



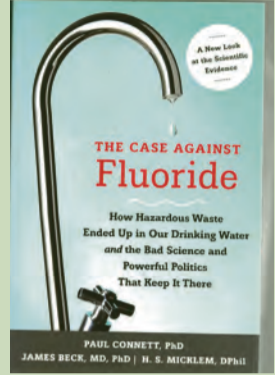
# OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

Vol. 22 No. 22 November 15, 2012  
www.opunakecoastalnews.co.nz

Published every  
Thursday Fortnight

Phone and Fax 761-7016  
A/H 761-8206  
for Advertising and Editorial  
ISSN 1171-0624

## Inside...



A book everybody should read. See page 23.



Official opening of the Historic Cape Light & Museum. A brilliant asset. Turn to page 7.



Extra terrestrials in Opunake? See page 15.



Angle parking- rural style. See page 3.



Selected to play for NZ Sevens Rugby team. See page 17.

## Top students named for 2012

RIGHT:

Opunake High School's dux for 2012 Breanna Morgan flanked by runner up duxes (proxime accessit) Nathan Hickey (left) and Elthan Bloemen.

Breanna is off to Victoria University next year to study law.

An accomplished pianist, Breanna also got the award for Best All Round Girl recently competing in the Young Musician of the Year at Invercargill. She said her favourite subjects at school were geography and chemistry. She'll probably give the music a rest for a year before taking it up again, she said.

Nathan is off to Massey University next year to study Engineering. He also got the Joy Williamson Cup for Music. He played drums in the Opunake High School band and also sings and plays the guitar and described his favourite subjects at school as physics and music.

Deputy Head Boy, Ethan is



also off to Massey to do Engineering and said his favourite subjects at school were

Maths and Outdoor Education. He described his year

as Head Boy as a "good responsibility" which required

"good leadership skills."

## Free community transport - have your say and win

A public meeting is to be held to discuss a transport service for the Coastal Taranaki on November 27.

The investigation into a transport service for the coast is being conducted by the New Zealand Red Cross in partnership with the Taranaki District Health Board.

It will be a free transport service for people struggling to make hospital appointments, attend training opportunities

and other services.

The Coastcare Medical Trust has also jointed the initiative and will be hosting the public meeting.

It is hoped the project will also bring people to Opunake and the proposed new health centre.

A survey form has been distributed around the coast and was also published in the Opunake & Coastal News asking for people's input. The survey form is also available in paper form at local libraries and Four Square

supermarkets. People can also access the survey form online at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoastalTransport](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoastalTransport). All those who complete the survey form go into the draw to win \$150 Opunake Business Association vouchers.

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday November 27 at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake at 7:30pm.

If anyone would like more information contact the New Zealand Red Cross on 0800 733 276 or email: [newplymouth@redcross.org.nz](mailto:newplymouth@redcross.org.nz)

**Make sure you don't miss Opunake's Market Day Saturday November 17**

### NEW COASTAL MACHINERY SALES REPRESENTATIVE

**John Judge**  
PHONE 027 2477677 OR 06 7575582

FOR ALL YOUR MACHINERY ENQUIRIES

**NORWOOD FARM MACHINERY CENTRE** 146 GILL ST, NEW PLYMOUTH PH (06) 757 5582

Computers • Laptops • Parts • Accessories • Software



Computer Sales, repairs, Service, Virus Removal & Upgrades

Ph: Today on 06 2783020 or 0274 219 113  
Open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm  
Saturday 9am to 1pm  
Or Email: [fixit@matts.co.nz](mailto:fixit@matts.co.nz) | [www.matts.co.nz](http://www.matts.co.nz)  
57 Victoria Street, Hawera

**4 FOUR SQUARE** **45 4Square45** All you need

Great Prices! Great Service! Great Range! Great deals instore this week!

... Great to see you!

We welcome RD1 and Farmlands Cards

Big enough to be competitive, small enough to care

Open every day 7:30 - 9pm

77 Tasman St, Opunake Ph: 06 761 8668

# EDITORIAL Re-election of President Obama

Most people around the globe would be relieved, I expect, that President Obama was re-elected over his Republican opponent Mitt Romney – especially when the latter said he would seriously consider a pre-emptive military strike on Iran because of their possible capability to manufacture nuclear weapons.

However, the margin of popular vote was close – just over two percent in President Obama's favour, although the 'weird and wonderful (!)' Electoral College

system the US has was more clear cut. This is the same system which allowed the unlamented George Bush to win his first term as president, despite having less votes overall than his Democrat opponent Al Gore.

President Obama seemed to promise so much when first elected four years ago and spoke so inspirationally. Yet he has not really, so far, lived up to his promise. The detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba remains despite his promise to close it down. It was here that sus-

pected terrorists were kept for years without charge, shackled and often tortured. Also of concern are the continuing drone missile strikes into Pakistan where innocent civilians often number among the casualties as the CIA and US military targets suspected terrorists. *Whatever happened to the principle innocent until proven guilty?*

Unemployment has skyrocketed while President Obama has been in office and the economy is not in good shape. His record thus far does not stand scrutiny

with the likes of President Franklin D Roosevelt's 'Hundred Days' when positive legislative change was enacted with dazzling finesse to improve the lot of many Americans without jobs, hope and dignity.

Let's hope President Obama can really make his second term more akin to what we expected in his first. If so the USA and, in fact, the world will certainly be a better place for everyone.

*Rolland McKellar*

Send your your views to 'Letters to the Editor' 23 Napier Street, Opunake. Fax: (06) 761 7016 email: editorial@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz You are welcome to use a pseudonym but must supply your name and address.

**At last an Architect designed home on your site for \$550K\***  
Total cost Move in!  
**Why settle for brick & tile?**  
Saunders Architects Tel 06 759 7430  
\*Other Packages from \$350,000

**Attend to all those pesky jobs before Christmas**  
**SINCLAIR ELECTRICAL & REFRIGERATION**  
Opunake 761 8084 Kaponga 764 6084  
Okato 752 408 Manaia 274 8084

**MEETINGS:**  
Sundays at 38 Tayler Street, Eltham at 10.30am.  
Phone 06 764 7358 for other Bible Studies.  
**Eltham Message Church**  
Pastor Richard Oliver  
We are an independent Bible Believing Church  
All are most welcome  
www.messgechurch.com

**OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS**  
Registered office: 23 Napier Street, Opunake PO Box 74, Opunake  
Telephone and Fax: (06) 761-7016 a/h ph: (06) 761-8206  
e-mail: Advertising ads@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz  
Editorial editorial@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz  
Accounts accounts@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz  
website: www.opunakecoastalnews.co.nz  
Editor Bernice M'Kellar -  
Journalists Rolland M'Kellar  
Kathryn Stanley  
Delivery: Thursday, fortnightly  
Registered as a newspaper.  
Member of the Community Newspapers Association of NZ

The Opunake and Coastal News is distributed free to every home and business within the rural area bounded in the north by the New Plymouth city border, extending east to Egmont Village, and around to the edge of Stratford, south to the Hawera city border and inland to Kaponga and

## Letters to the Editor



### Old court house in urgent need of attention

On a recent visit back to Opunake I noticed how tidy the town looked with a couple of new shops: a real incentive for passing cars to

stop for a meal and shopping. But all that changed when I came to the old court house in the same dilapidated and

### Fired up and wanting answers

Two months ago Dreavers were given the contract to fell and clear trees at the BMX track. My understanding is they were to take the timber in lieu of payment clearing the land and burning the rubbish. At that time they lit a fire. The wind was from a south easterly direction. People complained about the smoke and the Fire Brigade was called to

put it out. Talking to them a month ago, Dreavers told me they were waiting for a northerly wind to go back and finish the job. Why is it that the job was then taken from a contractor with the right equipment and given to someone who didn't?

This second contractor then lit the fire in a stronger south easterly

sorry state it was when I left Opunake over 10 years ago, minus some trees. Every year when I visit I think they must have done something with it by now, but as I saw, not a thing has changed.

I don't know who owns it now, I thought it was 'land banked', but surely by now it is in some groups' ownership.

They need to get off their backsides and do something with it before it falls down. It would make a good museum/art and cul-

tural centre. I know it will cost money, but there are organisations that you can apply to for funding along with fundraising.

If Patea can have a museum, and it's a small town, surely Opunake can do the same – otherwise more treasures from the past life of Opunake will end up in other Taranaki Museums.

So here's hoping on my next visit there will be some signs of improvement, but I'm not holding my breath!

*Jean Pentelow, Hastings*

wind with the same result as the previous contractor. In his defence, the second contractor said he had received permission from the Taranaki Regional Council and the South Taranaki District Council to light the fire. To me it then becomes his responsibility and obligation to carry out the job in a safe and proper manner. This doesn't seem to

have happened, requiring not one Fire Brigade, but two.

Lastly I believe it is council policy to request reparation from anyone permitted to light a fire that then gets out of control. I would be interested to hear the council's views on this matter,

*R G Brewer Opunake*

## BBC (Bible Believers Corner) Shiloh

I have just got back from my first visit to Israel. My biggest impression is that the Bible speaks of real events, real people, and real life.

I visited Shiloh, the place where the tabernacle, the tent temple of Israel, stood for 369 years. It was a continuous centre of worship for a longer period than ei-

ther Solomon's or Ezra's temple. This was near where Abraham came into Canaan and where Joshua centred the Jewish religion.

It was the place where Eli the priest condemned Hannah thinking she was drunk. She prayed for a son and when that son Samuel was born she brought him back

to Shiloh for God's service. And it was from here that the prophet Samuel went out and anointed both Saul and David as kings of Israel.

I also visited the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and saw some of the beams, the cedars of Lebanon, used in the temple built by King David's son Solomon. On my return to NZ I also saw a news report that Arab Muslims had just burnt those ancient beams!

In just a few days I had seen and linked places, events and people from Abraham's time through Samuel, King David and Solomon through to a modern news event. Biblical places and events are all real. And they affect life and news events today. But the Bible just doesn't give history. It also foretells the

future. It warns of a time of reckoning. It warns of a time of judgement, of an audit of everyone's life.

Everyone of us has a soul, the central life element in every human. And everyone of us will have to give account for what we have done with and to that soul. Of course that judgement may seem remote to most. But the Bible tells us that once the third temple is built in Jerusalem there will be only three and half years left before the end.

Is this a vague future event? While in Jerusalem I also saw the equipment for the third temple, all is ready. Someone asked the Rabbi how long after the fall of the Dome of the Rock before the beginning of the building of the third temple. The answer was, "Ten minutes!"

Ref: <http://www.israel-nationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/161686>; <http://www.templeinstitute.org>

*Richard Oliver  
Pastor of Eltham Message Church*

**Garage Doors Specialists**  
**Rylock**  
WINDOWS • DOORS • CONSERVATORIES  
• Sectional, Roller, Tilt.  
• Automatic Openers  
• Repairs & Maintenance  
Call for a Free Measure & Quote  
Ph 06 7588073

**Unification Church of New Zealand**  
Family Federation for World Peace & Unification  
**10.30am Sunday Service**  
Peter & Vivi Holdem, 2 Tayler Street, Eltham  
"God lost His lineage, and with that, God lost the basis of human brotherhood". - Rev Sun Myung Moon

# Motorcyclist killed

Flowers mark the spot just out of Opunake where a motorcyclist lost her life. The female motorcyclist failed to take the bend just south of the Opua Road on Surf Highway 45.

The accident occurred at around 11am on Saturday November 3. There was a fierce rain downfall at the time which is thought to have contributed to the accident.

She was Tracey Dando from Dover Road, Okato.

We extend our condolences to her family.



Wet conditions may have played a major part in the tragic accident on this bend.

# Interesting angle parking



The unconventional angle parking by this van just south of Opunake on Monday November 12 at around lunchtime clearly posed a challenge to bemused Opunake firemen who arrived within minutes. Fortunately no one was injured.

## Apology

In the story in the last issue of the Opunake & Coastal News on the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards, it stated there were seven finalists from Opunake High School and their photo appeared on the front page of the Opunake

& Coastal News.

In fact there were nine finalists from Opunake High School in the Short Story Secondary School category.

Missing from the photo was Seonaid Pentelow who was there on the night of the literary awards. Seonaid received

a Highly Commended for her short story.

Wade Taylor who was unable to attend on the night also received a Highly Commended award.

In addition, in the article in which Ronald Hugh Morrieson's cousins were inter-

viewed about their recollections it stated that Shirley Romney was 13 years older than Ron. In fact Shirley was 13 years younger than her cousin Ron.

I apologise for these errors.

Editor

## Letter to the Editor

### Well known identity returns

On Sunday December 4 I arrived at the Opunake Hall of the Order of St John in King Street to board a Pickering's Bus to join the Opunake Friendship Club travel to the Hawera Repertory Society production of 'The Little Shop of Horrors' (a very enjoyable afternoon). Most of the 27 people on board were long time Opunake residents but there were also a couple I didn't know. However, there were a proportion of them who were surprised that we were back, while others, who knew we were back, had thought we had left again as they hadn't seen me around. The reason for this is that I am currently the nightshift vet at Riverlands Eltham Ltd where the beef and bobby calf processing is done. (No longer are we allowed to call them Freezing Works). Had the Friendship Club known we were back I would probably have been asked to drive the bus as I have previously done so.

I started with MAF, went to NZFSA, then to MAF and am now with MPI but I haven't changed my role of being a meat veterinarian, only changed locations and positions within the organisation. The rest has been the result of restructuring with the government.

A number of things have happened during the five years including my having a double knee replacement and the dogs and cat being exported to Australia to Col-

leen and Khyle, who now own a veterinary practice in Tasmania; so I no longer need the mobility scooter to get around, but it is a bit too far to Eltham to use it especially for night travel. Maurice won't allow me to buy a motor bike although I am the proud owner of a Vespa 50. A number residents of Opunake past and present also work at Riverlands (although it is difficult to recognise them in their whites

with hair nets and facial hair covers). As a result the editor of this paper has agreed to resurrect my column (not as Councillor's column as I am no longer a councillor, although I am now involved with the ASSE Student Exchange Programme again) for a five week period to update those who are interested with events and happenings of the last five years.

Maureen Gatenby  
Opunake

Reeves Middleton Young  
Lawyers

RMY

Great Service, Great People, Great Results

For all your legal requirements.

PHONE +64 6 769 8080

FREE PHONE 0800 733 837

CLIENT PARKING

136-138 Powderham Street, New Plymouth, Email [rmy@rmy.co.nz](mailto:rmy@rmy.co.nz) Website [www.rmy.co.nz](http://www.rmy.co.nz)

# NOVUS

## AUTO GLASS

The Windscreen Repair Experts

---

ALL AUTOGLASS REPAIR & REPLACEMENT

- MOBILE SERVICE • TARANAKI WIDE
- INSURANCE & PRIVATE WORK
- CARS, TRUCKS, BUSES.

# 0800 10 35 35

70 Hurlstone Drive, New Plymouth

www.novus.co.nz  
Ph: 06 758 7978

# kitchens

from humble to stunning

giftware

one off

gallery & factory

cookware

168 waihi road  
hawera 4610  
p - 06 278 4280  
e - paul@oneoff.co.nz

design ~ manufacture ~ installation

designs by paul rogers CKDNZ  
your only fully certified kitchen designer  
in south taranaki

21 years making your dreams a reality

# furniture

new or restored

## TRANSPACIFIC

INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS

Septic Tank Cleaning  
Water Deliveries  
Waste Disposal  
Drain Flushing  
Waterblasting

New Plymouth 06 755 9150

Hawera 06 272 8725

# Local gets married in Australia



Mark Ratahi married Vicki Allen on Sunday October 14, 2012 at Coolibah Downs, Gold Coast Australia.

## NPDC getting strategic about recreation and open spaces

What does New Plymouth District need for recreation and open space, and do we have the right mix of facilities? This is the focus of a proposed Recreation and Open Space Strategy which is being considered this week by the district's four community boards. Their recommendations will go to a Policy Committee meeting which will consider approving the development of a strategy.

Manager Parks Mark

Bruhn says a strategy would help the Council make strategic decisions about the recreation, sport and leisure needs of the community as well as the requirements of high-performance sport, connectivity and use of open space, regional biodiversity and local identity amenities.

A district aquatic facility review would run alongside it.

"The plan is to look at the current demand for recrea-

tion and open space as well as future trends, and establish whether we've got the supply of facilities right," says Mr Bruhn. If the creation of a strategy is approved, a community reference group would develop a draft strategy next year for public consultation.

A report on the current use of recreation and open space in the district shows that the top three things people wanted open spaces to provide are walkways,

beach access and events/concerts.

Since 2008 the use of the Coastal Walkway has increased by 45 per cent, and since 2001/02 the number of users at the Todd energy Aquatic Centre and district pools has risen by more than 100,000.

Within New Plymouth District, 87.7 per cent of dwellings are within 400m of a council-owned open space and 89.3 per cent are within 500m.

## Fresh look at commercial use of local parks and reserves

The commercial use of council-owned parks and reserves is under review.

On December 4 the Policy Committee will consider releasing a discussion document on commercial activity and events on parks and reserves for public feedback. The comments received would help in the drafting of separate poli-

cies for events and commercial use, which would later be released for public consultation.

"Currently the management of commercial activities is handled by several existing policies. The difficulty is that these policies are outdated and aren't necessarily consistent with each other," says Manager Parks Mark Bruhn.

"Having a single policy on commercial activities and one for events would make the requirements clear to everyone. "This also gives us the opportunity to properly manage commercial opportunities along new reserves – such as the Coastal Walkway extension to Bell Block – in a way that doesn't detract from people's enjoyment of our

parks and reserves."

Discussions have already taken place with existing commercial operators, tangata whenua and Venture Taranaki to identify issues that should be addressed. If the Policy Committee gives its approval, submissions on the discussion document would run from December 10 to February 28.



OPUNAKE



### PRIME ASSET FOR SALE BY TENDER

- Strategically placed in the heart of Opunake on Surf Highway
- Freehold 2412m<sup>2</sup> site
- Extensive Street Frontage
- Strong national brand tenant long term lease
- New 10 year lease commenced 31st October 2012
- One further right of renewal for 10 years
- Highly motivated vendor wants sold

Don't miss this opportunity to secure this well established and quality commercial investment with National Tenant.

**Tenders close at our offices 4pm Friday 7th December 2012** Open2view ID#279568

Online #C1184

Selwyn Metcalfe 027 444 8863

For advertising  
phone  
(06) 761 7016



**Full Replacements**  
**Conservatories**  
**Inserts**



WAYNE JONES

(06) 278 8991

e: [jones.fairview@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jones.fairview@xtra.co.nz)  
w: [www.fairviewhawera.co.nz](http://www.fairviewhawera.co.nz)  
159 Princes Street, Hawera

FAIRVIEW  
WINDOWS & DOORS HAWERA

## Woodfire Specials

For the Month of November take \$500 off these fires:

- Firenzo Forte Bay Insert \$3225
- Firenzo Zealandia Multifuel \$3300
- Firenzo Royale AG \$3720
- Fisher Lochinvar \$3999
- Freestanding Bay Pellet Fire \$3699

**Take 10% off all Metro Fires**

Discounts are on Showroom stock only

Houghton's Plumbing, Heating & Gas Ltd

164 PRINCES STREET, HAWERA 06 278 8883 • [www.houghtonplumbing.co.nz](http://www.houghtonplumbing.co.nz)



✓ Plumbing ✓ Gasfitting ✓ Drinlaying  
✓ Bathrooms ✓ Heating ✓ Parts & Service

**Coastal** 027 255 8677  
06 752 8138 **Welders**

**AB in pit platforms and  
AB races.**

**Various designs available  
to suit your needs.**

**Call today**

We are a local company training local people.  
Email us at [coastalwelders@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coastalwelders@xtra.co.nz)  
WAREA

# Lest we forget – a backgrounder on Armistice Day (November 11)

Armistice Day is a poignant time when on the 11th month of the 11th day of the 11th month we pause to remember those who have died while serving our country.

Historically it is the 94th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice between the Allies (including New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom and

France) against Germany which brought the First World War (1914-18) to an end after four long years.

New Zealand had over 58,000 troops in the field at this time – mostly in France or England, with 4000 in Egypt, and a further 10,000 troops were training in New Zealand. Just a week earlier New Zealand troops had liberated the French town of Le Quesnoy, near the Belgium border, which had been occupied by German forces since 1914.

While many of the overseas troops became part of the occupying forces in Germany, most returned home early the following year. In addition, about 3000 wives and 600 children of New Zealand soldiers who married abroad returned in the troopships during the demobilisation.

For troops in France, the

news of the Armistice was reportedly received 'generally in a matter of fact way, totally devoid of any demonstration of emotion.'

Trooper George Tuck from the Auckland Infantry Battalion wrote to his parents the following day saying, 'for the first time since facing the enemy my mind allows itself to really believe that I shall see you all again.'

Meanwhile at home, thousands of New Zealanders celebrated Armistice Day on November 12 with brass bands leading elaborately decorated floats and returned soldiers, schoolchildren and crazily costumed performers marching along main streets carrying banners and flags. Public officials gave earnest speeches and crowds gathered to celebrate the end of four long years of war donning crazy costumes. Celebrations in

Auckland were postponed until 1919 as a measure to prevent the spread of the influenza epidemic.

The following year King George V personally requested all people in the British Empire to stop and observe two minutes silence. This practice continues today. After the Second World War, Britain and her dominions, including New Zealand, moved to commemorate those who died in both wars on Remembrance Sunday, the Sunday before November 11. But here in New Zealand Anzac Day has become the key day we remember our war dead.

More recently Armistice Day has marked significant events like the interment of the Unknown Warrior in 2004 and the unveiling of the New Zealand Memori-

al in Hyde Park London in 2006 for those killed in the First and Second World Wars.

New Zealand made a huge contribution to the First World War and paid a huge price. Just over 100,000 young New Zealand men served overseas from this small country with a population of barely one million. Of those, about 18,000 died on the steep ridges of Turkey, the sands of Sinai and Palestine, and in the mud-filled trenches of the Western Front; 41,000 were wounded. They are remembered in the memorials we can see dotted around districts, towns and cities today.

That's why we took time last Sunday to honour their service and their sacrifice - lest we forget.



Remembrance Day in Opunake

## Have your say on South Taranaki District's Liquor Control bylaw

The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) has recently reviewed the District's Liquor Control Bylaw and wants to know what you think about it by December 10.

The proposed Bylaw identifies public areas where alcohol is banned and looks to extend or introduce new Liquor Ban Areas in a number of South Taranaki towns.

STDC group manager of environmental services, John McKenzie, says the Council has proposed changes to its existing Liquor Control Bylaw in response to requests from the Police and the Patea and Egmont Plains Community Boards.

"They were concerned that alcohol being drunk in public places has resulted in an increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism in some parts of our townships," says Mr McKenzie.

"We have made the changes they requested in our proposal and want to know what the wider community think before Council makes a final decision," he says.

The main changes in the proposed Liquor Control Bylaw are;

- extending the streets included in the Hawera Liquor Ban Area.
- including McCallum Park, Beech Place Re-

serve and the Hawera BMX Track as Liquor Ban Areas.

- introduce a Liquor Ban Area to the Normanby Domain and Carpark.

- include Eltham Cemetery in the Liquor Ban Area.

- extend the Manaia Liquor Ban Area to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year

hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.

Mr McKenzie says it's important to understand that a Liquor Ban Area does not mean you are breaking the law if you are travelling through the area with unopened alcohol.

"You might have bought a bottle of wine and be driving

recently a hot topic and urges all residents to look at the proposed Bylaw.

"This is your chance to let the Mayor and Councillors understand your views about the proposed Liquor Control Bylaw, so please take the time to have your say," he says.



Above: Liquor down the drain - police enforce liquor bans

round.

- extend the Opunake Liquor Ban Area to cover the whole town (excluding the Opunake Beach Holiday Park) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.

- introduce a Liquor Ban Area to cover the whole of Patea including Patea Beach, Patea Cemetery, public parks and reserves, 24

home through a Liquor Ban Area – which is perfectly fine," he says.

"The Police have the discretion to use the Liquor Ban Areas – not as a draconian measure but as a tool to nip anti-social behavior in the bud before it escalates."

Mr McKenzie says New Zealander's drinking habits and alcohol reform is cur-

Full or Summary copies of the proposed Liquor Control Bylaw, with submission forms, are available from any LibraryPlus facility, the Council's Administration Building in Albion Street or on the Council Website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com).

Public consultation runs from 9 November until 10 December 2012.

**Clegg's Funeral Services & Monumentalists**

'Serving all districts'

Mike Clegg MOB: 027 496 9090  
 Susan Clegg MOB: 027 441 7039  
 Andrew Blanche MOB: 027 496 9045

Office - 24 hrs (06) 278 8088

**Open Home: this Sunday from 1.00 to 2.00 p.m.**

**Motivated Vendors Are On The Move To Wanganui Would Even Consider A SWAP**  
**1 WHITCOMBE ROAD OPUNAKE**

For the last 14 years they have enjoyed the small but very friendly community in the coastal town of Opunake. Now it is time to move closer to family. This property will tick many boxes. 4 car garaging, 3 double bedrooms plus a good size sleepout, 2 large living areas, plus conservatory, log fire, gas heating, plus HRV heat transfer system, maintenance free cladding no need to ever paint, Aluminium joinery. Times a wasting, make an offer today, this could be your lucky chance! Offers Over \$220,000  
 GV \$240,000

**Harcourts** **Contact details:**  
 Office: 06 278 1900  
 Greg: 027 222 9904  
 Lorraine: 027 537 5298

**CREATIVE STONE**

Our website has over 150 Memorials pictured on the gallery pages to give you plenty of ideas for the Monument you require.

Sea Grey Adults upright Stone & Base  
\$1250.00 Inc GST - Conditions Apply

Restoration work available on request

All our memorials come with competitive pricing and friendly personal service

Open 12pm-4pm Tuesday to Thursday 11am-3pm Friday

www.creativestone.co.nz

567 Devon St West  
Blagdon Shopping Centre

Ph 06 751 2177



# Coastal Cops: Okato



Rich Corry

Hello all.

Well, what a great spell of fine weather we have been having and long may it continue.

With the nice weather comes a lot more activity on our roads, with cyclists, runners and workers alike taking advantage of it and getting out and about.

With this in mind, first of all for those other road users, make sure you can be seen: it is as simple as wearing a reflective jacket, head lamp

or such that can make the world of difference. For cyclists sometimes two a breast is one too many - remember you don't have a lot of protection and it goes without saying, always wear a helmet no matter how far you are going.

For those of you in vehicles remember a little bit of patience goes along way.

Last but not least, while we are talking about traffic there is also an influx of tractors and other large machinery

involved in the agriculture sector out and about now so be extra careful around them - they are heavy and slow to stop.

I'll finish by offering sincere condolences to Mark, Jane, Clayton, Hineana and the many, many friends of Tracy Dando who was tragically taken from us all after a motor vehicle accident; she will be dearly missed but never forgotten. Good bye Tracy.

Take care everybody

Rich

## Coastal Agri Services

Tasman Street - Opunake

Providers of Effluent Systems.  
Specialising in design.

Pumps and Stirrers  
Electric or PTO Driven.

\*Ponds \* Irrigators \* Separators

\*Sand traps & Water diverters

24-Hour-Service--7-Days-a-Week

Phone or call in to discuss  
your system anytime

Ph 06 761 7079

**TO ADVERTISE**

**PH (06) 761-7016**

**or email us on**

**ads@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz**

## HARDINGS

FUNERAL SERVICES LTD  
17 REGENT ST HAWERA

*Our professional attention to detail  
& empathy is our hallmark*

**PHONE 06 278 8633**

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES FOR 3 GENERATIONS

## Washer & Co

**0800 4 SPILT MILK**

0800 4774586

or 0800 292743

*Serving you without fail  
for the past 15 years*

**Yes, we are collecting colostrum now!**

**20 cents a litre plus GST**

**Also collecting Penicillin Milk NOW**

**10 cents a litre plus GST**

*We offer*

1. Prompt Payment
2. Collecting around the clock
3. Confidentiality guaranteed
4. No detergent please.
5. Here for the next 4 months

**WASHER & CO LTD**  
**Rahotu or Oakura**

## Te Kiri W.I. report

A very good attendance was welcomed to the November meeting by our president Mrs Sue Mugeridge. Members were thanked for their help at the Fun and Friendship day at Kapuni and also for their help at the Opunake Friendship day.

Heather Radford gave a report on the Fun and Friendship day; Manaia school children played their ukuleles, sang and were very much enjoyed.

Congratulations to Sue who won 1st place with her floral arrangement and to all the members who helped with our scrapbook. This was so beautifully designed depicting our 75th birthday. We gained 2nd place and were thrilled.

A letter from the Opunake Health Care re

transport was read and discussed with members being very interested.

November is international month and the country represented was Italy. A competition is held using a card table with several items very Italian being displayed. We had a fun discussion on what to put on our table. We finally got it sorted with Sue and Nita to set it up at the Fat Cow. Thank you ladies.

Judith Armstrong took us on a tour to China, Egypt and Turkey. Judith visited a perfumery in China and we all had a little smell - lovely. Egypt was very dirty but interesting, especially the pyramids. Turkey has a reputation for being a

dangerous country but Judith felt safe as some of the trouble spots were miles away from where they were. Judith had a beautiful turquoise necklace with matching earrings, with some lovely cushion covers and some bath towels with embroidery around the borders - very interesting and enjoyable talk.

We then had a fun game about the Melbourne Cup - a lot of laughter erupted when just about at the finish line and our counters landed on a particular square we were sent a long way back. Several of us had this misfortune.

**Competition Results:**

Blooms - 1st Pauline Clough, 2nd Sue Mugeridge, 3rd Pat Barrett.

Shrub - 1st Pauline Clough, 2nd Sue Mugeridge, 3rd Raima Karam

Cooking - 1st Kath Perrett, 2nd Heather Radford, 3rd Sue Mugeridge

Floral - Raima Karam

Handcraft - 1st Heather Radford, 2nd Joy Collins, 3rd Kath Perrett

Our table of the month had some lovely Christmas decorations displayed. Yes, shopping time is here.

Thanks to Heather and Dianne for a delicious afternoon tea and to Sue and Judith for our fun game. Another happy and enjoyable meeting.

## Funding needed for Okato Playcentre



The Okato Playcentre. The co-operative faces a dilemma.

The Okato Playcentre needs some urgent financial relief. President Emily Davidson and her team are anxiously awaiting a Ministry of Education (MOE) report and associated engineers report regarding their educational facility. Their current licence expires at the end of 2014 when the Playcentre is up for - hopefully - renewal. Emily is aware, nonetheless, that there are some issues

regarding the building, notably the bathroom area, as well as the possible need for earthquake-related strengthening.

The situation raises a dilemma. As the building is already fifty years old, is it better to upgrade, or would it be more advisable and less expensive to rebuild on the site or elsewhere? The decision is difficult because the parents have a lot of aroha

involved in the premises. "It's a real hard call", admits Emily. Either option requires a lot of money - at least \$150,000.

If the reports on the buildings upgrade requirements turn out to be not so good and the rebuild option is needed, the Playcentre co-operative will call for tenders. Hopefully the local businesses will be supportive and local tradespeople

can be employed.

In the meantime, the people of the Okato Playcentre have been busy. As one fundraiser, a recipe book 'Bite Me' has been published with 100 "tried and true" recipes. With the first print run of 200 copies selling quickly, more have recently been printed. The booklet also contains some lovely colour pictures of the Playcentre's children who have contributed their favourite recipes. 'Bite Me' can be purchased for just \$15 from Seed Coastal Organics or from Okato Playcentre itself. Alternatively you can TXT 027 326 5479 or try the email goodmax@xtra.co.nz. The Playcentre also had a popular stall at the recent Vision Okato Market Day and their baking sold rapidly, along with the seedlings which were for sale. The Playcentre members are looking for ways to fundraise; if you think you could help them, or they could help you, please contact Angie Barron on 752 4445 or TXT 027 679 0502.

# Historic Cape Light and Museum's official opening

The big day had finally arrived – on Friday November 2 the Historic Cape Light & Museum was officially opened at a function held at the Cape Egmont

(Another trustee Frank Williams resigned when he moved away from the area). The Cape Egmont Lighthouse Reserve Trust members started their mis-

(and his family) aspect of the project.

“All good things take time,” Ron concluded to much laughter.

Mayor of South Taranaki

- commenting, “I commend you for your sense of commitment”. She also focused on the new museum meaning that the Warea community will have an important presence now. She concluded, “Thank you for your focus and energy” bringing the project to fruition.

Dr Mason spoke on behalf of Rotary International (New Plymouth West Club). He said the idea of honouring New Zealand's “most distinguished scientist” and the wider Rutherford family - arose as the project chosen to recognise the centenary of Rotary International. Eventually eight panels were developed showing different aspects of Rutherford's life, using photographs from Puke Ariki with help from Dr John Campbell of Canterbury University, who has written a biography of Rutherford. After outlining Rutherford's achievements and life, Dr Mason concluded, “Our thanks to the Cape Egmont Lighthouse Trustees for their ideas and contribution to finally make this such a superb site for our Rutherford Gallery”.

A distinguished looking lady called Mary Fowler then spoke, revealing that she is Lord Rutherford's great niece. She spoke of visiting the Rutherford families flax mills in Lower Parihaki Road (where the Rutherford homestead was), Warea and just out of Opunake. Her maiden name was Lambie from “the other side of the family” she explained. She

spoke of her father as being “very fond of his Uncle Ernie”. She finished by saying, “I was always very proud of being “Lord Rutherford's niece”.

In 1910-1916 Anders Hansen was the lighthouse keeper at Cape Egmont Lighthouse. Another important visitor at the official opening was Gwyneth Scott, who is a descendant of Anders Hansen. She was with her husband John.

An interesting video was shown called ‘The Historic Cape Light Museum’ the work of Ashley Petersen of ‘Colour Conversations’.

In it James Langton interviews people associated with the project such as Len Pentelow. The video dealt with associated shipwrecks and the workings of the light itself, as well as scenes inside the museum.

Finally, the official ribbon to the museum was cut by Jim Foye in the presence of the three trustees Chris, Len and Ron. People were then free to have a good look inside at all the interesting photographs and information about lighthouses, shipwrecks, Lord Rutherford and his family, as well as much more.



**Jim Foye (Chief Lighthouse Engineer) of the Maritime NZ cuts the official ribbon in the presence of the three trustees, (from left) Chris, Len and Ron.**

Boat Club. Proceedings were opened by Ron Thompson Chairperson of the Trustees. In his speech he paid tribute to Michele McDonald, Community Development Officer for the STDC, who has “thrown herself into the task”.

Ron pointed that the project has been a while in the making – over ten years in fact, with fellow trustees Chris Aylward and Len Pentelow fellow trustees

sion in 2000. The idea evolved from the replacement of the light at the Cape Egmont lighthouse, but first the replaced light had to be reconditioned a task which Len spent many hours at.

Ron also acknowledged Dr George Mason “a very forthright man” and philanthropist who contributed much time and funding to help with the project, on behalf of Rotary, with emphasis on Lord Rutherford

Ross Dunlop spoke next and highlighted Len Pentelow's involvement in the project. “Goodness knows where the light would be if Len hadn't taken over”, he said. He also praised Rotary's role in the project, as well as all the people who have helped. “I just take my hat off to all you volunteers,” he concluded.

Chairperson of the Egmont Plains Community Board Sharon Arlidge admired the hard work of so many



**Dr George Mason speaks while trustees' chairperson Ron Thompson listens intently.**

## BROPHY BUILDERS

**For new homes, roofing, alterations, kitchens, decks and all farm buildings.**

For all your building requirements phone Phil

6190 South Road, RD 35, Pungarehu  
**027 236 7129 or (06) 763-8777 a/h**

## Local Handcrafts Inc in Okato 2012

Okato township was lucky enough to have another craft fair, so soon after the Vision Okato one recently. This time it was run by Local Handcrafts Inc with a wide range of quality craft on offer.

One intriguing stall had brightly coloured concrete garden mushrooms ‘Mum's mushrooms’, crafted by Tracey.

Topsy Lynch had a great selection of booties, teddies and dolls, as well as a grocery raffle.

A very interesting stall was run by Ross MacDonald who had such items as brooches, coasters, earrings, pendants and even zippa grippas. He uses NZ timbers and paua laminate. He explained his craft work had kept him occupied since his retirement as an educator.

Gilbert Gibson had a large selection of books he had published (as well as some he'd written himself), to say

nothing of a great range of posters (eg. ‘The dog has not yet been fed’) with a comical picture of a dog munching a man's leg). Quite a few books on display had historical reminiscences of early settlers such as ‘1874 Maggie off To New Life in NZ’. He also had some ‘subliminal

sculptures’ to capture imagination and promote motivation, Gilbert explained.

An eye-catching selection of booties, beanies, jerseys and much more was on display by Beth Stevenson and Anne Gibson. Quality merino baby hand knitting was also on offer.



**Ross MacDonald with a selection of his handcrafted wares. Eunie, his wife, looks on.**

Don't miss Local Handcrafts Inc's next event on Saturday December 15. It will be held at St Mary's Hall, Vivien Street, New Plymouth (9.30am to 3.30pm).

Phone Topsy (secretary) on 06 758 6112 for further in-

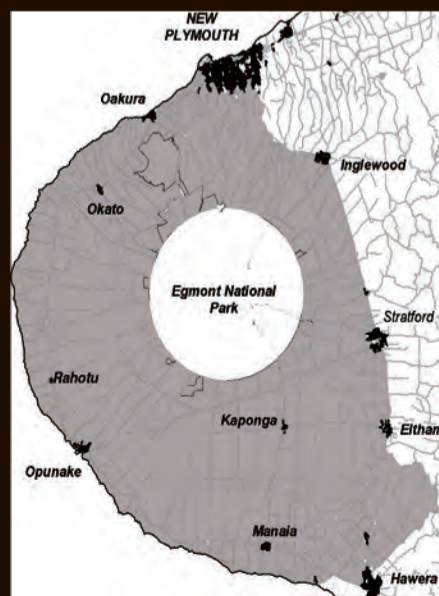
### IHAIA MOTORS for A GRADE REPAIRS

- Tyres
- Batteries
- Lubes
- W.O.F
- Panel beating
- Painting
- Farm Bikes
- LPG
- All mechanical repairs
- Insurance work
- Radar Detectors

**AT COMPETITIVE PRICES.**

Tasman St, Opunake

## WANT TO DO BUSINESS IN OUR AREA? TALK TO US



Opunake and Coastal News is distributed free to every home and business within the rural area, bounded in the north by the New Plymouth city border, extending east to Egmont Village, and around to the edge of Stratford, south to the Hawera city border and inland to Kaponga and through Eltham.

We are an independent newspaper based in Opunake, which is targeting both the towns and rural communities and we aim to have news coverage within all the areas of our distribution.

We want to be involved with your business call today and discuss your marketing options with the team.

COVERING THE COAST

Promote your business or event in our area call us on (06) 761-7016

### OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

• 23 Napier St, Opunake • Ph/Fax 761-7016  
• email: ads@opunakecoastalnews.co.nz



## Jonathan Young

MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

NEW PLYMOUTH OFFICE  
Corner of Liardet and Gill Street  
Office hours: 9am - 4.30pm Mon- Fri  
P: 06 759 1363 | F: 06 759 1364  
E: newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

National  
www.national.org.nz



Andrew Little, List MP

The Royal Commission's report on the Pike River Tragedy is not just about mine safety. It's about the nation's health and safety practices generally, and it's about the importance of good government regulation and oversight where there are risks to individual and public safety.

I'm sure the Pike River report will become compulsory reading for every senior public servant from now on. It should be compulsory reading for every politician

# Making sense of Pike River means big change needed

and, in fact, every one of us.

Pike River was the accumulated effect of a serious deterioration in our health and safety laws, the running down of the department responsible for workplace inspections and health and safety enforcement, the grinding down of the workers' voice by undermining their choice to belong to a union and a general culture of favouring business interests over all others.

New Zealand has an appalling level of workplace death and injury compared to other developed countries. And the figures we use to measure this don't include death and injury to professional drivers harmed in the course of their work because they are treated as road statistics.

Pike River must be a wake-up call to us all, as I suspect it

was to the government even before the Royal Commission reported. Even though the Minister of Labour Kate Wilkinson has resigned as a result of the report, she can take credit for setting up the high hazards unit in the Department of Labour. The unit now applies a much heightened level of scrutiny and enforcement in the coal mining and oil and gas industries. Kate Wilkinson can also take credit for setting up the high-powered health and safety advisory group under the chairmanship of Rob Jaeger.

These measures will go some way to improving the situation.

But there can be no substitute for extensive and deep-seated change. We have to start with our health and safety laws. We should

not rely on those driven by the profit motive to "self-regulate". Doing this invites disastrous trade-offs, which we've seen all too often.

The more dangerous the industry, the more prescriptive the level of health and safety regulation is required. And the more rigorous the enforcement needs to be.

The most effective health and safety is achieved by involving those whose lives are most at risk if something goes wrong – the working men and women who do the hard graft, operate the machines and who routinely stand in harm's way.

It must be mandatory for workers in an enterprise to be deeply involved in developing health and safety measures, and they must have the right to refuse to do unsafe work.

## Meads Motorcycle Repairs

9 Main South Road Manaia  
Ph 06 274 8216 Mobile 027 2104673



For all Your Farm Bike Needs

## CAPE & KC ENGINEERING

ALL OF YOUR GENERAL ENGINEERING NEEDS

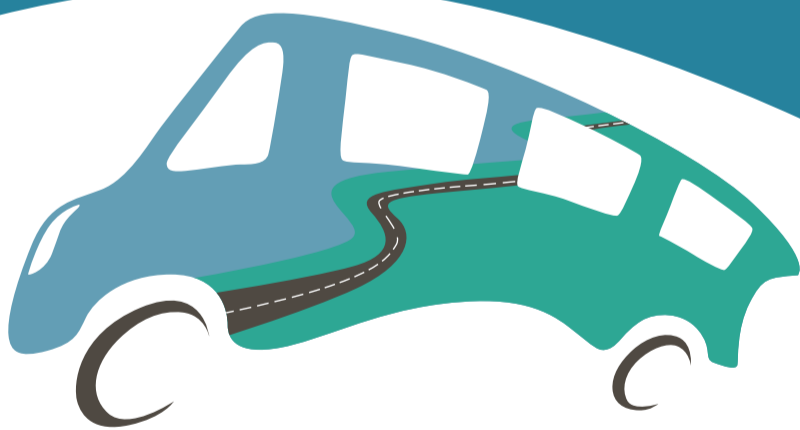
\* Welding \* Cow Sheds \* Lathe Work  
\* Trailers to Suit

Chris Shingleton

P: 06 763 8878 M: 027 660 8612  
6358 Main Road Pungarehu

For  
advertising  
phone  
(06) 761 7016

## Help may be on its way to Coastal people needing to get to essential commitments!



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.

If you think transport could be improved for Coastal Taranaki have your say @...

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoastalTransport](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoastalTransport)  
or fill in a hard copy at your local library or Four Square

Complete the survey and go into the draw to win \$150 Opunake Business Association Vouchers!

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

For more information contact New Zealand Red Cross  
Phone: 0800 733 276  
Email: [newplymouth@redcross.org.nz](mailto:newplymouth@redcross.org.nz)

NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

## Communities and schools



Hon Chester Borrows, Whanganui MP

In Wanganui and in South Taranaki boarding school and private school education plays a big role. Many parents, whether rurally-based or city-based, choose to send their children outside the state school system. Some do it because they live so remotely that daily attendance isn't practical. Others, because they feel that if they pay more they have the right to demand a level of tuition they cannot demand from a state school - a straight fee for service expectation. Some schools also have a special character or emphasis that the parents are prepared to pay for, possibly religious, sports or arts based.

Most people have views on education and many believe they are expert by virtue of the fact they went to school. These views are often shaped by the schools they attended, the manner in which they were taught, and how they reflect on those years.

Last week the last leg on the journey towards integration for Wanganui Collegiate was approved by Cabinet. For many in our electorate, it passed without notice. For those who run businesses in Wanganui, or have connections to the school, or are tasked with filling vacancies in many of our institutions such as the hospital and DHB, this decision was crucial. There is no other city I can name where the existence of a single school has such an important role in the business and social service infrastructure of that community.

People who send their children to private schools pay their taxes and generally a higher level of tax than most. Like everyone else a proportion of that tax goes towards funding an excellent education system. Only about four per cent of students attend private schools and the per student contribution of the tax payer towards these students is about one seventh of what we pay for a state or integrated school student. Parents sending their children to a school like Wanganui Collegiate often pay more in GST than the taxpayer spends on educating that child. Some would say, "That's their choice", and they are right. People make choices to pay more than they have to for things like health insurance when ACC and public healthcare should

cover all they need. The fact that people do pay more in healthcare allows us to have more hospitals and medical centres doing a wider range of work, and sometimes available to take publicly funded cases too. Private schools make big contributions to the education of New Zealanders and Pacific Islands peoples, contributions that would not be made without the special character and charter of those schools.

When I investigated the depth of sway Wanganui Collegiate had in our city, I found that businesses such as hotels and motels, restaurants, sports shops, taxis, clothing, suit-hire and drycleaners were affected by the trade generated by the school. So to the attraction to come and work in Wanganui as specialists in health, the professions and other immigrant businesses that provide jobs, income, and services. About two thirds of students come and board at the school from others towns and locations - Wanganui Collegiate provides the only seven day facility outside of Auckland and Wellington.

Whenever a school is succeeding, it makes for a strong system that leaves a lasting legacy. It makes no difference to that legacy whether that is public, private or integrated. In communities and in education, the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.



# Most enjoyable visit to the Little Shop of Horrors



Has the sadistic dentist Dr Orin (Erik Keen) met his match? Can he get the bowl off his head? Seymour (Richard Baylis) hopes not.

The Hawera Repertory's recent production of 'Little Shop of Horrors', directed by Shaun Campbell in his debut for the society, is the one I have enjoyed the most of any of theirs I have seen. All their productions are impeccably well done and enjoyable, but this one emerges as my favourite. The show was held at the newly renovated Hawera

Memorial Hall with the season running from November 1-10.

Just a word about their programme – it is a work of art in itself, well worth keeping as a memento. The intriguing cover art work was done by Linda Terrill.

I won't say too much about the storyline, as readers should go and see this show whoever puts it on – I don't

want to spoil your evening by giving too much away. However, the plot involves people who work at a plant shop in early 1960s Skid Row, in a small Californian town, where one (initially) small plant demands (and gets) highly unusual attention. As it grows there are dire consequences.

The sets were imaginatively superb. Well done Shaun

Campbell, Clive Cullen and your hardworking team.

The acting was excellent and the singing enjoyable. It's a pity to single anyone out, but Erik Keen as Dr Orin the dentist-from-hell is one of the most intriguingly appalling characters as could be imagined anywhere. I'd recommend anyone who enjoys great acting should see this actor in anything he appears in the future.

Richard Baylis plays the nerdy shop assistant (with hidden depths) Seymour very well in his first role for Hawera Rep. His singing background showed to great effect in the many songs he had to perform.

Seymour's love interest Audrey (Deborah Thomas) was a great choice in her role, which she played with enticing finesse. She has a horrible, violent boyfriend to contend with, as well as an admirer.

The crusty shop owner Mr Mushnik was capably played by Mike Brotherton, as he switched from demanding boss to loving (?) adoptive father. Or does he just have his eye on the main chance? Great effort.

Three street urchins Crystal

(Debbie Clancy), Ronette Kellogg) and Chiffon (Sarah Wagstaff) rounded out the main performers with excellent acting and singing.

The plant itself (Audrey II) deserves special mention, with its amazing booming voice, "FEED ME". Opunake's Dinnie Moeahu was the impressive voice, with Todd Woollett the puppeteer complementing him with appropriate movements. Memorable performance.

Hauti Brider showed his versatility by playing three characters well. Paula Steiller and Lydia Weir ably rounded out the supporting cast.

Congratulations to all who

made this musical so enjoyable and memorable, such as choreographer Kirsty Bourke, musical director Charles Pittams and vocal coach Julie Cudby, as well as everyone else on all sides of the stage.

Look out for Hawera Repertory's next production 'The Wizard of Oz', directed by Russ Standing. Auditions will be held on December 8 and 9.

*Rolland McKellar*



Audrey II the plant has become very large, demanding and menacing. Seymour looks very worried.



## MANAIA COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL



### Community Leadership for Learning



At Manaia Community Preschool children have the entire session to explore, be curious, develop their ideas and creativity in an unhurried and carefully structured way within a purpose built facility. Routines provide a framework within which our children can make decisions about their preferences for play.

At Manaia Community Preschool, children have access to all areas of the learning environment at any time and yes - this can get messy! Ultimately a goal for all members of society is to be able to take responsibility, so we make sure everyone considers others in the centre and tidies their area of play once finished and finds ways to work things out together. Developing independence and taking care of the environment concurrently is something we value here at Manaia. The children's independence is one important aspect of our day to day experience that is encouraged at every opportunity, from communicating with one another, to putting on a piece of clothing, to opening lunch packaging. Since our establishment in March 1999 Manaia Community Preschool has been focused on ensuring the children, families and whānau in our community have access to high quality early childhood education. Through the dedication of management committees and teachers over the years and the recent relationship we have with Massey University, the centre has a clear direction and the teaching and learning environment is a thriving and inspiring space for everyone. We have steadily been strengthening the quality of our service in ways that are valued by parents and teachers through focused self review and increasing community participation in the leadership of the centre. These are exciting times as we develop our strategic plan for the next 5 years, and begin to explore the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education in our indoor and outdoor learning space. We have been to visit many other services in Taranaki and Palmerston North, and we have appreciated the inspirational ideas they have shared with us.



 "Children learn as they play. Most importantly in play children learn how to learn."  JOAN ALMON

The Ministry of Education funded professional development programme, as well as some of our own resources, have enabled us to have an ongoing relationship with Massey University. During this time we have been supported to lead inquiries into the operation of our service and to improve the quality of experience for children through up to date approaches to planning, assessment and evaluation. The response to our needs as a community has been pivotal in supporting our decision making processes and is a key part of our story in recent years. We are a community based centre, governed by a group of volunteer parents in the community. Involvement of our parents and wider community ensures that the learning outcomes our children experience are relevant and meaningful for our families. Our documentation really showcases the amazing learning our children and teachers are leading. Our connection with Manaia Primary School begins with our centre being on the border of the school grounds. Our relationship strengthens our transition to school process and we enjoy having the older children in the Manaia community mentor our children during session. In addition, many of our children transition to other schools in the area such as Auroa, Kaponga and Matapu schools. Our involvement in the new transition to school network in our area signals a strengthening of transition processes to benefit children and families now and in the future.

One of our long term goals is "To be responsive to the rhythm of family life and the culture of our community". It is through this goal that we are excited to be exploring the significance of our location in South Taranaki-how our centre came to be nestled at the foot of our majestic maunga Mt Taranaki. By increasing our understanding of the history, culture and language of our local area, we will be in a stronger position to make more informed governance decisions around our strategic long term goals. We invite you to visit Manaia Community Preschool to discover and experience for yourself how we can be involved in your childrens early learning experiences beyond the home. Come for a drive through the beautiful coastal district to experience our rural charm and what we have to offer. As with any education service it is about the community that surrounds it, that contributes to the foundation upon which future success in learning and leading can be continued. "For our families and our families after us". We will be waiting to welcome you. Liz Heap Senior Teacher Chris Lepper Massey University Early Childhood Professional Learning and Discovery Rachel Cathie Chairperson

**Manaia Community Preschool**  
 Monday-Friday - Hours: 9<sup>am</sup>-2.15<sup>pm</sup>  
 11 Patu-kukupa St, PO Box 81, Manaia, Taranaki  
 Phone 06 274 9292 - Fax 06 274 9293 - Cellphone 027 274 9297  
 Fax 06 274 9293 - email: manaia.preschool@xtra.co.nz

# Maori enterprise internships to grow future Maori leaders

A new HikohikoTeUira - Maori Enterprise Internship programme set up to support young Maori leaders will help support Māori business growth and New Zealand's economy.

The pilot programme is a joint initiative supported by the Federation of Maori

oping the next generation of leaders to manage our businesses and lead our organisations into the future."

Many among the Federation's 130 iwi and Maori business membership, have identified science and innovation as an important part of their growth strate-

say our most important asset is our people. I am pleased that this programme which will be piloted this coming summer will bring together science and innovation, iwi and Maori business and Government to grow rangatahi (young talent) so they are well positioned to sup-

eration member trusts and incorporations to experience the day to day running of a Maori enterprise.

As part of this pilot programme, the team of students will meet with key Government agencies involved in science and innovation and economic development to get a sense of the macro picture of Maori development. During the programme, the students will be supported by their academic mentors at Otago University as they undertake this programme.

In the long term, the Federation hopes the internships will provide the participants with some sense of the challenges of working in this complex environment and help develop smart minds and rich talent that can begin to bridge the worlds of Maori business with science and innovation and with Government.

At the end of the pilot programme the students will present their findings to science organisations, iwi and Maori businesses and to Government agencies with recommendations as to how this type of internships could be fostered in the future.

"This is an excellent opportunity to lift the development, productivity and performance of our Maori asset base by developing smart talent that will be the future connectors and facilitators to develop the Maori economy" says Ms Houpapa.



Above: The Maori economy is worth over \$37 billion, with tourism taking a major lead.

Authorities, the Crown Research Institute - Industrial Research Ltd (IRL), and the University of Otago.

Federation Chief Executive TeHoripoKaraitiana says: "With the growing Maori economy valued at \$37 billion, the Federation of Maori Authorities is devel-

gies and so working with the New Zealand science and innovation system and with Government agencies to develop their assets is seen as important, says Mr Karaitiana.

Traci Houpapa, Chairman of the Federation of Maori Authorities says: "We often

port Maori business growth that will benefit all New Zealand."

Three students working as a team will be hosted by Industrial Research where they will work with science and commercialisation teams before heading out to work in several of our Fed-

## Opunake Friendship hosts city RSA

Another enjoyable afternoon. A bus load of RSA members from New Plymouth made their annual visit. We provided lunch for them at St Barnabas Church Hall then on to our Town Hall for an afternoon of camaraderie, entertainment and rolling raffles. Ray Edwards kept toes tapping with his repertoire of old favourites, vocally

pleasing and the keyboard accompaniment was just great. Thank you, your songs were very appropriate for the 'mature age' of your audience - who, by the way, would probably say "Hey! We are 'recycled teenagers'!".

I was pleased when our visitors won a few raffles. Rosalie distributed gifts to those in the audience

who celebrated an October birthday which also included members of the R.S.A. Our hostesses for the afternoon were the TeKiri Women's Institute - thank you ladies for your hard work, time, baking skills, afternoon tea and company. Our Friendship afternoons are held on the last Monday of each Month at 1.30pm. We provide entertainment;

afternoon tea and a raffle ticket are included with a \$2.00 entry. Everyone is welcome. We are not a club so you do not have to join. We are here to open the doors of friendship to those people like ourselves I guess who have found themselves at some stage in their life - lonely, or new to the district or just want to have an outing and meet people.

There are 3 stages to old age: (1) loss of memory, ... I have forgotten the other two.

Publicity Officer

For advertising phone (06) 761 7016

Are you living your best possible life?

Holistic Counselling & Healing  
Freeing you from that "stuck place"

Meegan Care | 06 752 4826  
Dip. Psychosynthesis Counselling  
www.meegancare.co.nz

**Coastal Property Care: Servicing Town and Country.**

For all your lifestyle block needs, stock care and gardening maintenance. No job too small, Taranaki wide

Call Wilko on : **0278751371**  
Take a break and leave the rest to me.

Spring is Here!!  
Visit 'The Raised Eyebrow' Cafe

**For Hardened Healthy Flower And Vegetable Plants**

All of our plants are displayed outdoors in natural conditions. We have 4 growers to ensure a continuous supply and huge range.

Just down the road from Tupare Gardens

GOOD GROWTH IS GAINED FROM GREAT KNOWLEDGE

Corner Mangorei Rd & Junction Road New Plymouth  
Call us today on (06) 7588831  
open 7 days 8.30 to 5pm

Your friendly 'Go Gardening' Centre

fairfields garden centre

**JSL**  
Juffermans Surveyors Ltd

- >> Site Surveys
- >> Subdivisions
- >> Resource Consents
- >> Boundary Locations

79 Princes Street, Hawera  
t >> 06 278 4135  
New Plymouth >> 06 759 0904  
e >> info@juffermans.co.nz

**Cowshed Power Issues??**

We have the solution for:  
Load Imbalance | Harmonic Distortion | Data Logging  
Proven Scientific Results | Low / High Voltage  
The Smart Position on Stray Voltage

**KEEGAN ELECTRICAL** For All Your Cowshed Electrical Needs, Call Ann on 06-765-5290

# Vision Okato market day a success



From left, Nicole MacIntyre and Emily Davidson at the Okato Playcentre stall.

Vision Okato staged a vibrant Market Day at Hempton Hall on Saturday November 3. The inclement weather did not put off the people – a multitude of

people turned up. Organiser Mel Abbott was delighted at the turnout. "I'm really pleased. I was a bit worried about the weather", she said.

One of the stallholders, Carol Ward, at her first market day, was impressed with what she saw around her. "There's a lot of talent here – good quality", she enthused. She had such items as cot duvets, quilts and bags – all handcrafted by herself.

One of the most popular stalls was the one run by Okato Playcentre. President Emily Davidson said the cakes and biscuits on display sold very fast. "This table was absolutely covered earlier", she explained. She estimated that 85% of the edibles had sold within the first hour or so. Her organisation needs to fundraise to the tune of \$150,000 to ensure their building up to scratch. (See article on page 6). They also had plant seedlings on sale, such as sunflowers and various vegetables.

A recipe book ('Bite Me') was on sale with over 100 recipes to tempt any palate. An interesting stall was run

by Michelle Amiraukt, who fashions seaglass into attractive necklaces, pendants and earrings. Seaglass is multi-coloured glass washed up by the sea, with the sharp edges eroded away.

Teresa Goodin at her stall had a wide selection of fragrant flower essences, which she makes up herself. Adjoining her stall was another with essences which promote good health. There was such a diversity

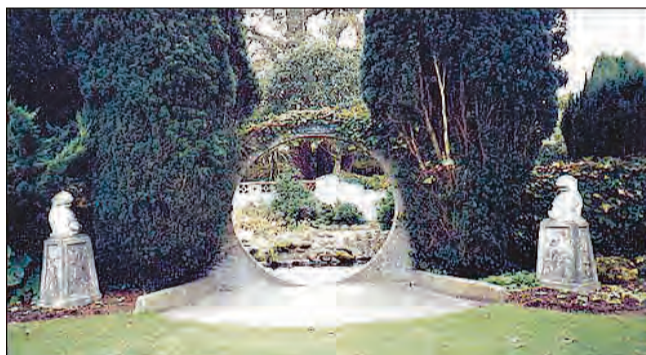
of craft from talented people. Virtually all the items on offer had been created by the stallholders. "There is a good atmosphere – everyone is in good spirits", said one stall holder of the pleasant ambience at the event.

# Park outing for Manaia W.I.

Manaia WI members visited King Edward Park Hawera for their November outing, and were given a comprehensive history of the park by the curator David Bruce

asset to the town. To finish off the day members enjoyed a lovely lunch at 'The Fat Cow' restaurant,

and President Ann Chisnall reminded members of our upcoming 'Italian' day to be held on the November 22.



Willow Pattern Garden, At King Edward Park, is made from an old fernery and depicting the pattern of the well-known Willow Pattern china.

Although it was a very cold day, the spectacular displays in the gardens of various annuals, roses and many lovely shrubs made a great show and the revamp of the children's play area was looking great – we would recommend that locals take the time to visit our beautiful park and we congratulate David and his team for the work they have done – it really is a great



**0% finance\***

## The perfect couple

CLAAS Forage Technology would like to introduce the perfect couple - the DISCO mower and LINER rake. The DISCO professional linkage mower with heavy duty P series cutterbar provides the ultimate in cutting edge mowing technology. The LINER rake with up to a 10m working width, 2.60m swath width and cardan rotor suspension is its perfect companion. Combined they offer the ultimate partnership in harvesting efficiency.

With an outstanding finance offer available, call us today and invite the perfect couple around to your place.

CLAAS Harvest Centre Taranaki  
 Peter Marshall 027 279 7099  
 Steve Roylance 021 287 5335  
 www.claasharvestcentre.co.nz

\* Finance package available to approved business applicants. 1/3 deposit, 1/3 due six months, 1/3 due 12 months. Terms, fees, charges & conditions apply. Limited stock. Offer ends 30/11/12.

## BRANDERSON HOMES LTD

### PRE BUILT HOMES



37 HAUTAPU ROAD, CAMBRIDGE  
 Email: branderson.homes@xtra.co.nz  
 Website: www.brandersonhomes.co.nz  
 Phone: 07 827 3901

Please send us an information pack about your Transportable Pre-Built Homes

Name .....  
 Address .....  
 Phone ..... Style/size .....

Mail to: Branderson Pre-Built Homes  
 PO Box 434, Cambridge

## Dairy or Support

**OPEN DAY TUESDAYS 12.30 - 2pm**



2790 Eltham Road, Te Kiri

48.5623 hectares (120 acres, more or less). Located in a strong farming district you can chose this small farms future direction while tapping its obvious further productive potential. Consider these salient features of the property:

- Large three bedroom home
- Excellent ancillary buildings
- Cold creek water scheme
- Wintering all cows and replacements
- 10 a/side h/bone cowshed
- Location and potential
- Consistent production
- Central race

Surely a great opportunity for a first farm buyer or as a support block to an existing dairy operation. The vendors are committed and our instructions are to apply our best efforts to achieving a sale.

To be auctioned on Friday 7th December 2012 11am at the Te Kiri Hall, Eltham Road.  
 Open Days Tuesday 13th, 20th & 27th November 2012 at 12.30 - 2pm.

**Matthew & Co**  
 REAL ESTATE LTD  
Licensed under the Real Estate Agents Act 2008

Ph 765 5599 fax 06 765 5598  
 Matthew 0274 814 648  
 Mike 027 272 4044  
 Nicole 027 355 650

# New pharmacy welcomed

Open just a week, Opunake is welcoming their new Opunake Coastal Pharmacy with a lot of people coming in to check it out and say hello according to Jin Kim, joint owner.

"They've been very welcoming," said Jin. We've had lots of compliments on the shop, the

interior of which has been transformed into a pristine, modern purpose-built pharmacy barely recognisable from its former somewhat avant-garde look when it was a cafe. In earlier days it was the Westpac bank. The painting of the exterior of the building to a sober grey and pale yellow has met with general approval also.

Managing the pharmacy during the week is fellow pharmacist and half owner of the business Tae-Wan Kim who is looking to move to Opunake.

The pharmacy is open on Saturdays from 10am till 2pm as well as weekdays from 8:30am till 5:30pm.

They are running a number of opening specials includ-

ing 30% off vitamins. Reading glasses and sunglasses are also reduced 30%. They are also doing free blood pressure monitoring.

Tae-Wan is looking for a granny flat or a fully or semi furnished small house with 1 or 2 bedrooms in Opunake.

If anyone can help can they contact the Opunake Coastal Pharmacy.

**JKL**  
**JOHN KELLY LIVESTOCK LTD**  
**Gail Drought - Livestock Agent**  
 4036 Main South Road, Opunake | Ph: 06 761 7012 | Fax: 06 761 7018  
 Mob: 0274 509 108 | Email: seaviewfarm@xtra.co.nz  
**JKL** "Livestock, it's our lives"

**Forsyth Contracting**  
**Now operating a Krone Combi Baler**



**for all enquiries**  
**Phone Brendon on**  
**06-274 5095 0276 722446**



Above: the staff of Opunake Coastal Pharmacy - from left pharmacist Tae-Wan Kim with pharmacy assistants Kayla Savage, Grace Gatenby and Medene Berry.

For advertising phone (06) 761 7016

# Fire rips through house

A man was lucky to rescue his two dogs when this house at Rahotu was gutted in a fire on Saturday night on November 3 at around dusk. The Rahotu and Opunake Fire Services attended. The rented house was completely destroyed.



Right: Firefighters attempting to put out the blaze.



At left: All that was left the next day.

**HERITAGE Farm Dairies**  
 "Excellence from design to completion"

**Rotary and Herringbone cowsheds**  
**Rectangle and round yards**  
**Proven cowflow design**  
**Close contact with customer during construction**  
**Integrated effluent solutions**

**FREEPHONE 0800 84 84 38**  
 Doug Fowell Building Contractors, Manaia - Servicing Coastal & South Taranaki

"We will work with you to achieve a seamless milking operation"

0900 SUZUKI | WWW.SUZUKI.CO.NZ

**1/3 (now) 1/3 (in 12 months) 1/3 (in 24 months)**

Now available on the KingQuad 500XP and 750XP!



**0% INTEREST**

Take home a new Suzuki KingQuad 500 or 750 Power Steering today for 1/3 deposit for use your old bike as a trade in, use a third in 12 months, and the final third in 24 months with 0% interest. LT-A500XP \$15,995msp - LT-A750XP \$16,995msp. (Talk to your Suzuki dealer today!)

**Action Suzuki**  
**141 Glover Road Hawera, Phone: 06 278 4160**

**KINGQUAD**

# Seven day service station "bloody good"

**PHIL COATSWORTH CONTRACTING**  
**0800 WE BALE**

- \* FOR ALL YOUR HAY AND SILAGE NEEDS
- \* MOW, RAKE, BALE, WRAP
- \* ROUND, SQUARE, CONVENTIONAL
- \* COMPETITIVE PRICES
- \* OWNER OPERATOR

92 Collingwood St, Eltham 021 182 4166



Above: from left, Vicki Foster, Kelly Morresey and Nicola Pritchard - the friendly staff at Opunake Motors

Opunake residents are clearly pleased to have a service station open seven days a week gauging by the reaction of customers.

"It's bloody good", enthused John Williams who filled up early on a Sunday afternoon when asked for a comment about being able to buy petrol on a Sunday. He mentioned a work colleague from Hawera who had also been "surprised and pleased" the station was open one week night when he was running low. It was also good for tourists John said.

The new owners are Christine and Paul Snowdon.

The couple, who already own a petrol station at Bell Block, was encouraged to take on the lease by Allied Petroleum.

"They were pleased at how we'd operated our business at Bell Block and approached us," says Christine simply. Had they not taken it on it would have become an OPT which would have meant it would have been an unmanned station operated by a swipe card. Their agreeing to take on the service station, formerly owned by RD1 (which has moved uptown) has kept it open.

Christine confessed however between running the two service stations - the Bell Block one is currently being revamped - they had been "extremely busy".

As well as selling petrol they, like most service stations these days, stock a range of drinks, ice creams, milk and grocery items along with car consumables like fuel filters. They also sell hot food and coffee. New to Opunake are Mrs Mac's pies which are proving popular and boast a great range - 12 in total - of different pies.

They also sell fish bait.

Opunake Motors is open seven days a week from 7am till 8pm Monday to Friday, 8am till 6pm on Saturday and 8:30am till 3:30pm on Sunday.

The service station occupies only the front of the former RD1 premises. The large shop area out the back along with the second story of the

premises which includes the office upstairs, is available for lease. The entire building is also for sale.

We hope people will support us, said Christine. Paul added they will be having monthly specials in the shop.



Above: New owners of Opunake Motors - Christine and Paul Snowdon.

Lots of people have been coming into Opunake Motors specifically to fill up commenting on the lack of pressure to fill up by a certain time as was previously the case.

Paul said he was amused when one supportive Opunake customer, heading north, came into the Bell Block Service Station - the last as you leave town on the left next to Farmlands - specially to fill up and complimented them on their buying Opunake Motors.

Originally from Okato and Stratford respectively, Paul and Christine both come from farming backgrounds. Christine is perhaps the keener though and raises calves on the farmlet they own. "I love farming", she says with passion. Paul is more interested in fruit trees which they also grow.

One of the attractions of Bell Block was the fact that, when they first bought the service station 12 years ago, it was "quite rural". There's been big changes since, however, with both housing and commercial development in the area. Hence the attraction of Opunake maybe.

Christine said they were monitoring what people want "especially farmers" and added "We want to become a one stop service station" where people know if they want something they can get it.

## LATE SUMMER SPECIALS ON USED MACHINERY

Kuhn GMD600G11 Linkage mower HW .....	\$5000
Pottinger 310T Trailed mower conditioner HW .....	\$8000
Giltrap 25 Silage wagon HW .....	\$1000
Dual 1850litre fuel tank & pumps HW .....	\$2500
Giltrap M40H feedwagon NP .....	\$3000
Elho 1410F trailed bale wrapper NP .....	\$6500
Sam 3.25 tonne trailed topdresser NP .....	\$10,500
Burkhart 3 tonne trailed topdresser HW .....	\$7500
John Deere 580 round baler NP .....	\$5000
John Deere 590 round baler NP .....	\$10,000
John Deere 580 round baler HW .....	\$8000
Krone VP1500 tandem axle round baler HW .....	\$18,000
Krone 8-16 round baler NP .....	\$7500
Krone VP1800 tandem axle round baler NP .....	\$25,000

**All Plus GST**

**AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY TARANAKI LTD**

**16 GLOVER RD HAWERA - 06 278 5119**  
 Manager **John Hermann** 021 611 505, A/H 06 278 1944  
 Salesman - **Raymond Muggeridge** 027 444 8861, A/H: 06 278 8679

**65 KATERE RD NEW PLYMOUTH - 06 758 2274 NEW PLYMOUTH.**  
 Murray Nielsen 027 498 7277, A/H: 06 755 1891 • Grant Cox 0274 448 404

# SANDFORDS RURAL CARRIERS

**Rural & General Cartage**

*Specialising in*

- Palm Kernel
- Fertiliser
- Aggregate
- Hay & Silage Bales

**Livestock Cartage**

Depots: Okato, Auroa, Hawera & Waitara

**Readymix Concrete**

Depots: Hawera & Wiremu

**Ground Spreading**

4WD Trucks spreadmark certified, GPS proof of placement.

**0508 726 336 or 06 274 5852**

**SANDFORDS LIMITED**

# Egmont A&P Show sets tone for rural roads

"Be safe, drive safe," is the theme of this year's Honda Egmont A&P show in Hawera on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 November.

Show president David Turner says the theme reflects the association's desire to support its rural communities to look after themselves and their families while driving on our rural roads. That theme is carried on throughout the show and features strongly

in the annual how parade which will make its way along Hawera's High Street on Friday night. The show itself features a huge array of different entertainment and this year the organising committee is thrilled to be hosting the Topp Twins who will take part in the parade and also showcase their skills at the showgrounds on Saturday at 11.15am and 2.15pm, they will also judge a yodel-



Expect encounters with some curious characters at the annual agricultural shows

ling competition starting at 1.30pm, which is free to enter on the day. Local entertainer Abby will also keep the toes tapping and hands clapping alongside Lynda and Jools Topp, whom many regard as some of this country's best ever entertainers.

More exciting and interactive things to see and do include roving performers, children's entertainment,

wood chopping competitions, a V8 car simulator, a small animal tent featuring lots of new animals, highland dancing, dog trials and many activities for children in Kidzone hosted by Show secretary Celine Filbee says the strong equestrian contingent, always a prestigious competition drawing entries from all over the country. The cattle section is also well supported with many breeds

on show. The show has a large home industry section, based around baking, growing vegetables, sewing and knitting, photography, model building and cut flowers. New to the section this year is a competition for the towns Opportunity Shops and the Great Pie Bakeoff will see last year's winners looking to keep their titles.

Roadsafe Taranaki will

host and interactive tent and entertainment area including Rock climbing, the Egmont Tyres Wheel Change competition, a display from Hawera Crash Rescue team at 12.15 both days, Log Jousting and lots of giveaways.

Then of course the usual sideshows will keep the older children and younger adults in adrenalin mode with the rides and contests available.

**HAWERA A&P Show Scooter Specials**

Kids bikes at Crazy Prices in Store Now

MGP VX2 Team \$269.90 for \$219  
MGP 2012 MGP VX2 Pros \$179.90 for \$149

Don't miss out!  
Only available at the Show

**02 Project 377 Broadway, Stratford Ph: 765 6326**

**TOPP TWINS**  
Jools & Lynda Topp  
Grandstand  
Saturday  
11.15am & 2.15pm  
Supported by  
Abby 10.45am  
Yodelling  
Competition 1.30pm

**O'Dea Honda Egmont A&P Show 2012**

**FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AND SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 9am-4pm**  
• Tickets Entry Adults \$10, Child (5-13yrs) \$3, under 5 Free. Car Parking \$2 • Gates open at 9am

**CLASSIC HITS KIDZONE**  
GUMBOOT THROWING, THE BIG DIG,  
CLAAS PEDAL TRACTORS, CHUGGY CHOO  
CHOO BOUNCY CASTLE, DUNK THE STAR,  
SPORT TARANAKI ROWING CHALLENGE

The Topp Twins visit Kidzone at 10am

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

- Rock Up Log Jousting • V8 Simulator • Road Safe Rock Climbing
- Hawera Crash Rescue Demo • Egmont Tyre Service Wheel Change Comp • Roadsafe Taranaki Interactive Marquee
- Over 100 trade sites including a variety of food stalls
- Baby change facility & mother's room under the grandstand

**FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**

Entertainment Area	Time
V8 Simulator	9:00-4:00
Roadsafe Rock Climbing	9:00-4:00
Roadsafe Taranaki Interactive Tent	9:00-4:00
Rock Up Log Jousting	9:00-3:00
Hawera Crash Rescue Demo	12:15

**Classic Hits Kidzone**

Sport Taranaki Rowing Challenge	10:00-2:00
Claas Pedal Tractors	10:00-2:00
Chuggy Choo Choo Bouncy Tunnel	9:00-3:00
Gumboot Throw	10:30
The Big Dig	10:30
Gumboot Throw	12:30
The Big Dig	1:30
Powerco Aquatic Centre Treasure Hunt	10:00-2:00

**Oval & Myers Paddock**

Equestrian Events	8:00
-------------------	------

**TSB Centre**

Cattle Showing	9:00
----------------	------

**Small Animal Tent**

Pony Rides	10:00-2:00
------------	------------

**SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

Grandstand	Time
Forsyth Barr Woodchopping	9.30-4.30
Abby	10:30
Topp Twins	11:15

**Entertainment Area**

Rock Up Log Jousting	9:00-3:00
V8 Simulator	9:00-4:00
Roadsafe Rock Climbing	9:00-4:00
Hawera Crash Rescue Demonstration	12:15
Egmont Tyre Service Wheel Change Comp	9:00-4:00
Roadsafe Taranaki Interactive Marquee	9:00-4:00

**Classic Hits Kidzone**

The Topp Twins visit Kidzone	10:00
Chuggy Choo Choo Bouncy Tunnel	10:00-3:00
Claas Pedal Tractors	10:00-3:00
Gumboot Throw	10:30
Sport Taranaki Rowing Challenge	10:00-3:00
The Big Dig	11:30
Gumboot Throw	12:30
Dunk The Star	1:00
The Big Dig	1:30

**The Fred & Eunice Rodie Charitable Trust Small Animal Tent**

Lamb Competitions	11:00
Pony Rides	10:00-2:00
Jet Boat Rides on the Lake	10:00-4:00
Equestrian Events-Oval & Myers Paddock	8:00
Cattle Showing - TSB Centre	9:00
Highland Dancing	9:00
Dog Trials - Pony Club Paddock	9:00

# A new venture to attract tourists to Opunake

An Opunake couple is hoping to attract visitors to Opunake by introducing a New Zealand first - bumper balls or body zorbing. People climb inside the huge sturdy inflated balls equipped with a harness and two handles and, well essentially, have fun!

As well as showing off your prowess by bowling over other opponents there's a host of games that can be played. Such as racing, rolling and running at the blow of a whistle to a finish line. There are also games with a soccer ball. "We want to try and get people to come to Opunake,

to use Opunake's facilities," said Sally Legros who with partner Steve have imported the balls from Australia. If they get enough interest they're looking at getting some huge water balls - in which you're completely encased - for the Opunake pool and the beach as

well as other water sports. Sally is a registered nurse who was working in New Plymouth. While on maternity leave she decided she'd like to do something that didn't involve travel. She was looking at bouncy castles for children's parties when she came across the bump-

er balls on the internet and was completely captivated. The balls come in adult sizes as well as children's and are also good for fitness. Sally and Steve are hoping to market them for corporate events, stag parties, 21sts, Christmas parties, work dos as well as children's

parties. The list is endless. The balls will be on show at Opunake's Market Day on Saturday November 17 - if there's enough interest they'll set up in the rec ground behind Sandfords Events Centre at 4pm and also at Coastal Taranaki School's gala day on November 23.



"Fun" was an elated Keenan Cooksley's summing up after an energetic time at the gym at Sandfords Event Centre where the balls were trialed at the weekend. He added that you get an adrenaline rush. Bailee Rampton (13) said that it was like working out and having fun and "I don't get hurt".



## Christmas homes for hospice

Inspiration for festive decorations will be everywhere at the Christmas Homes for Hospice on Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd. This fundraising event has taken months of planning by members of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club. There are five town and country homes specially decorated for Christmas. The historic St Barnabas Church will show the theme of a Christmas wedding. A Christmas market, classic cars, and a visiting Santa will all be at the church. The Wave Church has the theme "Christmas is the time to love". Tickets for \$25 for entry to all the venues can be purchased at The Print Shop, Pastimes and Sinclair Electrical in Opunake. Or you could try the Hospice Office in New

Plymouth or Frederics, Egmont Street. In Eltham, go to 164 on High Hair Salon, In Stitches at Stratford, or Naturally Unique Hair Salon at Hawera.

There is a \$5 entry at each house for one visit. Opunake Lakeside Lions are running a café at St Johns Hall where will be a specially lights and Christmas tree display.

**SURF HIGHWAY SIGNS LTD**  
 Tony Brown  
 21 Napier st  
**ASK ME ABOUT ANY SIGN!**  
 0274 628 632 mb 06 763 8215 hm  
**06 761 8020**

## Stratford Agricultural & Pastoral Show

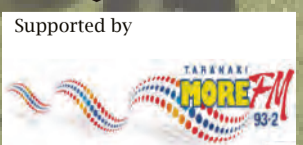
24th - 25th November 2012

- Dog Trials
- Pig Racing
- Wood Chopping
- Livestock & Horse Events
- OLD MCDONALDS FARM BARN
- World Class Shearers
- Craft Stalls

Great Family Entertainment!



PARENT CHANGING ROOMS



Gates Open 9.00 am  
 Adults \$10, Children: Under 14'S \$3, Pre-Schoolers Free

# Coastal clubroom converts to farm classroom



Coastal Taranaki now has an agricultural training centre right on its doorstep

Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre is offering the Certificate in General Farm Skills programme at Rahotu, using the old Rahotu Rugby Clubrooms (TSB Domain, Rahotu) as a classroom and accessing local

farms for practical training.

Taratahi's Regional Education manager, Leanne Richards says "Taratahi is very focussed on making agricultural training accessible and thanks to support from local farmers we now have the opportunity to better service the Coastal Taranaki community and the agricultural sector." Until now, Coastal Taranaki students have had to travel to one of the three Taratahi campuses in Taranaki, at Stratford, Manaia and North Taranaki. "This made it difficult for those of our students who were already employed in the dairy industry and had to fit their training days in between milkings," says Miss Richards.

Taratahi have programmes to cater for those who are wanting to enter the industry and those who are already

employed on farms and wanting to upskill. "The Certificate in General Farm Skills suits a wide range of people," says Miss Richards. "We have trained everyone from chefs and nurses making a career change, to lifestyle farmers wanting to learn how to fence, rural business operators wanting to get qualified, as well as young people starting out and experienced farmers."

Students can train in a range of skills including chainsaws, tractors, quad bikes, fencing, animal health and welfare and more. The programme is offered over 12 weeks or 24 weeks, with students attending 1-2 day training sessions weekly.

Anyone interested in training with Taratahi can contact the Taranaki office on 0800 600 333.

## Purebreeder's Jersey Club Classification Field Day

This year's Classification Day was held at Paul and Christine Vanner's Loch-Raven Jersey Stud in Kapuni last month. Unfortunately the attendance was a bit disappointing.

The Classification convention Mr Dick Johnson, a director of the Purebred Society, opened up the proceedings by addressing the aspects and ethics of the Society on

what was expected of those who go out in the field when the classification begins. Mr Johnson stressed that presentation and tidy attire makes a big difference. He also said that a good attitude, always being polite, introducing yourself and showing confidence in what you are doing along with spending a little time talking to the proprietors before you start your

classifying.

Mr Johnson also pointed out to the audience that punctuality is very important and to be on time all the time. He recommended that if they are running late for whatever reason, notify the next customer that you are running late – it puts them at ease when you finally turn up. He also passed on some other tips such as not pass-

ing on information about a previous member's cattle, and that cell phones are not permitted on the field whilst classification was underway – professionalism is required at all times.

Then we all followed Paul Vanner to the paddock where he had three groups of five heifers to classify. After we finished each group the President, Malcolm Revell,

then asked each one of us what figures we gave. After we did this, Messrs Revell/Johnson told us their points.

After that the cows went through the same procedure, and in my opinion, I found that they were easier to point. A credit to Paul and Christine on the types of cows they presented, they sure have got a particular goal in mind of the type of cow they wish to

breed. As publicity officer I wish them every success in their endeavours.

The main purpose of these days is to obtain more uniformity in classification – it is clearly being observed which is encouraging. Our thanks go to Malcolm and Dick for their efforts in making this classification day an enjoyable one.

Allan Jenkins  
Publicity Officer

## New format for Milksmart events

Secrets to milking even smarter will be revealed at ten new-format DairyNZ Milksmart events. These will be presented by a team of New Zealand's leading experts to im-

prove milking efficiency on New Zealand dairy farms. DairyNZ project manager for Milksmart, Chris Leach, says even small changes to a milking routine can add up. "Some pretty big savings, in

both time and money, have been achieved by our previous participants," says Chris. "These days have been designed for the whole farm team, with both practical hands-on sessions for junior

staff and higher-level strategic sessions for managers, owners and rural professionals. are part of a four-year programme aimed at improving the efficiency of the whole milk harvesting pro-

cess – from collecting the cows from the paddock and milking, through to clean-up and return of the cows.

This year the format runs from mid-morning through to the evening and at-

tendees will have the option to attend as many sessions as they like.

Presenters include Mel Eden, Neil Chesterton, Jenny Jago and Josh Wheeler y. Topics include:

- Stockmanship – understanding and working with cows
- Managing milking – planning for efficient milking
- Cow flow – identifying design issues and practical solutions
- Milking skills – cupping techniques, teat spray and efficient milking routines
- Milker comfort – reducing the strain, healthy milking
- Smart design – what to build and how to avoid common faults
- Cow senses – the world from a cow's point of view
- PeopleSmart – tips for training milkers
- TechnoSmart – technology choice, value and use
- TimeSmart – shorter milking times through smart milking strategies
- Efficient rotaries and her-ringbones

To register or for more information on content and venues, visit [www.dairynz.co.nz/milksmart](http://www.dairynz.co.nz/milksmart)

Registration is free of charge for levy-paying farmers and their staff.



## AGRICULTURAL TRAINING IN TARANAKI

No matter what your background or experience, we have courses available to suit you!

For courses covering an array of different farm skills whether you need an introduction to the industry, pre-employment training, upskilling or beyond...Get in now for 2013!

Contact Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre:  
0800 600 333  
[taranaki@taratahi.ac.nz](mailto:taranaki@taratahi.ac.nz)  
[www.taratahi.ac.nz](http://www.taratahi.ac.nz)

Courses delivered in partnership





# Taranaki Country Basketball Prizegiving



At left: Iritana Hohaia was recently awarded Most Valuable Player for the under 13 Taranaki Country Basketball representative team. Iritana from Opunake Primary School was also selected to play for the New Zealand under 13 girls team. Also selected in this squad were Simone Cook from Auroa School and Kiaani May Thomas Moore from St Josephs Opunake.

U13 girls - MVP - Iritana Hohaia; Most Improved - Hayley Smith; U13 boys - MVP - Matthew O'Connell, Most Improved - Sam Johnson; U15 girls MVP - Tara Clement and Georgia Keech, Most Improved - Georgia Gibbs; U15 Boys - MVP Tyler

Abraham, Most Improved - Dylan Trott; U17 Girls MVP - Abbey Johnson, Laura Duffy, Most Improved - Annika Roodbeen; U17 Boy's MVP - Blake Cheer, Most Improved Brodie Wilson; U19 Girls - MVP - Sinaed Horo, Most Improved - Sophie Cooksley. Coach of the Year - Aaron Langton, Team of the Year 2012 U13 Girls' Team, TCB Person of the Year Sharon Roodbeen.



Right: Tara Clement (nearest) from Opunake High School and Georgia Keech from Sacred Heart Girls College were both named Most Valuable Players for the TCB under

15 girls team. Tara and Georgia will both be travelling to Port Macquarie to play at the Australian state championships in early January at the Pacific Slam for Koru (NZ) under 15 girls

## Local teacher selected for NZ sevens team

Lauren Burgess, (pictured right) who teaches physical education and science at Opunake High School, has recently been selected for the NZ Sevens Rugby team. "I was stoked. It was a dream come true to represent New Zealand", she says. Lauren has gone close before; earlier she was selected as a non travelling reserve for the NZ Sevens team, which was sent to Fiji to contest the Oceania Cup. The NZ team ended up winning.

The NZ team heads to Dubai on November 26 where Lauren intends to make the most of her opportunity playing as a forward (hooker) against the other countries that are competing. The tournament runs from November 30 to December 1.

Before the team heads for Dubai they will go to Mount Maunganui, Tauranga for a training camp, which runs from November 21 to 26.

Beyond the Dubai event Lauren has a clear goal - she intends to do her utmost to "stay in shape" to make the squad to contest the World Cup, which will be held in Moscow, Russia next year. This is the first year there has been a World Cup for women's Sevens Rugby, so it is Lauren's chance to be part of sporting history.

Lauren is also an accomplished netball player who played this year for Inglewood United Rugby Football Club (not a misprint) and she has had a season with the Central Pulse.



Photo courtesy of Taranaki Rugby Football Union

2012 LIMITED  
**OAKURA AUTOMOTIVE**  
PANEL REPAIRS • MECHANICAL SERVICES • HIRE CENTRE

**UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP**

- **Automotive Repairs & Servicing**
- **Farmbike Repairs And Servicing**
- **Full Panelbeating Service**
  - Can Arrange Top Quality Paint Work

**Hireage Of:**

- 4 Metre Scaffolding • Generator • Post Hole Borer
- Car Trailer • Hedge Trimmers • Rotary Hoe • Chainsaws
- Horse Float • Scrub Cutters • Concrete Cutter
- 4 Metre Ladders • Trailer Mulcher • Concrete Equipment
- Lawnboys • Tandem Trailer • Kelly Float • Lawnmowers
- Trencher (Small) • Concrete Mixer • Plasma Cutter
- Trencher (Large) • Drop Saw • Plate Compactor
- Waterblaster • Gas Spit • Pole Trowels • Woodsplitter

*Increasing stock constantly, please ring if you have a product query*

**Open: 8am To 5pm Mon - Fri**  
**Sat 9am To 12 Noon (for hireage)**

**1 Victoria Road, Oakura**  
Opp Corbett Park Ph: 06 752 7485

# SINCLAIR

## FARM KILL AND PROCESSING

• Beef • Sheep • Pigs

Call Colin or Bridgitte - 06 765 4460 • 0274 629 282  
121 Cordelia Street, Stratford

# JACK OF ALL TRADES

UP TO \$395\* TO SPEND IN-STORE

STIHL COMBISYSTEM  
WHEN YOU BUY SELECTED COMBISYSTEM ENGINES AND ATTACHMENTS, YOU'LL GET UP TO \$395\* IN SHOP ON US VOUCHERS TO SPEND IN-STORE

\*Offer valid until 31 December 2012. Terms and conditions apply, ask in store for details.

**COLLINS SPORTS CENTRE**  
Tasman St, Opunake  
Ph 06 761-8778

**YOU'LL ONLY NEED ONE** **STIHL®**

# Taranaki and Manawatu community organisations benefit from New Zealand Post giveaway

New Zealand Post will give more than 1.2 million 'postage-included' envelopes to non-profit community organisations and programmes this year – including 387 organisations in the Taranaki / Manawatu region.

In all 2,781 groups will benefit from the envelopes, provided as part of Community Post, New Zealand Post's annual show of support for community-based initiatives. This year, for the first time, national organisations were able to make a single application for the free envelopes – instead of each branch needing to apply individually – and 110 organisations have taken that approach. 10 of those organisations

each received more than 10,000 free postage-included envelopes each, with a further 11 organisations receiving more than 5,000 each.

In addition, the Child Cancer Foundation, CanTeen, Special Olympics NZ and the Asthma Foundation each received \$10,000 worth of free marketing services from New Zealand Post – as did the Epilepsy Association, the AIDS Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation, the Life Flight Trust, Surf Lifesaving NZ, and the Clown Doctor NZ Charitable Trust. Those marketing services will assist them in communicating more effectively with key stakeholders, and assist in activities such as fundraising.

A wide range of community organisations in Taranaki / Manawatu will also benefit from Community Post this year – with 387 receiving supplies of free postage included envelopes.

Some noteworthy examples of local organisations which will benefit include:

- Opunake Playcentre
  - Stratford Amateur Swimming Club
  - New Plymouth Group Riding for the Disabled
  - YWCA of Wanganui
  - Opunake Community Baths Society Preschooler Swimming School
  - Highlands Amateur Swimming Club
  - Pukeokahu Hall Committee
- New Zealand Post's head of

sponsorship, Nicola Airey, says it's a real pleasure to support organisations such as these as they strive to make real positive impacts in their communities.

"Groups like these, with a passion for improving and informing the communities they live in, deserve to be recognised for the excellent work they do," Nicola Airey said.

"Community Post is our way of expressing gratitude on behalf of the community.

"It's a chance for New Zealand Post to support these groups as they help make the world a better place, one community at a time," Nicola Airey said.



**VOSPERS**  
Funeral Home

Exceptional service when you need it most

Phone 759 0912 at anytime

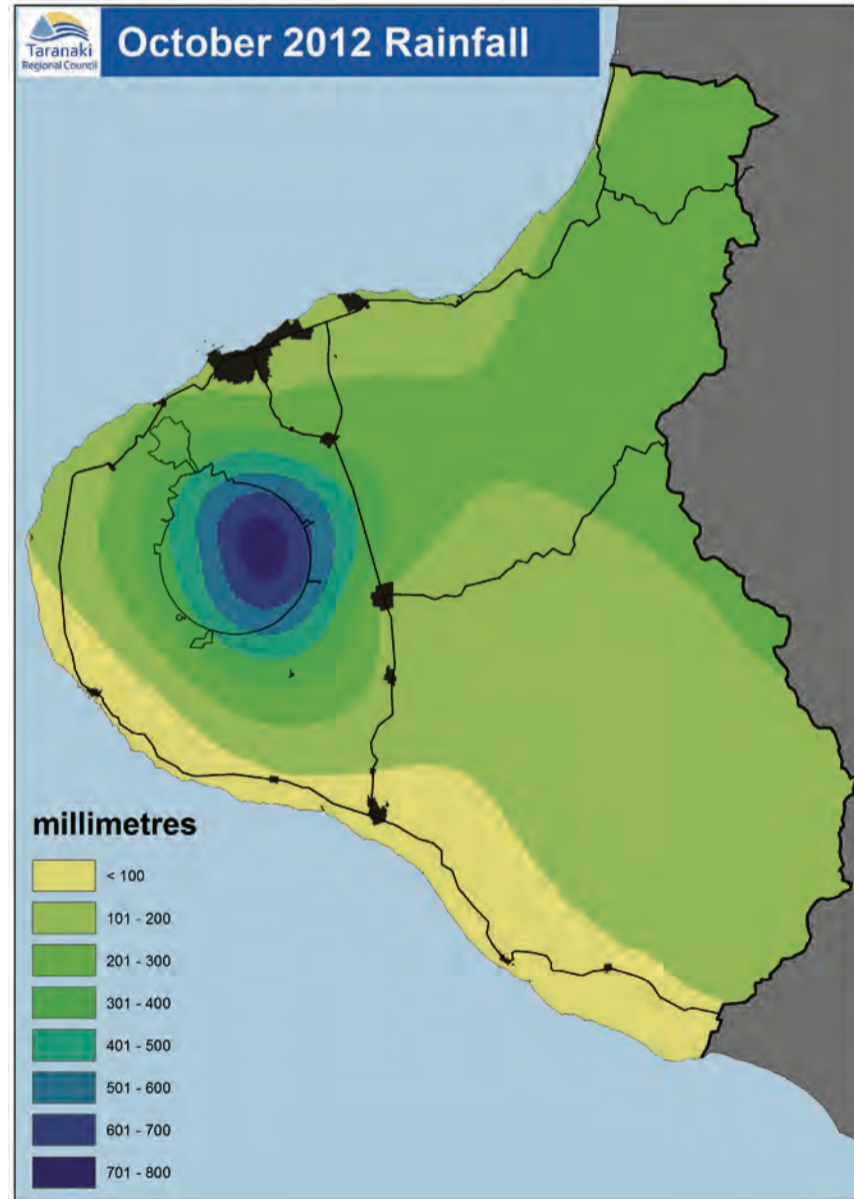
- Member FDANZ gives you added assurance
- Modern chapel with adjacent catering lounge
- Plenty of off-street parking
- Prearranged funeral plans at no charge
- Environmentally friendly options

**Exceptional service... when you need it most**

At Vospers, we show we care by attending to every little detail to make the service everything you'd like it to be. And we don't stop caring when the funeral is over, because at Vospers, nothing is too much trouble.

Vospers funeral directors Andrew King, Kirsty Mehrtens, Bruce Hanrahan (Manager), Darr MacLachlan & Paula Shaw.

257 Devon St East, New Plymouth | www.vospers.co.nz



## Taranaki October rainfall

There was quite a contrast in rainfall totals during October, with most South Taranaki sites recording a lot less rain when compared to Northern Taranaki. Rainfall ranged from 129% of normal over 20 days of rain at the Stony River site near Okato, to 126% of normal at Dawson Falls (24 days of rain), where most sites near and around New Plymouth were all around normal amounts (18-22 days of rain recorded), then heading further South, Stratford received 86% of normal (19 days of rain), where as Patea only recorded 46% of normal over 11 days of rain.

Year to date, most recorder sites around Taranaki are recording at or around normal amounts, however TeKiri and Patea have been 21% and 17% lower than normal respectively. On the other side of the coin, Dawson Falls has recorded 24% more than normal for this time period.

River flows for the month have been below normal mean flows when compared to previous October figures; however, there have been no new minimum flows recorded.

Water temperatures follow a similar trend, being lower than October means, and no new minimum or maximum peak figures were recorded

Air temperatures are all starting to warm up as we move closer to summer, however there have still been a few cold nights!

## RENTAL VEHICLES



- CHARTER BUSES
- VANS
- TOUR BUSES

## ALUMINIUM SCAFFOLDING FOR HIRE

\$35 per day, \$50 weekend.  
More than 6 days \$30 per day.

## WATERBLASTER FOR HIRE

Petrol 3000 psi 15L/minC  
Cost: Half day \$90, Full day \$120, Weekend \$130. Friday after 3pm return Monday 9am.  
Bond for waterblaster and scaffolding \$50.  
For more information contact Tracey or Christine at

## PICKERING MOTORS

11 TENNYSON ST OPUNAKE PH (06) 761-8363  
0800 22 11 20 Email: pickering.motors@xtra.co.nz

# HUGHSON & ASSOCIATES

WE ARE YOUR PERSONAL, FRIENDLY FARMING & BUSINESS ACCOUNTING SPECIALISTS

**0800 ACCOUNTANT  
2 2 2 6 8 6**

OPUNAKE OFFICE is OPEN every WED 9.30am-3pm

Ph our Hawera office on (06) 278-4169 • 26 Wellington St, Hawera  
or E-mail: services@hughson.co.nz www.hughson.co.nz



Mark G Hughson,  
B.B.S., C.A., Dip B.S



Dorothea Henry

## YOUR CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

- is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants
- studied for 7 years to achieve his professional qualification
- is required to undertake on going professional development
- is bound by a code of ethics and professional standards
- has a professional qualification from New Zealand that is internationally recognised

Look for the word  
"Chartered"  
your assurance of quality



TRC's Environmental Monitoring data is available in near real-time at [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz)

To Advertise  
Ph: 06 761 7016

# Steve Gray PLASTERERS

INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR CEILINGS & WALLS

Ph/Fax (06) 272-8445  
16 Kate St, Normanby.





Harry Duynhoven

# Harry's column

ryone who was involved – I hope you had a great time welcoming people into your gardens or visiting new gardens for inspiration.

My wife and I greatly enjoyed the gardens we had time to visit.

We have a deserved reputation in Taranaki for being great growers. Sure we have near-perfect growing conditions, but it's the passion and creativity of locals that mean whether we're growing a rhododendron or getting a dairy pasture just right, we do a fine job of it.

Meanwhile, the last few months have seen hundreds of councillor and staff hours go into the review of all Council services and activities, with the help of inde-

pendent experts.

Stage one is completed: We have identified a number of opportunities where there may be potential to make some changes in the way the services are delivered, and these are now being investigated further as part of stage two.

We are also reviewing the entire capital expenditure programme – that is, the programme of planned projects to build new or upgraded Council infrastructure during the next 10 years. We will be looking more closely at all renewals funding, reviewing the cost of all internal services, and reviewing our Financial Strategy and how it links to the Perpetual Investment Fund.

No decisions have been made yet.

When a report goes to the Council in February next year, decisions will be made on what proposals for change will need to be consulted on with the community through the Annual Plan process. Final decisions on these proposals will be made in June 2013, after public consultation is completed. Some ideas may require more in-depth investigation and may not be a part of this process.

So, a lot of work has been done and there is a lot more yet to do. We will keep you up to date with progress.

Mayor Harry Duynhoven

Finally, our days are getting sunnier and warmer as we come into the final months of 2012!

The Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular had some fantastic weather for its run in October/November, and the gardens along Taranaki's coast did us all proud. Well done to eve-

# A beaut little Aussie poem

The sun was hot already - it was only 8 o'clock  
The cocky took off in his ute, to go and check his stock.  
He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs,  
The float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams.

He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a water tank  
And saw a ewe down in the dam, a few yards from the bank.  
"Typical bloody sheep," he thought, "they've got no common sense,  
"They won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bloody fence."

The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt  
She'd stay there 'til she carked it if he didn't get her out.  
But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free  
And in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.

He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down  
If he didn't rescue her, the stupid sod would drown.  
Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim  
He saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.

He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks  
And as he couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.  
He jumped into the water and away that cocky swam  
He caught up with her, somewhere near the middle of the dam.

The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip  
He tried to grab her sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.

At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath  
She showed him little gratitude for saving her from death

She took off like a Bondi tram around the other side  
He swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bloody hide.  
Then round and round the dam they ran, although he felt quite puffed  
He still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed

The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day.  
He knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away,  
He didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea  
But neither was he ready for what he was soon to see.

He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view  
For running down the catchment came this frantic-looking ewe  
And on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch  
The farmer yelling wildly "Come back here, you lousy bitch!"

The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car  
The cocky's reputation has been damaged near and far.  
So bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks  
Spot the hazard, assess the risk, and!



## Newspapers dead? No way!



Community newspapers world wide are growing – the only voice for locals.

US business magnate, Warren Buffet, has just invested in 63 newspapers in America. He says:

"I believe newspapers that intensively cover their communities will have a good future.

"That means maintaining your news advantage and thoroughly covering all aspects of area life, particularly local sports.

"A newspaper that reduces its coverage of news important to its community is certain to reduce its readership as well.

"No one has ever stopped reading half-way through a story that was about them or their neighbours."

**Times**  
NEWSPAPERS

The Times is celebrating 40 years of serving this community. Support us and keep local – not only in print but also online – [www.times.co.nz](http://www.times.co.nz)

**S E C O**  
ANDFORDS VENTS ENTRE PUNAKE

**S.E.C.O. RESTAURANT CAFE & BAR**  
**NOW SELLING BY DEMAND**  
**FROZEN PARTY PACKS**  
**STANDARD PIES AND FAMILY PIES**  
**PHONE ORDERS TO 06 761 8004**

**PARTY PACK SAVOURIES**  
**SIX TO SIXTY**  
**SPECIAL SAVOURIES 6 PACK \$3.00**  
**EXTRA SPECIAL SAVOURIES**  
**P.O.A.**

 **GLUTEN FREE MADE TO ORDER**  
**FAMILY PIES \$6.50**  
**MINCE PIES \$2.00 EACH**  
**MINCE & CHEESE PIES \$2.50 EACH**  
ask about our sammies for your party.

**LAWYERS**

**Thomson O'Neil & Co.**

*Our Opunake Office is attended by:*

**Robert England** on **Wednesday** and **Fridays**, for buying and selling Houses, Farms and Businesses; Trusts; Wills and Estates.

**Neal Harding** on **Thursday**, for Residential Sales and Purchases; Family, District, and Criminal Court matters; Civil and Business matters.

**FOR ALL YOUR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**


**30 Tasman Street, Opunake**  
**Ph: 761-8823**

**Do You Know What Happens When You Don't Advertise?...**

**.... Nothing!**  
**Phone Us On 06 761 7016**

**2004 Ford Fairmont**

**\$7,980**



**Autopower Steering**  
**Electric Windows**  
**Towbar**

**DON OAKES MOTORS**  
**Broadway, Stratford**  
**Phone & After hours (06) 765 4383**

**FOR SALE**

**A TOTAL BODY SUPPORT** for seasonal allergies or sinus infections acute or chronic, addresses the 3 body systems involved in sinus and bronchial health. Get onto it before the allergy season. Non drowsy formula. At Hardy's the health shop in Centre City 7587553

**BACK PAIN CONTROL** an effective combination of herbs and nutrients specifically designed for the symptomatic relief and management of lower back pain. At Hardy's the health shop in Centre City 7587553. We deliver.

**D-RIBOSE as seen on TV** Is Modern medicine killing us. Ribose Powder restores the basic energy of your body and maintains its full charge during the day. Ribose is produced in the body, naturally, although this process is very slow. D-ribose powder can quickly restore and maintain your depleted energy reserves and, as a consequence, the daily consumption of this additional powder reduces muscle stiffness, soreness and fatigue. As one of the most popular supplements among endurance athletes, ribose helps athletic performance, supplying the cells of muscle tissue with a continuous supply of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), which is known as cellular energy. Ribose is natural sugar, which can be found in all living cells. Available at Hardy's the health shop in Centre City 067587553 we deliver.

**LAWNMOWERS SECONDHAND** Pushmowers and ride-on mowers. All workshop serviced. Available at Collins Sports Centre, Opunake

**NEW STOCK MGP SCOOTERS** arriving daily, parts now in stock. Available at Collins Sports Centre, Opunake

**MAGNESIUM** is by far the most important element needed in our bodies, activating over 350 different chemical reactions all necessary for the body to function properly. Symptoms of magnesium deficiency: cramps, muscle twitches, agitation, anxiety, restless sleep, headaches, tiredness to name just a few. Available at Hardy's the health shop in Centre City 067587553. We deliver.

**WANTED TO BUY**

**Car stereo which has a tape deck for playing audio tapes.**  
Please phone  
**(06) 761 8206,**  
**(06) 761 7016.**

**TRADES & SERVICES**

**FREEVIEW** dishes and aerials. TV tune in or set up Freeview box. Phone Rob at Taranaki Aerial Services: 0800 284 396

**Coastal Cleaning Services**

If it needs cleaning - you need me.  
20 yrs exp. Inside or outside.  
No job too big or too small.  
**Ph 027 237 8563**

**LAWNS NEED MOWING?** We mow lawns! Phone 0274 572 741 or A/H 06 764-8885.

**PAINTING & PAPERING**

Tradesman - FREE quotes  
**G & E Lindsay**  
Ph (06) 752 1113  
or 027 651 0148

**COASTAL STOPPERS.** GIB  
Glenn 027 524 5745. Phone

**PAINTER PAPERHANGER** for all your interior decorating and any necessary insurance work  
Phone Bryan 0274658631

**Builder**

**LBP**  
Decks,  
Fences,  
Roofing  
Additions and  
Alterations,  
Farm Sheds,  
Concrete,  
New Homes,  
Phone Lucas Turner:  
**027 746 0186**  
a/h (06) 761 7541

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Now open in Opunake**  
**REIKI**  
**1st level**  
**Sat 24th**  
**& Sun 25th**  
**November**  
**9.30am - 4.30pm**  
**for more info**  
**Ph Sylvie**  
**027 316 3706**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**ARAHU NETBALL CLUB**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2012 - 7PM**  
**AT SANDFORDS EVENT CENTRE**

All Welcome

**Any queries to Macey Ph: 06 761 8927**



**SECOND RATES INSTALMENT**

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2012/2013 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 28 November 2012.**

CR Stevenson  
Chief Executive

**J.E. PRESTIDGE TRUST**

The J.E. Prestidge Trust has bursaries available to those people who may be undertaking tertiary studies in agriculture or horticulture or in allied courses.

To qualify, applicants must have attended at some stage during their secondary schooling Patea, Hawera, Opunake, Okato, Waitera. Inglewood or Stratford High School or St Mary's Diocesan School. Application forms and full details of the bursaries are available from:

Kellie Parker  
Till Henderson (Incorporating Buchanan Butrer & Rai)  
P.O. Box 192  
STRATFORD  
Ph. 06 765 7123  
Fax 06 765 5363  
**Applications close on 3 December 2012**

**OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL**



The Principal, Board of Trustees and Staff of Opunake High School invite you to a Wine & Cheese Evening in the OHS Hall on 7th December at 7 pm to farewell

**David Nicholas**

and to celebrate his 37 years' service to the school and community.

RSVP by Friday 30th November by phoning OHS Office 06) 7618723 or Email admin@opunake.school.nz

**Sustainable Farming Film Festival**

Saturday 24 November 6-9pm  
Hempton Hall Okato,

**FREE** entry

info, speakers, films & snacks.

www.ClimateJusticeTaranaki.info  
www.BiologicalFarmers.co.nz

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**THE RAHOTU TRAIL BIKE RIDE**  
**Sunday 18th November**  
**10am Start - Upper Ngariki Rd**

**Double Loop Track** Rolling terrain  
**plus Kids Track** & extensive lahars

Barbeque food for sale - School Fundraiser

**Adults \$25.00 Kids \$10**  
includes Drink & Sausage

Enquiries to Lloyd 027 204 0810

**OPUNAKE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**Sunday 18th November 11am**

Become a volunteer life guard.

Sample what the club has to offer.

IRB rides, beach races, sausage sizzle  
a great place to be in the summer.

Any queries to Michael Roach ph 0277481813

or Tracey Feaver ph 761 8360

Please pay registration fees on the day.

**Holiday Art Workshops**

Commence January 2013



Explore techniques in  
sculpture and printmaking

Make art to take home

**6 - 9 y.o - 2 hr \$20**

**10 y.o - open 3hr \$20**

For a detailed programme contact

Claire Jensen 761 8468

clairence28@hotmail.com

Qualified Art teacher - based in Opunake



MR & MRS

**COASTAL DAIRYFARMER LEASE DAIRYFARM WANTED**

ARE YOU WANTING TO SLOW DOWN WHILE RETAINING YOUR ASSETS IN LAND AND DAIRY SHARES?

THE COASTAL RUGBY CLUB HAS RUN A LEASE DAIRY FARM OPERATION FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS AND IS CONSIDERING ITS OPTIONS FOR 2013 AND BEYOND.

THE CLUB HAS A JX FREEHOLD DAIRY HERD OF 230 COWS ACHIEVING EXCELLENT PRODUCTION FIGURES (-86000KGS M/SOLIDS LAST SEASON). OUR PRESENT OPERATION IS OVERSEEN BY A FARM CONSULTANT AND A HIGHLY MOTIVATED FARM COMMITTEE.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING YOUR POSITION AND OPTIONS FOR NEXT SEASON, WE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU.

INQUIRIES IN CONFIDENCE TO

DARYL HICKEY - PH: 06 761 7147

RAY BARRON - PH: 06 752 8073

DAN MORGAN - 06 763 8424

**TO ADVERTISE HERE**

**PH: 06 761 7016**

For all advertising phone/fax (06) 761 7016 a/h 761 8206 See inside cover for all email addresses

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish  
CHURCH SERVICES**

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

**Opunake Catholic Church**

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

**Other areas**

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

**ALL WELCOME**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Opunake Business Association  
NEXT MEETING**

**Monday December 3rd at Opunake Surf Inn**  
5:30 Social, 6.00 pm Meeting  
We welcome any member of the  
community to our meetings, you don't  
have to have a business.

**St Barnabas Church  
141 Tasman St, Opunake**

**2nd Chance  
GARAGE SALE**  
Sat 17 November  
10am - 12 noon



**Great bargains still to be had!**

**COASTAL RUGBY  
AGM**



**TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER  
7PM  
AT RAHOTU CLUBROOMS  
ALL WELCOME  
ANY ENQUIRIES  
06 752 8258**

**14<sup>th</sup> AGM of the  
Opunake Sport & Recreation Trust  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**In the Back Office at 6pm**  
Calling for Applications, If you are interested  
in becoming a Trustee Contact Lauren  
06 761 7534 or contact@sandfordsec.co.nz  
Pauline Sandford  
Secretary

**AGM  
Coastal Taranaki Health  
Trust  
17th Dec 2012  
7.30pm  
Opunake Medical Centre  
All welcome**

**WHAT'S ON**

**NOVEMBER**

- Now GOVETT BREWSTER ART GALLERY
- Nov 8 - Dec 2 Laurence Aberhart exhibition.
- 16 125th COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OLD SCHOOL  
Friday Nov 16 at 8pm.
- 16 & 17 EGMONT A & P SHOW 2012 - HAWERA  
Friday Nov 16 & Saturday Nov 17, 9am - 4pm.
- 17 ST BARNABAS CHURCH OPUNAKE GARAGE SALE  
2nd chance, great bargains - Saturday Nov 17, 10am - noon.
- 17 OPUNAKE MARKET DAY  
Saturday Nov 17 from 9.30am - 1pm.
- 18 OPUNAKE SURF LIFESAVING CLUB  
Registration Day Sunday Nov 18 at 11am. (Refer advert).
- 18 COUNTRY CONNECTIONS ANNUAL  
SHOPPING EVENT  
Sunday Nov 18, 12pm - 8pm. (Refer advert).
- 18 RAHOTU TRAIL BIKE RIDE - SCHOOL FUNDRAISER  
Sunday Nov 18, 10am start. (Refer advert).
- 18 POOL COMPETITION AND FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
Sunday 18 Nov at Surf Inn, Opunake. (Refer advert).
- 19 UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE EXHIBITION  
Monday Nov 19 to Dec 15 at the Village Gallery, Eltham.
- 20 & 27 OPEN DAYS PRE FARM AUCTION  
Tuesday Nov 20 & 27 at (Refer Matthew & Co advert).
- 22 ARAHI NETBALL CLUB AGM  
Thursday Nov 22 at 7pm. (Refer advert).
- 23 STRATFORD ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION  
Opens Friday Nov 23 at 7.30pm. (Refer advert).
- 24 - 25 STRATFORD A & P SHOW 2012  
Saturday Nov 24 and Sunday Nov 25. (Refer advert).
- 24 SUSTAINABLE FARMING FILM FESTIVAL  
Saturday Nov 24, 6 - 9pm at Hempton Hall, Okato.
- 24 LIVE BAND 'PAINTED BLACK'  
Saturday Nov 24 at Surf Inn, Opunake. (Refer advert).
- 24 COASTAL RUGBY CHAMPIONS DINNER  
Saturday Nov 24, 7pm at Yarrow Stadium. Register before  
Friday Nov 16.
- 24 STRATFORD SINGERS DIAMOND JUBILEE PROMS  
Saturday Nov 24, 7.30pm Bookings Stratford Info Centre.
- 24 DAME MALVINA MAJOR CONCERT  
Saturday Nov 24 at 7.30pm at Opunake High School.
- 25 AUROA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER - AMBIANCE STYLE  
Sunday Nov 25 at 11.30am - 739 Rowan Rd Kaponga.
- 25 OPUNAKE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION AGM  
Sunday Nov 25 at 7pm at Sandfords Event Centre.
- 27 COASTAL RUGBY AGM  
Tuesday 27 Nov at 7pm at Rahoitu Clubrooms. (Refer advert)
- 27 PUBLIC MEETING RE TRANSPORT SERVICE  
Tuesday 27 Nov at 7.30pm at Sandfords Event Centre,

**DECEMBER**

- 1 & 2 INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT  
Saturday Dec 1 and Sunday Dec 2.
- 2 VIRTUES FROM THE PAST - DAME KATE HARCOURT  
Sunday Dec 2 at Cue Theatre Inglewood. (Refer advert )
- 3 OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOC MONTHLY MEETING  
Monday Dec 3 at Opunake Surf Inn, 5:30pm social, 6:00pm  
meeting
- 7 OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL -  
FAREWELL TO DAVID NICHOLAS  
To celebrate his 37 years' service. RSVP the school by Nov 30.
- 7 TENDERS CLOSE FOR PRIME OPUNAKE BUSINESS  
Friday Dec 7. (Refer Selwyn Metcalfe Real Estate advert).
- 15 LOCAL HANDCRAFTS INC  
Saturday Dec 15 at 9.30am - 3.30pm. (Refer advert).
- 17 COASTAL TARANAKI HEALTH TRUST AGM  
Monday Dec 17 at 7.30pm. (Refer advert)

**JANUARY 2013**

- Start HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS  
Explore techniques in sculpture and printmaking (Refer advert).

**Quotes**

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends" - Martin Luther King Jr

"My neighbour asked if he could use my lawnmower and I told him of course he could, so long as he didn't take it out of my garden" - Eric Morecambe

"Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric" ~ Bertrand Russell

"When women go wrong, men go straight after them" - Mae West

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure" - Clarence Darrow

"Sometimes when you are arguing with a fool, they are doing the same thing" - Anon

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary" - William Faulkner about Ernest Hemingway

... "Poor Faulkner, Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" - Ernest Hemingway about William Faulkner

"There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure" - Jack E. Leonard

"If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get, that you don't want" - Oscar Wilde

"If two wrongs don't make a right, try three" - Laurence J. Peter

"I'm so clever that sometimes I don't understand a word that I am saying" - Oscar Wilde

"I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included - Bernard Manning

"If you die in an elevator, be sure to push the Up button" - Sam Levenson

"Me? I'm dishonest, and a dishonest man you can always trust to be dishonest. Honestly. It's the honest ones you want to watch out for, because you can never predict when they're going to do something incredibly... stupid" - Johnny Depp as Jack Sparro

"Everybody wants to be somebody; nobody wants to grow" - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"Don't cry for a man who's left you, the next one may fall for your smile" - Mae West

"If you don't ask because you might be refused, you've already refused yourself" - Nisandeh Neta

# Kiwi Prehab: Cottage to cutting edge

Continued from page 24

of prefabrication in New Zealand (did you know the Treaty House at Waitangi is a prefab?).

Flowing down the staircase into the exhibition will be

Creature, a curved, installation of interlocking pieces digitally fabricated by a team from Victoria University's School of Architecture, led by programme di-

rector Mark Southcombe.

"Prefabricated design in a digital age allows us to go beyond the conventional – it offers opportunities for making complex forms, simply and economically," Southcombe says. "It means that in the future we will see natural systems and organic and geological forms potentially infiltrate design processes and the emergence of quite different, visionary architecture that was not possible in the past."

Pamela Bell, who wrote her Victoria University Master

of Architecture thesis on the subject, says prefabrication is about creativity, innovation and is "an agent for change".

"The main thing that holds back prefabrication, commercially, is that people still associate it with cheap, flimsy, temporary buildings and usually school classrooms." The prefab solution is highly relevant to what's happening in New Zealand today. "I think, obviously, with the shortage of houses in Auckland and Christchurch, it's a way of responding to crises

where there's a huge number of houses needed in a very short time," she says. However, these houses will not be temporary, bang 'em up structures. "We are talking about high-quality, architect-designed, sustainable and permanent solutions."

They will also be eco-friendly. A shining example of this is the First Light House – a zero-energy dwelling also designed by Victoria University students. In 2011, it was New Zealand's first entry into an international solar compe-

tion in Washington DC, where it gained third place. There will be a model of this building in the exhibition.

Also on show will be images and film footage also shown at the Museum of Modern Art in New York's 2008 exhibition, Home Delivery: fabricating a modern dwelling.

Kiwi Prefab: Cottage to Cutting Edge is presented in partnership with the Taranaki Regional Council, TSB Community Trust, Resene, Radio Network and New Plymouth District Council.

www.ambiancestyle.co.nz

**ambiancestyle**

invites you to **Auroa School PTA fundraiser**

**Sun 25 Nov at 11.30am**  
at **763 Rowan Road - Kaponga**

**\$20**

tickets available from Auroa School  
Contact: Jill Corbett 027 360 2496 : Vicki Symes 027 330 9246

**STRATFORD ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION**

Opens  
**23 Friday November 7.30pm**

Guest speaker  
**Ruth Harvey - Puke Ariki**

Percy Thomson Gallery  
Stratford 067650917

**Elements 12 & Connections**  
both end 18 November  
so be quick and don't miss it!

## Stratford Art Society has an exciting exhibition at Percy Thomson Gallery

The Stratford Art Society presents their exciting bi-annual art exhibition showcasing a range of local talent including new members exhibiting for the first time. This would be a great opportunity to purchase beautiful original Christmas gifts.

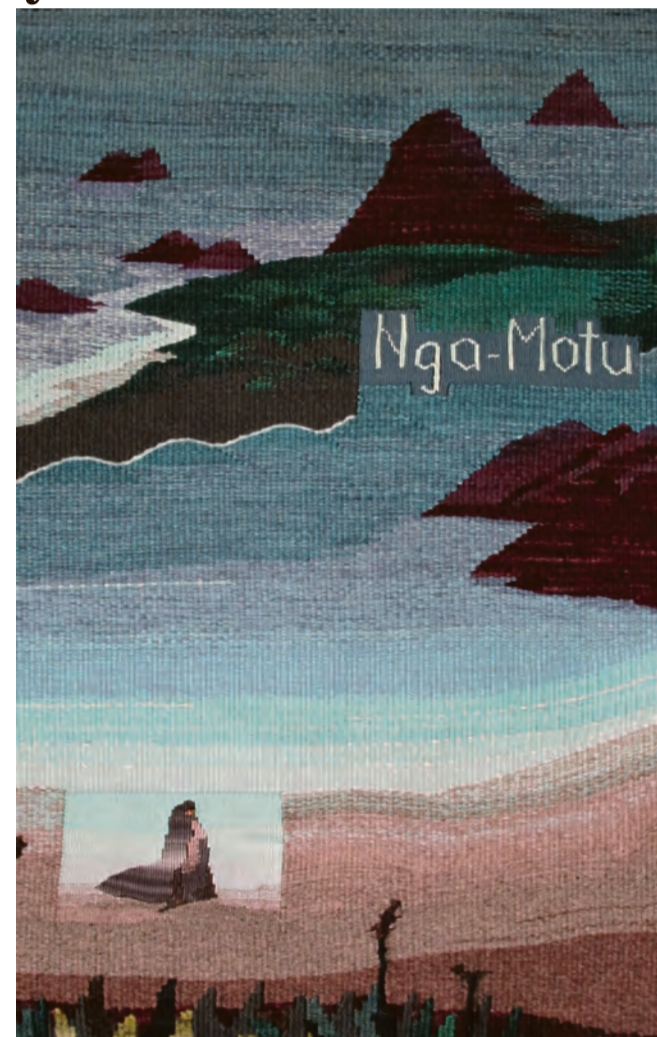
The Society's exhibition opens 7.30pm on the 23rd November and runs until the 14th December in the Percy Thomson Gallery. Guest speaker Ruth Harvey, Curator of Pictorial Collection from Puke Ariki, also judge of recent Taranaki National Art Awards, will be officially opening the exhibition.

Gallery Director Sue Mor-

ton says, "There will be a visual variety of members work including Maree Liddington's stunning tapestry weaving – Nga-Motu. I am always interested in the direction the artists are heading and they never fail to amaze me."

On display will be the usual wide range of media including wood turning, pottery, textile, photography, painting and sculpture along with the usual surprises.

The Society also plans on having a sales table for art books and magazines and a "Pot luck" Christmas hamper raffle.



One of the exhibits at the Percy Thomson exhibition is this superb tapestry by Maree Liddington.

## On this month in history

On November 22, 1982 famous aviator Jean Batten died in Palma, Majorca. Although she was the most famous New Zealand woman at the time of her aviation exploits (1930s), no one seemed to know much about her in her new life. She was eventually buried

in a pauper's grave.

For five years in New Zealand it was a mystery as to what had happened to her or where she was.

Finally, a relative, her nephew Rick received her death certificate in the mail in late September 1987.

Jean Batten's achievements included solo flights from England to India (1933), England to Australia (1934) and Australia to England (1935) - thus becoming the first woman to fly both ways. She also flew from England to Brazil.

In 1936 she made the first direct flight from England to NZ in record time.



GOVETT-BREWSTER ART GALLERY

**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

The Kaunihera-a-Roho o Ngāmotu  
NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TSB Community Trust

LYSAGHT-WATT TRUST

**For all your advertising requirements phone (06) 761 7016**

Stratford Singers and The Great Taranaki Steam Band present

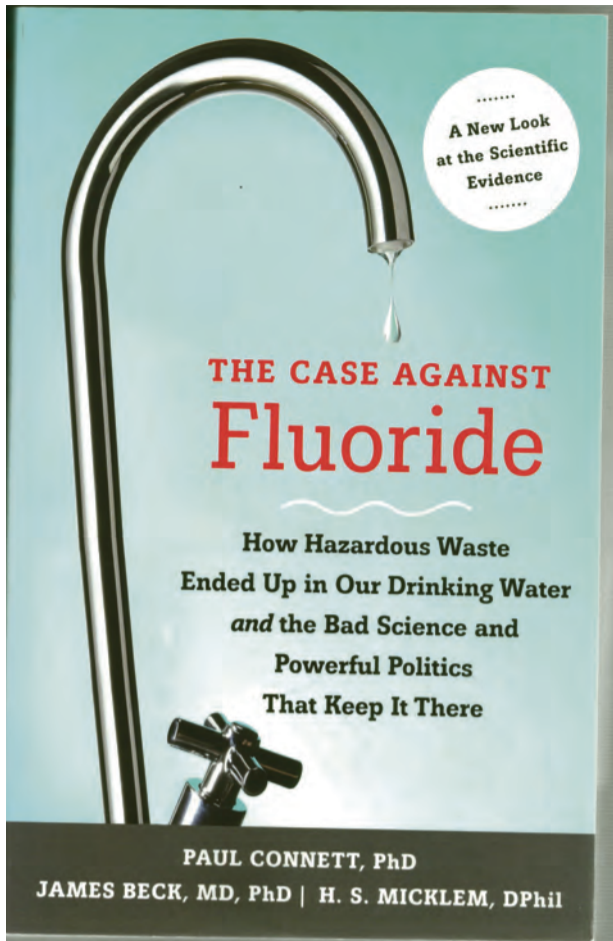
**The Diamond Jubilee Proms Concert**

Saturday, 24 November 2012 at 7.30pm

ELTHAM TOWN HALL, Stanners Street  
Tickets \$25, groups of 8 or more \$20 per person.  
Bookings open 29 October at:  
Stratford Information Centre - 06 765 6708  
The Wardrobe, 154 High Street, Eltham - 06 764 6010  
Limited table seating downstairs, so bookings are essential  
This is a B.Y.O. event, nibbles provided

Stratford District creative COMMUNITIES nz

# Book review: The case against fluoride



stance works best anyway. It is most effective applied topically, as in cleaning with fluoridated toothpaste. It is also unnecessary as most toothpastes have this ingredient. Recently, examining all the toothpastes at a local supermarket, I discovered that all contained fluoride.

The authors say that the safe level has never been accurately determined and argue that this should be set at zero. That is, fluoridation should not occur at all and should be halted where it exists. Most countries, notably European countries, do not fluoridate their water supplies (Just 2% of people in Europe).

They point out that everyone's dose is variable in places where the water is fluoridated. Heavy water consumers, such as (for example) manual labourers toiling under a hot sun will end up with inordinately larger amounts of fluoride than more sedentary people working inside. This is significant because even proponents of fluoride accept that the substance is a poison at sufficiently high levels.

They quote many studies which suggest that fluoride is not safe, especially for certain vulnerable groups. Perhaps top of the list are babies fed formula who may be getting 250 times as much fluoride as those infants fed breast milk, which naturally has a trace.

Other research links it with virtually everything you can think of including lowered IQ, Alzheimer's disease, and a propensity to bone fractures and even bone cancer (osteosarcoma). Certain vul-

nerable people, such as those with kidney disease, thyroid dysfunction or arthritis should not be subjected to fluoridated water.

A visually apparent effect of fluoridation of water is young people with unsightly dental fluorosis, which is expensive to treat and can have cause self-esteem issues with those affected. This condition is caused by fluoride interfering with growing teeth cells.

Bias is an issue. The findings of the following have been virtually ignored. In 2006 the NRC (National Research Council) of the USA set up a panel equally balanced with professionals from both sides of the fence, as well as some of a neutral viewpoint. They examined hundreds of studies. In an article published in Scientific American the Chairperson of the review panel, Dr John Doull, had this to say. "What the committee found is that we've gone with the status quo regarding fluoride for many years - for too long really - and now we need to take a fresh look .... when we looked at the studies that have been done, we found that many of these (health) questions are unsettled and we have much less information than we should, considering how long this (fluoridation) has been going on" (Page 273).

Before any local body considers fluoridation, at very least, they need to read a comprehensive range of scientific evidence, and take a fresh look as urged by Dr Doull.

*Rolland McKellar*

*The Case Against Fluoride; How hazardous waste ended up in our drinking water and the bad science and powerful politics that keep it there. Written by Paul Connett PhD, James Beck MD PhD and HS Micklem DPhil. Published by Chelsea Green. White River Junction, Vermont (2010).*

With the South Taranaki District Council considering the possible fluoridation of water in towns such as Patea, it is perhaps timely to review this book now.

The book is scientifically based - they quote many studies, yet is very readable. Scientific jargon is kept to a minimum.

The authors outline how (historically) the practice of fluoridation of water sup-

plies came about - poorly designed science around 1950 (or thereabouts), mostly conducted in the US. They paint a grim picture of vested interests (commercial and political) vigorously promoting fluoridation with action against anyone (including dismissal) daring to suggest that the practice urgently needed further scrutiny, notably in scientific studies. They explain how any studies, which had the "wrong" findings were most unlikely to be accepted for publication in periodicals.

Philosophically, they point out that mass medication is against basic principles of humanity as outlined in various charters many countries are signatories to. They also point out that the addition to water is not how the sub-

## Loop artist tours Taranaki

Andre is a Swiss loop artist who is touring South Taranaki at the end of November. He will be playing in Hawera at the Marracbo Cafe (Union Street) on Friday the 23 November, in Opunake, at the Sugar Juice Cafe (Tasman Street) on Saturday the Nov 24 and at the Seed Coastal Organics,

Okato (Carthew Street) on Thursday 29 November.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to be entertained at one of the three performances of the Sonic Delusion Solo Taranaki

### BODY ZORBING

Bumpit Taranaki NZ Ltd

First in New Zealand based here in Opunake!! Body Zorbing is an adrenaline filled extreme activity guaranteed to get your heart racing and body pumping. For an awesome experience bumping, tumbling and rolling in our hilarious bumper balls book your group for a great time. We take bookings for private groups, birthday parties, Christmas parties, 21+ celebrations, stag dos, galas, events and cooperate functions.

Phone (06) 7617276 or 0274242357  
Visit us on Facebook: Bumpit Taranaki NZ Ltd  
Email bumpitnz@xtra.co.nz www.bumpitkiwi.nz



**UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE**  
an exhibition by Members of  
**THE VILLAGE GALLERY**  
*especially created*  
*with gifts in mind*

**19th November - 15th December**  
**10am - 3pm Monday - Saturday**

**166 High St, Eltham**



## Local Handcrafts Inc

**Next event is on December 15th**  
**9.30am - 3.30pm**  
**at St Mary's Hall, 36 Vivian Street**  
**New Plymouth**  
**Phone: Topsy Lynch (06) 758 6112**  
**for further information**

*Pots, Pansies & Violets*

150 High Street - Eltham  
ph: 027 416 7272  
email: jg.rodgers@xtra.co.nz

*Handcrafts gifts Furniture*





**OPUNAKE**  
**Surf Inn**

Your hosts:  
Jason &  
Carla

Tasman St, Opunake

**SUNDAY**  
**18th November**

**Sunday Session**  
**Pool Comp**  
**- Free Sausage Sizzle**

**Live Music w̄**  
**A PAIR OF JACKS**

**SATURDAY**  
**24th November**

**LIVE**  
**BAND**

**PAINTED BLACK**

## SONIC DELUSION

### SOLO TARANAKI TOUR

"The live performance of such a talented loop artist is a superb experience. Sonic Delusion uses a loop pedal to record snapshots of sound, artfully layering them into the weave of the song. As bass line, percussion, vocals and guitar are fused together the illusion is complete: you see a man, you hear a band"

**FRIDAY 23.NOV 8pm**  
@  
**Marracbo Cafe**  
**HAWERA**

**SATURDAY 24.NOV 8pm**  
@  
**Sugar Juice Cafe**  
**OPUNAKE**

**THURSDAY 29.NOV 7pm**  
@  
**Seed Coastal Organics**  
**OKATO**

Entry \$10 on door  
**WWW.SONIC-DELUSION.COM**



## Community Connections

**OUR**

**ANNUAL**

**SHOPPING**

**EVENT**

**Sunday,**  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Open**  
**12pm 'til 8pm**  
*Please accept this as a personal invitation.*

**SHOP TO WIN.**  
Spend \$50 instore  
and receive  
a free gift.

**LAYBY FOR**

**CHRISTMAS**

**SAMPLE SOME CHRISTMAS GOODIES**      **80 Tasman St, Opunake • Ph (06) 761-8171**      **GREAT SELECTION OF GIFTS**



For  
advertising  
phone  
(06)  
761 7016

# Dame Kate Harcourt will be performing in Taranaki

Fresh from a successful revival of her *Flowers from My Mothers Garden* at Wellington's Downstage Theatre, actress Dame Kate Harcourt is coming to Taranaki in another version of her family story.

She will appear in *Virtues from the Past* at Inglewood's delightful Cue Theatre, shar-

ing a journey through time with stories of her ancestors, her family and her life.

Dame Kate was born in Amberley, Canterbury and has a fascinating family history. In *Virtues from the Past* she celebrates the tenacity of her ancestors, recalls her early years training as a singer, broadcaster (remem-

ber Listen With Mother?) and actress, and highlights some of her theatre performances.

Dame Kate Harcourt can lay claim to two very large Scottish clans, the Camerons and the Macfarlanes, and another Scottish family, the Fultons. All will be revealed of this intertwining of families from the social upheavals of Scotland and England, stories of hardship, perseverance, cruelty, kindness, failures and successes.

This is a wonderful op-

portunity to see and hear the 'grande dame' of New Zealand theatre, and ask her your own questions.

*Virtues from the Past* shows at TET Cue Theatre, Inglewood, Sunday December 2 at 2pm and 7.30pm; bookings (\$20) at Inglewood Book Centre, 06 756 7032. Don't delay booking your tickets because this is a unique theatrical opportunity not to be missed.



Dame Kate Harcourt

Kapiti Genealogy presents  
its 2012 'Why You Are You' production

## VIRTUES FROM THE PAST With Dame Kate Harcourt

actor and broadcaster, shares  
a journey through time with stories of her  
ancestors, her family and her life.



TET Cue  
Theatre  
Inglewood  
Sunday 2 Dec  
2pm & 7.30pm

Enjoy a cuppa or  
glass of wine at  
interval  
and  
a display of Dame  
Kate's family history  
and career high-  
lights

Tickets  
\$20.00

Bookings:  
Inglewood Book  
Centre

Tel: 06 756 7032

Why You Are You is a trademarked activity of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.  
The image of Kate Harcourt is courtesy of Circa Theatre.

## Kiwi Prefab: Cottage to cutting edge

Kiwi Prefab: Cottage to Cutting Edge, an exhibition developed by Puke Ariki and Victoria.

Beautiful baches, creative construction and divine design will soon be bursting on to the New Plymouth foreshore and flowing through Puke Ariki.

Kiwi Prefab: Cottage to Cutting Edge, an exhibition developed by Puke Ariki and Victoria University of Wellington, will showcase New Zealand building innovation, globally prize-winning ideas and ask the question – is prefabrication the way of the future?

The exhibition, which runs at Puke Ariki from December 1 2012 to April 1 2013, will take a retrospective

view of our prefabricated past, examine today's architecturally designed prefabs and look at the potential of digital design. It will also highlight the importance of going "green".

Visitors can design their own prefab to add to an evolving community village, take part in dozens of events, panel discussions and workshops or walk through, explore and gain inspiration from four prefab dwellings. For the duration of the summer exhibition, a Lockwood home, the iPAD™ by Architect, Port-a-bach by atelier-workshop and a steel-framed studio by Frametek will celebrate Kiwi outdoor living in an area called the Prefab Landing.

Puke Ariki exhibitions manager Gerard Beckingsale says Kiwi Prefab: From Cottage to Cutting Edge will inspire people to think and dream. "The exhibition is going to burst out on to the foreshore in New Plymouth," he says. "The reason for placing the prefabs in that setting is to exaggerate the Kiwi dream of having a well-built house by the sea."

New Zealanders love their homes, so this exhibition will have broad appeal to

people while challenging ideas about what a house is. "We want to get people thinking about building better, building for the environment, and living lightly on the planet," he says.

Inside the museum at Puke Ariki there will be the growing prefab village, a folding whare (house) held together by tension wires, a self-build Click-raft structure, and a Jigsaw house. People can also see a pictorial timeline

*Continued on page 22*



A holiday dwelling with an enticing view of Mount Taranaki.

# AVOID COSTLY FINES!

## DOES YOUR EFFLUENT SYSTEM COMPLY WITH THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT?

We specialize in the complete design, installation and servicing of all effluent and irrigation systems.

Whether you want to install a new system or simply upgrade your existing one, we have the solutions for your effluent disposal.



'Specialists in Effluent and Irrigation Systems since 1993'

**Elite** Farm Solutions

23 Tasman Street, Opunake. Ph 06 761 7265