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Triple smash in Stratford

The local police, Stratford Fire Brigade and St John Ambulance had a busy day in Stratford on Wednesday, April 28.

Firstly, around 2pm, a truck heading north left the road, mounted the footpath (smashing the concrete kerbing), careered into a perimeter fence demolishing most of it and ended up inside the section of the property, smashing out part of the north boundary fence. The truck's front windscreen was shattered.

The truck clipped (and broke) a concrete garden bed attached to the side of the house but narrowly missed several hitches housing some hens. The crash involved the residential property on the corner of Warwick and Mountain Roads at the southern outskirts of the town just past the 100km sign. Several young children of the household, were luckily not playing outside when the accident happened.



A truck demolished most of this property's fence before knocking over part of the northern boundary one.



Just minutes after the truck crashed a Ford Courier utility (foreground) crashed into the back of the white Honda.

Just as the truck left the road it destroyed a street light. The runaway truck also felled a tree on the residential property. It is unclear as to whether the driver of the truck was hurt, although a St John Ambulance and officers

were nearby. There was some speculation that maybe the truck driver had suffered a sudden health emergency of some kind, but this is unconfirmed.

With the traffic held up as police dealt with the scene, including interviewing

witnesses, suddenly at 2.20pm there was a very loud bang. A 2005 Ford Courier utility travelling south at the scene of the first accident smashed into the rear of a white 2005 Honda Odyssey, which ended up on the other side of the



The truck clipped the concrete garden boundary, just missing the house.

road facing north. Both cars were severely damaged with debris scattered over the road. Both cars looked beyond repair – write offs. The young male driver of the utility admitted he had been distracted. "I was just looking at the truck accident," he commented.

The fire brigade applied foam to the fuel which had spilt over the accident scene. They also hosed down the affected road area.

By 2.40pm traffic, south and north bound, was completely (but briefly) stopped for some time while

It would appear, thankfully that there was no serious injury to the occupants of both cars, or the truck. While the utility had just one occupant the Ford Courier had several passengers, maybe a family.



LEFT: The firefighters were kept busy. This is the utility which smashed into the rear of the white Honda. It is leaking fluid onto the road.

RIGHT: Luckily, this ambulance was not needed for the occupants of any of the three vehicles.



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Letters to the Editor

Lest we Forget

Well we think Opunake forgot! A cenotaph with no flags or wreaths at the break of day on the 25th April is inexcusable (post covid).

Even the march of a good turnout of marchers stopped short of the cenotaph.

Three lonely people and a dog saw the dawn break while the rest (sheep) enjoyed the crowded warmth of the town hall.

The three discussed the history of their parents, relations and friends who went to both world wars, Vietnam and Iraq. As one gentleman recalled his severely injured father say his comrades that got killed were perhaps the lucky ones.

A young lady spoke of her uncle who returned but with massive ongoing problems. The other gentleman spoke of his father and two uncles that did return, one spending years as a POW, the other with a disabling injury and the other who was in the Merchant Navy (how he got there at the tender age of 15 ?)

We appreciate the organizers volunteering their time but they must respect the men and women that gave their <all>.. that they did so regardless of inclement weather and conditions .

The dog showed his disgust by lifting his leg and pi--ed on the fence .

Phil, Opunake

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Maori Wards

J.Norton's letter when challenged about 'racism' in the latest issue was a good one. No dramatic rhetoric- he simply stated the facts about living in a democracy.

And when those elected to Councils or other civic entities start ignoring majority public opinion in deference to a vocal minority, be it racial or otherwise, democracy is on a slippery slope.

John Leith
Oakura

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

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The Old Apothecary

Under the crooked rusted drainpipe,
Where the water slowly drips,
The moss is a beautiful green.

The pipe is on the old Apothecary,
Now decades closed.

The front step, totara,
Ancient matai and rimu floors within.

Who has crossed that threshold?

Folks who wore black and now rest
On the edge of town,
Under white marble angels.

Young men in smart uniform,
Who now lie in foreign fields.

Down the narrow alley,
A crumbling brick chimney,
Its purpose long forgotten.

Dig around it, old iron horseshoes,
Hear the ring of the anvil,
Once again.

The Old Apothecary is now an apartment,
A young lady resides within.

The old yard, she gardens.
Ancient coloured bottles spring forth.
They sit on, they sit off
The stained glass window
The sun reflects coloured hues inside.

Out back, the old livery,
Sagging, still standing,
The aroma of split pine within.

The fire gives warmth,
On windy winter's nights.
The framed timbers creak,
They have a story
To tell.

The Apothecary stands
In a tiny
dying town.

Under the crooked rusted downpipe
Where the water slowly drips,
The moss is a beautiful green.

ADELPHOS

'Acts of God'

The English language has some strange sayings: "Safe as houses, A bun in the oven, Bob's your uncle and Raining cats and dogs." They're just four of thousands. Have you ever heard the phrase 'Acts of God'? It's not as common as it used to be (like a lot of sayings): sometimes we hear it on the news. 'Acts of God' relate to events that happen outside human control. They include things like flash floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions. Our local maunga (mountain) had its last major volcanic eruption in 1854 and

prior to that was estimated to have erupted 160 times in the last 36,000 years. So our geography in Taranaki has been shaped and formed by 'Acts of God'.

Interestingly, the term 'Acts of God' is recognised as a legally accepted definition: since the mid-19th century. Business contracts often include protections that let them off the hook if they are unable to fulfil their obligations due to *force majeure* (French for superior force) protections. The most common *force majeure* being

'Acts of God.' In these uncertain times of Covid-19, companies affected by the virus are understandably looking to contract terms, such as 'Acts of God' to reduce their financial losses.

The 2018 New Zealand census found that 37% of people identified as Christian with almost half the population (48.2%) having no religion. That's a big jump from 2001 when 29.6% of the population had no religion. With roots deep in religious texts dating back to the thirteenth century, the term

'Acts of God' has survived into the present day. Perhaps its survival has surpassed knowledge of God's real acts. I mean the ones that relate directly to people or groups of people. God has always striven to have connection with people: to be in relationship with them. But it is clear from the stats that people in New Zealand are moving away from Him. God never changes: He is always ready to accept us, love us, forgive us and connect with us. Something to think about when you look at our beautiful Taranaki scenery.

Adelphos

Correction

The donation from the Dog Walk held recently by the Opunake Lakeside Lions is to be presented to James Langton of BarbWire Boxing for purchase of equipment. Not Opunake Martial Arts as stated in the article in the April 20 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News.

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Editorial

Removal of the cheque option ill-considered

Kiwibank announced its decision on May 16, 2019 to stop issuing and accepting cheques from February 28, 2020. Since then many banks and organisations have jumped on the bandwagon without reviewing the implications for all members of our society, especially the elderly and those who do not understand or own a computer.

The late Jim Anderton, who was the main mover of the establishment of Kiwibank – supposedly a bank owned by New Zealanders for all New Zealanders would have been greatly saddened by this move by the bank (along with the various bandwagon jumpers).

Is the cheque sidelining idea original? Of course not, as a nation we seem to carry out some of the more undesirable measures from overseas. The UK tried to eliminate cheques with October 31, 2018 as the day of reckoning (ie no more cheques). There was a storm of opposition notably by groups representing the elderly as well as charities.

Andrew Bayly MP (for Port Waikato) the Shadow Treasurer and Spokesperson for Infrastructure and Statistics made representations to the Finance and Expenditure Committee in Parliament to ensure cheques could still be used when dealing with Government agencies such as IRD, ACC and Kiwibank. He is not hopeful of a positive response. “Unfortunately the Government (through the Select Committee) seems likely to be committed to ‘killing off’ my proposed inquiry into how we can ensure the estimated one million New Zealanders who wish to remain financially independent, but are unable to use electronic means to achieve this.”

Let’s take a look at the implications:

Many elderly people do not know how to use a computer. As one survey revealed, in the 66-75 age bracket about 14% have no internet access. For New Zealanders older than this the lack of internet access almost triples! Older people are more vulnerable to scams and elder abuse if they have to rely on younger others to access their bank account to make payments, such as power or telephone.

In speaking to people in our newspaper circulation area a common comment was, “I’m not affected too much, but I feel sorry for the elderly.”

Here is a selection of typical comments:

“I feel saddened for old people who only use cheques as that’s how they pay for such things as telephone and power.”

“An inevitability, but it is banks dictating the terms. Often cheques are the safest way to transact.”

“How many elderly people will be victims of elder abuse as others will be drawing out their money? With so many banks closing it’s a double whammy.”

With so many elderly suffering from a limited degree of dementia they can get by if they only have to deal with the very familiar, both places and systems. Cheques they are familiar with, but some new complicated type of payment will not only cause great anxiety and distress, but would likely be beyond them. Do the banks senior management personnel care?

What about the rest of society, as well as the elderly. The 2018 Census showed that 211,722 households did not have access to Internet (approximately 570,000 people).

Who exactly are these people?

Some people can simply not afford to buy a computer, such as the unemployed and people in subsidised housing. A 2019 study showed that only 69% of people living in a house managed by Housing NZ/Kainga Ora or social housing had access to the internet.

People with some forms of disability will struggle without cheques. For example, people with dyscalculia, which is defined as *difficulty in learning or comprehending arithmetic, such as understanding numbers, learning how to manipulate numbers, performing mathematic calculations and learning facts in mathematics.* Something similar can be said for people with reading difficulties, reportedly one in ten New Zealanders.

Charities, such as Women’s Refuge, are mostly supported historically by cheques. With so many scams doing the rounds most people are reluctant to reveal bank details or credit card numbers with good reason. It has been estimated that charities stand to lose 1.4 billion yearly in New Zealand. The Order of St John (Ambulance), for example, received



Banks are binning our option to use cheques.

\$6.4 million from 35,335 customers or donors by cheque. Yet, appeals by emails, by contrast, attract only a 2% response.

Some family and business enterprises require two signatures on cheques for payment of an account to be authorised. Was this taken into account or an alternative system devised? The answer is probably no.

What is needed is for the Government to continue to receive and issue cheques on behalf of the organisations they control including ACC, Inland Revenue and especially Kiwibank. The stand taken by Andrew Bayly MP is greatly admired.

Rolland McKellar

Opunake place names

King Street

There is quite an option for this street name. There were two Kings, both of whom played an important part in the of the New Plymouth Settlement while their children were to carry this to the wider fields of the Province and the Empire.

Captain Henry King (1783 - 1874) was born at Torquay and at the age of 12 entered the Royal Navy as a midshipman. He fought at the Battle of St Vincent and distinguished himself in many boat actions. Later he served against the Americans on the Potomac and at the taking of Alexandria. At the peace, he retired from active service and many years later became interested in the Plymouth Company for the settlement of Taranaki and on being appointed chief Commissioner, he sailed for New Plymouth in the Amelia Thompson.

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New owner for 4U Computer Solutions

Computer firm 4U Computer Solutions has a new owner in Liam McCready O'Neil, as of last week. Liam takes over from Tobi Hipp, who has owned the respected firm for the last ten years. Although

Tobi intends to develop a consulting business, he will continue to work at the firm at their headquarters at 365 Ketemarae Road, RD15, Hawera 4675. Liam is also Managing Director of a Whanganui



Tobi Hipp (left) and Liam O'Neil, the new owner.

right person with the same ethics and responsibility - someone prepared to look after my customers in an ethical way," explains Tobi. He added, "Our customers and the firm are like a big family."

Liam says he will "float between the two" locations, but expects he will spend more of his time here.

Liam comments that he is unlikely to make big changes in the short term, but will continue the high standards and breadth of options that Tobi has established for both commercial and residential clients.

Some of these include service and repairs, sales

contracts are also available on optimal terms.

Tobi is happy to be continuing at the firm and pleased that they speak the same ethical language. "He joked, "We could be twins." He added, "I'll be there to support Liam." This continuity has to be a big plus.

It's early days, but Liam is impressed with his new venture. "It is friendly and upbeat here," he enthuses.

4U Computer Solutions is easy to find. It is just 3km from Normanby as you head west along Ketemarae Road from the township. The firm is well sign-posted at 365 Ketemarae Road, located

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computer firm called RapidWeb. He is, however, at pains to explain that he is not empire building, but the new venture, "is a way to build and grow" the service he can provide between the two fairly close geographical sites, to the mutual benefit of clients in both places. "This is not a destructive takeover. It will be the same quality

service and sales. It will still be local."

The Taranaki firm had been on the market since last year and when Liam met Tobi there was instant personal rapport between the two. The two men spoke the same ethical language. "I wasn't prepared to sell 4U Computer Solutions to just anyone. It had to be the



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NPDC sifting through the Long Term Plan feedback

Thousands of people have given feedback to the Mayor and Councillors on New Plymouth District Council's (NPDC's) draft \$3 billion work programme for the next 10 years which focuses on Fixing the Plumbing, Greening our Place and

Paying it Forward for our kids.

Gathered from March 3 to April 6, it consists of 4563 surveys from the general public and in a first, 303 people gave their views as part of a representative sample which reflects the District's demographic make-up.

New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom says

Councillors are hard at work reading through all the public insights to inform their decision making. "From Owae Marae to Greypower New Plymouth to supermarkets at Okato and Urenui, we've taken our draft \$3billion work programme to our residents via 30 public events and hui, to see what people think. Our listening ears are on, we appreciate all the feedback and are hard at

work reading it, as we ponder the big calls we'll have to make to keep our Sustainable Lifestyle Capital on the right track," says Mayor Holdom.

Nearly 5000 pieces of public feedback were received.

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Vandalism at former IHC premises

The vacant IHC buildings at King Street, Opunake, which were termed i-catcher when in use, have fallen victim to vandalism. It is not so much the main building which has been targeted, but more seriously some of the other buildings on the property, although the front fence is partially broken and lying on the ground, presumably by vandals.

The building which is by far, the most vandalised is the large workshop to the immediate north of the main building. The culprits have gained access by breaking a rear window. Inside there are countless smashed in areas of the wall, as well as the sides of a bench. Even the silver-lined ceiling has not escaped destructive attention, with a number of holes; probably a stick or similar has been

used to poke holes. The scattering of drink bottles and chippie packets and the like tell its own story. People have obviously been having a smashing party – literally.

It has to be said, however, that the property shows signs of neglect although the lawns have been mown. The shrubs and trees have grown up profusely, in contact with the main building in places. Such neglect and



Broken down fence at the front of the property.



profuse growth probably encourages vandalism partly by allowing cover for the vandals to carry out their destructive intent.

LEFT: Apart from the sides of the bench being demolished there were many places where a jagged hole was made presumably by a boot kick.

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Taranaki back in first spot in GDP

Taranaki is once again ranked as having the highest GDP per capita in Aotearoa, according to figures from Venture Taranaki.

In 2020, Taranaki contributed \$9.5 billion towards the national GDP of \$323 billion.

“The latest data also indicates that Taranaki has not suffered some of the extremes that other regional economies have experienced as a result of COVID-19. We are in a fortunate position due to the strength and resilience of our food production industry, and also because our visitor industry is not as dependent on the international traveller,” says Venture Taranaki Chief Executive Justine Gilliland.

Taranaki’s visitor spend saw a decrease of only 1.8% (year on year) on the back of a strong showing in late 2020 and over the summer holiday period, which leveraged local events such as the Taranaki Garden Festival, TSB Festival of Lights and concerts at the TSB Bowl of Brooklands. These events likely attracted out-of-town friends, family, and other visitors keen to experience the region. Taranaki now sits just behind Northland, Gisborne and the Hawke’s Bay in rankings on visitor spend by region in terms of growth.

“The visitor sector in Taranaki is less exposed to the international market, so the hit to visitor spend here

has been less than many of our regional counterparts. We have worked closely with our visitor enterprises and event organisers to showcase our region and launch an effective and targeted domestic visitor attraction campaign. While Taranaki doesn’t traditionally rely on international visitors, with the opening of the Trans-Tasman travel bubble, we do expect to see the visitor market gradually build again,” says Justine.

Retail spend is rebounding as Taranaki continues to support local. Taranaki-wide consumer spending was higher than pre-COVID levels from May 2020-January 2021, with total retail spend within Taranaki for the year ending December 2020 reaching \$1,411,221,275.

“We have seen Taranaki’s consumer spend continue to grow. Our consistent increased spending over the last year has now nearly fully closed the deficit that was created during lockdown,” says Justine.

The housing market in Taranaki, like many other parts of the country, is running hot, with the median sold house price in Taranaki topping \$520,000, an increase of 15.3% from September 2020. The number of properties sold around Taranaki in February 2021 increased 31.4% from the same time last year.

“The value of houses in

Taranaki increased across the board. House prices increased by 35.3% in Stratford, 34.6% in South Taranaki and 14.3% in New Plymouth district,” explains Justine.

The construction industry is busy, with the total value of all building consents processed in Taranaki in the 12 months ending July 2020 increasing by 1.25% compared to the 12 months ending February 2020.

“While there are strong reasons for positivity, beneath the surface, COVID-19 has further extended the inequality gap for our lower socioeconomic communities and families,” continues Justine.

Unemployment is up to 6.3% in Taranaki for the year ending December 2020, higher than the national average of 4.9% for year-end December 2020. Plus, there has been a 30% increase in people receiving Jobseeker support, with 5,154 people in February 2021, compared to 3,966 people in February 2020.

“The regional job market is proving a mixed bag with job seeker registrations remaining at heightened levels and unemployment being one of the highest in the country, yet at the same time we’re seeing increases in employment and skill shortages in

certain industries such as construction.”

“We’re also seeing an increase in new enterprises being registered, with 948 new businesses registered in Taranaki throughout 2020. This is 100 more than what was registered in 2019,” explains Justine.

“Beyond COVID-19 there are important broader policy and economic challenges that we need to be conscious of, such as our shift towards a low-emissions future, and the Government’s response to the final advice due from the Climate Change Commission in May 2021,” says Justine.

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Craig Dingle
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Gas detector.

He was an absolute trooper

In paying tribute to William Arthur 'Bill' Rumney, a long-serving member of the Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade, Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Mike Fairweather said he was, "An absolute trooper."

When Bill Rumney passed away, aged 86, on April 29, 2020, the Covid restrictions prevented his relatives, friends and colleagues from holding a service to honour him as they would have wished.

Therefore, the Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade organised this Memorial service at the Hawera Lawn Cemetery beside Bill's burial site, with support from his family on Saturday May 1 (11am). Chester Borrows, an Archdeacon in the Anglican Church, conducted a moving Christian service. People will recall Chester as an outstanding parliamentarian of recent memory.

Bill Rumney, by all accounts, a remarkable man, was married to Shirley for over 60 years. Unfortunately, due to illness Shirley, was not able to attend. However, her sister Heather Engelen was at the service, as well as other members of his family.

A number of people gave eulogies, including three from the various organisations Bill served (often as Secretary), namely Graeme Kempton (Past President) of the South Taranaki RSA and Martin Berry President of the Normanby & Districts Lions, as well as Mike Fairweather CFO of the Hawera Fire Brigade..

What was crystal clear was that Bill's motto must have been *Res Non Verba* (Action not Words). When his colleagues in organisations sought to arrange things



The grave of Bill Rumney at Hawera Lawn Cemetery. they'd discover that Bill had already dealt effectively with it.

Bill was awarded many honours, such as the Honorary Life Membership (2012) of the Gold Star Association after 25 years' service to the fire service. Another award was the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Character Trust Life Membership (2012).

Chester opened and closed with a prayer. In a brief sermon, he mentioned the New Testament parable of the sons of an important man who were given 'talents'; one merely buried his (did nothing constructive with it). Bill, however, by contrast, has used his talents to help others as he did all his life.

Bill's son Tony spoke of a dedicated family man who has achieved a lot, was proud of any recognition he received, but was humble with it. Tony said he'd expected a small turnout of people, but was overwhelmed by the large number who came to pay their respects. Tony quipped that "Dad will be looking down from above, proud but also a bit embarrassed."

Later, Bill's daughter Linda Moore (nee Rumney) read a poem that summed up the love and respect she had for

her father. Two of Bill's granddaughters, Bryony and Paganne, also read poems with a similar message. All three poems were poignantly original.

Everyone was invited to the Hawera Fire Station for a most impressive morning tea, thus concluding an impeccably organised event to honour Bill Rumney, a special man.



Bill Rumney.

Chainsaw donation for Manaia Brigade

We had a chainsaw donated to the brigade by Symes Outdoor and Sport in Opunake. So we raffled it off to raise money to purchase helmet torches

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Shane Taylor
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Manaia CFO Shane Taylor with Stu Symes.

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National award for diabetes support group

The Opunake Lakeside Lions Club started a support group for people with Diabetes, for family/friends who support whanau on their Diabetes journey and for pre-Diabetics. Daphne Sinclair-Holley and Rosemarie Knapman-Smith organise the monthly meetings where the group are served by members of the Lakeside Lions Club, with a cup of tea or coffee and 'food for diabetics' that is easy to prepare.

There are only two such groups in Taranaki, one in Stratford and now here in Opunake. Diabetes is one of the fastest increasing health issues of our times throughout the world. Our aim is to provide support, education, knowledge and to assist people with managing their or their loved ones, Diabetes condition.

In November 2020 we began our monthly meetings that are held on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am in the CoastalCare community rooms. We



Lakeside Lions president Diane Forsyth with the national award certificate.

prepare a different diabetic sweet, one savoury, with a recipe each month; one printed copy of the recipe

for the members. Presenting healthy recipes is one of our many goals. The group are keen to listen or chat about their experiences, thus helping and supporting others in the group. Another goal they have requested is to learn more about the Diabetes course of action, especially on prevention and/or what is available for treatment.

Help comes from Matire Ropiha, the Community Diabetes Educator with the Taranaki DHB. Although not a nurse Matire is very experienced at managing Diabetes, reading food labels, understanding carbohydrate, low Glycaemic Index foods, Insulin and lots of other useful information. Matire supports our Opunake group extremely well and can always be called upon for advice and to share her knowledge.

On occasion we have enjoyed members of the Stratford group coming over to join us and discuss their plans and happenings.

This Opunake Lakeside Lions Group Diabetes project had been entered into the Global Service Team Award for the Lions 202D District, which covers Levin to Urenui to Ruapehu. We won the Waverley Award. The project was then forwarded to the Lions National Award competition for the Multiple District Lions area, which covers New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. We were again successful winning the Top Service Award for Diabetes.

Our group is very keen to have more people join us each month. Just arrive at 10am as there are no bookings or costs. We want to hear your story, your concerns, your triumphs, and your Diabetes journey. It is beneficial for everyone present to hear, compare, question and share, so please feel free to come along and expect to have good food,

good company and a few laughs as you learn.

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Bird shooting season is bad news for all birds

The bird shooting season, which began on Saturday 1 May means countless birds, including natives like pūkeko, kakīānau (black swan), pūtangitangi (paradise shelduck), pārerā (grey duck) and kuruwēngi (Australasian shoveler duck), will be killed.

Australia has already banned duck shooting in three states. SAFE Campaigns Manager Jessica Chambers says Aotearoa needs to follow suit.

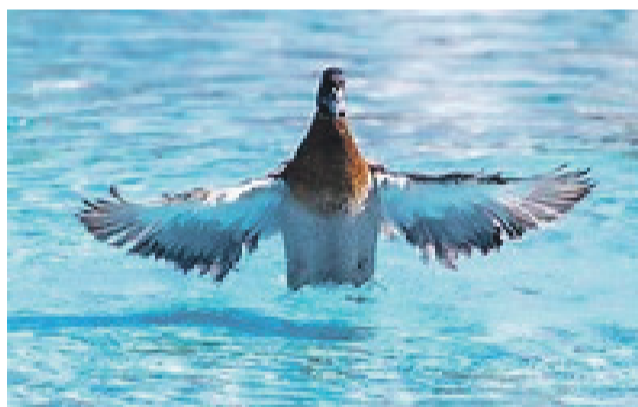
"We hold native birds dear to our heart," said Chambers. "Yet we allow these animals to be the target of ruthless killing every bird shooting season."

"The rest of the year, we love to take our children to feed the beautiful swans and ducks at the local pond. From tomorrow, these same birds will become targets for shooters."

Overseas studies indicate wounding rates from duck shooting could be between about 10 percent and 30 percent.

"Imagine taking your children to the pond to feed the ducks and finding maimed birds, slowly dying."

"If the Government is serious about upholding our reputation for high standards of animal welfare, then duck shooting should be banned."



One of the birds in danger of being shot.

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Helping families keep warm this winter

Around a million New Zealanders will be warmer thanks to the Winter Energy Payment which resumed on Saturday 1 May. The Government introduced this payment as part of our Families Package, to help seniors and families with the cost of heating during the colder months. It's simply about being able to run the heater when you need to. Too many New Zealanders



STEPH LEWIS
MP FOR WHANGANUI

are hospitalised because of cold, damp homes. The Winter Energy Payment sits alongside our Warmer Kiwi Homes insulation programme, as well as new Healthy Homes Standards requiring the insulation of rental properties – all part of our plan to ensure every Kiwi home is warm and dry, and to ultimately keep people well. We've had many people here in the Taranaki Region tell us what a difference the Winter Energy Payment makes, grateful for the support with their power bills.

Our Government is committed to boosting the incomes of Kiwi families, so everyone can afford the basics. To increase household incomes, the Government has rolled out the Families Package, including the Winter Energy Payment and Best Start.

We've also steadily lifted the minimum wage, invested



GLENN BENNETT
MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

heavily in employment support, made targeted training and apprenticeships free, indexed main benefits to wage growth so families aren't left behind, lifted abatement thresholds for working people on benefits so they can keep more of what they earn, and increased main benefits by \$25 per week.

Cumulatively, our Families Package and main benefit

changes to date mean that around 111,000 families with children are now on average \$118 a week better off – and that figure rises to \$150 per week with the Winter Energy Payment. To help with the cost of living, the Government is boosting the supply of housing. We're on track to deliver more than 18,000 extra public and transitional housing places by 2024, with the goal of making housing more affordable.

We've eased the financial pressure on families by funding the removal of school donations and NCEA fees, making doctors' visits cheaper for nearly 600,000 New Zealanders, and putting fuel and power companies under the microscope.

Plus we're expanding our healthy school lunches programme. By the year's end, nearly 1,000 primary and secondary schools, and

more than 215,000 (or a quarter of all) students, will receive free lunches. This not only helps ensure our kids have the energy to learn, but is creating thousands of jobs in communities across the country.

New Zealanders have shown extraordinary resilience and compassion over the past year, and the Government is doing all it can to support Kiwi families through these uncertain times.

The Winter Energy Payment will provide some relief over the colder months. But we know there is more to do to lift the incomes of hard-working New Zealanders. We are proud to be part of a government that's stepping up to tackle long-term challenges like this one.

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Is this a healthier option?

IF you're anything like me, you maybe reeling with the number of major announcements being made by the Government with no detail behind them.

The biggest of them was a total change to our health system on April 21.

While many may applaud

the decision to create one health entity which will come in three parts – Health NZ (to replace the DHBs), a Maori health authority and public health authority – the proclamation lacked how it's going to work.

Labour says their decision has been made due to treaty obligations. Yet what the Government has announced is very different to what was recommended by the NZ Health and Disability Review.

The extent of it caught everyone in the health sector on the hop – from local GPs to the DHBs. While the report promoted eight DHBs, the move to totally dump them wasn't expected. Immediately there were questions – the biggest being ... what will it cost?

Among the many I have, what does it mean for health services in our rural communities?

Access is already hard for rural communities.

Wait times for doctors can be up to two weeks or more, if non-urgent, as local GPs and medical centres are under huge pressure. Add to this, the huge shortage of rural GPs nationwide with no long-term fix on the horizon. Many of our rural folk with health issues needing



BARBARA KURIGER
MP FOR TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

specialist services cannot get to urban providers for several reasons – no car, no driver's licence, no public transport, work commitments and the hours of time needed to do so, the cost of fuel to get there and back.

Meanwhile, diagnosing serious or terminal illnesses is delayed, especially when people are already arriving at their GPs with 'acute' symptoms in the first place. On April 30 I attended a national Rural Health conference hosted at Wairakei.

The health professionals who work in rural communities gathered to discuss methods of delivery and support needed.

There are some really good models out there that can be replicated across the country, keeping the tools in

rural community hands and working in networks based on locality.

I continue to admire the services of Mobile Health and the many organisations who work hard to service rural areas.

Any new system design needs to have input from the very people who do the work.

The Ministry of Health has been restructured five times in 10 years, the last in 2018. How many times do we need to change the name, letterhead and car signage, restructure staff or make them redundant?

As our health spokesperson, Dr Shane Reti, said "New Zealand's rural communities face unique health challenges, but Labour has failed to put forward how its health restructure will benefit our small rural communities and their GPs. "In any major merger or centralisation it's the small communities who lose their voice and, it's widely known that already, our rural communities are losing out." And that is unacceptable.

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Employment boost for rural communities

The Government is continuing to create opportunities for at-risk rangatahi overcome barriers to employment, education or training with the next tranche of He Poutama Rangatahi programmes says Minister for Social Development and Employment Carmel Sepuloni.

“We’re focused on supporting rangatahi to get what they need to progress in the real world, which is why we’ve announced funding for four programmes that aim to support rangatahi with driver license and work experience, digital skills and support with documentations for employment.

“He Poutama Rangatahi is a successful and worthwhile initiative. For example, if you don’t have a driver license, qualifications or practical work skills, it is very difficult to tackle these challenges alone which is why this investment boost in these rural communities is important.

“I expect over 160 rangatahi and their whānau to benefit from participating in these programmes. The four employment and skills programmes are Te Ara Poutama in Tairāwhiti/Gisborne, the School of Hard Knocks in the Bay of Plenty and Life Talk and Mauri Mahi, Mauri Ora, both in Tai Tokerau/Northland.

“Three of the programmes -

Te Ara Poutama, School of Hard Knocks and Life Talk – are already established with successful track records. Just as important is the ongoing pastoral care all four of these programmes are providing to help rangatahi keep to the path they’ve worked so hard to forge.

“It is exciting to see the success stories coming through from these trusts which have previously run programmes with He Poutama Rangatahi funding. “On average, over 80 percent of graduates from these three programmes have gone on to enrol in further education or training or got jobs. Providing additional funding for programmes like these with proven track

records means more positive outcomes for participating rangatahi.”

“These results show that tailoring programmes to the needs of young people and their region is not only helping them overcome challenges, but is paying dividends in getting them into sustainable employment, education or training.

“The vast majority of rangatahi complete these programmes so they can move forward in their lives better equipped to choose career and life pathways that will not only better their own futures, but the future of their whānau and their communities.” Carmel Sepuloni said.

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Birthday celebrations for Mangatoki WI

On April 14, 38 members, ex-members now living in New Plymouth and a number of invited WI members from other local WIs, met at the Mangatoki Church, Pioneer Village, Stratford, for a service to celebrate 90 years of the Mangatoki WI, what was then CWI. We were welcomed by our president Robyn Roberts. We sang “Comrades and Friends” and said the Aspirations. The reading was read by secretary Helen Whyte followed by Reflections by Jenny Clarke and The Prayers were read by Elizabeth Davies both past members of our WI. We then had the Benediction. The organ was played by Bev Marx, a current member. Much catching up was done before we all walked to the Shakee Pear Cafe for our 90th Birthday Luncheon.



Cutting the cake are Lucy Moger and Phyllis Malcolm.

Our president Robyn Roberts was in charge of the programme, and apologies were received. Cathy White, our treasurer, said the grace before the lunch and then the lunch was ready, smorgasbord style. Later on we had the cake cutting by Lucy Moger and Phyllis Malcolm, STFWI President,

followed by dessert and later tea or coffee and birthday cake which was made, iced and decorated by Bev Marx. After this we had fun and fellowship and more catching up, and we had time to look at Old Minute Books and Photo Albums.

In all a great day, great food and a great company. Our

thanks go to all those who organised the very enjoyable day. We also had a sales table, 100% of the money raised went to Hospice Taranaki.

On April 25, seven members attended the Kaponga ANZAC Service at the Kaponga Memorial Hall. Our WI wreath was made

by Bev Marx and laid at the memorial by our President Robyn Roberts.

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A new chapter for Otakeho church

After 128 years in the same place the first church on the Waimate Plains has moved. Last week the Church of St John the Divine was shifted from Otakeho to its new home on Mark Stevenson's Pihama farm.

The church, which had been designed by Frederick de Jersey Clere who designed over 100 churches in the lower North Island, was opened on Easter Day 1893 and consecrated the following year. Located on

Highway 45, across the road from the Otakeho School, it was a familiar Otakeho landmark for over a century. It inspired poet Sam Hunt who saw two horses in a nearby paddock to write a poem about it.

In 2017 St John's was deconsecrated and later put up for tender. Among those bidding was Mark Stevenson, who recalls having visited the church with his wife Trish in 2000 when it was open for the



The Church of St John the Divine at its new home in Pihama.

Taranaki Rhododendron Festival.

"It looked absolutely beautiful and we walked out of there thinking wouldn't it be cool to have something like this at our home?" he says. "We had looked at other churches but nothing even came close to this one. There's the ornate timber work inside and the stained glass windows are absolutely amazing. When we heard the Otakeho Church had been deconsecrated, we made some inquiries and found it was going to be sold, hence we participated in the tender process for the church."

Mark says that to this day he doesn't know whether their bid had been the highest one, but believes it was accepted because the proposal they made had struck a chord. His late father Ian had been a well-known

local historian, so Mark was looking for somewhere to use as a museum to store some of the things he had collected. The church vestry he thought would be ideal. It could also be used by others wanting to display memorabilia of their own, while still retaining ownership of these items.

Mark and Trish want to restore the church to its former glory, which will include putting on a new roof, cleaning and restaining the natural timber.

"Inside it's all heart rimu and it's in very good order," says Mark.

The church comes complete with the various items given to the church over the years by families with names synonymous with the history of Otakeho, like the Youngs, the Le Flemings and the Hasties. These items include the organ which the Le Fleming family had shipped out to New Zealand in 1917. The gate leading to the church which was donated by the Hastie family to St John's has followed the church to its new home at Pihama.

"We've been very fortunate

that the families and congregation of St John's have allowed us to keep the chattels and memorabilia in the church while still maintaining their ownership themselves," says Mark. He wants the church to be available for the public to use.

"I feel very strongly that the community should get enjoyment out of this," he says.

This could include community groups using the church for fundraising purposes.

"The families of St John's are welcome to use it for whatever they require in the years to come," he says.

The church's new home is in a setting reminiscent of a country village. It is in the open, clearly visible from the Surf Highway and overlooking Pihama Lavender and the Punehu Stream. Mark says in the short time it has been there he has already noticed passing motorists stopping to have a look.

He says he feels privileged to have a church like this on

a place which has special significance for his family.

"My great great grandparents bought this property on July 24, 1886, and my grandchildren are the sixth generation to live in Pihama, so this site is special for the Stevenson family."

Mark says shifting the church was the right thing to do.

"We couldn't have left the church there, as it would have deteriorated. When our schools closed, they totally deteriorated and became real eyesores. We wouldn't want to see the church end up like that. Now generations to come will enjoy it."

Having bought the church, Mark found that getting it shifted to Pihama would take time.

"It's been three years since we purchased it. We didn't realise what would be involved around the Resource Management Act to get the consent to shift it. We found it a very very frustrating journey."

He said Louise McLay of Landpro "did an outstanding job for us in taking us through the minefield of the Resource Management Act." The Otakeho and Pihama communities and the Anglican Church and local business people had been very supportive. There was only one submission opposed to what they wanted to do, but this had meant more time and money used up than they otherwise would have wanted said Mark.

Last week they were finally able to get the team from Central House Movers in to shift the church from Surf Highway Otakeho, via a circuitous cross country route across local farms to its new home at Surf Highway Pihama.

When the church was deconsecrated on November 26, 2017, Archbishop Philip Richardson said that whatever the future held he hoped the building could still be used to benefit the whole community. These words now look to be coming to pass.

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Day out a trip back in time for some

The clifftop garden is beautiful, said Fay Monaghan.

She was among a small bus load of people from Jean Sandel Retirement village in New Plymouth who visited Opunake recently.

The visit was also something of a trip back in time for one of the group.

Joe Davison who was born in Stratford, moved to Opunake following the death of his father when he just a year old.

He left Opunake aged around 20 and went to Wellington to join the Merchant Navy.

“My sister Jean married Arthur Dobbin,” commented Joe.

Joe had many memories of growing up in Opunake



Fay Monaghan (right) and from left Joe Davison, Colleen Briscoe, Lorraine Agate and Lorraine Jessop.

in the 1930s and 40s. He recalls going to the pictures at Everybodys Theatre and Boss Whiting who ran the theatre. He also remembers the time

he “nearly killed myself in the Waiaua River”.

Joe relates “A couple of hundred yards up from the road bridge there was a little headland with a lovely pool.” Diving into it Joe “just missed a ridge. It was a near accident. It could have been the end of me. I laugh now but it wasn’t funny at the time.”

EJ Wallis whose name is on the building above where Karams Clothes on

the Coast are now, “was my uncle Ted”, says Joe.

Joe noted that the beach had changed and that there was a “slow natural accumulation of sand on Opunake Beach”. He advised to control it they should remove it with a digger.

Joe went on to build his own 33 foot yacht and sailed around the world for 7 years “more or less solo”.

Over the years he built at least five yachts he says.

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Maintaining

Feed after flowering, and again in Autumn. For Daphne in a container, use a slow-release fertiliser that is formulated for pots.

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Daphne Perfume Princess.

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Unveiling at Cape Egmont Boat Club

Women's contribution during wartime often seemed to be unrecognised said Denise Wood from the Merchant Navy who was among the guest speakers at the unveiling of a memorial at the Cape Egmont Boat Club to those who served in past wars. A large crowd attended and included New Plymouth Member of Parliament Glen Bennett, and local body politician Harry Duynhoven.

"New Zealand women were a key force in keeping the war effort going," she said adding they maintained farms, worked in factories, were mechanics, and clerical workers and generally kept the economy going. "We must bring their stories and work into the spotlight."

Some also travelled to the front, she said adding

that 626 nurses were enlisted and served close to the battlefield. They too witnessed horrors we can only imagine "seeing men die and being ordered to let the men die and focus on the ones that might survive." But it wasn't all about blood and carnage, there were love stories on the battlefield."

She also spoke of the camaraderie and bravery of such women.

Among the speeches that followed was one by Andrew Brown, Commander of the New Zealand Defence Force.

Originally from Hawera and a sailor who had spent 40 years in the military he mentioned that his late wife who was "born and bred in Stratford" was one of the first women to serve in the navy.



The unveiling at the Cape Egmont Boat Club.

He also paid tribute to the services of women over the years either in the services or as support "for what we do."

He referred to his late wife's uncle who farmed in Inglewood and went off

to the First World War and never came back. He is buried in the north of France.

Graham Chard, President of the New Plymouth and District RSA and president of the Okato RSA also spoke

and said "It does my heart good to see the people who come out."

After a blessing, the Last Post and the laying of wreaths, the new plaque with flagpole alongside

was unveiled. Shortly after, the Air Force flew directly overhead contributing to the sense of occasion returning a number of times to the delight of the large crowd gathered.

Remembering those who served

Among those at the unveiling at the Cape Egmont Boat Club was Graham Baker whose three great uncles served in the First World War, one of whom perished in the Somme. "They never found him," said Graham.

Anton and his two Brothers James and William went off to fight the war from their farming jobs in East Taranaki, says their great nephew."Their father was a German and their mother Polish, although at that time Poland didn't exist as an independent state." He adds that when World War I started, Polish territory was split during the partitions between Austria-Hungary, the German Empire and the Empire. In the aftermath of the war, following the collapse of the Russian, German and Austro-Hungarian Empires, Poland became an independent republic. "So, in effect these men were of German decent sent off to fight Germans. These men were able to fight for NZ as they lied about their parentage by stating they were of Scottish decent when applying to join the NZ Army." Anton Harmell was killed in the Battle of the Somme in 1916. His body was never found and he is commemorated in a Memorial at Caterpillar Valley in France along with 1200 officers and men of the



L/cpl John Stanley Roberts

NZ Army. Graham added that he had also managed to obtain replica medals and his Bronze Plaque (dead man's penny) and the scroll sent to his parents upon his great uncle's death.

Greg Roberts was also wearing medals in honour of his grandfather who also served in the Great War.

L/cpl John Stanley Roberts who served in the Auckland Battalion NZEF



Anton Harmell who perished in the Somme.

was wounded in the last two weeks of the war. He died in 1932 due to the effects of being gassed



The fly by at Cape Egmont.

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Saturday Anzac Service outside Otakeho Hall

About 50 people attended an ANZAC commemoration service outside the Otakeho Hall on the evening before ANZAC Day.

In 2018 the plaques commemorating the men from Otakeho who had fallen in two world wars were shifted from the Otakeho School, which had closed in 2002 and placed on a purpose built war memorial structure outside the Otakeho Hall.

Except for last year when there were no ANZAC



The Anzac service at Otakeho

services because of the Covid lockdown, ANZAC services have been held here ever since.

With the sun going down, Otakeho farmer Michael Joyce welcomed everybody. Private Xanthe Wallis of the New Zealand Army stood to attention by the New Zealand flag and Louis Pryor read a poem.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said women are playing an increasingly important part in the military. A quarter

of the Royal New Zealand Navy personnel are now women, and of the 64 crew of the Aotearoa which was then visiting New Plymouth, a third of them are women.

He cited the example of Kirsty Meynell from Opunake who had done two deployments in Afghanistan.

“She was exposed to the same risks and the same dangers as her male counterparts,” he said.

Over 65s encouraged to vaccinate against influenza.

It's now time for people in Taranaki aged 65 and over to get their free influenza immunisation and protect themselves and their family/whānau from flu, say the Taranaki DHB.

Older people are at greater risk of becoming seriously ill if they catch flu so the Taranaki DHB is encouraging everyone aged 65 and over to get this first before the COVID-19 vaccination.

For the first time there is a specifically designed vaccination to meet the

needs of the 65+ year old immune system. FLUAD QUAD is funded for adults aged 65 years or older and is available free from GPs, Māori health providers and participating pharmacies.

Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) chief medical advisor Dr Greg Simmons says all healthcare workers in this age group are also being encouraged to get their influenza vaccination now. It's planned the flu vaccine will be available to all other age groups from 17 May 2021, he says.

“Influenza immunisation is recommended and free for people who are most likely to get very sick, be hospitalised or even die if they catch influenza. Influenza continues to be a major threat to public health worldwide because of its ability to spread rapidly through populations.”

While the influenza vaccine does not protect against coronavirus infections, it will help prevent a serious illness that causes hundreds of deaths each winter in New Zealand.

Dr Simmons says yearly vaccination is recommended because protection from the previous year's vaccination lessens over time and because the strains in the vaccine often change each year in response to the changing viruses.

“Older people who have been vaccinated but then get influenza are less likely to develop a severe illness and be hospitalised. The risk of influenza-related death increases with advancing age, the presence of long term conditions, or increasing levels of frailty.

“Influenza also increases the risks of disability and frailty and sometimes older people struggle to return

to good health afterwards with ongoing difficulties of completing activities of

daily living,” says Dr Simmons.

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New health system changes embraced

Taranaki DHB embraces new health system changes

The Taranaki District Health Board says it looks forward to working with the government in its recently announced health system changes.

Taranaki District Health Board chair Cassandra Crowley says “Our DHB will work closely with the Government on the implementation of these changes and will continue to work collaboratively as we transition towards the new structure and system.”

Ms Crowley says Taranaki DHB remains focused on providing excellent levels of healthcare and support for the people in our region. “The health of our

community is what matters most —people and partnership remain at the heart of what we do.

“We remain committed to intensifying support and improving equitable health outcomes for Māori, Pacific people and those living with disability, mental illness and addiction.

“In Taranaki we already make use of the more complex specialist services available in neighbouring regions such as heart surgery in Waikato. The reforms are designed to make access to this type of health care across regions easier.

“We will always have health services on the ground for the people of Taranaki, this won't change.”

Ms Crowley says Project Maunga Stage Two of the Base Hospital redevelopment will continue to progress, as well as the new services being provided in the South Taranaki community.

“Stage Two of the Base hospital redevelopment is well on track with enabling works underway for our new renal building and new East Wing building.

“In South Taranaki we will continue to offer high quality, accessible, sustainable and culturally responsive primary and community services through our new South Taranaki Rural Health model, including our new GP clinic which is progressing as planned.”

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HOME & SCHOOL NEWS



MC Murray Weir proving he still has the chops when it comes to Bingo calling. 66-Clickety Click

Opunake High School Home & School Committee have had to pivot this term with their fundraising efforts due to Covid levels when Gala planning was underway. We were still able to do the Hapu raffles & the Hangi then later on in the term when we were in Level 1, we ran a very successful Bingo Night and Auction.

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- Yarrows.
- Kerry Walsh, Michael Griggs & the many helpers that made it happen, Nga mihi.

Principals Address



He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

This whakatauki embodies Opunake High School, and our 'tangata' in Term One have exceeded all our expectations. Our Senior School students on average have attained 20+ credits in their first term. Some of our 'Jumpers', (students who advance a year level in specific areas of excellence) have already gained endorsement in their previous academic year level. Amazing!

Our students have exemplified huge aroha in raising nearly \$3000 for Relay for Life, several hundred dollars for Epilepsy Awareness, not to mention our community raising around \$8000 for our tamariki through support for our hangi, raffles, and bingo night, which was literally a Full House! Enormous thanks goes to Chantal Brophy and the Home and School for the organising these community events.

Our Trade Academy students have moved onto the second phase of the Tiny Home project, as well as creating cape cod chairs for fundraising, and beautifying our kura with wonderful, top-end, picnic tables. Whilst the REC and PE students have cycled, tramped, dam-dropped, and managed to work on their coaching skills with our local primary schools' rangatahi.

Leadership is important at our kura, and growing good leaders for the future is what we do. Our students have had the opportunity to be involved in 'Students Against Drink Driving' leadership seminars, sports leadership forums, be Enviro leaders at our kura through proactive sustainable change around the loop track, and be involved in leading projects for our DREAMS values.

Our prefects have been ambassadors for our school at Anzac Day memorials and the regional prefect day. We now have five new prefects; Durann Bloor, Ross Bolstad, Sinaed Heaps, Camryn Redin, and Jenna McCarthy all of whom role model our DREAMS in all they do.

Looking forward to next term, we are excited about improving whole school hauora through ka ora, ka ako (healthy, free school lunches). This in combination with our provision of devices and fees free policy enables all our tamariki access to learning in a healthy, equitable, and supportive environment. Hauora is incredibly important here at OHS, and our students are rising to the challenge. We have huge amounts of students joining our sports codes and thank you to all those community members working tirelessly with these teams.

We ended last term with Individual development plans for our senior students. Mentors met with student and whanau to discuss huarahi whai hua (pathways) with their mentees and how to realise their goals. Year 9 & 10 students finished the term with Academy day. Students had opportunities to kayak, box, paint a mural, play with a 100 piece orchestra, be part of the E sports hub in Hawera, adventure race on the maunga, and the list goes on.... After this exciting and exhausting first term, I trust everyone, staff and students alike, have had a well earned relaxing break.

Here's looking forward to the challenges, experiences and learning opportunities that Term 2 brings.

Arohanui,
Andrea Hooper - Acting Principal



Prefects on ANZAC Day



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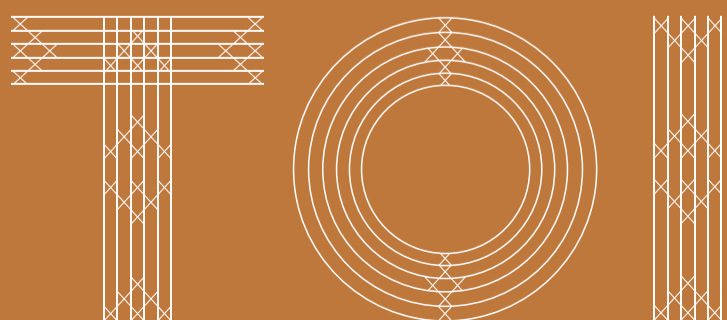
The rebrand follows the release of our new and more impactful strategic framework in 2020, which sees us continuing to support Taranaki in our traditional, philanthropic way, while also looking to the future with a focus on strategic and innovative granting and impact investing to achieve even greater long-term and transformational benefits.

Our commitment to the community doesn't change with our rebrand. Our Toi Foundation brand provides a platform to meet the current and future needs of the community and is part of a bold vision to guide our organisation into the future, as we actively work with others to invest in, facilitate and co-create opportunities for a thriving, inclusive and equitable Taranaki.

Careful consideration has been given in selecting a name and design solution that speaks to the inclusive and collaborative nature of our organisation and reflects the shared commitment we, together with our subsidiaries and strategic partners, have towards contributing to the success and wellbeing of Taranaki and its people. You can find out more about our brand and our strategic framework at toifoundation.org.nz

Since our establishment, Toi Foundation (under the name TSB Community Trust), has contributed more than \$153 million towards charitable, cultural, philanthropic, recreational and other purposes - all of which are designed to benefit local organisations and people. In 1990 - our first year of making grants - we gave out \$161,000 in funds. In 2019, our funding amount was \$17million.

Today, Toi Foundation has an ongoing and increasingly important role in supporting our communities to build a thriving, inclusive and equitable Taranaki.



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Big turnout for dawn parade

A big crowd congregated at Opunake's Town at dawn to commemorate Anzac Day on April 25.

Led by the Stratford Eltham Pipe Band the sombre procession marched to the cenotaph and, without pausing, returned to the Town Hall for the official ceremony. It was a departure from tradition where speeches and the laying of wreaths usually take place at the cenotaph. The parade marshal was Cobus Blom.

In the town hall after the laying of wreaths, the national anthems of New Zealand followed by the Australian National Anthems were played followed by the always moving, and penetrating, Last Post and a minute's silence.

The Secretary of the Opunake RSA Geoff Williams still recovering from knee surgery bravely got to his feet to address those gathered adding that though such ceremonies were taking place all over New Zealand given the 90 people who perished in the First World War, it was fitting that we should keep it local.

The religious service that followed began with Anne Smith who reflecting on the failure of the Gallipoli campaign said "My great uncle was one of the Anzacs



Dawn parade at Opunake.

that never returned...a name on the Chunuk Bair memorial, the only acknowledgement of his having lost his life serving his country." She went on to quote several Bible passages ending with a prayer.

Opunake High School Head Pupil Pero Brophy also spoke of the growing significance of the day to him as he got older, stating it was a day of grief and sadness and a day of pride.



William Farquerson Bey who died on August 25, 1918. Grandfather of Bev Henderson of Opunake. Noted for his leadership qualities on enlisting he was killed on August 25 1918.

He had taken part in a stunt to capture a certain objective close to Bapaume with his unit, the 4th Company of the Otago Battalion, when he was mortally wounded by a bursting shell. Over 50 percent of the 4th company fell that day.

William's father, Dr William Bey who had practised in Greytown for many years died in the 1918 influenza in November, three months after his son was killed.

Councillor Bryan Roach who next addressed those gathered mentioned Anzac Day being particularly significant this year after last year when such gatherings were not permitted due to the pandemic. The day was still honoured though differently he said describing how he stood alone outside his place in Opua Road and, unsure of how else to honour the day, sang the National Anthem. As he concluded The Last Post sounded from across the road. He then read out a letter from the Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, who also reflected on last year's Anzac Day saying she was "so moved to see the spirit of Anzac Day was still there". She also noted that in 1951 New Zealand made the first contribution to "a multi-national peacekeeping operation as part of a United Nations effort to resolve conflict over Kashmir" and that 2021 marked 70 years of New Zealand's contribution to peacekeeping efforts throughout the world.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon then read out a letter from the Governor General Patsy Reddy who referred to the 12,000 New Zealand troops who served in the post-war occupation of Japan from 1946 to early 1949.

Among those at the Opunake Town Hall were Bev Henderson and Val Coombe both from Opunake. Bev (94) was wearing the medals of her grandfather William Farquerson Bey who died in the First World War on August 25 1918. From Greytown in the Wairarapa, he was killed in France aged 32. He attended Whanganui Collegiate, then studied electrical engineering in Wellington before abandoning his studies to enlist in 1916.

"Mum can remember him going to war when she was 10 or 12," recalls Bev. Bev's mother was their only child. Her widowed grandmother went on to marry again and have a further 10 children.

Bev was also wearing the medals belonging to her late husband Len who fought in the Korean War in 1953.

Geoff Williams was also sporting an impressive array of medals and pointed out that the protocol is that medals earned be worn on the left and in-laws and ancestors on the right.

Cobus Blom also had a number of medals which he explained were four service medals and 4 combat medals. Originally from South Africa, Cobus who emigrated to New Zealand in 2011, was in the territorials part time and achieved the rank of major. He fought in the South African border war in Angola for 30 years.

"We used to do camps every year for 3 weeks. Every third year they would do 3 month stints at the border to prevent Angolans entering South Africa.

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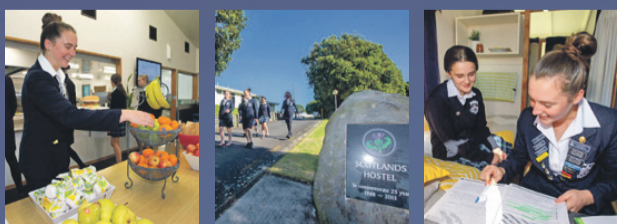
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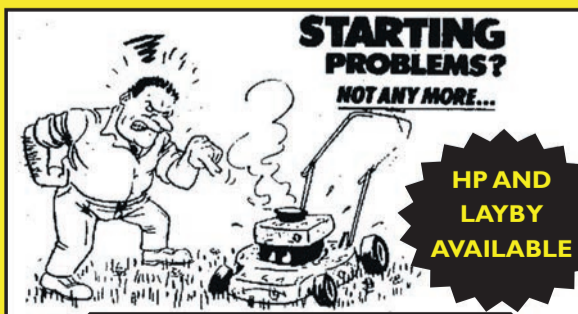
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Okato commemorates Anzacs in moving service

As the sounds of a lone bagpiper rang out, the large crowd which included descendants of those listed on the cenotaph as well as ex and current servicemen stood in silent respect at 10am on Anzac Day. The Last Post which followed sounded and the NZ flag was lowered to half mast as a minute's silence was observed.

Proceedings then moved to a packed Hempton Hall for the hour long service at which lay preacher Lesley Dowding began with a prayer which included an appeal for "the wisdom and strength to build a better world". The religious service continued with hymns and prayers and various speeches.

Guest speaker Oliver Redshaw, LMT (Leading Marine Technician) from HMNZ Aotearoa enlightened us with an account of what prompted the Korean War which also had an important anniversary on April 25.

"Seventy years ago today New Zealand soldiers were with their Australian, Canadian and American comrades engaged in the Battle of Kapyong in South Korea," he began. "Before the Battle, the New Zealanders and Australians had been looking forward to a joint Anzac Day parade that would also have involved Turkish troops. Instead, they were in the thick of battle writing a new and gallant chapter in the

ANZAC saga."

He went on to describe the action that followed.

"At about midnight on the 23rd of April, Chinese forces began a series of fierce assaults on positions held by the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment. Desperate fighting ensued over the next two days. New Zealand's 16th Field Regiment provided vital fire support to the hard-pressed Australians. Without this fire support there is no doubt the Australian infantry would not have been able to hold off attacks by the much stronger Chinese forces. As on so many battlefields before and since, at Kap'ong Australians and New Zealanders proved once again that even at the toughest of times they could always rely on each other."

Oliver went on to speak about the present Zealand Defence Force who are today "actively engaged across the globe promoting and defending our national values."

He spoke of the continued and varied threats to our nation which ranged from natural disasters through to pandemics, and from terrorism to the threat of large-scale war. "All too commonly our forces have to deal with people who have no regard for human rights or the laws of war."

The serviceman also spoke of the adverse effect on families of multiple



The Okato Centotaph and the Parade with cadets holding reversed arms.

operational deployments overseas for three, six or 12 months year after year during the course of their career as happens today and said our veteran population which currently numbers more than 30,000 need our support.

"Alongside the veterans of the Second World War and the Korean and Vietnam wars is a younger group, containing many more women than in the past. Compared with the older generation, these younger men and women have had different experiences, but

The head students at Coastal Taranaki School Taysha Ryder and Nalani Renau also took part reciting In Flanders Fields and reading out the names on the Okato War Memorial.

The service continued with the Lord's Prayer and the National Anthem sung in Maori then English and a final prayer and blessing with Lesley making special mention of the resurgence of the Covid crisis in India and whose people are in our thoughts. Commemorations finished with the inspirational Nathan Carter hit, May the

Road Rise to Meet You by musicians Aaron Bosch (piano accordion) and Bernard Schmid (guitar).

Ray Rook was among those at the Anzac Service in Okato..

As a mechanic Ray was considered an essential service in World War II and was recruited to service trucks in the South Island. He later served as a flight mechanic in the Air Force

and spent time overseas on army business.

He recalled "right towards the end of the war a sea rescue boat was brought in" for him to repair. "It was an Italian boat with a British motor." It was not easy to get parts and they ended up putting in two aircraft motors in the boat. But no, it didn't fly though it was able to outpace torpedoes which would travel at 30 kilometres an hour.

Remembering those who perished



Albert Corbett (above) photographed with his older sister Alma is among those named on the Okato Cenotaph. He was the son of William and Annie Corbett who lived on Oxford road in a house just below where the police station is now.

Albert served on the western front with his elder brother Ned and was killed on June 23 1917.



RIGHT: The original letter still in the Corbett family written by Albert the text of which is reproduced below. The Okato cenotaph bearing Albert's name.



France
March 1st 1917

Dearest Mother,

We are out of the trenches again for a day or two and I'm writing letters again. I'm sending Alma a handkerchief or two for her birthday in the little envelope. They are not very good but there is so little in that line just here so close to the trenches.

I just received the letters from you saying who sent that money for Christmas. Of course I had a good idea. It was so kind of you and father and you two are a lot better to us than we deserve. I sent mine over to blighty to old Ned. Jim and Gordon Julian are in blighty and that's why they sent for money.

I do hope Ned gets sent back to New Zealand on account of his ears. It's lovely to have him here but I can't bear the thought of someone dear to me being in this horrible place. I have come to the conclusion that one is enough for a family.

I wish he would swing the lead but I know he won't. He will be into the thick of it again as soon as ever he can.

I can't blame him for I suppose I'd do the same because duty's duty no matter what old hole it leads a man into.

Well I must close now as there is no news here so good-bye mother dear.

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Manaiia remembers Anzacs at the dawn

Rain which had been threatening on the morning of ANZAC Day stayed away for those attending the Manaiia dawn parade. There had been a downpour two hours earlier and some of those who had made their way from Hawera reported heavy rain on their way into Manaiia.

The parade began at the Manaiia Bowling Club, which has been used as a base by the Manaiia RSA after the town's War Memorial Hall had been closed following a failure to meet earthquake assessment standards.

Led by a piper, the parade made its way to the band rotunda where members of the Manaiia RSA had earlier placed crosses bearing the names of those from the area who had fallen during World War II.

With Private Xanthe Wallis of the New Zealand Army standing to attention by the New Zealand flag, Manaiia RSA president Barry Smith welcomed everybody.

South Taranaki District councillor Chris Young spoke of his grandfather who was wounded at the Battle of Passchendaele and



The crosses bearing the names of those killed in World War II were attracting considerable interest after the dawn parade.

returned to New Zealand in 1917. Three of his brothers also served in what was then known as the Great War. Two of them returned. Sergeant Outram Young did not. Outram had farmed in Otakeho and was a rugby player of note, having represented Taranaki 33 times. He died of wounds on the Western Front in 1916. His name is commemorated

on the War Memorial at Otakeho eight kilometres from Manaiia.

The Rev Phil Woodmas quoted the biblical injunction of there being a time for every purpose under Heaven, noting that because of the Covid lockdown there had not been an ANZAC service last year.

"Who do you turn to in times of conflict and

difficulty? There is only one constant in this thing that we call life and that is God."

"None of us wants to see world conflict and many of us look worryingly at the South China Sea situation."

"God wants to be involved in every part of our lives. Millions of men and women died so that we could have the freedoms that we have today. God sent his own son

to die for us."

John Hooker of Nga Ruahine said this was a time to remember not only those who fell in the two world wars, but those who died on both sides in the earlier conflicts in Taranaki.

The Ode was recited in English and Te Reo. At the end of the service, many stayed around to read the names of those on the crosses commemorating the ones who had died in the Second World War.



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Eltham remembers its heroes

William Ronald (Bill) Parkes of Eltham was 32 years old when the Wellington medium range bomber he was flying plummeted vertically into the ground on the night of September 7 1942. This was Parkes' 18th mission and he and his crew were on their back from bombing Duisburg in Germany when a German fighter plane closed in on them. Everyone on the plane was killed. Their aircraft was one of 11 which did not return from that mission.

Bill's nephew Terry Parkes MNZM was guest speaker this year at both the civic and the Eltham RSA Anzac Day services at Eltham. He spoke about his uncle who did not return and the three brothers of Bill who did come back.

As has been the custom in recent years, Eltham turned out in force for both the civic ceremony held in front of the Eltham School gates, and for the Eltham RSA service held at the Services section of the Eltham Cemetery.

Maureen Drylie of the

Eltham Historical Society spoke about Lance Corporal Alf Hooker of Mangatoki, the "Fighting Cook" from Mangatoki who as well as carrying out his duties as cook was prepared to take up arms himself when the need arose. His deeds earned him the Military Medal, but sadly he did not return from the War to end all Wars, having died of wounds.

Maureen also quoted from an account by Eltham's Harry Andrews of the sinking of the transport ship Marquette in the Aegean Sea in 1915. Among the 167 fatalities were 32 New Zealanders, including 10 members of the New Zealand Nursing Service.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon spoke about the contribution made by women to the military and Councillors Steffy McKay and Mark Bellringer read the messages from the Governor-General and Prime Minister.

Two weeks after the passing of Prince Phillip, Eltham RSA president



The Eltham Civic ceremony.

Llew Eynon paid tribute to the prince, a returned serviceman who held the titles of Admiral of the Fleet of the Royal New Zealand Navy, Field marshal of the New Zealand army and Air Chief Marshal of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

"As a naval officer, he took an interest in veterans' welfare. We will miss his

knowledge and the general interest he took in our activities," Llew said.

A regular feature of the ANZAC civic ceremonies at Eltham has been businessman and helicopter pilot Alan Beck demonstrating his talents as a tenor. This year he was joined by Llew Eynon and Ross Parker in singing the

naval hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save as well as the funeral hymn Abide with Me.

From the civic ceremony in town it was on to the Services Section of the Eltham Cemetery where the Eltham RSA Women's Section had placed flowers on the headstones of those remembered there. ATC

cadets stood to attention and members of the public were invited to place crosses at the gravesides.

"We say that men and women went to war, but in actual fact they were very young men and women," said Eltham RSA padre Lindsay Maindonald. "They had their whole lives ahead of them."

Among those at both services were members of the Parkes family, from as far afield as Auckland, Tauranga and Dannevirke who were at the end of a family reunion being held that weekend.

Terry Parkes said his Uncle, Bill Parkes had been one of 12 children of William and Mary Parkes. Of the seven brothers in the family four had served in World War II.

"The Parkes family were well known in Eltham and were very proud of having four boys in the armed forces," said Terry. "There was Bill in the RAF, Winton and Don in the Royal Navy and Graham in the army."

Winton was on the Gambier, the last vessel to fire a shot in anger in World War II.

Also at the RSA service was well known Eltham farmer Malcolm Pease who had with him a flag presented to his father Percy at the outbreak of World War I. These flags had been presented to schoolchildren by the New Zealand government, and Percy was an eight year-old attending Omata School at the time.

Despite the occasional drizzle, the threat of rain held off for both services. As the RSA service was finishing, an Orion flew low over the cemetery.

Kaponga commemorates ANZAC Day

The showers cleared and the sun shone at the ANZAC Day service at Kaponga which had a very good turnout.

Vice - President, Bruce Evans gathered together the RSA members, family and friends for the Parade led by the Royal Queen's Scots Mounted division, NZDF LAV and local pipers. A highlight of the day was the flyover by the RNZ Airforce Orion before the Parade disbursed into the War Memorial Hall for the Service of Remembrance.

South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon read the Prime Ministers message and councillor Steph Mackie read the Governor General's message.

Archdeacon, Chester Borrows officiated and gave a very moving and poignant speech reminding us all to respect and support all servicemen and woman from every conflict from the past to the present day, those who had laid down their lives that we might remain free and those who returned changed forever and their loved ones. After the service, everyone moved out to the Memorial Gates at Victoria Park for the laying of



Anzac Day at Kaponga.



A NZDF LAV took part in the Kaponga ANZAC commemoration.

wreaths by the RSA, NZDF and various community organisations. The Lament was played followed by the Last Post and Reveille followed by Benediction before moving to the supper room for a light luncheon provided by the Kaponga RSA Women's Section and a time of community fellowship. Kaponga RSA would like to thank all who contributed to the ANZAC commemorations especially


the NZDF, Kaponga Fire Brigade, Police, Pipers, bugler, Pianist Joy Eliason and Archdeacon, Chester Borrows.

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Effluent pond lining: what you need to know

With council compliance rules tightening up, many dairy farmers are asking if they need to get their effluent ponds lined. The onus is on you to prove to council that the pond is watertight, and often lining is the most effective solution. Here's what you need to know about effluent pond lining...

Do I need to line my effluent pond?

If it's leaking, getting it lined will be your best option for fixing that up. Signs of leaking may be patches of consistently damp ground with very green grass, or ponding. However leaking can occur without any noticeable signs.

A lot of dairy farmers are choosing to line their



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effluent ponds for peace of mind, knowing their pond is futureproofed and council compliant. The costs of pond lining are often much less than expected, and having a lined pond means you'll be much less likely to be asked to carry out a time consuming and expensive drop test to prove there's no

leaks. Often councils will be satisfied if presented with a certificate from the lining company.

So ultimately, if you want to be assured of no future issues with leaking or council compliance – get it lined.

What's the best way to line an effluent pond?

If you have an existing pond, this will need to be drained to line it. This may mean temporarily diverting effluent to alternative storage, such as your sump, secondary ponds, or hiring a bladder tank. If alternative storage is not an option, the best time to empty the pond for lining is immediately after milking season has ended.

The type of pond lining chosen often comes down to cost and preference. We recommend HDPE liners for cost, reliability and longevity. Concrete is another good option as a long standing, proven product. The other option would be rubber, which is not recommended for effluent ponds.

HDPE Liners

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The type of pond lining chosen often comes down to cost and preference.

solution. They are compliant with environmental and regional regulations and are designed to last for over 100 years. HDPE liners provide the best in high tensile strength, tear resistance, and are welded together to ensure high join integrity. So these liners are low cost, long lasting, durable, and reasonably easy to repair if required, however it is recommended to use a propellor protection ring when operating your stirrer to ensure there is no chance of the propellor hitting the lining.

Concrete Lining

A long standing, proven product, concrete can also be a good option. Many farmers like concrete as it provides a solid, permanent structure, meaning there is no risk of damage from stirrers or diggers. Concrete is a little more expensive than the other options and can be susceptible to earthquake damage given it is a solid material. It is also harder to reseal once cracked.

Rubber Liners

Rubber lining looks great but is generally only recommended for

ornamental ponds as it doesn't have the durability needed for ensuring a leak free effluent pond. As rubber can't be welded, it must be glued or taped together, making the seams less durable. Rodents are also rather partial to a bit of rubber when hungry. More importantly, with rubber you could have a leak and not know it, so you won't be getting the assurance you want when lining an effluent pond.

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New national health service should be fit for rural

Rural Women New Zealand say they are not averse to having a national health service, but want to see the detail.

"The Minister of Health, Andrew Little in his announcement of sweeping changes to abolish District Health Boards to have one health entity, said that "the kind of treatment people get will no longer be determined by where they live" – we want to see that in practice," says National President Gill Naylor.

"RWNZ expects to see a rural health and wellbeing

strategy which is fully resourced and funded to ensure rural post codes aren't in the losing lottery.

"It is our expectation that the detail will also include a solid mechanism for including the voice of rural women, children and communities in decision-making by the new national health service.

"At the very least there should be both a rural impact and gender impact analysis done on the impacts of a national health service, before too much further work is done, to test if

there will be any adverse impact on rural communities and women and girls in particular.

"Our expectation is that the outcome of these major changes is an equal playing field for the health and wellbeing needs of rural communities alongside that provided for our urban counterparts.

"We are looking forward to seeing the detail and hoping that rural women and children will not lose out on the health services," says Mrs Naylor.



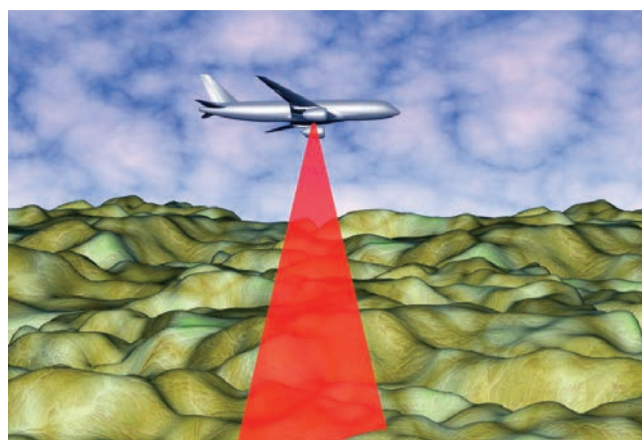
Taking Taranaki to next level of mapping

Detailed 3D maps of Taranaki will be available later this year following a high-tech aerial laser survey that began last month.

The LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) survey is gathering land-surface and elevation data that can be used to generate 3D maps and models that will have a wide range of potential uses in environmental management and planning, management of natural hazards, planning of facilities and infrastructure and tracking changes to the coastline and river flows and courses.

“It’s very exciting – it takes Taranaki to the next

level of mapping,” says Dan Harrison, Director-Operations for the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC).



Graphic artist’s impression of a LiDAR aerial survey. A small twin-engine aircraft is carrying out the Taranaki survey. It flies at relatively high altitudes and LiDAR beams are not visible to the naked eye.

The aerial survey will continue until July. LiDAR data can be collected from a relatively high level so the plane will not disturb people or livestock. LiDAR beams are invisible to the naked eye and do not interfere with communications frequencies.

Datasets for Taranaki will be available by the end of 2021 and will be available to the public through the TRC or LINZ.

“The Council will be open to requests and will happily provide the data, as well as advice on how to use it if necessary,” says Mr Harrison. “At the same time, our own staff will be

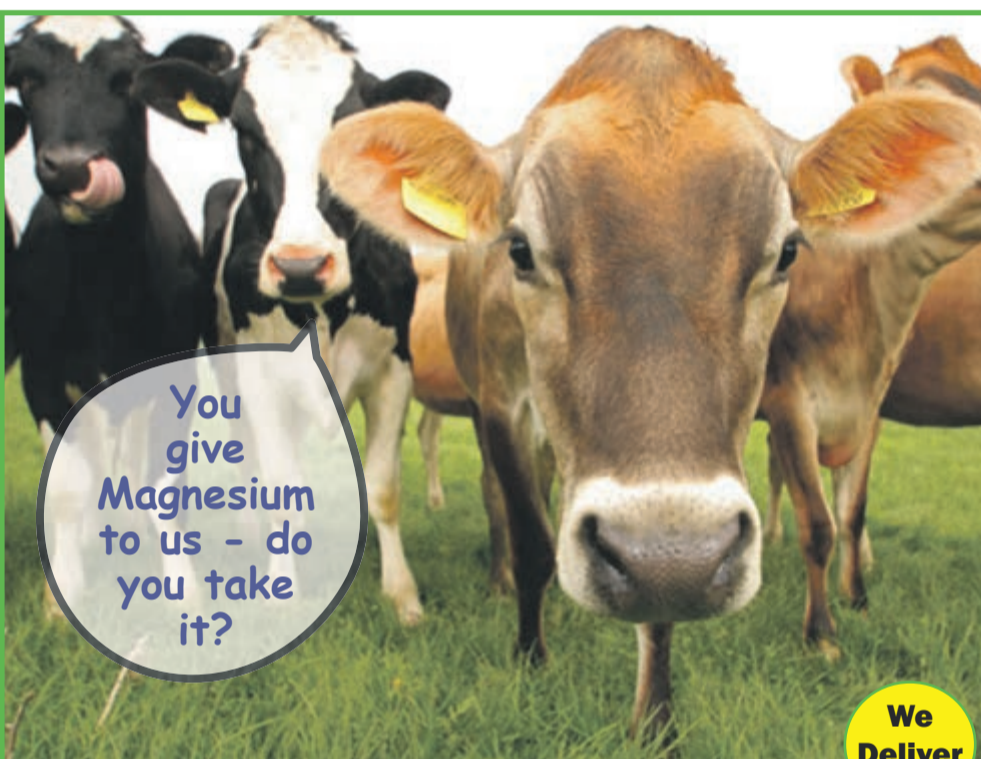
rapidly getting up to speed on the best ways to use this new information.” He says it will be a valuable tool for the Council in many ways. Potential uses include: assessing vegetation cover and habitat quality, getting a more accurate picture of erosion, allowing better modelling of the effects of floods and droughts, monitoring the changes in coastal dunes, providing a clearer picture of the steepness of hill country land, and allowing sharper definition of sites of cultural significance.

“The list will expand in terms of our own uses,” says Mr Harrison. “The LiDAR data will also help

New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Councils in their land-use planning and the provision of services like pipelines and roads. Auckland University came on board because they see great value in obtaining data on Taranaki Maunga’s volcanic cone. Their work with this will also be of benefit to the whole region.

“There will also be uses in the private sector in terms of surveying, engineering, construction, and farm planning, to name a few.”

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Dairy challenged to keep building momentum

Dairy farmers at DairyNZ's Farmers' Forum have been challenged to take their world-leading farm systems and continue toward an increasingly sustainable future. The forum in Waikato and Southland opened on Thursday, April 29, with keynote speaker Climate Change Minister Hon. James

Shaw, who acknowledged the sector's success and where dairy is heading. "We know that New Zealand's dairy farmers have amongst the lowest carbon footprint per unit of production in the world. That is something for us to build on, to bend the curve on our total emissions output, because it is our total emissions that cause climate change," said Mr Shaw.

"There have been things happening in the sector over the past few years that are changing the way things are done. These are making significant impacts for the farmers adopting them, reducing their emissions whilst at the same time increasing their profitability. Our task now is to roll these innovations and changes in farm practice out right across the country."

"The same thing is true in every sector of the economy. There is a lot of work to



Dairy farmers at the Farmers Forum.

be done, but if we get it right, what we'll see is a cleaner and more productive country."

Leading New Zealand economist Cameron Bagrie also emphasised challenges facing the sector, including climate change and the labour issues, but suggests the farming sector's sentiment in the next 10 to 20 years should be a glass

half full.

"Our country's world leading agricultural sector has made big advances over the past few years, including tidying up balance sheets, and improvements can and should continue," said Mr Bagrie.

"Disruption is here, and coming thick and fast, but the dairy sector knows what it needs to do. We are going

to get there."

DairyNZ chairman Jim van der Poel also said we can be proud of our world-leading history in technology innovation and farming practices.

"We are living in a world that's changing more rapidly and we need to move with that. Globally consumer expectations are changing. More consumers are expecting their food to be produced sustainably and we are seeing our global competitors' respond - they're all investing in becoming more efficient," said Mr van der Poel.

"But we live in a world of opportunity. As farmers, we have an opportunity to play an important role in feeding the world's growing population. I believe New Zealand is well-positioned to strengthen our reputation as a premium dairy producer in the twenty first century."



James Shaw.



Cameron Bagrie.

Cheesemakers concerned by EU move to monopolise halloumi cheese

New moves by the European Commission to grant exclusive use of the term 'halloumi' to cheesemakers from Cyprus are raising concerns among the New Zealand cheesemaking community.

"Halloumi is a popular cheese for New Zealand consumers, with a thriving and innovative

community of New Zealand cheesemakers delivering this delicious product to New Zealand tables," says Neil Willman, President of the Specialist Cheesemakers Association.

"We are concerned at Europe's continuing campaign to restrict the use of common names in international cheesemaking, at the expense of producers outside of Europe."

New Zealand's cheesemaking community is concerned that the European Union is continuing to

protect cheese terms that are generic and in common use around the world.

"This erodes the heritage and evolution of food production in places like New Zealand where cheeses such as feta, gruyere, havarti and halloumi are commonly consumed and considered generic" says Willman.

The EU is using an intellectual property rights system, called 'Geographical Indications' (GIs) to limit the use of food names to European producer groups, arguing the food's

characteristics are unique to where and how it has been produced.

The move to register halloumi follows quickly behind the recent registrations of cheeses like havarti, despite significant global production outside of the EU. At the same time the EU is requesting changes to New Zealand's regulatory settings to adopt a sweeping new intellectual property framework to protect its GIs through the ongoing EU-NZ FTA negotiations.

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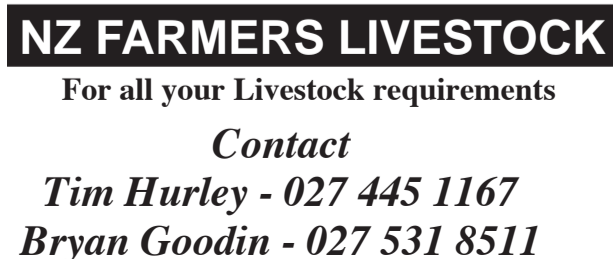
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Milestones loom for Coastal Premier

Our fourth game of the season was against New Plymouth Old Boys at Rahotu with a top of a table clash for the McBride trophy.

With a large crowd in hand and the sponsor of the day's tent at the top of the ground and three good wins out of the four earlier games, we were hoping to tip up the star studded NPOB side.

It was great to have Josh Lord back from the Chiefs and Ben May lacing up the boots for the first time in Coastal colours. We also had our share of quality players.

Unfortunately like every week, we started slow and our accuracy wasn't great with a few wayward passes and our scrum coming under early pressure.

One thing we couldn't fault was our defence. There were some huge hits going in all over the park from both sides.

Old Boys took the early lead 3-0 and were making the most of our mistakes, keeping us pinned in our own half. Off one of the OB attacks, Richard Beckett and Beauden Fleming suffered a huge head clash which caused a huge reshuffle of our pack and caused both teams' physios trouble, and with manager Gerard mopping up the blood, Chris Simons who had played 80 minutes earlier was required



Andrew Trolove surges up on attack.

to play another 70 minutes for the day. At the 30 minute mark we managed to put NPOB under pressure with our defence after a good kick from us. They were throwing some average passes before our other replacement, Kayden Luke latched onto a wayward pass and ran 30 metres to score next to the uprights, celebrating with his youthful enthusiasm from a long way out, to get us to a score we were very happy with at 7-3.

After the halftime break we managed to shore our scrum up but at the same time our lineout was failing big time and putting us under a lot of pressure.

With 20 to go we had Ben May and his farm staff Andrew Trolove go on, and we looked like we might get home, but it was not to be, and in 70 minutes, after hanging tough all half, NPOB got a turnover penalty and a lineout and a series of pick and goes, they crashed over under the posts to make it the final score of

10-7 to them.

While it was disappointing to lose, we can take a lot out of the game, as our set piece was way off our high standard we expect.

Let's hope Beckett and Beauty will be back in future. Beauty's injury seemed a lot more complex, so fingers crossed.

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For us, our player of the day Rangi Schuler led the way and was followed not far behind by Rick McKenna and Liam Parker who had a strong game out wide.



Liam Parker scoring out wide.

Our defence and effort was excellent once again, there was plenty of good stuff to take out of the game and our whole backline looked dangerous we just lacked quality supply of ball.

For our next game we headed to Rugby Park to take on Spotswood United needing to bounce back off a loss.

We had a few changes enforced due to injuries, but still fielded a very strong team.

We started better this week and had Spotswood under early pressure, but unfortunately we couldn't capitalise on our efforts and after a quarter of the game we found ourselves trailing 0-3.

We were playing a more expansive game than other weeks, so it was entertaining and enjoyable to watch and play.

After 25 minutes we hit the lead with Liam Parker scoring out wide after a heap of good phases.

We were straight back onto attack, and we forced a five metre scrum with a Spotswood feed into it,

but the boys dug deep and blew Spotty off the ball for a tighthead and a push over try to Jeremy Newell,

Then just before halftime Andrew Trolove crashed over for a well-deserved try to make the halftime score of 17-3.

After halftime we carried on moving the bigger Spotswood forwards around the park, and after a number of good back and forward moves Thomas Kalin scored, and with Rick McKenna kicking on point were building a good lead.

Full credit to Spotswood they never lay down and produced two tries in the second half and a penalty to get them to 20, but two tries, one to hooker Chris Simons,

and another to Andrew Trolove, and the dead eye kicking of Rick McKenna with both conversions and a late penalty made a final score of 41-20 for a five-point win.

For us it was once again a good team effort, and not one player who took the field should be disappointed in their efforts.

Of note Daniel Crowley who replaced his better-looking brother Logan as halfback cover cleared the ball well, and carried on the great service his bro always provides.

Thomas Kalin was awarded our player of the day with three points, Dylan Schuler 2 points and Blake Barrett 1 point as our MVP points.

Worrying for all teams is our injury toll, and Saturday wasn't kind to all teams, and it puts a lot of pressure on the Div 1 team, and we appreciate the guys who bench for us at short notice from the Div 1 and Colts.

This week we are at home to Southern who also play an entertaining brand of rugby and are the only team to beat Tukapa this season, so the boys will need to be at our best again to give Blake Barrett a win in his 100th match for the club, which is a huge achievement, and at the age of 26 I think Blake has a few more in him.

Also worth mentioning, Harry Foreman came on at hooker to play his first game for the prems, and has a big future ahead of him playing currently in our colts' side.

Simon Adams made his 87th appearance for Coastal Prems after a 9-year layoff for prem rugby, and got through a strong 25 minutes after playing for the Div 1 team earlier. Rumour has it he also is in search of 100 games, although some are saying that player/coach Ben May only has him in the team, so he isn't the oldest player.

See you at Rahotu Saturday for Blake's 100th game.

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Taranaki Rugby back in the black

The Taranaki Rugby Football Union made a \$576,981 profit in 2020, primarily thanks to the Ministry of Social Development's wage subsidy income. The result was announced at the 135th Annual General Meeting of the TRFU held at the Kaponga Rugby Club. If not

for that significant injection of cash, the TRFU would have recorded a \$134,599 loss primarily due to the impact of Covid-19.

TRFU Chief Executive Officer Laurence Corlett said the wage subsidy helped get the business to survive.

"Without the funding from the government and the

support of our commercial partners and our community funding partners, we would have had a significant loss which would have had the Union close to being insolvent. I want to thank our staff and players who made a significant contribution to the surplus of the TRFU by taking a

pay reduction during 2020. We are mindful that without a functioning Yarrows Stadium, our year ahead in 2021 is still a difficult one, and the 2020 result will help us hugely."

Corlett said he was extremely thankful for those organisations and individuals who threw

their support behind the organisation in such a fluid Covid environment.

Mike Summerell was elected to the TRFU board to replace Noel Caskey, who stepped down after serving on the board since 1997.

The Toko-based dairy farmer played for the Stratford Rugby Club before

taking up administration, becoming chairman of the Stratford Rugby & Sports Club, where he was subsequently made a life member.

Caskey was also elected a life member of the TRFU in 2015.

Taranaki Indoor Bowls

T. Bourne has named the following teams to play against Manawatu on May 30 in Marton

K.Hughes, E.Smailes, B.Schrader and R.Finlay; R.Morris, W.Finlay, R.Fredrickson and J.Muggeridge;

S.Bourne, C.Reed, A.Berry and S.Vince; T.Bourne, R. Ratahi, K.Bird and B.Chapman. Reserve N.Picard.

On May 2, Taranaki Centre held its Open Fours event sponsored by Stratford ITM. Five teams played, and two teams qualified for post section. T.Bourne (Taranaki Centre) played C.Adams (St Johns club Wanganui) in a final of 10 ends, which was won by C.Adams

K.Hughes Secretary

Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

Saturday April 24. Men. 1. John Oliver. 2. Rod Le Fleming. 3. Phil Elliott. 4. Jim Ngere.

April 25. Junior. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Kobi Symes Simpson. 1. Luke Norris. 2. Jaxon Symes Simpson.

Left: Opunake Surf Classic Men's Open winner Cain Aldridge catching a wave at this year's event.

Flanagan. 3.Josh Baylis. 4.

Billy Murrell

Opunake Surf Classic

On March 14, Opunake Board Riders held their iconic annual surf contest in pumping overhead surf at Arawhata Road.

Ten hours of action saw 67 competitors from all over Taranaki display a high standard of surfing. Even amongst some of New Zealand's best surfers, two Opunake locals took the top spots - Cain Aldridge winning the Men's Open Final and second place went to Opunake High School teacher, Dave Bannochie.

Men's Open Final. 1. Cain Aldridge. 2. Dave Bannochie. 3. Te Rapai Barbarich. 4. Spencer Rowson.

Sup Final. 1. Chip Andrews. 2. Steve James.

Women's Final. 1. Zhana Hutchinson. 2. Ariana Schafer. 3.Skylar



Mcfetridge. 4. Poppy Pennington.

Under 18 Final. 1. Tom Butland. 2. Kalani Louis. 3.

Ryder Pennington. 4. Soren Bucka Christensen.

45 Plus Final. 1. Dawson Tamati. 2. Dave Bannochie.

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Exhibition evokes the good old days

An interesting exhibition currently at from out of the blue studio gallery in Halse Place Opunake has an interesting back story.

An Opunake person brought in some old flour sacks she'd collected over the years wondering if the owner Viv Davy would be interested in them.

Viv was most interested and decided to send a flour sack to a number of artists both locally and also overseas asking them if they would like to create a work of art from them.

The diverse results currently on display at the gallery reflect the artists originality.

One exhibit entitled The Good Old Days is by Dorothy Andrews who did a bit of research and as was common in those days



made a child's garment out of the flour sack. "This was not a fashion fad. It was a necessity. If you wanted something you made it yourself from the materials available."

Indeed the flour sack dress was still being sewn at home until the Second World War. People took a real pride in self sufficiency and 'Waste not, want not' was a much used catch phrase, said Dorothy.

A lesson there perhaps we could all learn today.

Another interesting exhibit using starch made a sculpture out of the fabric.

The exhibition continues till May 10.

Left: Dorothy Andrews child's smock.

from out of the blue studio gallery

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Book Review: The Mirror Book by Charlotte Grimshaw

This absorbing autobiography by Charlotte Grimshaw is published by Vintage, an imprint of Penguin Random House, New Zealand.

Charlotte Grimshaw has won many awards for her writing such as the BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award, the Qantas Media Award for her columns and the 2018 and 1919 Voyager Media Awards Reviewer of the Year.

She is the daughter of CK (Karl) Stead ONZ, arguably our greatest living literary figure and Kay Stead.

Charlotte describes her life as daughter of a famous literary family, with lots of exciting travel such as to Menton, France when Karl was the Katherine Mansfield Fellow. She also met many literary personalities who visited such as James K Baxter (she didn't like him), Allen Curnow and Maurice Shadbolt.

However, but there were family conflicts. It is likely she wrote this book in response to her father's most recent memoirs *You Have A Lot To Lose* 1956-1986 2020,



The Mirror Book.

because she felt his account did not tell the whole story as she remembered it. She is quite blunt in what she says about her family members, it has to be said.

Her life as a teenager was definitely troubled; she was raped, suffered an eating disorder, and witnessed her best friend Louis Dale killed in a hit-and-run vehicle accident (The culprit was never apprehended). She also embarked (with Louis) on a life of petty crime including vandalism, petty theft, and

was arrested on several occasions and appeared in Court. She recounted how she and Louis watched as they blew up a telephone booth for the hell of it.

She was close to Karl and they shared a boisterous sense of humour and it seems her mother was possibly jealous of this close rapport and sense of exclusion. However, she was cross that her father conducted a number of extra-marital affairs and comments that Kay suffered greatly. She considers that Karl did not give this aspect its true negative impact.

One incident I found quite intriguing: "When I told her I'd won the Montana New Zealand Book Awards Deutz Media for fiction, her face went dark. She said, 'What about Karl' and rushed off." (page 153).

This book is superbly written and also has a personal growth aspect to it as somehow she overcame her demons to become one of New Zealand's most accomplished writers, as well as having a successful marriage (despite one

incident of infidelity – her husband's) and raised three children. It is somehow an uplifting book.

In later editions it would be good if some pictures could be included.

I thoroughly endorse this book, it is an excellent and intriguing read.



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Check, clean, dry - this duck hunting season

Taranaki duck hunters are being reminded to Check, Clean, Dry this season, to avoid spreading aquatic pest plants between waterways.

Taranaki Regional Council Environment Services Manager Steve Ellis says following these three simple steps can make a significant difference to the health of our region's waterways.

"Pest plants such as hornwort and Lagarosiphon (commonly known as oxygen weed) and pest fish such as koi carp, gambusia, rudd and catfish are invasive and can have an irreversible impact on freshwater ecosystems and fisheries.

"Once a pest plant or fish gets into a waterway it's extremely difficult to remove it. That's why it's so important we do everything we can to prevent them spreading into previously unaffected waterways."

He is urging duck hunters to check, clean and dry all gear that has been in the water.

"It only takes a small piece of weed caught on a wader, dinghy or decoy rope to ruin a once-pristine lake. We know Taranaki people care about the health of our waterways, so all water users need to do their part to stop the spread of pests."

Check: Check everything that has been in the water for debris or plant matter. For example, waders, dogs, dinghies and boat trailers, and decoys and their rigging lines.

Clean: Soak the items or scrub them with detergent (5 per cent detergent in water or 2 per cent household bleach in water) for at least one minute, getting them fully wet.

Dry: If you're not moving to another waterway for a few days, thoroughly dry your items inside and out, and leave them for 48 hours to ensure that any pests are dead.

For more details go to www.mpi.govt.nz/check-clean-dry/ or call the Taranaki Regional Council on 0800 736 222.

ABECEDARY on website



"G Kimono" by Carol Hardy Garrett of Virginia.

An intriguing exhibition is the ABECEDARY Project, by Caroline Hardy Garrett of Virginia, USA.

When you look at it, on the Virtual Tart website, make sure that as well as looking at the beautiful images, you read the method and motivation for each of the works.

It suggests a valid and exciting way of working, adding language, history, and passion to the art. Enjoy, and thank you for checking out the new exhibition every couple of months. A regular injection of difference and inspiration.

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The Beautiful Awards consist of 13 different awards across four categories: Individuals, Community, Places and Towns and Cities. They celebrate individuals such as the Young Legends and Tidy Kiwis of New Zealand, as well as the champions of community environmental initiatives, the Most Beautiful Small and Large Town and City, the Most Sustainable School, Best Street and even the Best Loo in New Zealand!

This year there will also be a Supreme Award for the Most Beautiful Towns and Cities category.

Nominations and submissions to the Beautiful Awards are open from 15 April until 4 August and winners will be announced

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Free Wheelhouse funding seminar for community groups

Throughout May and into early June The Wheelhouse is on the road around the Taranaki region with a free seminar Sustainable Funding and Tips For Grant Success for community organisations. There are nine dates to choose from starting in Stratford on Wednesday 12 May and ending in Hawera on the evening of 3 June.

This sessions will be facilitated by The Wheelhouse Manager, Marcia Millard.

“ We have had numerous requests from organisations all around the maunga for information on how to ensure their organisations are adequately resourced and how to achieve success when applying for grant funding. In this session we will highlight the key funding streams, the differences between and an overview of the funding scene in Taranaki” Marcia said. “In addition we will be demonstrating how to use the newly updated, and easy to use, funding search tool givUS. This is available through The Wheelhouse website for free. We will then wrap up with tips to increase your chance of



Marcia Millard of The Wheelhouse.

success when applying for grant funding.”

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The Wheelhouse is a partnership of eight capacity building organisations which include the three district councils, Bishop’s Action Foundation, Sport Taranaki, Te Puni Kōkiri, Department of Internal Affairs and Tui Ora.

Marcia Millard

What's On Listings

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MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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

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Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

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

APRIL 13 TO MAY 7

‘Going with the Flow’: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

APRIL 16 TO AUGUST 15

1896 - Christopher Aubrey’s Taranaki Exhibition: At Puke Ariki, New Plymouth.

MAY 9

Hyway 45 Cruisers Show ‘n Shine: Rahotu Domain, 10am-2pm.

MAY 11 TO JUNE 4

Autumn Exhibition: At The Village Gallery, Eltham.

MAY 18

A Refresher Course for Older Drivers: At St Barnabas Hall, Opunake. Contact Age Concern Taranaki, 0800 243 625 to enrol.

MAY 29

Pungareere No1 reserve Meeting of owners: Novatel Hotel, New Plymouth, 10am.

JUNE 4 TO 6

Coastal Rugby 25 Year Celebrations: Rahotu Domain.

JUNE 22

Opunake Beach Carnival Committee AGM: 7pm at Sandford Event Centre, Opunake.

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- Top tips for grant applications - *What to do and what not to do*

Schedule

Stratford: Wednesday 12 May - 11:00am - 12:30pm

Stratford: Wednesday 12 May - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Waitara: Thursday 13 May - 10:30am - 12:00pm

New Plymouth: Thursday 13 May - 5:30pm - 7:00pm

New Plymouth: Monday 17 May - 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Pātea: Tuesday 18 May - 10:30am - 12:00pm

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**He Pānui
2021 Trustee By-election**

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) is the PSGE entity established to receive and manage the Treaty settlement assets of Taranaki Iwi. It replaces the former Taranaki Iwi Trust.

Nominations are now being called to fill a casual vacancy for one Trustee of the Trust due to a recent resignation. The successful candidate will serve a term of 2 years, which will expire at the 2023 AGM.

Nominations must be made on an official nomination form and close at 5pm on Monday 31 May 2021. Candidates must meet the eligibility criteria set out in rule 2.1 of the Second Schedule of the Trust Charter. Those eligibility criteria are outlined on the nomination form. The Trust will give further notification of the election process after nominations have closed.

Membership Registration

The Trust also takes this opportunity to invite all adults of Taranaki Iwi descent who have not already registered, to do so by completing a registration form. Registration forms and nomination papers can be sourced from the following:

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust office
1 Young St
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Opunake Co-operating Parish

Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

Okato/Oakura Co-operating Parish

Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays each month
Oakura - St James - 9am Bible Reading, Prayer and
Reflection every Tuesday

Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays each month
Okato - St Pauls - 10.30am Fellowship time 3rd Thursday of
each month

Okato - St Pauls - 6.30pm Silent Prayer and Reflection 3rd
Thursday of each month

Opunake Catholic Church

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays
of the month

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
Other areas

Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm
(2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
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St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

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Women's Group 10am Tuesday
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
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027 935 6191

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

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