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Inside

MP has his audience spellbound

Damien O'Connor, the Labour Member of Parliament for West Coast-Tasman spoke at Coastal Taranaki School recently.

The former West Coast Young Farmer of the Year and sometimes controversial MP gave a rousing speech focussing on the farming industry. He is the Labour Spokesperson for Primary Industries, Biosecurity and Food Safety. He grew up on a farm near Westport he told the audience.

The Labour MP began by stating that historically New Zealand was able to do things at a lower cost than the rest of the world. Then, under Labour we formed the Wool Board, the Dairy Board to get the price we could, he said. In the '80s things changed when the subsidies were taken off which meant things were subject to the whims of the market. Despite this "We've done quite well. We haven't needed subsidies and we haven't needed protection."

He accused the current government however of a lack of vision.

"You can't just let the market take us somewhere," he said. Our job in Government is to facilitate the solution, he



Parliamentarian Damien O'Connor

said going on to outline things that he felt were crucial.

He referred to the Dairy Industry Restructuring Act which Labour set up and is under review.

"Labour has a very proud history within the dairy industry in making major

change when necessary including the formation of Fonterra," he said.

He sees the necessity of getting more value from the dairy industry which he said had to come from more processing. "Fonterra has to take all the milk that Fonterra

produces," he said. "If that obligation was removed this would mean that we'd be able to add value to the product." He said that Fonterra needs to look at itself. "I don't think they've nurtured innovation.

He believes we need more money for research and de-

velopment. "We haven't had a strategy for research that would make a difference to the primary sector for a long time." Research and development in the right areas is crucial. "There is no strategic plan for our biggest single industry neither for meat or wool. It's a big failing," he said. "We would appoint people to a primary sector Council and have a vision for the future. We would do it with each of the sectors. We would firstly get the best, smartest people. Then make that body independent of biosecurity."

Mr O'Connor said he opposes outside investors and said it was important to protect farmers interests. "One of the biggest threats to farming is the value of land. He also sees danger in the use of food supplements.

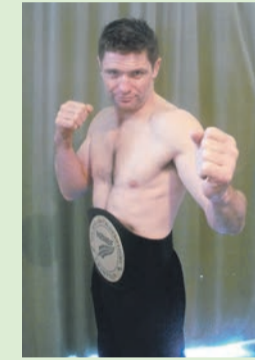
We need to go back to a pasture based area of production and must guard our pristine, clean green image.

After his talk Damien O'Connor answered questions from the floor before joining the audience in a supper where spirited discussions continued.

It was a great opportunity to engage with the approachable politician.



Remembering Mary Dobie over 130 years on. Page 5



Batman faces the first challenge to his title. Page 14.



Blooming Taranaki. See pages 16-21.



Back to the future for Market Day. Page 26.

We all have a role in preventing suicide

The Mental Health Foundation acknowledges the family, whanau and friends of the 564 New Zealanders who died by suicide in the last year.

"Every death by suicide is a tragedy," says MHF Director of Programme Design and Delivery, Moira Clunie.

"As a country we all need to think about what we can do as individuals, whanau and communities to support

people when they feel like taking their own lives is their only option. The statistics tell us there needs to be greater attention to meeting the needs of young people and Maori men in particular."

Research shows that most people who attempt suicide don't want to die - they just want their pain to end or can't see another way out of their situation. Support from people who care about them, and connection with their own sense of culture, identity and purpose, can help them to find a way through.

"It can be extremely overwhelming and distressing to experience suicidal thoughts," says Ms Clunie. "And when someone comes to us saying they're thinking about suicide, it can be hard to know what to do.

"If you're worried about someone, asking them about suicide will not increase their risk, but ignoring their distress can. For a person who is struggling, having a chance to talk to someone who will listen without judgement can be a great relief."

We all have a role in recognising when our loved ones are going through hard times,

and reaching out to those who may be struggling.

"If someone has thoughts or feelings about suicide, it's important to take them seriously. It can be really hard for someone who is suicidal to reach out. If someone tells you they are thinking about suicide, keep them talking. Encourage them to get help and talk about what they are going through."

More information about suicide prevention, including what to do when you're worried about someone, coping with suicidal thoughts and what to do after a suicide attempt can be found at www.mentalhealth.org.nz/suicideprevention

Helplines available include:
Lifeline 0800 543 354
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Healthline. 0800 611 116
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ing of someone else) - 0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO)
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Letters to the Editor

The TRC responds on freshwater criticism

The reported comments on Taranaki freshwater management by Catherine Delahunty (News, October 9, P7) confuse a number of issues and may mislead readers.

For the record: Current trends in both the ecological health and the physical and chemical state of the region's waterways are the best ever recorded. This is demonstrated by robust data in the Taranaki Regional Council's latest five-yearly state of the environment report, *Taranaki as One* -

Deadlines

Could readers please note the following deadlines.
Editorial 5:00pm Monday on the week of publication
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the review is continuing. Nothing has been finalised. Useful background information on the suggested Freshwater Management Units and the suggested approach to the Government's 'National Objectives Framework', which lays out bottom lines for water quality, can be found on the Council's website at www.trc.govt.nz/draft-plan/.

Limits that apply to point-source discharges should not be confused with limits that apply to waterways themselves beyond the 'mixing zone' for discharges.

The Council will continue to exercise its discretion to apply additional limits to waterways that have special values. The Council always welcomes constructive and informed comments and feedback on its approach to the complex issue of freshwater management.

*Fred McLay
Director-Resource Management
Taranaki Regional Council*

BBC: The Ship

Imagine you are a ship at sea. Science can tell you all about your ship, how it works and what it is made of. It can also tell you about the sea the ship is in, listing the chemicals in it, and it can tell us how waves are formed and how weather creates different sailing conditions. That's what science is about.

Then there are the morals and ethics, the philosophies of life. These tell us how to deal with other ships and stop us from bumping into them. But none of these tell us

what the ship is doing in the sea in the first place. Science, philosophy, history and so on all have their place but they cannot tell us where a ship has come from, or where it is going to.

Only the biggest picture of all can show us what life is really all about. And that picture can only be seen outside of time, space and things. The truth about ships, about people and God, is in the Bible. Linking with that and its author is rather like finding a map with your position and destination clearly marked. It also introduces the ship to radio contact so that the ship and God can talk, guide, and advise. That does not mean that there will not be storms, or danger, or even moments of disorientation, but the ship is now on track.

And there's something else. When a ship nears Port Taranaki a pilot is sent out to guide it safely to its berth. The ship's captain is still in charge, but if he has any sense, he will allow the pilot control over the ship. Each one of us is a ship. Each one of us can accept or reject God's radio calls and His sailing book, the Bible. And even if we do accept both of those, each one of us can still stop the pilot boarding and, if He is on board, reject His advice. We all are all at sea. We all need a course, a direction to sail, and a reason to head there, then you need to meet Jesus Christ. You need to listen to His calls and read His book. Having done that you need to allow His Holy Spirit to come on board and be your pilot.

*Richard Oliver
Pastor Eltham Message Church*

Maniaia Womens Institute

The October meeting of the Maniaia Women's Institute was held in the St. Cuthberts Church lounge on October 6. Two members had tidied the garden at the church for sustainability month. Members brought items for the roll call for the Federation Fun and Friendship day to be held later this month. One of our members Janice Walsh held a cake icing workshop. Members then had the opportunity to ice cup cakes that they had made for the monthly competition. The wondering coin was won by Desiree Phillips, and the Mary Hutton Trophy was awarded to Ricki Neil. Competition results: Shrub Ruth Binns 1st. Phyllis Malcolm 2nd. Joy Brogden 3rd. Any Other Stem. Jenny Hamley 1st. Joy Brogden 2nd. Phyllis Malcolm and Diane Winerra 3rd equal. Hand Craft - handmade Christmas card. Jenny Hamley 1st. Diane Winerra 2nd. Edith Hicks 3rd. Home Craft - four uniced cup cakes. Shirley Barr 1st. Diane Winerra 2nd. Ruth Binns 3rd.




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Opunake Health Day a success

“Opunake Health Day” held at CoastalCare Health and Community Centre in Opunake was an opportunity for people to learn about services on offer for a wide range of disabilities and to help raise awareness of various conditions which are often misunderstood.

The focus of the day was to also promote healthy living. The event was organised by the Taranaki Disabilities Information Centre with information on everything from Parkinson’s Disease through to cerebral palsy, dementia and depression. “I made myself busy on the farm 22 hours a day because I didn’t want to be around people,” was a quote on one of the stands dealing with depression. There were also stands on eating healthily and information on free before school checks, Age Concern, First Aid, Sport Taranaki and Work and Income. It was a fantastic chance for networking with other health providers,” said Adell Morton, a Community Educator with the Parkinson’s Society. On the stand were books by the actor Michael J Fox, perhaps one of the



Adell Morton (left), Community Educator in Taranaki and Jill Richmond, Community Educator in South Taranaki educating people about Parkinson’s Disease at the Opunake Health Day.

best known celebrities to have the disease. He has written two books on his experience: Lucky Man and Always Looking Up. Another well known sufferer is Mohammed Ali. His daughter Rasheda Ali has penned a book about Parkinson’s entitled I’ll Hold Your Hand So

You Won’t Fall from a child’s point of view.

No one knows what causes Parkinson’s, said Adell. She added it doesn’t kill you. “You die with it.” The disease is characterised by slowness of movement, rigidity, tiredness and fatigue. Often there’s a tremor but not

always. About a quarter of people with Parkinson’s don’t have a tremor. Adell said she hadn’t seen the new Coastalcare facility before and was clearly impressed. “It’s lovely,” she said adding that it was ideal for seminars and meetings. “It’s a wonderful community asset.”

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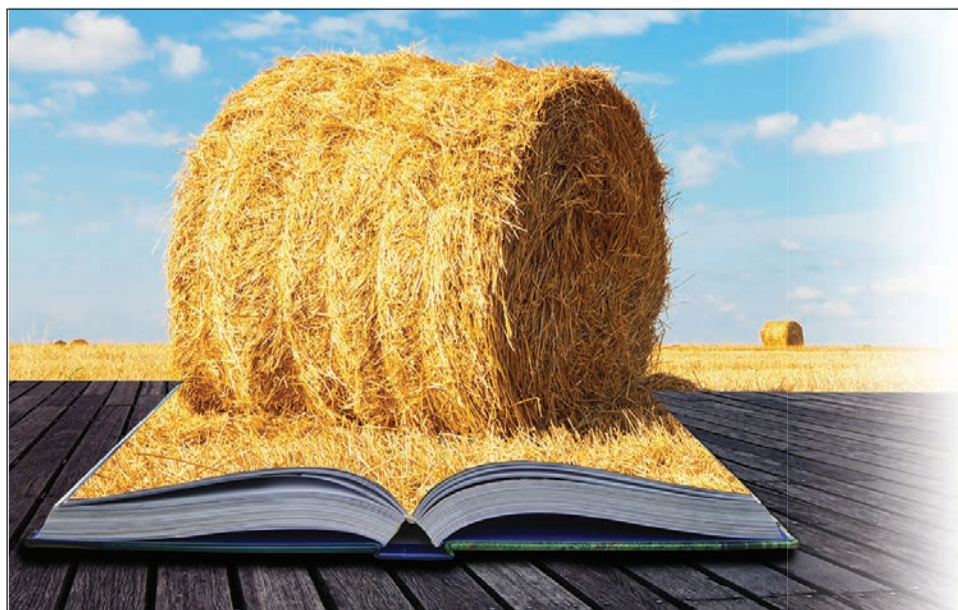


Young and old riveted.

Fireworks display a spectacular success

The Fireworks Spectacular held in the A & P Showgrounds at Hawera on Saturday night October 17 was a huge success judging by those who turned out to enjoy an evening of music followed by the fireworks. Thousands turned up and they were not disappointed. After some great music by local bands there was the fireworks display everyone had come to see. And what a display it was. Squeals of delight from the children and shouts of approval from the adults accompanied the succession of spectacular colours and bangs that seemed to go on and on. It was truly a sight to behold. It was a memorable experience. The South

Taranaki District Council is to be congratulated for putting on a wonderful night’s entertainment.



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Flooding, broadband, a surplus and the weather

Hi all. I have good news, at last the sun is shining. This spring has seen abnormally high rain fall with floods on June 19 in Waitotara. To date this has cost the South Taranaki District Council \$9.5 million dollars in repairs, however we expect the majority of this will be recovered from the New Zealand Transport Agency. Also we are investigating an alternate road to Wai-inu Beach Road because the repairs on the Lime Works Bridge are temporary, and this bridge is now prone to being washed out. Regarding Opunake's flooding on August 6, I have had reports that the rain fell at 50mm an hour that morning. The Council has done a preliminary investigation into diversion of flood waters away from Opunake, but a lot more work still has to be done on this. There have been several slips around the cliffs of Opunake and around the Opunake Walkway, so please be extremely careful as these cliffs have become completely saturated with water which is making them unstable. Council will soon be consulting on a Freedom Camping Bylaw for the



Cr Bryan Roach

district. Submissions open from November 5 and will close on December 7. From November 5 you can download a submission form from www.southtaranaki.com and email this to regservices@stdc.govt.nz. I suggest you take your time and read it as there are a lot of sites in and around Opunake and around the Coast. Another thing Council is seeking feedback on is an initiative to establish a Digital Development Fund (DDF) of up to \$1 million to help provide high quality, high speed access to the internet and mobile networks across the district. This initiative comes in response to the Government's decision to extend their Ultra-Fast

Broadband and Rural Broadband Initiatives and establish a Mobile Black Spot Fund, to the tune of \$360 million. Councils across NZ have been invited to submit bids to these contestable government funds. In an effort to create a point of difference with our bid, the Council is proposing to create a DDF. This Fund would be primarily used for co-investment with either the Government or other service providers and would be repaid over time as people connect up to faster broadband. The Fund will help build a high quality, open access, backhaul fibre network along all parts of SH3 and SH45 that fall within our district. This fibre network will then allow existing service providers to provide enhanced broadband and mobile coverage into our rural areas via wireless and other technologies. The Council believes improving mobile cell phone and internet connections is the single most important thing it can do to enhance regional economic development. The DDF would be created by ring fencing up to \$1 million from the Council's Long

Term Investment Fund. By using this funding source, the Council can ensure there is no impact on rates. Please give the Council feedback on our proposed DDF until Sunday November 8, either by going to our website: www.southtaranaki.com or emailing ruralbroadbandworkingparty@stdc.govt.nz or calling Claire Symes on 0800 111 323. Last week Council adopted our Annual Report. This is a financial report outlining the total income/expenditure of the Council for the 2014-2015 financial year. The result was a pleasing \$1.19 million dollar operating surplus in that year. To my fellow farmers it's been a rough one; low pay out, low grass growth, low sunshine, high rain falls, high farming costs, although grass cover is good at the moment - just in time for mating. Take time out to pat yourselves and your staff on the back for all the hard work. In all my years of farming I can't remember a spring being as wet as this one. Heads up, there is only 60 days until Christmas. If you need to report anything to Council call 0800 111323 *Roachy from the coast*

Transmission down but not out for long

Recent storm damage may have put Rhema off the air around Opunake for a couple of weeks, but normal transmission has been resumed. Radio Rhema's satellite dish at Kina Road was among the casualties of heavy winds which lashed the Taranaki coast in late September. The dish, which had been put up by members of The Wave Church 15 years ago has been transmitting Radio Rhema from Pungarehu and Oeo. Up until this time, the only problems had been caused by nesting spiders and the occasional "cowfode," Pastor Murray McEwan of the Wave Church said. After the storms, people had told him that they were unable to pick up the Rhema signal.



Radio Rhema's satellite dish on Kina Road took a big hit in recent winds

"I found the dish lying on the ground and looking like a drinking trough for a cow," he said. The dish's steel lining had rusted out, making it

more susceptible to heavy wind gusts," he said. "Radio Rhema supplied us with another satellite dish. Fortunately the Radio Rhema technician Bryan Blyth from

Christchurch was in the North Island and came across to align the dish, and he was able to repair the exciter at the same time."

Murray said he would like to hear from anybody who might be interested in helping out with the station. Until the storm, and people commenting to him about the station being off air, it was hard to tell how many people around Opunake listened to Rhema, he said.

Normal transmission returned two weeks ago. "After 15 years of coastal weather, it will need some upgrading in future. This will include maintenance of the mast and aerial plus insulating and aligning the equipment shed," he said.

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David Hastings' visit to Opunake

On October 8 (Thursday) author David Hastings gave a talk in Opunake Library Plus. The subject of his talk was the book he has written 'The Many Deaths of Mary Dobie; Murder, Politics and revenge in nineteenth century New Zealand'. The book is published by Auckland University Press and has just been released.

The address was one of the Opunake Sesquicentennial events, (in association with Opunake Library Plus), which have continued during the year and the author was introduced by Cr Bryan Roach, Chairperson of the Committee.

The book concerned the murder of talented artist Mary Dobie in 1980 when she was 29 and soon to return to her native England after a three year visit. She was the daughter of Major HM and Ellen Dobie.

She was murdered in the vicinity of the old Te Namu pa site, near the Omaha Stream. Her 20ish assailant Tuhi confessed to the murder and was executed in Wellington.

As part of his address David had an interesting PowerPoint presentation, which showed many of Mary's sketches and paintings, as well as pictures of Mary and her family or relatives. Included were her sketches completed a few days before she died on a visit to Parihaka, including one of Te Whiti. There were also some interesting pictures completed on board the May Queen which brought Mary and her sister to NZ.

She was paying a brief visit to Opunake to say goodbye to her sister and brother-in law before returning to England.

David Hastings paid tribute to a number of local people who had provided useful information such as Brian Vincent, Darrel Hickey, as well as Lenny and Carol Stimpson.

David explained that the title 'Many deaths' referred to the many theories as to why the murder was carried out. Was the motive attempted sexual



From left, George Mason (Te Whiti Orongomai Mason), David Hastings and Bryan Roach at the grave of Mary Dobie, whose murder is the subject of David

assault, theft gone wrong or political terrorism response to some of the excesses of the Government and the military including the confiscation of Maori land and imprisonment of peaceful Maori protesters and their leaders?

The author outlined something of Mary's character; she was adventurous, had a good sense of humour and was "almost obsessive in her art." Her work was, "a fascinating visual documentation of the nineteenth century."

Mary came from a "well connected" family with links to such notable people as Lord Nelson and Alfred Lord

Tennyson. After the address people were invited to walk to Mary's grave and some places of historical interest were pointed out on the way. Lenny pointed out some points of historical interest on the way, including an old rifle range.

At the lakeside cemetery Brian Vincent paid tribute to the excellent work a group of PD workers had done tidying up the vicinity. "They did a fine job." He commented. He wanted to thank the Department of Corrections for their input. At Mary's grave, Te Whiti Orongomai Mason

(George Mason) a descendant of Te Whiti gave a brief speech and karakia.

There was some discussion of the cross, which was originally at the top of the monument, which now lies at the base. In particular the bundle of thorns seems to be affixed in the opposite way than is pictured in earlier photographs.

The Tombstone reads: *In memory of Mary Beatrix, daughter of Major HM Dobie, late Madras army and Ellen Dobie. Born 22 December 1850, died 25 November 1880. This memorial was erected by the non-commissioned officers and men of the armed constabulary stationed at Opunake and Cape Egmont December 1880.*

A nearby sign gave more carefully researched detail. The sign was funded by the Egmont Plains Community Board, in 2012.

Author David Hastings was very pleased with the way the event had gone. "It's been a lovely day, it's been a revelation. It's been great to come here and meet people."



Bryan Roach (centre) introduces author David Hastings (right). On the left is Lenny Stimpson - before visiting the grave of Mary Dobie.

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Some dim person/people who thought it would be a bit of fun, have smashed their way into the prefab at St Josephs Primary and had themselves a little party drinking their Vodka and Cranberry RTDs. Their rubbish evidence has been sent for pro-



Constable Kylie Brophy

cessing for fingerprints and bodily fluid testing, DNA. Police are investigating this matter and I am sure we will apprehend those responsible and prosecute them.

In the early hours of Thursday the 15th of this month, the Sandfords Event Centre was broken into and the drawers of two cash register machines were taken along with the cash floats. Security footage has been viewed and shows a dark coloured vehicle similar

to a Nissan in the car park minutes before the motion censored security cameras show two males walking into the kitchen area. One male is seen wearing a baseball cap with an image or lettering in white on the front. The two males have walked through to a rear door before leaving in the waiting vehicle. Security footage shows the dark vehicle turning right onto Tasman Street heading towards Longfellow Road. Enquiries are ongoing in regards to this matter. If anybody has any information in regards to this, including the location of the two cash drawers don't hesitate to contact Police. All information will be treated as confidential.

During my career I have seen, heard and dealt with some shocking things. One sad observation is how many people are aware of who has

been involved in a number of criminal incidents, and hesitate to contact us. What happens when you find yourself a victim of crime? Does it make a difference to you? I'm sure it would to those that you failed to help.

On a positive note, I would like to congratulate both the Under 13 Boys and Girls TCB basketball teams that took part in the recent regional tournament in the Hawkes Bay. It was great to see your commitment to the game, something you should all be proud of.

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any information for us give us a call we are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800 555111 with all anonymous information.

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back of the Okato Fire Station was stolen by some clown. Obviously this person has no morals and thinks it is OK to steal from a volunteer organisation who do great things around our community. If anyone knows anything in regards to this, I would appreciate a call to see if we can get it back. It would be safe to say that this person and I will be having a little chat if I find out who it is. It is a standard green Nylex brand complete with reel and fittings.

About a month ago the Police held a national conference in Wellington in regards to Rural Crime throughout the country. One of the basic messages is that a lot of crime goes unreported with the main reason being that



Constable Rhys Connell

police can't do much, and "I don't want to bother them with small things". I would urge you to report any crime no matter how small, so that we can get a better picture of what is really going on in the community. It's hard to get extra resources or justify spending a lot of time in a certain area, if according to our

statistics it isn't a problem. Reporting a crime is as simple as picking up the phone and giving the police a call.

I have seen that there have been a few petrol and diesel thefts recently on some of our farms. Please keep vigilant and look out for unfamiliar vehicles that may go up your neighbour's tanker track or driveway. Have a think about moving your fuel tank the next time it is empty to a place that is hard to get to or find for Joe Bloggs the criminal to access, while still being accessible for the tanker. If you are having several thefts, and moving your tanks is not an option, think about point to point alarms or basic cameras.

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My final message is around social media, I did see on a Facebook page the other day someone advertising the fact that they were going on holiday on certain dates. This is an open invitation to anyone without a moral compass to have a good old snoop around at your place when you are

not home. It's not hard with the internet these days to find out where this person lives, search their house on google maps, and come up with a plan before they have got their backside off the office chair. Be smart around social media. The same goes for sending pictures of your holiday while you are still on it. While they are likely

intended for your "friends," you can't really control who else can see these photos. I know it's trendy to advise the world what we are doing via Facebook and all those other wonderful sites, but not everyone out there is watching the net for the sole reason of enjoying what you are doing with your day.

Enjoy the last few weeks

of the World Cup, hopefully we'll be celebrating back to back World Cups! ABs vs Australia final for me.

Constable Rhys Connell

Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade News

A few editions ago we asked the community for any unwanted vehicles for our "vehicle extrication scenarios." Now that's a fancy phrase for "cutting people out of smashed cars practice." We unfortunately had only one response, however we gladly retrieved it and placed it on our courtyard. Sadly, someone in town liked the look of the wheels so the car was hoisted up, the wheels removed, and the car dropped on the seal. This makes it extremely difficult for us to move the vehicles about and restricts what we can do with them. So please leave our "dungas" alone, or we may cut the roof off your vehicle when we catch up with you.....that's if you don't have a convertible already!

The Kaponga and Opunake Brigades joined forces on Sunday October 4 to host the Taranaki Provincial Fire Brigades Association fishing competition at the Puketapu Road beach. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side and only two small rockfish were caught. It was back to the Kaponga fire station for a little of their hospitality and a tally up of the day's catch and prize giving. All participants won a prize for

putting up with the weather, and the Opunake brigade won the only trophy presented for "most points on the day." Both brigades would like to thank the sponsors for making this team building day possible.

On Friday October 9, we had a farewell function for Nigel Fraser, who has sadly left our brigade due to work and family commitments. Chief Fire Officer Rodney Woods presented Nigel with a lovely Chevrolet neon wall clock, thanked him for the 11 years of service to the community, and also made note of the knowledge Nigel brought to practices, especially anything related to motor vehicles. Rodney wished Nigel well, and said the door is always open should his circumstances change and he wished to join our brigade again.

On Wednesday September 30, a car left the road in dramatic style at Oaonui and came to rest about a metre from the Kuriger farm house. I say dramatic style because it had lost control for about 100 metres, went airborne, crashed through a fence, ripped out the engine, the gearbox, and the two front wheels, and left them at a

tree. The remainder of the car continued on for about another 30 metres. The extremely lucky occupants were helped through the front window and taken to hospital...one by helicopter and one in the ambulance. Our role was one of caring for the occupants until the ambulance crews arrived, making an area available for the helicopter to land on, and with traffic control.

The wheels on the appliances were rolling again on Saturday October 3 when an Ihaia Road property owner put a spade through a gas line leading into his house. We had to close the road for a while until things were sorted and made safe. We would like to thank our local plumber David, who happened to be heading back to his yard from an earlier callout. He lent a hand and we were soon station bound. This is possibly a good time to remind you all to check on underground services before commencing any digging work. In a lot of cases power, gas and water all enter the house underground, so a little time spent checking can save a lot of drama down the track.

Stolen Wheels

On this month in history Sputnik launched

On October 4, 1957 the USSR launched the first man-made object into space. Sputnik 1 was a satellite which orbited the earth and broadcast signals on two ra-

dio frequencies. Transmitting stopped after three weeks.

Sputnik was 22 inches in diameter and weighed 184 pounds.

The USA were taken by

surprise, having planned a similar initiative for 1958.

Their satellite was much lighter weighing just one eighth of Sputnik 1.

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Trades academies - building the future for youth

The final school term of the year is starting, and we want our kids to be engaged in their learning environments.

While they are at school, we want to make sure they're getting the best education they can, and this is certainly the case with our fantastic schools in Taranaki.

National is working hard to ensure all our kids have the opportunity to engage in learning that best meets their needs, and this means



Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

diversifying the options particularly around the practical

career paths.

Trades Academies provide a different learning choice for students – vocational learning directly related to the workforce and skill needs of industry.

They deliver trades and technology programmes to secondary students based on partnerships between schools, tertiary institutions, industry training organisations, and employers.

The programmes are all about offering students more choice about how and what they will learn. They are be-

coming an increasingly popular choice for more young people.

Students like learning that is directly relevant to their career aspirations and is a starting point for them to go on to higher studies in their chosen area.

So National is shifting more funding to Trades Academy places to meet the demand from our young students. From 2016, there will be 600 extra Trades Academy places per year, on top of the 340 extra places already announced

in Budget 2015 – totalling 940 more a year.

Here in Taranaki we recently received funding for a Trades Training Initiative for Maori and Pasifika students which will run from Taranaki Futures. From engineering, carpentry to farming this funding will be a great investment for our local young people.

The recent Education Review Office report on Trades Academies noted that the learning in Trades Academies motivated and engaged students, and helped them

change their attitude to learning. It also found students developed a clear learning pathway into careers.

Trade Academies play a key role in ensuring more young people achieve the qualifications they need to successfully participate in the modern economy, and New Zealand employers get workers with the skills industries need.

A skilled workforce is the engine-room of a thriving economy.

Jonathan Young MP

Landmark Act turns 40

On October 10, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975. An act that provides for the observance, and the confirmation, of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi by the establish-

ment of a Tribunal to make recommendations on claims relating to the practical application of the Treaty and to determine whether certain matters are inconsistent with the principles of the Treaty.

The then Bill was intro-

duced into Parliament on November 8 1974 by the Hon. Matiu Rata, and passed all stages into law by the 3rd Labour Government. A huge debt of gratitude needs to go to the Matiu Rata, who along with Koro Wetere worked on



Adrian Rurawhe MP

getting this through the Parliament. It is also important to recognise that it was the then Prime Minister Norman Kirk, who not only encouraged Mat Rata to introduce the Bill, but also helped him to draft it.

For the very first time the Treaty of Waitangi was recognised in New Zealand law. The Tribunal was empowered to investigate possible breaches of the Treaty by the New Zealand government or any state-controlled body, occurring after 1975. It was also empowered to recommend, but not enforce, remedies.

However, most of the significant breaches of the Treaty, such as land confiscation in the New Zealand Wars, had occurred in the nineteenth century, and the Tribunal was powerless to investigate

these. So ten years later in 1985 under the 4th Labour Government, an amendment was proposed by the then Minister of Justice, Geoffrey Palmer and the Minister of Māori Affairs Koro Wetere. This enabled the Tribunal to investigate claims dating back to 1840, when the Treaty was signed. It also enlarged the Tribunal's membership to enable it to handle the increased number of claims. It also required the Tribunal to have a Māori majority.

The 1985 amendment considerably broadened the scope of the Tribunal's inquiries and led to ongoing debate over the appropriate response by the Crown to the findings and recommendations of the Tribunal.

It was part of the 4th Labour Government's policy of giving greater acknowledgment to the Treaty, as was the inclusion of references to the Treaty in other legislation, such as the State Owned Enterprises Act. This amendment was one of the most important steps towards making the Treaty relevant in New Zealand law and society

In 1995, the government developed the "Crown Pro-

posals for the Settlement of Treaty of Waitangi Claims" to attempt to address the issues. A key element of the proposals was the creation of a "fiscal envelope" of \$1 billion for the settlement of all historical claims, which Māori vehemently rejected. This concept was subsequently dropped.

Despite the protest, three major settlements were reached during this time. Since 1995 Treaty Settlements have been progressed throughout the country. This Act has been one of the most defining pieces of legislation in New Zealand history.

At some stage, and I believe that will be when all historical claims have been settled, we will have to go through some kind of review process to look at such things as relativity been the respective claims, as well as other issues.

But for now, we celebrate 40 years of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, and all of those people that had the courage to enact this legislation and those that have had the tenacity to use it to address the breaches of the Treaty.

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Ngamamaku has gained a substantial profile outside the

Some great gardens on show

region, not least through last April's issue of NZ House and Garden magazine, while both of the Warea gardens use their landscapes well – including volcanic rocks and spacious lawns.

It's wonderful to see the passions and creativity of our locals be celebrated through incredibly popular events such as this garden festival.

Congratulations to all in-

involved – and be sure to visit these local gardens (and others around the region) out while the festival is on!

Kerbside rubbish and recycling

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we get through the settling-in period of our new collection system.

The collection of rubbish and recycling runs until about 7pm each day, but we expect

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You can help the drivers by leaving some space between your rubbish bag and the yellow-topped wheelie bin, as the truck's grabber arm needs some space to get around the bin easily.

Also, please don't put your rubbish bag on top of the wheelie bin (which saves

drivers from having to get out of their trucks to remove the bags).

We have some great photos on our Facebook page that show what happens to the recyclables when they get to our Material Recovery Facility.

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Mayor Andrew Judd

What are you missing?

'What Are You Missing?' Is the name of the road safety campaign to protect school students who travel by school bus to their schools. In particular, the overall aim is to provide the students with distinctive (yellow), reflective vests so they are more visible while waiting on the roadside for their bus. The initiative is the fruit of a partnership between Roadsafes Taranaki and Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS).



Warwick Smith with students wearing their safety vests who are just about to board the school bus.

On Monday October 12 it was the turn of Opunake Primary School bus students to receive their vests. Visiting the school, were Marion Webby, the Road Safety Co-ordinator, as well as Warwick Smith (STOS Maui Activity Manager) and Julie Boulton (STOS External Relations).

During the presentation of the vests Principal Lorraine Williams expressed her delight at her students being made safer. She also said, "I get very angry about some drivers." She related the case of a student who was hit by a vehicle about five years ago. "The student's legs were cut

up - requiring many operations," she related.

Warwick acknowledged the risk to students who are not optimally visible, plus the problem of drivers who do not slow down sufficiently when approaching a school bus which has stopped for students (20km/hour is the

legal limit). "That's why Maui wants to support safety with these special vests." Shell Todd have donated a considerably amount of money to the programme for the benefit of the students of many Taranaki schools.

Some of the students lined

up – proudly wearing their safety vests - and climbed aboard the school bus. They were treated to a trip around the block, courtesy of bus driver Tracey Jury of Pickering's Motors who commented. "The vests are awesome – they make a difference."

Last word goes to Jethro Campbell (aged 6) who is pleased with his new safety vest. "It's good because the person in the car can see you and where you are going so you don't get hit."



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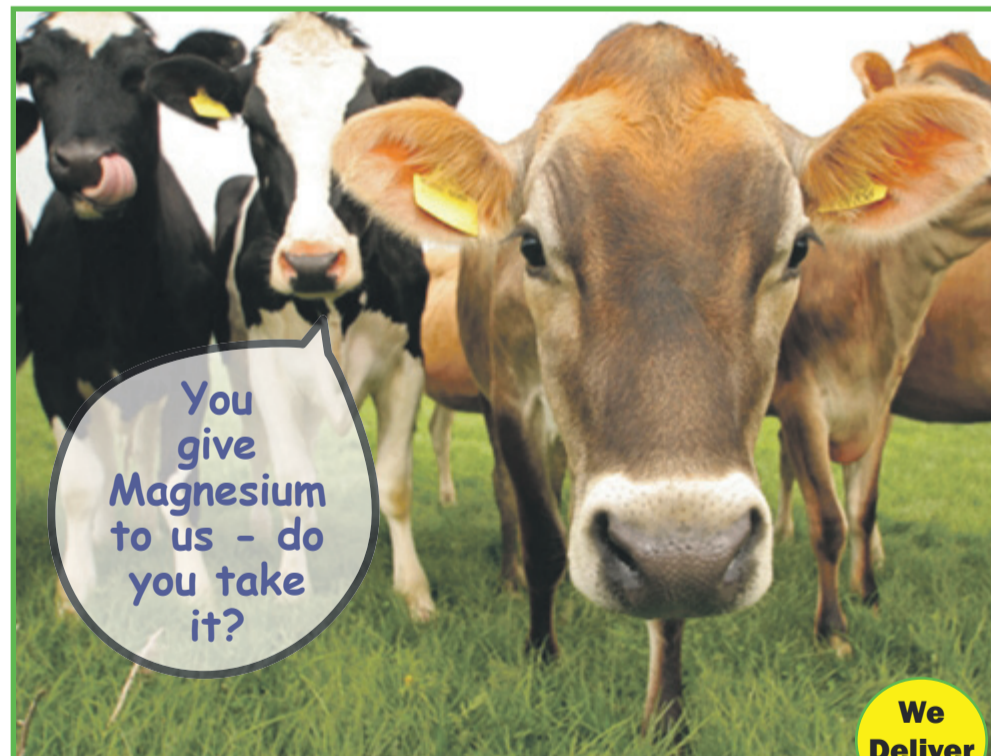
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Get real

Taranaki is not going to get new income streams unless we force the issue. So far the government's Taranaki strategy has been to ignore the people and to go for the low-hanging-fruit. The low-hanging fruit exploits the regions natural resources, oil, gas, easy land and rain.

Need to think a bit

The well-known, Harvard University, business strategist Michael Porter (whom my students love, but whom I hate) talks about the basic level of economic development. That is when a country exploits its natural endowment. The country simply profits from what it has. That is the level of strategy in Taranaki. We have never taken seriously the higher levels of economic development. If you want evidence of this read the reports from Venture Taranaki.

Shame it did not work

There has been no strategic thinking about the needs of Taranaki since Rob Muldoon. He adopted new thinking and had the ability to implement initiatives on a scale that could make a difference. Okay, so much of what he did was a disaster, but I admire his spirit. It is the spirit we need in South Taranaki. It is time we faced up to our economic plight – it is time we had some leadership and some strategic action.

Two key strategies

There are two strategic initiatives South Taranaki could adopt – rural tourism and farm conversion.



Dr Robert Shaw

Both are expensive, both are long-term, involve overseas partnerships, will only be achieved to a significant extent with government assistance, and both entail risk. This week I will focus just on rural tourism.

My friend visits

Earlier this year, I brought a Chinese colleague to a conference at Waikato University. It was a fine conference and there were many Chinese speaking people present. We visited the School of Business and began new joint ventures.

Then, we went on a tour. I showed him thermal areas, lakes, mountains and wonders of many kinds. He slept through most of it. At Tirau he was not interested in the tin sheep but did invite groups of school children to have their photograph taken with him. When I showed him our beach at Opunake he said: "Phuket is better". We easily forget that the Chinese are sophisticated and travelled.

Sheep and cows

When I drove my Chinese friend through the Forgot-

ten Highway we had to stop because we met a mob of sheep. He became excited and animated. He jumped out of the car to interview the farmer. The guy was riding a quad bike behind a small mob. Photographs were taken.

My friend asked me lots of questions about cows and did not seem to believe my answers (cows must go into a house at night). A walk towards the cows on the Opunake Walkway was the highlight of his visit to New Zealand.

Opportunity

Everything about livestock, farming and food production is of great interest to the Chinese. If there is one Chinese person like my friend, you can easily find a million others with the same interests.

The Chinese have seen volcanic activity, mountains, beaches, and lakes at home and abroad. They love their panda bear. They have no experience of agriculture, and they are vitally interested in food. This is the basis for a major industry in South Taranaki.

Rural tourism

Rural tourism or farm tourism or agri-tourism – to me they all mean pretty much the same thing. South Taranaki could make millions of dollars a year if we worked with niche tourists

from Southern China. We have good air links between Guangzhou and New Plymouth – I know, I use them. It is a two-flight trip.

South Taranaki could become the world hub for New Zealand's agri-food-tourism business. Guangzhou has 20 million people. They live in high-rise apartments and have no experience of the open country-side. We do not need to look elsewhere for our tourists.

Foods

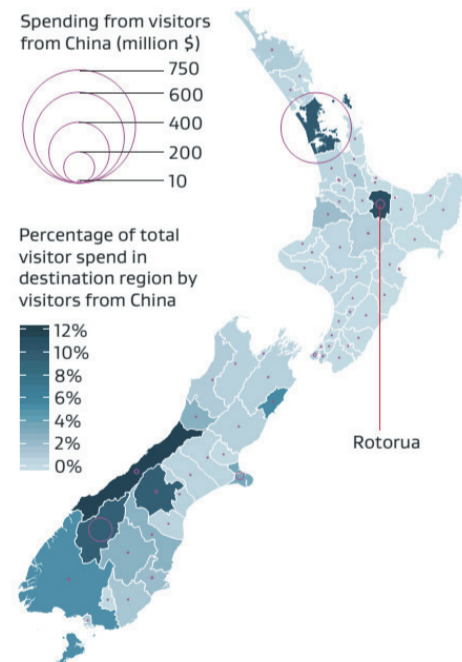
Tell a Chinese friend you have been on holiday and they will ask about the food in that place. The distinctive cuisine of a region is always a topic of extended conversation. Fresh, traditional New Zealand cuisine will be attractive. Locally produced products and dishes will be popular. The gardens where the food is grown will afford fascination, particularly if they can pick and eat some edibles. Sheep dogs and puppies could create a whole industry as do a fewer than 100 panda bears in Chengdu.

The investor theory

In theory, an investor could fund the whole thing. Marketing overseas to find such an investor is the government's strategy. It has been the government's strategy for at least twenty years.

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FIGURE 27 – RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF CHINESE VISITOR SPEND BY REGION 2014



The picture shows the relative importance of Chinese tourism in different parts of New Zealand. The circle around Queenstown is what counts for us. It indicates Chinese tourists spend \$200,000,000 a year. If they can attract the Chinese to Queenstown, we can attract them to South Taranaki. All we have to do is to create the attraction.

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BALI TRIP A GREAT EXPERIENCE

Opunake High School students returned from a busy 12 day experience in Bali 3 - 15 October. Highlights included feeding and riding elephants, holding turtles at a conservation project site and learning batik designs. A sunrise climb of Mt Batur and snorkelling amongst the tropical fish at Amed were some of the favourite activities.

Visiting the Green School in Bali, where it gives students a natural, holistic and student-centered education in one of the most amazing environments on the planet. With a vision of a natural, holistic, student-centered learning environment that empowers and inspires our students to be creative, innovative, green leaders, this demonstrated a lot of ideas that the group have been trying to implement in Opunake. An extra dimension to the trip was living in a village doing volunteer work in the area alongside locals and international volunteers.

Balinese students finished school at 12noon then returned in the afternoon for English lessons taught by the Opunake students.

“This was challenging at times but fun.” said Tianna Osborne from Kaponga. The construction volunteers helped to build a concrete block classroom at a local kindergarten, often working during the heat of the day where temperatures reached 30degrees.

Through out the trip the student were reminded by the Balinese way of life of the importance of family respect and caring for each other, as well as the joy a smile can bring.

Om shanti shanti shanti

Students that participated in the trip were:

Ayla Baldwin, Kacy Bellve, Baylie Bright, Olivia Bright, Claude Clark, Ashleigh Clement, Tara Clement, Simone Cook, Aleisha Cram, Brooke Heaps, Krysten Johnson, Kendra Langton, Taine Morgan, Tianna Osborne, Jessica Roach, Katie Sinclair under the supervision of Mr Pete Clement and Ms Andrea Hooper.



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Front Row: Bex Langton, Tiana-Vai Taamaru, Krysten Johnson, Simone Cook, Brylee Kendall, Isobelle Cook, Puanani Tahau, Oliva Bright, Tara Clement, Ashleigh Tito-Collins, Kerry Walsh

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St Joseph's Opunake Agriculture day Results

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liam Hurley 4th. Rearing. Eden Lark 1st, Tiana-Mae Mullin-James 2nd, Kobe Lark 3rd, Sophie Gatenby 4th. Calling. Maddi Goodchap 1st, Ava Goodchap 2nd, Tiana-Mae Mullin-James 3rd, Eden Lark 4th. Fastest Drinker. Melah Sinclair 1st, Tiana-Mae Mullin-James 2nd, Jaylah Drought 3rd, Sophie Gatenby 4th. **Lamb Senior.** Leading. Danielle Kidd 1st, Liam Kidd 2nd, Annaliese Hurley 3rd, Andrew Lawn 4th. Rearing. Hayley Quinnell 1st, Macy Sinclair 2nd, Cameron Quinnell 3rd, Andrew Lawn 4th. Calling. Cameron Quinnell 1st, Scott Quinnell 2nd, Hayley Quinnell 3rd, Danielle Kidd 4th. Fastest Drinker, Macy Sinclair 1st, Jerram Sinclair 2nd, Breckyn Drought 3rd, Alika Hunn 4th.



Seven year old Grace Clough and her calf won Champion Junior calf at St Josephs Opunake

Trophy winners 2015. Quinnell Cup Junior Leading, Grace Clough. PJ O'Hanlon Cup Senior Leading, Matthew O'Rorke. Margy Radford Cup Junior Champion Calf Grace Clough. Mullin Family Cup Junior Res Champion Calf Toby O'Rorke. Francis Mullan Cup Senior Champion Calf Matthew O'Rorke. Mont Hickey Memorial Cup Senior Res Champion Calf Tayne Clark. Feaver Family Cup Supreme Champion Calf Matthew O'Rorke. LIC Most Loved Pet - Mackenzie Gatenby. Grace Cup Champion Junior Lamb Ava Goodchap. Gatenby Family Cup Champion Senior Lamb Hayley Quinnell. Kidd Family Cup Supreme Champion Lamb Hayley Quinnell.



Well done team! Matthew O'Rorke is congratulated by Judge Tony Luckin Matthew and his beautiful calf Ash won Supreme Champion calf at St Joseph's Opunake

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Strong Black Sticks sides named for Oceania Cup

Black Sticks Women's head coach Mark Hager has named a strong team to compete at the Oceania Cup in Stratford this week. The Oceania Cup will see the Black Sticks Women and Men take on Australia, Fiji and Samoa. The tournament doubles as an Olympic qualifier, and despite both the New Zealand and Australia women having already qualified, valuable world ranking points are on the line. The Black Sticks are fresh off their South Island tour where they drew the series 2-2 with world number three Argentina.

Several key names return to the mix after missing the recent series including influential midfielder Stacey Michelsen, goalkeeper Sally Rutherford, Ford National Hockey League MVP Brooke Neal, Ella Gunson and Jordan Grant. Auckland striker Charlotte Harrison and North Harbour defender Kat Henry have both earned a place in the side based on their recent performances. Emily Naylor was ruled out through injury, while Kayla Whitelock is not quite back at full fitness and Gemma Flynn is unavailable for personal reasons.

Coach Hager said it's a strong group brimming with speed, and the tournament is the perfect way to continue preparations for December's FIH World League Final in Rosario, Argentina. "This is a critical tournament for us - we need to perform well and make sure we achieve our targets and secure world ranking points," Hager said. "We've named the strongest team we have based on form and availability, with all these players having performed well during the Ford National Hockey League and Argentina series. "It's a great opportunity for us to view players on the international stage in preparation for the World League Final which is just two months away." Meanwhile, the Oceania Cup is all or nothing for the Black Sticks Men who need to beat world champions Australia and win the tournament to book a spot at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The Men's team head coach Colin Batch has named a talented group for the Oceania Cup. Headlining the announcement is the selection of debutant



The Black Sticks are playing in the Oceania Cup in Stratford this weekend

Midlands striker Leo Mitai-Wells who is expected to add a spark up front for the men in black. The 20-year-old impressed during the recent Ford National Hockey League and has been training with the Black Sticks squad all year. "Leo is a physically strong and very hard working player who will give us a point of difference in the attacking half," Batch said. "He has been training with us all year and while it's his first opportunity to play for New Zealand, he certainly

understands every part of our game plan and won't be fazed by the occasion." Capital striker Stephen Jenness has also earned a recall after missing out during the recent South Island Tour against India, and will add another scoring threat for the Kiwis. It's a strong goalkeeping unit with in-form veteran Kyle Pontifex joined by Devon Manchester. The Black Sticks lost the four test series against India with a record of one win, two losses and a draw,

but improved every game and put on show their best team effort in the final test. Batch knows the stakes are high, but believes his team is ready to face up to the most important fixture under his coaching reign. "We're not fearing the importance of this event - we need to embrace it and aim to achieve our best performance of the year. "We are looking forward to the challenge and are confident we have what it takes as a group to pull this off."

Let's become wealthy - Agri-tourism strategy

Continued from page 10.

I know this because I was once involved. However, it is highly unlikely that we will find an investor for a new enterprise in South Taranaki, and any investment we do get will not necessarily be in the full interests of

Taranaki (witness oil and gas).

Council initiative

The South Taranaki District Council could form a task force (perhaps best for this sort of work is a special purpose council committee, with co-opted people) to drive the development. A

way to ensure progress is to put this project into the chief executive's performance agreement, and make half his annual bonus depend on progress.

All this actually needs to make it happen is seven votes at the council table. Do we have the leadership necessary to bring economic development to fore and to set the wheels in motion?

Negotiate support

If STDC began such a project, central government would be obliged to assist, given the recent rhetoric of Minister Joyce about the needs of the regions. Joyce said the plan was to "build on each region's strengths and attract new investment". That will be insufficient to lift Taranaki, but I do believe the Government is genuine in its desire to support regional development. They just need us to show them how.

Robert Shaw

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Agri-tourism on the Opunake Walkway. This was as close as my friend would go to cows. When they made a little noise he said "they are getting angry". Agri-tourism is a terrific opportunity for South Taranaki. We are just two flights from Guangzhou, which has a population of 20 million people.

Lions Club look to comfort for abused children

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

Kim Clement, of Stratford, who established the Tedz Project appealed for

donations of soft toys, blankets, torches, notebooks and pens. These could be used for kits to give to abused children who are undergoing forensic examinations or medical tests before a court hearing.

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Batman looking forward to first challenge

Having defeated one Monty, James Langton is set to take on another. Back in June, Opunake dairy farmer James (Batman) Langton took out the New Zealand Boxing Federation cruiserweight title by defeating Monty Filimaea in

front of a home town crowd at the Coastal Rumble. On November 3, he will defend his title at the Sky City Casino in Auckland against Monty Betham. Betham has become a household name as a boxer, rugby league player and

media personality. Now he wants to add James' title to his CV. James is determined this is not going to happen. "I just want to beat this guy up," James said. "I want to smash him in the face. He's been right on my back to beat me, to go from 400th

in the world to the top 100, on the strength of beating me. He's been going on about how he used to wear his dad's New Zealand championship belt around the house and wants to follow in his father's footsteps. Good luck to him, but he's not going to get it off me."

Facing his first title challenge may however mean approaching the fight differently to how he has approached some of his earlier bouts. "In a lot of my fights I would go out and beat the guy up. It may not be pretty, but it's exciting and reckless. With Monty Betham I'll need to be disciplined and controlled." Among those helping him prepare for the rumble is Waitara boxer Keiran Toa who fought on the undercard at the Coastal Rumble when James took out the cruiserweight title. Also providing sparring support is a boxer chosen because he adopts a similar fighting style to Monty Betham.

"I searched the country for this one particular guy," James said. "A win like this opens up more doors, so I'm leaving nothing to chance. I've been working with my coach Steve Hartley and fitness coach Paul Williams, and both have got me to the stage where I'm very comfortable and at ease with doing 10 rounds. I'm a hundred per cent sure I'm in the right space mentally, and physically

I'm in the best shape of my life to beat Monty Betham." So far 2015 has been a good year for James Langton's boxing career.

As well as becoming a New Zealand champion, he has seen his world ranking climb from 900th to 119th. "My goal at the start of the year was to get down to 350, and I've exceeded that. I want to stay at 119th for the rest of the year, and have another big year next year to try to break into the top 50 in the world and go from there." The fight will be televised live and is likely to attract viewers in Australia as well as New Zealand.

As well as the Langton/Betham fight, some of the best boxers in the country will also be taking part. "I thought I would be nervous three weeks out, but I'm feeling relaxed that the preparation's been done," James said. "There's so much work that goes on behind the scenes that nobody knows about."

He said he particularly appreciated the work of his wife Kelly, his sparring partners, his new manager Ashley Smith, and members of the Opunake community, many of whom would be going up to Auckland to support him on November 3.



James (Batman) Langton will defend his title at the Sky City Casino in Auckland against Monty Betham.

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Having a large studio space has been a bonus in my photography career but it's time for a change. With the advent of various art trails happening around Taranaki, and my own involvement in the Oakura Art Trail, I felt the time was right to make

the space more eclectic. The space is free to artists who wish to exhibit for a couple of weeks after our opening for the garden festivals from Labour Day October 26 to November 8. Appointment ph. 067527807 faylooney@xtra.co.nz. Once the Festival is over I am open to ideas. My Front Paddock exhibition last year (Art Grazing) was super successful. This year it has grown with the added bonus of local Oakura artist Shannon Novak's 'Medley Installation' (Music is in everything), previously shown on Mataitai Headland, Waiheke. I feel privileged to have this work and a selection of Shannon's canvas works for the opening of this new venture. For my publicity shoot, Two Left Feet Productions

(Raeleen and Linda McFetridge's talented group), after their performance at the local Taranaki wearable art show, appeared in these fabulous skirts to match our clouds and celebrate this new venture. Well known Taranaki artist Lester Earl has produced a series of vibrant paintings for the exhibition. Waverley artist Jimi Walsh has graced my garden with his intriguing sculptures, and his wife Lisa has a number of her stunning glass creations in the studio. Renowned stone sculptor Renate Verbrugge is also exhibiting. Local Oakura Artists who are also part of the Oakura art trail, ceramic artist Linda Barbour, painter Kris White and glass artist Richard Landers have a taste of their work on show.

All of the Oakura Art Trail artists work is being shown during the garden festival at Korver Molloy Gallery Tataraimaika. (www.korvermolloy.com). My own exhibition material is work using acrylic printing plus some traditional canvases and my range of well known New Zealand and Taranaki books cards and posters. Koru On Koru (on the site of the original Koru post office) is a place of interest(No. 57 in the Taranaki Fringe Garden festival programme), adjacent to my sister in law Maureen Looney's historic garden(No.56 in the Fringe Programme).Maureen's wonderful garden is the ancestral home farm of the original Julian family, who arrived in the late 1800s
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Beachy feel to Opunake garden

Robyn Chard believes she has the ideal location for a garden. "I love being able to see the mountain and the sea when I'm out in the garden," she says. "What more can you want?" Her and husband Dennis' garden at the bottom of Napier Street, Opunake will again be open to the public for this year's Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival. They have been on Napier Street for the last 10 years. "The garden just developed over time," Robyn said. "There was nothing when we first came here." She is no stranger to gardens and things floral. For the last 7-8 years she has owned Fabulous Flowers, a business which she says complements her garden interests. The Chards also run a bed and breakfast, and most of their guests have commented favourably on her garden, she says. Before their shift to Opunake, the Chards were farming in Waiteika Road. Back then, her garden had also showed at the garden festivals. "The garden at Waiteika Road had uneven ground, while here it's flatter with straighter edges. It was colder, so succulents wouldn't grow." As befitting her garden's coastal location, she aims



Robyn with a stunning living driftwood sculpture

for a beachy feel, with several structures made from local beach driftwood. "You try to get a variety of plants, while being aware they have to grow in salt-laden wind. You are always battling with the elements, so you aim for wind tolerant plants," she said. Having the garden open for the festival also provides a chance to showcase

her mosaics, an interest which has grabbed her in the past year or so. So far things appear to be auguring well for the festival. The winter had been wetter than usual, but this had been good for the garden. Strong winds had battered some of the new soft growth on the leaves of the roses, but things are looking brighter now, Robyn said.

"Some things are flowering now that normally don't flower till later, and some that flower earlier are flowering now. It's very unpredictable." She has always loved gardening. "It's relaxing, enjoyable and quite social. Lots of people pass by here and talk. I wouldn't do it if I didn't enjoy it."

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Gault promises night of *Home Made* fun and fine fare

Celebrity chef Simon Gault wants to teach people to cook like rock stars.



Simon Gault

That's one of his aims for a foodie's night of entertainment as part of the Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular on October 31. He promises his New Plymouth cooking event, *Home Made*, will be fun and doable. "Chefs like to show off but nobody goes home and cooks," Gault wants people to enjoy themselves, then be keen to have a go in their own kitchens.

"I'm going to tell stories of my experience of cooking overseas and the interesting people I have cooked for," he says. "I'll also pull someone out of the audience to have a cooking competition with me. People always seem to

enjoy seeing me beaten." That may be because of his five-season television stint fronting *Masterchef New Zealand* and his starring role in hit series *Chef on a Mission*. He is the author of four best-selling cookbooks. Also, he has been a restaurateur and executive chef to a collection of multi-award winning restaurants, including Euro Bar and Restaurant in Auckland.

"My cooking demonstration will show people tips that will make them cook like rock stars without having to pay the earth." He believes in healthy eating and using the best ingredients available. "I find products that are fresh and beautiful and let them do the talking

on the plate. Food from the garden – that's always best." Garden festival manager Lisa Ekdahl says Gault has proved himself to be an innovator, a pioneer and a leader in his field. "He's won many awards, including Outstanding Hospitality Personality of the Year and most recently named as the Entrepreneur of the Year she says. "Simon is an outstanding entertainer and he wants to make sure everybody in the audience has a great time. People will also get a glass of champagne and a goodie bag." Home Made with Simon Gault is on at 7pm on October 31 in the Theatre Royal, TSB Showplace, New Plymouth.

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Here are some of the fun learning opportunities that we have provided for our tamariki at Kindergarten recently:

- * Special men in our life night tea.
- * Filipino Week
- * Swiss Week
- * Book Week
- * Wheels Week
- * Colour Week
- * School Transition visits
- * Rumpus Room Trip



Growing our Children

Opunake Kindergarten invites you to the **TARANAKI FRINGE GARDEN FESTIVAL**

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**10am - 4pm SATURDAY 31st
OCTOBER - SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER**

A large veggie garden, composting, firebricks, water recycling, worm farm, a mini petting zoo and a fernery are just some of the exciting things happening at our innovative kindergarten.

Artist Claire Jensen will also be displaying some of her art work. The hill the children are watching the stage from was made using recycled material and the children were involved in the planting of the native plants. The stage area provides opportunities for children to develop their confidence and to get on the stage and perform for their peers.

Sustainability and Environment

We encourage our tamariki to explore, discover & experiment in the natural environment making connection to the whenua. Using sustainable practices is woven through our curriculum. Once a term we visit Middleton's Bay to pick up rubbish and collect seaweed for our garden. We are excited that we are part of the Enviro Schools Programme along with Opunake High School.



The children watch Skyler, Mia and Amelia perform on the newly erected outdoor stage.



The children feeding Lucy the rabbit some of the silverbeet from our kindy garden.



Rose and Mclayne enjoying our new mud pit

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Oakura Arts Trail again provides extra treat for festival goers

The Oakura Arts Trail will be held again for two weekends this year on October 31-November 1, and November 7-8. This very popular arts trail coincides with the Taranaki Garden Festival and gives visitors and locals the opportunity to visit artists in their studios and homes.

Deborah Hoare is one of the painters in the group and she will be exhibiting her original paintings and prints from her studio on Koru Road. The New Zealand landscape provides the inspiration for her detailed contemporary landscapes. She uses realism to capture the sense of being there.

The other artists that will have their studios open are Richard Landers, Kris White, Susan Imhasly, Linda Barbour, Margaret Scott, Brenda Cash, Linda McFeteridge, Amanda Crehan, Rosie Moyes, Deborah French, Korver Molloy Gallery and Ringcraft Moana.

Many of the artists offer workshops at this time for all ages, and others will be happy to demonstrate their techniques. Some of these artists have international and national recognition. An ad-



Deborah Hoare with her paintings.

dition to the arts trail this year, and a place of interest is a collection of works by Michael Smithers. These can be viewed at his daughter's home on Ahu Ahu Road. The other place of interest is the Crafty Fox Gift Gallery in the centre of the Oakura Village.

There will be an exhibition of all the artists involved in

the Arts Trail at the Korver Molloy Gallery, which is situated in the old Okato Cheese Factory at Tataraimaika on Highway 45.

Brochures for the trail can be found at all studios, the information centre and on the notice board next to the Chemist. Look out for the large yellow and blue flags which will help to guide you

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Gardens all go during busy festival

Taranaki's three regional gardens, Tupare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens, are gearing up for a busy time during the Powerco Taranaki Spectacular.

The festival runs from October 30 to November 8, and events at the three gardens will include free daily guided walks and tours, exhibitions and displays, live music, public talks and workshops and a book launch.

"There's something for everybody," says Greg Rine, regional gardens manager for the Taranaki Regional Council, which owns and administers Tupare, Pukeiti and Hollards on behalf of the people of the region.

"We're excited at the variety of activities planned, and the gardens are looking fantastic."

Founders Café at Pukeiti will be open every day of the festival, and refreshments will also be available at the Hollard Centre at Hollard Gardens.

Guided walks and tours
Pukeiti - 11am and 2pm daily.

Tupare garden - 11am daily.

Tupare house - half-hourly daily from 10am to 12.30pm.

Hollard Gardens - 2pm daily.

Chapman Taylor tours (Tupare, Wilkinson's Castle and Plas Mawr) - October 30 and November 6, noon-6pm. \$85, book at festival

office, ph 06 759 8412.

Exhibitions and displays
Tupare Gardener's Cottage - Symphony in Blue: A micro-photography exhibition by Tara Jahn-Werner featuring Tupare's renowned hydrangeas. "The hydrangeas at Tupare definitely have different temperaments," she says. "Sometimes they seem introspective and moody, other times outright extrovert."

Tupare house - Fabric exhibition: An exhibition of fabric samples from Sanderson and William Morris, once commonly found in homes such as Tupare and other Chapman Taylor properties. Kindly supplied by Creative Curtains & Interiors, New Plymouth

Pukeiti Rata Room (below Founders Café) - floral exhibition.

Public talks and workshops

Tupare cottage, Saturday October 31, 2pm - Tara Jahn-Werner opens/presents her Symphony in Blue exhibition.

Pukeiti Rata Room, Sunday November 1 and Sunday November 8, 1pm - Greg Rine, TRC Regional Gardens Manager, speaks about 'the Pukeiti journey'.

Hollard Gardens, Sunday November 1, 11am-12.30pm - 'Abundant vegie patch' workshop with permaculture designer Kath Irvine. Book at festival office, ph 06 759

8412.

Live music
Tupare tennis court, Saturday October 31 and Sunday November 1, 10am-4pm - Performances by the New Plymouth String Orchestra.

Book launch
Pukeiti Rata Room, Saturday October 31, 1pm - Launch of 'Big-Leaf Rhododendrons', by Graham Smith and Glyn Church. Authors in attendance. This book explains how these amazing plants were discovered, provides practical tips on propagation and cultivation, and looks at conservation in the garden situation as well as in the wild.

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Cliff Top Garden a sight to behold – despite vandals!

One of the Fringe Festival gardens well worth a look is the Cliff Top Garden on the Opunake Walkway. (Number 66 in the official booklet). It can be located off Bowen Crescent. If you head towards the clifftop car park just north of Opunake Beach you'll see an orange sign 'Walkway' and attached below a smaller sign 'Cliff Top Garden'.



Jen Trolove and daughter Sally.

The garden was set up by volunteers following an idea of local woman Heather Cormack. Rose Ratahi and others have had a lot to do with it, as well as countless others over the last three or so years. Les Ratahi keeps the lawn area trimmed.

Busy gardening on Friday October 9 was Jen Trolove and her daughter Sally (who was visiting from Auckland). "I just really enjoy it because

you are always meeting people. If you come here you'll always come across people and half a dozen dogs," said Jen.

Ian Baker has contributed by creating some attrac-

tive stonework for a drinking fountain and a handy basin arrangement for dogs to drink from – which gets plenty of use by thirsty dogs. Sadly this has been recently vandalised – the basin has

been smashed. It looks as if a rock has been dropped on it. This has caused much upset and anger. "I'd like to wring their bloody necks," said one volunteer who pointed out that the broken basin will

be hard to replace.

At present the garden is a blaze of colour from a very wide selection of plants and shrubs, both native and exotic. To mention just a sample, there are various succulents like the Aloe (made famous by Katherine Mansfield), Californian Poppies, Rosemary, Cinerarias, various wallflowers, flaxes, herbs, geraniums & pelargoniums, as well as Cannas, Taupata, Norfolk Island Hibiscus, gazanias - basically you name it and it's probably there. There are even the occasional fruit trees such as Feijoa and citrus. The garden is bounded on the north side by an Escollonia hedge, which will eventually provide shelter from the prevailing wind. Barry Gopperth provided logs of a useful length which helps define the paths. These were taken from some ki-

wifruit trees he removed recently from his Pihama property. Some logs are said to be sprouting, which should be interesting.

The Committee has welcomed the plants which have been dropped off at various times from people such as Jim Barr. However, of even more use at present would be some donations of 'all purpose' fertiliser and blood & bone to help feed the plants. You can phone Jen Trolove on 06 761 8998 or Rose Ratahi on 06 761 8809 if you can help in this way or can volunteer to help.

Meanwhile, come down and have a look – you won't be disappointed. "Every time you come there is a different colour scheme – red, blue or patchwork – it constantly changes," says Jen Trolove with a smile.

Plants thrive amidst peace and restoration

In the Bible, the word Shalom means total peace and restoration. It is also the

name of the Manaia garden which Annette and Gary Higgs are showing in this

year's Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival.

The Higgs, who also run the Kaipii Plant Nursery are both Wanganui-born, and shifted to Manaia from Whangarei three years ago.

"Whangarei was getting more like Auckland," Annette said. "We came out to Manaia and we liked the rural feel out here. The people in Manaia are awesome. They are so friendly and helpful. We have a lot of older people who just pop in

and have a chat."

A lot has happened here in three years.

"When we came here, this site was just a paddock with sheep in," Annette said.

In Whangarei, she and Gary had had a garden makeover business, but as they got older, heavier work like pruning became more physically demanding. Starting up the plant nursery seemed a logical way to wind down, but still carry on indulging their love of plants.

The garden and the nursery complement each other.

"Very seldom would we buy anything in," Annette said. Instead they propagate plants from their garden to sell in the nursery. No chemicals are used.

Often customers ask about plants on sale in the nursery, and Annette or Gary can then direct them to what the finished product should look like, growing in their garden nearby.

"We won't sell anything that doesn't grow well here," Annette said.

Last year was their first time in the Fringe Festival, and 600 people came through in 10 days.

"The people who came in here were awesome," Annie said. "We met such neat people. They said they liked the smell of the cattle and the rural feel. A lot stayed for picnics."

Among the surprise attractions was Gary's manicured

vegetable garden. This year visitors can expect two gardens that weren't there last year. A lot of the flowers seem to be flowering earlier this year as well.

"Each year is a work in progress," Annette said.



The Higgs garden at Manaia.

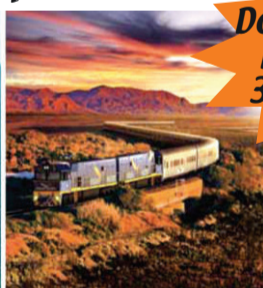
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There from the start

Jenny and Guy Oakley have had their garden in the Powerco Taranaki Garden Festival right from when it first started 28 years ago. They have not missed a year.

“When the festival first started, people used to rush around to see as many gardens as they could,” Jenny said. “Now they take their time. It always surprises me how far they come, and how organised they are. They get a whole bunch of friends together and come for several days.”

Their Lower Normanby Road garden near Manaia gets 1300-1500 visitors every year, meaning they have about five helpers on board each day of the festival.

Among the festival goers are a growing number of foreign visitors, particularly Australians and Americans.

“Japanese visitors are crazy about the petals from the cherry tree,” Jenny said. “People like to see flowers, so I like to make a big effort to have plenty of flowers as they are good for the soul and make people happy.”

The tennis court is used as a display and sales area for plants.

Visitors can partake of tea or coffee, and there are picnic tables and chairs for those wishing to spend more time soaking in the surroundings.

Jenny brings a great deal of gardening knowledge and experience to her garden.

This includes a B.Hort from Massey, and experience with beautification work at the Ellerslie Flower Show.

In 2000, she went to England where she worked in garden centres demonstrating container baskets. Back in New Zealand she decided to develop this further, and her hanging basket workshops have become a regular part of the Powerco Festival.

She points out her xerone-mas, or Poor Knights Lilies, a frost tender plant of which there were very few still in the wild when she was first given some 30 years ago. Since then, however, they have become more freely available.

“They are difficult to grow, so I make a special effort to

make them look good for the festival,” Jenny said.

Like many of the festival gardens, being near the coast means continually having to deal with salt laden winds.

“Hedges and shelter are the big thing. You can grow anything if you have got the shelter,” Jenny said. “We are so lucky that we have such beautiful soil.”

The March 2012 weather bomb which devastated much of the South Taranaki coast played havoc with their westerly shelter, but didn't stop them entering the festival later that year.

“I reckon it took three months to clean up the rubbish,” Jenny said.



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8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

8 WEEK BLOCK LATIN, BALLROOM & MODERN JIVE DANCE CLASSES

12 Oct - 3 Dec, Opunake Town Hall every Mon, Hawera Presbyterian Centre every Tues, Avon School Hall, Stratford every Thursday

PERCY THOMSON GALLERY

Embroiderers Biennial Exhibition. October 17 - November 8. Join us for the opening

Saturday October 17 at 2pm. Refer advert.

STONY RIVER HOTEL OKATO

Friday 23 October - Austrian Independence Day with Live Music from "The Alpine Connection" and Friends. Mouth Watering Austrian Specials and Paulaner Beer

Saturday 7th Nov Guy Fawkes Quiz night

Open during Garden Fringe for Lunch EVERYDAY from 30th October to 8th November

ST MARYS UNDER THE MOUNTAIN ARTS & CRAFTS EVENT

Saturday October 24, Labour Weekend, 9am to 3pm, held at school grounds. Refer advert.

MUSO SUNDAY SESSION

October 25 at The Rahotu Tavern. 2-6pm. A great way to spend a lazy Sunday!

THE VILLAGE GALLERY ELTHAM

Ackworth Art Antics Exhibition finishes on Friday 23rd October at 3pm

Pots n Pictures, an Exhibition by The Shed Sheilas, will run from 26 October to 20 November.

Interested members of the public are invited to join gallery members and supporters at the Exhibition Opening on Monday 26 October at 2pm at the Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham.

HAWERA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CALF AND LAMB DAY

Wednesday 28th October, 10am - 2pm, 466 South Rd, Hawera.

THE OPUNAKE COTTAGE REST HOME

A.G.M. 29th of October at 7 pm in the St Pauls Church Hall, all interested people are welcome to attend.

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At Opunake High School Hall, Opunake. Thursday 29th October 2015 @ 7p.m.

Friday 30th October 2015 @ 1p.m. & 7p.m. Refer advert.

TARANAKI NATIONAL ART AWARDS

Friday 30 October - 7 November.

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSN. MARKET DAY

Saturday October 31st, 9am to 12.30pm. Refer advert.

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PIHAMA HALL SOCIETY

A.G.M. at Pihama Hall, Monday 2 November 2015 at 7.30pm All welcome

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2015-26 Season Registration Day. Saturday 7 Nov, 9am - 12 noon. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE SURF LIFESAVING CLUB OPEN DAY

Sunday 8th November 10am - 2pm. All welcome.

STONY RIVER HOTEL

Guy Fawkes Quiz Evening - November 7, bookings essential.

OPUNAKE GOLF CLUB AGM

to be held at the Clubhouse, Namu Rd, at 7.30pm on the 9th November

EGMONT COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL A.G.M.

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

ARAHU NETBALL CLUB

A.G.M 7pm Sunday, 15 November at Sandfords Event Centre

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will be having a Working Bee on November 21. Contact: Patsy 027 631 4768. Refer ad.

OPUNAKE COTTAGE RESTHOME

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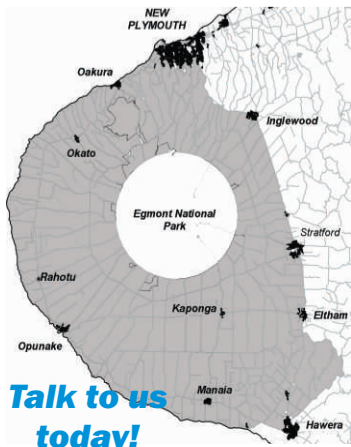


Jade simons bottled feeding the pet lambs

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We will also be open the weekend of Oct 31st and Nov 1st and the following weekend 7th & 8th November.

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Ian Wickham and his electric car which will be making an appearance at Opunake's Market Day.

Rolling through the years on Market Day

Past, present and future will be celebrated at this year's Opunake Market Day on October 31. With the town

celebrating its 150th anniversary, the Opunake and District Business Association is encouraging marketgoers to

dress up in period costume. In a salute to the future, they will also have the chance to auction for one of three places for a ride in an electric car, with the proceeds going to the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter.

"It's an iPad on wheels," car owner Ian Wickham of Inglewood said. "The tyres and the wheels are the main things that need servicing. With no belts, chains or reciprocating parts, there's virtually no maintenance. It's designed to last a million miles, so it will probably see me out."

Ian said he picked up his Tesla Model S P85D from Australia after ordering it on the net. Tesla, which specialises in plug in, battery powered, electric cars has no dealers or sales people. They have yet to establish a presence in New Zealand, and

their nearest service centre is in Sydney.

"It's the best car I could find in the world on pretty much every level, though not the cheapest," he said. They retail in the range of US\$70,000-\$130,000.

"They are very popular because they have no emissions at all. It's probably the best car for any conditions, whether ice, snow or desert."

Made in the United States, they have proved popular there, in Europe and in China. In Norway, a country with a similar sized population to New Zealand, they account for 20 per cent of new car sales.

The car is powered by an 85 kWh battery.

"It's a bit like having a cell-phone. You plug it in before you go to sleep, and you wake up with a full tank of petrol so to speak," Ian said.

Shaun Luttrell will be auctioning the seats between 11.30am and midday. At about the same time, as befitting the day also being Halloween, the winners of the pumpkin decorating competition will be announced.

There will also be quad bikes courtesy of Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre, and busker Bill Clarke will be in town singing the blues.

Opunake Business Association president Alison Hayward said another possibility being looked at was getting award winning inventor Ayla Hutchinson, designer of the kindling cracker to be at the Market Day.

Market Day will also see the launch of the Opunake and District Business Association's celebrating 150 years draw, where customers spending \$15 or more at one of the participating Opunake Business Association members will get a ticket to go into a draw for vouchers they can spend at these businesses.

The draw goes through to November 19, with winners being announced at 11.30 am on November 20.

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Cuddly animals sought for Stratford Show

As the Stratford A & P committee build up to their big annual show in November, they are seeking cuddly animals for one of the popular exhibits – McDonalds Farm Barn.

The Farm Barn has been a magnet for young children at the show for about 20 years. It features a wide range of animals that kids can look at, pat or cuddle. Animals have included chickens, ducklings, lambs, piglets, calves, miniature horses, kid goats, and even rats and turtles, and bigger animals such as highland cattle and alpacas.

The Farm Barn was in a marquee for some years, but as it grew in popularity the committee moved it indoors to a dedicated building.

This year they are extending the building to house even more animals.

Show secretary Christine Hughes said the small animals are quite a draw card.

“It’s a fascinating place, especially for many of the town kids,” she said.

“Thousands of youngsters enjoy the hands-on experience every year and we are now seeking small animals we can borrow to put on show, anything considered.”

She said last year 15,000 people passed through the gate to visit the show and numbers have been growing every year.

The emphasis of the show is on families, and this year there will be many special attractions for children, including performing dogs, games and a dedicated area for kids.

The show opens on Saturday November 28, Saturday and Sunday are the main show days, with sideshows, rural animal competitions, trade displays and special attractions still being planned.

Anyone with animals they can lend for McDonalds Farm Barn can contact Christine on 06 7656173.



Looking for cuddly animals for this years A & P Show in Stratford.

Free entry to Hawera A and P Show

Association President, Wayne Bigham, has announced that visitors to the 2015 Hawera Auto Court Egmont A and P Show would be treated to free entry.

“This offer has been made possible thanks to a partnership between the Egmont A and P Association, South Taranaki District Council and the TSB Community Trust,” says Mr Bigham.

“We wanted to do something positive to demonstrate our support of our rural community and businesses that have been adversely affected by the low dairy pay out and storms earlier this year. I’m absolutely thrilled with the support the Council and TSB Community Trust have given us. The free entry is something that everyone in the community can take advantage of and also presents an opportunity to show off our rural community and local businesses,” he says.

This year the Show, which historically has run over Friday/Saturday, has changed to run on Saturday 21 and Sunday November 22.

“I expect with the free entry and change to Saturday/Sunday, set in the magnificent Egmont Showground’s, we’ll see a bonanza turnout which will have a positive spin off for the trade exhibitors at the Show,” says Mr Bigham.

The farming community have been staunch and loyal supporters of both the show and the Association since its inception in 1883, says Big-

ham. This support continues strongly today, demonstrated by the fact that this event, now in its 132nd year, has over 100 sponsors.

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<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Pan Action & Adventure, Sci-fi & Fantasy - PG 1hr 51mins The story of an orphan who is spirited away to the magical Neverland. There, he finds both fun and dangers, and ultimately discovers his destiny -- to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan. Friday 23rd October 7pm Saturday 24th October 1pm</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Blinky Bill Animation, Adventure - 91min G An adventurous young koala embarks on a journey across the wild and dangerous Australian outback in the hope of finding his missing father, but he soon discovers that there is more to being a hero than meets the eye. Saturday 31st October 1pm</p> </div>
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Born to Dance Action, Sport PG 1hr 36mins A New Zealand feature film. Coming of age tale told through the eyes of 'Tu', an ambitious young man from Auckland who dreams of being a professional hip-hop dancer. Saturday 24th October 7pm Sunday 25th October 7pm Saturday 31st October 7pm</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>The Intern Comedy - PG13 2hr 1min A retired successful business owner and widower lands an internship at a fashion website run by a young, career-driven woman. Friday 30th October 7pm Sunday 1st November 7pm Saturday 7th November 7pm</p> </div>
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>The Martian PG-13 144mins Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity, wit and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. Friday 6th November 7pm Saturday 8th November 7pm</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Pixels PG-13 106 min Action, Comedy, Sci-Fi When aliens misinterpret video feeds of classic arcade games as a declaration of war, they attack the Earth in the form of the video games. Saturday 7th November 1pm Friday 13th November 7pm Saturday 21st November 7pm</p> </div>

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 October Pan 7pm	24 October Pan 1pm Born to Dance 7pm	25 October Born to Dance 7pm
30 October The Intern 7pm	31 October Blinky Bill 1pm Born to Dance 7pm	1 November The Intern 7pm
6 November The Martian 7pm	7 November Pixels 1pm The intern 7pm	8 November The Martian 7pm

Embroiderer's paradise at Percy Thomson Gallery

The official opening of the latest exhibition at Stratford's Percy Thomson Gallery was well attended. It features the Manawatu, Whanganui, and Taranaki Embroidery Guilds Regional Exhibition of Embroiderers. The work is breath-taking in its scope and intricate creativity. The exhibition runs until Sunday November 8. As Maree Wilson, curator said, on display was, "Some very beautiful works showing a wide range of skill."

The award-winning guest exhibitor was well known embroiderer Jenny Hunter, who gave a wide ranging speech. She also had a selection of eight of her own works on display, featuring the Celtic tradition. The works were inspired by the arts and patterns from lost civilisations,



Jorja Eldershaw, 'Rocky Path under the Sea' - Winner Young Persons Junior.

with the emphasis on Celts from Central Europe dating from 800 BC, stretching from Ireland to Turkey. "Each of the works is a celebration of



Rebecca Mainwaring 'Perseverance' - Winner Young Persons Senior

Celtic culture – intricate knotwork, aristocratic adornment and mystical spirituality. Surface stitchery, applique and machine quilting are the main

techniques, overlaid with a multitude of threads, couching, beads and spangles," Jenny Hunter explained.

There were several categories which included Open Creative "I Can Imagine It," Framed Work – Original, Framed Work – Kitsets, Traditional – Original, Traditional Kitsets, Dimensional Embroidery, as well as Young Persons – Junior, Young Persons – Intermediate and Young Persons – Senior.

Winner of the Open Creative category was Sandra Hall with 'Imagine What I Found among my Souvenirs' (Hand stitching and embroidery). The Framed Work – Original was won by Glenys Jackson with 'Mum Always Had Flowers in Her Garden' (Layering, surface stitchery). Diane Lithgow was awarded first place in the Framed Work – Kitsets category with 'Amazing Greys' (Needlepoint, beading techniques). The Traditional

Original category was won by Jean Arnott with 'Ukrainian Whitework Existed When I was Young'. (Ukrainian whitework). Sophia Willis' 'Nostalgia' (Drawn threadwork tablecloth on inherited linen fabric with commercial and handyed cotton) won the Traditional Kitsets category.

The final adult category was won by Judith Balchin with 'The Walrus and the Carpenter' (Felting, machine and hand embroidery. Heat cut fabric, wool, Lutrador, organza, paint, leather, foil and Evalon).

The Young Persons' categories were won by Jorja Eldershaw with 'Rocky Path Under the Sea' (Stamping, monoprinting, layering, surface stitchery, beading and applique), Mikayla Fieldes with 'My First Bag' (surface stitchery and beading) and Rebecca Mainwaring with 'Perseverance' (Bell pull – a variety of techniques used on

a linen band. Patterns from various books).

One of the most eye-catching exhibits and remarkable in its intricate accuracy and vibrant colour was Jean Arnott's 'Arnott's Biscuits'. This was designed by Fiona Jude (Country Threads) – stranded cottons on Aida.

Visitors are invited to add a few stitches to the NZ Tapestry Trust panel, which remains on display. Based on the same idea as the Bayeux Tapestry, it is one of a projected 100 panels intended to tell the history of NZ in stitch. Embroiderers from all over the nation are working on the panels and it is anticipated that it will take many years to complete.

This exhibition is simply outstanding – don't miss it. Keep in mind, Sunday November 8 is your last chance to view this outstanding exhibition.

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The climbing wall at Todd Energy Aquatic Centre.

Summer on the way at Aquatic Centre

A four month upgrade at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre earlier this year has resulted in a brighter and better-functioning indoor pool area.

The indoor area was closed from January to May for the upgrade. A major part of the upgrade was the replacement of the indoor pools' tiles. It took four months to remove the old tiles, lay the new ones and cure them before the pools were refilled.

The air ventilation system was also cleaned and serviced, the family change room painted, and isolation valves installed, so that

maintenance or repairs can be made to the pools' operating equipment more easily while the pools are still in operation.

The outdoor pools at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre are scheduled to open on Saturday for the new summer season.

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