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Hundreds march in Manaia on ANZAC morning.

Youth focus at Manaia commemoration

Dennis McLean remembers when Britain exploded the hydrogen bomb. He was in the Royal New Zealand Navy in 1957 when the Rotoiti and Pukaki were dispatched to assist the British nuclear tests off Christmas Island.

"Britain was becoming a nuclear power along with Russia and the States, and blowing up their bombs. The biggest was 20 megatons," he recalls. "We were 25 miles from the blast. It was awesome. We had all our gear on and had to turn away. We could see the bones in our hands. It was like an X-Ray." He says studies since then had shown there were low levels of radiation present.

"Luckily I've not had any of that so far," he says."Probably out of the 250 of us who went, there would be lucky to be

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100 of us left now." Dennis was among the ex servicemen taking part in the Manaia Dawn Parade on

ANZAC Day. In a change from previous years, the parade started at the Manaia Bowling Club rather than the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall as it has for the last few years. Prior to that it always started from the Manaia War Memorial Hall, which was home to the Manaia RSA's Honours Board and other memorabilia. When the War Memorial Hall was declared an earthquake risk, the RSA could no longer use the Hall and they raised concerns about the future of their Honours Boards and memorabilia, still locked inside a hall they couldn't use.

The RSA is now affiliated with the Manaia Bowling Club. This has enabled them to extricate the Honours Board and memorabilia from the War Memorial Hall and store them at the Bowling Club, says Manaia RSA president John Graham.

The rain from the previous night had abated and several hundred people were at the band rotunda for the dawn service where the focus was on youth, with students from Opunake and Hawera High Schools and Hawera Intermediate School taking part. Intermediate School student Asher Wilson who is also John Graham's great granddaughter read from the diary of her great great great uncle Private Alexander Herbert Graham who enlisted eight days after Britain had declared war on Germany in 1914.He landed at Gallipoli on April 26 1915, and described the country as being similar to New Zealand. He was killed in action some time later. Four years ago three young pines, descended from the Lone Pine which gave its name to the battle where he was killed were planted at the Manaia Domain. The pine grove which has since grown there continues to be a venue for annual Armistice Day commemorations.

South Taranaki District councillor Clem Coxhead paid tribute to the younger generation.

"I would expect a call to

arms would have young people prepared to defend our borders, but I would also expect that they would have solved these problems before we got there," he said.

The Rev Phil Woodmas noted the closeness of ANZAC Day to the Easter season.

"We have come fresh from the celebration of Easter where we remember the man who sacrificed his life for the world, and we now remember those who sacrificed their lives for our liberty."

He said commentators who express surprise at the durability of ANZAC commemorations fail to understand the New Zealand character. "Being New Zealanders a right of all in this country. If happiness is the result of freedom, then freedom is the result of courage." The Ode was recited in

we believe that happiness is

English by Graham Walker, and in Te Reo by Dennis McLean. A number of items were performed by Nga Ruahine including a song sung by members of the Maori Battalion returning from World War II. There was also an acknowledgement of those who fell on both sides in the land battles of the 19th century. As the final item, the popular marching song Maori Battalion was being sung, three planes on cue flew low over the rotunda.



Phil Woodmas speaks at the Manaia Dawn Parade. To his left are Manaia RSA president John Graham and Dennis McLean.

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Thursday, May 9, 2019

Opunake

deserves

The people of Opunake

Council

and

deserve better from South

councillors. This town is a

precious jewel in the crown

The spirit and drive of

Opunake's people has made

it a truly special place, but

the fact it's lake is choking,

it's sea wall development is

now a polluting local joke,

whilst district and regional

council play pass the buck.

This is a slap in the face for

Opunake locals who have so

They themselves care for

their walkways and gardens

and receive little recognition

or assistance for the value

this beach town adds to our

district. If there was ever a

town who would be better

off without Hawera's current

administration it would have

I believe with proper

Did you know that Easter

really has forty days? It's

not just one day. Jesus'

Ascension Day back to His

comfortable eternal home

in Heaven is the 40th day

of Easter. During the forty

days after His resurrection

Jesus appeared to more

than 500 people at the

same time (I Corinthians

15:6). It's recorded that He

appeared eight times in His

resurrected body. He even

ate cooked fish on the beach

to be Opunake.

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much belief in their town.

of South Taranaki.

better

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council support and targeted marketing Opunake town and beach could be more iconic than Waikato's Raglan.

When we market our own region of South Taranaki instead of relying on Venture Taranaki we will give this region the attention

it deserves. Craig Baylis Hawera

Ratepayers seen as cash **COW**

With respect to engineer Hugh Barnes reporting that the Taranaki Regional Council is taking expensive liberties in upgrading the facilities at Yarrow Stadium.

This is an example of how the New Plymouth District Council and the Regional Council have absolutely no respect for the ratepayers of South Taranaki and see our very productive region and it's ratepayers as a cash cow

they can tap anytime things get a bit tight in the big city. To be fair to New Plymouth, our own councillors have been dormant when it comes to making a stand for their region and its people, maybe they're looking for future

it's Thank goodness

Craig Baylis

Israel Folau should be sacked immediately. He breeds hatred and exclusion.

The Bible also talks about donkey penises, and horse emissions, but has Folau referred to those? No. I doubt whether Folau has read much for pleasure, or indeed at all.

In Samoan culture (I know that Folau is Tongan, but the two countries are fairly much intertwined), fa'afafine is a recognised gender identity/ gender role in traditional Samoan society, where males are raised as females ...

It's probably lucky that transgender people were not mentioned in the Bible, as I'd imagine that Folau would be despising transsexuals also.

It's time to get rid of this 'dumb bunny' who breeds hatred and intolerance. I am also not supporting NZ netball at present, their performances have been underwhelming, and I don't support a fool's spouse.

> Yvonne Wara Ward **O**punake

What goes up must come down

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with His disciples. Another time He broke bread and ate with them.

Here are words recorded by Luke the historian of what actual eye witnesses saw on the 40th day of Easter. Jesus "...was taken up into heaven before their eyes and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood before them. 'Men of Galilee why do you stand here looking at the sky?' This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him going into Heaven' (Acts 1:9-11). The two messengers of God, or angels dressed in white explained to His apostles that what goes up must come down. Remember how angels announced the

Christmas story to Mary about Jesus' birth? In the New Testament alone angels appeared over a dozen times either physically or in a dream or vision. Believe it or not guys.

In arguably, the above two most amazing verses of the Bible, we have the briefest summary of the 40 days of Easter which includes Jesus' Ascension to Heaven "and" His promised Second Coming. Do you trust that Jesus said he'll come again? At the very moment you die Jesus wants to see you in Heaven with Him, just like he promised one of the believing thieves on the cross next to Him.

Scripture is clear, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved" (Romans 10:9-10).

Today's rabid evangelising "new internet atheists" and over-educated theologians are devoted to convincing people, especially Christians, that the 40 days of Easter is a theological "myth" or a Humpty Dumpty fairytale. Jesus predicted this behavior before He returns. But "what goes up must come down" is God's heavenly version of Jesus' law of gravity. Do you think it's likely that He'll keep His promise to return again?

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cushy jobs at the regional council so don't want to upset Mr McLeod and his visions of grandeur.

We have already paid for New Plymouth's stadium and still pay towards it's upkeep, but we have holes in the roof in Hawera town square, some of the worst public toilets in New Zealand and can't even finish the Hub Sports Centre the way it was sold to us.

election year.

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what it was like to fight in a

war. It was pretty grim viewing

the conditions under which

soldiers fought. Graphic,

disturbing yet often touching

and at times humorous

the documentary was an

unforgettable commentary of

the inhumanity of war but also

unexpectedly, the kindness

and humanity it brings out.

One scene showed some

newly captured Germans

and their captors amazed

comments that they were

really nice blokes. Just like

us. A playful exchanging

of hats between a laughing

German and British soldier

followed. One British soldier

commented that they didn't

think the German soldiers

by that stage cared who won

or lost, they just wanted it

As the president of the

Opunake RSA stated in his

speech, we cannot understand

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what they went through.

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wartime events were

the voices of soldiers

who fought in the

war again taken from

recorded interviews in

The result was an

the archives.

Opunake dawn parade attracts big turnout

The Christchurch shooting clearly still on the minds of many featured in speeches following the Dawn Parade in Opunake and the march from the cenotaph to Opunake's Town Hall. It was a departure from the usual speeches with peace and unity being especially emphasised in the wake of New Zealand's first terrorist attack.

The tradition was also sad on another level with a key person missing from the usual Anzac Day commemorations in Opunake, Geoff Williams who has been secretary of the Opunake and District RSA for many years. His wife Laureen had passed away several days earlier. The president of the Opunake and District RSA Shane Butler called for a minute's silence in remembrance of Laureen and "all she has done for the RSA.'

"War - devastates, ruins, horrifies, scares, kills, corrupts, injures and maims – not only those directly involved in fighting, but also

families, countries, states, nations, men, woman and children. We do not need to be directly involved in war to understand its horror, but we can never understand its full horror unless you experience it first hand, on the battlefield," began Shane Butler's address.

"Today we come together to remember those who experienced war, we come together to remember those who did not return from war," he continued. He went on to speak of both the love we are capable of showing, and the hatred towards our fellow men and questioned whether it was possible to love, and hate at the same time. Greed and the love of power threatened peace. We should learn from war, but have we, he also

questioned. He ended his moving address with the words:

"Today, let us remember.



Opunake High School Head students Joel Clement and Lia Harrop with the president of the Opunake & Districts RSA Shane Butler.

Let us learn, lest we forget."

Opunake High School Head students Joel Clement and Lia Harrop then took the stage. "After the tragic events faced in Christchurch, we must remember and implement the importance of peace and unity, for they are what truly hold us as a country, and as a world together," said Joel. Lia Harrop concluded "Today we stand together, as one, in unity."

Afterwards those present were invited to once again get the chance to see Peter Jackson's 2018 documentary They Shall Not Grow old which was being screened at Everybodys Theatre at 1pm. It was first shown in



Recalling his memories of war

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One war veteran at the Dawn Parade was John Lauderdale from Opunake. He was in the Royal Airforce in England and served in South East Asia in Malaya and Singapore from 1953-58. Surveying the large turnout of people in the town Hall joining in remembrance, and particularly the young people, he described it as "uplifting". The loss of so many people in war had an effect on the genepool. "The best, fittest, youngest...were killed," he said commenting also on the toll it took on the women at home, the widows and mothers.

Recalling his time in Malaya from 1954-1957, John said the Malays were losing the war "due to rubber". The sultans wanted the British troops to come, he said. "I learned a lot."

Afterwards he reflected with of this time "It was the years when I should have gone to university." It was because there was a pandemic of tuberculosis - known as miners disease - that his father had wanted him to enlist. "I got back to England in 1957 and took exams for teaching with the Royal Academy of England."

John who grew up in



John Lauderdale at the Opunake Town Hall after the dawn parade.

England in County Durham remembers, as a 9 year old, the town being bombed.

In what was referred to as the "lightening war" the Germans employed a military tactic designed to create disorganisation among enemy forces. "They would send dive bombing planes first with only incendiary devices - fire bombs - to light their target up. Then the heavy

bombers came in almost immediately afterwards. A landmine came down by parachute and landed across the road in their street. "Four families were wiped out across the road." Added John "I was in an Anderson shelter (these were air raid shelters designed for backyards) at the time."

A lot of the children were evacuated elsewhere. "My

dad wouldn't let us be evacuated because it would split the family."

John said their area was particularly targeted as it was a coal mining area. "Coal was a vital part of the war effort." "We were bombed every night."

You never knew when they were coming over which was from Norway.

Later in his fascinating account of his experiences John said he preferred to use

the term Nazis. "I don't like referring to them as Germans who are a great nation."

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Other memories were of the rations which were "disgustingly low". John initially joined the airforce as a musician.

Chosen to play first trumpet in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, he went on to have an illustrious musical career, playing with the London Symphony Orchestra. He came to New Zealand after applying for a job as trumpet player in the newly founded (in 1956) National Orchestra of the New Zealand Broadcasting Service.

In 1993 his musical career was capped when he was elected as an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, University of London in recognition of his contribution to music, a high honour indeed.



New business owners for Fastway Couriers Taranaki

One of New Zealand's best performing Fastway Courier Regional Franchises has changed hands with locals Irene and Greg Glynn-Dentith taking over Fastway Couriers Taranaki this month.

Irene says she is excited to be taking over the driver's seat in the business as owner/operator from Roger and Denise Gore. Irene will be supported by Greg, who will continue

to work as an materials supervisor in the oil sector. "Greg will be in the backseat and I will be in the front with the team as we take the business to the next level.

"It's an exciting opportunity. Roger has

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Roger Gore hands over the reins to Irene Glynn-Dentith.

done a fantastic job and the business is in a strong position for us to take over. Irene, an electrician by

trade, has been a design and estimator for Tenix, Downer and Powerco for the last 12 years.

"I'm excited about the change in career and also being hands on in our own business.

She says a long term goal is to further grow the already successful business that can be handed over to their three daughters in the future.

"I'm ready to work hard and provide some financial freedom for Greg and I into the future as well as have something that can be passed over to our daughters, if they're keen.'

Roger and Denise Gore who have successfully grown the the franchise over the last six years are not leaving the Fastway family, they have bought the Fastway Wellington franchise.

"We're fortunate that Roger and his wife Denise are just a phone call away, there's strong support from head office and we have retained the team of drivers and office support. The transition should be easy.

Fastway Couriers Taranaki operates from Hawera to Mt Messenger as well as Stratford, Inglewood and Opunake.

"It's a large geographical area to cover but we have great people and a simple focus to delight every customer at the door.

The Gores signed off their ownership of the Fastway Taranaki franchise by winning the best operational franchise at the recent national Fastway Couriers Awards.

Fastway Couriers chief executive Scott Jenyns said the Glynn's take over a strong performing franchise and Irene's skills are well suited to the role.

"Irene has a customer focussed attitude and is an incredibly hard worker. We are thrilled that Irene and Greg are joining the Fastway family.

Established New in Zealand in 1983, Fastway Couriers' now has a footprint in Australia, Ireland, and South Africa, with a total of 63 regional depots and 1500 franchisees in operation.

Through its industryleading franchise system, the organisation has developed a reputation for providing a fast, friendly and costeffective service to its customers - an achievement which has seen it receive more than 50 major industry accolades, including the 2015 International Franchiso of the Year, Westpac New Zealand Franchise Awards 2010/2011 in both the Master Franchisee and Business Services categories.

In January 2016, Fastway Couriers in New Zealand and Australia was acquired by Aramex, a leading global provider of comprehensive logistics and transport in over 70 operating countries. The company is publicly listed on the Dubai Financial Market (DFM) as Arab International Logistics (Aramex) with its shares traded under ARMX.

Thumbs up on freedom camping

South Taranaki District Council's innovative approach freedom to

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camping has been awarded the Tompkins Wake Award for Better Regulation and Policy at a Gala Dinner in held by the Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM).

Tourism, and the associated freedom camping, has increased across Taranaki. The project involved the development of a bylaw and a scoring system for conducting significant site assessments and worked with Kaitiaki (ambassadors) to monitor application throughout the district.

SOLGM's Chief Advisor, Raymond Horan, said that

South Taranaki's project demonstrated the value of developing robust, evidence-based policy and Auckland. The dinner was the application of good decision-making.

"Freedom camping is an issue that is very topical, but it can also be a matter of great sensitivity. The judges see the mobilisation of Kaitiaki as a means of providing for compliance through encouragement rather than prosecution."

STDC Chief Executive, Waid Crockett says the Council took a very practical, South Taranaki approach to the issue of Freedom Camping.

"We wanted to be welcoming to visitors to our district while ensuring they respect our home while they are here. Using our Freedom Camping Ambassadors/ Kaitiaki we've been able to encourage campers to do the right thing without having to use a heavy handed approach," says Mr Crockett.

"We're thrilled to have been awarded this prize. Policy and Regulation can sometimes be an inhibitor; however the determination of our Councillors and staff to make this work has seen a great outcome for our community

OBITUARY Margaret Adams Duffus. September 5 1933- April 17 2019

Before there was a South Taranaki District Council, Manaia had its own town council, and Margaret Duffus was its chairperson. She was still there when the Manaia Town Council merged with the Waimate West County Council to form the Waimate Plains District Council, which was itself later absorbed into the South Taranaki District Council.

Margaret Duffus died on April 17, aged 85. Her death comes nine years after that of her husband George.

Born in Monifieth Scotland, she was the oldest child of William Robertson and his wife Isabella Cochrane.

Margaret left school at 15 to work in the local post office.

When she was 16 she left there to work as a seamstress in a department store in Dundee, where she stayed until she emigrated to New Zealand.

She met George Duffus, who she would later marry at a ball, and they saw each other for a couple of years until George accepted a job with the Farmers Coop in Hawera and emigrated to New Zealand. The long distance relationship continued and Margaret joined him in 1958. They were married at the Hawera Presbyterian Church in November that year.

Her first job in Hawera was as a shop assistant at Ward's Haberdashery Shop, before she and George shifted to Manaia. They were to have four children Kay, Craig, Ross and Bruce ..

Son Ross said at her funeral that his mother enjoyed a party, and the Hogmanay parties at 60 Kapuni Street were legendary.

Margaret was on the town council for three terms, and was its first ever female chairperson. She continued to advocate for her beloved town long after the council ceased to exist to make sure they got their share of funding and services. She was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1995.

She and George continued to be a formidable team. One of their community based initiatives was the Manaia Passenger Service, a bus service between Manaia and Hawera, calling into Okaiawa and Normanby on the way. Margaret drove during the day, while George drove on Friday nights.

"I remember Mum throwing that green 32 seater Bedford bus around those country roads with great vigour, but never feeling unsafe," recalls Ross. "The motivation for the bus service was never money, but once again to service their community. After the bus service was sold, and then later the service stopped, Mum and Dad were both volunteer drivers on the Manaia Community Service mini bus."

She worked at Armitage's Clothing Shop part time for 18 years, where she enjoyed being involved with fashion and intermingling with the community.

There was a large turnout for her funeral at the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall two weeks ago. Manaia RSA president John Graham remembers her as someone who "had a lot to do with Manaia." Margaret's husband George had been a longstanding member of the Manaia RSA committee, and John Graham says Margaret continued to keep in touch with the RSA after George had died.



Margaret Duffus 1933-2019.

Late artist's paintings remembered



Eb in The Valley of the Dolls.

Lvnn Morresey died young: we miss him and his talent. He learned to paint while in prison, using those sample pots of enamel paint. He found art and he found religion, and turned into the nicest guy. And oh, his paintings. They look like fun, almost cartoonlike, but many of them are quite bleak, finding humour

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in a harsh world Do have a look at his paintings on the Virtual Tart website.

Lynn started painting using test-pots of enamel when he was in prison.

His new loves, of art and of religion, changed his life.

Too shy to put prices on his paintings at the first exhibition of his work, he avoided the opening and

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came back from a weekend away to find queues of people wanting to own one of his paintings.

He put together films and music, and was full of life until stricken by a cruel motor neurone disease.

Lynn died in 2008. Way too young. Way too talented. His distinctive style is widely sought after. These works are owned by collectors in New Zealand. Lynn wrote:

When I look at my own paintings, I wonder what story they are trying to tell me.

I sense certain emotions and moods in my work that seem to have no place in my life today. Yet every time I pick up a brush and begin to work, I see a lot of those same feelings come out. I would not call my paintings "happy paintings," yet I would consider myself a happy person.

If my work is about anything personal at all, and I believe virtually all art is, whether the artist intends it to be or not, then it is about the past, or more accurately, impressions of the past. Perhaps the past never truly stops trying to make its way into our present, and this used to worry me once, but it does no longer. I've dug up enough wells in my time and feel no need or desire to dig up another one. I was told once that the answers lay at the bottom of those wells, but I now believe the answer lies entirely elsewhere. I've ferreted around down

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there and all I've ever truly learned is, the deeper you go, the more dirt there is to cave in on top of you. That, and the fact there's no light down there. But, in saying that, I have a great deal of fun scribbling all over the walls.

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Do have a look. And thank you for being there. Dale Copeland

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With winter knocking on our door and bringing in the colder weather a lot of us look forward to having open fires. One of the common causes of fires in residential houses is from disposal of ashes. We recommend that when removing ashes from the fire place they are placed in a metal container and disposed of well away from the house. I have been to a number of fires in my time caused by ashes wrapped up in newspaper and left on the porch outside only to catch fire sometimes a day or two later.

The Opunake brigade has recently purchased some smoke alarms. These are photoelectric and have a 10 year battery life. If you are in need of new smoke alarms at a reasonable price, give us a shout and we will even come and fit them for you. Call / txt the Chief Fire Officer Craig Dingle on 027 444 6148. While on the subject of smoke alarms if you know of anyone that has a hearing impairment that may not allow them to hear a normal smoke alarm sound then also please let us know. We have a partnership arrangement with an organisation that can supply special smoke alarms for the hearing impaired. Craig is the best contact for this.

Members from all the Taranaki brigades paraded at various locations on Anzac Day to remember those who have served our country. As part of the Opunake Brigade's contribution to the returned servicemen and woman in our community the Thursday, May 9, 2019

Over the past few weeks the Opunake brigade has responded to a number of callouts. The first one was on Tuesday afternoon April 16 to assist the Rahotu Brigade at a hedge fire. The Rahotu crew managed to get it under control quickly, so turned the Opunake brigade back before they arrived.

The next callout was on Saturday morning April 20 to a smell of smoke inside a house on Upper Kina Road. Appliances from Rahotu and Opunake attended this incident. The crews found a light fitting in the ceiling smouldering. There was minor fire damage to ceiling timbers, however this

incident did have serious potential to cause significant damage. Full credit to the occupants of the house for turning off the power and calling the brigade to come and check it out in the first place.

On Saturday April 27 one appliance from the Opunake Brigade responded to a hedge fire on Hector place. This was easily extinguished by the brigade without any serious damage being caused. On Wednesday May 1 the Opunake Rescue appliance along with the Operational support vehicle and another Rescue appliance from Kaponga responded to a single vehicle accident on the Eltham Road. The vehicle had rolled a number of times ending up on its roof in a farm

paddock. A number of the occupants were ejected from the vehicle as it rolled. One person sustained serious injuries and was airlifted directly to Waikato Hospital while one of the others was taken to Taranaki Base Hospital with minor injuries. The following day the Opunake Brigade responded to an alarm activation in Tasman Street. As entry could not be gained to the building, an external check of the building was carried out with nothing being found. This incident was

recorded as a false alarm. On Monday 6th two appliances from Opunake responded to a car fire on Hickey Place. Thanks to the quick work of a neighbour who used his fire extinguisher the fire was

pretty much extinguished by the time the brigade arrived.

The Rahotu Brigade is currently desperately short of members. If you or anyone you know that lives reasonably close to Rahotu and would like to join this small close-knit team please contact Paul Mundt on 027 2552 201 or call into the Rahotu Fire Station on Lower Kina Road. They train on Monday night from 7pm.

Take Care out there and stay warm.

John Nicholls Volunteer Support Officer, Area 12 Taranaki New Plymouth Fire Station

Hawera doctor wins award

Hawera doctor wins award Dr Emma Davey was surprised when her name was called during an awards ceremony at the National Rural Health Conference.

"I had no idea I had been the nominated," Rural Hospital Medicine Senior Medical Officer (SMO) and Clinical Lead of Hawera Hospital said.

Dr Davey won the James Reid award for Excellence and Innovation in Rural Health for her work to set up and run rural health training programmes for rural

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hospital medicine registrars and fifth year medical students at Hawera Hospital. She said she was humbled to receive the award and have the programmes, which are the result of a strong collaborative effort from across many different areas of the hospital, recognised on a national level.

"I am so privileged to work with an amazing team of people at Hawera Hospital who are all working hard in their own areas of expertise towards improving rural health outcomes for South

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Doctor Emma Davey.

Taranaki patients."

Dr Davey was nominated by fellow Hawera Hospital colleagues Dr Hannah Lawn and Dr Tom Dawson, both of whom Dr Davey said had been integral to the success of the training programmes. Dr Lawn and Dr Dawson both completed their final Rural Hospital Medicine training runs at Hawera Hospital and also received their own Fellowship awards at the four-day conference in Blenheim in April. Dr Lawn and Dr Dawson have chosen to continue to work as Rural Hospital Medicine SMOs at Hawera Hospital following the completion of their training.

Several times during the national conference the Hawera training programme

was held up as a shining

example of what can be achieved in rural centres, and students and registrars who had experienced time at Hawera Hospital spoke about what a positive experience it had been for them, Dr Davey said.

Hawera Hospital is an accredited teaching hospital and runs the DHB's postgraduate Rural Hospital Medicine training programme for registrars. The rural hospital medicine programme was established in 2008 to train doctors to be rural generalists in hospitals or to work as rural GPs. The training, which can take up to seven years, covers many specialities including rural hospital medicine, emergency medicine, general medicine, general surgery, intensive care, paediatrics and rural general practice. Owing to the nature of the job, rural doctors typically encounter a huge range of different medical situations on a daily basis, Dr Davey said.

"We work as a jack-of-alltrades in a hospital setting." In 2018 the DHB also partnered with the University of Auckland to launch a regional-rural programme for fifth year medical students. The students spend a year in Taranaki and at least six weeks training in Hawera and working with a diverse range of rural health practitioners and community services. With rural areas typically

difficult to staff, Dr Davey said she hoped training programmes such as those in Hawera would encourage registrars and students to consider a career in rural medicine, and make it easier for those who grew up in rural areas to train in their communities.

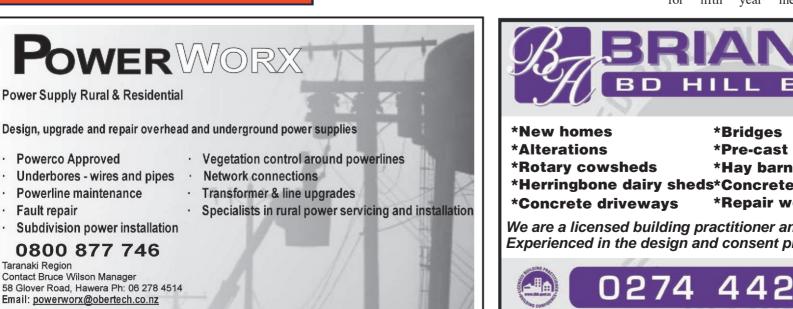
"When I started at Hawera Hospital, there were no rurally trained doctors at all. I was the first one with that kind of training and qualification."

Dr Davey said it would also be great to see other healthcare professionals get the same opportunity to train in their rural environments. "The nurses, the OTs, the

physios, could all be trained rurally."

She was thrilled to hear Health Minister David Clark support the notion of rural health hubs at the conference.

"We'll just have to wait and see what that looks like," she said.





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Awatuna time capsule lifted

A crowd of about 80 turned up at Awatuna on Sunday April 28 to see a time capsule lifted. As part of the Centennial celebrations (1893 - 1993) at Awatuna School, the time capsule was buried beside the Awatuna Cenotaph on March 7, 1993. The plaque over the time capsule stated that it was to be opened in the year 2018. However, the opening ended up being carried out in this, the following year.

At 1.30pm James Hiestand boarded his farm tractor and proceeded to lift the heavy concrete block covering the time capsule. James' mother Viv Hiestand (nee Boyd) who also attended Awatuna School, was also present to see her son unearth the capsule.



Allan Phillips examines the time capsule.



The contents of the time capsule.

One of the bystanders watching was Ian Scott, who attended both the original Awatuna School and its replacement (which was closed in 1994) and was present when the time capsule was buried. "It was the school jubilee and it was an absolutely fabulous weekend in March 1993." Ian's mother Connie Bailey (as she was then) was one of the original students at the first school in the period just after World War I.

Currently, Ian and Margaret's son Warrick is farming the nearby Awatuna dairy property, which has been in the family for over a hundred years.

Allan Phillips was Chairperson of the Centennial Committee and oversaw the laminated and were in burying of the time capsule pristine condition - not a

back in 1993. Allan gave a brief speech and commented how pleased he was to see so many representatives of original families (eg Scott, Hooper, Brandt, Farquhar) who had attended the Awatuna School (original and/or replacement). "Where the hell did 25 years go," he quipped. He thanked the main organisers of the event Barbara Hooper and Barbara Anderson and their Committee. He also raised the possibility of another time capsule being buried for future excavation.

The capsule, which Allan held aloft, was cylindrical and about half a metre long. One end was sawed off and the capsule emptied.

All of the items had been

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ABOVE: The plaque inscription on top of the concrete block which covered the Awatuna time capsule.



James Hiestand used this digger to unearth the time capsule.





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After a whirlwind two week visit to significant energy innovation countries, I am convinced that the Labour led Government is "out on their own" in their thinking about energy transitions. Of the two other countries

that have banned oil and gas exploration, France doesn't have a domestic oil and gas industry and Costa Rica wants to keep options open for natural gas.

Meeting with the Climate Change UK's Commission confirmed a far more pragmatic and less ideological approach being taken than New Zealand. As the UK transitions to a low emission future, they are taking the intermediate step of promoting hydrogen made from natural gas (with carbon capture and storage) – something which the New Zealand government isn't open to. It has a cheaper



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 price path, enabling industry to transition more quickly and affordably.

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Japan are doing the same and looking to Brunei and Australia to supply "blue hydrogen" made from natural gas and coal respectively for their energy needs.

Scotland are developing offshore wind generation capability supported by Norway, looking to back up their electricity security with hydrogen made from natural gas.

Norway are applying technology to reduce the carbon footprint of their hydrocarbon industry and see displacement of coal by natural gas as a significant contribution to reducing global emissions.

All four countries are seeking to springboard off the oil and gas industry by utilising natural gas as the transition fuel; to not only reduce emissions but minimise economic disruption and retain engineering skills in these countries as they transition. It is notable that the Norwegian government-

owned energy company Equinor are the developers of offshore floating wind turbines. They have achieved this through their engineering excellence, their offshore experience and their strong balance sheet enabling significant research and development investment.

The current government is attempting to leapfrog the oil and gas industry, by winding it down, something which has the potential to not only severely impact the Taranaki economy, but could reduce the region's capability in the energy and engineering sector; capability which is needed for the energy transition in front of us. The government's energy policies are being proven to be flawed. We hear the government's policy on 100% renewable electricity by 2035 in a normal hydrological year has been rejected by the interim climate change committee as the wrong target, saying electricity generation costs will substantially increase with this policy.

The same could be said with their decision to ban future oil and gas exploration. Without natural gas available for New Zealand industries, imported gas will have a higher carbon footprint and be more than three times the cost. Alternatively using hydrogen from electrolysis, though emissions free, will be unaffordable for many industries.

We must find the balance, so we reduce emissions while maintaining affordability to do so. We ought to be mindful that a low emission economy comes at a high price, and will not be achieved by making industries, people and regions poorer.

The National Party does not agree with the direction of the Government and will put policies in place which will incrementally reduce emissions, without winding down an industry that has a significant contribution to be made in developing new energy solutions.

> Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

Immediate action being taken

term work.

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Social development minister Carmel Sepuloni says the government is taking immediate action to support people into work and improve income security for those on benefits, in response to the release of the Government's Welfare Expert Advisory Group (WEAG) report.

The WEAG report, Whakamana Tāngata: Restoring Dignity to Social Security in NZ, contains 42 key recommendations that call for a systematic overhaul of our welfare system..

"Our welfare system is not providing the right support for people in need. This is contributing to issues of inequality and hardship which have been long-term problems for NZ that this Government is committed to fixing," Carmel Sepuloni said.

"The release of the expert working group report and the three announcements made in response to it, represent good first steps to improving the system, but major change will take years.

"In Budget 2019 we will be allocating funds to employ up to 263 frontline staff over four years to support more people into good work, allowing beneficiaries to keep more of what they earn when they do work by lifting the abatement threshold and eliminating a discriminatory sanction that cruelly singled out 24,000 children raised by sole parents.

"Our plans will result in fewer children growing up in extreme poverty and see more people moving off benefits and into decent long can't deliver on every recommendation at once. We are taking a balanced approach and are committed to delivering change over the longer term and prioritising areas like housing and mental health which impact on all people, but especially those in the welfare system. "We have decided not to implement the report's

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recommendations to increase benefit levels by up to 47% immediately. We will be looking at a staged implementation of the report," Carmel Sepuloni said.

Green Party Co-Leader Marama Davidson says the report creates a vital roadmap for significant change.

"We are committed to an inclusive society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, and supported to participate fully in the community," Marama Davidson said.

Minister for Children Tracey Martin says a welfare system that is fair to everyone and that supports child wellbeing is needed.

"We need to ensure all parents and caregivers have the resources and ability to provide the best possible care for their children, Tracey Martin said.

The Government will be repealing Section 192 that cut incomes to parents and their children if the name of the other parent was not declared to the Government. "Around 24,000 children will be significantly better off as a result of this change, with many sole parents' incomes increasing by an average of \$34 a week," Carmel Sepuloni said.

"The Government supports parental freedom, and ensuring sole parents and their children are not pushed into poverty because of a private parenting decision that the Government has no need to be involved in.

"National was briefed in 2016 that there was insufficient evidence to support the discriminatory sanction as it didn't achieve its initial purpose to get money from the partner that's not named in the birth certificate.

"73,000 individuals and their families will be better off by the Government raising abatement thresholds for those on benefits who work.

"This is about ensuring wage fairness and making sure low income beneficiaries can take home more of what they earn.

"This change is about catching up with the times. Abatement thresholds for Jobseeker Support haven't changed in over 20 years and many people find they are no better off for working, after travel and childcare costs.

"We are supporting more people into work by funding up to 263 new frontline staff over four years.

"The report shows that proactive employment case management is integral to ensuring that people are upskilled and trained so they are matched to sustainable and meaningful employment" Carmel Sepuloni said.

Full steam ahead with new Eltham venture

As of 15th January 2019 Eltham Timber & Supplies have opened a Farm Supplies Store.

Menzies sees their Joe new venture as a natural extension of what they have always been doing.

Plans are afoot for a 600 square metre purpose-built farm supply store to open later this year in Bridge Street, Eltham.

"It's a natural fit to what we're already doing," says Joe who as CEO runs Eltham Timber and Supplies and Eltham Construction with his wife Claire.

The business originally known as Mangamingi Transport, Milling and Construction has been a locally owned and operated as part of the Eltham business scene for nearly 40 years. In 2015, it was rebranded as Eltham Timber and Supplies, and Eltham Construction Ltd was added in 2017.

Farm Source When announced they would be closing their Eltham store,



From left Aloma Holland, Joe Menzies and Sandy Moore in Eltham Timber & Supplies' Farm Supplies Store.

Joe says there was a natural gap that needed to be filled. "It just seemed a logical extension to try to continue the service we had become used to as a community," Joe says. "We will be working in with other local businesses as opposed to trying to take the whole world on. We aim

to keep adding to our range with the new shop and a bit more space."

They aim to have a wide range of products and services including domestic and farm timber supplies, general farm and cowshed supplies, drystock farm requirements, farm water reticulation products and pole barns. There will also be something to meet all DIY needs, petfood, and even some household products.

"We are aiming to have a full range of farm and DIY supplies," says Joe. "We're not the answer to but we will do whatever we can to get what everybody needs. We are asking for people to have patience as we don't have huge corporate backing. We are privately owned, and not a corporate beast. We will do our level best to fill all orders and source products at the best rate we can get." Earlier this year they opened a temporary store in a building that had been used by Eltham Construction. When the new store, which will be only a short distance away, is opened, Joe says it is likely the building

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everybody's problems yet,

housing the temporary store will again be used by Eltham Construction Ltd.

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Meanwhile it is business as usual, operating from the new store as well as their North Street store and timber yard.

Once the new store is up and operating they are looking providing on-farm at deliveries.

Joe says they are also looking to do more business around Opunake and the coast.

"It's a natural corridor along the Eltham Road, and we already do a lot of barn work in that direction."

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New Zealanders to make the decision in cannabis referendum

New Zealanders to make the decision in cannabis referendum

The Government has announced details of how New Zealanders will choose whether or not to legalise and regulate cannabis, said Justice Minister Andrew Little.

The Coalition Government is committed to a healthbased approach to drugs, to minimise harm and take control away from criminals. The referendum is a commitment in the Labour-Green Confidence and Supply Agreement, as well as a longstanding commitment from New Zealand First to hold a referendum on the issue.

"There will be a clear choice for New Zealanders in a referendum at the 2020 General Election. Cabinet has agreed there will be a simple Yes/No question on the basis of a draft piece of legislation.

"That draft legislation will include: a minimum age of 20 to use and purchase recreational cannabis, regulations and commercial supply controls, limited home-growing options, a public education programme and stakeholder engagement.

"Officials are now empowered to draft the legislation with stakeholder input, and the Electoral Commission will draft the referendum question to appear on the ballot.

"The voters' choice will be binding because all of the parties that make up the current Government have committed to abide by the outcome.

"We hope and expect the National Party will also commit to respecting the voters' decision.

The Justice Minister also confirmed there will be no other government initiated referendums at the next election.

On this month in history West Germany emerges

On May 23, 1949 the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) came into being. It is better known as West Germany. Konrad Adenhauer, the

visionary statesman, was its

chief architect. He became the first Chancellor of West Germany and was in power for 14 years, retiring in 1963. During Herr Hitler's time Konrad Adenhauer was often

arrested for his opposition. However, when the British were in occupation in Germany, he spoke out against requirements meant to humiliate the citizens such

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as being obliged to salute British officers on the street.



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JOEL CLEMENT

Over the holidays I was fortunate change, environmental enough to be selected to represent marine and freshwater health and Taranaki at the annual BLAKE biodiversity decline in New Zealand. Inspire, a week long environmental Even more than this, we learnt how leadership camp around the we as future leaders can implement Waikato region in which young the sustainable practices we learnt students passionate about the into our own communities and into environment come together to our future career pathways. learn about an array of topics This experience allowed me regarding sustainability in New to further develop my passion Zealand.

Out of over 350 applications, 56 of environmental science, and I would us from all over the country were definitely recommend applying to selected to attend the BLAKE camp, any future year 11, 12 or 13 students formerly known as YELF, which passionate about protecting our was fully funded by the Sir Peter planet. Blake Trust and the Ministry for the Environment.

LEILA SYMES

Durina the the first week of the Easter holiday I had the opportunity to travel down to the Linton Military Camp to have a taste of military life.

We arrived at the army camp around 12.30pm and were escorted by Sgt. Morgan and the corporals, who helped us get the right sizing for our uniform. We were then introduced to everyone at the camp.

From there we were split up into syndicates and taken out on to the fields to do drill practice. The activities and drills I participated in included practicing marching



steps and turns, discussing the army and why I wanted to join, organising sleeping quarters in the barracks and dinner with the whole group

Every day we were woken up at 6am, breakfast at 7am, made our beds (hospital corners are hard to do!) and split into groups to start the days' activities by 7.50am.

We rode in the infantry tanks to the gunning range where we saw the guns and backpacks that they use in the frontline and on war missions. We saw how the army operate communication equipment and use drones and big machines to take down aircraft.

We got to do some off roading which was cool and build a bridge without touching the ground. We played virtual reality games where we had to shoot targets. We also

learned how to load guns and reclock them in 10 seconds!

The week was filled with confidence building challenges, running, team building activities etc. We also camped out overnight and ate out of 'Rat Packs' (that's ration packs for you civilians!).

Engineering in the Defence Forces have a lot of trades that you can learn that range from training dogs to find mines - right through to snorkeling - there are too many trades to mention so check out the New Zealand Defence Force website.

I really enjoyed my time at the Military Camp, it was an awesome experience and it opened my eyes to which part of the Defence Force I want a career in. If you are looking at a possible career in the Defence Force I would highly recommend this experience.



Nga mihi o te wa ki a koe me to whanau Greetings to you and your family

Welcome back to Term Two. You will see as you read this page that the last month has been action packed with our students taking advantage of leadership opportunities, tracking their NCEA progress and plenty of educational opportunities outside of the classroom.

There has been a vast range of student leadership opportunities for our students. I would like to thank the Opunake Lions and Egmont Plains Community Board who have supported the prefect team to attend the student leadership conference in Rotorua towards the end of last term. This conference enabled our students to bond together and focus on their leadership roles within Opunake High School to implement change that will benefit the student body. Currently the prefect team are developing a big brother and big sister program for our students and they will also mentor and coach other potential student leaders throughout the school with a tuakana teina leadership mentoring program. Growing good people for a rapidly changing world is what we do, and all of our student leaders are growing rapidly with some of these amazing leadership opportunities.

Academic success is the core business of our school, with senior students focused on their goals that they set in their IDP interviews at the end of Term 1. Our 2018 NCEA results have been confirmed by NCEA as another year of strong results by our students, congratulations to you all. We encourage senior students and whanau to track their NCEA assessment progress through the parent portal. The innovative junior curriculum that Opunake High School offers, is seen as future focused by other schools in NZ and we regularly have requests from other schools to see our innovative program in action. Junior students are coming to the end of their trimester 1 classes with IDP interviews to follow.

Board of Trustees (BOT) elections are coming up and I would like to take this opportunity to remind whanau that the three yearly BOT elections are in Term 2. If you would like to know more about how you could be involved in being a BOT member, please contact the school office.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.

Noho ora mai ano Peter O'Leary - Principal

WHATS HAPPENING AT OPUNAKE HIGH?

Its looking busy in Term 2:

Year 12 & 13 History to Puke Ariki - May 10th Senior Art, Govett Brewster - May 14th Tough Guy, Tough Gal - May 23rd & 24th Manawatu College Exchange - May 28 & 29th End of Junior School, Trimester 1 - May 17th Start of Junior School, Trimester 2 - May 20th Junior IDPs - Week 4, May 20th - May 22nd

OUR PREFECTS

On the 5th of April, 2019, Opunake their schools. Student Leadership Conference in Rotorua, thanks to the kind the Egmont Plains Community Board. Without their contribution attending the conference wouldn't have been possible. The Grip Leadership Conference involved practical and interactive training for young leaders to enhance

their leadership skills and to help influence a positive change within team has a range of new ideas to

fortunate enough to attend the Grip Prefect team gained a wide range of knowledge to be able to bring back and implement into Opunake donations from the Lions Club and High School. They taught that creating a leadership program "Leadership is about people, not position or power." It was an inspiring day and allowed the prefect team to interact with other prefects from around the North Island, and learn about what others were implementing into their

schools. Coming back, the perfect start at Opunake High School, such High Schools prefect team was The Opunake High School 2019 as morning breakfasts, big brother and sister program that help give advice for students in need. The prefect team is also looking at similar, for the new students coming into the position next year. Overall this conference allowed the prefect team to come closer as a team, and gave the team new skills to create an amazing school culture.

CHLOE TERRILL

During the holidays, I got the opportunity to attend an advanced leadership course located in Fiji. With some very generous support by the Lions Club and some teachers at school I was able to book my flights - leaving New Zealand on the 20th of April and returning home on the 27th of April.

On the first and last night we staved at Tokatoka Resort in Nadi as it was close to the airport. On the other days we stayed at the Marist Brothers High School in Suva.

From Tuesday we did community work such as going to ACS High School to plant trees and learn some of the culture and history of Fiji. Another day we went to Mosquito where my group more organized when leading a Some advice from me: if you picked up rubbish and built huts that survived the hurricane test. out of my comfort zone and try Throughout the week everyone new things. got to lead a task, one of my first Thank you very much Future tasks was to teach everyone the waiata that we would be singing. Another day we stayed back and I am very glad that I didn't give



and did some brain puzzles and up. I would also like to give a big went to Lifeline where we learnt about mental health. Doing these activities helped me become more confident when talking to others and giving instructions. It also helped me learn that I need to be much.

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thanks to Tina and Dean Chapman for believing in me and helping me organize everything in time. This course was the best thing that I have ever done and I learnt so

task, it also helped me to go way are given the opportunity to do something that can benefit yourself and others and also go way out of your comfort zone I Leaders NZ for giving me the advise you to take your hands and grab at anything you can before it goes away!

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Mangatoki WI meets Aunt Daisy

On April 3, 18 members and three friends met at the Hawera Convention Centre, to listen to Vivien Taylor portraying Aunt Daisy in the show "Bringing Back Aunt Daisy." Writing her own script, she told of Aunt Daisy's life story up until 1950, giving short readings and household tips, most of which were in the booklet "Bringing Back Aunt Daisy" given to us as we entered the Hall.

She then introduced Celine Filbee who demonstrated the making of Beetroot Chutney, very nice, as some chutney on crackers were passed around for us to try. We had morning tea provided by the South Taranaki Federation ladies. Aunt Daisy then continued.

Don Stockwell was introduced, a butcher from Patea who demonstrated the making of homemade sausages, then more tasty morsels of the sausages were passed around. Aunt Daisy gave more handy hints on the cleaning of copper bottom pots and pans, ring marks on wooden furniture, etc. all to be found in the booklet. She also told of the day when she had morning tea with Eleanor Roosevelt. The morning was organised by the Hawera Community Development Committee.

Our W.I. members then went to the Rough Habits Restaurant for our lunch and one other member arrived for this. While were waiting for our orders to be taken and our meals to come, we held our business meeting, it being our 88th birthday. Sandra Scherrer, our president called the meeting to order and our Secretary Helen Whyte read the minutes of the last meeting which were passed. The correspondence was accepted. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Donations were donated to C.C.S., Relay for Life and The Christchurch Victim Appeal. General Business, The Mangatoki Hall is turning 125 years, so maybe a Potluck Tea to celebrate

the occasion with a church service in the Mangatoki Church at the Pioneer Village, followed by lunch at the Shakee Pear Cafe.

Anzac wreaths to be made at All Saints' Church Hall on April 24. Six or seven members attended the Kaponga Anzac Service and Wreath Laying on April 25. Bev Marx had knitted chicken for sale, proceeds to Hospice, All were sold. Some members dressed with aprons. Hats for the Aunt Daisy show along with Eleanor Goble and Barbara Sharpe.

The raffle was won by Jenny Brown. Knitting had been done for new babies in the area. Karen Joblin and Lucy Moger were presented with Good Service Badges. Our South Taranaki Federation member, Robyn Roberts, did the presentations. A very enjoyable day was had by everyone.

> Lucy Moger Mangatoki W.I. Reporter

A roadmap for a healthy and sustainable future

As a nation we have some huge decisions to make about the future of our beautiful country. We need to look at our environment, the ways we live and work in it, and how our economy will fund the future for our children's children's children. In April last year the coalition Government put a stake in the ground, committing to a low emissions future. Taranaki was at the heart of that announcement.

We are grateful that our

leaders didn't make this announcement and then slink back to Wellington. Instead they invested in Taranaki 2050, giving us the space to explore what we want for our future. A space where anyone in the region has been able to engage in developing our roadmap for 2050, as we move to a low emissions economy. An economy that doesn't rely on oil and gas.

It was a privilege to be part of the Taranaki 2050 road map, hearing a diversity of people giving a diverse range of ideas and challenges, that will guide us into the future. A future that will be healthy and sustainable for generations to come.

This week the inaugural Just Transition Summit will be held in Taranaki. Here the Taranaki 2050 road map will be presented for the first time. The Summit will be a chance for businesses, workers, Māori, youth and communities to have their say on New Zealand's pathway to a low emissions economy. The Prime Minister, cabinet ministers, economic and environmental experts and those who're already taking their own great strides towards a low emissions future will all be speaking. As will Hollywood royalty, James and Suzy Amis Cameron. Our leaders want to get this right, they want to support our future, they want to bring about a just transition.

We all have a role to play. This isn't just about us sitting around waiting for our future to unravel. It's up to us all to step up, get active and help to build our future together. A bright, sustainable and economically viable future for those who come after us. My hope is that the Taranaki 2050 roadmap will help guide us to this. My hope is that our legacy will be that this beautiful country of ours will be thriving, environmentally,

economically and for all people and communities around New Zealand.

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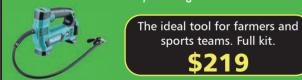
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Okato commemorates ANZAC Day with parade A sunny, cloudless day Christchurch that took the

and large crowd greeted the ANZAC commemoration in Okato on April 25. At 9.45am the parade marshall Warrant Officer (Rtd) Graham Chard (President of the Okato RSA) gave the command to march and the parade set off down Carthew Street in the direction of the Cenotaph.

Heading the procession was a drummer and a bagpiper playing 'Scotland the Brave', followed by four flags borne proudly. The procession included members of the Okato Fire Brigade in uniform, returned servicemen and servicewomen, members of the public, as well as students and staff of Coastal Taranaki School.

Members of the City of New Plymouth Cadet Force were stationed in formation at the Cenotaph with rifles reversed. The New Zealand flag had been lowered to half mast.

Rev Albie Martin QSM addressed the crowd. "We must remember the Great War and remember the loss of life, those who came home and those buried on foreign soil." He said that 40,000 soldiers were sent overseas. "They served us well and we must not forget them.'

He also mentioned "The atrocity that took place in lives of 50 innocent people." Rev Martin asked everyone to join him in the Lord's Prayer, after which various wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph including the New Plymouth District Council (by Cr John 'Horse' McLeod), Kaitake Community Board (by Chairperson Doug Hislop) and the Coastal Taranaki School (by student leaders Lucy Cruden-Powell and Nicole Whittle). Graeme Chard recited Bunyan's Ode and bugler Bruce Gray played 'The Last Post'. The flag was raised to the top of the flag pole.

A service followed in Hempton Hall. On the stage were Graham Chard, Flight Sergeant (Rtd) Karen Chard, Rev Martin, PTE (Rtd) Melissa Davis (Australian Defence Force, Royal Australian Army Ordinance Corps), Lucy Cruden-Powell (Head Student CTS), Brandi Dakin-Spershott (CTS Academic Leader), church representative Wendy Clement and from the NZ Defence Force AMT (L) Stephen Gibson of the Royal NZ Navy. All of these people contributed in different ways:

Stephen Gibson, who was born and bred locally, delivered a Commemorative Military Address, as did Melissa Davis, who served with



Lucy Cruden-Powell, CTS Head Student, reading 'In Flanders Fields.' Graham Chard, President of Okato **RSA** is to the right of Lucy.

Karen Chard in the Soloman Islands. Lucy Cruden-Powell read the iconic poem 'In Flanders Fields', Brandi Dakin-Spershott read 'We Shall keep the Faith', Karen Chard explained why we wear a poppy on ANZAC Day and Wendy Clement read the Okato District Roll of Honour. Rev Martin concluded the service with prayers for peace in the world.

The National Anthems of Australia and New Zealand were sung, with musical accompaniment by Mike Gordon (vocal) and Sarah Foreman (keyboard).

with proceeds going to the St John Ambulance Service after Rev Martin blessed the contributions.

The service concluded with an excellent morning tea provided by the Okato Lions, who also set up the hall to a high standard. A special mention was made of longserving Lion Merv Putt who was always to the forefront of preparing the hall for past ANZAC Day commemorations, but sadly died earlier this year. "He was doing this job last year at the age of 90. Thank you Merv for your service to the community," said Wendy.

A collection was taken



The ANZAC parade marching in Okato.



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One hundred years ago the Eltham RSA was formed. This was revealed by South Taranaki District deputy mayor Phil Nixon when he spoke at the Eltham civic ÁNZAC ceremony last week. Back in 1919 there had been a meeting called to set up the Returned Services in South Association Taranaki, but Eltham, being "a town of firsts" decided to jump the gun and set up their own Association instead.

Since then, the Eltham RSA have continued to do things their own way, with two services being held every ANZAC Day. After the civic ceremony held by the Memorial Gates at Eltham School, the RSA hold their own service at the Eltham Services Cemetery on Anderson Road. Every ANZAC Day the RSĂ Women's Section make sure flowers are placed at each of the headstones of those veterans buried at the cemetery.

It is here, nestled among the greenery, with the words ANZAC emblazoned on the grass, and crosses representing those servicemen from Eltham who never came back, that the RSA hold their own ceremony, every bit as well attended as the town ceremony which precedes it. This year, the service began with an opportunity for anybody with family buried at the cemetery to place crosses by the headstones of

their loved ones. "This is entirely the RSA's event, independent of the civic service," says Eltham RSA president Llew Eynon."Most people who come have got somebody buried here. I'm amazed at how the crowd has grown every year. It's a lovely feeling here. People want to try to experience the emotional side of it, so we try to make it as informal as possible. We will probably leave the crosses and flowers here for a week or so, so people can enjoy the feeling of commemoration."

Eltham RSA padre Lindsay Maindonald told the gathering that he had done a quick count, and he had estimated 250-300 people to be present. He said that every time he came to the cemetery he carried the Bible which his grandfather had been presented with in 1913 and which he took with him into battle during the First World War. The Bible still has the mark from where it took the impact of enemy shrapnel which otherwise should have killed him.

Cr Nixon said the Services Cemetery reminded him of war cemeteries he had visited on a trip to Europe.

"My grandfather was awarded the Military Medal at the Battle of Bapaume and it was wonderful to walk on some of that ground that meant so much to our family," he said.

The day had started at the Eltham Fire station where the RSA led by the Stratford Pipe Band, and under the watchful eye of parade marshal and Malaya veteran Gavin Bennett made their way to the Memorial Gates.

Maureen Drylie from the Eltham Historical Society spoke about some of the men from Eltham who served in the world wars,



Hundreds came to the RSA service at the Eltham Services cemetery. *Photo Wiratsari Limbangjaya*.

like the brothers Alfred and Gerald Gower who went away to the First World War and came back, and of Cyril Carncross, son of Legislative Council speaker Sir Walter Carncross who did not.

South Taranaki District councillors Gordon Lawson and Steffy McKay read the messages from the governorgeneral and prime minister. Cr Nixon spoke about the challenges which faced those returning from the First World War.

"The war was over, but for a lot of them, the battle had just begun. I often think about what things must have gone through their minds," he said.

Many of those from places like Eltham would have come from farms and worked with barbed wire, which could well have brought back memories of battlefield horrors. Similarly the sound of a plane could also have evoked memories they would rather have left behind.

"It isn't any wonder they didn't want to talk about or share what they went through," he said.

After the civic ceremony it was on to the Services Cemetery service and back to the fire station for refreshments.

With the Eltham RSA having made its centenary, Llew Eynon is looking towards the future.

"We're committed to keep going for as long as we can," he said. "Maybe another hundred years."





Eltham RSA president Llew Eynon speaks at the Services Cemetery service. From left. Padre Lindsay Maindonald, deputy mayor Phil Nixon and parade marshal Gavin Bennett.



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how you are going to do it, and not just hope you are going to get there one day. For us, that meant me working on our farming business." After that, they got a 50-50 sharemilking job in Northland, milking 300 cows on "rolling, steep country."It was the year of the \$3.90kgMS payout, so cows were going cheap and the farm was not expensive to run. In 2016 they won the Northland Sharefarmer of the Year Award. Next year, the farm was on the market, so they had to move again, this time to Taranaki. It was an area Trish had only been to once before for three days, when it had rained every

day. Trish

Awards.

PKW's

said philosophy of kaitiakitanga or guardianship of the land appealed to her own values. Having lived in Greymouth, she also appreciated living with the sea to one side and the mountains to the other. Since moving to Taranaki, Trish has been elected to the national executive of the New Zealand Dairy Industry

She is a DairyNZ Dairy

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Trish is Dairy Woman of the Year



2019 Dairy Woman of the Year Trish Rankin.

Trish Rankin can now add the title Dairy Woman of the Year to her many other achievements.

She beat off three other finalists to claim the title at the Allflex Dairy Women's Network Conference in Christchurch. Previous holders of the title have included Taranaki-King Country MP Barbara Kuriger and Federated Farmers president Katie Milne.

She and husband Glen sharemilk 435 cows for PKW on a 143ha farm near Auroa. She also teaches part-time at Opunake Primary School. She says she had gone into the final thinking that making the Dairywoman finals was a sufficient achievement in itself.

"I truly did not expect to win. I only took carryon baggage with me to Christchurch, and then I had to fit this great big trophy, as well as a bottle of

champagne into it.' Since then life has been full on for Trish, on one occasion having to duck out of a classroom to do a radio interview.

It all seems a long way from growing up as the daughter of a police officer in Christchurch and Greymouth. After University and Teachers College, she was back teaching in Greymouth, where she met husband Glen who decided he wanted to go farming.

In 2005 they moved to the North Island and milking 1100 cows in Greytown.

Trish continued teaching and was deputy principal at Martinborough School.

They entered the Hawkes Bay-Wairarapa Dairy Industry Awards three times, finishing in the top of six on their first attempt followed by two third placings. She recalls one time, when they were expecting their fourth child at around the time of the Awards, being told by the judges that to achieve their dream of farm ownership they would have to have a plan to achieve this goal. At this point Trish decided to commit herself fulltime to the farm.

"The judges said you guys are working real hard, but you're not going to achieve your goal of farm ownership unless you make a plan on



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A family stroll across the farm.

Trish is Dairy Woman of the Year



Continued from page 15 Environment Leader (DEL), and is chair of the Taranaki DEL group, as well as being a DairyNZ Climate Change ambassador. These are a group of 15 farmers around the country working with farmers on understanding change climate and providing a farmer voice.

"I want the community to feel good, and I want New Zealand to feel good about farming," she says.

She is also a contractor to DairyNZ as a Dairy Women's Network module developer, and a NAIT technical user advisor.

She and Glen have four sons, three go to Auroa

School, and one goes to Opunake High School. In addition to her other interests Trish is also actively involved with the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club.

They are looking towards buying their own farm in the next few years and would like it to be in the Opunake area.

"We've moved around a lot, but now we don't want to leave. We've absolutely fallen in love with the Opunake area. Opunake is just the most awesome town, whether it's the shops, the cafes or the awesome movie theatre."

As well as struggling with getting the trophy and bottle of champagne home, she also has to work out what to do with the scholarship prize of up to \$20,000 to undertake a professional development programme. One area of interest she has been working on with the Kellogg Leadership Programme has been developing a circular model for dealing with rubbish and waste in the dairy industry, so that no rubbish leaves the farm. Alternatives like edible silage wrap are among things she sees as worth developing.

"There is a really big push all around the world to move towards a circular economy, but there are very few people who have done any work on agriculture yet."



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April showers are heavy this year

Rainfall for April was above normal by between 104% and 234% for all sites throughout the Taranaki according region, to Taranaki regional Council (TRC) figures, with the average for the month being 160%. Brooklands Zoo recorded a new maximum April rainfall on record with 290.4 mm, the previous maximum was 234.5 mm recorded in 2014. Brooklands Zoo (234%), Motunui (230%), Duffys Farm (227%) and TRC (214%) all recorded more

Colin Dent

Andrew Gibson

than double their monthly rainfall, largely due to rainfall events at the start of the month and over Easter. The rainfall over these time periods equated to more than half of the monthly rainfall.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 75% and 145% of normal, with an average of 97%. North Egmont has recorded just 75% of normal so far with 1309.5 mm. Duffys Farm on the other hand has recorded 145% of normal with 428.5 mm.

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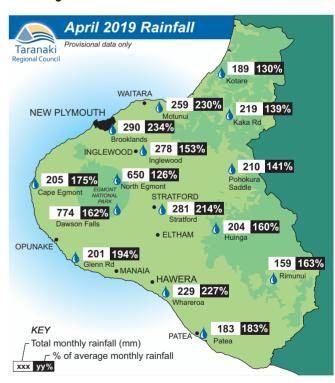
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The challenge of winter movements and m.bovis

The Mycoplasma bovis (M. bovis) Programme is increasing activity in the lead up to autumn and winter stock movements to limit the risk of disease spread, and to give farmers as much certainty as possible heading into this busy period in the farming calendar.

This means the programme will see a surge in the number of properties contacted about the movement of risk animals, and a higher number of properties than usual will be placed under movement restrictions, says programme director Geoff Gwyn.

"This is happening in a short period because of increased surveillance late last year, which has resulted in a peak in the number of high-risk properties that we have identified, and the desire to get ahead of the curve before autumn and winter stock movements get into full swing.

"We will contact about 300



Geoff Gwynn

farmers as a priority over the next few weeks who have had high-risk animals move onto their property. We would expect 250 of those to have Notice of Direction movement controls placed on them immediately and, following testing, that 10 per cent to 12 per cent may become Confirmed Properties."

Mr Gwyn said around twothirds of the properties were beef farms and the remainder dairy.

"There is also around 800 other properties that will be contacted about very lowrisk animal movements, as we continue to work to ring fence the spread of M. bovis.

"This is a very different category of farm. These properties have had low-risk events, like having sent an animal to a property that has become infected, but we do need to check. We expect less than 0.4 per cent of these properties to become Confirmed Properties.

"It is important to note the surge does not represent increased spread of the disease and does not change our confidence that we will achieve eradication.

"To achieve eradication it is vital that we prevent the movement of high-risk animals before Moving Day and winter grazing movements. Doing this as soon as possible before Moving Day will mean less disruption to the farmers involved.

"We know hearing that your farm is at risk is distressing for any farmer, we will ensure they are well supported through the process.'

Mr Gwyn said the Ministry for Primary Industries(MPI) believed there were another 12 months of intensive surveillance, movement controls, and depopulation before the bulk of the eradication effort was completed.

"We are now entering a period where we will have to look at a greater number of farms to find a diminishing number of Confirmed Properties.

"We've had a number of farmer meetings where some farmers have said they have had movements onto their farm they were concerned about, but that they haven't been contacted by the M. bovis Programme.

"We would anticipate those farmers fit into the very low-risk category and will be picked up through this process."

Autumn movement advice MPI and its industry partners DairyNZ and Beef + Lamb New Zealand are beginning a programme of advice to farmers on how best to manage the risk of M. bovis risk during the winter period, in particular with regard to increased animal movements starting with Moving Day on June 1.

mitted to a better envir

DairyNZ says the Environment Aotearoa 2019 report gives honest insight into New Zealand's environment and where the opportunities lie for the dairy sector, particularly for

water quality, biodiversity and climate change.

Strategic leader for environmental DairyNZ's portfolio, Dr David Burger, said while the report shows

the dairy sector has work to do, there is no doubt farmers are working hard to look after the environment with significant work _ already undertaken over the last 10 years to improve

environmental practices across New Zealand.

"The Environment Aotearoa report helps us understand the changes over time. There are some areas where more work needs to

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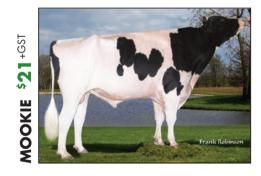
happen or where current initiatives will take time to deliver results," said Dr Burger.

"There is also an opportunity for the dairy sector, government and

conservation groups to work more closely together to support farmers in making changes and understanding the effects downstream. For

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The Sustainability Chronicles Part Two: An Animal Centred Approach

Last month I touched on how sustainable farming practices are becoming a priority in modern farming. The big question was how do we develop these practices? Why don't we ask the cows?

The Animal Centred Approach essentially takes the most important aspect of farming, the animal, and brings its needs to the forefront of decision making. The aim of the game is to make the animal's body more efficient in how it functions, be that growth for meat, milk production or reproduction.

Efficiency, defined as



"achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort or expense" is critical to sustainability. The expense of poor animal management is stress caused to both the animal and environment. It makes sense that by minimising waste we create an ideal platform for future generations to capitalise on.

Let's begin by taking this a little closer to home. My immune system is terrible, an absolute shocker of a thing. Whichever cold is going around, I'm guaranteed to pick it up. So, in order to beat the bugs before they beat me, I manage my diet and measure my body's reaction to create the perfect balance of what my body needs to stay healthy, decrease stress and improve my performance within my day-to-day activities.

We need to have this mindset when it comes to our animals. Sure, they have food and water available, and generally have a much tougher immune system than sick ol' me but we are still struggling with increasing body efficiency and improving performance. As for most diseases, prevention is far better than a cure.

We are already great at taking measurements of our grass and soil but the difference in an Animal Centred Approach is how we look at this data. In much in the same way I check my

body's reaction to my diet, we have to read the data with animal efficiency in mind, putting the cow first in the decision-making process.

So, let's ask the cows... Old girl Bessie has some pretty good insights into what makes her tick if you ask her the right questions. Granted, she's not exactly speaking human talk, but this is why we measure.

By testing the diet and measuring out the mineral levels required to ensure sufficiency (not just avoiding a deficiency) we will support efficiency within our animals. While this can get technical it is also Will rural midwives

where creating sustainable practices begin. Quite simply, find out what is the animal not getting from their diet and what they need to be fully supported.

Maintaining this delicate balance creates a sustainable platform for us to grow our operation around. Taking the efficiency of the animal into consideration first and foremost prevents wastage and ultimately minimises the carbon footprint the animal is making. By changing our mindset we take the first step towards running a sustainable farm.

Nina Poletti

Dairy committed to a better environment

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example, in Southland's Aparima Catchment we are working closely with all land users to collectively improve the estuary.

"Dairy has a clear vision - we all need to improve our environment and that's why we're actively in the community, talking about the role we all play. We have been on a journey for many years to look after the environment, and we will continue that good work. Cow numbers have now stabilised so our focus is managing our farm systems more sustainably.

"We farm in areas of immense cultural value, as well as where people come to connect and play. Our farmers take their responsibilities seriously and are working toward leaving the environment in a better state. We know this will take time but we are committed

to this kaitiaki.' The Dairy

Tomorrow sector strategy launched in 2017 includes a strong commitment by dairy to protect and nurture the environment for future generations. including leading efforts to improve river and stream health, and enhance biodiversity.

"As part of the strategy we are developing a 50-year vision for sustainable dairy land use in New Zealand," said Dr Burger.

"Dairy farmers, individually and as a coordinated sector, strive every day to protect the environment. Many dairy working farmers are hard incredibly on their farms and in their communities to turn around the effects of many years ago, as science and research has begun providing greater understanding of our environment. "Water quality is a big

one for us but we all have to acknowledge it is a really complex issue, as also highlighted by the report.

In any New Zealand waterway, there are contaminants from multiple sources and each catchment is different - neighbouring land use, soil and land type, the key issues and the how each waterway functions are all part of finding the right solution."

DairyNZ is working with catchments nationwide where farmers are making changes to improve local waterways.

"In some cases, farms can make small adjustments to their system, such as planting waterways or adjusting fertiliser and effluent applications. On other farms, investments include new effluent systems or utilising new knowledge around crops which absorb excess nitrogen or produce less nitrate from cows, and therefore reduce runoff and leaching into waterways.

"Improving environmental impacts caused through land changes over the last 150 years isn't a quick fix and solutions aren't a one-sizefits-all approach. Identifying the right way to meet community expectations takes time to research the contributing factors and find the right solution."

Dr Burger said the Environment Aotearoa 2019 report is an opportunity for everyone to think how to better the environment.

"We have thousands of passionate dairy farmers and a sector which is committed to continuing to reduce its impacts and be sustainable milk producers. We all have a part to play - urban, rural, north and south, and the dairy sector is no different. We care about the environment, our waterways and climate change just as much as anyone else.³

miss out? Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) say they are pleased to read that an Accord has been reached between the midwives' unions, DHBs and Ministry of Health to address longstanding workforce issues.

The recent Midwifery Workforce Accord will ensure that strategies are developed to retain and grow the existing midwifery workforce and that action is taken on issues of safe staffing and workloads.

"RWNZ has consistently promoted improved resourcing for midwives, particularly in rural areas," savs RWNZ Spokesperson Health Portfolio, on Margaret Pittaway.

"As the New Zealand birth rate increases, the number of midwives and full-time equivalents has been steadily shrinking since 2010.

"Rural communities are heavily impacted by this workforce shortage because core midwives and LMCs provide the majority of services to rural mothers and babies.

"Yet, rural midwives are burdened with excessive workloads, limited access to maternity centres and high travel times and costs.

"RWNZ hopes that the details of this Accord will ensure that all parties involved work together to develop specific strategies to support midwives working in rural areas- it is vital to the health of our rural communities that the Midwifery Workforce Accord is 'rural proofed'," says Ms Pittaway.

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Batman takes his message to the street.



James arrives at the Opunake Events centre to deliver his message to the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust.

May 1 is World Batman Day. On that day, back in 1939, the Caped Crusader made his first appearance in Detective Comics.

Eighty years later, on May 1 2019, James (Batman) Langton walked along Opunake's Tasman Street to protest his non inclusion on the Honours Board at Sandfords Event Centre. Accompanying him were four year-old daughter Annelise and one year-old son Arthur. As reported in the Opunake

and Coastal News (April 25),

the Opunake dairy farmer Recreation Trust had been and professional boxer, who is the current New Zealand Pro Boxing heavyweight champion had said he would not go ahead with a protest the likes of Peter Snell, Don march he had been planning. At the time, the committee the Barrett Brothers among of the Opunake Sport and

due to meet and he had hoped they would consider his case to be included on the board which includes Clarke, Graham Mourie and others.



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belong on the Honours Board." James will defend his against Nikolas title Charalampous in New Plymouth on May 25. He has said that if he loses this fight and the title he would also give up his fight to be on the Honours Board. If he wins his bout, he will look at legal action to get his name

James said since then

he had contacted a few

committee members who

told him nothing had been

decided about his inclusion

on the Honours Board, so he

had decided to go ahead with

"It only takes a couple of

people to make a statement,"

he said. "I will continue to

march every Wednesday

until the committee meets

me in front of the Opunake

Event Centre, until they can

eyeball me and tell me why

the heavyweight champion

of New Zealand doesn't

on the board.

the march anyway.

Meanwhile James has been off to Wellington every weekend to get some high end sparring for his upcoming title fight.

"I am fully confident I will win this fight," he said. "I believe my fitness will be far superior to his, and I will be after a knockout in round eight."

Beginning at the Opunake Library he walked along Tasman Street to the Event Centre.

"What a surprise they're not here," he said, as he turned into the Opunake Event Centre driveway.

He presented a letter stating his case at the Centre's reception counter. Earlier that morning he had placed a banner emblazoned with the words James Batman Langton for Honours Board on the Centre's Tasman Street frontage, with a vivid pen for anybody wishing to place messages of support.

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Logan Crowley scores the opening try for the Farm Source Prem's. Unfortunately the rest of the game did not go well as Tukapa ran out winners 35 - 10.

losses in a row for Premiers

It has been a tough two weeks for the Coastal Farmsource Premiers. On Saturday April 27, Coastal hosted Tukapa at Rahotu. After a promising start Coastal was put under pressure by a fired-up Tukapa side. Three first half tries by the visitors had them leading at the break by 21-5. The second half wasn't much better for Coastal.

Tukapa took their chances and scored two more tries to Coastal's one try to take the game 35-10.

Coastal scorers were Logan Crowley and Dylan Schuler, with a try each. Congratulations to Dylan Schuler who played his 50th game for Coastal. MVP was Troy Stevenson.

Coastal was on the road to Inglewood on Saturday May

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4. A strong start had Coastal leading at the break by 20 -10. A momentum shift in the second half saw Inglewood score four unanswered tries and take the lead by 38 - 27 with 20 minutes to play. Coastal fought hard to pull the game back, but were unable to take the win. The final score was Coastal 41 -Inglewood 45.

Try scorers were Josh

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Thomson (2).Troy Stevenson, Chris Gawler, Jeremy Newell, Penalty try. Rick McKenna kicked three conversions and one penalty. MVP was Andrew Trolove.

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Two wins for Div 1



Trent Van der Poel bisects the defence as the FBT Div 1 get over Tukapa 13 - 0.

In Week 5 Coastal FBT hosted Tukapa at home. It was a tough battle between both teams with a number of turnovers and opportunities. With great defence from both sides , we ended the first half 0-01. Coastal FBT knew that Tukapa weren't going to let them have any advantages in the second half. Once again they continued to battle to the bitter end. Scott Anderson put a penalty through the sticks just to give the lads the courage they needed

to put an end to this match. Jarod Davey came away with two late tries, ending our game with a 13-0 win at the final whistle. Stand out players were Cody Rothwell and David White.

In Week 6, on May 4, Inglewood hosted Coastal FBT Div 1 on their home turf. What a start we had. Daniel Rae scoring the first try in under 30 seconds made an exciting start for the players and crowd. Coastal with their heads high reset and started again. Knowing

we couldn't go one on one with Inglewood's massive forward pack, Coastal had to reassess and play to their talents. Inglewood didn't give up and managed to get their own points on the board, ending the first half with a 12-12l draw. Inglewood managed to gain the lead and Coastal FBT were left to chase. With a few strong changes off the bench Coastal were able to get another three tries in the second half, along with the conversions and winning

34-22 over Inglewood. Man of the match with his triple threat day was Hamish Kape.

Congratulations goes out to Trent Brophy getting his first Division 1 game under his belt and Tane Jones for also getting his time with the Div 1 side, stepping up from the colts to get their first of many games for our Div 1 team.

Next week we will travel to Stratford, kick off starting at 1pm.





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Looking good in the Coastal colours Carl Hayman helped the Goodin Ag Div 2 to a 46 - 12 victory over traditional foes Tukapa.

Women heading for top of the table clash

The start of the second round of the women's competition had Coastal playing away to Southern in Hawera. It was a tough fought game against a much improved Southern team who came out fighting. The forwards were evenly matched but Coastal kept giving away easy penalties which allowed the Southern team to relieve pressure. It got to the point where the ref had enough and gave Jess Lampe a yellow card for a

high tackle which fortunately Southern could not capitalise on. The difference in the two teams was Coastal's superior backline which had too much speed and footwork. Tries were scored to Casio Austin, Utu Antonio and two to Iritana Hohaia. The final score was 22-10 to Coastal. Friday May 3 saw Coastal travel down to Okaiawa where they had a comfortable win with Jess Lampe redeeming herself from her yellow card the

previous week to get player of the day. All three of the Okaiawa games were scheduled to be played in Rahotu but Coastal wanted to experience one of Oki's well known hangis and changed the game. The hangi did not disappoint.

The team would just like to say a big shout out to their management team particular Victoria in McCullough. She is usually a player but is unable to play at the moment. She pitches

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in where she can; helping at trainings, keeping the score and making sure she gets the girls to the game on time. She's been keeping up her fitness by running the waters for the girls and is hanging out to get back on the field.

This Friday May 10 is the top of the table clash between Clifton and Coastal (currently second). The game is in Tikorangi at 7 pm so come along and support the girls.





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Arna Bright selected for national basketball team



Arna Bright (13) of Rahotu, who has recently been selected for the New Zealand Under 14 Basketball team.

Arna Bright of Rahotu has just been selected for the New Zealand Under 14 basketball team. The 13-year-old received the great news just last Tuesday April 30. "It was awesome," she said. Arna sometimes plays in the shooting guard position, but is so versatile she can do justice to a variety of positions.

Arna attended a selection-

Rotorua, which ran from April 14 to 17. She won her place while competing against about 80 other girls. Arna is currently a student at Opunake High School, but earlier attended Rahotu Primary School.

Next month Arna will head to Melbourne, Australia to attend a tournament from June 6 to11. She will be with

orientated training camp in her mother Tracey and father Paul. "It's pretty amazing," she comments.

> Arna is grateful for the coaching of Brenton Hughes and Joe Reddish. "They've helped me a lot with all my skills," she explains. Arna is also grateful to Tracey and Paul, who have driven Arna to Normanby four or five times a week for her coaching input.



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It's been a successful sporting year for Arna, as she was also chosen for the Under 15 Taranaki Basketball team earlier this year. However, she's had to make a few sacrifices; she has also been selected for Taranaki teams in both

soccer and netball, but has had to put these to one side so she can concentrate on basketball – at least for the present.

What is Arna's ultimate ambition with respect to basketball? "I'd like to get a Sporting Scholarship to the

Two other young Coastal basketballers were also selected for national teams, one from Opunake and one from Manaia. We hope to have stories on them for our next (May 23) issue.

United States," she replies.

Paralympian coaches dairy farmers

Former Paralympic blade runner Liam Malone hopes to inspire dairy farmers to stay strong and continue rising above the challenges facing the sector when he speaks at the South Island Dairy Event (SIDE) next month.

The two-day event run by farmers for farmers, with support from DairyNZ, is being held at the ILT Stadium in Invercargill on the 25th and 26th of June. The theme for this year's event is "Creating Our Tomorrow".

Malone is among a lineup of diverse speakers, including All Blacks mental skills coach Gilbert Enoka, set to share their experiences and advice with farmers to support them in their commitment to take dairy to the next level.

double-amputee, The who was born with fibular hemimelia, is no stranger to overcoming adversity.

As a teenager, he suffered anxiety and depression and admits he made some bad choices, but his turning point was the death of his mother. Malone decided to take control of his life, and just three years later won two to be prepared to stay the gold medals at the 2016 Rio distance. Paralympics.

face them," he says.

"While the dairy sector expectations



Bowling Club has won the Thwaites Memorial Jim Trophy.

John Whelan, Kelvin Putt cattle breeder and director of and Rob Clark won all four of their games to win the trophy which was competed for at Pihama last month.

The trophy is open to any teams in Taranaki wanting to enter. This year 16 teams took part, from New Plymouth, Hawera, Inglewood and Manaia. Each team plays four games of 10 ends or an hour and a half. As the only team to win all four of their games, Manaia was declared the winner.



Liam Malone

has done a good job facing its challenges over the last decade, there continue to be more and understandably this has taken a toll on some farmers. I hope to provide them with tools to help them be more resilient."

Malone likened the journey dairy farmers are on to that of a marathon, not a sprint. He says while the changes are coming fast, they are constant, and farmers need

"I'm sure at times farmers "I realised you can't outrun feel as though they're in a your problems, you need to race to meet all these new regulations and consumer coming

The trophy had been donated by the family of Oeo farmer Jim Thwaites who died in 2007. As well The team of Hector Bell, as being a prominent Jersey the Kiwi Dairy Co-operative he had also been a loyal member of the Otakeho Bowling Club.

The Otakeho Bowling Club, which no longer exists had been a member of the Western Division Bowling Association, so the trophy is competed for every year at Pihama.

Manaia has already won the trophy a number of times, including the first time it was competed for.

them thick and fast and that the finish line seems a long way off. While I've never worked in the dairy sector, I can relate to what they're going through. But they've put in the training and they're off the starting blocks and that's half the battle."

SIDE event chairman Simon Topham says the first day of the event will focus on "Celebrating Today", while the second day will look at "Investing in Tomorrow".

"This year's SIDE is all about celebrating farmers' sheer grit and drive to constantly do better by their people, cows and environment. The sector has come a long way in a relatively short timeframe and farmers have a lot to be proud of. SIDE is an opportunity for farmers to get together, celebrate their wins and discuss the future of dairy," he says.

Manaia Golf results

End of month tournament. 1. Caleb Symes 41. 2. Trevor Larsen 41. 3. Barry Dovovon 39. 4. Wayne Baker 38. 5. Greg Elliott 38. 6. John Oliver 36.

Saturday April 27. 1. Gareth Bartley. 2. Craig Jones. 3. Bruce Duffus 4. Nathan Ngere. 5. Paul Hunn. 6. Phil Elliott.

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Lock in the date! Saturday 18th May 2pm Taranaki Thunder take on the Harbour Breeze at the TSB Stadium New Plymouth.A flat ticket rate of \$5 per person. Affordable family fun!

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Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

On Monday April 22, the only 100 score went to Garry Rowlands with his 100.7. He also scored a 98.4/95.2 on a double. Two 'almosts' were scored by Clare Bramley with 99.4/99.5.

Bob Bramley and Alan Drake fought for the B-grade top spot with Bob shooting 97.4/98.5, while Alan scored 97.2, 98.5/95.3. In a night where 94 seemed to be the favourite score three shooters all scored variations on it. Don Litchfield 94.3, 94.2; Murray Chinery 94.2, 96.5; Craig McGill 94.2, 94.2, 96.3/92.3.

New shooter Alex Sadovnikova continues to score well above her grade

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95.2/96.4, 95.2 while junior shooter Henry Armond scored a respectable 91.0 followed by a much better 95.4. Finally Matt Vaughan continues to show improvement scoring 79.1 and a personal best 80.0.

It was great seeing new faces at the club on Friday April 26. Bailey Feek came along and shot two very good group cards – a 97 and a 100. In shooting 100s are written in red ink. Bailey had the only red ink used in the book. Alan Drake came close to red ink shooting fantastic scores of 97.3/98.5, 99.4/96.5. Garry Rowlands 98.5, 98.6/99.6; Brian Hicks 97.2, 94.2; Paul Longstaff 96.2/95.2; Henry Armond 92.4, 92.2/92.4; Stephen

Hicks 84.1, 95.2; Murray Chinery 87.0, 93.2.

There's going to be quite the battle in D-grade this season with many of the new shooters improving week by week Alex Sadovnikova 94.4, 94.1/91.2, 91.2; Craig McGill 93.1, 95.1, 94.3/91.2; Bjorn Fowler 93.1/95.2, 92.3, 94.2/94.2. For the second night in a row Matt Vaughan produced a PB 72.0/83.1, 60.0/71.0. Well done everyone.

Meanwhile the results for the national outdoor postal competition have been posted. Several of our indoor members also shoot during the outdoor season. Congratulations to Garry Rowlands 3rd B-grade, Paul Tidswell 2nd Veterans,

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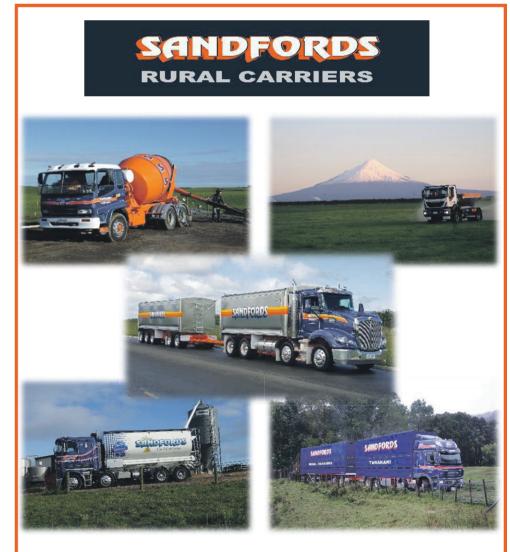
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Clare Bramley 1st C-grade and also to Bob Bramley, Paul Longstaff and Alex Sadovnikova. Well done everyone.

Clare Bramley



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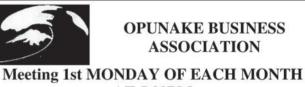
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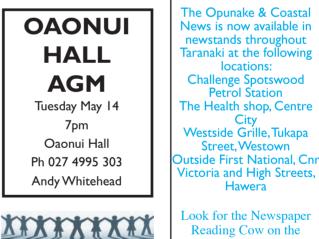
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MAY 6 TO MAY 31

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MAY 12

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MAY 13

Opunake Town Centre Plan: Drop in conversation 1pm to 3pm at Opunake Library plus from 1pm to 3pm. Workshop at Sandfords event Centre from 5pm to 7pm. Refer advert for details.

MAY 14

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MAY 19

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From left. Shaun Campbell, Shane Burgess, Michelle Glover. Charles Pittams(seated).

of "Les Misérables"

A musical powerhouse are combining their talents to give the "Annie" audience a show full of musical brilliance to remember. With a very talented cast of singers to work with, the super trio of Shaun Campbell, director, Charles Pittams, musical director and Shane Burgess, vocal coach have been busy pushing the leads and ensemble to new highs in their quest for musical excellence.

Shaun has directed for Hawera Repertory before in 2012 bringing us "Little Shop of Horrors" and was recently musical most director of "Beauty and the Beast" in 2017. On stage Shaun has played Fagin in "Oliver" in Hawera and he has performed in many New Plymouth Operatic shows, including three productions

Having both children and adults in the cast is something Shaun is enjoying whilst directing the show and on having two Annie's and two sets of orphans, he said this was to spread the load for the children but it also meant more children could be involved in top quality theatre.

When Shaun's busy theatre life allows him some time to work, he is HOD of music at Hawera High, funny that!

Charles is a musical icon in the Taranaki theatre community, he is also a life member of Hawera Repertory and a current committee member, this man loves theatre. Having been involved in theatre for over fifty years Charles has done and covered nearly

every role both on and off the stage. You may have seen Charles on stage in "Beauty and the Beast" in 2017 as Maurice, and some of his recent shows as musical director include "Oliver" and "The Wizard of Oz," both for Hawera Repertory. You may know Charles from his work at the aquatic centre but he is also a former music teacher, hmmm I see a trend here. "

Our third musical wizard Shane, had the idea to do "Annie" and convinced the committee, of which he is a member, to audition and produce the show. Shane started with Hawera Repertory in 1992 in "South Pacific" and has also performed in other New Zealand centres in various roles. By day Shane teaches Te Reo and music at Tawhiti

School and at night he runs his own vocal studio and enjoys helping students improve their confidence, vocal and performance techniques. I knew it, a music teacher as well.

Vibrant music yearns for vibrant movement and the choreographer for "Annie" is Michelle Glover. Michelle has performed on stage with Hawera Repertory many times with "My Fair Lady" been her first show. Michelle has also been chorographer before in" Nunsense" and "Wizard of Oz". As well as her day job, Michelle runs her own dance studio, yes, you guessed it Michelle is a dance teacher, at Michelle Glover Academy of Dance.

Teaching adults is quite different from her younger students, but Michelle says she enjoys the different approach that musical theatre requires, and the fact that in a show everyone is playing a part, and this means people will push themselves to do something they may not normally try.

The combined experience knowledge and enthusiasm these four creatives bring to "Annie" would rival many New Zealand productions and it will be the audiences who reap the benefit of the level of talent driving the cast and crew to deliver outstanding theatrical entertainment.

The cast and crew are doing the hard work and you, our loyal audience get the easy job, take yourself to ticketdirect online or the Hawera I-Site and purchase your tickets and come and enjoy "Annie." The show runs from Friday June 7 to Saturday June 15 in the Hawera Memorial Theatre and includes four matinee shows.

Ben Thomas

Life drawing opportunity in Opunake

An opportunity has arisen for prospective artists interested in learning more about life drawing. Well-known Taranaki artist Marianne Muggeridge is holding two tutorials in Opunake at Kete Aronui, Art Gallery, 86 Tasman Street, Opunake (next door to Turn Heads hairdressing salon).

The sessions will be held on Sunday May 26, as well as Sunday June 2. Both sessions will run from 2.30 pm until 4.30pm.

Marianne, is one of the foremost artists in New Zealand. Among her many accolades, she has twice won the highest portrait award in this nation, the Adam Portraiture Award. In 2000 she won with her painting 'Lucy in her green dress' (judged by Charles Samurez Smith, director of the National Portrait Gallery in London).

In 2002 she won again with her painting 'Meren and Josie' (judged by the director of the Australian Portrait Gallery, Andrew Sayer).

After the two tutorial sessions there will be a ten-week follow up every Tuesday night, at the same venue, from 7pm until 9pm. This will allow participants to practise come.

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what they have learnt and build upon it. Participants will need to bring their materials of choice, a sketch block, 4b 5b 6b pencils, graphite or charcoal.

Marianne is grateful for the financial support provided by the South Taranaki District Council's Art Grant, which has enabled this project to proceed. Beginners are





Step back in time with new exhibition at Puke Ariki

Twenty years ago, when Bob Murray discovered his grandad's photographs of New Plymouth streets taken in the 1930s, he decided to recreate them and see how the Taranaki city had changed.

Bob, who came across the old photos in a basement workshop, didn't know why Tony Thorne had taken more than 80 street views but was delighted to find a 'snapshot' of the city from 1939.

Bob's photos from 1999 offer a counterpoint to his grandad's work and now, NPDC's Puke Ariki gives visitors the chance to see the many changes in its new exhibition at the Lane Gallery, Point of View: Collecting Continued. Updated images taken by Bob this year will be added to the exhibition, which runs from March 15-September

"Everyone I have talked to about the project has genuine expressed а

interest in them and the story behind how I found them and recovered them, then went back to all the same 63 positions where my grandfather took those photos," explained Bob.

"It means a lot to me to have my grandfather Tony's extraordinary set of photographs of New Plymouth, as well as the photos I have taken, exhibited at the Puke Ariki Museum. I'm really excited that even more people can enjoy them."

The 1939 photos were taken on a glass plate camera (which was antiquated even in the late 30s) while Bob, a keen photographer, used a 35mm camera to recreate the images in 1999. His photos from this year will be taken on a digital camera and added to the exhibition in July.

"This fascinating exhibition gives people the chance to step back in time and see how our city has changed," says Puke Ariki acting director Colleen Mullins. "Running

alongside Whare Kahurangi: 100 Years of Collecting, it's pleasing to see our shared

history brought to life at NPDC's Puke Ariki with these two exhibitions."

Whare Kahurangi: 100 Years of Collecting will open on April 6 and runs

until 6 October at Puke Ariki's Temporary Exhibitions Gallery.



Look back to the future: The corner of Currie Street and Devon Street East/West and (bottom) Ariki Street/ Egmont Street from 1939 and 1999. Images on loan from Bob Murray private collection.

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Zealand's largest New technology and innovation event returns to Taranaki from Monday 20 - Sunday 26 May – with two events taking place in Opunake's iconic Everybody's Theatre and more than a dozen more around the mountain to showcase and celebrate technology.

Techweek is an annual, nationwide festival that showcases. engages, connects and inspires cool ideas and creative people, leading innovations, and cutting-edge technologies. This is the second time the event has come to Taranaki, curated and organised locally by Venture Taranaki. "Taranaki people are proudly innovative, and Techweek gives them a chance to see what's happening in the technology innovation space and and foster more of that legendary innovation," says Techweek's Taranaki organiser Natacha Dunn of Venture Taranaki.

presents a "Techweek opportunity perfect for people of all ages and backgrounds to think and dream bigger. There's something for everyone in the programme, from

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food-tech seminars to technology movies. а virtual reality showcase to programming workshops, and opportunities to engage with innovation platforms to a pedal-powered cinema," Natacha says.

Anyone with an interest in ideas, technology and innovation is encouraged to head along to these events, most of which are free to attend.

"It's a really good chance to meet people who are interesting doing and innovative things, and who could help you progress or launch ideas of your own. Our region has a lot to gain from great ideas, and this event is designed to help foster yours."

In addition to a packed programme of national events, events located in Taranaki include:

Two All You Can Eat events in New Plymouth and Hawera, bringing together leading thinkers and experts for a future-focused look at how technology is changing our agri-food sector.

A series of classic technology films - Techflix are screening at the Len Lye Centre in New Plymouth and Everybody's

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10am - 2pm

Theatre in Opunake.

On a similar theme, Hawera is hosting Pedal Powered Pictures where those watching a film are responsible for generating the power to screen it.

The local launch of global entrepreneur network Start Up Grind with GirlBoss NZ founder Alexia Hilbertidou.

A stunningly immersive virtual reality experience at Puke Ariki (sold out) and a Tech Talk discussion on where VR could take us in the future.

A close-up look at how technology is changing tourism, with Ideasummit 2018 winners Yonder.

Also on the tourism theme TourismTech19 presents a start-up style competition event that could launch new businesses in this sector.

A chance for kids to learn visual programming with local tech company Automio. Discover process

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behind turning an idea into a physical product with Inglewood-based studio Indemic.

Those with an idea that could change our community can head to Jump Start from

Taranaki, a workshop to turn digital transformation opportunities into action. Techweek New is

20-26

individuals and companies from all across the country on a diverse range of topics Zealand's annual festival all focusing on this year's of innovation. It's running theme: innovation that's good for the world. and

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Techweek is coming to Opunake (and the rest of Taranaki)

May

Techweek – the week long festival of technology and innovation – is coming to town from 20-26 May.

There are dozens of events to inspire you, including the All You Can Eat agri-tech event in Hawera on 23 May, and Techflix by the Sea, at Everybody's Theatre on Saturday 25 May.

Discover the full programme at: bit.ly/techweektaranaki

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hostelenquiries@npghs.school.nz New Plymouth Girls' High School 06 757 3840 Scotlands Hostel New Plymouth Girls' High School Enrolment Day - Friday 24th May Interviews available 9am – 4pm

Fleeced! Opunake Players latest production.

Opunake playwright, and farmers set in a farm supply sometimes farmer, Lynelle store using 1980s music. Kuriger had a problem. What to write about. She had already written a musical about Opunake Lakeside Playhouse

(Farm Supplies and Other Lies had its world premiere at

Ate Forty One on Tukapa

Mondays. Community Fundraising Quiz Night (You can book a night for your sporting or community group, you get the people here). We supply \$100.00 worth of vouchers for the winning teams, we will also give you vouchers for 10%of what your group spend over the bar (food and drinks). We like to have at least 60 people in for the quiz, and the group charge per person for a chair and they get to keep the proceeds of this.

Tuesdays. Quiz Night - All Welcome

Wednesdays. Burger Night - \$10.00. Includes a beef burger, chips and your choice of a Tui, Export, Cider, house wine or non-alcoholic Drink.

Thursdays. Handle Club. Steak and a Brew for \$25.00 Fridays. Friday Draw - Tickets for the draw are from 4-6pm. Be into win drinks and/or vouchers.

Local Lenses STRATFORD CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITION

6тh May то 31sт May

Opening Event 11th May at 12.00 noon. All welcome

Photoshop Workshop with Sue Morton, Saturday 18th May.

Contact Sue Morton to register or for more information.

Email: huinga@gmail.com or Phone/text 027 873 2335

THE VILLAGE GALLERY | 166 HIGH STREET, ELTHAM

Open Monday - Saturday 10am - 3pm

Henry by Sue Morton South Taranaki District Screativenz in 2012.) How about a musical about cows using 1960s doo wop music? Done that as well! (Jersey Girls: Farmed and Dangerous! Its world premiere was in Taumarunui 2014. It has since been performed in various theatres throughout New Zealand including Opunake.) To others the answer was obvious, but less so to Lynelle.

Lynelle was living in Taumarunui at the time, a predominately sheep farming area. After the success of Jersey Girls, the sheep farmers wanted her to write about them, or their animals at least. Something in which they could laugh at themselves.

She wasn't keen at first. Jersey Girls had been easy. Being a dairy farmer Lynelle knew the calendar of the dairy year and the characters in amongst a typical dairy herd. Besides, what sort of music would go with sheep?

ewes on the neighbouring farm look like total idiots, and those long faced Suffolk rams, who the heck do they think they are? It looks as if they're all wearing massive afros... of course. Disco. And so, Fleeced was born.

Those full wool Romney

Lynelle has let her imagination run wild on Fleeced. It features disco dancing Romney ewes, a very odd wether, straightlaced, stuck up Suffolk Rams and a couple of mean dogs. All played by a cast of talented Opunake locals. It's your typical boy meets girl, boy meets boy, girl meets father, father narrowly avoids becoming meat story. You'll laugh your afros off while the music may even inspire you to get on up and get on down. What next for Lynelle?

Horses to 1990s grunge? Goats to 2010s electronic music? The answer - watch this space.

Fleeced! On stage June 8-23



John McCarty as Rameo the Ram, the ramantic lead in Opunake Players latest production "Fleeced". Rumour has it that John only has to act as a sheep, the rest comes naturally.

Local Lenses at Village Gallery

High Street, Eltham.

The Village Gallery's latest exhibition features the Stratford Camera Club's Local Lenses

The exhibition runs from May 6 to May 31 at 166

A photography event on Saturday May 11 will begin with a shared finger food Lunch at 12 noon, followed by a talk by guest speaker Brimblecombe Mark APSNZ (Whanganui) and a practical photography session. A

All welcome.

photography walkabout in Eltham will be held between 2.00-3.00 pm, with members on hand to help with camera settings and practical advice on composition of streetscapes and architectural details, etc.

Photoshop Workshops -There will be two photoshop workshops held at the Gallery on Saturday May 18, with Sue Morton as tutor. All interested people are welcome.

Session 1: 10.00 am to 12 noon. Session 2: 1.00 to 3.00 pm

Participants will need to bring their own laptop computer, with Photoshop program installed. Fee: \$5. It is essential to register for either or both Workshops as there will be a maximum of 10 participants per session.

Members will be on hand periodically to help anyone with queries about their cameras or taking photos/ post processing or just sharing ideas. The exhibition contains images from their members including prints and digital. The exhibition is a way of advertising the club and maybe gain a few new members who may not have been aware we existed. Also to share our knowledge with any interested parties.

Sue Morton





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Thursday, May 9, 2019

Ladykillers is killingly hilarious enough to arise from bed

TET Cue Theatre's latest show 'The Ladykillers', by Graham Linehan, is too good to miss. The Inglewood production, ably directed by Joan Ertel, runs from April 27 to Friday May 10, so there is still time to get tickets.

The idea for the play had its genesis in an intriguing fashion. Screenwriter William Rose had an interesting dream whereby several criminals, who are planning a heist, hold up in an elderly lady's home, while pretending to be a musical ensemble. William awoke

recounted his dream to his wife Tania who was inspired

(as dreams tend to!). When William awoke he listened amazed as Tania read what she had written about his dream (which he had, by now, mostly forgotten). and Graham Linehan adapted the screen play for the theatre in 2011.

and type it up before it

disappeared from memory

As Act 1 got under way the outstanding set was apparent, a richly furnished 1950s house interior. Houseowner Mrs Wilberforce (played convincingly by Gloria Webby) has a room to rent, and a prospective lodger Professor Marcus (played superbly by John Butler) thinks it is just the ticket for his dubious 'musical' plans.

All the actors give an excellent account of themselves and are wellsuited to their roles. The characters include Major Courtney (played by Peter Whittaker), Louis Harvey (played by Tyler McGlone), Harry Robinson (played by Bryan Vickery) and Mrs Tromleyton (played by Michelle Chainey) -"one of the group of loose ladies", One-Round (played by Kevin Koch), Constable MacDonald (played by Peter Haines), as well as the feathered General Gordon



The cast of 'The Ladykillers'. whom we never actually see,

but certainly hear. We don't want to give too much away, for those yet to see this excellent show, but events and the various machinations wend their comically inevitable way to a startling conclusion.

Perhaps the smoothly (oily) Professor Marcus, with his manipulative hold on Mrs Wilberforce, suggests that John Butler takes honours as outstanding actor, coupled with Tyler McGlone's rather dangerously evil Louis Harvey. All in all a great show,

with the acting very well supported by the many contributors behind the

scene, including the amazing sound, lighting and music aspects. The 'team' should be very proud of their collaboration. Remember, Friday May 10 is your last chance to see this great show.

Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free

ID required for all R movies

THE HEART DANCES -

Documentary | 1hr 38mins | PG

An iconic film is re-imagined by celebrated Czech dancers Jirí and Otto Bubenicek for the Royal New Zealand Ballet, setting the

stage for a voyage into uncharted territory for everyone involved

Wed 22nd May 7pmlWed 29th May 1pm

Action, Sci-Fil 2hr 16mins M: Violence

A computer hacker learns from mysterious

and his role in the war against its controllers Sat 25th May 7pm

Offensive language & Drug references

The story of lyrical genius, Martin Phillipps and his band, The Chills, is a cautionary

statement about the meaning of music in

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Shazam 7pm

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Documentary | 1hrs 35mins | M

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Sat 18th May 7pmlFri 24th May 7pmlWed 29th May 7pm

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The Chills 7pm 25 TechWeek

Inside Out 1pm

Matrix 7pm

THE CHILLS

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Biography, Drama, Musical | 1hrs

A bittersweet love story told with beautiful

re-imaginings of iconic New Zealand songs.

Sat 11th May 7pmlWed 15th May 1pm

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Senior Citizens \$8.

Rolland McKellar



Would you believe it.....

Stephen Hodge was our members draw winner on Friday and struck the \$200 jackpot. Congratulations to Stephen and also to our five \$10 winners.

Remember to be at The Good Home on Friday 10th May at 6.30pm for the BBQ draw.

If you aren't a member yet, it is easy and free to sign up. Just ask a staff member.



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