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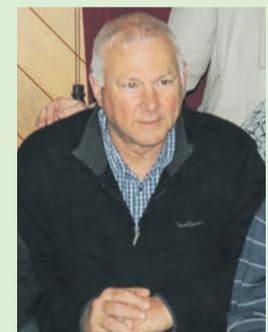
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# Top prices at Stanley Brothers herd

Noel and Ron Stanley were clearly delighted with a top price of \$6,200 for an outstanding cow at their complete dispersal sale.

This elite cow was purchased by Cview Trust of Manaia.

The sale market the end of 80 years dairy farming in Oaonui for the Stanley family.

Preparations for this sale have been undertaken for a long while. Ron explained that

This event marked a change of direction for activities at Stanley Bros farm on Main Road, north of Opunake.

Together with Ron's brother, Noel, they decided to make a move to dry stock farming and growing maize on the farm where once the cows reigned supreme.

"We've always been really keen dairy farmers but with my son, Karl, in the business, we look to innovative ways to maximise our quality land," said Noel. A large piggery, employing other staff, is adjacent on the Arawhata Road boundary.

The morning of October 4 dawned with light rain. By the time a huge crowd of about 200 people arrived, there was sunshine and blue skies. The 100 cars and farm utes were parked up early so their owners could enjoy watching the auction.

Simon Payne, kept everyone enthralled with auctioning off the 220 high capacity in milk cows.

"This sale was well supported by local farmers who were looking for really good cows," Simon commented afterwards.

Suzie Stanley treated the visitors to a delicious



**Darrell Hickey talking to Kevin Neilsen. Both these Opunake farmers were happy buyers.**

selection of tasty country food. There was a mouth-watering choice of sliced ham, salads, fresh bread and rolls, pickles, and cheeses. Tea, coffee, fruit juice and other drinks were available. Kathy Stanley, along with family and friends, helped serve and tidy up after lunch. Anita Scrivener from the ASB Bank lent a hand in carving the ham – "it was such fun to be with everyone."

Meanwhile, Will Kirkland, ASB Bank Rural Manager, spent time studying the cows and talking to local folk. Will hails from a dairy farming family in Southland where they have lived for the past six generations.

"It was all good fun and our hard work paid off," Karl remarked after the last cow was auctioned off. Then it was time for milking them at the rotary cowshed.

Bryan Goodin of NZ Farmers Livestock praised his colleagues who worked as a team to sell Stanley's cows. "We've been doing business with the Stanley family for about 20 years and all the men are really good to deal with," he mentioned later.

The late Noel and Ron Stanley were the first Stanleys to put their stake in the ground and purchase this fertile farm in 1947. Both men had been born and raised on Coastal farms. So they loved the healthy lifestyle, magnificent scenery and warm camaraderie of rural folk.

In true Anzac spirit, Noel fought in the Middle East during World War Two. Ron, a brother younger in years, spent the same war years in the heat and turmoil of the Pacific battles.

This land was a "rehab" farm for returned soldiers. The green paddocks gave Noel and Ron renewed hope and a challenge in peacetime. In the following years the dairy herd was increased to 280 choice cows while a small piggery was established. The pigs thrived on whey.

Meanwhile Noel fell in love with Kathleen Hargreaves from a Te Kiri farming family. The next generation arrived in a noisy, happy group – Ron, Noel, Marianne, Noelene, and Alison. When the responsibility came of being Manager of the All Black rugby team in the 1970's, Noel snr was away overseas many times. Ron snr was like a second father to the young Stanleys who looked upon him as a favourite uncle. When Noel and Ron took up



**Farewell to their cowshed - two more cows sold at the auction.**

farming in the 1960's, they divided their time between the dairy herd and developing the piggery. Sharemilkers cared for the cows while the brothers built up a large piggery with enough staff to feed them with top quality

grain. It's what the Stanleys' always strive for – they take the time and work to achieve success with their piggery, dry stock land or race horses.

*Kathy Stanley*

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## Government - please listen to us

I wonder if our Government is moving from the "me too" age to the "me first" age. As a result some major decisions are being made for which there has not been the rigorous thinking, and consideration of consequences, that the people of New Zealand should be able to expect.

There are many "me first" examples one could think of, but for the people of Taranaki, the decision to halt the offering of new offshore oil and gas permits is a stand out.

Yes - a first of sorts and lots of headlines; but what was the message to national and international investors? What is the message to other New Zealand regions where the Government is waving billions of dollars to encourage new high paying jobs into new sectors, and ironically with the other hand and the stroke of a pen, they can deplete jobs, negate skills, reduce investment and destroy economies and communities? That is certainly the message we are hearing in Taranaki and why all of us should let the Government hear our voice.

The hydrocarbon sector has been aligning itself with renewable fuels for several years, knowing that over time it has to change with the world.

The Impact Statement issued by the Government says, "The upstream sector, major consumers of natural gas such as Methanex, Ballance Agri-

Nutrients, electricity generators, the Port of Taranaki, engineering and service firms in Taranaki, and Taranaki local government are stakeholders directly affected by the proposed changes. MBIE has not been directed to take consultation with these groups on the Government's final policy decision."

This Government repeatedly says that it will listen to what the people have to say in formulating policy. It is very strange then, that the major stakeholders have not been consulted.

The economic impact of this Bill coming into effect is not easy to quantify. What can be said though is that it has potential to destroy livelihoods of families and reduce a bustling and thriving regional province into relative oblivion.

The Taranaki Chamber embraces sustainability and renewable energy. It's a no-brainer. Fossil fuels and renewables can work side by side including in a transition environment. It's been happening in Norway for a long time and in Scotland. If it can work there, we must consider it as a part of our future plan here.

There should be a thought through plan for us to transition smoothly. This Bill is having the impact of a shock jock. This transition needs evidence-based preparation, proper consultation and a thorough economic and social impact study. We are more than prepared to work with the Government through this process.

## ADELPHOS

In the mid 1990s my two backyard beehives were just a few feet from a giant grapefruit and an often overladen orange tree. When the spring blossoms emerged it was a bee-mania extravaganza. Each hive had about 40,000 healthy residents with one very popular Italian queen. Their monotonous buzzing had a musically mesmerizing affect on my home gardener's ears. But that was back in the late nineties.

Today it's a different house and backyard with lemon, feijoa, plum and peach trees. But yesterday, while having a morning tea cuppa on my sundrenched north facing deck, I counted only four or five honey bees floating around on thousands of pink and white blossoms adorning my two plum and peach trees. In contrast, last year there was a legion of worker bees voraciously competing for blossom nectar and pollen on sunny windless days. Maybe some bee colonies on nearby farms have collapsed?

## To Bee or Not to Bee...

Maybe I should get a few hives?

Neonicotinoid (or neonic) pesticide products are a primary culprit in the decline of honeybees and wind pollinators. Popular neonic products containing imadachloprid or imidacloprid should be avoided in our gardens. Such products have neonic warnings on the label saying, "Can kill bees—do not spray when active". Or "Do not spray on flowering plants, crops or budding plants". Corporate lawyers use such legal disclaimers to impute blame on consumer misuse and not the product itself for any harmful effects.

Such neonic formulated products have been scientifically proven to have the sublethal affects of reducing bee fertility, impairing motor activity and foraging behavior, as well as short and long term memory loss. The bees are forgetting where their hives are and Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) often results. Think of a horror story with

So, as we move to the next stages of this Bill, the least the Government can do is have the Select Committee from Economic Development meet in Taranaki, so that the people who stand to lose the most can at least have their voices heard. Our invitation is, "Come talk to us and work with us".

Ngā mihi nui  
Arun Chaudhari  
CEO Taranaki Chamber of Commerce

## Changes to Young Farmers Contest

Our country's longest running agricultural competition, the FMG Young Farmer of the Year has recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Logan Wallace being this year's winner.

Now it seems the New Zealand Young Farmers competition board has announced that changes are on the way, not only including having more women, but also having the FMG NZ Junior Young Farmer of the Year at the same time, which is an extremely brilliant idea.

It's quite obvious that the NZ Young Farmers competition board is finally starting to realise that women around the world are now competing in indoor and outdoor sporting codes and doing extremely well.

By including young farming women in this type of farming competition which has been dominated by men,

I believe the time is coming that a woman will win this contest outright., as early next year throughout the country this competition begins, with regional finals and the grand final in Hawke's Bay in July

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

## NZ Young Farmers helping out

NZ Young Farmers organising mental health workshops around the country helping our young people with any mental health issues they may have is a brilliant idea.

I can see this great idea taking off big time, so maybe within our 80 Young Farmers clubs around the country, certain people within the clubs can be selected to talk to our young people in our cities, towns, villages and rural communities. If our young parents of today can be taught to know the sort of signs to look for in their own families I believe it would cut down the rate of suicides.

Whether we live in cities, towns, villages, or in a rural community, regardless of gender, occupation or age, every single one of us at some point in time needs some assistance, but we say to ourselves we can do it by ourselves, then suddenly find we cannot, which ends up with us getting frustrated, which leads to some unfortunate incidents.

Now this is the reason we should all look out for one another.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

five hundred people permanently forgetting where their cars are parked at the Centre City Car Park, and, they will never find their way home, even on foot.

Countries around the world are monitoring their declining bee populations. It is estimated that bees pollinate about 70 of the 100 crop species that feed our planet. Worldwide they account for between \$300-\$500 billion U.S. annually in crop harvests. Not to mention the plants that bees pollinate which is food for animals and the cyclical food chain.

But there's some positive news. In New Zealand the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the MPI (Ministry for Primary Industries) monitor the neonic effects on our bee population. Our foods are also tested to ensure GAP (Good Agricultural Practice). However, neonic pollution in our waterways and food chain can't be "100% healthy clean green". Organic gardening

in the Naki is becoming more popular.

At creation God said, "have dominion" over everything on earth. He did not want humans to have a destructive domination over earth's resources. Is the love of money the root of this onslaught on our buzzy friends? Perhaps it's time we contact "all" our MPs and personally stop drenching our own backyard gardens in a noxious cocktail of chemicals.

Bees are at the heart of our earth's garden of bounty. In her poem entitled "God's Garden" Dorothy Frances Gurney writes, "The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the birds for mirth, one is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth."

If Dorothy were alive today, I'm sure she would have included a verse about our precious and much needed apiary angel helpers.

Adelphos

# Rainbow Warrior takes on Austrian oil giant

The Greenpeace flagship, Rainbow Warrior was recently in the South Taranaki Basin to scope out oil and gas rigs owned by Austrian petroleum giant, OMV.

After sailing for 36 hours through the Cook Strait, the Rainbow Warrior reached Māui A platform at dawn on October 2.

On board the Greenpeace ship were three representatives from the Taranaki community, Emily Bailey of Climate Justice Taranaki, Agnes Wharehoka from Parihaka, and Kura Niwa from Pukerangiora Hapū.

As the Rainbow Warrior arrived at Māui A, Niwa contacted the oil rig and demanded OMV stop its operations immediately.

“We have come here today on behalf of our tamariki and mokopuna and the hundreds of thousands who have spoken to leave fossil fuels in the ground,” she said.

A banner reading “Make OMV History” was also hung from the Rainbow Warrior.



Greenpeace flagship was in the South Taranaki bight recently protesting the presence of Austrian petroleum giant OMV.

The Rainbow Warrior is currently in New Zealand as part of a national tour to celebrate the Government’s April announcement banning new

offshore oil and gas exploration permits, and to canvas clean energy opportunities.

Greenpeace climate and energy campaigner, Amanda

Larsson, says for some communities in New Zealand, there is still a risk that oil and gas exploration could be a reality for years to come due to

existing permits that passed through before the ban.

“Taranaki is one of three areas in New Zealand that is still open to oil and gas companies wanting to exploit dirty energy reserves from under the seabed,” she says.

“This region is also one of only four known breeding and foraging grounds for Blue Whales in the Southern Hemisphere. It is an abomination that anyone would blast and drill in these precious waters for profit.”

The majority of oil and gas rigs off the Taranaki coast are now operated by Austrian oil giant OMV, which is planning to drill 12 new exploratory wells in Taranaki next year.

As well as Taranaki, OMV has active oil and gas exploration permits off the Wairarapa Coast and in the Great South Basin. The company has a commitment to drill in the Great South Basin by July 2019.

## Drivers beware

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What’s so hard to do?  
Signs are there for a reason,  
They’re here for me and you.

How many times has it happened  
That a driver doesn’t stop,  
And nearly ploughed right into you,  
That’s when we need a gap.

Concentrate on where you’re going.  
It’s not that very hard!  
Hell, people are dying every day.  
So don’t let down your guard!

Another thing we must remember,  
Is when it’s foggy to dip your lights.  
At least we’ll all be seen  
And not give each other frights!

Honestly, it’s really just common sense.  
Watch every driver on the road.  
Slow down, Give Way, be careful,  
That’s why we’ve a Road Code!

Anon

## Rushing oil and gas legislation an undemocratic disgrace

The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) says it is undemocratic and deeply unfair for the select committee considering changes to oil and gas legislation to have its consultation period slashed to just four weeks.

“Given the strong public interest and enormous ramifications of this decision, it’s crucial this process isn’t rushed,” says PEPANZ CEO Cameron Madgwick.

“Our industry doesn’t want a Block Offer this year if it means an undemocratic process. This means there should be no reason now for urgency.

“There has already been a shocking lack of consultation since the surprise announcement was made in April. To now slash the consultation

time doesn’t seem fair, open or transparent to the communities, workers, and iwi directly affected.

“Given some of the outrageous comments from relevant MPs in the debate, we have little confidence in a fair hearing from the Environment Select Committee. This is especially so in such a short timeframe which gives so little time for MPs to consider evidence and write a properly informed report.

“The legislative changes in the bill involve serious economic and environmental issues and go even further than expected. There needs to be proper scrutiny of the impacts through a normal four to six month select committee process.

“The entire process has been a disgrace with no warning, no consultation and the

Government trashing their own expert advice on the devastating impacts of this policy.”

They have launched a new public campaign Energy Voices.

“This policy will have far reaching consequences, but the people most affected haven’t had a say in the decision. We want to give those people a voice,” says Cameron Madgwick.

“The rhetoric has often overshadowed the facts and it’s time for some balance.

“The speed of the decision and the lack of consultation has become a source of deep frustration.

“This move will destroy jobs, increase energy costs and lose New Zealand billions of dollars. At the same time, according to the Government’s own advisors it

will do nothing to reduce New Zealand’s emissions.

“We need natural gas to transition to a lower carbon economy and it’s far too soon to start cutting off supply when there are no realistic alternatives.

“Energy Voices will give affected workers and families a chance to have their say. So far, they haven’t been heard.”

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

# By-laws on the right track

I managed to get away with the family to do some 'good old' New Zealand camping. Napier has their Freedom

Camping very well set up along Marine Parade. I think South Taranaki's freedom camping by-laws are on

the right track. We just need to keep fine tuning the sites, monitoring volume and have motivated ambassadors to inform campers of options and control any problems over peak times.

One growing trend I noticed while away was the amount of well utilised BMX pump tracks being built. Pump tracks are designed for bikes to roll around by pumping your arms and body to gain speed but without needing



CRAIG DINGLE

to pedal. Once the tracks are fine-tuned with dirt they are

either concreted or tar-sealed to make them smooth and stop erosion. Then scooters and skateboarders can also ride on them. Hawera BMX club have the dirt in place to start building one. Hopefully we see more being built in South Taranaki over the next few years and encouraging youth to be active.

The drinking fountain for the Opunake Skate Park that the Egmont Plain Community Board funded should be

installed shortly.

We have our next Board meeting at Sandford's Event Centre 17<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am. All are welcome at 'Open forum' if you have any issues or ideas you wish to bring forward. Till next time.

Take care.

*Craig Dingle  
Chairperson  
Egmont Plains  
Community Board*

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## Council increases its contribution to Hunter Shaw building

The South Taranaki District Council has agreed to commit up to \$500,000 to earthquake strengthen Patea's Hunter Shaw Building.

The 1930s Building was closed after it was found to be earthquake prone. In 2015 the council agreed to get the building up to

67% of the New Building Standard at an estimated cost of \$350,000; however, a more detailed engineers report has identified that total costs to design, strengthen and refurbish the building will cost around \$950,000.

South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop acknowledged the building was part of the

unique streetscape of Patea, but was concerned at the price tag.

"We are all supportive of preserving this building, but we would like to see if we can get the costs down further," says Mayor Dunlop.

"We will also need some help to get this over the line and the remaining funds

will be sought from external sources such as NZ Lotteries Community Facilities Fund," he says.

Funds for the Council's contribution to the strengthening will come from the Council's Earthquake Prone Buildings' budget.

## Patea library Plus relocates for faceflit

The Patea LibraryPlus is temporarily relocating to the Patea Old Folks Hall while the Library gets a \$300,000 facelift.

Group Manager of community services, Fiona Greenhill, says the LibraryPlus is going to have major exterior renovations done, including reroofing and recladding.

"The LibraryPlus will be closed on Monday 15 October while staff move across to the Patea Old Folks Hall at 131



Patea Library Plus.

Egmont Street, then reopen at 9am on Tuesday 16 October, at the temporary site," says Fiona Greenhill.

"The relocated LibraryPlus

will have a reduced book stock but will operate full Council services as normal," she says.

The renovation work is

expected to take around 20 working weeks and staff are looking forward to returning to a modernised building by mid-February 2019.

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# District Council Annual Report shows strong result

The South Taranaki District Council finished the 2017/18 financial year with a healthy \$8 million surplus against a budgeted surplus of \$1.6 million, according to its Annual Report, which was adopted at the October 8 special council meeting.

Council Chief Executive Waid Crockett says the surplus was largely due to the Council's Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) which performed strongly over the year.

"Thanks to strong market conditions the LTIF did very well and returned \$11.99 million which was \$2.6 million more than we budgeted," says Mr Crockett. "After allowing for the annual drawdown and rates subsidy, at year end the Fund balance totalled \$143.21 million (including \$11.38 million of internal borrowings), up from \$137.43 million in 2016/17," he says.

Total debt also increased from \$123.75 million to \$128.18 million.

Mr Crockett says each year the Council's draws \$5.8 million from the LTIF which provides \$3.87 million to subsidise general rates and a further \$1.93 million to service loans for specific community projects.

"In this way the LTIF has returned almost \$100 million back to the South Taranaki Community since it was started in 1997," he says.

"All revenue over and above the annual drawdown of \$5.8 million is returned to the Fund to build it up for those years when it doesn't perform so well."

The Report also highlighted the steady progress made with two of Council's key priorities; the Hawera Town Centre Strategy and the District Pathways Programme.

"The second Hawera Town Centre project started with the demolition of the old butcher shop in High Street to make way for Korimako Lane; a new laneway connection to the Napier Street carpark. Good progress was also made on planning the new Centre for Heritage, Arts, Library, Culture and Information," says Mr Crockett.

Two new pathways were completed, one linking Denby Road to Fairfield Road and the Manawapou Viaduct Walkway, which follows the old Ingahape Road from the State Highway at the bottom of Manawapou Hill, was also opened.

Ninety km of roads were resealed and 1.5 km of footpaths replaced. The Normanby roadside rest area was completed and opened. Bridge 160 on Eltham Road was replaced for \$500,000. An electric vehicle charging station was built in Opunake

(Napier Street). Two million dollars in upgrades were undertaken at the Inaha Water Treatment Plant and the Inaha water supply was connected by pipeline to the Kapuni water supply. All Council cemeteries were digitally mapped. South Taranaki opened its Sporting Hall of Fame at TSB Hub with James Hunter (rugby), Roger Cox (shearing) and Adine Wilson (netball) being the first inductees. The Hawera Aquatic Centre had 98,528 visitors, their second busiest year since its upgrade was completed in 2009. Earthquake structural assessments have been completed for all major Council facilities with the rest to be completed over the next three years. The *Tapuae Roa - Make Way for Taranaki* Regional Economic Development Strategy was launched.



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## Have you lost a very fluffy tabby cat?

About three weeks ago a very fluffy tabby (striped) adult cat turned up at our Okato house and has lingered. It looks like it has been well cared for and is semi-tame. It sleeps under a nearby building and sometimes likes to snooze on our path. It likes the hard (pellet type) food

and now has taken to 'talking' to us - especially when it wants a feed. We are unsure whether it is male or female. It looks like a very nice pet belonging to someone.

If you have lost a very fluffy cat of this description please give us a phone call at 06 752 4377.



And another friendly little cat that has turned up at Brennan Place Opunake .

It's very cute and tame (and noisy!) and looks like he's someone's pet.

Affectionate and permanently hungry but is clearly in good condition.

If anyone recognises him could they phone (06) 761 8206 or (06) 761 7016.



The very fluffy tabby cat that has turned up at our Okato home.

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# Fire Brigade looking towards summer

Well it's been a quiet time for the Opunake Brigade with no fire call outs attended since our last post.

While we may not have been attending emergency incidents members of our team have been attending various training courses. Last weekend two of our crew attended a Motor Vehicle Extrication course in Stratford. This course is designed to upskill our people in the use of vehicle extrication tools, equipment,

and procedures. We are pleased to say that both passed this course with flying colours.

While that was going on other members of the brigade were attending a First Aid refresher course at the Opunake Station. As a lot of our callouts are to medical type incidents, in support of St John's, it is vitally important that our team maintain their First Aid training to the required level. Again all those that attended

attained recertification for another two years.

We have had our new recruits at the station during the week practicing running out hose and having Breathing Apparatus sets on their backs. This is to get them ready to attend their seven day recruits course which is held in Rotorua early in the New Year. This training has been carried out under the watchful eye of some of our more experienced members. We are always looking for

new recruits so if you are interested please come along.

The brigade received notification from our Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Rodney Wood and our Deputy Chief Fire Officer (DCFO) Kevin Joyce that after over 55 years of operational service between them they are stepping down from their leadership positions and joining the Opunake Brigade's Operational Support Unit. The brigade is thankful that they are

staying on in a support role. Applications are currently being sort from the brigade members to fill the CFO / DCFO positions from the New Year onwards.

With the summer months coming on, it's time to think about fires in the Rural Area. Fire is an accepted means of land management, however in saying that we all need to ensure that it is used safely. Before lighting any fire in the rural you should check it's safe to do so on <http://www.checkitsalright.nz/>

Summer time is also time to get the BBQ out again. Before you use it is advisable to check all the fittings and hoses to ensure they are tight and that hoses have not cracked or perished over the winter months. Keep yourselves safe out there

VSO John

# Opunake is home for new citizens Cobus and Lynette Blom

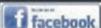
Cobus and Lynette Blom joined Mayor Ross Dunlop and other new citizens at the South Taranaki Council Chambers on Thursday September 27 to become NZ citizens. Cobus and Lynette were joined by some of their children and grandchildren. These two have been living and contributing to our community since 2011. Congratulations and welcome from your local community.

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# Five taken to hospital after two car accident

Three well known Coastal Taranaki entertainment personalities were among five people taken to hospital following a two car accident on Friday afternoon (October 5).

The accident occurred near the intersection of State

Highway 3 and Ye Olde Mill between Mokau and Awakino.

Ray and Berna Hayward of Raybern Entertainment and singer Monique Matthews were travelling north to perform at a gig at the Otorohanga Club when the

accident happened around 2pm.

State Highway 3 was closed and the Taranaki, Taupo and Tauranga Rescue helicopters were called in. Three people were flown by helicopter to Waikato Hospital and two were taken to Taranaki Base

Hospital.

Monique Matthews, a well known Taranaki singer had recently started singing with Berna Hayward in the band Just Us.

Pungarehu resident Ray Hayward of Raybern Entertainment had organised

a fundraiser at the Rahoitu Tavern on April 29 for people affected by the tornado which slammed into Rahoitu the previous month. The event which brought together nine bands and 16 solo acts and duos raised \$4500.

Raybern Entertainment also

holds an annual fundraiser for the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust.

Ray has been an outspoken advocate for using more local talent at entertainment events in Coastal and South Taranaki.

# Electric vehicles go the distance

The latest data from *Flip the Fleet*, a coalition of over 1,150 EV owners from all around New Zealand, shows that electric vehicles are actually driven further each year than combustion vehicles.

The annual average distance travelled across all models of EVs is 14,100 km/year, a

from base and back again in a New Zealand EV is 48 km, whereas NZTA estimates that the combined distance of all the day's trips in a combustion vehicle averages only 28 km. One of the 30 kWh Leafs contributing to the *Flip the Fleet* data base is travelling 45,000 km a year.

"The data well and truly

family workhorse and the household's transport costs and transport emissions are minimised," said Daniel Myall, *Flip the Fleet's* statistician.

"EVs are particularly good for people with a reasonably long commute to work. We think some people are doing the sums and realising that

Nissan eNV200, the only readily available second-hand electric van for light commercial use in New Zealand so far. Its average travel per year is just 9,400 km.

"The next big breakthrough we are look forward to is an inexpensive light commercial

electric van that can travel a decent distance with a heavy load of passengers or gear on board," said Daniel.

*Flip the Fleet* is a citizen science project that provides scientifically reliable information on the benefits and constraints of electric vehicles in New Zealand.

The project is partly funded by the government's Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund, administered by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

**Kathryn Trounson.**



Not only do they save money but these cheerful people are aware that their electric vehicle (EV) travels further than most fuel-operated vehicles over the course of a year.

quarter more than the 11,500 km/year for combustion vehicles.

"Our Trust provides test drives to let people experience what a joy EVs are to drive," says Kathryn Trounson, Chairperson of The Better New Zealand Trust, "These data show that the switch to electric cars also saves them money while reducing New Zealand's carbon footprint."

Even the very earliest Nissan Leaf model with a small battery is travelling more than the average for combustion vehicles. The average single trip away

busts the myth that EVs aren't a practical substitute for a conventional car," Kathryn went on to say.

The higher average distance travelled by EVs doesn't surprise the *Flip the Fleet* researchers.

"Many EV owners also retain one of their old combustion vehicles as back-up, but then concentrate most of the family's travel in the EV to save money and enjoy a better ride. Families often run a simple rule. Whoever is going furthest that day gets to take the EV. That way the EV becomes the

even though a typical EV costs more to buy, they can quickly regain that through avoided petrol costs."

*Flip the Fleet* estimates that a commuter doing a 100 km round trip to work, five days a week is saving \$90 per week in fuel and maintenance costs.

The sums in favour of an EV are getting even better with the recent petrol price hikes.

The Mitsubishi Outlander, a Plug-in Hybrid, averaged 19,000 km per year - the furthest of any EV model reporting to *Flip The Fleet*.

At the lower end was the

## On this month in history NZ sighted

On October 6, 1769 New Zealand was sighted by 12-year-old Nicholas Young while on board Captain Cook's ship the Endeavour

The coastline he saw was near Gisborne and is now named 'Young Nick's Head'

in the youngster's honour.

This was the first of Captain Cook's voyages to our part of the world. He was later killed in Hawaia after an altercation with the locals.

Captain Cook and his men were the second Europeans

to visit NZ, but Abel Tasman was first from Europe in 1642.

However, after a fatal altercation with the local inhabitants Tasman did not land.

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# This year is about listening

One of the most important things a political party can do in Opposition is take a good look at its policies and plan for New Zealand. It's a time to look at what worked and what can be done better.

After nine years in Government we're doing exactly that.

We had some real successes in the Beehive. Under our economic plan New Zealand was among the fastest growing economies in the developed world, we were creating 10,000 new jobs a month and Māori and Pasifika were achieving more than ever before in education.

We should be building on those successes.

But there were areas where we could have done better and we need to learn those lessons and improve our approach.

So we're going to take this time in Opposition to refresh ourselves and our ideas - running the ruler over our existing policies, and proposing new ones for 2020.

Should we earn the right to govern in 2020, we'll be ready. This Government's 170-odd reviews and working



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH**

groups so far, the stagnation and lack of certainty shows what happens when you're not.

We have a thorough process underway and we want to make sure you understand it.

This year is about listening.

We want to hear from you - parents and pupils, families and farmers, businesses and communities.

That's why we've kicked off our 'Have Your Say' campaign to get the views of different people around the country. We've started with small businesses. We know small businesses are the engine room of our economy and we want to hear from them what we can do to help them succeed. They know

their businesses better than we do and 2,600 people have responded so far.

We'll be looking at a number of other important areas including rural New Zealand and seniors.

But the 'Have Your Say' campaign is just part of it.

Every day when our MPs are at Parliament we are meeting to discuss ideas and put forward proposals. We have MPs focused on everything from social issues, law and order, the economy through to health and education. Our MPs are coming up with the ideas to improve the lives of Kiwis.

And when we're not at Parliament all 56 of us are getting around the country and hearing from New Zealanders.

Next year we'll put our thoughts out in discussion documents so people can respond to our proposals and finally, we'll set out our concrete plans for New Zealand's future in the lead-up to the 2020 election.

We also have 45 Bills in the Ballot at Parliament. Those are 45 proposals from National MPs ranging from

efforts to hold people to account for a coward's punch, to helping more children learn a second language and allowing parents to take parental leave together. We've already had some legislation passed, including giving more financial support to foster children.

And where we agree we're working with the Government on important issues including climate change and child poverty.

All that's on top of holding this Government to account. When we believe the Government is doing things that will harm New Zealanders we will oppose it, it might seem like we're being negative - we see it as being protective.

Every day we are working to come up with the policies and plans to improve the lives of New Zealanders. We will continue to be the hardest working Opposition New Zealand has ever seen. And we will be ready to lead New Zealand should we earn the right to govern again in 2020.

*Jonathan Young  
MP for New Plymouth*

# Visitor levy to futureproof tourism

Cabinet has approved a new International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy to be set at \$35 per visitor, raising an estimated \$80 million a year to go toward tourism infrastructure and conservation projects, Tourism Minister Kelvin Davis has announced.

The levy will be collected through visa fees and via the new Electronic Travel Authority, with legislation due to be passed around the middle of next year.

"The estimated \$80 million a year this levy will raise gives New Zealand the opportunity to be a world leader in destination management and a place that focuses on getting the best from tourism growth for our country and people," Kelvin Davis said. "This levy is one part of a package of initiatives

designed to make sure the tourism industry is sustainable, productive and inclusive, and continues to provide good experiences for both visitors and local communities."

Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage said public consultation showed strong support for the levy, with the majority of the 107 submitters in favour of setting the fee at \$35.

"The money raised through the levy will help improve the protection and enhancement of New Zealand's distinctive natural environment and improve tourism planning. The chance to enjoy Aotearoa's spectacular landscapes and nature are a major reason international visitors come to our country," Eugenie Sage said.

"Nature is at the heart of New



**Hon Kelvin Davis MP**

Zealand's success. Improved tourism strategy and planning will help ensure the natural, cultural and historic heritage that underpins our tourism industry is protected and enhanced into the future." Kelvin Davis said the intention is for funds to be split evenly between conservation and tourism and further work with stakeholders will now be done to decide the best ways to spend the levy's revenue.

"We have a couple of options on how to do this and will work through those with our partners, but the main feature of the levy is that its revenue will be set aside for conservation work and tourism infrastructure," Mr Davis said.

"This levy will provide sustainable funding so as a country we can better respond to the challenges and opportunities of tourism growth," Kelvin Davis said. Most international visitors entering New Zealand for 12 months or less will be charged the levy. There will be some exemptions, most notably Australian citizens and permanent residents and people from many Pacific Island countries. Ship and air crew will be exempt from the levy.

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# Significant step to correct miscarriage of justice

“The CCRC is an independent body that will review convictions and sentences where there is a suspected miscarriage of justice. It can refer cases back to the appeal courts, but it does not determine guilt or innocence. The CCRC will replace the referral power currently exercised by the Governor-General under section 406 of the Crimes Act 1961.

“The CCRC will be accessible and will take away some of the burden from applicants who require assistance.

“Given the resources the state puts into securing a conviction, I believe there is good reason for it to put

adequate resources into correcting mistakes that may have been made. Having a CCRC will ensure there can be investigations into potential miscarriages of justice that are timely, fair and independent.”

“We have consulted with other countries who have CCRCs about their experience, and with senior New Zealand lawyers and academics. Their contributions to the Bill have been invaluable.”

“I look forward to the Select Committee’s consideration of this Bill and welcome public submissions on the Bill,” said Andrew Little.

The key aspects of the Bill are: the test that a case must

meet to be referred by the CCRC to the appeal court, the power that the CCRC has to access information, the way this power interacts with existing privileges, and the circumstances when the Commission may disclose this information, the interaction between the Commission and the residual Royal prerogative exercised by the Governor-General, the Commission’s powers to undertake inquiries into practice, policy, procedure, or other matters it considers to be related to miscarriages of justice, and the ability for the Commission to make its own initial inquiries into a conviction or sentence.

Justice Minister Andrew Little has introduced the Bill to establish a Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC).

“The Government agreed to establish a Criminal Cases Review Commission as part of the Labour New Zealand First Coalition agreement,” said Andrew Little.

“A Criminal Cases Review Commission provides a mechanism for addressing miscarriages of justice - this is a priority for the Government.

# Building a biosecurity team for 4.7 million New Zealanders

Minister for Biosecurity Damien O’Connor has called on every New Zealander to help build a biosecurity team of 4.7 million as part of the *Ko Tātou This Is Us* campaign.

*Ko Tātou This Is Us* is an independent biosecurity brand that aims to connect all of us with the many ways we can help protect Aotearoa from pests and diseases.

“With biosecurity in the spotlight as we attempt to eradicate *Mycoplasma bovis*, turn away ships to keep the Brown marmorated stink bug out of New Zealand, and deal with the emergence and spread of Myrtle rust and Kauri dieback, now is the time for every New Zealander to stand up and take action on biosecurity,” Damien O’Connor said.



“Biosecurity keeps safe everything that shapes our unique way of life, from the great outdoors we farm, fish, hunt and play in to the biodiversity of our unique ecosystems.

“The campaign includes a beautiful and thought-pro-

voking video, featuring a kuia looking back on her life and urging New Zealanders to understand that everything that shapes our way of life is finite and fragile and that we must all play our part in protecting it from pests and diseases.

“It also focuses on appropriate biosecurity behaviours and actions in three core areas: moving people and goods, vigilance and readiness, and pest and disease control.

“I thank those who have shared their own personal connection to biosecurity as part of this campaign, such as Pro XC Mountain Bike racer and Commonwealth Games Gold medalist Anton Cooper, owner of the largest cooking school in Australasia Sachie Nomura, and Big Angry Fish hosts Milan Radonich and Nathan O’Hearn.

“Together we can make a difference. Together we can keep Aotearoa safe from pests and diseases. *Ko Tātou This Is Us*,” Damien O’Connor said.

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## On this month in history National wins in a landslide

On October 27, 1990 the National Party easily won the General Election with 67 MPs to Labour’s 29. National’s leader since 1987 Jim Bolger became Prime Minister. New Labour won one electorate with the late Jim Anderton.

Three days later the Bank of New Zealand had to be bailed out at a cost of \$380,000,000.

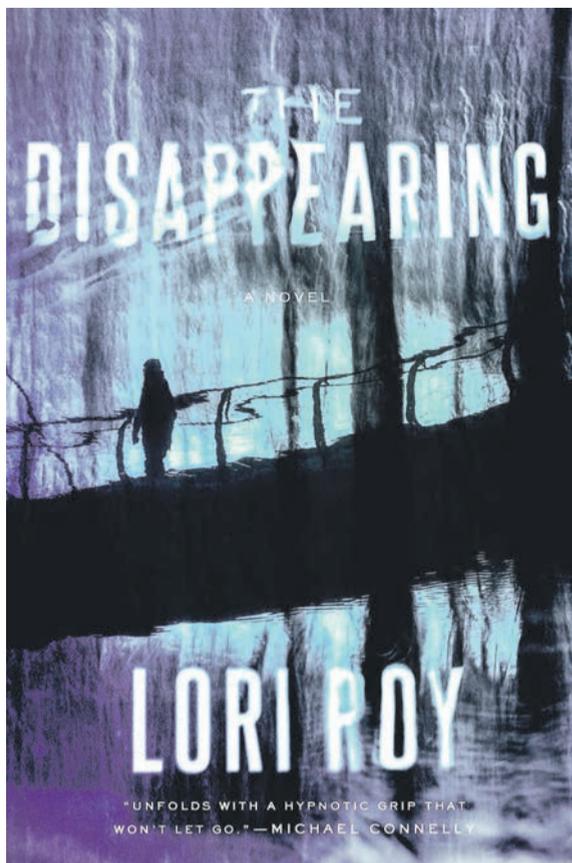
For many voters it was a relief as the defeated Government of David Lange (initially) and later Geoffrey Palmer (later Sir) was in

disarray with the promised ‘trickle down’ of economic reforms (mostly referred to as Rogernomics after Minister Roger Douglas) failing to reach the poorer sections of society, while the already well off prospered.

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# Opunake Library Plus book review

## The Disappearing by Lori Roy



The Disappearing by Lori Roy is set in a small town with small minded people. The community is very unfeeling towards anyone who it has deemed to break its rules. Set around an old mansion that was once a

boy's detention centre the story centres around Lane who left years ago with a boy she didn't love, and who didn't love her to escape her bullying father. Twenty years later she is back and the past is raising its ugly head

to pull at her - especially an incident that happened in her early teenage years which set in motion events that bring a pack of reporters swarming through the town. A girl goes missing and remains have been found near the old school. Lane's father is rumoured to be a vicious man who beat the

students there and who also beats his wife, and the family contest with the suspicion that surrounds them. Lane has two daughters and they both have their secrets. Her eldest also goes missing and both are caught up with the view from the attic where their mother used to leave food for the runaway boys.

The youngest daughter is caught up with a man who has a dubious background and an even more dubious reason for being in the town. Did what Lane believes happened in the past really happen?

How many boys are buried near the old school? The questions never end.

This is a very well-crafted story filled to the brim with buried secrets, rumours and gossip and a dark past that refuses to stay buried.

The ending which comes together very neatly has a nice little psychological twist to it.

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## Ancient book in Eltham



Judith Rodgers with the very old book.

An old book was recently handed in to Eltham businesswoman Judith Rodgers at her shop Pots, Pansies and Violets. She said the donor was a man from elsewhere. Inside the front cover of the book is a handwritten presentation sheet with the date February 12, 1894 - that is the year after New Zealand women were granted the vote. The writing is hard to read but the surname *Burn*

(or similar) can be seen. However, quite clear is the location where the book was presented - *Dunedin New Zealand*. The ancient book is entitled 'Dr Chases's New, Last and Complete work - Memorial Edition'. The printer is Robert Doig, 110 Market Street, Sydney. Also readable is *Collector: JG Finlay and "Received for the gift of life in full, Malcolm Grigg.*

Inside is a detached

sheet promoting the book as containing nearly 900 pages, having sold over 25,000 copies and being great value for money.

The indexed book has information on a wide range of things including medical conditions (eg. bronchitis, colic, whooping cough, and acidic stomach), recipes, nutrition and hints on upgrading clothes such

as renovating silk dresses. Some of the book's claims require sceptical scrutiny such as: "That sciatica, toothache and neuralgia can be cured by the appliance of a hot flat-iron and vinegar."

Anyway, this book is well worth a look, so call by at Pots, Pansies and Violets to see it at 150 High Street, Eltham.

## Variety at play reading evening

Felicity Willis, hostess for the Play Reading evening at the Hawera Women's Club Play Reading Circle opened the entertainment with her reading of "Women rule ok" by Alice Thomas Ellis. The old fashioned rules that women had to live by in days long past sounded ridiculous to our modern ears. This reading was in recognition of the Women's Suffrage celebrations held recently.

Cheryl Jamieson's reading of Trevor Rowe's "The old party line" was received well as it is an old favourite which brought back memories of the old phones of yesteryear for most of us.

Jocelyn Terry also brought back memories with A.A Milne's "The wisdom of Winnie." This was enjoyed by the audience who hadn't heard any of Pooh Bear's thoughts for some time.

Jocelyn then read a nursery verse by Joan Bullock Morell, and Felicity rounded the readings off with "Miles to go" by Pauline O'Reagan. We all know about "are we there yet?" Don't we?

Felicity introduced the cast of her play "Point of view" by the well known David

Campton.

It tells the story of Auntie who lives in an apartment upstairs and overlooking a busy street. Auntie observes everything below through binoculars, and seems to know everything; but is worried when her nieces decide she should live with one of them. The story unfolds as she cleverly manipulates them, using their own reasoning and causing them to nearly fall out with each other. Of course she ends up continuing to stay living where she is.

The very good cast was: Jane Lawrence (Auntie), Jocelyn Tong and Noreen Harris (nieces),

Cheryl Jamieson and Cynthia Stone (well meaning friends of Auntie).

A simple plot which turned out to be more complicated as the play unfolded.

This excellent programme concluded with supper for the good attendance of members of the Hawera Women's Club Play Reading Circle.

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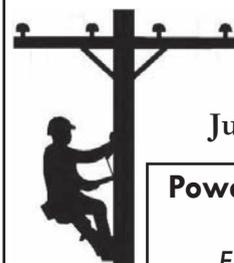
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# First in Taranaki



Silver does not always mean coming second. When Opunake High School received its silver enviroschool certificate it became the first secondary school in Taranaki to do so. Taranaki EnviroSchools co-ordinator Lauree Jones made the presentation at a school assembly last month.

“It’s really rare to see a silver secondary enviroschool,” said Lauree. “It takes a huge commitment from the Board of Trustees, teachers, principal and rangatahi. You are building amazing people who are thinking more sustainably.”

The next step would be to become a Green Gold EnviroSchool, and Lauree said she believes Opunake High School has the momentum to achieve this.

EnviroSchools have been in Taranaki since 2003. The Taranaki Regional Council have been on board since July and among other things

cover Lauree’s costs as co-ordinator.

Opunake High School has been on the enviroschool journey since 2005-6 and became a bronze enviroschool in 2008.

Teachers Andrea Hooper and Peter Clement have been involved from the start.

“Doing sustainability has become second nature,” says Andrea. “Being a sustainable school is who we are, and it’s where we’ve been going for a while.”

She said their goal is to grow good people who would be self sustaining in their own lives.

“It’s all about hau ora,” she said.

Looking towards attaining the Green Gold certificate, she said they were looking at initiatives which included growing their own food which would be provided for the school and becoming sugar-free.

**At Left: Creating a sustainable future. From left South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach, Rusty Ritchie (Taranaki Regional Council), Taranaki EnviroSchools co-ordinator Lauree Jones, Meg Gibson, Jamiee Siciliano, Jessica Turner, Katie Sinclair, Andrea Hooper, Kirsty Jamieson (South Taranaki District Council).**

## Opunake plastic free

That Opunake should be plastic free was mooted at the Opunake Business Association meeting on October 1.

“A plastic free stance would be good for the businesses in the town,” said Kelly Langton who gave a presentation to business association members at their monthly meeting.

Since starting the online petition two weeks earlier, Kelly said it had thus far been signed by 211 people. They were “mostly local people” she said adding they were encouraging all the retailers to sign the petition.



**Kelly Langton has a plan.**

Kelly also showed those present a three minute video which can be viewed online. While plastic bags and plastic straws were a start it “has to be beyond plastic bags and straws” she said.

She cited water bottles for example and proposed there should be a “rolling campaign” which focusses on something different each week. One of the business

association members pointed out that promoting Opunake as plastic free was also a good opportunity to promote recycling. Agreed Kelly, people needed to learn to “reduce, reuse and recycle”. As on January 1, Foodstuffs will no longer have plastic bags.

It was agreed that the Opunake Business Association would formally adopt the stance that Opunake be plastic free as policy following their first meeting next year.

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## Term 3 Wrap Up

What a busy term we have had at St Joseph's! A science fair, sport, a maths fair, sport, Wearable Arts, sport, Kapa Haka festivals, cross country, and sport!

Term Three sees the senior students take part in the McLeod Shield and Hurlstone Cup competitions. This year saw a change in format with the Hurlstone Cup netball competition taking place on a single day. St Joseph's Senior A netball team, the Sting, did extremely well and finished 8th out of 25 teams.

Our McLeod Shield rugby team have competed in the first of their rounds with 3 wins and 2 narrow losses. One further game against St Joseph's Waitara in Week 9 will determine whether or not the team goes any further in the competition.

The Lynskey/Dravitski Shield was challenged for in Week 8. This competition saw Auroa school visit St Joseph's with teams playing rugby and netball. Results saw Auroa take the coveted shield back again to their school.

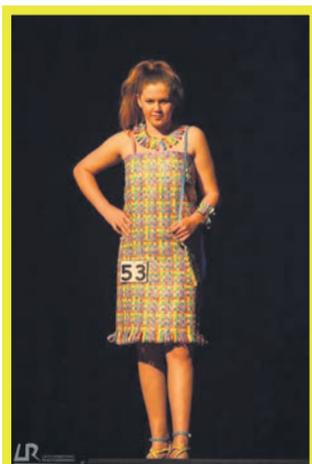
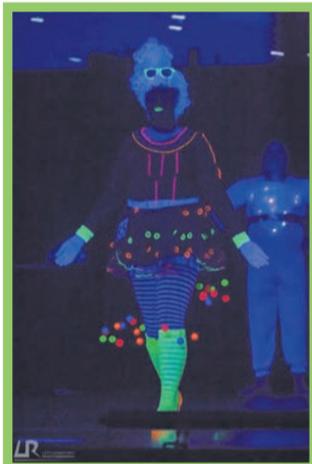
## Taranaki Fashion Art Awards

The first official day of spring was full of vibrant colour - not from the spring bulbs that had flowered early - but rather from the stunning outfits on display at this year's Taranaki Fashion Art Awards.

Students from St Joseph's Opunake were involved in the designing, creating and modelling of outfits in this year's show. Aria Brophy, Summer Simpson, Mackenzie Gatenby, and Ella Griggs all committed many hours in the making of these designs under the watchful guidance of principal Margaret Duynhoven.

Paper flowers, measuring tapes and even old ties were some of the materials used to create the designs.

The girls who modelled, had to travel to New Plymouth to rehearse for the event. Thanks to Rochelle Griggs and Chantal Brophy for transporting them to and from rehearsals. The girls really enjoyed entering the Art awards and learning how to be a part of a larger production. The outfits are on display in Room 3.



## Planet Earth and Beyond

Over the past term the entire school has been learning about space. We have built on our prior knowledge and learnt more about the planets, the importance of the sun, the relationship between day and night, and even space travel. Along with research projects we have produced creative writing pieces and contributed

colourful pieces of art for our classroom art displays.

We even had a space spectacular mufti day where we were all encouraged to dress up in a space related costume. This Mufti day was an exciting day as we really put an effort into the creative outfits for the day. We also had prizes for best and most creative outfits.



## Tatarakihi Kapa Haka Festival

On Friday 24th August our Junior and Senior students competed in the annual Tatarakihi Kapa Haka festival held at the the TSB Hub in Hawera. Our students performed beautifully and looked fantastic in their amazing new Kapa Haka uniforms. A huge thank you to our mentor Matua Lui who leads us every Friday afternoon in preparation for festivals like this.

Our school would like to acknowledge the generous donations from Pickering Motors Ltd and COGS, for funding our new uniforms, and also NZCT and Pub Charities for enabling us to employ a Kapa haka tutor.

We also offer huge thanks to members of the community who have contributed to the fundraising for this initiative.

If you would like to find out more about our school then please pop in for a visit or alternatively give Stephenie a call in the office to arrange a time to meet us.

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# More than one level to this garden

Making a debut in this year's Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival is Cindy and Murray Dobbin's Whitcombe Road, Opunake garden.

The garden has featured in Coming Home for Christmas and in the Coastal Garden Safari, but this is the first time in the Fringe Festival.

The house and garden had belonged to Murray's grandparents, and his memories of this place go back a long way.

"When we were kids, this was called the track. Now it's called the driveway," he jokes.

He and Cindy bought the place when they returned to settle in Opunake in 1977. In the years since they have expanded the existing garden, and macrocarpas and farm paddock have made way for more garden.

"This is Cindy's garden. It was the reason she said I want this house," says Murray.

The garden, unlike others in Opunake which are mainly flat has different elevations. It is, however easily accessible for people of different fitness levels.

"Everything is in circles," says Murray. "You can wander round to where you want to go, and there are easy ways and difficult ways."

The garden begins at the front lawn inside the driveway. Murray says he believes this area was once



The Dobbins' home and garden.

used to hold church fairs.

Wander past a goldfish happily ensconced in a recycled cow trough, and then up a stairway with handrail put in, and its downhill to the Sunken Garden.

"We call it a sunken garden, but its level with everything else," says Cindy. "It's a beautiful spot. It's out of the westerly and the southerly."

It took an entire summer holidays to clean the area out. Electricity has been put in, making it possible to have a look around at night.

The Sunken Garden includes water features, including a pond put in as Cindy's 50th birthday present.

Taking pride of place and as a nod to the centenary of the Armistice which ended World War I a hundred years ago is one of Cindy's creations, an ANZAC themed quilt depicting the souls of the fallen making their way back to New Zealand from Gallipoli. Quilting is a long time interest of hers which has led her to represent New Zealand at this year's International Quilt Challenge. Other examples of her work can be seen closer to the house.

In another life the Sunken Garden had been a gravel pit.

"There's not that many gravel pits so we kept this one as a bit of a relic," says Murray. He notes the irony that the metal had been

taken out, only to have metal put back in to produce the garden.

From the Sunken Garden it's a level walk to everything else, including

Laken's Landing, named after one of Murray and Cindy's grandchildren. A couple of rag dolls are placed strategically on a seat to assure visiting children

that there are indeed fairies at the bottom of the garden. Other residents include bird life, including tui.

A kowhai near the house was once located by the Warea Church, since shifted to Oakura to provide the home for Crafty Fox.

Cindy says there are challenges in keeping a garden in a place like Opunake.

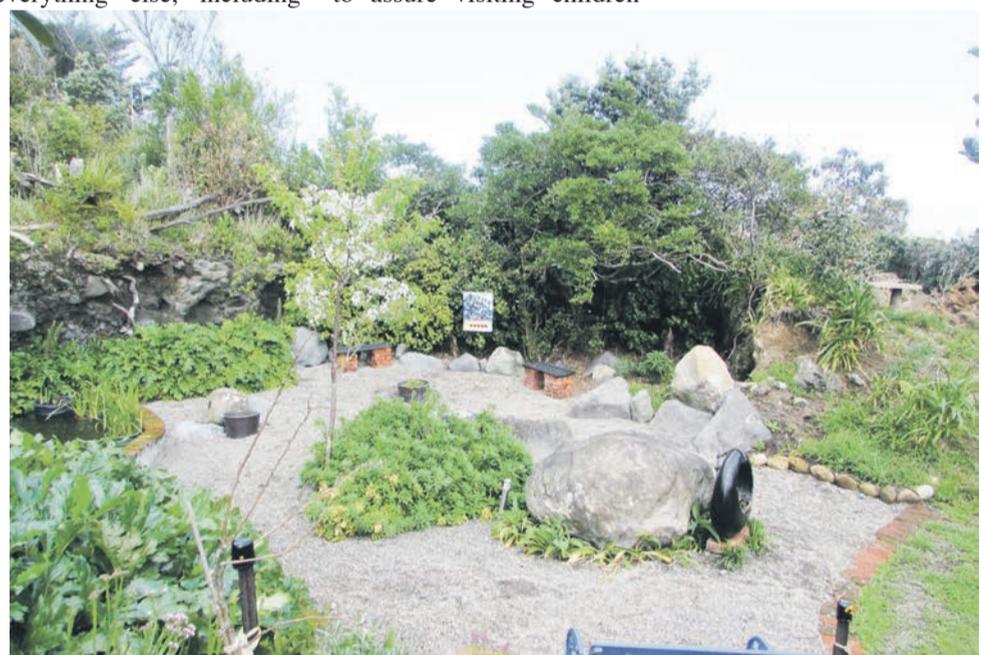
"You just have to grow what grows here," she says. "You have got to experiment."

She says there are some plants she would have liked to have had in the garden but which she hasn't been able to successfully grow. On the other hand there have been pockets where some plants she wouldn't previously have expected to flourish have done surprisingly well.

"If you have big old trees you have to go for shade loving plants," she says.

She lists irises as being among her favourite plants.

"It's really important in a garden to be able to look into the flowers, rather than for them to be just a specimen on the lawn."



From gravel pit to Sunken Garden.



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# Presenting a clear eyed vision for the future



The entrance to Te Matakatea building with artwork by parent Taryn Brooks.

After Te Kohanga Reo o Te Namu first opened in September, 1985 it was based at St Barnabas Church and at the old police station before settling in at their present Tasman Street home in the early 1990s. Last month, 33 years after it first opened, the Kohanga Reo has a new main building, Te Matakatea. As befitting the name of the Kohanga Reo, the new building was named for the Te Namu chief Wiremu Kingi te Matakatea ("the clear eyed") who

successfully held off invaders from the Waikato in the 1830s. The land now used by the Kohanga Reo and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Tamarongo was purchased in the early 1990s and two prefabs from Opunake High School were bought, renovated and moved to the new site. The Kura got started because it was felt there was a need for pre-schoolers attending the Kohanga Reo to carry on with what they had been learning, says

Kohanga Reo kaiako(head teacher Sharlee Mareikura. The Kura which had previously been a private school was Ministry of Education funded from

1995, and operates as a separate entity from the Kohanga Reo. In the 1990s there were also plans to set up a whareniui in the grounds

and a number of carvers set to work on the project. The whareniui did not go ahead, but one carving, Te Matakatea by master carver Patrick Keepa which had

been planned as the main carving can now be seen inside the new building's main entrance. Back in 2013 the existing *Continued on page 15*



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# Presenting a clear eyed vision for the future



The playground is safe and secure.

*Continued from page 14* Tap 2 funding to make this happen. “At that time our full roll was 20 tamariki, with a waiting list of 12,” says Sharlee. “Now we have a waiting list of 24. It’s just kept growing.”

The old buildings were demolished in mid 2017 and building began on the new ones. On September 28 this year, the new building was opened. Welcoming visitors into the new building is a painting

above the main entrance done by one of the parents, Taryn Brooks. “The red is for the whare,” says Sharlee. “The black and white poutama are the stairways depicting our tamariki’s learning journey,

and the green in the middle is the Kohanga logo, two parents holding on to two children.” Walk through the door past the carving by Patrick Keepa, turn left into the dining room and through to the main teaching room where there are photos of some of the Kohanga Reo’s long time supporters. There is Sharlee’s mother Diane James Mareikura, who worked in administration for 25 years, and longtime supporter Kui Pikitia Tito, as well as Alice and Jim Ahie who had suggested the name Te Namu for the Kohanga Reo.

Outside is the playground and some landscaping which had been added with the new building, as well as a paddock which is grazed by a neighbouring farmer’s stock. Looking down on the entire scene is the maunga Taranaki.

Carving by master carver Patrick Keepa inside the main entrance.



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Central Taranaki Young Farmers members and Kevin Lozell from Eltham Timber and Supplies.

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The signs feature images of dairy cows and cheese in recognition of its status as New Zealand's cheese capital.

Central Taranaki Young Farmers members erected the signs at the four main entranceways to Eltham

over the weekend.

"These signs are slick and eye-catching. They look awesome and are long overdue," said club member Roger Dettling.

"The original signs were put up in the early 90s, but were pulled down a couple of years ago."

Central Taranaki Young

Farmers covered some of the costs associated with installing the signs, such as their design and council consents.

"Eltham Timber and Supplies donated all of the timber to frame the signs and put them up," said Roger.

They were designed by Dylan Waite from Signright.

The Eltham Community Board said it appreciated the role Central Taranaki Young Farmers plays in the community.

The signs have been installed in time for a two-day cheese festival which is planned for March next year

Brad Markham

## Government boost for vet graduates

Thirty graduate vets will receive a financial boost to help develop their careers through the Voluntary Bonding Scheme for

Veterinarians, Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor has announced.

"Our vets perform a crucial role in the success

of our primary industries and our wider economy, but attracting and retaining these vets in our regions is challenging," Damien

O'Connor said.

"The Ministry for Primary Industries Voluntary Bonding Scheme for Veterinarians is designed to support and boost the number of graduate vets in our regions who are working with production animals such as cows, sheep and horses.

"This year's successful applicants will receive \$55,000 each over five years — a total of \$1.65 million.

"Our regions are desperate for skilled workers, including vets, so it's important we give them every encouragement to pursue their veterinary careers in the primary industries, which support our rural communities, regions and economy.

"I congratulate the latest 30 graduate vets for qualifying for the Voluntary Bonding Scheme this year," Damien O'Connor said.

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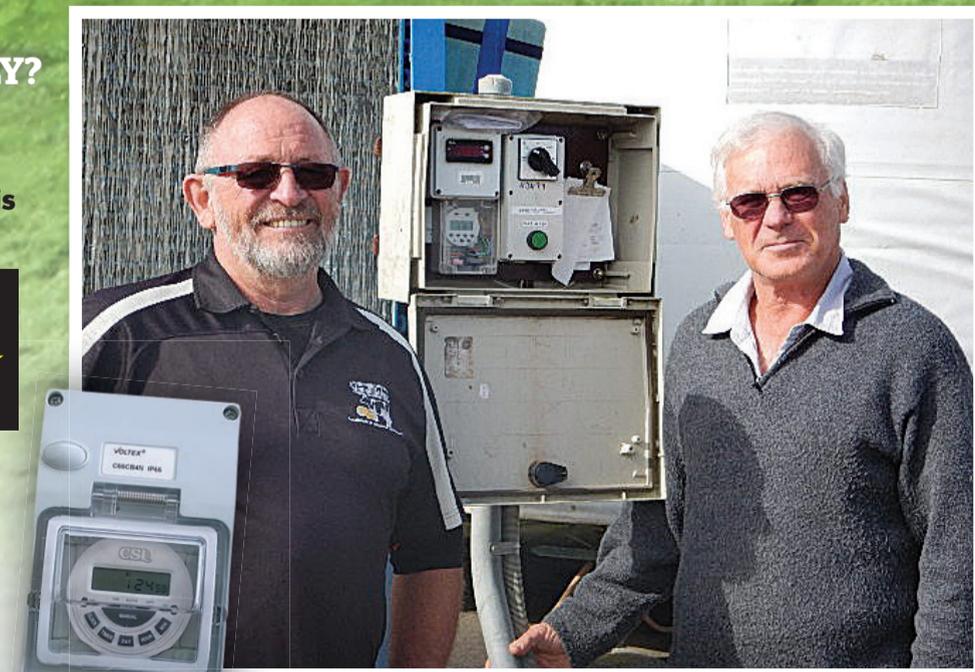
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# Farmers take extra precautions this mating season

Dairy farmers are using a range of tactics including due diligence, quarantine, and virgin bulls to keep their cows and farms safe from Mycoplasma bovis this mating season.

The disease, which is mainly spread through close physical contact with infected animals, makes using bulls which have been exposed to other stock an added risk.

This has made some farmers think twice about continuing to use a combination of artificial insemination (AI) and bulls, and consider extending AI to remove bulls from the equation altogether, or reduce the number required.

DairyNZ says they have received a number of enquiries from farmers over recent weeks wanting more information to weigh-up the risks and benefits associated with each approach.

DairyNZ response manager Hamish Hodgson says the best thing farmers can do to protect their herd and farm is "do their homework".

"Unfortunately there isn't a silver bullet - there are pros and cons associated with both AI and bulls," he says.

While a lot of farmers have been considering adapting their usual approach, most aren't making drastic changes, Hodgson says.

The majority appear to be sticking with a combination

of AI and bulls, despite reports some farmers were shying away from using bulls this season.

"There's been some murmurs that farmers were going to avoid using bulls and just use artificial breeding, however after considering the risk and the cost to their businesses few have elected to proceed with a full AI system due to the likely lowering of overall fertility stats, perceived costs, and increased labour for accurate heat detection".

"Those using bulls should still do their due diligence, check where they've come from and if they've been in herds with a history of disease. This is extremely

important, especially if they're older bulls that have done a few mating seasons on other farms," says Hodgson.

He understood there had also been a spike in demand for virgin bulls which have had minimal exposure to other animals, reducing the biosecurity risk of bringing bulls on farm.

Farmers have also been asking about M. bovis tests for bulls, Hodgson says.

"There is a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test that is highly sensitive and will detect if M. bovis is present in a sample, but the complex nature of the disease can make this challenging.

"Because infected animals only shed the bacteria intermittently it is dependent on M. bovis being present where the sample is taken, and on the day the animal is tested. This means a result of 'not detected' doesn't necessarily mean it's disease-free. That's why we're recommending farmers gather as much information as possible about the source of any bulls and don't rely on PCR results," he says.

It's recommended farmers using bulls keep them separate from their main herd for at least seven days to allow time for the disease to present itself if they're infected, Hodgson says

Any farmers concerned about the health of bulls should contact their veterinarian before introducing them to their herd.

M. bovis was first detected by MPI in New Zealand on a South Canterbury farm in July 2017. The disease is mainly spread through close physical contact between infected animals. It can cause lameness, mastitis and abortions in cows. In May, the government announced it would try to eradicate the disease, ordering about 152,000 cows to be culled in a phased programme that is expected to take one to two years.

## Out and about



The old and the new - Sandford Livestock reps Les ("Puku") Southcombe and Peter ("P4") Wallace were at The Stanley Brothers Herd Dispersal Sale last week.

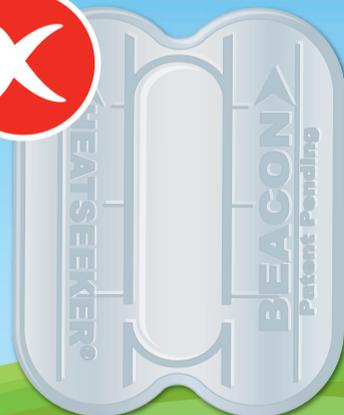


John and Mary Washer pictured at their Annual Bull Sale Held on September 27. John enjoys dressing for an occasion and this year they both dressed up in the costumes they also wore at the San Fermin Bull Running Festival in Pamplona Spain in July.



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# New animal welfare regulations come into force

Regulations to strengthen our animal welfare system came into effect this month, Minister of Agriculture Damien O'Connor said.

"Two thirds of us have pets and we love them. Further, New Zealand's economy relies on our social license to produce the finest food and fibre – and it can take one case of poor animal welfare to harm this," Damien O'Connor said.

"These regulations have been developed over the past three years, in consultation with industry and advocacy groups, and target lower-end offending.

"While most people care for their animals and are already doing it right, the regulations make it easier to take action against animal mistreatment and target specific behaviours that need to change.

"Animal Welfare Inspectors from MPI and SPCA can issue fines for certain actions, such as allowing dogs in cars to get heat stressed, or failing to provide tethered goats with access to water and shelter.

"Some of the regulations are infringement offences, with a set fine, while others are prosecutable offences, which could result in a larger fine and criminal conviction.

"Farmers also need to be aware of the new regulations, which cover on-farm practices and transporting livestock. Most of the regulations reflect existing farm practices but a few set new requirements.

"Many of the transport-related regulations apply to

farmers selecting lame, sick or injured stock, so farmers should check they are doing it right or face a \$500 fine.

"Farmers and transporters can download the Fit for Transport app or go to the MPI website where an interactive tool brings together all regulations,

guidance and minimum standards in the codes of welfare.

"Whether you are a farmer or live on a lifestyle block, own a pet or petting zoo, transport livestock or ride a horse, the regulations will apply to you," Damien O'Connor said.

# A blueprint for freshwater

A blueprint for the Government's freshwater agenda has been released and sets out key objectives for improving water quality over the next two years.

The objectives are to stop further degradation and loss, to reverse past damage and to address water allocation issues.

Professor Troy Baisden, Professor in Lake and Freshwater Science, University of Waikato, comments:

"The Government has set out its Essential Freshwater programme, including the establishment of a cross government Task Force. Key steps on the agenda include an ambitious timeline for reform of key legislation, the Resource Management Act (RMA), and the National Policy Statement that gives

it effect nationally.

"The 24-page document gives enough detail to spell out the complexity of managing water. Here, complexity makes it frustrating to ask these simple questions: what's most important and how do we fix it? Unfortunately, unlike greenhouse gases which cause climate change after mixing into the global atmosphere, threats to freshwater vary widely from catchments to catchment.

"It's fair to say that controlling nitrate matters most in many places, but that pathogens, sediment and phosphorous are more critical in other places. Newer threats, such as microplastics and endocrine disrupters may also deserve serious attention.

"It appears to me the

success of the Task Force will depend on three interrelated expert groups to sort through the complexity. The biggest single question I have is, how will the Task Force do better than the Land and Water Forum(LAWF)? As the MfE document states (p. 14), the Land and Water Forum "could not resolve the tension between existing users and owners of underdeveloped land, including Māori."

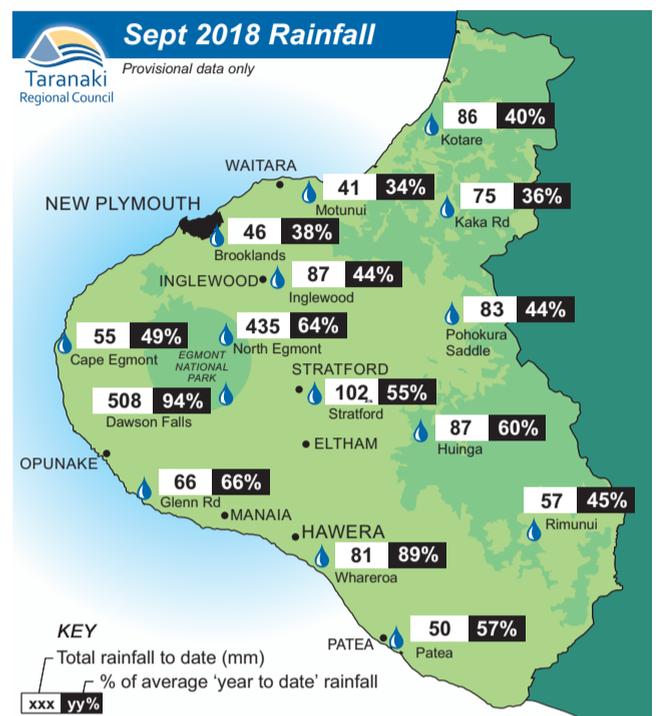
A March 2016 analysis of the Land and Water Forum's implementation of recommendations shows the scope of the challenge the Task Force's experts will face. There were 218 recommendations across four Land and Water Forum

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# Rain stays away in September

Rainfall was well below average for the majority of the sites across Taranaki for September, with 30 % to 98 % of normal recorded., according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. The Manganui at Everett park site recorded the lowest percentage of normal rainfall with 30 % (55.5 mm), while the Kahui Hut site recorded 98 % of normal with 465.0 mm. Throughout the region the average number of rain days was just 14.6, with Kaupokonui, near Manaia, recording rainfall on a mere nine days.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 93 % and 140 % of normal, with an average of 115 %. North Egmont, Hillsborough and Mangati are the only rainfall sites recording below



normal to date with 93 %, 96 % and 94 % respectively. Omaru at Charlies has now received 1735.5 mm which is equivalent to 140 % of its normal January to September rainfall and 104 % of its full calendar year total.

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# Have your say on the dairy herd improvement regulatory regime

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) wants to hear from the dairy industry and people with an interest in how the dairy herd improvement regulatory regime can help to ensure that New Zealand's dairy industry remains world leading.

The dairy herd improvement regulatory regime has not been comprehensively reviewed since it was established in 2001, says Emma Taylor, MPI's Director of Agriculture, Marine & Plant Policy.

"It's important the dairy herd improvement regulatory regime reflects the changing needs of the dairy industry. It's timely to look at how the regulatory settings can better support industry both now and into the future.

"Dairy herd improvement adds substantial value to New Zealand's dairy



The regulatory regime contributes to the breeding of more productive dairy animals.

industry, estimated at around \$300 million each year."

Farmers have been testing samples of milk from their dairy cattle and recording data to inform their herd management decisions for

over a century. For industry to achieve optimal rates of genetic gain, it needs a comprehensive, accurate and continuous supply of data to inform decisions on herd management and breeding.

"The regulatory regime contributes to the breeding of more productive dairy animals through herd testing, herd recording, animal evaluation and artificial breeding. It also

has the potential to support better environmental and animal health outcomes," says Emma Taylor.

"We want to hear from people about how the regulatory regime can more effectively support the performance of the dairy industry. We also

want to hear from industry on the effects of changing technology and the future implications on the dairy herd improvement sector."

The six week consultation will run from Monday 1 October to 5pm Monday 12 November.

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## Cattle deaths prompt operational review

DOC is taking the extraordinary step of having its post operation investigation of the Mapara aerial 1080 operation independently reviewed to provide public confidence in delivery operations.

The Waikato Regional Council will undertake the review.

Toxicology results on two cattle which died on a neighbouring property confirmed they had ingested fluoroacetate (1080) after they broke through a fence to get into the operational area.

Acting Director General

Mervyn English said it is important to undertake this rigorous review to ensure the public can have confidence in the professional discipline the Department brings to its operations.

Initial investigations of the site, permissions and communications documents and helicopter flight data indicated the Department had undertaken the operation as planned and cattle did not have access to 1080 bait on the farmers' paddocks.

A pre-flight of the operational boundary was conducted a fortnight before and staff noted stock in the

neighbouring bush block and advised the farmer to remove the stock.

The farmers later confirmed the stock had been removed. A post operational inspection showed that a gate had been pushed over.

Boundaries for pest control operations are collaboratively defined with adjoining landowners and neighbours.

During the consultation period landowners are provided information packs. DOC obtains written permission from the landowner for the operation to include part of their

land. DOC also gets written assurance from the land owner that they understand the details of the operation and areas concerned. The landowner also guarantees their stock will be behind secure fences.

"Conducting operational reviews is standard practice after every pest control operation, however, in this case Mr English has asked for an additional independent review by the Waikato Regional Council as the public must have confidence in our operational expertise," Mr English said.

## A blueprint for freshwater

Continued from page 18.

reports, yet only 21 were fully implemented – less than 10%. Worse, over 50% of recommendations were not implemented at all.

"So what will be done differently? A big challenge will be ensuring NGOs and Māori have access to the same quality of information and analysis as better

resourced representatives from industry, councils and central government. If this is successful, and the information is transparently available to the public, that will be progress.

"Cost will limit action for farmers, but also councils. This leads to a question of whether legislative reform can enable better alignment of flood protection

schemes, water quality and management of climate change risks.

"Farmers in many areas are keen to innovate and try new solutions, but can we get systems in place to prioritise the prospects in each area? And can improved monitoring quickly show if they work? Given the timeframe, success will require innovation more

than new science.

"It will help greatly if this process takes a hierarchical approach. Local steps that seem small may add up to a lot if there are many. I'm hopeful the Task Force can succeed where the LAWF didn't, if it can encourage innovation by helping people visualise a process they can understand and trust at a range of scales."

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# Wool Working Group announced

The Wool Working Group has met for the first time to discuss how they'll seize all possible opportunities to create a more sustainable and profitable sector, Minister of Agriculture Damien O'Connor said.

The working group, made up of 20 wool producers, processors and other industry representatives met in Christchurch to continue the momentum of July's Wool Industry Summit.

"Around the world consumers want alternatives to environmentally unfriendly synthetic fibres and it's up to us to work together to deliver them natural and functional wool

products that are good for consumers and good for the world," Damien O'Connor said.

"The feedback I've received is that it was a very positive meeting. There was unity and a constructive belief in a positive pathway for the sector.

"The group will collaborate with other players outside the industry to get independent ideas and expertise.

"The Ministry for Primary Industries is also working on a digital platform that will allow the working group to continue their work in-between meetings.

"I'm focused on helping the sector get more value for



Damien O'Connor.

what it produces. If people see that our products are the most sustainably and ethically produced in the world then that will help us get more value for what we do," Damien O'Connor said.

The working group will develop a pan-sector action plan before the end of the year.

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## Kaponga WI celebrate 87th birthday

The October meeting began with everyone reciting the Aspirations. President Dorothy Hughes welcomed guest speaker Sonya Bluett from Eltham Honey, who gave the members an excellent overview of bee keeping and making honey.

Lorraine Mullins was also welcomed and during lunch time members bought cards and other items from the Save the Children Fund. We are always happy to support this.

Dorothy and other members had several articles ready for the Display Table to be staged next Monday at the Fun and Friendship

Day to be held at Kapuni Hall. This promises to be an interesting day with guest speaker Carol Hosie, and a make and model of hats. A cost of \$10 covers morning tea and lunch.

A picnic lunch/meeting is planned for November, and if wet, Dorothy has kindly offered her home for us to meet at.

Jo Ellis had made a lovely carrot cake for the Institute's 87th birthday. Dorothy Hughes cut the cake after which the members sang Happy Birthday in honour of our being the second oldest WI in the Federation. And of course we all had a taste.

Competition Results: Flowering shrub: Joy Eliason 1st, Margaret Arbuckle 2nd, Diane West and Jo Ellis 3rd. Oldest Recipe Book: Diane 1st, Joy 2nd, Gillian Frandsen 3rd.

Something starting with S: Gillian 1st (ornamental china squirrel), Rayleen McDonald 2nd (saucer). Mollie Nicholas (silver pavlova server) and Margaret Broomhall 3rd equal (spider brooch).

The September meeting had been held at the home of Jo Jones who along with a

helper had provided a lovely lunch of scones, jam and cream, and a marshmallow slice, at a charge of \$5 per member for the Institute's funds.

There was much laughter as members recalled amusing things children and grand children had said.

Six members will make floral bouquets to leave at various public places during WI Awareness Week October 8-14. These will be free to whoever would like to take the flowers home during that week.

On this month in history

## Death penalty abolished.

On October 12, 1961 the NZ House of Representatives abolished the death penalty for most crimes by 41 MPs to 30. However, the draconian punishment was retained for treason and similar crimes against the nation. Only 10 of the National Government MPs at the time, including a convert to the need for abolition Robert Muldoon (later Sir

he used to be an advocate of capital punishment but was influenced by MP Ralph Hanan.

Earlier Labour had abolished capital punishment (in 1941), but National reintroduced it in 1950 when they came to power.

In 1989 capital punishment was abolished for all crimes.

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“Selling real estate is, and always has been, about having strong local roots. However, in a modern era driven by technology and smarter marketing, it’s also now about utilising that local profile in conjunction with national ‘best practice’ marketing tools and strategies,” Mr File said.

# New office move caps off busy trading period



The interior of the new premises

The move by real estate agency Bayleys Taranaki into new Courtenay Street premises comes at the end of a busy trading period for the brand and its clients, including stand-out sales such as a 1206 hectare hill country sheep and cattle block at Maikaikatea Rd, in Okoki which sold following a tender campaign managed by Bayleys salesperson Mark Monkton.

A three-bedroom villa on 4.17hectars of land at 365 Corbett Rd in New Plymouth sold at auction for \$1.310 million, through Bayleys salesperson Neale Parkinson.

A five bedroom home in Ropiha Street, New Plymouth sold at auction for \$847,000 through Bayleys salesperson Emma Wilson, and The Liquor King outlet at 214 Devon Street sold at auction for \$1.175 million at a yield of 5.48 percent

after activity from four bidders in a process managed by Bayleys salespeople Alan Johnston and Iain Taylor.

Nationwide, Bayleys has 90 offices supporting 1987 staff.

Bayleys Taranaki general manager Dean File said: “This national presence underpins a two-way business path for Bayleys’ provincial offices, such as Taranaki, and most importantly, our Taranaki clients.

“Not only are Bayleys’ regional offices such as Taranaki able to showcase their local listings to a national buyer pool in order to maximum the sales values which can be achieved for our vendors’ real estate assets, but local buyers can also conversely access property investments throughout the country.

“An example of this has been the two big commercial and industrial property syndications which

were offered by Bayleys’ Auckland to ‘mum and dad’ type buyers around the country – including two well-attended presentations in New Plymouth which saw strong take up by investors here,” Mr File said.

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# Eltham girl selected for top Rugby League teams in her age group

Cassia Tutauha, proudly sponsored by Eltham Four Square, was recently selected for the Under 15 Taranaki Whanau Maori Rugby League Girls team. Consequently, she played in a tournament in Rotorua on the weekend of 29-30 September. However, even more success has followed; she has now been chosen for the New Zealand Under



Cassia Tutauha with two supporters at Eltham's Four Square.

15 girls Rugby League team. Michael Jago, owner of Eltham Four Square, believes that Cassia is the first ever South Taranaki girl chosen for this accolade. "I'm stoked for her and her

family," he said. He added, "For Eltham it is absolutely fantastic and for Cassia life-changing."

Cassia (aged 14) had this to say about the Rotorua tournament, "I was like excited. (It was) a great opportunity to make memories with the team. The playing (result) - didn't really matter - I felt we were number one in the end."

Cassia's playing positions were as prop and also second row.

Another delighted person was Cassia's grandmother Wendy Barry who was present at the Rotorua tournament, "I'm proud to the max. She played amazingly well." She also had praise for Cassia's coach Daymon Wipiti who was "tactically" astute.

Cassia's ambition for the future? "I'd like to see myself in the future making the New Zealand team as an adult." She also said, "I'm grateful to my sponsor for helping me."

Congratulations Cassia on your two sporting achievements. We look forward to hearing of your future sporting successes.

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## Manaia Golf news

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End of month. 1. John Oliver. 2. Paul Hunn. 3. Jim Ngere. 4. N. Murfitt. 5. Robert Snowdon and Craig Jones.

Juniors. Ashton Sharp two up over Lucas Symes. Carter Symes 3/2 over Olivia Symes.

Junior putting. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Lucas Symes.

3. Carter Symes. 4. Oliva Symes.

Foursomes. 1. MacKenna King and Hannah Symes. 2. Chantelle Wong and Ashton Clarges.

October 6. Men's Nett Round. 1. Grant Hastie 60. 2. Dale Symes 64. 3. Nod Symes 65. 4. Greg Elliott 66. 5. Ashton Sharp 67. 8. Nemo Symes 69. Twos. Greg Elliott 1st. Caleb Symes 18th.

Club championship finals. Senior Men. G. Elliott vs C.

Andreoli. Intermediate. G. Dowdle vs P. Heta. Junior. Nod Symes vs S. Kalin.

Limiot final played on October 6. R. Snowdon beat G. Gibbs. One up.

Juniors. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Lucas Symes. 1. Jaden Siciliano. 2. Jamie Siciliano. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Carter Symes. 1. Hannah Symes and Ashton Clarges. 2. Payton Siciliano and Ronin Symes.

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This season, our registration day will be a one-stop shop. This is the first season we have really done it like this. We will have uniforms that can be ordered, togs for sale, vests/caps for sale and memberships to renew or sign up.

However, to get a sense of community, we all pitch in. So on registration day you will be asked what you will help us with. We are only a strong club when all our members participate. You might be able to help out on Sundays (10-12pm) at Junior Surf, or be willing to come in to do the odd working bee. You may be able to help as a volunteer lifeguard (all training provided) or be an expert IRB boat driver. Being a member means you have



Our 'older' members - Dads competing at our local fun club carnival back in March.

access to the building when it is open over the summer, can attend carnivals, can be part of junior surf training, can come to Wednesday night pool swim trainings in Opunake pool, be junior surf club sleepovers, enter

lifesa ver / adult competitions and the list goes on. If you're new to surf lifesaving - no worries either. We are a friendly bunch of families wanting to help our community be safe in the water and provide a fun place to be!

Working bee October 14th - Sunday from 10am. All current and future members please pop down and do one job to help us out. If everyone came down and just did one small thing then we would

be done in no time. Jobs for kids, adults and experts. It's not a massive list to be done - just a good old spring clean of the upstairs, downstairs toilets and showers, and lifeguards to clean/tidy up the IRB sheds. We look forward to seeing you there. Come along and get amongst a great group of community minded members and families.

Our next issue is October 25. We look forward to your contributions. You can phone us on 06 761 7016, email us or just call by at 23 Napier Street, Opunake.

## On this month in history a rowing olympic gold

On October 19, 1968 New Zealand had its first ever rowing success at an Olympic Games. At the Olympic Games in Mexico the coxed four of Warren Cole, Ross Collinge, Dick Joyce, Dudley Storey and

cox Simon Dickie won the gold medal, with the United States second (silver medal) and the Soviet Union third (bronze medal). The New Zealander's coach was the acclaimed Rusty Robertson. Four years later (1972) at

the Munich Olympics the NZ eights won the gold medal (Hurt, Veldman, Joyce, Hunter, Wilson, Earle, Coker, Robertson and Dickie the cox) and coxless fours (Tonks, Storey, Collinge and Mills) won the

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Many thanks to father V.J. and to Paul from Abrahams. The service and service sheets were beautiful and you gave us such wonderful personal service.  
Thank you to all that attended Des' funeral service - he would have been so humbled and we know he would have loved to have had a talk to everyone of you. Special thanks to St. Joseph's Primary School, Opunake for your many gifts, and to Aria's classmates who did the Poi as we came out of the church to Poi E. Des would have had a tear in his eye with that.  
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 Register children's details from 6.00pm onwards.

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 \$20 6yrs & under, \$50 7 to 14 yrs  
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Enquiries: Tracey O'Rorke 0274892574

*What's On Listings*



**ONGOING**

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

**Pregnancy Help Taranaki:** Is now in OPUNAKE! Are you pregnant? Do you have a baby or young family? To hear more, like us on facebook [www.facebook.com/preghelptaranaki/](http://www.facebook.com/preghelptaranaki/). Please come and meet us and find out how we may be able to help you.

**SUNDAYS**

**Opunake Country Music Club:** Second Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

**MONDAYS**

**Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake:** Each Monday 10 am - 12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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

**Opunake Business Association:** Usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

**TUESDAYS**

**Club Hotel Pool:** Tuesday Nights. New players welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**Schnitzel Night:** Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

**Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker:** Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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

**THURSDAYS**

**Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker:** Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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

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

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

**FRIDAYS**

**Eltham Business Association Friday Markets:** 8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

**WEEKENDS**

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

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21 TO SUNDAY OCTOBER 14**

**'The 2018 Adam Portraiture Award':** At Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda St, Stratford. Gallery, Eltham. Refer advert for details.

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24 TO FRIDAY OCTOBER 19**

**'In Memoriam' Exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer advert for details.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

**The Bull Shop 33rd Annual Unreserved Bull Sale:** At the Bull Shop, Cnr Koru & Main Roads, Oakura. 10.30am start. See advert for details.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 TO TUESDAY OCTOBER 23**

**Rex Wooffindin Art Exhibition:** Koru on Devon. Refer advert for details.

**SATURDAY 13TH & SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER**

**NZ Womens Lifestyle Expo:** At the TSB Stadium, NP. Starts at 10am. Refer advert for details.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 14**

**Golfing at Manaia Golf Club with Grant Moorehead:** Give it a go! Come and try Golf at Manaia Golf Club with professional Grant Moorehead. Any age welcome. From 10 am to 12pm. Enquiries to Margaret 06 274 8614 or 027 2471 946.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 16**

**The Wheelhouse 'An Introduction to Planning':** At Coastal Care, Opunake at 5.15pm. Refer advert.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 16**

**Opunake Touch Competition:** Starts October 16. Refer advert.

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 18**

**Opunake Amateur Athletics Club nights begin:** Sandfords Event Centre at 6.30pm. Refer advert.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20**

**Under the Mountain Arts & Craft Fete:** At St Mary's School off Pembroke Rd, Stratford. From 10am to 3pm. Refer advert for details.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 21**

**Welsh Singing Festival:** At St Andrews Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth. Starts at 2pm. Refer advert for details.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 23**

**Terence Blacker at the 4th Wall Theatre:** 11 Baring Tce, New Plymouth. Starts at 7.30pm. Refer advert for details.

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24**

**Maire ni Chathasaigh and Chris Newman at the 4th Wall Theatre:** 11 Baring Tce, New Plymouth. Starts at 7.30pm. Refer advert for details.

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 25**

**Show Me Shorts' Film Festival at the 4th Wall Theatre:** 11 Baring Tce, New Plymouth. Starts at 7.30pm. Refer advert for details.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 26**

**The Dawn Wall movie at the 4th Wall Theatre:** 11 Baring Tce, New Plymouth. Starts at 7.30pm. Refer advert for details.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4**

**Everybodys Theatre NZ Film Festival 2018:** At Everybodys Theatre.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27**

**Opunake Business Association Market Day:** In the Opunake CBD from 9am to 1pm.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11**

**The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb 2018:** In the Opunake CBD.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 30 TO SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10**

**CUE Theatre Presents 'Death Knell':** At the CUE Theatre. refer advert for details.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3**

**Opunake Board Riders Registration:** At the OBR clubrooms at 9am. Refer advert for details.

**Opunake Lakeside Lions Celebration of the Yarn Bomb:** At Sandfords Event Centre. Starts at 6pm. Refer advert for details.

**Rahotu Volunteer Fire Brigade Live Auction Night Fundraiser:** At Rahotu Hall at 7pm. refer ad for details.

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 5**

**Agriculture Courses at Taratahi:** NZ Certificate in Agriculture courses start at Taratahi today. Refer advert for details.

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13**

**Opunake Board Riders Club AGM:** At the OBR Clubrooms starting at 6pm. Refer advert for details.



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## Chairman's chat

### Confessions of an urban trapper - and an invitation to you

Kia ora tātou katoa, greetings to you all. Like many of you, I wear multiple hats and have different roles to play depending on where I am and who I'm with. The newest is something different: Urban trapper.



I'm among the 1000-plus Taranaki people doing their bit for Towards Predator-Free Taranaki, in my case by having rat and possum traps in my back yard. What about you? We need as many people as possible to get involved if we are to achieve our end goal of restoring Taranaki's native birdlife and plant diversity in all its glory and richness. New Plymouth has the highest percentage of indigenous plant cover of any NZ city, so it's well worth looking after!

It's most encouraging to see the cause being embraced by people of all ages and in all walks of life. There's some truly inspirational

stuff happening out there. I'm particularly impressed by the way people in the Kaitake community, including Oākura and Ōkato, have taken the project on board. They're making things happen!

The Kaitake Ranges Conservation Trust is playing a leading role in the local Restore Kaitake project as part of Towards Predator-Free Taranaki. The trust has been fielding dozens of unsolicited offers from people wanting to help trap predators, and its membership has jumped from eight to about 40. "Everyone's really keen to get involved, it's just great," says the Chair, Pete Morgan.

Now there's a committed community! Our aim is to foster similar commitment across Taranaki. So do get involved! It's easy and the rewards can be many – not only for the environment but in terms of community connections, improving lifestyles and a more resilient regional economy.

Go to [www.trc.govt.nz/pf-taranaki2050/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/pf-taranaki2050/) to get involved.

And if you are already involved, good on you! Remember, though, that it's most important to register on the Trap.NZ website, and record your trapping catches there. This provides invaluable data not only for this project, but for others around New Zealand wanting to do something similar.

The process is easy and free. First get your trap, then go to [www.trap.nz](http://www.trap.nz) to create an account and find the project for your area. They all have 'Restore' in their name – for example, Restore Kaitake, Restore Vogeltown, Restore Waitara West, and so on. Then click on the option to join. Get to it, and happy trapping!

- David MacLeod, Chairman

Video: [www.bit.ly/UrbanTrapper-NP](http://www.bit.ly/UrbanTrapper-NP)



Get on the team - let's go!

## Improving lifestyles

### Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollards full of springtime colour and life

There's nothing like colourful spring blooms in a well-tended garden to get people out of winter hibernation. Just ask Tūpare's Mitch Graham.

"There's so much colour and vibrancy in the garden," he says. "We always have lots and lots of visitors over spring. People come out from indoors and they come to enjoy Tūpare because it's full of colour and it's full of life and there's plenty to see."

All three of the Council's premier heritage properties – Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens – are putting on stunning spring displays. Take the family along and check them out for yourselves.

All three gardens are open all day, every day, and entry is free. Hollard Gardens has a Family Corner with a quirky playground and free gas barbecue.

Pukeiti's Treehouse Trail is a big hit with children of all ages, and Founders Café is now open daily for you to enjoy a tasty lunch before or after you explore the gardens and rainforest.

Gardens have always been an important part of Taranaki's culture

and lifestyle, and Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens are among the best examples in the region.

See [www.trc.govt.nz/gardens/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/gardens/) for detailed information on all three properties.

Video: [www.bit.ly/TupareSpring2018](http://www.bit.ly/TupareSpring2018)



We always have lots and lots of visitors over spring

## Taking Taranaki forward

### Find out the best way to get from A to B via C (for cloud)

A new online tool is helping Taranaki people find out how and when they can travel from A to B by bus. The digital Journey Planner is available at [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz), and identical data is also fed to those using Google to find public transport options in the region.

Using the Journey Planner is simple. Simply enter your starting point and destination, and when you want to travel. The cloud-based tool quickly finds the best range of options, including times and details of relevant Citylink and/or Connector bus services.

The Journey Planner is optimised for use on mobile devices and also works well on desktop computers. "We hope it will encourage people to give public transport a go," says the Council's Transport Services Manager, Chris Clarke.

See it for yourself at [www.trc.govt.nz/journey-planner/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/journey-planner/).

Other new features on the Council website include:

- New buttons making it easy to give the Council feedback on many sections of the site, or to review Pukeiti, Tūpare or Hollard Gardens on social media sites.
- Improved display of live environmental data on mobile devices.
- New live environmental datasets relating to freshwater quality.

Work is continuing on more enhancements, including a new app that combines live environmental data with weather and swell forecasts to help surfers decide where best to catch a wave. It will be launched by summer.

## Around & about the region

### Anglers need to keep it clean



Be that hero.  
Protect our waterways.

The region's anglers are being urged to protect their patch as they head out to their favourite fishing haunts this spring. Inadvertently moving algae, fish and aquatic plants between waterways not only puts the environment at risk, but also puts transgressors on the wrong side of the law. Anglers should follow the 'check clean dry' procedure to ensure they don't transfer unwelcome aquatic pests between waterways – CHECK for any plant or animal material on clothing and gear, CLEAN thoroughly with detergent and DRY for at least 48 hours before using in another waterway.

[www.bit.ly/TRC-checkcleandry](http://www.bit.ly/TRC-checkcleandry)

### Region in league of its own



Outstanding developments during the 2017/2018 year helped to put the region in a league of its own, says Taranaki Regional Council Chairman David MacLeod. "Taranaki has a good story to tell," he says of the Council's 2017/2018 Annual Report which was formally adopted recently. "Once again we saw solid progress with a good financial result." Highlights included continued improvements in freshwater quality, the launch of Towards Predator-Free Taranaki, and a massive 285% increase in visitors to Pukeiti. A disappointment was the closure of earthquake-prone grandstands at Yarrow Stadium. Mr MacLeod says the stadium's future will become clearer in the next few months.

[www.bit.ly/2018TRC](http://www.bit.ly/2018TRC)

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Read the newsletter online:

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# Seventy years of collecting on show at Koru galleries

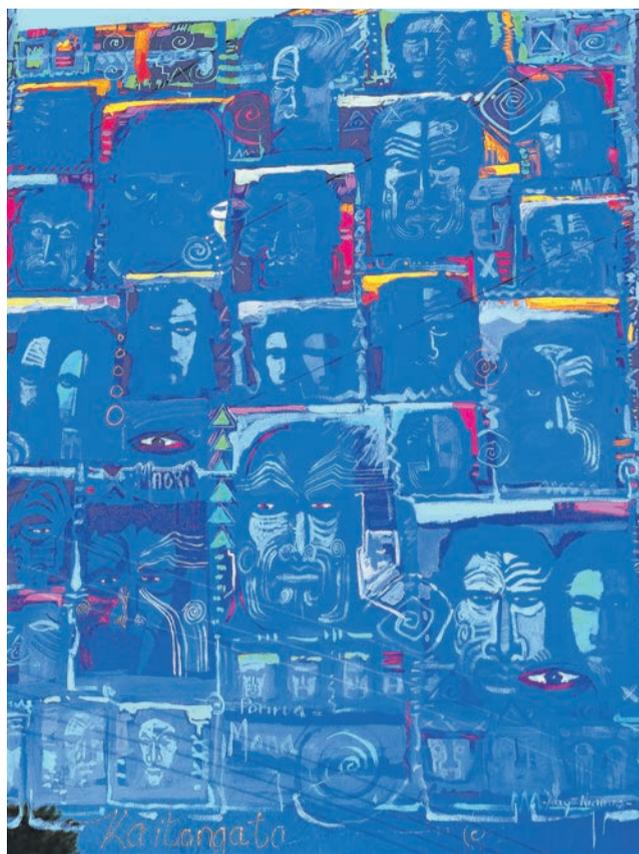
A celebration of a 70 year collection of original art brought together a new central city gallery, proudly supported by a high profile bank, resulting in a win win for local artists and some internationally recognised artists exhibiting side by side.

Koru Galleries and collective supported by BNZ Partners opened the late Rex Wooffindin collection in two locations with guests moving between the two central city galleries on opposite sides of the road, which presented an interesting dynamic and a very busy one.

Rex Wooffindin was born in New Plymouth, a pupil at New Plymouth Boys High School, his father Henry was well known initially as a livestock auctioneer, and later managing director of Farmers in New Plymouth.

His brother Peter lives in Okato with his wife Joanna.

Art was a large part of their early life. Rex collected for over 70 years. Peter, who is 15 years his junior reconstructed many rare pieces of damaged art for several museums in New Zealand, a talent that technology has virtually taken over now. In Peter's day it was all done by hand, and without any real



**Darcy Nicholas piece Kaitangata has already sold.**

recognition apart from those of us who came to understand his skill. He has framed many of our well known artist's work over the years.

Rex showed great loyalty to Taranaki art. Of the 23 pieces on show there are three Michael Smither originals and six of Waitara born, internationally recognised artist Darcy Nicholas.

Darcy's very large piece Kaitangata was the first to be red spotted, followed closely by two of Michael's. Our own artists sold several pieces.

Family connections were one of the surprise threads that tied this collection together in a very special way, most unknown to us until the opening.

Darcy Nicholas's niece,

well known potter Maria Brockhill and her two children enjoyed time spent in both galleries. Michael's daughter Sarah Smither exhibits Michael's work as part of the Oakura Arts trail from her home on Ahu Ahu Rd.

We profiled David Jones work "The Italian Couple" (now red spotted) to find his daughter, another well known local artist Amanda Griffin amongst our guests,

Koru on Devon and its collective prides itself in bringing artists together in a lovely space to chat, exhibit and enjoy the local talent that we often don't celebrate or recognize enough at community level.

A not-for-profit gallery exists on its members sharing the load, plus the generosity of those who support us in a number of ways. Our team is growing and along with it their artistic recognition.

The exhibition continues at both locations until October 23.

BNZ Partners centre level one 13-15 Devon St. East 8.30am - 5PM

Koru on Devon level one 18b Devon St. East (opposite BNZ). Open Wednesday - Sunday 10am-2.30pm (or whenever the sign is out).



**Koru Galleries**  
A lifetime of Art

Koru Galleries with the proud support of BNZ Partners will show from the 28th September 23rd October a selection of original art collected over 70 years by the late Rex Wooffindin.

BNZ Partners centre level one 13 - 15 Devon St east  
8.30am - 5pm Mon to Fri

Koru on Devon level one 18b Devon St East  
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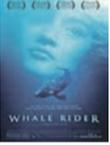


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- Kidsline - 0800 54 37 54 (0800 kidsline) for young people up to 18 years of age. Open 24/7.
- thelowdown.co.nz - or email team@thelowdown.co.nz or free text 5626
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**FILM FESTIVAL October/November 2018**

Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale No Eft-Pos		Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. ID required for all R movies	
 <p><b>A LITTLE CHAOS</b> Drama, Romance   1hr 52mins   M Two talented landscape artists become romantically entangled while building a garden in King Louis XIV's palace at Versailles. Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 7pm</p>	 <p><b>WHALE RIDER</b> Drama, Family   1hr 41mins   PG A contemporary story of love, rejection and triumph as a young Maori girl fights to fulfill a destiny her grandfather refuses to recognize Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>	 <p><b>THE PIANO</b> Drama, Music, Romance   2hrs 1min   M A mute woman is sent to 1850s New Zealand along with her young daughter and prized piano for an arranged marriage to a wealthy landowner, but is soon lusted after by a local worker on the plantation. Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm</p>	 <p><b>ONCE WERE WARRIORS</b> Crime, Drama   1hr 42mins   R13 Violence A family descended from Maori warriors is bedevilled by a violent father and the societal problems of being treated as outcasts. Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1pm</p>
 <p><b>LOVE BIRDS</b> Comedy, Romance   1hr 43mins   PG Doug thinks he has the perfect life and is stunned when long term girlfriend Susan dumps him. He finds an injured duck and reluctantly decides to nurse it better until such time as a new home can be found for it. Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7pm</p>	 <p><b>SECOND HAND WEDDING</b> Comedy, Drama   1hr 38min   PG A bittersweet dramatic comedy set in the present, in a time when trademe and e-bay threaten the primeval urge for a firsthand crack at the second-hand. Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>	 <p><b>GARDENING WITH SOUL</b> Documentary   1hr 36min   G Gardening with Soul is a feature length documentary following a year in the garden with 90-year-old Sister Loyola Galvin. Sister Loyola's optimism is infectious and is fed every day by her love of gardening Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1pm   Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 1pm</p>	 <p><b>CAME A HOT FRIDAY</b> Comedy   1hr 41mins   PG Set in post-war (1949) rural New Zealand, this film traces the efforts of two con men to run a betting scam in a small town (Tainuea) already rife with illegal gambling corruption, and eccentricity. Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1pm   Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 7pm</p>
 <p><b>BORN RACER: SCOTT DIXON</b> Documentary   1hr 28min   TBA Portrait on four-time IndyCar World Champion Scott Dixon, one of New Zealand's most accomplished professional racing drivers. Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1pm</p>	 <p><b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> October 31<sup>st</sup> 4-6pm Back by popular demand Everybodys Theatre Spooky House. Gold Coin donation - enter if you dare.</p>		

Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur
26 A Little Chaos - 1pm Piano - 7pm	27 Whale Rider - 1pm Once Were Warriors - 7pm	28 Love Birds - 1pm Scott Dixon - 7pm	29 Second-hand Wedding - 1pm Whale Rider - 7pm	30 Piano - 1pm Second-hand Wedding - 7pm	31 Gardening with Soul - 1pm Whale Rider - 7pm	1 Came a Hot Friday - 1pm A Little Chaos - 7pm
2 Once Were Warriors - 1pm Came a Hot Friday - 7pm	3 Scott Dixon - 1pm Love Birds - 7pm	4 Gardening with Soul - 1pm				

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# Opunake

## in October

What a place to stop over!







- **Opunake Market Day**  
9-1pm Sat 27th October
- **Taranaki National Art Awards and Exhibition**  
Friday 26 October 2018 - Saturday 3 November 2018
- **Everybody's Theatre NZ & Arthouse Film Festival**  
Friday 26 October to Sunday 4 November 2018
- **Cape Egmont Lighthouse Museum**  
11am-3pm Sat/Sun, other times by arrangement Ph 06 761 8353
- **Lakeside Lions Great Opunake Yarn Bomb**  
Fri 26 Oct - Sun 11 Nov
- **Arts Fest South Taranaki 2018**  
Friday 26 October to Sunday 4 November 2018
- **Powerco Garden Festival**  
Fri 26 Oct - Sun 4 Nov
- **Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival**  
Fri 26 Oct - Sun 4 Nov

# From the Valleys of Wales to the Land of the Long White Cloud



The Taranaki Male Choir will be performing in New Plymouth during Labour Weekend.

Taranaki Welsh are presenting a weekend of Welsh culture Labour Weekend (October 19-21)..

The Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir will be in concert with the Taranaki Male Choir

(TMC) at 7.30pm on Friday October 19 at the Plymouth International Hotel. \$15 door sales.

Both TMC and Geelong Ladies and Visitors from Melbourne Welsh Church

will be here to sing hymns with a Welsh flavour and in Welsh style (albeit in English language). Invited conductor Dilwyn Price,

from North Wales will be conducting the congregation. The organist will be the young, talented David Codd, New Plymouth.

**Sunday 21st October 2pm St Andrews Church Liardet St \$15 door sales**  
Come and enjoy, join in the singing and learn about the

Welsh culture.

Contact June Moseley 0211339711. See Taranaki Welsh FB



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## Spooky House

Back by popular demand, Everybody's Theatre is again holding a spooky house event – gold coin donation, all welcome. Enter if you dare open 4pm - 6pm. If you have

a creative flare and would love to donate some time and ideas then please do give us a call – first decorating meeting being held Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am at Everybody's Theatre.



**Welsh Singing Festival**

Sunday October 21 at 2pm  
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Liardet St, New Plymouth.  
\$15 door sales. Come Sing!!









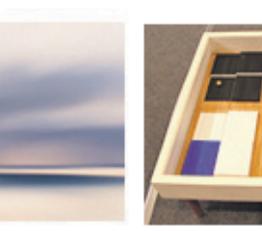
2017 Category Winners

## Taranaki National Art Awards

**Awards Ceremony 7pm Friday 26 October 2018**  
**Exhibition 10am-4pm 27 October - 3 November 2018**  
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# This year's Ronald Hugh Morrieson awards sees jump in research entries

Finalists for the 2018 Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards have just been released.

Awards organiser and South Taranaki District Council's Children and Young Adults Librarian, Pam Jones said that once again in the 31<sup>st</sup> year of the awards, entries continued to grow.

"This shows/proves the value of keeping a local competition like this alive," says Pam. "A large proportion of entrants have never entered the competition before so new writers continue to emerge. This brings fresh views and voices to the rich collection of local stories about life



Ronald Hugh Morrieson. in our community, from people living within that community."  
"It's exciting to see more and more Taranaki people

taking a respite from their fast-paced and stressful world to set their imagination free to create local stories that both entertain and educate us," she says. "We are richer for hearing these stories. Our community is richer for gathering these stories"

One of the categories that took the biggest jump was the research article with 23 entries, compared to seven in 2017.

Judge Matt Rilkoff says he wasn't surprised by the jump in interest, as the subject was one that all young people could relate to 'to discuss the ways small town New Zealand has changed due to technology.'

"This year's articles covered all manner of issues

to do with technology, from the doctors treating Pātea patients over the internet, to whether cell phones are good or bad (the jury is out) to how farming has been changed by advances in tech," he says. "The articles demonstrated a deep understanding of how technology is changing lives and, against the teen technophile stereotype, a scepticism of how good it is for humanity."

Everyone is invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at the TSB Hub, Waihi Riad, 7pm on Wednesday 24 October, where the judges will comment on their respective categories and highlight the works that won them over.

RSVP with numbers attending to [contact@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:contact@stdc.govt.nz) by Monday October 22.

Congratulations to the following finalists: Maria Cunningham - New Plymouth, Alyx Devlin - Eltham, Bruce Finer - Hāwera, Sasha Finer - Hāwera High School, Stuart Greenhill - Stratford, Maia-

Lane Rupapera Maeke - St Mary's Diocesan School, Lexi McQuaig - Ōpūnake High School, Alex Paish - St Mary's Diocesan School. Darly Paraha - Hāwera, Chris Purdon - Hāwera, Monique Radford - St Mary's Diocesan School, Holly Stewart - Hāwera. Michaela Stoneman - Pātea.

## St Mary's hosting fete on Labour Weekend



The PTA at St Mary's School in Stratford are excited to be hosting their fifth annual Arts and Crafts Fete in the school grounds and gym on the Saturday of Labour Weekend.

Over 80 stalls have registered so far including 30 new stalls. All home made and hand made, the quality arts and crafts come from talented crafts people from around Taranaki and further afield. Along with specialist food options there is also the legendary Café PTA serving scrumptious food from the school's dining room. Entry to the school is by gold coin donation.



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# Coming to 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre

**Terence Blacker at the 4th Wall Theatre. 7:30pm Tuesday October 23.**

Terence Blacker is a songwriter, singer and author who has sung and read at festivals, clubs and theatres in the UK, Europe and America. He was already an

established author when he started writing and performing his songs in 2009. His musical storytelling – offbeat, funny songs capturing the lives of modern-day misfits and outsiders – quickly found a following at folk clubs and festivals. Bringing together story and song,

Terence took his one man show My Village and Other Aliens for a three-week run at the 2013 Edinburgh Festival. The show Taboo-Be-Do! celebrating the surprising history of politically incorrect music was performed at the Hay Literary Festival. It was

## At the 4th Wall Theatre in October

**TERENCE BLACKER** - Singer, songwriter, author and columnist  
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Tuesday October 23rd 7.30pm

**MAIRE NI CHATHASAIGH and CHRIS NEWMAN**  
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Wednesday October 24th 7.30pm

**SHOW ME SHORTS' FILM FESTIVAL**  
*New Zealand's leading international short film festival*  
Thursday October 25th 7.30pm

### THE DAWN WALL

Movie - an epic and inspirational story of how American rock climbers scaled the seemingly impossible 3000 foot Dawn Wall  
Friday October 26th 7.30pm



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**Máire Ní Chathasaigh and Chris Newman.** playing at the 4th Wall Theatre, 7:30pm Wednesday October 24.

later the basis of a two-part BBC Radio 4 documentary of the same name, written and presented by Terence. As an author, columnist, journalist, and publisher, he is a regular opinion writer for The Independent, Sunday Times and The Guardian. He is an acclaimed novelist and prize-winning fiction writer of children's books. A smart and funny man.'....Boston Globe

**Máire Ní Chathasaigh and Chris Newman.** 4th Wall Theatre, 7:30pm Wednesday October 24. The virtuoso partnership

of England's premier flat picking guitarist and "the greatest Celtic Harper of our age" (LIVE IRELAND) has by now brought its unique musical vision to twenty-two countries on five continents. Chris and Máire have performed at over 175 folk, Celtic, arts, harp and guitar festivals in Europe, the USA and Australasia and have given almost two thousand concerts in venues large and small - from the tiniest of historic churches in England, Germany and Italy to palaces in Kyoto and Istanbul, London's Barbican,

Sydney's Town Hall and the Philharmonie in Cologne. Together they have created one of the most distinctive voices in modern acoustic music. Their six duo and five solo CDs, instructional books and collaborations with many other luminaries of the Celtic, folk, swing jazz and bluegrass worlds express both the depth of their commitment to tradition and an eternally playful, curious and adventurous spirit.

Show Me Shorts - Film

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# Coming to 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre

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**Festival. 4th Wall Theatre 7:30pm Thursday October 25.**

Show Me Shorts is Aotearoa New Zealand's leading international short film festival. We are a competitive Academy Awards-accredited festival that screens in cinemas nationwide every year. This selection includes some of our most vibrant, fun and heart-warming shorts from New Zealand and around the world. It's a great way to sample what Show Me Shorts is all about. The films on offer feature a first date, an imaginary friend, an identity crisis, a vindictive toilet, Temuera Morrison in boxing gloves, lots of dogs, cats, and a visit from the President. Estimated total run time: 86 minutes. Censorship M

**The Dawn Wall. 4th Wall Theatre 7:30pm Friday October 26.**

More than just a climbing movie, The Dawn Wall is an epic and inspirational story that will take you into the hearts and minds of the protagonists and is to be enjoyed by all. In January, 2015, American rock climbers Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson captivated the world with their effort to climb the Dawn Wall, a seemingly impossible 3,000 foot rock face in Yosemite National Park, California. The pair lived on the sheer vertical cliff for weeks, igniting a frenzy of global media attention. But for Tommy Caldwell, the Dawn Wall was much more than just a climb. It was the culmination of a lifetime defined by overcoming obstacles. At the age of 22,

the climbing prodigy was taken hostage by rebels in Kyrgyzstan. Shortly after, he lost his index finger in an accident, but resolved to come back stronger. When his marriage fell apart, he escaped the pain by fixating on the extraordinary goal of free climbing the Dawn Wall. Blurring the line between dedication and obsession, Caldwell and his partner Jorgeson spend six years meticulously plotting and practicing their route. On the final attempt, with the world watching, Caldwell is faced with a moment of truth. Should he abandon his partner to fulfill his ultimate dream, or risk his own success for the sake of their friendship?

Winner of the audience award at South by Southwest. Accepted to Melbourne International Film Festival.



Show Me Shorts - Film Festival. 4th Wall Theatre 7:30pm Thursday October 25.

## Blood drive a great success

We put out the call for Blood Bank donors and oh boy did the people of Opunake answer. We needed 80 people to run the drive here in our town and we now have over 100 names. Those with your name on the list, someone will call you in the next few weeks. If you want to be

on the list, then it's not too late, either call CoastalCare 06 761 8488 or email [info@coastalcare.co.nz](mailto:info@coastalcare.co.nz).

The Blood drive is all green for go – held at Sandfords Event Centre on Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Opunake.

## Maui's Hook

Everybody's Theatre is very proud to be screening Māui's Hook.

A New Zealand documentary that follows the journey of several families who have been affected by suicide and whose, hikoī wairua (spiritual journey) from Parihaki, Taranaki to Northland takes the shape of

a matau (fish hook).

Producer Karen Te O Kahurangi Waaka-Tibble says there's an upside to Māui's story for today's youth: "Māui is a significant ancestor because he challenged himself against the odds.

When we think of all the great feats Māui attempted,

we admire his courage and the scope of his ambition - he took on enormous challenges like harnessing the sun and pulling up the land from the sea.

We want our young people to be like Māui - to push through life's challenges, using the Māui attitude."



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<p><b>MILE 22</b> Action, Thriller   1hr 30mins   R16; <b>Violence &amp; Offensive Language</b> CIA operative James Silva leads a small but lethal paramilitary team on an urgent and dangerous mission. They must transport a foreign intelligence asset from an American embassy in Southeast Asia to an airfield for extraction a distance of 22 miles. Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 7pm</p>	<p><b>LADIES IN BLACK</b> Drama, Comedy   1hr 49mins   PG Set in the Sydney summer 1959, where the impact of European migration and the rise of women's liberation is about to change Australia forever, a shy schoolgirl takes a summer job at the prestigious Sydney department store, Goode's. There she meets the "ladies in black", who will change her life forever. Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>																				
<p><b>MĀUI'S HOOK</b> Documentary, Drama   1hr 31mins   RP13: Deals with Suicide Hostage to his own pain, Tama, a disturbed young man, travels the destructive road of no return as five grieving families, broken by suicide, struggle with the painful loss of a loved one. Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>	<p><b>JOHNNY ENGLISH</b> Action, Adventure   1hr 40mins   PG The new adventure begins when a cyberattack reveals the identities of all active undercover agents in Britain, leaving Johnny English as the secret service's last hope. Called out of retirement, English dives headfirst into action with the mission to find the mastermind hacker. Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 7pm Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm</p>																				
<p><b>CHRISTOPHER ROBIN</b> Adventure, Action, Comedy   1hr 44mins   PG Christopher Robin -- now a family man living in London -- receives a surprise visit from his old childhood pal, Winnie-the-Pooh. With Christopher's help, Pooh embarks on a journey to find his friends -- Tigger, Eeyore, Owl, Piglet, Rabbit, Kanga and Roo. Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm</p>	<p><b>SMALL FOOT</b> Fantasy, Comedy, Musical   1hr 49min   PG A Yeti named Migo discovers something that he didn't know existed a human. News of the existence of the "smallfoot" throws the simple yeti community into an uproar over whether or not he's telling the truth. Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1pm</p>																				
<p><b>CRAZY RICH ASIANS</b> Comedy, Drama   2hr 1min   PG Rachel Chu is happy to accompany her long-time boyfriend, Nick, to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. She's also surprised to learn that Nick's family is extremely wealthy and he's considered one of the country's most eligible bachelors. Fri Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm   Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>	<p><b>THE DARKEST MINDS</b> Thriller   1hr 44mins   M; Violence When teens develop powerful new abilities, they are declared a threat by the government and detained. Ruby, escapes from her camp and joins a group of runaways. Betrayed by the adults in power, they must use their powers to wage a resistance and take back their future. Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>																				
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# Join us at one of Taranaki's largest events this weekend!



Bikes and so much more. Don't miss this opportunity to see so many companies under the one roof. Aside from having the best of local companies exhibiting at the Expo we have a large number of national companies who will travel to New Plymouth from all around New Zealand especially to show local women their products. With thousands of women expected to visit the Expo it's a great opportunity to stop,

relax and spoil yourself for one weekend. Renee Murray from NZME Events says "Our aim is to have as wide of a range of companies involved with the Expo as possible. Women are all different and their individual interests are so diverse. It's great on the weekend to see all the various women visit the show, from teenagers to business women, mothers to grandmothers and friends simply enjoying each

other's company". Grab the girlfriends, Have a Mother Daughter day out or simply take time for yourself; head to the Women's Lifestyle Expo on this October 13-14 at TSB Stadium.

Door sales available all weekend, \$10 and under 12 Free. For more details see [www.expos.co.nz](http://www.expos.co.nz) or join us on Facebook for all the Expo News.

The Expo includes a Hair Styling Lounge, Beauty Bar, Taste Zone, Artisan Craft Zone, Fashion Zone, goodie bags bring your friends and check it out .

If you've been looking for the perfect excuse for you and your girlfriends to get together then here it is. The annual Women's Lifestyle Expo is back in New Plymouth at TSB Stadium with over 130 companies under one roof for one weekend. The Expo features many new companies with everything from espresso martinis and pate to giftware, artisan crafts, unique businesses, eco-friendly products, Electric



Try a Espresso Martini at the Expo this weekend.



Opunake Lakeside Lions

## Celebration of the Yarn Bomb

Come and listen to the spinning of yarns. Sandfords Centre, Saturday 3rd November 6pm. Viewing of Art Awards included. 7pm Dinner. Tickets at Pastimes \$40pp. Cash Bar (No BYO).

## Putting a different spin on Yarn Bombing



Some of the great creations made for the 2017 Yarn Bomb.

In conjunction with the Great Opunake Yarn Bomb it was decided by Lakeside Lions to host a "Celebration Of

Yarns" dinner at Sandfords Events Centre on November 3, putting a different spin on yarns.

The Yarn Bomb was a big success last year giving the whole town a lift and it was pleasurable to see people smiling and happy as they took photographs and explored the various yarn art on display.

It would be great to see this event become an annual happening and for Opunake to establish a reputation for

Yarn Bombing as it becomes bigger and better.

The dinner is timed to give the attendees a last opportunity to view the Taranaki National Art Awards before the exhibition is removed the next day.

The evening will be an opportunity for people to tell their stories (yarns) both tall tales and true. Locals will be invited to take part and we have been fortunate to secure the services of Vaughn Crowther to act as M.C.

Vaughn is coming from Queenstown to be part of the event and has many family connections in this area, so some good stories should come forth.

Buy your ticket from Pastimes (\$40 per person) and put your thinking caps on ready for may be a rare opportunity for the chance to tell your tale.

### ELTHAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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