percy Thomson Gallery. Refer advert and editorial.

**MARCH 5**

**Togetherness Tour Kotahitanga:** WITT Campus, New Plymouth, 5pm. Refer advert and editorial for details.

**Opunake Junior Soccer AGM:** At Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake, 7pm.

**MARCH 6 TO 31**

**‘Woven’, ‘Lonely Things’, ‘Silence’ & ‘Coasties’ Exhibitions at Koru on Devon, New Plymouth:** Refer ad and editorial.

**MARCH 7 & 8**

**Free Driver Training with Road Safe Taranaki & Auto City:** Egmont A&P Showgrounds, Hawera. 9.30am to 4pm. Refer ad.

**MARCH 8**

**Mountain to Sea Fun Cross Country Bike Ride:** Refer ad and editorial for contact details and information.

**MARCH 9**

**Okato Lions Club Driving Event:** 10am departure. Refer advert for details.

**MARCH 10**

**Rahotu Home & School Association AGM:** At Rahotu School staffroom, 7pm.

**MARCH 11**

**Taranaki National Art Awards AGM:** At Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake, 1pm.

**Manasprings information and fundraising evening:** At Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake, 6pm.

**MARCH 13 TO 15**

**WOMAD Festival:** In New Plymouth. Refer ad and editorial.

**MARCH 16**

**Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club AGM:** At the Clubrooms, Pinny Drive Eltham, 7.30pm.

**MARCH 18 TO 26**

**Discover Northland Tour:** With Weir Bros. Ph 06 278 5858.

**MARCH 20**

**Blindspot:** At Butlers Reef, Oakura. Refer ad.

**MARCH 21**

**Opunake District RSA AGM:** At the Opunake Fire Station, 6.30pm.

**MARCH 22**

**The Slacks.** And Open Mic: At Lahar, Okato. 4.30-6.30pm.

**MARCH 23**

**Opunake Sporting Shooters Inc AGM:** At Kaweora Rd, 7.30pm. Refer ad.

**MARCH 24**

**NPBHS Boarding Open Day:** 10.15am to 3pm. Refer ad.

**MARCH 27**

**Raw Muscle:** At Butlers Reef, Oakura. Refer ad.

**MARCH 28**

**Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust SGM:** At the Novatel Hotel, New Plymouth, 10am. Refer ad.

**APRIL 4**

**New Zealand Military Tattoo at Palmerston North:** With Weir Bros. Ph 06 278 5858.

**APRIL 11**

**Bollywood Party in Opunake:** At Headlands. Refer ad or call 06 761 8358 for information.

**APRIL 25 & 26**

**Rahotu Hall Fundraiser 8 Ball Pairs Challenge:** At the Rahotu Tavern. Refer ad.

**OCTOBER 3 & 4**

**World of Wearable Art, Wellington tour:** With Weir Bros. Ph 06 278 5858.

**OCTOBER 25 TO 30**

**Great Barrier Island & Auckland Tour:** With Weir Bros. Ph 06 278 5858.

**Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust**

**Notice of Special General Meeting**

A special general meeting of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 28 March at the Novotel Hotel, Corner of Hobson & Leach Streets, New Plymouth. The meeting has been called to present information and to vote on a special resolution covering proposed updates to the Trust's charter. All adult registered members of the Trust are invited to attend.

Voter packs, together with information about the special resolution will be sent to all registered adult members of the Trust from 21 February 2020. Members will be able to vote on the resolution by post, internet or by ballot box at the special general meeting. Internet and postal voting options will close at 5pm on 27 March 2020.

Further information on the special resolution is available on request from the Trust's office at 1 Young Street, New Plymouth, by email to [marama@taranaki.iwi.nz](mailto:marama@taranaki.iwi.nz) or online at [www.taranakiwi.iwi.nz](http://www.taranakiwi.iwi.nz).

Leanne Horo  
 Chairperson - Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held at the clubrooms  
 5 Pinny Drive Eltham  
**On Monday 16th March 2020 at 7:30pm.**  
 All members and intending members welcome.  
 Club nights Mondays and Fridays from 7pm.  
 All gear and tuition supplied.  
 No Firearms Licence required.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday March 21  
 at 7.00pm,  
 Opunake Fire Station  
*Drinks and Meet & Greet at 6.30pm*  
*Supper at conclusion of meeting*  
 Inquiries to Sec. Rev.  
 Geoff Williams  
 06 761 8510

**CELLO TEACHER**

wanted for someone living in New Plymouth interested in learning to play the Cello.  
 Phone 06 761 7016.



**OPUNAKE & DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**  
 BA5 Event

Tuesday March 10th  
 5.30pm  
 Hosted by Farm Source, Tasman Street, Opunake.  
 Join us for a social get together and an insight into the Farm Source Business.

RSVP for catering purposes by return email or directly to Carol at Farm Source would be appreciated.

**AGM**

**Opunake Sporting Shooters Inc.**

March 24, 7.30pm  
 At the Clubrooms, Kaweora Rd  
 Contact Nigel Bright  
 027 268 8049

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