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# Heartless theft from Maori Cemetery



Christmas arrives early in Eltham. See page 21.

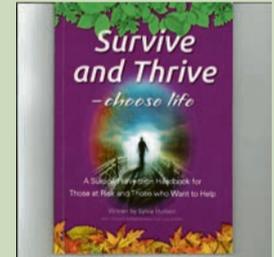


Fond memories of author/musician Ronald Hugh Morrieson. Turn to page 19.



Oil and water don't mix.

Artists take a stand against fracking. Page 19 - The Village Gallery.



Welcome addition to the literature on counselling - suicide prevention. See page 21.



Two ceramic Rottweiler dogs were stolen from this gravesite.

Recently there have been some episodes of theft from Opunake's Maori (Orimupiko) Cemetery. Jack Davey, the sexton, is shocked at the thefts, but would prefer to have the situation resolved without police intervention. He just wants the items returned - no questions asked. However, if the items are

not returned the matter will have to be handed on to the Opunake police who may well have some leads.

The thefts that Jack is aware of involve two graves. The first one happened, he thinks, about a fortnight ago where a ceramic hand was chiselled or levered off the side of a headstone. This desecration

**RIGHT:** Someone levered off a ceramic hand from the side of this headstone.

involved the grave of a resident's mother and the family are understandably very angry. Jack said the daughter was quite irate. "How could anyone stoop so low", said the woman.

The most recent theft involved a grave where two ceramic Rottweiler dogs were stolen. Evidently the deceased man personally crafted the two dogs, so the theft is especially upsetting. Again, the family are most upset.

If anyone know anything about these thefts could they contact Jack on 06 761 8525. Alternatively, if you know the person who has acted so heartlessly, perhaps you can appeal to their consciences - assuming they have one!



## The Taranaki Art Awards are coming soon



Anne Gibson (left) and Suzi Stanley just can't wait!

## Also, the two garden festivals



The white cat.

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**Letters to the editor**

**Disappointing turnout**

On Friday 21st September, I had the pleasure of listening to Shayne "Hurricane" Wills in the Sugar Juice Café. I had heard the man some years ago when he had a band called The Blue Buffoons. Blues men they were – buffoons they were not.

I was not disappointed. He gave an excellent performance of two hours, singing and playing an acoustic gui-

tar and mouth organ. The repertoire was varied and included songs from Dylan, Hendrix to conclude with John Mayalls 'Room to Move'.

A wonderful evening with some great food. My only disappointment was the poor turnout. The management of Sugar Juice are to be complimented for putting the gig on, but one wonders if they will do it again.

*John Hubbard.*

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 You are welcome to use a psudonym but must supply your name and address.

**Thank you**

To the women who found my wallet outside St Paul's, and returned it personally to my home, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Your honesty and commitment is most appreciated. I would like to have thanked you personally but my daughter, who answered the door, didn't know your name and we haven't been able to figure out who you are. Once again, thank you.

It is said that if you give, you will be rewarded ten fold, I hope this is true for you.

*Paul Andersen-Gardiner*

**BBC (Bible Believers Corner)**

**The Final Revival**

The Final Revival is really a restoration. In the past there have been revivals that have reformed the church. Luther in 1591 tried to reform the Roman Catholic Church which in those days was hell bent on raising money by allowing people to purchase places in heaven.

The Just, claimed Luther, will live, not by money, not by good deeds, not by pilgrimages or self flagellation, but by faith. That reform changed the churches. So did Wesley's reform of Sanctification. It was OK to life by faith but

one must keep oneself pure as well. And then came the Pentecostal restoration of spiritual gifts in 1906. It too reformed the churches right up to today. It is known as the charismatic or Pentecostal revival.

What is next? It has already happened and is happening now. It is the restoration of the Word. Pentecostals and Charismatics point to Acts 2 v1-11. 120 people were baptized in the Holy Spirit This move does not reform the churches, it restores people to an individual walk with God. It is outside the churches. God will not look

to see which denomination or church we belonged to, He will look to see if we have been born again. The true and full baptism of the Holy Spirit changes a person. Those hiding in the upper room nearly 2,000 years ago were scared. They didn't understand what God had done through Jesus, but they stayed with Jesus' Word, "Stay in Jerusalem until you receive power from on high." They did that and when that power came they were no longer scared, they knew and understood what God had done and they wanted to share it with everyone else.

And then Peter preached. He brought the people the Word of God for that day and 3,000 believed. They were born again, just as the 120 had been. All were made new people, bold, believers in God's Word. And that is what all true Christians are. Born again and believers in God's Word, because of course, God's Word is Jesus Christ. To have a final revival is to restore God's Word to its rightful place in us.

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**Paying on time pays Fonterra Confirms Board Positions**

Rahotu business owner Kelvin Jordan from Auto Mobile whose remark that he was sick of poor payers in an article in the Opunake and Coastal News attracted some comment, is offering incentives for people to pay promptly.

His last initiative - people who pay by the 10th

of the month following invoicing, went into the draw for a \$250 bar tab to be spent at the local pub was won by John Price from Rahotu.

His previous incentive for people to pay on time, a free service to the value of \$250, was won by John Young from Oaonui.

Fonterra Chairman Elect, John Wilson today announced that Sir Henry van der Heyden would stay on the Board as a farmer-elected director for the first part of next year after he stands down as Chairman in December. Also, Appointed Director Ralph Waters would extend his tenure for up to six months beyond the 2012 annual meeting in December. "As we move ahead on the implementation of Trading Among Farmers (TAF) it is important the Co-operative has continuity and experience around the Board table. As a result both Henry and Ralph have agreed to

stay on until after TAF is up and running. They will provide valuable guidance during this period. Their involvement is in the best interests of the Co-operative and the Board has thanked them both for being flexible."

Mr Wilson said that Mr Waters' extended appointment would need to be ratified by farmer shareholders at the annual meeting in December. The process to identify a new appointed director was already underway. Sir Henry would remain on as part of his normal farmer-elected term which runs to the annual meeting in 2013.

"However, neither Henry nor I think it will be necessary for him to stay this long. He has made other professional and personal commitments that he is keen to pursue as soon as possible."

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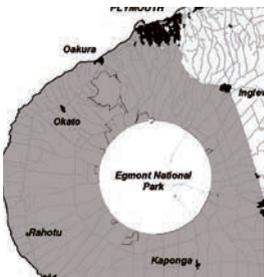
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# Coastal Taranaki Health Care Trust - September Update

How we have progressed to date

1. It commenced community fundraising with its fundraising charity auction in February 2012 and this, together with a door to door appeal covering the designated area from Oeo Road to Bayly Road between the mountain and the sea, which was carried out in March by four major community groups, has collected \$454k of donations and pledges, which is above the Trust's original target of \$411k. Letters of community support total 437 and donations are still arriving. The Trust has applied to the TSB Community Trust and has identified several other funding agencies that it will approach as part of its fund raising campaign. The Trust has plans to continue with fundraising events to reduce the need to have a commercial loan to cover any shortfall in funding. Already advertising is underway in the Opuake Coastal News about a Charity Degustation Dinner. Other activities we have in the pipeline include a Vegas Night which includes ring fights including kick boxing, mixed martial media also we will have a gambling room where you can try your luck at blackjack, roulette tables, poker games and other casino activities, and in the main bar we are planning to have live music - at this stage it is pencilled in for 01 December at Sandfords Event Centre.

In 2013 we intend to have a golf tournament at the Opuake Golf Club, probably ambrose style; more details will follow on that. In March/April a fishing competition is being planned over several weekends. This will be run a little differently to recent local competitions and rather than the norm of catching the biggest fish of a particular species, we are aiming towards a points system for the most variety of fish and only a maximum of three of any one species can be weighed in. Details will follow on this event nearer the time. Thank you to all those that bought and sold chocolates. There are a still a few bars out there on some shop counters in Opuake and Manaia.

2. The Trust has confirmed a site within 80 metres, or walking distance, of the main street of Opuake. This is on the corner of Napier and King Street and is made up of three titles. Two belong to the South Taranaki District Council and one to the Order of St John. The Council, through its Long Term Plan submission and deliberation process, is assisting the Trust by creating one title and single ownership in the name of the Trust and incorporating its

proposed new public toilets and its' funding into the new facility. St John have agreed to gift their land to the Trust and the Royal Plunket Society has agreed to relinquish its long-term lease arrangement with the Council. Both St John and Plunket wish to become part of the new facility.

### Other Key Points

The Coastal Care concept Plan incorporates a training and meeting room for educating at risk groups in all aspects of health and social well-being. Having the associated professionals based on site and a dedicated volunteer-operated health shuttle bringing clients to what will become a familiar environment at Coastal Care means less of our disadvantaged community members will fall through the cracks through the fear of attending appointments or having no transport to travel to unfamiliar places.

In addition to providing dedicated healthcare facilities, Coastal Care will also provide a common home for some of our local groups including Plunket, Food Bank, Volunteer drivers and Volunteer Ambulance officers. Also included are facilities for DHB, DIA and MSD personnel to operate from.

We believe that by providing the concept "that any door is the right door" in Coastal Care, the familiarity of the building with local staff provides a more inviting atmosphere for those that might normally struggle to seek help. Providing facilities that have a wide range of services under one roof will allow one service provider to literally cross the passage with their client for assistance in another area whether that be health, social or just providing a square meal and someone to talk to. This approach we believe will reduce the negative impact of both the social and medical health problems in our community.

The Trust is a community mandated not for profit group with all trustees and wider group members drawn from the community and

working voluntarily towards providing a facility that by providing health and social services ultimately improves the social and economic wellbeing of the entire community. Coastal Care is working with key stakeholders including STDC, DHB, Midlands Health, Tui Ora, St John, Plunket, Taranaki Iwi, MSD, DIA and local iwi and other local service groups.

The Opuake St John Ambulance is a volunteer service, the current facilities have no hot water and are well past use-by date. A new Ambulance station is incorporated in the concept plan with sleep-over facilities for an ambulance officer. It is recognised that, as the national qualification requirements are set higher for ambulance officers, less volunteers will be able to meet these standards due to personal cost and time restraints. With no medical services available outside business hours in the coastal region and suitably qualified volunteers already in short supply, St John believes the service may need to have a paid paramedic periodically stationed in Opuake. As part of the ambulance

station, space is also being provided for a sponsored health shuttle van to replace our volunteer drivers private cars that are currently used. The vehicle will be available for taking local residents to the hospitals, specialists or visit family in hospital. It can also be used to bring residents to the Coastal Care facility for clinics. This shuttle has been offered by Red Cross, although St John have also indicated they are interested in providing this vehicle. Ambulances are too expensive to use as shuttles.

Southcare (Hawera) has expressed an interest in establishing a medical practice in Opuake. They intend to re-locate to the new facility once it is open. Dr Brent Anderson has approached Southcare to see if both practices can collaborate rather than compete.

There are two pharmacists who wish to practice in Opuake. One is the Oakura pharmacist who is leasing premises on the corner of Tasman and Napier Street and the other is the existing chemist who has a depot in Opuake but is planning to obtain a dispensing licence to be able to operate in the

town and who has committed to re-locate to Coastal Care.

The Annual General Meeting for the Trust will be

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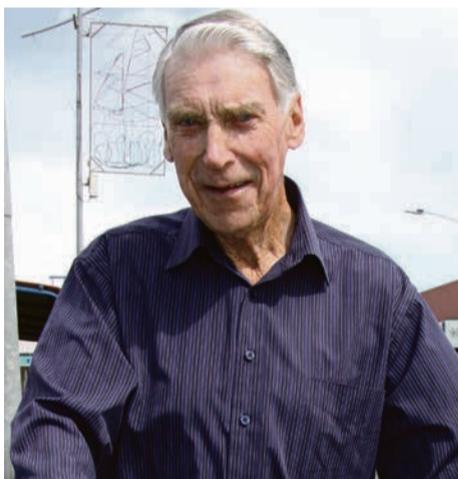
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## A good Sort

It was nice to see Opuake's own Ian Baker on TVI's Good Sorts on September 23 at 7pm.

Along with a lot of other projects in the township, Ian was single handedly responsible for the stone walls that give Opuake it's distinctive look.

A modest man, it's goot to see Ian recognised nationally in such a way.



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# Pet Day at Manaia School



Above: Sam Landers Reserve Champion Calf Judge Gordon Glentworth and Supreme Champion Calf Zac.

Manaia Primary School kicked off the annual Coastal and South Taranaki calf judging season with its Gala and Pet Day held on Saturday 22 September. The weather was wonderfully fine with not a breath of wind. Activities included: calf and pet judging, BBQ and cafe,

rides, children's games and activities, paint ball, laser strike, a display from the local fire brigade who also offered fire engine rides to the children, a pipe band concert, batters up and a fabulous auction.

The school was really pleased to welcome Ginny and Rhys, stars of 'The Block NZ'. They entered into a hard fought scone

baking contest - narrowly defeating the school's Principal Allan Forsyth and his wife Maryanne, with local constable Jeremy Bull and partner Mary, and well known builder and chefs Michael and Julie Jones a very distant third and fourth!

PTA Chairperson Michelle Radford was very pleased with the wonderful turnout

by the Manaia Community. Just over \$10,000 was raised towards providing additional classroom resources. It shows what a small township like Manaia can do for its own school.

The PTA and school would like to thank the numerous parents, friends and local businesses for their generous and overwhelming support. It was a fantastic day.



Justin Salisbury with his Calf Marshmellow won the Best Loved Calf at the Manaia School Gala/PetDay.

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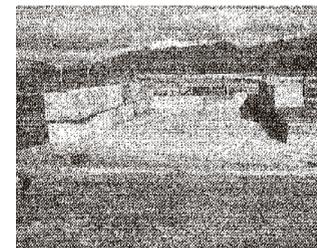
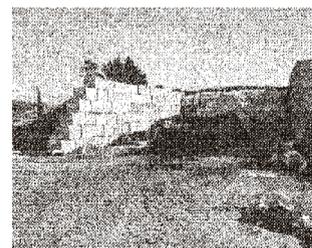
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Although most of the machines were brand new, there was a good selection of second hand machines – mostly tractors. They looked to be in very good order.

John Hermann was pleased with the interest shown at the Open Day and looks forward to attending to the requirements of all who are involved in the agricultural industry with his expert and helpful approach. Just call by at 16 Glover Road, or phone 06 278 5119, cellphone 021 611 505. The business is open Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm.

AMT's website is well worth a look to see the wide range



From left, Grant Pederson (Case IH National Sales Support Manager), Grant Cox (Coastal sales) and John Hermann (Managing Director) with the largest tractor in New Zealand, a Case-IH Quadtrac AFS600.

The Taranaki farmers turned out in force on Thursday September 29 - it was Agricultural Machinery Taranaki Ltd (AMT)'s Open day. There was an extraordinary array of agricultural equipment on display at their 16 Glover Road, Hawera premises. Managing Director John Hermann and his staff were kept busy all day, explaining the advantages

of machinery, handing out pamphlets and even manning the sausage sizzle.

Perhaps the most eye-catching item on display, certainly the biggest was the Case-IH Quadtrac AFS600. It is one of the Steiger Series of tractors. There was a display board nearby, which outlined its many features, such as its "unparalleled power" and high, spacious cab. "It's a heavy duty pulling tractor", explained John Hermann. He added, "It's New Zealand's biggest tractor".

One of the visitors commented, "I'm impressed by this piece of machinery – you couldn't help but be". He continued, "The drawbar alone would be the weight of a small car". The price tag on this one is \$500,000!

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# Kidney beans for kidney dollars



**Pihama WI women busy preparing and serving the nachos, with the help of Opunake Primary students.**

There was a lot happening last Thursday September 27 in the kitchen/staffroom of Opunake Primary School. Several Pihama WI women, such as Suzi Stanley and

Linda Campbell, were busy filling bowls with nachos – corn chips, kidney beans and mince. Students were lined up ready to deliver orders to the different classrooms. The

culinary event was intended to raise money for the establishment of a special renal unit for children at Auckland's Starship Hospital. At present the children have

access to the unit used by adults – which is not ideal.

The kidney beans were chosen for the menu because they are symbolic of the kidneys involved in renal problems.

The students and their parents have responded well to the worthwhile fundraiser – 120 children signed up for the unique lunchtime meal. Each payment of \$3 will be sent off for the worthwhile cause. A total of \$300 was raised.

Kidney disease affects many families. In fact, on the staff of Opunake School there are two members who have an immediate family member with kidney issues – one has been on dialysis for many years.

Two students commented on the importance of the fundraising venture. "Keep up the good work", said Topine Karena.

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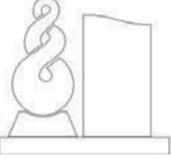
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# Frankenstein reappears - in Opunake

Last week Opunake Primary School had its latest Open Day entitled 'Frankenstein's Lab'. A huge amount of work has gone into transforming the activity room and hall into something scarily spectacular. Certainly the visitors were impressed. "Excellent and outstanding as always", was one comment. "This would be the best display of children's work we've seen", was another comment.

Lurking near the entrance of the activity room were various painted ghouls who tended to leap out at you. One, holding a hacksaw in a menacing fashion, wanted to know which part of the body I could best do without! I opted for my head, but explained that I had to finish this story first.

It is hard to know where to start to describe the displays, but one feature was the interactive nature of many exhibits. "I loved how interactive the displays were" was one comment which summed up this aspect aptly.

There was a film constantly showing called 'Dracula's Son', with the song 'Monster Mash' playing.

One activity area featured volcanoes, with a large model volcano erupting if it was fed vinegar and baking soda, as Alyssia Redin (12) demonstrated. "It's been pretty cool because we've all had a chance to be part of it", she commented. She added, "It's been better than all the previous open days". Her



**Alyssia Redin demonstrates a volcanic eruption.**

classmates have been learning to conduct a scientific experiment.

Another display area compared the properties of different gases, notably Helium and Hydrogen. If a soccer ball was inflated with Helium and another with Hydrogen, which one would be the lightest?

There were some remarkable projects, such as Lucy Shegedin's demonstrating how fire comes out of a cigarette lighter. The Ackermann's 'Fawlt Towers'

project was also impressive.

Jaden Siciliano (8) obviously thought long and hard about Frankenstein. He wrote:

*I think that Frankenstein shouldn't have made the monster because the monster made destruction and killed people. Instead he should have made a robot and taught it to be nice and taught it to talk nicely to others.*

Well done Opunake Primary School. As one visitor put it, "Wow. Just brilliant".

*Rolland McKellar*



**From left, Katie Sinclair and Ebony Collins prepare a model for radical surgery.**

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# Taiwan provides insights into economic development



Andrew Little, List MP

I had the privilege of spending last week in Taiwan as a guest of their government. It was eye-opening and encouraging.

I was keen to see why and how they made the transformation from a country heavily reliant on agriculture to one whose industry and exports are now predominantly technology-based. It's a country in our own back-

yard with a population not much bigger than Australia's, and so one we should take an interest in.

After being badly affected by the oil shocks of the early 1970s, Taiwan decided it needed to diversify and picked newly emerging technologies to divert its investment into.

The state played an important role. Without much in the way of advanced industry and being equally short on a workforce skilled in the new technology, science and engineering disciplines required, two projects were initiated.

The first was to establish an institute to establish industrial technology development. Its focus was to research new technology with commercial applications then partner with private investors to develop production and marketing.

The institute set up for this role celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year. It has

been spectacularly successful, having launched literally thousands of new products. It presently has a stake in ten thousand patents. Because of the work of the institute, Taiwan leads the world in semi-conductor technology.

The second project was in the education system. If the country was going to transform its economic base it needed to get more young people into science, technology and engineering. So, the curriculum was changed and teachers' skills upgraded. To assist with this and to co-ordinate science within government, a powerful national science committee was created. It works with universities and business to promote research and development and ensure there is a pool of well-educated and motivated science students.

Today, Taiwan is a modern country that enjoys a good standard of living. Its build-

ings are well designed and constructed. Its infrastructure is good quality. It still struggles with a healthy income distribution – many working people (and remember, it has unemployment of around 4% compared to much higher figures for many other developed countries) are on low wages. And then there is the political journey Taiwan has taken since 1949. The exiled government from mainland China controlled the country under martial law until well into the 1990s and there is conflict within the political system on just how to manage the relationship with China.

Nevertheless, even in a truly free and independent country like New Zealand, there are a few things we could learn from countries like Taiwan.

## Chester Borrows

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## Leaving school with higher qualifications



Jonathan Young, New Plymouth MP

National is helping children succeed. We've set an ambitious better public services target of 85 per cent of 18-year-olds achieving NCEA Level 2 or equivalent in 2017.

This is the first year we have reported the results of all 18-year-olds, and we are delighted that 74.3 per cent attained NCEA Level 2 or an equivalent qualification

last year.

At school level, nearly 72 per cent of school leavers achieved at least NCEA Level 2, compared with 66.4 per cent in 2009. So that is a significant improvement.

51 per cent of Maori students attained NCEA Level 2 last year, up from 44 per cent in 2009, and Pasifika achievement has risen from 55.7 per cent to just over 63 per cent. This is good news but we still need to work harder to raise the achievement levels of all students and these young school leavers in particular.

A formal school qualification is a basic prerequisite for

higher education and training and many entry-level jobs. Evidence shows that having NCEA Level 2 or an equivalent qualification allows better opportunities for further education, employment, health outcomes and an improved quality of life generally.

And with the world economy in a fragile state, having a good high school qualification that takes you into further training is important.

As more and more young people succeed, we are seeing less become involved in crime.

Six-monthly data on appear-

ances at the Youth Court, and criminal and sentencing data for the District and High Courts, has been released. Our lower crime rate has meant fewer criminal charges laid, and fewer people in court. Most notably, fewer young people are being charged with an offence and appearing in court – down by as much as 25 per cent on last year.

These results show National's focus on reducing crime is working. National is building a safer New Zealand and a New Zealand that will have a more qualified and skilled workforce.

## Alcohol and drug treatment a vital part of Fresh Start

“Alcohol and drug rehabilitation programmes are a vital weapon in reducing youth crime, helping young people to break out of the cycle of addiction, develop pro-social skills and resist the negative influences of peers,” says Associate Minister Social Development Chester Borrows.

Mr Borrows recently visited Odyssey House in Christchurch, which has 27 years' experience in providing alcohol and other drug rehabilitation programmes to adults and young people.

Odyssey House is one of four residential programmes providing Alcohol and Other Drug rehabilitation programmes to youth under Fresh Start. Fresh Start has provided over \$1 million annually to fund an additional 32 residential and 200 community-based programmes nationally each

year. “Many serious young offenders have grown up in an environment where substance use is part of normal, everyday existence, and have entrenched alcohol and drug habits,” says Mr Borrows.

“Through their therapeutic and holistic approach, residential programmes like Odyssey House are giving these kids a chance to break the drug and crime cycle and help improve their quality of life.”

Young offenders referred for residential programmes are most likely to be those with severe addiction, severe co-existing mental health conditions and unstable home environments

Community based rehabilitation programmes are also available for young offenders with lower levels of drug and alcohol abuse. These programmes

are individualised to the specific needs of each child and young person, and can involve one-to-one or group counselling, cognitive behaviour therapy, family therapy, education and harm minimisation.

“As part of this Government's drive to deliver a safer New Zealand, we're committed to making a real dent in the alcohol and drug issues driving many of our offenders. It's great to see the investment under Fresh Start delivering this change for our youth offenders,” says Mr Borrows.

The Fresh Start reforms were introduced in October 2010. They include a range of policy changes to provide more effective interventions for young offenders, as well as an investment of \$84 million over three years in further programmes such as parenting education.

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# Farm supplies and other lies



The cast of Farm Supplies and Other Lies! From left to right is Andy Whitehead, Stephanie MacKenzie, Chloe Danz, Ian Hitch, Honey-Rose Hutchins and Mike Smith. Rehearsals are underway and the show will run from November 22nd to December 1st (no show Sat 24th or Tues 27th). Andy plays Barry, a shy farm supplies store owner struggling after the crash of '87. Steph and Chloe play two best friends Polly and Anna who frequent the store. Ian Hitch is the devious Warren - a real estate agent and general ratbag. Honey-Rose brilliantly portrays the dizzy Belinda, the Uni-Student daughter of Neil (Mike Smith) who is a local upstanding Farmer. The play is a brand new comedy, written for a farming audience, by a local farmer.

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# Escapism shifts to High Street



Tracey Best, owner of Escapism



Tracey Best merges with 'Fortyseven' owned by Miss Paisley at 165 High Street, Eltham.

Eltham's Escapism has relocated to High Street. It is now situated at 165 High Street - joining forces with Miss Paisley's shop 'Fortyseven'. The hours for the combined shops will be 10am

to 4pm on a seven day basis. "I'm quite excited about the shift", admitted Tracey Best, Escapism's owner. She says the shift will give the shop more exposure, as it is more in the centre of town, as well as the premises being larger.

"I'm very excited to have Tracey merge into my shop and to have 'Fortyseven' open again", commented Miss Paisley.

Although the same quality books will be available - over 2000 of them - Tracey says there is a shift in emphasis. She is not continuing with giftware, less emphasis on non-fiction books and more stress on fiction her great love - hence the name 'Escapism'. She is also keen to obtain more "nice coffee table books". Phone Tracey on 027 727 6736.

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# Mission to edge of space

All systems are now "go" for Felix Baumgartner's jump from the edge of space. The Red Bull Stratos space capsule has passed high-altitude simulation testing after it was damaged in July's final practice jump, and a launch date has been set for October 8 in Roswell, New Mexico.

Roswell (New Mexico) - The final countdown for Felix Baumgartner's history making jump from the edge of space began recently after the Red Bull Stratos Technical Project Director Art Thompson declared the repaired space capsule is fit and all systems are go.

The tentative launch date for Baumgartner's attempt to jump from an altitude of 36,576 metres has now been set for October 8, ending a period of uncertainty for the team and, for Baumgartner, the agony of waiting. The Austrian extreme sport athlete had to endure delays due to the repairs, but is now delighted that the countdown is on for his attempt to become the first person to break the sound barrier in freefall and set four other world records in the process.

"I feel like a tiger in a cage waiting to get out," said Felix Baumgartner, 43, one of the world's most celebrated B.A.S.E. jumpers and extreme athletes, who in 2003 became the first person to make a freefall flight across the English Channel with the aid of a carbon wing. He will be flying as fast as speeding bullet during his supersonic journey to Earth.

Aviation pioneer Felix Baumgartner and the Red Bull Stratos team have been preparing for years to break the record for highest-altitude jump, eclipsing a mark set more than 52 years ago. The capsule, which at about 1.315 kilogram weighs a little bit more than a VW Beetle, was damaged in a hard landing following Felix's final test jump from a near-record altitude of 29,610 metres in July. During the jump Baumgartner was free-falling at speeds of up to 864 kilometres per hour, or as fast as a commercial airliner. The Austrian landed safely in another part of the New Mexico desert.

On September 24, the repaired capsule underwent testing in an altitude chamber at Brooks City-Base in San Antonio, Texas. The capsule was exposed to the extreme conditions it will face in the unforgiving environs of the stratosphere. After passing all the tests,

the capsule was sent back to Roswell.

A central aim of the Red Bull Stratos project is to collect valuable data for science that could ultimately help improve the safety of space travel and enable high-altitude escapes from spacecraft. The jump will also attempt to break an assortment of records such as highest speed in freefall, highest jump, highest manned balloon flight and longest free-fall.



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Breanna Morgan (left) with teacher Elva Symons.

# Brilliant recital from young pianist

Classical music lovers enjoyed a rare treat and a chance to hear a talented young performer when Breanna Morgan gave a piano recital at the Opunake High School Hall last Sunday September 30.

Breanna (18) is representing Taranaki in The Pianoforte National Young Performer of the Year which will be held in Invercargill on October 12-14.

The concert was held to raise funds for Breanna and her teacher, Elva Symons, to attend the competition.

Breanna's gave a varied repertoire which included her competition pieces ranging from iconic classical music composers as Beethoven

and Brahms through to some lesser known more recent composers.

Before playing, she gave a little talk about each of the pieces she was about to play sometimes pointing out things the audience should listen for. It was a nice touch and an interesting addition to the programme.

The first item, the challenging J S Bach prelude and fugue in D minor set the bar high and showcased Breanna's supreme technical skill. The three very different movements of the Beethoven piano sonata Op 79, no 25 which followed demonstrated Breanna's versatility. I particularly liked the second more languid movement.

After this heady start two young budding pianists, Arianna Dingle and Macy Sinclair took centre stage playing several simple pieces - a novel inclusion in the programme.

Then it was onto Chopin's Waltz Op 18 written in 1833, which Breanna explained was more "for listening to" rather than dancing. It was a spirited and exciting romp which the audience seemed to like.

Next was Barcarolle No 1 in A minor by Faure which I particularly enjoyed. Depicting the sound of water lap-

ping on the gondola whilst cruising down the river, the left hand contributed rhythmic continuity while the right hand, 'splashes' added colour. Gently lulling the audience into oblivion, it was an intriguing piece.

Breanna's Fur Elise in which one musical idea seamlessly and effortlessly gravitated to another, was an education in how this deceptively simple piece should be played but, in the hands of less qualified amateurs, isn't.

Brahm's Intermezzo Op 118 No 2 with its dreamlike melody was quite charming. In what was otherwise a flawless performance, there was just one criticism, some of the endings seemed just a little abrupt detracting from the finish in some of the pieces.

Breanna then moved into a few more modern popular pieces including a piece by Enya which was a nice contrast before having a bit of fun with the audience who were asked to participate with The Tap Dance - some of us a bit slow on the uptake with the staccato clapping! At the end Breanna was joined by proud music teacher Elva Symons who perhaps best summed up the audience's feeling "We just loved you".

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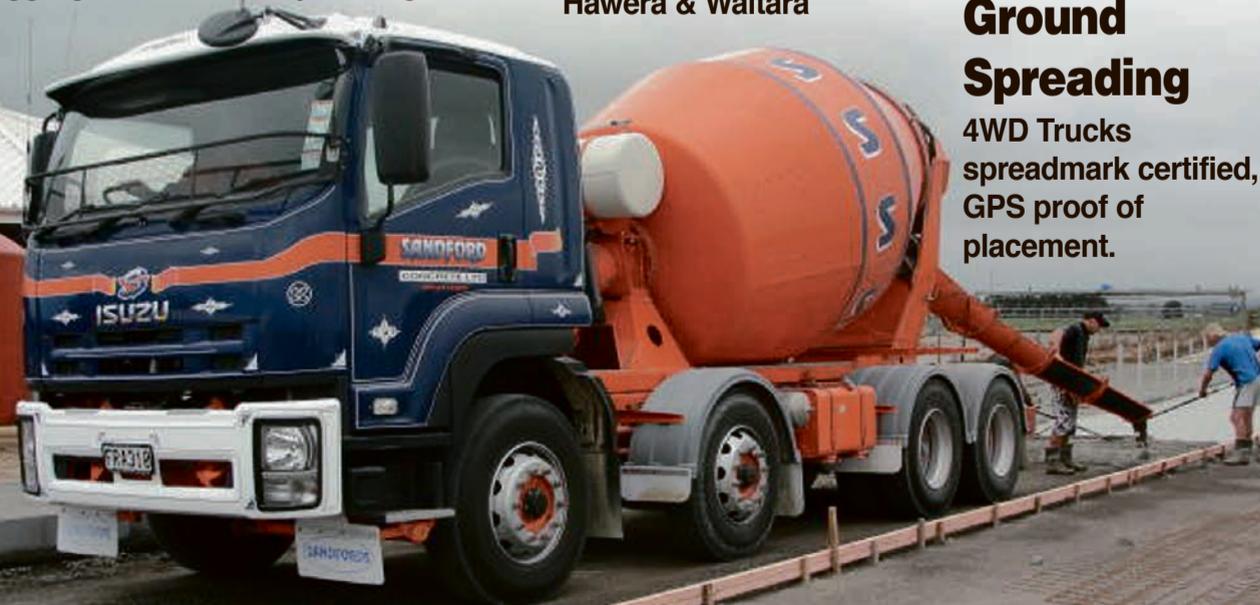
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# Name change and relocation of pharmacy



Pictured outside Opunake Pharmacy are, from left, Elaine Spencer, Benjamin Araba and Toni Moffit.

There has been a change of name and location involving two premises in Opunake and Manaia. Opunake Medicines, Health and Beauty at 38 Tasman Street has been renamed Opunake Pharmacy. It now has full pharmacy status meaning that prescriptions can be attended to immediately and on the premises. You are welcome to either bring your prescriptions into the shop or you can phone them in 06 761 8144 or use the fax 06 761 8140. You are welcome to use the Freephone 0800 367 232. The Manaia Pharmacy will change from its full pharmacy status and become an agent of Opunake Pharmacy. The Manaia shop, located at

47 South Road, will now become Manaia Medicines and is now trading as a prescription depot – it is no longer a pharmacy. However, regular courier service will ensure that prescriptions can be relayed to Opunake Pharmacy three times a day, between 10am and 4pm. Any wait for prescriptions to be filled will be minimal. The telephone number will continue to be 06 274 8200, Fax 06 274 8260. Morgan Arthur and Merilyn Tippet will continue their friendly, helpful service. The changes in name and status in both locations are effective immediately. The pharmacist Benjamin Abiola Araba points out

that the same high standards and friendly service will continue at both premises. There will be no changes in staff, except that he will now

spend most of his time at Opunake Pharmacy. Mr Araba says that when the Opunake Health Centre is established in the town-



Opunake's pharmacist for many years Grant Cavaney and current pharmacist Benjamin Araba.



The merchandise on offer is wide ranging and attractively displayed. He is pleased that he has worked with the Trust in its planning, as well as fundraising. He is aware of the long tradition of the town's pharmacy being in Opunake, until 2009 under the stewardship of the chemist Grant Cavaney and

is keen to continue along these lines of expertise and service. He is pleased to have Grant's backing to continue this proud tradition which extends back over a hundred years. The ownership of the building itself remains in the Cavaney family.

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# Ravensdown AGM 2012 held in Taranaki



Ravensdown Manager Mike Davy with Toko farmer Colin Jones at the Ravensdown AGM

held in Taranaki was in 1997, the same year that Ravensdown purchased Farmers Fertiliser Company in Taranaki.

The evening was attended by 500 farmers.

Retiring CEO Rodney Green presented a detailed account of the year's highlights:

- 15% growth in revenue
- Total revenue exceeded \$1 billion
- Total equity at \$377 million
- Farmer rebate \$40.48 per tonne
- Fertiliser sales 1.56 million tonnes
- Profit \$52 million

## Tribute Made



Chairman, Bill McLeod, paid a tribute to retiring CEO Rodney Green in a period where the company has gone from selling fertiliser in New Zealand to an international co-operative selling a large range of farm inputs and exceeding \$1 million turnover.

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Ravensdown Fertiliser Company held its Annual General Meeting in New Plymouth on Monday.

Manager Mike Davey said the last time the AGM was

## Washer and Co Generosity awarded



Over the past two decades, the Rahotu Pungarehu Lions Club have received a whole lot of bull from the Washer family, so the club decided to get a plaque made commemorating this.

Back in the early nineties, "The Bull Shop" owners John and Mary Washer lived in the Rahotu district and were asked to join the local Lions club.

Foundation Lion's member Brian Gilbert remembers putting quite a bit of pressure

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John Washer, his mother Beryl Washer (91), Club president Julie Williamson. Standing from left, Mary Washer, Gareth Smith, Melainie Knapman-Smith and Donald Williamson.

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Rata Rock Held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull Sale on the 19<sup>th</sup> September Bruce and Adele Clement the vendors said they had a pretty good turnout on the day not surprising really when the hospitality is so wonderful!

Bruce and the boys loaded the bulls efficiently through the yards Andrew Gibson and the Auctioneers team whipped through the sales and Adele and her ladies plied hungry punters with a delicious spread of Soup ,Hot meat rolls and other goodies! Congratulations Bruce and Adele on a successful day

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# Washer and Co Generosity awarded

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on Mr Washer, who was adamant he couldn't spare the time.

Instead, the Washer family have generously donated the first yearling bull sold at each year's bull sale, an arrangement started over two

decades ago and still continuing today.

"The amount of effort I put in to persuade him to join has ended up being quite rewarding", says Mr Gilberd. At this year's Washer's Bull Sale held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, club president Julie Williamson presented

the Washer family with a plaque of appreciation from the Rahotu Pungarehu Lion's Club, emphasising that this on-going generosity has made a huge difference over the years to the small, grass-roots club.

"We are a small group but the amount of causes and

people we help in the district is quite impressive, all thanks to continuing support from people like the Washers who often stay in the background. We'd like to make public their incredible generosity and thank them for it" says Mrs Williamson.

# Washer and Co 27th Annual Bull Sale

There was a big crowd - a lot bigger than expected - said John Washer after his 27th annual bull sale at Omata on Thursday last week.

Farmers are a bit despondent at the moment due to tougher times," he said adding that they turned out for "a day out and to buy the bulls."

Every bull was sold though it was nowhere near our best in terms of prices," John admitted adding that 2008 was their best year "when farmers were short of bulls after the drought".

John seemed reasonably happy though and said they achieved the market price on all bulls.

In total 480 bulls went under the hammer in just three

hours. "Our Hereford and Angus bulls were in good demand," said John adding they fetched up to \$2200 which he said was understandable as the beef price is quite strong. Ayrshire bulls were also "in good demand" and jersey two year olds sold from \$1200-\$1500 depending on the breeding indexes of the bull.

"These appear to be comparable to similar market sales," said John.

This was the 27th bull sale Washer & Co have held and this year's sale attracted a crowd of around 200 who, after the auction, enjoyed the traditional complimentary lunch and refreshments.

Highlight of the day John said was the presentation of a plaque to Mary and John Washer in recognition of their generous donation of the proceeds of the sale of one bull to the Rahotu Pungarehu Lions Club. The Washers have donated a bull every year for the last 27 years the bull sale has been held.

For the last 5 years they have also donated a bull to the hospice of which Mary is a trustee.

"If no one gets hurt and every bull gets sold," it's a good day said John. He added that he really appreciated the loyalty of locals turning out.

"We hope everyone's satisfied. If they're not ring

me or Sean and we'll endeavour to put it right."



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The voting section goes until October 19<sup>th</sup> - you can vote every day for the videos - your support would be so appreciated!

These Opunake High School students need help from everyone to vote for their video entry for a Scholarship to the New Zealand Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Clockwise from Left: Danielle Morgan, Thomas Bell, Maysen Bloemen, Mitchell Langton, Jacqui Tulloch, Sionead Pentelow and Dylan Arlidge. Absent: Kallum Whitehead, Jordan Hooper and Gemma Grey

Ten Opunake High School scholarship to attend the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre, valued at \$7,142. The group have entered a national competition named

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# Kane Barrett's in The Blues



Kane Barrett at full charge against Tasman  
Photo above Rob Tucker

Sir John Kirwan knows a thing or two about rugby and has snapped up Coastal Rugby's 2012 Most Outstanding Player Kane Barrett for the Auckland Blues Super 15 franchise.

Kane had a magnificent season playing for Coastal crashing through opposition defence the team winning the Taranaki championship and has been performing brilliantly in his games for Taranaki. Kane was New Zealand Secondary Schools Captain in 2009.

Congratulations Kane

**Kane Barrett with some of his biggest little Coastal supporters cousins Kobe and Nico Sinclair after fighting Inglewood at semi final time.**

## On this month in history

On October 6, 2007 the All Blacks were beaten by France in the World Cup quarter finals in Cardiff. This ended their aspirations of winning their second World Cup. It was the second time France had eliminated them from this event and was their worst ever performance at a World Cup.

However, Head Coach Graeme Henry, with his assistants Steve Hansen and Wayne Smith all kept their posts and at the next World Cup they put things right. It was icing on the cake that it was France they beat in the final.

Graeme Henry was knighted after the win. But would he have received this high honour if Stephen Donald had missed that penalty?



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# Coastal Opunake Junior Soccer Prizегiving



**Above:** Ebony Collins, from the 11th grade Tornadoes, shows the tenacity for which she was awarded Most Consistent Player of the season for her team.

**Far right:** Corban Bright from the 11th grade Hurricanes was awarded joint Most Valuable Player for his team and won the trophy for Most Outstanding Junior player.

*16<sup>th</sup> Grade Coastal Opunake FC*  
 Most improved: Shan Hickey  
 Most Valuable: Brandon Wright  
 Most Consistent: Blair Young  
 Top Scorer: Baylie Bright  
*13<sup>th</sup> Grade Strikers*  
 Most Improved: Kerrin Simpson  
 Most Consistent: Olivia Bright & Cory Jury  
 Most Valuable: Anthony Kidd  
 Top Scorer: Cory Jury  
*11<sup>th</sup> Grade Tornadoes*

Most Valuable: Ebony Collins  
 Most Improved: Michael McCarty  
 Most Consistent: Jade Ackerman  
*11<sup>th</sup> Grade Hurricanes*  
 Most Improved: Jared Forsyth  
 Most Consistent: Connor Smith  
 Most Valuable: Corban Bright & Terry Norgate  
 Most Outstanding Junior Player: Corban Bright  
 Most Outstanding Senior Player: Brandon Wright



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Each year the three top primary school basketball teams who have won their basketball league in their home towns of Stratford, Hawera and Opunake, come together to play in a tournament to determine who is the ultimate Champion of Champions of South Taranaki.

This year Stratford was represented by Toko Primary School, Hawera was represented by St Joseph's Hawera, while St Joseph's Opunake represented Opunake.

The title went to the St Joseph's Opunake team who won 58 to 26 against St Joseph's Hawera and 50 to 32 against Toko Primary School. The game between Toko and Hawera was a close game, Toko winning 29 to 21.

The St Joseph's Falcons Basketball team made up of 6 boys and 2 girls played a strong defensive game and offensively played very well as a team, giving all players the opportunity to score.

Point-guards Jackson Sinclair and Nico Hill had the job of dribbling the ball up the court - demonstrating their dexterity and skills.

Accurate passing to team mates Matthew O'Connell, Brodie Hollis, Anthony Kidd, Dylan Karam, Krysten Johnson and Emma O'Connell contributed to easy lay-ups and sharp outside shooting from all players.

Defensively the team managed to box out the stronger opposition players allowing rebounds and fast breaks. This combined with a strategic game-plan by Coach Debbie Hohaia (who inherited the job from coach Angelo Hill), with the help of Chook Hohaia was the backbone to the team's win.

Matthew O'Connell (Opunake) was awarded the Top Player of the tournament for the boys, while the girls Top Player award went to Katie from Toko Primary School.

Congratulations to the Champion of Champions - St Joseph's Opunake Falcons Basketball team.



**Winners of the Taranaki Country Basketball Champion of Champions St Josephs Opunake Falcons. From Left:** Emma O'Connell, Krysten Johnson, Dylan Karam, Matthew O'Connell, Anthony Kidd  
**Front Row** Jackson Sinclair and Nico Hill

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When you think of basketball in New Zealand a name that jumps into your mind is that of CJ Bruton. His name is synonymous with grit, perseverance and success, and he has been a pivotal part of the New Zealand Breakers achieving back-to-back championship titles.

In Opunake when you think of basketball, another CJ comes to mind, that of CJ Taamaru, our very own little basketball star. CJ Taamaru is eleven years old, and he goes to Rahotu Primary School. What is so special about CJ, is that he always has a basketball in his hand, and if he's not playing the game that he loves so much, then he's probably sitting beside mum, Janine Luke-Taamaru, watching his big sister Tiana-Vai play or train. Basketball is CJ's middle name.

As a member of the Taranaki Country Basketball U13 boys' team and as a U14 Koru Team reserve, CJ is certain of a very successful future in the sport that he loves, like in the footsteps of CJ Bruton. That is of course if CJ receives a gift that money just can't buy, that of a new liver.

CJ is currently in Starship Hospital, awaiting a Liver Transplant. That liver of course has to be a perfect match; so the wait for the family begins. Even after the operation, CJ and his family will stay at Starship Hospital and Ronald McDonald House; for up to three months to ensure that recovery and rejection of the new organ doesn't occur.

CJ was born with a severe liver condition which affects 1 in every 15,000 newborns and received his first operation at the age of 2 months. CJ and his family have travelled to Starship Hospital in Auckland sporadically over the past 7 years for checkups; as well as being overseen by paediatrician Dr John Doran in Taranaki.

CJ and his family are remaining positive. With the help of whanau, friends, school classmates, a supportive community and a special surprise visit from the Taranaki Mountain Airs, CJ is in good spirits.



**CJ Bruton from the New Zealand Breakers with CJ Taamaru from Rahotu Primary School. CJ is currently waiting for a liver transplant at Starship Hospital in Auckland**  
**Inset CJ with his trophy for Most Outstanding Player in the OBA Year 5 & 6 Division 2012.**

Opunake Basketball Association (OBA) and Taranaki Country Basketball Association (TCB) are working hard to provide some financial support for CJ and his family; their whole lives have been upturned with C J's diagnosis.

At the upcoming TCB Prize giving, a charity auction will be held with all proceeds going to CJ and his family. Donations for the auction so far include a painting

from the talented artist Bonita Bigham, vouchers from Actionaki donated by Paddy Walsh, and even a voucher for a hand shaped Christmas tree from Courtney's Christmas Tree Farm in Thames.

Also on the day of the prizegiving there will be a 3 on 3 tournament run by TCB in association with OBA, with the entry fee also going to CJ and his family. This event has four sections; Boys 14 years and under, Girls 14 years and under,

open men and open women. The Sky City Breakers are also doing their part and have something planned to brighten CJ's day, after an appeal to them was made by another local basketball identity, Michelle Hill.

If anyone is interested in being involved in the fundraising for CJ Taamaru, please contact Bex Langton, CJ's aunty Leanne Horo from Rahotu or Debz Hohaia.

# Opunake Ladies Golf

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**These ladies recently won the Taranaki Ladies Pennant Trophy after waiting out weeks of bad weather. After six failed attempts they finally got to play on the 24th September at Stratford beating Patea in the Finals. The team was Diane Forsyth, Patti Smith, Cathy Williams(Caddy), Betty Gadsby, Jan Deegan, Margaret Wellington and Lois Simpson. One of the Ladies commented that it was a pretty good effort and some members of the team are in their 70s. Congratulations on a great result.**

# Oil and water don't mix - artists take a stand



Graham Kirk, the organiser of the exhibition, with his work 'The Phantom and the Frackers' (Acrylic on board).

In an exhibition organised by artist Graham Kirk, the cream of Taranaki artists were recently out in force at The Village Gallery, Eltham to express their opposition to the mining technique known as fracking (hydraulic fracturing). Many of the artists attending the official opening last Sunday (September 30) expressed their disapproval the way they express themselves best – in an artistic

exhibit. One exhibit (mixed media) by Wayne Morris and entitled 'Oil and water don't mix' summed up the gist of the exhibition rather succinctly. There were exhibits, from artists such as Marianne Muggeridge, Roger Morris, Dale Copeland, Alby Carter, Teresa Goodin, and Michaela Stoneman – to mention just a few.

Cr Michael Self acted as the MC and introduced sev-

eral speakers such as Sarah Roberts, Green MP Gareth Hughes and others.

Michael spoke of a recent visit to Venice where he viewed a wish tree ('Artists against Fracking') and one contributor was Yoko Ono, who has expressed her opposition to fracking. Visitors were invited to make a wish. "My wish", said Michael, "was that her wish can be transferred back to New

Zealand".

Sarah Roberts had her baby grandson Sam with her and asserted, "This is not the future I want for my grandchildren". One of the adverse consequences was air pollution "Why are we drinking water with benzene in it?" she asked.

Organiser Graham Kirk spoke briefly. "I just hope the exhibition will effect some change", he said.

Gareth Hughes acknowledged the "Importance and depth of the campaign". He praised Sarah for her commitment. "She's done some fantastic research", but added,

"She shouldn't have to do it. He felt the Government should be shouldering that responsibility.

A band 'The Fractured Frackers', featuring such musicians as Mike Gordon and Steve Muggeridge, played some soulful music while visitors contemplated the excellent exhibition. Songs such as 'Sunny' and 'Don't You Make My Brown Eyes Blue' added a tuneful musical dimension to the event.

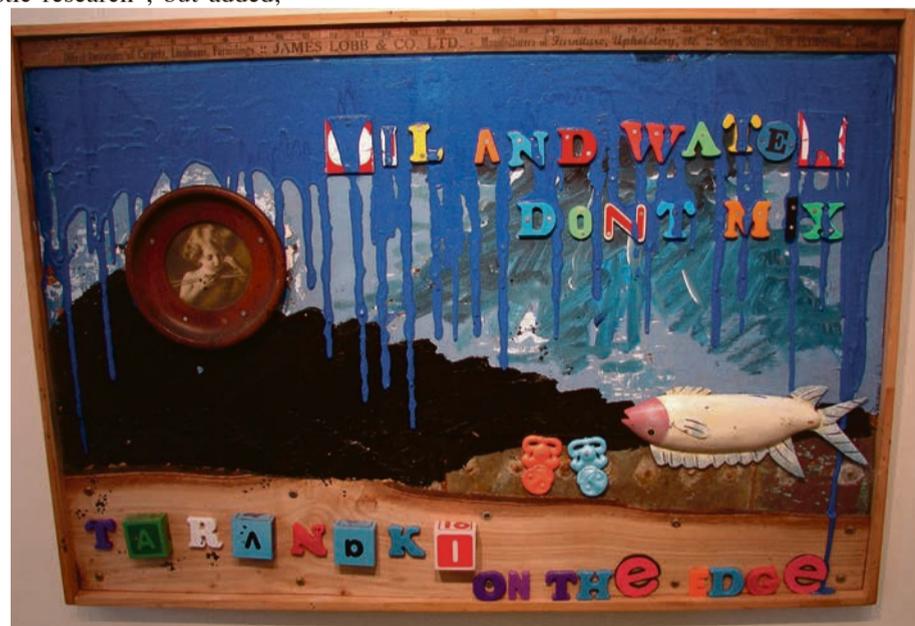
The exhibition has the support of Deputy Mayor of South Taranaki Alex Ballantyne who commented,

"I'm right behind the artists making a stand on the issue".

The exhibition will continue to October 19. The Village Gallery is situated at 166 High Street, Eltham. The gallery is open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday. Regardless of your views on fracking this thought-provoking exhibition is well worth seeing. Most of the art is for sale.

As Michael said, "The art would grace any home and will also make a statement".

Rolland McKellar



'Oil and Water Don't Mix' is the name of this exhibit (Mixed media) by Wayne Morris.

# Fond memories of Ronald Hugh Morrieson

The writer and musician Ronald Hugh Morrieson died many years ago, in 1972, aged just 50. However, memories linger on for old friends such as Bruce and Irene Hewson of Hawera. It was a pleasure to meet them just last week.

Bruce's memories go back to his single days as a close friend of Ron's, with a shared interest in music. Bruce didn't play in a band and wasn't a musician as such, but enjoyed singing at parties and could play the piano.

One of the first things the couple said was it was shame (for me) not to have met Heather Stowe, who was a close friend of Ron's, but died in April of this year. She would have had lots to share.

Bruce and Ron used to visit each other's homes. Later, when Bruce married Irene (nee Wadsworth), it became a family affair. The couple's



Bruce and Irene Hewson, friends of author/musician Ronald Hugh Morrieson, who have shared their memories.

children even had music lessons from Ron. He taught Wendy (then aged about 10) piano and guitar", said Irene. He was a "very good" music teacher.

However, Ron's difficulties with alcohol started to become an issue and he would sometimes cancel scheduled lessons, citing that he was feeling "unwell".

She recalls a time when Ron took the family up to the iconic attic to show the children the violin that his grandfather Charles Johnson had crafted. The children were intrigued. The attic is currently being restored by Tawhiti Museum and the process is nearly complete.

Initially, Ron and Bruce met as a result of their shared

love of music. How good was Ron as a musician? "Top man," says Bruce. He added, "He played the bass built by his grandfather". He also played guitar and piano, explained Bruce.

A car was important to get to gigs, as well as for other uses. Bruce remembers well Ron's "pride and joy" – a 1937 Nash, which got considerable use.

Ron loved visits by the couple and their children, "He was always very welcoming" and had a genuine affection for the couple's children.

The couple said Ron took his mother Evelyn's death very hard indeed and it had a negative effect on him. "After his mother died that was when he went downhill and became reclusive", Irene explained. "His mum and aunt doted on him", Irene added.

Irene said Ron signed copies of his books for them,

but they seem to have disappeared over the years. They said they had read and enjoyed his books. "However, a big part of it was that Ron had written them", commented Irene. They also saw the film of 'Predicament' when it was released. He is the only New Zealand writer to have had all his novels made into feature films.

Less well known than his literary and music ability was his skill as a billiard and snooker player. Bruce was of help here. "I converted a room for him – converted it to a billiard room", said Bruce. "The table was lovely too", he added. This was at the Regent Street (and corner of South Road) home, which both Bruce and Irene found unappealing. "It was a big old spooky place", said Irene.

"It was very gloomy. It seemed to go on forever", said Bruce.

The house was demolished amid controversy in 1993 to make room for a fast food outlet! However, the attic – where Ron reputedly undertook most of his writing - was saved. Also saved were other items, such as the staircase leading to the attic, a fireplace and surround, as well as wood which was used for tables and counters: these were used to establish Morriesons Cafe Bar.

*The presentation of this year's Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards will be held on Friday October 26 (7pm) at Hawera Library Plus, 46 High Street, Hawera. The event was judged by writer Fleur Beale. Phone 0800 111 323 if you would like to attend the function.*

Rolland McKellar

# A colourful splash

The Taranaki National Art Awards open with a dazzling splash of colour on October 26<sup>th</sup> when 248 entries will be displayed.

Susie Stanley and Ann Gibson have directed volunteer committee members who have worked

tirelessly to stage this important art event.

Artists from all over New Zealand will flock to Sandford Event Centre on the opening night for the awards presentation. A total of \$12,000 in cash prizes will be given

out. "Come as Your Art" is the dress theme for the patrons who dare to be different at the awards opening.

"We are grateful to all our sponsors who support this event," says Susie Stanley.

Mobile display boards have arrived in time so that each entry can be presented properly.

Another innovation is a children's display of art, organised by Monique Sinclair. This can be found in the Stevenson Lounge.

Opunake High School pupils will also show their creative works there.

Visitors to the coastal township can see art displayed in the retailer's windows on Tasman Street.

Enquire about the \$20

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**St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahotu**  
Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St, 9.30am every Sunday and the  
**Rahotu** - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month.  
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**SUNDAY 8.30 am** at Pungarehu (St Martins),  
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**Opunake Business Association NEXT MEETING**

**Monday November 5th at Opunake Surf Inn**  
5:30 Social, 6.00 pm Meeting  
We welcome any member of the community to our meetings, you don't have to have a business.



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Saturday 13 October

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25th (THURSDAY) OCTOBER 2012

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The event is called 'The Great Eltham Christmas Tree Festival' and is intended to bring a little brightness and pre-Christmas cheer after a long, cold winter.

The first activity starts at 1pm (to 7pm) on Friday October 12 – setting up Christmas trees. Public viewing can occur October 13-14, 10am to 4pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. Or you may prefer to donate non-perishable food, such as canned goods, to the Eltham Food Bank.

There will be a Wishing Tree, with donations going to the Taranaki Hospice. There will lots of Christ-



Pauline and Ian Turpie – with Boris.

massy food such as mince pies, scones and pikelets. You can try your luck in one of our raffles. You may win the Christmas cake or one of Rob Hartwell's candelabras.

There will be a special celebration. Four people will be made Life Members of

Friends of the Eltham Town Hall. Who? No, sorry that's a secret for now!

What we need now is lots of support from schools, community groups, businesses, churches as well as individuals. Yes, you!

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– we need more trees, for example - or require more information contact Pauline Turpie (Secretary) on 764 8542 or call by at 5 Julian Street, Eltham. You are welcome to email me:

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# Survive and Thrive – a book review

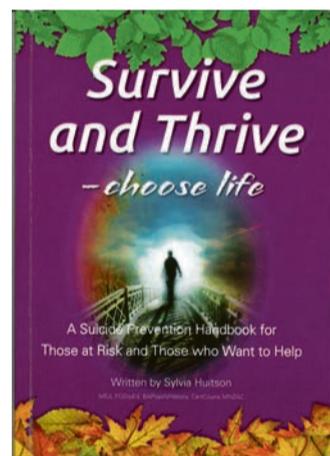
*Survive and Thrive: A Suicide Prevention Handbook for Those at Risk and Those who Want to Help.* Written by Sylvia Huitson. Published by Active Intentions, New Plymouth (2012).

With Suicide Prevention Day having just passed, the entry of this book into the counselling literature is timely.

Sylvia is well-known as a respected counsellor who has helped many people, both in Hawera at South Taranaki Counselling and also in her New Plymouth wing – Active Intentions. Less well known is the fact that she has a unique perspective as a former sufferer from depression and a survivor of a suicide

attempt almost thirty years ago. She has been involved in many counselling agencies such as Lifeline and locally she is a valuable member of the Suicide Prevention Committee.

Sylvia's just released book is a welcome addition to the literature and is mostly aimed at people suffering from depression and possibly at risk of suicide, as well as their nearest and dearest. The book is mostly free of technical terms, although she does mention important professional influences such as Carl Rogers, Albert Ellis, BF Skinner and others. Perhaps Ellis', rational problem solving perspective shines through the most vividly.



It is a very positive book from someone who loves life and has a personal horror of anyone sharing the psychological depths she once did. "...if a life can be saved by reading

this book it has served its purpose well" – is the book's guiding light.

The book has a holistic flavour, embracing everything from self-help, self-love, healthy practices, through to counselling and medication; many aspects have their due place and merit.

At the end of the book are references and the websites of agencies that can help, such as Lifeline, Mensline, Youthline and Suicide Prevention.

I thoroughly recommend this book. Copies are available at \$34.50 (inc GST) from [www.sylvia-huitson.activeintentions.co.nz](http://www.sylvia-huitson.activeintentions.co.nz) or [counsellor.sylvia@xtra.co.nz](mailto:counsellor.sylvia@xtra.co.nz)

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# Cute new additions at Stony Oaks Wildlife Park



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3rd September - 14 October. Body in Action - put your body to the test. Free entry. at Prospero Place, Stratford. Refer advert back page.

## VILLAGE GALLERY- SHIP OF SOULS

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## BODY IN ACTION

Till October 14 at Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford. Put your body to the test. Free entry. at Prospero Place, Stratford. Refer advert.

## CUE THEATRE - ENTERTAINING ANGELS

6th October - 20th October - A comedy by Richard Everett. Tickets on sale at Inglewood Book Centre - refer advert on back page

## GRAFFITI ART WORKSHOP

Free!. Sunday October 7 at the Opunake Skatepark, 10am till 4pm. Refer advert/article

## OPUNAKE LIONS CASUALTY CALF COLLECTION

Last day, Monday October 8. Refer public notice.

## THE SINGING COWBOY

Centre City in New Plymouth, Tuesday October 9 and Wednesday October 10. Hawera October 11, Opunake mid morning till 2pm Friday October 12.

## OPUNAKE TOUCH REGISTRATIONS

Due October 12. Refer public notice. Competition starts October 16.

## SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Applications close 12th October

## TATTOO DRAWING WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 13 at the Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier Street, Opunake. Also Surf Inn. Refer article and advert back page.

## THE MODERN JIVERS

October 13 at the Hawera Presbyterian Centre 9-5pm. Foxtrot, Waltz, Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Modern Jive Workshops. Refer advert.

## CTHT (COASTCARE) CHARITY DINNER

13th October @The Ritz - Sandfords Event Centre, 6pm. Refer advert

## COASTAL SINGERS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS DINNER SHOW

Saturday 13th October Opunake High School Hall - refer advert

## TAKE A KID TROUT FISHING

Saturday October 13 at Opunake Lake, 10am. Refer advert

## THE GREAT ELTHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday October 13, Sunday October 14 at the Eltham Town Hall, 10am to 4pm. Refer advert.

## TATTOOING & TATTOO ARTINSTALLATION

Sunday, October 14 at the Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier Street, Opunake. Also Surf Inn. Refer article and advert back page.

## PAUL UBAMA JONES

Sunday October 14 at Butlers Reef Hotel, Oakura from 3pm. Refer advert.

## IT PAYS TO PAY DRAW

Draw for \$150 car grooming, October 18 at the Rahotu Tavern, 7pm. See article page 2.

## THE MODERN JIVERS

Starts 18th October 7.30pm then every Thursday at Opunake Town Hall. Foxtrot, Waltz, Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Modern Jive Workshops.

## AUROA SCHOOL LAMB & CALF DAY

October 18 at Auroa School, 10am start. Refer advert.

## OPUNAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL DAY

Thursday October 18, 11am. Refer public notice.

## UK/EUROPE EVENING

Tuesday October 23. Phone United Travel, New Plymouth (06) 758 6119 to register.

## OPUNAKE COTTAGE RESTHOME

AGM, Thursday October 25 at the Opunake Bowling Clubrooms, 7pm. Refer public notice.

## TARANAKI COUNTRY BASKETBALL PRIZEGIVING & CHARITY AUCTION

Saturday, October 27 at The Hub, Hawera. 7:30pm. Refer advert

## POTTERS & PICTURES

Till October 27 at the Lysaght Watt Gallery, on the Square, Hawera. Refer advert.

## THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Hawera Memorial Theatre 1st – 10th November. Refer advert.

## OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Monday November 5 at Opunake Surf Inn, 5:30pm social, 6:00pm meeting. Refer public notice.

# Take a Kid Trout Fishing

Children will have a great opportunity to catch a good-sized rainbow trout during the Opunake kids' trout fishing day at Opunake Lake on Saturday October 13.

The event is being run by the Opunake Surfcasting & Angling Club in conjunction with Fish & Game NZ. The trout will be corralled within a holding net at the top end of Opunake Lake (through the gate off Aytoun Street) and children will be able to fish for them with the help of local experts. Simon Young from Opunake Hydro will ensure that the lake level is held steady for the event, which will run from 10.00am to 2pm on the Saturday with all fishing gear supplied. The angling club is requesting a donation of \$2 per child, with the proceeds going towards spot prizes for the event.

While everyone needs a licence to fish for trout, Fish & Game NZ will issue a permit allowing children to fish for free during the kids' fishing event. At the event's conclusion the net will be removed and the remaining rainbow trout will be available to anglers who



Children taking part in the last Take a Kid Fishing event.

hold a current trout fishing licence. Licences are free to under 12-year-olds and a season licence for those under 18 on 1st October 2012 costs just \$24. Fish and Game NZ is a non-

profit organisation and all licence fees go back into the management of the resource

*Allen Stancliff  
Fish and Game Officer  
Fish and Game NZ*

## Degustation Menu

### \*Canapés

**Wine Match: Okurukuru Taranaki Pinotage Blush 2011**

### \*Entrée One Beef Carpaccio

Slivers of Rare Beef crusted in Pepper with Baby Greens and Tomato Thyme infused Oil and Balsamic Reduction

**Wine Match: Okurukuru Taranaki Pinotage 2010**

### \*Entrée Two Seafood Medley

Chunky Blue Cod, Fresh Green Lipped Mussel and Giant Prawn bound with Lemon Butter Sauce and fresh Rocket Pesto drizzle

**Wine Match: Okurukuru Gisborne Unoaked Chardonnay 2009**

### \*Sorbet

### \*Main Slow Braised Venison Osso Bucco

Wild Venison braised till meltingly tender, served with Potato Galette and Baby Buttered Vegetables. Finished with Dark Chocolate Braising Liquor and fresh Mint Pea puree

**Wine Match: Sugar Loaf Pinot Noir 2011**

### \*Dessert White Chocolate Mudcake

Served with Cointreau Spiked Berry Compote and Fresh Cream

**Wine Match: Okurukuru Marlborough Riesling 2011**

### \*Coffee and Chocolate

## Look out for The Singing Cowboy



Timed to coincide with the school holidays, The Singing Cowboy will begin his Taranaki tour singing at Centre City in New Plymouth on Tuesday October 9 and Wednesday October 10. On Thursday morning October 11 he'll be in Hawera and on Friday October 12 he'll be in Opunake from mid-morning to around 2pm busking in the Opunake business district.



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# Body in Action

Percy Thomson Gallery presents its latest exciting exhibition and offers a great holiday option.

The Body In Action – a touring exhibition by Te Manawa Museum's Trust (Palmerston North) is a highly interactive exhibition providing fun and entertainment for both young and old. The many

hands – on activities provide a great way to learn all sorts of interesting facts about the body and its functions. Test your flexibility, your brain power, your hearing, or your sense of smell!

Are you in-charge of your grandchildren during the school holidays? Looking for something to do? Bring them to the gallery and they

will entertain themselves while you either join in and have fun or sit back and have a cup of coffee in the Sgt Peppers Café.

Running concurrently in the Community Gallery is 'Colour Me Red' – a red hot embroidery touring show in response to New Zealand Embroiderer's Guilds annual challenge open to fibre artists

from all disciplines around the country. The 44 entrants had to include some stitch content and be posted in an A3 or A4 padded post bag. The exhibition includes everything from patchwork, and applique, collage and mixed media.

This exhibition closes Sunday 14 October at 3pm.



Catch the Body in Action exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford.

## The Modern Jivers coming soon

Have you always wanted to learn to dance? Classes too far away perhaps. Well, here's your opportunity. Maria Cashmore, an award-winning dancer and dance tutor, is running Thursday classes in Opunake, starting Thursday October 18 in the Opunake Town Hall (7.30pm). The other tutor will be Simon Forsyth, Maria's dancing partner. At the last New Zealand Open Modern Jive Championships the duo won a national title in Modern Jive. The Modern Jivers' dancers came home with a total of eleven trophies.

Simon Forsyth is a local farmer who loves dancing. "It was just an outlet to get away from the farm to meet people". However, he hardly expected a National title.



From left, Simon Forsyth, Maria Cashmore, Janine and Mark Glastonbury.

For the really committed there are 'All Day Partner Dance Workshops' in Hawera on October 13, which run from 9am to 5pm. These will be held in the Presbyterian Centre, 35 Argyle Street, Hawera. The workshops cater for dancers of all levels of ability – from rank beginners, intermediate level dancers - all the way to highly proficient dancers, who can learn Advanced Modern Jive Competition moves. Helping Maria will be three other tutors, including an expert dance couple from

Wanganui, Mark and Janine Glastonbury.

What partner dance styles can you learn at either the Thursday Opunake classes or the Hawera workshops? The answer is basically any 'partner dance' – Samba, Cha Cha Cha, Modern Jive, Square Waltz, Rhythm Foxtrot and Meringue (time permitting).

The Modern Jivers is a non-profit partner dance group supported by the Hawera Community Board, Lysaght-Watt Trust, Creative Communities and

others. Each participant's fee is kept as low as possible.

Maria says the main aim is to socialize and have fun, as well as to learn how to dance with our partners and friends. While admitting that, for her, tuition is a lot of hard work, she comments, "I'm happy to see people have fun while sharing a passion for partner dancing". You can contact Maria Cashmore by phoning 027 727 1749.

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# Graffiti Art Workshop

**Free school holiday workshop for youth in years 7-13.**

10am-4pm, Sunday 7 October at Opunake Skatepark (Monday if it's wet).

Learn about design and graffiti art techniques from professional graffiti art tutor Phil Jones. Then create murals to be displayed at the Opunake Skatepark.

Numbers are limited so those wishing to take part need to call or text Kelly ASAP on 027 416 1586 to register.



# Arts Council brings Graffiti & Tattoo Art to Opunake

A graffiti art workshop and tattoo art drawing workshop are two of a number of activities the Egmont Community Arts Council are organising to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The range activities are designed to interest all sectors of the community and more details on what else is on offer will be available soon.

## Youth Graffiti Art Workshop

Year 7-13 students from around South Taranaki have the opportunity to partake in a graffiti art workshop these school holidays. The workshop will be free to participants due to generous funding from Creative Communities NZ.

The participants will learn about design and graffiti art techniques and will create murals which will be displayed at the Opunake Skatepark. Professional graffiti art tutor Phil Jones will be running the event and he has plenty of experience as a graffiti artist and running successful youth focussed workshops.

The workshop will be held Sunday 7 October from 10am at Opunake Skatepark (Monday if it's wet). Numbers are limited so students who wish to take part need to call or text Kelly ASAP on



An example of Phil Jones' extraordinary artwork.

0274161586 to register.

## Tattoo Art Drawing Workshop

Chris Eiffe and Lester Ransfield will be facilitating a drawing workshop as part of Egmont Community Arts Council's Tattoo Art Installation, which is also funded by Creative Communities NZ.

Lester has a Fine Arts Degree in Taa Moko and Chris has been drawing and more recently tattooing Kiri Tuhi (draw on the skin) for several years. Kiri Tuhi and Taa

Moko is an impressionable style of Maori art that many choose to use to express and to interpret their genealogy, history or mythology resulting in a tattoo that is unique and holds significant personal meaning.

Chris and Lester's drawings and interpretations are influenced by their own tribal affiliations, life journeys and learning. Therefore they are accustomed to working for and with others. Together, their experience and knowledge will be well worth embracing as a tool for beginning or extending a portfolio. The drawing workshop has two openings on Saturday 13th October; the first from

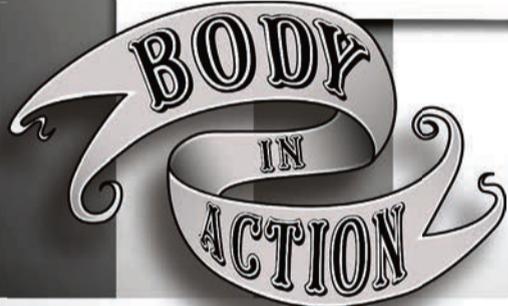
10am-1pm and another at 2pm-6pm. They will be held at the Opunake Surf Inn, upstairs in the Common room. The workshop is open to anyone 14 years and over and costs only \$10 with drawing pads and pencils provided. To register contact Nick on 06 761 8112.

Tattoo is a commitment to a person's desire or design that ultimately together creates a masterpiece for life.

For more information, contact Egmont Community Arts Council Graffiti Art Workshop spokesperson Kelly Langton on 027 416 1586 or Tattoo Art Installation spokesperson Nick Wright on 06 761 8112.

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## Movies at St Pauls

St Pauls Co-operating Parish at Havelock Street, Opunake will be showing movies next week as part of their school holiday programme.

everyone is invited to come along with entry by donation.

The proceeds will be going towards Opunake's Everybody's Theatre.

For further details please contact Ann Smith on (06) 761 8893 or Sharon Arlidge on 027 243 1556.

## Mind landscapes

The exhibition for October on the [Virtual Tart website](http://www.virtualtart.co.nz) at [www.tart.co.nz](http://www.tart.co.nz) is Landscapes of the Mind, by Stella White of Florida, USA. Thank you for all the feedback for my exhibition last

month. Artists really do appreciate your comments. Without an audience it's a bit like singing in a vacuum.

Cheers, & thanks  
 Dale Copeland

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**October 13th & 14th 2012 @ Opunake Surf Inn**  
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**10am - 6pm. For more information, Ph: 06 761 8112.**



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