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Opunake High School National Small School Champions 2019

From left Second row: Leslie Bloemen (manager), Janine Luke-Taamaru (coach), Pero Brophy, Ben Sinclair, Cameron Quinnell, Ahurei Hepi-Karena, Keenan Sionetama, Robyn Davey (assistant coach).

Front row Regan Bloemen Cheyne-Jackson Taamaru, Joel Clement Scott Quinnell, Jackson Henare.

Last year the Opunake High School Senior Boys Basketball team finished third in the Schick A Boys National Premiership Championships. This year they finished first. The team's coach, Janine Luke Taamaru writes about how they got there.

After a great 2018 basketball season winning the Taranaki Secondary Schools League over Stratford High School, and the OBA League for the Men's A grade and placing third overall at the Schick A Boys National Premiership Championships, the Opunake High school Senior Boys basketball team had set numerous goals as a team prior to the start of the 2019 season. These included qualifying at the Schick Premiership Secondary Schools North A Championship for the Schick Premiership A Secondary Schools National Championship tournament.

Along the way, the team competed in the Opunake Basketball Association competition which we used to strengthen and continue to develop skills and relationships. The team also competed in the Taranaki Secondary Schools competition, in which they placed third overall. They had started off that league well, being unbeaten throughout the rounds, with the semi-final being their only loss.

The team travelled to Palmerston North at the beginning of September for the Schick Premiership A Secondary Schools North Island tournament, where we remained unbeaten, beating Mana College in the final. This enabled the team to qualify for the Schick A Secondary Schools Championship held in Palmerston North from September 30-October 4.

We had a three week turnaround to prepare, perfect and be game ready for the Nationals.

There was a quiet confidence building with every game, with every win. They arrived for each game, methodically going through their warm ups, talking and encouraging each other. On the court and on the bench throughout the tournament we were 'one.' The team acknowledged and showed respect to our opposition.

Our pools games were against: Kavanagh (Dunedin) won 74-54. Hornby (Christchurch) won 88-63. Hillmorton (Christchurch) won 82-61. St Kevin's (Christchurch) lost: 52-61. Te Aroha (Bay of Plenty) won 80-54.

At the end of the pool round our team placed second. Our team ended up facing Manukura who were winners of Pool B in the semi-finals.

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Supporters from left: Lia Harrop, Aaliyah Clement, Tanisha Kahukaka and Isabelle Cook show their delight at the win.

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 **Letters to the Editor**

Local body elections

Whenever there’s a national local body election I always show a keen interest in who’s standing and who isn’t.

In our province this year it’s going to be very interesting who gets in the mayoral positions in South Taranaki and New Plymouth.

After 12 years Ross Dunlop who has done an extremely good job as mayor of South Taranaki is now not seeking re-election so there are three candidates vying for this position, deputy mayor Phil Nixon who is my choice, while the other candidates are Clem Coxhead and Craig Baylis.

In New Plymouth we have six people going for the mayor’s position, like Neil Holdom, seeking re-election, while Max Brough is my choice, Irene Godkin, Joanne Kuvarji, Bill Simpson and Greg McKay.

We have many other people seeking re-election and many new faces wanting to go on their respective councils, so I wish everyone the very best for their endeavours, as no doubt some will or won’t get on, but never mind. Keep yourselves involved within your communities, as one never knows what might happen, and keep a keen

interest on what’s going on around your towns, villages and cities.

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.*

Thanks everyone

Hello residents of Kaponga /Eltham and their farming districts. By the time you read this voting will nearly be over, but you’ve still got a bit of time. Voting closes on midday Saturday October 12. Your forms will need to be at the South Taranaki District Council office or your local library before this time expires. To you who have followed my writings, whether I’m successful or not, I wish to say a big thank you to all who supported and encouraged me in any way in standing for the elections.

To the business people who allowed me to display my poster and flyers in their premises in the different towns in South Taranaki, and especially those outside my electorate in Stratford (and just to clarify, because I was questioned on this, the legal ruling is, you can campaign anywhere, even outside your electorate. I approached via a courtesy call to make sure this was acceptable to them before displaying any posters in the businesses’ area).

To property owners who

displayed my billboards, and business folk who aided in the design and distribution of flyers, the media personnel who encouraged and outlined correct procedures, and were very helpful and patient. Thank you all. To my wife Anita and daughter Elizabeth who encouraged and stood by me to attend most candidate meetings and the various organisations who put these evenings on, some outside of my ward area, (but still within the Greater South Taranaki District Council area of which I will be involved if elected), thank you for the chance to attend and speak at your meetings. And last but not least, the biggest thank you goes to each of you who voted for me, either in the towns or on farm, and to those still to vote for your belief and support of me. If I am elected I look forward to meeting and working with you as the term unfolds, whichever way the final count factors. I have enjoyed every minute of it and meeting many new faces, it’s been a great exercise and learning curve. To my fellow candidates standing in all the different wards, Mayoral, Health and Community Boards, Regional and District Council, thank you for your encouragement and friendship. Whichever way the results may lie, may we all

know we all individually did our best for South Taranaki. To know that Taranakians as a collective are still interested and want the best for their communities and the wider Taranaki, including north and south, of which we are all a part. Thank you.

*Lindsay MaindonaldSTDC
Kaponga /Eltham Ward.*

Deserved award

I can vividly remember in 2002 when Neville Phillips set up a trust calling it START TARANAKI in Kaponga’s old maternity hospital for young offenders, especially for those who have mental health issues derived from alcohol, drug abuse and foetal drug problems.

This project entailed three phases-spending three weeks of bush isolation and mountain and outdoor activities, mentoring these young men and finally returning them back to their own communities.

In this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours List Neville was awarded the MNZM (Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit) which I really believe he fully deserved, so congratulations is the order of the day.

It’s believed he also needs helpers to help him.
*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth*

A Word in Season

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. Psalm 145:18-19 (NIV)

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Business After Five

The Opunake & Coastal News recently hosted the latest Opunake Business Association’s Business after Fives evening.

Held every three months the evenings are an opportunity for fellow business holders to get to know each other more on a social level and is also an opportunity to let others know about their business.

Previous venues have included Sinclair Electrical and the Opunake Beach Camp.

Among those who attended were two South Taranaki District mayoral candidates. After enjoying some mulled wine and some eats, the team at the Opunake & Coastal News each gave a talk on their various roles in the paper beginning with the editor who gave a potted history of the paper and its growth both in size and circulation since she had been involved with the paper.

After answering questions all present were invited on a tour the Opunake & Coastal News office.

It was an enjoyable evening and thanks to all who attended. It was fun!

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National title for Boys Basketball team



The Bench on their feet in support of the players on court.

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They had home court advantage due to being the home team. However we've been fortunate to have had such great support with us throughout the season from our families, school and community and these supporters remained with us courtside at the tournament. We beat Manukura and secured our spot in the grand finals, and had to wait to see who our opponent would be. St Kevin's had the win over Mana, giving us another chance to face them.

The final was an amazing yet difficult game for our team. We had already lost to St Kevin's and were determined to keep that as the only loss at the national championship tournament. The team remained focused, engaged and unified. As a team, our approach to this game was adjusted from our previous game against St Kevin's. The first half saw St Kevin's have a slight lead over us but the second half saw our team dig deep and push ourselves harder to

get ahead. They maintained their slight lead, particularly in the last quarter when they used possession of the ball to reduce the time that St Kevin's would have narrow the lead. Our win with the final score being 58-56 was a team effort, an emotional time and significant ending of an amazing season. This team is the first boys' team from Opunake High School to win the national championship.

The tournament team which is made up of some of the best players over the tournament had three players from our team, Ahurei Hepi-Karena, Regan Bloemen and Joel Clement. Joel was also awarded tournament MVP.

The Opunake High School Senior Boys were able to achieve these goals through their wealth of skills and experience, but also through being highly dedicated and committed to having the best basketball season. The team were reminded throughout this year that team work, trust and belief in each other would help them to achieve their

goals. At the core of the team are five year 13 students, two of these having played for the Senior Boys' team since they were year 9 in 2015, the other three coming in since then. The team camaraderie and connectedness with each other have been great attributes, contributing to the success that the young men have achieved together. These young men showed respect to their opponents, officials and others throughout the season. They knew each other's strengths and were able to draw from themselves and from each other. The commitment and work ethic of each player at trainings, on individual skills and development, are a credit to them. All of the players have grown into brilliant young men that have embodied the team culture of "being one and a brotherhood." They all provided encouragement, support and motivation to and for each other with every game. They have been great ambassadors for the school, representing themselves,

their families, their school and their community with pride, respect and humility. I have had the privilege of coaching some of these boys since Year 9 so I have been fortunate to learn with them, know their potential and encourage them to bring that to the court. It has been a fantastic year for the boys' team and my management team; Robyn Davey and Leslie Bloemen to celebrate in their success.

Many thanks, to the school and Opunake community for your support. To those family members, past team members and management that travelled to support us at the tournament, this one is for you too. Thanks again, for all your support. It was a proud moment for us all to stand tall, representing our families, our school and our community. Congratulations to Opunake High School Senior Boys – National Champions 2019.

Janine Luke-Taamaru
Coach

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Stratford concert raises money for St John

A well-attended concert was held on Wednesday October 2 at the Stratford and District Senior Citizens Association Hall on the corner of Juliet and Regan Streets. The music included country & western, humorous songs as well as gospel numbers. The

performers included Lindsay and Anita Maindonald with their nine-year-old daughter Elizabeth, who are collectively known as the Redwood Oaks Country & Gospel Singers.

The other performers included Tracey Haskell and Murray McCartie. The MC was George Worsley who did a very good job.

The performers donated their services free of charge and the admission fees were donated to St John Ambulance for their building project.

First up was Tracey and ninety-year-old Murray with a selection that included several humorous songs the two performers had written. One featured a possum, a crow, a snake, a goanna and an alligator, which was accompanied by plenty of laughter. Others included such well-known songs as 'Have You Ever been Lonely'. My favourite one was 'You're Always On



Performing in harmony on stage are Lindsay and Elizabeth Maindonald.

the Phone', with the lyrics written by Murray and the music by Tracey. It was very funny. Tracey's 'Harper

The Redwood Oaks country & Gospel Singers were also well received with solos and duos. Lindsay, resplendent

such as 'Take Me Home Country Roads', 'Gypsy Rose' and 'I Love To Go A-wandering'. I especially enjoyed his 'Danny Boy'. The audience were invited to sing along and many did. One lady had to leave early. "I thoroughly enjoyed it. I love your singing," she said to Lindsay before leaving.

Elizabeth had a black cowboy hat and a blouse decorated with animals. She sang with confidence, with Lindsay accompanying her on guitar and later banjo. She finished to applause with a spirited "Yee Ha." Her songs included 'Black Fields of Dakota' and 'Cotton Fields'.

Anita - who was strikingly attired in cowgirl gear - and Lindsay sang as a duo several times - with their 'Waltz Across Texas' especially appealing. Anita also sang solo with 'I Come to the Garden' poignantly

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Tracey Haskell and Murray McCartie sing some humorous songs they composed themselves.

Valley PTA' was also good in value.

in cowboy attire and white hat did several solos

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Opunake banking on the future



The TSB in Opunake will soon be part of a nationwide multi-banking experiment.

Opunake is joining Stoke, Twizel and Martinborough as guinea pigs in a new experiment in banking.

Opunake currently has a TSB Bank and a BNZ ATM, but a 12 month Banking Hub scheme will see the ANZ, ASB, Westpac and Kiwibank also have a presence in town.

Six banks will be taking part in the scheme.

“While many people hardly ever visit bank branches, some people still prefer to bank face to face,” says New Zealand Bankers’ Association chief executive Roger Beaumont. “Banks want to help those customers by using innovative ideas and technology.

“Each Banking Hub pilot will test different ways of adapting to community demand and requirements, and services will evolve over time.”

The BNZ, TSB, Westpac, ANZ, Kiwibank and ASB have all come on board and with the exception of Kiwibank/NZ Post co-

Stratford concert raises money for St John

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with feeling.

Near the end of the concert a threesome of youngsters sang ‘She’ll Be Coming Round the Mountain’ with enjoyable gusto. The singers included Lewis Smith (7), Zoe Smith (10) and Elizabeth Maindonald. Lindsay accompanied them on the banjo.

By the end of the concert everyone had had good value for their money and St John Ambulance had been helped along by the donation of admission fees. Well done to everyone involved in the organisation of this successful event.

Lindsay is standing for election in the forthcoming Local Body Elections. If he is elected as a councillor will he be known as the Singing Councillor?

located sites, they have said they won’t close any regional branches during the time of the trial.

Hubs will have a multi-branded Smart ATM and online banking facility able to handle transactions for all six banks. There will also be a support person at each of the hubs to assist customers to use the ATM and to handle online and telephone transactions. In Opunake, the existing TSB branch will host the Banking Hub.

A Bankers Association spokesman said details of exactly how things will work at each of the hubs are still being worked out, and that it wasn’t clear what would happen after the trial was over.

“We are genuinely interested to see how the pilot will go, and we don’t want to pre-empt outcomes,” he said.

“Branches have closed because they are no longer commercially viable. We’re seeing if the multibank approach is sustainable where having just one bank might not have been.”

“We’re not aware of this happening anywhere else. It was something the government was interested in looking at, so they asked us to think about how we might respond to regional banking needs, and we came up with the hub idea.”

Four centres were chosen for the pilot, two in the North Island and two in the South Island.

“They are all small communities and all have different things going on in them.”

Stoke and Martinborough no longer have banks in

town, while Opunake and Twizel do.

“TSB put their hand up for Opunake and said they would be happy for us to put it into the mix,” the spokesman said.

Banking expert Dr Claire Matthews of Massey University says the use of the term Banking Hub maybe misleading.

“The four towns are going to have a location in which there’s a Smart ATM with some new technology put in with somebody there to assist. I’m a little concerned that people are going to get the wrong idea. It’s not going to be the traditional bank that people think of.”

Dr Matthews was on the Tararua District Council when she introduced a money exchange to Eketahuna after repeated efforts to get a bank reintroduced to that town had fallen flat. The scheme lasted for 10-12 years before the Tararua District Council pulled the plug last year citing health and safety concerns for their staff.

The Bank Hub idea didn’t seem to offer more than what had been offered at Eketahuna, she said. It was still unclear how the hub idea would work for small businesses wanting to make deposits, with many of their customers still paying by cash or cheque, she said. In Eketahuna deposits could be made and then couriered through to the appropriate bank.

Dr Matthews said bank branches are closing because people don’t use them.

“People like to drive by and see their local bank branch, but they don’t go in to them. When was the last time you went into a bank? Those that do tend to be unprofitable customers who are not paying the costs associated with them. If banks charge

people a reasonable fee that covers the costs, they would quickly decide they don’t want to use them.”

Federated Farmers say they support the idea.

“It’s good to see Kiwibank, BNZ, TSB, ANZ, ASB and Westpac thinking outside the square and co-operating to try and find a cost-effective and customer-useful way of keeping a banking service operating in small rural towns,” Feds economics and commerce spokesperson Andrew Hoggard says.

“If a traditional bank branch is deemed no longer economic, then the proposal for a multi-branded Smart ATM, a support person to provide guidance and assistance, and the facilities for basic transactional services such as cash withdrawals, deposits and account transfers is probably the next best thing.

“At the very least the banks involved are committing to not close any other rural bank branch during the 12-month trial. We need banks to support rural customers and act responsibly.”



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Homecoming for Juffermans man in Hawera

A mix of indoor and outdoor work is what attracted Mark Laurence to a career in surveying.

"I had gone to Massey to study accounting but I fell into surveying," says Mark who has recently been appointed manager of the JSL(Jufferman Surveyors Ltd) office in Hawera. "It has a good balance of indoor and outdoor work."

Clients include people wanting to identify where the existing boundaries of their properties are, or looking at developing their properties, or perhaps looking at making extra money by selling off some extra land they don't need.

In the three months that he has been in the job, Mark says he has been kept busy with work which has included a number of jobs around Opunake.

Also working out of their Princes Street office in Hawera is a planner, as well as Traffic Management Solutions, which is owned by Juffermans.

Although he has spent 13 years working as a surveyor in Palmerston North, Mark is no stranger to South Taranaki, having lived in Okaiawa, Hawera and



Mark Laurence.

Waverley.. Since returning to Hawera, he has been playing Soffe Cup tennis for Okaiawa. His partner Kelly teaches at Tawhiti School and Mark is putting his own surveying expertise to good use in developing the property he has bought in Hawera. He says the work he has

been doing since coming back to South Taranaki has been similar to what he has been doing in Palmerston North. "You do get more rural jobs than you do in Palmerston North, where it's mainly residential jobs. Here you've got a mix of rural and town." "JSL has a team of surveyors

who cover all aspects of land development engineering, subdivisions, resource management, construction set-out and boundary identification. We are happy to provide advice to any potential client and we would love to be involved in your next development."

New rules better late than never

Quantity surveyors are saying "about time" for the introduction of the government's new Procurement Rules and Guidelines.

President of the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sam Lomax, says the rules will provide a much-needed and refreshed approach to procurement processes in the New Zealand construction industry.

Lomax says the industry had slipped into a pattern of unsustainable behaviour when it comes to risk transfer, largely driven by clients wanting the cheapest entry price possible, and too many companies had not fully considered risks they were taking on when signing contracts.

As a result some paid the ultimate price.

He says the goal of many clients was to shed as

much risk as possible, often by obfuscating and a lack of transparency, and by focussing only on the contract cost.

However, he said it's pleasing to see among the new rules that one of the key procurement values is to "deliver best value for money," which isn't always the cheapest price.

This, together with the adoption of a whole of life cost approach when assessing value for money solutions, should also help to enhance a sustainable future for the industry.

"Now we should have more transparency and a better information flow right at the outset which will mean contractors will be better placed to fully understand the risk, manage the risk and cost that into their work.

"And because government agencies are a major

construction sector client it's good to see government taking the lead to address this problem.

"We hope other clients and industry members will follow suit and adopt similar procurement principles."

Lomax says if that happens, the industry will bed in a positive cultural change that will see the sector start to actively consider environmental impacts, social responsibility, health and safety and economic efficiency and resilience.

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Fire wreaks havoc on Bailey Road



Craig Dingle

Windy Wednesday September 25 caused a lot of branches and debris to fly around. Opunake fire Brigade had one callout to the roof of a sunroom lifting. On arrival the crew got to work trying to secure

it down. In the end the only way was to use sand bags to weight the roof down. The owner said they would contact a aluminium joinery company the next morning. On Monday September 30 a well involved shed

fire on Bailey Road had Rahotu, Oakura, Okato and Opunake respond. A tractor and vehicle were destroyed in the fire.

CFO
Craig Dingle
Opunake

Brigade responds to mid week blaze



The Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade attended a tractor fire on Ihaia Road last week.

TRC sets up stadium group

The Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) has established a governance group for the Yarrow Stadium upgrade project, following advice from New Plymouth District Council that they were not in a position to deliver the repair and refurbishment project. The governance structure includes a project steering group and a project delivery team with the steering group reporting to the Council's Executive, Audit and Risk Committee.

government, who is being appointed to the Council's Executive, Audit and Risk Committee to provide independent advice and assurance as the project progresses. "The establishment of this project governance structure is the next step in the implementation of the Yarrow Stadium upgrade," says Taranaki Regional Council Chairman David MacLeod. "We're delighted that we'll have the benefit of Mr Robertson's extensive experience and expertise in local government financial oversight."

"We're all looking forward to getting on with the job to get the best regional stadium in New Zealand back to work, and working with our partner, New Plymouth District Council, to ensure the district and the region gain the maximum benefit from this iconic and international-grade venue."

The group structure was developed based on advice from Bruce Robertson, former Assistant Auditor-General with special responsibility for local

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It's time to back our rural communities

Last month Rabobank's farmer confidence survey highlighted what was already clear to many.

Farmers are becoming increasingly concerned about their future and the Government's policies are the key reason for this negative sentiment. In the past, farmers would typically say they have three things they need to worry about: interest rates, farm gate prices and the weather. Interest rates are at record lows, farm gate prices are above historical averages, and the weather has been pretty good. In many ways farmers should be optimistic, but instead, confidence is at all-time lows.

The survey shows that farmers' confidence has taken a sharp drop with 68 per cent of farmers holding a negative outlook, citing the Government as the main reason. This is not surprising considering the continued onslaught of uncertainty and costs that farmers have endured since this Government came to power, whether it be the Tax Working Group report and subsequent Capital Gains Tax campaign, a proposed water tax, a proposal for



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

agriculture entering the Emissions Trading Scheme, onerous methane targets in the Zero Carbon Bill and now the Freshwater proposals and cynical consultation process surrounding them. This is having a tangible impact on both farmers' mental health and businesses. The sector has spoken clearly and directly to the Government but they are not being listened to. Recently, BakerAg sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, alongside the Agriculture, Environment and Health Ministers, which laid out the declining morale within the primary sector and the serious impact this is having on mental health. Sadly it was all but ignored by the Government. The primary sector accounts

for about 60 per cent of New Zealand's goods exports. New Zealand is too small to competitively produce cars, computers or pharmaceutical goods. If we want first-world healthcare, transport and education, we need to sell something to the world to afford to buy our first-world affluence. Running down the industry that is supporting our way of life has a negative effect on everyone.

Rather than demonising the rural sector, and the farming families who constitute it, we should be celebrating them for the massive sustainability and environmental improvements they've made. In the past 30 years they've managed to produce more sheep meat from 32 per cent fewer sheep due to improvements with enhanced breeding mixes and enhanced lambing percentages. Our dairy products are so much more sustainable that a litre of New Zealand milk shipped to Ireland – the next most efficient producer – would still have a lower emissions profile than Irish milk produced locally. Recently, the Prime Minister told the United Nations she was “determined to show

that New Zealand can and will be the most sustainable food producer in the world” and then separately “we must lead on reducing our agriculture emissions.”

Frankly, our farmers are already the most sustainable food producers in the world and they already encourage other nations to follow our lead in producing low emissions food.

It's this efficiency compared to every other nation that shows just how vital our food producers are to the world. If we weren't producing at the rate we are then another less sustainable producer would simply take that market share and global emissions would rise while our export revenue drops.

This crisis of confidence needs to turn around and the Government needs to wake up and put our primary sector at the forefront of its policy.

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I'm listening on freshwater

In the past few weeks I've attended meetings about the Government's freshwater proposals and visited farms around the country.

I understand change of any kind can be scary, but people should be a little cynical about some of the misrepresentation taking place.

Despite what some might say, the Government doesn't “hate” farmers and we're not interested in destroying rural communities. That kind of “them v us” talk isn't helping farming families. We are interested in

improving freshwater quality, something farmers and urban Kiwis agree is necessary. Doing so will help protect our farmers' international reputation for sustainably produced food and fibre and safeguard excellent commodity prices. At the meetings, I've heard and respect farmers' concerns about proposed nitrate limits, fencing and other issues in the water proposals. There is work to do after submissions close and I'd expect changes. I've been accused of not mentioning the good work

farmers do. Rubbish. Since starting as minister I've proudly and regularly praised work including riparian planting, protecting wetlands, tree planting, fencing and limiting fertiliser use. Those things are happening now and not hurting farmers' bottom line.

I've spoken many times about the need for change in urban centres - the often disgusting state of Auckland's beaches is a prime example.

However, I'm committed to meaningful baseline targets for things like nitrate levels

in rivers - in urban and rural NZ - because that is a social, economic and environmental imperative.

The targets that we finally settle on as part of the proposals will be met over time. I want to see change over a generation and for it to be part of the good work already happening. Rural communities will talk with regional councils about the timeframe for achieving targets.

To put the nitrate target in perspective, there are many

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catchments where rivers are about or near the suggested level. There are others which will require greater effort, but I'm confident we can adapt by using best practice and technology to get there. Last week, I visited several farms that have made environmental changes that did not hurt their bottom line. These things are being done, but we shouldn't ignore that in some places improvements are required. I reject that the Government is doing nothing to help farmers. The Government set aside \$229 million

to spend on things like boosting advisory and extension services and the establishment of local groups so farmers can learn from each other about what works. I'm talking to Beef and Lamb, Dairy NZ, and others about integrated farm plans to lessen workload. We're investing tens of millions of dollars in tools like Overseer to help farmers. A Farm Debt Mediation scheme will be a safety net for farmers and improvements to NAIT will help prevent some of the tracing issues

we've experienced with Mycoplasma bovis. Soon we will release an industry-backed plan to ensure the sector gets the skilled workers it needs. We've nearly doubled the funding for rural support trusts and the Budget had \$1.9 billion for mental health to improve frontline services, rural communities included. Recently an independent survey found that the "urban/rural divide" is not the issue some make out. People in cities are grateful and supportive of farmers'

work. Please be proud and talk to people about what you're doing. I understand farmers' concerns, but I know that good work is happening and I'm confident that by working together we can improve water quality over time.

Damien O'Connor MP, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth and Minister for Biosecurity, Food Safety and Rural Communities.

Manaia WI donate runner bikes



From left, back are: Shirley Barr, Meg Kelly, Daphne Ashley, Nicola Ashley, Raewyn Frederickson, Janice Walsh and Ann Chisnall. With Raven, Hyacinth, Linuki, Charlotte, Koby, Jax and Miller. On bikes are AJ, Kara, Bethany, Mattie and Kialani.

The ladies of the Manaia Women's Institute had an enjoyable morning recently at the Manaia Community Pre School where they presented to the children several new runner bikes

to ride in their brand new playground. The excited children enjoyed scooting around and then stopping to fill up their bikes with petrol and around the bike track they would go.

The presentation of the nifty easy to ride bikes was all part of the National Women's Institutes Awareness Week. The bikes will provide many months of fun for the youngsters.

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Mac Sole: Episode 14 The Bridge on the River Kwai

Mac is still in Thailand, (very) briefly in Burma and takes an angry walk across the notorious Bridge on the River Kwai.

area called the The Golden Triangle, which was a well-known notorious place – a great drug area.

Later, I crossed a bridge from Thailand into Burma and was about to enter a shop on the Burma side



The Bridge on the River Kwai.

absolute anger towards the Japs for these poor victims killed through torture and disease. It is reckoned that 38 people died for each kilometre of track laid.

I had a fairly long walk over the bridge right to the end and felt hate for Japs every step of the way.

I took a picture of the train and later had a trip on it. I got to meet guards and soldiers and we went into the guards van and had a few beers with them. I had a great time. I was given a Thai Railways Helmet (which I have given to Kryton Goldsmith). Beer is sold on Thai railways, incidentally.

Later, I went on a short boat ride in a long boat on the River Kwai and was given the tiller for a while. Finally, I boarded a bus which took me back to Bangkok by 6.30pm.

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when I was approached by three soldiers or police with rifles, hurling questions and instructions to get back to Thailand. The rifles really convinced me. Oh well!

Some of the people I was on the long boat with, invited me to visit them in Queensland and we were to become good friends. I did visit them more than once and I still keep in contact

with them to this day. I was surprised when this happened because of my somewhat bad behaviour in the short time we all spent together. Their surnames were the Elliotts and the Coombes.

After the Burma incident I caught an airbus back to Bangkok from Chaing Mai.

On April 20 I set off on a tour to the River Kwai

via Nakons Pathon to Kanchanburi arriving at JEATH Museum where I saw pictures of the War and the Japanese occupation including the cruelty of the Japanese soldiers as shown in the movie 'Bridge on the River Kwai'.

What I saw made me somewhat depressed. From the museum I went to the cemetery where I felt

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Vicki is very experienced and has worked in England (where she had her own



Vicki Payne giving Thomas a great haircut.

barber business) and New Plymouth (Dads and Lads).

The premises have been attractively upgraded, are spacious and well lit. The

atmosphere is friendly and relaxed. It’s early days but Vicki is pleased with how things are progressing. “I’m pleasantly surprised.

It’s going a lot better than I thought.”

There is a handy play area for children with a good selection of toys to keep them occupied. There is also a football table which will appeal to all ages.

Vicki and her husband recently moved to Okato and are enjoying their new area, with both their businesses in the locality. “It’s nice being near home and being part of the community,” she comments.

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Mangatoki WI contribute to the community in so many ways

On August 7, 13 members attended a meeting in the Mangatoki Hall. President Sandra Scherrer opened the meeting, Secretary Helen Whyte read the minutes and the correspondence was received.

Treasurer Cathy White read the bank statement. It was decided that monies donated today to the value of a money cake (no baking), be donated to Medical Research General and that a wall plaque be placed on the wall at Hospice Taranaki in New Plymouth. We received a certificate from the Rotokare Wild Life Park as we are sponsoring a wild duck there. Our WI will cater

for a lunch at Mr and Mrs B and Allan Marx's Duthie Road farm in October, for an open day being held there.

A cafe in the Stratford area is to be booked for April 1st, 2020 to celebrate the Mangatoki Church's 90th year. Lorraine Mullens set up a table of gifts for sale from the Cancer Society and Avon Beauty products.

Competitions: - Flower. 1. Barb Waite. 2. Sandra Scherrer, 3. Lucy Moger. Shrub, 1. Bev Marx. 2. Helen Whyte. 3. Lucy Moger. Raffle. Robyn Roberts.

Sick visiting: Lucy Moger had visited Betty Skedgwell in Elizabeth R Rest Home and in July baking had been

taken to the elderly in the Mangatoki area.

Our September meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall on September 4 when 15 members attended. Our President Sandra Scherrer opened the meeting and welcomed members. The Secretary Helen Whyte read the minutes, correspondence and other mail received. A bereavement card was sent to The Brown family. The Treasurer, Cathy White read the bank statement. Members brought items for the Eltham Food Bank.

Sick visiting: Robyn Roberts did baking and visited Liz Parkes. Competitions: - Flower. 1.

Maree Kemp. 2. Bev Marx. 3. Denise Carter. Shrub. 1. Lucy Moger, 2. Cathy White. 3. Bev Marx.

School photo: 12 members brought 1 or 2 school photos of themselves or activities at school. The oldest photo was being taken in 1948 of Lucy Moger at primary school aged 7. The raffle was won by Maree Kemp.

Our speaker was Kevin Bromwell of Mobility and More, of Hawera, who gave us an interesting talk on the products which he and his wife Marilyn can provide to the elderly with disabilities or people recovering from strokes, operations, etc. He was thanked by Bev Marx

and presented with a basket of fruit and biscuits for his wife. We then enjoyed a fish and chip lunch and a catch

up for most of us, which was very enjoyable.

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STDC mayor Ross Dunlop

I wish to acknowledge and thank the Opunake community for the help and support over the last 12 years as Mayor of South Taranaki. I have always been so impressed with how the Coastal Community just get on with things and make them happen. It has also been great to be able to support, in a very small way, so many great projects. I can remember being at a fundraiser for the Coastal Care Medical Trust and it was at a time that a number of community fundraisers events were taking place.

Dan Holmes the chair at the time asked Miss Corkill up to the stage and she handed a cheque over to him. I was thinking it would be for \$1,000 or thereabouts. It turned out that it was for over \$200,000. This set the fundraising alight and bidding at the function took off. For me this reflected the generosity of the Coastal Community. The Sandford's Event Centre and Everybody's Theatre are more examples of what a great community we live in. In recent times the Opunake Lions have been working on the Opunake Walkway loop. This is another example of the great things happening. I'm very pleased that the Council and the TRC have worked to build flood protection for the town. I would not like a repeat of what happened to the town a few years ago.

Jan and I have both appreciated the friendship

we have experienced whenever we visit, and we thank everyone for that. Opunake and the Coast will continue to flourish, and it was good news to hear that a new banking hub is going to be located in the town association with the TSB. There are also some good ideas in the Town Master Plans. These are really important templates for future developments. Jan and I are staying in South Taranaki and will continue to support the community wherever we can. It's a good time to hand the reigns over to a new mayor and Council. I wish all those standing for places on Council or Community Boards all the very best.

The Opunake & Coastal News would like to thank Ross for his contributions and support over the years and wish him all the very best for the future.

We will miss him. Editor

On this month in history

All Blacks beaten by France at World Cup

On October 6, 2007 the All Blacks were beaten by France in the Rugby World Cup quarter final in Cardiff. (France also beat them in the 1999 world Cup in a semi-final). This was the worst performance by New Zealand at a World Cup. However, the coaching triumvirate of Graham Henry (Head coach), Steve Hansen and Wayne Smith were reappointed and went on to success at the next World Cup. Graham Henry was knighted after this later success.

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Term Three Happenings

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WITT Taranaki Science Fair

Our Year 7 & 8 students had an opportunity to enter a number of different categories in the WITT Taranaki Science Fair held in New Plymouth on the 5th - 7th of August. Entries into the advertising poster, observational drawing, water rocket and technological development sections were the focus for this year's class.

Congratulations to the students who gained awards in the different categories.

Advertising Poster (Year 7); Merit - Eden Lark, 3rd in Class - Daniel Sabuero, (Year 8); Merit - Kayleigh Fleming, Sophia Thompson, Charlie Carr.

Observational Drawing; Merit - Charlie Carr.



Technological Development (Yr 7/8); First in class - Charlie Carr and Alike Hunn. They also won a Presentation Award and an Innovation Award for their project, which was entitled, "Catch Me If You Can." The girls, who are both Lake Rotokare Ambassadors, are both heavily involved in an urban trapping programme in Opunake. Their

science fair project, a detection system using Raspberry Pi technology, linked to a website, enabled them to know when they had to check a trap rather than having to check it on a daily basis.

PB4L Bees Reward Day

On the 30th August we had a positive behaviour reward day for all the students who have continually lived by our school gospel values of Faith, Respect, Integrity, Humility, and Excellence. The students were invited to attend a viewing of Toy Story 4 at Everybody's Theatre. It was a lovely afternoon.



School Cross Country

Our annual school cross country was held on Thursday 6th September. Even though the day was drizzly the students ran extremely well.

Congratulations to all the students who gained placings in this event.

Students who gained first place in their age groups were; 13 years - Toby O'Rorke and Shinae Minhinnick; 12 years - Jerram Sinclair, Charlie Carr; 11 years - Ryder Ratahi, Melah Sinclair; 10 years - Kiarn Robins, Chloe Bartley; 9 years - Cade Carr, Ellie Lynskey; 8 years - Caden Guthrie, Maddie Brown; 7 years - Xavier Le Prou, Olivia Lynskey; 6 years - Mack Lynskey, Libby

Skinner; 5 years - Fergus Bourke, Tobias Lark and Georgina Mullin.

Mt Spa Cross Country

Students who ran well at our school cross country were invited to run at the Mt Spa Cross Country race. This event is held every year at the Manaia Domain and is a chance for all of the coastal schools to join together for competition and a day of fun.

Congratulations to all students who ran and represented St Joseph's so well. Results were: U9 Girls - 9th Maddie Brown, 10th Ellie Lynskey, 14th Libby Skinner, 18th Skyler Hunn, 28th Amy O'Rorke, 32nd Renee Fleming; U9 Boys - 5th Cade Carr, 19th Mack Lynskey, 31st Jacob Bartley, 32nd Kobe Lark, 24th Jayden Young; 10 Girls - 15th Chloe Bartley, 16th Sophie Gatenby, 19th Gabby Coogan; 10 Boys - 5th Kiarn Robins, 11th Charlie Trethewey; 11 Girls - 2nd Melah Sinclair, 8th Crystal Jordan, 10th Grace Clough; 11 Boys - 7th Dustin Trethewey; 12 Girls - 3rd Charlie Carr; 12 Boys - 6th Jerram Sinclair; 13 Girls - 3rd Shinae Minhinnick, 4th Sophia Thompson; 13 Boys - 2nd Toby O'Rorke, 26th Amiel Sabuero.



Social Justice Week

At St Joseph's we recognise that we are all kaitiaki, (guardians) of our environment. With that in mind we are encouraged to

put our beliefs into action. As a part of our Catholic social justice week, we organised a food collection for the Opunake Foodbank, and a community rubbish clean up around our school.



Vibrant Displays

With Excellence as one our core school values, it is no surprise to see our classroom walls and communal spaces filled with high quality pieces of work. We invite the local community to our Agriculture Day on Friday October 25th (10am) to come and view our students' work and to join in the fun of Ag Day. There will be food to purchase, including 'school made' jams and pickles, beeswax wraps, raffles and more. All are welcome.

Visit www.stjo.school.nz for more information.



Waterworks in the pipeline

Oākura is the latest town set to benefit from NPDC's \$44m investment in water resilience.

For the next few months, the \$2 million investment at the top of Wairau Road will see another bore drilled down to the town's underground water supply, followed by an upgrade to the treatment process at the Oākura Water Treatment Plant.

NPDC Infrastructure Manager David Langford said the two projects are part of the extra \$44 million being invested to make the district's water network more resilient.

"It's exciting to see NPDC's investments making a tangible difference to our communities. What we're doing will help us keep the taps flowing in Oākura for years to come, as well as ensuring our drinking water is always safe to drink," Mr Langford said.



Water projects in Oākura include a new bore and upgrades to the Oākura Water Treatment Plant.

As a result of water contamination in Havelock North in 2016, new Drinking Water Standards are on the horizon that will help prevent a similar incident occurring in New Zealand. The upgrade of Oākura's treatment plant to meet these new standards will see the installation of cartridge filters and UV disinfection.

"We already use chlorine and lime to treat Oākura's water but with the new cartridge filters and UV disinfection, the town will have the same treatment system as Okato does for their river-sourced supply," says David.

Once the new bore is up and running, NPDC will decommission one of the

two existing bores as it is no longer operational.

NPDC is also investing about \$4.5m to improve Inglewood's water pipes network, with work on this having started last year.

Expectations of residential care

The DHB contract with your rest home/hospital requires that your care services meet your own assessed needs. It requires that the services provided are 'resident centred' and 'promote the independence and quality of life.'

The services are to be those needed for your care, including: accommodation – including access to toilet and shower, food services, laundry, nursing care, general equipment for mobility and personal care, GP visits, prescribed medication (normally from the official Pharmac list), continence products, diversional activity and all health care that is prescribed by a GP.

The current contract can be found on your local DHB website. The contract is called the Age Related Residential Care Services Agreement. It is also available on the TAS website: tas.health.nz/health-of-older-people/national-agreements/

If you agree to receive extra services, you will need to pay for these services and/or personal items yourself (either directly or by giving money to your rest home or hospital so they can pay for the services or goods on your behalf) just

as you would if you were living independently in the community. Such extra services and personal items might include specialist visits where these are not publicly funded by the DHB, transport to services (not related to health needs) or to outside social functions, private toll calls, your own phone or cellphone or any internet access costs, your own newspapers, books and magazines, insurance for personal belongings, personal clothing items and footwear, personal toiletries, recreational activities, where these are not part of the normal programme, hairdresser, dietician, podiatrist or other services that are not prescribed by a doctor or not funded by the DHB, spectacles, hearing aids and dental care.

If you do choose to receive extra services these must be itemised in your admission agreement. If you choose to stop receiving these, you can do so by informing the manager of your rest home and amending your admission agreement. Rest homes and hospitals contracted to a DHB cannot charge for services already part of this contract, only for extra services outside of the contract.

Where to get more

information:

Your local branch of Age Concern, see phone book or check website: www.ageconcern.org.nz

Ministry of Health website: www.health.govt.nz/our-work/life-stages/health-older-people/long-term-residential-care

Your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Eldernet: www.eldernet.co.nz – click on Residential Care

MSD Seniors website: www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/senior-citizens

Work and Income website: www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/health-and-disability/residential-care.html

Check Work and Income's website for details of NZ Superannuation/Personal Allowance rate changes (1 April) and interest from assets exemptions (1 July). Benefit rates are usually adjusted on 1 April each year. Look under individuals, where there is an A to Z of benefits.

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Stony River Boutique Hotel enjoys five years at the top

Heimo and Renate Staudinger have many reasons to feel proud; as well as the plethora of awards they have won since they took over in 2015, they have just received the one they cherish the most - the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame 2019 Certificate of Excellence. Under the couple's direction the Stony River Boutique Hotel in Okato have won this supreme award; Recognising five consecutive years of consistently high ratings from travellers. The award was delivered just last week. "We are very proud because



Renate and Heimo with a very special award.

a family here," enthuses one staff member.

Heimo also points out that they would like more time to visit Europe to spend time with their grandchildren. The couple admit that they are a bit older now. "If it was twenty years ago it would be bring it on," he says with a grin.

A stroll through the premises speaks for itself. The dining room is both appealing and characterful, with a number of Beef and Lamb awards displayed (For achieving the highest culinary standards) as testament of their high standard in prepared food.

The menu caters for all tastes and budgets, including vegetarian. Of course, the

this was a totally new chapter - we have never run a hotel before, this has been the first time ever," comments Renate. "It's unbelievable," she adds.

However, the couple have decided it is time to move on and develop new ventures; the business is on the market with Harcourts Real Estate. "It's with a little bit of sadness," concedes Renate. "It's in my eyes." On offer is the lease and goodwill, as the building itself will remain in ownership by Peter and Anne Davies. "A big thank you to them. They have helped with the business wherever they could," explains Heimo.

The couple point out that the business will be taken over, by the new owner, in excellent shape in every sense of the word. The premises have been upgraded, bookings are at an all-time high, "the staff are wonderful and want to stay on" and there is great variety including the Schnitzel Night, Steak Night, and their burgeoning takeaway



Exterior view of the Stony River Boutique Hotel

business "Now 20% of our business," comments Renate. Takeaways include seafood, roasts, Schnitzel and meal packages.

A special event their very popular Christkindyl occasion, which includes many stalls and hundreds of visitors.

The visitors Book says it all: "Wonderful meals, amazing hospitality. Thanks." and "a fabulous experience - authentic I felt we were in Europe. Lovely." One Austrian guest wrote: "True authentic Austrian food. We enjoyed it a lot."

The staff feel valued and appreciated. "They are great people to work for. It's like

Austrian and Continental emphasis permeates with dishes such as Spätzle (German pasta), classic apple strudel, natural fermented sauerkraut and schnitzel - to mention just a few examples. They even have their own wheat beer 'Stony River Weissbier'.

They are very health conscious so their meats are

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The Stony River Hotel is situated on the Surf Highway 45 Coastal Taranaki. The owners have undergone extensive alterations including their adjoining 2 bedroom sunny residence. Accommodation provides 7 boutique ensuite rooms with fantastic rural and or mountain views which can sleep up to 18 guests. An open plan kitchen provides good working space and access to the café restaurant. A potential buyer could also extend their business by including a lunch and takeaways menu to compliment the existing mobile coffee trailer which also provides extra income. Parking is excellent both on site and roadside while the Garden Bar area and yard has a liquor license over the total area. Inspection by appointment only with the owners agent Bruce Woodhead.

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knitware, greeting cards and even honey. Many historic photographs of Okato and nearby are displayed, as well as paintings. The hotel was built in 1875 by Robert Coulter Gray and run by the Gray family for the next 50

years. The accommodation is indeed "wonderful." The comfortable rooms all have en-suites and there is some provision for wheelchair access. There is a station upstairs where guests can

make a cup of tea or coffee. What a wonderful business proposition for the right person. We'll give the last word to a happy guest who concluded in the Visitor Book: "The Number one place in Taranaki."



Quality accommodation is a feature of Renate and Heimo's hospitality.

The stylish dining room where so many delicious meals are served.

guaranteed sugar free, dairy free, gluten free and nitrate free. Their food supplies are sourced locally, as much as possible. Food waste heads off to a nearby pig farm, so is recycled in that way. Concern for the

environment is paramount. Heimo and Renate are proud that plastic has been excluded from takeaways. Local tradespeople people have also been used to improve the premises including Ben Lilley who has

made shelves, key holding stations and other wooden structures in the hallway. It is obvious the couple admire his workmanship. On display in this area are Stony River T-shirts, pamphlets, jewellery,

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Farming the ecologically sustainable way

Stratford resident Geoff Downey feels at home in Taranaki, where he grew up on the Skeet Road family farm. Born at Kaponga and attending Kapuni Primary School, the family moved to Far North Queensland in 1971, to take up dairy farming in the tropics. Completing secondary schooling at Malanda High

School on the Atherton Tableland, Geoff immersed himself in tropical dairying on the 200 acre property, experiencing many similar challenges he'd grown up with in Taranaki. He gained part time employment with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) as



Geoff Downey.

of 21. Tenaciously coping with many battles, after seven years of ups and downs, Geoff finally felt he understood the maths and science of organics. Tragedy then struck in the form of a fatal car accident he was involved in, narrowly surviving, but suffering his left leg amputation.

Inspired further by an unusual near death experience Geoff resumed control and ownership of the family farm, working on proving the maths and science modality of what he later termed Ecologically Sustainable Agriculture (ESA), defined by the optimisation of soil fertility. This, the means by which protein compositional integrity is achieved and optimised, coincided with successful avoidance of ag/vet chemicals as Dr Blake set out in his thesis; the means of health care by prevention of disorders.

Geoff plans to launch an ESA farming co-op in the near future based on this science.

a field assistant working on fertiliser trials, and also joined the Citizens Military force (CMF) as an infantryman.

Farming remained his abiding passion and with Dr Michael Blake, the great agronomist (He wrote 'Concentrated Incomplete

Fertiliser: the use and abuse in price review agriculture'), his mentor, Geoff decided to operate the family dairy farm organically at the age

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New dairy leader brings a wealth of experience to Taranaki



DairyNZ Taranaki regional leader Mark Laurence.

DairyNZ's new Taranaki regional leader, Mark Laurence, is looking forward to working with the region's farmers to help them continue to adapt to a fast-changing environment.

Mr Laurence has 20 years' experience in the dairy sector and has worked both in New Zealand and internationally in hands on, advisory and training and development roles.

Through his new role, Mr Laurence said he will be providing leadership to a team of four consulting officers who work with dairy farmers in Taranaki.

"A big part of our focus is getting to know our farmers and ensuring as a team we help build and improve their farm business," he said.

"Initially I'll be focused on getting to know the team and then adding value to farmers. I'm looking forward to getting out to meet farmers in the region and helping them respond to various challenges and opportunities. It's a pretty cool job."

One of the ways Mr Laurence and his team support farmers is by providing advice on new technology, best practice and good business management.

Mr Laurence's advice is

grounded in practical on farm experience. He started work in the dairy sector in 1999 when he worked part-time for Massey University farms while studying.

"I love the dairy sector. Working for Massey introduced me to so many different aspects, from getting up at 4am and milking cows, to the research, and the broader industry interactions, so that's why I thought, 'this is pretty brilliant'.

"And of course, you get to deal with good people. I would quite happily spend all day talking to farmers."

Mr Laurence has gone on to enjoy a wide and varied career, most recently as an area manager for Fonterra. Previously, he's been a consulting officer in Northland (for DairyNZ's predecessor, Dexcel) and managed a large dairy operation in Manawatu.

One of his more interesting roles saw him running a training and development farm in Sri Lanka for Fonterra, an experience that put New Zealand's dairy sector into perspective for him.

"New Zealand is in an enviable position. What we've got compared to other countries is massive – we have advantages that have been developed through

hard work and ingenuity," he said.

The move to Taranaki from Palmerston North is also a chance to spend time with his family as Mr Laurence's parents live in Waitara.

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Mark Laurence.

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Rail boost avoids more log trucks

KiwiRail's addition of log wagons on freight trains to Port Taranaki will avoid the need for 2,700 truck trips on the region's roads, KiwiRail Group Chief Executive Greg Miller says.

Six log wagons will be added to the daily freight

service between Whanganui and New Plymouth, enabling up to 45,000 tonnes of logs a year to be transported to Port Taranaki for storage and export.

"The addition of these log wagons highlights the real benefits rail can have for

New Zealand's regions," Mr Miller says.

"Six wagon loads a day will avoid the need for about 2,700 truck trips each year. This not only helps reduce congestion on Whanganui and Taranaki's regional roads and highways, it also reduces road maintenance costs and transport emissions – given rail has 66 per cent fewer emissions per tonne of freight carried than trucks.

"Rail improves the resilience of the forestry supply chain – giving more options for logging companies to get their

harvests to port. The additional wagons to Port Taranaki are a solid start and, if there is demand, KiwiRail could run a dedicated log train to the port in the future."

According to statistics published by the Ministry for Primary Industries, forestry harvests across New Zealand have been growing dramatically since 2008. They are currently at around 36 million tonnes per year, and are forecast to remain at high levels for the next decade. In the Western part of the Southern

North Island, which includes Whanganui, harvests are forecast to increase from 1.5 million tonnes in 2019 to 2.3 million tonnes by 2024 and remain at that level until the mid-2030s.

"The fact is, with significant harvests forecast for the years ahead, rail is a must have," Mr Miller says. "The trucking sector alone cannot cope with the volumes of logs, so road and rail have to work together.

"Delivering logs by truck from the forests to Whanganui, to be railed to Port Taranaki, and then be

shipped overseas shows how the different transport modes can work together to support regional growth."

KiwiRail is working on number of other forestry projects across the North Island, with support from the Government's Provincial Growth Fund. These include reopening the Napier to Wairoa line to transport logs to Napier Port and investigating a potential new log hub in Dannevirke.

KiwiRail has also extended logging capacity between Masterton and Wellington's CentrePort.

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Help for farmers to meet challenges

Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor says a slew of new research projects will boost New Zealand's world-leading efforts to help farmers understand and mitigate the effects of climate change.

"Many farmers are quietly getting on with the work of introducing more sustainable on-farm practices and the Government wants to support them in that work," Mr O'Connor said.

"New Zealand is a world leader of research to reduce emissions in the agriculture

sector. The latest projects will help researchers, government and farmers better understand and adapt to the effects of climate change."

The \$1.56 million for eight new projects is provided through the Ministry for Primary Industries' Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change Research Programme (SLMACC) and include: \$500,000 for Landcare Research and AgResearch to develop practical actions that farmers can take to adapt to climate change, \$150,000 for the New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre (NZAGRC) to help rural advisors boost climate change knowledge, and \$140,000 for NIWA to develop better tools to

measure and assess drought conditions.

"The last funding comes on top of the \$229 million investment we made in the farming sector through the sustainable land use package," Mr O'Connor said.

"SLMACC has funded over 150 projects over the last 10 years, to the tune of approximately \$50 million. In Budget 2019 we also invested \$8.5 million to further our work with the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA)."

Climate Change Minister James Shaw welcomed the projects.

"Farmers know better than most about the effects of climate change and many are innovating so that they can drive down



Damian O'Connor

on-farm emissions. This extra funding for research programmes means more support for New Zealanders who wish to innovate further so they can farm sustainably

"In being the best possible steward of the earth, farmers contribute towards leaving a safe planet for our kids and grandkids. The research being funded today will help them get there," Mr Shaw said.



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OBITUARY Richard George (Dick) Johnson 16 January 1936 - 10 September 2019

The Taranaki Jersey fraternity lost one of their most respected and valued members in Dick Johnson who died recently at the age of 83.

In 1960 Dick registered his Hasty River Jersey Stud. He joined the Stratford Jersey Club in 1963.

Little did Dick know when he attended the Lamorna annual sale in 1966 that history would be made at a later date when he purchased the heifer Lamorna Dexter's Ruia, a double granddaughter of that great production sire Waitoa Regal Show King Merit Sire + 48 from a granddaughter of a Taranaki Show Champion in Lamorna June Rose Ex Cp.

When mated to Linmore Blue Rodger (sired by a son of Big Hollow Blue Sam and Tarnhowe Choice Honey VHC CP). His dam was a daughter of noted show champion Glamorgan Noble Roseleaf VHC CP that was the dam of Linmore Red Royal that sired Glanton Red Dante that was used worldwide on AB. The calf from this mating was noted show champion Hasty River Roslyn Ex Cp SD (371kg fat).

Hasty River - River Roslyn would no doubt have been the most influential cow in the Hasty River Stud, with approximately 92 per cent of the net herd descended from this great broad cow.

Her influence has also flowed through New Zealand and Australia through the progeny of her son Hasty River Roslyn's Sultan that's been used successfully on AB where he is siring many champions.

HR Roslyn's daughter Hasty River Sultan's Robyn Ex Cp SD (a full sister to HR Roslyn's Sultan) when only a yearling heifer was judged champion of the day at a Jersey Club field day in 1973. I remember the judge Jim Carson from Rotorua saying "this heifer is of world class." How true were these famous words.

In November 1974 Dick

Johnson would have had one of his most memorable moments when he won the prestigious \$2500 Hawera Jersey Oaks with his outstanding three year-old heifer Hasty River Sultan's Robyn Ex CP SD. The judge Trevor Foureau after placing his 10 placed heifers in a class of 40 outstanding three year-old heifers that travelled to Hawera from many parts of New Zealand said "this heifer should go a long way as she is a perfect individual and of world class." This statement has been repeated many times in Hasty River Sultan Robyn's show career. She has won many show champions including the NZ Dairy Premier Champion Cow. She was not only a top show performer but was an outstanding production cow as well as having 10 consecutive records over 300kg fat. She was also a top breeding cow in her own right, leaving several outstanding daughters including Hasty River Bravo's Rosey Ex cp, winner of four Jersey Oaks at Manawatu, Hawera, Stratford and Taranaki, and was the dam of the outstanding superior sire Hasty River Gold Royal Superior Sire 83 VHC daughters to his credit bred very well in the Allan-Glen Stud at Auroa.

Her full brother Hasty-River Roslyn Sultan bred tops in New Zealand and Australia, siring show champions, a truly wonderful family.

Dick Johnson was also an astute judge of cattle. He had the instinct and ability to recognise true Jersey quality at the blink of an eye.

The Hasty River Jersey Stud is renowned for being the nursery of many top breeding sires and many females sold have gone on and won many championships for their new owners as well as being producers.

He was a past patron of the Taranaki Purebred



Dick Johnson.

Jersey Club, past director and co-ordinator of the Classification Panel of the NZ Purebred Jersey Society.

Dick was a keen showman, supported by his wife Nola and members of the Johnson family working as a team. The Hasty River Jersey Stud have won their share of championship ribbons over the years.

Dick, you have left a void in the lives of your peers. You will be sorely missed by us all.

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New Zealand Land Wars commemoration in Taranaki

With just weeks to go, preparations are in full swing to host a national initiative, Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara, to commemorate the New Zealand Land Wars in Taranaki.

Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara is a series of events being held across Aotearoa New Zealand which seek to increase awareness among all Aotearoa New Zealand citizens through the telling and sharing of stories about our local history, significant landmarks and people relating to the period of the New Zealand Wars, with the aim of strengthening relationships

and partnerships across the country. This year the events are taking place in Taranaki from 28-30 October 2019.

Dr Ruakere Hond who is a key member of the working party coordinating the event in Taranaki says that Te Pūtake o te Riri gives the community the opportunity to participate in an event that focuses on our nation's local history - a history that not many New Zealanders know about.

"It's an honour and a privilege to be a part of this nationwide kaupapa and connecting with the national narrative to tell the story of our region's history within the wars, a history which often goes unrecognised. So we're glad to be hosting Te



Te Ngutu-o-te-Manu, scene of a terrible battle which cost many lives including that of Major Von Tempsky.

Pūtake o te Riri in Taranaki this year.

"The war in Taranaki started on 17 March in 1860 and lasted for about 21 years. There were battles and conflicts taking place across the entire region during that time - at Te Kōhia near Waitara, Puketakauere, Mahoetahi, Waireka, and also Turuturumōkai, Te Ngutu o te Manu and Tauranga-ika in south Taranaki just to name a few.

"Because of the length

of time over the 21 years leading to the 'Pāhua' - the sacking of Parihaka in November 1881 by Crown troops - it has been difficult to acknowledge the many battle sites across Taranaki over that period.

"For these first commemorations in Taranaki it has been decided to concentrate on the battle sites around Waitara, particularly Te Kōhia pā where the first shots of the land wars were fired.

"While these first battles were primarily in Te Atiawa whenua other Taranaki tribes came in support at the time. With Te Pūtake o te Riri this year and for future Te Pūtake o te Riri events, such as commemorations that may take place in South Taranaki, we'll see all iwi in Taranaki come together again in support for the kaupapa.

"Although there were violent battles, there was also the passive resistance of

Parihaka from 1878, which was in opposition to the government's enforcement of the confiscation of approximately 1.275 million acres of Taranaki land from Māori.

"The people of Parihaka hadn't become involved in the fighting, but they still had land confiscated. Out of all the land confiscated from iwi across Taranaki only a small fraction of that confiscated land was ever returned.

"Not a lot of people in our communities know about these stories and this history so through Te Pūtake o te Riri we can begin to change that.

"We would like to see many people from across the Taranaki community as well as the rest of the country participate in Te Pūtake o te Riri. There was a big turnout in the far north when it was hosted there last year, we hope to see the same number if not more turnout for the event here in Taranaki," I says.

The discussions which led to the creation of Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara first came about when students from Otorohanga College presented to parliament a petition to set aside a national day to remember the 19th century

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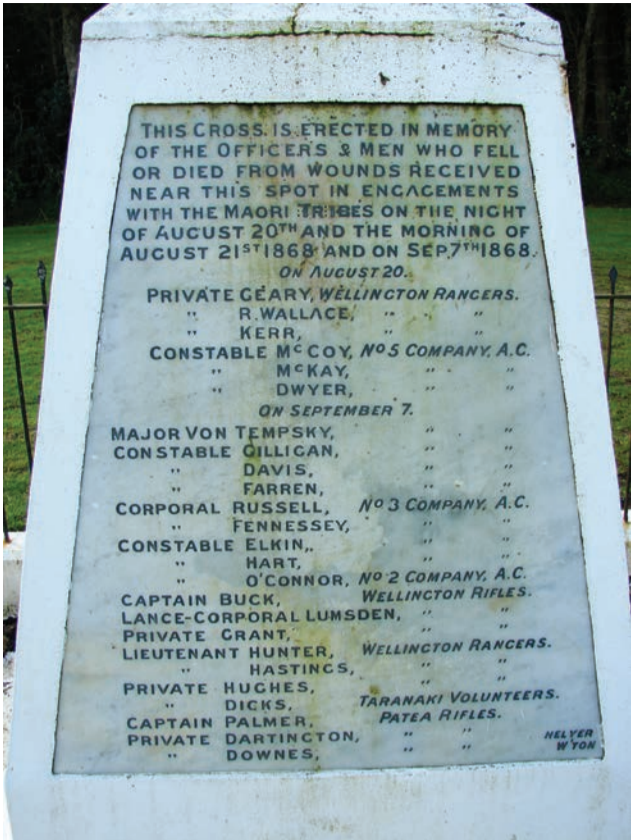
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Close up of the plaque on the monument.

Riri, He Rā Maumahara. Dr Hond says the nation needed to know why the wars took place and that this part of the story was largely missing from our shared national narrative.

“During the discussions which led to the creation of Te Pūtake o te Riri there was the feeling that the context of rangatiratanga or sovereignty was lost in the retelling of the land wars, and that there was a lot of focus on what happened and where it happened but not a lot on why those battles occurred and the themes underpinning the conflict. Through Te Pūtake o te Riri we wanted to emphasise that aspect and increase the community’s understanding of the land wars and why they happened.”

The timing of Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara this year has been set to recognise the signing of He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Niu Tirenī (known in English as the Declaration of Independence

of the United Tribes of New Zealand) on 28 October 1835.

“We wanted to bring to the fore the ‘why’ behind the conflicts and focus on the resistance for sovereignty that was taking place at the time, which is why the date of the signing of He Whakaputanga Rangatira, a document signed before the Treaty of Waitangi asserting full Māori sovereignty, is being recognised,” says Dr Hond.

“Te Pūtake o te Riri is really about raising our critical awareness, and for all of us to start talking constructively with each other about our shared

history. This kaupapa is one opportunity of many for us to connect through our collective history and begin having those meaningful, open and honest conversations with one another so that we can move forward together.”

Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara is being held in Taranaki from Monday 28 October to Wednesday 30 October. The events will begin at Owae Marae, where a pōwhiri, a formal welcome, will be held for visitors from across the country.

The programme for Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara includes a series of wānanga or lessons about

the land wars in Taranaki as well as visits to sites significant to the time of the land wars such as Te Kōhia Pā and Pukerangiora pā.

A Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara education programme has been created for Taranaki primary and secondary schools which will run alongside the main event programme. An invitation has been extended to all Taranaki primary and secondary schools encouraging teachers and students to participate in the education programme.

Te Pūtake o te Riri, He Rā Maumahara is a free event and is open to the public.

land wars. Dr Hond recalls the conversations he had with many people about what a day of remembrance would look like.

“After the petition was sent to parliament a number of different groups from around the country started talking about what this day would like. Hoani Eriwata who hosts our local annual commemoration of the land wars, Riri me te Raukura, spoke with me about this day recognising our local history here in Taranaki - the story of peaceful and violent resistance.

“We then wrote a paper to present to the Crown sharing a Taranaki perspective of commemorating peaceful and violent resistance and that this should be a part of a national kaupapa of remembering the land wars,” he says.

A series of national hui were then hosted by the Ministry of Māori Development where communities could share their thoughts about what a national day of remembrance should

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The Girls team won the top spot back to back in 2016 and 2017 after being runner up in 2015 and placing fourth in 2014 in 2013 the boys placed third after our girls won in 2011 and in 2010 the boys were runners up and the girls came fifth.

The one year Opunake did not send teams to the Nationals was 2012 when a small squad of Adventure racers (mostly also

Basketball players) headed over to Turangi and brought home the Hillary Challenge trophy instead. This is a pretty incredible effort by a small school and our small community.

Congratulations to Opunake High School and The Opunake Basketball Association who continue to run the programmes set

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Nett. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Olivia Symes.
Match. 1. Jaden Siciliano. 2. Joe Gibson. Nett. 1. Jaden Siciliano. 2. Joe Gibson. 1. Payton Siciliano. 2. Liam Campbell.

Saturday October 5. Men. Captain's Trophy. 1. Jason King. 2. Joe Gibson. 3. Denis Hurcomb. 4. Craig Jones. 5. Grant Gopperth. 6. Kevin Murrell. 7. Kingsly Young.
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Tiny Hill dies

All Black great Stanley Frank(Tiny) Hill who died last week aged 92 had connections to Coastal Taranaki.

Hill played at lock or flanker and made 19 appearances for the All Blacks including 11 tests and he twice captained the All Blacks against Australian state sides.

Born in New Plymouth, the son of a farmer, he attended Okato Primary School. He later said secondary school back then would have meant New Plymouth Boys High School. The family couldn't afford it, so it was there that his schooling ended.

He was still a teenager when as a warrant officer he served with J Force in Japan at the end of World War II.

He was in the army for 30 years, and it was there he picked up the nickname of Tiny. As he was based at Burnham camp he played most of his provincial rugby for Canterbury until transferred to the North Island where he represented Counties.

He was in the Canterbury side which held the Ranfurly Shield from 1953-6, and made his All Black debut against Australia in 1955.

He was in the All Black team which won the first

test against the touring 1956 Springboks only to be dropped for the second. In between these two tests he had played in Canterbury's match against the South Africans and it is believed an incident in that game was behind him not returning to the test team.

"One of the props jumped in the lineout and he punched me," he recently recalled. "I gave this bloke two and dropped him and I walked away."

Unfortunately one of the selectors was watching that match through binoculars, saw Hill's retaliation and



Stanley Frank(Tiny) Hill

decided his play was "too physical" to represent New Zealand.

The All Blacks minus Hill lost the second test, so Hill was brought back in for the third and fourth tests. The All Blacks won both these games and the series.

His last test was against the Lions in 1959.

In 1967 Hill served a nine month stint with the army in Vietnam.

He was an All Black selector from 1981-6. His sons Stan and John have represented New Zealand in basketball.

Eltham Smallbore

Garry Rowlands took out top scorer for the night on Monday September 23 with an impressive 100.7 followed by a 99.3. Clare Bramley 94.3, 99.6; Alan Drake 98.4, 98.3; Paul Tidswell 98.6, 97.6, 97.6; Bob Bramley 94.1, 96.3, 94.3; Murray Chinery 90.1, 95.4; Alex Sadovnikova 90.1, 94.3; Henry Armond 93.2, 94.1; Craig McGill 92.3, 93.2, 88.0; Don Litchfield 89.3, 92.1.

Meanwhile group card shooters had a very close run competition with father and son duo David and Jack Sullivan going very close. David took out the evening's shoot with 100 group and 89.0 while Jack shot a 99 group and 74.1. Newcomer Chris Reed scored a notable 100 group followed by 97 and 99 groups. Junior shooter John McGill also scored a 100 group before shooting a 68.0 and 73.0 full cards.

On Friday September 28, group card shooters outnumbered full card shooters on the night! Kelly McNab, Tegan McNab, Vicki Deone and Naomi Deone all shot 100 groups as did David Sullivan who went into a shooting jacket for the first time and then produced a 76.0 full card, while son Jack Sullivan

scored a 99 group card followed by an 84.1 to outshoot his father tonight. AJ McNab and Esta Deone both scored a 98 group, while Pania Henderson shot a 94 group and Alyssa McNab a 93 group.

In full-card shoots Alan Drake proved too good for everyone else with his score

of 97.4 and 91.2; Brian Hicks 96.5, 92.3; Clare Bramley 94.4, 96.4; Boston Taylor 96.4; Stephen Hicks 96.3, 94.4; Murray Chinery 96.3, 89.2; Alex Sadovnikova 96.2, 93.2, 92.2, 93.2; Bob Bramley 95.2; Craig McGill 91.3, 93.2, 94.4, 90.0.

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

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

AUGUST 10 TO MID NOVEMBER

New exhibitions opening at the Govett Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre: Fiona Clark; Yuichiro Tamura; Waking Up Slowly; Open Window. At 42 Queen St, NP. Refer advert.

SEPTEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 9

Taranaki National Art Awards: Entries due 20th September. Awards Ceremony November 1 at 7pm. Exhibition runs from November 2 to 9. Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. Refer advert.

SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 18

Stratford Painters at The Village Gallery.

OCTOBER 12

Annual Charity Ball for the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust. 7.30pm at The Plymouth International Hotel.

Oktoberfest at Mikes Bar and Bistro New Plymouth Refer Advert

Bee Gees Las Vegas Show play at Butlers Reef: Refer Advert.

OCTOBER 14

Ngatti Tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay Conservation Society AGM

Sandfords Events Centre 5.30 pm.

OCTOBER 15

Hepatitis C pop up clinic: At Coastal Care, Opunake. Refer advert.

Eltham Community Development Group AGM: Eltham and District Historical Society Centre 12.45pm

OCTOBER 17

Opunake Athletic Club Opening Night: From 6.30pm. Refer advert.

OCTOBER 19 AND 20

Womens Lifestyle Expo: TSB Stadium New Plymouth.

OCTOBER 25

St Josephs Agricultural Day: Starts at 10am. Refer advert.

OCTOBER 26

Casino Night Fundraiser for Donohue Family Te Kiri Hall 7pm till late.

OCTOBER 26

Under the Mountain Arts and Crafts Fete: Taranaki Dio School (formerly St Mary's Stratford) Labour Weekend Saturday from 10 am to 3pm.

Casino Night Fundraiser for Donohue Family: Te Kiri Hall 7pm till late.

Salmonella Dub: Play at Butlers Reef, Oakura. Refer Advert.

NOVEMBER 20

Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Scholarship applications close.

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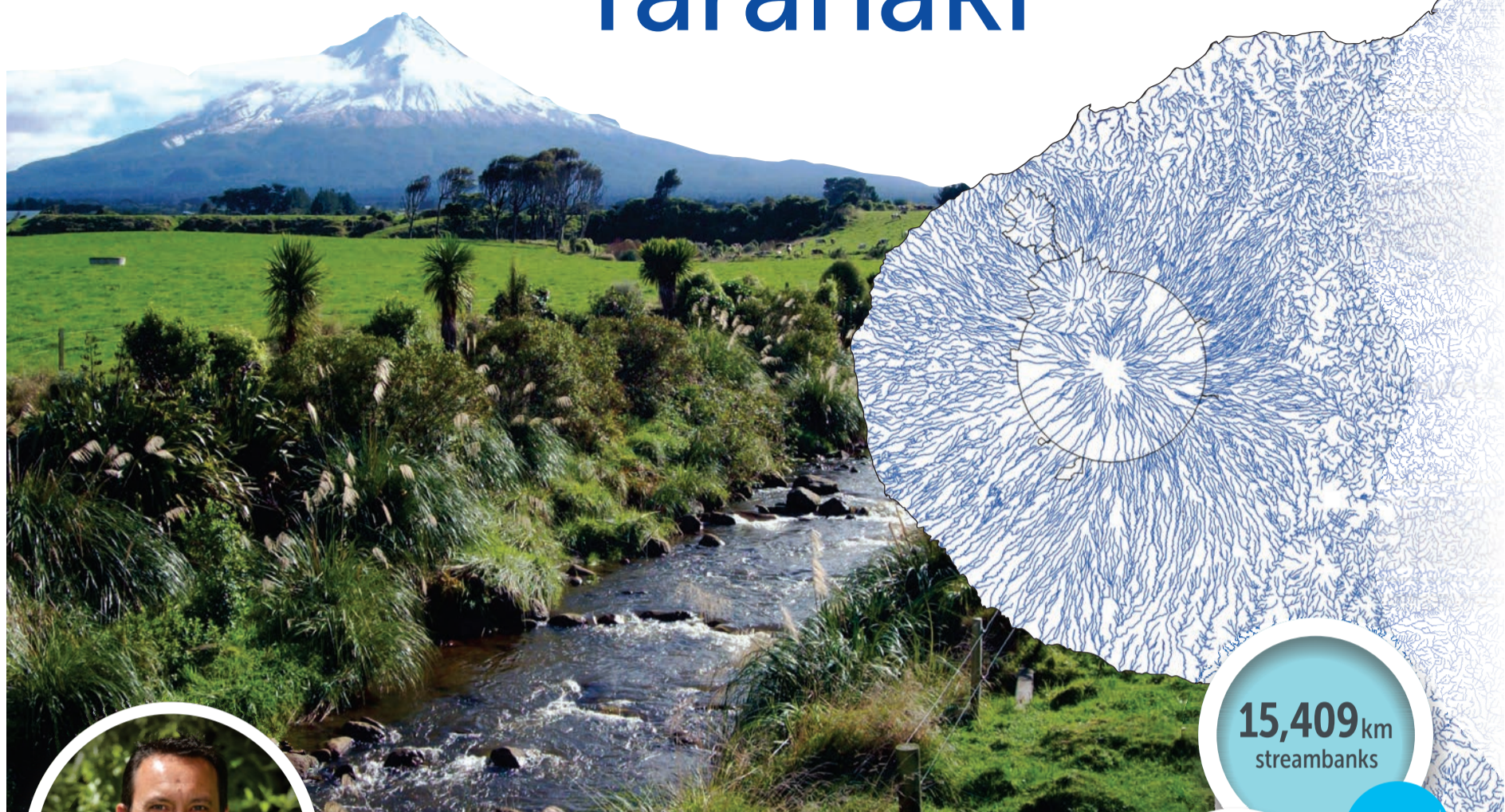
LENA N SHARROCK MEMORIAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP for Young Women

This scholarship has been established to assist past and present pupils of Opunake High School from Year 12 up to the age of 25 years with overseas travel.

Further information and application forms are available from The Principal Opunake High School P O Box 4, Opunake 4645. Applications close on Friday 25th October, 2019



Transforming Taranaki



David MacLeod,
Chairman, Taranaki
Regional Council

A region transformed

Since the 1990s, landowners and farmers on the Taranaki ring plain and coastal terraces have voluntarily protected rivers, streams and wetlands with 5.6 million plants and 13,000km of fencing, with more of each to come. This work is:

- Transforming the landscape, breaking monotonous grassy monoculture with dense green ribbons, rich in biodiversity values, radiating from all sides of the mountain.
- Transforming rivers, streams and wetlands from their degraded state in the 1990s, after decades lying stripped of riparian vegetation and used as disposal channels for pasture run-off and raw waste. Today our waterways are at or near the best ecological state ever recorded, thanks to streamside fencing and planting along with major investments by communities and industries to clean up their acts.
- Securing the future of native plants and wildlife on the ring plain, where riparian protection now offers 6,000 hectares of protected native habitat alongside waterways. The community is currently rallying around an ambitious new campaign to build on this by ridding the region of introduced predators to help indigenous biodiversity recover and thrive.

Video: www.bit.ly/TransformTaranaki

15,409 km
streambanks



13,756 km
fenced

8,928 km
riparian
vegetation



5.6
million plants



6,000 ha
native habitat
protected

\$128
million
spent to date

more than
70%
funded by
farmers

Why this project is unique

- Scope and scale – it captures every waterway of any size, whether permanent or seasonal.
- It doesn't stop at stock exclusion but also includes the far bigger task of planting. This brings greater ecological and freshwater-health benefits.
- Fencing and planting plans are individually tailored for each property – because clearly, one size cannot fit all.
- Landowners (mostly farmers) meet the cost of the physical work and materials. There are no subsidies.
- It is voluntary, not required by regulation. Farmers know it is the right thing to do and have taken ownership of it. Therefore compliance and enforcement are not costly issues.
- It is a happening reality, not a concept. It's well-established and heading towards completion.



Supporting livelihoods



Waterways report card 2019

Tēnā koutou. This year's annual waterways report card is more timely and important than ever. Amid the national conversation on the Government's new proposals seeking to improve rivers and streams, this report offers a chance to assess regional progress so far, reflect on the lessons learned, and think about the best way forward.

We all want our waterways to be healthy. And the Taranaki community has not been standing idly by waiting for the right regulations. The facing page outlines the enormous voluntary effort by landowners to fence and plant thousands of kilometres of ringplain and coastal rivers and streams. The finish line is in sight. And as the results summarised here show, the effort is getting good results. That's been confirmed in an independent NIWA report.

Industries and communities have also had a role in the freshwater gains we're seeing, investing millions of dollars to eliminate or heavily curtail the environmental impacts of wastewater discharges.

A report by Business and Economic Research Ltd found that region-wide, the Taranaki community invested \$117 million in environmental improvements in the six years to 2014. A large portion of this was devoted to waterways, with \$279.7 million being spent on capital and annual operating costs in the same period.

And the quest for improvements continues. The Council is requiring dairy farmers to switch to land-based effluent disposal as current consents expire. We're still working with the community to formulate other measures.

In summary, the region is making major efforts and spending big money to improve rivers and streams. The actions it's taking are the result of careful consideration. They're happening at a measured pace. And clearly, they're getting good results.

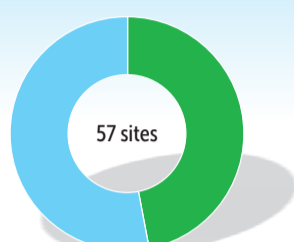
That's a useful template for assessing and evaluating the Government's latest proposals: Will they get good results? Is the science sound? Are they practical, efficient and reasonable? And most importantly, what impacts will they have on families and communities?

The information supplied so far by the Government and its advisers would appear to fall short of adequately answering these questions. We hope that Wellington will give the Taranaki experience the careful consideration we believe it deserves.

A major concern is that as they stand, the Government's proposals would frustrate and set back the good work happening here. The last thing New Zealand needs is productive regions like Taranaki being hit with blunt, one-size-fits-all regulations that cause massive upheaval but achieve little or no improvement in the health of our rivers and streams.

David MacLeod,
Chairman, Taranaki Regional Council

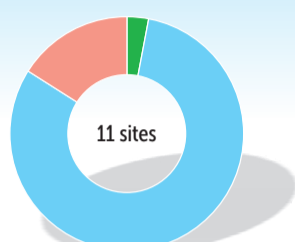
River ecology trends 1995-2018



47% Improvement
53% No obvious trend
0% Deterioration

The ecological health of waterways is assessed by studying the small critters and organisms in streams and rivers, and is the primary measure of freshwater quality. Across the region, our rivers and streams are improving or not showing any significant changes. At more and more sites, we're seeing the best results since monitoring began in 1995.

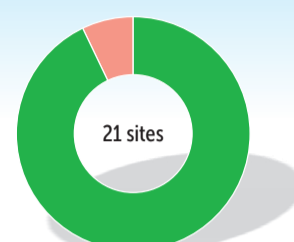
Physical and chemical trends 2011-2018



3% Improvement
81% No obvious trend
16% Deterioration

Measuring organic contamination, nutrient concentrations and aesthetic quality can flag pressures on waterways and indicate where to best focus our attention. The picture in Taranaki is largely stable but our aim is to achieve more improvements and fewer declines. Fewer sites are showing deterioration, particularly in nutrient concentrations.

Algae growth 2016-2018



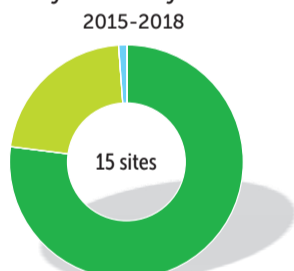
93% Met guidelines
7% Exceeded guidelines

Algae, or periphyton, is essential for aquatic ecosystems but excessive levels can cause environmental and/or health problems. Just about all of Taranaki's monitored sites meet national guidelines all the time.

National standards

The Government has set compulsory standards for a number of water-quality measures year round. All the toxicant measurements at the Council's monitoring sites meet the standards, with more than two-thirds achieving the best score.

Suitability for ecosystem health 2015-2018

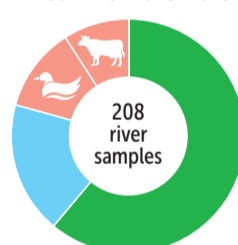


77% A Best
22% B Intermediate
2% C Acceptable
0% D Unacceptable

Can I swim?

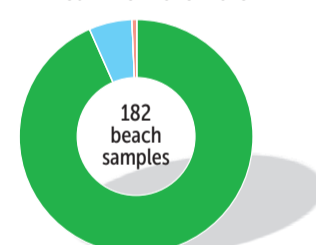
Over summer, the Council monitors popular swimming spots on the coast (where most people swim) and at our rivers and streams. Freshwater sites are mostly good, with contamination by wildfowl and gulls the main problem at two urban sites. Coastal sites are consistently good with all sites meeting the swimming guidelines apart from one sample at one site.

Recreational freshwater quality - popular bathing sites Summer 2018-2019



127 Acceptable
38 Acceptable (monitoring alert)
24 Unacceptable (source: birds)
19 Unacceptable (source: cows)

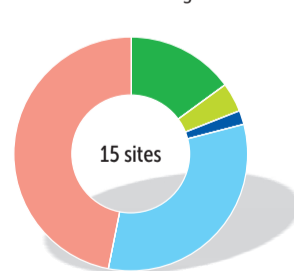
Coastal recreational water quality - popular bathing beaches Summer 2018-2019



170 Acceptable
11 Acceptable (monitoring alert)
1 Unacceptable

Recreational suitability at non-recreational sites 2015-2018

- Sampled all year, all flow conditions.
- Many of the sites are too shallow, cold and/or small for recreational bathing activities.



15% A 1% risk of infection
4% B 2% risk of infection
2% C 3% risk of infection
32% D Over 3% risk of infection
47% E Over 7% risk of infection



Improving lifestyles



Matthew O Rorke and Tony Luckin at the St Josephs Calf lamb and pet day from 2016. Come along to our Agriculture Day on Friday October 25th 10am and view our students' work and to join in the fun of Ag Day. There will be food to purchase, including 'schoolmade' jams and pickles, beeswax wraps, raffles and great Auctions. All are welcome.



Expo is the perfect girls' day out

The annual Women's Lifestyle Expo returns to New Plymouth this month featuring more than 130 companies under one roof for one weekend. The expo is one of Taranaki's largest events and is pegged as the perfect girls' day out. The show aims to include as wide of a range of companies as possible, so the Expo is a great day out no matter what your individual interests are. Women are all different and their interests are so diverse, so while one woman may

be interested in the gourmet food zone the woman beside her may be more interested in joining the Police, checking out the artisan craft zone or buying baby clothes.

The show features artisan crafters exhibiting alongside national brands like Dilmah tea and Wet N Wild cosmetics. "It's great on the weekend to see all

the various women visit the show, from teenagers to grandmothers, mothers and daughters of all ages and friends simply enjoying each other's company" says Renee Murray from NZME Events.

This year the expo includes a NV Lounge, Skin On Forty-Five Beauty Lounge, Goodie Bags and more.

So grab the girlfriends, have a Mother Daughter day out or simply take time for yourself; head to the Women's Lifestyle Expo on October 19-20 at TSB Stadium.

Door sales available all weekend, \$10 and under 12 Free. For more details see www.womenslifestyleexpo.co.nz or join us on Facebook for all the Expo News.

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GrabOne Coast MIX THE HITS ZM

Arts and crafts under the mountain



Year 12 student Phoebe Kerr and Kai Kitchen's Rochelle Steer.

For the sixth year Taranaki Diocesan PTA (formerly St Mary's) is hosting the

great Taranaki Under the Mountain Arts and Crafts Fete.

With over 100 stall sites of quality arts and crafts plus food, already booked (inside

the gym and outside on the field) it is adding up to be another great year.

Opunake lake trout release

Children will have a good opportunity to catch a rainbow trout following the release of 250 well-grown fish into Opunake Lake on Friday October 18.

Funded by Taranaki Fish & Game, the trout are being tankered from the Eastern Region's Ngongotaha hatchery and they will provide good fishing in the weeks following their release.

There is no organised kids fishing event at Opunake

Lake this year, but the trout will be available to everyone who holds a current fishing licence.

Licences are free to children under 12 at the start of the new fishing season on 1 October 2019. A junior day (24-hour) licence costs \$5 for 12 - 17-year-olds and a season licence for that age group costs \$27.

Licences are available from Terry at Collins Sports, or online through the Fish &

Game website at <https://fishandgame.org.nz/licences/fishing-licence-info/>

Anglers must use a rod and reel (no hand lines) and fly, spin or bait fishing techniques are all permitted. For further information on what fishing gear to use visit Terry at Collins Sports or give local expert Murray Dobbin a ring on 0211634486.

The bag limit for trout in most Taranaki waters, including Opunake Lake and

the Waiau River is two fish per angler per day. People must stop fishing for the day once they have taken their second fish.

Fish and Game NZ is a not-for-profit organisation and all licence fees go back into the management of the resource.

*Allen Stancliff
Fish & Game Officer
Fish & Game NZ*

Free Hepatitis C testing for Opunake community

People of Opunake are invited to a free hepatitis C (hep C) pop up clinic in October to test for the virus.

A friendly team from Taranaki DHB will be on hand at the Coastal Care Health and Community Centre on Tuesday October 15 from 9am - 3pm offering people free testing for hep C.

Around 50,000 New Zealanders have hep C, but many don't know they have it as the symptoms are subtle, like tiredness, joint pain,

loss of appetite, nausea and abdominal pain. Could you be one of them?

People can get hep C many ways like getting tattooed, piercings or a blood transfusion pre 1992. But the most common is from sharing needles.

Hep C is serious. It can lead to liver disease and/or cancer, and if left untreated it can be deadly. The great news is there's a cure - treatment is easy to get and easier to take.

It doesn't matter how you got hep C, what's important is getting cured so you can get on with your life.

PHARMAC is now funding a new hep C treatment, Maviret, which has the potential to cure more than 99% of cases in 8 to 12 weeks.

The only way to know if you have hep C is to get tested, so come along to the Opunake pop up clinic

on October 15 or see your doctor.

The Opunake pop up clinic is one of many being planned for the region as Taranaki DHB works toward eliminating the hep C virus from the Taranaki community. All that's needed now is to find those people who don't know they have the virus and get them treated.

The PTA is pleased to announce that the community organisation who receive a sponsored free stall site this year is Kai Kitchen. We are pleased to partner with The Kai Kitchen who work

very hard in our community providing school lunches to children and on the day they will be selling their Hero Cards (lunch donations) and Christmas stockings.



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Opening Night

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OPUNAKE LAKE TROUT FISHING

250 2-YEAR-OLD RAINBOW TROUT WILL BE RELEASED INTO OPUNAKE LAKE TO PROVIDE ANGLING OPPORTUNITY FROM SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

THERE IS NO ORGANISED CHILDRENS FISHING EVENT THIS YEAR

FISHING LICENCES ARE FREE TO CHILDREN UNDER 12 ON 1ST OCTOBER 2019. JUNIOR LICENCES ARE AVAILABLE FROM COLLINS SPORTS OR ONLINE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT FISH & GAME ON 06 7579676

Authorised by Bonita Bigham, 23 Riemenschneider Stree, Manaia

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for

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

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Could you have Hep C?

Can you answer YES

Have you ever:

- had a tattoo or piercing?
- injected drugs? (even if only once)
- been in prison?
- had jaundice or abnormal liver test?
- lived in or had health care in Asia, the Middle East or Eastern Europe?
- had a blood transfusion before 1992?

Does your mum or anyone you live with have hepatitis C?



It doesn't matter how you got Hep C

Talk with your GP, nurse or health professional



HEP C

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FREE INSTANT HEP C TEST

Coastal Care Health and Community Centre

26 Napier Street, Opunake

Tuesday 15 October

9am to 3pm

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New ambulance on site, new volunteers needed

The Opunake Ambulance Station in King Street, has a brand new ambulance, a 2019 Volkswagen Transporter. This First Response Unit, as it is termed, was acquired in early July and it is state-of-the-art with all the modern equipment and medical supplies needed to help save lives. Station Manager Kieran Lawn commented, "We're pretty excited to have a brand new vehicle that has been customised to our community's needs". Kieran explains that the new vehicle is typical of the latest trend in ambulances, which are smaller but are more patient centric with a focus on safety.

At present, there are 10 volunteers in Kieran's team, but he'd like to have at least twice that number. On Wednesday October 16 there will be Volunteer Information Evening, starting at 7pm to be held at the CoastalCare Meeting Rooms. Apart from intending to increase the number of volunteers, Kieran hopes that the evening will inform the community about the vital work that is carried out. We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our volunteer team. There is no requirement for any previous medical training or experience. St John will provide and cover costs for



Kieran Lawn, Opunake Ambulance Station Manager, with the new ambulance.

a direct phone line to the Emergency department at New Plymouth Base Hospital, various stretchers, oxygen (portable and on-flow), a defibrillator (donated by Mrs Bishop), blood pressure measuring devices, tarpaulins, splints, tourniquets, bandages and even a fire extinguisher.

Kieran is hopeful that there is a good response to his call for more volunteers and points out that the service is very rewarding. "Helping a patient in their hour of need, when they are at their most vulnerable, is the most valuable and the most precious aspect of the role." He has been a volunteer for seven years.

If you'd like know more about the ambulance service please feel free to phone Kieran on 027 468 1486.

Meanwhile, mark Wednesday October 16th 7pm in your diary and come along to the Volunteers Information Evening.

all training and equipment to proceed as an ambulance officer.

The Opunake ambulance transports patients to either New Plymouth Base or Hawera Hospital 80% of the time. The other 20% of seriously ill or injured patients are initially treated by the Opunake ambulance and then transported by back up ambulance, or helicopter staffed with St John personal from the Taranaki region. On average the Opunake

ambulance is paged between 300-400 times per year.

The Opunake ambulance has to deal with all kinds of emergencies, but Kieran points out that the greatest number of cases occurs in either winter, when illnesses

are more prevalent, or in summer when there is an increased volume of cars on the road, especially in the holiday season.

What exactly is aboard the new ambulance? Here is just a sample; there is



A look inside the new ambulance.

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Bee Gees Tribute Show comes to Oakura



Butlers Reef host the Bee Gees Tribute show this weekend.

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- * Make a difference
- * Make new friends
- * Play an active role in your community
- * Learn new skills
- * Take on a new challenge

The Opunake Station needs more recruits - they need you - all ambulances now must be "double staffed" - meaning every call out we need at least two volunteers. To maximise the benefit of having the ambulance here in Opunake we need a further seven volunteers.

We are recruiting now with a start to training in February next year as a group - Is this something you often thought about doing - now's the time to make that call.

Come along to an information evening to see what's involved and if it's a good fit for you.

CoastalCare - Meeting Rooms October 16th 7pm
For more information call
Kieran 027 468 1486 Opunake Station Manager or
Aretha 06 761 8488 at CoastalCare



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OCTOBER 2019

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8yr and under must be supervised by 14 yr or older																					
ID required for all R movies																					
<p>UGLY DOLLS Kids, Family 1hr 27min G An animated adventure in which the free-spirited UglyDolls confront what it means to be different, struggle with a desire to be loved, and ultimately discover who you truly are is what matters most. Wed 9th Oct 1pm Sat 19th Oct 1pm</p>	<p>ANGRY BIRDS 2 Action, Adventure, Kids 1hr 40mins PG The flightless angry birds and the scheming green piggies take their beef to the next level in The Angry Birds Movie 2! When a new threat emerges that puts both Bird and Pig Island in danger. Fri 11th Oct 1pm/Sat 26th Oct 1pm</p>																				
<p>THE FAREWELL Comedy 1hr 38mins PG The film follows a Chinese family who, when they discover their beloved Grandmother has only a short while left to live, decide to keep her in the dark and schedule an impromptu wedding to gather before she passes. Billi, feeling like a fish out of water in her home country, struggles with the family's decision Fri 18th Oct 7pm/Sun 27th Oct 7pm</p>	<p>DOWNTON ABBEY Drama 2hr 2min PG: Language The UK TV series' original cast is joined by a host of newcomers in this feature adaptation written by the show's creator, Julian Fellowes. The show follows the Crawley family who lived in an Edwardian English country house with their servants at the turn of the 20th century. Sun 13th Oct 7pm/Sat 19th Oct 7pm Wed 23rd Oct 1pm</p>																				
<p>THE KITCHEN Action, Drama 1hr 43mins R16: Violence, language Three 1978 Hell's Kitchen housewives whose mobster husbands are sent to prison by the FBI. Left with little but a sharp ax to grind, the ladies take the Irish mafia's matters into their own hands-- Wed 9th Oct 7pm Sat 12th Oct 7pm</p>	<p>AMAZING GRACE!! Documentary 1hr 29mins G Concert footage from 1972 of Aretha Franklin performing songs from the best-selling gospel album at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Wed 23rd Oct 7pm Wed 30th Oct 1pm</p>																				
<p>LION MIA AND THE WHITE LION Drama, Kids, Family 1hr 38min M: Language Fri 11th Oct 7pm</p>	<p>THE GOLDFINCH Drama 2hr 29min M: Violence, language and drug use Theo was 13 years old when his mother was killed in a bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The tragedy changes the course of his life, sending him on a stirring odyssey of grief and guilt, reinvention and redemption, and even love. Wed 16th Oct 7pm Sun 20th Oct 7pm/Sat 26th Oct 7pm</p>																				
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