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Opunake's night

It was definitely Opunake High School's night when the school picked up the top awards in the short story category at the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards last Friday night.

The finalists – all seven of them – came from Opunake High School; such an impressive and unusual result that a special tribute was paid to teacher Jenny Bennett who is Head of English at Opunake High School. She was asked to come onstage

to receive this year's special Ronald Hugh Morrieson award.

It was "An accolade to Opunake High School that all the finalists were from Opunake High School," and most especially to their English teacher Jenny Bennett, enthused the judge of the short story section Fleur Beale. "I'm so admiring of Opunake High School."

She remarked that for those interested in writing even to get a place that's Highly



Jenny Bennett (right) being presented with a special award by District Librarian Pamela Jones at the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards.

Commended means a lot. Her own writing career began when she won a short story competition, she said.

She then went on to announce the winners.

Winner of the Short Story Secondary School category – for the second year running – was Sophie Andersen-Gardiner. Her story Libby, commented the judge, was "A character story – but much more, about how to be an elder sister. The structure was very skilful. Family dynamics are never spelt out."

Of the second place getter Dawn Mills entry The Angel and the Burgundy Suitcase, she remarked it was a clever, funny story that Ronald Hugh
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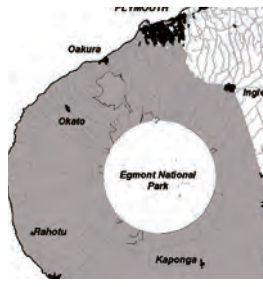


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Letters to the editor

Many thanks
 The Coastal Taranaki Health Trust recently received a donation from the students of Rahotu School to be put towards the proposed Coastal Care facility.
 Our trustees wish to congratulate everyone at the school for the excellent effort that they made with their fundraiser 'Random Day'. It certainly looked like fun. It is also wonderful that young people are willing to get

behind a community project such as Coastal Care and it has certainly encouraged us to keep striving to make sure that essential services are kept available locally for everyone.

Thanks Rahotu School – you have given us a great example – and we wonder who else might want to follow your lead.

*Adrienne Hickey,
 Secretary,
 Coastal Taranaki Health*

Enjoying the flutter

Winner of the draw on October 18 in Auto Mobile Mechanical Services initiative to get people to pay their bills was Laurie Horo who won \$150 in car grooming.

Kelvin Jordan who owns Auto Mobile at Rahotu said his monthly draw with different prizes each monthly draw was working well in that though it was not persuading the bad debtors to pay up, it

was encouraging the good clients to pay sooner and they were "enjoying the flutter."

He's rolling over the next draw for a bumper one at Christmas.

If people pay their accounts by November 10 they'll go in the Christmas draw for a combination of prizes. If they have another bill due in December they get a second entry in the draw.

A challenge

A regular advertiser who usually deals with cars accepted the challenge of plastic welding together a clothes dryer door that was in bits.

The owner of the clothes dryer explained that otherwise it went fine.

It was the catch in the door however which activated the dryer thus without the door it was useless.

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He admitted that he was a bit dubious before he started the task.

"The hardest part was that it was in so many bits, he said adding "It wasn't hard to weld."

It was important however that the door was the right shape as the catch triggered the tumble dry action.

It was, "one of the more knackered things he'd fixed", he concluded with a wry grin but he enjoyed the challenge!

A salute to plastic welding.



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BBC Secret Christ

For those who are outside Christianity this will sound silly. For those inside this might make a lot of sense. We all know that the God will judge the world. But God cannot bring world wide judgement on the world with His people still in it, He has to get them out of the way first. He'll do this through what is termed the Rapture. Those who died Christians will rise from the dead with glorified (eternal) bodies then those Christians still alive will have our physical bodies made immortal and we'll be taken to the wedding supper of the Lamb of God.

But of course there is a preparation time, a testing time, a time when all that is good and all that is evil comes ripe at harvest, or the end of this world. (The end of this world is the end of this political, financial and religious world, not the end of this planet.)

But first Jesus has to reveal Himself to His people. Now He cannot do that in the nail scarred body, that only happens at the end of Armageddon and even then only to the Jews. He has to reveal Himself secretly.

He does this by revealing the truth about Himself through the Word of God, the Bible. Of course Jesus is the Word of God, He is the manifestation of God and in this generation He can be best seen through the Word. Over two thousand years of theology have got the church to a point where people are falling away in droves. The only way to correct things is to restore all things back to the original.


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Opunake's night

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Morrison would surely have approved.

Third place went to French exchange student's "well written and interesting story" about her coming to New Zealand which "gave an interesting perspective".

The Open Short Story Section was won by Charn Keenan who, disappointingly having recently moved to Wellington for a job, wasn't there to collect his prize.

His story Monday Club in which "nothing much happens" was, said Fleur, "a very interesting story in content, structure and style."

Of the second place getter Warwick Gibson's Fathers and Sons she commented it was "A really great story, it was fun and clever. A delightfully comic story, brilliantly executed at the end. I really liked the story."

In the judging she made special mention of the third

placegetter Danelle Walker who has been a finalist in this competition for 5 years and came first in the very first one she entered.

Danelle's story The Girl stuck inside her own head "an exploration of how the narrator got her heart broken and her trust betrayed", in the form of a letter, works because the reader knows who you refer to. "The guy on the receiving end of this heartfelt rant should curl up and cringe!"

In the poetry Open section which attracted 70 entries, Judge Paula Green said she had difficulty whittling the poetry entries in the Open Section down to 15 such was the quality of entries. She too had advice that someone else proofread your poem. She added "I had a tough time selecting the winner" which she said bodes well for poetry in Taranaki.

First place went to Alison

Condon's Forever More. Second was The Waterfall by Sonja Lawson and third Gareth Aston Carwyn Kahui's poem No hae koe.

In the Secondary School Section the winning poem Thank you and I love you was by Hawera High School student Laura Francis.

Second was There and Here from Hawera High School student Erinna Rowlands. There was no third place awarded.

It is the 25th year the awards have been held and to mark the occasion, a book with the winning stories was also launched on the night entitled Is there something in the water, a comment from a judge in the 2008 awards that Ronald Hugh Morrison pervades Hawera and that maybe "There's something in the Hawera water."

To cap off the evening which was the usual black tie occa-

sion, playing in the three piece band which provided the musical entertainment were two musicians who had played with Ronald Hugh Morrison, in whose honour the literary awards are held.

In all it was quite a night. Mayor Dunlop who welcomed those at the awards began by referring to the author's much quoted prophecy "I hope I'm not one of those buggers who are famous after they're dead."

The mayor was among those who fought to stop the home of the author who with four of his books being made into films - is now widely acknowledged as Hawera's most famous son - being pulled down to make way for a Kentucky Fried Takeaway. Part of the house - the attic - was however preserved when it was lifted off and subsequently hidden behind a boxthorn hedge. It is now at the Hawera Museum the mayor explained.

Recollections of Ron

In the band providing the entertainment, leader Ray Edwards later recalls playing "extras" filling in for Ronald Hugh Morrison.

Explained Ray who was a pianist and had his own band called The Saints which he founded in 1955 when the Hawera Community Hall was built, he would take the stage while Ronald's band were having their supper till they came back.

Also among those at the Literary Awards were two first cousins of Ronald Hugh Morrison.

Sisters - their father was Ronald's mother's brother - Heather Engelen and Shirley Rumney commented that Ronald was an only child and that they were his only cousins. His father died when he was quite young - of consumption they thought. Shirley who was 13 years older than Ron remembers him as "a good story teller." "He made something boring sound exciting."

He was also a very good mu-

sician. "He could play every instrument and taught guitar and piano.

Shirley learnt music from Ronald. "He had a dance band."

Shirley also remembers him playing a lot of billiards.

They weren't aware of his writing however until he brought a book he'd written - his first, The Scarecrow - to show their mother.

The tower in The Predicament which, along with The Pallett on the Floor, was published post humously they believed was based on the house across the road from where he lived which still stands.

Ron died, just 50, and the sisters commented that he hadn't been well for a while. "He had a lot of trouble with his toes," remarked one adding that there was some talk of amputation. They put this down to the liver. "There's no getting away from it - he liked the drink they said though added he wasn't a patch on young people today



Shirley Rumney (left) and Heather Engelen remember their cousin.

in terms of drinking! He also suffered from asthma.

A lot of the Predicament was based around Naumai Park at the southern end of the High Street, they said.

The Morrison family home was bought by a Mr Donaldson who ran a business Viewfinder there had been altered since they lived there, they said.



Ray Edwards (left), Irene Robinson and Henry Ngaia.

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Ian Armstrong

I represent the South Taranaki District Council on two Taranaki Regional Council committees. One of which is the Policy and Planning Committee, which has recently been receiving annual reports on a number of the TRC's activities. These have included a report on the water quality at a number of popular fresh water swimming areas such as Lake Rotomanu, the Patea River at the boatramp in Patea, Waingongaro River at Ohawe Beach, and Lake Opunake at the boatramp. In total 16 sites were monitored during the 2011-12 swimming season.

In 2009-10 for the first time DNA analysis of faecal matter was carried out to identify the source. By doing this human, cattle and bird contamination can be separated and identified.

Dirty dairying - not

During 2009-10 and subsequent years three Taranaki sites, Lake Rotomanu, the Waiwhakaiho River adjacent to Lake Rotomanu and the Te Henui Stream often failed to meet the accepted guideline for swimming. In all of these wildfowl was identified as the prime source of the contamination. Much to my surprise Lake Opunake was compliant for 85% of the season's samples. With the number of birds in and around Lake Opunake I would have thought this level of compliance would have been much lower. It was also noted that the water quality of the Waiwhakaiho just within the New Plymouth urban area was consistently high quality with deterioration occurring within the city boundaries. Dirty Dairying to blame? – not here!

Comment was also passed on the different grading standards of the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and the TRC are grading rivers and lakes as being suitable for swimming. MfE grades these on the use to which the land surrounding them

is being used. That is, if the surrounding land is being used for farming, especially dairying, then a high risk is assigned to the site. The TRC, by contrast, is measuring in a number of ways the actual bacterial quality. Using the Ministry for the Environment's system only Lake Rotokare is graded good, but actually measuring the bacterial quality TRC has found that 10 sites have been compliant on 90% or more of the time.

If anyone wants more information it can be obtained from the TRC's web site www.TRC.govt.nz Te Hokinga Mai a Tatarakihi – The Children of Parihaka.

Recently I attended the premiere of this film portraying the journey of the children from Parihaka to Dunedin following the travels of their ancestors as they were forcibly taken from Parihaka in the 1880s. The movie is touching with certainly a degree of sadness that such actions did occur and the degree of hardship those taken suffered. However there is, in my opinion, no bitterness

whatsoever. The documentary is important for all of us within Taranaki and living so close to Parihaka forms an important part of our collective history. Well done to all the people involved in the making of the film. The movie will be back in Hawera for one week starting on November 1.

For those with access to computers a really quick and convenient way to see what is happening in our district is to log on to the council website at www.southtaranaki.com This site opens the door to a large number of areas including district events, for which clubs and organisations can post their events, the LibraryPlus facilities where library books can be booked, renewed and ebooks downloaded, a list of clubs and organisations in our district with contact people to name but a few. The site also has links to the Council's Facebook and blogs which will also help to keep anyone interested updated with what is happening.

Ian Armstrong

Council maintains high standard

The South Taranaki District Council made it four in a row this week when they were told that the organisation was a finalist in the national Kenexa Best Workplaces Survey for the fourth consecutive year.

The Kenexa Best Workplaces Survey (Formerly known as the JRA Best Workplaces) is New Zealand's largest annual workplace climate-employee engagement survey and uses confidential feedback from organisations' employees to rate their employers.

A record 33,000 employees from 289 organisations across the country took part in the survey this year.

Now in its 13th year, as the largest survey of workplace climate and employee opinion in the country, it has become the benchmark for best workplace

practices nationwide. The survey is conducted by asking employees of participating organisations a range of questions, grouped into categories such as culture and values, learning and development, reward and recognition, communication and co-operation.

"It is a tremendous achievement to enter the ranks of finalists in the Kenexa Best Workplaces survey, especially when you consider that this is entirely based on the opinions of their employees," said Sanchia Yonge, managing director of Kenexa New Zealand. "Participating organisations learn how they stack up against other businesses and past winners report a notable increase in the calibre of job candidates and their ability to retain top talent."

Council chief executive Craig Stevenson says he is pleased with the result and proud of the organisation and its people. "This is the fourth year we have been a finalist and it gets tougher to keep increasing what are already, quite high levels of employee engagement," he says.

Mr Stevenson says the result is great news for a number of reasons. "A highly engaged workforce is more productive, more innovative and highly committed and these factors result in better service to our citizens. Our low rates of absenteeism and very high rates of after-hours volunteering are a further demonstration of this" he says.

"A further benefit is the ability for the organisation to attract high calibre employees. Good people want to work for good organisations."

Mr Stevenson believes the reason why the Council has rated so highly comes down to the quality of its people and the strong organisational culture that exists. "We are one big, professional family with a very positive can-do attitude. People have that positive attitude when they feel they are being valued and they are making an important contribution. The winners of four categories; Small Workplace, Small-Medium Workplace, Medium-Large Workplace (STDC's category) and Large Workplace, as well as Overall Winner will be announced at a black tie awards ceremony in Auckland on 1 November.

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Opunake RSA turns 80

The Opunake RSA celebrated their 80th birthday on Sunday October 28 with a special function at the Opunake Bowling Club.

In a brief history of the Opunake RSA, Geoff Williams began by stating that on October 31, 1932, a Certificate of the Incorporated Societies was signed and sealed in the name of the Opunake Returned Soldiers Association.

"This is the only record of the early start of this Association, no minute books/documents have come forward," explained Geoff. He did however have minute books dating from 1943 onwards in which, in the first meeting of 1943, the president was recorded as JS Tosland and Vice President SJ Armstrong. Chairperson was N Reardon and the Executive were listed as J Morris, A Mathie, CR Julian, P Baylis and J Hewson. The secretary was CM Clare. Other members at the time included P Feaver, JJ Smith, W Alvis, N McMillan, G King, J and Mrs Hewson and Mrs Coupe who were all on the Dance Committee.

Recorded in the minutes was the resignation of N Reardon from the Executive after 16 years of service – implying the Association was going before 1932 to which Geoff drew attention.



Cutting the anniversary cake: Bernie Edwards, the oldest member cuts the cake while fellow member Ron Bingham (right) and Secretary/Treasurer and padre Geoff Williams (at left) look on.

In one of the more interesting entries in the minutes during the war years was a letter to the Government of the time suggesting that Military Defaulters be deprived of their Civil Rights for a period of 10 years.

In 1952 the minutes record it was decided that they would meet on the first Monday of each month and this continues to this day. Geoff then read out the

names of longer serving presidents and other office holders. These included former presidents Ron Bingham, W Waswo, JS Tosland, SJ Armstrong, Geoff Williams and finally current president Colin Butler who has held the position for 8 years. Present auditor Ian Baker - for an impressive 24 years - was also acknowledged along with former long serving audi-

tors L Brennan and N Reid.

Glover Anderson, President of the Wellington West Coast Taranaki RSA, then spoke and handed out Certificates of Appreciation to a long list of individuals and community groups who have supported the Opunake RSA over the years.

Lastly, in a solemn and poignant addition to the programme which drove home in a more personal way just why the organisation exists, individual members then each stood and gave their regimental number and in a tribute to those who have lost their lives in the various wars which included both World Wars and more recent K Force and J Force, Malayan and Vietnam wars the Last Post was played followed by a minute's silence. Opunake RSA President



Taranaki King Country Member of Parliament Shane Ardern who lived on the Opunake Stratford road recalls he used to stay at Bernie's as a ten year old when he was friends with a schoolmate Ricky Stevens whose parents worked for Bernie. They used to get up to all sorts of things. Bernie built them a treehouse and playing around with explosives –

Six years in the war

The oldest member of the Opunake RSA at the 80th celebrations was Bernie Rogers who is 95 and served for the entire war in Greece, Crete and the Western Desert. He was six years in the war serving in the First 19th battalion.

"I was the first to enlist in Opunake," said Bernie who lives in Te Kiri.

He was employed during the war in Transport and, though somewhat reticent to talk about his experiences, admits to "lots of close calls." Sir Bernard Freyberg was the Chief of the eighth Army New Zealand Division which his battalion served under. Bernie lost his best mate "alongside him and commented that he still

wonders "why it wasn't me". The luck of the draw, I guess he says philosophically.

Bernie grew up in Wellington and came to Taranaki at the tender age of 13 to work on a farm belonging to George Smith in Watino Road.

After the war Bernie bought a farm in Kiri Road which he still farms today.

Colin Butler then closed the formal celebrations and everyone enjoyed afternoon tea during which Marie McDonald played

some popular songs on the piano from the war era while members sang along. It was a lovely touch and a fitting end to the celebrations.

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Coastal Taranaki could soon have community transport

Help may be on its way to Coastal people struggling to get to essential commitments such as social service or hospital appointments and training opportunities.

New Zealand Red Cross have partnered with Taranaki DHB Public Health Unit to look into a free transport service for the people of the Coastal Taranaki.

Recently, the Coastcare Medical Trust has also joined the project and they will be hosting a public meeting to inform the community of what the service could look like and what the next steps are. Trust member Adrienne Hickey says: "This isn't just about improving transport to Hawera and New Plymouth – we see this as a way of also bringing people into the proposed new Coastal Care centre to be based in Opunake".

The public meeting will be held on of November 27 at 7:30pm at Sandfords Event Centre and a survey on transport needs is now being distributed to the community for feedback. Surveys – please see right hand page to fill in - are additionally available through Four Square stores around the Coast, Schools, Opunake Medical Centre, the Opunake Library and at the Opunake & Coastal News. The survey is also available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoastalTransport>

Surveys can be returned to the same venues or



From left Candace Noyes from the Red Cross with Steve Corkill from the Coastcare Trust and Alisha Stone from the Taranaki District Health Board. A survey (see adjacent page) is being conducted by the Taranaki District Health Board.

at the public meeting on November 27. All returned surveys go into the draw to win \$150 Opunake Business Association vouchers.

"Once this information has been gathered we will be able to move the project forward," says Karen Lawson, Area Manager New Zealand Red Cross.

It is proposed that New Zealand Red Cross would co-ordinate the free transport service and people wanting to utilise the van would book their seat through an 0800 number service. "The service would rely on community volunteers to drive the van. Volunteers would be offered

free training; including first aid and defensive driving courses before taking the reins of the brand new 12 seater van. Community members are also needed to set up the governance of the trust," said Mrs Lawson. Taranaki DHB Health Promoter Alisha Stone says having another free transport service available to the coast will contribute to improved health outcomes for the community.

"Currently there are services available to those attending medical appointments such as the Opunake/Coastal Emergency Transport Service" says Ms Stone.

"We see this new proposal as building on the strength of current services by filling gaps for those who need transport for more than just medical appointments. Transport could also help to remove barriers to gaining and maintaining employment and participating in further education," she said. "It will also enhance opportunities for social interaction and community socialisation."

We encourage everyone to support this initiative by completing the questionnaire and attending the meeting. "It would be a shame to see the bus disappear around the corner so to speak before it had stopped at the station."

Big grant to health centre

The TSB Community Trust has given \$500,000 as a grant to the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust towards Opunake's proposed new health centre.

The Community Trust has also offered another \$450,000 as an additional under write.

"It's fantastic news," said Steve Corkill, Treasurer of the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust.

The project has been snowballing with the Red Cross the latest organisation to climb on board.

The Taranaki District Health Board in partnership with the Red Cross is hoping to run a shuttle service for people needing to go to the new health centre.

There will be a special bay for the bus at the new health centre, said Steve.

The new Opunake health centre will have a pharmacy attached to it which will be run by Benjamin Araba who bought the Manaia/Opunake pharmacies. He will relocate to the health centre when it's built.

Ben had right from when he bought the two businesses expressed interest in being involved in the health centre and moving to Opunake with his family, said Steve, which was their preference. They had also since received other expressions of interest.

Steve said they felt it was good idea to have the pharmacy as part of the complex, the trend in other health centres, as often the pharmacist, along with other

health professionals such as nurses, were an important first point of contact for those seeking medical advice.

A full day workshop is to be held at Sandfords Events Centre before Christmas with Midland Health, the Taranaki District Health Board and Te Hauora to formalise what they want.

He said there had been "a huge interest" in providing services from organisations as diverse as WINZ who would like a presence at the Health Centre through to Men's Mates, a men's network.

Steve said there were 4230 people resident in the catchment area for the Health Centre though there are only 3300 patients registered with the local medical practice.

"Access is a huge issue," he said adding that the Red Cross's offer to support them is "brilliant".

So far \$1.4 million is committed to the new Health Centre. A corporate sponsor

is also showing interest said Steve.

The new health centre is to be built on land in Napier Street in the centre of town presently occupied by the plunked rooms and public toilets and will occupy three sections. Two of the sections have been gifted to the trust by the South Taranaki District Council. The third, belonging to St John – which was also gifted to St John 8 years ago - has been gifted to the trust by St John. Opunake Plunket has relinquished their 999 year lease and will be part of the new health centre.

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New Zealand Red Cross have partnered with the Taranaki District Health Board's Public Health Unit to investigate a transport service for the Coastal Taranaki area.

- 1. Where do you live within Coastal Taranaki?**
- Opunake Pungarehu Okato
 Manaia Rahotu Parihaka Pa
 Oakura Other (please specify)

- 2. How do you currently travel to things outside of Coastal Taranaki? (Tick all that apply)**
- Car (own car) Bike Bus
 Family/friends car Car pool/ ride share scheme
 Elder Care Service (Ironsides, Driving Miss Daisy, Standby Service)
 Other (please specify)

- 3. Does your community need an additional transport service?** Yes No
 If yes, please specify why

- 4. If an additional transport service was to be developed, would you use it?** Yes No

- 5. Where would you be travelling to and for what purpose? (Tick all that apply)**

Job interviews
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

Attend training/courses
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

School/kindy drop offs
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

Grocery shopping
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Sporting activities
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

School/other sports
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

Health/social services visits
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

Pharmacy
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

Visit friends/family
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

Personal (movies, café, other shopping etc)
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

Other (please specify)
 Opunake New Plymouth Hawera Other

- 6. How regularly would you use this additional transport service?**
- Daily Twice a week 2-5 times a week
 Weekly Fortnightly Monthly
 Other (please specify)

- 7. What days of the week would best suit your needs? (Tick all that apply)**

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday
 Thursday Friday Saturday

- 8. What times of the day would best suit your needs? (Please specify)**

- 9. Do you have anything else you would like to add?**

Now some information about you:

1. Gender Male Female

2. Please tick your age range
 12-24 25-34 35-44 45-55 55-64 65+

3. Which ethnic group do you belong to? (Tick all that apply)
 New Zealand European/Pakeha Maori Samoan Indian
 Cook Island Maori Tongan Niuean Chinese
 Other (such as Dutch, Japanese, Tokelauan)
 (Please specify)

4. Do you care for any children aged? (Tick all that apply)
 Under 5 5 - 12 12 +

5. Do you care for an elderly person? Yes No

What Next?

Please return your questionnaire in the Red Cross containers at the following locations before Friday 7 December 2012:

Manaia: Manaia 4 Square / Library Plus / Primary School

Oakura: 4 Square

Okato: 4 Square / Coastal Taranaki School

Opunake: 4 square / Opunake Medical Centre / Opunake High School / Sugar Juice / Library Plus

Pungarehu: RD1

Rahotu: 4 Square / Rahotu School

*Please attend the public meeting to discuss what the transport service could look like and what the next steps are. This will be held **Tuesday 27th November 7:30pm, Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake***

Are you interested or do you know of anyone who would like to be involved in this project? (E.g. Planning committee, volunteer driver, support person etc) **Please call 0800 733 276 /email newplymouth@redcross.org.nz**

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Fixing income equality needs a real change in approach



Andrew Little, List MP

Income inequality is a major issue around the world. The truth is the gap between high and low income earners today is huge. Chief executives and senior managers are drawing salaries many, many times the average in their companies and organisations. The returns to capital (whether shares or property) as opposed to labour (through wages and other work benefits) today form a much

greater proportion than it did 30 years ago.

Look at salaries in some of our bigger companies. The head of Telecom earns around \$5 million a year even though it is now a smaller company than when it was privatised over 20 years ago. The head of Fonterra earns around the same. The head of Air New Zealand up to \$2 million depending on bonuses. Public sector salaries are reaching new heights with some heads of government departments earning over \$500,000 a year.

Meanwhile, recent figures showed New Zealand's median income is 3% less than what it was three years ago. The median is important as it is the point at which 50% of the working population are earning more and 50% are earning less.

When the median wage figure goes down it means lower and middle income earners are going backwards.

We shouldn't be surprised by any of this. The economic reforms started across the western world 30 years ago were intended to increase the wealth of those who already had plenty of it.

For years we were told "let the money men and speculators have their way for it will be good for all of us". And so we watched as they bought up publicly-owned enterprises, hiked prices and milked them for all they were worth – for their benefit. We watched as they reduced top tax rates, which favoured them and grew their wealth even more. We believed them when they said that taking away protections in the workplace, such as collective agreements with minimum rates of pay linked to skills, rules against unfair treatment and good health and safety rights, would be good for us.

We took the money men at their word when they set up their finance companies of-

fering returns on investments just above the returns available from safe banks. And then they invested money in some of the highest risk activities imaginable so that the interest they paid investors bore no relation to the risk at all.

We believed them when, as productivity went up and we took the pain, they told us we would share in the gain – at some point.

None of these promises have been kept.

Policies the present government is introducing, like cutting apprentice rates of pay, just continue to take us backwards.

Real change is now needed. Change that means everyone capable of working and putting in the effort can get ahead. Change that means the real value of incomes will rise.

Real change is needed if we are serious about fixing income inequality and poverty.

Thumbs up to National-led Government



Jonathan Young, New Plymouth MP

One of US President Barack Obama's top financial advisors has given New Zealand a big 'thumbs up' for the way the National Government is handling the deepening world debt crisis. In a major international BBC debate on rescuing the world economy, Peter Orszag, Obama's Director of the Office of Management and Budget until 2010, singled out New Zealand alone as the model for its balanced

approach to the deepening international debt crisis.

He said "for most countries it's better to combine deficit reduction that you put in place now, but that takes effect over time, with if anything, additional support, and that means stimulus, for the economy, effective immediately. And what's interesting about the fiscal monitor the IMF published also as part of these meetings, is if you look across all the developed countries, there is only one country which has actually done that, which is New Zealand. They have coupled additional stimulus with medium-term fiscal consolidation. That's the right policy combination." (BBC 'World Debate - Rescuing the Global Economy - What Next?')

The National-led government's responsible economic management of the economy has also helped to take pressure off interest rates, meaning a family with a \$200,000 mortgage is now paying \$200 less a week in interest than in 2008. This is a considerable saving

across a year. Latest figures from Statistics New Zealand show that that the cost of living is increasing at its lowest rate in 13 years. At the same time, the after-tax average wage is up by 20 per cent since September 2008 – more than double the rate of inflation. Working for Families payments were adjusted by 5 per cent on 1 April 2012, meaning higher payments for most families.

We acknowledge that times remain challenging for a number of businesses and families. However, the Government's long-term plan to build a more competitive and productive economy will remain focused on encouraging more people off welfare and into training or work, and giving businesses the confidence to invest, grow and create new jobs.

National's responsible economic management has helped maintain growth in the economy, which means we are doing better than much of the developed world.

In the past two years almost 60,000 new jobs have been created with another 150,000

forecast over the next four years. Over the past month 5230 people nationwide left their benefit to move into a new job. Here in Taranaki, the unemployment rate has dropped 37% over the last two years, being best result in the country.

To create more jobs we need thriving businesses that provide a service or a product that people value. We recognise that well educated and skilled people are critical to driving more innovative businesses and lifting productivity. For New Zealand to increase its productivity, we need a lift in the skill level of the workforce. Young people mostly acquire skills through completing qualifications in the education and training system.

New Zealand is doing a lot better than most countries we compare ourselves with. Sticking to the plan is important. Responsible economic management is critical to build confidence, which in turn will see businesses employ more people.

Water data tells true story

We can be confident about water quality at most popular swimming spots in the region, says the Taranaki Regional Council, despite adverse grading.

The Ministry for the Environment grades are based mainly on the hypothetical risks arising from how the surrounding land is used, rather than actual monitoring results, says the Council's Director-Environment Quality, Gary Bedford. It is essentially a desktop exercise that should not be used where an

actual, properly conducted measurement programme exists, such as in Taranaki.

Mr Bedford says the Council's own monitoring involves regular analysis of water samples over the summer season. Actual results show that: For the past two summers, water quality at popular freshwater bathing spots has been the best in a decade. At the 16 freshwater bathing sites monitored during summer 2011-2012, only 22 of 207 samples exceeded the national 'action' guideline

for bathing water bacterial contamination – the lowest level of non-compliance for 11 years. Coastal bathing monitoring results are consistently better than the national average. In 2011-2012, more than 94% of samples were within national guidelines for bacteria levels.

Mr Bedford says the fact that dairying is the main activity in Taranaki ring-plain river catchments means that the region will never be given good grades under the Ministry's system.

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Billy pulls no punches

Billy Graham has had a busy month - he's held a motivational seminar at Fonterra, given community presentations at Waverley, Patea, Hawera, Eltham as well as Opunake High School. Billy has also held a book launch promoting his new book: *Making Champion Men - how one New Zealand man's vision is changing boys' lives*. Throughout all these events Billy's message is simple: self discipline, respect others, and have a can do attitude. These are core values that Billy has carried with him since, when as an 8 year old and in trouble with the law (for the umpteenth time), he was brought under the stewardship of Dick Dunn. "He was my mentor" explains Billy, "and was known in the 1950s, and through to the 70s as 'the Father of the Hutt Valley - Master Coach' and ran the *Stop Out Soccer Club*, *The Eastern Cricket Club* as well as the *Railways Boxing Club*."

Mr Dunn, "as I was to always to address him as 'Mr Dunn' right up into my adulthood - he always commanded that respect" says Billy, had only a few rules in his gym, but those that he had were strictly enforced. Respect for others was at the top of the list as well as no swearing. "Before meeting Mr Dunn I used to swear like a trooper, but he pulled me aside and said 'Billy, if I have to train you not to swear you're not worth having in my gym' So I very quickly learnt not to swear in his gym!" Dick Dunn also taught that fitness was a key to success. Billy remembers that even back then, as an eight year old, he dreamt of having his own gym and mentoring others, just like his coach did.

Using his 'can do attitude' Billy has turned his dream, of setting up a boxing gym, into a reality and set up the Naenae Boxing Academy, and is now mentoring 'at risk' youth, steering them back onto the right track. Billy admits that he would far rather use table tennis or crouquet as a means to train "but the reality is that boxing attracts the hardcore trouble makers" explains Billy "and even then, of the seventy boys that come to our gym, only 12 of these boys show the ability and talent to go on to box at a competitive level". The rest of the boys are not left out or behind and are taught self discipline, respect, responsibility and honesty - all things that Dick Dunn installed into a young Billy Graham years before. And just like his mentor, Billy doesn't tolerate swearing in his gym either. Or cell phones "they're a distraction that the kids don't need"

Billy has clear views on why our teens are going off the rails, and he pulls no punches. "most of the boys that come here have absent fathers, and come from single parent families. Very few parents even bother to turn up to the gym to see what their kids are up to. The kids of today are not being pushed to dig deep or to run harder."

In order to join Billy's Gym the boys need to register at the start of the year and are screened before being considered for acceptance "We have a waiting list to join and we get some hardcase boys giving false names and addresses trying to get in, but we're up with the play" laughs Billy. Once accepted, the boys attend the gym 3 days a week and remain members anything from 6 months to 2 to 3 years. The fees for the gym are levied at \$50 per term. Most don't pay either because either they can't afford the fee, or if they learn the Boxing Academy's *Cornerstone Values*, which is given to them in booklet form, they have their fees waived.

The Gym has had a positive flow on effect into the community. Crime figures are down and graffiti (which use to be endemic) is now gone. Billy says that the teenagers in towns and in rural areas of Taranaki face similar issues as to those in the big cities "Overall they may face less temptation, but they can still find trouble" Billy's trip to Taranaki took several months in the planning and is very grateful to his team and sponsors that brought it

all together. "It was fantastic. The warmth and friendliness we were shown was really appreciated" The message that Billy delivered to our youth was again simple - "Lay off the cigarettes, lay off the booze, keep your body fit - healthy body / healthy mind". He also encourages our teachers and youth leaders to pick up from where he left off and to give support to the sports coaches in Taranaki who are working with our youth. "I would encourage you to support the likes of Coach Steve Keene who runs the Sports Institute Taranaki - he loves sport and is also making a huge difference with our youth". Billy's home base is in Lower Hutt Wellington, but plans are already underway to roll out Billy's Academy programme nationwide - into regions such as the Taranaki, with support coming from top Government officials. "I have told them that if can get 50 good men we will change New Zealand - for the better".

Several years ago the Naenae Boxing Academy applied for funding through Vodafones' *"World of Difference Programme"* "That was a major breakthrough for us" says Billy "and it really did make a world of difference - they have given us constant support in what we are doing and are enabling us to extend our programme."

Over 150 people packed into the gym at the Naenae boxing academy to celebrate the launch of Billy's new book *Champion Men - how one New Zealand man's vi-*

sion is changing boys' lives (which was reviewed by the Opunake and Coastal News last month). Principal Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft was guest speaker at the launch and is witness to the positive difference that Billy has made with our at risk youth. "Billy has a gravitational pull that most challenging young boys find hard to resist - once they are in his orbit he can work his magic" Judge Becroft said that young people want to see a value systems model, that they will push against bit, challenge it, upset it, "but they want to see adults who have values."

His first book, (*Your Ship Came in the day your Doctor Smacked your Bum*) was about Billy, about over coming the hard knocks. His latest book focuses on how to make things happen "It's about helping and making a difference in your community, about pushing the right buttons and enjoying your kids" says Billy "You need to get hold of this book, read it and put it into action"

It will be a couple of years before Billy can return to Taranaki but he stays in touch with people through emails and phone calls and offers the following advice "Remember to love your kids, listen to your kids, but don't let them dominate you. It's a bit like that song 'Love Hurts' - but love works".

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On this month in history

On November 25, 1903 Bob Fitzsimmons, who was raised in Timaru, (but born in Cornwall, England in 1862) won his third boxing world title beating George Gardner of the United States on points after 20 rounds. He was 41 years old to his opponent's 27. The world light-heavyweight title fight was held at the Yosemite Athletic Club in San Francisco, USA.

Earlier in his boxing career Bob Fitzsimmons had won the world middleweight title (1891), as well as the heavyweight title (1897).

He continued boxing until the age of 51 and died in 1917 having spent most of his considerable earnings acquired during his illustrious boxing career.



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Thirtieth years anniversary for Egmont Community Arts Council



Founding Chairperson Gabrielle Barr and former Chairperson Alan Love cutting the official cake.

The Egmont Community Arts Council (ECAC) celebrated 30 years as an artistic force last weekend. They had a special celebration on Saturday October 27, held at Opunake High School Hall. The event was organised by Chairperson Carol Marshall and ECAC members. "We are here today to celebrate your contribution to our Coastal community and thank you for your tireless efforts towards making this such a vibrant, culturally diverse and colourful community", Carol said.

Carol showed the attractive new mural trail brochure, on show for the first time. Copies were available for attendees to take home. Jean Roach' input into the creation of so many of the murals was acknowledged. The Mission Statement was read. *Our objectives are to recognise, support, promote and develop the appreciation of the arts in all their cultural diversity, which creates a culturally vibrant community.*

Val Wallace read a Roll of Honour; which included Danny Hogan, Elaine Brewer, Bev Coxhead, Janet and Harry Stretton, Cedric Whitham, Kate Mickelson, Dale Henry and Elaine Torrence.

After a warm welcome by Stuart Ward and a blessing by Rangiroa Rongonui there was a reply by Michael Ahie and Lynn Judge (Ahie).

A special guest was Ga-

abrielle Barr, who was the founding Chairperson and has been recently chosen as Patron. Gabrielle was given

very young (growing up in Eltham) and has only more recently come to the fore. "New Zealand is a much



Opera singer and classical guitar player Deborah Wai Kapohe entertained with finesse and kept her audience spellbound.

a brooch, made by local jewellery artist Millie Purpil. Watching intently was Jean Roach, Margaret Scott and Alan Love ('Unsung Hero' by popular acclaim), previous Chairpersons, as well as other office holders.

An excellent meal was enjoyed, provided by Andersons Pie Shop and Caterers.

The keynote speech was given by Gabrielle Barr, who outlined some of the highlights starting with "our commission from Joyce Young of the pottery piece in the library". Gabrielle spent time on explaining how Maori culture was generally overlooked when she was

more multicultural place now than when I grew up".

After a historical overview, Gabrielle concluded, "The Arts Council still has a function and a purpose".

Carol Marshall's address focused on the future and present. She mentioned recent events such as a graffiti workshop and tattoo art, as well as the pharmacy mural organised by Jean Roach not so long ago. She mentioned that Dame Malvina Major is the next event on ECAC's calendar. She also said the arts council requested feedback on what was needed for the future as regards promoting art in the area. "We have

a wish list which includes more performances and more workshops".

There were various interesting displays on hand including the plaster casts for the statue of Sir Peter Snell when it was cast in bronze.

There was an excellent small exhibition of local painter Debbie Campbell, with pictures ranging from flowers to seascapes, as well as the Cape Egmont Lighthouse.

An intriguing display of photograph clippings and photographs documented the 30 year history of ECAC. Events included pianist Roman Rudnysky, the Auckland Youth Orchestra, jazz violinist Fiona Pears and the statue of Sir Peter Snell, who was at the unveiling.

At one stage there was an interval to allow people to see the murals in the town, as well as the "Longest painting exhibition in the world", as Carol put it; paintings in most of the shops in the town.

Upon the return of the sightseers we were graced with a performance by opera singer Deborah Wai Kapohe from Wanganui, who accompanied herself on the classical guitar. She filled the hall with her powerful, melodic voice, and delighted us with her pleasant personality. She was an excellent choice of guest to celebrate 30 years of art. She sang a selection of songs from overseas, some 400 years old from Shakespeare's time, but also included some composed by "the grandfather of NZ composition" Douglas Lilburn with the 'Sings Harry' series - poems of Denis Glover put to music. She finished with 'Summertime' from 'Porgy and Bess'. Carol's tribute, "That was just stunning" summed up Deborah's performance.

The official cake was then cut by Gabrielle Barr and Alan Love, which concluded a well-organised, enjoyable celebration. "A big thank you to our wonderful committee who have worked so hard this year to make all of this happen today and also all the events this year", concluded

Mangatoki WI keep their members very busy

For our September meeting about 16 members and 2 friends met at a restaurant in Eltham for a two course meal with tea and coffee, which we all enjoyed.

We had a short business meeting at which two teams were entered for the bowls tournament.

Ausa gave a short talk and demonstration about her health products.

Members displayed their prettiest tablecloths and tablemats. The raffle was won by Bev Marx.

On October 3rd 18 members, two visitors, two babies and one grandchild met at the Mangatoki Hall for a fish and chip lunch, which we ate after the business meeting. Lorraine Mullin displayed greeting cards, gifts and Avon cosmetics and Jocelyn


Hicks talked about and displayed about 15 patchwork quilts, which she has made over a number of years.

Competition results
Flower: 1st Betty Skedgewell, 2nd Lucy Moger, 3rd Susan Johnson
Shrub: -1st Lucy Moger, 2nd Betty Skedgewell, Marlene Hewn.


Tulips in a pot or photo: 1st Colleen Pease (pot), 2nd Hel-

en Whyte (photo), 3rd Karen Joblin (photo). The raffle was won by Sue Comrie.

Bev Marx presented Olwyn Duthie with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of our WI in congratulations for her award for Services to the Community (Eltham area).
Lucy Moger,
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The many people who attended the recent Muggeridge family reunion against a backdrop of Mount Taranaki.

Muggeridge family reunion a great success

There was a special celebration at Te Kiri Hall on Saturday October 20. Over 80 people met from the extended Muggeridge family, including those related by marriage. The event was organised by Mavis Frost (nee Muggeridge) and her nephew Arthur (Pihama) was unable to make it. “We were very pleased at the turnout. Most made it here”, they said. They started organising the event about six months ago.

The reunion embraced the descendants of Louis and Elsie Muggeridge, who farmed on Waiteika Road, Te Kiri. The couple had nine children and seven were at the reunion. (Sadly, one - Brian - has since passed away). The seven of the siblings

who were at the reunion included Ernie (Inglewood), Marjorie Keogh (Waihi), Hilda Young (Waihi), Shirley Hazlewood (Kaponga), Mavis Frost (Oakura), Stephen (Martinborough) and David (Hamilton). Arthur (Pihama) was unable to make it.

Some descendants came from as far afield as Australia, including Shirley’s son Jules Larsen and family, who live in Melbourne. It was a special moment as mother and son hadn’t seen each other for 22 years. Had Jules changed? “No he’s just the same”, replied Shirley.



Mavis’s two sons Jason, Craig and partner Julie, and Stephen’s daughter Alanna and granddaughter Nina came all the way from Perth.

Shirley’s son-in-law Stewart Martin lives in Rotorua, but pointed out he was linked by marriage. “It’s been really great to see such

a tight knot family – it’s where they get their strength” He added, “It’s really cool”.

The day was a great success with a delicious lunch, followed by copious photographs and much conversation. “It was absolutely fabulous”, enthused Shirley after the event.

LEFT:

From left are Stephen, David, Ernie (Ernest), Marjorie Keogh, Hilda Young, and Mavis Frost. Shirley Hazlewood is seated at the front. Their parents were Louis and Elsie Muggeridge who farmed at Te Kiri.



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Entertaining Angels - and people

A thoroughly entertaining evening was had by all who attended Cue Theatre’s recent production ‘Entertaining Angels’. The season ended on October 20.

Entertaining Angels, which was very funny, but had seri-



The cast, from left, Grace (Christine King), Bardolph (Kevin Koch), Ruth (Claire Chamberlain), Sarah (Poppy Tremayne), and Jo (Catherine Jordan).

ous undertones, was written by Richard Everett. The play was directed by Nicci Smith. The production manager was Margaret Green with stage

management by Peter Haines and Francey Langman.

Before the show started we had a view of the excellent set, which showed

great care and attention to detail. Alan Stevenson and his construction team have done a great job. The set was basically the vicarage from

the garden, with a stream in the foreground and a church spire appearing in the background. Very important was the greenhouse to the left.

The story begins with the recently widowed vicar’s wife Grace (played by Christine King) rather reluctant to vacate the property to enable the new vicar Sarah (Poppy Tremayne) to move in. Grace is rather cantankerous, but perhaps she has reason to be as the storyline unfolds.

The deceased vicar Bardolph (Kevin Koch) makes plenty of appearances as a ghost – or is he a figment of his widow’s imagination?

Grace’s sister Ruth Claire Chamberlain), an unmarried missionary, flits around trying to be helpful, but she has a guilty secret, which she finally blurts out. These people all have their heads in the clouds to varying extents and it is up to counsellor Jo (Catherine Jordan) to bring

everyone to their senses. Jo is the daughter of Grace and Bardolph.

Cue productions are always first class and this was no exception. Occasionally, one or two of the cast members did not project their voices optimally making it, at times, hard to hear them. However, this is probably nit picking.

Well done to everyone involved in this production on both sides of the stage and elsewhere.

Make sure you see Cue’s next production featuring Dame Kate Harcourt ‘Virtues From the Past’, which is scheduled for Sunday December 2 (2pm and 7.30pm). Dame Kate will be sharing a journey through time with stories of her ancestors, her family and her life. You can book through Inglewood Book Centre from November 1. Phone 06 756 7032.

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Gorgeous girls Hannah Worthington, Nicole Gilbert Lilly-Jo Robinson and Kaitlyn Haigh; Junior lambs at Rahotu School's Calf and Lamb Day.

Rahotu School held their Calf and Lamb day on Thursday October 18. The

following are the results:

Junior Lambs

Leading and Calling - 1st Aliyah Dombroski, 2nd Jasmine Leatherby 3rd Hannah Worthington

Rearing 1st- Solai Ehrhorn, 2nd Lilly-Jo Robinson, 3rd Kaitlyn Haigh

Intermediate Lambs

Leading and Calling- 1st Rio Udarbe, 2nd Ella Barrett, 3rd Holly Horo

Rearing- 1st Alex Bengston, 2nd Holly Horo, 3rd Ella Barrett

Senior Lambs

Leading and Calling - 1st Mason Ehrhorn, 2nd Brooke Rutland, 3rd Zoe Honeyfield

Rearing- 1st Abbey Parker, 2nd Zoe Honeyfield, 3rd Mason Ehrhorn

Champion Leading and Calling: Rio Udarbe

Champion Rearing: Abbey Parker

Reserve Champion Lamb: Solai Ehrhorn

Champion Lamb: Abbey Parker

LIC most loved lambs: Luke Whiston and Nicole Gilbert

Goats:

Reserve Champion Goat: Jessica Zoet

Champion Goat: Bob Harvey

Junior Calves

Leading 1st Thomas Mclean, 2nd Ruby Helm, 3rd Hayley Tippett

Rearing 1st Arna Bright, 2nd Ruby Helms, 3rd Sean Fleming

Junior Reserve Champion Calf - Hayley Tippett

Junior Champion Calf -

Ruby Helms

Intermediate Calves

Leading- 1st Ella Bright, 2nd Lauren Helms, 3rd Emma Annabell

Rearing- 1st Ella Chard, 2nd Ella Bright, 3rd Lachlan Fleming

Intermediate Reserve Champion Calf: Ella Bright

Intermediate Champion Calf: Ella Chard

Senior Calves:

Leading : 1st Tessa Honeyfield, 2nd Grace Chapman, 3rd Jorja Ehrhorn

Rearing- 1st Olivia Bright, 2nd Tessa Honeyfield, 3rd Tyla Hare

Senior Reserve Champion Calf: Tessa Honeyfield

Senior Champion Calf: Olivia Bright

LIC most loved calf: Claire Fleming

Overall Champion Leading: Ella Bright

Overall Champion Rearing : Olivia Bright

Overall Reserve Champion Calf: Tessa Honeyfield

Overall Champion Calf: Olivia Bright

Indoor activities results

Floral Section:

Elva Symons Trophy- Alex Bengston

Gordon Cup - Connor Doherty and Ella Chard

Cooking Section

Barron Cup - Nicole Gilbert and Kaitlyn Haigh

Johnson Cup - Lachlan Fleming

Indoor Section

Margaret Wells Cup - Claire Fleming

Sybil Anderson Cup - Blossom Eiffe, Elizabeth Howarth and Masen Ehrhorn



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Senior Calves at Rahotu School. From left, Tessa Honeyfield, Olivia Bright, Grace Chapman, Tyla Hare and Jorja Ehrhorn.



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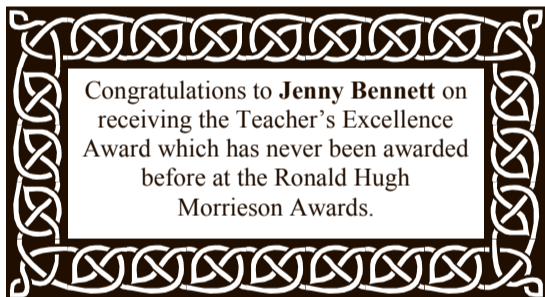


Judge and novelist Fleur Beale with prizewinners Romane, Sophie and Dawn and class teacher, Jenny Bennett

At a glittering gala evening, commemorating 25 years of the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards, Opunake High School students made a clean sweep of all of the prizes in the secondary school short story section. For the third year in a row one of our students won the coveted first prize, with it being the second consecutive win for Year 12 student Sophie Andersen- Gardiner. Year 11 student Dawn Mills was in second place, while French exchange student Romane Limoges gained third place. Highly Commended awards were won by: Wade Taylor, Te Rei Bigham-Dudley, Reuben Hall, Bliss Bishop, Stephanie Clement and Seonaid Pentelow.

Judge Fleur Beale was effusive in her praise of the talent demonstrated by Opunake High School students and paid tribute to the contribution of the teachers involved.

Thank you to all of the friends, family and teachers who attended the evening to support our students at what proved to be a memorable evening, superbly organised by Pam Jones and her team



Congratulations to **Jenny Bennett** on receiving the Teacher's Excellence Award which has never been awarded before at the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Awards.

BRIGHT SPARKS NZ FINALISTS

Three students from Opunake High School will be attending the 12th Annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 30th October at the Council Chambers in Wellington.

Jonathan Abplanalp with his Volcano Alarm System. In this project Jonathan completed a model volcano and remote sensors to measure the movement of the ground. An applicable project given the area we live in—well done Jono!

Abbey Silson and **Jenna Bellve** with their RWS (Remote Weather Station). "Abbey's Dad is an agricultural contractor and he had the problem that he couldn't get reliable information on what the weather was doing in the places he needed to be working at. The girls developed a weather station that sensed temperature, humidity, wind speed and sent the data to the internet—well done Abbey & Jenna!"

Mr Phil Hooper and **Mr Andrew Hornblow** have been our biggest inspirations throughout our project. They both encouraged us from the get-go and taught us a lot, they are great mentors. Mr Hooper is a teacher at Opunake High School and Mr Hornblow is an Opunake resident and helps out at Opunake High a lot."

DAVID NICHOLAS

After 36 years at Opunake High School David Nicholas will be retiring at the end of this year. You are welcome to attend an evening to celebrate David's retirement on December 7th, 7pm in the Opunake High School Hall.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

- Taylor Rampton**—NZ Junior Motocross Champion
- Johnathan Tahau**—3rd Under 18 Opunake Kneelo Classic
- Breanna Morgan** — Russell McVeagh School Leavers' Law Scholarship

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

- Junior Girls**— Joellen Hughson-How
- Junior Boys**— Christian Rosewarne
- Intermediate Girls**—Jacuelin Tulloch
- Intermediate Boys** — Jordan Hooper
- Senior Girls** — Tara Potter
- Senior Boys** — Ethan Bloemen

SPECIAL DATES TERM 4

- November 8** Senior Prizegiving 1 pm
- November 12** NCEA Exams commence
- December 7** Junior Prizegiving 11 am
- December 7** Dave Nicholas farewell 7pm
- December 13** Hillary Challenge Race night 7 pm

"NOTHING TRIVIAL"

A successful quiz night was held on the 25th October to raise funds for the Samoa trip. About \$2,000 was raised - fantastic effort! The winning team was Echniodermauchocolot - a teachers team! Thank you to all the generous prize sponsors



SAMOA SPORTING & CULTURAL TOUR

11th - 19th July 2013

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Dairy Woman of the Year nominations

open for 2013 award

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announced in March 2013. The Women in Leadership programme connects participants with high-calibre networks and provides mentoring as well as professional and personal

development. Participants are expected to progress to more senior positions in one to three years after completing the course.

Inaugural winner, Barbara Kuriger, who collected her award this year, says she joined the leadership programme in September and it has already helped her find her future aspirations.

"My heart is in dairy and agribusiness, and the programme is getting me to think more broadly about the opportunities I can create for the industry and for other women." She said she sees her future in another governance role.

"I'm passionate about helping people find solutions, and I can see there is more potential for New Zealand's rural and urban business communities to connect – we're not that different. We all want to have successful businesses regardless of the industries we're in, and we face similar challenges. There is a lot of knowledge out there that can be shared for everyone's benefit."

Dairy Women's Network chair Michelle Wilson said the judges saw in Barbara a real demonstration of leadership by example, exemplifying the Network's values of innovation, commitment, inclusiveness, credibility and integrity.

With more than 25 years' experience, Barbara was the first woman regional director of LIC and has held other leadership roles including a DairyNZ and AgITO directorship. She owns and operates a dairy



Barbara Kuriger Dairy woman of the Year 2012

farm in New Plymouth with her husband Luis.

Barbara said winning the inaugural award was very special and anyone considering entering should grab the opportunity. "Everyone has a different view of success. Whatever it means to you, whether it's being a director on a board, a leader in your community, a champion for change or a successful business woman, this award can help you get there."

The Global Women's 12-month leadership programme is internationally renowned for the calibre of its training and participants. Global woman members include high profile lawyer

Mai Chen, business woman Annah Stretton and ex-Prime Minister the Rt. Hon Dame Jenny Shipley.

Dairy Women's Network chief executive, Sarah Speight, said the Dairy Woman of the Year award celebrates and advances women who are making a real difference in the dairy industry, in their dairying businesses and in their communities.

"Women are valued around the leadership table because they bring a range of different perspectives, but they still make up less than 12 percent of agribusiness boards (Source Ministry of Women's Affairs website).

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Historic day for Fonterra farmer shareholders

The Fonterra Shareholders' Council said today's launch of the Trading Among Farmers (TAF) Supply Offer for farmer Shareholders and the Prospectus and Investment Statement for the Fonterra Shareholders' Fund was a tangible result of years of hard work by the Co-op and its farmers.

Ian Brown, who heads the Council which is tasked with safeguarding the interests of the dairy Co-operative's 10,500 Shareholders, said it was a historic day for Fonterra Shareholders.

"Our farmers have always been leaders and this is another example of them being heavily involved in an innovative step forward for our industry."

The Farmer Shareholder Supply Offer invites Fonterra farmer Shareholders to consider the opportunity to sell the economic rights of some of their shares to the Fonterra Shareholders' Fund and the Prospectus and Investment Statement for the Fund allows the public to consider buying Units in the Fund.

"The Offer is the first step in launching Trading Among Farmers which is designed to provide farmers

with increased flexibility in running their businesses," Mr Brown said.

"Also, by ensuring our Co-op has permanent capital Fonterra will be able to make the most of opportunities, identified in the Strategy Refresh, to improve Shareholder returns."

Mr Brown said it was important to emphasise that the Offer provided an opportunity to invest in Units issued by the Shareholders' Fund – not to buy Fonterra shares.

"Voting rights and Shares have and will always be linked to milk production. This principle is rock solid and a lot of hard work has been done over the past two-plus years to ensure 100% supplying Shareholder ownership and control of Fonterra is secured.

"What the Offer opportunity does present is the chance for investors to engage with Fonterra like never before and I believe this can only be a good thing for our Co-op."

Mr Brown said it was important that Shareholders did their own due diligence on the offer before them.

"I encourage Shareholders to read the Prospectus and Investment Statement for the Fund and the Farmer

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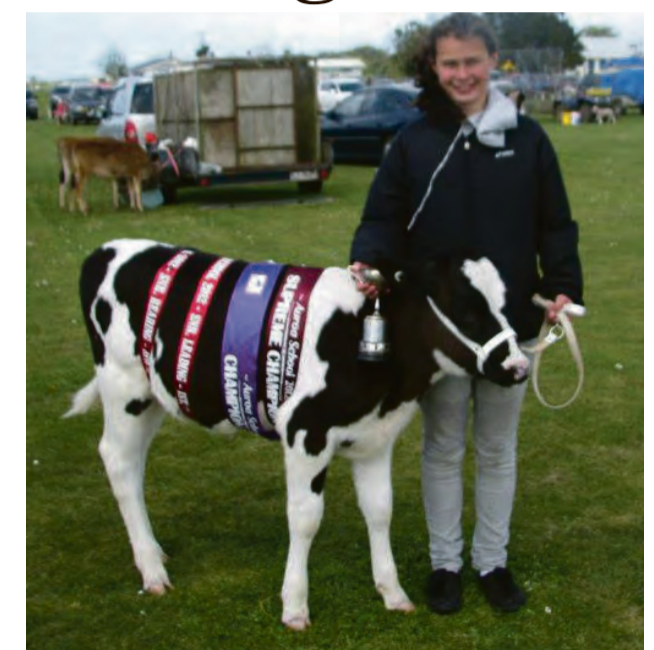
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St Josephs Junior Champion Matthew O Rorke with Judge Tony Luckin and Toby O Rorke Reserve Champion Junior calf.

Darling babies



Simone Cook won supreme Champion Calf at Auroa School this year.

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The Wise Old Owls of The Cottage Resthome

On 17th October the inaugural South Taranaki Inter-Resthome Quiz was held in Eltham. The quiz is to become an annual event at which the trophy, a wooden "Wise Old Owl" on a stone base, will be competed for. Teams from six Resthomes from Eltham, Stratford, Hawera and Opunake took part in the quiz and then enjoyed an afternoon tea together.

A team of nine represented the Opunake Cottage Resthome. They were, Residents: Molly Harvey, Margaret Sturgeon, Tony Gibbs, Tay Taylor, Edna Deegan, George Baker and Esther McCall (Day Care), and staff members: Sharon Tapiki and Anne Woods.

The quiz comprised 40 questions - ten questions each in four categories: Sport, Occupations, Plants and Gardening, and History. There were some very tricky questions which

tested the knowledge of all participants. The Cottage team did very well and each team member contributed with their own particular pieces of wisdom (and maybe a couple of team-inspired lucky guesses). At the end of the quiz the Cottage Resthome team was the clear winner with a total of 39 correct answers! A brilliant result for the "wise old owls" from Opunake.

On the drive back to Opunake in the Resthome van everyone was in high spirits and justifiably proud of themselves. When they got back to The Cottage strains of the "We are the Champions" song, and the congratulations of those who did not go, could be heard ringing along the passages.

The team members are looking forward to competing again next year and defending their title - Bring It On!



Trivial pursuits. From left Molly Harvey, Esther McCall and George Baker competing in the quiz.

SPORTS

Champion calves



ABOVE

St Josephs School, Opunake's Senior Champion calves from left Caleb Smith and Fi won Reserve Champion Senior calf Scott Quinnell and Destiny at won Supreme Champion calf Matthew O Rorke won the Junior Champion calf section and brother Toby won Reserve Champion Junior calf.

Kids trout fishing day

Hard core fishing was what it was about at the Opunake Surfcasting and Angling Club trout fishing day held at Opunake lake.

The rain came, the wind howled, the kids kept coming and the trout stayed on the bite.

Many thanks to all those that supported the day. Putting it mildly, it was a bloody rough day but they must breed them tough around the coast because 44 hard-out kids, mums, dads grandparents and friends turned out for the fish.

Two hundred trout were on offer and a grand tally of 85 fish were caught. Most kids caught two each.

From Wellington to New Plymouth they arrived in plastic bag raincoats though some of the more hardy just in t-shirts.

Sean Luttrell turned his big boat into an office for the girls doing the registrations [top man] due to the weatherman, thanks Hef.

We aim to make this an annual event which will be held in October each year, so kids make sure you tell mum and dad to write this down for next year, OK.

Here's some comments from the day: awesome, amazing, can you do this again, the cooked trout tasted yummy, it's my first trout, incredible day - so the comments flowed.

The winners of the rod and reel sets drawn under police supervision were:

- 1 Conor Bird
- 2 Caleb Bird
- Voucher winners: 3 Shay with Jill Corbett.
- 4 Zara Coombe.
- 5 Shavaunh Dobbin.

Many thanks to all the sponsors and club members that helped on the day.

PS

If you kids want to go trout fishing again all you have to do is go to Collins Sport Centre and get a free licence if you are 12yrs or under as decided at the October 1

AGM held at the Opunake Club Hotel last week.

Elected to positions of office were President M Kuriger, Secretary S Hitch, Treasurer P Walsh, Weighmaster K Hitch. Publicity Officer, P Walsh and S Hitch, Committee, Kev Phillips, T Brown, Willis Luttrell, George Johnston, S Corkill, R Moss, H Boulton. Patron Charlie Olsson.

Many thanks to John [Sharp] Sharp and Graeme [Dodd] Dodd for their big effort and time in being secretary and treasurer over their term - great work guys - and welcome to the new committee

Subs to pay and news letters to pick up will be at Collins Sports Centre.

Any new members don't be shy to contact any committee member to point you in the right direction, OK. Get the cobwebs off those rods, get new nylon some bait and get out there.

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Pony Club happenings



The Opunake Pony Club team that went to the Show Hunter Champs in Manawatu. Pictured from left, Lauren Stevens, Jacqui Tulloch, Jakartia Munro-Smith, Cate Tulloch, Stella Collins, Ashleigh Clements, Ebony Collins, and Maddy Meiers.

Opunake Pony club got off to a wet and windy start on the 9th sept 2012.

The first rally of their season saw some new members attend so a big welcome to you and it was wonderful to see the familiar faces of the existing members.

Due to the weather the first rally was unmounted but all was not lost as we were able to do some tack cleaning and horse management in preparation for sitting our certificates in the New Year.

I would also like to thank our existing coaches and welcome our new ones as

without you we could not make our rallies so manageable and fun.

On Friday the 12th October 2012 we sent a team of riders/mounts to the Manawatu Pony Club Showhunter Champs that were held at the Foxton Racecourse 19 teams attended from throughout the North Island. Opunake Pony Club Combined consisted of the following HACKS: Jakartia Munro Smith/Good Will, Lauren Stephens/Tui's Midnight Rhapsody(North Taranaki Pony Club) CAT C: Jacqui Tulloch(Team Captain)/Cosmic Zipper, Ashleigh Clement

/My Boy Danny, CAT B: Cate Tulloch/Whistledown Annie Oakley, Stella Collins/Fluke The Duke CAT A: Maddy Meier/Mystic (Carlyle Pony Club),Ebony Collins/Rocky Team Coach Barbara Harvey, Team Manager Jenny Collins .Special thanks to Jocelyn Clement, Anthea Stevens and Jacqui Meier who supported the team with transport and all assistance in getting mounts and riders ready for competition . Big thanks to Barbara Harvey for her invaluable advice and support

Unfortunately the conditions were wet and windy for the competition but our team had a lot of fun despite the weather! The team won the prize for being the most supportive team at the competition I would like to congratulate Ashleigh Clement/My Boy Danny 8th CAT C, Jacqui Tulloch/Cosmic Zipper 4th place equitation CAT C, Ebony Collins/ROCKY 2ND CAT A.

Opunake Pony Club Combined placed 10th in the team competition. Well done team! See you there next year.

Christophers too good

Hamish Christophers was too good for his fellow competitors in the 2012 Opunake Surf Inn Kneelo Surfing Classic held in challenging conditions at Opunake's Middleton's Bay over Labour Weekend.

Christophers, the reigning Pro Junior World Champion, surfed with power and flow throughout the event and looked the odds on favourite to take out the final. In the Men's Open final, Christophers was up against Venezuelan surfer Armando Colucci, and Taranaki kneelos Jamie Andrews and Jason Farqhar.

Christophers headed to the left hand point with Farqhar, whilst the others chose to sit on the beach break in front of the judging tent. Christophers locked in a good scoring wave at the start of the

final, and was able to back that up with his best wave, towards the end of the heat. Showing all his contest experience and knowledge, Christophers powered into his turns and was able to generate the speed needed to pull off his manoeuvres. Colucci, fresh from a surf contest in Spain, showed plenty of skill, linking turns and re entries on the short punchy beach break, to stay in touch. The Venezuelan took out second place from Jamie Andrews of Waitara on his last wave, enabling him to show the crowd how good a surfer he is. Andrews and Farqhar surfed with plenty of determination, but were starved of waves that offered any high scoring potential.

In the other finals Rebecca Heemi returned home from uni study to

take out the women's event from Eli Stevens, Jo Moore and Emma Croton all of New Plymouth.

The Under 18's National Scholastic Champ Maukino Skelton took out the final, showing in years to come, he will be a surfer to contend with. His wave selection and manoeuvres gave him the edge over new kneelos Locky Stevens (NP), Johnathan Tahau (Opunake) and Eli Stevens (NP). Organisers, Kneeboard Surfing New Zealand would like to thank all competitors especially Colucci and Giovani Benitez from Venezuela, and surfers from Kaikoura, Auckland, Whangarei, and Mount Manganui. KSNZ also acknowledges the support and assistance of judges and the following supporters and sponsors of the 2012 Opunake Surf Inn Kneelo Surfing Classic.

Results

Men's Open

- 1st Hamish Christophers
 - 2nd Armando Colucci (Venezuela)
 - 3rd Jamie Andrews
 - 4th Jason Farqhar
- Women Open
- 1st Rebecca Heemi
 - 2nd Eli Stevens
 - 3rd Jo Moore
 - 4th Emma Croton
- Under 18
- 1st Maukino Skelton
 - 2nd Locky Stevens
 - 3rd Johnathan Tahau
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On this month in history

On November 24, 1956 Norman Read won the longest event at the Melbourne Olympic Games, the 50 kilometre walk. He was competing for New Zealand.

Ironically Norman Read had sought selection for the British Olympic team, before he emigrated to NZ, but was turned down. He was told the team had already been selected. Their loss and New Zealand's gain.

The NZ authorities had to approach the International Olympic Committee for approval to select the Englishman. He qualified for NZ selection by winning the Australian 50km title.

In 1966 Norman Read won a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games, which were held in Jamaica.

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Obituary: Sir Wilson Whineray



Sir Wilson Whineray with the Rugby World Cup

Sir Wilson James Whineray died on October 22 at Auckland Hospital where he had been for a month. The 77-year-old was born in Auckland on July 10, 1935.

He is remembered, not only as a great All Black captain – many say the greatest - but also an astute businessman and supporter of charitable causes.

Wilson made the All Blacks

in 1957 aged just 21, selected as a forward (loosehead prop) for a test against Australia. He was made captain at the young age of 23 and finally called it quits in 1965. By then he had played 77 games for the All Blacks, 67 as captain. "We played for ten shillings (a dollar) a day", he said.

He also had a distinguished career as a provincial rug-

by player and played for Wairarapa, Mid Canterbury, Manawatu, Canterbury, Waikato, but made his mark playing for Auckland (1959-1966) coached by the great Sir Fred Allen. Why so many provinces? He was an agricultural cadet and moved around quite a bit.

After his retirement from rugby a hugely successful business career followed, preceded by graduating MBA from Harvard University. He spent 34 years with industrial giant Carter Holt and rose through the ranks to become Deputy Managing Director. He subsequently held various top positions, such as Chairman of the National Bank of New Zealand and Chairman of the Hillary Commission (1993-1998).

Wilson received many honours including an OBE (1962), a knighthood

(KNZM) in 1998, Sportsman of the Year (1965) and in 2007 was the first New Zealander inducted into the IRB Hall of Fame.

"He was a modest likable man with a smiling face and a quiet word of advice for his men. His high sense of diplomacy, sound tactical knowledge of the game and personal dedication and self-discipline earned him the admiration of rugby men everywhere", said JBG Thomas, the well-known Welsh sports writer.

Sir Wilson is survived by his wife Lady Elizabeth (Beth), a son, two daughters and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at midday on Friday October 26 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell, Auckland.

Lambie Pairs Shield won by Okato



The Western Division Lambie Pairs Mens Bowling Competition was held at Opunake on Sunday. Fourteen teams entered. Pictured with the Lambie Pairs Shield are the winners Grayson and Dale McEldowney (Okato). Runners up were T and I Lowry (Rahotu).

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On November 11, 2000 Samoan-born boxer David Tua fought world champion Lennox Lewis of Great Britain. The bout was held in Las Vegas, USA. The three judges awarded a points decision to Lennox Lewis, who was adjudged to have won at least nine of the 12 rounds. Generally, it would seem that David was outclassed by his more able opponent, although he did win the third round of the fight.

As an amateur David Tua won a bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

He is still a competitive boxer, but has spent much time in legal wrangles with his former handlers. There have been series of court battles, seemingly over money supposedly owed.

Opunake Players present Farm Supplies and Other Lies



Mike Smith (Neil), Stephanie MacKenzie (Polly), Ian Hitch (Warren), Andy Whitehead (Barry), Chloe Danz (Anna) and Honey-Rose Hutchins (Belinda).

Opunake Players Inc are supporting local theatre, in that they are presenting their second locally written play in three years.

“Farm Supplies and Other Lies!” is a brand new play written by Opunake local Lynelle Kuriger, and tells a tale of love found and lost with plenty of laughter, mayhem and music to set your feet tapping. In fact, Lynelle hints that there could be a modicum of personal

experience in some of the storyline. Set in the late 80’s the play revolves around Barry’s Farm Supplies store in rural Taranaki.

Anna, a single dairy farmer in her 30s, runs the family farm for her elderly parents. She is a bit rough round the edges and does what is expected of her. Her best friend Polly tries to bring Anna out of her shell, but faces challenges with her own partner, Warren; a Real Estate agent working from Barry’s store.

Warren thinks that the world revolves around him. Shy, awkward Barry, the store owner who is secretly in love with Anna, frequently deals with one very demanding customer, Neil. Neil never misses a chance to tell anyone he’s the best farmer in the district – however he is never rude around his young fresh-faced daughter, Belinda, who arrives home from University causing quite a stir. Anna learns some shocking news about her family farm’s fu-

ture and, with the help of Polly and Barry, she sets out to save the farm. They all end up getting more than they bargained for.

There will be 8 performances of Farm Supplies and Other Lies at Opunake’s Lakeside Playhouse. November 22 to December 1st (no performance on Sat 24th or Tues 27th). Tickets \$20, available from November 1st at Morris and Ockhuysen, Opunake.

Two vibrant exhibitions at Gallery

Percy Thomson Gallery presents two outstanding exhibitions:

‘Elements 12’ - a ceramic exhibition and ‘Connections’ – a touring quilting exhibition. Both have opened and run until November 18.

‘Elements 2012’, is a regional exhibition by NZ Society of Potters, comprising of selected works by ceramic artists from Wellington and Western Districts (Lower North Island.)

Guest selector and exhibitor is Fran Maguire - Marlborough, who works in domestic and sculptural ware, and has featured in various publications and won many awards including the ‘NZSP Blumhardt Foundation Non-Functional Excellence Award’ at the 50th National Exhibition.

“My interests are in



One of the intriguing creations at Percy Thomson’s latest exhibitions.

the universe, ideas about genetics, viruses, fertility, microcosm and macrocosm, repeating patterns and exploring my own personal experiences of being”, said Fran Maguire.

There is guaranteed to be an amazing array of pottery styles and techniques with a

high standard up for selection. The prize winners were announced at the recent opening.

Running concurrently in the Accountants on Broadway Gallery (Community Gallery) is ‘Connections’ a travelling Aotearoa Quilters Exhibition. NANZQ (National

Association of NZ Quilters) holds a bi-ennial challenge and 20 quilts are selected to tour New Zealand. This year’s theme is ‘Connections’.

The 2012 Quilt Challenge’s first prize winner is Jeanette Gillies from Wanaka with ‘Stratification’.

Three merit prizes were awarded.

Mary Transon from Ohope with ‘Six Wives’

Irene Anderton from Lower Hutt with ‘Well Connected’ and Kathleen Burford from Christchurch with ‘The Long Road’ and includes a quilt from local quilter, Jennifer Patterson.

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Opunake Business Association NEXT MEETING

Monday November 5th at Opunake Surf Inn
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Monday November 5 at Opunake Surf Inn, 5:30pm social, 6:00pm meeting

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

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OPUNAKE GOLF CLUB AGM

Monday 12th November refer PN

MOBILITY SCOOTER EXPO

Tuesday November 13 at Sandfords Events Centre, Opunake. 11am till 2pm. Refer advert in What's On.

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Tuesday November 13 2012. Refer advert

125th COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OLD SCHOOL

Friday November 16 at 8pm. Refer advert in What's On section.

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This included a Spotswood College First Fifteen jersey - with number '9' on it - and a very distinctive set of headphones, along with a heap of clothes including the owner's undies.

We have got photos of similar items.

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NOTE:

This year Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) on the 11th day of November at 11am falls on a Sunday. It would be fitting if we could get quite a muster at the TSB Square in Opunake.

Just a reminder that this service is also open to the public to attend as usual and on the completion of the service there will be a service at the Services Cemetery in Opunake.

Rev GM Williams
Publicity Officer

Te Kiri Women's Institute

A good attendance was welcomed to the October Meeting by our President Mrs Sue Muggeridge.

The Fun and Friendship day was discussed and our entries for the competitions were displayed.

Our Scrap book taking a lot of interest among our members.

Sue reminded members of the 'bring and buy' at the Fun and Friendship day and the Opunake Friendship Club where we were co-hostesses.

We all settled down to a very sweet afternoon.

Mrs Sue Huckstep demonstrated icing cupcakes. Sue and a helper had taken a class of children during the holidays and brought a box with some of the cakes the children had iced, which were just great. Their imaginations had run riot - there

were pigs, elephants, flowers a mouse and a lovely rose

Those Kids sure had fun and Sue had enjoyed it as much as they had especially at tasting time.

Sue showed us how to mix the food colours into the icing and she made a rose with the outside petals edged in a darker colour.

It was all very real and beautiful. Sue packs the cakes in a little plastic container and posts them to various places. Her son in Christchurch looks forward to his special treat.

Some of our members took the opportunity to ice some cakes under Sue's tutelage.

Competition Results

Bloom: 1st Kath Perrett, 2nd Raima Karam, 3rd Judith Armstrong and Sue Muggeridge

Shrub: 1st Merle Clement, 2nd Sue Muggeridge, 3rd Raima Karam

Cooking: Kath Perrett

Handcraft: 1st Joy Collins

2nd Kath Perrett

Floral: 1st Mavis West

Our table of the month had some very interesting articles displayed. Joy had made some lovely brooches and a beautiful purple necklace. These were very much admired and quite a talking point and we enjoyed seeing what we do in our spare time.

Our guest Sue joined us for afternoon tea and was thanked with a gift of appreciation.

Thanks to Rita and Pat for our yummy afternoon tea, which was very delicious. Thanks to Heather for picking me up and all her help - very much appreciated.

A wonderful, sweet, sticky and happy meeting enjoyed by us all and some of us are having a cup cake for supper.

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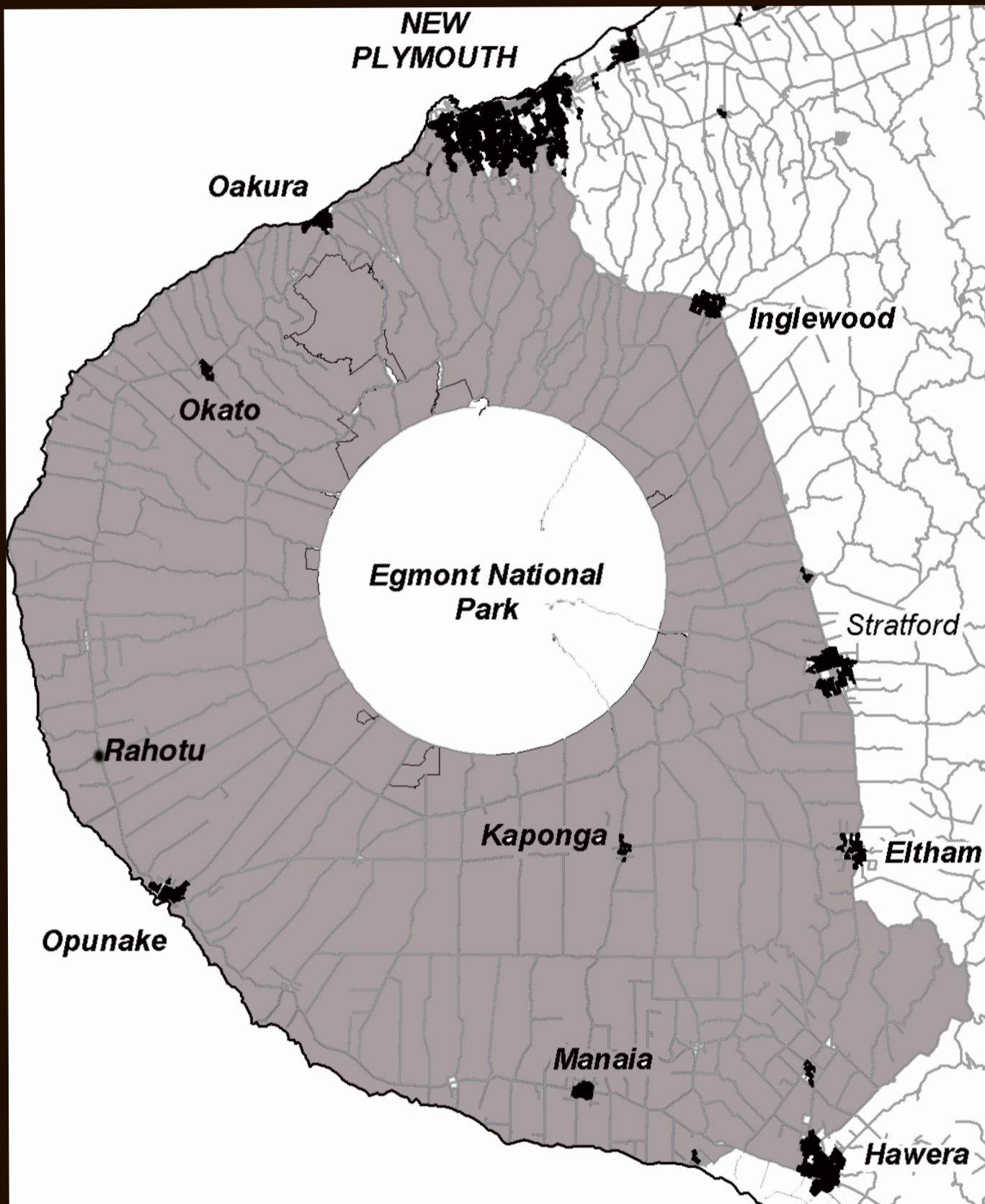
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Little Shop of Horrors - is now open for business

Little Shop of Horrors is now underway with the first performance on November 1. This is a madcap, delightfully scary and quirky joy of a musical.

Geeky florist assistant Seymour finds his chance for love and success via a strange and extraordinary exotic plant. Can he cater to the demands of this rapacious man-eating plant and still win the affections of sweet bubble-headed Audrey?

This is one of the longest running and most successful off-Broadway shows of all time, featuring songs such as 'Somewhere That's Green', 'Downtown', 'Feed Me' (sung by the plant) and 'Suddenly Seymour'.

Seymour is the clumsy employee of Mushnik's Flower Shop on skid row, where he daydreams of Audrey his coworker. After

no business, Mr. Mushnik decides to close the shop. Seymour and Audrey tell him that they think displaying something interesting, strange, and new in the window will attract business. Seymour brings up the perfect plant for the job: a flytrap-esque plant he calls Audrey II. The plant immediately attracts business. After the store

closes, the plant begins to wilt, and Mr. Mushnik orders Seymour to fix it. That night, Seymour discovers what Audrey II eats: blood. Seymour feeds the plant his blood, and as a result, it gets bigger and bigger. When Seymour becomes unable to keep feeding it, the plant begins to talk and urges him to feed it more than just

blood. Audrey II promises him rewards, and that he'll bring him business, luxuries, everything he's ever wanted, and Audrey.

Performances are at the Hawera Memorial Theatre from 1st to 10th November. Get your tickets now from the South Taranaki i-SITE, Hawera 06 278 8599

Taranaki National Art Awards. Not to be missed.



This painting is by Jasmine Middlebrook. It is entitled 'The Unfaithful Shepherd' and won the Rural Taranaki category.

Highly Commended entry in the Fibre Art category



Left: Highly Commended in the Fibre Art category of the Taranaki National Art Awards was 'The Travelling Salesman's Fruit and Vege Samples' by Patricia Took-Stevens.

There were fifteen other entries in this category. The judges pointed out that fruit and vegetables were, of course, made of fibre.



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LEFT: Turn Heads in Opunake have a great selection of fashionable dresses that are well worth a look (and more). In this picture Rhonda Crawford looks stunning in this dress, which is just one of the many on display.

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Gas and electrical installations at home

A word of advice on getting gas and electrical installations in your home

When you're building or renovating your home, getting the gas and electrical installations sorted is one of the big things to tick off your checklist. New electrical sockets may need to be installed, heaters fixed to the wall, cookers wired in and so on. The key thing to remember is safety first.

Before you hire a tradesperson, even for simple repairs or replacement, make sure that they're a licensed electrician or gasfitter. You can ask to see their licence, or check to see if someone is licensed through the Electrical Workers Registration Board (www.e wrb.govt.nz) and Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board websites (www.pgdb.co.nz).

Don't forget to keep copies of certification, receipts and invoices relating to gas and electrical work in a safe place – and that you'll remember where they are in six months' time!

At the moment, certifying gas and electrical installation work is mandatory for most work, but not for repairs and replacement. However, from July 2013, consumers will always be entitled to get a Safety Certificate for all gas and electrical installation work. This will make it easier for consumers to get redress if any gas and electrical installations and repairs are not up to standard.

New laws will also mean that any work that is classified as high-risk – such as the connection of a new home to a gas or electricity supply – will have to be registered on a new publicly available database run by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. So you'll be able to check that you're satisfied with the records being kept for 'high risk' installations in your home.

Registered electricians and gasfitters are audited by their relevant registration boards and other regulators. You have the right to complain to those boards if you're not happy with the quality of work you receive.

If you have any concerns about poor quality or unsafe electrical or gas installation work that has been done in your home, you should first raise it with your electrician or gasfitter. If you can't reach an agreement on how to sort things out, take your complaint to the Electrical Workers Registration Board (EWRB) or Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board (PGDB).

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Gardens, gardens and more gardens

Mayor Dunlop and mayoress have their garden on display



Mayor of STDC, Ross Dunlop, and his wife, Jan, both keen gardeners, are enjoying the Fringe Festival. Visitors are welcome at the Dunlop's large garden at Ohawe Rd, Hawera.

An avid supporter of culture, Jan has asked 40 local artists to display and sell their works in the Dunlop's woolshed. The Dunlops are donating money from this project and from the \$2 garden entry fee towards the Lysaght-Watt Gallery in Hawera.



Wilma Crawford in a part of her superb garden, which is in the Fringe Festival. Who can name this bush?

On this month in history

On November 29, 1910 Captain Robert Falcon Scott sailed from Port Chalmers (Near Dunedin) in the 'Terra Nova' bound for Antarctica and (later) the South Pole. With four of his men he reached the South Pole only to find Captain Roald Amundsen (Norway)'s party had beaten him by about six weeks.

Sadly, Captain Scott and his four companions died on the return journey to their Cape Evans base.

Ten new gardens in the Fringe Festival

The Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, which is continuing offers ten new gardens throughout the province.

"This is New Zealand's largest garden festival like no other. Here in Taranaki we pride ourselves in the large variety of plants we can grow," says John Lucas, Chairman of The Taranaki Garden Trust.

There are 58 attractive gardens listed in the colourful Fringe Festival brochure, which is available from public libraries, nurseries, and retail shops.

Every page glows with colourful photographs of the gardens and there are maps to make it clear for visitors.

Jean Roach, Secretary of this garden festival, has devoted weeks of tireless work in planning all the details. With the weather warming up a bit and the bit, Jean has heading off to visit some of the other gardens.

"Last year I opened my garden and now I'm concentrating on the pruning and tree maintenance," says Jean

with a broad smile.

Jean gardens with a great flair and she loves chatting to people and talking flowers and plants.

"Lots of good ideas have come from other people's gardens," she admits.

It is this air of friendliness and fun that makes the Fringe Festival so special.

"Our gardeners plan from year to year and the Fringe Festival organisers are here to help everyone achieve a high standard.

"Many of the visitors come from out of Taranaki and we are impressing these folk with our wonderful gardens.

This year local high school students will compile statistics about the numbers of visitors

Te Henui Vicarage and New Plymouth potters are one of the attractions in the vintage category. This quaint and historic building, dating back to 1846 was the residence for the first vicar of St Mary's and Holy Trinity churches. The garden is described as easy-care. Indoor

and garden pottery will be for sale. Look out for the pottery demonstrations.

There are gardens to please everyone. Pai Rawa Atua which translates as the perfect place is the creation of Allan and Lorraine Inch at 10 Ludlow Place, Bell Block. This garden is made up of three town sections. About 8,000 trees and shrubs have been planted in the last 29 years. Look for the vireya rhododendrons, 350 camellias, palms and cycads. Next door is a wildlife park set aside for birds.

There are plenty of rural and a town garden to visit and the Fringe Garden Festival advertises a wide range of accommodation and cafes.

It is a "must read about and must go to" event on Taranaki's calendar which continues until November 4.



Also an artist, Wilma Crawford shows some of her creations, such as hand-painted china, which are for sale.

Every year the standard gets higher



Karen Dey (pictured) won the Committee's Choice Award with this entry entitled 'Port Douglas'.

"At this highly prestigious event, every year the standard gets higher", remarked Alex Ballantyne, Deputy Mayor of South Taranaki when he officially opened this year's Taranaki National Art Awards on Friday October 26 at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake.

The event is organised by Suzi Stanley and her Committee who have worked hard to ensure the event is as excellent as usual. Suzi thanked the many people who have contributed time or sponsorship, time or expertise, including the Opunake Floral Art Group for their exquisite floral decorations.

This year there were seven categories, namely Painting, Rural Taranaki, 3D, Works on Paper, Fibre Art, Toi Tu Taranaki, Photography as well as the Committee Choice. There were a total of about 250 entries, with

two prizes in each category (\$1,000 or \$2,000 for First and \$250 or \$500 for Highly Commended). The two judges were Ruth Harvey and Professor Robert Jahnke, who commented, "There is an amazing array of art here". He added, "You are all winners".

The musical accompaniment was of a high standard with Doug Brooks on keyboard and Brian Quin on guitar. Their vocals were joined on occasion by Rhegan Brooks. She sang, for example, a powerful version of 'Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow' made famous by Carol King. Some of the songs included numbers recorded by such singers as Bob Dylan, Neil Diamond and the Beatles. Their 'The Wonder of You' (Elvis) was superb.

The awards were as follows:

Anne Holliday won the **Painting** section with

'Leo Dying' (138). Highly Commended was 'Hemi' (109) by Andre Bronnimann. There were 96 entries.

Jasmine Middlebrook won the **Rural Taranaki** category with 'The Unfaithful Shepherd' (225), while 'Gumboots in A Southerly Gale' (211) by Laurel Davis was Highly Commended. There were 39 entries.

The **3D** category was won by Dr Kathryn Wightman with 'Curious' (338). For the second year running Roger Morris (Remo) was awarded Highly Commended status. His entry was entitled 'Little Bird of War' (323). There were 39 entries.

Margaret Silverwood's 'Womb Chair' (421) was awarded first prize in the **Works on Paper** category, with 'Back in Black' (403) by Rodolfo Banaticla being Highly Commended. There were 27 entries.

The **Fibre Art** category was won by Jacqueline Elley with 'Muka Moon' (505).

Highly Commended was 'The Travelling Salesman's Fruit and Vege Samples' (516) by Patricia Took-Stevens. There were 17 entries.

'Forward Focus' (608) by Steve Molloy was awarded first prize in the **Toi Tu Taranaki** category. Highly Commended was 'The Taranaki Warrior' (612) by Lester Ransfield. There were 18 entries.

The **Photography** category was won by Rebecca Scott with 'Lost Image 198618691902' (712). This was the category with the smallest number of entries (15).

The Committee Choice award went to Karen Dey with her painting 'Port Douglas'. "It's brilliant - I'm just blown away" was Karen's reaction. Of the

event she enthused, "It gets better every year".

The depth of talent at this event is extraordinary - I don't envy the judges their task. One entry which caught my eye was Isaac Petersen's 'New York Beach Girls' (161) - so lifelike, they all but moved. Another remarkable one was 'Behind the Scenes at Tawhiti Museum' (174), featuring curator Nigel Ogle in a swirl of his historical creations. It reminded me of the painting of Charles Dickens dozing in his chair, with a multitude of his miniature fictional characters surrounding him in his dream-like state.

Rolland McKellar

We intend to include more entries from the Taranaki National Art Awards in later issues of this newspaper.



Andre Bronnimann (pictured) with his painting entitled 'Hemi', which was Highly Commended.

Record weight loss at Weight Loss Challenge

We have just finished Week 6 of the Second Opunake Weight Loss Challenge. What a fantastic weight loss group we have - who had an amazing 63kg loss in their very first week! This is the largest weight loss for a first

week weigh in since I have started these challenges. So a huge congratulations to everyone on their efforts.

After the fifth week weigh in the group has now lost a total of 151.5kgs! Again we have two groups, Claire

McLean and my group. Claire's group is currently in the lead and at the five week weigh in stage. Her group has lost an incredible 83kgs and my group has lost 68.5kg. We also have a full house with around

40 challengers. It's great to see that we again have some men in the challenge.

This challenge is only a nine week challenge so the participants only have three more weigh ins to reach their goals. At the last nine week

challenge I held in Okato the total weight lost was 188.8 kgs. This challenge however only had 33 participants so we are expecting more weight loss this time around with our 40 participants.

The final weigh in is on

the 14th November and our presentation night will be on 21st November 21. So to the participants out there, keep up the good work and we will see less of you all next week!

Sharron Skipper

Mobility Scooter Expo coming soon

This will be held on Tuesday 13 November from 11am-2pm at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. This should appeal to everyone - entry is free.

An idea suggested by the

Egmont Plains Community Board has resulted in the South Taranaki District Council planning a Mobility Scooter Expo in Opunake with the help of the Community Constable,

Nigel Dey.

Four mobility scooter suppliers in Taranaki have agreed to take part in the expo and will be bringing scooters to show and test drive on the day.

The Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre is also keen to take part and will be bringing along a selection of disability aids and advice. Safety tips and information will be part of the expo, but

attendees are in for a lot of fun too.

There will be spot prizes and giveaways and everyone who comes gets a free lunch at the SECO Cafe.

For more information

please contact Community Development Advisor Michele McDonald at the South Taranaki District Council (Hawera) on 0800 111 323.

The Bitches Box and Mel Parsons



From left, Emma Newborn, Mel Parsons, and Amelia Guild.

An unmissable night of music, theatre and comedy in a woolshed.

Rural audiences will be delighted this spring as an unmissable night of music, theatre and comedy pops up in a woolshed near you with 'The Bitches' Box and Mel Parsons' show. Fol-

lowing the sell-out success of The Bitches Box & Mel Parsons South Island Tour in Feb/March, this exciting tour sees a trio of professional entertainers perform 20 shows in woolsheds throughout North Island rural and farming communities in Oct/Nov 2012.

"What a fantastic evening.

No matter how far the drive, it's worth it," enthused Andrew Holden, Editor of The Press.

'The Bitches' Box and Mel Parsons' show promises a great night of quality entertainment - bringing theatre, music and comedy to the heart of the country. Join us for a world-class show as

singer/songwriter and two-time Tui Award finalist Mel Parsons starts off the night with songs from the heart, followed by a hilarious romp around the kennels as actresses Amelia Guild and Emma Newborn tell you a dogs tail...all the way from The Bitches' Box.

About the Show

The idea was conceived when Amelia Guild and Emma Newborn were thrown together by chance at an artist collective and were given two weeks to come up with a 10 minute performance piece. As luck would have it they hit it off right away, and with their on-stage chemistry receiving glowing reviews. The piece was soon developed into a full length work. Established touring artist Mel Parsons joined the lineup soon after, joining forces to deliver a full night of entertainment and hilarity.

On the Night

Two-time Tui Award fi-

nalist Mel Parsons starts the evening off on a musical note with songs from her latest album 'Red Grey Blue'. With a songwriting style recently compared with Fleetwood Mac (Rip it Up, Dec 2011), Mel Parsons is a highly-regarded NZ touring artist, performer and songwriter.

Audiences are then invited to join Amelia Guild and Emma Newborn as they present a very unique and hilarious take of life on the farm. Watch as they throw the spotlight on our closest working mates and give voice to the inner workings of our four-legged friends. Guaranteed to raise a smile, The Bitches' Box promises to be a hearty romp around the kennels you thought you knew so well.

While being entertained, audiences will be able to enjoy the hospitality of the host farm, savour a glass or two of fine wines at the cash bar, and support their respective

local school or community group who will be running a fundraising BBQ dinner at each show.

Tickets

Pre-sale tickets are \$33 + booking fee available online now at eventfinder.co.nz; Limited door-sales at \$40 may be available on the night if not sold out prior. For further information & booking details go to: www.bitchesbox.com

Entertainment will begin at 7:30pm. Due to the limited capacity of venues, purchasing online pre-sale tickets is strongly recommended. Door sales may be available on the night if not sold out prior.

Running times
6:30pm - Cash bar open, BBQ dinner commences, door sales (if avail.)
7:30pm - show starts (Mel Parsons)
8:15pm - Intermission, bar open
8:45pm - Show resumes.



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Opunake an art gallery

Opunake has been converted into an art gallery.

The main street of Opunake has artworks in shop windows of local businesses.

The Opunake Swimming Baths also has a number of lovely murals painted by Dennis Latimer, which are also worth a look. The baths are open to the public from 1-4pm in the weekend and from 3.30a-5pm on a Tuesday though people can always 'chance it' to have a look while other users are there or maybe the cleaner is there outside these hours but just look, but not swim unless they have especially booked a time though they can join in with aqua aerobics/lane swimming times.



Laurence Aberhart

Recent Taranaki Photographs

8 November - 2 December 2012

Lysaght-Watt Gallery Hawera

Image: Laurence Aberhart
Interior, hair salon, Opunake, Taranaki,
1 June 2010. Govett-Brewster Collection

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Superlative photographs at Govett Brewster Gallery

Renowned photographer Laurence Aberhart acknowledges his love of Taranaki with an exhibition of black and white photographs opening at Hawera's Lysaght-Watt Gallery on Thursday 8 November. Hawera is the last point of call for the exhibition *Recent Taranaki Photographs* being toured around the mountain by Govett-Brewster Art Gallery this year.

Laurence Aberhart's photographs are among the most respected and memorable artworks produced in New Zealand over the last four decades.

In *Laurence Aberhart: Recent Taranaki Photographs*, Aberhart is absorbed in capturing the architecture and



An old co-operative dairy factory holds memories of years of activity, silently watched over by Mt Taranaki.

landscapes that we may barely notice or see ourselves. Sometimes melancholic, sometimes quietly humorous, his series of black and white photographs explore landscapes and the memories embedded in the relationship between natural and built forms.

Laurence Aberhart: Recent Taranaki Photographs is a 2009-2011 commission from the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, with support from the TSB Community Trust

and the Lysaght-Watt Trust through the Govett-Brewster Foundation.

A new publication will be available for purchase at the Lysaght-Watt Gallery, including essays, interviews and all images from the exhibition, as well as images of Laurence Aberhart's Taranaki works from the Govett-Brewster Collection.

The exhibition will be open at Lysaght-Watt until Sunday December 2.

On this month in history

On November 1, 1898 the Old-Age Pensions Act was passed. Richard Seddon was Premier and this measure was especially important to him. At the age of 65 pensioners would receive 18 pounds (\$36) per year. No, this is not a misprint - the equivalent of thirty six dollars is what they got.