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# Couple's narrow escape

After avoiding by seconds the dire prospect of about 250 tonnes of rock and clay falling on them a Wanganui couple commented, "We've bought a Lotto ticket." - adding "Earlier I didn't think we'd still be here. We'd have been dead. We've have been crushed."

The near tragedy happened at the north end of Middletons Bay in the early afternoon of Friday April 28.

The couple, Stu and Vicki Tomlin, were enjoying a caravan trip to the popular seaside town when they headed down the beach for a walk. They had negotiated the rocky terrain around the point at the north of the beach and were returning when Stu looked up at the cliff face and spotted something which made him uneasy. He could see a big crack near the top of the cliff and soon after a few rocks began to fall. "Stu yelled out to me run and I took off," said Vicki and the couple tore over the rocks to the relative safety of the sand just as tonnes of rocks, clay and the occasional uprooted tree fell down in the vicinity of the spot where they had been walking just seconds before.

Another holidaying couple Di and Kev Hickman were



Stu and Vicki Tomlin of Wanganui indicate where the cliff debris fell from, while nearby are large rocks, clay and uprooted small trees.

sitting outside their caravan at the entrance (south) end of the beach when they heard the huge noise of the cliffside cascading down. "It was hell of a big rumble," explained Kev.

Stu, who used to work diggers as a job, estimated that about 250 tonnes of material came down. Some of the rocks were the size of small cars. "Stu is good at picking things," commented Vicki.

"I can't believe how much came down," commented Di.

Stu and Vicki walked with the reporter to show him where the near tragedy occurred and shouted a warning to a man with two dogs who was climbing over the rocky terrain coming towards us. Moments later, as the man and couple talked about the situation suddenly one of the dogs attacked Stu, who was not bitten as his shorts took the brunt of the teeth. The man immediately called the dog and disciplined him, as well as being very apologetic.

However, the couple could have done without another shock which could have had more serious consequences.

Perhaps they headed off and bought another Lotto ticket!

# New Plymouth Green Party candidate chosen

Green Party candidate chosen - Dr Stuart Bramhall

Dr Stuart Bramhall was recently selected as the Green Party of Aotearoa

NZ's candidate to contest the New Plymouth electorate in this year's General Election (September 23).

Before retirement Dr

Bramhall was a child and adolescent psychiatrist. Prior to settling in NZ in 2002 she had a general practice in the United States. Her formative years were spent in Milwaukee.

She is a well-known and respected environmental activist, who has raised concerns about a number of issues. However, it is the Greens Party platform she intends to promote and the importance of the party vote, rather than her own candidature.

Dr Bramhall is also a prize-winning author. 'A Rebel Comes of Age' was the winner of Pinnacle Achievement award, as well as the Readers Favourite Book award. An on-line book 'Twenty-first Century Revolution' was winner of the Global E-Book award as well as securing the Readers Favourite accolade.

Dr Bramhall emphasises

that the Green Party is totally committed to the protection of the environment in all its aspects. However, in 2017

their primary commitment is to preventing catastrophic

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**Looking after livestock**

I am always amazed how some people who are not farmers themselves actually perceive that our farmers are not looking after their livestock properly, especially when it comes to bobby calves

through the media about how some farmers were somehow mistreating their bobby calves, so Janet Schultz, our Taranaki Federated Farmers vice chairman must have got a whiff of information about this complaint.

As a youngster I sometimes helped out when it came to feeding bobby calves. I was told to be very careful and gentle with them as they all like their drink of cow's milk straight after milking.

Okay, there are rules and regulations about handling bobby calves which might confuse some farmers, but according to our vice chairman, farmers are doing fine, and have always treated all livestock with care,

Tom Stephens  
 New Plymouth

**Young Farmers thriving**

Just recently a Taranaki Bobby Calf action group regional roadshow which attracted about 100 farmers.

I am so pleased our province has fine Young

I can remember some time ago someone complained

Farmers clubs like Urenui, Inglewood, Coastal, Central and Waimate West. It's a wonder towns like Mokau, Awakino, Ahititi and Tongaporutu haven't combined together to have their own Yung Farmers Clubs, as it would be great if it happened.

While our young farmers are out and about within their own districts, each club could easily form their own security watch, as they could see anyone acting in a suspicious manner or anything that doesn't look right, then contact the farmer and the rural police.

Any fundraising done by our Young Farmers no

doubt is appreciated. With the combined effort of all clubs they could organise a Taranaki Young Farmers cabaret style ball. I remember attending many Young Farmers cabarets with the band Nought Five Plus Two and having Ray Columbus as guest artist which packed out the Star Gym on Tukapa Street, New Plymouth.

Again, it's pleasing to see our province's Young Farmers are thriving well, so keep up the great work, as I believe our province needs our farming industry to really thrive, and these clubs to be known around our province.

Tom Stephens  
 New Plymouth

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**EDITORIAL**

**Non merger right decision**

The Commerce Commission has in its wisdom decided to disallow the merger of New Zealand's two main newspaper publisher, the Australian owned Fairfax Media and NZME. The combined company would have controlled nearly 90% of the daily newspaper market and online news.

The reason given by the two major news outlets in New Zealand for the proposal was the fact that they were struggling to get advertising revenue because google and social media were mopping up 80 percent of the national advertising and that they would be unable to sustain their operation including the present numbers of journalists.

is a newspaper and that is where their focus should be. They saw a healthy future for newspapers and are clearly not giving up their investment in print media.



A year ago the worrying prospect of a proposed merger was the talk of the annual Community Newspaper conference (CNA) in Rotorua which the staff at the Opunake & Coastal News attended.

And that journalism would suffer. The Commerce Commission rejected this model believing that competition was healthy.

The community newspapers are faring better than the dailies because their news is local and cannot often be sourced by other means.

to Opunake, there was - and still is - around a dozen independently owned daily papers, both broadsheet and tabloid, each with their own complexion on the news of the day. From the left wing Guardian to the right winged Telegraph, to The Sun with its page three girl people had a choice. And choice is important. And that is what clearly concerned the Commerce Commission. As in a democracy, choice is important.

Fortunately again the Commerce Commission has rejected the proposal sticking with a preliminary decision they made in November last year to not allow the merger believing that a totalitarian news media would not have been in the interests of the New Zealand public. The merger would have reduced the quality of news and the diversity of voices, said Commission Chairperson Mark Berry who also said that competition between news outlets resulted in better content.

It is tougher out there. And unfair that Google and social media are capitalising on the news articles that have been placed on the Internet for all to read. The question arises of course is why did these news outlets give away their news free on the Internet.

Alas, newspapers will live on.

Radio did not displace newspapers as sources of news. Nor did television displace radio or newspapers (or cinemas for that matter).

Nor will the Internet displace newspapers or other media.

There's still a lot of people who like to get their news via a trusted source - a newspaper. False news is becoming an issue. (Look up Charles Manson which I did some time ago on Google. One report claims he has died. He hasn't).

There perhaps needs to be some way of taxing online media that feed off the news created by journalists in order to sell advertising.

In London where I lived for some time before coming

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On a lighter note illustrating the diversity of newspapers and the people who read them from Yes Prime Minister, A Conflict of Interest:

Hacker: Don't tell me about the press. I know exactly who reads the papers: The Daily Mirror is read by people who think they run the country; The Guardian is read by people who think they ought to run the country; The Times is read by the people who actually do run the country; The Daily Mail is read by the wives of the people who run the country; The Financial Times is read by people who own the country; The Morning Star is read by people who think the country ought to be run by another country; and The Daily Telegraph is read by people who think it is.

Sir Humphrey: Oh and Prime Minister, what about the people who read The Sun?

Bernard: Sun readers don't care who runs the country as long as she's got big tits.

# New Plymouth Green Party candidate chosen

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up New Zealand rivers. There must be a steep reduction in carbon dioxide (CO2) within the next five years." She points out, "The survival of the human species is at stake here." It is important for countries to uphold the Kyoto Accord, she says. Fossil fuels need to remain in the ground, but we need to promote and develop renewable energy as a replacement.

The Green Party is also deeply concerned about the widespread pollution of rivers, as well as recent outbreaks of bacterial contamination (Camptobacter and E.coli) of water supplies in urban centres.

According to Dr Bramhall, the Green Party also takes a strong stand against rainforest depletion to produce palm kernel feed supplements and palm oil used in many processed foods. "Rainforests are the



**Dr Stuart Bramhall who has been selected for the Green Party for the New Plymouth electorate.**

lungs of the planet."

The government needs to step in and provide tax incentives and subsidies to ensure that environmental measures are adhered to. She points out that most banks will not always provide finance for important

environmental projects, unless there are financial gains for them.

Dr Bramhall is also proud of the Green Party's proposed smart green economy to facilitate New Zealand's transition from fossil fuels to renewable

energy. This smart green economy would put more emphasis on value-added exports, such as renewable energy technology and information technology. She mentions Xero and Loomio as two examples of NZ software technology that have become enormously popular worldwide.

One thing Dr Bramhall is clear about is "We need to change the Government." She thinks this Government has been too much a crisis-orientated one, which lurches from one crisis to the next. As examples, she refers to crises involving child poverty, prisons, housing, homelessness, and mental health.

Dr Bramhall's campaign will mostly include door knocking, involving the face-to-face meeting of voters, as well as telephoning, although she'd be happy to debate the other candidates in any organised meeting.

# List candidate has coastal links

Two women from the Whanganui electorate have been named on the Labour Party list for this year's general election.

Steph Lewis who was profiled in the Opunake and Coastal News on March 31 is Labour's candidate for the Whanganui seat and has been given a list placing of 41st, while Linsey Higgins who is standing as a list only candidate is ranked as number 64.



**Labour list candidate Linsey Higgins**

Linsey who works as aide to Whanganui mayor Hamish McDouall originally hails from Kaponga where she attended Kaponga Primary School and Opunake High School. She completed a Bachelor of Social Work from Massey in 2015 and was working for the New Zealand University Students Association before taking up her current position at the Whanganui District Council.

Linsey says she has believed in Labour Party values for some time but her role with the Students

Association has meant having to deal with people from different parties, so she didn't feel she was able to formally join the party at that stage.

"When I finished the job at the end of last year, I was able to sign up as a member. The values were always there, but now I'm able to wear them on my sleeve. I had conversations with a couple of people in the party who knew how keen I was to be more involved and they suggested I run on the list.

After having been a member for only a short period of time I'm really pleased the moderating committee sat down and thought I was a real contender and put me on the list."

She lists health, education and housing as being her main areas of interest.

"There's a real natural dovetail in that the values I've always been fighting for are Labour values. When I see how underfunded health is, it grinds my gears."

Although she does not have a seat to contest, she sees herself being busy between now and the election on September 23.

"My focus will be on increasing the party vote, to make sure more people vote Labour, while encouraging Steph in her campaign. I will be turning up to events alongside Steph and supporting her as much as possible. We are definitely keen to get to the northern end of the electorate and show our face around there a lot more."

Her parents are still sharemilking near Kaponga where Linsey grew up. Her older brother is also sharemilking, and a younger brother is an apprentice builder.

Labour Party branch chair Craig Paynter says he welcomes the inclusion of Steph and Linsey on the list.

"This list shows the Labour Party hasn't forgotten about ensuring rural communities have a strong voice in Parliament. The Party's list ranking for Steph recognises the skills and abilities she will bring to Parliament, which will also see her be a great representative for the communities in the Whanganui Electorate."

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COMMUNITY COMMENT

# Ideas 'flying' in Kaponga

At the beginning of this term of office, one of the Eltham Community Board's strategies was 'to work with the people of Kaponga; to help them form a new Kaponga Progressive Committee and consult the community to find out what they want for their town.'

To accomplish this we held a 'Fly your Ideas' night in March. A turnout of 30 was an encouraging start, and then the ideas 'flew.' From group discussions a list of 79 suggestions for the town came forward. Folk were then given the opportunity to vote for their top five projects.



Maree Liddington

These, in order of preference were: a walkway from Kaponga to Hollards Gardens, a dedicated area

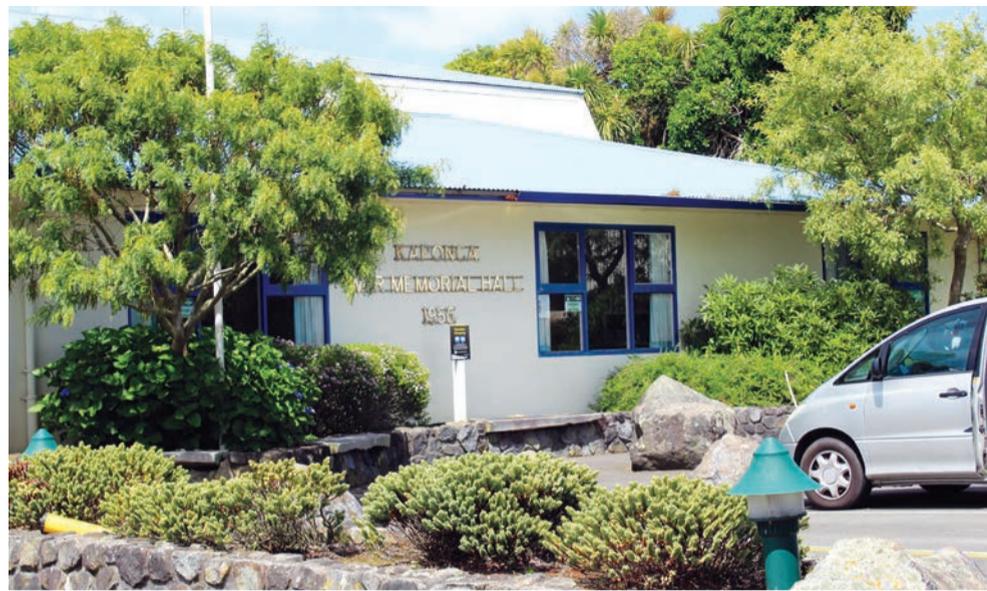
for campers, an upgrade of the town entrances and better signage, a tidy up of local buildings and streets, and having the Kaponga Town Hall tidied up.

Other suggestions are works in progress like repairs to the swimming pool, upgraded street lighting and tidy ups of gardens around town. Speeding through the town was a concern especially outside the schools. To help answer these questions, Constable Doug Peach and Constable Olivia Neustroski attended the second public meeting.

A new Kaponga Progressive Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Ian Clifton.

The Secretary is Roby Dummigan and Treasurer Sonya Douds. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and two board members attend these in an advisory role.

To a certain extent, the Community has been held back by the pending decision of the Kaponga Library location. Now Council has



The Kaponga War Memorial Hall.

made a decision on this, they can move on. I know some might see the demolition of the building on the corner of Egmont and Victoria Streets as a negative, but this could also be an opportunity. An opportunity not just for another piece of grass the Council has to mow, but an opportunity to tick some

of the 79 'wants' off the list. This area could be an Information site with boards for town history, things to see, community notices, a starting point for the walkway? Along with that, the moving of the Library to the hall supper room means the town gets upgraded toilets, new supper room and

the tidy up of the hall they desire.

Kaponga is set to move forward, and the new committee is keen to see this happen. Change is not easy, but sometimes it is necessary to move forward.

Maree Liddington  
Chairperson  
Eltham Community Board

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## Library shift maybe permanent

South Taranaki Councillors recommended permanently relocating Kaponga's LibraryPlus to the town's Memorial Hall at their May 1 Policy Development Meeting.

The Kaponga LibraryPlus has been temporarily based at the Memorial Hall for the last nine months after the old LibraryPlus building was found to be earthquake prone.

The decision was made following consultation with the Kaponga community who were fairly evenly split on the move, according to

feedback forms returned..

Of the 52 forms returned, 50 per cent wanted to repair the existing building, 44 per cent wanted to relocate to the Memorial Hall and 6 per cent didn't specify a preference.

South Taranaki District Mayor Ross Dunlop says it made more sense to relocate and make better use of the hall facility which is under-utilised.

"In 2015-16 there were only six bookings for the entire year at the Hall. By combining the LibraryPlus and hall into one upgraded

community facility we are making much better use of our assets and providing greater security to the residents that these services will be retained," he says. "It's the most cost effective and suitable long term solution."

Relocation of the LibraryPlus would also provide for a larger library with more scope for holiday programmes and events.

Mayor Dunlop says that as part of the relocation Council would work with

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# New Business Association chairman



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Bob's background is in finance, latterly being a CFO of a NZ wide Australian-owned foreign students education business, and a CFO of an EFTPOS company that morphed with another similar business into a NZ public company during which he acted as the Chief Integration Officer and assisted with obtaining a dual listing on the New Zealand and Australian stock exchanges.

Community involvement included being Chairman of

an Arts Trust to develop a multi-purpose Arts Facility in Upper Hutt (Expressions) and Friends of St John's Church Trentham. For many years he was on the Local Area Committee of the Central Institute Technology (Heretaunga) and participated in a degree application submission. He has been a marriage counsellor and ran communication courses.

His hobbies and interests include rugby (a Hurricanes fan), cricket, fly fishing, gardening, reading, visual and performing arts and

bridge, and plans to add surfcasting and resurrect his golf game.

As a newcomer Bob promises to be diplomatic and tactful and is aware that the Business Association is an advocate for all businesses in the district and that the Association vision is paramount.

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## Library shift maybe permanent

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Hall as well as demolishing the old library building and working with the community to landscape and beautify the site so it's an attractive feature in the town," says Mayor Dunlop.

"The new combined facility must be fit for

purpose, so it's important that we get it right even if it means spending a little bit more in the short term," he says.

The Council recommendation will need to be adopted at its next full Council meeting.

the community to get a good outcome.

"The Council recommendation includes developing a new supper room and upgrading the toilets within the Memorial

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# Opunake Fire Brigade turns out for ANZAC Day

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Due to the lack of military personnel in the parade, our fire chief Rodney Woods volunteered to take charge and lead the muster for this Day of Remembrance march. As funny as it sounds, I think I was the only one in step on the march as all of the others seemed to be out.

I must say, I thought the new RSA President Shane Butler had done a wonderful job with the service, and the playing of the Australian and New Zealand anthems was a very fitting touch. The improved sound system, at the Cenotaph and at the Town Hall, was a vast step up on other years. Well done Shane.

You may have seen ads on TV recently regarding the N.Z. Fire Service "Escape Planner" and "Escape my House" promotions. They can be seen in depth on the Fire Service web site: [w.w.w.fire.org.nz/escape](http://w.w.w.fire.org.nz/escape) plan, and are well worth a look. The Escape Planner prepares you for a house fire so that everyone gets out fast and stays out. The planner is a step by step guide that can be completed in minutes. In a nutshell, the



vital points are: 1) have an agreed safe meeting place, 2) check the various ways out of every room, 3) make sure the exits are accessible to everyone, and 4) make sure you practice the plan.

This leads into the "Escape my House" scenario which is a gripping interactive experience that takes place in a real house fire. Check them both out, and raise awareness within your family on what should be done if the unthinkable happens. Go over the various points with your children so that everyone

knows the procedure. House fires are devastating enough for all concerned, but the grief would lift to another level if someone was tragically killed.

The siren sounded early on Friday evening when a resident spotted a power pole "sparking" near the front of their property. In a case like this, there is basically nothing we can do other than keep an eye on hot sparks to make sure they don't make it to the ground and cause further excitement. The sparking is often caused when a salt

build-up on the power pole cups interferes with the electricity and arcing occurs. It can be very entertaining to watch but it rarely causes any other issues.

We were on the move at around midnight on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> when flooding again caused an issue in Ponderosa Place. The drain that runs between the pony club grounds and the houses doesn't seem to be wide or deep enough to cope with a downpour and subsequently spills over. On arrival we helped the home owners move their elderly

mother from her waterlogged granny flat up to higher ground. We were relieved to see that the water was receding relatively quickly and after a look around, we came to the conclusion that there was not a lot more we could do. We drove away feeling really gutted for the residents as this is an ongoing problem in the area and a solution still hasn't been found yet. They are once again left with the inconvenience of a muddy film over the saturated carpet that they now have to clean and dry out. I hope the STDC engineers sort this ongoing problem out before the winter rains arrive.

At around 9 o'clock on Monday morning we were called to a car versus a ute on the Arawhata Road. A farmer had stopped on the side of the road to clear away some debris that had been blown on to the road with the storm when a small car smashed into the back of his

ute. Unfortunately when driving up the Arawhata Road at that hour of the day the sun is directly in front and visibility is restricted. That coupled with a vehicle parked in the shadows on the side of a narrow road spelt out "disaster coming up." We had to use our Holmatro cutting equipment to chop the roof of the car off so we could extract the front seat passenger. We did the roof cut as a precaution because you don't really know if any internal damage has been sustained in a sudden impact accident. We don't want to cause any further damage by dragging the patient out through the door. It is far easier to just cut the roof (the car was a write off anyway), slide a back-board between the patient and the seat and slither the person up. She was whisked into one of two waiting ambulances and taken to hospital with a suspected broken collar bone.

*The Water Boy.*

## On this month in history Bob Dylan born

On May 24, 1941 Robert Alan Zimmerman was born. He is better known to music lovers as Bob Dylan. His new day was in honour of Welsh writer Dylan Thomas.

He has written many memorable songs such as 'Blowin'

in the Wind' and 'Mr Tambourine Man.'

He became involved in the anti-war and civil rights protests. Recently, he won the Nobel Prize for literature for his songwriting.

## The continuing tale of two wandering cats

The last two issues have had brief stories about a grey juvenile male cat and a smaller black female one, which more or less, moved - uninvited - into an Okato house. They even started to sleep in the house. Last issue's story sought to find them a new home as there was no response to the first story. Imagine the shock when a lady phoned to say,

"Those are my cats - they disappeared about a month ago." She lived about three minutes walk away.

The nice lady and her young daughter duly turned up and uplifted 'Lucky' (that's his real name) and said she'd keep him inside for a few days so he got used to his original home again.

However, the black one proved to have Houdini pow-

ers. She has escaped from a cat box (held by her owner) and even made her way through our snipped shut cat door. She occasionally turns up looking for food but is now very wary. We'd tried and failed to catch her.

Just today (Tuesday) another shock - a furry visitor. The friendly male cat was back, rubbing up against us and purring. What next?



## On this month in history Florence Nightingale born

On May 12 1820 Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy. She is considered the founder of modern nursing. During the Crimean War she was shocked by the poor standard of care and appalling injuries as she did her nursing

rounds holding a lamp. She was known as 'The Lady of the Lamp'.

Using new techniques of statistical analysis during the Crimean War, she plotted the incidence of preventable deaths in the military. She

developed the 'polar-area diagram' to highlight that many soldiers deaths were needless as they were due to unsanitary conditions and the need for reform.

She died in 1910 leaving her body to medical science.



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# Opunake Anzac Day Dawn Parade

There were two errors in the article covering the Opunake Dawn Parade in the April 28 edition of the Opunake & Coastal News.

The article stated that there was an associate membership for anyone over 80. It should have said associate membership for those over the age of 18.

Also it was the Deputy Head Girl from Opunake High School Aleisha Cram who spoke in the Opunake High School Hall after the Dawn Parade and not the Head Girl Simone Cook as was stated in the article.

We have reproduced Aleisha's thoughtful speech in full in this issue.

We apologise for these errors. *Editor*



**Aleisha Cram (right) and Opunake High School Head Boy Brody Hitchcock**

youngest on record 12, made their way into Anzac Cove.

On the 25th of April, over a century ago, the troops of Anzac reached their fate. Blissfully unaware of what was to come, men prepared for battle, little to know they were going to be ambushed. These men were enthusiastic, eager to play their part, ready to fight, ready to sacrifice their lives for their country.

On this day in 1915, thousands of men exited their ships, weapons in hands, pride on their chest, determination on their faces, ready to fight for us.

Today we remember the men that landed in Gallipoli on April 25th in 1915. We remember the thousands of men that lost their lives for their countries. We remember and honour the men of all ages that fought for us.

Anzac day is such a memorable occasion, a time where we gather together to remember and celebrate those who lost their lives to ensure our future. Anzac day is where families remember their relatives, where grandchildren are told stories of the war and of the men that made their selfless sacrifices so that we

could have a better life.

Today we remember the men that fought at Gallipoli, those who lost their lives and those who lived and returned home. We celebrate their lives, we honour their sacrifices and we remember

them. We share stories with our children and we tell them to remember, to remember Anzac day and what it means, what it stands for. Today we remember all of the brave, selfless men that fought for us.

They shall not grow old,  
As we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them,  
Nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

*Aleisha Cram.*

## RIGHT AND BELOW:

**Aleisha's great grandfather Robert William Horne who served in France in the First World War.**

**Private Horne was a runner or messenger who delivered messages between the trenches.**

**Originally from Ihakara, Levin, he was just 17 when he went to war. He was shot in the elbow when running between the trenches.**

**After he returned from the war, he married and had three children Hilda, Bob and Delva.**

**Robert died on July 16, 1963 and according to his youngest daughter Delva Kidd, "never liked to talk about war; it mentally and physically scarred him." She adds, he was reportedly "a dare devil before he went to war. When he came back however he never took life for granted again."**



## Anzac Day speech

I stand here today, in honour of my great grandfather, Robert William Horne and all of the men and women that he fought alongside of in the Great War.

On ANZAC day we remember that fateful day in 1915, April 25th. Where men and women of all ages, the

## A hundred years ago: The worst year of WW1 for New Zealand

In a single day 846 troops were killed at Passchendaele in October 1917.

The year 1917 was the worst year of the First World War for New Zealand from a premature mortality perspective, with 5547 deaths. The 5547 deaths among New Zealand military personnel in 1917, was more than for any other year of the First World War.

Our analysis of deaths in the Roll-of-Honour shows that injury deaths predominated (at 92.8%), followed by deaths from disease (4.5%). Nevertheless, in terms of the mortality rate (ie, deaths per 10,000 serving personnel), the year of the disastrous Gallipoli campaign (1915) was the worst, followed by 1917, and then 1916.

Two specific battles generated much of the mortality burden in 1917: the Battle of Messines (June 1917), and the Battle of Passchendaele (October 1917). In the latter there was a single day (12 October) where 846 personnel were killed (the worst mortality impact in a single day from any event in all of NZ's recorded his-

tory).

Most injury deaths involved outright death: "killed in action." The next major category was "died from wounds" whereby the victim was medically assessed and then died subsequently (potentially up to weeks/months later).

There were 250 deaths from disease in NZ military personnel in 1917 (4.5% of the deaths) but the true figure was probably higher (eg, if all the unclassified deaths were from disease then the percentage would be 6.3%. In a 20% random sample of the disease deaths (from examining online military records) we found that the dominant cause of these was pneumonia/bronchitis (33%), followed by tuberculosis (17%) and then meningitis, dysentery/typhoid and cancer (each around 8%).

These deaths from disease were statistically significantly more common in the Northern Hemisphere's winter months (December to March) at 41.5% of the total, compared to the other two four-month groupings at 28.1% and 30.4% (April to July; and August to November respectively).

There seems little doubt that the high mortality burden at the Battle of Passchendaele – specifically the 12 October offensive, was an avoidable mistake by military leadership. The offensive failed due to heavy rain and the inability of the artillery to destroy the barbed wire and concrete pill boxes that comprised the German defences. The poor decision not to delay the offensive was made by General Haig and was against the advice of his army commanders.

Another reason the 12 October attack failed so badly was that the Germans knew it was coming. They could see the preparations being made plus a British deserter on the night before the attack told the Germans of its exact start time.

Passchendaele also demonstrated another ongoing problem – the persistence with infantry charges in the face of machine guns and artillery. There is evidence that such patterns of charges continued to occur during 1917..

The helmet design used by NZ troops was a further area where deaths might have been prevented. The "Brodie



helmet" used did not have such good protection for the back of the head and the neck compared to the German helmet (the stahlhelm).

Some of the disease deaths in 1917 might have been prevented if more attention was paid to the living conditions for the troops. Reduced crowding in training camps, on troop ships and in accommodation behind the front lines, might have re-

duced deaths from pneumonia, meningitis, tuberculosis, and measles. Crowding and poor living conditions was also a likely factor in disease deaths earlier in the war at the military camp in Trentham, Upper Hutt in 1915. Also crowding has been implicated in the high mortality from a pandemic influenza outbreak on a NZ troopship in the last year of the war, 1918.

## Correction

In our April 27 issue we omitted an attribution in Pat Poletti's Farm Consultant column (p16). Pat had wanted information in his column attributed to Scientific American. Unfortunately that did not appear. We apologise for the omission.



**NZ Troops near Passchendaele in the First World War**

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# Young People deserve much better



Adrian Rurawhe

As I have travelled around my electorate, constituents have let me know about all of the issues that matter most to them. Always in the top five issues that they talk about is youth unemployment.

In my view of the world, it is of the utmost importance, that young people have a clear and direct pathway into work, that we actively engage with and support young people into jobs.

However, the evidence suggests that this is not

currently the case.

I have read reports that tell me that there are several barriers to youth employment. From the mere process of applying for a job, which can be daunting for a young person, through to managing the experience and reality of the workplace. Let's face it, finding a job can be a struggle especially if you are trying to cope with the unfamiliar processes of the world of work.

If that was all there was to the lack of youth in work, surely our country could easily cope with the situation. But unfortunately, that's not the full picture.

According to the latest Household Labour Force figures, there are more young people not earning or learning than the population of a city the size of Palmerston North. The number of 15-24 year olds who are not in education, employment or training has

spiraled to more than 90,000, a 50 per cent increase since 2008.

This situation is not sustainable, and there are potentially dire consequences for further inaction on youth employment. The longer that our young people are disconnected from opportunities the harder it will be to ensure that they can access decent work and training in the future.

We need to address this on a number of levels. There needs to be a far greater commitment to enhanced careers advice. We need to be providing young people with the skills to cope with the realities of work. We need to ensure that young people are ready for work, which may mean further education or training.

We need to support communities, and work collaboratively with them to solve the youth unemployment issue.

We need to actively seek employers who can offer employment and training opportunities for young people.

Furthermore we must raise awareness and create conversations about youth employment, and build employer knowledge and confidence in employing young people.

We simply can't afford to have young people wasting their lives sitting at home doing nothing. In the last three months alone more than 200 young people a day have joined that group. 90,000 young people not in education, employment or training is an incredible waste of human potential. So let's not give up on our young people, they are our future, they deserve better.

Adrian Rurawhe  
MP for Te Tai Hauāuru

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There is now less crime in our communities, over 50,000 fewer people are dependent on welfare, and more children are attending early childhood education. We've also increased infant immunisations, and reduced rheumatic fever by 23 per cent.

This progress is not just numbers on a spreadsheet or lines on a graph. Each result is a real and tangible improvement for Kiwi families.

So we are building on these achievements with a new group of 10 ambitious targets, including six brand new challenges, which the Prime Minister has announced.

These include improved literacy and numeracy skills in primary schools, better health outcomes for new parents and their children, reduced number of assaults and abuse of children, fewer victims of serious crimes, and better access to social housing.

We want Government departments to keep striving for positive results. These targets will give us a new set of priorities until 2021.

We also understand the importance of not spending for spending's sake, but making smarter investments in areas that will make the most difference.

That is why the Prime Minister also announced a \$321 million Social Investment Package as part of Budget 2017. The package will support our most at-risk New Zealanders, and focus on intervening early to help them to lead better lives and become more independent.

The National-led Government is not shying away from the tough issues. We will continue to maximise the opportunities that a strong economy provides us and improve services for all New Zealanders.

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# Eugenia a powerful play



From left, Eugenia played by Kijiana Pene and Helen Cloke as Violet in the performance of *Eugenia*.

Eugenia, the latest production by Inglewood's Cue Theatre, is a very unusual play about a subject that has become topical lately, that of transgender people. This play however focussed on the difficulties such people faced a hundred years ago. The action takes place in two time eras, 1916 and, as a group of drama students attempt to do a play based on a book about Eugenia, in 2016, a hundred years hence.

I confess I was a bit sceptical about the subject matter initially and was still feeling a bit disengaged by end of the First Act and a little confused by the two

time periods and the dual roles of members of the cast. Things certainly changed in the second act however and by the dramatic end my mind had certainly changed gear and I was greatly moved by the subject matter and the agonies experienced by those with indeterminate gender identities.

It was a brilliant and brave play by New Zealand playwright Lorae Parry who tackled the subject of gender dimorphism with cleverness and empathy.

The play is a work of fiction, though inspired by the lives of several women throughout history and the present day says the

playwright – “women who have lived and loved as men”.

Skillfully directed by Sharren Read, the play features a female Italian immigrant (Eugenia) who dresses as a man and marries a young woman (Violet) who is unaware of her betrothed's gender, even after the marriage which did stretch credibility a bit until all is explained.

When she does discover the deception however she is aghast and the real conflict ensues as she wrestles with the knowledge that the person she married is not who she thought they were but as her desperate 'husband' points out, the person she fell in love with is still the same person. “Part of me is a woman and part of me is a man.” It's all a bit much to absorb for the understandably confused wife despite Eugenia's reassurances that “nothing has changed”.

Wails the conflicted and distraught Violet as she reconciles her fact that they can no longer live as man and wife, “ he treated me like a lady... She was the best man I ever knew.”

Sadly things don't end well, Violet is mysteriously fatally shot and our protagonist ends up in the dock charged with murder but, as there is no real evidence, we suspect, the real crime is dressing as a man.

The play ends with Eugenia embracing her dual gender

identity with the words I am a woman now and a man.

A brilliant performance by Kijiana Pene as Eugenia (1916) who did an amazing job of convincing us she was a man, though not quite a man, and as the Deputy High School principal Georgina Matheson (2016). Helen Cloke who had the easier role of depicting only one gender, as Violet, Eugenia's love interest and, as the High School Drama Teacher Iris Robinson, gave a great performance.

I thought Katherine Wolfe gave a standout performance in her two very different but totally believable roles as the Italian landlady Rosa, and Lily, the senior high school student.

The rest of the cast contributed to the authenticity of the action and included Anna Phillips as Ruby, a cockney boarder, and High School student Victoria; Nathan Eriwata as Vincent, Violet's Cockney ex lover and Cooper, the High School principal. Chris Allemann in his multiple roles as Finn, boarder Pub Joe, Detective Wallace and high school student Murray showed his versatility.

It was a powerful play and a lesson to not reject what we don't understand. I came away with a greater empathy and understanding and renewed admiration for those who have the courage to be themselves.

Bernice McKellar

# Immigration: time to take a breather and fix the system



Andrew Little MP

New Zealand is a country built on immigration. We are all the better for the skills and rich culture immigrants bring. When it's working, immigration is a win-win. But, currently, it's not working.

New Zealanders are reasonable and fair-minded. We need to be able to talk about an immigration policy that is good for the economy and good for people. Having a public debate about how we manage immigration is not an attack on the idea of immigration nor on any person who has settled here from overseas.

Immigration is an issue we have to get right. If we ignore it, unscrupulous people will fuel resentment against immigrants to create a politics of division and nationalism, as we are seeing overseas. No one should want that for New Zealand.

The fact is, our infrastructure and our public services can't keep up with the record number of people coming into the country. We need to take a breather until we can catch up.

Bill English and National haven't made the investments to keep up with immigration: roads are clogged; schools are filled to bursting; houses are unaffordable. Instead of investing, he has cut our public services and transport spending.

You can see the results everywhere, especially in Auckland.

Aucklanders are telling me their quality of life is falling. House building isn't keeping up with demand, leading to rising housing costs that eat up whatever small pay rises they're getting. People

find themselves spending more and more time stuck in traffic, and less time at home with their families. Recent immigrants tell me the Kiwi dream they were promised has been replaced by a reality of unaffordable housing and gridlock.

The population of Auckland is growing by more than the size of Whanganui every year, but National isn't making the investment in the infrastructure those extra people need.

People are rightly asking why the Government hasn't prepared for the record number of new immigrants. You wouldn't invite a whole lot of people over for the weekend and have nowhere for them to sleep, but that's effectively what National is doing.

Immigration is growing because, instead of supplying the valuable skills New Zealand needs to prosper, the system is increasingly being used to bring in low-skill, low-wage workers. In the last year, thousands of work visas were approved for jobs

like waiters, luggage porters, and domestic housekeepers.

When 139,000 Kiwis are unemployed, we should be focusing on getting them into these jobs. It's not OK just to leave them on the dole and leave taxpayers to pick up the bill.

The Government's own officials warned hiring workers from overseas, when we have unemployment at current levels denies work opportunities to local workers. It's not a good outcome for those migrant workers, either. Many of them are paid just above, or even below, the minimum wage.

Immigration should be win-win. National has made it lose-lose.

So, what do we do about it? National's tinkering hasn't worked.

I'll be releasing Labour's policy soon. My guiding principle is that the system has to be fair, both for people who are already here and for new migrants. The

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Martha, Eve, Ruth and Connell Hagenson with 2017 Taranaki Rose of Tralee Niamh O'Sullivan.

# Taranaki Rose of Tralee is Niamh O'Sullivan

Irish-born Niamh O'Sullivan (27) is the 2017 Rose of Tralee. She is a community paediatric dietitian and research assistant with the Whanau Pakari programme. She was born and bred in Cork and spent her formative years in the seaside town of Clonakilty.

Master of Ceremonies for the 39th Annual Contest, Peter McDonald admitted that in his 25 years of involvement with the event he'd never known it to be so close.

The three judges Sonia Kiser, Mary-Elizabeth Hagenson and Linley Ladd had a difficult task deciding between Niamh, Siobhan Brophy, Hannah McKenzie, Renee Cave, Kohe Ruwhiu and Chelsea Walsh. The Judging Criteria included Aptitude & Attitude, Ability to Communicate, Charisma & Character, Confidence, Personality, Presentation as well as Overall Suitability.

The event was organised by the 2017 Taranaki Rose of Tralee Organising Committee (Louise Buhler, Carol Julian, Kevin Bracken, Bridget O'Sullivan and John

Lynskey) under the auspices of the Taranaki Irish Social Club and was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Plymouth International Hotel on Saturday April 29.

The music was provided by a talented duo called Check One Two.

At 7pm was the Grand entrance and introduction of each Rose contestant, who were accompanied by their escorts. These included Shane McCormack, Vaughn Brophy, Shaun Bradley, Aaron Duthie, Jack Fletcher, Jake Limmer and Kevin Richardson.

The President of Taranaki Irish Social Club Louise Buhler, in her address, paid tribute to all the people who have contributed to making the event the success it is. She made special mention of 2016 Taranaki Rose Claire Richardson, as well as the 2017 Rose Entrants and escorts. Last year Claire "carried our hopes to Queenstown and Invercargill for the NZ final, representing our region and making us all proud." Louise said the NZ Final this year will be in Wellington on June 10. Also, a special date to keep

free is Saturday October 14 when the Taranaki Irish Social Club celebrates their 50th Anniversary.

There was entertainment aplenty in the form of the Taranaki Irish Dancers, as well as lively Irish music. Special mention must be made of Ruth Hagenson's hauntingly beautiful singing of 'Cockles and Mussels,' as well as her sister Eve's delightful rendition of the 'Rose of Tralee' when Niamh was announced as the winner.

A sumptuous meal was provided by the Plymouth International complemented by impeccable service.

Preceding the judges deliberations Peter McDonald interviewed each entrant at length and all give an excellent account of

themselves. Most entrants even provided performance items including poetry, a song or even a quiz.

Congratulations to Niamh O'Sullivan and all the best in achieving your goals which include such laudable aims as helping to create a new Diabetes Specialist Dietitian role in Taranaki and advancing diabetes education region-wide. The big question is, can she join Louise Fitzgerald (1984), Delwyn Slattery (1987), Catherine Hogan (1990), Linda McPetridge (1994) and Alana Marshall (2012) in winning the NZ Title - let's hope so.

Well done to main organiser Louise Buhler (nee Fitzgerald), her Organising Committee and many others for such a superb event

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## ANZAC DAY



Students, families and staff attended ANZAC commemorations at the dawn services in Opunake and Manaia on April 25. It was great to see the community come together to remember the sacrifices that have provided the freedom that we enjoy today. Head Boy Brody Hitchcock and Deputy Head Girl Aleshia Cram (right) gave heartfelt speeches at the function at the Town Hall which was followed by a cuppa and sandwiches. OHS was thanked for their continued support of ANZAC Day commemorations. Above Kacy Belle, Alyssia Redin, Jessica Roach and Catherine Dahm were the flag bearers at the Opunake Dawn Service.

## DREAM ACADEMIES

Dream Academies kicked off on 23 March with a variety of opportunities designed to allow students to grow their passions and interests in a variety of areas. Students will decide with teachers the area they want to develop and undertake unique opportunities to excel and achieve highly in their passion and interests.

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29 June	Open Day 10am
3-7 July	Yr12 Work Experience
7 July	End of Term Two

## MISS TEEN NEW ZEALAND

Congratulations to student Sarah Haden who was named Miss Teen New Zealand on 22 April in Tuakau. The pageant involved 8 hours of rehearsing for the show, doing a presentation of swimwear and national costume, as well as an interview with the judges. During the final show she was judged on swimwear, national costume, evening wear, public speaking, and interview. She came away from the competition awarded with Best Evening Gown and the title of Miss Teen New Zealand 2017. This title gives Sarah the opportunity to travel overseas next year to compete in an international Miss Teen Pageant and represent New Zealand on a pageant platform.



## RELAY FOR LIFE

Another wonderfully successful Relay for Life with such amazing students who lived the DREAM for the entire 12 Hours. \$2000 was raised for cancer sufferers and survivors and our students gave this event all the mana it deserved. Steve Jai, Dylan Coleman and Daniel Potier gave moving speeches in the Remembrance Ceremony.

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# New owners enjoying the Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Park

Since March 30 Shelly and Julian Harkness have been the new owners at the Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Park and are enjoying their new venture – along with their two sons Blake (14) and Ryan (10). Specifically, they own the business and lease the buildings from the South Taranaki District Council.

The couple are engagingly friendly and are obviously a great fit for the holiday park and will doubtless take great care of their patrons and facilities. One gets “nothing is too much trouble” feeling when talking to them.

Shelly was born and bred in Auckland – on the North Shore, while Julian originally hails from Tawa an outer suburb of Wellington. However, the couple have recently been living and working in Whanganui. “It’s great here in Opunake,” says Shelly. She continues, “The sea is beautiful, the people relaxed and friendly.”

Julian’s previous job was with the Whanganui Council in the area of finance. Earlier, he also owned Avro Motel in Whanganui for ten years. Shelly is still employed in restorative practices in Whanganui and looks forward to joining Julian soon.

Julian agrees with the friendliness comment and also refers to the very good feedback that the couple are hearing. “We’ve been made most welcome.”



New owners Shelly and Julian Harkness.

One of the reasons they chose Opunake was a feeling that the community was “proactive” – meaning people get out and deal with things, rather than wait around for things to happen. They were also impressed with the quality of the schools in the township and are sure their sons will receive an excellent education. An inspection of the facilities highlights the holiday park’s high standards - it has been awarded a Qualmark rating of four stars plus. Everything is in tip top order and sparklingly clean.

There is something to suit all accommodation needs and all budgets.

Importantly, the disabled and aged are well-catered for in such facilities as the ablution blocks (wheelchair access and hand-rails), as well as baby changing requirements. The floors are non-slip and sensor lighting ensures you won’t get caught in the dark. There are lots of showers and toilets.

There are a large number (100) of well-groomed sites for tents and caravans, with virtually all (95) of them powered. The space available

for each one is generous compared with most holiday parks elsewhere. There are a number of units and cabins, which are pleasantly appointed and optimally placed for access to all the facilities. In the future Shelley and Julian intend to build some two bedroomed self-contained accommodation more after the style of motels.

A popular place is the barbecue area supplied with a number of modern gas-powered barbecues. It is sheltered with a roof to keep out the rain.

Nearby is an excellent laundry with an impressive

number of washing machines and dryers, as well as stainless steel sinks.

The modern kitchen is a superb facility with everything the traveller could need – ovens, hobs, microwaves, extensive beach area, as well as continuous hot water. “We get a lot of positive comments about our kitchen,” the couple comment.

The invitingly pleasant lounge with large screen television and comfortable chairs is another positive feature.

Outside the playground has lots of treats to keep the youngsters occupied and happy.

The office is usually open from 8.30am to 8pm and it is well supplied with pamphlets outlining information and scenic attractions. The adjoined shop has a great variety of goods and refreshments to suit all patrons.

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If what you need is curtains to keep the heat in, you can also pick them up ready-made and thermal backed.

"These are better than just plain fabric," Trish says. "They make a huge difference to keeping the heat in. Curtains can be very expensive to buy, but these are ready made, with nice neutral colours."

With Gypsy Day

approaching, they can be ideal for houses that need doing up for new sharemilkers and farm workers.

With the longest night just over a month away, an electric blanket can keep the warmth in on long winter nights. They come easy to use with mattress protectors. Or you could throw on an

electric micro fleece throw. "These are cheaper to run than an electric heater. It's like wrapping yourself up in an electric blanket, and can be used as an alternative to turning the heater on," Trish says.

"We have a range of portable heating as well if it gets too cold and your throw is not cutting it."

Finally when the weather gets cold, the inner person craves sustenance.

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Comfortmaster North Island sales manager Stacey Silbery believes in the power of good home insulation.

"You know, health is so important and if a family can be healthier just by putting insulation in their ceiling and underfloor, it just makes sense to me."

Silbery says he finds a lot of satisfaction in seeing customer lives changed.

"A lot of homes have woefully inadequate heating and insulation. People are cold, their houses have mould and mildew issues, and it's unnecessary.

"Our Comfortmaster team really love to help out where

we can. It's why we started The Eco Home Project."

The Eco Home Project started when the Comfortmaster's owners realised New Zealanders sometimes needed a bit more support to be able to afford home insulation.

The company uses nationwide brand buying power to purchase insulation at a lower price and Silbery said they passed that saving on to the customer.

"It's not hard to be eligible for The Eco Home Project. Anyone living in a home built before 2005 with all accessible areas insulated qualifies.

"Our installers are magical. They crawl around under low houses in the cold damp soil and climb up into ceilings to get the job done," he said.

"The more challenging the property, the more they enjoy it."

Silbery said customers were often surprised by how

quick and efficient the job was.

Most homes take around five hours to complete.

In some areas, councils offer funding towards insulation and clean heating which are paid back through rates schemes.

"Instead of shivering through another cold, damp winter while listening to family members coughing all night long, the time to insulate is now."

Silbery said clean heating products such as heat pumps and ventilation systems often supported quality insulation to make an even bigger difference for households.

"A heating appliance is an investment and to get the most out of it, it needs to be installed correctly and located in the best spot to heat your home effectively."

Silbery recommended talking to a trained sales consultant about clean heating requirements before frosts set in and installers were rushed off their feet.



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# ENERGYWISE top tips for choosing heaters

Choosing a heater can be confusing, with a multitude of choices and offers to consumers. EECA ENERGYWISE says how you use a room will help you to decide the type of heater that's most suitable.

Technical expert Christian Hoerning says that for larger rooms you want to heat regularly, like a living room, it's worth paying a bit more upfront for a fixed heater with lower running costs and more heat output than an electric heater can provide.

"This could be a modern wood or wood-pellet burner, an ENERGY STAR qualified heat pump, or an ENERGY STAR qualified flued gas heater. Electric heaters may be enough for smaller rooms and rooms you only heat occasionally, like bedrooms - they're cheap to buy but more expensive to run," he says. Heat pumps are good for low running costs when

you use them properly, producing instant heat, and convenience. You can control the temperature with the thermostat and use the timer.

Be aware that they must be sized correctly for the space and the climate to work well. If you live in a colder area, ask the supplier to size the heat pump based on its low temperature performance. Some are a lot more efficient than others, and they won't work during a power cut.

Modern woodburners have low running costs, especially if you have access to free or cheap firewood. They produce very little pollution and use renewable wood energy. They are good for heating large spaces and for heating hot water in winter through a wetback system.

Be aware that firewood must be dry to burn efficiently. Store wood undercover, ideally for at least 12 months. A building consent is needed to install

one and you need to use a woodburner on the approved list from the Ministry for the Environment (unless your property is bigger than two hectares).

Wood pellet burners are good for the environment - the pellets are made from waste products and burn cleanly. They are also good for heat control (better than a wood burner), for heating large spaces, and for heating hot water in winter through a wetback system.

Be aware that they use a small amount of electricity so won't work if your electricity isn't working. You cannot burn firewood in a pellet burner. Pellet prices vary greatly across the country, so check prices in your area. You need a building consent to install one, and only authorised burners can be used in areas with poor air quality.

Flued gas (natural or LPG) heaters or fireplaces are good for convenience. You can control the temperature with the thermostat and use the timer. They are also good for heating larger spaces.

Be aware that you will have to pay a fixed price for reticulated gas supply. Running costs are relatively high if you use LPG bottles. While burning gas is relatively clean, the greenhouse gas emissions contribute to climate change. You must have your gas heater installed by a registered gas fitter.

Electric heaters are good for heating smaller spaces like bedrooms and are very cheap to buy.

Be aware that they are more expensive to run than most other heating options, and their heat output is low compared to most other heater types. All electric

heaters are equally efficient as they convert all the electricity they use into useful heat.

There are different types (radiant, convection, fan) that deliver heat in different ways to suit different situations. Many have built in thermostats but they generally aren't very accurate.

Central heating is good for providing heating for your entire house, and for convenience. You can control the temperature with the thermostat and use the timer zoning. Many are

zone-controlled so you can control the temperature in different parts of the house.

Be aware that they can be expensive to install. Heat can be supplied by a range of heating systems, for example gas, wood pellet or heat pump. It's worth choosing a system that has an individual thermostat for each room. They can be expensive to run if your home isn't well insulated or is draughty.

Unflued gas (natural or LPG) heaters, including portable gas heaters are good for back-up heating during

power cuts, if your normal heating relies on electricity to operate.

Be aware that portable gas heaters are the most expensive form of heating (except for some open fires). There are health risks - these heaters will pollute your home with toxic gases and large amounts of water vapour so you must keep at least one window open when heating and never use in bedrooms. They can make your home damp and mouldy. Portable gas heaters can be a fire risk - anything left too close can catch fire.

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## Manaia WI

At the Manaia WI's meeting on May 2, Meg Kelly reported on the South Taranaki Federation AGM, where several members received placings in the competitions.

Plans were made for next month's meeting and celebrating the Manaia WI's 63rd birthday.

Phyllis Malcolm demonstrated how to plant and layer bulbs and plants in a container.

The wondering coin was won by Ann Megaw and the Mary Hutton trophy presented to Janice Walsh.

Competition results: Shrub - 1st Phyllis Malcolm, 2nd Daphne Ashley, 3rd Joy Brogden

Any other stem - 1st Joy Brogden, 2nd Ann Chisnall, 3rd Phyllis Malcolm.

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**Some Hot Tips for Cold Weather**

- Remember the Heater-Metre Rule - keep furniture, clothes and curtains at least one metre away from heaters and fire-places.
- Have your electric blankets checked annually by competent service people or a registered electrician.
- Empty fire place ashes into a metal container to get cold before disposing.
- Sweep chimneys and flues at least once a year.
- Candles and oil burners can be dangerous - always keep them well away from flammable objects.
- When cooking with fat or oil keep the pot lid handy.
- Always use a fire-guard or a spark-guard with open fires.
- Did you remember to turn the gas heater off?
- Before going to bed each night make a last fire safety check for your family.
- Turn off your electric blanket before getting into bed.
- Don't overload power points - use multi-boxes with circuit breakers instead.
- Ensure all electric appliances are in safe working order - replace frayed cords and broken plugs.

Courtesy the New Zealand Fire Service.

## Immigration: time to take a breather and fix the system

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immigration system must make New Zealand a richer place, both economically and culturally.

Right now, we have to reduce the numbers coming here. New Zealand cannot cope with a net 72,000 immigrants a year. We need to reduce that by tens of thousands. At the same time, we need to reverse National's cuts and invest in housing, transport, and our strained hospitals and schools.

A properly run immigration system would make it easy to bring in people with skills we need to help New Zealand prosper, but we must stop the abuse of the system by

dodgy employers who want to import workers on the cheap.

Where there are real skill shortages, we need to invest more in training New Zealanders to do those jobs, rather than leaving them idle on the dole and permanently relying on immigration to plug the gaps.

We need to stop the rort that sees people overseas being sold meaningless qualifications here on the promise that it's a pathway to residency.

We must also maintain New Zealand's proud history of caring for those in need, by doubling the refugee quota to 1,500. Slowing down economic

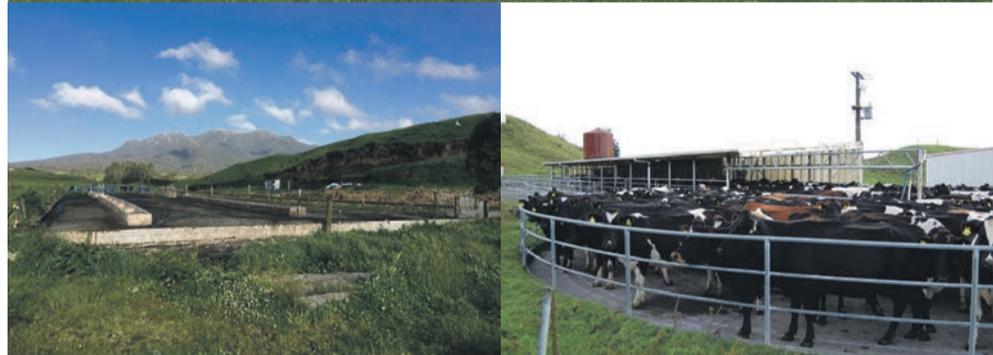
immigration does not mean closing our hearts to victims of war and disaster.

National's refusal to take responsibility and address the abuse of the immigration system is another failure from a government that is simply out of touch.

So, let's take a breather. Let's reduce the number of low-skilled immigrants being brought into the country, while still getting the skills we need. Let's invest in the services and infrastructure we need to support a growing population. Let's make immigration a win-win again.

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# Forty years on Ravensdown says thank you

Back in 1977 Ravensdown was formed as a co-operative. Twenty years after that they bought New Zealand Farmers Fertilisers.

On April 26 this year, to mark their 40 years, Ravensdown played host to around 80 retired people from farming backgrounds at the Faull family's Trewithin Farm at Tikorangi.

Buses were sent to pick up residents of retirement homes in North Taranaki and bring them to Trewithin. Here they enjoyed high tea and watched 1250 cows being milked in a 60 bale

rotary from the comfort of the viewing platform at the farm's super shed.

"Isn't it amazing?" and "It's not like the old walk through," were among the comments heard as guests took their seats for afternoon tea.

Ravensdown Taranaki regional manager Mike Davey said they wanted to recognise their pioneer farmers.

"We wanted to say thank you for your contribution to the prosperity of New Zealand Inc over the years. Thirty per cent of our export

dollar comes from dairying. There are 490,000 cows in Taranaki, and every morning couples like these have been getting up to milk."

He greeted his guests.

"You are going to see 1200 cows milked. If any of you want to help, forget it. You've done your bit," he said.

He spoke about Ravensdown which has "25,000 people like yourselves who are shareholders."

Ravensdown will be moving out of their long standing site in New

Plymouth, and a new store next to it is being built which will have a 14,000 square metres storage facility, hold 52,000 tonnes of fertiliser, and will be the largest single span building in Taranaki.

Trewithin Farm and the Faull family's connection with Taranaki go back a long way. The Faulls first arrived in Taranaki on the William Bryan, and have been in Tikorangi since the 1860s. The current Faull Farm's managing director is Gavin Faull, whose brothers include the neuroscientist Professor



Ravensdown regional manager Mike Davey.

Sir Richard Faull, who was knighted earlier this year and is well known as an expert on Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntingdon's diseases.

Visitors to the farm have included Prince Charles who made a private visit three years ago where he watched the cows being milked and

to the guests and answered questions about the farm's operation. Their herd is mainly Freisian, and the average production is 450kg/MS a cow. They milk twice a day all year round, with 800 cows calving in spring and 450 in autumn.

"Everything goes over and over again," Louie said.



Guests arrive at Trewithin.

sampled his first glass of fresh milk.

Tony and Louie Penwarden who have been 50/50 sharemilking on the farm for the last 13 years spoke

Tony originally hails from Whanganui, while Louie hails from the United States.

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Watching milking time at the Faull farm.

our place was pretty hilly. I was 50 years on the farm, then bit by bit I ended up here," he said.

Julie Pryme remembers growing up in New Plymouth on 10 acres where they hand milked four cows every morning. Across the Huatoki river from them was a 60 acre dairy farm. Their farm land is still there, but the 60 acre farm is now state housing, she said.

Jean Hastie recalls milking

in a walk through shed at Warea before moving on to a bigger farm at Inglewood where they had an angle park step up shed.

"The young ones are so lucky today," she said.

The final word of the day goes to former Okato farmer Kevin Brophy.

"It's been a good show, and we've enjoyed everybody here," he said as he headed back home.

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She says the first time she ever saw cows being milked was through a walk through shed on Tony's father's farm at Whanganui.

Come the start of June and they will be leaving the farm after 13 years to consider their next life option.

Mike Davey has been in the business for the last 50 years, beginning in the sales department back in 1966, and making his way up to distribution manager, sales manager and regional manager. Among the day's guests was Bill Davies. Now in his nineties, he has known Mike for a long time.

"I worked for Newton King for years and years, and I've known Mike since he was a lad. I remember when he took over from his father Jack as manager," he said.

Other guests included Merv Sarten who farmed not far away at Huirangi.

"I had 93 cows to milk and



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# Bustle predicted as plant orders roll in

Thousands of lush riparian plants are nearly ready for pick up and the Taranaki Regional Council is urging farmers to act quickly if they want a share of those which are as yet unordered this year.

The plants will add to the thousands of kilometres of streambank and wetlands being voluntarily fenced and planted by farmers to protect and enhance Taranaki's waterways.

The Council contracts nurseries to grow the plants a year in advance, and each season supplies hundreds of thousands of them to farmers at cost, says Land Services Manager Don Shearman.

The designated pick-up days are May 22-26, and he expects that the Council's five regional plant depots will be a hive of activity.

"Taranaki farmers value the environment and remain committed to the Riparian Management Programme. They recognise it's essential to include the cost of fencing and planting in their annual budget, and to implement their riparian plan in manageable stages each season to complete it by 2020," says Mr Shearman.

"It's the reason we're leading the country with riparian fencing and planting. More than



**The Taranaki Regional Council's riparian plant pick-up depots are again expected to be hives of activity.**

14,500 km of Taranaki's streambanks are now covered by riparian plans and 85% of those have been fenced, and 70% vegetated where recommended."

The Council encourages farmers to order their riparian

plants at least a year or two ahead to keep tendering costs down and ensure that there are enough to go around. Those who order now for the 2018 and 2019 seasons will get a 20% discount on their 2019 plants, providing they

are among the first 80,000 ordered, he says.

To place an order, contact one of the Council's Land Management Officers on 0800 736 222 or riparian@trc.govt.nz

## Stay clean for Gypsy Day say TRC

Farmers are being reminded of an important step to take when preparing stock for transportation to new properties as the dairy season draws to an end.

The animals need to be kept off green feed for at least four hours before transportation, to minimise the amount of effluent they may generate during the journey.

"Tremendous progress has been made in ensuring

stock effluent does not get on to roads and into watercourses," says the Taranaki Regional Council's resource management director, Fred McLay.

"At this time of year, farmers as well as transport operators need to remember they have a duty to ensure cartage takes place as cleanly as possible. It's an important environmental and safety consideration."

After a wet summer and

autumn, farmers may need to plan ahead to make sure they have a suitable place to stand their stock away from green feed. The animals can be given dry feed (grain, hay or meal) and water, if necessary.

Operators and drivers need to ensure that truck effluent tanks are empty before picking up stock, and that

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# Manaiia sharemilkers win big at national final

Taranaki's Share Farmers of the Year have won a swag of accolades at the national final of the Dairy Industry Awards.

Dion and Johanna Bishell, who 50/50 sharemilk 470 cows at Manaiia, placed third in the competition, winning \$13,000 in prizes.

The Bishell's won the Honda Farm Safety and Health Award, the Meridian Energy Farm Environment Award, and the Westpac Business Performance Award.

Judges said the couple had outstanding policies and procedures across their whole farm operation.

Environmental issues were a strong focus for all finalists.

"They had some fantastic systems to manage dairy farm effluent and were aware of the public perception around these issues," said judge Neil Gray.

"We need to showcase best practice and carefully monitor our systems to ensure we have sustainable practices," said Johanna.

"Sharemilkers need to work alongside farm owners to set up good environmental systems. It's a partnership, as we are all custodians of the land."

The Bishells said the national final in Auckland was an amazing experience.

Almost 550 people from across New Zealand attended the event at Sky City on Saturday.

Taranaki's Dairy Manager of the Year, Shaun Neal, won the DeLaval Livestock Management Award.

The 24-year-old is in his second season managing a 325-cow farm at Auroa.

The high calibre of finalists in the Dairy Manager category made judging difficult.

"You could throw a blanket over the top six or seven, the marks were so close," said judge Richard Kyte.

There were several noticeable trends showing with the finalists, including care of staff and the desire to give back to the industry.

"Some of the finalists are new managers and they're already wanting to support other people into the dairy

## Stay clean for Gypsy Day

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they use their own stock-truck effluent facilities or the region's public disposal sites (south of Waverley on SH3, at Stratford sale yards, and near Ahititi on SH3).

They should also clean machinery, vehicles and equipment before and after moving between farms to avoid spreading pest plants



Taranaki Sharefarmers of the Year Johanna and Dion Bishell with their health and safety award.

industry and to promote it as a career pathway," he said.

Canterbury's Christopher and Siobhan O'Malley were named the 2017 New Zealand Share Farmers of the Year.

Manawatu's Hayley

Hoogendyk became the 2017 New Zealand Dairy Manager of the Year and Clay Paton was announced the 2017 New Zealand Dairy Trainee of the Year.

Brad Markham



Taranaki Dairy Manager of the Year Shaun Neal with his livestock management award.

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Coastal Premiers win  
top of the table clash

Thys van der Poel scorches down the sideline in front of an excited Coastal crowd. The Prem's beat the last seasons champions 30 - 22

On Saturday April 29, Coastal travelled to New Plymouth to take on Tukapa in a top of the table clash. Tukapa applied all the early pressure, but Coastal scored the first points with a penalty after 10 minutes. All the Tukapa attacks were cut short by strong and at times scrambling defence. One more penalty

and two converted tries had Coastal leading 20 - 3 at the break. Continued pressure in the second half kept Tukapa out of the game until only 20 minutes remained, Tukapa scored two late tries and the final score was 30 - 22. Coastal tries were scored by Dylan Juffermans and Emmett Hurley in the first half and a penalty try in the

second half. The remaining points came from the boot of Thys VanDerPoel. Stand out players were Andrew Trolove, Dylan Juffermans and Blake Barrett. On Saturday May 6 Coastal was on the road again to Hawera to take on Southern. Early pressure again had Coastal score first and hold a 13 - 0 lead after 14

minutes. Both teams traded points for the remainder of the first half and Coastal led 20 - 12 at half time. Two tries in the first eight minutes of the second half seemed to have the game safe for Coastal before Southern struck back with a try after 25 minutes. With the score at 32 - 17 with 15

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## Coastal Division 1 stay top of the table

An even battle of both forward packs set the scene for our fifth game of the season against Tukapa at Saunders Park on April 29. Neither pack was willing to give anything away.



Coastal were able to put several phases together but were unable to convert it into a healthy lead, with our only points of the first half coming from a nice try to Jared Davey at half back and converted by Jamie Fevre. Tukapa scored two lucky intercept tries from half way to take the lead 14-7 at the break. In the second half we controlled play better, and the strong battle up front led by Ben Brophy and David White eventually wore down Tukapa and allowed our backs to show glimpses of class on attack. This led to another converted try to Jared Davey, and a late penalty to Jamie Fevre saw us eventual winners 17-14. Player of the Day was Ben Brophy. Coastal Division 1 v

Hamish Kape carries the ball strongly during a tight game. Coastal Div 1 pipped Tukapa 17 14

Southern at Hawera was our next game, and after Southern went down to NPOB a week earlier, the boys knew this was going to be another hard battle.

Conditions were perfect for two teams which were even on paper, however good disciplined defence shown by the tight five led

by Richard Beckett didn't allow Southern to play their game, and turnover ball led to tries by Ryan Juffermans and Daniel Doyle to take a slim lead 12-10 at the half. The second forty was a cracker with numerous attacking opportunities with mid field players David Hughes and Rick McKenna showing maturity and taking

the sting out of Southern. Ryan Juffermans and David White both scored to give us a bonus point win and remain top of table with one game left against Spotswood next week to complete the first round. Player of the Day was Ryan Juffermans.

Gerard Kalin (Manager) Coastal

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## Coastal Premiers win top of the table clash

Continued from pg 22 minutes to go, it was game on. Coastal scored the last points of the match to take a 37 - 17 bonus point win. Tries were scored by Blake Barrett (2), Brett Goodin,

Liam Parker and Johnny Fa'auli. Thys Vanderpoel kicked two penalties and two conversions. The remaining points came from a conversion by Brett

Goodin. Stand out players were Logan Crowley, Brett Goodin and Johnny Fa'auli. Next week is yet another road trip, this time to New

Plymouth for the final game of the first round. A win will see Coastal win round one. Come along and support the team as they continue to play exciting attacking rugby.

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# Losses a wakeup call



**Joel Perrett busts out of a few tackles. Despite patches of good play the Colts went down to Tukapa 36 10.**

On April 29 the Colts travelled to Saunders Park to play Tukapa. Playing on the Number 1 field, it was a wet day with rain falling throughout the game. The Colts lost 36 - 10. The boys made a lot of handing mistakes and were coughing up the ball. The Coastal scrum dominated the Tukapa pack. The forwards played well and the backs showed some touches of class. The player of the day was Jake Corrigan who was well supported by his front row partners Trent Brophy and Joel Perrett. The next game was against last year's champions Southern at Hicks Park, Hawera. It was a lovely day to play rugby. Unfortunately the boys didn't front up for the first 40 minutes, missing a horrendous amount of tackles with Southern running away with the game and winning 76-15. It was a good wake up call to the boys, showing that you need to front up every weekend. There weren't many good things, but our Player of the Day Cody Rothwell had a strong day hitting the ball up and trying very hard around the paddock. Next week the Colts travel to play Spotswood in town. If there is anybody aged 20 and under from January 2017 that would like to play, come along. The team is short of a couple of players and trains on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 at Rahotu..

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# A little piece of paradise

People will have driven the Surf Highway past a property shrouded in trees opposite Lower Timaru Road in Tataraimaka unaware of the beautiful surrounds of this enchanting three and a third acre property which has just come on the market.

Eddie Lyon who has lived there for 43 years and is selling due to ill health is a very keen gardener and has transformed the property into the charming Westleigh Garden. Little walkways weave through trees and plants including tropical rhododendrons which

Eddie explains flower all year round. With lavender hedges, magnolia trees, hydrangeas, rhododendrons and some unusual trees such as The Wedding cake tree the garden is a sight to behold.

"In spring it's a mass of colour," says Eddie.

A two bedroom house comes with the property which Eddie says he was forced to renovate after Cyclone Bola when the top of a pine tree fell onto the back of the house during the night. Did it wake him up? "No one slept during cyclone

Bola," replies Eddie with a laugh adding that the wind howled for two days. The property then had 1200 pine trees on it. Eleven hundred got blown over.

"It was originally a roadman's cottage," says Eddie of the house explaining the worker who looked after the road rented the property. There was a roadman's cottage every 20km or so, he says adding there was "probably another two between here and Opunake." He surmises the house was built in the 1930s. Eddie has reclad



The well established garden on the property.

the house in hardiplank. It has two double bedrooms, a generous kitchen and a lounge with a Kent Log burner and an adjoining office area. The ceiling and floor are insulated and Eddie insists it's a warm house.

Other buildings on the property include a huge workshop and garage built in 1992 which Eddie quips is "bigger than the house".

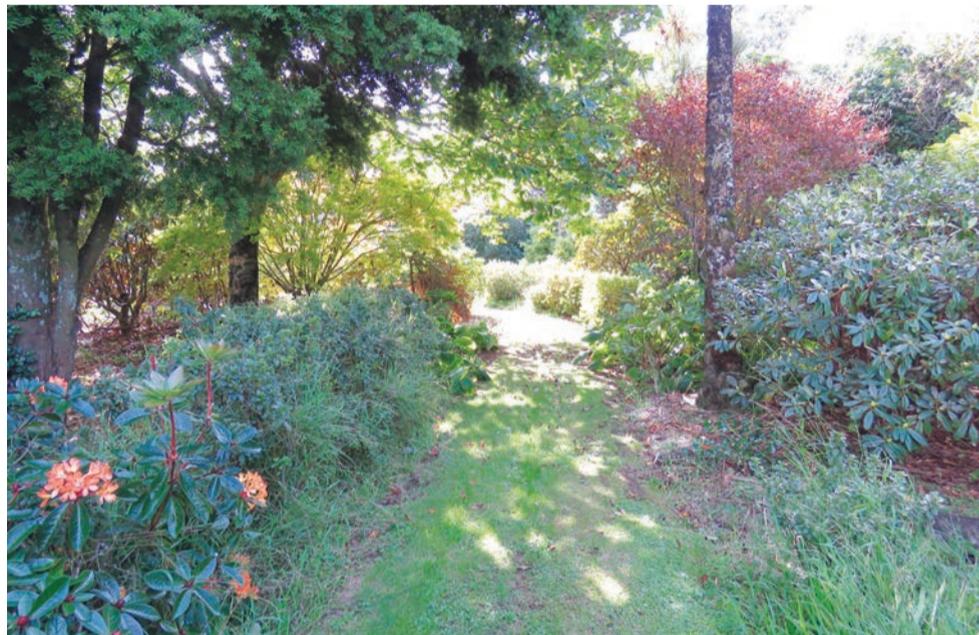
The grounds as well as being a delight are commercially viable - Eddie

has been selling plants he's grown at the RSPCA market for 20 years. He specialises in rhododendrons these days and has two large shade houses where he cultivates rhododendrons which he also sells from the property. He also grows vegetables organically in three large vegetable gardens and sells those surplus to his own requirements. Once Eddie grazed sheep on the property but that was a long time ago. The property also has

some fruits trees including oranges, mandarins, a lemon tree, apples and grapes.

The Kaitake Ranges and Mount Taranaki are visible from the gardens and the backyard has a track that leads down through an attractive wooded area to a little stream.

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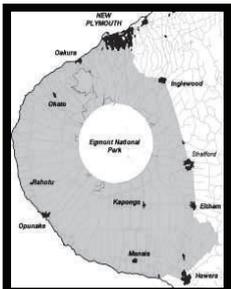


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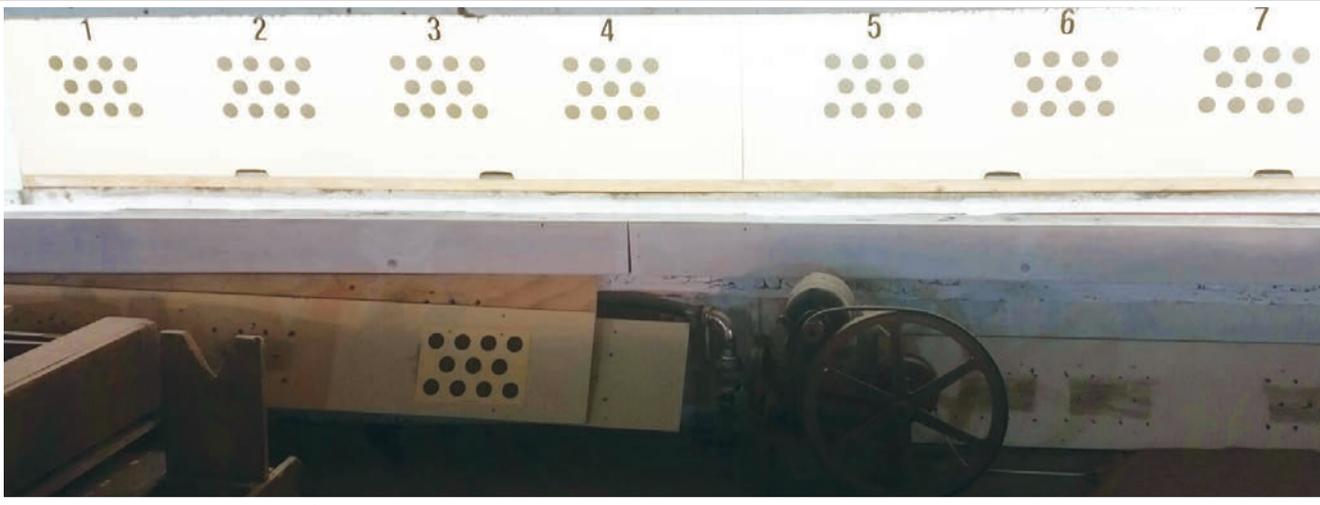
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Targets at Hawera Target Shooting.

# Jason Cameron Top Shot at Hawera Target Shooting

Shooting at the Hawera Hub on May 3 would have had to be a night of near misses. There were no 100s shot but five 99s tested short. In the seniors Hayden Andreoli showed a return to form scoring consistently high. In the grouping cards the standout was Tenneile Crump Conchie with two grouping possibles. Grouping scores were: Jacob Mc Creta 92gr,89gr, Phillip Mills 94gr,97gr, Jackson Beare 80gr, Tenneile Crump Conchie 100gr,100gr, Full cards : Hayden Andreoli 99.6,99.7, 96.4, 195.10, Sam Gooding 97.6, 98.5, Christina Burr 95.5, 96.4, Bruce Cameron 98.7, 99.4, 98.7, Jason Cameron 98.5, 97.4, 97.4, 196.12, Frank Eustace 98.6, 98.5 99.7.

A week earlier, Jason Cameron was showing fine form. He has started off the season strongly and only

dropped 2 points over three cards. Jason had the only hundred of the night with 100.8.

Both Christina Burr and Mathew Peters have improved heaps and it will be interesting how their battle for honours turns out by the end of the season. Scores were: Tenneile Crump Conchie 85.0, 88.0, Dwayne Rangī 87.0, 84.3, Jed Hutchinson 87gr, 91.1, Jackson Beare 99gr, 89gr, 99gr, Mirahny Beare 86.0, Hayden Andreoli 95.5, 978.5, 95.5, 97.6, Bruce Cameron 98.4, 99.8, Jason Cameron 100.8, 99.7, 99.4, Frank Eustace 99.4, 98.2, 97.5, Sam Gooding 97.6,98.5, Cristina Burr 89.2, 94.3, Mathew Peters 94.3,97.3,92.1 Taranaki came up against Otago Blue and Gold in the National District Telephone shoot.

For Taranaki the open team

performed very well with a 17 point win, but the stand out was the composite Team who really clicked with a 22 point win. The junior team of D grade shooters were shooting against a B grade team but even so performed very well. Taranaki won by 7 points so it was a good start so early in the season.

Open Squad: B. Cameron 296.17, B. Moratti 297.16, G. Rowlands 296.15, D. Fake 295.16, J. Cameron 295.16, P. Tidswell 291.14, T. Jupp 291.12, F. Eustace 291.10, B. Moratti 291.9, S. Gooding 286.10, Composite: D. Gibson 292.12, G. Moratti 294.12, P. Longstaff 288.11, H. Jupp 287.6, C. Bramley 284.9, Junior Squad: M Michel 191.5, A Stuart 189.7, M Peters 188.1

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## Hann Doubles shooting bodes well for Hastings

The Hanns Doubles at Inglewood require shooters to shoot two Double cards, the same as required at The Teams of Ten to be held at Hastings next week. Seven shooters managed to break the 390 mark and if they repeat that at Hastings the team should go well. Once again Dave Fake was right on target to win from Veteran Shooter Doug Gibson by one point both shooter from Oaonui. Hayden Andreoli had a PB with the top score

of the night with a 100.9 and a good total of 191.16, Gary Rowlands had the best double score 199.10. Scores were: C. Clealand 393.18, B. Bramley 397.13, C. Bramley 382.11, D. Gibson 394.21, P. Tidswell 392.15, G. Rowlands 393.17, A. Drake 376.11, L. Donnelley 370.6, B. Moratti 187.18, F. Eustace 186.11, A. Fake 395.25, H. Andreoli 391.16, J. Cameron 391.19, R. Hine 385.16, I. Hayton 377.5,

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# Bowls competition gets underway

The Taranaki Indoor Bowling Centre played the first round of the Inter association competition at the Kapuni Hall on Friday April 28. Fourteen players represent the three associations, South, Central and Waimate in this competition, playing fours, pairs and singles. The points from the first night were, Central A 14 Central B 13 to give a combined total of 27. South A had 10 points and South B 7 points to give a combined total of 17. Waimate A had 13 points and Waimate B had 15 to give a combined total of 28.



Indoor Bowls first round of competition was held at the Kapuni Hall.

In the second round played at Normanby on May 5, Central A got 15 points and Central B 13 points giving a night total of 28 points. South A had 9 points. And South B 10 points for a night total of 19 points. Waimate A had 16 points, and Waimate B 9 points for a night total of 25 points.

competition are. Central 55 points followed closely by Waimate 53 points and back in third place is South on 36 points. The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre Open Fours Tournament was played at the Stratford A & P Hall on May 7. After five rounds of section play six teams qualified for post section play. G Hamley Otakeho, K Hughes Normanby, P Midgley Otakeho, M Rowland Midhurst, B

Chapman Turuturu and R Morris Stratford. Quarter final results. G Hamley defeated M Rowland 15-7, R Morris defeated P Midgley 8-6 Semi Final results. G Hamley defeated R Morris 8-6 and K Hughes defeated B Chapman 10-8. Final result. Karl Hughes skip Andrea Berry third Nigel Berry two and Nicole Berry lead played Gordon Hamley skip Jenny

Hamley third Jane Augustine two and Josh Fox lead. Play was competitive and close over the first five ends of the 10-end final and G.Hamley's team led 3-2. Momentum swung to K.Hughes' team on the sixth end of play, when their team scored 6 points. Nicole and Nigel played good consistent bowls and with good team play from Andrea and Karl they went on to take out the final 12-4.

The total points after two rounds of this three round

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"Search and Rescue work comes with great responsibility, and the rigorous training our volunteers dedicate themselves to, ensures they meet the incredibly high standards required in our structured training programme.

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over 2,400 rescues to bring 6,489 New Zealanders home safely this past year.

## Bridgeman Shield and interclub shooting at Oaonui

Seven teams of Target shooters competed at Oaonui for the first Bridgeman Shield challenge of the season on May 2. With some of Taranaki's top shooters being there it was somewhat of a surprise that the only 100 was shot by Sam Gooding of Hawera.

S. Gooding 195.9- 588.31 Oaonui D. Gibson 193.12, D. Fake 198.12, I. Hayton 192.9- 583.33, Inglewood No1 K. Boccock 192.7, C. Clealand 194.9, B. Moratti 193.9,- 579.25, Hawera No2, H. Andreoli 193.4, F. Eustace 196.9, C. Burr 190.4,- 579.17 Inglewood No2 , R. Hine 195.9, M. Martin 191.3, I. Hayton 192.9,- 578.21, Inglewood No3, R. Ingel 188.5, S. Brown 185.3, Lou Donnelley190.7,- 563.15, Eltham, B. Bramley 189.4, C. Bramley 187.7, A. Drake 182.3 ,- 558.14.

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On Pink Shirt Day New Zealanders are asked to speak up and stand together to stop bullying.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. David and Travis bought dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their male classmates to wear the next day. The word got out online and hundreds of students showed up in pink, some from head-to-toe, to stand together against bullying.

We've been celebrating Pink Shirt Day in New Zealand since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year.

Pink Shirt Day is led by the Mental Health Foundation, with support from: The Peace Foundation, R a i n b o w Y O U T H , InsideOUT, New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association, Youthline and



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Giving voice to a problem is the first step towards addressing it. Having conversations with your friends, family, whānau, children, parents, teachers, students and wider communities is a great way to come up with ideas and strategies to address bullying. Speaking up is also about asking for help when you need it. This can be scary, and sometimes the first person you ask can't or won't do anything to help you. Keep asking. Pink Shirt Day shows there are many people who care about supporting you.

Stand together

Bullying behaviour is influenced by the actions and values of friends,

families and whānau, schools, workplaces and whole communities. Real change happens when we stand together, sending a strong message that there is no place for bullying in New Zealand. Bullying often makes people feel alone, but Pink Shirt Day shows that many people care. Many people want to play their part in making New Zealand a safe, welcoming and respectful place for everyone, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.

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# A day for Mother

Is Mothers Day a hangover from the annual spring festivals the Greeks held in honour of Rhea, mother of Cronus? Or was it Hilaria, the Roman celebration of the mother goddess Cybele? Or was it the Mothering Sunday celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday in Lent, a celebration which had its origins in 17th Century England, but had disappeared by the 19th Century?

Does Mother's Day owe its origins to Julia Ward Howe? She is best remembered for The Battle Hymn of the Republic, a song which inspired the Northern troops during the American Civil War. Yet her 1870 Mothers Day Proclamation called on women to rise against war, and she started a Mothers Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June.

Generally, Anna Jarvis, a childless spinster is regarded as the true mother of Mothers Day. Her inspiration was her own mother Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis. She began by sending carnations, a flower which she felt symbolised a mother's pure love to a church service in Grafton, West Virginia. She lobbied to have Mothers Day declared an official holiday. By 1911, it was celebrated

in almost every state of the union, and on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution declaring the second Sunday in May as Mothers Day.

And in answer to the question, should it be Mother's Day or Mothers Day, Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrase "Mother's Day," arguing "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor its mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world."

She died in 1948, aged 84. Mothers Day became

popular in Britain when United States servicemen in World War II brought the practice of celebrating Mothers special day with them across the Atlantic.

Today Mother's Day is celebrated in different countries on different days of the year, but the most popular day is the second Sunday in May, with New Zealand and Australia following the lead of the United States. The United Kingdom and Ireland have reverted to celebrating it on the fourth Sunday in Lent, the day the traditional Mothering Sunday would have been held.

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The friendly staff at Arty Tarts Café. From left Clem Coxhead, Daphne Sinclair-Holley, Lene Croucamp and Kevin Field.

# Arty Tarts Café off to a frenetic start

On May 1 Daphne Sinclair-Holley and Lene Croucamp's business partnership was underway with a roar and their Arty Tarts Café was a hit from the outset. Not only is the café busy from 7am to 4pm Monday to Saturday (their opening hours), but the ladies and their staff are flat out preparing all the delicious food for their hungry customers. All food, such as sandwiches, pies and cakes, are prepared in the café's kitchen. Arty Tarts Café can be found at 90 Tasman Street, Opunake.

"It's been way busier than we expected," comments Lene.

"Way, way busier," Daphne chips in. She adds with a laugh,

"Our pies are flying out the door."

Daphne and Lene pay special tribute to Clem Coxhead who spent hours painting the premises and uplifting furniture. "We owe Clem a huge thank you as

he'd worked his hind off. He even headed up to Mata Mata to pick up our tables and chairs," says Daphne.

As well as Clem the staff also included Kevin Field, who smiles and declares, "I love working here."

The café offers something unique, the ladies believe and satisfies, "a need in the town." For example, they cater for the elderly with servings of food which are smaller. Also, they will prepare food "to order." They have in mind such needs as gluten free food, as well as food acceptable to vegetarians and even vegans.

They have a few ideas for the future such as 'contractor packs' (eg. pies, sandwiches and cake), 'takeaway family packs with tasty delights such as lasagne and macaroni cheese.

Lene and Daphne are looking forward to summer; they have an awesome garden out the back which should prove popular

because, "It'll get all day sunshine." When it is summer they may even open seven days. They'll prepare a few delicious salads to go with the warmer weather.

How did the ladies come up with the name? "Lene is artistic and will make the place look nice and I can

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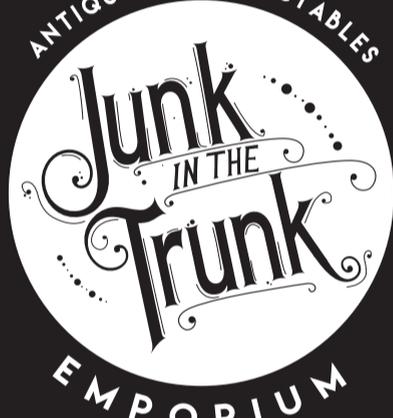
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# Inspiration from nature

The Village Gallery in Eltham is an ideal venue for a first time solo exhibition. The space is big enough to display a collection of work but not too overwhelming for a first time exhibitor.

This month Jenni Corbett of Patea holds a solo exhibition entitled 'Feathers and Flowers', depicting birdlife or flowers. Some are presented in abstract form and some realistic.

One abstract bird painting caught my eye, 'Feigoas for Supper'. Jenni was captivated by the Zebra Finches of Australia, and saw in them 'characters' to paint. So, some of her work is quite whimsical and has been used to illustrate a children's book.

Jenni works in oils, pastels, watercolour and acrylics. Although she painted while at High



Jenni Corbett and 'Feigoas for Supper'

School and while living in Australia, she has only taken up regular painting in the last three years. She has studied with the Learning

Connection and is presently doing a certificate in Art and Creativity.

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There will also be an opportunity for a close-up look at the rose beds in Tūpare's stunningly landscaped gardens.

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## The all-time biggie

At last I've just put the Art Taranaki - de retour a Paris exhibition online. The biggest exhibition I've ever written. 30 artists ... it's like 30 separate exhibitions. But it's nothing compared to the real thing. Eleven of us Taranaki artists travelling to Paris, carrying as our luggage over 600 artworks by 30 artists, to hang at Galerie 59 Rivoli in the centre of Paris.

We leave New Zealand on Saturday, but you can see a preview of the exhibition now at the Virtual Tart

website at [tart.co.nz](http://tart.co.nz)

What a venture!

We're very grateful to all those who have helped us, in so many ways. The world has shown us its sunny side.

On Facebook (if you're that way inclined) you can see assorted postings ... look for Travelling TArts

And also, for those within reach of Taranaki in New Zealand... dog ate my homework an exhibition at the new gallery on Egmont Street in New Plymouth.

Opens tomorrow. Worth looking for, it's all very exciting. Work by 5 of us. me, Paul Hutchinson, Alby Carter, Roger Morris and Marianne Muggeridge. There's a Facebook place for that too, look for The Art Room Taranaki ... you can see the transformation of half a shop turned into a classy art gallery, and little talks with the artists ... it's all great fun.

Life is good, yes? Keep smiling.

Cheers, and thank you

*Dale Copeland*



The new venue for Opunake Music Workshops

# CoastalCare welcomes another community group

From Tuesday May 16, a community service of a musical kind will be available at CoastalCare - Health and Community Centre. Already home to many health and social services, including a GP practice, pharmacy, Plunket, Foodbank and St John ambulance, the centre have very kindly offered their community lounge space for Opunake Music Workshop meetings. The new venue is close to food outlets in the centre of town, so you can even pop in and eat dinner prior to coming to the group. We encourage people who share a passion for music, and wish to expand their skills in a safe, nurturing

environment to join us. Music is said to heal the mind, body and soul. My own tangible experience tells me this is right on the money. Arts and cultural activities can benefit people of all ages by building skills, confidence levels and stimulating our imagination. Engaging in this activity has the potential to lift your spirits, especially as we enter the cold winter months. On behalf of Opunake Music Workshop attendees, the organisers and myself, we'd like to extend a gigantic thank you to Our Lady Star of the Sea (Opunake) Catholic Church, for the use of their lounge during the past year. Father Vijay has

been most considerate and helpful, by providing the venue for musicians, dancers and vocalists who at the time had no place to meet and enjoy a musical evening. We've thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere at this venue, with the occasional visit from Father Vijay checking in to see how the Church could assist in their role for the community. It has been encouraging to observe those who regularly attended the workshops, regardless of age or background, grow their skills in preparation for a live performance. After a successful concert on April 23 at Pihama Lavender (Pihama Music Jam), the group are eager

to work on new material for the next event. All ages and genres are welcome to join us, as we work toward future concerts. The next Opunake Music Workshop meeting is at 7:30pm, Tuesday May 16 at the new venue, CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake (opposite Opunake & Coastal News). This centre relies on your continued support to maintain the facility in Opunake, with grants from various sources, including, donations from ordinary people just like us. Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust. *Anne Montgomery*

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	<b>LEGO BATMAN MOVIE</b> Action, Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family   1 hr 44 mins   PG violence Batman wants to save the city from The Joker's hostile takeover, he may have to drop the lone vigilante thing, try to work with others and maybe, just maybe, learn to lighten up. Saturday 6 May 1pm      Saturday 20 May 1pm		<b>DANCE ACADEMY</b> Drama   1hr 41mins   PG Tara (Xenia Goodwin) was destined to become one of the top dancers of her generation but suffered a devastating injury that crippled her career. Can she make a comeback when she discovers what being defined by a dream really means? Wed 17 May 1pm      Saturday 20 May 7pm Friday 26 May 7pm      Sunday 28 May 7pm
	<b>PERSONAL SHOPPER</b> Drama, Thriller, Festival   1hr 45 mins   M Violence, offensive language & content that may disturb Stewart plays a high-fashion personal shopper to the stars who is also a spiritual medium. Grieving the recent death of her twin brother, she haunts his Paris home, determined to make contact with him. Wed 17 May 7pm      Friday 19 May 7pm Wed 24 May 1pm      Saturday 3 June 7pm		<b>THEIR FINEST</b> Comedy, Drama, Romance   1hr 57 mins   M: Sex scenes and offensive language   UK A British film crew attempts to boost morale during WWII by making a propaganda film after the Blitzkrieg. Stars Gemma Arterton and Bill Nighy. Sunday 21 May 7pm      Saturday 27 May 7pm
	<b>MOONLIGHT **ARTHOUSE**</b> Drama, Festival & Independent   1hr 51mins   M Violence, offensive language, drug use and sex scenes Going from childhood, to teenagehood, to adulthood, this winner of Best Drama at the Golden Globes follows an African-American man trying to understand himself and his sense of love in Miami's poorer district Wednesday 24 May 7pm      Wednesday 31 May 1pm		<b>BABY BOSS</b> Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family   97mins   G Born leader A comedy about a seven-year-old who is suspicious of his new, suit-wearing, business call-making baby brother voiced by Alec Baldwin. Saturday 27 May 1pm      Saturday 10 June 1pm
<b>Fate of the Furious - Action, Crime, Thriller   M   2hrs 16mins - Sunday 14 May at 7pm</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
10 Beauty & the Beast 1pm A Street Cat named Bob 7pm	12 A Street Cat named Bob 7pm	13 Beauty & the Beast 1pm Beauty & the Beast 7pm	14 Fate of the Furious 7pm
17 Dance Academy 1pm Personal Shopper 7pm	19 Personal Shopper 7pm	20 Lego Batman Movie 1pm Dance Academy 7pm	21 Their Finest 7pm
24 Personal Shopper 1pm Moonlight 7pm	26 Dance Academy 7pm	27 Baby Boss 1pm Their Finest 7pm	28 Dance Academy 7pm

# Toastmasters celebrate 20 years

Naumai South Taranaki Toastmasters cordially invites you to join current members in celebrating the club's 20th anniversary on June 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at The TSB Hub Upstairs Lounge on Camberwell Road, Hawera.

The club is part of Toastmasters International, an organisation that aims to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Based in Hawera, Naumai Toastmasters aims to provide a supportive learning experience where members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. Naumai Toastmasters was founded by 20 enterprising individuals in 1997, and since then has been open to anyone interested in honing



Club members celebrate the 2016 Christmas season.

their public speaking skills and meeting positive and friendly people.

The club has enjoyed great success, earning the Toastmasters International's President's Distinguished Club Award five times and the Select Distinguished Club award three times. The club has been home to some of the country's finest public speakers, with members competing in various Toastmasters New Zealand speech contests through the years. Some former club members have moved on to make an impact in society, including Chester Borrows (House of Representatives Deputy Speaker), and Phil Nixon (South Taranaki Deputy Mayor).

More important than the awards and accolades, however, is the vibrant energy that the group gives its members and the greater South Taranaki community. The club has, through time, grown into a place where life-improving ideas are communicated, friendships are forged, and talent as well as time is shared to help people in and out of the club grow.

The celebration will be a night of good company and great speeches, and we hope to share it with you.

RSVP and payment of \$50 pp Buffet/Drink must be deposited to bank account 153950-0429189-01 by May 26.

Marc Ramos



Naumai Toastmasters work on their public speaking skills.

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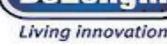
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