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Opunake High School's Prizegiving on Wednesday November 6 was noteworthy for several inspirational speeches, starting with the opening one by Board of Trustees Chairperson Andy Whitehead, which was echoed in his concluding comments, "Thank you all for the opportunity to be part of such an inspirational school."

Earlier in his speech Andy reminded us of the invasion of Parihaka 138 years ago and the end of World War 1. "These two events reflect on an intolerance of the differences and how this intolerance can be used as an excuse to attack those that have a different culture, religion or viewpoint to our own beliefs."

The MCs for the event were prefects Michael McCarty and Shavorn Johnson, who ensured the event, packed with interesting aspects, flowed smoothly.

Later, Principal

Peter O'Leary gave a comprehensive speech in which he highlighted the many achievements of the school's students as he paid tribute to the many contributors. "Behind every prize and every success are the teachers, parents, whanau and supporters who have been with you, our students, every step of the way through the highs and lows."

After the many prizes had been handed out for academic, cultural and sporting achievement the one everyone was waiting for was finally announced; Sam McNeil was revealed to be Dux and Head Boy Joel Clement Proxime Accessit (Runner up). Both students won many other awards as well. Sam heads to Otago University with the aim of qualifying as a medical doctor. Joel also will attend Otago University to study Environmental Management and Ecology.

Sadly, the intended keynote speaker Michael Ahie, a former student of Opunake High School, was unable to attend due to a motorcycle accident overseas necessitating an operation in hospital. However, he appeared by video and had many valuable 'pearls of wisdom' to deliver. "Thirty six years ago I left Opunake High School after five wonderful years." Michael went on to achieve many distinctions including being appointed Chancellor of Massey University. His message to students included the need to plan less and reflect more, to be proud of who you are and to not be afraid to ask for help (from mentors and others). "I've never been too shy to ask for help," he explained.

Peter O'Leary said, "It is an honour and a privilege to be standing here before you as the happy, proud and confident principal of



Opunake High School principal Peter O'Leary at the prizegiving.

Opunake High School." He endorsed the DREAM values which underpin the school, namely Diligence, Respect, Exceeding expectations, Aroha and Mana.

Peter spoke of the need to embrace change, with the review of Tomorrow's Schools and the NCEA qualifications partly in mind. He outlined some of the school's academic successes: Students were "well above the government's measures of student success in NCEA. This year we are on target to achieve our NCEA goal of 85% pass rates at Year 11 and 12 and a 75% pass rate at Year 13."

Achievements in arts and culture were also mentioned such as success at the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards (Madeline Symes came second in the Secondary School Short Story section with *Unfocused lenses*) and

the Kapa Haka group Te Haumoana.

Sporting prowess was acknowledged, such as the senior boys basketball team winning the national title, as well as a number of regional representatives being selected in such sports as athletics, rugby, hockey and basketball.

Peter paid tribute to the Board of Trustees. "I thank the Board Chairperson Andy Whitehead and all the Board members for your dedication, guidance and support this year, it has been truly appreciated."

Mentioned by the principal were a number of planned property initiatives including the re-roofing and re-cladding of the Science and Maths blocks. He said there were many more plans the pipeline, including renovation of interior spaces.

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Dux of Opunake High School Sam McNeil (right) and Proxime Accessit (Runner up) Joel Clement.

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Letters to the Editor

Chute Street

I wish to reply to a letter by a Mr Terry concerning Alison Cole who I am proud to say that I am her uncle, and it is I who am instrumental in trying to eradicate Herr Chute from the visible history of our country.

Mr Terry’s letter seemed intent on informing us all of his family’s place in NZ history, so I will forward Alison’s and my whakapapa in the same vein. We are of Ngati Ruanui and Nga Ruahine iwi and have a close relation who was captain of the All Blacks, and to forward our Pakeha side, as did Mr Terry, our name being Sole, of whom “the Brothers” moved and settled in New Plymouth in 1841, and lived in an area which

was known as “Soleville” . Soleville covered the area from Tukapa Street down past the Hospital. David Street, which runs to the Hospital was named after David Sole, one of the Brothers. The Sole family are “Men of Kent” and a family of English note, and were honoured with a Coat of Arms.

Recently I resigned as chairman and trustee of Wharepuni Marae covering the Ngati Tupaia and Tanewai hapu.

I wish to inform Mr Terry that because of the murderous actions of Chute on killing many Maori and the sending to Dunedin of hundreds to die as prisoners , the art of carving became a lost art to Taranaki, unlike North Auckland and the East Coast.

So, Mr Terry, there is a

Election brings new blood

For every local body election I have voted in it has always brought not only changes, but new faces whether its male or female, which is really good to see happening as I’ve always maintained that we must have, not only new blood, but have positive opinions

and ideas for our province of Taranaki to progress.

Progress over the years in Taranaki has been rather slow and static as the reason being is that no council is really willing to step outside that square box in which it seems to hinder some councillors towards the point of fear and uncertainty which no doubt happens to all councils in our country.

To me, all councillors regardless of which council they belong to have in your

ADELPHOS

There’s a question in the Bible that remains unanswered throughout the centuries. Here’s the background:

“Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, ‘Jesus, Master, have pity on us!’ When he saw them, he said, ‘Go, show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? Then he said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well’ (Luke 17:11-19. The New international Version).

Perhaps you never heard of Jesus’ question, Where are the other nine? There could be a number of reasons why

A Word in Season

90% of them didn’t return and thank Him.

Former leper# 1 was shocked and wasn’t thinking straight. Leper #2 had lost faith in a God who permits the disease of leprosy. Leper #3 was a rich merchant and landholder who rushed off to check if his family had preserved his fortune. Leper #4 scurried off to see the priests for a medical clearance. Leper #5 never believed in miracles and that he somehow got healed naturally. Leper #6 hurried to find his old boss to get his vineyard and plowing jobs back to support his family. Leper #7 ran to see his fiancée of 5 years and hoped that she still loved him. Leper #8 feared telling the Jewish leaders about Jesus. He also had anxiety about losing his old friends. And, finally, former leper #9 was a respected religious Jewish leader who still believed that Jesus was a false messiah.

The other nine had many real reasons for not returning. But here’s the leper’s lesson for us: this lone politically incorrect Samaritan leper took three courageous leap of faith steps to 1.) Return, 2.) Personally encounter

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question of your quote of “Marae and public buildings adorn carvings of warriors and rangatira with a violent and domineering past.”

Mr Terry, how can you use the word “immortalised” when the Imperial forces of the times honours murderers?

What I could accept is that military men such as Von Tempsky and Maori warriors fought in the way of the times, but not Chute’s method, as he said he did not want to be encumbered with Maori prisoners and accordingly had them murdered. Also, on his instructions they shot and bayoneted men, women and Maori children in their villages on the Waingongoro.

I would ask the impossible

Mr Terry to rethink his version on historical matters, but I guess once your mind is made up...

Finally, at the age of 85 I stand proudly beside Alison and am happy she supports me, as it was I who first approached the STDC on ridding the name Chute from our vision. Maybe Shoot could be his real name.

Mr Terry.
Kia Tau Terangimarie.

Gordon Sole
Hawera.

PS. As Matariki(Normanby) was to be the main centre for South Taranaki, it seems ironic that the streets there have names of some very questionable characters from that imperial era.

province step out of their comfort zone and get out amongst your voters the people who put you there in this position and find out first hand on what people want to happen which included all retailers and all their moans groans and grizzles which does happen in all local bodies around the countryside. Then you can discuss your findings with your councillors so it will be surprising what might happen and take place.

I myself have been somewhat reluctant to stand for the city I belong in but one day I might just do that. While I also believe one also must inquire some knowledge of the town or city before standing so one can be able to answer some awkward questions.

So I wish all councillors old and new the very best for the next three whole years.

Tom Stephens, New Plymouth

and 3.) Thank Jesus. Only then was he spiritually and emotionally enabled by God with the ability to praise Him in Jesus’ presence.

Today, the same merciful voice of Jesus echoes from Aotearoa’s highest maunga tops down to the lowest

valleys—from the largest city of Auckland to the smallest town of Ohura. Today in “God’s own country” Jesus still cares enough to ask us, “where are the other nine?”

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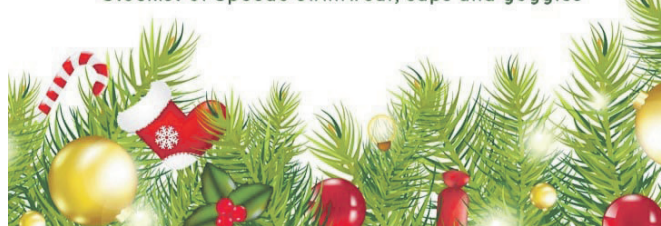
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Tali tops at music awards

Tali Sheppard aka Tali who once attended Opunake High School but now lives in Auckland was one of the big winners in this year's Vodafone New Zealand Music Awards.

She beat out Pacific Heights and Sweet Mix Kids to win the rova Best Electronic Artist | Te Kaipuoro Tāhiko Toa for her latest album *Love & Migration*. This made her the first solo woman to be nominated and win the category in 10 years.

"I've been in this industry for 18 years now and this is my first ever nomination for anything and it's literally something I have dreamed of since I was a little kid singing into my hairbrush down on the farm in Taranaki," she said in her acceptance speech. She was not the only Taranaki winner on the night. Bailey Wiley from Hawera won Best Soul RnB Artist. Bailey and Natalia had the same music teacher while growing up, Julie Cudby. "I'm obviously so proud to represent NZ Drum and Bass, but after all these years I'm pretty much on my own still as a female at this level. And I really want other



Tali Sheppard at the Music Awards.

aspiring women who are DJs producers and MCs out there to know that there is a place for you in our scene!. "This music is one of our country's biggest successful international exports, and people love our music even if half the time they don't

even know what they're hearing -and if you are one of those people lemme tell you. The All Blacks often choose to run out on the field to a Drum n Bass song.. Vodafone uses a Drum n Bass track to sell mobile phone deals, and every major

festival in this country has a Drum n Bass act headlining. "Our music is incredibly conscious, poignant, uplifting, intelligent, emotional and a downright good time, and if you like the sound of that - look us up and have a listen. And to all my ladies out there

who are keen - come and join your sister. There is a place for you here in our DnB scene I promise. And that goes for my female identifying, trans and non binary peeps too. "I'm dedicating this award to

all my DnB soldiers out there. I am proud to be your first lady and to all NZs musicians and artists I am blessed and so grateful to be part of such a rich and colourful music industry and now history."

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The efforts of the Head Students Joel Clement and Lia Harrop were praised, as well as those of the current Prefect team. Later, the new Prefect team members for 2020 were announced and received their badges from the 2019 team.

Peter thanked the teachers for their dedication and positive input and paid tribute to those staff members who had left or were soon to leave. "I want to acknowledge you all for the outstanding work you have done with our students and the incredibly high standards you have set within our school." He

concluded, "In writing this speech, in reflecting on the year that was, it reminds me what I feel most privileged about this role, it reminds me why I'm so optimistic about the future, the future of Taranaki and New Zealand."

Most entertaining were the speeches by Head students Joel Clement and Lia Harrop. Joel used a Rubik Cube to symbolise his and his fellow classmates gradual transition to order from rank disorder. Amid much humour and laughter he also said, "There's no better time to reflect and reminisce on how truly great this high school experience has been for all of us." He paid tribute to his teachers and also to

Lia, "who has been one of my best mates and a truly great leader for the school."

Lia, who will study next year at Victoria University acknowledged her debt to Opunake High School and its "amazing people." She mentioned several teachers by name including Mr Bedford whom she described as a mentor. Her final message to students was "Don't take opportunities for granted." She concluded, "Opunake High School is such a beautiful place to be in."

Mention must be made of the poignant waiatas which graced the proceedings and the lively music of the rock group with musicians Sam

McNeil, Johann Guttenbeil-Smith, Richard Takurua-Hewitt. They sure can play those instruments with finesse and what a beautiful voice vocalist Ariana Dingle has.

The prizegiving concluded with a school haka, a karakia (led by Cheyne-Jackson Taamaru) and enjoyable refreshments in the Pivac Centre Block.

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

The beach is a road

Hi All
 Another election is over, thanks to everyone who took the time to vote. It's back to work for all and your councillors have been appointed to their community boards, committees and portfolio groups. Currently we have been holding induction sessions to get new councillors up to speed and familiarise themselves with council and council policies. It's great to see Opunake and Manaia Town Plans done. This is very important for our small towns.

There are problems with speeding cars and doing skids on Opunake Beach. To drive your car on Opunake Beach is a privilege, so don't abuse it. The Council has the power to ban cars from the beach, and it would be sad if it had to come to that. The beach is classed as a road so road rules apply, and it is patrolled by the Police. The Opunake Police will be doing extra patrols during the year to catch anyone speedy or doing skids on the beach, so it's safety first. With a lot of social media out there, all the Police need is a photo of the licence plate number. They have already received photos and videos of cars speeding and doing skids along the beach. So abide by the speed limit of 10km and



Councillor Bryan Roach enjoying the beach.

you will not receive a ticket. Be safe out there. To my fellow farmers – very slow grass growth in the

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Mangatoki WI visit gardens

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General business: - A field day to be held at Marx's in the second week in October, Bev providing most of the food, milk, coffee, tea, etc, and members to help with making muffins, sausage rolls and other cakes, etc. Bev offered to make the 90th Birthday cake for the church celebrations in April. Our November meeting will be visiting gardens in the Hawera area. Competitions:- Shrub, 1. Lucy Moger, 2. Sandra Scherrer, 3. Cathy White. -Flower, 1. Sandra

Scherrer, 2. Cathy White, 3. Lucy Moger. Three members brought their favourite earrings. Members were then given a surprise demonstration on the making of macarons, by Sandra's daughter Anne Marie, and this was followed by an enjoyable finger food lunch and some members even got to try the macarons. On November 6, members met at the Mangatoki Hall and drove to a cafe in Hawera and met with one or two other members. We then walked to a garden, and craft

shop, and after a browse there, went back to a cafe for morning tea. We visited Joy Linn who does chalk drawing and transfers on furniture, metals, card, and paper, and visited three gardens which were lovely then lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we visited one more garden and were to visit King Edward Park, but it started to rain so we gave it a miss. We all enjoyed our day out and to see other people's gardens.

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Will this be second time lucky for Steph?



Whanganui Labour candidate Steph Lewis.

"I'll be talking about the good the Government has done, but there's still work to do here," she says. "There are issues that have gone unaddressed, so I'm going to talk about what the solutions are going to be under a second term Labour

Government." She says a lot of work had been done to reduce the costs of GP fees which she had noticed as a big concern in South Taranaki and Stratford during the 2017 campaign. More still needed to be done to attract health

practitioners to come and settle in the area.

She says that between the last two censuses the population of the electorate had grown by 4600, and the area's prosperity could be seen in local house prices, with increases of 60 per cent in Whanganui, 34 per cent in South Taranaki and 42 per cent in Stratford.

Steph says another indication of local prosperity is the number of occupied shops along Whanganui's Victoria Ave. She says this is a far cry from the time TV personality Duncan Garner had referred to the town as Zombie Town because of the number of empty shop spaces.

"Whanganui is far from being Zombie Town," says Steph.

In recent months the government has copped some flak from dairy farmers over the Essential Freshwater Document, with the Waingongoro Catchment west of Hawera having been singled out for particular attention.

Steph says farmers are already doing a lot of work on water quality with fencing and riparian planting and this should be recognised.

"The prime minister has said it took a generation for the waterways to get into the state they are in, so it's going

to take time to fix it."

The Government had placed \$229 million into the Sustainable Land Use Package to help farmers plan and transition to lower emissions, she said.

"The Government is not saying go away and do it yourself, we're saying we're in this together."

Looking back Steph says

she has mixed feelings about the Whanganui result in 2017.

"I'm incredibly proud that we narrowed the margin by almost two thirds and I'm grateful to the campaign team behind me. It was tough coming so close, but we're here to finish what our campaign team started."

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Rogue firework sets bank alight

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then set the whole bank alight. Two tankers, Rural Fire and Opunake spent a few hours fighting the fire, where access was an issue. On November 12, Opunake was called to a controlled burn out of control on the Waiteika Road where sparks had set another area alight. The following day on November 13, a new solar system had shorted out and

melted one of main switches at the White Dove. We used a large fan to blow the smoke out of the building. Electricians came and made it safe and they were back in business later that afternoon. November 17 saw Rahotu and Opunake called to a two car MVA on the intersection of South Road and Manihi Road. No serious injuries were sustained, except one

broken power pole and two badly damaged cars.

We were training with fire blankets on Monday night. It is amazing how affective and easy they are to use. I recommend have one in your kitchen to smother any fire on your stove.

*Craig Dingle
CFO Opunake*

Judging by appearance

Gender differences

Our study in a large open-plan law firm in Auckland found that, although occupants generally liked this well designed work environment, there was a gender difference in the responses. Every survey respondent who specifically mentioned being visible, watched, observed, exposed or more accountable was a woman. The male occupants, it seems, were oblivious to their increased exposure. This difference in responses was especially striking since we did not set out to explore the gender effects of open-plan work spaces.

It wasn't that all the women especially disliked being so exposed. In fact, being visible came up several times when they were describing positive aspects of the space, outlining how the open office improved their productivity. One lawyer said:

"Overall the effect on my productivity is positive - can always be seen, so always working unless nobody is around."

Another woman commented:

"Knowing that other people can see what I am doing also motivates me to be productive."

But this female lawyer was keenly aware of the



downside of being so visible:

"I don't like that sometimes it feels like people are judging you for not giving enough face time as everything is so visible. Back at [previous office] there was more of a motto of getting the work done in the time needed and then go home. Now, with open space, it feels more like a fish bowl and I have noticed more subtle pressure to stay later even if you don't technically need to - based on looks some seniors, even from entirely different teams, give you."

Other research looking at the effect of working in a glass open-plan, largely transparent office, revealed the unexpected outcome of women becoming hyper-aware of being continually observed and evaluated, just as we found. Women (but not men) in this study reported becoming more image conscious, changing the way they dressed, how and where they walked, and feeling exposed.

Why is this? Are women really being looked at more than their male colleagues?

Research into the male gaze and surveillance behaviour on nudist beaches suggests they are. But, whether they are or not, women are

socialised, practically from birth, to believe they are being looked at.

Evaluated on appearance

Through their life experiences and their exposure to media, women and girls learn that they are almost constantly being evaluated and appraised. Women are aware of being observed in a way that men are not, simply because their life experiences have routinely included instances of being looked at..

Every time a girl is told she is cute or pretty, or even described in gender-neutral, objective terms such as being tall, she is actually being told she is being looked at and assessed on her appearance. Boys are far more likely to have their behaviour or personality commented on by adults, rather than their appearance - being brave, adventurous or clever.

Even more insidious is the notion that appearance evaluations genuinely matter in numerous situations. The benefits that attractive women receive include everything from social mobility and college admissions to educational attainment and job offers. Women rated as being unattractive

or unfeminine are more negatively evaluated than comparatively unattractive men..

Better office designs

Given that women's outcomes are, at least in part, determined by their appearance, it is not surprising that, compared to their male colleagues, female workers are comparatively more aware of their visibility.

Research suggests we should question the notion that, just because we can see and hear our colleagues, we will have more and better in-person conversations. The communication benefits of increased exposure to others afforded by open-plan space may be overstated, and the downside of being so visible may disproportionately impact women in the workplace.

The idea that female and male employees differ in their perceptions of being observed should be acknowledged and incorporated into office design.

How? By ensuring that, within open-plan environments, female workers are afforded opportunities for privacy. This includes allowing them to work with their backs to the wall or to be seated away from busy thoroughfares, and by positioning desks so that women are not forced to walk past numerous colleagues on their way to amenities such as the kitchen or the bathroom.

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Accident closes Surf Highway



Police, Fire and St John emergency services were called to the intersection of State Highway 45 and Manihi Road near Rahotu on Sunday afternoon.

A police spokeswoman said police had been called at 1.05pm to an incident involving two vehicles. A power pole had been snapped, but there were only

minor injuries to occupants of the vehicles.

Powerco was notified and State Highway 45 was closed with diversions in place because of the danger caused by low hanging wires.

The spokeswoman said police were at the scene until 4.35pm. Inquiries are ongoing, she said.

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Dr Wiratsari Limbangjaya

wrong without knowing their problems, it's very common," explains Sari. Others have been told that nothing is wrong as the tests reveal nothing amiss. "They needed just 3-4 sessions with improvement apparent on the first and every other session," comments Sari. She adds, "Often they are taking many pain killers and have a reduced quality of life and are grumpy with their family."

Sari points out that people who have had surgical interventions, such as a hip or knee replacement, can benefit as the movement capacity is altered post-operatively, which the recipient is not always aware of.

With Christmas just around the corner you can even make a gift appointment for a friend or relative in need. The same can be said for other special days such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, and St Valentine's Day.

Many of Sari's clients come from Taranaki, however, she has some grateful clients

seeing her and has much relief. His muscles were all twisted and knotted. The burning he had in his neck for four years is now gone after three treatments." (abridged).

You can make an appointment for Deep Medical Massage by phoning Sari on 021 0400 507. You can find out more about this therapy and Sari's many grateful clients by viewing her facebook page Deep Medical Massage.

coming from as far afield as Cambridge, Whanganui and even Auckland and Wellington. The age range, so far, is from a six-year-old up to a ninety-five-year old.

Sari also does voluntary work to help people in the community. For example, although not a member of Rotary, she has donated her time to check peoples Blood Pressure and give other advice at Rotary health awareness events.

Here is just one final facebook endorsement to conclude this article: "My husband is just back from

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JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

Nikki Kaye, Shane Reti and Nicola Willis have put into National's latest policy document.

Released last week, the Education Discussion Document contains over 100 proposals and questions that will be refined into policy after receiving public feedback. The focus is on ideas to improve quality, address teaching shortages and enhance screening and early intervention.

A good education system must put students, teachers and parents at its core.

We are committed to reducing class sizes, strengthening teacher training, supporting children with complex needs, maintain autonomy for schools and polytechs,

and investing in education infrastructure.

We want the local curriculum to thrive and teachers to have world class curriculum resources, with less paperwork and more face-to-face time with pupils. Children must leave school with firm foundations in core areas of reading, writing and maths. While they should be digitally savvy, there needs to be a balance with quality learning away from devices. And every child from year 1-8 should have the opportunity to learn a second language.

What do you think?

We also have other ideas that we'd like your feedback on ranging from creating a comprehensive parent/child/

teacher progress record, to improving reporting systems and alternatives to funding tertiary and trades education.

First year Fees Free has been an expensive failure. There are fewer learners now than before the scheme was introduced. It's been a waste of hard earned taxpayer money. We're proposing some potential options, including a possible Education saver plan, which would be similar to Kiwi saver involving contributions from the crown, parents, children and even businesses.

We're keen to hear your views. Please visit <https://www.national.org.nz/discussion-documents> and let us know your thoughts.

The Education Discussion Document is the latest part of an extensive work programme we're doing to produce robust and relevant policies for all New Zealanders.

National wants to work with parents and teachers to ensure all children are healthy, skilled and motivated lifelong learners.

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Leading by compassion

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is not afraid to lead by compassion. She is ensuring that this Government recognises the value of every New Zealander, especially our elderly.

Just on the other side of the maunga in Waitara, Government support helped Te Atiawa Kaumātua Housing Trust build, bless and open four warm, dry and healthy kaumātua flats.

Te Puni Kōkiri invested



ADRIAN RURAWHE MP

over \$700,000 into the project, walking alongside the Trust right up to the unveiling of the kōhatu outside the new whare.

This is a perfect example of how this Government is working in genuine partnership with iwi and our communities to ensure everyone has a secure house to call their home.

I join Associate Minister of Housing Hon Nanaia Mahuta in congratulating the Trust on their mahi, mahi which is enhancing the lives of our kuia and kaumātua here in the Taranaki rohe.

While National is only currently united by their

negativity, from our Winter Energy Payment to our promise of keeping the retirement age at 65, this Government is getting on with the job voters in Opunake and the coast elected us to do.

As part of our National Education Growth Plan, five schools in the Taranaki are sharing in ten new, warm classrooms for our tamariki to learn in. Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngati Ruanui in Hawera is one of them, it gets two.

This is a refreshing change from the previous Government inadequately planning for roll growth, and leaving our schools to make do with using libraries and halls.

With other similar announcements ahead for Te Tai Huaruru, I congratulate Education Minister Chris Hipkins on providing parents with certainty, that our schools will have space for their rangatahi.

Another great

announcement is that we recently declared that New Zealand history will be taught in all schools and kura by 2022.

This is something whānau and hapū Māori have been calling for, for some time.

Too much raruraru is created by people speaking unaware of where we have come from as a nation, and how different people experienced our history differently.

To ensure the important lessons of our past are not left to chance, all schools will teach Aotearoa's history to the same extent, and give mana whenua input into the local histories taught in local classrooms.

Together, we can increase understanding, slash ignorance, and create a stronger New Zealand.

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*Adrian Rurawhe
MP Te Tai Huaruru*

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On this month in history voting referendum held

On November 6, 1993 a binding referendum was held in conjunction with the General Election whereby voters decided by 54% to 46% to change the voting system from first past the post to proportional representation.

In the General Election the National Party, led by Jim Bolger, was returned to power. They won 50 electorates to Labour's 45. The Alliance Party (New Labour, Democrats, Greens and Mana Motuhake) won two electorates as did the New Zealand Party.

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Talking Taranaki

Chairman's chat

No shortage of issues and challenges for incoming Council

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all. The local body elections are over, the incoming Council has been sworn in and there is a lot on our plate. First, though, I'm humbled and grateful that my Council colleagues have again entrusted me with the Chairmanship. And I look forward to working closely with the new deputy, Michael Joyce.



measures that seek to improve the health of waterways. You'll find a brief summary of our response to the Government in this edition of Talking Taranaki. And let no one underestimate the impact of the freshwater proposals as they currently stand.

Michael was nominated unopposed for the role by the former deputy, David Lean, whose strong interest in the environment is reflected in his new role chairing the Consents and Regulatory Committee.

The challenges facing the region and the Council are complex and urgent. Top of the list is the Government's 'Essential Freshwater' package of proposed new

While we all agree with the goal of improving our rivers and streams, we need effective and pragmatic ways to achieve it.

Other priorities for the new Council include incorporating mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge framework) into freshwater monitoring and management, finalising the new regional Water and Land Plan, and working with iwi and hapū to establish processes and priorities for improving the Waitara River catchment using funds from

implementation of the Waitara Lands Act. It's interesting that all but one of the previous Councillors were re-elected for the new term. Read into that what you will, but to me it suggests the community understands that we've had to make some tough decisions, and it also values continuity.

And as we prepare to meet the challenges facing the region, I have pleasure in welcoming the newcomer at the Council table, Elvina Van Der Leden, who was elected in the New Plymouth Constituency.

Last but by no means least, some awe-inspiring people and projects were honoured at the Council's 2019 Environmental Awards last month. You'll find more details and links on this page - it's worth checking out the stories!

- David MacLeod, Chair

Around & about the region

Video: www.bit.ly/Moturoa2019



Winners show how it's done

Moturoa School was one of 17 winners of Taranaki Regional Council environmental awards this year, with the lineup also including a bushman helping to re-home kiwi, country students using drones to monitor waterway health and farmers helping to plant and fence thousands of kilometres of streambanks to protect and improve rivers and streams. Council Chair David MacLeod says he's in awe of the fantastic work done by award winners, while the guest speaker at last month's presentation, Prof Bruce Clarkson of Waikato University, says Taranaki is an example to the rest of the country on how to improve ecosystem health.

- ➔ www.trc.govt.nz/people-power
- ➔ www.trc.govt.nz/award-winners

Taking Taranaki forward

Government's waterway proposals need major review

We all want our waterways to be healthier. However, the Taranaki Regional Council has significant concerns around aspects of specific policies and regulations proposed as part of the 'Essential Freshwater' package. These are:



- ⇒ **One size does not fit all.** Taranaki is unique in its geography and in the progress it's made in maintaining and improving freshwater quality. Much of the new package would have unpredictable and likely only marginal environmental benefits, but would bring substantial adverse outcomes for community wellbeing.
- ⇒ **The focus should be on improving trends rather than setting limits.** This would allow for natural differences regionally and nationally while halting the decline of water degradation. Regulation should only be used where there is a proven cause and effect and demonstrable benefit where it is applied.
- ⇒ **For Taranaki, there is no cost-benefit justification** for the policy and regulation changes proposed by the Government.

The Taranaki community has collectively demonstrated strong commitment to improving freshwater health, taking carefully considered long-term action and spending millions of dollars on measures that have proven to be effective.

Good environmental results are increasingly evident, and have been confirmed in independent assessments. These efforts and good waterway health trends will be continued through measures already signalled to and agreed by regional stakeholders. The Government's package includes comprehensive and complex proposals that raise many issues, notably:

- ⇒ **Proposed nutrient limits are underpinned by questionable science.** The scientific evidence suggests the ecological health of waterways is driven by a range of factors including nutrient levels, flow characteristics and physical habitat. These factors interact differently catchment by catchment, so national limits make little sense. The Government's proposed limits would substantially restrict farm output for no clear benefit. This would threaten community wellbeing for uncertain and at best marginal environmental gains.
- ⇒ **The OVERSEER farm-management tool would be given a role it's not suitable for.** The Council shares the view of many experts and authorities, including the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, that it is unfit for use as a regulatory tool, is highly inaccurate, remains unproven in many landscapes, and cannot reflect actual environmental impacts.
- ⇒ **National 'one size fits all' stock-exclusion rules would override Taranaki's proven, successful, and much more comprehensive Riparian Management Programme,** adding substantial cost for no obvious benefits.
- ⇒ **Farm and community viability and wellbeing would be at risk.** The Government has not provided appropriate cost-benefit analyses. But the Council has found very adverse impacts on the viability of many farms is likely because of imposed reductions in fertiliser use and soil fertility, even with a compliance timeframe of 'a generation', and on the well-being of both rural and urban communities.
- ⇒ **The measures would impose major costs for questionable gain.** Taranaki's mountain-fed rivers are in the 'A' and 'B' bands for ecological health according to the Government's own measures. Their ecological health has, with only rare exception, been stable or improving over the past decade or more. In terms of swimmability, our rivers are mostly in good or excellent health at the places and times most people swim. The evidence is clear to the Council: the proposed national interventions are neither credible nor necessary for this region.



What's hot at the gardens

The annual Tūpare Summer Fair on 4 January is the first in a sizzling season of family events there and at Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens. There'll also be a Kids Fest at Tūpare on 2 February, while Hollard Gardens will host a Sustainable Food Festival on 23 February and Children's Day celebrations on 1 March. Then head out to Pukeiti on 22 March for the Adventure Trail event. Check the events calendar for details of these and other free events at your Taranaki Regional Council public gardens.

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PRIZEGIVING 2019

Held on November 6th, our 2019 Senior Prizegiving was truly one out of the box, and for Opunake High School we took another step forward in embracing the future by live-streaming the entire event.

Below is a list of our Art, Cultural & Special award winners, the full list of winners is in our Yearbook, due out early in December.

ART & CULTURAL

Opunake High School Prize

Senior Literature

Myah Kemsley

Christine C.P.S Trophy

Senior Public Speaking

Joshua Barratt & Joel Clement

Joy Williamson Cup Music

Richard Takarua-Hewitt

Te Haumoana Taonga

Kapahaka Leadership

Roimata Hape

Te Ratahi Ratahi Taonga

Kaitataki Tane

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Kui Pikitia Tito Trophy

Manu Korero Intermediate Maori

Speech

Waimirirangi Thomas Wikaira

Egmont Community Arts Council

Award Performing Arts

Michael McCarty

Egmont Community Arts Council

Award Cultural Arts Cup

Roimata Hape

Egmont Community Arts Council

Award Visual Arts Cup

Kaiah Bloor

Egmont Community Arts Council

Award Musical Arts

Sam McNeil

Egmont Community Arts Council

Award Arts & Culture Supreme Award

Ariana Dingle

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Hayley Quinnell

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Joel Clement

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Intermediate Boys Cross Country

Champion

Liam Smith

Alex Harvey Cup

Senior Girls Swimming Champion

Meg Gibson

Cassie Cup

Senior Boys Swimming Champion

Cormach Hughson-How

Hughson Cup

Intermediate Boys Swimming

Champion

Joe Gibson

SPECIAL AWARDS

A & V Sandford Trophy

For care of the environment

Joshua Barratt

McKay Cup and OHS Medal

Head Girl

Lia Harrop

Crawford Cup and OHS Medal

Head Boy

Joel Clement

OHS Board of Trustees Cup

For Student BOT Representative

Joel Clement

Bolger Cup

For Leadership of the Student Council

Regan Bloemen

James Trophy

All Round Contribution to the School

Year 9 – 11

Pero Brophy

Woolford Cup

Sportsman of the Year

Scott Quinnell

Nicholas Cup

Sportswoman of the Year

Hayley Quinnell

OHS DREAM Trophy

For DREAM Values in School and Extra-

Curricular

Michael McCarty

Minister of Education Cup

For Services to the School

Joel Clement

The Combined Churches Award

For Outstanding Character

Shavorn Johnson & Joel Clement

Everybodys Theatre Award:

Opunake High School Volunteer

Ruby Gatenby & Cormach

Hughson-How

Wotton Award

For Diligence and Commitment to the

School

Heavenlee Ngatai

OHS 2013 Prefect Cup

Most Outstanding Prefect

Michael McCarty

Taonga Te Maunga Tuu

Recognising High Levels of Academic

Achievement

For Senior Maori Students

Te Aotamarewa Meihana-Eiffe

Griffith Merit Cup

For Best All Round Girl

Lia Harrop

Graham Sulzberger Memorial Cup

For Best All Round Boy

Joel Clement

Lena Sharrock Award

for Runner-Up in Year 11 Subjects

Dinah Symons

Pam Morris Cup & Medal

for Excellence in Year 11 Subjects

Madaline Symes

Sue Spindler Award

Runner-Up in Year 12 Subjects

Brydee Hunt

Sue Spindler Cup & Award

Excellence in Year 12 Subjects

Myah Kemsley

The Scott Oliver Memorial Scholarship

For Tertiary Studies in the Creative

Industries

Madison Henare

Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence

Award

Liam Craig

Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance

Scholarship

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Cormach Hughson-How &

Joel Clement

OHS Medal and Award

For Proxime Accessit

Joel Clement

McNeil Adams Cup,

OHS Medal and Ikaroa Lodge Award

For Dux of the School

Sam McNeil

from the Principals desk...



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

It is an honour and a privilege to be addressing you as the happy, proud and confident principal of Opunake High School. Happy - we have been able to offer our rangatahui so many opportunities at Opunake High School, Proud - of their many fantastic achievements, Confident - that our school will continue on it's journey of growing good people for a rapidly changing world thanks to the hard mahi of so many caring and passionate people of all ages and backgrounds strong in their cultural identity, people who live our dream values of Diligence, Respect, Exceeding Expectations, Aroha and Mana everyday.

Behind every prize and every success are the teachers, parents, whanau, friends and supporters who have been with our students, every step of the way through the highs and lows. Reflecting on 2019, we can all sit back and feel very proud of their achievements and who they have each become as young men and women.

Prize-giving is a time for educators to reflect on the world and the need for a change in the way we approach education, after all who here is running their business, job or farm in the same way that it was run ten years ago? As a school we must be willing to embrace the need for change and start a new course built from the strength of what we do best - teaching and learning. Nationally we are currently in a period of post-review of NCEA and tomorrows schools for the first time since these began. It has raised the opportunity to contribute to what we believe can be improved or adapted in our curriculum and assessment areas, it gives us the opportunity to investigate, if we can do things differently to enhance better outcomes for our students. There is a clear need to ensure that New Zealand secondary schools are rich, stimulating, connected and exciting learning environments, where all our students want to be, where our community willingly shares its skills strength and values, and where learning is at the heart of everything we do. Without your help and support, Opunake High School would not be able to offer the breadth of courses that we currently offer.

In reflecting on the academic year that was, it reminds me what I feel most privileged about this role, it reminds me why I'm so optimistic about the future, the future of Taranaki and New Zealand.

Noho ora mai ano
Peter O'Leary - Principal



Roimata Hape & Waimirirangi Thomas Wikaira



Joel Clement & Lia Harrop



Scott & Hayley Quinnell



Madeline Symes & Dinah Symons



Brydee Hunt & Myah Kemsley



2019 Dux - Sam McNeil with his whanau.

WHATS HAPPENING AT OPUNAKE HIGH?

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Junior Camps - Dec. 4th - 6th

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GROWING GOOD PEOPLE FOR A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

He waihangatanga o te tangata pai i roto i tenei ao hurihuri

The dangers of staying at home

Most people want to end their days in their own home, but experts say that can be unwise.

The aged care industry says times have changed from when rest homes were perceived as “places where people go to die.” Now, it is often dangerous to stay at home.

Simon Wallace, chief executive of the New Zealand Aged Care Association (NZACA), says their recent study, *Caring for our older Kiwis: the right place at the right time*, demonstrated the benefits of placing elderly people into residential aged care by examining 300,000 clinical assessments of people before and after going into care.

It found 82 per cent of older people no longer felt lonely when they moved into care, 74.5 per cent had improved health stability and 62.6 per cent had improved levels of pain. “Their quality of life and their health improved,” he says.

The study assessed people from before moving into care to six months afterwards and compared analysis scores for factors like daily living, health stability, depression, pain, pressure sores, cognitive performance, aggressive behavior (if any) and communication.

“The results showed the huge benefits of



Residents enjoy the company at many great facilities.

entering aged care,” says Wallace. “Over 37 per cent had improved independence, almost 75 per cent had improved overall health stability, 27 per cent had improved cognitive performance and, of those with signs of depression, 62 per cent showed an improvement.”

Yet Brien Cree, managing director of leading aged care group Radius, maintains DHBs around the country are delaying access to rest homes for older people who need it, making many stay at home with potentially serious consequences for their health.

That’s because there is a shortage of beds for elderly people who need care – even though our ageing population is set to rapidly increase. By 2043, people aged 65 and over are forecast to number up to 1.4m in a population of about 6m, with those aged 85 and over up to 280,000.

Yet there are only 39,000 aged care beds in New Zealand at present, slated to rise only to 52,000 by 2026. Both Radius and the NZACA say the returns experienced by aged care operators are so slim, they cannot afford to build more homes – and successive governments have not changed the funding model.

Wallace says the DHBs need the aged care industry to expand: “There are only 11,000 hospital beds and we have 39,000 – but they are full. If we weren’t there tomorrow, hospitals would be overflowing; they just wouldn’t cope.”

Cree says the future will see many more people who need aged care than can fit into the beds available: “What the DHBs are doing as a result is weighing up ways of saving money – and one way is to cut the number of needs assessors so that

we now have a situation where people can be waiting for 1-2 years to be assessed and get into aged care.

“So these people have to stay at home, where it is often unsafe for them. They could have a fall, they could be undiscovered for days and even if that doesn’t happen, if they don’t have adequate home care, many are just sitting in a chair, subject to depression and bad health outcomes.”

“It’s also false economy really, as an elderly person could fall and break a hip and then they are in hospital, costing \$3000-\$5000 a day to keep them there.”

“We’ve got 22 facilities across New Zealand and we constantly see examples where those people who need care really enjoy life once they move in. All of a sudden, they are in a nice environment, they have some friends and their health outcomes improve immediately.

“The old perception of rest homes has long gone. The

vast majority of the sector – I’d say 98-99 per cent – are thoroughly professional and, at Radius, the whole culture is aimed at helping people who stay with us to have an improvement in their quality of life; we want them and their families to know they are better off and to feel, ‘Thank God they are there’.”

The NZACA report also showed that, out of the 21 DHBs, the best admission rate for people in most need of care was only 54.1 per cent (Waitemata DHB), with the worst being Bay of Plenty (29.6 per cent) and West Coast (28 per cent) the worst. Only 10 DHBs had an admission rate of better than 40 per cent.

In terms of months taken to get into a residential care

bed, it took those people most in need of care an average of 2.1 months (if they lived in the Waitemata DHB area) or 9.7 months if they lived in Hawkes Bay. Only 8 DHBs had waiting times of less than four months.

Cree says most people are the same – in their old age, they want to stay at home and end their days there: “We are not saying everyone has to go into care. Most people are fine staying at home; they might need a bit of home care and they get that and they pass away at home.”

The problem comes, he says, when elderly people need a care facility – and can’t get in one.

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Artists corner

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This painting by Margaret Scott, *Lilies and Hydrangea*, 1200x800, acrylic on canvas, is a continuation of the large flower series that she has been working on for the last few years. Margaret was born in Opunake and has spent her whole life painting, teaching and supporting the arts in Taranaki.

Margaret went to Opunake High School where her art teacher

was Anne Stockman who helped foster Margaret’s love of painting and even taught three of her children art as well. Later she became the Head of the Art department at Opunake High school and became a National Moderator of School Certificate Art in Wellington. At this time she was very active on the Egmont Community Arts Council as chairperson, and was an elected member of the Central Regional Arts

Council.

In 2000 she retired to Oakura and opened Art by the Sea Studio where she paints, teaches and mentors other artists. She is a member of the Oakura Arts Trail and the Taranaki Arts Trail, and is always part of many group exhibitions held in Taranaki.

Her next workshop is on the 30th of November so for details contact her at artbythesea@xtra.co.nz

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Scott Roberts and Selwyn Metcalfe.
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Scott has been with the firm for seven years since 2012 when Selwyn Metcalfe recognised his youthful potential and employed him as a sales consultant. At the time Scott said, with a bit of cheek complementing his ambition, "I want your job." Luckily, there was a twinkle in his eye and the two men have got on very well in business and otherwise.

Scott's first job was as a cabinet maker working for Bruce Gyde. He admits he listened to his parents' wise advice, "Get a trade and you'll always have this to fall back on, if necessary."

Selwyn is one of the most respected figures in Hawera business circles, as well as being a Justice of the Peace, a Rotarian and other commitments, such as Olympic wrestling. Therefore, Scott has been fortunate to learn from the best.

Selwyn, however, is not retiring – just stepping back a bit to allow Scott more input in the day-to-day running of this successful business where buyers now outnumber sellers in a buoyant market. "It's a very

healthy and exciting time," explains Selwyn. He adds, "Over time I will phase myself out."

Scott probably wonders if this will happen any time soon. "When I come in at weekends Selwyn is always here."

November is a big month for Scott because, as well as becoming a shareholder, Scott is also getting married to his fiancé Jackie Fergus.

Scott showed his promise in business very early on, in fact when he was still at Hawera High School; he won the national title of the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) with a product designed to aid recovery from sports-related fatigue. The product was called The Arctic Strip. Looking back to those days Scott admits, "I always wanted to be in real estate and take on a leadership role." He is pleased Selwyn is continuing to work at the firm because "I still get to learn from him." Selwyn has a wealth of experience having been involved in real estate for 39 years.

Scott is unlikely to have too much time for leisure at present, but does share that he plays lawn bowls. Selwyn interjects, "Scott is being modest, he is actually a member of the Taranaki Representative Team." He also played rugby until recently, but currently follows the sport avidly and enjoys spending social time with his friends and fiancé.

Scott can be contacted on 027 307 6773 or his email scott@metcalfe.nz

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Open Day at Opunake Primary School impressive

Opunake Primary School held an open day on Thursday November 7, with impressive projects displayed in the curriculum areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM). Each class had a different theme to pursue scholastically.

In the Den, for example, the students were asked to make a boat from recycled materials such as plastic milk containers and straws. "It was really hard," admitted Kiara.

One of the extra-ordinary objects was a hut-like structure (Solar Den) in the Den where simple solar lights were made by adding bleach to water filled bottles. The structure was covered by black polythene plastic. Evidently, as teacher Kelly Ogle explained, people in third world nations carry out this rudimentary procedure to provide light for their dwellings.

There were written pieces attached inside the Solar Den *We were putting the solar bottles in the hut so there is light,* wrote William. *They put water and bleach in the bottle to make light,* wrote James.

"It looks amazing," commented Zion.

"When I got inside the hut

it was very cool," enthused Kingston.

A serious environmental problem is the amount of waste in the oceans of the world - much of it plastic. Another challenge was to create rafts using junk that can be found in oceans (*Make a raft of junk and recycled materials*). One question to be answered was: *which objects will float and which will not float?*

This activity was inspired by a story entitled 'The Junk Raft Journey' by Lynda Nun-week; her message was *Don't put junk in the ocean*.

Another interesting aspect were the QR codes allowing visitors to scan and learn background information (website) relating to particular exhibits on display.

Certainly the students were fully absorbed as they went from one intriguing activity to the next one. "It's good to have open days because you can do what you want to do," explained Ava.

Even the staff got involved as suddenly a large rat, which looked suspiciously like staff member Arnita Hunt, came through the door. "It's a ratty job," she said. "But someone has to do it." She was promoting the use of predator traps to reduce the number of such

animals such as ferrets which prey on native birds and their fledglings.

With a maths flavour students had created pictures using only geometric shapes (*Use common shapes to make a picture, was the instruction*.)

Another display involves a series of bar graphs. The students had followed these instructions:

1. Code an electronic dice using the Lego WeDo app.
2. Take a tally of dice throws
3. Show our results on a graph.

Teacher Daniel Sefton's room had many items relating to outer space, such as the Solar System Ozobot where little vehicles moved around a circuit.

One futuristic chart pointed out that it would take three days in a rocket to reach Mars. *What would be 10 things you would take?* Alexia had some definite ideas:

1. A moxie to make water
2. A waver to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen
3. Food
4. A spacesuit (for warmth and oxygen)
5. Plants

6. Games
7. Bedding
8. Toilet paper
9. Plastic bags
10. A camera.

One visitor summed up what most visitors were thinking about the superb open day: It's brilliant. A lot of hard work has gone into it," said Pola McCallum.

Principal Lorraine Williamson was pleased with the success of the open day and commented, "Throughout the STEAM units, students have been studying a range of environmental and community topics and using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths to come up with creative solutions to some real 'meaty' environmental issues. As a result our students have also created an orchard, a vegetable garden and commenced a woodland area for our school. They have also explored topics such as homelessness, care of the elderly, animal care and predators in the Taranaki area. We have had a number of guest speakers in the school and we have visited farms, schools and other local areas like the community rest home

I would also like to thank our parents and the local community for the tremendous support they have given us during this unit. A huge thank you to all parents and whanau who supported our open day. Sharing student learning with the community always leaves the students and teachers feeling appreciated."

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Two nations two flags

The ANZAC spirit is alive and well. This was evident on November 11 when about 70 people turned up at the Lone Pine Grove near the Manaia Golf Club for the Manaia RSA Remembrance Day service. Among those there was Darren Strawbridge. Although born in New Zealand, his home for the last 30 years has been Australia. He served in the Australian Defence Forces for 20 years and now spends much of his time helping veterans with among other things mental health issues, something which he says does not get the attention it deserves.

Darren was one of two Australian visitors greeted at the ceremony. With his father Don coming from Manaia, this seemed the appropriate place to be when commemorating the 100th Remembrance or Armistice

Day. The first one had been held in 1919, one year after the guns fell silent on what at the time was dubbed The War to end all wars.

“On the 100th Remembrance Day, as New Zealand has always been acknowledged as the first place in the world, it’s an honour for us to be here from Australia,” he told the gathering.

The Manaia RSA have been holding Remembrance Day services at the Lone Pine Grove since Manaia RSA president John Graham and life members Tom Thompson and Aileen Joyce planted three of the pines descended from the original Lone Pine after which the World War I battle at Gallipoli is named. There were 14 of these available for all New Zealand. The Manaia RSA had applied



There was a good turnout to the annual Manaia Remembrance Day service, as the anthems of two countries were played.

for three and got three. Four years after the planting, John Graham, Tom Thompson and Aileen Joyce were at the 2019 ceremony and there was some good natured banter as to whose pine had grown the most in that time.

Half an hour before the traditional moment of silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month everyone made their way from the Manaia Golf Club to the Lone Pine

Grove where the flags of New Zealand and Australia flew from the same flagpole. The Kapa Haka group from Manaia School performed before everyone took their seats.

David Self, well known in Manaia as a nurseryman and Anglican minister said trees formed the first cathedrals so this was an apt place to have a service such as this one.

“Today we salute two flags of two nations, giving thanks

for those who fought for freedom in the last century,” he said.

Josh McKee read a poem by Wilfred Owen the war poet who was killed one week before the Armistice. His mother heard of her son’s death on the day it was signed.

The Ode was recited, by Denis McLean in Te Reo, and by Barry Smith in English, and both national anthems were played.

South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach said when the Armistice was signed, there were 24,000 New Zealanders still serving on the Western Front.

After the ceremony there was a barbecue lunch at the Manaia Bowling Club, and Darren Strawbridge made a number of presentations to the Manaia RSA, including a lectern, flagpole and photos of Queen Elizabeth II and Kiingi Tuheitia the Maori King.

The lectern had been made by Whanganui master carver Nigel Hamahona out of wood from Taranaki and the Rangitikei and featured the figure of Rongo and carvings representing the Hammerhead Shark. It came with an accompanying cover with 11 poppies representing the significance of the number 11 in the Armistice story.

The flagpole which had a base made from Queensland birch and was topped with silver representing the silver fern included Australian opals and New Zealand paua in its design. The New Zealand and Australian flags had been especially handcrafted in Australia for the occasion, with the

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Armistice Day commemorated in Okato

Armistice Day commemorates the signing of the armistice between the allies and Germany at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. This marked the end of World War I.

At St Paul's Church at Carthew Street in Okato a remembrance service was held in commemoration of Armistice Day. The service was taken by lay preacher Lesley Dowding.

During the service, Lesley told the congregation a few interesting facts including that there are 500 Cenotaphs erected in New Zealand which are intended to symbolise caskets for the fallen service people.

She also mentioned the



Ray Rook is pictured laying a wreath at the Okato Cenotaph after the remembrance service in St Paul's Church.

Bishop's Chair (in the church), which was donated by a grateful member of the congregation, a Mrs Fox, who was the church organist from 1897 to 1965. Her son had been shot down over the English Channel, yet had survived by swimming until rescued by the Coastguard. "She was so thankful that she had the Bishop's Chair made," explained Lesley. Peter Clemence, who is a member of the congregation, is the donor's grandson. The Bishop's Chair was blessed on February 11, 1947 at the Golden Jubilee.

A number of crosses honouring local people who had lost their lives in World War 1 had been placed in the St Paul's grounds several days before the service. After the service more crosses were uplifted from the church by those present and placed with the crosses already in place.

After the service a wreath was laid at the nearby Cenotaph by local identity Ray Rook as those who attended the church service watched.

Two nations two flags

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figure of the Manaia placed between them.

After lunch there was musical entertainment and a time to reflect on the continuing strength of the ANZAC relationship born over a century ago, particularly when people like Darren Strawbridge are there to keep it going.



Australian visitor Darren Strawbridge speaks at the Manaia Remembrance Day service. Behind him is Manaia RSA president John Graham.

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Okato Playcentre reopens in a new location

Okato Playcentre Aotearoa. A special guest celebrated their reopening with an Open Day on Tuesday November 12. Their new location is at 37 Carthew Street, Okato; the greatly upgraded building was originally owned by the Methodist Church. The new owner is Playcentre

at the event was Okato Playcentre Patron Mary Grylls.

There has been a lengthy process that had to be negotiated before their enterprise could reopen, which goes back to the end of

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2017. President Cat Brophy, in her speech, explained that the road to being fully licensed (September 28) was not without its challenges. "I'd like to say it was all smooth sailing and there

were no issues whatsoever, but I think anyone who has ever built anything will tell you that never happens. Challenges included resource consent issues, asbestos, theft of items from

the site, vandalism ..."

Cat thanked many people for their input which included Alan Taylor, the Playcentre Aotearoa Property and Assets Manager "for your unwavering support of this

renovation project." Cat also acknowledged Chris from COB Builders "for his attention to detail, patience and for going above and beyond to help me with the various aspects of project management." Another valuable contributor was SAG Contracting who completed all the ground work for the fence lines and carpark free of charge.

Josh Paice and his team of arborists pruned all the trees without charge and this was also noted with gratitude.

Sharyn Beckett of the Taranaki Playcentre Association was also mentioned "for all your help with getting our resource and building consents through Council ...".

Cat was very grateful also to Karen Helms "Our amazing Centre Support Worker and Centre Administrator. We honestly can't thank you enough for your help this year."

A special tribute was paid to Liana Gifkins, the previous president. "This was actually all her idea. Liana put in an enormous amount of work over three years, to convince everyone that it was a good idea to buy this building, she organised all the various approvals, the money to buy it, got the plans drawn up and finalised the purchase etc." Cat concluded, "So without you Liana we wouldn't actually be standing here today."

Rahoto Playcentre kindly allowed the Okato Playcentre children to attend their centre for the first two terms of this year. "It was



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Morning tea at the Okato Playcentre on the open day.

awesome to be able to work together and get to know your Playcentre whanau.”

Finally, Cat expressed gratitude for generous grants of money from the TSB Community Trust, which

will be used for day-to-day running costs and to the Harcourts Foundation for a grant to provide Tredsafe Outdoor play equipment.

Cat said the focus now was to develop the outside area

to maximize its considerable potential.

The Playcentre is certainly impressive and spacious, with safety features well established. There is lots of light, natural from the large

windows. The staffroom is large and well-appointed with up-to-date office equipment. The kitchen is very well set up with all the expected features and requirements.

The children have an amazing array of well-resourced play areas – 16 in all including, for example, painting, carpentry, music, science, collage and library. A high ratio of one adult per five children ensures plenty of supervision.

Planning and evaluation are integral parts of the playcentre philosophy. All adult members are encouraged to be involved in decision-making and management, including monthly General Business meetings. Tuition for adults is an important requirement starting with a free course entitled the Playcentre Introductory Award.

At present there are 17 enrolled children (0 - 6 years), but the playcentre would ideally like more – up to 30. More “enthusiastic and passionate” volunteers would also be appreciated. If you are interested it is best to email okato@playcentre.org.nz in the first instance. You can also look at the website www.playcentre.org.nz

Cat said new members are free to visit on either of the two days (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.15am to 12.15pm). No need to make an appointment, just turn up.

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For the final issue could we have things by Dec 9, if possible.

No threat to farming from forestry

There's some agitation out there at the moment about farming being under threat from forestry. Much of what's circulating is based on misinformation so it's time to lay out the facts.

We have 12.1m hectares of farmland in this country and

1.7m hectares of forestry. Under the One Billion Trees target the amount of forestry land would increase to 2 million hectares by 2028 and help us meet our climate change objectives. We had 2 million hectares of forest land in 2002, this would be

a gradual redistribution that brings us back to that.

There is no Government policy that encourages high-value pastoral land to be planted in pine trees and there is no evidence of this happening.

The latest Overseas Investment Office statistics show about 8,800 hectares of farmland has been converted to forestry under the new special benefits test – that's one thousandth of

New Zealand's total sheep and beef land.

The Government is not subsidising whole farm conversions or allowing foreign carbon speculators to buy up farms and plant permanent forests for carbon credits. The streamlined rules for offshore investors only apply to production forests so talk that the rules are being gamed by offshore carbon speculators is wrong.

The purpose of the One Billion Trees Fund is to help farmers integrate trees onto their properties, which helps diversify their incomes while improving environmental outcomes. We want the 'right tree in the right place, for the right purpose'. The Government provides higher

grant rates for native species over pine. Two thirds of the trees established through the Fund will be natives.

Despite what some might say, the Government doesn't "hate" farmers and we're not interested in destroying rural communities.

This Government is extremely proud of the ongoing high performance of our primary sector and we're backing farming for the long term. We're committed to working alongside farmers to get more value for what they do and step away from a volume focussed approach that the last Government pushed.

We're investing in the future of farming in this country. The \$229 million sustainable land use Budget package is being used to boost farm extension and advisory services.

We're working with and



Damian O'Connor

and NAIT Bills aim to provide a safety net from farmers against financial problems and biosecurity outbreaks and we're supporting farmer well-being by more than doubling funding for the Rural Support Trust.

We've also progressed trade deals that open up the world's largest economies to our primary exports.

We're not just talking about supporting our farmers to succeed – we're doing it.

We need a balance of farming and forestry to meet our long-term challenges and we all need to support our thriving primary sector.

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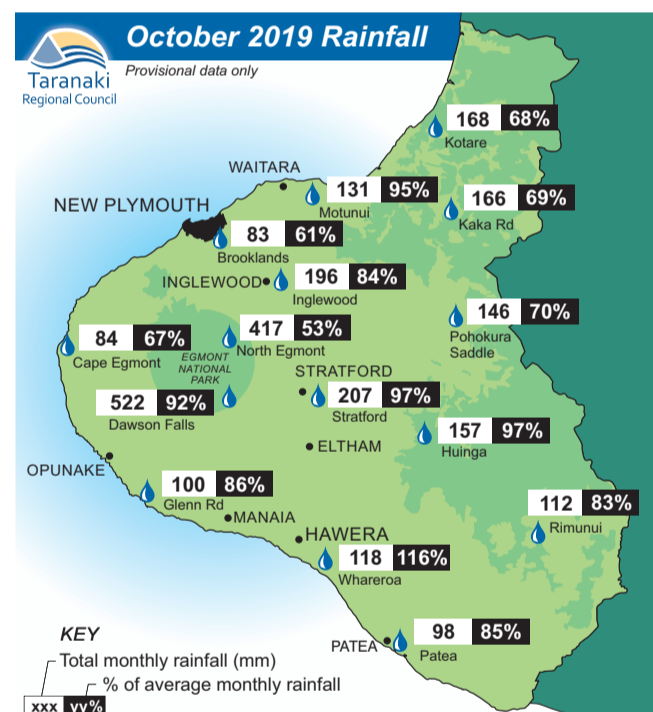
for farmers as shown by our recent agreement on agricultural emissions, our just released skills work plan developed with the sector to attract the workers it requires, our \$40 million of funding for projects to reduce emissions and improve farm practice, our efforts to eradicate Mycoplasma Bovis and our support of farm catchment groups to do the work they need to improve water quality and sustainability.

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Rainfall normal or below for most

Rainfall was varied for October with rainfall ranging between 53 % to 116 % of normal, with an average of 80 %, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Rainfall fell on between 14 to 20 days for the month and just one rain watch was issued by MetService. North Egmont received a mere 53 % of its normal October rainfall with 416.5 mm, while Duffy's Farm, near Whareroa, recorded 116 % of normal with 117.5 mm. Only four sites recorded above normal rainfall for October and these were: Kahui Hut (102 %), Te Kiri (102 %), Whareroa (116 %) and Charlie's Clearing (105 %).

Year to date rainfall is



ranging between 72 % and 116 %, with an average of 93 %. Six sites have recorded above normal rainfall to date, which are: Motunui (107 %), Tongaporutu (100 %), Te Kiri (101 %), Manaia (101 %), Whareroa (116 %) and Patea (112 %).

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Dairy Woman of the Year nominations open



2019 Dairy Woman of the Year Trish Rankin.

A celebration of women who make outstanding contributions to the dairy industry enters its ninth year as nominations for the Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year are open.

The award, which celebrates the outstanding leadership of women in the business of dairy, was established in 2012 by the Dairy Women's Network as a key strand in their support of women in their leadership journey through providing inspiration, learning and education.

This year's winner was primary school teacher Trish Rankin from Taranaki who balances teaching part time at Opunake Primary School with being on the Glenn Road farm full time with her husband Glen and their four boys. A passionate environmentalist, she has undertaken the Kellogg Leadership Programme with the main purpose being a research project focused on how a circular economy model can be developed on a New Zealand dairy farm.

An active Dairy Enviro Leader (DEL) and member of the NZ DEL network Rankin is also Chair of the Taranaki DEL group. Last year she was elected onto the National Executive for the NZ Dairy Awards and was selected as a NZ Climate Change Ambassador as part of the Dairy Action for Climate Change.

"Trish has been an outstanding Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year," says Dairy Women's Network CEO Jules Benton. "She has taken every opportunity offered to speak and present at events and has been so motivating as an inspiring leader in our industry."

Previous winners have included Barbara Kuriger who is now MP for Taranaki-King Country and Katie Milne who is now national president of Federated Farmers.

Jules Benton said she was inspired by the high calibre of last year's finalists and

was looking forward to see who comes forward for the 2020 awards.

"Women on farm all juggle many multiple roles," she said. "They need to be able to care for their animals as well as be anything from a financial planner and strategic thinker through to a mechanic and mum and there is no doubt women are being recognised as leaders in the dairy industry."

Benton said so many of their network members are humble about their efforts and just don't realise how much they are actually doing and what a difference they are making so the Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year awards was a way of recognising and celebrating this effort and it gave others in the industry something to aspire to.

The Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year Award has been

supported by Fonterra since its inception with recipients receiving a scholarship prize of \$20,000 to undertake an approved professional development programme.

Mike Cronin, Fonterra's Managing Director of Co-operative Affairs said the Co-op is proud to support the award as it's a celebration of high performers in the dairy industry.

"No other award in New Zealand specifically recognises and encourages the capability and success of women in the dairy industry," he said.

"While only one will be named the winner, each year we see many outstanding women nominated - women who are passionate about the dairy industry, leaders across the sector and in their communities and networks, and who are contributing to the frameworks that will

enable the next generation of farmers to succeed."

The finalists for the awards will be selected by a judging panel of representatives from the Dairy Women's Network, Fonterra, Global Women, Ballance Agri-Nutrients and a previous recipient.

Dairy Women's Network Trustee and a member of the awards judging panel Alison Gibb said the award recognises a woman that has already achieved a great deal, beyond the farm gate, but has not yet reached her full potential. "We know that with support the winner will go from good to great."

Nominations are now open and the winner will be announced at the Dairy Women's Network conference gala dinner in Hamilton next year on May 6.

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Stratford to host national dairy sector youth camp

Taranaki is set to host a national youth camp designed to upskill young people interested in showing and handling dairy cattle.

being held at Stratford's A&P Showgrounds from 10th-13th January 2020.

Participants will learn how to prepare a heifer for a show, with tutorials on clipping, judging, handling,



Thomas Jeyes takes part in a leading exercise during the 2019 Youth Camp.

nutrition and showmanship. "The demonstrations will all be really practical and hands-on," said Holstein Friesian NZ field officer Amelia Griffin.

"Each student will be assigned their own heifer so they can prepare the animal for a mini show."

The National All Dairy Breeds Youth Camp is open to young people between the ages of 10-21.

"The camp is open to anyone. Participants don't have to be from a farm or a member of a breed society," said Amelia.

"They just have to be interested in showing dairy cattle and learning more about animal behaviour, handling and care."

Attendees vie for the

Paramount Cup, which is awarded to the top performing HFNZ youth member at the camp.

The trophy has previously been awarded to a Waikato teenager who wasn't off a farm, but was passionate about dairy cattle.

"An important part of the camp will be a dinner held with Taranaki Holstein Friesian NZ members," said Amelia.

"It will provide a fantastic opportunity for attendees to connect with local dairy farmers who may need a hand showing their cattle."

The Taranaki branch of Holstein Friesian NZ has generously donated \$2000 towards the camp.

"It's a great way for us to give back and support

young people to grow their knowledge and confidence around cattle," said branch president Jamie Taylor.

"It's rare to have an event of this calibre on our backdoor step. I'd urge Taranaki residents to make

the most of it and sign up." Taranaki Holstein Friesian studs will provide cattle for participants to care for during the camp.

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Manaia golfer a NZ champion

Manaia golfer Sam Jones' dream run is gathering steam, having won the New Zealand Amateur Golf Championship. The last Taranaki player to win this title was Joe Holden back in 1949.

The 23 year-old golfer won the 36-hole final played at the Remuera Golf Club earlier this month.

Sam edged out 17 year-old Bay of Plenty golfer Mitchell Kale who had led for much of the day. Kale had eagled the opening hole to go 1 up, and then hit the shot of the tournament on the third hole, holing his tee shot on the 170 metre par 3 to put some distance between himself and Jones after the opening stanza of play. Jones won the final two holes of the morning round to be 1 down going into lunch.

Sam came out firing in the afternoon round with an eagle of his own at the first to square up the match. He headed into the final nine holes of the tournament with



Sam Jones.

a one hole advantage, and went on to win the 28th, 31st and 33rd holes.

Sam and his younger brother Ethan had honed their golfing skills at the

Manaia Golf Club, and he credits his father with introducing him to golf as a 12 year old.

Two years ago, while on a break from the University of West Georgia where he was on a golfing scholarship while studying for a degree majoring in finance with a minor in mathematics, he won the New Zealand Long Drive championship, after taking the North Island title only a day after arriving back in the country. What made this achievement even more remarkable was that he had never before competed in the Long Drive.

Only a day after returning from the United States this

year, having completed the golfing scholarship, he finished seventh in the Wellington Stroke Play. He later followed this up by winning the North Island Stroke Play at Whakatane. He can now add New Zealand Amateur Golf champion to his list of achievements.

Manaia Golf results

November 9. Saturday. Men's Stableford. 1. Phil Elliott 45. 2. Grant Gibbs 41. 3. Joshua Symes 40. Gary Dowdle 40. 4. Lennie Symes 39.

Monday night Ambrose. 1. Young Bucks. 2. Tu Meke. 3. Tui & Red. 4. Otakeho Orange. 5. Y.T.B.

Intermediate Champs. Ladies. Jackie Higgins. Runner Up Jo Ropiha.

Saturday Men's Bogey Round. 1. Gary Dowdle. 2. Phil Elliott. 3. Stuart Symes. 4. Craig Jones.

Monday night Ambrose. 1. Stragglers. 2. Mahi. 3. Tui & Red. 4. Hunnaz. 5. Hakana Matata.

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Times are a changing



Sonya Douds and Lindsay Maindonald, and Mark Bellringer has joined Steffy Mackay on the South Taranaki District Council.

The Eltham Business Association is under new leadership, and with a book shop opened and new managers at Four Square the town is set on a new path.

All Four Square for Eltham

Kieran and Nicole Williams are the new managers of Eltham's Four Square.

Swapping life in that big place Auckland for life in a rural community Kieran and Nicole took over as managers at the beginning of this month.

Nicole comes to Eltham via Nelson (another Mainlander) and Auckland with Kieran from Te Aroha and Auckland. They married earlier this year with a celebration at Cook's Beach.

Well experienced in the grocery trade, but in the other aspect of suppliers, they've changed direction to become managers and are both keen to be part of the Eltham community.

As a former resident of Te Aroha, Kieran is well used to living near a mountain the difference being he said, "this one has snow."

Since taking over the business they have not been resting on that 'new broom.' They both describe the last few weeks as 'flat out' with Kieran convinced he's slimming down running up and down stairs to the office.

Kieran and Nicole are retaining their present staff who they describe as a good team, supportive and helpful. Both see Four Square as an integral part of the community and are keen to meet and get to know the locals.

As for the change of lifestyle, from city to country town, they see no problem. They are aware they will still be busy, but at a different pace and in a friendlier atmosphere.

Both intend that Four Square will not just be a name but will actively be four square behind all things Eltham.

Books galore

Readers rejoice..... a book shop has been set up in town.

The brainchild of Jason Reid, the shop is conveniently sited on the main street.

Its name, Reid Books could aptly be titled Read Books, such is Jason's passion for all things books.

Originally a Mainlander Jason and wife Shona lived at Ohawe before upping



Kieran and Nicole Williams

sticks and settling in Eltham to fulfil the dream of owning and operating a book shop.

Jason had always wanted his own independent book shop and after looking at various places they opted for Eltham as the ideal place for such a business.

A former teacher working with special needs children, Jason has plans to start a children's as well as adult book clubs. He sees Reid Books as a hub for community life, a place to browse, talk over and buy books.

Reid Books is already well stocked with new and good quality second hand books-covering fiction, non-fiction, children and specialists items. And Jason admits he has boxes of books still to sort and prepare for the shelves. As he said: "I like to push readers to something new."

Renovation and restoration

of the premises has taken several months and Jason has plans for more shelving and utilising the entire shop space. He has opened his shop for limited days and all going to plan, will be open full time at the end of this month, and so provide Eltham with a haven for book lovers.

A Mural with a Message

'Respect, Protect, Restore, and Sustain, our Natural Environment,' is the message that comes through in a mural just erected in Eltham by E Town Youth.

Created during the July School holidays, the mural is a portal view of Rotokare Scenic Reserve. On closer inspection, the message is clear, and a good one for all of us to embrace.

A big thanks to Creative Communities STDC for funding the mural workshop; Fleur Le Bas for designing; Ariana George and Aidan

Renshaw for their artistic skills creating the wildlife and last but not least Eltham Volunteer Fire Brigade for help with the installation. The project was coordinated by Steffy Mackay.

If you want to view this new artwork in town, look for the 'pocket' park next to the Eltham & District Historical Society, in Bridge Street.

Karen Heads the Board

The Eltham-Kaponga Community Board has a new chairperson.

Karen Cave was elected to that role at the first meeting of the newly elected board. Karen was also elected representative on the policy and strategy committee with Sonya Douds representative for the creative communities assessment committee, and deputy chairperson.

South Taranaki District Council Mayor Phil Nixon welcomed new and re-elected members to the board at its meeting earlier this month.

The sharing of board meetings between Eltham and Kaponga was discussed with details to be finalised. The possibility of holding an open forum for Kaponga people and the board was also discussed.

Reports on progress of other matters of concern, the dumping of rubbish in a town section and roof repairs of the municipal building were presented.

Eltham library is busier. A report to the Eltham-Kaponga Community Boards showed use of the Eltham library in September was 4163 compared with 3766 for the same month last year.

Also on the increase is the number of Connector bus passengers. The total of arriving and departing

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Steffy Mackay and E Town team pose beside their new mural.

Times are a changing

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passengers for Eltham in September was 528 compared with 407 for the same month last year.

Pots, Pansies and Violets

A familiar sight early in the morning has been Judith Rodgers sweeping the path and entrance to her shop, then often pulling out weeds and giving a quick watering of plants in the street garden beds.

Originally from Central Hawke's Bay Judith settled in Eltham in 1984. Since then she has been active in the community in various capacities. A major one of these has been her long

service on the Eltham Business Association during which she took on and filled official duties. She has also been involved in many community outreach projects.

Judith said she had the idea of opening a business for a long time. The idea became fact with the support and help of many friends. Originally she thought of making a line of children's clothes under the brand Pots, Pansies and Violets. The clothing idea was put aside but she kept the name for her new venture because she wanted something to reflect the cottage image.

Pots, Pansies and Violets was always seen by her as a community venture. What mainly began as an outlet for crafts people evolved to include furniture, linen, bric a brac and other items.

Judith feels it's now time to end this episode of her life, and is full of gratitude for all those who volunteered time and skills towards the success of Pots, Pansies and Violets.

Congratulations

We congratulate Eltham folk who have made some notable milestones this week:

Alyx Devlin for her placing in the Poetry

section of the Ronald Hugh Morrison Literary Awards.

Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust for their win of the 'Not For Profit' Excellence Award at the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.

Ian Murray for 50 years of service with the Eltham Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Rev Peter and Jan Barleyman for their wonderful service at All Saints Eltham and in particular, for the youth of E Town. Peter and Jan have just announced their retirement at the end of the month.

Club of the Month

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In our own community, with a current membership of 34 we are part of a wider network of clubs with six other clubs (two in Opunake, Kaponga, Toko, Stratford, Rahotu-Pungarehu) and part of a wider District which includes 37 clubs from Foxton in the South to Urenui in the North and Ruapehu in the East.

organisation we are involved in helping out when and where needed. Sometimes this is a fundraising activity. Over the past two years Eltham Lions have raised funds for, or donated to many national charities, including Pink Ribbon, Deaf foundation, Blind foundation, Blue September, Hearing Dogs as well as donating money to our own volunteer Fire Brigade, Foodbank, and local schools. Many local aspiring sports people have also benefitted from financial contributions from our Lions Club.

We meet regularly (business meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month), sometimes with guest speakers and have fun socially. Recently we held a Quiz evening to raise funds for Prostate Cancer, inviting other local Lions Clubs to participate. Other activities include the annual

Kite day, Trolley Derby, and Christmas Parade.

As a club we are actively involved with supporting the Rotokare Scenic Trust and have helped out at working bees and when needed. This year we have been helping the development work at Bridger Park as well as with plantings in Soldiers Park.

We collect aluminium tabs and wine bottle tops as part of a national project to be on-sold as scrap with money used to support Kidney Kids; we collect old glasses (spectacles), also a national project which are sent to help visually impaired people in the Islands; we collect 'old money' with funds raised used to support projects within NZ for our youth. We provide manpower if able at events such as the Olex Fun Run, the Round the Mountain relay. We hold a mid-winter Christmas dinner for the elderly from around

the area as a social event.

Members have opportunities to participate to the level that work, family and other commitments allow. There are opportunities to develop leadership and organisational abilities and grow personally and professionally by gaining an understanding and having an impact on our community and international humanitarian causes.

To find out more or to inquire about joining a worthwhile club which gives back to the community, the best contact is Zone Chair Llew Eynon (from Eltham) who will put you in touch with the right people from a Club in your own area or town.

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Check out what Lions do NZ wide on the NZ Lions website <https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/>

Christmas Cracker at the Village Gallery



'Celebration' a 20 x 20 cm tapestry weaving by Maree Liddington.

They are all going 'crackers' at the Village Gallery. 'Christmas Cracker' is the title of the Christmas exhibition this year. It's also the last exhibition for 2019, believe it or not.

This is a members' exhibition so there's sure to be a variety of art on display. You can expect to

see a range of items from paintings in traditional style to abstract; not to forget pottery, mixed media and fibre art.

'Christmas Cracker' opens on November 18 and runs till December 13. The sales are 'cash & carry,' so if something appeals, you may take it on the day of purchase. This

is a great opportunity to buy some gifts with an artistic flair.

The gallery is open Monday - Saturday 10am - 3pm. We close for a month over Christmas and New Year to give our volunteer helpers a well earned break.

Thanks to all who have supported The Village Gallery over 2019. Have a happy and safe Christmas

break.

'Celebration' a 20 x 20 cm tapestry weaving by Maree Liddington, is one entry in the Village Gallery's

Christmas Cracker exhibition. This piece has just returned from the Australia/NZ travelling tapestry exhibition which has been doing a circuit of both countries.



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30.. To thank the Dairy Breeds for their support and encourage entry, a drive for sponsorship has been successful which is being returned to the exhibitors in prize money for first to fifth place getters. The winner receives \$200, and a further \$100 is awarded to the first placed 'Novice' exhibitor. 190 cattle entered across all breeds.

The Breeds all come together on Sunday December 1 for the All Breeds Competition. Again thanks to sponsors huge prize money is being offered. Dairy Chairman Paul Vanner says "It can be costly to show animals and the great prize money will help support the exhibitors cost."

Beef Show
This year the NZ Farmers Livestock Beef competition will be run over two days. Simeon Cook is the driving force behind this and has put a great programme together. Saturday will be the Origin classes competing for British, European and Other Breed titles. On Sunday there is



Best All Breeds Junior Heifer at Stratford A and P 2015 Show was Te Awhata Tequila Violet handled by Aleisha Tippett, owned by Barry and Deidre Tippett.

the Interbreeds competition with the Lifestyle and Local sections. Exhibitors from all over the North Island will attend and contend.

School Calves and Pet Lambs,

The School Calf section makes a welcome return to the 2019 show and the lambs are fun event for the

children, bringing pets to the show for judging of Leading and Dress Up. Open to all children under the age of 14 years. The age will be as at show day

Equestrian

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Bethany Cook and Ashton Sharpe with their calves. The School Calf section makes a welcome return to the 2019 show.

Stratford A&P Show

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compete with their horse or pony, in classes from novice to a high level competition. Show Jumping has the \$1000 BTW Classic and the \$1000 Boon Introductory Horse championship. The horse competition will commence on Friday November 29

where the overall Supreme In-hand Exhibit will be announced. On the Saturday participants compete for Champion of Champions Ridden Show Exhibit and Sunday will be the 'Hunter' day competition. The Western Riding competition

is always popular. The Horse chairperson, Glenda Schumacher, says "with increased prize money, Stratford is expecting a record number of horse entries. The horse schedule and entry form are available *Continued page 26*



The newly hatched chicks at the Stratford A&P show are still a huge hit with young and old in the Old McDonalds Farm Barn.



Lacey Taylor Auroa and Fletcher Lawrence Ngare have a discussion about going to visit the pigs at the Stratford A&P show in the Boys and Girls Club Dairy Type class.



Dressed up lambs win great prizes at the Stratford A&P Show.



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Continued from page 25 on the Stratfordshow.co.nz website, late entries will be accepted. Spectators are very welcome".

Live Music here will be live music all

day with a wide range of Taranaki's premier acts, ranging from acoustic originals through to rocky covers. On Saturday the line-up includes Crystal Starr, Gypsy Blue, Emily Riordan, Owl of White,

and The Moustaches. On Sunday our ears will listen to. Liana Hart, Kelly Dobbs, Rizki, Rizki and The Vagancy. Both days will include a Black Board Hour, where local talent can sing to the crowd. . Come

listen to the sounds while chilling out and enjoying foods from many cultures.

Old McDonald Farm

The Old McDonald Farm Barn has had a facelift. Come see the revamped Barn, snuggle, stroke and play with the pet animals.

Kids Zone

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Playing with puppies at the Stratford A&P Show McDonalds Farm Barn.

ATC Parade, while side show rides are always a drawcard, and there are 150 businesses exhibiting Trade. Show secretary Vicki Jagersma says "this event is only a success with the support of many volunteers and thanks goes to the committee, judges, stewards, recorders and many others for their efforts. Thank you also to all our sponsors. The annual Show is an all-encompassing event that has something for everyone, and meets the vision of where rural and urban meet. Don't miss out on all the fun. Getting a fine day for the

show is all important, fingers are crossed" The annual Stratford A&P show opens on to the public on Saturday November 30 and Sunday December 1 from 8.30am to 4pm.

Jayda Sharpe and her new friend at The McDonalds Farm Barn.

Continued from page 26 the children. Come join the fun for your chance to also receive a spot prize. Watch facebook.com/kidszone2018show for updates of activity.

General Central North Island Wajax Competition

This competition was new to Stratford Show last year. These rural fire fighters bring the Wajax competition, a four person team, timed in three events, the Standard Wajax run, the Replacement length wajax run and the Replacement length tohatsu run. Sunday will be the kids' day.

Taranaki Shears
Taranaki Shears is being hosted by the Stratford A & P Show. The change from a March event to November will make the competition available to many overseas shearers. Always popular entertainment, come see over 60 shearers in action. Saturday only.

Taranaki Axeman
Wood chopping competition is back with team events, singles and doubles in standing and underhand chopping and sawing races over the two day event at the Stratford A & P Show. All events are great to watch but the Tree Championship is one not to be missed and will be run as two heats. Chopping will

start around 11am and 1pm with the final event being held on Sunday around 1pm. Also the Brian Herlihy Memorial 300mm Open Standing will be another event not to miss. This will be held on Saturday around 2pm.

Sunday only Email the show Vintage machinery and military vehicles will also



Checking out the chickens.

be on display as well as the Pig Competition, Sheep Dog Trial Competition, Young Farmers display, and the Calf and Lamb Sections on Sunday this year. The DairymasterTrain provides free rides around the showgrounds both days. There is the 48 Squadron



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Pukekura Park is the place to be for New Year's Eve thanks to the Festival of Lights.

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The TSB Festival of Lights will play host to the Powerco Lights Up The Night event, an even bigger and better celebration than the year before, to mark New Year's Eve in electrifying fashion.

Last year the festival hosted its inaugural New Year's Eve event after requests from the community for a fun, family-friendly option for celebrating the New Year.

NPDC Recreation and Culture Manager Teresa Turner says last year's event was an overwhelming success and a great way for the community to see in the New Year and this year's event promises to be amazing.

"Hundreds came out to last year's New Year's Eve event, so the NPDC team has taken on the challenge to up the ante and create an even better celebration this year, featuring national artists, crowd-favourite activities and events for children and adults," says Ms Turner.

"Presenting free events that

excite and inspire the whole community is part of our aim to Build a Lifestyle Capital."

Highlights for this year's event include major headline act Racing. Formed from The Checks, this Auckland band have shared the stage with Oasis, REM, The Hives, AC/DC, The Killers and Muse on different tours, and will be rocking in the New Year on the Hatchery Lawn from 10.45pm.

Other live music includes local artist Ny Oh, who played Glastonbury this year; local musicians Tobetones and the Breaks who play '70s and '80s soul with a live DJ; and Auckland's Brendon Thomas and the Vibes who play classic rock.

The ever-popular silent disco returns to the Fred Parker Lawn, with a timeslot for children at 7pm and for adults from 8.30pm. A kids' countdown will take place at 8pm, and Light Bites food trucks will be running from 6.30pm until late in the

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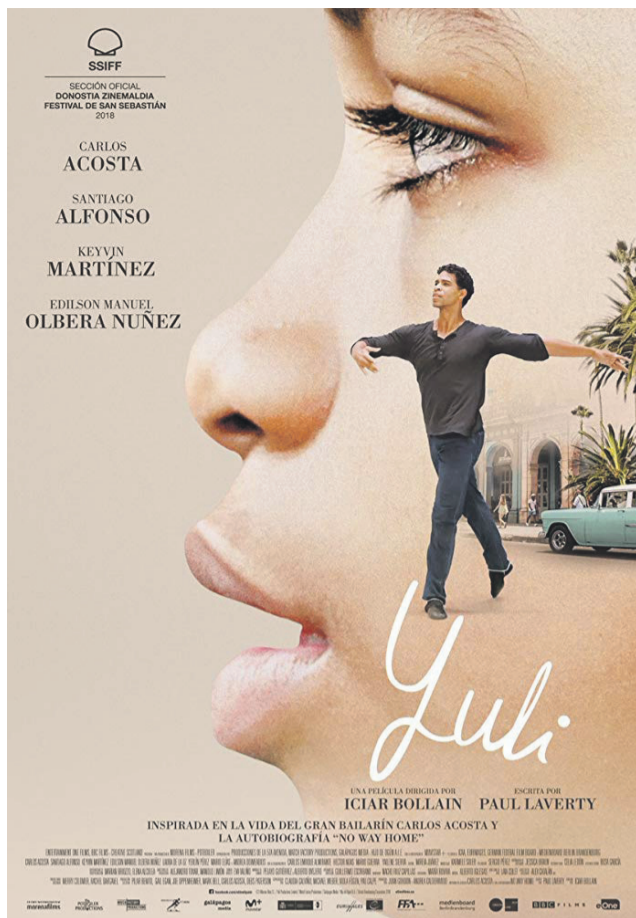
O come, let us adore him

Yuli

Director: Iciar Bollain.
Writers: Paul Laverty, Carlos Acosta (autobiography "A Long Way Home")

Yuli takes dance to a whole new level. In the past I've skimmed past interpretive dance (and ballet, for reasons I will discuss later). Interpreting dance is like watching a group of people keep an elaborate secret that you can't quite put your finger on. There is a story in the jumping around somewhere, just lost in translation. I wasn't looking forward to this part of the film, but as it turns out *Yuli* is so much more. The dance fills in the narrative that the film storyline doesn't show. Carlos Acosta is a master of choreography, and the dance sequences convey his emotive inner processing. Carlos plays himself in the adult role. A rare treat in a biopic.

If we didn't know this film featured ballet, the opening scenes of Cuba supported by powerful music would give us a clue. I don't often get goose-bumps, but when I do, the impending movie will be enlightening, enriching and cradle the hearts of its makers. The first flashback is important. It's well written and executed with perfect elongation, a scrapbook of Carlos's career made



by his Dad sets it off. The flashback lands in Havana, Cuba 1970s when Carlos is young (and Michael Jackson is hip). Played in this era by Edison Manuel Olbera Nunez, there is an amazing depth for such a young actor in possibly his first role. Santiago Alfonso who plays Carlos's father does himself proud in his first film too. In

fact, Mireia Juarez has done a good job all round in the casting department.

"I can only give what I am," the first Black Romeo (as Carlos became known) states. The final poignant and beautiful scenes show why he reached the notoriety and success that he did. His dance is a notch above, a joy to watch. As I said earlier

ballet has never been on my to-do list, even when very young I abhorred my neighbour's pink ballet wallpaper in her bedroom. No idea why, until a few years ago. According to Sue Nicholson (medium) I'd been a very successful ballet dancer in a previous life. It all made sense. Who would want to put themselves through that again? *Yuli* mentions the hard work of a ballet professional, but doesn't harp on about it. The movie makes for more pleasant viewing compared to those that can tend toward the harshness of this discipline. Biopics generally use varying margins of creative licence to create drama and suspense (*Bohemian Rhapsody* – huge margin, massive). *Yuli* never seeks to question the truth, as Carlos's autobiography and input has our trust. He points to the child inside us that resists the grind, and avoids the nagging voice of our gifts. Fortunately for the world of dance he has a persistent father, and ballet teachers with vision. *Yuli* weaves real life with dance, seemingly without effort. Would I see this again? Yes, I definitely would. The ballet is wonderful.

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WD Crockett
Chief Executive

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Applications close on 6 December 2019 4pm

OPUNAKE BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION

Meeting 1st Monday of
each month
at 5.30PM

Hughsons & Associates
Boardroom at the
Opunake Business Centre,
23 Napier St, Opunake

Just two issues

to go for the year.

Get your Christmas

messages into us early

Next issue

December 5 2019

PUBLIC NOTICES

Proclamation

02-10-2019

To whom this may concern

To all trustees pertaining to:

Parihaka Pa (registration 1962) and including the Parihaka X Block and all Tauranga Waka (Beach fronts)

And

The Maori Land Court-(The entity of English Maori)-Wellington.

I Ritihia Totorewa of the Paimarire Work Party/Group on behalf of the people of the Paimarire do state that:

Tohu Kakahi and Te Whiti o Rongomai in their time were teachers of the Paimarire and were sovereign Maori as were their followers, then, now and in the future, and all Taonga pertaining to them, their home, Parihaka Pa.

Sovereignty as PER Tohu Kakahi and Te Whiti o Rongomai's teachings are no Pakehatanga, no English rules allowed.

Hence on behalf of, do state that this proclamation is to all Trustees as written above, and that they have no lore-ful right to any Taonga pertaining to Parihaka Pa or representation of and that this is given notice offrom this date.

That as they endeavoured to bring English rules and law into Parihaka Pa, the onuses of this are also upon themselves to dissolve said trusts.

All Trustees are invited to attend a Sovereign Maori Justice hui at Toroanui Marae, Parihaka Pa on the 16th, 17th November 2019, before the 18th, 19th November for all people in and pertaining to Parihaka Pa, Taranaki and Aotearoa.

In this time the proclamation will be spoken of as well as the consequences of the actions of not dissolving said trusts.

All caretakership according to Sovereign Maori lore will be being returned to the appropriate Kaitiaki and Kaitiakitanga.

Yours Faithfully

J.Totorewa, P.O. Box 1071 New Plymouth, Taranaki.

Witness. Stanley Andrews, 2 Kapuni Street, Manaia 4612, South Taranaki.

Witness. Thomas.H.Taingahue. Retired, 84 Mirikau Road, RD 37. Warea.

What's On Listings



ONGOING

Jonathan Young: Need to chat with your local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

Movies at Everybodys Theatre in Opunake: Playing several days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper.

SUNDAYS

Opunake Country Music Club: Second Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

Open Mic at the Rahoitu Tavetrn: Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

MONDAYS

Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

Opunake Friendship Club: Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Opunake Business Association: Usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

TUESDAYS

Opunake Singer Songwriters, every second Tuesday. Next meeting November 26, 7:30pm at Coastal Care, Opunake

WEDNESDAYS

Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake: Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676

Schnitzel Night: Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

Opunake Embroiders Guild: Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.

THURSDAYS

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia: Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.

Egmont Euchre Club: Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

FRIDAYS

Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 9:30am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth: Last Friday of the month at Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm. Next one August 30.

WEEKENDS

The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

NOVEMBER 23

FAIR Saturday November 23, St Barnabas Church Hall from 9 am -noon, 141 Tasman Street, Opunake.

NOVEMBER 21 TO 24

2019 Egmont A&P Show Events and Show: At the Egmont Showgrounds, Hawera. Refer to advert and feature for details.

NOVEMBER 27

Regenerative agriculture. A Taranaki Food and Fibre Information session at TET Event Centre, 1 Elliot Street, Inglewood 9:30am to 12:30pm. Everyone welcome.

NOVEMBER 28

Regenerative agriculture. A Taranaki Food and Fibre Information session at Sandfords Event Centre. Opunake 9:30am to 12:30pm. Everyone welcome.

NOVEMBER 28

Oaonui Water Supply Ltd AGM: At Opunake Golf Club. 6.30pm. Refer advert.

NOVEMBER 29

Fundraiser - 'Its in the Bag Evening': At the Anglican Church Hall, Eltham. 6.30pm start. Refer advert and article.

NOVEMBER 30

Steve & Ainsley Apirana: Performing at Soul Kitchen, Opunake. 7pm. Refer advert and article.

DECEMBER 1

Ngati Tara 26B AGM: At Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. 10.30am. Refer advert.

BLUE CHRISTMAS A contemplative evening service Sunday December 1 At St Barnabas Church 141 Tasman St Opunake, Everyone welcome. Please see notice

DECEMBER 15

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, Choir of the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary, hosted by and at St Barnabas Church 141 Tasman St Opunake All most WELCOME.



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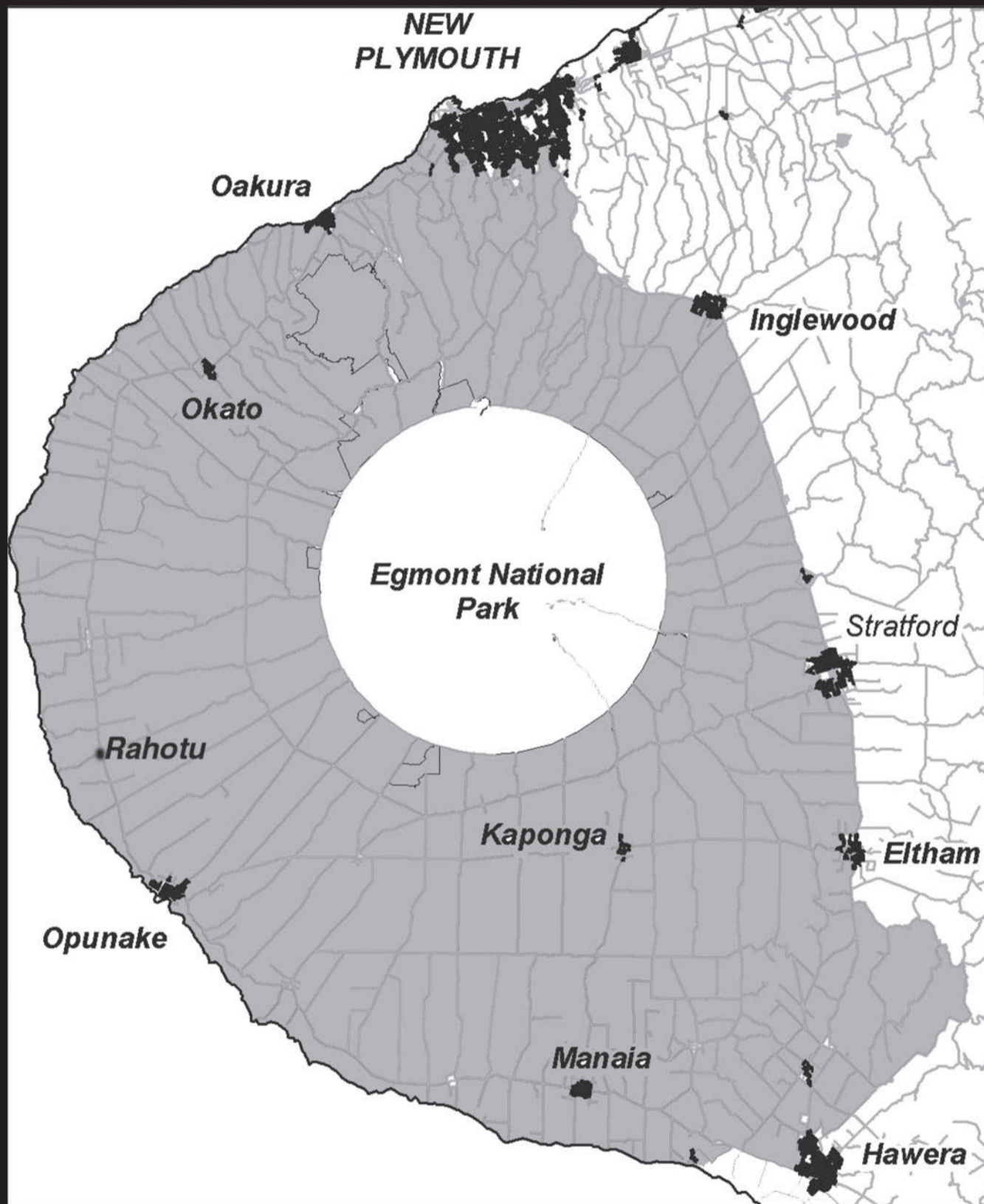
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