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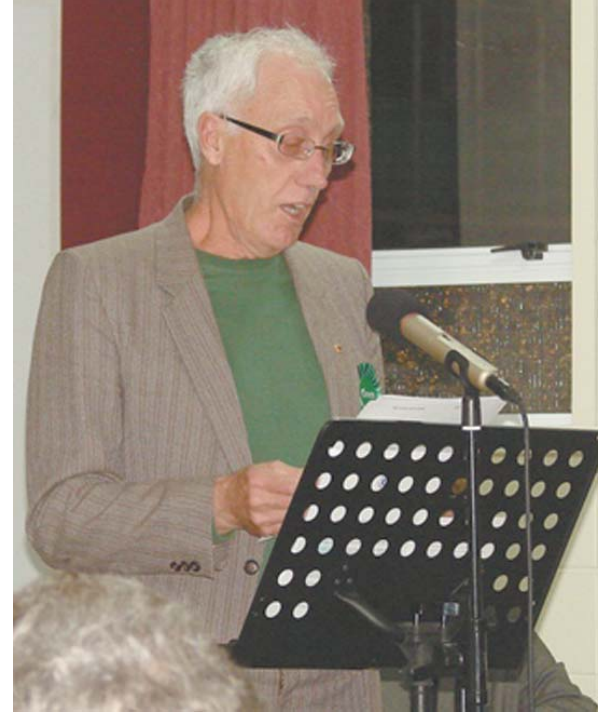
Andrew Little of the Labour Party.

New Plymouth candidates in the forthcoming election addressed how to make a fairer society at a public meeting on November 9.

Organised by Caritas and hosted by Lisa Beech of the organisation, the idea of the meeting was based on a document 'On A level Playing Field - Fair Play and the Common Good'.

The well-attended meeting held at St Joseph's Hall heard from three candidates for the New Plymouth electorate. They included sitting MP Jonathan Young, Labour's Andrew Little and the Green Party's Geoffrey Steedman. Each candidate was allowed to speak for a maximum of 20 minutes after an address by Lisa Beech. At the end of the speeches, the audience was invited to ask questions of the political candidates.

Lisa outlined the guiding principles of Caritas.



Geoffrey Steedman of the Green Party.

"Sharing God's love involves sharing the resources which He intended fairly", she explained. "Protecting the poor and vulnerable" was especially important. Near the end of her address she urged that voters ensure that the candidates - especially the successful one, carry out what they have promised. "Don't forget to hold the candidates to account", she concluded.

In his address Andrew Little of the Labour Party gave many examples of where the more vulnerable were not taken care of sufficiently. "Growing social inequality" had been festering for "thirty years". This trend was traceable back to "market policies". By this he presumably means the Lange/Douglas government of the 1980s and the following National Gov-



Jonathan Young MP representing the National Party.

ernment which continued the process into the early 1990s. Although 'freedom' is touted as the reason for so many policies

of this ilk, "For the those in poverty there is far less

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Seeking a level playing field

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freedom” he pointed out. One example Mr Little used was that of the Pike River Mine tragedy, which he had involvement with in his capacity as a union leader. He felt the rights of miners to optimal safety was compromised by the downgrading of the inspecting of mines. He referred to “the badly run mines inspectorate”. And concluded, “This is the product of deregulation”.

He mentioned the disparity between the well paid and the poorly paid. The average wage was currently around \$50,000, yet the median wage was only \$39,000. “The disparity is getting bigger”, he warned. He felt this trend was not helped by union officials being discouraged from visiting work places. “You bring the union here pal, and you’ll be out of a job”, was the prevailing attitude of many employers he claimed.

My Little spoke passionately against the new 90-day rule where new employees can be sacked without being given a reason or having any means of redress. He also felt the Minimum Wage was too low.

Geoff Steedman, the Green Party candidate also bemoaned the disparity between the poor and better off.

He was also concerned about disrespect for the environment.

“Our beautiful country is being degraded by people who don’t treat our resources with respect”, he lamented.

He felt the risk to the environment and the need to help the unemployed into work could be combined by the Green’s aim to create thousands of “Green jobs”. He felt such areas for positive exploitation could include wind farms. He felt there was technology here, which could be profitably exported to other countries. Another potential for jobs was to extend the insulation of homes even more than was currently carried out. This would have the side benefit of saving financial output on medical care because “with warmer, healthier homes, there is less money needed for health care”.

He also agreed with Mr Little that the Minimum Wage should be lifted. “No one can survive on the current Minimum Wage”, he suggested. He pointed out when families have insufficient money and resources, “It is the children who suffer most”.

The cleaning up of polluted rivers and the protection of the others is crucial. “We will all benefit from this, including farmers”, he said.

He also supported Labour’s idea of a Capital Gains tax to ensure a fairer taxation system. “A Capital Gains Tax is

absolutely essential”, he asserted.

Finally he concluded, “We’re the party which is offering you a more equitable society”.

Jonathan Young started by commended Lisa Beech for her address. “Lisa, your heart and soul comes through”.

My Young upheld the need to care for the more vulnerable - “Building a caring society is a commitment we all believe in”, he said.

He felt part of the solution to helping such people was to create more jobs through encouraging investment. “We need people to invest in industry” which will lead to more jobs”, he explained. However, he quoted Abraham Lincoln that the process of encouraging fairness and should

not endanger those who earn more. “You cannot pull the wage earner up by pulling down those at the top”. (“You’re wrong”, somebody interjected)

Mr Young didn’t feel that more taxes were the answer. “We don’t need more taxes we need more taxpayers”, he asserted.

During question time a range of issues were raised including the gender wage gap, and asset sales. Mr Little and Mr Steedman were adamantly opposed to asset sales (It was pointed out that 68% of voters were opposed), while Mr Young felt the proceeds of asset sales could be used to help the vulnerable - partly through an investment in education.

68 year old charge - will it stick

There’s been a bit of light hearted riposte to the story in the last issue of the Opunake & Coastal News on the Rahotu Tavern, specifically about Mick Guthrie who we reported had been drinking at the pub for 68 years. Mick is 83. Back in 1949

when he started drinking at the pub the drinking age was 21.

“Apparently the local constable is after him,” was one quip referring to the Opunake Police pursuing the historic underage drinking offence.

We hope it was in jest!

Old rugby photos

In the last issue of the Opunake & Coastal News we published two old photos of rugby teams taken in 1976.

The photos were brought into the Opunake & Coastal News by Jim Munro and came from the late Des Smith’s estate.

Jim has apparently been copping a bit of flack regarding the photos along the lines of why

those photos were put in and not others.

He wanted it explained that there was a lot of old Opunake News’ and Taranaki Sports Heralds and these were chosen at random.

We thought they would be of interest as a lot of people in the photos still live locally.

Editor

BBC (Bible Believers Corner)

One God

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.” This child will be called the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. God has always met His people but this time, instead of being a spirit wrapped in a created body, as when He and two angels walked up to Abraham’s tent, this time He would be in a body born of a virgin. Jehovah God of the Old Testament would live and die in a human body called Jesus of Nazareth. God would condescend down to humanity so that He could fulfil His own laws. Let me explain.

None is perfect. All have

fallen short of God’s glory and the penalty for that is death: eternal separation from God.

As none of us is worthy or good enough to make our own way back to God, something that was good enough had to die in our place. God allowed a lamb substitute. That started in Genesis 4.

And then there is also God’s law of redemption. To redeem is to buy back what was originally yours. The redemption law is; the nearest relative is the one who can buy back what was lost. God’s people were lost. None of us could pay the price.

To fulfil both of these two laws Jehovah Himself was born of a woman. By that very act He became a near relative to us all. Then, having lived the perfect life Jesus of Nazareth became the perfect Lamb sacrifice, ending the need for animal sacrifice. God, as Jesus Christ made it possible for us to relate to Him again.

God had been over His people in the Old Testament then with His people as Jesus of Nazareth. Having risen from the dead God went one further step. When 120 believers were together in the upper room He returned as the pillar of fire. He moved into the believers bodies. God and His people became one.

God is Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and His name is Jesus. Ref: Isaiah 9 v6, Ruth, Colossians 2 v2-10

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Great entertainment

Anne Montgomery is without a doubt a consummate entertainer and did not disappoint the big crowd who turned out to see her perform at the Opunake Town Hall on Sunday.

The singer who trained under Dame Sister Mary Leo and was also a regular in the popular television show 'That's Country' earlier in her career, delivered a polished and professional performance. Sometimes she accompanied herself on guitar, at other times she was backed by the Opunake Country Music band. Anne embraced a diverse repertoire.

Warm and engaging and with a sense of humour, Anne quickly developed a rapport with the audience - welcoming their participation and, on occasions, including them in her routine. Such as embarrassed doorman Ranjit Aaron who submitted to Anne sitting on his knee as she sang to him. He was then led onto the floor to dance. It is a memory he will cherish.

As she ranged through an array of well known covers I was



Anne singing 'Hey Good Lookin' and targeting embarrassed male members of the audience including compere Bryan Vickery.

hanging out for the Willie Nelson hit, 'Crazy' but that didn't feature on

her repertoire though it does on her CD.

I was delighted however to see her include from her CD compilation, the catchy 'Home Away From Home'. An original song written for her by Scott Finnie, it describes her travelling to Australia as a young 20 year old. It also seemed a popular choice with the audience. During her rendition of Maggie - a tribute to her fiddler father - you could have heard a pin drop.

It was country music at its best.

I particularly enjoyed it also though when she later strayed into other territory with songs like the tenderly delivered Bee Gees hit Words.

I especially liked The Rest of My Life, a lovely ballad sung with feeling to great effect. Also Dream Lover and Help Me Make It Through the Night.

Country rock singer Abby, who opened the show, was a confident performer, the maturity of her voice belying her age, just 15. She sang a number of cover versions and, in her tribute to the young country rock singer towards the end of the show, Anne predicted "a long career" for her. I enjoyed the impromptu performance of 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow', particularly the delicate harp played by Jeremy

- too shy to reveal his second name - from Eltham who, despite the lack of rehearsal, gave a flawless performance.

Of the band who performed competently, plaudits must especially go to Russel Sutherland on the amplified blues harp - or harmonica, his presence a wistful and effective addition adding poignancy to many of the numbers.

Of the other regular country music performers Alice Coombe did a memorable rendition of 'There Goes My Heart' and Jenny James poured her heart into a powerful performance of 'Amazing Grace'.

Bryan Vickery from Hawera's Coast radio station was an entertaining compere who cleverly tied the whole show together.

The highest accolade however must go to the star performer, Anne Montgomery who proved to be a great all round entertainer. It was a privilege to see her perform.

Bernice McKellar



Abby - she prefers just Abby - performing.



Anne Montgomery with the Opunake Country Music Club band. On her left is Russel Sutherland (blues harp). Other members of the band were Mick Walker (pedal steel guitar), Dolly Patu (lead guitar) and Coral Adlam (bass guitar and backing vocals).

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Without revealing identities, the advertiser told me he had recently spent 10 days in Sydney.

How nice I remarked with just a touch of envy.

His unexpected response however amused me.

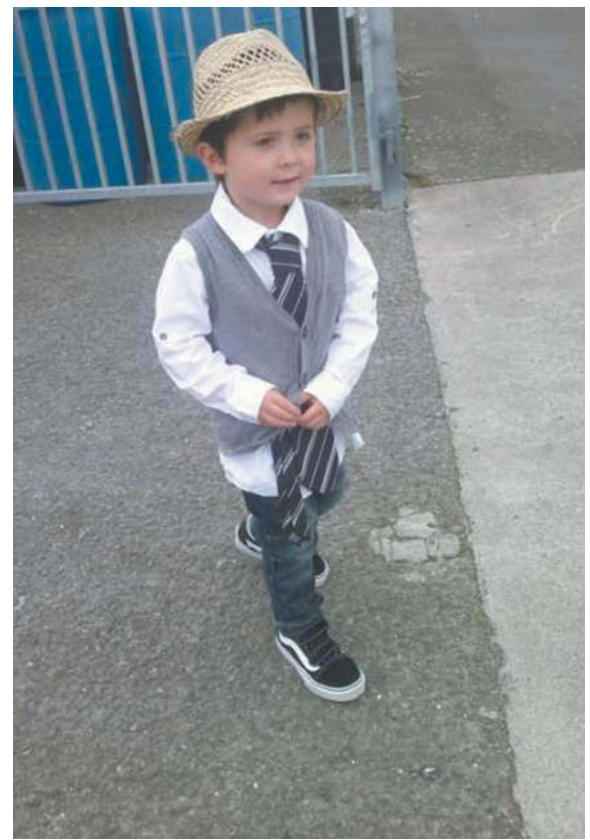
In a word, he hated Australia and everything about the 10 day experience.

It was too busy, too hot, there were too many flies, too many cars, people not smiling, all in a hurry.

"I couldn't get back to New Zealand fast enough," said the man who 16 years ago emigrated to New Zealand from Korea.

How refreshing!

Editor



Very dapper!

A photo of my son, Jacob Foley (3 years), dressed for Glamour Day for the Opunake Kindergarten's, Melbourne Cup Day. Super cute I think. *Photo courtesy Stacey Foley*

Still time to see the Sex Fiend

There's still time to get your ticket to see The Sex Fiend that opens at New Plymouth's Little Theatre on Wednesday November 18 and runs till Saturday December 3.

Written by New Zealanders Stephen Sinclair and Danny Mulheron, it is a brilliant farce with lots of laughs.

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Opunake High School Senior Prizegiving 2011

Celebrating excellence was the strong message at the Opunake High School Senior Prizegiving. Board of Trustees chairperson Julie Morgan challenged the school community with the responsibility to encourage our young people to compete and excel in their chosen paths.

The passing of Kaumatua George Tito and Year 12 student David Mercer was acknowledged by Principal Maria Potter.

Maria said that in her first full year as principal there have been many highlights and that she was proud to celebrate the successes across the full range of school activities. It was a tribute to students staff and the community that Opunake High School is at the top of so many fields - achieving a stature far in excess of its actual size. She and thanked the school community for their encouragement, and support throughout the year.

Head Girl Rebecca Heemi recounted the highlights of her years at the school, including some misadventures in Year 10 at Topec, Year 11 dangers, Samoan boys and Tsunamis, as well as the pride she had felt being Head Girl in 2011.

Rebecca thanked teachers friends and family for their support and dedicated her successes to her parents Leigh and Sam - thanking them for their love and support.

Troy Whitehead the Head Boy likened his years at the school to a bacon and egg pie; you need to start off with a good base, Year 9 and 10 getting to know teachers the school and your mates.

Year 11 provided the bacon and toughening up. Year 12 led to added protein (egg) and growth in body, heart and spirit. Finally, to top it off with a beautiful pastry topping - Year 13. Highlights included being Head Boy, the Hillary Challenge and the people who helped make the pastry so good - the students, teachers, as well as the pride and successes which made him proud to be an Opunake High School student. Troy also thanked his parents Andy and Debbie for their love and support and dedicated his accomplishments to them.

Year 11 Academic Awards
 Top Student in Year 11 Visual Art: Allette Ockhuysen
 Top Student in Year 11 Engineering: Jordan Hooper
 LA Alexander Trust Award for Attainment in Agriculture: Stephanie Clement
 Pam Morris Cup for Excellence in Year 11 Subjects: Gemma Grey/Kallum Whitehead

Year 12 Academic Awards
 Sue Segar Cup Top Year 12 Student in Agriculture: Elyssabeth Eiffe/Pirima



Tomas Arlidge (Dux) and Hinepounamu Rongonui (Runner up Dux).

Osborne
 Don Harvey History Award
 Top Year 12 Student in History: Elyssabeth Eiffe
 Top in Year 12 Art: Elise Kendall
 Top in Year 12 Engineering: Nathan Hickey
 Sue Spindler Award Runner-Up in Year 12 Subjects: Ethan Bloemen
 Sue Spindler Cup & Award for Excellence in Year 12 Subjects: Breanna Morgan

Year 13 Academic Awards
 OHS Prize - Top Year 13 Student in Graphics: Troy Whitehead
 OHS Prize - Teachers Prize for Graphics: Temple Eiffe
 OHS Award: Top in Year 13 Mathematics: Tomas Arlidge
 OHS Award: Top in Year 13 English: Brock Wilson
 OHS Cup - Top Year 13 Student in Home Economics: Grace Sarsfield
 Top in Year 13 Art: Hinepounamu Rongonui
 Babu Cup - Top Year 13 Student in Science: Tomas Arlidge
 Kuriger Cup - For Diligence in Agriculture: Lydia Corrigan
 Natcoll Design Technology Award Most Industrious Digital Technology Student: Laura Aitken
 Top Student Year 13 Engineering: Tomas Arlidge

Sports awards
 Young Cup Captain Girls Hockey - Sara Abplanalp
 Woolford Cup Captain Boys Hockey - Tomas Arlidge
 Lynne Morgan Memorial Trophy Captain Girls Basketball - Marama Hohaia and Breanna Morgan
 Opunake High School Cup Captain Boys Basketball - Shea Bentley
 Opunake High School Cup Captain Netball - Rebecca Heemi

Taylor Cup Captain Girls Soccer - Charlotte Broadmore
 Young Cup Captain Girls Hockey - Sara Abplanalp

Athletics Championship Awards
 Pennington Cup Senior Girls - Victory Peebles
 Clement Cup Senior Boys - Troy Whitehead
 Cross Country Championship Awards
 Jarman Cup Senior Girls Rebecca Heemi
 Old Pupils Assn Cup Senior Boys - Brock Wilson
 Opunake High School Cup Intermediate Boys - Thomas Bell
 Swimming Championship Awards
 Alex Harvey Cup Senior Girls Rebecca Heemi
 Cassie Cup Senior Boys - Brock Wilson
 Sulzberger Cup Intermediate Girls - Sophie Cooksley

Special sports awards
 AFA Hockey Trophy All Round Contribution to Girls Hockey - Sara Abplanalp
 Cook Cup Most Improved Boys Hockey Player - Troy Whitehead
 Clive Burkitt Trophy (presented to OHS by Pihama Hockey Club)
 Outstanding Commitment to Boys Hockey - Jordan Hooper
 B & D Tippett Cup Achievement Cup for OHS Boys Hockey - Brock Wilson
 Tamatea Cup Most Distinguished Netballer - Rebecca Heemi

Calvert Trophy Most Valuable Boy Basketball - Shea Bentley
 Te Kiri Primary School Trophy Most Valuable Girl Basketball - Sinaed Horo
 DeBique Trophy Best Defensive Boy Basketball - Neihana Tapiki
 Hill Trophy Best Defensive Girl Basketball - Breanna Morgan
 OHS Surfing Champion OHS Trophy - Rebecca Heemi and Toby Watt
 OHS Stand Up Surfing Opunake Board Riders - Toby Watt

Women's Surfing Weir Trophy - Rebecca Heemi
 Most Outstanding Player in Soccer O AFC Trophy - Victory Peebles
 Most Improved Girl in Soccer The Roach Cup - Krystal Meehan
 Scoring 202 runs not out Cricket Award - Jared Waite

Cultural awards
 Opunake High School Prize Senior Literature Sophie Andersen-Gardiner
 Christine CPS Trophy Senior Public Speaking Brock Wilson
 Joy Williamson Cup Music Hinepounamu Rongonui
 Te Haumoana Trophy Kapa Haka Leadership Moana Hohaia/Travis Bennett
 Talia Maree Patene Female Leadership Hinepounamu Rongonui and Memorial Trophy of Te Haumoana Southern Murray-Bishop
 Pei Te Hurinui Jones Trophy Manu Kurero Speech Hinepounamu Rongonui (Senior Maori) Competition
 Kui Pikitia Tito Trophy Manu Kurero Speech Sidney Tioko (Intermediate Maori) Competition
 Te Whiwhia Trophy Manu Korero Speech Christine Waitere (Senior English) Competition

Egmont Community Arts Council Awards
 Egmont Community Arts Council Cultural Arts Award Hinepounamu Rongonui
 Egmont Community Arts Council Visual Arts Cup Hinepounamu Rongonui
 Egmont Community Arts Council Musical Arts Award Nathan Hickey
 Egmont Community Arts Council Arts and Culture Supreme Award Hinepounamu Rongonui

Special awards
 Special Award for Dedication & Loyalty to Opunake High School: Joshua Vincent

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Hello all Ric here. Things have been ticking over nicely on the coast for the last 6 weeks for myself. I have played a round of golf, but didn't score that well, however, had good company to keep my mind off that. I have also been introduced to the cricket club at Pihama and finally got out of single figures last weekend, which makes for a change.

On a more serious note we have had a number of incidents involving motor vehicles.

One incident being that we caught two locals racing on SH45 travelling at 186km/hr; the judge wasn't happy and just about jailed these two.

The second being a vehicle crash that happened on Wiremu road two weekends ago at about 11.30pm. The two occupants of the vehicle are very lucky to be alive still.

The worst part off my job is having to come back to the station, polish my boots, put my police cap on and tell family members that their loved one



Constable Ricky Tito

is no longer with us, so please slow down and think about what you are doing. Be aware of the consequences of your actions and about the job the poor local cop has to go and do.

There has being a number of boy racers around town as of late. We can all see the skid marks that have appeared on our roads, so be warned we look forward to catching up, towing your vehicle and also taking your licence.

There has being a couple of unlocked vehicles entered around town so anyone with any information please come forward and speak up. This



Constable Mark Jorgensen

should remind people that you need to lock your vehicles everywhere you go or these little buggers will go through them and take whatever is of value.

On the last low tide we caught 4 people with under size or over the daily limit of pāua. Two of these are going to be prosecuted and the other two fined so remember we are watching. The daily limit is 10 and the minimum size is 85mm, so now no one has an excuse for breaching either of these. If you need a measurer we have a few left at the station - call in a get one.

Just a reminder that dope growing season is upon us



Constable Nigel Dey

again so any information in relation to this please come and speak to us; remember it is confidential. Things to look out for are suspicious vehicles hanging around or parked up, and people walking over properties that usually don't. Another telltale sign is the tomato plants that suddenly appear on or near your property that you didn't plant there. These are usually not tomato plants so tell us and we can do something about them.

That's all for this week so keep well, score good and stay out of trouble.

Constable Ric Tito

Eltham

Hi People,

Been another steady period for the Eltham Policing area with some good apprehensions.

This is a good time to remind everyone that the festive season is fast approaching and the good old work shouts are starting up. Please plan a safe ride home if you're going to have a few drinks and kick back. We'll be running a few operations targeting road safety and alcohol related offending in general, so have a good time, but keep safe.

A 22 year old male was arrested and charged with 'male assaults female' after a domestic violence incident in Eltham.

Police attended a tractor roll over on Frazer Road where the driver was lucky to escape with minor injuries.

Another domestic violence incident was attended on Collingwood Street where a knife and several people were involved.

A 25 year old male was apprehended for driving with excess breath alcohol on Conway Road and is currently before the courts.

A 20 year old male from Normanby stole a motor vehicle from Auckland and used it to commit burglaries around the Hawera township. He was apprehended after doing a drive off from the Eltham BP service station and taken into custody with stolen property recovered from the vehicle. He was intoxicated at the time and now faces a raft of charges whilst currently in prison.

A 34 year Wellington male was located on Cornwall Street Eltham and arrested on a failing to do community service warrant. He was also remanded in custody.

There was a burglary at a Rawhitiroa Road property where a chainsaw, tools and large amount of diesel was taken. Enquiries are continuing and, if anyone has any information, please contact Eltham or Stratford Police.



Constable David Lindsay



Constable Andrew Russ.

A male driver is pulled over by a cop and the following conversation takes place:

Man: What's the problem officer?
Cop: You were going at least 75 in a 55 zone.
Man: No sir, I was going 65.
Wife: Oh Harry. You were going 80.
(Man gives his wife a dirty look.)
Cop: I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken tail light.
Man: Broken tail light? I didn't know about a broken tail light!
Wife: Oh Harry, you've known about that tail light for weeks.
(Man gives his wife a dirty look.)
Cop: I'm also going to give you a ticket for not wearing your seat belt.
Man: Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car.
Wife: Oh Harry, you never wear your seat belt.
Man: Shut your mouth, woman!
Cop: Ma'am, does your husband always talk to you this way?
Wife: No, only when he's drunk.

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Manaia Women's Institute Report

At the October meeting of the Manaia WI Phyllis Malcolm gave an excellent demonstration of floral art. She used green as the dominant colour.

May Mulholland won the Wandering Coin and the Mary Hutton Trophy was presented by Joy Brogden.

Spring Competition Results:

- Shrub: 1st Ann Chisnall, 2nd Daphne Ashley, 3rd May Mulholland.
- Bloom: 1st Ann Chisnall, 2nd Marion Smith, 3rd = Daphne Ashley and Dianne Wineera.
- Vegetable/fruit: 1st Ann Chisnall, 2nd Daphne Ashley, 3rd Dianne Wineera.
- TV Slippers: 1st Nolene Graham, 2nd Daphne Ashley, 3rd Ann Chisnall.
- Loaf: 1st Meg Kelly, 2nd

Marion Smith, 3rd Bep Knorth. The November meeting was held during the Rhododendron Festival so members and husbands visited a number of gardens and had lunch at Headlands in Opunake. After lunch art work at Sandfords Event Centre was admired and a visit to the Otakeho Church completed a very enjoyable day.

Publicity Officer



The Coastal Singers singing at their recent dinner concert – performing with the high standard we have become accustomed to.

Country Touch with Coastal Singers

The Coastal Singers presented their annual dinner show on November 5 at the usual venue – the Opunake High School Hall. Choir mistress Noeleen Moir was well in control. Guest artists for the night were Gumboot Tango, who was enthusiastically received with their floor-tapping numbers.

The show was up to its consistently good standard, with brackets of songs interspersed between courses, which had been provided by caterers Andersons Pies & Catering of Hawera.

It is hard to single out individual songs as the quality was high throughout. However, I particularly enjoyed ‘Memories’ and ‘You Needed me’. Dan Benn, from New Plymouth liked the final bracket featuring songs recorded by John Denver the best.

As well as singing as an entire choir, there were delightful brackets from the ladies alone,

the men alone - as well as solos and duets.

The show got off to a rousing start with ‘Hey Look Me Over’, followed by the more quietly appealing ‘Wind between my Wings’ and ‘I’ll Be there’.

After the entrées were two solos – one by Alan Smith with ‘Isle of Innisfree’ – the theme song for the John Wayne film ‘The Quiet Man’. In her introduction, Stephanie McKellar quipped – ‘Here is our John Wayne – Alan Smith’. Luckily Alan sings better.

A solo by Barbara Waite followed ‘A Change in Me, which was well received, as was the duet ‘Flying Free’ featuring Ruth Reeve and Alan Smith.

The Gumboot Tango sang several brackets. Steve Muggeridge was on double bass, Mike Harding on guitar, Janet Muggeridge on ukulele and Wayne Morris on drums. They sang a diverse selection of country music songs, topical and

amusing ones (e.g. ‘Rugby, Racing and Beer’) and classic pop songs. I especially enjoyed Wayne Mason’s ‘Nature’ – voted the top NZ pop song of all time and ‘She’s A Mod’ - originally recorded by Ray Columbus and The Invaders.

After the main course the concert was continued by the men singing ‘Steal Away’, the ladies singing ‘Worlds Apart’, and the whole choir singing ‘Memory’.

After dessert was ‘Hallelujah’, ‘You Needed Me’ and the John Denver selection – such as ‘Annie’s Song’ - concluded the concert.

A great musical evening was had by all, as well as a delicious meal with the bonus of a few amusing jokes by various members of the choir. Great value for money. Congratulations to everyone involved with this entertaining concert.

Rolland McKellar



The Gumboot Tango was well received with their mixture of pop and country music.

Government spending the problem

On November 2 Don Nicolson, who is ranked number 3 on ACT’s List, spoke at the Baptist Church Hall in New Plymouth. He is also standing as a candidate in the Clutha Southland electorate. Mr Nicolson is the immediate past president of Federated Farmers (2008-2011) and hails from the deep south – he has a 212 hectare farm near Invercargill and a sawmilling business. He is the party’s spokesperson on agriculture and sustainability. The speakers were introduced by Morris Hey, a local ACT leader.

Also speaking on the night in question was Kevin Moratti. There has been some controversy because Mr Moratti is standing only as a List candidate to prevent the splitting of the vote which could hinder Jonathan Young’s chances of returning to Parliament as the

sitting National Party incumbent. The local ACT leadership were under the distinct impression that a deal had been done whereby, in return for Mr Moratti not standing, National would refrain from standing a candidate in the Epsom electorate where John Banks is standing for ACT. Kevin Moratti is ranked 13th of the 27 ranked candidates. “I would have liked to stand in

New Plymouth”, Mr Moratti conceded.

The two speakers covered a wide range of issues in front of a good-sized audience. Here is a selection of what was covered.

The ACT speakers pointed out that their party is upholding the need for less beaurocracy and less ‘big government’ intervention in people’s lives and

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Don Nicolson and Kevin Moratti, who are ranked third and thirteenth on ACT’s list. Mr Nicolson is also standing in the Clutha Southland electorate. Both men spoke at a recent well-attended meeting in New Plymouth.

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FROM THE BEEHIVE

A steady hand on the wheel

National has a clear plan to take New Zealand forward by building a faster-growing economy supporting more real jobs and higher incomes. That's the only way we can provide Kiwis with security and the opportunity to get ahead here in New Zealand.

Labour left us an economy that was in recession long before the global financial crisis. New Zealand had high inflation, high interest rates, forecasts of never-ending deficits, and ever-rising government debt. Since then we have been through three tough years – the global financial crisis, major earthquakes in our second-largest city, and the finance companies collapses.

Our first challenge was to steady the ship, help New Zealanders through the recession, and get our debt under control. We have achieved that, while continuing to protect the most vulnerable in society. While dealing with these challenges

we've also been building a platform for faster growth.

We have begun rebalancing the economy towards exports, savings, and productive investment, and away from borrowing, consumption and government spending, which characterised growth in the mid-2000s. We've improved the tax system, reduced the size of the bureaucracy, and invested in modern infrastructure. We've also boosted funding for science and innovation, made it easier to do business, reformed the financial sector, and pursued an ambitious trade agenda.

Our plan is working. The economy has now grown in eight of the past nine quarters, and 63,000 new jobs have been created in the past two years. This is 20,000 more than forecast in the May Budget. We expect to see another 150,000 jobs created between 2012 and 2016.

New Zealand is better

placed than many other countries to manage what will remain an uncertain global environment. We're getting on top of our government debt by keeping it below 30 per cent of GDP, and we'll be back in surplus by 2014-15.

Looking ahead, it's important we maintain momentum by creating real and durable jobs based on exporting and trading with the rest of the world, rather than temporary jobs based on borrowing and government spending. So we'll press ahead with our programme.

The outlook for New Zealand is hugely positive – interest rates are low, commodity prices are high, our trade with India and China is booming, we're very competitive with Australia, and the job market is improving. Our economic plan is about grasping these opportunities, so we can grow solidly over the next three years and increase jobs and



**Jonathan Young,
New Plymouth MP**

wages.

In these uncertain times, New Zealanders need a steady hand at the wheel. National has provided strong and stable government, and sound economic management – things that Labour cannot deliver.

A faster-growing economy supporting more real jobs and higher incomes is the only way we can provide Kiwis with security and the opportunity to get ahead here in NZ.

Asset sales - a simple choice



Hon Rick Barker, MP

The fault-line for this election is National's 'referendum' on asset sales. Vote National and they will sell state assets, vote Labour and they will stay in New Zealand ownership. It's that clear. This is the dominant and polarizing issue of the election campaign.

It has been a moveable feast to gain public acceptance. National has kept shifting the goal posts on what the proceeds will

be used for. It has been to upgrade schools, a feel good reason, but the government already does that. Building more roads is another reason. The government already does that too.

It gets worse. Bill English has confirmed that if this lot of sales go well, more assets will be put on the block. Have no doubt that the sales will go well. What overseas corporate wouldn't want to buy a hydro dam in New Zealand? With an increasingly energy-short world a carbon neutral, renewable hydro dam will be a money printing press of the future.

We are told that kiwi mums and dads will be shareholders. Yeah right. Kiwi mums and dads already own the dams. The profits come back to us all to help pay for schools, health and su-

perannuation. Selling the assets means that the profits we all had will go off shore and into private hands and we all will be out of pocket.

Another 'yeah right' is that the ownership will stay in New Zealand. Ordinary kiwis don't have the spare cash to buy billion dollar assets we already own. It's off overseas with the ownership for certain. And it gets worse, we have learned that the cost of selling will provide overseas banks with \$100 million or more in fees. Where is the gain?

What National hasn't explained is how we will make up the lost revenue that these assets generate. If you don't learn from history you will make the same mistakes. We sold assets in the past and we are no better off.

Put it simply, if you are in a

hole, don't sell the ladder. It's these assets which will help us pay off debt and pay our way in the world. Selling our assets is selling our future and in more ways than one.

Last election National made a big play of the number of kiwis migrating to Australia. They have ensured that the flow is now greater than ever. Our kids are leaving, sadly, often saying "there's nothing here". If our assets are sold, they will be right, there will be nothing here.

This election is about ideology, that's 'the state should own nothing', or practical thinking; owning assets helps pay our way and means we own our future. So what is it going to be: New Zealand - a future we kiwis own, or our future that overseas corporates own.

Vote National for foreign ownership or vote Labour, so we kiwis will own our own future.

EasyVote cards and packs delivered to voters

New Zealand's biggest ever mail delivery starts Saturday, with the delivery of nearly three million EasyVote cards and information packs.

"EasyVote packs make it easy for voters to have their say in the 2011 general election and referendum on New Zealand's voting system," says Robert Peden, Chief Electoral Officer.

EasyVote packs include important information about where to vote, the candidates for your

electorate, political party lists, and how to vote in advance if you can't get to a polling place on election day.

"We've also included a detailed brochure about the referendum on New Zealand's voting system, to be held at the same time as the general election on November 26," Mr Peden says.

"If you enrolled before Wednesday October 26, the pack will contain your EasyVote card. Take this with you when

you go to vote, as it will make voting faster and easier," Mr Peden says.

"The EasyVote card has your name and address, your electorate, and a number that is used by polling place workers to quickly find where you are on the electoral roll. This makes it quick and easy for voters to be issued with a ballot paper," he says.

You can still vote if you don't have an EasyVote card, but it will

take a bit longer.

"Check the EasyVote pack to find the nearest polling place or advance voting place to where you live, and vote close to home on November 26," says Mr Peden.

If you don't receive an EasyVote pack by Monday 21 November you need to enroll. Enrolling is easy: to get an enrolment form Freetext your name and address to 3676, go to www.elections.org.nz, visit any PostShop or call 0800 36 76 56.

Fracking - the tide is turning with Labour likely to call for a moratorium

"The tide is definitely turning with land-owners, community groups, hapu and now more political parties standing up against fracking. We are expecting the Labour Party to follow the growing movement against fracking when they release their environmental policy. This will be a further nail in the coffin for fracking

in Aotearoa/NZ," says Urs Signer, member of Climate Justice Taranaki.

"Labour Party candidate Julian Blanchard (Rangitata electorate) has already stated publicly that fracking should not proceed at all. Labour MP Stuart Nash says the findings in relation to fracking are "alarming"

and said that fracking will come up as part of Labour's environmental policy.

If the Labour Party indeed demands a moratorium, then fracking has well and truly become an election issue."

"With a national day of action to demand an immediate moratorium on fracking planned

across the country for November 16, we have an opportunity to build the movement against fracking. Increasingly dangerous fossil fuel extraction techniques are harmful to workers, local communities and the entire planet via climate change. Fracking must be stopped," concludes Urs Signer.

Resolving trauma

Brain imaging research has indicated that unresolved trauma is about malfunctioning in the brain; specifically there seems to be a breakdown in communication between the left hand and right hand parts of the brain.

"EMDR attempts to resolve this and get the brain functioning properly," says Bryan Kyle adding "It's relatively quick compared with talking therapy and more effective."

Clinical hypnosis practitioner Bryan Kyle from Eltham has just returned to New Zealand after undertaking further qualifications in hypnotherapy in the States as well as training in the EMDR technique in Australia under a criminal psychologist who had successfully used the technique on criminals in the Victoria Prison system.

EMDR practitioners in Australia must have psychology training. Bryan has a BA Hons and a graduate Diploma of Science in psychology.

Bryan explains, in an initial consultation, clients are evaluated and assessed to ensure people can work by bilateral stimulation. Some people can't, he says, particularly people with dissociative disorders.

In the second and subsequent



Clinical hypnosis practitioner Bryan Kyle now trained in EMDR used in treating trauma.

consultations the focus is on resolving the trauma using bilateral stimulation which includes visual eye movement, sound and touch and also memory recall in an endeavour to get the left and right side of the brain re-communicating in a healthy way.

"The recall of memories coupled with the bilateral stimulation reduces the trauma, stress and anxiety attached to the memory", says Bryan.

"We work with one traumatic memory at a time till that's removed and then move onto the next."

He cites as examples of people who can be affected by trauma as soldiers, ambulance people and police. Such people who are continually exposed to different traumatic events have all these different memories. People who've fought in wars who get post traumatic stress disorder or "shell shock" are further examples - being exposed to shelling immediately brings the trauma back.

The best result from EMDR therapy is total resolution of the trauma.

"It's gone and they've moved on and learnt from it," says Bryan.

In others there's a reduction in the trauma, stress and anxiety to a level people can live with.

Bryan says they normally work on four sessions, depending on the number of traumatic events and memory.

The client needs to be able to identify the trauma. "It has to be a specific memory or event."

For those who are really anxious or highly stressed and they don't know why "that's more difficult to work with".

For such people other therapies such as Eco State Therapy is more successful.

More about Eco State Therapy next issue.

Labour will re-appoint Rural Affairs Minister

A Labour government will re-appoint a Minister for Rural Affairs to ensure rural communities again have an advocate in Cabinet, says Labour's Rural Affairs spokesperson Damien O'Connor.

Releasing Labour's Rural Affairs policy today, Damien O'Connor said: "National eliminated the portfolio, and in doing so wiped out a powerful voice for rural communities all around New Zealand.

"Most countries with a strong rural focus understand the need for

advocacy at Cabinet level. Labour will re-instate that voice."

Damien O'Connor said Labour's policy will also focus on key areas of infrastructure and rural services, rural broadband and quality rural health and education.

Labour initiatives will include:

Ensuring remote areas that will struggle to get access to fibre are given priority under the Rural Broadband Initiative for access via satellite, wireless or other means;

Ensuring funding for local roads is not further undermined by an excessive focus on so-called Roads of National Significance;

- Restoring funding for Adult Community Education and increasing funding over time;

- Requiring all school buses to have seatbelts, starting with those on open roads;

- Developing multi-disciplinary health teams to provide targeted healthcare for rural Kiwis;

- Extending the voluntary bonding scheme to encourage

dentists into rural and provincial practice;

- Commit an extra \$16 million to the Sustainable Farming Fund;
- Double-staff all one-person police stations.

"Labour in government implemented a rural proofing policy that required all departments to check policy proposals against a checklist ensuring rural Kiwis were not excluded or disadvantaged by changes being proposed," Damien O'Connor said. "We don't believe National is using this useful tool properly, and rural New Zealand has been the loser."

Peruvian images for Te Kiri WI

A good attendance was welcomed to the October meeting by our president, Sue Muggeridge. Several members had enjoyed the 75th anniversary luncheon of the South Taranaki WI. A very happy day.

Dianne Bright had made some invitations to our birthday in March. These were passed round to the members and Dianne will make the one which was picked out to be sent to members and guests from other WI members.

We were so proud of our knitting members who were invited to a special morning tea by the Opunake Plunket members - just great.

A thank you letter was received from Daphne Holly for the grocery and vegetables given to her when she visited our WI and spoke on managing the Opunake Cottage Rest Home. A very interesting and informative talk.

Our guest speaker, Judith Armstrong, gave us a talk on their visit to Peru. Her laptop worked over time and her photo album was passed around to us

to look at as well.

Judith showed us her beautiful table cloth and a wall hanging she had bought. The wall hanging amused me. It could be used two ways as it could be turned round. It had a picture of two ladies walking. They were dressed in their national clothes and were walking down a road, (back view), and their hair was plaited and hanging down their backs. Judith turned them round for a front look, which she likes the best. We couldn't see their faces, but it was still lovely. Their hats hid their faces. One place they visited had very crumbly soil and was hilly. Judith didn't know how the buildings stayed where they were built. Airports were disgusting (time wise). Sometimes they missed their flights being held up in customs, but they had a wonderful trip which we all enjoyed hearing all about it. Judith was thanked and given a small gift.

Competition Results:

Bloom: 1st Merle Clement, 2nd Pauline Clough, 3rd Pat Barrett.

Shrub: 1st Merle Clement, 2nd Judith Armstrong, 3rd Pauline

Clough.

Homecraft: 1st Joy Collins, 2nd Kath Perrett, 3rd Sue Muggeridge.

Floral: 1st Dianne Bright.

Our table of the month had a beautiful hand knitted blanket. Shirley had knitted it in the magic square pattern. The pastel colours were lovely and it was very much admired. The knitting our members do is always lovely. Heather had made some lovely green little elf boots. Made us all think Christmas is getting close. Filled with lollies those little boots would be a great gift.

We get some wonderful ideas for Christmas gifts and we are always asked do we want the pattern.

Thank you to Nita Kaiser and Gwen Flavell for the delicious afternoon tea. Yummy.

Our meeting, very much enjoyed, especially our trip to Peru and we didn't get jet-lagged or feel tired when we arrived home. Thank you Judith and my thanks to Heather, Kath and Pat for your help.

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of Works, where I was regional secretary for the P.S.A. and a national delegate.

I now own a petrol station. I am married, with three grown children.

I strongly believe in personal freedom, strong prosperous people, strong families, and a tolerant civil society.

ACT is the only party to share my beliefs, and I am campaigning for your party vote.

People increasingly see Government as the source and creator of knowledge, jobs, wealth, and wisdom. People are increasingly dependent on Government, and some make easy bad choices, and live on benefits without ever fending for themselves.

Politicians love this, and elections are bidding wars to buy votes. Unfortunately, successful politicians are rarely good at anything except politics.

Government sucks 35% of out of the economy, wastes much of it, and borrows one billion dollars a month from overseas. But people are no better off: and the economy and society are getting worse.

All the other parties will tax more, spend more and borrow more.

Attacks on the "rich" and farmers worry me. Farmers don't have many votes: but they are the real source of our wealth.

Only ACT has the will, the courage and talent, to address these unpopular economic and social issues.

Authorised by Garry Mallett, 809 River Road, Hamilton".

General Election 2011

Don't forget to vote on Saturday, November 26.

Some of the candidates have supplied profiles which feature from page 10-13.



John Milnes, Green Candidate for Whanganui.

Our environment provides us with the necessities of life.

The Greens approach to the economy is summed up by the statement "If we don't have an environment, we don't have an economy."

The New Zealand economy is largely sustained by our agricultural exports, so our economy depends on a healthy environment.

The Greens Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy is about future-proofing our economy by protecting our environment.

The Green Party would prepare for the future by reducing our agricultural dependency on oil, agri-chemicals, and imported feedstock. We would also protect our soils and our water quality.

More than half of our monitored rivers are unsafe for swimming, one-third of our lakes are unhealthy, and two-thirds of our native freshwater

fish are at risk or threatened with extinction.

This is not a legacy we want to pass on to the next generation.

The Greens believe that we can create 100,000 green jobs. Some jobs will be to help clean up our waterways by funding people to work alongside farmers to fence and plant streams.

Councils must also upgrade sewage treatment plants so that sewage will no longer pollute our rivers.

Our environment is our most valuable asset, and must not be sold to the highest bidder. Neither should our power companies and other assets, they are returning close to 17% per annum, therefore will pay for themselves in 8 years – and then we'll still have them and their dividends.

The Greens do understand rural issues and will work constructively to enhance our "100% Pure" image

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Jamie Dombroski, Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party Candidate for New Plymouth.

My name is Jamie Dombroski, I am 26 years old and this is my first time running in a local election. For some it may be quite hard to take someone as young as myself seriously, especially with the policies I am promoting, but I assure you I would not be doing this if I had even one ounce of doubt in my mind I was doing the right thing.

The Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party's main policy is to decriminalise marijuana, though we would like to see it fully legalised and regulated by the government to help protect the youth from the easy access that the criminal underworld currently provides them.

We also would like to see a hemp industry developed in New Zealand. Hemp is a very

versatile plant that can be harvested for its fibre and hemp seed oil. Hemp's bulk fibre can be utilised for building materials, clothing, paper, plastic, textiles and notably as a renewable bio-fuel energy source.

Millions of dollars a year are currently being wasted on fighting the marijuana industry, and as much as they may claim progress has been made the reality is that it has not. Marijuana is as easy to get hold of as it always has been. ALCP would like to see these misdirected tax payer dollars spent on educating our youth away from drug use and to help the ones who have trouble with addiction. Education not incarceration is the best approach to the war on drugs, for a stalemate is better than a loss.

Thank you for your time.



Shane Ardern, National Party Candidate for Taranaki-King Country.

I have been honoured to represent the Taranaki-King Country electorate since the by-election in 1998. I entered politics because I was and I still am passionate about ensuring that this rural/farming electorate be represented by someone who understands it and would always put the electorate first.

As a farmer with a strong business investment in the community and with two sons who share milk on the farm, I have a personal commitment and investment in the area and a strong desire to see it do well. My past, my present and my future belong to the community. When I return from Wellington and I see the mountains, I know that I am home.

My contribution to the National Party and to Parliament is to provide the vital link between Parliament

and the rural sector. With MMP rural areas have lost representation and it is important that as an electorate and as a sector we ensure that our voice remains strong and that we have an MP who understands the issues.

National recognises the important role farming and the rural sector will play in a Brighter Future. We intend to help grow this part of the economy, not tax it heavily, or unfairly burden it with regulations and destroy what is the lifeblood of New Zealand.

National has a clear plan to take New Zealand forward by building a faster-growing economy supporting more real jobs and higher incomes. That's the only way we can provide Kiwis with security and the opportunity to get ahead here in New Zealand.



Rusty Kane, Independent Candidate for New Plymouth.

Sick of political party candidates making promises they can't keep.

Sick of Taranaki issues being left down on the list of Govt priorities.

Then vote Rusty Kane Independent with your candidate vote.

Because its time Taranaki took charge of its own political future.

If elected I will put forward The New Plymouth Independent Seat. This will give the New Plymouth electorate their own political power, voice and vehicle too parliament. New Plymouth having its own seat would give New Plymouth a lot more political leverage when dealing with Government on local issues. The New Plymouth electorate would no longer be reliant on political party candidates who are confined by their party's wishes and not the electorates. New Plymouth by having its own political seat would put the electorate's issues first, and put New Plymouth in a much stronger position politically. We can use the seat to better lobby our key issues to Government. With the power of New Plymouth having their own electoral seat, New Plymouth can put its top priority on

the table at the post election negotiations. New Plymouth can offer the Government the seats support for confidence and supply. In return that the Govt give New Plymouth's list of top priorities the go ahead. The New Plymouth Independent Seat will be directed and advised by the electorate's top community and business leaders.

The seat being non-party aligned will work from the community up not from Wellington down. The seat will be democratically controlled by the community and will include the input of an independent council, made up of our own New Plymouth electorates key representatives, from business, council health, Iwi, and social services, and it will be they who will decide the list of the districts top key priorities to be addressed and negotiated through the seat not Rusty Kane.

An example on how the independent seat would work for the New Plymouth

Electorate: The electorate decides the top key issue for the New Plymouth electorate is to widen the Waiwhakahiho Bridge. The electorate would then put this issue at the top of the list of priorities to be negotiated through the seat at the post elec-

tion negotiations. The seat support would then be offered to the party that has the majority to form the next Government. In return for New Plymouth been given the go ahead and required founding to widen the Waiwhakahiho Bridge.

Job done, Bridge sorted, next issue.

Once the seat is established,

it could also be used to incorporate and

benefit the wider Taranaki region. For example, Taranaki could use the seat to push for a new and improved state highway 3 north.

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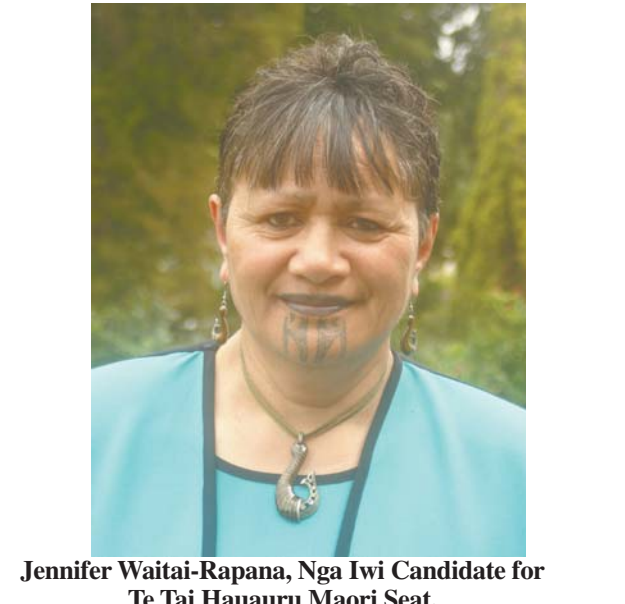
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Hamish McDouall, Labour Candidate for Whanganui.



Rick Barker, Labour Candidate for Taranaki King Country.



Jennifer Waitai-Rapana, Nga Iwi Candidate for Te Tai Hauauru Maori Seat.



Victoria Rogers, United Future Candidate for Taranaki King Country.



Tariana Turia, Maori Party Candidate for Te Tai Hauauru Maori Seat.



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I believe Labour makes it harder for children to grow up in poverty. When I witness the cuts in Early Childhood Education it is evident that children, our greatest assets, are not at the core of National Party thinking.

This is a one-time election. If National wins state assets will be sold, and ACC privatized. I oppose asset sales in the strongest terms. It is a short term measure that will deny future generations dividends. This electorate needs someone to advocate for retention of assets - Chester supported the Council divestment of Cold Creek and \$11 million asset - but who

pointed out the issues Opunake has had to suffer with its water quality, and the likely rates rise?

Provision of health services is the number one local election issue. Hawera hospital services are at threat. Yet the health needs are at threat. Yet the health needs are at threat. Yet the health needs are at threat.

We need to have an advocate in Parliament who will be public about opposing DHB cuts, and will lay the blame at the appropriate door - the Minister of Health.

We also have a government who has taken no position on fracking, which potentially endangers the dairy industry. Until we have clear scientific proof of the safety of fracking - both the drilling and the disposal of the waste products - I support a moratorium. We cannot have poisons found in our milk products.

And lastly wages. John Key has stated he wants a low-wage economy so we can be competitive, but 100,000 people have left permanently for Australia. By making the first \$5000 of everybody's income tax free we put cash into everybody's pocket, and by lifting the minimum wage to \$15, Labour will take the pressure of household budgets.

Authorised by Hamish McDouall, Level 1, 1 Bell St, Wanganui

This election is a referendum on asset sales. Vote National and our assets will be sold. Vote Labour and they will stay in New Zealand ownership. It's that clear.

National has tried to sweeten the deal by saying the proceeds will upgrade schools, a feel good reason and build more roads, but the government already does these things.

Kiwi mums and dads don't have the billions to buy so it will be off shore with these assets and so too with the revenue stream that helps pay for superannuation, education and health. And we will lose a \$100 million to banks in fees for selling our future.

There is no gain in this and if you are in a hole, don't sell your ladder.

It gets worse. Bill English has confirmed that if these sales go well, more assets will be put on the block and they will. Overseas corporates

will buy our hydro dams as it will be as close as it gets to printing money.

Selling our assets is selling our future and in more ways than one.

Last election National made a big play of slowing the flow of Kiwis to Australia, but it's worse now. Our kids are leaving, sadly, often saying "there's nothing here". If our assets are sold, they will be right, there will be nothing here.

This election is about ideology, that's 'the state should own nothing', or practical thinking; owning assets helps pay our way and means we own our future.

On Election Day your vote will decide if we Kiwis own our future or if foreign corporates do and remember, once assets are sold they are gone.

Vote Labour to keep our assets for the generations to come.

Nga Iwi Morehu Movement is a political vehicle advocating Freedom for all people, regardless tribal affiliation or religion.

Jennifer Waitai-Rapana is contesting the Te Tai Hauauru Maori Seat for Nga Iwi. She is the mokopuna of Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana.

Nga Iwi Morehu Movement was formed so Maori can stand united, to justly and rightfully enforce the Ratification of Te Tiriti Waitangi, but first we must put our differences aside for this to come to pass.

Nga Iwi Morehu, Mana and the Maori Party have an obligation and commitment to set Maori free from a system that has oppressed us for over 170 years.

Maori need to come forth and take control as Tangata whenua to gain our Mana Motuhake. It is imperative

that we bring back the values and principles of our Tupuna, Love, Peace and Understanding. These are the very ingredients that make us who we are and demonstrates where we come from.

Past and present laws have forced Maori to compromise our Values and Principles. The only Policy is the Ratification of Te Tiriti O Waitangi that will enable us to empower the people to make

Policy in accordance to their needs, without compromise.

A great leader, Nelson Mandela once said,

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."

We need to use that power to overcome obstacles that stop us from achieving that which is rightfully ours - freedom.

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Heather Marion Smith, Democrats for Social Credit Candidate for Whanganui.

Born and raised in Opunake, Heather is the daughter of the late "Wolf" Smith, a co-founder of the Opunake Surf Club. "We all became "surfers" at an early age" says Heather "and bodysurfing is still one of my favourite pursuits".

Heather holds a degree and post-graduate diploma in



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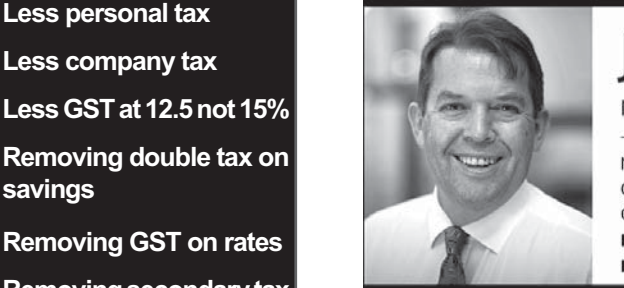
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Economics, having been employed as a public servant and later as a secondary school teacher. Apart from being her party's spokesman on Local Government, Heather was formerly the Taranaki representative for electoral reform and more recently the Economics Convenor for the New Zealand National Council of Women. In these roles she has written and presented submissions to Parliament, besides making presentations to local bodies on funding options.

"What is so very disappointing," Heather points out, "is that the South Taranaki District Council has voted to support Rodney Hide's proposal to establish a Local government Funding Agency to permit borrowing on the volatile currency markets where investors are more than eager to own more and more public debt. This, in spite of two submissions I made to the STDC strongly


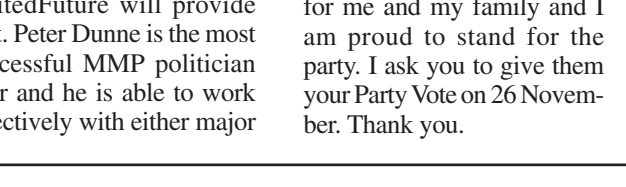
advising councillors to reject the scheme. When there is legislation available now permitting credit-lines from our sovereign Reserve Bank at 1% or less, it is irresponsible to deny ratepayers access to capital funds which would save enormous amounts of interest and bring rates down." She is particularly dismayed that both Labour and the Greens have opted for an unsustainable method of financing public infrastructures.

Asked if she intends continuing the fight for the social credit answers to today's exorbitant debt problems, Heather is determined to continue influencing people in positions of authority. "Fortunately" she adds, "the job is becoming rapidly easier, as the global meltdown reveals the sensible and socially just ideas, which have been around for decades. It is my privilege to be part of what is now a world-wide movement."



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This election, the Maori Party is driven by three key ideas:

- **Whanau Ora:** restoring the essence of who we are
- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi:** face our past with courage so we can build our future together.
- **Kawanatanga:** a government that values accountability and serving the people.

During this term the Maori Party has delivered \$620m for new initiatives: that's \$2.67m per sitting day. We pride ourselves on demonstrating Influence With Integrity: representing the independent voice of

Maori in politics.

We are driven by the potential of our people to take back control of their lives, supporting our whanau to be the very best they can be. Our solutions are born in the people - Whanau Ora; maara kai; cultural competency in schools; insulating low-income homes; Community Max employment; broadband expansion; becoming smokefree, drug and alcohol free, violence free and gambling free.

If re-elected, I will continue to work to the best of my ability to ensure the needs and aspirations of the people of Te Tai Hauauru are acted upon.

Vote Tariana Turia; Maori Party; MMP.

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Egmont Marine turns 15

This month Egmont Marine Services Ltd of Hawera has marked 15 years in business. Owner Grant Lister is pleased with what has been achieved and commented, "We're the oldest boat shop in Taranaki". The well-known business is

situated at 143 Glover Road, one of the busiest parts of Hawera.

Grant muses back to his firm's beginnings back in 1996. "It was always my dream to give it a crack and make it succeed".



Staff from Egmont Marine are from left: Alan Lambourn, Paul Kuklinski, Grant Lister, Lynne Lister and Shirley Lister.



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Grant was a sole operator when he started out, with Shirley running the office, but these days he employs several staff – both full time (three) and part time (two). Such is his good name in the industry that his client base is well beyond Hawera and stretches as far north as Hamilton - and Palmerston to the south. "It is a huge area we're drawing

support from", he concedes. However, Grant admits he hasn't done it all on his own. Apart from his capable and loyal staff, "There has been awesome local support from our Taranaki customers". There have been a few challenges along the way. One of these has been the huge advances in technology to keep abreast of. "Gone are the

days of (just) screwdrivers and spanners – laptops, software and the like are crucial". "These days boat engines are so refined and fuel-efficient", he adds. As an Evinrude supplier Grant is obliged to head to Australia bi-annually for extra training and to bone up on marketing knowledge and strategies. At such courses he is introduced to the latest

servicing and the fit up of new boats and upgrading or repowering of older boats in the Winter," Grant explains. There have been a number of highlights along the way, but one stands out. Last year Grant received the honour of being invited to inspect the Evinrude factory in Milwaukee, USA. He explains he saw everything from the manufacture of

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product updates, diagrams of new products and how to carry out nautical fault-finding to an optimal level and pass the examinations. Another challenge is seasonal – winter. This is the season when business can become less than brisk. "We have the time to enjoy

components to the final completion of the Evinrude engines. "It was absolutely incredible. A totally amazing experience." He added, "It had always been a dream of mine to visit". He even got a glimpse into the future of the industry.

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Highlights this year for Egmont Marine

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“We even got to see the prototypes” – yet to be built.

Another highlight also relates to last year. The firm fitted up its biggest boat, a McLay design. “It was an eight metre trailer boat – as big as you can get on the road legally”, he explained.

Exporting to Norway, Sweden and Australia has been a recent McLay development which Grant is

boats for over 20 years.

However, Grant offers top value expertise in products well beyond boats themselves. A major arm of his business is to do with watersports. Egmont Marine are the largest stockists of water sports equipment such as water ski vests, tubes, tow behinds, kneeboards, kayaks, and platform trainers. Many of these products are made by O’Brien – “a reliable brand”.

by such well-known brands as Hutchwilco along with Raymarine, who also provide such products as navigation aids, sonar, radar, autopilots, thermal imaging, satellite TV and software.

For all your boating and water sport needs make sure you pay Egmont Marine Services Ltd, 143 Glover Road, Hawera a visit. You’ll find proprietor Grant Lister a friendly and knowledgeable



From left: Grant Lister, Alan Lambourn and Paul Kuklinski in the workshop.

pleased about.

This year Egmont Marine was granted a prestigious Smartway franchise, which was “something new for us”. At present Grant has two of the polyethylene boats in stock.

Grant specialises in most of the quality products in the business, such as GME, Furuno, Fusion, Raymarine and Lowrance. One of these is the McLay Boats, the brainchild of Steve McLay, who has been building his quality aluminium trailer

Grant is most concerned about water safety and has many products for sale, such as lifejackets - manufactured

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Overwhelming market day

Okato's Market Day on November 5 was almost overwhelming – there was such an array of goods, art and produce on display, as well as a crush of busy browsers. The event was a triumph for the

organisers Mel Abbott, Rachel Kruger and Sam Goodwin. The event was partly a fundraiser for Vision Okato, as well as an opportunity for craftspeople and others to show their wares.

It wasn't just local people either – stallholders came from far and wide, including Waitara and Stratford.

It is hard to describe the varieties of goods on sale – frankly it would be easier to list what wasn't there. Virtually every taste was catered for. Here are just a few examples.

The Vision Kitchen produced a wide variety of delicious food and was manned by Hayley Burwell and Jacob Burwell. "It's brilliant. There are lots of happy people, lots of children and lots of support from the stallholders". Also on offer was Free Trade coffee. All proceeds from this stall were bound for Vision Okato.

Well known artist Dale Copeland was selling prints from such distinguished artists as Marianne Muggeridge and



Margaret Broomhall with her environmentally friendly soy candles and melts.

Roger (Remo) Morris – whose sculpture 'Blue Eyes' was Highly Commended in the recent Taranaki National Art

Awards.

Margaret Broomhall had a huge variety of her soy candles and melts on offer, made from

environmentally friendly products.

Acclaimed photographer Fay Looney had a stall which featured her latest book. It is called 'New Zealand through the Goalposts' and has many quality photographs relating to rugby venues and All Black icons, such as Sir Colin Meads, Tana Umaga and Richie McCaw. Promising rugby player Beauden Barrett was featured, as well as his brothers.

Linda McBreen had a splendid selection of art – ranging from acrylic paintings to work on stone and wood. She confessed that it was her goal for 2011 to enter an art competition. This she duly did – the Taranaki National Art Awards – and won the Rural Taranaki section with 'Kaitake under 12s half time team talk'.

One stallholder summed up what many people were thinking. "I love the standard of the stalls", she enthused.



Award winning artist Linda McBreen (left) sells a piece of art on Kauri to Sue Birdling.

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Happy planting!

Cheers, Jacqui
Seed Coastal Organics

Government spending the problem

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businesses. In particular they feel that the RMA (Resource Management Act) has curtailed the operation of businesses and farms. "We should not allow the government to say we know best", Mr Nicolson insisted.

The leadership of the ACT party was mentioned. "His fiscal ability is amazing", said Mr Nicolson of ACT leader Dr Brash. However he also paid tribute to the last leader Rodney Hide. After listing a considerable number of Mr Hide's achievements Mr Nicolson lamented, "A lot of what he has done has gone unnoticed".

The issue of the government borrowing overseas was discussed, with ACT opposed to this. "It saddens me," commented Mr Nicolson in reference to the extent of overseas borrowing. "Burgeoning Government expenditure – that's what I want solved", he asserted. However, he added that assets such as the Transpower Grid should not be

sold.

Mr Nicolson stated that the farming industry was now much healthier as a result of the subsidies being abolished by the Lange/Douglas Government. "By 2011 we have finally got out of the mess caused by farm subsidies", he claimed. "The gold standard is subsidy-free farms", Mr Nicolson concluded.

ACT is totally opposed to the Emissions Trading Scheme

(ETS), which they consider is anti-farmer in its potential effect, especially at what it ultimately will cost each farmer if fully implemented. "Why does NZ keep kicking itself in the head – when no one else (in the world) is doing it", Mr Nicolson questioned. "It's just another great big tax", Don concluded. "It's just a big con – New Zealanders need to wake

up to it", he added. "We need it out of legislation".

With respect to the government proposed partial asset sales, Mr Nicolson commented. "I'm not against asset sales", but added the condition, "The proceeds should be used to reduce debt".

During question time moral issues such as abortion were raised, as well as homosexuality. The two speakers were asked for

their stand. Mr Nicolson declined to give his view, saying such matters would be a "conscience vote" – but Mr Moretti did. On homosexuality he said, "I struggle with it because I'm not that way inclined". On abortion he said that if the mother's health was at risk the procedure could be warranted.

Mr Nicolson has had some

personal contact with leaders of both National and Labour. Of Mr Key he said, "He's an able leader, but he has pulled us to where I don't want to be". He added, "Government spending – that's the problem". He had positive things to say about Labour leader Phil Goff such as "He's a very smart man", but added, "However, I don't agree with his views".

Opunake High School Senior Prizegiving 2011

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James Trophy All Round Contribution to the School Year 9 - 11: Gemma Grey

Taonga Te Maunga Tuu high levels of academic achievement for Maori students Year 11-13: Hinepounamu Rongonui

Bolger Cup For Leadership of the Student Council: Laura Aitken

Minister of Education Cup for Services to the School: Hinepounamu Rongonui/Laura Aitken

Woolford Cup for General Proficiency in Sport: Brock Wilson, Troy Whitehead, Rebecca Heemi

Wotton Award Diligence and Commitment to the School: Kirsty Little

The Combined Churches

Award for Outstanding Character: Gregory McLean
Christine Waitere

Griffith Merit Cup For Best All Round Girl: Rebecca Heemi

Graham Sulzberger Memorial Cup: For Best All Round Boy: Troy Whitehead
McKay Cup Head Girl: Rebecca Heemi

Crawford Cup: Head Boy:

Troy Whitehead
For Achievement & Completion in Level 3 Subjects

:Laura Aitken, Tomas Arlidge, Shea Bentley, Lydia Corrigan, Rebecca Heemi, Marama Hohaia, Ramari Katene-Rei, Kirsty Little, Sarah Marriner-Belle, Nathan Potter, Nikora Ratahi, Hinepounamu Rongonui,

Grace Sarsfield, Christine Waitere, Toby Watt, Troy Whitehead, Brock Wilson, Emma Wilson

Opunake High School Award Proxime Accessit - :Hinepounamu Rongonui
McNeil Adams Cup and Medal and Ikaroa Lodge Award Dux of the School - Tomas Arlidge.

Relay reality hits hard

"I found it really hard", admitted Lucy Campbell (12) of the BBI team, as she made it into Okato after completing her 8.5km leg of the Taranaki Steelformers Around the Mountain Relay on November 12. She added, "It's the longest I've ever run for." But would the Bucklands Beach Intermediate (BBI) student come down from Auckland for next year's event? "Yes, probably", she replied with a smile.

Accompanying her on the run was her father Bruce Campbell, who spoke highly of the annual event. "It's a fantastic event - it's worth the trip down to do it". He also had a positive word for Selwyn Brown and his organising team. "It's really well organised".

One of the really keen competitors was Westpac's Sarah Hall of New Plymouth, who completed both a running and

a walking leg. As she reached Okato she had just completed an 8km walking leg and was headed to the shop for an iceblock. "I'm tired. But relieved it's over," she said. She added, "It's been a great day - we were very lucky with the weather". She said her bank had competitors from every branch participating.

Sarah's team ('Westpac Warriors') was participating in support of the Halberg Trust, which "helps disabled people get into sports," she explained. She found herself running at 2am in the Midhurst area - now that's commitment!

For every participant, there seems to be at least one support person, including marshals, people manning 'water tables' and even St John Ambulance.

The event is a valuable fundraiser for Coastal Taranaki School, explained Delwyn Pearce of the CTS Ball Fundraising group, who manned the 'water table' at Okato. Others from the group manned the water tables at Pungarehu and Warea. Delwyn was accompanied by Kgystern Manuel and several students. They didn't just provide liquid refreshments for thirsty participants as they arrived, but also had sunblock



Sarah Hall of the 'Westpac Warriors' completed both a walking and a running leg in support of the Halberg Trust.

and electrolyte replacement, as well as keeping cars clear of the refreshment area. "It's a fun day - we clap and encourage the participants when they arrive". She added, "You meet all sorts of interesting people from all over the country".

Delwyn's companion Kgystern Manuel commented, "The event is good for the community and a good money spinner".

Okato Lions also helped with the event in Okato. "Okato Lions help Selwyn out

with the marshals", commented Wilfred Riepen. "We usually do the Stony River Bridge, but we've been demoted to Okato", commented fellow marshal Koog Gray with a chuckle.

The event started on Friday November 11 at 5pm with the 'solo' eventists. 'Walkers' started at 9pm and 'composites' at 11pm on the same day. The 'runners' started at

2.30am on Saturday November 12. All participants started at the TSB Stadium, Mason Drive, New Plymouth. After the 150km journey everyone ended back at the stadium. Teams consisted of 10-16 members and each person completed legs ranging from 5 to 11 kilometres. The popular event concluded at 6.30pm on Saturday November 12 with prizegiving.



All the way from Auckland to take part were Bruce Campbell and Lucy Campbell (aged 12). They were part of the BBI (Bucklands Beach Intermediate) team.

High Flyer



Taylor Rampton with her bikes and trophies.

Taylor Rampton was successful at the Wanganui Winter Series, which is held over five rounds, and where she got first in the 13-16 year 85cc, first in the women's and second in the 12-14 year 125cc.

She also entered in the Vets and Women's New Zealand Champs held in Fielding on October 15 and 16 where she got second in the junior women's 85cc class.

Taylor would like to thank her sponsor Action Suzuki and all the staff for their support and encouragement for helping her to achieve her goals.



Taylor flies high at Wanganui on her 125cc bike.

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Bronze II: D Williams def L Simpson.
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Nov 1 - All Irons
J Deegan 74, P Smith 77.
Oct 30 - Ranford

Rosebowl
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2nd J Deegan and W Davey.
3rd W Vickers and C Keech.
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All coasters will be displayed in the gallery. While there will be a great variety of styles of artwork, with everything the same size/format, the pieces should make a great display. All the works on display will be for sale.

Coasters (90mm round) and entry forms can be picked up from the Lysaght Watt Gallery - and also the 'Seaside Candles and Soaps' in Opunake and Percy Thompson Gallery, Stratford.

Some samples of 'art on a coaster' can be viewed in the window of the Lysaght Watt Gallery. The Challenge ... You can do better than these!!



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"Delwyn and I felt compelled to take this rare opportunity to bring these wonderful works to Puke Ariki, not only because Taranaki would be the perfect home for these botanical prints, but also because of their cultural history. It was also great chance to expand Puke Ariki's already fantastic collection," says Bryce

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"It is hard not to stand in awe in front of these volumes with their flawless drawings," says Fi Emberton, Puke Ariki Manager. "But they are so much more than just beautiful illustrations of plants and flowers. They are the physical record of the beginning of New Zealand colonial history."

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<p>JOHNNY ENGLISH REBORN Friday Nov 25th at 6pm & Sunday, 27th at 7.30pm</p> <p>PG, Family, Comedy, Action 1hr 41mins Contains low level violence</p> <p>Rowan Atkinson returns to the role of he accidental secret agent who doesnt know fear or danger in the comedy spy-thriller Johnny English Reborn. Johnny English goes up against international assassins hunting down the Chinese premier. <i>Paramount Pictures</i></p>	<p>COMING SOON: • ABDUCTION, THE HELP, FOOTLOOSE, SPYKIDS, THREE MUSKETEERS</p>	

Egmont A&P Show

TV Guests and a host of activities for 2011

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Firstly, the face – and muscle – behind Mitre 10 Mega's unique advertising and he's coming to Hawera next month to take on the locals of all sizes and ages at the Egmont A&P Show. Strongman Levi Vaoga, who stands 198cm tall and weighs 173kg, is looking forward to getting pumped up and proving he's one of the strongest men in the world. Also New Zealand's first ever Masterchef and Eltham lad Brett McGregor is set to light a few fires and put a few pots on the boil when he's in Hawera during the Egmont A&P Show. He's famous, he's local and he's coming home next month to judge the On Higher Ground Cooking classes in the Moller Johnson Motors Leisure, Pleasure & Treasure section and do a short cooking demonstration. This section of the programme has so much it will also now incorporate a farmers' market in the trade area adjacent to the Edna Wills Hall.

Throughout Saturday at the Show Levi will be hosting and performing a range of strongman activities, including the chance for local strongmen and women to show their stuff by attempting to pull the 750kg Filbee and Associates

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This year the small animal tent will boast its own TV celebrity Michael Self of Lotto fame, come and meet local councillor Michael in the small animal tent with his furry friend and see a vast array of animals. New to the tent this year will be a small family of turtles and pony rides for children. The lamb fancy dress, calling and drinking competitions will be held at 11am.

Kidzone will be bigger and better than ever before. The team have been working together for months to plan the activities. New sponsor Zodiac Signs have put up a signage package amounting to \$1500 which will be awarded to the school who makes the strongest contribution to Kidzone. Meet the Mitre 10 Mega Man Levi Vaoga in Kidzone on Saturday. Last years recycling theme was such a success we have a ball decorating initiative this year using recycled materials. Sport Taranaki in association with The Hub Health & Fitness will also be running a fitness challenge as part of Kidzone, this will involve indoor rowing, Gumboot throwing - test your throwing skills with this Kiwi Classic. Win prizes for best throw from McCallums Paper



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Rock Up Log Jousting	9:00 - 3:00	Roadsafe Rock Climbing	9:00 - 4:00
Classic Hits Kidzone		Have a go at Slacklining	10:00 - 3:00
Sport Taranaki Rowing Challenge	10:00 - 2:00	Sheep 'N' Show Shearing	11:30
Class Pedal Tractors	10:00 - 3:00	Police Dog display	11:30
Chuggy Choo Choo Bouncy Tunnel	9:00 - 3:00	Sheep 'N' Show Shearing	12:00
Gumboot Throw	10:30	Hawera Highland pipe band	1:30
The Big Dig	11:30	Sheep 'N' Show Shearing	2:00
		V8 Simulator	H Trade Area
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Gumboot Throw	12:30	Face painting	12:00 - 2:00
The Big Dig	1:30	Gumboot Throw	10:30
H Trade Area		Sport Taranaki Rowing Challenge	11:00 - 2:00
Sheep 'N' Show Shearing	2:00	The Big Dig	11:30
The Coast Expo Hall		Gumboot Throw	12:30
Brett McGregor	2:30	Dunk The Sport Star	1:00
		The Big Dig	1:30
		Levi Vaoga Strongman	2:00 - 2:30
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER		The Fred & Eunice Rodie Charitable Trust Small Animal Tent	
Grandstand		Michael Self - Lotto TV Star	10:00 - 2:00
Womens Tug of War Heats	10:30	Lamb Competitions	11:00
Levi Vaoga Strongman	11:00	Jet Boat Rides on the Lake	10:00 - 4:00
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Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm (2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs).

Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am

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Mount Taranaki.

The music of The Mountain

The mountain which dominates the province of Taranaki is both beautiful and dangerous.

In numbers almost a half of those who have died on Mt Everest have lost their lives on Mt Taranaki. It is testament to the danger of climbing any mountain, however accessible.

So begins the citation on a piece of music by Bernice McKellar who recently graduated with a Bachelor of

Music in Composition from Victoria University.

She has written a number of pieces of music, some about Taranaki and is to be interviewed on the 1557 Coast breakfast programme on Wednesday November 23.

A selection of her music will also be played including The Mountain that depicts musically the challenge, inherent danger and ultimately the feeling of achievement in climbing such a mountain.

In her words: "Initially there is a sense of security and safeness as you drive to it, a slight trepidation as, full of vigour, you begin the climb. As you ascend however and become tired your progress alternates with periods of rest during which you stop to admire the view - denoted by some repeated melodic parts.

As you advance higher however the weather deteriorates and the mood becomes ominous. The wind rises and cloud descends resulting in white out conditions. The growing sense of unease and ultimately panic as you become lost is conveyed with the increased

tempo and discords.

Eventually the cloud clears and, with a rising sense of drama, there is the final assault on the summit and the reward of stupendous views.

The descent is more rapid and includes some exhilarating romps down scree slopes (glissando) and finally, a return to safeness and security."

Bernice has also written a piece entitled 'The Storming of Parihaka' which will also feature in the radio programme.

Like The Mountain, it was recorded at Victoria University. Inspired by the International Parihaka Peace Festivals, it attempts to describe musically the historic events at Parihaka. The story is assisted with a voice over that pays tribute to the prophets of Parihaka and their enduring message even more relevant today.

Tune in to Hawera's Coast radio station - frequency 1557 AM on Wednesday November 23 at 9:10am to hear the live interview which will be broadcast during the Breakfast programme.

STRATFORD ART SOCIETY MEMBER'S EXHIBITION

To be opened by Sue Davidson
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RAHOTU CRICKET CLUB TRAINING NIGHTS

Wednesday nights from 6.30pm onwards..

EXHIBITION – CHESTER BORROWS & DIANE VASSEY

Until 28 November at the Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera. Refer advert.

CHURCH ON THE MARAE

First Sunday of every month, Orimupiko Marae, Eltham Road at 6pm.

OPUNAKE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

First and third Sunday each month, Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm.

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Thursdays and Saturdays.

SUNDAY ROASTS

Sundays from midday onwards at the Stony River Hotel & Restaurant. Refer advert.

SCRAPBOOKING

Every Monday at Pastimes in Opunake from 7-9pm.

ELTHAM FRIDAY MARKETS

Every Friday, Touchpoint Restaurant Carpark (formerly Tavern), High St, Eltham from 9am-1pm. Refer public notice.

DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Exhibition on until November 18 at The Village Gallery.

EGMONT A & P SHOW

Friday, 18 and Saturday 19 November from 9am-4pm in Hawera. Refer article and advert.

ELTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL 125TH JUBILEE

18, 19 & 20th November, 2011.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, November 19 at 73 King Street, Opunake from 8am-12pm. Refer classified advert.

LOCAL HANDCRAFTS INC – CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 19 at Hempton Hall, Okato from 9.30am-3.30pm. Refer public notice.

NUNSENSATIONS! THE NUNSENCE VEGAS REVUE – NZ PREMIER

From November 19 until November 26 at the Hawera Memorial Theatre. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB OPEN DAY

Sunday, November 20, 11am-2pm. Refer public notice.

ANNUAL SHOPPING EVENT

Sunday, November 20 at Country Connections, Tasman St, Opunake from 12pm 'til 8pm. Shop to win. Refer advert.

TRI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WAREA DOMAIN BOARD

Tuesday, November 22 at the Warea Hall, 7.30pm. Refer public notice.

'THE MOUNTAIN' AND OTHER MUSIC

By Bernice McKellar, Wednesday, November 23 at 9.10am on Hawera's 1557AM Coast breakfast radio programme. Refer article.

STRATFORD ART SOCIETY MEMBERS' EXHIBITION

November 25 until December 15 at the Percy Thomson Gallery. Opening Friday 25th with special guest artist, Anne Montgomery. Refer advert and article.

COASTAL LIFESTYLE EXPO

November 26, Oaonui Hall, Surf Highway 45, Opunake 10am-5pm. Refer advert.

PARIHAKA PAPAINGA HUI DATES 2011

Saturday 26th November, AGM 10am, Te Niho o Te Atiawa.

'BRUTAL UPLOAD' - LIVE BAND

Saturday, November 26 at Stony River Hotel from 8pm onwards. Plus 'Snaked' Acoustic Rock Band. Refer advert.

STRATFORD AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL SHOW

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November at Stratford A & P Showgrounds. Games open from 9am to the public. Refer advert.

COASTAL TARANAKI HEALTH TRUST AGM

Tuesday, November 29 at Opunake Medical Centre, Havelock St, Opunake at 7pm. Refer public notice.

SECOND STDC RATES INSTALLMENT – LAST DAY

Wednesday, November 30 is the last day for payment of the second installment of the STDC rates, without incurring a penalty.

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday December 5, 2011 at Opunake Surf Inn at 6.00pm. Meet and greet prior to meeting at 5:30pm. Anyone welcome.

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New Zealand Premiere of Nunsensations!

Nunsensations! The Nunsense Vegas Revue takes place in "real time" in the Pump Room Lounge of the Mystique Motor Lodge in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Sisters have been told by a Hoboken parishioner that he would donate \$10,000 to their school, if the Sisters would go to Las Vegas and perform in a friend's showroom. Reverend Mother has serious doubts about appearing in "Sin City". However, after convincing Reverend Mother "what happens in Vegas stays in



The cast of Nunsense Vegas Revue.

Vegas," the Sisters plan their program.

The Director Jill Hooper tells us that this is the third production of a Nunsense musical for Hawera Repertory, the first two being directed by Rudi Milesi. "I read a number of scripts and decided Nunsensations! was a blast. Five nuns from Hoboken New York putting on a Vegas show, great songs, dances and costuming.

I had my first taste of Nunsense when my daughter, Michelle Glover did the choreography for the very first production and being unavailable for the second production, I took over the choreography. The laughter at rehearsals never really stops, so good for the "soul"!

This production is going very well, we have had a couple of hiccups with the musical side of production, but that will iron itself out. My five nuns are all working to their utmost to be ready for the 19th November and are excited to be bringing laughter to our area.

Three of our cast were in the previous production of

Nunsense II, and two newbie nuns. These five have been a delight to work with, I have watched them develop into characters of their own. We do have a sixth member of the cast, she came out of the cupboard just to do this production. Her name is Annette - but I can't tell you anymore than that.

I am "blessed" to have a great team around me, daughter Michelle as choreographer, Julie Cudby as vocal coach, Claudia Bluett as pianist and Charles Pittams in charge of the band. Behind the scenes Margaret Weir and Donnella Weir are turning out some outrageous costuming, Lynne Walker is working on the props and Donald Campbell the set.

This is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nunsense show ever! The sisters experience "show-biz" like never before. You'll meet Sin-City Sue, find out who's Black and White with Her Money on Red, and try to win a new car with the "Holy Rollers Giant Slot Machine." Taking a line from another show, a critic pointed out, "It's a whole lot funny and a little bit naughty, but there ain't nothin' dirty goin' on!"

Performances: Memorial Theatre, Hawera, 19th to 26th November 2011.

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New Stratford Art Society Exhibition and The Big Snow Scrapbook

Stratford Art Society is the next exhibition to open in Percy Thomson Gallery Friday 25 November 7.30pm. This is the second exhibition of their members works and covers all mediums. It is always stimulating and exciting to see what all the artists have been up to.

Opening the show is Sue Davidson – Stratford District Council’s new CEO. Sue is new to the area and will speak about her role as Chief Executive Officer and background.

Anne Montgomery will delight us with a couple of items providing a taste of her beautiful voice. Anne is on a come-back trail – you may have seen her on ‘That’s

Country’ a few years ago. So come along make the most of this opportunity to meet and welcome Sue and be entertained by Anne.

Hey folks – check this out! Remember the snow – remember the photos? Where are they?

It is time to fish them out and enjoy them once again.

The Percy Thomson Gallery is having an informal exhibition of all the snow photos taken during the 2011 snow storms.

Photos need to be no larger than A4, unframed or mounted and to have been shot this year of our amazing snowfalls.

They will be displayed in



The image is by Sue Morton taken at the Stratford Plateau car park.

clear file envelopes and form a scrapbook of images in the Community Gallery. The Stratford Art Society has generously donated a Viewer’s Choice Award to the most popular image. There is a \$4 entry fee per work (only a cup of coffee) and a limit of 4 photographs.

Entry forms need to be in by 9 December, available at the gallery or by request on line through our website/ email.

Works are to be in by 16 Dec 2011.

The exhibition accompanies The Match opening in the Main Gallery 20 December and runs until 16 January 2012.

This is a series of 100 images by photographer David Matches of rugby players taken between 2006 and 2011.

This is a national touring exhibition, toured by Portrait Gallery New Zealand and Percy Thomson Gallery is honoured to have these imposing images on display over the holiday period.

“You enter a room of 100 large vertical images of rugby players. They are facing the camera. Most are taken from the waist up. The backdrop is plain white, which brings into relief the colour of their club jerseys, which they all are wearing. Without exception

they are carrying the scars of battle – mud stains, bloody cuts to lips or cheeks, large patches of sweat. Apart from a couple, all are solo portraits. They look strangely satisfied, but notably grim – there is hardly a smile among them. The catalogue tells us their club, position on the field, their number of caps, the date and the score – but not their name” (Jock Phillips – New Zealand Portrait Gallery website).



Anne Montgomery will performing at the opening on Friday, November 25.

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Flat whites on vacation

TET Cue Theatre's latest production 'Four Flat Whites in Italy' opened in Inglewood on Saturday November 12 to a full house. The gala opening night meant a sumptuous spread for lucky

patrons. The play was written by acclaimed playwright Roger Hall and was directed by Ross Jordan. The season runs until November 26.

Whatever you do don't miss this simply superb play, which



The cast of Cue Theatre's 'Four Flat Whites in Italy' – a superb production.

is basically a comedy, but has some interesting perspectives and was quite thought-provoking.

The acting can only be described as excellent. Dave Rohe plays 'Adrian' and his obsessive wife 'Allison' is played by Linda Meehan. This is a couple of retired librarians who nurse leftish views and a tragic secret. Stephen Leeks plays nouveau riche 'Harry' and his younger second wife Judy, who intermingles coquettishness with wisdom, is played by April Krijger. One mystery – how on earth did Dave Rohe learn his huge

number of lines, as he also serves as the narrator, in addition to his character Adrian?

Several minor roles are played with finesse by Antony Jones and Kristen Devine – described in the programme as "Italian cameos".

The play opens to reveal the first of many skilfully crafted sets, with Adrian and Alison hoping their planned overseas trip can brighten their humdrum lives and perhaps revitalize their tired marriage. However, the other couple they intend to travel with, who are drivers (unlike Adrian and

Alison), can't come because of injury (a broken bone). Yet the trip depends on extensive driving through Europe. Despair reigns – their trip of a lifetime is history! Or is it?

The retired couple's slightly irritating neighbours Harry and Judy offer to replace the couple who have bowed out. But the two couples are poles apart in many ways (e.g. Harry is a raving capitalist and Tory) and totally unsuited as travelling companions. But as hilarious situations arise, things turn out to be not quite as they seem.

A feature of the play is the attractive and imaginative sets - including a too-small-for-comfort rental car and a Venice gondola. A PowerPoint presentation displays breathtaking colourful scenery to

complement the different situations and places the couples visit. Props were rearranged and removed seamlessly as the play progressed. Alan Stevenson and Vida Henry and their team are to be commended.

We don't want to give too much away, as hopefully a good number of people will come along to see this talented cast - supported by their capable backstage crew. The coffee the couples drink may be flat whites, but there is nothing flat about this sparkling impeccably presented play. Don't miss it. Tickets can be bought at Inglewood Bookshop. Remember, the season ends on November 26.

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New Exhibition on Virtual Tart

Hi there. The exhibition on virtual.tart.co.nz is Collage Art by Lise Menu Noack of France.

And do have a look at the Showcase artists and see their new work.

For those taking part in the 14th International Collage Exhibition/Exchange, a word of advice

- the mail from USA to New Zealand seems to be taking a bit longer than usual. I'd allow 2 to 3 weeks just in case you hit a slow patch.

I was sent a good message: World Peace is made up of a lot of little peaces.

Cheers Dale Copeland

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