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Morrieson's "presence in the room"

The judges were impressed with the calibre of the entries with one commenting that it was almost as if Ron Morrieson himself was present in the room so evocative of his writing style were so many of the contributions.

The Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards were presented on Wednesday October 28 at the Hawera Community Centre, with the event being officially opened by Mayor Phil Nixon.

In his address Phil Nixon stated that Hawera's foremost writer, "had helped put Taranaki on the map." In the finalist booklet Mr Nixon wrote: "Morrieson excelled in English Literature from a very early age, and this skill, combined with his life experiences in small town South Taranaki created the

basis of material for his stories. Morrieson had a unique style from any other writers because of his vivid depictions of New Zealand provincial life and colloquial language." It could be added that he is the only novelist from this nation who has had all of his novels made into feature films.

Mr Nixon paid tribute to the MC Katherine Bosworth, who has worked hard to ensure the success of this, the 33rd year the literary event has been held. Katherine is the Community Outreach Librarian and is the organiser of the competition.

He also applauded the sponsors who have provided prize money of \$500, \$300 and \$200 for each category,

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Lexi McQuaig (Opunake High School) being announced as winner of the Secondary School Poetry section (and was also awarded third place). She was also third in the Secondary School Short Story section. It was a memorable night for this talented writer.

Art award attracts record entries

RIGHT:

Te Iringa Thor Te Hiko (left) with his The Ultimate Warrior which was Highly Commended in the 3D section of the Taranaki Art Awards and Paul Brobbel, one of the judges.

The amazing work, which can be worn, is one of 11 that I've made explained Te Iringa and said it was his friend John Smith who suggested he put it in the art awards.

The costumes feature in a short film he is doing which will be out in 8 months. They are on exhibition at Waitara. Te Iringa wanted to depict a Maori version of the American science fiction movie The Power Rangers.



fixture on New Zealand's art calendar, attracting entries from all over New Zealand.

Chairperson of the Taranaki Art Awards Trust, Bert Treffers who then spoke mentioned that this year they had initially struggled with funding and at one point questioned whether they could do it.

"It was people who came to them - generous business people and also artists - who spurred them on and made it possible. They had also been inundated with volunteers to help in the "huge job of

setting it up."

The competition was judged by Leafa Wilson, Curator of Art at Waikato University and Paul Brobbel Curator at New Plymouth's Len Lye/Govett-Brewster Gallery. Before announcing the winners Leafa commented, "Awards raise the profile of a place and are morale boosting." She added "Art is not easy - you're here", she said indicating the huge number of entries by artists, "because you've created some aroha for the world."

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The Taranaki Art Awards held in Opunake attracted 380 entries, a record since the annual competition has been held.

Officially opened by the mayor of South Taranaki Phil Nixon the opening of the Taranaki Art Awards on Friday night signalled the beginning of the Taranaki Arts Fest with a plethora of gardens to visit, the "mighty" yarn bomb that festoons Opunake each year, Opunake's Market Day and a host of other activities.

A huge crowd gathered to her the announcement of the winners and place getters in the annual Taranaki Art Awards which has become a

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CORRECTION

The story in the October 22 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News (page 7) about the community meeting held at the Sandfords Event Centre stated that Jane Beynon spoke about the Bowen Crescent Playground redevelopment.

The name should have read Lisa Beynon. We apologise for the error.

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Labour swept into power

I first voted when I was 21 years old. Now the voting age is 18. Over the years I've voted in not only the local body elections, but the general elections.

For 12 years Jonathan Young has been the MP for New Plymouth, but this time New Plymouth Labour's first time candidate completely took him out. Glen Bennett got 18,072 votes and Jonathan Young got 16,533 votes, losing by 1519 votes. I was among the many party members and well wishers at the Vogeltown Bowling Club on election night, as was former Member of Parliament Harry Duynhoven who actually held the Labour seat for 18 years. So now we will have to wait until those 480,000 special votes are counted, while the Colmar Brunton polls, all that political analysis and the TV political hosts all got it wrong badly.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Twilight cruises

Look here, in our great province of Taranaki we do have some really great entrepreneurs such as Barry Watkins, a former dairy farmer from Kahui Road, who sold his farm, moved to Oakura, then in 1992 got his skipper's ticket, in 1997 got his engineer's ticket, then in 2007 upgraded both his tickets, had many years' experience going to New Plymouth, Tauranga, Auckland, Christchurch and Timaru harbours, and has recently bought a new 9.2 metre white pointer boat, and started a new venture called Twilight Cruises, and he doesn't want to intrude

into Chaddy's Charters territory at all.

His cruises vary according to the length of the cruise, which may go around the islands up to the Rewa Rewa Bridge and Urenui, or full day cruises down to Okato and Cape Egmont, while his daughter, who is also involved in the business does all the office work.

Now it's quite obvious that Barry Watkins not only has a great passion for the sea, but is very willing to share his passion with everybody, which I can see is becoming a great tourist attraction for both our city and province, yet I do really believe that former mayor Peter Tennent is absolutely correct when he described our province as Paradise.

We still have some people who really don't realise what our province of Taranaki has really got, and they begin to realise how lucky we are to have such things.

Some provinces really don't have what we have, so let's take this opportunity to see it.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Stratford Singers

The Stratford Singers are looking for new members. Singing in a choir is much more than a fun hobby. It is healthy, both emotionally and physically. It makes you feel better!

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Letters to the Editor

It lowers your stress levels and prevents depression. Singing in a group raises oxytocin levels and that helps control stress and anxiety. The human connection with other singers and the audience increases well being.

Regular singing helps you stop snoring. When you sing, you exercise your throat muscles and that can reduce your snoring at night.

It keeps your brain young. Learning new words and melodies exercises your memory skills.

It boosts your self-confidence. Performing in front of

an audience and hearing their approval (applause) will make you feel better about yourself.

If you enjoy singing and would like to try something new this year, come along to the old Stratford/Avon Bowling Club from 7 - 9pm on a Thursday evening. The driveway is between 27 and 29 Hamlet Street. Or you can speak to Bernard on 06 274 8236 or 06 274 8671 and Jennie on 06 765 7452 or 021 179 8344

Polly Otterson
Secretary, Stratford Singers

What now for the horses?

Now that the Melbourne Cup is over for a year, I wonder what will happen to some of the runners, especially the geldings? Ex racing thoroughbreds tend to be hard in the mouth, and also all they know is full-speed ahead. However, some make great hacks, and pleasure riding, if they are given the chance.

Obviously stallions and mares are valuable for breeding. Some stables don't want horses that have finished their careers, which is sad considering how

much money the horse may have made.

The winner of the Melbourne Cup gets \$8.4 million dollars, but to win the race would be very difficult considering there can be up to 24 runners.

Quarter horses can beat thoroughbreds over 1/4 mile, so that is how they got their name.

Let's hope that now the race is over, the horses don't go to the dogs.

Yvonne Wara Ward
Opunake



ADELPHOS

Of course He will. That's God's ultimate purpose. Without Jesus' Second Coming all of God's plan of redemption becomes meaningless and Christianity holds no hope of eternal life after death. Jesus is reduced to just another famous religious teacher and a failed Messiah.

Jesus promised to arrive only when His Father gives Him the command (Matthew 24:36). And that will be both great and bad news for humankind. Bad because most people won't be prepared and many will wish that they were (Matthew 25:1-13). Great

Will Jesus come again?

news because everyone who believes, trusts and obeys Him will receive a healthy resurrected body like His (1 John 3:2 NIV) and always be with Him in a newly created world (Revelation 21:1).

Martin Luther (1483-1546) had this to say about the time when Jesus returns, "What the situation will be like in the world before the Lord returns, namely, Christ will be despised, and the preachers of the Gospel will be regarded as fools."

Before His Second Coming Jesus Himself gave us a heads-up by predicting

unprecedented worldwide "...anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea" (Luke 21:25-28) and signs in the sun, moon and stars in Mark 13:24-25. He also predicted there will be great pestilences, earthquakes, famines, fearful events and great signs from heaven (Luke 21:11). It seems that human beings are creating many of our environmental and so-called natural disasters by polluting the earth and now outer space with over 14,000 pieces of galactic garbage, including 3,000 dead satellites. Scien-

tists are now studying if space pollution is affecting earth's climate change. Don't blame God. Yet, insurance companies often refer to some natural disasters as "acts of God."

The apostle Peter predicted (A.D. 65-68) that before Jesus' return many will say that He's taking too long and is slow (2Peter 3:8-10). Paul, the apostle, described a final warning period before His return when people will turn away from the Christian faith behaving increasingly immoral, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People—once

Morrieson's "presence in the room"

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first, second and third, respectively.

The judges included Whiti Hereaka (short story/drama script sections), Glenn Colquhoun (poetry sections) and Matt Rilkoff (research section).

Before announcing the place getters in the secondary schools short story/drama script section judge Whiti Hereaka commented that the three finalist stories had created vivid characters who were well grounded in Taranaki. She said she felt continued excitement on re-reading the finalist stories.

Liam Finer (Hawera High School) was first for his short story *Just Like Old Times*. He continues his family's success over the last few years as his father Bruce and sister Sasha have been finalists repeatedly.

Second was Anne Larcom (Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls with *The Skate Isn't Tight Enough*. Lexi McQuaig (Opunake High School) came third with *The Kumera Plant*.

In the Open section for short stories/drama scripts James O'Sullivan (New Plymouth) won with *A Good Guy*. Second place went to Airana Ngarewa (Patea) with *Patea Pools*. Third place was attained by Emma Hislop (New Plymouth) with *Milky Mountain*.

Poetry judge Glenn Colquhoun commented on the violent themes in the competition and joked, "I listened to the short stories and wondered if I'd get out of here alive" to laughter. He said there was

a wide range of themes in the poetry including Mount Taranaki, old farm houses, birdsong, the pandemic and even Ronald Hugh Morrieson himself. Glenn wrote, "of fresh writing and voices and our combined vernacular rising like steam off winter grass."

First place went to Lexi McQuaig (Opunake High School) in the Secondary School section for her poem *Toothpaste*. Also from Opunake High School Madaline Symes came second with *Sensing Kevin*. Lexi McQuaig made it a clean sweep for her school taking third place with *The Document*.

In the Open section Maria Taylor (Stratford) won with *Hope*. Second place went to Koren Miller (Hawera) with *A Worms Eye View*. Also from Hawera, Sasha Finer was third with *Weightless*. This was Sasha's first time in the Open section; she has won multiple times in the Secondary School section in previous years in both poetry and short stories. Certainly, she would seem to be a rising literary figure in our country and we will hear much more from her in the future.

Matt Rilkoff judged the research article section, which was only open to Secondary School students.

Before he announced the prize winners he pointed out that Ronald Hugh Morrieson was also a researcher. "Research is a writer's secret weapon. However, in his case maybe not so secret, as he always carried a notebook and told his friends he was one day going to write about various characters in Hawera and did – not

always especially disguised or to their pleasure, it must be said.

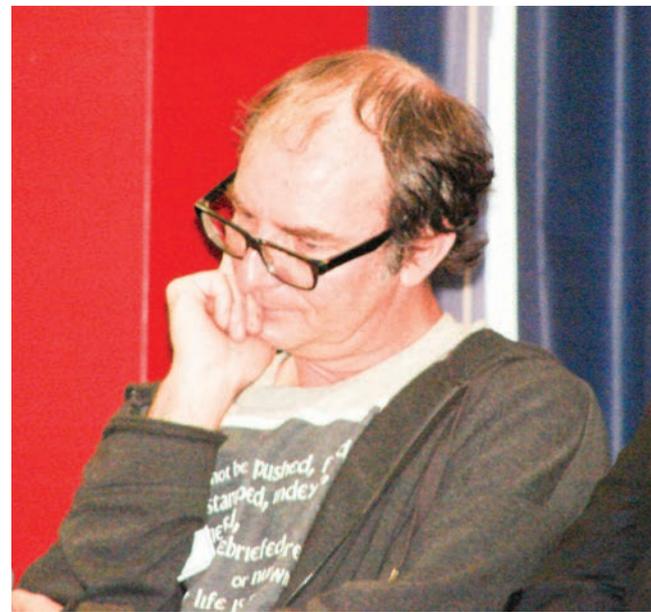
This year the topic was for contestants to tell the story of a Taranaki-based person who, good or bad, had influenced them. "The finalist this year made their influencers real. They revealed their motivations, their character, their charming idiosyncrasies, their habits and their philosophies."

This category is usually dominated by Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls and this year was no exception. All three place finalists are students at this Stratford school. First place

went to Bethan Hansen with *Just A Bit of Luck*. Alena Hojdelewicz came second with *Always Give It A Try*. Third place was awarded to Hollie Radford for *The One Risk You Take Can Equal Your Life*.

At the conclusion of the evening a wonderful supper was provided by Tairoa Lodge, who had also provided snacks and drinks earlier on.

The booklet of prize-winners can be purchased from any South Taranaki Library Plus for \$5, so you can enjoy the outstanding short stories, poems and research articles.



James O'Sullivan of New Plymouth, who won the Open Short Story section with *A Good Guy*.



Judge of the Research Article section Matt Rilkoff with the three finalists, all from the Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls, who are Bethan Hansen who won with *Just a Bit of Luck*, Alena Hojdelewicz who came second with *Always give it a try* and Hollie Radford who was third with *The one risk you take can equal your life*.

Will Jesus come again?

professing Christians — will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having the form of godliness but denying its power..." (1 Timothy 3:1-5). Phew.

A loving Jesus gave a prophetic heads up for those wanting to get right with God before He returns. He comforts His followers saying, "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). The "end of the world" is really a doorway ushering humankind into an exciting and new eternal world. He promised there

will be no more night, death, crying, suffering or pain.

King Jesus wasn't a wishy-washy teacher. He was crystal clear that we are either with or against Him (Matthew 12:30). Today thousands of Christian converts from Islam, in Middle Eastern countries, have been martyred by making that yes decision for Jesus. He never gave us an indecisive and wishy-washy third option to be neutral towards Him.

No matter who you are — rich, poor, sick, healthy, educated, uneducated, an MBE or a drug addict — God's Holy Spirit is willing to pour the eternal love and hope of God into your life today and forever. Just ask. Kia kaha.

Adelphos



LEFT: Ronald Hugh Morrieson lived virtually all his life in Hawera. He was born in 1922 and died in 1972. He is the only New Zealand author who has had all of his novels made into feature films.

The first line of his first

novel *The Scarecrow* is the best known line in New Zealand literature.

There have been two biographies published about Morrieson, who was also a brilliant musician, music teacher and band leader. A third biography

is soon to be published.

Although underrated during his lifetime, he is now considered to be one of our greatest writers.

Some felt his presence in the room during the award ceremony. He surely loved the literature in his honour.

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Council celebrates community achievers

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon presented eight Community Awards to individuals and organisations for contributions made to their communities at a special ceremony held at Hāwera's Memorial Theatre.

Sean Trott (Hāwera), Owen Savage (Waverley), Ron Brewer (Ōpunakē) and Fleur Le Bas (Eltham)

received individual awards. Hooper Engineering (Kakaramea), Eltham Lions (Eltham), the Opunake Clifftop Gardens Group (Ōpunakē) and Normanby and District Lions (Hawera/Normanby) received the group/organisation awards.

Mayor Nixon says the Community Awards, which are held every two years, is a small way the community can recognise those people

who have by personal leadership, dedication and inspiration made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of their communities.

"Whether it's primary school teacher Fleur Le Bas, who has dedicated her time to Eltham's young people at the E-Town Youth Centre for the past eight years; or Sean Trott who has restored more than 1,500 servicemen and women's headstones across the district; or Gary and his team at Hooper Engineering supporting local projects and sporting organisations – all of those honoured tonight have given their time, commitment and often their own money to improve the lives of others and the communities they live in," he says.

"As Mayor it's a privilege to be able to present these awards to our quiet achievers who, without a fuss, just get on and make things happen. They thoroughly deserve this recognition for the contributions they have made to the lives of so many people," says Mayor Nixon.

Ron Brewer who received the Taranaki Coastal individual award was nominated by Jean Roach for his more than 20 years' contribution to Opunake. This has included being a voluntary caretaker for the beach area. He has cleared rubbish daily, moved encroaching sand, reported issues to the Council, fenced the path to the beach and erected table and chairs overlooking the main beach.

At Middletons Bay he has planted and paid for sand grasses.

The Opunake Clifftop Garden Group who received the Taranaki Coastal organisation award had been nominated by Cindy Dobbin and Bernard Mullin.

Having tamed a wild and rugged piece of coastline (part of the Opunake Walkway) a team of seven Opunake locals maintain the gardens known as the Clifftop Garden in Opunake. Because of the location of the garden it takes a great unified effort to keep the displays of flora and fauna interesting to the families who walk, run, and bike through the gardens. Planting and maintaining the gardens is achieved through

regular get togethers of the team to re-design, plant and maintain. There is no committee structure to the group, it is simply run by consensus. The garden is an annual entrant in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival and attracts many visitors at this time.

Also in the running for an award had been Rose Ratahi, nominated by Cindy Dobbin and Margaret Mullin. Rose Ratahi is the driving force behind these gardens ably supported by husband Les who keeps the lawn mowed, the hedges cut and paths raked. Rose plans, buys, organises help, works with the Council and carries out many other tasks associated with the garden.



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South Taranaki District Award recipients with South Taranaki Districts Mayor Phil Nixon.

PEPANZ welcomes new and returning members

The reappointment of Hon Dr Megan Woods as Minister of Energy and Resources has been welcomed by the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ).

"Dr Woods is an extremely diligent and well-informed Minister with a strong commitment to creating a resilient, inclusive, prosperous and sustainable society," says PEPANZ Chief Executive John

Carnegie.

"There are big challenges ahead as we transition to a lower emissions economy while at the same time ensuring we keep jobs and export industries here in New Zealand.

"Getting this right is now more important than ever. Together we need to develop evidence-based policies to encourage the investment required to effectively transition, while retaining

our social and economic resilience in the face of the biggest challenges we have faced in living memories. These are the issues we will be discussing in our post-election briefing to be released soon.

"There is much to do and we look forward to working with the Government to ensure all New Zealanders continue to have access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy as we

move towards a lower emissions world.

"Congratulations also to re-appointed Environment Minister David Parker and new Conservation Minister Kiri Allan. We are also pleased to continue working with Climate Change Minister James Shaw who has done an excellent job building consensus and support for the transition."

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Fundraising a big success for Rahotu Hall



Pictured from left: Murray Garrett (pool co-ordinator), Chris Bishop, Andy Gray (Team Biddy), and Doug Wallace (Hall Committee).

The 8 ball pairs challenge held at the Rahotu Tavern over Labour Weekend was a great success with Team Jedi from Stratford winning the \$500 first prize. Second were the local Team Biddy. The Hall committee would like to thank sponsors Rahotu Tavern, Pickering Motors, and Heartland Construction Ltd.

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Taranaki trails to be put on the map

The Taranaki Trails Trust, Ara Hononga o Taranaki, was launched on Monday November 2. A new website to showcase Taranaki as an emerging mountain biking trails destination was also launched.

The Taranaki Trails Trust has been formed by a group of passionate community people who want to connect Taranaki through trails and make the region a world class trails destination.

Chair, Darryl Gaudin says, "The purpose of the Trust is to develop and support inspiring cycling and walking trails that create deep connections to the mana of our Taranaki Maunga, our region and our people. All over New Zealand, great rides and trails have been set-up, but we're lagging behind in Taranaki. With this Trust, we're going to change that."

The new website has been developed to showcase the trails that already exist in Taranaki. Trustee Charlotte Littlewood says, "We've

got some great adventures in Taranaki – from our iconic coastal walkway, to the extensive mountain bike park at Lake Mangamahoe. We want to showcase that to the rest of New Zealand and the world. We also recognise how much our tourism and hospitality industry has been hurting due to Covid-19, and want to do what we can to help attract more visitors to Taranaki".

The Trust's flagship project is to create New Zealand's next great ride. Trustee Stacey Hitchcock says, "Rides like the Otago Rail Trail and Timber Trail have transformed the smaller rural communities around them. We've got the beautiful Te Papakura o Taranaki (Egmont National Park) on our doorstep, and inspirational stories of our people and history to share. There's so much potential to create something unique and special here".

The foundational trustees are Darryl Gaudin (Chair), Charlotte Littlewood

(Secretary), Rob Haveswood (Treasurer), Ian Armstrong, Paul Roberts, Stacey Hitchcock, Darrel Nicholas and Blair Cox.

The Trust's commitment to te reo Māori is reflected in the words Ara Hononga o Taranaki. Ara is a pathway which gives access to the beauty, stories and people of Taranaki. Hononga is the connection that these pathways will provide

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Fraudulent activity and a new number for when something has already occurred

As we move into the festive season, we look forward to more sunshine, more barbecues and more socialising. Just a reminder, as always, to have transport or a sober driver arranged prior to socialising.



CONSTABLE MATT STONE

Over recent years Police are dealing with more online fraudulent activity. I ask that you are cautious when purchasing online, taking due diligence to determine whether the seller is a reputable person or not. I advise, where possible, to collect the item you are purchasing and pay on collection.

I also want to emphasise the new Police 105 number. This is the number to call when something has already occurred.

Police have systems where, if you ring 105, the call taker will take down the details of what has occurred, create a file and forward to a Police Officer in that area to

investigate. This allows time for the officer to investigate with another staff member taking the complaint and creating the file for us. 111 is still the number to ring for emergencies.

Until next time, enjoy your time leading up to Christmas and I will see you all soon.

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Market Day was a huge success for the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade. We displayed our Iveco truck in the main street. Thanks to all the support we received with raffles and donations to the brigade. Symes Outdoor and Sports Ltd have donated a brand new chainsaw to the brigade which we will be raffling off at the Opunake Beach Carnival in early January. Keep an eye out and grab yourself a ticket. Till next time Stay Safe.

Craig Dingle
CFO Opunake



A chainsaw for the brigade.

Be firewise this Guy Fawkes

Fire and Emergency wants a much safer and less eventful Guy Fawkes this year.

National Advisor Fire Risk Management, Todd O'Donoghue says "we had a very disappointing Guy Fawkes last year." "Between 2 November and 9 November 2019, our crews attended 237

fireworks-related callouts - the highest number for the corresponding period since 2015.

"We saw large fires caused by fireworks in Palmerston North and Auckland, as well as incidents of people shooting fireworks from cars and at people or structures," Todd O'Donoghue says. "This is dangerous behaviour and creates a high degree of risk for our

communities. We'd like to not have a repeat of that this Guy Fawkes."

Fire and Emergency prefers people attend professionally run public fireworks displays.

"But if you are planning to set off fireworks yourself, please do it safely," says Todd O'Donoghue.

Watch the weather. If it is windy and dry, don't light fireworks. Read the

manufacturer's instructions, light fireworks in an open area away from anything that could catch fire and keep a bucket of water handy. Remember fire can spread very quickly and a house fire can become un-survivable within three minutes.

Light fireworks on level ground and point fireworks at the stars, not at people or other people's property.



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Little school with big heart lies neglected

Located on the Surf Highway halfway between Hawera and Opunake, Otakeho School closed in 2002. The school, which had opened in 1884 was one of several in the Coastal Taranaki area, including Kapuni, Pihama, Te Kiri, Oaonui, Pungarehu and Warea which had been earmarked for closure. Faced with a dwindling roll, the decision was made to close before the others did.



Otakeho residents want the site of their old school cleaned up.

Today the school site has become overgrown and dilapidated. The school's motto from its final years, the little school with the big heart is obscured under a mass of overgrowth. It is a sight which continues to rankle Otakeho locals and former pupils of the school.

When the Taranaki Coastal Community Board met at the Otakeho Hall it was perhaps inevitable that the state of the community's former primary school came up for discussion in the Open Forum part of the meeting.

"It's been left and looks real terrible," said Otakeho farmer Richard Walker.

Otakeho Hall Committee chair Kelvin Putt said the Otakeho community will be celebrating the hall's 125th anniversary in 18 months' time.

"We would like the school grounds cleaned up before this happens," he said. "Something should be done. Other schools in the area which have closed have had their grounds cleaned up. Why is Otakeho School like it is?"

He says he's concerned about the future of historical points of interest on the site, like a couple of trees, one planted to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the other to mark the contribution which Otakeho farmer the late Murray McNeill-Adams made to the school.

Kelvin says he can recall when the school consisted of two classrooms. A third was

added in 1956.

"When I went to school there were about 110 kids and when it closed there were about 20," he says.

Community Board member Bonita Bigham said that the school is land banked, with the Office of Treaty Settlements having responsibility for what goes on at the site.

She said members of local iwi Ngaruahine, many of whom would have attended Otakeho School are just as concerned about the current state of the school site.

"What happens on that property is nothing to do with iwi. Iwi are as distressed as the communities are about the state of those schools. We

all want the same outcome. Iwi are as frustrated as the community are about what's going on there."

Board chairman Andy Whitehead said the case of Otakeho School was different to that of the other schools that had closed. These had closed at the same time, so deciding on their future had been a quicker process.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said the lack of action on the state of Otakeho School came at a time when the district wanted to show its best face for visitors coming to the garden festivals.

A Land Information New Zealand spokesperson says

the Otakeho School property is a Treaty Settlements Landbank property, and these are held by Land Information New Zealand as they may form part of a cultural or commercial redress in a future settlement.

"The property is currently leased and the tenant is responsible for maintaining the property. Our Property Manager undertakes annual inspections, but was unable

to complete a full inspection that had been scheduled for July 2020. The Property Manager has since contacted the tenant, and the tenant has been advised the property must be maintained in accordance with the terms of their lease. Maintaining Landbank properties is important and we will be following up progress on this property with the Property Manager," the spokesperson said.

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Play reading at Hawera Women's Club

The Convenor, Lorraine Wilkie welcomed everyone to the evening of entertainment. The hostesses were Pat Scaife and Jan Williamson. Pat introduced the first of her two plays which was "Take Flight" by Elizabeth Rayner. With a cast of four, this play featured an elderly woman (Jane Lawrence) who is tired and is facing the end of her life. She has become a recluse, and well meaning relatives are visiting and trying to persuade her to go into care. She befriends a young niece (Carole Hosie) who finds shelter with her, having run

away from home. Some family complications follow, with a dramatic conclusion, but it appears to be a happy one at the end of the story with everyone getting what they desire.

Elderly Aunt: Jane Lawrence, Relatives: Cheryl Jamieson and Noreen Harris, Niece: Carole Hosie.

At the end of the first play, Pat led the audience in singing "The Gardener's Lament" and "The Gardener's Hymn" to the tune of "All things bright and beautiful"

The second play was a huge contrast to the first one,

being a comedy, and was also produced by Pat. The costumes were brilliant, and the cast performed well, bringing the Middle Eastern Theme to life with characters such as a tailor and his wife, several villagers, a hungry citizen, a servant, watchman, fisherman's wife, the Caliph of Baghdad (he is to dispense justice) female attendants to the Caliph, the court physician, and of course a villain.

Things are very busy at the Palace because the Caliph has 300 wives, and the physician is kept busy with births nearly every day. There is an assault with

several citizens accused, and a mysterious death, also with several innocent citizens accused. It all ends happily when the 'dead' man revives after only being knocked out.

The large cast: Jan Williamson, Noreen Harris, Helena Moore, Diane Fagan, Carole Hosie, Lorraine Wilkie, Jane Lawrence, Glynys Mancktelow, Barbara Lee, Judy Greenwood.

This great night's entertainment concluded with supper served by Jean Bennett and Olga Robinson.

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Farewell from Whanganui Member of Parliament

It has been a privilege to serve our community as Member of Parliament for the Whanganui electorate over the last three years. I acknowledge my staff, especially those who persevered the challenges and stayed the course – my sincere gratitude. To the constituents of the Whanganui electorate, I wish you well in the days ahead of us all – challenging and challenged they will be. To Stephanie Lewis as incoming Whanganui MP and her husband Rob Carr (an advisor to the PM), I wish them well in the journey ahead.



Harete Hipango and Jonathan Young.

In the intensive three-year term, I worked tirelessly to represent in voice, presence and spirit, the best of Whanganui – locally, regionally, nationally and internationally in my role not only as Whanganui's elected MP, but as a National Party MP carrying the responsibilities of the Crown-Maori Relations portfolio, NZ Maori Tourism, Treaty Negotiations and Shadow Attorney-General. I sat on almost all of the Parliamentary select committees and appeared at hundreds of events each year.

I am resolute in the fact that I successfully influenced and worked hard from opposition backbench, forging cross-party relationships with many MPs and ministers which aided in securing

the significant funding for the Sarjeant Gallery. The Sarjeant redevelopment will create pathways and avenues for Whanganui's economic opportunities in the tourism, hospitality, arts, culture and heritage, training, and employment sectors. As will the Whanganui Port redevelopment - another project I advocated and worked on, in addition to many others –roading (the Parapara, Waitotara/ Nukumar Rd), social, health, housing and justice issues, to name a few.

After three-plus decades on the ground working and contributing in our community, in the courts, hospitals, mental health units, prisons, sports arenas, on our marae, in our schools,

and many other spaces, I have also learned much in my time serving as a MP. I offer the following three reflections:

1. Visibility is measured in more ways than one - Tireless work goes on behind the scenes to ensure a community reaps the benefits that it deserves. If one is not on the home front, it often means one is working, in fact fighting thanklessly on the front lines, taking the hits and associated hurt as well.
2. Maintain one's principles, values, ethics and moral fibre. Be resolute with dignity, no matter the public pressure, demands, scrutiny and vilification. In other words I chose not to compromise the core values and essence of who I am and

why I was elected so as to sell my soul to the favour of popularity and votes. Speak your belief unwaveringly, because there are so many others that rely on your voice, including a healthy democracy.

3. Sticks and stones break more than bones – and words have never failed me – However the words (and some actions) flailed at me and my family revealed yet again the ugly and obvious face of bigotry and racism in Whanganui and New Zealand. This election has proven that “be kind” has been an adage of convenience but rarely shown as a virtue of constructive criticism, especially by media. In this respect, I would encourage being better at being kind, lest you pierce the skin of the unseen vulnerable.

I look forward to my family being relieved of the unnecessary public ills and unpleasantness and the associated unfair and undeserved disruption to their lives. With this, I wish well for Whanganui. I will continue to find ways to serve our community and country as I, my whanau, and my ancestors have done all our lives.

Harete Hipango
MP Whanganui

Jonathan says goodbye

Thank you to all those who voted for me and the National Party. Your support is much appreciated and I feel very privileged to

have represented the people of New Plymouth electorate for the last twelve years.

To the hundreds of people who came to me over the years, thank you for trusting me to help out with your issues, it has been an honour to serve.

2020 has been a difficult year for us all and the extended election campaign

was certainly rigorously contested.

There are many ideas and projects I have been working on in this previous term of Parliament and I hope to continue to support our local businesses and communities to see our incredible region continue to grow from strength to strength.

I often reflect on how

resilience and a can-do attitude has traditionally been a key component of Taranaki's success. Let's continue to press forward with a positive outlook through these uncertain times and remember that we are fortunate to live in such a special place.

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Thank you for your support during the 2020 General Election. I look forward to working together with our communities over the next three years.

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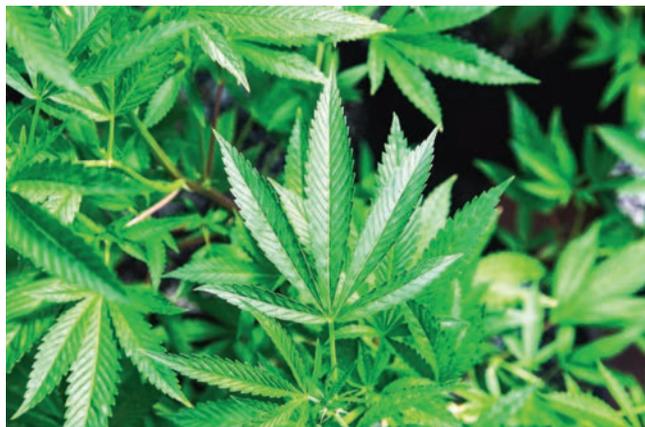
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Preliminary vote suggest no vote on cannabis

Preliminary results from this year's recreational cannabis referendum show a nation tightly divided on the issue, with a roughly 160,000 vote difference between its opposition and supporters. Around 53 per cent of New Zealand voters voted against legalising possession and use of the drug in limited amounts, while 46 per cent voted 'yes'. The final referendum results, which will include an estimated 480,000 special votes, will be released on Friday, 6 November.

Associate Professor Chris Wilkins, SHORE & Whariki Research Centre, Massey University, comments: "The narrow 'no' majority vote I think reflects general public concerns and uncertainty about key issues in the debate, including (1) whether the proposed restricted commercial regime for cannabis really would be



Part of a cannabis plant.

effective at restricting youth access to cannabis (based on experience with alcohol age limits), (2) potential negative consequences for driving safety, (3) counter-productive impact on public health campaigns against smoking, (4) whether the legal cannabis industry could be controlled in the long term (again based on ongoing experience with alcohol on public health

campaigns against smoking, (5) whether legalisation and accompanying normalisation may lead to rising use and dependency with related health and social costs, and (6) whether legalisation would really reduce the black market and the power of drug-selling gangs.

"One important positive, which potentially comes from the result, is New

Zealand will now have the opportunity to study cannabis legalisation reforms and outcomes currently underway overseas in US, Canada, and Uruguay over a number of years and learn important lessons about what policy settings and regulatory frameworks are effective. This evidence could more definitively address many of the outstanding questions that have been raised in the public debate over recent months."

Marta Rychert, Senior Researcher in Drug Policy, Massey University, comments:

"With the estimated 480,000 special votes still to be counted, the result remains uncertain at this stage, although a significant majority of special votes (nearly 70%) would need to be in favour of the reform to change the final outcome.

"If the preliminary result is confirmed, it would not be an entirely unexpected outcome or experience unique to New Zealand. A number of US states have recent experiences with failed ballots to legalise cannabis. For example, a Ohio ballot measure failed in 2015 and a North Dakota Initiative failed in 2018. In Uruguay, where cannabis was legalized by the Parliament without public voting on legalisation, public opinion polls at the time indicated only 30-35% support for the reform (although the support for reform increased over time).

"These experiences show that garnering public support for such a controversial, complex and a divisive issue is difficult.

"Whatever the final result,, the referendum has contributed to a more nuanced public debate about

legal response to personal use of cannabis. Hopefully, it has also increased the public's understanding of harms and opportunities presented by different policy options.

"In the event of 'no' result, we may well see some changes to the Misuse of Drugs Act, although likely less dramatic than the proposed Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill. It's likely that de jure decriminalization of cannabis possession will be on the table, as that option was favoured even by some stakeholders who campaigned against the referendum Bill. Meantime, New Zealand will 'buy time' to learn from experiences and evaluations of legal cannabis regimes being implemented overseas, as we are likely to continue to witness other countries reforming their cannabis laws."

House affordability suffers as house price inflation is relentless

New Zealand has some of the least affordable housing in the world – and it's likely to get worse before it gets better. That's the warning from Quotable Value (QV) general manager David Nagel, who notes that residential property prices continue to trend upward in all major centres, defying the economic uncertainty brought on by Covid-19 and the recent election, as well as any predictions of a post-lockdown dip. "A very low interest rate environment has encouraged both first-home buyers and investors to compete for the very limited supply of entry-level housing stock, driving prices upward. With the long-term forecast for housing demand in New Zealand looking positive, it is difficult to see the market take a significant turn for the worse any time soon," he says. "Of course, we are still likely to see some speed bumps in the coming

months as some of the economic stimulus packages come to an end. We're also likely to see a second, deeper wave of redundancies that could impact homeowners more than the first wave did. But the market appears to have a level of momentum now that will be difficult to slow while interest rates continue to fall." On one major measure of housing affordability, New Zealand was ranked ninth by the International Monetary Fund's Global Housing Watch for price-to-income in the first quarter of this year, behind Luxembourg, Portugal, Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Czech Republic, Austria and Slovakia. Of these countries, only Luxembourg, Czech Republic and Slovakia had faster growing house prices than New Zealand over the last 12 months, according to global property consultancy Knight Frank's latest

Global House Price Index, which ranked our country as having the 11th fastest growing house prices in the world.

"The good news is the likes of Hungary, Portugal and Luxembourg are way out in front of us when it comes to housing affordability, so we're unlikely to overtake them anytime soon. But the bad news is I wouldn't be too surprised to see us move up a couple of places on that list in the future. When you look at the OECD's own house price affordability rankings, Austria narrowly beats us out when it comes to price-to-income. However, I don't believe that they've had quite the same level of property price growth that we continue to experience, even despite Covid-19."

However, David Nagel was encouraged by the incoming Government's commitment to repeal and replace the Resource

Management Act, as well as improve the availability of land for housing through better integrated planning and investment in urban

development, infrastructure and transport, and set standards for quality urban design. "This will certainly help – though New

Zealand's housing market won't suddenly become affordable overnight," he added.

Kaponga celebrate 89th birthday

Recently, Kaponga WI members gathered at Tawa Glen Cafe to celebrate the Institute's 89th birthday. After ordering our lunches, a short meeting was held to deal with some business. It was decided to make a donation to the Annual South Pacific Appeal. Members also approved a donation to the Riding for the Disabled which is the Roll Call for the Fun and Friendship Day to be held at Kapuni on October 19. Dorothy, Fiona, Joy, Rayleen and Jo Jones will be attending the day,

with Jo planning to enter the Floral Design, and Fiona the cooking, with three Neenish Tarts.

The reply from National Executive re our query about the \$5 raffle was read to the members by Fiona, and Val Eliason's book about her interesting life is circulating among the members.

After lunch the members drove to Corbett Rd where Richard Jordan took us on a tour of his herb and seed nursery, "Natural Fare Ltd. "Our group enjoyed learning about the many herbs grown

there, and seeing hundreds of potted herbs ready for the markets, and sold to supermarkets throughout NZ. We were delighted when each of us received a packet of fresh coriander from Richard at the end of the tour.

Kaponga WI certainly celebrated 89 years very well, showing the Institute is very much alive and well, with 18 loyal members.

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MAC SOLE Episode 28 Cycling running and other endeavours

I was going to the gymnasium every day for a couple of years and by chance the manager kept a record of my times on the rowing machine to which I was given the title of holding the runners up record for registered gyms around the world.

I was also told I was number one for my age group when cancer raised its ugly head and I had to leave and spend some time in Palmerston North Hospital getting radiation treatment. It seems luck in sport has not been on my side; none the less there would be



Cycling in hot pursuit.

sport I liked. Some time later I was asked to attend an open sports meeting at Manaia.

During the day the Taranaki Cycle Champs were for both Senior and Junior. I, of course, was a Junior and looked forward to trying to become the Taranaki champion of the different distances, but it was bad luck with me again. The Hawera officials had forgotten to register my name so I had to sit on the side line and sulk. However, the Athletics were open so I went into a number of running races and qualified for two finals, the 220 yards and 100 yards. I managed to get a second and a third.

In the evening races, which were open, as the Champs were over, I won the three races - pushed, I think, by missing out on the Champs during the day. At the end of the meeting I was presented with the Points Prize, which was a photo of Mount Taranaki, which I still have - in Sharna-Lee's bedroom at my house. I won because,

not only having won the three bike races, but also the running.

I, by chance, still hold the record for the quarter mile (one lap) on grass at Hicks Park, Hawera with a time of exactly 33 seconds. That is 63 years ago. Guys racing at the time included Bill Orr, Geof Purser, Fred Edgcombe, Marsh Wright, Jackie Deams and many others. We had a fairly large club membership in cycling and also in athletics.

I never became a Senior rider as I gave most of my time to rugby, but I still rode around town to work and some weekends would ride to New Plymouth and back to Hawera. As far as I can remember the time for this was about six hours, it was something to do. My bike, which was a track bike, had no brakes and a fixed gear, which didn't make things any easier - the folly of youth.

people who've had worse luck. However, in total, I enjoyed my life in sport and the people I had the pleasure of meeting.

Hell, I nearly overlooked cycle racing. My involvement was brought about by one day me going to see my brother Jim, who was working for Fred Greenhill on a farm on the outskirts of Hawera on South Road towards Ohawe. Jim, who did some bike racing, got his bike out and told me to

hop on and ride around the paddock, which I did. Jim responded by asking me to turn up on Tuesday evening to the weekly athletics and bike racing night. I turned up knowing what was going to happen and sure enough Jim asked me to get on his bike. He put me in the first race and also the rest of the races that evening so having for the first time being on a race bike on the farm, three or four times later I'm racing, but, as it turned out, it was a

Offshore drilling a threat to the climate

"Recent reports of Austrian oil drilling giant OMV's plans to keep drilling for fossil fuels off the Taranaki coast is a threat to a stable climate for future generations" says Urs Signer, spokesperson for community group Climate Justice Taranaki.

"In April, OMV announced a 'positive result' when drilling the Toutouwai-1 exploration well around 50kms off the coast. Apparently, the company wants to go back and keep

drilling in coming months. However, while a 'positive result' could lead to full bank accounts for their CEO and shareholders, the last thing we should be doing in 2020 is drilling for more fossil fuels. The company should wind down their operations and begin decommissioning plans for the Maui, Maari and Pohokura sites, rather than drilling more wells or selling them off. We are in a climate emergency and need to act accordingly."

"Humanity is facing

the biggest public health crisis in 100 years. We are also dealing with an unprecedented climate crisis. Already now, we are witnessing rates of species extinction like never before, people are losing their homes due to natural disasters and crop failures are leading to famines. Our climate is changing and companies like OMV are responsible. OMV is one of just 100 companies responsible for over 70% of the world's climate pollution since 1988. They should be

ashamed."

"We need to collectively rise up to this challenge, stand up to the polluters, bring our emissions down, stop the drilling and move away from an economic system that serves the interest of a few while destroying our planet and the livelihoods of many. Our group will continue to mobilise action on land and sea against OMV" concludes

Urs Signer.

On this month in history Sir Paul Reeves becomes Governor General

On November 20, 1985 Sir Paul Reeves became the first Governor General of Maori descent. The Prime Minister

of the time was David Lange with his Labour Party in Government. Trained as a minister Sir Paul was earlier the Anglican Archbishop of NZ.

Sir Paul struggled to keep his opinions to himself and

Queen Elizabeth asked Lange to have a word with the Governor General. In particular, Sir Paul was concerned about the impact of Rogernomics on the poorer citizens of New Zealand and he admitted

his relationship with Lange and the Government was somewhat strained.

In the mid 1960s Sir Paul was the minister at St Paul's Church in Okato and retained his links thereafter with this, his first NZ parish.

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Newspapers in Opunake

The first issue of the Opunake Times was published on 3 July 1894. It was started by journalist Michael Brennan (1854-1920), who had previously worked on the Wanganui Chronicle and established the Waimate Witness at Manaia. His writing was described as 'forcible and able' and the first issue of his new paper as 'well got up, and neatly printed'.

At the time Opunake was a small port town in south Taranaki. It began as a military redoubt, established near Te Namu pa during the Taranaki wars of the 1860s. Although the town was first laid out in 1867, Pakeha settlement didn't really begin until the 1880s, after the 1881 invasion of Parihaka and the construction of a wharf at Opunake in the same year.

The first newspaper to be published in Opunake was the weekly Egmont Courier and Waimate Plains Advocate, which began in September 1883. This paper was established by Patrick Galvin (1847-1937), formerly of the Hawera Star. It only lasted 6 months, with the final issue appearing on 1 March 1884. Galvin's final editorial said the paper 'was a little before its time' but that he was sure that within 12 to 18 months another newspaper would take its place. It took a few more years than Galvin predicted but once the Opunake Times started, it ran for the next 55 years. For most of that time it came out twice-weekly, on Tuesdays and Fridays, except for a short period between 1942 and 1946 when it dropped down to once a week. It was delivered as far north as Okato and

as far south as Hawera and inland to Eltham.

Brennan's aim for the Opunake Times had been to promote the district and encourage settlement as he believed it was one of the finest pastoral and agricultural areas in New Zealand. As well, although the wars were over by the time the Opunake Times began, many of the prisoners taken at Parihaka were still returning to the area during the 1890s and the paper records some of the tensions that continued to exist in the area.

Over its 55 years, the Opunake Times had a number of owners. In 1895 Brennan formed a partnership with printer George Philip Armstrong. They ran the paper together until 1905, when Brennan decided to go farming. Brennan bought the Opunake Times back

in 1908 and continued to run it until his son Arthur took it over. Arthur then sold it to Timothy Hickey (1889-c.1974), a local who had been a farmer before World War I. Hickey subsequently sold the paper to Charles Marcroft in 1930. Marcroft, who had previously worked on the Waikato Times, owned the Opunake Times for seven years before selling it to Charles Rush, who then sold it to Charles Jackson in 1946.

Jackson closed the Opunake Times on 20 December 1949. One of the main reasons for closing the paper was that he'd been unable to attract a qualified tradesman to move to Opunake because of a local housing shortage. Staying true to the paper's original raison d'être his last editorial, rather than focusing on

the closure, pushed for the community to join together to get some movement on local amenities such as better streets, footpaths and drainage.

Opunake was without a local newspaper until the Opunake News, a free paper put out by the local retailers,

started in 1969. It closed in 1982. Ten years later, another newspaper, also called the Opunake News began. A free fortnightly newspaper, its title changed to the Opunake & Coastal News in 1992.

Young Mia finally celebrates naming of rhododendron

Young Mia finally celebrates naming of new rhododendron

Mia Edmonds (4) was delighted to finally plant the 'Rosy Comet' at Pukeiti, a new hybrid vireya rhododendron she won the naming rights to in a Pukeiti summer competition.

Saturday is the only day the Edmonds family has off to spend time together due to Mia's parents work schedules, and this Saturday was particularly special.

Mia was joined by her sister Taylor (6), her parents Kerry and Jen, and grandparents, Ronnie and Noel as they celebrated with lunch at the Rainforest Eatery before helping to plant the Rosy Comet firmly in its new home within the covered vireya walk.

"It's fantastic to see the younger generation having an interest in gardening and plants," says Greg Rine, Regional Gardens Manager.

"That's what the gardens are all about, getting people from all ages outdoors and connecting with nature."

That's something the Edmonds family know first-



Mia Edmonds (4) with the rhododendron she named.

hand, as Mia and Taylor are keen outdoor enthusiasts and the family spend many Saturdays exploring local parks and gardens. They are excited to be able to return to Pukeiti and revisit the Rosy Comet for years to come.

"We are always out on

some type of bush walk and last weekend we actually took the girls up the Pukeiti summit," says Jen.

With its rosy pink petals and elongated shape, Rosy Comet is a perfect name for this new variety which is a hybrid of two

species - Rhododendron tuba and Rhododendron praetervisum, bred by Keith Adams in New Plymouth.

Find it in the kākāpō house at the end of the vireya walk at Pukeiti.

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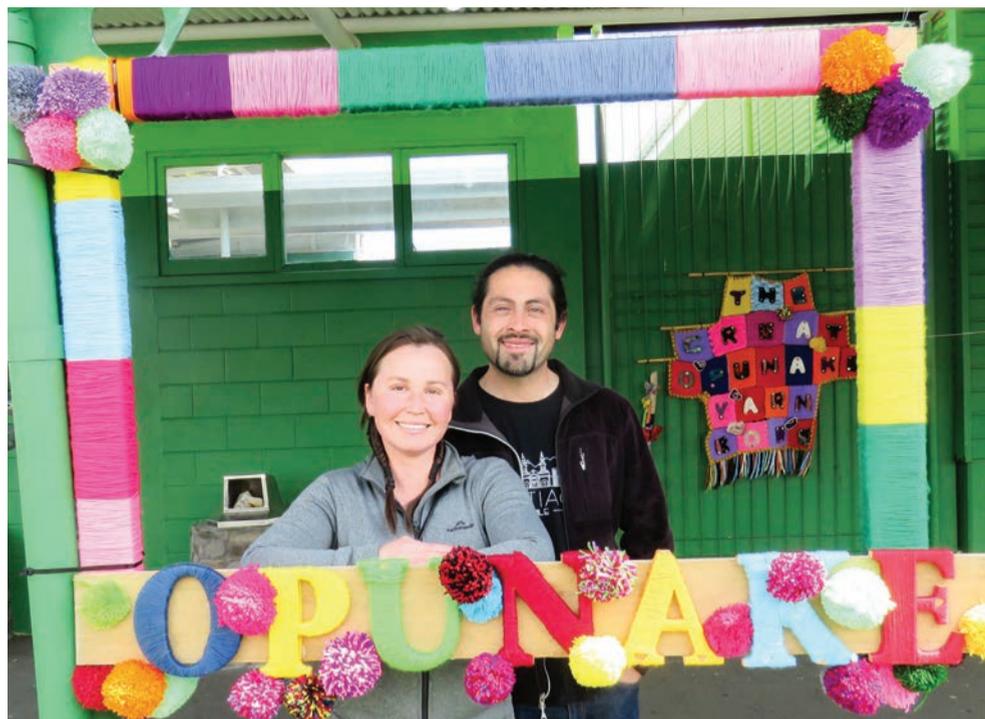
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SAFE job for retired MP

Gareth Hughes was previously the Green Party's animal welfare spokesperson and was a leading voice for animals within Parliament. He has joined the board of animal advocacy group SAFE.

During his time in politics he championed the 2014 ban

on shark finning and accepted numerous petitions from animal advocacy groups.

"Post-Parliament I want to continue fighting for animals and I am privileged to join the SAFE board," said Hughes.

"SAFE is at the forefront of

being a voice for the voiceless and I want to offer my campaigning and governance experience to support their work."

"The biggest issue animals face in New Zealand is how we treat the 100 million animals on farms, and too many

of them are suffering in crates and cages."

"Kiwis love animals and we know the public want to be at the forefront of treating animals well, and that means ending intensive farming, live export, rodeos and other practices that cause suffering."

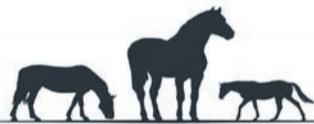


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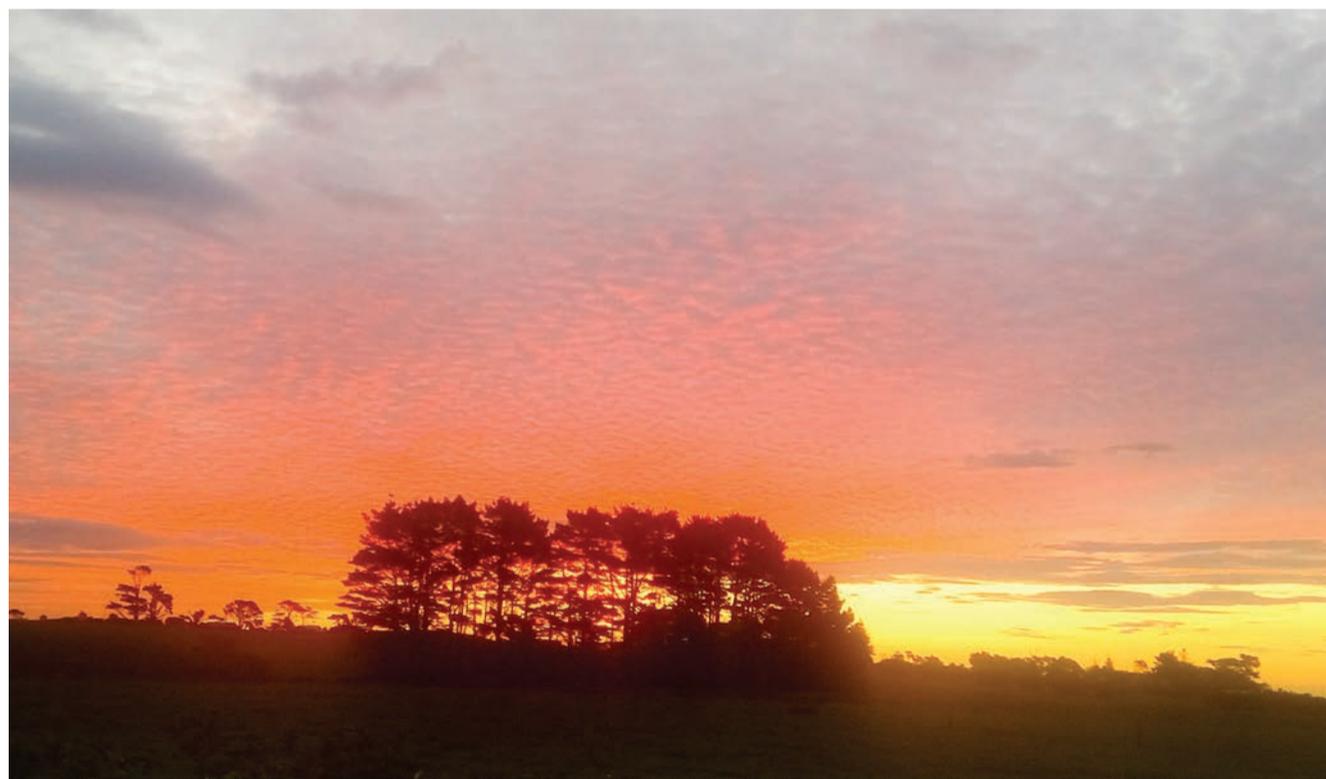
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Petition to end live animal exports at Port Taranaki

Animal rights organisation SAFE and Taranaki Animal Rights Group have handed a petition to the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) asking the council to direct its port to stop exporting live animals. The petition was signed by over 11,700 people.

SAFE Campaigns Manager Marianne Macdonald said live export is a cruel trade that's not worth the risk.

"The reality is, all of these animals, who are exported for breeding purposes, will eventually be slaughtered in their destination country, potentially by methods outlawed in New Zealand," said Macdonald.

"The people of Taranaki have made it clear that they don't want their port to be used to facilitate live exports."

The TRC is the sole shareholder in Port Taranaki. New Plymouth District Council-

lor Aneka Carlson said the TRC has the power to stop live animal exports from its port.

"The longer that Port Taranaki continues to facilitate this cruel trade, the more our reputation gets tarnished. Taranaki is better than this," said Carlson.

So far this year, over 21,000 cows have been exported from Port Taranaki.



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Art awards attract record entries

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Remarked Paul, also overwhelmed by the number of people there and the number of entries, was also impressed by the flowers raising a laugh when he said for a moment he thought there was another category he had missed. "Judging art awards is not easy. Art and competition are not always bed fellows," he said adding "You're all winners." He also urged those present at the opening to buy a piece of artwork. "I can't stress enough at how great it is to buy an artwork."

The coveted Painting Award which attracted almost 200 entries, went to Judy Woods from Whanganui with her abstract landscape work, Flyover which cleverly portrayed elevation and speed said the judges. It clearly impressed the judges who also added the work was "the most difficult to write about".

Runner up was Gavin Chai from Auckland's Self Portrait as a Recorder Player which the artist said was painted from a mirror. The artist said the work had previously been entered in the BP Portrait Award - described as the most prestigious portrait painting competition in

the world attracting entries from all over the world. The judges likened his style to Caravaggio, an Italian painter.

Winner of the Taranaki Artist Award was Portia

Roper with her tricolour work entitled Ivan. The image depicted "The random guy in the world. He is the most confident in the room," said Leafa describing the artist's colour separation

as "superb". She added, "He's an outsider, he looks like he's happier this way". Highly Commended was Fine Art graduate Jasmin Middlebrook's Where Are We Going. The work is laden with symbolism, we don't know what's going on, said the judges of the chaotic scene adding that they spent a lot of time with this art work. With a boy astride two shark's, a baby, children, the painting certainly demands reflection. In 2016 Jasmin won the Rural Taranaki Award and came runner up in the Painting category.

Kris White from Oakura with her humorous work Taking the Bag was the winner of the 3D Award which the judges described as clever, multidisciplinary and sculptural.

Highly Commended was Te Iringa Thor Te Hiko from New Plymouth with his work entitled The Ultimate Family Warrior.

In the Works on paper category the winner was Cathy Tuato'o-Ross. Her work The Tuato'o Sisters After The Barrett Sisters was one of the earliest examples of daguerreotype, an early photographic process on glass dating back to the

1850s. "It is a beautifully rendered, commented the judges. Highly commended was the minimalist work Opaque by Jo Giddens from Whanganui.

The Fibre Art Award winner was Tangaroa's Sorrow by Kari Morseth from Dunedin.

Highly commended in this category was Maree Burnnand's Where are you? The embroidered work goes "against the notion of delicacy", said Leafa and added in terms of the colour choices "wow" she commented. The work depicted the self questioning we all go through.

The To Taranakitanga Award winner was won by Ashlee Robinson with Tuhuratanga. The judges remarked on the mother of pearl eyes glistening against

bone and said the work was a sacred treasure. Highly Commended was Jordan Quinnell from Palmerston North with his work Legacy which depicted the Maori experience of WWI with Maori digging trenches.

Steven Boothe from Hawera won the Photography Award with his "fleeting images entitled Wairua o Kahui Whetu.

Rhonda Bunyan from Okato was Highly Commended her black and white stark work No room for racism depicting a burnt out building "beautiful work capturing a moment in time" said the judges. "There's a difference between merely capturing an image and making art". Rhonda is the curator at Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford.



The Taranaki Art Awards committee choice



The winning painting.



Rhonda Bunyan (right) whose stark black and white photo with an anti racism message was Highly Commended in the Photography section with one of the judges Leafa Wilson. Rhonda won the Photography section in the 2019 Taranaki Art Awards.



The winning Works on paper, entitled Oblique.

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War against plastic comes to Opunake

Des Watson is on a mission, and last week his mission took him to Opunake.

For the last two years he has been travelling New Zealand cleaning up the coastline. Having circumnavigated the South Island he turned his sights north, making his way along the East Coast of the North Island as far as Wairoa. He then made his way across the North Island to Raglan and followed the coast as far as Kaitaia. At this point lockdown kicked in, so it was back to his home base in Marlborough.

"Once this was called off I was ready to be back on the road," he said. It was then back across Cook Strait to

Wellington and the west coast of the North Island. Once he reaches Raglan he plans to retrace his steps, return to Wairoa, and then embark on the last leg of his journey along the East Coast as far as Cape Reinga.

Why do this? "There's eight million tons of plastic entering our ocean every year," he says. "Plastics contaminate the whole food chain. That's us, we who are doing that, not some animal. I'm trying to lead by example and hoping others will follow suit."

Beginning with some money from an inheritance, and helped by some sponsorship and a Give a

Little page he bought a truck and trailer, added a wooden box, and embarked on his journey.

Last week he was at Opunake Beach.

"There's a lot of plastic along here," he says. "The currents run south, so it could be from anywhere up north, even as far north as Auckland."

He says the effects of plastics can be seen in their effects on populations of whales, albatrosses and turtles

Plastics could end up in the sea by less obvious means, like dumped litter being

washed into storm water drains and out to sea.

"I could pick up a couple of hundred pieces and come back here the next day, and there would be just as much here again."

Des says he filled up nine bags of rubbish from one dump south of the main beach. His work comes with some personal risk to himself. He says that if he can smell the rubbish he's picking up then that means he is breathing in the particles, so he carries a respirator with him.

Des says a recent Sunday TV programme stated that



Des Watson is travelling around the country cleaning up beaches.

there are 260 old landfill sites around the country similar to the one he came across which are on the verge of collapsing into our waterways and on to our coastline.

"There's going to be a price to pay, either by spending money on something, or by doing nothing and letting the plastics flow out to sea, and the consequences for this will be dire."



Des Watson with some of the rubbish he collected along the Opunake coastline.



Des is finding plastic rubbish on beaches around the country.

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Environmental Award winners 'give Taranaki confidence'

People can be confident about the future of the region when they look at the calibre of the winners of this year's Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards, says the Council Chair, David MacLeod.

Schools and their students, conservation volunteers, grassroots community groups, farmers from across the region, and corporates are among the 17 award winners honoured at a presentation function.

"They're all working to protect and improve our precious environment because they know it's the right thing to do. And that's something for us all to think about," says Mr MacLeod.

"Here in Taranaki, we've made good progress in preserving and restoring our environment. But it doesn't happen on its own. It needs the whole community to take ownership and take action. Our winners and everyone who was nominated for this year's awards have stepped up to the challenge. They deserve our gratitude."

He says their efforts remind us that Taranaki is blessed with a can-do attitude. "We

roll up our sleeves and get stuff done. And when I look at our award winners, and all those who were nominated, I'm confident about the future of our region."

This year's 17 awards take the total to 313 since the awards began in the 1990s.

The 2020 winners are:

Environmental action in education

Ōpunake High School jointly with **Ōpunake Loop Trail Trust**.

For incredible effort and enthusiasm for protecting and improving the local environment and inspiring others to take positive action.

Auroa School

For outstanding effort developing innovative pest animal trapping technologies to improve trapping methods and practices.

Mimi School

For empowering students to take action to build a sustainable community through an amazing array of environmental projects

Environmental leadership in land management

Campbell and Jodene McCowan

For outstanding effort

protecting and improving the environment through sustainable land management and farming practices.

Karawhaka Poultry

For going above and beyond to minimise environmental impacts through the use of sustainable business practices and improving the environment through the planting of native trees.

Aorere Farms – Ross and Grant Skilton

For outstanding efforts to protect native flora and fauna through effective land management and the use of trapping technology.

Nick and Conna Smith – Milkoad Ltd

For outstanding effort protecting and improving the environment through sustainable land management and farming practices.

Environmental leadership in dairy farming

PKW Farms LP

For proactively minimising environmental risk and improving environmental performance through sustainable farming practices.

Vintage Farm Trust



The Opunake High School and Opunake Loop Trail Trust were among those picking up Environmental Awards.

For developing innovative technologies to improve water quality, soil and ecosystem health.

Helms RJ Family Trust

For environmental stewardship and improving ecosystem health through riparian, wetland and native habitat enhancement.

Environmental action in the community

Waitara Taiao

For outstanding advocacy and voluntary effort to protect and restore native

biodiversity and te taiao o Waitara.

Dave Watson

For outstanding voluntary effort to protect and restore native biodiversity through pest animal control.

John David Dodunski

For outstanding effort to protect and restore native biodiversity - and in particular New Zealand's native orchids - through pest plant control.

Environmental leadership in business

Blake Cheer jointly with **Gareth Fraser**

For efforts to enhance farming practices through collaboration with the farming community for the protection of the environment.

BTW Company

For showing outstanding leadership within the business community towards pest control efforts and innovation on Taranaki maunga.



Congratulations

to the 2020

Environmental Award winners

Environmental leadership in business

- BTW Company
- Blake Cheer and Gareth Fraser

Environmental action in education

- Auroa School
- Mimi School
- Ōpunake High School and Ōpunake Loop Trail Trust

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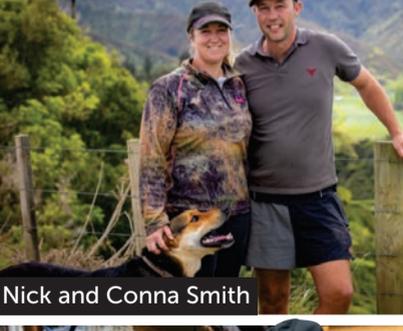
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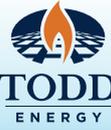
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Re-elected to DairyNZ Board

Two dairy farmers, Jim van der Poel and Colin Glass, were re-elected onto DairyNZ's board at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Ashburton.

Jim and Colin are elected to the DairyNZ board for the next three years. They will be two of five farmer-elected directors and three board-appointed directors who contribute to DairyNZ's strategy and priorities on behalf of dairy

farmers.

This year's AGM focused on DairyNZ's highlights and key activities during the 2019/20 dairy season – which included the investment of dairy farmer levy funds.

DairyNZ chair Jim van der Poel reflected on the previous year, including DairyNZ's achievements and the complex environment farmers are working in.

"It has been a busy and challenging year for the



Jim Van der Poel.

sector, with Covid-19 an unexpected event which affected many Kiwis. This also provided the opportunity to highlight the value and importance of our sector to New Zealand's future," said Mr van der Poel.

"Last year we made good progress towards Mycoplasma Bovis eradication and in a world-leading emissions programme, He Waka Eke Noa, to collectively build a farm-level emission reduction framework. DairyNZ also advocated for pragmatic essential freshwater rules for farmers."

DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle shared key programmes and projects and looked ahead to the 2020/21 season.

"The flexible milking project is a highlight. This

is a promising option for farmers who want more ability to vary work hours to suit their teams. DairyNZ scientists have been working with farmers in Lincoln to trial milking cows three times over two days, to understand the impact on milk production," said Dr Mackle. "New research indicates that farmers could benefit from the system, with only a small reduction in milk production.

"Looking to next year, a key focus is our new project Step Change, which aims to help dairy farmers achieve financial gains, while making progress towards their environmental goals and adapting to pending regulation changes.

"DairyNZ will continue to advocate for farmers on freshwater policy and continue to look for opportunities in research which support sustainable and profitable farming."

Results of several AGM resolutions were also announced. These included the ratification of board-appointed directors Peter Schuyt and Mary-Anne Macleod, and a resolution on director remuneration. Mary-Anne replaces Dr Helen Anderson, who is stepping down from the DairyNZ board after 10 years



Colin Glass.

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The latest cohort of emerging leaders in New Zealand's primary sector were awarded a 2021 Nuffield NZ Farming Scholarship at Parliament on November 3. The Scholarships were awarded by Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of Agriculture, Biosecurity and Food Safety, Minister for Rural Communities and Minister of State for Trade and Export.

The 2021 Nuffield scholars are Ben Anderson, a Hawkes Bay owner of a Deer Velvet operation, David Eade, who runs a red meat finishing block in Whanganui, Daniel Eb, Auckland based Communication Specialist,

Jon Foley, Precision Ag Programme Manager for PGG Wrightson Seeds in Christchurch and Lynsey Stratford, Southland dairy farmer and Dairy Environment Leader with Dairy NZ.

The travel programme for scholars next year will be different to previous years due to border closures resulting from COVID19. "Next year our scholars will start their programme with extensive national travel to gain greater insights and deeper understanding into New Zealand's primary sector before embarking on any international travel" says Nuffield NZ Chairman, Andrew Watters.

"Although the programme will be delivered differently to previous years, it will offer scholars new opportunities and experiences, along with a global perspective whether or not scholars travel abroad" says Watters.

Of the 2021 Nuffield scholars, Ben Anderson is an owner operator of a Deer Velvet operation where he lives with his family, in Hawkes Bay. He has previously held roles with the New Zealand Army, and Risk Management businesses and worked extensively offshore.

Ben has an MA International Relations. He is currently involved as Chairman of Regional Deer

Industry Discussion Group and a committee member Hawke's Bay Deer Farmers Association

During his scholarship Ben is interested in the successful adaptation of NZ agriculture into the era of climate change.

David Eade is a Meat and Fibre producer, (Red meat) living with his family in Whanganui.

David has a business degree from Massey and is Kellogg Rural Leadership Alumni. He has spent the last few years working in California. He is a previous recipient of the Prime Ministers Scholarship.

David's areas of Interest for his scholarship would include looking to explore alternative financing solutions to incentivize positive outcomes for farm ownership, land stewardship and farm management.

Daniel Eb lives with his partner in Auckland. He is a communications specialist writing regularly for Farmer's Weekly and Stuff on food systems, farming and social issues.

He co-presents a podcast discussing key issues in the NZ food system - The Why we Grow Show.

Daniel has presented at several industry events including ProteinTech, the Food Writers Guild and Marketing to the Rural Sector. Daniel has a BA from Auckland University.

During his scholarship, Daniel would like to investigate how to reposition farming's role in society - away from a market-orientated industry and towards a model that blends a market approach with qualities of a public good, fit to better support sustainable farming practices and confront the systemic environmental and social inequality crises it faces.

John Foley lives in Christchurch with his family. He is the Precision Ag Programme Manager for PGG Wrightson seeds. John has an MBA from Canterbury University.

John has worked extensively in China and South America as a NZ expert with a team introducing silage making, new forage species options and basic pasture agronomy

and animal nutrition. He was involved in Field days, grower discussion groups, training, technical advice, Staff training/mentoring, technical support, grower visits, grower advice and field days.

John is interested in technology and how it will affect agriculture - particularly around automation of roles.

Lynsey Stratford lives with her husband and children on a Sharemilking Dairy farm in Southland.

She has a law degree from University of Kent, England. Lynsey is a Direct of South Coast Dairy Ltd (420 cow dairy farm

equity partnership). She is also a part time consultant for PeopleMAD Limited (people management and development consultancy) in Invercargill.

Lynsey has several community and Industry leadership roles, including as a Dairy Environment Leaders with Dairy NZ and roles with Southern Workforce action group, and James Hargest College.

During her scholarship Lynsey would like to look at the area of health, safety and wellbeing on farm.

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Staff Shortages undermining safety and mental wellbeing

Skilled staff shortages are not only taking a toll on productivity but also farmer mental wellbeing, Federated Farmers Dairy Chair and rural health spokesperson Wayne Langford says.

“Farmers across New Zealand are having to push the limits to get silage/baleage cut, with many crops in the South Island being harvested when it’s wet. “With variable weather conditions and a lack of skilled contracting staff, farmers are being pushed to make questionable decisions, such as pushing on with mowing because if they don’t they may not see the contractor again for weeks.”

Langford said these sorts of decisions ultimately affect on-farm profitability, some of which is seen immediately and the rest later in the season when poorer quality feed is fed to animals.

“It’s really tough on farmers’ mental wellbeing seeing a crop they have grown sitting in the rain. Some farmers are working really long hours and pushing the boundaries of safety to get the job done.

“There are numerous photos on social media of work being carried out under poor conditions with the pressure on to get cultivation complete. Farmers feel particularly despondent about how they will

achieve the new Freshwater regulations under the stricter re-sowing dates that will apply next season.”

The government has taken some steps to alleviate staffing issues by allowing time-limited border exemptions for up to 210 agricultural and horticultural machinery operators. But the sector is still short of around 200 of these skilled staff, who can’t be trained overnight. It’s estimated there are more than 700 dairy jobs unfilled, and the shortage of vets

and experienced shearers is a huge worry to livestock farmers.

“Of course with border restrictions we need strict quarantine arrangements to keep the pandemic at bay, but I really encourage ministers in Jacinda Ardern’s new Cabinet to listen with an open mind to farmers and contractors on these issues,” Langford said.

For the sake not just of farms but the wider economy, we need the best people in these roles.”

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St Joseph’s Opunake Calf Day winner Amy O’Rorke.



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This 96.63 hectare (238.78 acre) dairy farm is milking approx. 220 cows through a tidy 22 bail rotary cowshed with an inshed feed system and ACR's. This farm is all flat and is well fenced and subdivided into 29 paddocks and serviced by two main race systems running parallel to the coast. Water is supplied from the reliable Oaonui water scheme. The vendors have been milking on a once a day basis only for the last 3 years and as such there is a genuine opportunity to scale up the farming operation substantially. There is a very tidy and well kept 3-bedroom family home with double garaging set in a lovely garden setting. You will be hard pressed to find better land on the coast and with two titles and motivated vendors, there are various purchasing options available here.

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BAYLY ROAD WITH SCALE

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4pm, Thursday 10 December 2020
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Open Days
Friday 13 November
11:00am-11:30am
Friday 20 November
11:00am-11:30am
Friday 27 November
11:00am-11:30am

This top quality, 174.38 Ha (430.89 acre) dairy farm, currently milking approx. 450 cows through a tidy, fully automated 44 bail rotary cowshed. Currently in 3 titles with 3 homes; the main home being a brick 4-bedroom family home set in magnificent gardens. This farm is well subdivided, has good race systems, fencing and water reticulation. The land is flat to easy in contour and has a mix of strategically planted live hedging and shelter belts. Currently operating as a level 1-2 system, this farm is growing about 20Ha of crops, comprising of 15Ha of Chicory and 5Ha of Maize. With an engineered effluent storage system installed in 2019, numerous farm buildings for hay, storage, implements and calf rearing purposes, everything is in place to carry on as the vendors have done for many years. An adjacent 26.7Ha lease block is possibly available. Options include a Going Concern.

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CRACKING CAPE ROAD DAIRY FARM

396 Cape Road, Pungarehu

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Best Offers
4pm, Friday 20 November 2020

Open Days
Thursday 05 November
1:00pm-1:30pm
Thursday 12 November
1:00pm-1:30pm

This picturesque 64.33 hectare (158.96 acre) dairy farm is currently milking approx. 165 cows through a very tidy 18 ASHB cowshed with an inshed feed system. The cowshed is situated near the centre of the farm and utilizing one main and several lateral race systems; it is a dream to manage. Support buildings include a large fully enclosed workshop, three hay barns, implement shed/calf shed and bobby shed with ramp. With production averaging a little over 69,000 kg/ms over the last 3 seasons (with a previous 6 Ha lease block) and a large percentage of mowable contour this is a cracker of a property. In addition, this farm has 2 separate road frontages, 3 titles and two homes; the main home being a very large 2-storied family home which sits in a large and majestic garden. This is an exceptional farm.

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MOTIVATED VENDORS SAY SELL

276 Hampton Road, Okato

[#OAR00312](http://eieio.co.nz)

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4pm, Thursday 19 November 2020
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Thursday 5 November
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Thursday 12 November
12:00pm-12:30pm

Handy to Okato, this 58.29 hectare (144 acre) dairy farm is currently milking approximately 170 cows through a tidy 18 ASHB cowshed. With plenty of mowable contour, being well fenced, with tidy race systems and a reliable water supply, this farm has been growing around 6 Ha of Maize and Chicory annually which has allowed for plenty of regressing in recent years. There is a lovely large brick 4-bedroom plus office family home with a detached double garage that sits proudly on an elevated site with panoramic views of the sea and mountain. As a first farm, a runoff or supplement block, you would be wise to consider this property, the location and the options available here. So, after 40 years milking cows, the time has come for the vendors to hang up their aprons and pursue other interests.

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QUALITY FARM, OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY

6 Perth Road, Okato

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4pm, Thursday 12 November 2020
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Open Day
Thursday 05 November
11:00am-11:30am

Situated between the Perth and Leith Roads, this outstanding 80.75 hectare (199.53 acre) dairy farm is always extremely well presented and is a top example of a quality coastal dairy unit. Currently farmed in conjunction with a 43 hectare block (may also be available to purchase/lease), this predominantly flat farm is currently milking 310 cows through a tidy 32 bail rotary cowshed. With excellent fencing, water and race systems, together with the cowshed and main support buildings being located at the centre front of the farm, this property is very well set up and a dream to manage. With 3 titles and having 2 very good homes, this farm is geographically very well located with Okato, Oakura and New Plymouth being a short drive away. In a beautiful location with the sea and mountain on your doorstep.

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Coastal Taranaki School enjoy motocross success

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Coastal Taranaki School fielded a school motocross team for the first time this year. The competition entailed three separate events throughout the year, two of which the CTS team attended. The last was in

Rotorua on October 17. Fine weather was turned on for the well-run event. All members of the team had great rides with a huge amount of progress evident from the first event held in Te Kuiti in March. Four team members placed including Ryan King 4th in



Coastal Taranaki Motocross Team 2020. Back. Caleb van Eijk, Te Mokena Walden, Liam Hooker, Tula Maclean, Alana Wood. Middle. Kyan Cox, Te Kaewa Bradley, Ryan King, Luka MacLean, Ethan Hooker. Front. Josh Staite, Te Ihorangi Walden, Josh Burmeister, Billy MacLean, Curtis Hooker, Josh Williams.

the 7-11 years trail class, Liam Hooker 4th in the 9-11 years 65cc MX class along with Josh Burmeister and Te Kaewa Bradley placing 3rd and 4th consecutively in the 5-7 years 50cc intro trail class. The combined score for the team placed them 3rd overall in the North Island for the Rotorua event. For the 2020 school year they achieved 9th placing overall from a total of 136 schools entered. The team is buoyed by this success and is looking forward to improving their standing next year. Brenda Hooker and Tania Reid lead and organise the team. They are a wealth of information for the parents who are mainly new to the sport. Tania and Bruce Cox invited the team to practice on their private track which was really appreciated. Having gained support from sponsors including Cooks Honda and Puniho Engineering has helped the team look smart. They stood out at the track with their large team size, smart riding jerseys and the way they supported their team members as they raced.

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Making better people through boxing

It's Friday evening and a group of seven young boxers aged between 12 and 32 are playing a game of touch at Barbwire Boxing.

"On a good night we can easily have up to 15 kids here," says James (Batman) Langton owner of Barbwire Boxing Gym in Opunake. "We're trying to grow these kids into better people, and teach them about attitudes, training, diet and discipline."

The Opunake dairy farmer had taken up boxing when his rugby playing days with the Coastal Rugby Club were finished. Since then he has won and lost the New Zealand National Boxing Federation Cruiserweight title and then shifted gear to pick up the New Zealand Pro Boxing heavyweight title. A more recent addition to his CV is boxing gym owner.

Thirty two year-old Clint Ratahi weighed 135kg when he started at the gym



Charlie Paraha-Foster spars with James (Batman) Langton.

6-7 months ago. He now weighs 108kg. If he can get his weight below 100kg and pass a medical he has his first amateur fight on November 10, and will be

looking at a professional bout on November 28.

"Clint has done a few rounds with me, and I wouldn't put him in the ring if I was not sure he was

100 per cent ready for this opportunity," says James. "Barbwire Boxing is very excited about having our first amateur fighter, and we're extremely excited about having our first professional fighter coming through the club."

Clint says that regardless of what happens he will continue to support the gym. "I will still help out with the kids. I've always got time for the gym and the kids that come here," he says.

After the game of touch it's into the gym where James takes everyone through their paces. He says he is impressed with the commitment of young people who are prepared to turn up to training three nights a week.

"It's an eye opener to see these young kids taking this opportunity," he says. He is looking forward to taking them to their first boxing tournament, probably in March next year.

James has the occasional guest speaker come in to

talk to the group. Tonight it is martial arts fighter Scott Baker. Whanganui-born he spent much of his life in the United States, but now lives in Oaonui. After a barbecue dinner he shares something of his 47 years' martial arts experience. He was a kickboxer fighting in among other places Utah, Denver, Phoenix.

"Las Vegas was my favourite place to fight," he says.

As his kick boxing career was drawing to a close the Ultimate Fighting Championship was coming into vogue and Steve decided to get on board. He recalls the early days when there were

no rules and there would be three or fights a night. Since then it has evolved into quite a sophisticated sport.

A lot of fighting he says is psychological.

"Fitness beats skill almost every time," he says.

As well as these training times for younger boxers James also has 10am classes for adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Top entertainment for A&P Show

Pirates will be plotting the course and setting sail during this year's Egmont A&P Show's opening day parade.

The pirate-themed parade, free to all entrants, will set off around the showgrounds on Friday, November 20 at 6pm, just half an hour after judging commences. A bounty of monetary prizes will be presented to the first four placegetters.

The gates open at noon that day with a variety of competitions, entertainment, displays, sideshows and rides lined up to entertain the crowds. Along with the usual sights and sounds of the Egmont A&P Show, the committee have organised a new show format and content.

Egmont A&P Association executive officer Janet Morgan said a new president has been elected to the committee.

"Don Newland from Silver Fern Farms is our new president. Don is known to most in Taranaki and has a long connection to the Showgrounds."

Two new members have also joined the executive committee.

"Alex Corrigan whose



The Egmont A&P Show begins on Friday 20th November.

family have been involved with the show and showgrounds for generations. His grandfather, Ross Corrigan, is patron and his father, Andrew Corrigan, is also a committee member. The other young person to join the executive committee is Georgina Maud who works for Osflow. A lot of the changes we've made to this year's show is as a result of their input."

Stage entertainment in

front of the grandstand is set to delight people of all ages. Around the back of the grandstand, the craft hall's display of handiworks will captivate viewers with the elaborate details involved.

Small animals, based in the spacious TSB Indoor Arena, provide opportunities for visitors to view up close. Also located in the arena is The Spark KidZone and the Alpacas.

As hunger strikes, taste

buds are sure to be tempted by the aroma of foods dished up by the Food Truck Depot and can be enjoyed in the central seating area.

Over in The Menzshed, exhibitors encourage visitors to meet them and check out the array of projects they are working on.

Local schools will be showcasing their values and achievements in The School Yard, along with activities and fundraisers.

The gates reopen at 9am the following day. In addition to the previous day's activities, sheep dog trials and woodchopping competitions are set to take place. The Rural Support Trust also has a line-up of speakers and entertainers, aimed particularly towards the farming community, in the Lunch Shack Café.

Janet said the committee is very excited about the show's new format and content.

Additional equestrian events are being held along with show. Dressage classes will be held on Thursday November 19 and Jumping competitions on Friday November 20 and Saturday

November 21. Flat classes and the FEI World Cup Jumping Round will be held on Sunday November 22.

The show is expecting 10,000 visitors and will encompass 130 trade sites, 100 sponsors, and 150 volunteers. There will be six competitive sections and 600 competitors. The competitive sections are the equestrian sports, the Kids' calf showing and lamb showing, the alpaca showing, woodchopping, sheep dog trials and the leisure treasure and pleasure sections, which include horticulture, roses, baking and cooking, craft sections, photography, and children's sections.



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Chaddy's Charters under new ownership

Chaddy's Charters was first opened on November 5, 1993 by the Mayor of New Plymouth at the time Claire Stewart. For the next 27 years former boxer (1971-1975) David 'Chaddy' Chadfield developed his award-winning enterprise. Many people have been treated to his boat trips to the Sugar Loaf Islands (and other destinations) on an old English lifeboat, to see a penguin colony, or have enjoyed some of the many things he had for hire such as kayaks, paddle boats, bicycles – you name it. Inside, he has developed an amazing museum which has to be seen to be believed. Apart from interesting books there are relics from shipwrecks, coral, fossilised shark teeth, whale bones, flags, Maori carving – even a tank of seahorses.

However, David has moved on and sold Chaddy's Charters to leave the iconic enterprise in safe hands; former All Black Carl Hayman and his partner Kiko Matthews now own the business at 39 Ocean View Parade, New Plymouth.

At present Kiko is running the business while Carl studies for his Skippers ticket, so he can man the boat. The nautical course



Left: Chaddy and partner Kathy, Kiko and Carl. Above: The Museum at Chaddy's Charters. Below: Chaddy and Carl - the changing of the helm.

should occupy most of this month.

Born in Opunake, Carl played 45 games for the All Blacks, with his debut being against Samoa in 2001. The 6-4 (1.93cm) tighthead prop was the 1,000th All Black. He also played for the Highlanders (Super Rugby) and Otago (NPC). One

highlight was being named as one of a shortlist of five for New Zealand Player of the Year.

Overseas, Carl played in England for the Newcastle Falcons. He also played in France for Toulon who won the Heineken Cup three times during his time with the club. He played alongside rugby

great Johnny Wilkinson who became a good friend. The two men also played in a band together. (Rugby enthusiasts will recall Johnny's major role in England winning the Rugby World Cup in 2003). His time in Toulon was the highlight of his rugby career.

English-born (Hereford) Kiko Matthews is equally impressive having rowed the Atlantic solo, in May, 2018, to set a new record as the fastest woman (Guinness world record). This feat is remarkable as Kiko has twice survived brain surgery. Her rowing venture raised \$200,000 for Kings College Hospital in London. The money was used to enhance intensive care.

The couple met each other in March 2019 in Europe and, after returning to New Zealand, Chaddy's Charters seemed just the challenge the adventurous pair needed.

For the time being Carl and Kiko are not planning any great changes and will continue to hire out virtually anything a person needs for an outdoors adventure, but later they mean to conduct eco-tours and seminars about sea life and the coastal world. Kiko's previous work as a secondary school teacher should be valuable. She also has a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology from Newcastle University.

At present Chaddy's Charter is open daily from 9am to around 4pm, (depending on the weather) from Tuesday to Sunday. Booking online is preferred at chaddyscharters.co.nz, [instagram@chaddyscharters](https://www.instagram.com/chaddyscharters) or facebook. However, feel free to phone 06 758 9133 for further information.

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- **The Lakeside Lions Great Opunake Yarn Bomb** 31 October – 9 November all over Opunake
- **Everybody's Theatre Opunake** – Boutique Night - I am Woman 1 November 7pm, tickets on eventpronto
- **Everybody's Theatre Opunake** – Cringe Worthy – Live Show 5 November 7.30pm, tickets on event finder
- **Taranaki Garden Festival** - 30 October – 8 November various locations look for the brochure
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- 10:30 Amanda Burling: Burling Staples Rodway Tilly "Getting the Most from Your Accountant"
- 11:00 Fulton Hughes: ANZ Bank Manager - "Debt on your mind"? -Tips on talking with your Bank
- 11:30 Matt Stone: Rural Security Group - "Protecting your assets"
- 12:00 Jo Stevenson: Taranaki Drug Testing Agency
Drugs – Testing and other highs
- 12:30 Kane Briscoe: Farm Fit NZ Physical Health = Farm Health
- 1:00 Amanda Jordan: OSPRI - Protecting and enhancing Taranaki Bio Security
- 1:30 Trish Rankin "The Ten R's - more than Recycling.
- 2:00 John Smith My MH Journey
- 2:30 Marcia Paurini "What do I say and do to someone not doing so well?" - Mental Health awareness.

Camtiki Country Lodge an impressive newcomer

Mike and Colleen Starsmore's Camtiki Country Lodge is a welcome addition to the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, which runs from October 30 until November 8.

This intriguing garden is listed in the *Oakura Okato Opunake* section of the programme booklet as number 47. The address is 692 Patiki Road, RD32, Opunake. The garden is 6.92km from SH45; you turn off at Pihama, or 2km from Eltham Road, Te Kiri

The impeccably maintained garden is well-sheltered by a huge koro/banksia hedge and is marked by a swinging sign on the right side of the road.

When Colleen was asked why she and Mike chose to

enter the garden festival this year she replied, "It's such a beautiful garden so it is nice to open it up to share with others."

She also paid tribute to Opunake gardener Tammy Marshall of Greenscape Gardening, who is the main person who cares for the garden and keeping it presented so appealingly. "She does an amazing job," enthused Colleen.

The garden will be open during the Festival from 9am until 3pm. There is plenty of parking, toilet facilities and is mostly wheelchair friendly. Also on offer are refreshments provided by Opunake Lions between 10am and 2pm daily. No eftpos.

One interesting feature is a garden summerhouse, with a

plaque within which reads: *The Campbell Farm and Garden, 1981-2017. Much loved home of Geoff, Sheryl, Janelle, Toni, Sarah and Logan.* Mike and Colleen bought the property from the Campbell family three years ago.

There is plethora of trees and shrubs of many varieties, exotic and natives – such as kowhai and rimu. The camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas in full flower are especially eye-catching. There is a proliferation of colourful flowers everywhere, including roses, cinerarias, foxgloves and daffodils. Native birds such as kereru (native pigeons) and tuis also enjoy the garden.

The orchard has such trees as lemons, apples and oranges, with a passionfruit encircling the nearby raised vegetable garden. Pathways meander everywhere allowing easy access to all parts of the garden, including the dainty pond where goldfish swim.

Make sure you find time during the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival to visit this outstanding garden at 692 Patiki Road.

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Above: Mike and Colleen Starsmore in their enchanting garden in Patiki Road.

Below: Mike and Colleen with their Camtiki Country Lodge accommodation.



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From left Michel Vallon (Antony Jones), Veronique (Helen Snook), Annette Reille (Donella Weir), and Alan Reille (Ron Scott).

God of Carnage is brilliant

Hawera Repertory's latest production *God of Carnage* is outstanding. The play, which is ably directed by Clive Cullen, runs from October 30 to November 7. You can buy tickets at Hawera's I-site or Ticket Rocket. Don't miss out.

I previewed it before Covid early in the year and was lucky enough to see it a second time on Saturday October 31.

The play was written in 2006 by French playwright Yasmina Reza who was born in Paris (Russian father and Hungarian mother). It was adapted by Christopher Hampton. It has been described as a comedy of manners – without the manners. Perhaps, it could also be termed a black comedy. The simple but effective set was designed by Clive Cullen. For our audiences it is set in France.

The play opens with two sets of parents discussing an

incident whereby the son of one of them Ferdinand gets angry because another child Bruno refuses to let him join his gang. Ferdinand picks up a stick and whacks Bruno in the mouth, and knocks out two teeth. Both children are aged eleven. "Your son has disfigured my son!" exclaims Veronique. Alan thinks she is being overly dramatic.

The acting is first class with the actors well chosen for their respective roles. These include Ron Scott who plays Alain Reille, with Donella Weir playing Annette Reille, Antony Jones playing Michel Vallon and Helen Snooks playing Veronique Vallon.

I found the play very absorbing and amusing. The parents discuss the incident, amicably at first, and gradually veer miles off course as the angst increases. The atmosphere became harrowing, although no less

absorbing. Just as you think no more can happen, another extra-ordinary thing happens as the parents become angrier and angrier, not just with the opposing couple, but also with each other. "I'm already doing you a favour being here in the first place," explains Alain, between intervals when his (virtually) endlessly ringing mobile is silent. Imagine how that went down with his wife Annette? She eventually finds a solution, but one not to her husband's liking, it has to be said.

However, I won't say too much more so I don't spoil the suspense – and there's plenty of that.

Everyone who contributed to making this play so engaging must be congratulated. Make sure you see this brilliant production.

Rolland McKellar



Alone

Thriller! 1hr 38mins!

M: Offensive Language & Sexual References. Directed by John Hyams. Written by Mattias Olsson.

Alone opens with the ultimate predicament - how to fit all your belongings into a U-Haul furniture trailer. A sofa and pot plant stand alone on the footpath. As the trip unfolds, an odd act of road rage gets the stress levels rising, and the storyline starts to resemble a recent thriller. It doesn't stop there - of course. Things go from bad to worse, and Jessica (Jules Wilcox) ends up in another predicament, one with consequences that could see her demise. The great thing about this thriller is that our protagonist is not an unaware frustratingly moronic airhead. She's pretty on the ball, knowing all along that the Man (Marc Mencacha) is bad news.

There's something quite realistic about the way this is shot, and acted. Some scenes seem vaguely familiar and predictable, but there are twists and unexpected turns. Basically, it's nail-biting on the edge of your seat sort of stuff. Wilcox and Mencacha step into their roles exceptionally well. They are so present in their scenes, which is grounding, and provides a very engaging experience. There's no space for mind-wandering in *Alone*.

The genre is not my preferred choice; however, I was happy to watch this very well put together piece of entertainment. If I was to compare it to the aforementioned recent

thriller, *Unhinged*, it feels like Mattias Olsson has more intellectual depth in his script. While on the edge of your seat, Olsson encourages you to look into

the Man's perspective, and at the same time observe the phases of human nature in a life-threatening situation. It's an interesting hour and a half.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, due to technical issues with the projector, Everybody's Theatre is unable to offer definite dates for this movie until they are back up and running. It is scheduled for Friday 20th November at 7 pm, so fingers crossed the projector is restored to full health soon. Everybody's Theatre would like to thank you for your patience in getting this sorted. All pre-sold ticket holders have been contacted for a full refund.

Cringleworthy is still on. Thursday November 5.

Jane Forkert



Alone - playing at Everybody's Theatre

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Kids, Family |1hr 24mins |G:
Sat 14th Nov 1pm

THE WAR WITH GRANDPA
Comedy, Family |1hr 34mins |PG
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Sun 1st Nov 7pm| Sat 14th Nov 7pm

ALONE
Thriller|1hr 38mins |M: Offensive language
Sun 8th Nov 7pm| Fri 20th Nov 7pm

GREENLAND
Thriller|1hr 59mins |R13: Violence
Fri 6th Nov 7pm| Sun 15th Nov 7pm

THE MYSTERY OF HENRI PICK
Comedy, Drama |1hr 40mins|M: language - Subtitles
Sat 21st Nov 7pm| Sun 29th Nov 7pm

RAMS
Drama |1hr 59mins|PG
Sun 22nd Nov 7pm| Sat 28th Nov 7pm

Check out the event on 27th November – Six 60 – Bar is open and cheese plates available – book online or call 027 383 7926

Art beats the Covid

Good news

We had to start the October 'Philosophy of the Found' exhibition without Robert Villamagna of USA as he was hit hard by the virus.

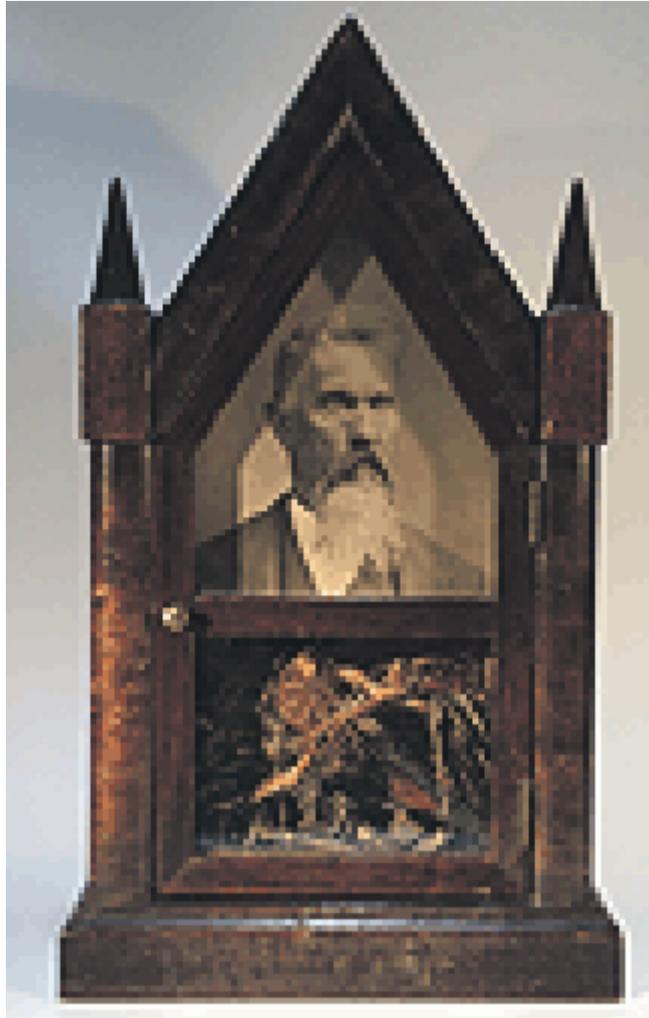
But now, he's back.

And his assemblage art joins that of Dale Copeland and Carl Fairweather, both of NZ. You can see these three very distinctive styles of making assemblages on the Virtual Tart site at www.tart.co.nz

The 100 handbound 'Philosophy of the Found' books are going well, and, most exciting, the worldwide celebratory party - making up for all the lockdown closures - no book launch, no exhibition opening party - is turning into an exciting affair. Just waiting on a few more photos that have been promised.

I'm binding the big book, just leaving room for those last few photos of people celebrating. It has turned into a monumental record of this year; artists staying buoyant in spite of the pandemic, celebrating the act of art-making.

Thank you all. I hope that in the future your grandchildren will see this record of you celebrating in spite of this tough year, and



Keeper of Lost Keys.

Robert Villamagna.

be proud.

Do have a look at the full exhibition ... the styles of these three artists are so very

different.

Cheers, and thank you for being part of this.

Dale Copeland

What's On Listings



ONGOING

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

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

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

TUESDAYS

Opunake Walking Group: Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.

Life Drawing Group: Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. Models always wanted; male, female, any age. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

Opunake Bowling Club Twilight Bowls: 5.30pm at the Club.

WEEKENDS

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

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'Home Work' Taranaki Art 2020 Exhibition: At Puke Ariki Museum, New Plymouth. **OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 7**

Popup Museum, Opunake: At Library Plus Opunake. Refer ad and article. **OCTOBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 15**

'Fibreworks 2020' 50th Anniversary Exhibition: At the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford. Refer ad. **OCTOBER 19 TO NOVEMBER 13**

'Still Potting' Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer ad. **OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 7**

God of Carnage: Repertory House, Hawera. Refer ad. **OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 8**

Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival: Happening in gardens around Taranaki. **OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 13**

Stratford Scarecrow Trail: Stratford. Refer advert and article. **NOVEMBER 5 TO 15**

RESET 2020 - A festival for Aotearoa: Events around Taranaki. **NOVEMBER 7 TO NOVEMBER 8**

Oakura Arts Trail: Oakura. Refer to guide. **NOVEMBER 8**

Home Sewn 2020: 10am to 2pm at Hampton Hall, Okato. **NOVEMBER 12, 13 & 14**

Opunake Players present 'Murder and Mayhem': Refer advert for more details. **NOVEMBER 16**

Opunake Sport & Recreation Trust AGM: Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. 6pm. **NOVEMBER 17**

Opunake Golf Club AGM: At the Clubhouse, Opunake. 6pm **NOVEMBER 19, 20 & 21**

Opunake Players present 'Murder and Mayhem': Refer advert for more details.. **NOVEMBER 20**

Summer of Racing : At the New Plymouth Raceway. **NOVEMBER 20 & 21**

Egmont A&P Show: At the Showgrounds. **DECEMBER 3**

Summer of Racing : At the New Plymouth Raceway. **DECEMBER 27**

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Opunake Catholic Church

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust 2020 Trustee Election

Nominations for the 2020 trustee election for Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) closed at 5pm on Thursday 1 October 2020. Nominations for the three vacancies on the Trust were received from Jacqui KING, Rawinia LEATHERBY-TOIA and Jamie TUUTA.

As the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of vacancies available, I declare Jacqui KING, Rawinia LEATHERBY-TOIA and Jamie TUUTA to be elected unopposed as trustees of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust.

Anthony Morton
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Notice of 2020 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will be held on Saturday 5th December 2020 at Tarawainuku Marae, Puniho Pā, South Rd, Warea, Taranaki commencing at 10.00am.

AGENDA

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|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Karakia | 5. Financial Report - Appointment of Auditor |
| 2. Apologies | 6. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust Election |
| 3. Minutes of 2019 Taranaki Iwi Trust AGM | 7. Annual Goals |
| 4. Chairperson Reports | 8. General Business |
| (a) Te Kāhui o Taranaki | |
| (b) Taranaki Iwi Holdings LP | |
| (c) Taranaki Iwi Fisheries Ltd | |
| (d) Taranaki Iwi Claims Management Ltd | |

This year's Annual General Meeting will be livestreamed. If you wish to participate via the livestream you will need to register so a link can be sent to you. To register for the livestream link or for further information including copies of documents to be presented at the AGM please contact Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust office, 1 Young Street, New Plymouth, Ph (06) 751 4285.

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