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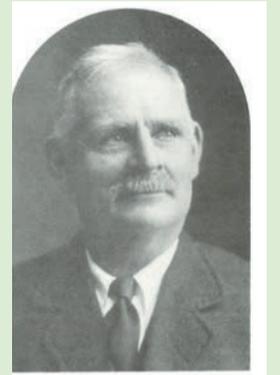
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## Taranaki Art Awards attracts record entries

The 2015 Taranaki Art Awards held at Sandfords Events Centre in Opunake attracted an even greater number of entries this year, with 220 artworks entered from artists from as far south as Otago through to Northland. Last year the competition attracted 180 entries.

There were two judges Maree Mills and Greg Donson. Maree who initially trained in film and has a doctorate in arts and culture principal policy analyst at Auckland Council. Greg Donson is curator and public programmes manager at the Sargeant Gallery in Whanganui.

Maree said that she and her fellow judge Greg agreed they were looking for work that was "well executed and conceptually strong - which means it had a clear story to tell and that the story it told

was harmonious to whatever medium was chosen, as well as the way it was displayed."

She added "One thing we did notice was that some artists' works would have received awards if they had entered their work in a different category, so perhaps in the future if you are unsure, check with the event organisers."

Greg Donson commented that it was nice to be on the other side, not organising but judging, and "as Maree said judging a work solely on its aesthetic and conceptual merits". He added that there was a huge range of works, skills and techniques.

### Results

#### Painting Award

Winner: Vonda Christiansen with Elements, an acrylic and oil work in four parts.

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Catherine-Joye Truman winner of the Fibre Art Award with her intriguing exhibit which she insisted was "a lot of work but not that difficult."

From Oamaru, Catherine-Joye explained it was illusion knitting which she did while

studying at Otago University for a post graduate qualification in social work. As part of the course she was required to do a creative reflective project. Front on (below) the wall hanging looks like a piece of knitted fabric but at an angle (above) the image of an owl with writing below becomes apparent. The work uses stocking stitch and garter stitch explained the artist. She chose the owl image because she admitted with a smile she had "a healthy obsession with owls."



## Beauden Barrett scores winning try in style



Beauden Barrett playing for Taranaki.

Coming off the bench in the World Cup final against Australia on November 1, Coastal Taranaki's Beauden Barrett scored the winning try in the dying moments of the game at Twickenham.

Barrett scored the winning try in the dying moments of the game at Twickenham.

One of our staff at the Opunake & Coastal News watched with admiration as Dan Carter dropped a goal and said, "Wouldn't it be a great ending if Beauden now scored a try" - and seconds later he did exactly that. It was his sixth try as an All Black.

The final score was 34-17 to the All Blacks.

Beauden has been an All Black since June 2012 when the Irish toured New Zealand. He kicked 9 points in the team's 60-0 win over the Irish on that occasion.

His very first try as an All Black was against the French in 2013, which was chosen as the International Rugby Players Try of the Year.

He made his international debut as a nineteen-year-old playing for the New Zealand Sevens. He also played for the NZ Under 20 team.

Surely the rugby future of the talented 24-year-old looks very bright indeed.



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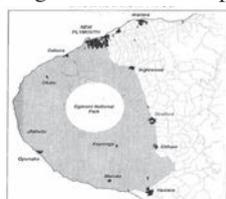
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KAPONGA SCHOOL — Stds. 4, 5 and 6, 1937.

## Can you help us

LEFT:

The photo is from the Kaponga School 75th Jubilee booklet but there are no names.

Maybe some of your readers from that era can help to identify the pupils in the photo. In particular we have an inquiry from a family member of Bernice Avery, and going by her date of birth she could be one of the young girls in the class of 1937.

Maureen Drylie.  
Secretary, Eltham and Districts Historical Society

The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is on November 20.  
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## Apology

In our issue of September 25 in the lead article on page 9 we made some errors for which we apologise. The article was about Dr Sari Lim (Dr Wiratsari Limbangjaya), who is a qualified medical doctor but was incorrectly described as a physiotherapist. At present Dr Lim specialises in Deep Massage Therapy.

Also, she is the partner of David Deacon of Scarpas Shoes (Stratford), not his wife.

## Editor's note to contributors

Please if sending *photographs* with an article could contributors include a caption at the bottom of the

article and also if possible label the photo with the same title as the article. This is so the photo doesn't

get overlooked which can occasionally happen. Also please note when emailing photos that the photo is not

reduced in size. Sometimes this option comes up on the email. Many thanks for your co-operation in this.

### On this month in history

On November 11, 1975 the Labour Government lead by Gough Whitlam was dismissed by the Governor-General John Kerr. Both

## Whitlam Government sacked

Houses of Parliament were dissolved and Malcolm Fraser (Liberal Party) was installed as caretaker Prime Minister. The crisis arose

by the Opposition refusing to pass Mr Whitlam's Budget creating an impasse. Mr Whitlam was very angry and said, "Well may we

say God Save the Queen' because nothing will save the Governor-General." Gough Whitlam died in October last year, aged 98..

## BBC: (Bible Believer's Corner): Temples

The Bible's tabernacle and the temple were built to a specific pattern. Each had three courts. Each court is like a part us.

There was an outer court where the sacrifices were made. Exposed to the weather; night time, rain, hail, sun and snow. It represents our human body.

Then there is the mind, or the Holy Place. Enclosed in the main building it was an area of spirituality. In here was the seven branched candlestick, the menorah. It was the only illumination for this room. There was also the table of shewbread, the place to obtain spiritual

food. Finally there was the altar of incense where the prayers of the saints rose to add a beautiful fragrance to the whole building. This is our spirit, our mind. Most religions and most Christians live in that place. But there is a problem. God doesn't live in the Holy Place. He doesn't meet with us in our minds.

Although we have a body and a spirit, that is not all that makes a person. And it is not all of the temple either. There is another room beyond the Holy Place. And that is the Holy of Holies. And that is where God lives.

The Holy of Holies relates

to our Soul. We have a body, we have a spirit, but we do not have a soul!

We are a soul.

That soul is the real us. A soul has free will. It can accept or reject God. It can have faith or it can have unbelief; but not both.

Jesus Christ died and rose again to live in our souls, if we let Him. And if we do invite Him in then that makes a new and different us. Our souls gain eternal life. We are born again.

All religions, except true Biblical Christianity, work only in the Holy place. They work through our spirit to try and make us good. But

real Christianity changes our very nature. We become a new, different, far better, and eternal creature!

Once Jesus Christ lives in a soul, then He is projected through the person. He is the One Who leads and guides, who inspires and reveals the truth. That is real Christianity. It has nothing to do with churches, denominations or anything. It is a personal relationship. It is Jesus living again in human flesh

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# More than a bargain's worth at Market Day

Opunake's Market Day on Saturday October 31 attracted the usual crowd of bargain hunters keen to get in early before the Christmas rush.

There was a wide variety of stalls and local organisations peddling their wares which ranged from homemade cakes, biscuits and jams through to pot plants, books and toys. Many of the organisations seemed to be holding raffles and a range of food was on offer, the Filipino Society offering their usual exotic fare. There were also various attractions including a musician who, accompanying himself on guitar, serenaded shoppers.

An electric car, one of just a dozen in New Zealand aroused a lot of interest.

Opunake St John was also there on a recruiting drive.

Particularly interesting was a stand by Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre which was promoting workplace and on-farm health and safety training. The training centre holds various agricultural courses with a health and safety focus which is open to everyone from senior high school students right through to those wanting to gain a Diploma level 5.

Their display included a farm bike. "Quad bikes are implicated in too many farm accidents, but it's generally not the bikes that are the problem" said Rebecca Ameriks, student recruitment officer with Taratahi, but "people not using them correctly due to lack of training, taking short-cuts or lack of attention. There's often a lack of understanding of the vehicle's limits and capabilities."

Bikes rolling over is a major cause of injuries.

"Occasionally people take them where they shouldn't really go," commented Maryann Symonds also from Taratahi, "you can take them on a reasonable gradient hill, but that requires active riding techniques, which we teach." "Heavy loads can also push and flip the bike", said Paul Symonds who was also manning the stand. He added that most farms have several farm bikes. "They're a big part of farming."

The electric car parked outside Library Plus also created a lot of interest.

Owned by Ian Wickham from Inglewood, it is only one of around a dozen electric cars in New Zealand.

Ian imported the car from America a month ago and says he is "over the moon" with it. "It's a lovely car to drive, very safe."

The car has automatic parking, and while it's not fully self-drive Ian predicts



Filipino food was among the delicacies on offer at Opunake's Market Day

it will be in 3-5 years. "It's the only car you can buy that gets better with time," says Ian adding that they are developing new things all the time and continually updating it electronically. "I call it my ipad on wheels." He plugs the car in every



The Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre turned up.



The staff at Pastimes. From left Karen Dey, Beryl McEwan and Judy Dodd



Back to the future. Take a ride in Ian Wickham's electrical car

night into the mains. The car can do 400 kms before it needs to be recharged.

It's also very safe to drive. The car has image recognising radar, and infra-red on the front and back of the car.

"If something comes out in front, it'll do its best to not run into anything," says Ian, though he confesses "I haven't tried it out."

The car has a motor, about the size of a water melon, in the front and in the back. It has no gear box.

The batteries last for a million kilometres. You're advised to replace the batteries every 12 years.

Three car rides in the electric car were auctioned off at the market day with the proceeds going to the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust.

"It was a good day," commented Alison Hayward, President of the Opunake Business Association who organised Opunake's Market Day, and was one of the successful bidders for a ride in the car of the future.

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# A time for awards and property revaluations

The week of writing this article seems to have been a week of awards.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> was the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards for poetry and short stories. There are two categories for each of poetry and short stories – an open section and a section for secondary school entrants. Opunake High School did very well, punching well above its numbers. Opunake has, for a number of years now done extremely well in this event,

which is a very positive testament to the school.

Thursday was the Taranaki Regional Council's Environmental Awards. Of the 16 awards presented, nine went to South Taranaki nominees. There were some humbling stories with the awards, and it made me proud to be part of that. Unfortunately we hear the bad stories of the small minority. However I know from personal experience the large majority are right on side and doing their best



Ian Armstrong

to improve the environment.

Friday was the Taranaki National Arts Awards. This has been a great event for a number of years, and this year proved no exception. These awards are the biggest Art Award exhibition in Taranaki. Having them in Opunake is really good. However I am very aware of the huge amount of effort the organising committee and other volunteers put into organising

and setting up the event. It's great that they do this.

On a not so pleasant note, on October 21, a house removal contractor ground pruned a street in Hawera while shifting a house to a new site. The council has had discussions with the police about pursuing this and won't be letting the matter lie. This last week I have noted two other incidences which are also being looked into by council. It's really annoying when these things happen. I strongly suggest that if you are contemplating doing works which may contravene council rules, then come along and have a talk. Council can then advise and steer you in the right direction, which is a lot better than a potentially very embarrassing and costly situation.

Every three years Council commissions a district wide revaluation. This is important, as it governs how council apportions its rate demands which are based on the capital value of the properties. The revaluation has just been completed and shows an average 19.9 per cent increase in the capital value of all properties in South Taranaki. The biggest risers were dairy farms at 29.1 per cent and pastoral land at 24.1 per cent. Residential properties rose on average 1.2 per cent although Opunake fell 11 per cent. The changes cannot be directly transferred to rate changes, as there are a number of other factors involved such as the UAGC, water and waste water rates and rubbish collection which are not available to all proper-

ties. However as examples, a residential property worth about \$240,000 will have a rates decrease of about 2.47 per cent and a \$7.7 million dairy farm a rise of about 3.9 per cent.

Property owners will shortly receive a Notice of Rating Valuation with updated rating values for their properties. If they think the rating value is not correct they can object online at [www.qv.co.nz](http://www.qv.co.nz) ring quotable Value at 0800 787 284 or obtain an objection form from council. The last day for objections is December 3. The council's finance department is also happy to answer any other questions.

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## South dominate Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards

South Taranaki is clearly a community with a wealth of creative talent and a sharp eye for the injustices and difficulties that arise in everyday life, according to New Zealand award winning author Mandy Hager. Hager was the 2015 short story judge for the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards held in Hawera recently and was commenting on the fact that the winning entries all came from South Taranaki this year.

"You live in a beautiful and unique part of the world, and it has been fascinating to see how your extraordinary environment has wormed its way into so many of the stories. They are packed with vivid images and a very spiritual appreciation of the landscape



Ronald Hugh Morrieson open short story winners. Emma Collins, Judge Mandy Hager, Bruce Finer and Pip Harrison

pervades throughout a great number of the most affecting stories," she says.

As a writer who believes that the most powerful stories are those that speak of the universal in the personal, and which embrace an honest desire to reflect on human beings' best and worst behaviour in order to speak of larger truths, Hager says she has appreciated the thoughtfulness with which many of this year's writers have approached the writing process.

Commenting on the poetry section, judge Sue Wootton said, "A strong poem is a vivid—but subtle—synthesis of sound and sense, form and content.

The poems selected as placegetters are all well-crafted poems, she said, whether crafted in traditional form or springing from more contemporary models.

"The winning poems speak freshly and therefore make us see the world anew."

90 entries were received in

the secondary school short story category, 49 entries in the open poetry, 62 in the open short story, and 33 entries in the secondary school poetry section.

Results. Secondary School Short Story . 1 – Abbey Silson (Opunake High School) The Six and Sixteen.

2 – Sarah Bird (Hawera High School) Forgotten Memories. 3 Abigail Pratt (Hawera High School) Blood Sun. Highly Commended. Pearl Anderson (Opunake High School) Dad. Sarah Bird (Hawera High School) The Peak of the Mountain. Tara Clement ( Opunake High School) An April Dream. Alyxander Devlin (St Mary's Diocesan) Instinct. Sasha Finer (Hawera High School) Snapshot. Hannah Purser ( Hawera High School) The Difference. Timatanga Ratahi (Opunake High School) Mr Magic. Christian Rosewarne (Opunake High School) How Much Time, Ref? Edie

Thomas The River.

Secondary School Poetry. Brenda Jupp (St Mary's Diocesan) Jigaboo. William Andersen-Gardiner (Opunake High School) Lying in the light. Georgia Sparks (Hawera High School ) Can You Hear the Mountain Whispering?

Open Short Story 1.Pip Harrison (Hawera) Do we Not Bleed? 2. Bruce Finer (Hawera) Daylight Robbery. 3. Emma Collins (Stratford) Intolerance.

Highly Commended. Christopher Bates (New Plymouth) Blitz. Barbara Hart (Stratford) A New Beginning. Erin Kelly (Sacred Heart Girls' College) Dancer. Caro Mundt ( Eltham) Millie Malone. John Sargeant (New Plymouth) Fricken the Chicken. Robert Silk ( New Plymouth) A Golfing Greek Tragedy

Open Poetry. 1. Maria Cunningham (Hawera) ADHD. 2. Scott Armstrong (New Plymouth) Urenui. 3. Kate Byrne (New Plymouth) Taranaki.

# Keeping an eye on the time

Whichever way you face the Opunake Library, it should now be possible to tell the correct time.

Until a few weeks ago, the north and south facing clocks outside the town's library had been showing different times. It turns out this had been due to a hyperactive minute hand playing havoc with the south facing clock, but thanks to Len Pentelow and Andrew Hornblow, the north and south sides of town should now be living in the same time zone.

"The minute hand was very loose, so we tightened it up and adjusted it, and we think we have got the clock running as well as it can be now," Andrew said.

The two clocks are "slaves" to the master clock inside the library, which years ago had belonged to the former Egmont Electric Power Board.

Len says the master may currently have only two slaves under its control, but is capable of controlling 25-30.

He said he had taken a continuing interest in the clock since the 1990s when there were problems with the master which had people baffled.



Andrew Hornblow and Len Pentelow have things ticking away with the Opunake Library clock.

"I took it upon myself as a challenge to resurrect the clock," he said.

This culminated in the installing of the north and south facing clocks along Tasman Street. Along the way he enlisted the help of Andrew, who he describes as his mentor.

Andrew said it took some

sleuthing on the internet to get the clock tuned properly. His experience in dealing with multi clocks dates back to his days working as a technician with the New Zealand Railways. He even has a synchronome clock at home similar to the one at the Opunake Library.

"The technology dates back

to early last century. It's a good quality instrument and lovely to work on."

Len said all that's required now is keeping an eye on the time, and correcting things when they fall out of line.

"Hopefully now with a little tweaking, which I hope we won't have to do that often, it will keep on going," he said

## Captain Tuatara goes out with a bang

Thursday October 8 was a special day – it was the windup to the successful, not to say popular holiday programme, for kids called Captain Tuatara's Holiday Club. The last session was called 'Clan Wars' – "experience what it is like to dress and fight like the Highlanders." A highlight of the last session was the choosing of a leader for each group; the children were grouped at tables in age groupings.

The programme is called Dynamite Bay and Captain Tuatara's Club was run by St Paul's Co-operative parish for children aged 5 to 12.

Interested children have been meeting every Friday (3.30pm to 5.15pm) all of the last school term. Some of the activities during the term have included: art, outdoor adventure on the seashore,



Having fun at the Captain Tuatara's Holiday Club.

skipping, swimming, lego, playgrounds and kayaking, to mention just a few.

The Holiday Programme part is designed to provide quality care and fun activities for children and three days were involved Tuesday October 6 (Clan building day), Wednesday October 7 (Tactics and cuisine) and the final one which has been

already mentioned.

The friendship, fun, encouragement, play and activity are underpinned by Christian values. The leaders, all committed Christian include Anne Smith, Lynette Blom, Jan, Kevin Klumpje and Teresa Parsons. Kevin and Teresa are from Knox Church Waitara.

The programme ended with

a delicious meal, enjoyed by all.

All the children seemed to be in high spirits and having heaps of fun. We'll leave the last word to one of them, Jazlin Marsh (aged 11). "It's fun. It's a good thing to come to in the holidays and to keep you entertained." She added, "I'll definitely come again."

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In 1951, their eldest son Richard, already in New Zealand, had been joined by his fiancée Mary, who he then married.

Eventually the entire family had made the trip and had settled in Opunake.

On Labour weekend descendants of Michael and Margaret were in Opunake to catch up with each other and remember the lives of their forebears.

"We had only been meeting together at funerals, so we felt we needed to get together somewhere where there was no funeral," Josie Hogan said. "We hope to carry this on in future as the younger ones



The Hogan family.



The Hogan family grandchildren at their Opunake reunion.

get older."

Josie, who had married John Hogan is New Zealand born, but her father had known the Hogan family in Ireland.

Michael and Margaret had 19 grandchildren, including one since deceased.

The grandparents and their children had all passed on, and the grandchildren had left for other parts. On Labour

Weekend the third generation came from as far afield as Whangarei and Wellington to get together and remember those who had gone before: Richard who had married Mary, Kitty who had married Bill Bracken, Anna who had married Alan Fake, John who had married Josephine (Josie), Tom who had married Jessie Roebuck, Mick

who had married Molly.

Sharing the moment with the Hogans were a number of friends who had known the family in Opunake. As well as a time of celebration, it was a time of reflection, visiting the graves of family members as well as the family homestead in Longfellow Road, Opunake.



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# St Mary's Diocesan Stratford new gym

St Marys Diocesan School in Stratford recently celebrated the opening of their Centennial Gymnasium.

School Chaplain the Rev Jacqui Paterson led a blessing along with Head Girl Alyxandra Devlin. The Rev Sandy Parata led a karakia, supported by the school's Kapa Haka roopu, and Sports Captain Rebekah Trethewey shot a goal to officially declare the gym open.

The opening of the \$750,000 facility is the culmination of a tremendous effort by the school community which will be such an asset to the school family and the wider Stratford community, school principal Fiona Green said.



Rebekah Trethewey shooting a goal to officially declare the gym open.

"This will enable the 90 per cent of our students who

play winter sports to train and practice on campus."

Chairman of the Board of Proprietors Peter Mellow thanked all those who had been involved in the building process.

"Local contractors were used where possible and we are delighted with the standard of work and the finished project," he said.

Left: St Marys new gymnasium.



# Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade News

Well, believe it or not, we are only a month away from summertime and those wonderful evenings. Soon the gas barbeques will be dusted off, and last summer's "hot plate" residue will be burnt off. There is however, a little more you should do to actually make your barbeque, and those using it, safe. Check to see if the hose line between the gas cylinder and the grill has not perished or been nibbled by a rodent, and make sure all connections are tight. If you suspect a leak, put soapy water on the area to see if it "bubbles" when the gas is turned on. If it does show dodgy signs, get it repaired. I only ever turn my gas cylinder valve on one twist when using the barbeque. That way, should a problem arise, a quick twist back and all gas is shut off and the flare up is over.

Always make sure you transport or store your gas cylinders in an upright position with the valve pointing to the stars. Make sure the valve on the empty cylinder is turned off before disconnecting and do not turn on the

valve of the full cylinder until it is safely connected. The changing of cylinders should always be done outside with adequate ventilation, and in a "cigarette free" zone. Gas cylinders should be attached to the barbeque trolley so they cannot be knocked over enabling the hose to rupture.

If your barbeque is a charcoal fuel burner or just a fire in a pit, please be extra careful operating it when children are present. Firstly, all matches and lighters must be kept away and out of sight from the little darlings. Secondly, children have a tendency to play nearby while the food is cooking so they must be supervised at all times.

Be very careful when using lighter fluid to get the barbeque started and never add extra fluid to an already lit fire because the flame could flashback up into the container and explode. Once your cooking is over, douse the embers with water, and stir them about to ensure that the fire is completely out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers, because if there is a glimmer

of heat the fire could possibly restart and cause major issues.

Never use a barbeque or a patio heater in an enclosed area as the carbon monoxide produced is poisonous and can cause major respiratory harm. On average six people needlessly die from carbon monoxide poisoning in New Zealand each year, and we don't want our area put on the map through this.

Finally, don't light fires when a fire ban is in place - you could be liable for whatever damage is caused should it get out of control. With all of these points in mind (and Ken Ring, the weather predictor is wrong), I hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable December barbequing your favourite kai.

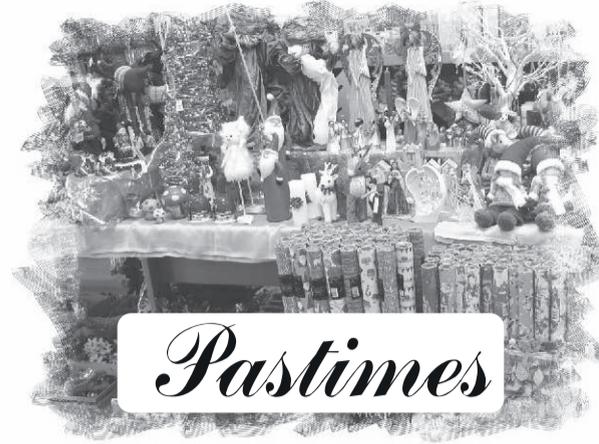
On Wednesday October 21, while brigade members Rang and Beau were wrapping up a fire safety presentation at a Pihama Womens Institute meeting, the fire siren was sounding in Opunake. A concerned neighbour heard a smoke alarm and so took the correct action and called the brigade. The funny thing

was the unit where all of the noise was coming from was in the same block of flats that Rang lives at. Beau said you should have seen the look on Rang's face when he realised it was close to home. Luckily it seemed to be just a "lively" smoke alarm and no harm done.

The 59<sup>th</sup> call we have had this year was to a two car accident at the intersection of the Wiremu and Kaweora Roads. Luckily, the incident was minor and we were soon heading for home.

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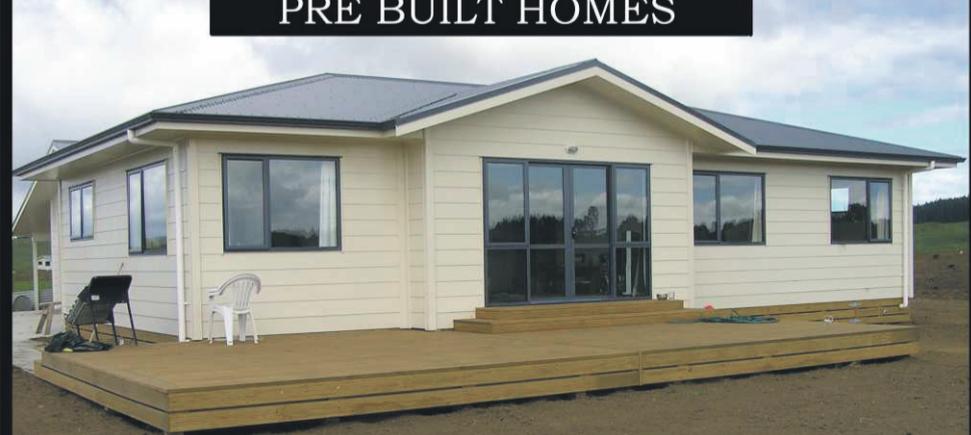
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# Pros and cons of decentralisation

I have spent the past two days travelling in Hawkes Bay and Poverty Bay on a

Rural Roadshow discussing Provincial Priorities (Politics is all about alliteration these

days and almost as important as being able to name an alternative All Black back line. The perception of credibility is so important in our game).

The point of these visits being undertaken by four National MPs is to listen to those communities living away from airport towns, how government can get out of the way of them doing business and enhancing their lives in provincial New Zealand. We hear so much about metro economies and regional economies but less so about rural and provincial growth and expectations. These areas provide so much of our national wealth and resilience and yet there are road blocks to growth in smaller centres and larger provincial cities. A national business based in Gisborne needing to travel to Canterbury on a regular basis pays a thousand dollars a trip. An Auckland business doing the same can travel for two hundred. Freight hubs are in or close to big cities, but produce in Poverty Bay is trucked to Napier three hours away, or Hamilton, and often get onto a train or ship. The alternative is truck yourself



Hon Chester Borrows MP

all the way to the customer. With depopulation came loss of agencies and services. No doubt this sounds very familiar. Similar road shows in electorates like Whanganui, Kaikōura, and Southland have found similar situations, and everyone is suggesting similar solutions. Solutions like de-centralisation of government agencies out of Wellington in spite of the inefficiencies. People scratch their heads over ways to attract new business and want to offer Auckland enterprises all sorts of incentives to move south. Every province wants to be Silicon Valley, or is absolutely convinced that their town or city is where everyone would want to live if only they came with an

open mind.

But it seems to me that most of these solutions don't stack up. Moving national agencies to provincial New Zealand would have huge dead costs such as officials travelling back to Wellington to talk to government and aligned agencies, which under this program will have been decentralised to Ikamatua or Eketahuna. You can only do so much by Skype. Rates and tax holidays to move out into the regions would truly and justifiably brass-off all those loyal businesses who have resisted the temptation of moving their businesses from the Whanganui and the Timaru to South Auckland, South Australia or South China. It would cause jealousy and rivalry which would destabilise the local economies in a different way. Entrenched ideas and long held grievances never nullify and consolidate.

A discussion we never seem to have is what government, both central and local, can do to encourage business, organisations, clubs and sports to grow twenty per cent over the next ten years. That's jobs and wealth, classroom places, retail spaces,

infrastructure, rate-take and an enduring future. Some businesses would do it on their own; some would need land freed up, consents and permits, more water, more electricity, a deeper port, stronger recruitment. That's the job of Council and Government to remove the bureaucratic drags that prevent the boat being streamlined. It is a suggestion of the Whanganui-Manawatu Regional Growth Study and it makes good sense.

It seems that many of us have been sitting back thinking of excuses as to why things aren't the way they used to be, or not consistent with our view of the way they should be. We point fingers at politicians, leaders, schools, minority groups, bad press, unions, employers, the weather, the Chinese, Americans or Russians. But we forget that when we are pointing the finger, three of our fingers are pointing back at ourselves.

Other people just get and do it themselves in spite of the rest. They are doers not talkers and we need to join them or get the hell out of their way.

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## Health minister in denial

One of the most common refrains I hear from people coming into New Plymouth office is about unmet need within the health system. There are people who've been told by a specialist they need surgery, but can't get it, and others who have been referred to a specialist but don't even get appointment.

Health Minister Jonathan Coleman has repeatedly denied there's a problem. Recently he admitted on national television that, yes actually, there are some is-

suues with waiting lists.

Those 'issues' are 160,000 people who don't appear in any official figures. They've been sent for a specialist assessment by their GPs, but don't meet certain clinical criteria so get refused an appointment.

Some doctors say they aren't even attempting to refer some patients on because they know it's a pointless exercise.

Others are managing patients - in a sort of holding pattern - using guidelines provided by specialists, until they get 'sick enough' to qualify for another referral.

Meanwhile DHBs have also confirmed they use suspended waiting lists because they can't meet the Government's new target of four months for operations.

In a country that has prided itself on having one of the most effective health systems in the world that's a pretty damning indictment.

The breadth of the problem was brought home to me last week after a grand-

mother contacted Health spokesperson Annette King regarding her four year-old granddaughter. The little girl has nasal problems and poor speech. While she did get to see a specialist, that was as far as it went. The specialist confirmed she needed both her tonsils and adenoids removed, and she needed grommets fitted in her ears.

Apparently, however, she didn't meet the criteria for surgery and was referred back to the GP.

So what happens when she starts school next year? Presumably she'll need speech therapy (though she has been turned down for that as well) and some pretty intensive one-on-one tutoring to help with her hearing issues.

All that when an operation would have fixed the problem and saved the little girl, her parents, and grandparents a lot of heartache.

At the other end of the spectrum we have also heard this week from a woman whose husband has been waiting almost two years for an op-



Andrew Little MP

eration on his shoulder. She says he lives with extreme pain every day. Having to dress and bath him takes a huge toll on her.

National has slashed \$1.7 billion from Health over six years, and further under investment has been signalled.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that if you're failing to maintain current funding in an area where there's growing demand, something's got to give.

Unfortunately, under this Government, that something is essential health services, and its New Zealanders, young and old, who are bearing the brunt of it.

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Opunake St. Joseph's student performing at the Opunake High School.

## Over the Rainbow - was lots of fun

St Joseph's School's production was a lot of fun if enthusiastic audience reaction is any gauge. The show was written and ably directed by Raeleen Luckin. The three performances were held in the Opunake High School on Thursday 29 October (evening show) and Friday 30 October (matinee and evening shows).

The story follows Shady (played by Elizabeth Andersen-Gardiner) on a personal journey. Along the way she learns a lot about

herself and that is acceptable to have a diverse variety of feelings depending on the occasion. Elizabeth was well chosen and performed very well indeed. There were lots of great performances such Christstelle Centeno as 'Yellow', Pero Brophy as 'Red' and as Kale Jordan as the 'Wizard'.

A feature of the show were the strikingly colourful costumes, some provided by Raeleen. Kelly Young - with creative stitching - and her team have done the

show proud. The 'Fireflies' - Melah, Jaylah, Katie, Holly and Ava from Room 2 - were a visual delight. There were ten scenes - named after each colour of the rainbow (eg. 'Indigo's World') - with lots of enjoyable music and plenty of lively dancing. Some of the memorable songs included 'I See Red', 'Joy to the World', 'Dancing in the Moonlight' and 'It's kind of Magic'. An amusing surprise was when staff and parents occupied the stage to perform late in the show.

Many people contributed to make the production successful, such as the hair and make up helpers, as well as Xavier Langton for the Sound and Lighting. William Andersen-Gardiner filmed the show. A raffle was organised by the PTA. As the programme states, "Also a huge thank you to all St Joseph's children, you are all 'stars'.

Last word goes to Principal Margaret Duynhoven who was delighted with the, "brilliant, fantastic performances."

## Fundraising venture by Opunake girl

Hailie Davey (12) of Opunake was shocked by the implications of last

month's devastating fire at Hawera Intermediate School and wanted to do something

to help. She organised a raffle, based at her school Opunake Primary, with tickets selling at \$1 each.

Local people kindly donated grocery items when the raffle was publicised in the school newsletter and by word of mouth. "I feel really happy that I'm doing it," commented Hailie. She said that about 150 raffle tickets had been sold, "More than I expected."

There were two prizes for grabs; First place was a basket crammed with goodies including grocery items and a big blue rabbit (Relax- it's a toy). The Second place winner scored a box of grocery items and a delicious

looking chocolate cake. Hailie says she intends that the money she has raised is used to buy new books for Hawera Intermediate School students to replace some of those which were lost in the recent fire.



Hailie Davey, who organised a fundraising raffle to benefit the students of Hawera Intermediate School.

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## COASTAL OUTLOOK Obesity is everyone's problem

Last year Taranaki's child obesity rates were the worst in the country. This year we are second to bottom, having been beaten up one place by the East Coast.

Our obesity statistics are about twice as bad as those for the country at large. These are the statistics from the Ministry of Health. No one seems to be prepared to say why Taranaki produces fat kids, but we all must address the problem.

Obesity is a problem for the child, the family, local government, clubs, and our nation. Taranaki and the East Coast are the worst provinces in the country.

**Hard to see us as we are**  
The image we have of Taranaki, of ourselves, is positive. Mention Taranaki and we think of the mountain, the coast, and rugby, farming and green paddocks. All these are images of a healthy lifestyle and fitness.

The statistics enable us to see ourselves in new ways.

We are actually sedentary, idle and we overeat. Few people play sport, few tramp on the mountain, and few surf. I must admit to my contribution to our provincial problem.

**Food**  
We eat too much salt, too much fat, and too much sugar. Red meat contributes to cancer in the human gut. What, you might well ask, are we to eat? The answer seems to be to eat less and stick to fresh green foods.

Changing your eating habits is an ecological, physiological and psychological problem. All this shows the need for a family, local and national response. Every individual and every organisation has an important part to play in this war for the health of our children.

**Medical response**  
The Minister of Health has asked the Ministry of Health for a plan to address childhood obesity. He hopes to be able to make decisions and



announcements about this before Christmas.

The medical profession is gearing up to confront the obesity epidemic. But they are the ambulance at the foot of the cliff (please excuse the horrid metaphor). Most obesity is an outcome of lifestyle – it is the way we live that determines our calorific intake and the energy we use each day. Consequently, it is local government, schools and sports clubs that are most important. We have known

this for at least two decades.

**Survey of organisations**  
I visited the School of Medicine at the University of Auckland two weeks ago. Staff and students there are united in their concern about obesity. In one exercise, students contacted the local government sector. They wanted to ascertain how conscious councils were of their responsibility towards the health of their communities. They wanted to know what policies were in place to assist us.

**Taranaki**  
The response from the Taranaki Regional Council was shown to me because it was outstanding. I quote:

"Taranaki Regional Council has no responsibilities in this area. This is a district council and/or public health responsibility. The answer to your questions is therefore: 1 (What do you have in your Long Term or Annual Plans that relates to obesity?) Nothing; 2 (What is your current obesity strategy, and when did you first establish an obesity strategy?) The TRC does not have an obesity strategy; 3 (Do you have strategies or plans specifically for the elderly and youth?) No - Not a TRC responsibility; 4 (Do you have plan provisions or policies that relate to ethnic groups, in particular in relation to their health needs?) No - again, not a TRC responsibility.

They have yet to realise their responsibility regarding obesity because they hold our key public assets such as waterfront land, rivers, coast, ocean, a port, and gardens. They have yet to discover that economic and environmental policy always entails social policy.

Perhaps the TRC attitude puts Taranaki's statistics



where they are. This is a failure of both the elected people and their professional advisors. May they one-day modernise and extend themselves.

**The challenge**  
The TRC response demonstrates an issue for health officials. Is their message getting out? Do people accept the seriousness of our situation, given that our leadership in local government seems to be in avoidance/denial mode?

The TRC response made me check their website. They say this: "Freshwater and healthy soils are key factors in the thriving economy and great quality of life that make Taranaki one of New Zealand's leading regions. And right now, the Taranaki Regional Council is reviewing the 'rule book' governing the use of these vital natural resources".

The "use" of these resources is what is at issue in relation to obesity. Let us hope TRC search for opportunities to use our resources so that we really do achieve a "great quality of life".

**Other councils**  
The survey responses from other councils which I saw (not all of them) indicate that councils are mindful of their responsibility towards obesity, although most do not have a precise policy on obesity. Most New Zealand councils have policy on children/youth and on older persons.

I looked at the South Taranaki District Council response which was signed out by Sonia Murray, Executive Assistant Corporate Services. It was a good, comprehensive response. STDC said more about their role as advocates for Maori than most other councils. Apart from the usual items mentioned by most other councils, Ms Murray mentioned their Open Space Strategy (2014) and the Pathways Strategy (2015).

**Taranaki Steelformers**  
The Steelformers Netball Club has won the new "Club of the Year" award from Netball Taranaki. This award recognises the critical role that clubs play in the war on obesity.

**Whanau Pakari**  
The Whanau Pakari programme is to combat the rise of "weight issues of children." It targets 5-16 year-olds and their families. Referrals come from nurses, GPs, kaiawhina, Whanau Ora, Maori health workers, and youth centres. Families are given physical fitness assessments, one-to-one support, supermarket tours, food label reading sessions, community vegetable garden sessions, cooking nights and general advice about healthy eating.

This is grassroots practical help from skilful people.

The money for this comes from Sport Taranaki and the Taranaki District Health Board's – excellent.

**Research**  
A strong part of Whanau Pakari is the research it attracts. Several papers appear in medical journals. In July this year one of their papers appeared in The New Zealand Medical Journal. It suggests that all interventions to reduce child obesity seem to be useful but that the younger the child the better the results of the intervention.

I will not name the authors because medical people are very inclusive in their distribution of credit, and I would be sure to miss someone out. Taranaki should be proud of its medical researchers.

**Bariatric surgery**  
I was pleased to see the Taranaki medical response to obesity. Our Health Board funds weight-loss surgery. The programme began in 2012 with just four people a year, and there is now a team of specialist advisors and facilities for the work at Base Hospital. I think the surgery is actually done in the Waikato.

Last month a surgeon, Mr Richard Flint (based in Christchurch), felt moved to defend a young patient who was abused in the media because he had this surgery. Gross obesity is not the outcome of anything a person can control. We should not look at it as moral failure.

If you want to look at it from your own selfish point-of-view, reflect that this work saves all taxpayers' money in the long run.

**Easy plan**  
If you want to do something positive about sugar and salt in your diet, stop buying tins at supermarkets. If, like me, you prefer not to read labels (as we all should), then simply stop buying tins. If you cannot read where it comes from and what it contains do not buy the tin.

The spokesperson for the Food and Grocery Council, says regulations are not the answer to sugar and salt in our diet, whilst education is. They would say this, would they not? How about industry commitments to targets on sugar and salt in the products they produce? It is rather obvious more food regulations will be necessary if we are to improve our obesity statistics.

Finally, as this week's "Coastal Outlook" is about medical matters, I should remind you I am not a medical doctor. If you have any health concerns, take a deep breath and visit your doctor or nurse. They do not mind your questions.

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# Thirty plus years with Manaia Library Plus

In December, Carole Hosie will have been librarian at the Manaia Library for 30 years. Her involvement with the library goes back even further. In 1983, when a committee was set up to get a library going in Manaia, she was there as the first secretary/treasurer. Two years later, she became its first paid employee. "I liked reading and had the time so I said I would be into that, and I'm still here 30 years later," Carole said.



Carol Hosie is soon to mark 30 years as librarian at Manaia

She is now seeing the third generation of children coming through the library doors. "Hardly a week goes by without someone coming in and saying I remember seeing you way back when." Thirty years on, she still enjoys her work. "Every day is different. You don't know what's going to come up. I love being with & helping people and this is an ideal job for me to do that" "I'm proud of the services we can now offer at the library. The Adult Book Club started 10 years ago, and still has most of the original members, and the Junior Book Club is encouraging children to read. Crossword mornings and pre school storytime are also popular." The library is a safe place. It's a place where children can meet other children. It's a building for the whole Community. Although technology has changed and the demise of the book has often been predicted, Carole believes there will

always be a place for libraries. "There will always be books. Who doesn't enjoy snuggling up to a book at night? I think libraries will always be there, We just need to keep up to date technology-wise, as this is what children want these days, but they will always read." Back in the 1980s, Manaia town councillor Melva Yarrow, who died earlier this year, was one of the driving forces behind the town getting its own library. "Melva Yarrow had the contacts and got a committee together which included me," Carole said. The first committee meeting was held on June 20, 1983. Other committee

members included Josie Bigham, Margaret Diack and Betty McLean. Initially the Library was only open for a few hours a week and dependent on voluntary labour. "Being a small town, everyone got behind gathering and donating books, and we rented a room for \$10 a week from Kelly's Photographic Studio in the Temple Building," Carole said. "Everything was done on a card system and written up. We had no computers and no phones." From such humble beginnings the Library grew, gaining the support of the National Library and the Waimate West Council

who enabled them to buy the entire building two years later. It was then that Carole was taken on as the library's first paid employee, although still working only a few hours a week. Again the Manaia community pitched in to give a hand. The local draper donated wooden shelves. The Manaia fire brigade donated and laid the carpet tiles, and the Lions Club helped out with painting and putting up shelves. Carole said Yarrow The Bakers were also there for support.

Back then, as today, school holiday programmes have been a big focus for the library. In 1989, the South Taranaki District Council was formed, bringing the Manaia Library under their ambit. "All of a sudden we were part of a group of libraries. It meant there was support there, and it was positive for moving forward," Carole said. In 1995, the library shifted to its current location in the council building. Another change came in 2002 when the Library became a Library Plus,

meaning staff now handled council business as well as looking after the library. Looking back Carole said the Manaia Library had been a big part of her life. "I have made some very good friends through it and it has been very special getting to know all the children. "I'm glad I've been able to watch the library grow and see where it is today. There have been many people over the years that have helped this happen and I am thankful for that help. I was just the lucky one who got paid for it."

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The Pennington family were out in force on Halloween night scaring Okato residents. Connor (right), Caleb (centre) and Dad Kayne (at left) holding Hunter.



From left Isabella Danger, Myra Primrose and Macy Harewood from Okato.



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# Taranaki Art Awards attracts record entries

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Commented the judges, the work "invites the viewer to contemplate the four elements of earth, air, fire and water and yet this is communicated with a very limited colour palette" in a way that is moody and atmospheric. Highly Commended was Aithnia Batchelor's, I love Fishing. Rural Taranaki Winner Steve Malloy, Under the Mountain. It had an immediate impact on the judges who commented that the use of strong com-

plementary colours makes it work in a formal sense. "The impact of the Taranaki coast and the edginess of the landscape - big sea meeting big land also speaks as much as Mount Taranaki of this place," commented Maree. Highly Commended was Kevin Betteridge's, Mount Taranaki. 3D Winner Antonia O'Mahony, Residue. The judges said they "loved the combination of print and plate in this work, echoing all the dualities of print making itself in this work the shadow be-

comes heavy and permanent, while the body is fragile and ghost like." Highly Commended was Howard Tuffery's, Landscape Bowl. Works on Paper Winner Dean Jolly, The Record Collector was described by the judges as "so well executed that we did wonder if this work should be in the photography section. Given that this work isn't a photograph but is actually a charcoal drawing we were blown away by its skill and also its wonderful composition. It's a compelling image." Highly Commended was Margaret Silverwood's Wake and Rise. Fibre Art Award Winner Catherine-Joye Truman from Oamaru. Commented the judges, "This remarkable piece is a nice follow on from Andre's illusionist work. From one angle an image of an owl can be seen, and from front on it could be a woolly Bridget Riley painting. We felt that this work really pushed the boundaries of the medium both conceptually and in its extremely fine and innovative execution." Highly Commended was Melanie Richardson with her work Te toa i ngaro. Toi Tu Taranaki Winner Maria Brockhill, Ipukiniuku. Remarkd Ma-



Compere Brody Chapman. Photo: Taylah Smith.

Council, commented "I'm sure you all had your own pick, but that's how it is." Francis Steinberg from the Taranaki National Arts Awards Committee then announced the Committee Choice which was Follow Your Heart by Dave Ashburn, which they felt "expressed something that other works didn't." The inscription incorporated in the piece included the words The Best Dressed decade award on opening night went to Judith Armstrong, who was clearly channelling the 70s look, and Diane James.

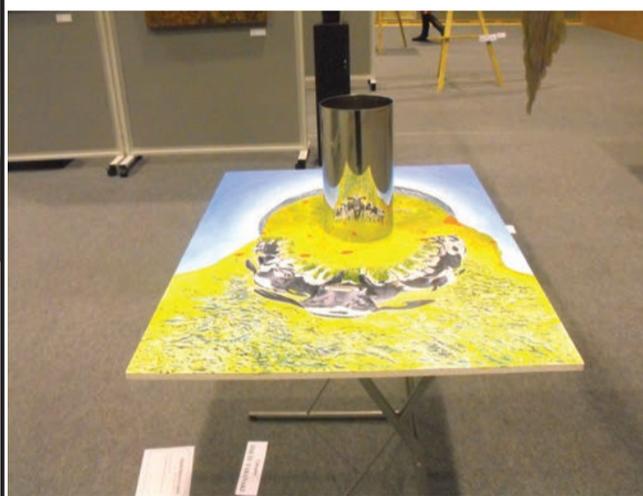
The Taranaki Art Review continues until November 7 at Sandfords Events Centre in Opunake and is open daily from 10am till 4pm.

ree, "the glaze pulled me to the bottom of the bowl, I thought of a mountain, a volcanic crater, imprints on the outside like marks on the earth, history of the mountain." Highly Commended was Andre Bronniman. Photography award Winner Sue Morton, The Portrait Artist. "A great portrait that had both of us looking twice, great concept and well photographed," said the judges. Highly Commended was Mark Bellringer's Supplejack. In closing Maree said that judging the entries had been "a really enjoyable day. I think it's wonderful."

After the presentation of the awards, Michaela Stone-man, Arts Co-ordinator with the South Taranaki District



Antonia O'Mahony who won the 3D category. Photo: Taylah Smith.



Andre Bronniman's Tou Tu Taranaki entry was Highly Commended. Said the judges, the piece "captured both of us for its unique and clever painterly display of the 360 degrees which is now current with iphone technology. The work plays on the idea of a map being 2D describing 3D space, you look down on it but it becomes 3D in the cylinder."

## Off the net

A rather well-built woman, Joan, spent almost all of her vacation time sunbathing on the roof of her hotel. The first day she sunbathed, she wore a red bathing suit. However on the second

day, she felt a little more adventurous. She slipped out of it in order to get an overall tan. She'd hardly begun when she heard someone running up the stairs. She was lying on her stomach, so she just pulled a towel over her rear. "Excuse me, miss," said a flustered little (out of breath) assistant manager of the hotel. "The Hilton doesn't mind you sunbathing on the roof, but we would very much appreciate you wearing a bathing suit as you did yesterday!"

"What difference does it make", Joan asked rather calmly. "No one can see me up here on the roof and besides, I'm covered with a towel."

"With all due respect, not exactly ma'am," said the embarrassed little man. "You are lying on the dining room skylight."

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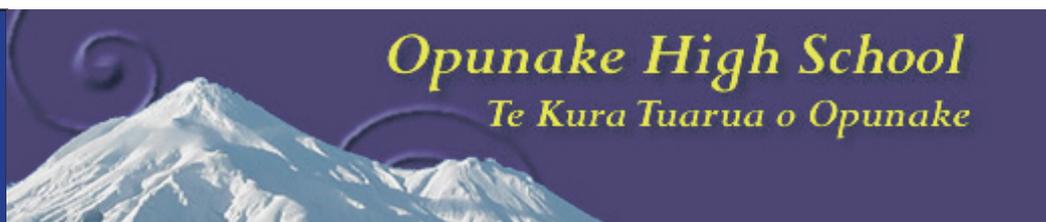
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The 2015 awards ceremony was held at Hawera LibraryPlus on Wednesday October 28 at 6.30pm. It was great, as always, to see the support of whaanau at the event and staff, too, supporting our students – Principal Simon Fuller, Simon Reid and Andrea and Craig Dingle.

This year the competition attracted record numbers of entries. In the secondary short story section there were ninety entries and in the poetry category, thirty-three. For that reason, to be selected as a finalist is a significant achievement in itself. Congratulations, therefore to the seven finalists from our school.

**Secondary School Short Story Section**

**First Place (\$500.00 Prize)** Abbey Silson

**Highly Commended**

Tara Clement, Timatanga Ratahi  
Christian Rosewarne, Pearl Anderson

**Special Merit Award**

Jakartia Munro-Smith

**Secondary School Poetry Section**

**Second Place (\$300.00 Prize)** William Andersen-Gardiner

To all those students who this year have worked really hard to craft their writing to NCEA standard at Levels One, Two and Three –well done! May your future entries in this competition bring mana to Opunake High School.

Jenny Bennett

Faculty Leader Languages

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the cross country on 15 October.

Results:

**Senior Boys Champion - Matt Hooper**

**Senior Girls Champion - Clare Young**

**Intermediate Boys Champion - Benjamin Shelford**

**Intermediate Girls Champion - Cate Tulloch**

**Junior Boys Champion - Gianni Dear**

**Junior Girls Champion - Aimee Abplanalp**

**Hapu Results**

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Maarten Wagenaar servicing mechanical needs on the coast.

Equipped with van and mobile workshop, he says he is able to handle jobs anywhere along the Taranaki coast. He stocks a wide range of equipment and is able to handle servicing, modifying and repairs of tractors, farm machinery, diggers, mobile cranes and motorbikes, among other things. He also does work on piping and galvanized gates. He has even built a trailer to empty sand traps for a mobile toilet business.

Dutch-born Maarten qualified as a diesel mechanic back in Holland, working on earth moving machinery. Before coming to New Zealand, his work

involved driving trucks all over Europe from Monday to Friday, and working as a mechanic on Saturday. "This was a bit of a change and kept me interested," Maarten said. "Then it was time to have an adventure and do something different, so I came to New Zealand for a year and never left." He worked for a tulip grower

in Tapanui, helping with growing and harvesting, and providing mechanical assistance as and when required. He has also worked in the forestry industry.

While in the South Island, he met his wife Stacey, who had grown up around Opunake. Earlier this year, expecting their first child, they decided

to shift back to Taranaki to be closer to family. "I heard from family members that there were not many mechanics and engineers in the area so

I thought there might be an opportunity to start this up," Maarten said. "I look forward to being here for a long time."

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## A link with Manaia's past up for sale

When James John (J.J.) Patterson died in 1937 he was reputedly the world's largest dairyfarmer. He owned more than 4000 dairy cows on over 35 farms from Taranaki through to Waikato. Five years earlier the New Zealand Dairy Exporter called him "The man who owns the largest number of dairy cows in the world."

C.P.McMeekan later said his estate was the largest single producer of milkfat in the Southern Hemisphere.

Now the last of J.J.Patterson's Taranaki dairy farms, and the base of his empire is up for sale. Today the 106ha farm on Winks Road near Manaia comprises 79ha freehold and 27ha West Coast lease land, milking approximately 320 cows in a 40 aside herringbone shed.

Patterson was already a successful Manaia businessman and blacksmith when he took up 58ha block on the Winks Road at around the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup>

### In Thy Toil Rejoice

The Story of J.J. Patterson  
— Taranaki Pioneer —



By Arnold Pickmere

**JJ Patterson**

and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries on a 999 year West Coast lease from its Maori owners. He and wife Catherine (Kate) had a growing family, and were to have eight daughters. Winks Road seemed a good place to base themselves, so they bought the officers' mess from the Manaia redoubt, shifted it on to the farm, and with later additions it became their 14 room home Whare Moana.

JJ Patterson had come a long way. Born in 1859, he had lost both his parents in 1864. His father had been killed in the Taranaki Land Wars, his mother had died of what is believed to have been typhus. When he was eight, he told his foster

parents he wanted to go to sea, but soon became disillusioned, and left the ship he was on at the first available opportunity, which happened to be Opunake. He then walked alone all the way to New Plymouth. In 1885, he had set himself up as a blacksmith in Manaia.

As the years went on, Patterson acquired other farms, including the Glenn estate at Kaupokonui and the Lysaght block at Ohangai. The first of his farms to convert to dairying was one at Normanby which later became the Waimate West Demonstration Farm.

Having acquired these blocks, he divided them



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# Young achiever likes helping others

Jayden Harvey may have been born in Auckland, but Taranaki has won him over.

"It's nice to walk out in the morning, look one way and you see the mountain, and then look the other way and see the sea," he said.

The contract milker from Oaonui has taken out the Young Achiever title in the South Taranaki 2015 Youth to Work Awards announced in Hawera last month.

At 21, Jayden employs one full timer and three part timers in milking 550 cows in a 60-bale rotary cowshed for Gary and Donna Mellow.

He is chairman of the Central Taranaki Young Farmers Club and is on the Taranaki-Manawatu regional committee. In last year's Young Farmer of the Year, he won the Taranaki Open District final and finished fifth in the regional final. He has also taken part in the Dairy Industry Awards, finishing second in the Taranaki Farm Manager of the year.

In March he bought a 57ha sheep and beef farm near Midhirst. He has since sold 12ha, giving him a 45ha property where he runs dairy grazing stock.

He was six years-old when he came to Taranaki from Paeroa. He said his mother had always lived on lifestyle blocks and worked on farms, so the farming scene wasn't new to him.

Having done his schooling

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up into dairy farms. Of the sharemilkers he took on, many went on to own their own farms, while others carried on working for him for up to 20 years.

It was said that he first started dairying with 100 cows that cost 5 pounds each at a time when returns for butter were about 6 cents a kg.

"He was an amazing outstanding man and his wife was a perfect wife for him," his granddaughter Bryan Bartley said. "He was very much respected, and his word was his bond. My grandparents were very keen Methodists. He was a trustee when the church was built in Manaia, and my mother and grandmother both played the organ there."

Mrs Bartley's mother Dorothy had married Frederick Waddell who went into partnership with his father-in-law at Te Kawau Station, between Tongaporotu and Mokau

Mrs Bartley's grandmother had died in 1929.

"My grandfather bought the land and drove all the way in to develop it. It was always lovely when my grandfather came," Mrs Bartley said.

When Patterson died in 1937, his estate was left in



Young achiever Jayden Harvey.

at Midhirst Primary and Stratford High Schools, he left school when he was 15 and worked on farms at Midhirst and Cardiff before landing a manager's position milking 180 cows on a Kaponga farm. After a season he got a lower order sharemilker position with the Mellows. Jayden worked one of two farms, while the Mellows worked the other. When the two farms were merged, Jayden was given the choice of looking after the larger unit as a sharemilker or as a contract milker. Given the vagaries of the payout, he opted to take on the role of contract milker.

As well as the usual niggles which come from bringing two farms together, there are other challenges to face.

"It's a slow season. Grass

growth is a month later than normal, and production is eight per cent behind budget. I hope that we might be able to claw that back. We just have to make sure we do everything right and don't go backwards."

He finds his involvement with Young Farmers particularly satisfying.

"We try to give back to the community where we can," he said, citing money raised for Lake Rotokare and Daffodil Day.

"I like helping people and try to pass on to others what I can to others. In the past I certainly got a lot of support from people who helped me where they could."

His involvement with Young Farmers has included helping set up Teen Ag clubs at Stratford High School and St Mary's Diocesan School.

"They are helping to show people there's more to agriculture than they might think there is," he said. "I left school at 15, and there was nothing like that when I was at school."

He is upbeat about the future of Young Farmers Clubs. His own Central Taranaki Club has grown from five to 25 members in the last year, and a new club has started at Waverley.

"What you put in is what you get out. If you are not willing to put anything in, don't expect to get anything out. You can't just be one person. It's a group and a team."

Jayden said he would like to have his own farm one day, and has a number of ideas he would like to try out.

trust for his daughters and their descendants.

During his lifetime, JJ Patterson had wanted to set up swimming baths in Manaia as a safer alternative to the swimming hole in the Kapuni River. In 1940, the town finally got its baths, complete with plaque dedicated to the memory

of JJ and his beloved wife, Catherine.

"I was there when the baths were opened," Mrs Bartley said. "My mother turned the key. That was a great day."

In 1990, she teamed up with agricultural journalist Arnold Pickmere to produce In Thy Toil Rejoice: the story of JJ Patterson-

Taranaki pioneer.

"He was a special man, and I'm very proud to be his granddaughter," Mrs Bartley said.

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# Successful Calf and Lamb Day at Rahotu

Rahotu School principal Brigitte Luke says she is pleased at the way the school's recent Calf and Lamb Day went. "The Home and School team would like say a huge thank you to all of the parents, students and staff and wider community members who put on their wet weather gear and brave faces and supported, and I'm sure enjoyed, our Calf and Lamb day last week. "Funds raised went towards upgrading the school hall. "Should we find ourselves in there again next year for prize giving and the auction expect a brighter, fresher more appealing place to meet," she said.



**Emma Keech.**



**Overall Champion goat - Jack McLean**



**Overall champion calf - Holly Horo.**

Results. Junior Lambs. Leading. 1<sup>st</sup> Kyran Payne. 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Domingo. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bradley Gilbert. Calling. 1<sup>st</sup> Layla Cran. 2<sup>nd</sup> Regan Kelbrick. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bradley Gilbert. Rearing 1<sup>st</sup> Josh Domingo. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tahlia Allan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bradley Gilbert. Intermediate Lambs. Leading 1<sup>st</sup> Claire Fleming. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tylah Alders. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruby Helms.

and sash Anna McLean. Junior Calves. Leading 1<sup>st</sup> Jasmin Kemsley. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lilly Bright. 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaitlin Tippett. Rearing 1<sup>st</sup> Lilly Bright. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlin Tippett. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jaden Doherty. Junior Champion Lilly Bright. Junior Reserve Champion Kaitlin Tippett. Intermediate Calves. Leading 1<sup>st</sup> Oliver Kemsley. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Worthington. 3<sup>rd</sup> Amy Grey. Rearing 1<sup>st</sup> Arna Bright. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quinn Thompson. 3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Bengston. Intermediate Champion Oliver Kemsley. Intermediate Reserve Champion Hannah Worthington. Senior Calves Leading 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Horo. 2<sup>nd</sup> Myah Kemsley. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Kemsley. Rearing 1<sup>st</sup> Milton Helms. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ella Bright. 3<sup>rd</sup> Holly Horo. Senior Champion- Holly Horo. Senior Reserve Champion Milton Helms. Winners overall calves. Junior Rearing Bob Chard Memorial Lilly Bright. Intermediate Rearing Dobbin Cup Arna Bright. Senior Rearing Washer Cup Milton

Helms. Overall Rearing Champion Fleming Cup Arna Bright. Overall Leading Champion Rosser Cup Holly Horo. Overall Champion Calf Bell Cup and sash Holly Horo. Overall Reserve Champion Sash Milton Helms

Obstacle Course Junior Calves 1<sup>st</sup> Jayden Doherty. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlyn Burkitt. Junior Lambs 1<sup>st</sup> Anna McLean. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack McLean. Intermediate Calves 1<sup>st</sup> Quinn Thompson. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Grey. Intermediate Lambs. 1<sup>st</sup> Kaitlyn Haigh. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tylah Alders. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lilly Keech. Senior calves. 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Kemsley. 2<sup>nd</sup> Myah Kemsley. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dylan Beardmore. Senior Lambs. 1<sup>st</sup> Ella Chard. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas McLean. 3<sup>rd</sup> Joshua Allan. Raffle Winners. Grocery. 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy Gillie. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Paul. Sports Craig Martins. Toys/Games Angie Haigh. Girls Emma Keech. Boys Jack McLean. Foodies Shelly Bolland. Farmers Jan Chard. Hogget (blue) Mary Grylls. Hogget (red) Angie Haigh.

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# Black Sticks hurting after Oceania Cup losses

The Black Sticks Men have not got the win they wanted against Australia at the Oceania Cup – a 2-3 loss dashing their chances of automatic qualification for the 2016 Rio Olympics. It was a big ask for the World No. 7 Kiwis to beat the top-ranked Australian side in a must-win match, and two early goals from Australia didn't help the Black Sticks' cause. Head coach Colin Batch says his side are gutted not to get the result they have worked so hard for. In front of a packed vocal Taranaki crowd, it was Glenn Turner and then Jamie

Dwyer who scored within the opening six minutes. The Black Sticks settled into the game in the second quarter, and it was North Harbour's James Coughlan who got the Kiwi hopes up when he scored in the 20th minute. The game appeared almost out of reach when Australia's Trent Mitton scored in the third quarter to give them a 3-1 lead, but the Kiwis were resilient and fired in the final spell with four penalty corners awarded in quick succession. It was Southern's Kane Russell who capitalised, drag flicking a shot into

Australia's backboard to give the Kiwis a chance of a comeback. But the Australian defence held firm and it was the visitors that lifted the cup shortly after the game ended. The women's match was close to a repeat of the 2013 Oceania Cup final in Stratford, the Black Sticks Women were on the wrong side of a penalty shoot-out following a 1-1 draw. North Harbour's Petrea Webster was the first to score in the ninth minute and it remained that way until the 23rd minute when Laura Barden pegged one back. With both teams all tied at

full time, the penalty shoot-out gave New Zealand a final chance. Goalkeeper Sally Rutherford blocked Australia's first two attempts but the New Zealand attackers struggled to get it past Rachael Lynch in goal. Black Stick Charlotte Harrison was the scorer for the Kiwis, with Mariah Williams and Jodie Kenny securing the 2-1 penalty shoot-out win for Australia. In the play-off games, Fiji claimed the bronze medal after an 11-1 win over Samoa, while Samoa Women leave with bronze medals as the third highest placed Oceania team at the tournament.

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# International flavour to Maniaia WI meeting

The November meeting of the Maniaia Women's Institute was held in the St. Cuthbert's church lounge on November 3. Ten members had attended the Federation Fun and Friendship day at Te Kiri and President Ann Chisnall gave a report. November is International

Month and the Committee had a surprise entertainment – "Miss World with a difference". The Roll call was a favourite place I have visited. Members shared tales of many places they had visited both in New Zealand and overseas. The wondering coin was

won by Daphne Ashley and the Mary Hutton Trophy presented to Mavis West. Competition results : Shrub, Joy Brogden 1<sup>st</sup>, Meg Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marion Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>, Other Stem, Phyllis Malcolm 1<sup>st</sup>, Ann Chisnall 2<sup>nd</sup>, Daphne Ashley 3<sup>rd</sup>, Home Craft – Prettiest Cake Plate, Ann

Chisnall 1<sup>st</sup>, Joy Brogden 2<sup>nd</sup>, Daphne Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>. Handcraft – Potted House Plant, Phyllis Malcolm 1<sup>st</sup>, Joy Brogden 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marion Smith 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# 2015 South Taranaki Youth to Work Awards winners announced

Over 200 people attended South Taranaki's 2015 Youth to Work Awards held at the TSB Hub in Hawera. The awards, a Mayors Task Force for Jobs project, are designed to celebrate young people who are achieving in their workplace or training environment, as well as the businesses, education and training providers who support them. South Taranaki Deputy Mayor Ian Armstrong says the event was an inspiring occasion.

help make them and our district sustainable into the future," says Mr Armstrong. "These awards are a great opportunity, not only to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our young people, but also the businesses and organisations who support them and offer them opportunities to thrive in South Taranaki," he says.

The judges acknowledged the high calibre of the nominees and the difficulty they had in selecting the winners who were:

Young Achiever Award: Jayden Harvey, Coastal Sharemilker. Joint Second

Place: Wade Maindonald, Excel Refrigeration and Luke Williams, Silver Fern Farms Waitotara. Third Place: Bradley Pettett, Countdown Hawera. Employers Award: Winner: Croucher and Crowder. Joint Second Place: Silver Fern Farms Waitotara and Taranaki Industrial Electrical Services. Third Place: Paetaia Dairy Company, Waitotara. Education and Training Provider Award: Winner: St John Hawera, Youth Division. Second Place: Geoff Watt, Opunake High School Gateway Programme. Third Place: Belinda Price, Primary ITO

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# Horos' return to Rahotu

On Labour weekend the descendants of Robert and Myrtle Horo gathered at the Rahotu Rugby Club for a weekend of fun, friendships and family. The weekend involved five generations aged between five weeks young and 83 years young getting to know each other, sharing stories and reminiscing. The weather was fabulous. The families were able to walk over to the Rahotu cemetery and share stories of their loved ones laid to rest there.

There was a lot of fun doing an Amazing Race which included 12 sites around Rahotu and Oaonui that were significant to the Horo family. There was also time

spent doing and learning the whakapapa. The children played on the playground,

on the field and had face painting and lolly scrambles to keep them entertained.

The two days finished with a hangi dinner and cutting of the reunion cake.



The cake is being cut by Roberta Walden (83) eldest child of Robert and Myrtle holding Corbin Sim (5 weeks) great grandson of the late Ma and Eunice Horo.



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These drums in turn became a cheap and easy culvert. Though short lived, they got the farms up and running. When the local roads were being sealed and the tar came in drums, these were

keenly sought after to last much longer in the ground. Then all over Taranaki, district concrete

works popped up turning out thousands of concrete pipes, large and small, but still rather heavy to move into place, especially in the steeper hill country. Then the plastic industry took over, especially

more recently, using the tons of recycled Plastics available. Light and durable, but still rather costly, these have become the mainstay for most drainage work.

However, Eltham farmers Malcolm and Jill Pease have made the return to the steel drums possible with their Galvipipes. Recycled steel oil drums, welded into 4.5 or 5.4 metre lengths and fitted with

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# Weapons sharpened for Aussie-Kiwi battle



Woodchopping at Stratford Show

While the excitement is just dying down from the Rugby World Cup cross-Tasman battle, Kiwis and Aussies are gearing for war in a different arena.

The annual Stratford A & P Show later this month will feature the ANZAC challenge—a woodchopping and sawing competition between the two countries.

A seven man team from each country will compete in team events as well as singles and doubles in standing and underhand chopping and sawing races.

The event will take place on Sunday afternoon November 29, the second day of the show.

The Stratford A and P Society are expecting up

to 15,000 people at this, the 105<sup>th</sup> show at their Flint Rd Showgrounds. Another attraction at this year's show will be Jim Banks of Norsewood with his performing miniature ponies and dogs, which will put on a show three times a day on both show days. This will be held in the kid's Fun Spot, which will also feature clowns and face painting.

# Lions comfort for abused children



Jan Deegan, left, Lakeside Lions Board member, presented a cheque for \$300 to Caro Cragg, centre, and Kim Clement to aid the work of Tedz Project.

The alarming rate of child abuse was openly discussed at the October tea meeting of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club.

Kim Clement, of Stratford,

established the Tedz Project and she appealed for donations of soft toys, blankets, torches, notebooks and pens. These could be used for kits to give to abused children who are undergoing

forensic examinations or medical tests before a court hearing. "These children need all the comfort we can provide," Clement explained.

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As well as the big range of sideshows another event for kids will be the popular McDonald's Farm Barn with a hands-on experience with young animals. Show secretary Christine Hughes said the popular trade exhibit section is almost full and the Skinner Rd Hall will have a variety of craft work on show, and for sale. Entries are expected from all over the North Island this year for the New Zealand Champion cow in the Milking Shorthorn section. Pigs are in training for the pig racing, a popular event at the show. The pig competitions will be interesting after local breeder Howard Bracegirdle won Supreme Champion Pig at the Royal Show at Hawkes Bay last month. The horse section has added two new sections this year – riding horse and standard bred. Judging of in-hand classes takes place on Friday, November 27 and riding and jumping events the following day. Dog trials and beef sections will be judged and vintage farm machinery and vintage army vehicles will be on display.



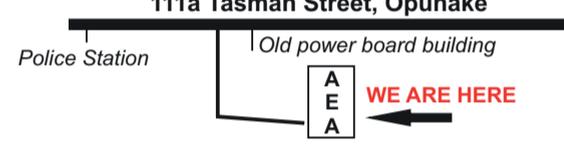
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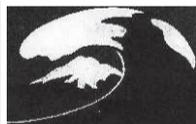
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Stratford Art Society, November 13 - December 13. Opening night Friday 13 November at 7.30pm.

**ST BARNABAS CHURCH FAIR**

Saturday 14 November, 9am - Noon.

**EGMONT COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL A.G.M.**

Sunday 15th November - 2pm at the Catholic Church Meeting Room

**ARAHU NETBALL CLUB**

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**OAONU WATER SUPPLY AGM**

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Detail of Lake Rotokare by Carolyn Acott Sweeney



Gumboots by Sonia Lawson

Book Launch - Poetry, Art & Anecdotes  
**Eltham in Verse**

2.30pm 8 November 2015

The Village Gallery 166 High Street, Eltham  
OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY 10AM - 3PM

# Eltham put to verse in new book

Poetry, art and anecdotes are the subject of 'Eltham in Verse', a book just published by The Village Gallery, Eltham.

The venture started last year with an exhibition that combined both Poetry and Art. This was a first for the gallery and proved so popular that a call was made to put the works in print.

The only criteria given to poets and artists was that the work had to be about Eltham and its environs. Interestingly, several themes emerged. Many works re-

lated to Eltham's rich history; old shops and businesses, local icons and people who established the town.

One poem received from Eltham in London asks the question, 'Why did surveyor Peter Cheal name the village, Eltham?' 'Was he from Eltham, London, or have a connection with that town?'

The Eltham Town Hall was a popular subject, with many reflecting on days gone by, old movie nights, concerts and balls. Others expound the surrounding country side and its beauty; the peacefulness of

the surroundings. Lake Rotokare is featured in the 'Return of the Kiwi' by Maree Lidington and accompanying artwork by Carolyn Acott Sweeney.

Eltham's role in the Dairy Industry and Chew Chong's association with the town are not forgotten. A whimsical piece by Sonia Lawson reminds us of the role of 'Gumboots' in the lives of farmers and factory workers alike.

But, the book is not all art and poetry. Historic stories and anecdotes accompany photographs of the murals

and mosaics in the town,

This is a great little book for the coffee table, and very suitable as a gift for anyone who has connections with Eltham.

The book will be launched on Sunday November 8, by Mayor Ross Dunlop, who incidentally has written a poem for the book, and the Foreword.

Funding for the printing has been obtained from South Taranaki Creative Communities, Eltham Community Board, and a number of supporters.

## SPCA List of Shame highlights need for support

SPCA's Annual Appeal kicks off November 2-8

**SPCA highlights shameful treatment in Appeal Week**

One of the most shameful acts in this year's SPCA List of Shame is two men filming themselves while encouraging dogs to viciously attack two goats, and then posting the videos on social media.

This year's List of Shame was released to coincide with the 2015 SPCA Annual Appeal which runs until Sunday..

The SPCA releases its List of Shame annually to raise awareness of animal welfare issues and the ongoing need for education and vigilance around preventing cruelty to animals.

A Greymouth man is also included for wilfully ill-treating two cats. He was

convicted and sentenced for two years and five months imprisonment after he beat a cat to death, cut off its paws and hung them outside his garage as a memento. He also caught his neighbour's cat, set it alight with petrol and filmed it as it ran around in a blaze. He then dumped it, thinking it was dead.

Royal New Zealand SPCA Chief Executive Ric Odom says the job of animal rescue and protection is often a challenging and heart breaking one.

"Sadly the List of Shame shows the SPCA and the public there is still work to be done to protect New Zealand's animals.

"We have deliberately released the List of Shame on the week of our Annual appeal as SPCAs around New Zealand need funds to continue their work. The List of Shame highlights the ongoing

need for the inspectorates who daily rescue abused and neglected animals as well as providing education, vet care and shelter for these vulnerable pets," says Ric.

Molly is the face of this year's Annual Appeal, and is one of more than 56,000 animals a year that need help nationwide. In most instances, the cost of investigating and prosecuting these cases is met by the SPCA, with costs for many cases running into the tens of thousands of dollars.

Four-month-old lab cross Molly, whose owners went to Wellington for a week, and left her alone tied up in

the backyard, became tangled in the rope tether which cut through her neck so deeply it almost cut her jugular vein. If she wasn't rescued by an SPCA inspector, she probably would have died that day. Since coming to the SPCA she's had four surgeries and is on the mend.

"The entire SPCA team and volunteers would love to see the days where we didn't have enough content to create a List of Shame. We are not there yet, but we are committed to doing everything we can to prevent the sort of cruelty our teams deal with daily." Ric said.

### An invitation to get real

In spite of everything - recent artworks by Dale Copeland, is the exhibition for November on [www.virtual.tart.co.nz](http://www.virtual.tart.co.nz). Coming up for February 2016 is an open invitation to exhibit on the theme 'GET REAL'.

Any interpretation, any medium. And ... New Plymouth's Mine. Curious? have a look. On [www.tart.co.nz](http://www.tart.co.nz) ICE18 ... another package of collages have arrived. Cheers, and thanks for being there. Dale Copeland

## Conductive Education Taranaki Trust

### "Calling all"

Families, Caregivers, Service Providers  
Schools, Pre-schools and interested parties to come to:

## A Meet & Greet Evening

With guest speaker **Dave Ching**,  
National Co-ordinator for NZ Conductive Education

This is your chance to learn about this highly specialized rehabilitation and educational programme that caters for children with conditions such as Cerebral Palsy, Spina bifida, Rett Syndrome and developmental delays. Once established, New Plymouth will be the 6th such centre in New Zealand. There will also be a chance to ask questions and meet others in a similar situation.

Date: 9 November 2015  
Time: 6.30pm  
Where: Fitzroy Surf Life Saving Club,  
Fitzroy Beach

Light Refreshments will be provided

To RSVP your interest or for more information go to:

Facebook: Conductive Education Taranaki NZ  
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## Helping others work towards their potential

A Hungarian education philosophy geared towards people with special needs is looking to get established in Taranaki.

Conductive Education aims to help people with special needs, especially neuro motor/developmental delays to work towards their potential.

Until now children have had to travel through to Hamilton to access this. Now a charitable trust wants to bring it to Taranaki..

Conductive Education Taranaki Trust are holding

a public meeting and information evening for Parents of Special Needs children - especially those with Neuro-motor (Developmental delays) aged 0-21yrs along with their support people and workers.

The meeting will be at Fitzroy Surf Club, Beach St, Monday, November 9 at 6:30pm.

New Zealand CE Foundation coordinator Dave Ching will talk about how and who Conductive Education can help.

The evening is being held to raise awareness of Conductive Education, and discuss how a case can be made to the relevant government agencies to establish it in Taranaki.

Families of special needs children are invited to meet and greet, and make contact with others in similar situations.

For further information contact Craig Nielsen 021 1305 797.

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## Beard growing contest Opunake Centennial

Back Row from left. Ray Shultz, Peter Symon, Tom Rowlands, Eddie Baylis, Theo Dodunski, Robert Gillbanks, Dick Brandon, - Len Henderson  
Middle Row: Kevin Lowe, Arthur Hughson, Doug Robson, Bob Cornford, Bill Maindonald, Dudley Morris, Bob Ockhuysen, Oslen, Doug Gibson, Wallace Allan  
Front Row: Ian Smith, Peter Feaver, Reg Willing, George Spence, Alf McCall, George Mortan, Bang Davey, Claude Bowater.

## Bristling with confidence as sesqui draws to a close

The 150 year committee have decided to include a beard judging competition at the End of Year Celebrations on December 5

and hope to get some prizes and make it a fun event. Pictured above is the photo of the beard growing

competition taken at the Centennial event. December 5 will be the finale for the 150 Years Celebrations, a free event

people can come and enjoy the entertainment, DMan and Fireworks, and also include optional dinner at Soul Kitchen.

## Fonterra Farmers get chance to grill Director candidates

Candidates for the Fonterra Board will face some tough questions from local farmers when the Director candidate Roadshow comes to Stratford on November 11 at 10:30 am.

This year six candidates are vying for three seats on the Board: Murray Beach, Greg Maughan, Blue Read, Nicola Shadbolt, Ashley Waugh, and John Wilson.

Local Shareholders' Councillor Rob Poole says the Roadshow is a great oppor-

tunity for Fonterra Farmers to meet, question and listen to the contenders for the Co-op's top-table before they cast their votes in the 2015 Fonterra Elections.

"As shareholders we have a responsibility to understand governance and the qualities required of a Fonterra Director, and to use this knowledge to elect to our Board the candidates who have these attributes.

"The Roadshow is one of

the tools provided to shareholders in this regard and gives them a platform to ask the candidates some robust questions about their governance ability and experience, and how this will translate into driving our Co-op forward.

"The objective is to have our farmers leave with a greater understanding of the governance qualities each candidate brings to the table so I suggest they prepare their

questions with this in mind."

Rob said additional information such as the Candidate Assessment Panel's results matrix and candidate profiles were sent to Shareholders with their voting papers.

"I encourage shareholders to attend the Roadshow, read the material in their voting packs and use all the tools provided to make an informed decision that benefits their Co-op."

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## Join in with the Free End of Year Celebrations

### Fireworks Display & DMan Entertainment

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Beard Judging Competition, come along and show off your beard.

Also on the 5th Dec we celebrate

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 <b>The Intern</b> Comedy - PG13   2hr 1min A retired successful business owner and widower lands an internship at a fashion website run by a young, career-driven woman. Saturday 7 November 7pm	 <b>Pixels</b> PG-13  106 min   Action, Comedy, Sci-Fi   When aliens misinterpret video feeds of classic arcade games as a declaration of war, they attack the Earth in the form of the video games. Saturday 7 November 1pm Friday 13 November 7pm Saturday 21 November 7pm
 <b>The Martian</b> PG-13   144mins   Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity, wit and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. Friday 6 November 7pm Saturday 8 November 7pm	 <b>The Dressmaker</b> 119min   Drama   Kate Winslet, Liam Hemsworth, Hugo Weaving Comedy-drama is set in early 1950s Australia. Tilly Dunnage, a dressmaker returns home to the tiny middle-of-nowhere town of Dungatar to right the wrongs of the past. Sunday 15 November 7pm Friday 27 November 7pm
 <b>Bridge of Spies</b> PG-13 (for some violence & brief strong language)   2hrs 15mins   Mystery Suspense   Tom Hanks as the American attorney tasked with negotiating the release of a U-2 spy plane pilot who was shot down over Russia at the height of the Cold War. Saturday 21 November 1pm Saturday 28 November 7pm Sunday 29 November 7pm	 <b>The Walk</b> PG   2hrs 3 mins   Drama True story of a young dreamer, Philippe Petit, to achieve the impossible: an illegal wire walk in the immense void between the World Trade Center towers. Friday November 20 7pm Sunday November 22 7pm Saturday November 28 1pm

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13 Pixels 7pm	14 The Intern 1pm The Martian 7pm	15 The Dressmaker 7pm
20 The Walk 7pm	21 Bridge of Spies 1pm Pixels 7pm	22 The Walk 7pm



## Enrolment the first step to voting in the flag referendum

It's time for New Zealanders to make sure they are correctly enrolled and ready to vote in the first referendum on the New Zealand flag.

Only those correctly enrolled by Thursday November 19 will be able to vote in the first referendum, and voting papers will be sent out from Friday November 20. "If you're already enrolled,

and have checked that your details are up to date, then that's great," says Robert Peden, Chief Electoral Officer, "but if you've moved house, or aren't sure, or know you're not enrolled, you need to get on and do it now."

The referendum runs from Friday November 20 until Friday December 11, and will be held by postal vote.

Voters will be asked the question If the New Zealand flag changes, which flag would you prefer?

They'll be asked to rank the five alternative flag designs from one to five, and can rank as many or as few as they wish. The most preferred alternative will go to a second referendum in March 2016, where voters will be asked

to choose between the current flag and the preferred alternative. It is hoped a preliminary result will be available at 8.30pm on December 11, and a final result at 5pm on December 15.

"We want all eligible New Zealanders to have the opportunity to get enrolled and have their say," says Mr Peden.



## Stratford Art Society

November 13 - December 13

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



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## Fancy something different

– Sumela Kebab is regularly parked up on Friday nights at Opunake Service Station – a nice variation to the usual takeaway fare available in Opunake.



## Pottery and pictures at The Village Gallery

The Shed Sheila's group has become a feature on the calendar at The Village Gallery. Exhibiting for seven years now, the group has extended their artistic skills into mosaics and mixed media works.

Potters Margaret Foley, Robyn Smaller and Donna Hitchcock are joined by artist

and photographer, Yvonne Logan in their latest exhibition which opened on Labour Day.

Robyn Smaller has branched into mixed media work with a touch of 'steam punk'. Many pieces use recycled elements that are now far removed from their original purpose. Margaret Foley has created mosaic and pottery signage on rustic timber, suitable for the garden while her traditional pieces are of their usual high standard. Donna's work is suitable for the home



Mixed Media work by Robyn Smaller.



View of Margaret Foley's work at the Gallery

or garden and also features some rustic timber pieces. Yvonne's painted frames and small furniture pieces are quite striking in black and red or white.

So, there is something for everyone's taste in this latest exhibition that continues till the November 20.

The members' area of the gallery is crammed with an array of artworks. Make sure you check out the gallery's publication Eltham in Verse.

This book is to be launched on November 8 at 2.30pm (see separate ad) at the gallery. All Welcome.

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## Calling all keen artists

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Conditions of Entry and Registration forms are available from taranakiart-strail@gmail.com or contact Amanda 06 757 2065.

## WAVERLEY A & P ASSOCIATION



## Show Day

Tuesday 17th November

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Sideshows - Entertainment - Slippery Pig

### OVAL TIMETABLE

9am - Horses and Pony Showjumping  
12.20pm - Lamb judging & prizewinners announced  
2.45pm - Horses Showjumping

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