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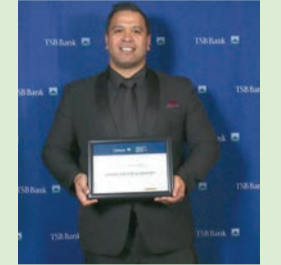
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Roigard murder trial underway

On Monday November 16 the Roigard murder trial started, with the formal empanelling of the jury. David Roigard (50), a farm worker, is accused of murdering his son Aaron Roigard (27) on June 2, 2014. The trial (held in Courtroom 1) is expected to last for about four weeks. The

alleged crime occurred after a family disagreement. The father-of-two was last seen at 1pm on foot in the vicinity of Waiteika Road, Opunake, which is 60km south of New Plymouth.

An extensive police operation termed 'Operation Boxer' involved as many

as 15 police officers, under the leadership of Detective Sergeant Blair Burnett, conducting an extensive search including farmland, vehicles, houses and even effluent ponds. However, no trace of Aaron's remains have been located. The cell phone he was carrying has not been

used and his bank account has not been operated.

One lead that was followed up was of the sighting of a Holden Commodore spotted in the area where Aaron was last seen.

David Roigard was arrested on October 17, 2014 and he pleaded 'Not Guilty' to

the main charge – and the 8 others (Theft in a special relationship) on November 8 at the New Plymouth Court.

On Tuesday November 7 the jury and other Court officials spent much of the day in the Opunake area in the vicinity of the alleged crime.

Remembering Gallipoli on Armistice Day

The commemoration of Armistice Day on the 11th hour of the 11th month had an extra significance when the Manaia RSA unveiled a plaque marking the planting of pine trees seeded from pine trees from Gallipoli. It is 100 years since the fateful Gallipoli Campaign in which Australian and New Zealand troops fought the Turks on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. In total 2779 New Zealanders died. The solemn ceremony at the Manaia Domain was witnessed by over 70 people including primary school children and the Mayor of the South Taranaki District Council Ross Dunlop. It began with a minute's silence, then the Last Post interrupted by the reciting of The Ode of Remembrance by the President of the Manaia RSA John Graham, which begins *They shall not grow old...* Glover Anderson, the Wellington-West Coast-Taranaki District President then spoke, and with the referendum on the National Flag imminent, used the opportunity to remind those present of



In front of the plaque commemorating the battle of Lone Pine, from left, South Taranaki mayor Ross Dunlop, John Hooker, RSA district president Glover Anderson, Maurice Cowling, Manaia RSA president John Graham and Rev David Self.

the significance of the current New Zealand flag. "Never forget this flag," he said indicating the New Zealand flag used in the unveiling. "Always remember this flag when you make a decision on Wednesday." The commemorative plaque was then unveiled and a new bench seat which sits before it. The South Taranaki Mayor then spoke and congratulated those who look after the charming Manaia domain. He noted when he arrived there were wood pigeons in a tree. "They haven't been around recently" which he said was a good omen for the future. The three seedlings came from Lone Pine. The Battle of Lone Pine was part of the Gallipoli Campaign intended to divert attention away from the main assaults against Sari Bair Chunuk Bar, which was the final attempt by the

allies to seize control of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

The seat was built by Maurice Cowling from macrocarpa that is a hundred years old. The Reverend David Self also spoke. "I see this place as being one of the sacred places of Manaia." He added that we often hope we will never have to mobilise young men to go overseas to fight. "This is a place of remembrance for those who lost their lives on Lone Pine. Rest in Peace. We will remember." He went on to bless the rock and the people gathered there. "Yesterday is history, today is a gift," he said. Then kaumatua John Hooker also blessed the area and led with a karakia. Finally a prayer was said. One hundred thousand New Zealand men and women served in the First World War. Of these 16,700 died and a further \$40,000

were wounded, a higher rate per capita than any other country involved. After a reading from

Isaiah the ceremony ended with those gathered reciting The Lord's Prayer.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those in communities throughout New Zealand who supported our Annual Appeal this year, be it volunteering, donating or helping us to spread the word.

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million annually to keep our services running, and we only get 12 per cent from government agency funding, so our appeal week is our major fundraising drive for the year.

The money raised in local towns and cities will ensure our services continue.

It is also important to raise awareness about just how prevalent and debilitating arthritis is, and that it is not just an older person's disease. One in 1000 children have arthritis in New Zealand.

*Sandra Kirby
Chief Executive
Arthritis New Zealand*

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Scottish picnic to celebrate 175 years

On 27 December 1840 the barque Blenheim arrived in Wellington Harbour with over 200 Scottish settlers and landed them at Kaiwharawhara. They founded the "Scotch Village" of "Kaiwarra," built the roads from Wellington to Petone and Porirua, and brought their traditions and culture to a new land.

To celebrate the 175th anniversary of the arrival there is going to be a picnic on 27 December 2015 at Onslow College, Johnsonville. All are welcome: entry is free. People are invited to bring their picnic, wear their tartan enjoy Scottish dancing and music, join in traditional children's games, and view the displays.

There will also be an opportunity to sign a petition calling for a memorial to the Scottish settlers to be installed at Kaiwharawhara as part of the Wellington to Hutt Valley Walking and Cycling Link.

The related website is at www.blenheim175.wordpress.com and the Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/Blenheim175>.

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Roz Grant

Where are the plans?

St Cuthberts Anglican Church in Manaia is due to be earthquake assessed, and its minister wants to get his hands on the building's original plans.

"We can't find the plans anywhere," the Rev Phil Woodmass said.

Six months ago, the diocese of Waikato and Taranaki had told him it was time for his church to be assessed. The building had been built back in 1959-60, and the original builder had told him they don't keep records going back more than 50 years.

"We're wanting to know what's inside the pillars, whether it's steel or what," Phil said. "If we can't produce the plans, then they



Phil Woodmass outside St Cuthberts.

will have to do invasive drilling to find out."

The church has 30-40 people coming to its regular Sunday morning services, and the building is used during the week by an adult study group, a men's study group and Kool Kids Klub for 7-12 year-olds.

The lounge is also used by the Manaia CWI for its regular meetings. Phil said he would like to see these things carry on without any of the disruption that could be caused if the plans didn't turn up. He said he would welcome hearing from anybody who could shed some light on where the plans might be, or had early photos of the church.

The church's architect had been well known Taranaki identity J.W.Brimblecombe whose funeral service had been held at St Cuthberts when he died in 1979. He was the author of Are you a Sport? and Shear Nonsense: Farming in 22 useless lessons, based on a series of articles he had written for Straight Furrow.



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Opunake High looks back on the old and forward to the new year

Billy Graham breezed into the Opunake High School Assembly Hall, kept his audience spellbound, and then breezed out again as quickly as he had come.

The well-known motivational speaker and boxing personality was the guest speaker at this year's Opunake High School senior prizegiving held on November 5.

"I'm 68 years of age and never been asked once in my life what I can't do. People are only interested in what you can do," he said.

"Anyone can be born with talent, but not everyone can do the hard work."

Billy said he had left school at 13, vowing never to return to that place again, but he did, the second time as a teacher.

At eight years old, he decided he wanted to be a boxer. At 16, he was New Zealand's youngest boxing champion, and went on to take various Australian and New Zealand titles, before opening the Naenae Boxing Academy.

Opunake High School principal Simon Fuller later said he had first heard Billy speak 10 years ago at Taita College, and had seen the positive effects on those who had attended his gym.

"I could see that, yes, their physical skills had grown, but their mental skills had grown exponentially," he said.

The prizegiving also saw the introduction of the Scott James Oliver Scholarship, named after a former pupil of the school.

Originally from Pihama, Scott James (Broc) Oliver had attended Opunake High School from 1986-90 before graduating with a BA in English literature from Victoria University. He died in January this year, aged 42, while tramping in Mount Aspiring National Park.

His partner, Rachael Smith who spoke at the prizegiving described him as "a man of words and a man of music." He was able to combine these interests by writing music reviews, and had ended up as editor of Pulp magazine in Auckland.

The scholarship, put

Apology

The Opunake and Coastal News apologises for an error made in the November 6 issue. A public notice promoting the Manaia Armistice Day commemoration was wrongly attributed to the Manaia and District Lions Club. It should have read Manaia and District Returned Services Association.



2015 dux Claire Young with parents Mary and Chris Young.

forward by his family is for Year 12-13 students wishing to study creative arts. The inaugural recipient was Nina Anderson.

This year's dux is Claire Young, daughter of Chris and Mary Young from Auroa, who plans to study for a BSc at Otago next year. She also picked up the Best All round Girl award. Best all Round Boy is Brody Chapman, and Abby Silson is Proxime Accessit to Dux.

The Combined Churches most outstanding character awards went to Taylah Smith and Brody Chapman. Fourteen of the 16 prefects for next year were named at the prizegiving. The other two will be named next year at the end of term one. The new head prefects will be named at the junior prizegiving.

A couple of items were performed by Rawiri Naniseni and Deane Mason, while Jack Fryer performed



Billy Graham the motivational speaker.

his own composition, Dream.

Board of Trustees chairman Andy Whitehead began his speech by quoting the Maori proverb that the kumara doesn't boast of its own sweetness.

"While it's important to be humble, it's also important you display your talents and try to reach your full potential. A few years ago I spoke about living the dream. This year I would like to talk about making the right choices. Only you can decide whether you make the most of the opportunities in front of you."

Similar themes were touched on by outgoing head prefects Ashleigh Tito-Collins and Brody Chapman in their speeches.

"If you try your hardest for the short time you are at school, it will definitely benefit you in the long run," Ashleigh said. "It's been an amazing five years I've been here. Although I'm over the moon about leaving and going to do something I love, school has been a big part of my life."

Brody said five years ago, he had put on the Opunake High School uniform for the first time. In the years since, he had learned the importance of being yourself.

"Don't water yourself down to please others," he said. "I would like to say if you have a goal or a dream, work hard for it."

Opunake High School principal Simon Fuller reflected back on his first year in the job.

"Each day in Opunake is a dream come true," he said. "Opunake is New Zealand's best kept secret. When I first started at Opunake, I could see there was something special going on here, and that is a genuine warmth in relationships."

Speaking after the prizegiving, Mr Fuller said the decision to come to Opunake had been the best one he had made for himself and his family.

"The school is staring down the barrel of the best NCEA results in a long time. The kids have really upped their game, and the students and staff have worked really well together, pushing each other along."



Opunake High School principal Simon Fuller speaking at the school prizegiving.

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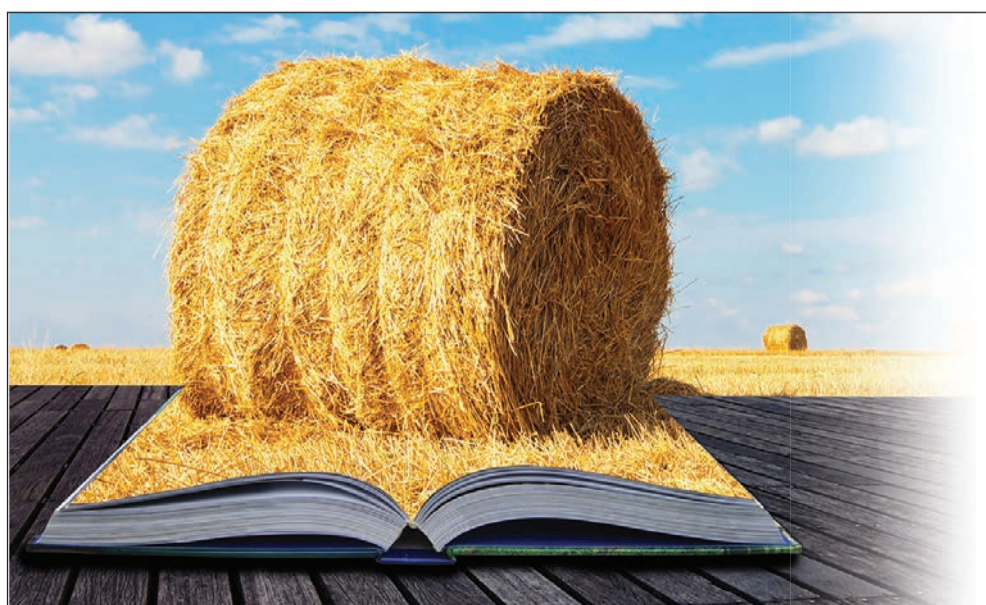
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Powerco turns up at forum to face critics

On November 11, Powerco fronted up to its critics.

"I want to apologise to the residents of Rahotu for the inconveniences due to power outages," Powerco corporate affairs manager Neil Holdom told the open forum at the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting held at Opunake. "We did not meet the mark, and we have work to do."

Powerco is the lines company supplying the Taranaki coast with electricity. Its customer base is rural, but also includes a few towns, Mr Holdom said.

Egmont Plains Community Board member Andy Whitehead who farms on the coast said more outages means farmers are having to spend

more money on generators.

"Every time the wind comes through, an insulator seems to come off.," he said. "Powerco doesn't seem to know how big this issue is. When you have a power outage that lasts 48 hours you see the effects in the cell count and production loss. That's thousands and thousands of dollars."

Mr Holdom's appearance at the open forum comes after Rahotu farmer Dan Morgan had taken Powerco to task at the board's previous meeting for the number of power outages in Coastal Taranaki.

Mr Holdom said their business planned for an average of no more than five power outages a year for a rural area such as the one served by the Ngariki Road feeder station. In the past two years there had been 23. Of these, 45 per cent had been caused by severe weather, while 55 per cent had been due to equipment failure.

At the September 30 meeting held at Rahotu, Mr Mor-

gan had slated Powerco for the condition of many of the power poles servicing the coast, with many of them having the concrete reinforcing clearly visible.

Mr Holdom said that while there had not been any power failures caused by pole failures, the poles had not lasted as long as they were meant to last.

Originally the poles had been built at a time when there was less quality control, he said.

"Traditionally, a good power pole should last 60-100 years, but these ones are failing at 50 years."

Powerco are looking to replace these over the next 10 years, he said.

Also at this month's open forum were a number of Rahotu farmers who were critical of Powerco's performance.

"I believe the infrastructure is in tatters. No maintenance is getting done at all," Kahui Road farmer Tom

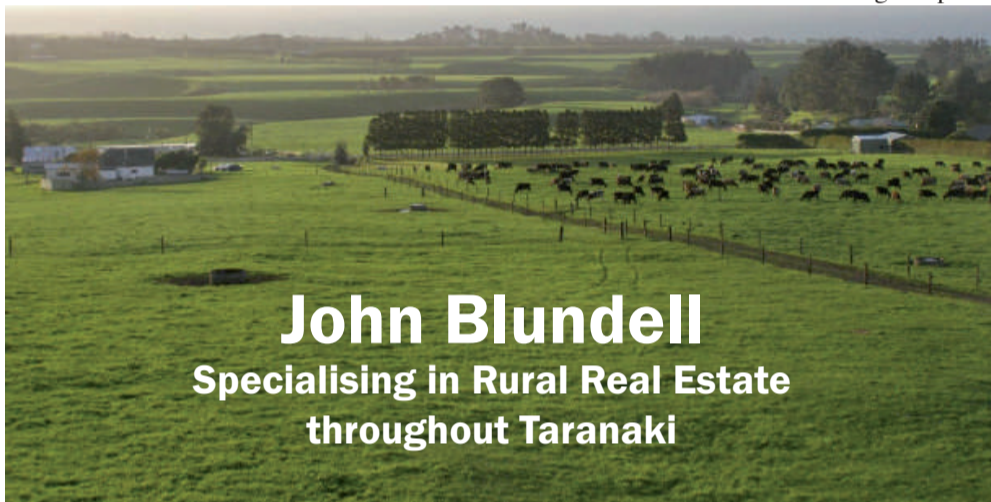
Goodin said. "We pay our line charges and nothing is getting done," he said, citing instances where wire had been off the insulators for months.

Mr Holdom said that it wasn't always easy to tell when power went off to just one or two properties, and in situations like that they often relied on people to tell them there had been an outage.

Interference caused by trees had been the cause of many of the outages, and this was something farmers had to take responsibility for, he said.

"People are continuing to put trees under our power lines. My view is that trees need to be cut every four years around here, and people aren't doing it."

Mr Holdom said \$400,000 remedial work is being done and promised to return in a year's time to report on progress.



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Community Board considers town security

Security issues around Opunake were looked at by the Egmont Plains Community Board at their meeting on November 11.

"The town's not an unsafe place. We just want people to feel safe within our community," Constable Kylie Brophy of the Opunake police said in the open forum part of the meeting.

Mr Brophy was making the case for upgrading security cameras around town.

Recent issues included damage to the new public toilets outside the Coastal Care health facility, and concerns about people congregating outside the Opunake Library Plus.

When asked about the best

places to place cameras, Mr Brophy said there had been suggestions of having cameras at the entrance of town, and at the top of the beach hill, with the ability to look down into the camping ground. There was also the possibility of having a camera outside Coastal Care. This could either be fixed, or one that could be shifted at a later date, should circumstances so require.

Also at the meeting was Coastal Care facility manager Aretha Lemon applying for funding for security cameras for the new public toilets outside Coastal Care. The facility is currently operating at a loss, and a new detailed camera was needed, which

was not currently in its budget, she said.

There had been a particularly bad spate of incidents over a month to six weeks, which included an attempts to start fires, toilet blockages, windows being broken and sensors being moved. These incidents appear to have stopped in the time since mosaics were placed on the outside of the public toilets.

Other concerns included people doing wheelies and doughnuts in the facility's carpark, particularly on Friday evenings.

The Community Board voted to grant the full \$1540 asked for from the board's discretionary fund.

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Shirley's royal occasion



Prince Charles chats to Shirley Hazlewood. Photo: Jayne Beer.

Shirley Hazlewood says she may never achieve her ambition of seeing the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, but meeting Prince Charles and the Duchess of

Cornwall was the next best thing.

Shirley, who lives in Kapinga was one of the invited guests when the Prince and Duchess visited New Plym-

outh on their recent tour of New Zealand.

Well known in Taranaki, Shirley had come down with polio when she was fourteen months old, but had never let

the disease stop her from advocating for the needs of others. Earlier this year she stepped down as president and co-ordinator of the Taranaki Post Polio Support Group she had started 22 years before.

She was awarded the QSM in 2006.

Shirley said Prince Charles spoke to her for about five minutes.

"He said it was lovely to see me wearing one of his mother's medals, and was interested in me having had polio. He said that when he was a boy the polio vaccine had only just come out."

She came away a big fan of the couple.

"He was very down to earth, and nice to talk to, and she was very much the same."

New skateboard has fans young and old

Things seem to be powering ahead for Manaia's new skatepark.

On November 11, the Egmont Plains Community Board showed their confidence by voting grants totalling \$4400 from the board's discretionary fund and the Waimate Plains Development Levy Fund.

With grass seed having been sown and a fence put up between the park and the footpath, the Manaia Community Centre committee were applying for funds to

finish the fencing through to Reimensneider Street and complete other work including reshaping one of the slopes to improve the camber.

To date there hadn't been any vandalism, and there were up to 20 children there at any one time, with the older ones looking after the younger, committee member Phil Woodmass told the board.

"It's a great asset and the kids just love it," he said.

Community Board members voiced similar senti-

ments.

"Whenever I drive past it I want to stop and skate on it myself," board chairman Craig Dingle said.

Board member and Kohanga Reo teacher Sharlee Mariekura said it was already getting rave reviews in Opunake.

"Some of the kids have been to the Manaia skatepark and think it's really cool," she said.

There had been some local opposition to the skatepark being set up on the former

Commercial Hotel site. When asked by Community Board member Andy Whitehead, Mr Woodmass admitted there were still some ongoing issues on this score.

Mr Whitehead says that while there maybe a negative perception around people gathering together at one place, he hoped the day would come when the whole Manaia community would support the skatepark being there.

Having a blast at Cape Egmont Boat Club

Three two metre by two metre rocks have proved a big headache for the Cape Egmont Boat Club. The rocks which form a cluster at the end of the club's boat race have proved a hazard for a number of users of the race. These include recreational fishers, kayakers swimmers,

surfcaster and the sea rescue vessel, which has hit the rocks several times in recent years, club commodore Phillip Barrett told the Egmont Plains Community Board on November 11.

The club had already gained resource consent from the South Taranaki District

Council to remove the rocks, and were seeking funding for diving and blasting equipment to get the job done.

"We're 50 minutes away from Maui, and we have accessibility if anything happens here in Opunake as well," he said.

Community Board chair-

man Craig Dingle said he agreed the rock had to be removed.

The Club was applying for \$6000 from the board's discretionary fund, and the board voted to grant \$1500, providing the remainder was raised by June 2016.

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OPUNAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Congratulations Opunake and the surrounding district. We haven't had a fire call in the past three weeks and we've had Guy Fawkes in that time. So a big thank you to everyone and keep up the wonderful fire safety measures. Please keep a check on your neighbours, and if you hear a smoke alarm sounding off and there doesn't seem to be any reaction from within, give 111 a call. The brigade would rather check out a property and find a malfunctioning smoke alarm, than have to search for a body in a burnt out shell. Eight people died in house fires between July 16-18 and August 18 of this year, so keep an eye out and an ear open on the properties around you. Of the eight that lost their lives, all but three (a Nepalese family) are thought to have consumed alcohol prior to the incident, and four were living by themselves. With the festive season fast approaching, and the consumption of alcohol increasing, buy takeaways or use the microwave, rather than attempt to have a cook up if you have been celebrating.

I was talking to a lady last Friday and she was just off with the family to New Plymouth for the weekend in their caravan. I said I hoped they had a good time and off she wandered. I thought afterward, I should have mentioned a few safety aspects regarding the caravan because they had

only just purchased it, and they wouldn't be familiar with it. Firstly, make sure there is a working smoke alarm installed. Motorhome and caravan fires have the potential to be fatal, as fire spreads extremely quickly, and with the added dangers of gas bottles, smoke alarms are essential.

A fire extinguisher should be attached on the inside of the van door, and a fire blanket placed in a handy position should the need arise. Kitchen fires can happen in your home on wheels, just as easy as anywhere else, so don't leave stove top cooking unattended. When staying in a caravan, have an escape route plan worked out and make sure all are familiar with it. If there is a fire near the exit door, you may have to escape via a window, so work out which would be suitable and give the softest landing.

Gas leaks can have an explosive effect on you and your family. Ensure the gas bottle is serviced before you go away on your holiday, and there should be a gas detector in your motorhome or caravan. If you don't own a detector, they are available from about \$70 upwards from a RV parts supplier.

Ensure your power cord is in good condition - replace or repair any frayed parts, or loose plugs. Your motorhome or caravan must have a current Warrant of Electrical Fitness Certificate if you wish to stay at holiday parks. These

certificates last for a period of four years and are a must.

To sum up, if you own a motorhome or caravan, make sure all equipment is safe and in good working condition, so you and your family have an enjoyable holiday. I have witnessed a caravan fire while staying at a beach north of Gisborne, and I can assure you it does not take long for one to "melt" before your eyes. The fire was caused by a faulty gas fridge that had been giving grief during the day, and nothing had been done to remedy it until about 11 o'clock at night, when the fridge thought it would fix it for good. If you think something looks a little dodgy, get it sorted before you go, so that way you and your family will return happy and refreshed, and the local fire brigade will also get to enjoy their Christmas break as well.

Early on Saturday 7 (4:45am - the things we do to fund raise) a few of our crew set up and manned the transition station at the Te Kiri hall for the run/walk around the mountain event. We had to record the time the competitors changed over, keep the drinks table topped up and open the hall so competitors could use the bathrooms. The temperature was around the 4 degree mark, the fog was extremely low, but all competitors seem to be in good spirit and having a great time... except for one poor blighter who arrived and couldn't find his team member to pass the

baton to. After a breather and a few frantic phone calls, he decided to chug on again and hopefully find his team mate. He eventually found him three kilometres down the road.

On Thursday 12, we hosted 27 members of the Hyway 45 Cruisers Car Club for their monthly meeting and a bbq meal. The fun loving bunch seemed to have an enjoyable

time, and were appreciative of the meal and hospitality we bestowed on them.

I spoke too early with regard to the lack of fire calls. On Saturday 14 at about 9 pm, we were called to a tree fire on an Oaonui farm. From the road it looked an impressive sight and probably quite menacing to the passer-by that phoned it in. After dousing it with

a lot of water and still not being able to reach the top, we decided to show it a chainsaw. Once it hit the ground we gave it a good old drenching and the job was done. It was back to the station to top up with water and wash the cow muck from the wheel arches.

The Happy Camper

WI enjoy fun and friendship

The Womens Institute Fun and Friendship meeting was hosted by the Te Kiri WI at the Te Kiri Hall. This is a special day for all South Taranaki WIs to enjoy a social day and discuss Institute business. Our executive president Leonie West welcomed everyone, with a special greeting to visitors from Wanganui and North Taranaki. The morning's programme started with our make and model, with teddy bears being the models. These weren't like the ones we know. They lay on their sides as though they were dozing and fitted into the hand. Members used their imaginations and dressed them. One little All Black was lovely. The first prize winning frock from Trashaganza was modelled.

Marcia Haigh spoke

about her work at the South Taranaki District Council helping young ones into work and seeing that they are safe, as well as improvements being made to Hawera town. The afternoon was a social time, with Chloe Banz singing a bracket of songs, accompanying herself on the guitar. President Leonie West asked Phyliss Malcolm to present long service badges, including one 70 year badge to a member of the Rawhitiroa Institute who is 90 years young. I apologise that I

didn't get her name, but what a great achievement. Val Eliason, Joan O'Connor, Doris Hall and Mavis West received badges for 60 years, while June Walsh and Kath Perrett were awarded badges for 50 years. We all felt very honoured, and I have learned quite a lot as a member. I am very proud of the Te Kiri WI. Congratulations to our president Leonie West who kept the meeting moving along with a sprinkling of fun. A really enjoyable day, and thank you to everyone for making it so.



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Leadership positions for Coastal students



Three Coastal Taranaki students have been named to leadership positions at Sacred Heart Girls College for 2016.

Jenna Barrett - Head Girl SHGC. Parents Robyn and Kevin Barrett. Grandparents Bob and Barbara Sinclair, and Ted and Mary Barrett.

Katie Walsh - Deputy Head Boarder Elizabeth House SHGC Hostel. Parents Kerry and John Walsh.

Grandparents Phil and Pat Walsh & Mervyn Tamatea and Cheryl Wyld.

Georgia Keech - Deputy Head Boarder Elizabeth House SHGC Hostel and School Sports Leader. Parents Craig Keech and Julie O'Rorke. Grandparents - John and Janet O'Rorke and Mike and Janice Keech (Mossip)

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The primary school Oscars

Opunake's Sandfords Event Centre was packed with excited cheering primary school students when four schools attended the Moa Awards on Tuesday November 10. This is the second year they've staged the Moa Awards which are a type of mini Oscar Awards focussing on school pupils' digital learning, which included videos, blogs and websites and certainly showcased our young future innovators in the arts, sciences and in other areas of the curriculum. The four competing primary schools were Opunake Primary School, Matapu, Kaponga and Auroa. Many of the young students dressed in style for the "red carpet" event, some arriving in limousines and classic cars. Proud parents and others enjoyed the entertainment. It was quite a night. There were some elaborate videos by the young students. Some included animated images, others relied on the acting talents of the pupils. The entries were divided into three strata - junior, intermediate and senior - in a range of categories which

included the arts, education and Maori language. The nominations in each category included short excerpts from each of the nominations, then the announcement of the winners which were greeted by wild cheering from the winning school. The winning video was then shown. Judges were independent and from outside the schools, said Leo Frank who teaches year 7 and 8 at Opunake Primary School. The comical junior music video entry by Opunake Primary School entitled We Will Dock You, with young



Year 7 students Reuben and Liam Smith from Opunake Primary School who won the Senior Educational Award with their video about the event that triggered World War I, the killing of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. Reuben is "something of a history buff" said teacher Leo Frank while Liam is the technology whizz.

students pursuing little lambs to the song We Will rock you was clearly a crowd favourite and brought the house down. Their win was well deserved. There were some sophisticated entries by the older students. Auroa Primary School's Kaiyah Bloor with his fine singing voice was the overall winner of the music videos. Best Overall Performer went to Jonte Churchill from Opunake

Primary School. Brydee Hunt, also from Opunake Primary School was Best Narrator. The awards evening was very ably compered by Opunake's own Dinnie Moeahu (DMan), who has just received the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce New Business Excellence Award. Those present were entertained at intervals by the Star Wars video which starred the principals of

the four schools, Jared Chittenden (Matapu), Heath Chittenden (Auroa), Shane Downes (Kaponga) and Lorraine Williamson (Opunake). It was great fun.

Congratulations to all involved - the students, and especially the principals who came up with such a wonderful idea to motivate and inspire their young pupils.



Opunake Primary students dressed up as movie stars for the MOA awards

Remembering Gallipoli

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Among those gathered at the Manaia Domain to witness the unveiling of the plaque was Eric Cresswell who saw service in the New Zealand air force during the Second World War. Sporting an array of medals which included

service during the War, and one for service to his country, he spent 18 months in Japan, where he has returned several times since. His judo instructor in Japan when he went there with the Occupation Force ended up becoming his father-in-law. Eric married a Japanese



woman in 1955. They returned to live in New Zealand, but his wife sadly died in 1962 at the age of 36. While in Japan, Eric was exposed to the effects of radiation from the dropping of the two atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Over the years he has had multiple illnesses associated with radiation poisoning, and says nuclear weapons, "should never be used." He said people are still being affected today by the fallout from the atomic bombs.

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I still remember the night of the 2008 election and the nervousness and excitement waiting for the results to be finalised for the New Plymouth electorate. Since winning this seat seven years ago I have seen this electorate continue to grow. New ideas and businesses start,

local communities working together for one another and a Taranaki region that is strong and resilient. It is most certainly a privilege to represent this electorate in Parliament. As a Government we've been busy from day one, delivering practical results that make a positive differ-



Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

ence for New Zealanders. First up, we rolled out our 100-day action plan to deliver our core election promises on the economy, law and order, education, and health.

We've carried on as we began – we're delivering on our promises and taking New Zealanders with us. As a result of our responsible management we're making

great strides towards helping New Zealanders build a stronger, more prosperous country – a country where we can have a great lifestyle and earn a good income that compares well with the rest of the world, and Taranaki is a region that is iconic as a place to live work and play.

Here's just a snapshot of our achievements over the past seven years.

We've turned the Government's books around and achieved surplus for the 2014/15 year, a target we first set following the devastating Canterbury earthquakes and the Global Financial Crisis. An average wage of now over \$57,000 and almost 200,000 more jobs created over the past four years.

The first real benefit increases in 43 years mean

110,000 vulnerable families with children will be better off.

We're delivering free doctor's visits and prescriptions for children aged under 13 – that's 750,000 kids who are benefitting. We're also helping families by extending paid parental leave.

More people are getting the operations they need – we're delivering around 50,000 more elective operations a year than in 2008 as well as ensuring cancer patients are getting treatment faster.

A record \$25 billion is now being invested in health and education every year. Our dedication to education is ensuring our young people are getting a better education and achieving better qualifications.

We've negotiated major

trade agreements to help our exporters, and we're supporting households and businesses through lower ACC levies, rolling out faster broadband across the country, and cutting red tape.

And we've stood by the people of Canterbury and supported the rebuild to the tune of \$16.5 billion.

We must build on these gains. National is focused and full of ideas for the years ahead to ensure we maintain the momentum we've built up since 2008. As your Member of Parliament I am committed to working with you all to ensure Taranaki remains a growing region with the infrastructure and support it needs and strong representation in Government.

Jonathan Young MP

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Round the Mountain success for Opunake team

On November 6/7 Oaonui Flames won the Composite (walking and running) section of the Round the Mountain event (comprising 21 legs) in 14:11:37. The group meet regularly in Opunake to do fitness and their training obviously has paid off. This was their third win in the last four years of the event," explained Team manager Karla Tito, who



Back row L to R: Bronwyn McNeil, Deborah Wilson, Stacey Smith, Phillipa Hamilton-Davis, Fraser Campbell, Terry Adams, Mitchell Campbell, Jacques LeProu. Front L to R: Sonya Moeahu, Robyn LeProu, Karla Tito. Absent: Simon Adams, Michael Stevenson, Troy Forsyth, Pierre Gall, Jordy Hooper.

added, "And also it was our fastest time." There were 58 teams in their section.

She explained that they did not expect to win this time. "It was a bonus for all our hard work. As a team we were really pleased."

Okato Vet Clinic were placed a creditable ninth in the same section in a time of 15:38:49.

In the individual events Grace Yanyi Leung from Hong Kong won the Female Solo 100 in 21:24:46, with Glenn Sutton taking out the Male equivalent category in 15:27:21. The Male Solo 50 was won by Des Murray in 07:43:05.

Another team from Opunake was the SH45 Gal Pals, who were in the Walkers section.

Their time was 22:25:55. Looking relaxed in Okato was team member Judith Armstrong, who said she takes part each year. "It's all good fun." This section was won by Taranaki Race Walkers from New Plymouth in 16:30:41.

The Business House Walkers event was won by Mountain Warriors-Toa Rangatira from New Plymouth (21:17:48).

Business House Composite was won by ASB Rural from Hawera (14:36:05).

Ravensdown Hawera Hounds from Hawera won the

Runners section in 09:11:08, while Business House Runners was won by Gallagher from Hamilton in 11:21:53.

Coming all the way from Auckland BBI Hypersonics won the School Challenge in 11:45:33.

Organiser Selwyn Brown was pleased with how the event went and mentioned "Awesome feedback" from participants. He said 1800 took part this year, which was down a bit on last year. However, as result of the excellent feedback he concluded, "I think the numbers will grow" for the 2016 event.



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Labour Party opens office in New Plymouth

The Labour Party has opened an office in New Plymouth at 21 Norgate.

The office will be shared by the Leader of the Opposition Andrew Little and the Labour Member for Te Tai Hauauru Adrian Rurawhe.

The office will be open from 10am till 2:30pm week days, and other times by arrangement.

Andrew Little hopes to be there once a month or more frequently.

It is the first time Te Tai Hauauru Maori electorate has had a presence in Taranaki since Nanaia Mahutu in 1999.

"It's a great thing," commented someone at the opening.

Adrian Rurawhe said he was delighted to have an office in New Plymouth for constituents to come to.

"It's a place for me to meet with them. I have an 0800 number for people to call and



Andrew Little and Adrian Rurawhe outside the Labour Party office.

arrange meetings and discuss issues they might have."

He hopes to be there at

least a minimum of two days a month and described it as an "excellent location," and

easier for our constituents to get to.

Recently returned from the Labour Party conference, Andrew Little said the conference had been "excellent". There was a "very positive mood and what's needed to win." There were no recriminations, and there's a much more united spirit."

Creating jobs in New Zealand was a major focus of Labour Party policy, adding that "the cheapest is not necessarily the best." He referred to contracts for work that could be done in New Zealand being done elsewhere, such as with KiwiRail, where railway carriages were built in China with the loss of 150 skilled jobs from Dunedin. A lot of remedial work done on the new carriages had added to the cost.

Working in with local authorities on infrastructure projects to generate local jobs

was another focus.

As regards the increasing value of property in Auckland, Andrew Little said a Labour Government would look at tax deductibility on interest paid on mortgages and the role of non residents in the buying of houses.

The Labour Government would also work with farmers on research and development, concentrating on more and more milk products and on commodity goods.

"I think people are really looking for change," said Adrian Rurawhe, adding that there are serious issues that affect Maori families first, which he says is "part of the reason I was elected, and those families and voters looked for a new candidate."

He predicts the Labour Party will "consolidate our support" in the six out of the seven Maori electorates they currently hold.

He added that everyone was "excited and motivated" after the conference.

One of the big problems facing the country was lack of jobs, he said.

He also added that the government should be building houses throughout the whole country.

"We need support right now. We need rental accommodation. We need to be building affordable houses, creating employment."

Andrew Little's mother who is 92 was at the opening of the new Labour Party office.

Mrs Little who still lives in New Plymouth where Andrew grew up said he was a "very caring boy, sensitive". He went on to do a law degree and then later became involved in the Trade Union movement, which Mrs Little said with a grin, had "hardened him up." Andrew and his twin sister

The Future of Work

A talk on The Future of Work with the Leader of the Labour Party Andrew Little and Labour's Finance Spokesperson Grant Robertson attracted a big turnout at a public meeting in New Plymouth on Thursday night November 12.

The public meeting was the first of many to be held around the country.

What is happening to work, the nature of work due to new technology and the changes to society were just some of the questions addressed.

Increasing technology meant that jobs were disappearing, said Andrew Little, citing a recent visit to The Warehouse bathroom products section. Two years ago they employed 26 people,

now they employ six.

New technology was taking away jobs, but also creating opportunities, he said.

"We need to be thinking about it now. What are we doing to make sure there's work available for those who want to work in 20 years time?"

Grant Robertson said the future of work was "much bigger than any political solution," and said Labour's Future of Work Commission was a two year project. The first part involved posing questions and coming up with ideas.

"The nature of work is changing and we've got to go there," he said. It's "no longer a place you go to, but what you do."

He said there were three

major areas of focus - automation, globalisation and collaboration.

It is predicted that 45% of jobs in the New Zealand economy are at high risk of disappearing due to automation in the next two decades. Accountancy is an example of one most at risk.

However against this, there are some exciting opportunities. With improved productivity and innovation, there are huge opportunities to be your own boss.

We needed to be looking at higher wages, greater economic security and high skilled, resilient workers. Security of work and income and flexible work arrangements were other considerations. With changing jobs, we need to teach skills rather than subjects. Free online tertiary education and expanding workforce training was important. We should be focussed on lifelong learning.

"We must be continually upskilling and retraining throughout our life," Grant Robertson said.

If there is going to be less work around, how we recognise unpaid work in raising children and looking after the elderly, was also mentioned.

Afterwards everyone was invited to take part in offering suggestions as to the biggest opportunities and challenges in the future of work.



Grant Robertson at the public meeting.

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COASTAL OUTLOOK Paris, Peace and the TPP

We extend our sympathy to France and all who suffer because of the Paris massacres promulgated by the Islamic State on 14 November 2015.

The horrendous events in Paris dictate that this week's "Coastal Outlook" must consider security and peace. Is there anything we can do about global conflicts and violence? We all try to make sense of the "big picture". It is a challenge because everything relates to everything else.

What can we do?
I think there are two things we can do right now to contribute to world peace: we could invest more in education and raise our consciousness about peace. The humanities disciplines in our universities might yet prove to be more important than the hard sciences. WITT could integrate peace studies into all its courses. The Parihaka Centre to be built soon will be an important contribution.

Simplistic ideas
Let us begin with a statement that must be wrong



Dr Robert Shaw

but which has truth within: There are two fundamental drivers of global violence: religion and poverty. This is a sociological/economic argument, but it will not make the sociologists or the economists happy. Historians will cringe at the simplification. Psychologists will say I should consider human nature. Philosophers will say I must improve my knowledge of ethics. Religious people may be offended. But we have to start somewhere, so let us consider religion and poverty.

Religion

Reports from Paris say the

terrorists yelled "This is for Syria" and "Allahu Akbar" ("Allah is greater", or "God is great"). The violence that we saw in Paris last week – characterised as Moslem versus Christian – has a history of over 1,000 years. Sometimes the Christians won, sometimes the Moslems. It is clear from the rhetoric of John Kerry that the Christians do not intend to love their enemies or turn the other cheek. We will find them and kill them, he says.

Moslem-Christian Conflict

President Obama upset many when he said the Christians should not get on their "high horse" because they are just as guilty of atrocities as the warriors of Islam. It is a bit like a bitter divorce where each accuses the other of the greater crime.

Muslim scholars argue that the conflict began with Pope Urban II around 1095. He demonized Islam and Muslims, and he began the military expeditions (eventually called The Crusades) into foreign lands. The Christian scholars say the Pope responded to the incursions of the Muslims. All this offends those who believe in scholarship.

Change

If the Christian-Moslem conflict has been going on over a thousand years, why is it so awful now? Perhaps it was always awful. What has changed is the resource base of those involved, management and organisation, and

technology. One guy with the resources, organisational skills and the technology can kill and maim thousands.

Drones

The West now uses satellites and drones to kill "targets". We, the citizens of the West, accept this without protest. Drones change everything. They are the ultimate weapon if you do not mind incidental casualties (sanitised in the term "collateral damage"). Drones alter the very nature of war because the warriors are not on the front line. Drones appeal to the politicians because they are low-cost and the operators' country has no casualties.

Our turn

When the drones attack your loved ones – your children or your grandchildren – remember where it all began. Remember what you did to turn the tide of history, remember your contribution. Today is the day that you must act for peace.

Our best hope

The United Nations remains the best hope for world security and peace. Unfortunately, it is a dysfunctional institution. The decision-making structures decided after the Second World War are unfair and lack credibility. They undermine the commitment which the UN requires from member countries.

The history of the UN appears in the Ken Follett novel "Winter of the World". It is a great book if you want some insights into



Christians and Muslims fought with swords, but now they use high explosives, drones and Kalashnikov rifles. Pope Urban II in 1095, during his sermon at Clermont, France, called for the religious military journeys which came to be known as the Crusades.

the UN. You might like to join the New Zealand United Nations Association, but it does not have a branch in Taranaki.

UN Development Goals
A few months ago the nations of the United Nations unveiled their "17 Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs). These aim to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality.

Any serious attempt to eliminate poverty must modify capitalism. Half the wealth of the world is owned by 1 per cent of the people. This is the outcome of capitalism. Wealth inequality has been increasing steadily since 2008, according to the latest report from Credit Suisse.

UN lacks power
The United Nations cannot make laws. It cannot enforce its decisions. All it can do is move motions to condemn or applaud actions taken by nations or groups. The strength of the UN is that all countries are involved; the weakness is that they cannot do anything much together.

Fierce capitalism
In the academic jargon, fierce capitalism is known as "neoliberalism" (neoliberalism). The theory

says competition is good, individual profit is the good, and open markets are great. With my beginning Chinese students I call it the "American way of doing business". This is the theory of the TPP. Is this an approach that will contribute to justice and world peace?

TPP and peace
New Zealand's focus in the TPP negotiations has been on how the agreement can increase the income of our important industry sectors. These were the specific and immediate goals of our negotiators.

There are other TPP goals which are not about identified industries – these should concern us. It is these things that will undermine the security of your children and your grandchildren. They are the peripherals of fierce capitalism.

SDG conflicts with TPP
The UN world development goals are in conflict with the goals of the TPP. Oh well, we might say, governments often try to do contradictory things. Unfortunately, it is more serious in this case. The SDGs are important for our future security.

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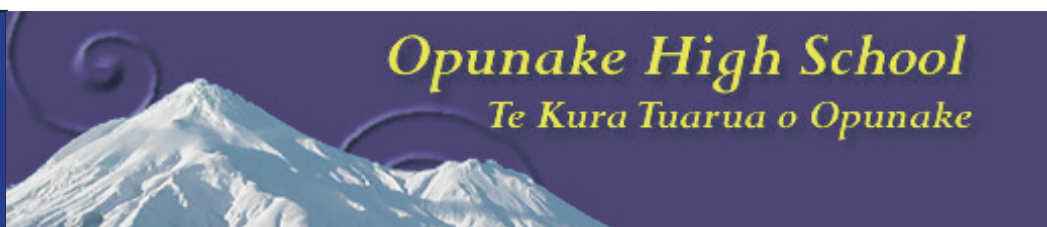
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O.H.S. celebrated the success of the senior students on Thursday 5 November at the Senior Prizegiving. The community supported this event and paid tribute to all students who had exceeded expectations over the year. Congratulations to everyone that received awards.



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The royal couple, Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall visited New Plymouth on November 11. The Prince of Wales was welcomed onto Te Rewa Rewa Bridge, over the Wai-whakaiho River, by members of hapu Ngati Tawhirikura. Prince Charles met with two Opunake High School students Katie Sinclair and Baylie Bright with Simon Fuller, where they discussed the Enviroschools programme. Opunake was one of only two schools in the country that was selected to meet with the royals. A privilege and honour for our school and these students.

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SCOTT OLLIVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scott James Oliver died tragically in January of this year at the age of 42, while tramping in the Mt Aspiring National Park. His father Chris decided that one way in which he can honour the memory of his beloved son is to set up a scholarship for Opunake High School students, to give you an opportunity to live your dream. This scholarship open to students going on to further tertiary study in a creative field, such as journalism, literature, media, music, graphic or fine art and animation. These were all fields that Scott was passionate about in his life, either in undertaking these creative pursuits or appreciating them. He believed in his talents and expressed himself through words, music and imagery, and amassing an eclectic assortment of preloved treasures and art. Rachel Smith, Scott's partner presented **Nina Anderson** who is the 2015 recipient for the SJO Memorial Scholarship. Nina is heading to Auckland AUT to study Journalism. Congratulations Nina.

Left: Chris Oliver, Megan Symons, Nina Anderson, Rachel Smith.



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Dinnie is DMan

Three years ago, Dinnie Moeahu was a stay at home dad, looking after boys Christian and Kaia while his wife Sonya worked. Then one day he was browsing through i-tunes when he came across the i-phone app DJAY, which cost \$1.89. The rest, to use the hackneyed cliché is history. In January 2013, he started his business DMan Entertainment, which has

just taken out the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce 2015 New Business Excellence Award. Today DMan Entertainment offers DJs, live music, event planning and professional MCs for weddings, corporate events, sporting events and private functions. It all began with Dinnie as DJ, working with close friends Ashtrin Haimona

and Aidan Morrell. "I wanted to see if there was a business opportunity we could cater for, and discovered that there was a big gap in the market for us to provide professional services to our customers," Dinnie said. "Since the moment I started my own company, I've entertained tens of thousands of people all around Taranaki and all

through New Zealand, from Auckland through to Christchurch, and several locations overseas, including Australia, Vanuatu and Rarotonga." His voice is a familiar one around the province, having MCd at the likes of the Coastal Rumble, Taranaki Rugby and Basketball, the MOA Awards, charity

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World Acupuncture Awareness Week

World Acupuncture Awareness Week is currently being held from November 16-22.

Nigel Cliffe is a traditional qualified acupuncturist who runs a clinic out of the Opunake Business Centre in Napier Street.

Both acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine have been used successfully for many thousands of years in the treatment of a wide range of conditions. By inserting a number of very fine needles into specific points along a system of energy pathways or meridians, the acupuncturist endeavours to restore balance on every level. Because acupuncture works on the whole body, change can be generated emotionally as well as physically.

Nigel can treat anything from muscular skeletal injury through to chronic internal illness using the methods of acupuncture alone or may incorporate Chinese Herbal Medicine, the use of moxibustion and also cupping. Nigel explains moxibustion involves heating the needle either directly or indirectly on specific acupuncture points. Traditionally cups were used to stimulate the flow of blood and clear toxins from the body.

"The treatment involves taking case health history," explains Nigel. This means "taking a radial pulse on



Nigel Cliffe who practises out of the Opunake Business Centre.

both wrists and inspecting a person's tongue. That provides an overall picture to make a diagnosis. From there we create and choose acupuncture points."

Acupuncture dates back to 2500BC. It originated in China.

Nigel says he became interested in acupuncture when, after experiencing many different injuries, he found acupuncture worked for him. His treatment also involved acupressure and massage. These are all tools Nigel also uses in his practice.

He trained at the New Zealand School of Acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine in

Wellington. It was a four year full time course that included 500 clinical hours to be completed during the course. He graduated in 2001.

As well as being qualified in acupuncture, Nigel is also qualified in Chinese Herbal Medicine.

A typical course of treatment involves usually 8-10 sessions though can be less or more.

Acupuncture is said to be stimulating the body to heal itself so often dietary advice or exercises are recommended to continue the benefits after treatment.

"Generally treatments have minimal pain," says Nigel adding "we use sterile

needles."

After graduating?? Nigel spent 6 weeks in China in Hangzhou at the Hangzhou Provincial Hospital full time working in the acupuncture massage and herbal medicine department.

He was reassured when he discovered "The training in Wellington was exactly what was practised at the hospital - that was awesome to see."

Nigel is ACC accredited - work and sports injuries are covered. All treatments are drug free.

Nigel is able to visit people also by arrangement if needed.

He can be contacted on (06) 763 8801 or 027 681 9524.

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functions, the Festival of Lights, weddings and other events.

He says helping people with their weddings is something he finds particularly satisfying.

"There's a lot of pressure on couples leading up to that day, so we try to alleviate that and offer them peace of mind."

He says his business has largely grown thanks to word-of-mouth, and he has bookings as far ahead as November 2017.

Dinnie comes with a background in hospitality and sales. While working at The Mill in New Plymouth back in the 1990s, he got his

first experience as a DJ, and met his wife.

"I love all genres of music and I've got a passion for entertainment, so it was just a natural progression that I got to live my dream by doing something I absolutely love to do," he said. In August he entered the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Awards, putting himself through a Dragons Den-type inquisitorial process to pick up a commended in the marketing, advertising and technology category, and a highly commended in the visitor category, before going on to take the new business award.

"This was a special moment not just for me, but for everybody who saw the

journey from the start, my family, wife and children," Dinnie said.

"My wife saw all the long hours, all the sacrifices and all the hard work I've put into it. Without her support I'd not be in the position I am today."

One more surprise still awaited him as DMan ended up as one of the four finalists for the overall supreme award.

DMan Entertainment now has several professional DJs on board, and has just taken on another live act NVStreet.

"I feel Taranaki is full of amazing world-class talent, and I'm on a mission to try to provide a platform to showcase that talent" Dinnie said. "When I look back at

what DMan Entertainment has achieved in the last two and a half years, it reinforces that if you have a dream of doing something you absolutely love to do, and are willing to work incredibly hard to achieve that dream, then pursue it, as you never know what the future has in store for you. All it may take is a \$1.89 i-phone app.

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Opunake Kindergarten children and teachers listen to Claire Bourke as she explains the milking process of Rainbow the pedigree Ayrshire cow.

Cow comes to Opunake Kindergarten

Rainbow, the 2009 born purebred Ayrshire show cow owned by Claire Bourke and Sarah Langlands was a visitor to the Opunake Kindergarten recently.

Winner of the 2014 Best Udder in New Zealand dairy event, Rainbow contentedly chewed on her bran as excited children watched her being milked with her portable milking machine. "It was a great learning

experience for all of our children" said teacher Diane Chapman, "Many of our children are growing up on dairy farms, but they don't always get to see cows being milked or how the milk gets from the cows udder to the vat".

As Argyll Brody Rainbow

(her pedigree name) was being milked, Claire explained the process to the interested children. Rainbow gives an impressive 39 litres of milk (3.41 milk solids) each day and is not fazed by loud noises or lots of people, as she is used to A and P shows. Four year-old

Skyler Hunn said "I patted it, it was so soft". Cameron Hantom (4) said "It was awesome and fat." Rainbow left the Kindergarten as she found it, with no additions to the Kindergarten's compost bins. Thanks for visiting Opunake Kindergarten Rainbow!

Te Kiri WI take in local gardens

The November meeting is our gardening time, and we met at Jenny Oakley's garden. It gets bigger every time we visit it. We then visited a very pretty garden from the Fringe Garden Festival. It's very interesting to walk around the gardens and see how the colours blend in together. The garden in Murdoch Street was just a mass of colours,

and a lovely garden to relax and enjoy.

We had lunch at Sue's and strolled around her garden., which has also grown bigger, and is just a picture. Sue took members to see her daughter Karen who is in her new home and planning her new garden. Mary Dixon's garden was very pretty, and members enjoyed this visit and a talk.

A short meeting was held and we discussed our Christmas luncheon. Sue has invited us to have our meeting at her home, with a social time, sharing of gifts and afternoon tea.

Thank you Sue for sharing your home, and Merle Clement and Gwen Flavell for arranging our garden visits.

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The end of a hundred year wait

Cyril Mullan was 20 days shy of his eighth birthday when he died from injuries suffered in an accident on the Omata hill.

He was with his father, Oscar, a general carrier from Opunake who was taking a lorry load from New Plymouth back to Opunake at the time of the accident on November 6, 1915. The lorry stopped part way up the hill outside New Plymouth. What exactly happened next is unclear, but it appears his father put on the brake and got out of the truck to get water. The brake failed, causing the lorry to roll back, injuring Cyril who was taken to New Plymouth Hospital with injuries which included a fractured right thigh and humerus, a deep wound in the leg, and a large wound from the elbow to the wrist. He died at 11am the following morning.

A hundred years later, to the day of his death, relations from around the country were at Opunake Cemetery for the unveiling of a gravestone where Cyril is buried.

"Cyril was never talked about when we were kids," one of his nephews, Keith Anderson said. "I only discovered this in the last 25 years."

Oscar was well known in Opunake as the owner of a cordial factory on the site of the present day Opunake Bowling Club. He died in 1951, and his wife Anne died in 1954.

Cyril's older brother Herbert David (Bert) had taken his brother's death very hard. Bert's son David said his father was supposed



Relations of Cyril Mullan at the Opunake Cemetery.

to have been riding in the truck that day, but because he had been naughty, his younger brother had gone instead.

Bert Mullan went on to become well known in Taranaki as a local historian and stamp expert. He was awarded the QSM and died aged 86 in 1991, but always carried the memory of his brother with him. When he died, half of his ashes were buried alongside his brother. At about this time, the wider family became aware of the relation they had never known. It's unclear whether there was ever an original headstone, but by the 1990s, there was only some nib railing to indicate somebody was buried there.

Keith and his brother David thought it was time to do something to honour their uncle's memory.

"Last Easter me and David came round the coast and found him again," Keith

said. "Our aunt had always wanted a headstone put up, so we thought it was time to do something."

On the morning of Saturday November 7, 2015, on a fine Opunake morning, a group of Cyril Mullan's relations were at the Opunake

cemetery to dedicate the new headstone.

Keith said the headstone's Biblical quotation is particularly apt.

"It says those who seek me shall find me, and all this time he's been waiting for us to find him," he said.



David Mullan speaking at the unveiling of his uncle's gravestone.

Michael Spaans elected new chair of DairyNZ

Waikato dairy farmer Michael Spaans has been elected the new chair of DairyNZ

Michael will serve an annual term as chair, made up of five farmer-elected and three independent directors.

He replaces long-serving chairman and former Cabinet minister John Luxton who has retired from the DairyNZ board.

Michael Spaans is a dairy farmer from Te Aroha in the Waikato. He also has farming interests in Canterbury, Chile and the United States, and sits on the boards of Fonterra Co-op Group and ASB Bank.

"This is a challenging time for dairy farmers with the low milk price, the ongoing pressures of compliance and the constant community scrutiny of dairy farming,"

he said. "We are lifting our game, but accelerating the pace of change in our industry has to be managed with the wellbeing of everyone in mind, including farmers and rural communities."

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Opunake bowls above its weight

The Opunake Bowling Club held their opening day on September 13 in sunny, cool conditions, with some new players taking part.

On September 27 the Presidents Trophy was played with a sunny day and good playing conditions for another mixed day. Winners. Nell L'Ami, Pinto Brophy, John Smith.

Club Triples was played on September 30 with Eileen Rothwell, Val Langton and Heather Radford the winners.

On October 11, the club played Pat O'Hanlon, a mixed mufti day. These have been quite popular with winners Dan Ratahi, Rang Fleming, Kay Fleming and Bev Robinson(skip).

Club fours were played on October 14, with two teams

playing two games of 10 ends. The winners were Kay Fleming, Kathy Stanley, Heather Radford and Bev Robinson(skip).

The Men's Lambie pairs were played in sunny, warm conditions on Labour Day. Twelve teams competed. 1st. Chris Oliver and Gordon Symes. 2nd. Grayson and Dale McEldowney. 3rd. Kevin and Brian Crawford.

The Taranaki Men's and Women's Triples tournament was held over two weekends at Hawera. Once again, the Opunake women came to the fore, winning a close fought final against a strong Vogelstown team skipped by Gail Fache. Heather Radford, Eileen Rothwell and Bev Robinson(skip) won the Open triples title by 22 points



Open Triples winners. Heather Radford, Eileen Rothwell and Bev Robinson (skip).

to 21. A great achievement for a small club. As there are no regional playoffs, the winners now go to Hamilton in April to compete against the other centres.

The popular Police tournament was held on November 2 with 10 teams taking part, and the winner was Jason Hazzard's team from New Plymouth.

Batman loses title to Betham

James Langton (Batman) wants to thank his local supporters. The Opunake dairyfarmer lost his New Zealand National Boxing Federation cruiserweight title to Monty Betham in a 10-round fight at the Sky City Conference Centre on November 3. "I want to say a huge thanks to all my supporters who came up and supported me, and all who wished me well. All the support I got was more than I thought I would ever get," he said. James had taken the title off Monty (Mad Dog) Filimaea before a home town crowd at the Coastal Rumble in Opunake back in June, and the bout against Betham

had been his first challenge. "I have got to give it to Monty. He fought a fight that I didn't expect him to fight," James said. "He was a lot more aggressive than I thought he would be. He was the better fighter on the night and he deserved his win. I got hit with his best shots, and I hit him with some good shots, but he was well conditioned and he was able to take them." Betham took the title in a unanimous points decision. "I just wasn't there," James said. He attributes his loss to "a combination of a lot of things." There was the dose of the flu he had had for 2-3 weeks. "I kept trying to tell myself it wasn't bothering me, that everything would be fine. Maybe my diet was wrong. Maybe my training leading into the fight had

not been right. A bit of me didn't really believe I could do it. So many people believed in me, but I couldn't believe in myself." His problems didn't end when he got up to Auckland, with new distractions preying on him. There was the dispute over the gloves. Betham had his own sponsored gloves he wanted to wear for the fight, so his opponent was expected to don something different. "I hadn't really come across that in professional boxing in New Zealand," James said. The matter was eventually sorted and James said he was happy enough with the gloves he ended up, but the affair had unsettled him. Another distraction was the heat, caused by the conference centre having a low ceiling. In previous fights, he said

exhaustion didn't hit him until the last three rounds. This time it hit him much earlier. James says he is "bitterly disappointed" at losing his title, but can still see some positives. "One good thing to come out of the fight is I gained a lot of experience, and I'm a better fighter because of that fight." He believes the outcome could have been different if he was "a hundred per cent right," and that he fought well enough to be considered for future fights in Auckland. There are talks about a possible rematch on a date yet to be decided on. Meanwhile he and wife Kelly are looking towards organising the Hawera Rumble on December 12, which will see James and Sam Rapira take on opponents yet to be confirmed.

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Results of the Coastal Adult Riding Club Gymkhana

There were good entries for the Coastal Adult Riding Club Gymkhana, which was held at the Stratford A&P Show grounds on 26 October and this year the In-Hand classes were combined with the Ridden classes

Judges for the day were Tania Smith of Waitara and Aletta Lovell of Hawera

Results
In-hand classes Pleasure and Beginner Ring

Best Presented - Belinda Wakeling (Sugar Rush) 1, Shane Gadsby (Fontain)2, Jamie Walkington (Elly) 3, Jenny Lavoipierre (Sunny) 4

Best Male - Holly Watts (Asterix) 1, Jenny Lavoipierre (Sunny) 2, Jessica Nicholas (Deago)3, Rachael Phillips (Arnie) 4

Best Female - Janelle Gavin (Milly) 1, Belinda Wakeling (Sugar Rush) 2, Jo Huitema (Misty) 3, Shane Gadsby (Fontain) 4

Best Head - female- Belinda Wakeling (Sugar Rush)1, Jo Huitema (Misty)2, Sheree Espin (Rainey)3, Linda Huitson (Dragonwych Flamenco) 4

Best Head - Male- Jenny Lavoipierre (Sunny)1, Toni Towers (Tonic)2, Kat Novak (Ope)3, Jessica Nicholas (Deago) 4

Best Movement - Janelle Gavin (Milly)1, Belinda Wakeling (Sugar Rush)2, Jo Huitema (Misty)3= Shane Gadsby (Fontain)3=, Jenny Lavoipierre (Sunny)4=, Rachael Phillips (Arnie) 4=

Beginner Handler - Jessica Nicholas (Deago)1, Donna Bunyan (My Shadow)2, Shane Gadsby (Fontain)3, Holly Watts (Asterix) 4

Pleasure Horse Handler - Jo Huitema (Misty)1, Kat Novak (Ope)2, Jenny Lavoipierre (Sunny) 3=, Sheree Espin (Rainey)3=, Jamie Walkington (Elly)4=, Toni Towers (Tonic)4=

Paced and Mannered - (Deago)1, Shane Gadsby (Fontain)2, Donna Bunyan (My Shadow)3=, Linda Huitson (Dragonwych Flamenco)3=, Holly Watts (Asterix) 4

Paced and Mannered Pleasure - Jo Huitema (Misty)1, Jenny Lavoipierre (Sunny)2, Jamie Walkington (Elly)3=, Rachael Phillips (Arnie)3=, Sheree Espin (Rainey)4=

Toni Towers (Tonic)4=

High Points - Jo Huitema (Misty)

In-hand classes - Open/ Green Horse Ring

Best Presented - Kirsten Gooch (Affair)1, Helen McCallum (Posh)2, Nicole McDonald (Holiday Sun)3, Heather Kooistra (Jazz) 4

Best Male - Michelle Taylor (BR Whata Buzz)1, Paddy Dunlop (Josh)2, Nicole McDonald (Holiday Sun)3=, Fiona Fredrickson (Ziggy)3=, Mandy Dunlop (Zeuss)4=, Becky Corlett (Ted)4=

Best Female - Ashley Johnston (Miss Vee NZPH)1, Helen McCallum (Posh)2, Heather Kooistra (Jazz)3=, Marie Simpson (Rosie)3=, Kirsten Gooch (Affair)4=, Esme Whinwray (Special Edition)4=

Best Head - Kirsten Gooch (Affair)1, Dale Mosely (Bugs)2, Mandy Dunlop (Zeuss)3, Becky Corlett (Ted) 4

Best Movement - Helen McCallum (Posh)1, Paddy Dunlop (Josh)2, Michelle Taylor (BR Whata Buzz)3, Becky Corlett (Ted) 4

Best Green Handler -Ellie Grieves (Rossie)1, Joeline Walker (Slim Shady)2, Sarah O'Kane (Arum Christmas Eve)3, Leeann Clement (Ginger Kiss) 4

Best Open Handler - Nicole McDonald (Holiday Sun)1, Helen McCallum (Posh)2, Kirsten Gooch (Affair)3, Heather Kooistra (Jazz) 4

Paced and Mannered - Kirsten Gooch (Affair)1, Helen McCallum (Posh)2, Heather Kooistra (Jazz)3, Niki Perrett (Kool Kat) 4

Judge's Choice - Mechelle Coull (Gijima)1=, Nadia Huitson (Apache Girl)1=, Ellie Grieves (Rossie)2, Fiona Fredrickson (Ziggy)3, Sarah O'Kane (Arum Christmas Eve) 4

Ridden Classes Pleasure and Beginner Ring

Best Presented Beginner Mount - Brian Hamblyn (Ranger)1, Sheree Espin (Rainey)2, Linda Huitson (Dragonwych Flamenco)3

Best Presented Pleasure Mount - Jo Huitema (Misty)1, Kat Novak (Ope)2, Jamie Walkington (Elly)3, Jenny Lavoipierre (Sunny) 4

Best Beginner Rider - Linda Huitson (Dragonwych Flamenco)1, Sheree Espin (Rainey)2, Brian Hamblyn (Ranger) 3

Best Pleasure Rider - Holly Watts (Asterix)1, Toni Towers (Tonic)2, Jamie Walkington (Elly)3, Kath Lambourn (Milleniun Lady) 4

Paced and Mannered, Beginner Mount- Linda Huitson (Dragonwych Flamenco)1, Brian Hamblyn (Ranger)2, Sheree Espin (Rainey) 3

Paced and Mannered Pleasure Mount- Jo Huitema (Misty)1, Holly Watts (Asterix)2, Jamie Walkington (Elly)3, Kat Novak (Ope) 4

Horse most suitable for Beginner Rider- Brian Hamblyn (Ranger)1, Sheree Espin (Rainey)2, Linda Huitson (Dragonwych Flamenco) 3

Horse most suitable for Pleasure Rider- Donna Bunyan (My Shadow)1, Holly Watts (Asterix)2, Jo Huitema (Misty)3=, Jamie Walkington (Elly)3=

Best Beginner Combination - Brian Hamblyn (Ranger)1, Linda Huitson (Drag-

onwych Flamenco)2, Sheree Espin (Rainey) 3

Best Pleasure Combination - Holly Watts (Asterix)1, Donna Bunyan (My Shadow)2=, Jamie Walkington (Elly)2=, Kath Lambourn (Milleniun Lady)3=, Jo Huitema (Misty)3=

High Points - Brian Hamblyn (Ranger)

Ridden Classes Open/ Green Horse Ring

Best Presented Open Mount - Kirsten Gooch (Affair)1, Helen McCallum (Posh)2, Shannon Coull (Gijima)3, Wendy Pulman (Luka) 4

Best Open Rider - Helen McCallum (Posh)1 Andrea Dingle (Evander)2, Shah Bothwell (Biggs)3, Kirsten Gooch (Affair) 4

Paced and Mannered Open - Andrea Dingle (Evander)1, Kirsten Gooch (Affair)2, Shah Bothwell (Biggs)3, Shannon Coull (Gijima) 4

Horse Most Suitable for an Open Rider - Helen McCallum (Posh)1 Kirsten Gooch (Affair)2, Andrea Dingle (Evander)3, Shah Bothwell (Biggs) 4

Best Open Combination - Helen McCallum (Posh)1, Andrea Dingle (Evander)2, Kirsten Gooch (Affair)3, Wendy Pulman (Luka) 4

Best Presented Green Mount - Maree Simpson (Rosie)1, Dale Mosely (Bugs)2, Leeann Clement (Ginger Kiss)3, Nicole McDonald (Holiday Sun) 4

Best Green Rider - Dale



Mandy Dunlop from Manaia competing with her Palomino Zeus in the In Hand section at the Coastal Riding Club gymkhana.

Mosely (Bugs)1, Ellie Grieves (Rossie)2, Leeann Clement (Ginger Kiss)3, Nadayna Johnson (Second Chance) 4

Paced and Mannered Green - Ellie Grieves (Rossie)1, Dale Mosely (Bugs)2, Krystal Watts (Here To Stay)3, Nicole McDonald (Holiday Sun) 4

Horse Most Suitable for a Green Rider - Dale Mosely (Bugs)1, Ellie Grieves (Rossie)2, Leeann Clement (Ginger Kiss)3=, Nicole McDonald (Holiday Sun) 3=

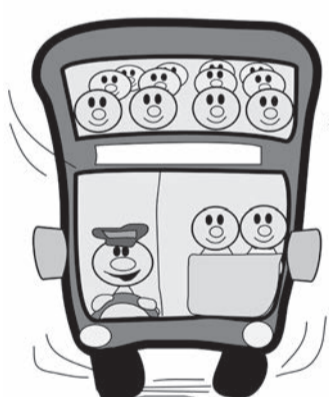
Best Green Combination - Dale Mosely (Bugs)1, Ellie Grieves (Rossie)2, Nadayna Johnson (Second Chance) 3, Leeann Clement (Ginger Kiss)4=, Nicole McDonald (Holiday Sun) 4=

Consolation Rider - Nikki Perrett (Kool Kat)1, Nadia Huitson (Apache Girl)2

Bareback rider- Shannon Coull (Gijima)1, Wendy Pulman (Luka)2, Jo Huitema (Misty)3, Holly Watts (Asterix) 4

High Points - Dale Mosely (Bugs)

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NEWS

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Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month.
Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays.
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Opunake Catholic Church

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

Other areas

Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm
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PROPOSED SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW

The public is invited to make submissions on the proposed South Taranaki District Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw.

Consultation on the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw begins on Thursday 5 November 2015 and we need your feedback by Monday 7 December 2015.

The proposed Bylaw seeks to allow camping generally in certified self-contained vehicles and places restrictions on non-self-contained vehicles and tenting. It is also proposed that freedom camping is prohibited at significant sites throughout the District.

The proposed Bylaw, Summary (Statement of Proposal), Submission Form and Significant Site Assessment are available on the Council website: www.southtaranaki.com/Council/Consultation/ or from the Council's Administration Building, Albion Street, Hawera and all LibraryPlus Centres. For further information, please contact John Sargeant on 0800 111 323.

Your submission must be received no later than 7 December 2015.

PUBLIC NOTICES

OAONUI WATER SUPPLY LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 7.30pm
at Headlands
4 Havelock Street, Opunake



COASTAL RUGBY AGM

Sunday 23rd November at 7.00pm
at the Rahu Clubrooms.

All Welcome.

Enquiries contact Brent: 027 431 7772



SECOND RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2015/2016 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 25 November 2015**.

CR Stevenson
Chief Executive

Opunake Accessible Shop Awards Evening

OPUNAKE SURF INN
28 Tasman Street, Opunake
5.15pm on Monday 23rd November 2015



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Wednesday 2nd December 2015, 5pm - 9pm, All shops will be open and 25 Home Businesses in Touchpoint. Refer advert.

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PIHAMA LAVENDER – FREE BAND

You are invited to an afternoon of music at Pihama Lavender.

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Get along to the Egmont A & P Show on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22 November.

Something old something new at this year's Egmont A and P Show

Entry to this year's Egmont A and P Show will be free. Originally the idea

of committee members Patrick Myers and Walter Smyth, this initiative aims to support local farmers and businesses that have been adversely affected by the low dairy pay out and storms earlier this year. The farming community have been staunch and loyal supporters of both the show and the association since the first show in 1883. The show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, with this year's theme being Anzac. Gates will open to the public at 9am.

old standards and rarities, priding themselves in only playing 100 year old songs. These two acts will appear on the shearing shed stage on both days of the show. Taranaki's Toughest Firefighters will be toughing it out on Saturday in the Pony Club paddock for regional honours, and while you are over there take a look at the Dog Trial also on Saturday and the new trade demonstration area. The massive steam engines will be parked over there and on Sunday a new sport to the show, Lawn Mower racing will be in action. All show sections entries are open, The Tree Awareness Anzac Challenge Woodchop will host nine visiting Australian choppers, and is looking like the most exciting event of the show. If you can't get to the show to watch it, this event will be live streamed on the showgrounds website. The Cattle section has a full contingent of sponsors for the first time in recent years. Leisure Pleasure and Treasure has all the old favourites. The one-off Beer Brewing will be hosted under the grandstand, and all competition beers can be tasted there on Saturday. Taranaki Tucker Bag Awards will be judged at 10am on Sunday where the supreme champions will win \$400 in prize money. The Alpaca Classes will be held on Saturday, and have been relocated to a marquee between the Trade Area and Side Show Alley. The Equestrian sections boasts a third jumping ring this year, which will be for competitors with horses not registered with ESNZ. This will be behind the truck park away from the side shows, and will cater to novice and beginner riders. The Showing Schedule has been revised in line with the new rules and Horse of the Year qualification. Pleasure horse classes are also HOY qualifiers.

The Show Parade starts at 6.30pm on November 20. In a first for the show, either the home or commercial cook can enter their artisan or home made products in the Taranaki Tucker Bag Awards. Kidzone will be as exciting as ever. Befitting the show's Anzac theme, the space under the grandstand transformed into No Mans Land with displays of war memorabilia. Outside in the trenches children will get to experience what life was like for World War 1 soldiers. Old favourites The Big Dig & Class Pedal Tractors are back. War songs will be on the menu this year as part of the entertainment. Two fantastic acts booked. The Starlets hail from Christchurch, this professional trio bring 'star quality' entertainment to any occasion. They are more than just your standard "sing and stand" act. They are a show piece full of song and dance, leaving your toes tapping and songs a'humming. The Dancing & Drinking Society are Wellington based. Band members Nils Olsen, Mat Enright, Adrian Jensen, Dan Yeabsley play a variety of genres including swing blues, New Orleans, Swing, Jazz and Blues. The four play about 10 instruments between them. When they take to the stage, guitar, banjo a large selection of horns, washboard and kick drum blend as The Society present their favourite

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Stratford keeps up show with style

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In the early days, dressed up the nines, they walked, rode on horseback and arrived in gigs and drays for one of the big events on the Taranaki calendar. Farmers, townsfolk and kids of all ages were drawn to a social event that drew people by their thousands.

With the advent of the motorcar, numbers increased and today, despite the huge range of other social activities on offer, the show still pulls in huge crowds.

Last year about 15,000 people came through the gates and this year, in the last weekend of November, a similar sized crowd is expected.

The emphasis this year is on children and families. Myrtus and Strawberry the clowns will entertain, and a special area for kids will also feature childrens' games including giant noughts and crosses, chess, draughts and Connect Four. Old fashioned games like sock races and egg and spoon races will be

run by local students.

A special guest this year will be Jim Banks of Norsewood with his performing miniature horses and dogs. They will perform three times each show day.

McDonalds Farm Barn is a must-see for youngsters. A huge array of animals is on show, including many young animals that can be petted and handled. This is always a big draw card at the show. To make life easy for families here will be free sunscreen available, baby changing facilities and a sit down area with a cup of tea for those needing a break.

You can watch cows being milked and sheep being shorn. As always there's an impressive line-up of livestock at the show. Stratford will be hosting the New Zealand Champion Cow in the Shorthorn section this year.

Exhibitors of dairy and beef cattle, horses and pigs are invited to compete against some of the country's top-bred animals for great prize money and recognition. For children there is a calf club section as well as a class for pet lambs.

There will be dog trials and vintage farm machinery on

show, as well as a display of vintage army vehicles.

The popular pig racing is back, there's wood chopping and sawing by the world famous local club.

This year there will also be an ANZAC Challenge in the chopping and sawing with a seven man team from Australia competing against a seven man Kiwi team. This takes place at 1pm on the Sunday and features single and double saw competitions and two standing and two underhand chopping contests.

Food stalls will cater to the hungry and the ever-popular sideshows will be up and running for all ages. There are 92 A and P Shows around New Zealand and the Stratford event is up there with the best of them. Don't miss it.

The show kicks off on Friday November 27 with the equestrian events and the gates open to the public on Saturday and Sunday November 28 and 29 for non-stop activities from 9am to 4pm.

Gate Charges. Adult \$10.00. Children \$3.00. Children under 5 free. Family \$25.00 - two adults and up to 4 children



Jim Banks of Norsewood with his performing miniature horses and dogs. Only at the Stratford Show.



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What's On  butlers reef

Laconie Zephyr
Saturday November 21
at 9pm -No cover charge
New Menu next week!

1133 Main South Rd, Oakura
 Phone 06 752 7765 - www.butlersreef.co.nz

Cheese-making and more at Hollard Gardens

Opportunities to solve horticultural mysteries and learn how to make cheese at home are on offer at two free workshops at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga.

The cheese workshop has been added to the events calendar after an initial session in October drew an over-capacity audience of 120-plus.

The workshops will take place at the Hollard Centre as part of a year-round programme of free events at Hollard Gardens, Tupare and Pukeiti, the three heritage properties owned and managed by the Taranaki Regional Council on behalf of the people of the region.

At the Plant Hunters Forum on November 22, there will be a chance for gardeners to



October's cheese workshop drew an over-capacity audience.

take a piece or picture of a plant growing in their garden for experts to identify and offer advice.:

Registration is essential for

the cheesemaking workshop on November 29. Workshop participants will learn techniques for success at home with soft cheese and

herb cheese recipes. This workshop is aimed squarely at beginners and no special equipment is needed.

Surf Inn
 Live Band!
FRONT HOUSE
 Friday November 20
 Ready to satisfy your good vibe palette with your favourite R & B Rock & Reggae grooves from the past to the present

SURF INN, TASMAN ST, OPUNAKE 761 8387



CoastalCare would like to warmly welcome
Budget Advice

This service will be available from CoastalCare every
Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm

You can make a confidential appointment by either contacting

Aretha at CoastalCare 06 761 8488 or contact Budget Advice directly 0800 333 048

Budget Advice have supportive, confidential and culturally aware trained advisors who can assist with:

A personalized budget plan.

Ideas to balance your budget.

A system on monitoring your budget that is right for you

Ideas on how you can reduce your debt.

Negotiate with creditors on your behalf.

Give advice on Personal Insolvency if necessary.



Get along to Christmas at the Bowl on December 20.

Fireworks and fun coming to Christmas at the Bowl

Christmas At The Bowl is guaranteed to be another outstanding community event with Jordan McFadyen (Artistic Director) sure there is something for everyone in the show at the TSB Bowl of Brooklands on December 20.

Relying on fantastic sponsors and gold coin donations on the night, this

annual event is our own celebration of Christmas incorporating the largest variety show of the year, exceptional Taranaki talent and fireworks display – a fun-filled family occasion for all to enjoy.

Gates open at 5.00pm and you are encouraged to bring along the family and your

picnic dinner to really enjoy the atmosphere of the event. Food stalls will also be at the venue for your convenience. The Christmas At The Bowl app for iPhone will have words to all the carols to download before the night.

Pre-show entertainment is provided by "Blistered Fingers" at 7.00pm with

the Christmas At The Bowl Variety Spectacular from 8pm. New Plymouth Brass will be on stage to lead all your favourite Christmas carols during the evening, and the big screen will ensure that every seat in the bowl can enjoy the stage performances.

Entry is by gold coin donation with New Plymouth Egmont and Urenui Lions Clubs assisting with the collection of the donations as well as distributing candles and holders within the venue. The Ironside vehicle is available to those with mobility issues, and there is limited car-parking within the Gables grounds for those with official Disability Vehicle passes on a first come first served basis.

Around 9.30pm sit back, gaze skywards and enjoy the Powerco Fireworks display. This is definitely a night to mark in your diary now – an event 'for the community by the community' and something that everyone can afford to do with their family to celebrate the festive season. Walk out through the beautiful TSB Festival of Lights via Pukekura Park and add to the special occasion.

Postponement night is Monday 21st December in the event of bad weather.

Ladies

Shopping Night - Eltham



Wednesday 2nd December 2015 - 5pm - 9pm
 All shops will be open including 25 Homes Businesses in Touchpoint

Variety of shopping from Handmade items, Antiques and Collectables, Candles, Cards, Cakes, Craft, Wood, Books, Embellishments, Stamps, Clothes, Hair, Chemist, Iron Craft, something for everyone.

Men are welcome. Child free shopping.

Vintage Fire Engine will be transporting people around the shops.

Prizes for shopping on the night!

What's Happening....



Please note change of time and day

Fri. 11th December Lions Christmas Parade 6pm.

Market stalls from 5pm.

Wed. 9th December Santas Cave 10.30am-12noon @ Touchpoint \$5 photos

Fri. 11th December Santas Cave 5pm-8pm @ Touchpoint \$5 photos

Sun. 13th December Christmas Party. BBQ from 6pm, Christmas Movie & Carols. @ Touchpoint. All welcome.



HAWERA
 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

466 South Road, Hawera - Phone 06 278 4210

2016 School Year begins on Monday 1st February

We are available to take enrolments from Friday 29 January - 10am - 2pm

Go to www.hawerachristian.school.nz

to find out more about our school

Arts in the Park next month

On December 5, Hawera's picturesque King Edward Park will come alive with Arts in the Park. The day is filled with arts and crafts as people come from far and wide to display and sell their work.

"Arts in the Park is a great event for the community to celebrate and enjoy performing and visual arts together in a lush park setting. The informal nature of the event creates a relaxed, festival atmosphere and kick-starts the beginning of our Council events summer season," says South Taranaki District Council Arts Co-ordinator Michaela Stoneman.

The Rainbow Folk will be a highlight at Arts in the Park this year, entertaining and amusing visitors of all ages with their high-rise, bubble-blowing antics.

Kids are welcome to join the creative crew in the Yellow Art Tent near the playground to experience a metamorphosis. All materials and inspiration are supplied to transform them into winged creatures.

There will also be face painting, pony rides, a mini ferris wheel and a bouncy

castle, and you will find a variety of culinary treats (gelato, nachos, mini donuts, candy floss, spin spuds, tacos and more) scattered amongst the park.

The event will be held on December 5 with Sunday put aside for a 'rain day'. If the weather is still bad on December 6, Arts in the Park will be held inside TSB Hub.

"It's great to know that we have a Plan B if the weather doesn't behave because we know how much work these arts and crafts people put into their products to sell, and how much the public look forward to this event. I'll definitely order some sun though," says South Taranaki District Council Events Co-ordinator Jody Bloor.

"This is always such a well-supported event, the public love seeing what is on display each year. It's great to be able to see the artworks being created as well as linger with those pieces on display," says Jody.

On the entertainment stage there will find a mixture of tunes from celtic to blues by band 'Strings Attached' as well as a number of other special performances throughout the day.



The Rainbow Folk

100 TASMAN ST, OPUNAKE PH: 761 8213

The Club Hotel Opunake

Book in your private function
Pool Tuesdays - Poker Wednesday & Thursday

Dine in or Takeaway Meals available
- TAB -



Arthritis Workshops

Thursday 10th December

Arthritis

Come along to a general session on arthritis including a description of the 3 most common types Osteoarthritis, Gout and Rheumatoid arthritis - and some tips for managing them

10.30pm - 12 pm

All about Gout

Gout is the second most common sort of Arthritis in NZ. Come along hear more about what causes gout and how to manage this condition 1pm - 2pm

Optional - Uric acid tests available following the presentation.

CoastalCare

26 Napier Street Opunake

There is no charge for entry however donations are appreciated. Registrations are essential: Please call:

0800 663 463 or

email wendy.kopura@arthritis.org.nz

Or call Aretha at 06 761 8488

www.arthritis.org.nz

Americarna confirmed to remain in Taranaki

Americarna will remain in Taranaki for the next three years. This was confirmed by Garry Malcolm, the chairman of the Taranaki Vehicle Events Trust. Funding has been approved for the next three years subject to meeting certain conditions including a community programme and a free community bus from

South Taranaki to the Saturday carnival event in New Plymouth.

The trust has also signed a three year agreement with John Rae of Americarna NZ Ltd. His expertise and experience with previous events will be invaluable in ensuring Americarna's ongoing success.



Taranaki Vehicle Events Trust is looking forward to attracting a large number of participants and support to Taranaki for the 2016 event.

Review: The Dressmaker

Based on the best-selling novel by Rosalie Ham, this bittersweet, comedy-drama is set in early 1950s Australia. Tilly Dunnage, a beautiful and talented misfit, after many years working as a dressmaker in exclusive Parisian fashion houses, returns home to the tiny middle-of-nowhere town of Dungatar to right the wrongs of the past. Not only does she reconcile with her ailing, eccentric mother Molly and unexpectedly falls in love with the pure-hearted Teddy, but armed with her sewing machine and incredible sense of style, she transforms the women of the town and in so doing gets sweet revenge on those who did her wrong.

AUSSIE CAR MUSTER TARANAKI

A Charity event supporting **RESCUE HELICOPTER**

28th - 29th November 2015

**East End Reserve - Nobs Line
New Plymouth**

**SATURDAY 28th - Car Display
10 am - 2.30 pm**

- Open to all Australian manufactured vehicles
- Live band • Food & Drink
- Emergency Services road accident display @ 1pm

Vehicle Entry : \$10 • Public : Gold coin donation

SUNDAY 29th - Round Mountain Cruise
Including Tawhiti museum for lunch

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Lollies, popcorn, drinks, ice-creams, chocolate bars, tea/coffee for sale

Adults \$10, Students 4-16 \$8 Under 4 Free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-pos

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| <p>The Walk PG 123mins Drama Joseph Gordon-Levitt's, life's ambition comes true when he becomes a high-wire artist who stares death in the face with every step. The French daredevil devises a plan to walk on a tightrope attached to the north and south towers of the World Trade Center. Friday November 20th 7pm Sunday November 22nd 7pm Saturday November 28th 1pm</p> | <p>The Dressmaker 119min Drama Kate Winslet, Liam Hemsworth, Hugo Weaving In 1950s Australia, beautiful, talented dressmaker Tilly returns to her tiny hometown to right wrongs from her past. As she tries to reconcile with her mother, she starts to fall in love while transforming the fashion of the town. Friday 27th November 7pm Saturday 5th December 1pm</p> |
| <p>Bridge of Spies PG-13 (for some violence & brief strong language) 2hrs 15mins Mystery & Suspense Tom Hanks stars as the American attorney tasked with negotiating the release of a U-2 spy plane pilot who was shot down over Russia at the height of the Cold War in this historical drama from DreamWorks Studios. Saturday 21st November 1pm Saturday 28th November 7pm Sunday 29th November 7pm</p> | <p>The Last Witch Hunter PG-13 Action, Adventure, Science Fiction & Fantasy 105min Centuries ago, Kaulder (Vin Diesel) managed to slay the all-powerful Witch Queen, decimating her followers in the process. Her resurrection now threatens the survival of the human race as Kaulder, the only one of his kind remaining, faces her vengeful Wrath. Friday 4th December 7pm Saturday 5th December 7pm</p> |
| <p>Spectre PG-13 Action & Adventure 150min A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind Spectre. Sunday 6th December 7pm Saturday 12th December 7pm</p> | |

Coming Movies 2015-16
Mocking Jay 2 - from Friday 11th December
Goosebumps - Star Wars - Secret in their Eyes

Due to renovations upstairs seating only but on the comfy sofas

| Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 20 The Walk 7pm | 21 Bridge of Spies 1pm Pixels 7pm | 22 The Walk 7pm |
| 27 The Dressmaker 7pm | 28 The Walk 1pm Bridge of Spies 7pm | 29 Bridge of Spies 7pm |
| 4 December The Last Witch Hunter 7pm | 5 The Dressmaker 1pm The Last Witch Hunter 7pm | 6 December Spectre 7pm |

Calling all entertainers

Colour Conversions – Video, Audio and Graphic Productions in conjunction with the Opunake Players Inc. have organised an evening for musicians and artists at 7pm on Tuesday 24th November at the Opunake Players Playhouse in Opunake on Layard Street.

Ashley who owns Colour Conversions which he runs with wife Janet and entertainer Anne Montgomery, is keen to involve local Taranaki performers in what they do, and use Colour Conversions collective expertise to enhance the performing arts in Taranaki. Ashley says

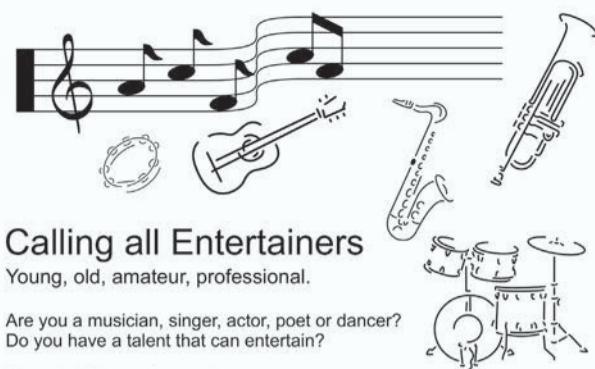
“It’s one thing to perform, but another to take your performance to the next level”.

Ashley, a musician himself - plays keyboards, bass, drums, and guitar. He also sings and has a nice voice. He has recorded many artists over the years, and released numerous albums for radio and Internet airplay. More recently, he created, arranged, recorded and produced the entire backing for local artist Maree Christensen’s debut CD “Soaring To New Heights” a local artist from Okato.

Anne Montgomery, is also an accomplished singer/ musician/entertainer and songwriter. Originally from Auckland but now also based in Opunake, she trained under

Dame Sister Mary Leo. Some may remember Anne from her TV appearances on television and her hit single “Can’t We Start Over”. While living and performing in Australia she was nominated for the prestigious N.S.W. Club Circuit Entertainment ‘MO’ Awards. Anne says, “I am passionate about promoting Taranaki talent.”

Colour Conversions are now planning up-coming events and would like to include amateur and professional artists of all kinds – singers, musicians, dancers, actors, magicians, ventriloquists, poets etc. If you are interested in performing and participating please contact Colour Conversions on 027 897 8941.



Calling all Entertainers

Young, old, amateur, professional.

Are you a musician, singer, actor, poet or dancer? Do you have a talent that can entertain?

Opunake Players Inc. and Colour Conversions (Video, Audio and Graphic Productions) are starting regular performance driven evenings that will result in creating an entertainment platform for covers and original performances.

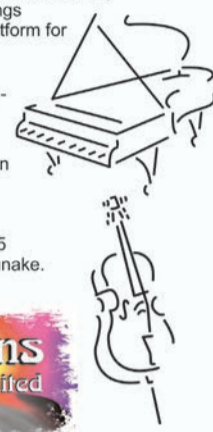
Join us for the beginning of a new opportunity - be part of future live shows.

Bring your own instruments, basic amplification will be provided.

Call us on 027 897 8941 for details. The first gathering - 7pm Tuesday 24th November 2015 Opunake Players Theatre, Layard Street, Opunake.

Colour Conversions Limited

Video, Audio and Graphic productions
027 897 8941




Pihama Lavender

You are invited to an afternoon of Music at Pihama Lavender



This is a free family friendly event. Bring your own picnic dinner & blanket or seating.

Saturday 5th December from 3pm.
Pihama Lavender, 3510 South Rd, Opunake

This will be before the Opunake 150 Fireworks later that evening.



Stratford Art Society

November 13 - December 13

Please join us for the opening on Friday 13 November @ 7.30 pm



All welcome

Stratford District creative COMMUNITIES nz

PERCY THOMSON GALLERY
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Calling all entertainers.

Exhibition promises something for everyone

With over 200 active members, the second annual Art Society Exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery has something for everyone. Each member can exhibit up to four pieces of work in any medium, resulting in a huge selection of art works - paintings, pottery, wood carving, photographs and delicate prints. The exhibition opened on Friday November 13.



Right: Stony River, Dancing Light by local photographer Rhonda Bunyan.

CHRISTMAS HAS COME EARLY AT O2 BIKES



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Come and sample our Christmas Treats - Great for Christmas gifts.

When: Sunday 22 November 2015
Where: 80 Tasman St, Opunake
Time: From 11am to 7pm

Please take this opportunity to visit us. Bring a friend!

Layby now for Christmas - Collect your entry form instore to go in the draw for a gift basket.



Our next issue is due out December 4

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