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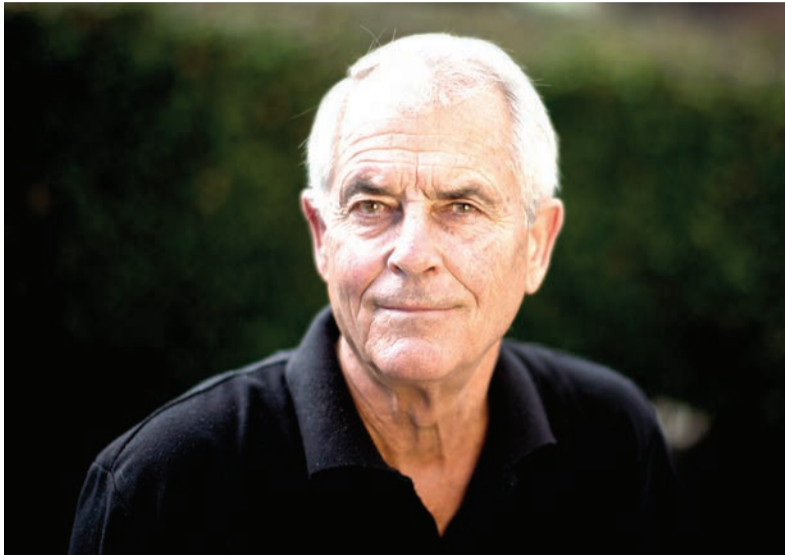
Aunty May (Mavis Hepworth) was a very generous person. Learn more on page 12-13.

Graeme Lay's visit in June

Award-winning writer Graeme Lay will visit Opunake June 24-25, as part of the Opunake Sesquicentennial (150th) celebrations. Graeme spent his formative years in Opunake and his family lived in Ihaia Road. It was while a student at Opunake High School that he read Frank Sargeson's short story 'An Affair of the Heart' that he decided to be a writer. He later met and became a friend of the famous writer often described as 'the father of NZ literature'.

Graeme, who will stay at Headlands Hotel during his two day stay, will have a busy schedule.

On Wednesday June 24 at Opunake Library Plus (from 7.30pm) he will present awards to the writers of short stories and poems, which he feels are outstanding. He was the guest judge of the 28 short stories and 14 poems in the adult section, as well as the



Graeme Lay of Auckland will visit Opunake next month. He once lived in Opunake.

27 stories and 3 poems in the high school section of the literary competition.

He will also introduce his latest book 'James Cook's Lost World' (published by Harper Collins), which will be released on June 1.

Before the literary awards

the Sesquicentennial Committee would like to invite members of the community for a meal at Headlands Hotel where Graeme will be the guest of honour.

On the Thursday June 25 Graeme Lay will attend an assembly at his old alma

mater Opunake High School. The assembly will start at 10.05am. Although some high school literary awards will have been presented the day before at Library Plus, the presentations will continue at this assembly.

There will be a literary

workshop at the Opunake High School library from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Graeme can only take 20 students, so if less than that register, the workshop is opened to other members of the public.

This is an exciting literary event and Judith Armstrong, Jean Roach and the Opunake Sesquicentennial Committee must be commended for organising such a literary occasion with such a distinguished writer as Graeme Lay. If you would like to attend any of these events (awards, dinner, workshop) can you contact Judith J.Armstrong@blast.net.nz or text 027 213 2470 or post to 2856 Eltham Road, RD32, Opunake.

Please note that Judith's email has recently been changed, so please use the one above.

Van sighting may be the key to rural burglaries

Police are advising the public to keep property locked away following a spate of rural burglaries in the Kahui and Arawhata Rd areas.

"Over the past couple of

weeks there have been a number of burglaries during week days and over the night time period," Sergeant Geoffrey Winter of the Hawera police said.

"All types of property are

being targeted including vehicles, pretty much anything that isn't secured."

Items taken include a tractor, which has since been recovered, a quadbike, a chainsaw and a water

blaster. Police are interested in an old style Transit van seen acting suspiciously prior to one of the burglaries, he said.

"We are asking that you

lock all property away and report any suspicious persons and or vehicles at the time you see them, not only in the Kahi and Arawhata Road areas, but all rural areas," he said.

Pub attack brings jail sentence

A 24 year-old man has been sentenced to six years and nine months in prison for an assault in an Opunake pub in November last year.

Chaz Paki Garrett-Phillips had pleaded guilty to wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and three counts of injuring

with intent to injure, when he appeared before Judge Allan Roberts at the New Plymouth District Court on May 11.

The charges related to an incident at the Opunake Surf Inn on the morning of November 11 last year, in which Simon Foley was attacked with a knife and wounded in the neck.

The attack had taken place after an argument, and the victim was taken to Waikato Hospital with life threatening injuries.

Defence counsel John Munro said Garrett-Phillips had not been in trouble with the police for seven years prior to the attack, and had worked hard to move away from a gang lifestyle he had previously been associated with.

Judge Roberts dismissed claims the accused had been entirely remorseful about what had happened, and rejected claims he had been carrying the knife for the

purposes of paua collecting the previous day.

In sentencing, Judge Rob-

erts said Garrett-Phillips would have to serve half his sentence before he was eligible for parole.



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Leave Coastal Banksia alone

Many coastal people may be concerned to know that the tree *Banksia integrifolia*, commonly known as the coastal banksia, may be banned from sale in the future. The tree is being considered to be put on a list where it won't be able to be sold, propagated or distributed in NZ. The National Plant Pest Accord, a co-operative between the Nursery and Garden Industry Association, regional councils and government departments are considering this move.

Banksia has been widely planted on the coast, mainly by farmers, and has proved itself to be an excellent shelter belt, shade or ornamental garden tree. In an area that is frequently assailed by strong salt-laden winds, banksia establishes quickly and provides problem-free wind protection or shade. Another side benefit from banksia is that native birds, including tui and bellbird, are attracted to its yellow flower cones. It is hard to fathom why this organisation would consider banning it when, as they state



The angels of disguise exterior

in their own report, "it has a limited natural spread".

From my own experience, I planted hundreds of banksia as shelterbelts around my nursery 34 years ago. They have proven to be excellent shelter, and are still standing just as strong and healthy today. As far as seeding goes, I only occasionally see the odd banksia seedling come

up in comparison to the karo and taupata seedlings which are continually appearing.

I fail to see how coastal banksia poses any threat to the environment in any form. I believe many farmers, lifestyle property owners and keen gardeners will be greatly upset if this ban goes ahead. If you are concerned about this proposed ban,

please email the NPPA at nppa@mpi.govt.nz and/or contact the environmental officer at the Taranaki Regional Council.

I have also set up a petition which will be available to sign at New Life Nursery, 183 Tasman Street, Opunake.

Murray Baylis,
Opunake

BBC: Confusing thoughts

My article "Thoughts" (24-4-15) confused some. I was asked, "Where was God before the Universe came into existence and who is He?"

When anything, even the universe, is created then the creator must be outside of the thing created. The creator of the universe had to come from somewhere outside of time, matter and energy. And that somewhere is eternity.

Eternity isn't another time structure. Time is an

ongoing one directional progression. Eternity has no beginning and no end. It always has been and always will be. Eternity is best described in the story of Melchisedec who met Abraham returning from his rescue of his nephew Lot. Melchisedec is described, in Hebrews 7 as having no father or mother, no beginning of days nor ending of life. Melchisedec was the eternal God. The question of, "Where did God or eternity come

from?" is already answered. He always is; or, as He said to Moses, I am that I am. (In Hebrew the name "I AM" is Yahweh (pronounced in English as Jehovah). "Who is this God?"

This God, Yahweh or Jehovah, came to earth again, not as King of Salem, but as the priest of Melchisedec and also as the Lamb sacrifice. He came with the name "Yahweh Saves" or "Jehovah Saves." In Greek this is pronounced Jesus.

In John 8 Jesus told the Pharisees that Abraham rejoiced to see His day. They pointed out He wasn't old enough to have met with Abraham. Jesus responds, "Before Abraham was Yahweh (I AM or Jehovah)."

Theologians may argue over that, but the Pharisees understood exactly what Jesus said. He was identifying Himself as Jehovah God of the Old Testament. They took up stones to kill Him for what they thought was blasphemy.

The controversy of Jesus being God still rages today. Jesus told His disciples to baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, but the disciples baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Why?

Because Jesus is the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Who is God? Jesus Christ. And He came from eternity. He didn't just start in a stable.

And that was part of my thought.

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125 and still going strong

At one time, the school was called Ratanui. Today Auroa School has a roll over 200 pupils. On Taranaki Anniversary Weekend next year, it will celebrate 125 years.

Nearby schools like Awatuna, Makaka, Oeo, Otakeho, Pihama and Riverlea have since closed but these schools will be included and remembered in Auroa's celebrations, organising committee chairperson Jessica Mills said.

The celebrations will begin with a memorial service at the cenotaph and a social evening at a marquee put up for the occasion.

On Saturday there will be a parade and a family picnic. Jessica said organisers are wanting to hear from businesses, sports clubs and others interested in placing floats in the parade. After the parade there will be a display of photos and memorabilia through the decades.

Also on Saturday there will be a family picnic, which will include attractions such as a clown and bouncy castle.

"It will be a lot about the children," Jessica said.

Saturday's celebrations will conclude with a formal dinner and dance.



Auroa School will celebrate 125 years next year

On Sunday morning, Openlands, now home to the original Auroa Church, will host a church service.

Present-day Auroa was once heavy bush country, hence its original name, Ratanui. When a post office was opened, the name had to change.

"There existed two Ratanuis, and ours had to

knock under to the Ratanui down the coast," the Otakeho and Auroa correspondent of the *Hawera and Normanby Star* noted on January 25, 1898.

In the years since, Auroa School has continued to make the headlines. Last year, a team from the Auroa School won both the New Zealand and Australasian Junior

Robotics championships.

"It's a very technology-minded school, which is amazing," Jessica said.

There are also plans to record the school's history in a book. While using the Auroa Centenary book as a base, there are also plans to include those nearby schools which have since closed down.

MPI intercepts

A Polish gardener is facing prosecution for smuggling plants in his underpants into New Zealand.

Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) staff intercepted plant cuttings, a bulb, a tuber and seeds after an arriving air passenger was

searched at Auckland airport on Saturday.

MPI strip-searched the passenger after a biosecurity detector dog sniffed out the plants near the man's groin. A Customs drug dog had also indicated the man was carrying something in

his pants.

The man, a New Zealand resident, was wearing two pairs of underpants and the itchy concealment included ivy from a castle in Poland, says Craig Hughes, MPI's Northern Border Clearance Manager,

Passengers and Mail.

"He wanted the plants for his garden, saying he could not find them in New Zealand," says Mr Hughes.

He says the case has been referred to MPI investigators and that the man is likely to be prosecuted under the Biosecurity Act.

"We have zero tolerance towards this type of behaviour, which could endanger New Zealand's primary industries and native plant life by introducing foreign pests and diseases."



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The team at Zoe's Place. From left, Antony, Michelle, Trish, Rowan and Haley.

New cafe aims for beachy feel

Located just across the road from Pastimes, Zoe's Place is the latest eatery to open in Opunake. "We are a new cafe with a relaxed beachy feel," co-

owner Trish Kelly said.

She and husband Rowan teamed up with Antony and Michelle Taupo to open the café on Monday, which is named after Antony and Michelle's seven year-old daughter.

"Seafood chowder and pots of fresh mussels are our speciality, along with cabinet food, cakes and breakfasts," Trish said.

Along with the usual breakfast fare of mushroom, bacon and omelettes, there will be a baked dish like lasagne, curry and butter chicken available every day as well. Trish said they will also be catering for functions.

Antony and Michelle have years of experience as dairy owners, while Trish was

brought up in the catering business. For the last year she has operated a mobile wood-fire pizza trailer with her husband Rowan, a business she aims to continue with, in addition to the café. She has provided food at markets, for birthdays, even a couple of after wedding celebrations.

Getting the café going was something Trish always wanted to do.

"I always wanted to have an eatery of some sort, and this opportunity where I could share the load with a couple came up," she said.

They are looking forward to the Garden Festival season and extending their hours from the end of October into summer when they plan to open on weekends as well.

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Anzac Day a time to remember

Tena koutou katoa.

Last month we all commemorated Anzac Day and I was invited to speak at the Manaia ceremony by the Manaia RSA as the local councillor and as a child of a WW2 returned serviceman.

Thanks John Graham and David Self for the freedom to choose my own words. Nga mihi nui. While these are my sentiments, they are relevant to our whole district and all our iwi around the mountain. Kia ora.

"As we all know, on this day 100 years ago, Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli, Turkey as part of the Allied force fighting Germany during World War One.

By battle's end, more than 2,700 soldiers from this country had lost their lives in that foreign place, so far from home, so far from family. It was called the Great War, the war to end all wars.

So here, this morning in Manaia, we gather to remember the fallen and especially the 320 men from the Waimate



Cr Bonita Bigham

West County who unknowingly left their homes and their families forever. Those names are immortalised in marble behind you, on the band rotunda here in the heart of our town. Let us not forget.

As we talk about and contemplate their ultimate sacrifice, we remember too the other conflicts around the world where local people from local families have also lost their lives, or returned home forever scarred by their experiences, whether in combat or peace-keeping roles.

Lost or forever changed in foreign conflicts such as

World War Two, Vietnam, Malaya, Borneo and elsewhere around the world.

We see the names of the fallen on the memorials here at the Band Rotunda and in the foyer of our Manaia town hall. Returned service men and women lie in a special and revered place at our Manaia cemetery.

This morning we see members of the Manaia RSA marching in honour and remembrance. We see local schools, community organisations, service organisations, current servicemen and local families joining them in their reverence. Let us never forget.

But let us also never forget much earlier battles fought much closer to home. As we honour those who left our shores to fight for freedom, let us not ignore our own history, the freedom stories of this whenua and of our own people.

Many are remembered here on this memorial, the soldiers in the Land Wars. But not named here, although they fought for their own lands and families, are the men from Ngaruahine, who in the face of aggression and oppression, responded to colonial troops not with guns and ammunition, but with ploughs and passive resistance.

Shipped without trial to South Island jails, many never came home, never again to set foot

on our beloved Waimate plains. Let us not ignore their sacrifice or their legacy. This too, along with Gallipoli, is our story, our history, our truth.

But regardless of our name, regardless of our whakapapa, regardless of our age, indeed today, here this morning, we are one.

My father, Godfrey Edwin Issac Bigham, fought in the Second World War. I was just a child when he died in the 70s, but I still vividly remember the shrapnel scars on his body. He never talked about the war, but I'm sure there were more than physical scars. He is buried in the RSA plot here in Manaia.

I honour him today, this Anzac Day, as you honour your loved ones and the many, many fallen. I also honour their wives, husbands, parents and children, the local people who carried on and lived, despite such heart-breaking loss.

This special morning, we come together as Manaia and districts, one community, one people for this one special purpose. One hundred years and more, let us not forget.

Ratou te hunga mate kia ratou, moe mai, moe mai. Tatou te hunga ora kia tatou. No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Still waiting on day in court

On June 2, it will be a year since the last known sighting of Aaron Roigard. The 27 year-old farmer and father of two was seen near Waiteika Road at 1pm following a family argument.

His disappearance led to an extensive police inquiry. The missing man case attracted considerable media interest in Opunake and around the country. His body has never been found, and his cellphone and bank account have not been used.

On October 17, police arrested a 50 year old Taranaki man who was later charged with his murder. On November 8 the arrested man denied the charge. On November 21,

name suppression was lifted, revealing the arrested man to be David Roigard, Aaron's father.

A trial has been set for November 16, 13 months after he was arrested for his son's murder.

Wedding bells



Ian and Judith Armstrong's elder daughter Paula was married on Opunake Beach on February 21 to Jonathan Wright.

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Opunake volunteer fire brigade news and safety hints

It's getting that time of the year when heaters are brought out of the closet and dusted off. Unfortunately, this often leads to problems. People have a tendency to overload multiboxes and power points with high wattage heaters, and if the leads on the heaters are faulty or frayed, a fire could result. The same outcome can happen if extension

cords are used incorrectly, such as being placed under carpet or mats, or used when still tightly coiled.

The Opunake Fire Brigade have seen this happen on a number of occasions. A house on Eltham Road was totally destroyed by fire when an extension cord "cooked" due to being overloaded. As the cord had been run from a wall socket to a high powered stereo on the other side of the room under their carpet square, it was only a matter of time before the inevitable happened. And it did.

Another time, a house on Gisborne Terrace suffered severe damage when a bean bag in a child's bedroom was placed over a multiboard. A house on Waiteika Rd also had severe damage when a multiboard was overloaded.

It does happen and sadly, it does cause a lot of grief for those involved. Extension cords and multiboards were not designed as permanent replacements to your home's internal wiring so please take care.

If you purchase a second hand heater, it may pay to get a safety test done by one of our local electricians. It won't cost a lot to have this quick check done, far less than a new house, and it will give you peace of mind knowing it is as safe as possible. The same goes for gas heaters. Get the gas fitter to give it a quick check over to see if there are any leaks or issues with the heater before you use it.

Talking of heaters, please make sure your child knows the "metre from a heater" rule. Sadly, many a child

has been severely burnt by standing too close to a heater or an open fire in their pyjamas. One Opunake grandmother can tell you her grandchild has had six operations since the poor child stood beside a heater in Inglewood a couple of winters ago. A simple fire guard is sometimes all that is required to keep everyone safe.

Lastly, heaters were not designed as clothes driers. Don't throw your wet clothes over the heater to dry out. If you do, that big red truck might have to come up your drive.

Saturday the 9th saw the brigade called out twice. Firstly to a controlled burn off of trees at an Otakeho farm. A passerby thought the fire was out of control so rang 111. The Manaia

and Opunake brigades were turned out but all was okay. The second, at about 11pm was as backup for the St John's ambulance, but our services were not required and so we all went back to bed to get our beauty sleep. The wheels on the truck were rolling again on Thursday 14th. This time there was severe flooding across the top end of Tasman Street. There was very little we could do, other than to warn road users of the problem.

One alarming aspect, however, was the speed that some motorists went through the flooding.

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It would appear that winter is on our doorstep, so hopefully everyone has their winter heating sorted. I have a sinking feeling that it's going to be a long cold winter. Hopefully everyone's property withstood the recent heavy rain. I was aware of a lot of surface water around the roads, but thankfully most people seemed to drive to the conditions.

There has been a worrying trend of rural burglaries of late in Taranaki, including on the coast. I ask farmers in the area to make sure that your properties are secure and all valuable tools are locked away.

Open bay implement sheds are easy targets for thieves looking for tools as they don't have to force their way into the shed to have a look around. The risk of getting caught by way of noise and time trying to enter these types of sheds is thoroughly minimised so they are easy targets. I would urge farmers

not to store any valuable tools like chainsaws in open bay implement sheds. I am aware that this may cause disruption to your day-to-day running of your farms but I'm sure it is a small price to pay.

A good job over the winter months will be to try and record the serial numbers or identifiable features of all of your valuable tools and machinery. This will help police recover any tools that we may come across and also aid in prosecution if they are found in someone else's possession.

Four-wheelers are also good targets for thieves, and many have been stolen in recent times. Again, please try and secure these as best as you can and take the key out at the end of the day. Remember, the thief is a lazy beast and will always take the easy option. If you can make his task as hard as possible, then it is highly likely that he will move on until he finds an easier target.

Look out for one another

and always report to police any suspicious activity. I am always asked about that statement, "what is suspicious activity and how will we know if we see it?" There is no scientific answer to that question, and can vary from person to person.

If alarm bells are going off in your head when you see something that isn't quite right, be it an unfamiliar car down your road or someone walking around the neighbourhood that you don't recognise, then take note of that. If it doesn't seem right to you, then it probably isn't. Try and get as good a description as you possibly can of persons and vehicles, tell the police and make sure you include what direction you saw them going.

Remember you are the eyes and ears of your communities and police need your help to keep our area safe.

If anyone has any information, no matter how big or small in regards to

You are community's eyes and ears



Constable Rhys Connell

these recent burglaries or of anything else of concern in the community to you, then please either contact me directly on 021 191 4920, or alternatively ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. All information will be kept in strict confidence.

Have a good week and farmers enjoy your winter break, and if you are planning on going away let your neighbours know

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Silent treats stand test of time



Gilbert Haisman (seated) with Everybody's Theatre committee members. From left: Maree Drought, Rachael Hughson-How, Arnold Hickey, Debbie Campbell.

Easy Street was the movie that forever cemented the popular image of Charlie Chaplin. Made in 1917, it was the first movie in which he played the character he became synonymous with, the tramp who always managed to outwit seemingly more powerful enemies and come out on top.

On Thursday, it screened at Everybody's Theatre, along with the Buster Keaton classic *Neighbours* as part of Gilbert Haisman's show "Rough Notes and Silent Comedy".

It was a chance to enjoy the talents of two screen legends: Chaplin the legendary tramp, and Keaton, the stonefaced comic. Their comedic talents have stood the test of time and inspired comic actors to this very day. While primarily short comedies, the movies also have darker undertones. One member of the Thursday night audience even remarked it was surprising that in supposedly more straitlaced times, there

were fewer qualms about depicting drug use.

Gilbert, who lives in Paekakariki discovered Everybody's while driving through Opunake on his way back from WOMAD in New Plymouth. He was so impressed with the artwork depicting Chaplin and Marilyn Monroe that he decided it would be an ideal place to put on his show.

"What a wonderful theatre you have got to walk into," he said. "Often if you have a theatre that's new and posh, it can be quite sterile, but this has a wonderful atmosphere. It would have been showing silent films for 10 to 15 years from the time it first opened."

Gilbert put on three showings, entertaining school students, rest home residents and a small but appreciative audience on Thursday night. As well as screening the two movies, to which he played the musical accompaniment, Gilbert also displayed his talents as a musician and raconteur



Gilbert Haisman entertains

before and between the two films. He reminisced about the 1967 Titahi Rugby Club dance in 1967, the last dance band gig at the Paekakariki Hotel, and his father at 80. He played some Louis Armstrong who, like Chaplin, had been the son of a prostitute, and a street kid who had had troubles with the law before hitting the big time. Other pieces included his own take on Victor Borge. Finally, before the

showing of *Neighbours*, he "perked things up" with some funeral music, playing the mix of *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* and *When the Saints Come Marching In* he had played at the funeral of a former bandmate.

Gilbert said his show is something he has developed in semi-retirement. He has performed it several times already, but looks forward to possibly taking it on tour one day.

Graham Lynch donates \$1000



Mike Roach, president of the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club (left), acknowledges a generous donation from Graham of Graham Lynch Security, a Hawera-based firm.

Graham of Graham Lynch Security has recently made a generous donation of \$1,000 to the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club.

Mike Roach, the club president, was happy to receive the donation. "I'm elated, absolutely elated," he commented. Mike said the money will go towards first aid gear or the junior lifesavers. He added, "We thank Graham for being behind the club as we rely on the donations."

As well as the donation, Graham said that if any security work is needed in the future, there will be no

charge for either his time or travel.

Graham has a strong connection with Opunake as he was once the policeman stationed here. These days, he and his family spend every Christmas at Opunake Beach.

"The best beach in Taranaki - I'm not biased," says Graham with a grin.

He says the donation is to mark the 150th celebrations, as well as security work at the new Coastal Care facility and Cottage Rest Home in addition to his personal interest in Opunake.

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Bill English and Grant Robertson have been swapping fat analogies on the economy. Bill reckons if you're wanting to lose ten kilos in weight but only get to 9.8kg you are still moving in the right direction. Grant says if you need to lose ten kilos to fit the suit, lose 9.8 and still can't fit the suit, you have failed. Labour is wanting to paint the New Zealand economy as a basket-case, and this is in spite of many of our friends and competitors on the international stage re-shaping



Hon Chester Borrows MP

their economies to look more like ours. It is true we have huge bills to pay on the back of borrowing for Canterbury earthquakes, getting through the global financial crisis to make ends meet at a time when two of our big earners, dairying and oil and gas, are in a bit of a slump.

We also have the challenges of finding money for long awaited wage increases in the public and private sector and the spending we will have to do to get ourselves onto the right side of the ledger with respect to greenhouse gas emissions. But most of this is about Labour putting up logical alternatives and they can't. Grant Rob-

ertson like Bill English in opposition, agrees with the vast majority of government economic policy, and it is darned difficult to find fault when that financial policy is so reasonably bi-partisan. Labour's big problem is that it needs to rubbish what the government is doing because it can't be seen to agree. To rail against the deficit while needing to offer more and more to potential voters is their toughest task. It needs to complain that wages and salaries are too low especially in the public service, and the government is too mean in health and social spending. The votes Labour want to attract sit in the low and middle wage brackets.

At the same time it needs to say the National government is useless at running a budget and has failed to reach a surplus it promised us this year. To do this Labour points at Sir Michael Cullen's record of reaching a proclaimed surplus which was actually more giggery-pokery than the real deal, and there are fish-hooks in that. Every time Bill English talks about the difficulties of reaching budget, given the

debt mountain Labour left National to deal with, Grant Robertson points to the seven years since the government won office, emphasising the time we've had to get it right. But it works the other way too. Just because Labour had some good years prior to 2008 is no guarantee that given the GFC, the quakes, the down turn in milk, oil and gas prices, that Labour would be doing any better.

This scenario reminds me of a riddle that poses, "If a man speaks in the forest, and there is not a woman to hear him, is he still wrong?" Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition is there to challenge and to offer viable alternatives, but disagreeing for the sake of it, with no viable alternative, in the face of accolades from other nations, with record modern day spending in the social sector, record achievements in health, education and welfare seems a bit like 'the man doesn't protest too much'.

Chester Borrows
MP for Whanganui

The price of war



Adrian Rurawhe MP

This year we will remember them.

Last month I travelled to Europe as part of the Speakers Delegation. One of reasons for going to Europe was to represent the New Zealand Parliament at events commemorating 100 years since the start of World War 1.

At Caterpillar Valley Cemetery we placed poppies on the graves of New Zealand Soldiers who gave their lives during the Battle of

the Somme. Then in Arras, France we attended the dawn service commemorating the 98th Anniversary of the Battle of Arras, and honoured the sacrifices of the New Zealand Tunnelling Company for their part in that Battle. The Battle of Arras was a strategy to divert attention away from another part of the Western Front. This strategy cost 250,000 lives.

Over the next 3 years we will remember and commemorate other Battles and events that took place during World War 1. On 3 July 2015 we will remember the New Zealand (Māori) Pioneer Battalion's arrival at ANZAC Cove, on Gallipoli, and on 6 August we will remember the landing of the Irish at ANZAC Cove.

In these special centennial years, those young and innocent soldiers will always be remembered for their contribution to leave home to fight on the other side of the world. I wonder if they would have

foreseen the ultimate price they were to pay with their lives, and where they would be buried on distant shores, a long way from home.

Against this and the pride we feel for our fallen and returned soldiers, we know the futility of war. The kind of society that we live in is more likely to challenge diplomacy which for many of us, we recognise is better than going into conflict. But will we ever know what it was like in the trenches, fighting an "enemy" as young and innocent as our own Soldiers; the hardships, their courage, their fear?

What we can do though, is to pass on the stories and the lesson of this history to the coming generations to continue to

honour and remember their valour. Lest we forget.

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Sugar and the cost of living

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The Colonial Sugar Refinery on Auckland's North Shore,

maximum price deal which allowed New Zealanders to keep their tea sweet at one of the lowest rates in the world. Colonial Sugar kept its prices amazingly low throughout the war. The Board of Trade estimated that in 1916 alone, Colonial's generosity saved the country \$360,000.63.

Memorial To Bess



The memorial to Bess is situated at (Forest Road, Bulls. The government acquired more than 10,000 New Zealand horses to equip its forces between 1914 and 1916, but shipping shortages and quarantine restrictions meant that only four of them ultimately made the journey home. The lucky horses, Beautiful, Bess, Dolly and Nigger, all belonged to officers, and returned to New Zealand in July 1920 after 12 months of quarantine in England. Bess remains the best known of the four. One of more than 1000 horses

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Manaia WI

Manaia Women's Institute's May meeting was held in the St. Cuthbert's Church Lounge, Manaia on Tuesday May 5.

President Ann Chisnall gave a report on the Federation AGM she had attended. Our speaker was Linda Campbell

an Opunake St. John's Ambulance Officer who showed us a video "3 Steps for Life" which explained how to do CPR.

The wondering coin was won by Ann Chisnall, and the Mary Hutton Trophy given to Cleta Clark.

Competition winners were:

Shrub. Phyllis Malcolm 1st. Ruth Binns 2nd. Any Other Stem. Diane Winerra 1st.

Joy Brogden 2nd. Phyllis Malcolm 3rd. Home Craft. Phyllis Malcolm

1st. Ruth Binns 2nd. Diane Winerra 3rd.

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Play director Myron Bent (left) and musical director Carol Chapman (right).

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Director Myron Bent discovered the production, written by two Wisconsin sisters, and was convinced it would be ideal for Taranaki performers and audiences.

Wisconsin is called 'the

heart of dairying' in the USA, and the issues faced by farmers in the play, such as getting time away from the farm, financial difficulties and farm succession are common to all dairy farmers.

With a few changes to place the story in the

New Zealand context, the show is sure to appeal to country folk and town dwellers alike.

Musical director Carol Chapman will guide the cast through a great variety of songs with titles such as 'Gotta Love Cows, Tape and Lube, His Big Green

Tractor' and *Dairymen's Quar-teat*.

The cast ranges in stage age from late teens to early 90s and focuses on two farming families and a romantic connection between their offspring.

Two sets of parents, their uni-aged son and daughter,

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Alpacas a hit with Kaponga members

Kaponga WI members met at Blair-Athol Alpacas, Climie Rd, an outing organised by Margaret Broomhall, hostess for the May meeting.

Diane and Daryl Lehmann told the members about these interesting animals. They have bred most of their 50 alpacas, which are farmed for their wool. They are very quiet, due to their being used to a halter and being led around since they were very young. Despite a little rain, the members walked among them and were able to hear the unusual humming sound alpacas make.

Dorothy Hughes won a Handcraft section at the Federation AGM held at Kapuni recently, and her coat hanger will go on to national judging at the AGM in June at New Plymouth.

Dorothy was also congratulated on becoming a committee member of South

Taranaki WI Federation.

Secret Friends were revealed by Diane West, and the new programmes for 2015-16, printed by Nan Stokes were given out. Gillian Frandsen laid flowers on behalf of our members at the Kaponga Anzac Service.

Last month, a social time was organised by Fiona Collins, who also thought up a quiz about Kaponga and District.

Competition winners: Something new from something old: 1st Margaret Broomhall, 2nd G Frandsen, 3rd equal D Hughes and Sharyn Hurley.

Card holder and candle: 1st S Hurley, 2nd D Hughes, 3rd G Frandsen.

Three different autumn leaves: 1st D Hughes, 2nd G Frandsen, 3rd M. Broomhall.

F Collins

Two new businesses



Brian Clark, manufacturing surfboards.

Two new businesses have set up on the Surf Highway, just north of Oakura.

Brian Day will be repairing, maintaining and servicing motorcycles in his new business Surf Highway Motorcycles, while Brian Clark will be manufacturing surfboards.

Originally from New Plymouth, Brian Day has recently returned to Taranaki after being based in Christchurch. He is a qualified mechanical engineer.

He has an interesting CV, having worked as an aeronautical engineer where he was employed by air/asset management. He explains that airlines don't own their aircraft, they lease them. His job was to look after the aircraft for the leasor. He has also previously worked for Qantas in Australia and for the Australian Defence and marine patrol.

In his new motorcycle business, Brian will be focusing on maintenance and servicing, but can also supply anything that anyone needs.

He deals with road motorcycles, dirt bikes, farm bikes and jet skis. "Basically, anything with a small engine." As a mechanical engineer, he is qualified to work with hydraulics, turbines, piston engines, compressors and gas generators.

He likes the idea of offering a sort of "boutique service", creating a casual, relaxed environment "where people can watch if they want, talk to me and learn."

He is also the agent for Elf Oils, which include the industrial hydraulic oil used in farming and by contractors, and also the motorcycle American Redline Oil.

Brian Clark will also be manufacturing surfboards from the same premises from which CSA Surfboards operated.

Originally from California, he moved to New Zealand in 1999. He has been living in Taranaki for eight years, and previously had a shop in Strandon where he was shaping and selling surf boards.

Now he's manufacturing

them from fibreglass resin from go to whoa, using a CNC machine that preshapes the boards.

Each surfboard is shaped by hand. It's a skill and, with cheap imports, probably "a dying art" he acknowledges. The process requires protection from dust and fumes.

Brian moved to New Zealand "for the lifestyle". A successful surfer himself, he was selected for the 1981 US National Surfing team and ranks Taranaki's surf as "about the same as in California," though the climate's not the same, he says with a hint of regret. He likes the fact that there's less people in New Zealand though.

Getting into the surfer psyche, Brian describes surfing as "a challenge," and says everyday is different and every wave is different. "It requires 100 per cent concentration...your brain switches completely off." He admits though surfing is "addictive", perhaps because of this and the fascination of challenging nature. He has been

manufacturing surfboards since 1968 and owned a surf shop in California for 18 years.

He says the Taranaki coast is "one of the most consistent surf spots in New Zealand because it faces into the swell from the Tasman Sea" and has "world-class surf spots" though he won't say where. "Locals know where they are," he says with a grin.

His view of the controversial artificial reef in



Brian Day from Surf Highway Motorcycles.

Opunake was that it was "a waste of money" in a place like Taranaki, which has so many natural surf spots.

"It has a purpose in a specific area, where there's

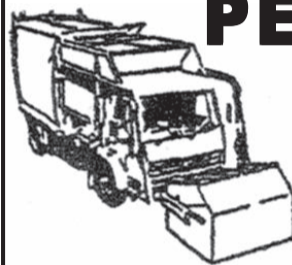
less likelihood of quality surf," though acknowledges it is difficult to get right.

"In Taranaki, there's very few days you can't surf," he says.

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Memories of

In her latter years, Mavis Hepworth (Aunty May) had the odd stay in a rest home, recuperating from various accidents or the occasional illness. During those times, separated from her garden, she put her energy, instead, into writing some memoirs.

Excerpts from *Memories of My School Days at Pihama*.

I pass the New Plymouth Girls High School and marvel at all the parked cars. Then, when I pass the New Plymouth Boy's High School there are dozens of motor bikes with all their gay colours.

I have seen many changes. For my first day at school, my father took me in the horse and gig. We picked up a girl the same age as myself, as her family had just settled in the district from Scotland. What fertile and innocent minds the teachers had to work on.

There was no phone, no electricity, no radio, so, as we were all farming stock, we only knew about animals.

Sometime after I started school, we had the telephone installed. I remember Mum taking me into the hall where a box thing was attached to the wall. She put something in my hand and

told me to say "hello". I didn't see anything sensible about talking to a box on the wall and said nothing. After some more prodding from Mum, I said a feeble "hello." To my amazement, the box said "hello" back. One more thing learnt.

School went on quietly until I reached Standard 2 and there were too many children for the school. We were given another teacher, and Standards 1 and 2 were to be taught up at the Pihama Hall. We had a very nice lady teacher at the hall, but I went to the big room for Standard 3. There, the teacher was a man who had been there for two generations of pupils. He was a very fiery natured soul who certainly knew how to use the strap. I was just a jellyfish when he was around, and could learn very little.

Lucky for me, he moved on at the end of the year. The next teacher was an Englishman with a wife and little boy. He

was keen on general knowledge, and I lapped it up. I quoted him at home so much, Mum said to me "Why don't you go and live with them!"

I loved school and by this time Dad had bought me a pony.... well, really a small horse. She was flighty, would shy at her own shadow, and buck whenever your feet were an inch or two from where they should be. She bucked me often. I think for a while I spent as much time on the dirt as I did on her back. We eventually became a pair, and went many, many miles together.

That story refers to Auntie May coming from farming stock. This next one expands on that, and is entitled Sex.

This happened when I was about 12 and a cousin of Mum's from Wellington was staying with us. He would have been about 16 as he had just passed his matriculation. Dad had a cow called Topsy who always calved about Christmas time. Dad had gone to the factory this day, when I noticed Topsy away in the corner of the paddock. I hopped on my pony and went to have a look. Sure enough, she had had a bull calf. When we all gathered for breakfast, I said to Dad, "Topsy has a bull calf." The cousin looked at me and said, "How do you know it is a bull calf". I must have turned several colours, and looked hopelessly at Dad. He promptly came up with an answer. "You look at their ears, Norman". "Oh", was all Norman said, and the subject was ended. How naïve we were in those far



Mavis Hepworth (Aunty May) nee Corkill.

off days!

The following comes from an interview conducted by a young neighbour, and the question asked was, What



A younger Mavis.

was life like during the war? Life during the war was hard for lots of us. My brother joined the air force before he was 21. That left Dad and I to carry on. It was all horse work then, and I helped to feed out. I cut

a large paddock of choughs with a slasher. It was cut a day ahead so it

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Aunty May

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withered slightly and loaded better. I helped in the hay paddock, and of course, with milking. When I ended up in hospital for six weeks with pneumonia, my next brother had to leave school to stay home and help.

We were allowed four gallons of petrol a month, and we were four miles from town. Dad always kept one gallon on standby. One day the bus driver ran out of petrol at our gate, and, thinking that the bus must run, I gave him the precious gallon to get the four miles. Dad was very angry with me, but the bus driver did return the petrol so all was fine.

The whole district used to gather at the hall and have a day packing parcels for the



Sports day at Opunake.

soldiers. I made many gin-

ger biscuits and fruit cakes. We were given the recipes and allowed the rationed ingredients. Those of us who faced the sea had to black out our windows.

During rationing, we had coupons for tea, stockings, tobacco, sugar, butter, petrol, and I'm not sure about meat. It was a long time ago and my memory has gaps. As we were living on a farm we lived better than the town people. We killed our own meat, had milk, cream and homemade butter, a very good vege garden and a few fruit trees. Sugar was our hardest. I told the boys that

if they put their sugar in a bowl instead of their tea, I could do some baking when they wanted food for school or football – it worked!

During the war, we stayed home a lot and worked, always anxious for our soldiers, and sad when news was bad. I wrote to several of them, and they seemed to be pleased to hear from home. We never went to bed before the 9pm news and the chimes of Big Ben were played. My brother served in the air force and came home safely for which we were very grateful.



Mavis riding Bell.



Aunty May the gardener.



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Aussie import has local support

Is Coastal Banksia something we can thank the Aussies for or a pest that needs to be banned?

Opunake nurseryman Murray Baylis is in the former camp, and opposes any ban on the Australian native tree, which is used as a shelter plant. On the other hand, the National Plant Pest Accord (NPPA), representing government departments, regional councils and the Nursery and Garden Industry Association is considering adding it to a list of plants which can't be sold, propagated or distributed within New Zealand.

The tree, whose botanical name is *Banksia integrifolia*, was one of four plants flagged by the NPPA as needing further research before deciding whether to list it as a pest. Concerns were raised about its rapidly growing nature and likelihood of out competing native plants.

The NPPA is asking for feedback from interested parties, and expects to make a decision on the status of the Australian native in November this year. Meanwhile Murray has started a petition against banning the plant.

"I planted hundreds of Banksia as shelter belts around my nursery 34 years ago," he said. "They have proven to be excellent shelter, and are still standing, just as strong and healthy today. As far as seeding goes I only occasionally see the



Is Coastal Banksia a pest or a valuable shelter plant?

odd Banksia seedling come up in comparison to the karo and taupata seedlings which are continually appearing."

He said it provides good shelter in an area prone to salt laden winds, while tui and bellbirds are attracted to the tree's yellow flower cones.

Steve Pivac from Pihama is another fan of Coastal Banksia. "It's a bloody good tree," he said.

"It gives good feed for native birds when it's in short supply in the bush, so you get lots of tuis coming down. It's very hardy, grows fast and trims really well. The timber makes good firewood. It's not as hot, but it burns a long time."

He dismisses claims that the tree is invasive by saying that of the 400 trees he has growing on his property, he has only pulled out 3-4

seedlings in the last 10 years.

"There's no way it's going to turn into something like gorse or pampas which takes up huge areas. Stock eat the little trees anyway."

If a tree falls over, stock will eat the leaves and the bark, making it easier to cut up the rest for firewood.

He opposes any attempt to have it declared a pest.

"It's too useful a tree," he said.

David Hopkins who has 4-5 km of Banksia shelter on his Waitotara farm says he can't understand why the tree should be banned.

"I would love to see the reason they are wanting to do this. There's no apparent downside to Coastal Banksia. In Taranaki, it's one of our mainstay shelter species.

They seem to put up with some quite rough conditions and are probably tougher than pohutukawa. From a farming point of view it's a winner. It's something we can thank the Aussies for."

Like Steve Pivac and Murray Baylis, he notes the way it attracts birds such as tuis, bellbirds and waxeyes.

"I can't imagine why people would want less native birdlife on their farm," he said. He also notes its popularity with bees.

"It flowers through winter and enables bees to get good tucker at that time of year," he said.

Opunake farmer Arnold Hickey has Coastal Banksia on his property, but says he is more likely to use pohutukawa, karo and flax for shelter.

"I haven't heard too many people pessimistic about them, but I understand there's some opposition to them growing," he said.

"They thicken up really well, and are not spindly. They do fold over a bit in the strong wind, but are probably a bit stronger than pohutukawa. I have used it as farm shelter on my dairy block which is five kilometres from the coast. They can grow to five, six, eight metres, so need to be trimmed every now and then, to stop them getting out of hand."

Methane inhibitors could lower agricultural emissions

New Zealand researchers have identified several compounds which show promise in reducing methane emissions from cows and sheep.

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Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Conference have announced that they had identified several promising compounds which could cut livestock emissions. The compounds inhibit the activity of methane-producing bacteria that live in the gut of sheep and cows.

AgResearch Principal Scientist Dr Peter Janssen said the results so far show impressive reductions in two-day trials in sheep.



"These initial steps are relatively short-term trials in sheep and they show that you get a reduction of methane between 30 to 90 per cent,"

he said. "It's a very exciting result but there's still a lot of checking to be done before you actually get something that a farmer can use safely."

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Opunake Bowling Club

April Fools' Tournament was held in brilliant weather and the greens were running beautifully. This was the setting for a fun-filled day of bowls with many gimmicky prizes awarded.

Many ends were played with a twist, including the first team to score a four with one of each members' bowl to count, or the first person to put a live bowl in the ditch.

First. Pat Eynon, Mary and Emmett Fleming and Moeller: West End. Second. Val Keightly's team, Paritutu. Third

Grayson McEldowney, New Plymouth.

On April 11, the Champion of Champions Triples were held at West End with Bev Robinson, Nel L'Ami and Pat Barrett competing. This year they won, capping off a great year for Opunake, with Bev also winning the fours, and topping off Pat's 80th birthday year.

The closing day was on May 9, held on the day for the first time. A smallish number played nine ends in the morning, followed by a pot luck lunch and prizegiving.



Studying the head at the April Fool's day Tournament is Opunake skip Joy Collins (in green) surrounded by a New Plymouth team.

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Cobras choke Tigers

On May 16 at Opunake the Coastal Cobras put on a great display of Rugby League against the defending champions, a depleted Western Suburbs Tigers side running in 14 tries.

The first 15 minutes was a scrappy affair however as both teams couldn't complete their sets with a series of dropped balls, loose carries and poor options. Halfway through the first half at nil all, the Tigers hot on attack kicked through on their last play only for Coastal half Darren Parata to scoop up the ball and run 90 metres untouched to score under the posts. Shortly after, the same player put

up a well directed bomb which was spilled by the Tigers defender and big prop Maloni Tuitupou swooped on the loose ball and scored under the posts for Coastal to lead 12-0. From here on it was pretty much one-way traffic as the Cobras closed out the half 26-0 after scoring three further tries.

Unfortunately for the Tigers the floodgates opened in the second half as Coastal ran in nine unanswered tries, three to impressive left winger Trent Deegan who showed great skill with some superb finishes. The Tigers never gave up, and to their credit tried to stay in the contest but missed far

too many first up tackles. The final score of 72-0 was somewhat flattering to Coastal but their deserved win stands them in good stead as they approach the business end of the season.

For the Cobras, their big forwards were in their element as they charged up the middle, none more so than prop Rick Kettlewell who had an outstanding game. Second rower Sean Mare and loose forward Jamie Taylor also ran strongly and defended well, while Mike Kahui who came off the bench had a powerful game. In the backs half Darren Parata continued his rich vein of form with three tries, while Deegan was impressive with a four try haul. Slight fullback Jason

Behrent capped a fine game with a try.

For the Tigers, fullback James McSevency tried hard to inspire his team with several classy touches, while standoff Keenan Tamarapa worked hard. In the forwards rangy Ritchie Sutton continued to impress with several bullocking runs while fellow prop Ale Peseta ran strongly. Teina Winikeira came off the bench and toiled hard.

Scorers: Coltons Coastal Cobras 72; Trent Deegan 4, Darren Parata 3, Jason Behrent, Jason Rankin Arepa Bisop, Maloni Tuitupou, Shae Kahui, Jamie Taylor and Herewini Karena tries; Mark Davis 7 goals, Herwini Karena goal; EHL Western Suburbs Tigers 0

Coastal Cobras lower grades get into their season

On the weekend of May 9-10, The Coastal Cobras Under 7 rugby league team did what their older clubmates could not do. They won their game. In a high scoring match, the

Under 7s beat the Hawera Hawks 60-32, while the Under 9s and Under 11s lost to their counterparts from the Hawks 40-8 and 36-0 respectively. The Under 15 team were beaten by the

Western Suburbs Tigers 30-22.

On the weekend of May 16-18, the Coastal Cobras Under 15 team won their game, beating the Waitara Bears 20-0, while the lower

age grades lost their matches against the Normanby Knights. The Under 11s came closest, losing 26-16. The Under 6s lost 32-20, the Under 7s lost 44-8 and the Under 9s lost 48-8.

Coastal Adult Riding club holds combined training day

On May 3, the Coastal Adult Riding Club held its Combined Training Day at the Egmont Show grounds. The dressage was judged by Jenny Robinson from Opunake. David Schumacher (Stratford) judged the Show Jumping. Results: NZPCA Test D Combined Training 1st. D. Bunyan (Shadow) Stratford, 2nd. W. Pulman (Luka) Stratford. 3rd. K.Kain (Latte) Hawera. 4th. T.Towers Hawera. NZPCA Test M 1st.W. Pulman (Luka). 2nd. L Bloeman (Orey) Kaponga. 3rd. S. Coull (Monty) Stratford. NZPCA Test T 1st equal S.Arnoux (Glynmawr Image) Eltham and W. Pulman (Luka) 3rd. D. Bunyan (Jess). Show Jumping 40cm. 1st. D. Towers Bronnie 60cm 1st. L Bloeman (Orey) 2nd. S.Arnoux (G. Image) 3rd. D. Bunyan 75cm 1st W. Pulman (Luka), 2nd S.Arnoux (G. Image). 3rd. T.Towers. 4th L Bloeman (Orey). 90cm 1st .S. Coull (Monty)

Pihama pair win Indoor Bowls

The Pihama pair of Scott Dimock (Skip) and Cameron Mullin won the Scource Taranaki Centre Indoor Bowls Open Pairs defeating Don Semple and Jenny Hamley in the final 11-5 - this was Dimock and Mullins first centre title.

Six teams qualified for post section play and in the first round of playoffs Sem-

ple defeated Sue and Trevor Bourne 8-7, Kevin Davidson and Chris Reed defeated Arthur Podjursky and Cliff Smith 13-2. In the semifinals Semple defeated Davidson 15-2 and Dimock defeated Martin Harding and Nigel Berry 7-2. Trevor and Sue Bourne received the Trophy for the married couple going the furthest.

Bowls final an Otakeho affair

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre Broadway Joinery sponsored Open Fours was played recently. Six teams qualified for post section play. In the first round of playoffs, Don Semple defeated Max Rowland 9-6, and Trevor Bourne defeated Alex Jacobsen 14-5. In the semifinal, Semple defeated Bourne 9-5 and Jim Nickel defeated Noleen Picard 10-9.

two Otakeho Club teams, and Semple's team of Gordon and Jenny Hamley and Jane Augustine defeated Nickel's team of Kath Whyte, Raewyn Fredrickson and Colleen Reynish in a very tight final by picking up five shots on the final end to win 11-6.

The first round in the Inter Assn competition was played on May 8, and the scores were Waimate 32, South 24 and Central 16.

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Coastal Division 1

Southern May 16

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Our line outs went well with our forwards winning some great ball, giving our backs the chance to run in some impressive tries. Tim McKenna scored three times, and Logan Stevenson once. Jamie Fevre added three penalties and two conversions. The final score was a well deserved 32-13 win. A great way to start the second round. Player of the Day was Brendon Walsh. This week we play Spotswood at Sanders Park at 1:00 pm.



Leighton Read gets the ball away despite attention as the young Division 1 team account for Southern 32 -13.



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Tukapa May 9

Week 7 we travelled to Sanders Park to take on Tukapa. The game was played in a strong westerly wind which favoured the home team in the first half, leaving us trailing 17-0 at half time. After some stern

words at the break, we managed to claw our way back with tries to Logan Stevenson and David Hughes.

A penalty and conversion by Jamie Fevre got us within 2 points, but unfortunately a couple of missed

chances late in the game against a more experienced pack, and Kieran Young was

The forwards showed great commitment especially up for his hard work up front.

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Captain Fantastic Chris 'Chrispy' Barron evades a defender as the boys get over Southern 34-26.

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Colts

Coastal vs. Stratford May 12

Off to Stratford for what we thought was going to be an exciting game, but with windy conditions, and once

again, low on numbers, it made it hard to defend a full squad of 22 players. We got off to a slow start and with a half time score of 17 -7 to Stratford we were confident of an improvement in the second half. Unfortunately a couple of unlucky tries put Stratford in front for the win of 27-15. Player of the day Tui Kenya.

played some good footy in the first 20 minutes, putting early points on the board. Our lads weren't giving up, as they shut them out for the next 40. We hammered their line for long periods, but just couldn't cross. Unfortunately we copped a couple of injuries and they got away again running out comfortable winners. Player of the day Shamus Vanner.

The Colts have struggled to have a consistent team at trainings, which is hard for these guys, as they are wanting some better results.

We have had a bad start to the comp, but the boys want a good finish so if you are good to play get to training, and mum sort your young fella out, unplug his playstation and boot his butt to training.

To the boys hang in there, Coastal is not a club that gives up, so get your mates together, round them up, and hopefully we can get it sorted.

Big Dave

□

Coastal vs. Southern May 19

Home game at Rahotu and not a good start to the game as the southern lads

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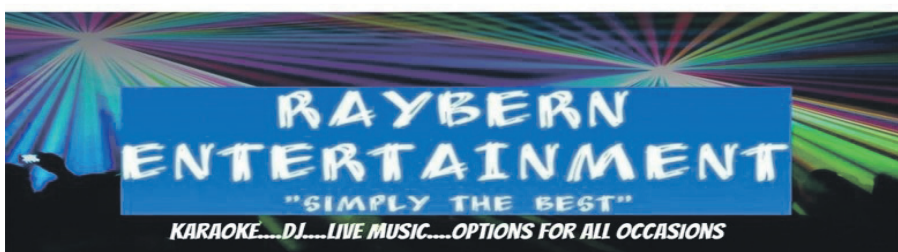
Sunday 31st May

Meet and Greet Evening held at Rahotu Rugby Clubrooms from 6.00pm with photos of the past 21 years on display. A Guest Speaker will entertain us and supper will be provided and the bar will be open.

Our Junior clubs of Okato, Rahotu and Opunake will all converge and play their morning grade rugby. We then head into afternoon grade rugby. With our evening kicking off after speeches. 21st Birthday Party to be held tonight with a few presentations. This is a night not to be missed. Spit Roast is available to purchase from the bar during the night. Transport will be available along main roads north to New Plymouth city south to Pihama.

Old Timers get out your boots out. Its your day. If you are over 35 and played in Okato, Rahotu or Opunake colours. Come along at 11.00am for a State of Origin day. Replica jerseys to play in and then Auctioned off afterwards. There will be Hangi meals available to be brought on the day. Want more info contact: Okato BD Rahotu Wayne Chapman Opunake Skippy

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World class football comes to Taranaki

The biggest football tournament ever seen in New Zealand is just over a week away and we can really already feel the noise, colour and passion that will fill Stadium Taranaki.

The first match day kicks off with a double header on Queen's Birthday (Monday June 1) between Nigeria and Brazil at 1pm, and then Korea DPR takes on Hungary at 4pm. This is a fantastic day for families to join the festive world party at Stadium Taranaki and experience the thrill of a live international event. The Brazilian team will no doubt kick-off the tournament in Taranaki with their wild flair and flamboyancy on the field, and the fans with their vibrancy and noise in the stands.

"Fans are encouraged to dress in bright team colours, bring their own flags, musical instruments and other noise makers to the biggest world party that Taranaki has ever seen," says manager venues Nelita Byrne.

One of the most exciting activations at the Stadium on game days will be the transformation zone where people enter the venue and get transformed into a Bra-

zilian, Nigerian, Hungarian or Korean football fan with fun face painting, flags and more. There will also be fantastic in-stadia entertainment between the two double header matches, including a bouncy castle, fun activations with Wooliam the Official Tournament Mascot and his dancers and FIFA U-20 World Cup selfie photo frames.

For all match dates and times head to www.fifa.taranaki.info

Football Fever – the opening weekend event

Join the Party at Football Fever, the opening weekend event, on Saturday May 30 from 11am to 2pm on Puke Ariki Landing to kick-off the tournament in Taranaki.

Bring your friends and family to celebrate the upcoming games with fun football activities including a keepy uppy challenge, live entertainment, competitions, bouncy castle, The Rumpus Room will be there with free face painting, balloon twisting and colouring-in, half-time oranges from The

Whopping Big Carrot and a chance to meet Wooliam and his dancers. There will also be the chance to buy some delicious authentic Brazilian food from Durello, a traditional Brazilian cuisine stand.

Fever Pitch

The Fever Pitch fan activation zone will be the central hub with fun activities and match information. It will run from Thursday May 28* on Puke Ariki's Marae Aotea space (in front of the museum wing's main doors).

Everyone is welcome to come down to get in the festive fever of the tournament and soak up the exciting atmosphere before the big games.

There will be live music, helpful information about the matches; appearances by Wooliam, team signing sessions and free face painting.

*The Fever Pitch is open three hours before matches and between 10am to 2pm on non-match days. Closed Monday 8, Tuesday 9 and Wednesday June 10.

Check out the full schedule of activities at www.fifa.taranaki.info.

MATCH DAY BUS SERVICES

FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2015



Getting to and from Stadium Taranaki is simple!

MATCH SHUTTLE BUSES

There is limited parking around the venue so we recommend using the central city parking options and taking a shuttle bus to Stadium Taranaki.

On match days shuttle buses will be operating for a 'gold coin' each way from the Ariki Street bus stop to Stadium Taranaki for the hour leading up to kick-off, then back to the CBD after the final match of the day.

REGIONAL MATCH BUSES

If you're travelling from outside New Plymouth, leave your car behind and take a bus! Bookings essential.*

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	Eltham	\$7.50	\$2.50	Eltham Library Plus
	Stratford	\$7.50	\$2.50	i-SITE — Stratford
	Inglewood & Egmont Village	\$5.00	\$2.50	Inglewood Library
North Bus	Urenui	\$7.50	\$2.50	Urenui Library
	Waitara	\$5.00	\$2.50	Waitara Library
	Bell Block	\$5.00	\$2.50	Bell Block Library
Coastal Bus	Opunake	\$7.50	\$2.50	Opunake Library
	Okato	\$5.00	\$2.50	Oakura or Opunake Library
	Oakura	\$5.00	\$2.50	Oakura Library

Bookings can also be made at the New Plymouth i-SITE.

* Regional bus bookings are essential: prices are for return trip, departure time and pick up will be advised at time of booking, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Bus services are subject to demand.

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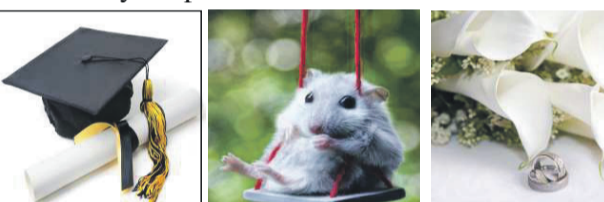
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Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES
St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahu
Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St, 9.30am every Sunday and the Rahu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month.
Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays.
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays.

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

Other areas
Maniaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm (2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs).
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May 23rd 2015 9am-12 midday

PUBLIC NOTICES

PIHAMA INDOOR BOWLS
Pihama Hall
Monday nights
7.30 start
Everyone welcome

Opunake Bowling Club Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday June 13th. 1pm
Bowling Club rooms, Gisborne Terrace.
All members and interested persons welcome.
B.J. Harvey [Sec.]

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Bryan Goodin - 027 531 8511



PUBLIC NOTICES



FOURTH RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2014/2015 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 27 May 2015**.

CR Stevenson
Chief Executive

WHAT'S ON

PIHAMA INDOOR BOWLS

Pihama Hall, Monday nights, 7.30 start
Everyone welcome

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meet on the 1st Monday of each month. Monday June 1, Everybody's Theatre 5.30pm Get together 6pm Meeting.

OPUNAKE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

First Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

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SCHNITZEL NIGHT

Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

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TARANAKI COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME, MANAIA

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TODD ENERGY AQUATIC CENTRE

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COASTAL SINGERS

7pm every Thursday night. Contact 761 8654.

ELTHAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FRIDAY MARKETS

8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham

SESQUICENTENNIAL

History Book

These are now available from the Opunake Library Plus at \$20 each. Paid orders can be made through all South Taranaki Libraries.

PERCY THOMSON GALLERY

2015 Members Exhibition, May 1 - May 24.

TARANAKI BRIDE OF THE YEAR

Saturday 23 May 2015 - To be held at the TSB SHOW-PLACE.

CONNECT15

Connecting people to jobs. May 22-23. TSB Hub, Hawera. Free entry. Refer back page for full details.

OPUNAKE SURF INN - GHOST CHIPS

Saturday May 23 from 8pm. No cover charge.

BUTLER'S REEF - TRINITY ROOTS

Saturday May 23 from 8.30pm. Refer advert for full details.

TARANAKI VOLKSWAGEN OWNERS CLUB

Annual General Meeting, Sunday 24th May at 3.30pm. Refer advert for further details.

NZ FARMERS LIVESTOCK

MACHINERY CLEARANCE SALE 25th May from 11.00am M & M Holmes, Kina Road. Refer advert for full details.

JASON SHON BENNETT

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PERCY THOMSON GALLERY

Taranaki Arts Trail Artists Exhibition and the Taonga Iti/ Small Treasures Challenge. 28 May - 21 June 2015.

ST. MARY'S DIOCESAN SCHOOL - STRATFORD

Community Information Evening, Wednesday 3 June 7pm, Sugar Juice Café Opunake.

STRATFORD SINGERS presents

Music through the years with the Taranaki Steam Band, Saturday June 13 and Sunday June 14. Refer advert for further details.

Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015-2021



The *Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2015/16 - 2020/21* (RLTPlan) is now publically available. The RLTPlan was prepared and consulted on by Taranaki's Regional Transport Committee, and approved by the Taranaki Regional Council on 7 April 2015.

The RLTPlan sets out the strategic direction for land transport in the Taranaki region over an approximately 30-year planning horizon; states the regional priorities for the next 10 years; and outlines the proposed land transport activities over the next 6 years.

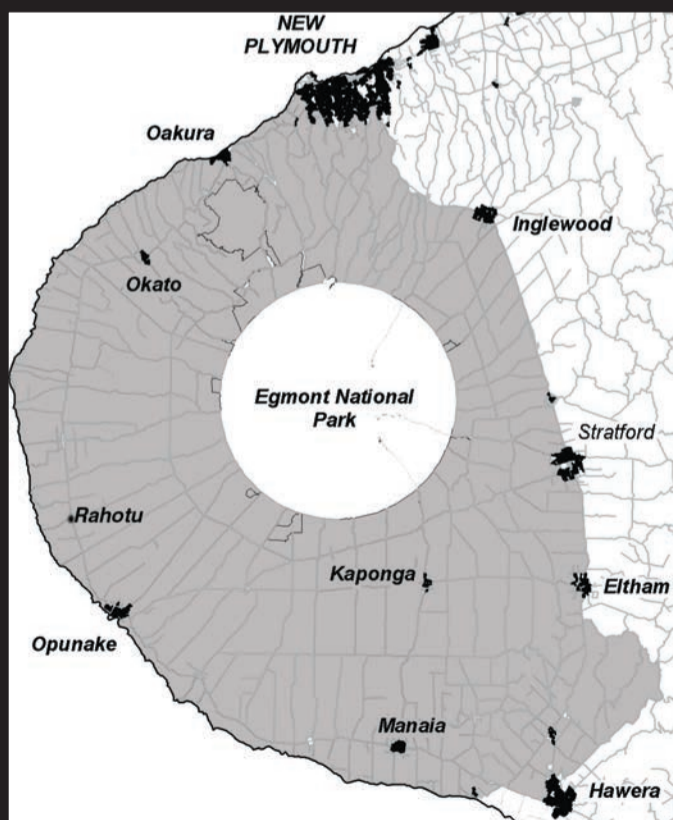
The RLTPlan has been developed in partnership with our regional partners and has been submitted to the NZ Transport Agency for consideration. The Agency is currently determining which activities included in the Plan are to receive national funding support.

The final RLTPlan is available online at www.trc.govt.nz/transport-strategies-and-plans. Copies are available for inspection at all public libraries and council offices in the region. Alternatively, a free copy may be requested by emailing publications@trc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 736 222.

B G Chamberlain
Chief Executive
Taranaki Regional Council

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SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 11 June. 10am. Patronal Festival to celebrate St. Barnabas. Archbishop Phillip Richardson the Bishop of Taranaki will be also celebrating the church restoration and repainting.

NETBALL

Sunday 14 June 10am to 1.30pm Opunake High School or Sandfords if wet. Celebration and Demonstration of netball through the ages. Free entry.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION 24 June 7.30pm in Opunake LibraryPlus with Graeme Lay

COASTAL RUMBLE

Friday 26th June at 7pm. Boxing event at Sandfords Event Centre. James Langton and some local corporate boxers appearing. Tickets \$30 from SEC and Surf Inn. 761 7372 for details

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Exceptional academics for 2014 – all NCEA Level 1 or 2 with Excellence endorsements. From left, Ellie Hodder, Ielsih Goble, Lizzy Good, Edie Thomas, Eva Langton and Bridget Mestrom.

Quality education in the heart of Taranaki

Our parents bring their daughters to join our St Mary's Diocesan family for many reasons but the recurring theme is that they want their daughter to be noticed, they want her talents to be nurtured and they want her to become a confident, financially independent, lifelong learner with a range of life choices when she leaves secondary school.

We provide this for our girls because we have small classes, with no class size larger than 22, and we have passionate staff who develop high trust learning relationships with each girl and cater to her individual needs and learning style.

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Even though we are bou-

tique size we offer a wide range of courses at senior level, and our outstanding 2014 NCEA academic results demonstrate that our small class sizes, whole school learning technologies, support in prep, and academic mentoring for seniors, are keys to enabling your daughter to soar.

We offer extensive cultural and sporting co-curricular activities where girls can grow their passions and talents as well as their self-confidence. Our current winter team sport choices include Basketball, Football, Hockey, Indoor Bowls, Netball, Squash and Volleyball, whilst individual girls participate in Rugby, Equestrian and Swimming activities. Boarders can start their day with Step Aerobics or end their day with Yoga.

Girls can have individual Music and Singing lessons as well as individual Speech and Drama tuition. Our Kapa Haka Roopu, Glee Club and Choir, as well as annual whole school production and House Music competition, are the cultural backbones of our school.

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Rural families have been the traditional heart of our school for the past 100 years. Whether your daughter wants to connect to the world through our ultra-fast broadband or unpack entrepreneurial skills through our Business Studies course, we have a range of weekly and full boarding options catering for the seasonal rhythms of farming families.

St Mary's is focused around Anglican family values of care, respect, responsibility, perseverance and service.

"The chapel is the heart of St Mary's and forms the foundation of how we care for each other," says Princi-

pal Fiona Green. "Our girls learn valuable real life skills through giving service to others whether they are blood donors, delivering meals on wheels or fund raising for a range of charities."

Our unique size means that opportunities abound to grow leadership skills, including a membership of a school council or committee as well as Young Enterprise and Young Farmers Club. Senior leaders girls enjoy a fortnightly breakfast meeting with the Principal and our sister school relationship with Osaka provides opportunities for girls to experience a different culture on an annual exchange.

Situated in the heart of Taranaki, with our back paddock full of sheep and a snow capped mountain as our vista, your daughter will relish the wide range of opportunities available while experiencing the security of boarding in a rural environment. We encourage you to take a fresh look at St Mary's Diocesan and ensure that it is the school of choice for your daughter.




Eva Langton previously attended St Joseph's Opunake, gained Level 1 with Excellence and plays in our Senior A Basketball team. She is the school BoT student rep and Chapel Sacristan and sings in the choir and Kapa Haka Roopu



Lizzy Good previously attended Auroa School, gained Level 1 with Excellence as well as completing Level 2 Spanish, plays in our senior A Netball team and also plays the drums



Ellie Hodder, whose parents were dairy farming in the Opunake area, gained Level 2 with Excellence and Level 3 English with Excellence. She is Head Chorister, an award winning young writer, Deputy Arts Captain, plays volleyball and sings in the school rock band



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENING

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Peter Copeland (centre) music director at rehearsal with the Stratford Singers.

Pack up your troubles with the Stratford Singers

Remember the old favourites? 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' to 'We'll Gather Lilacs', to 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy'. Stratford Singers and Taranaki Steam Band have got it covered.

Their concert, Music Through the War Years - Gallipoli to the Gold Era of Swing will be held at the TET Kings Theatre in Stratford on June 13 and 14.

The celebration of music that got us through the war years and beyond will include performances from the Western Peak Barbershop Singers and the sparkling 'Words with the Birds' trio, singing Andrews Sisters hits.

Under the baton of music director Peter Copeland, who has been leading the choir since February, and with accompanist Marina Roskilly,

the choir has been working with enthusiasm to master the harmonies to all the old songs.

Taranaki Steam Band is well known for its pizzazz when playing big band numbers and they will be in their element with music from the 20's and 30's when 'Swing was King.'

Emcee will be popular radio personality Bryan Vickery,

whose wit and professionalism will enhance the musical commemoration of Gallipoli and beyond.

'Pack up Your Troubles' and pick up your tickets for this performance of nostalgia and celebration of music from Stratford Information Centre and Hawera i-Site.

New Zealand's oldest craft show sees a bright future.

New Zealand's longest running craft show is gearing up for New Plymouth at the end of this month, as the first stop on its nationwide tour. For 31 years it travelled New Zealand as the 'Dunkley's Great NZ Craft Show.' Now in collaboration with Go Bake, the new owners have renamed it The Cake & Craft Show.

The Cake & Craft Show values the Dunkleys past by drawing on the amazing craftspeople who the show supported for three decades, and going back into the communities who have appreciated local handmade wares for just as long. Yet they are adding even more to the event this year by bringing more creativity, more stalls and more wow-factor.

Over 70 exhibitors will have stalls throughout the weekend ranging from gourmet food

makers and baby wear designers to knitters, jewellers and furniture makers to name a few. Everything you buy goes back into the community to keep crafters and NZ small enterprise off the endangered species list.

The Cake & Craft Show is more than a place to buy amazing gifts. It is also a place to learn about craft and get involved in the action for yourself. Take the Bernina Sewing Room, for example. This space is offering unlimited creative potential to whoever steps in. Stocked with sewing machines and fabrics and project ideas, the Cake & Craft show invites you to become a craftsperson and implement any creative dreams you may have.

More exciting elements are the workshops and demonstrations being held during the weekend. The

Craft Queen is making an appearance at the show on Monday at 2pm to teach people how to recycle old plastic bags into futuristic works of art that the kids will love. Her involvement with World Of Wearable Art pays testament to her level of skill.

But we mustn't forget the cake. There will be free demonstrations all day in the kitchen aide theatre, and there will be loads of cake decorating suppliers, tips for better decorating, Chinese sugar art displays and more.

Crafts / Baking / Cake Decorating / Workshops / Demonstrations / Stuff For Blokes / Furniture / Knitted Goods / Dolls / Seeds / Jewellery / Seasonings / Salami / Kiwiana Art / Papercraft / Gemstones / Scrapbookings / Fudge / Soap / Gourmet Food / 29th May - 1st June . TSB Stadium - 10am-5pm. Door

Admission \$10. Concession/ Students \$9. Kids 5-15 \$5.

See page 21 for advert and coupon to give you a discount to entry to the craft show.

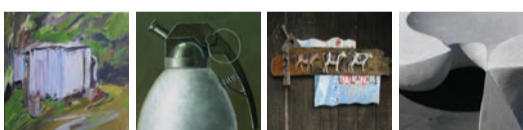
High profile matches for Percy Thomson

The Percy Thomson gallery is hosting the Taranaki Arts Trail exhibition, which has more than 70 artists from around the region contributing one work each to the exhibition.

Alongside this, the organisers have created the match-box challenge. Match boxes are given out to various people and all sales are donated towards future funding for the Arts Trail. These will all be shown alongside the main exhibition. Prime Minister, John Key, Opposition leader, Andrew Little and New Plymouth Mayor Andrew Judd are some of the people contributing to the challenge.

Gumboot Tango will be preforming at the opening on May 28, and local wine merchant Mike Radich is kindly donating some wine.

A N I N V I T A T I O N



You are warmly invited to attend the Taranaki Arts Trail Artists' Exhibition

and the Taonga Iti / Small Treasures Challenge 28 May - 21 June 2015

Opening at the Percy Thomson Gallery Thursday 28 May, 6.00pm

Taranaki arts trail

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What's On **butlers reef**
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Chappie Action, Adventure | 1hr 54min | R | Sony
When one police droid, Chappie, is stolen and given new programming, he becomes the first robot with the ability to think and feel for himself. As powerful, destructive forces start to see Chappie as a danger to mankind and order, they will stop at nothing to maintain the status quo and ensure that Chappie is the last of his kind.
Sun 24 & Wednesday 27 May @ 7pm
R16|1hr40min |Horror, Mystery | Rialto
Friday 22 & Sunday 31 May @ 7pm

It Follows After teenager Jay sleeps with her new boyfriend, Hugh for the first time, she learns that she is the latest recipient of a fatal curse that is passed from victim to victim via sexual intercourse. Death, Jay date explains that she is now being pursued by a being that can take human shape, though remains invisible to the uninfected.
Friday 22 & Sunday 31 May @ 7pm

The Age of Adaline PG13 |112min |Drama, Romance
A young woman, born at the turn of the 20th century, is rendered ageless after an accident. After many solitary years, she meets a man who complicates the eternal life she has settled into.
Rialto Friday 29 May @7pm

The Book of Life Animated , Fantasy, Romance, PG |1hr 35min |Violence
Animated Romeo and Juliet inspired love story set during a Day of the Dead celebration. Fox
Saturday 30 May @ 1pm

Tinkerbell and the Legend of the NeverBeast Animation | PG | 1hr 16min
Fun and talented animal fairy Fawn befriends a huge and mysterious creature known as the NeverBeast. While Tinkerbell and her friends aren't so sure about this scary addition to Pixie Hollow, the elite Scout Fairies set out to capture the monster before he destroys their home.
Disney Monday 1st June @1pm, Saturday 6 June @ 1pm

The Women in Gold Action, Adventure | 1hr 50min | Sony
Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I."
Wednesday 3 June & Friday 5 June @ 7pm

'NOBLE' - Boutique Night \$25 ticket - **Bookings Essential**
Sunday 7 JUNE Doors open 6.30 pm. Movie starts 7 pm.
They broke everything but her spirit. They took everything but her dream. This is the incredible true story of a fearless Irish heroine driven by her daring vision to escape the slums of Ireland and risk everything on the streets of Vietnam.
\$25 includes comfy sofa seating, complimentary wine or beer and tasty snacks.
Tickets for the Boutique available from PASTIMES or book with Debbie 0272902892 Maree 0273137494. Upstairs viewing at normal rates. Also Wed 10 June @ 7pm

Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Queens Birthday Holiday SPECIAL	20 May @ 7pm SAMBA 'Arthouse'	22 May @ 7pm It Follows R16	23 May @ 1pm Spongebob	24 May @ 7pm Chappie
1 June @ 1pm Tinkerbell & the NeverBeast	27 May @ 7pm Chappie	29 May @ 7pm The Age of Adaline	30 May @ 1pm The Book of Life	31 May @ 7pm It Follows - R16
	3 June @ 7pm The Women in Gold	5 June @ 7pm The Women in Gold	6 June @ 1pm Tinkerbell & the NeverBeast	7 June @ 7pm Noble Boutique

Modern Jivers take home five awards for Taranaki

Six brave souls (Latin, ballroom and modern jive dancers) from The Modern Jivers community dance group ventured their way to Langham Hotel, Auckland, on April 18 to 19, to compete in the Kiwi Classic International Dance Championship, and to test their dancing skills against other dancers throughout New Zealand, USA and Australia.

Richard Walker, a dairy farmer from Otakeho, won two second places at the Partnership Excluded (PE) Male Rhythm Foxtrot and Modern Jive Freestyle Beginner level. His partner, Tracy Dakin, won two second places at the PE Female Rhythm Foxtrot and Modern Jive Freestyle Beginner level.

Mark Pierson, a dairy farmer from Normanby, won first place at the Modern Jive Freestyle Beginner level, one second place in the PE Male Cha-cha-cha and one third place in the PE Male Waltz.

Yvonne Lehrke, a retired farmer from Stratford, won first place at the Modern Jive Freestyle Beginner level and two third places in the PE Female Cha-cha-cha and PE Male Waltz.

Simon Forsyth, a sheep and beef farmer from Opunake, and Latin, ballroom and modern jive dance instructor, won three second places and eight third places in the Masters 1 Levels 1 and 2 Cha-cha-cha and Jive, Professional - Amateur (Pro-am) Cha-cha-cha, Rumba, Samba and Jive with Nerida



Back row from left: Mark Pierson, Yvonne Lehrke, Katie Armstrong, Vincent Lim, Maria Cashmore, Simon Forsyth. Front: Tracy Dakin and Richard Walker

Cortese of *Dancing with the Stars New Zealand*.

Maria Cashmore, council planner and Latin, ballroom and modern jive dance instructor, won eight first places, three second places and three third places in the Masters 1 Levels 1 and 2 Cha-cha-cha and Jive, Pro-am Level 2 Cha-cha-cha, Rumba, Samba, Jive, Waltz with Jonny Williams of *Dancing with the Stars New Zealand*, and Amateur

to Amateur Level 2 Cha-cha-cha, Rumba, Samba and Jive with Shae Mountain.

The dancers have attended Maria and Simon's dance classes for approximately five to six terms (seven-week block per term), and have not competed before, nor had any previous dance experience.

They trained at competition level with Maria and Simon since November last year and, with regular practice sessions and continuous

support, came out well accomplished.

This proves that you don't have to be experienced to win. Good training and coaching, regular practice sessions mixed with good attitude and fun factor helps.

If you wish to learn how to dance Latin, ballroom and modern jive, talk to Maria or check out www.themodernjivers.co.nz for more information. Their next term starts on May 26.



Nerida Cortese of *Dancing with the Stars* and Simon Forsyth

7 Week Block Latin, Ballroom & Modern Jive Partner Dance Classes

26 May - 9 July, 7 - 9 pm

South Taranaki RSA Hall - Every Tues

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www.themodernjivers.co.nz

The Modern Jivers



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Buses will leave Stratford, Opunake and Waverley at 10am, 12noon and 2pm. Return Journey will leave Hawera at 11am, 1pm and 3pm

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