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Ngaruahine host family friendly festival

Since 2009 the eight iwi of Taranaki have been meeting every two years for the Taranaki Tu Mai Festival. In that time the event has been held in Waitara, Parihaka, Waverley and Urenui. At Labour Weekend with Nga Ruahine as host it was Manaia's turn, with the other iwi being welcomed to Waiokura Marae on Friday afternoon.

In previous years Tu Mai had been staged in late November, so holding the event on the long weekend was something of a first. This did mean there were clashes with other events on that weekend including the national Maori rugby league championships in Rotorua, hence a risk of numbers being short in some disciplines. However at the start of the weekend organisers had around 1600 registrations and were anticipating 2500 people being there over the three days.

At stake were a range of trophies for sports and cultural events, as well as one for the overall winner. Two years ago this had been won by Ngati Maru.

On Saturday morning the games began, but not before the march past of all the iwi into the Manaia Sports Complex. This was the first time this had been done at the Taranaki Tu Mai. Once assembled in front of the grandstand there was a loosening up with a Zumba workout.

"Play hard, play fair, but most of all enjoy yourselves," MC Mahuru said.

It was then off various venues for the start of the games, whether at the sports complex, on the golf course, at the Manaia Bowling Club, the Manaia Primary School where the basketball was being played or the Auroa Primary School where the netball games were held.

As befitting the family friendly nature of the weekend there were tamariki and rangatahi zones where the younger iwi members could be catered for, again a Taranaki Tu Mai first.

Taranaki Tu Mai trust chairman Wharehoka Wano said the idea of having a march past had been a good one.

"After this morning I expect we will keep it going. It's Nga Ruahine's legacy to the event. It's important to bring events like this to the community."



Loosening up before the games start.

Wharehoka was heading over to the golf course to take part in the Ambrose

Golf.

"We're all enjoying each other. It's friendly rivalry.

There's always a bit of competitiveness, but it would be wrong if there



Ngaruahine welcome other iwi on to Waiokura Marae.

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Letters to the Editor

Fireworks Saga

Over the past few years the South Taranaki District Council has only received two written complaints from Mrs Irene Cruikshank who has a calf rearing farm of about 800 as she's had problems. Well Mrs Cruikshank wouldn't it be much safer to shed these calves just for a night and if any farmers do have any problems, simply shift your dairy herds back to the furtherest paddock away from harm's way?

Should some people

complain about the fireworks noise? Look, I myself know quite well what type of noise these fireworks are capable of, but not enough to warrant any complaint plus I've never heard anyone complain about the Stratford Stockcars hold their previous summertime daylight saving meetings, as once again I really don't think there's absolutely no need to complain.

Look, the biggest problem which happens nearly every Guy Fawkes is when some people have their own

private fireworks parties where alcohol is involved and there's little children amongst it all, plus when people buy fireworks when under the influence of alcohol start throwing fireworks at moving vehicles, on people's properties and at themselves and, in both cases, accidents have occurred.

To both North and South Taranaki District Councils, isn't it high time to sponsor a fireworks display every

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year, which would stop these so called private individual fireworks parties where most accidents occur, plus have security around to check when these displays are on so if people wanting to have their internal fireworks they should get some permission prior.

Tom Stephens, New Plymouth

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EDITORIAL

Despite being the leader of the party which came second in the General Election vote, Jacinda Ardern is the prime minister-elect, leading a Labour-led coalition which includes New Zealand First, with a lesser role for the Green Party. It has been said Jacinda has limited experience, but with nine years as a parliamentarian under her belt, she is similarly experienced in terms of several other former prime ministers such as Sir John Key and David Lange. She will have to prove herself over the forthcoming parliamentary term and it's very early days, but so far she has made a positive start. She impresses as an intelligent person, who has a social conscience and definite ideas as to the way ahead. She is eloquent in expressing these ideas, with emphasis on helping the most needy. The negotiating process with New Zealand First will have eliminated the unfortunate (and well got rid of!) suggested water tax on farmers, so they will be relieved.

Jacinda Ardern - Prime Minister



Prime Minister-elect Jacinda Ardern

One has to feel sorry for outgoing prime minister Bill English who led his National Party to comfortably gaining

the biggest majority of votes at the General Election – which would have yielded a landslide victory if the

old First Past the Post system was in place. He is a genuinely nice person and is committed to making NZ a better place. I expect he'll stay on as National's leader and is undoubtedly safe in his position.

A party (or leader) prevailing without the most votes, is by no means unprecedented. Here in New Zealand Robert Muldoon remained as prime minister in his second and third terms of office with less overall votes than the Opposition Labour Party under Bill Rowling

Overseas, George W Bush became US president with less votes than the Democrat's Al Gore. More recently, Donald Trump won the presidency with less votes than Democrat Hilary Clinton. Their weird (and unfair) electoral college system urgently needs reform.

As to the future, all the best to the Labour-led coalition government in improving NZ where it need it, such as the housing crisis, homelessness and alleviating poverty.

ADELPHOS

A lot has changed in the last quarter century. Here's a little thumb nail sketch of events: globalization, climate change, 911, global jihadist terrorism, , Lgbtqinbngs++, the worldwide housing crisis, been depopulation, an increasing worldwide decline in church attendance, polluted New Zealand rivers, the growing gap between rich and poor in New Zealand, the "rise" in gluten, veganism, Trumpism, the water in our chicken(??) and Middle East countries boiling over. Today in New Zealand workers have the lowest wages in all the OECD countries but they're working longer hours so the books look good. Nonetheless, New Zealand is still an awesome place to live.

The 1988 USA Wall Street Crash or should we say "Wall Street Hit and Run Financial Terrorist Attack" destabilised economies throughout the world. Unethical corporations lent money and sold stock they either didn't have or was worthless. It's a long story but basically law makers, corporations, bankers and "creative accountancy" colluded in the biggest pyramid scheme scandal since Charles Ponzi. The rich got richer and.... But is it money that's the real problem and root of all evil as is often quoted or misquoted? Of course not. One writer gets it straight: "The love (italics mine) of money is the root of all kinds of evil which some have coveted after. Some have

been so eager to have it that they have wandered away... "(1 Tim. 6:10 Good News Bible). Another man, King Solomon, considered to be both the wisest and richest man in the world at that time said, "Whoever loves money will never have enough money. Whoever loves luxury will not be content with abundance. This is also pointless" (Eccles. 5:10). Solomon might have been thinking what's it all about Alfie when he penned that. But Solomon probably couldn't have been all that wise because he had 700 wives and 300 concubines. Just imagine who considered themselves the prettiest princess. Meow. When he was old he gave in to his many wives' pressures and they asked him to build

shrines to false gods and he built many to please them. Solomon must have been complacent with his annual income of 25 tons of gold alone. After ruling for 40 years that's 1000 tons of gold, not to mention all his other various incomes. All his power and money must have gone to his head. He would make the biggest Kiwi lotto winner look like a pauper.

No wonder an unmarried working man named Jesus once said, "It's hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." I wonder how each of us would wind up if we struck that pauper's \$27,000,000 that occasionally comes up on Lotto?

Adelphos

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Remembering Smithy

Opunake lost one of its respected local identities when Ian Smith passed away on October 11 after a short illness. Ian (Dad) made a huge contribution to our community. He was a staunch supporter of the Opunake district. Among his contributions were operating a night security patrol, fire brigade, ambulance driver, South Taranaki District Councillor and active RSA member. He received the RSA District Long Service Award for 20 years of outstanding service and his name was placed on their Special Honours List.

**Ian Smith**

Ian played the Last Post, organised the poppy selling, and put the crosses out for the RSA during ANZAC commemorations, helped by Josh and Taylah.

Rain, hail, or shine, he raised and lowered the flag

in Opunake every day until three years ago when his fading memory got the better of him and he repeatedly tried to do it, forgetting that he already had.

In his earlier years, Ian had a strong interest in music, playing cornet in the Opunake Federal Band, and later being the drummer and doing pretty good Al Jolson impersonations in Smith's Orchestra with parents Jim and Bubby, and then in The Keynotes dance band during the 60s.

Dad had a very close bond with all of his grandchildren, and there was enough

musical talent in his veins to flow through four generations of the family, be it singing, dancing, or instruments.

Ian and Connie made a successful marriage through 64 years, from trying to make a living through the tough years, to those warm days on the deck with the grandkids all around. So take it easy Dad – time to rest. You can be satisfied and proud of your contribution – we are.

Mike Smith

On this month in history Peter Jackson born

On October 31, 1961 movie director Peter Jackson was born in Pukerua Bay. He is well known for his film adaptation of JRR Tolkien's books 'The Lord of the Rings.' These films have won a number of Hollywood Oscars.

His film 'Heaven Creatures' introduced Academy Award and Golden Globe winner Kate Winslet, as well as Taranaki's Melanie Lynskey. It was the first film

for both excellent actresses. This film dealt with the 1950s Christchurch murder of the mother of Pauline Parker by two teenage girls, one of them (Pauline) the victim's daughter. Despite

the subject matter, the film was brilliant - arguably one of the best films ever made in NZ.

One of the girls became a million selling crime writer called Anne Perry.

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PEPANZ acknowledges new emissions report

The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) says a new report from the Ministry for the Environment on global and domestic greenhouse gas emissions shows the challenges ahead of us.

"The report 'Our atmosphere and climate 2017' is an important contribution to the discussion around dealing with greenhouse gas emissions," says PEPANZ

Chief Executive Cameron Madgwick.

"It shows the challenges New Zealand, and the world, faces in balancing the strong demand for affordable energy with reducing emissions. It also reinforces that policy around carbon emissions should be consistent across sectors.

"Oil and gas provides around half of New Zealand's energy needs, and is crucial in transport, industry and

people's daily lives. We saw a recent example of this with the rupture in the fuel pipeline to Auckland which caused major disruption. "Importantly, natural gas produces half the carbon emissions of coal which is widely used for electricity generation around the world. Switching to gas is one of the fastest and easiest ways to reduce emissions, and New Zealand has real potential to discover and produce

more of this valuable natural resource.

"As a society and industry we need to keep working on improving our energy efficiency, and developing new technologies like carbon capture and sequestration."

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A lot to celebrate in our community

The South Taranaki District Council's, Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) is continuing to return well to us as a community. The Long Term Investment Fund was established after the sale of the Patea Hydro Electricity Dam. This fund often generates good discussion within the council and out in the community.

A fund that started off in 1997 at \$89 million is now sitting at almost \$140 million. In the last 12 months it has returned \$11.92 million which is \$2.8 million more than budgeted.

Whilst the growth of the fund has been good over the years so has the return to the community. Over that period about \$96 million has been returned to the community through rate subsidies and community projects.



Cr. PHIL NIXON

The council's aim is to keep growing the Long Term Investment Fund year on year and use the return on the funds to, (in order of priority), subsidise rates by \$3.87 million per year, commit around \$1.73 million to service interest and loan payments for specific community projects. The council's aim also is to retain the real value of the fund, whilst building an investment fluctuation reserve fund to use as a buffer through any difficult times. The sort of specific community projects that the Long Term Investment Fund helps fund, are the TSB Hub and the Hawera Town Centre strategy.

The South Taranaki District Council has invested over \$200 million over the last 10 years in renewing and upgrading key infrastructure throughout the district. This includes roading, water and facilities. Most of this work has been loan funded to spread the costs over the life of the asset and to ensure that current and future genera-

tions who benefit from these assets, contribute to the cost of the assets. We call this approach "intergenerational equity."

Infrastructure extension and replacement is always ongoing business for council. Over the last few years council has done, amongst other things, major upgrades to parts of our water infrastructure and are now working on upgrades to our wastewater infrastruc-

ture. We have a lot to celebrate in our district, our natural environment, our people, businesses and industry, our facilities and South Taranaki Council's zero net debt position. Due to our investments being greater than our debt, we have zero net debt.

Construction has now started on Stage 2 of the popular Denby Road pathway. This will link Denby Road to Fairfield Road, via an unformed legal road through farmland, with approximately 1 kilometre of fine chip seal, pathway. This will then extend approximately 700 metres up Fairfield Road to connect with existing foot path. Local contractors Burgess Crowley Civil Ltd have been contracted to do the construction, which is expected to be completed early 2018.

Like all other districts throughout New Zealand we are being affected by earthquake prone buildings. We have just received a report

on another council owned building which has only 8% of the New Building Standard (NBS) classification. The Municipal Building in Eltham has now been closed for public use until further notice. It is disappointing to see some of our buildings under threat, but it is a reality we are all having to face whether they are council owned or privately owned buildings.

Regardless of ownership we will not be able to afford to strengthen and renovate all of our old buildings and so some hard questions will have to be asked in the future. For some earthquake buildings the answer will be simple – it's unsafe, old, not serving a great purpose, past its use by date, so will need to be demolished. There will be some buildings that will generate a lot more discussion and need more consideration, than others. South Taranaki District Council will not be able to afford to, and nor should they be, restoring all our old buildings. On the other hand, I do not wish to see all our heritage lost through the demolition of all our "old" buildings that leads to us losing our special character that helps to make us South Taranaki, Alive with Opportunity.

Phil Nixon

*Deputy mayor
South Taranaki District*

On this month in history James K Baxter dies

On October 22, 1972 the nation's best known poet James Keir Baxter died of a heart attack in Auckland, aged 46. He also wrote articles, reviews and plays (about 12 including Jack Winter's Dream). Many of his poems had a social

commentary and he inspired many of our poets including Sam Hunt. James' health was probably compromised by his earlier battle with alcoholism (which he overcame) and his heavy smoking (which he did not).

He set up several communes (eg in Wellington and Auckland) to help troubled

and homeless young people, but the most famous one was above the Whanganui River at Jerusalem. He is buried outside one of the former commune buildings 'The Big House'. James was known as Hemi by the local Maori people (Both names are on his tombstone, a white boulder taken from the nearby river).

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Third form school reunion a success

Labour Day weekend was a special day for the 1971 Third Form Opunake High School reunion. The reunion committee have been highly successful in tracking down virtually all of their ex-classmates. Sadly they discovered that quite a few fellow students had passed away - about 17 in all. Originally, there were about 140 students who attended the 1971 classes. The committee found the internet very helpful. "We stalked them on Facebook," one lady joked. Some came from as far away as Australia.

The idea for the reunion had its genesis in a lunch with several of the former third form students at Headlands three years ago. From this a committee of four was formed, which included Lynette Shirtcliffe (nee Fisher), Ruth Olliver (nee Henderson), Julie Fleming (nee Bingham) and Macey Luttrell (nee Duff). Eventually, 35 people registered to attend the special celebrations. Sadly, one of the ladies who lunched that day at Headlands, Diane James, wasn't one of them, as she passed away soon after their rendezvous.

Saturday October 21 was a busy day, starting with a conducted tour of Opunake High School, with Deputy Principal Emily Scott acting



Enjoying the special occasion are, from left, Macey Luttrell (nee Duff), Julie Fleming (nee Bingham), Ruth Olliver (nee Henderson) and Lynette Shirtcliffe (nee Fisher).

looked so different now, with one person commenting that changes after the terrible fire had meant the entire general layout was so changed as to be unfamiliar.

Soul Kitchen at the Sandfords Event Centre prepared a "beautiful" buffet style lunch by all accounts.

Preceding the "absolutely beautiful" evening supper was a Meet and Greet, starting at 6pm at the Sandfords Event Centre. There were many memories to be shared, with teachers from that time

ing. She explained how the idea of the reunion came about. She concluded by saying, "It's been nice to catch up after so long - about 46 years."

On display were class photographs and school magazines (Te Haumoana) to stir memories. One prize winner mentioned in a magazine, was Daphne Coxhead who was adjudged second in her class. Head Boy was Max Robins and Head Girl Joanne Johnson.

Mark Ratahi came the great-

people."

Another attendee was Peter Eliason who admitted, "I came to school to eat my lunch and play sport (cricket and rugby). I wasn't so keen on lessons." He said he came from primary school in Kapaonga and "I was a little fish in a big pond." He was enjoying the occasions saying, "It's been very rewarding."

He added, "It's been great to catch up - some people I haven't seen since I was at school and I'm 60 now."

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as host for the 25 or so ex-students who turned up (at 11.30am) to be shown round Opunake High School. "She was really informative," one person commented. "Everything looked very nice," said one person, who added, "There was no carpet in our day." The general consensus was that the school

faring well. Ron Burrows was the Principal. One teacher Mr Babu was remembered for having a photographic memory.

Pam Page gave an interesting keynote speech, sharing a few anecdotes of activities the teachers would have disapproved of, such as smoking behind the rifle range build-

est distance to be part of the celebrations - all the way from Northern Territory, Australia where he is a truck driver. "I should have listened at school more," he conceded. He added, "Most of the time I just wanted to get outside and play sport." He concluded, "It's been really good to catch up with

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You see the real NZ say new owners



Rahul Tyagi (left) and Andy Collins in front of the open fire.

Auckland is like other cities. In Opunake you see the real New Zealand, says Rahul Tyagi, the new manager of Opunake's Club Hotel, explaining why he chose to come to Opunake.

Rahul and business partner Rajat Choudhary (Roger), are the new leasees of the century old hotel. Rajat lives in Auckland and has other business interests elsewhere so Rahul will be the managing partner of the Club Hotel.

He says a patron came in the other day and asked for handle no 1, the same glass that his father used to drink from. It's about history, heritage, community, family. "A lot of the regulars come here for that reason."

The affable Rahul who is effusive about New Zealand which is "famous for its beauty"

has clearly embraced rural New Zealand and the farming community.

"There's no Sunday," he says with farmers working seven days a week. "You don't find that in Auckland with the 9 to 5. He says he won't miss the traffic and the queues.

He loves the personal service in little towns. And the beauty of the region.

"Here I open the window and I see the big mountain."

Prior to living in Auckland Rahul worked as an event manager in India. They were long days from 10am till 8pm in a job he described as "monotonous".

Rahul and business partner Roger who he worked for in the security industry are "old friends". Roger who came from India to study business at Auckland University and graduated in 2010 explains he started working as a security guard. He soon became a supervisor, then business marketing manager for three different security companies for three years before starting his own security company in Auckland. His main clients are big construction companies and it's a 24 hour operation. You have to be always available he says. During the interview he seemed to field a phone call every few minutes. It was "stressful" he acknowledged.

The business changed hands in late August. Jim Dodunski and Darrell Hickey continue to own the building.

"Jim's been helping me a lot," said Rahul. "He's amazing", he said adding he was very grateful for his help. He describes how the car of a friend who was visiting broke down in New Plymouth and Jim went to pick him up.

They recently had a very successful night when singer Delady entertained at the hotel. The place was "pretty much full" and for sixty percent of the patrons "it was the first time they'd been here," said Rahul.

There are plans to upgrade the hotel "a bit" and make it more "eye catching, giving it a new finish", says Roger. They don't want to lose the character of the

hotel though.

To "Bring it back to its former glory," adds regular Andy Collins who has chipped in with various suggestions during the interview while stocking up the blazing open fire. They also intend to do up the garden bar "in a rustic theme" offers Andy, clearly keen to help.

They will also continue with the bar meals and restaurant meals and will be upgrading their menu.

As well as the pokie machines, there's the bottle store and accommodation. They hope the renovations will increase the number of tourists staying.

New to the hospitality industry, Rahul says he's very open to suggestions.

"I'm really really keen to get new ideas," says Rahul. "We need your help".

He adds that the hospitality industry is very different to the security business "where you can't be too friendly". He's aiming for a welcoming, social atmosphere and loves meeting and greeting people. He often joins in with customers in a game of pool or playing cards.

He's also very keen on supporting other businesses and the Opunake community and hopes they will give them a chance to serve them.

And if there's any safe breakers out there please get in touch, no one knows the combination. "If someone wants to come and try," they're welcome, says Rahul.



Opunake's Club Hotel.

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Co-operating Parish turns 40

Opunake's co-operating parish celebrated their 40th anniversary over Labour weekend with a service of thanksgiving.

It marked the historic uniting of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and many past parishioners who had left the area returned to join with present parishioners to celebrate the occasion.

Former parishioner and regular lay preacher Barbara Hooper ably took the service choosing hymns from a book of favourite hymns compiled by the late Bev and Doug Coxhead, stalwarts of St Pauls church.

Among those attending the anniversary celebration were former ministers including Joan Wedding and Bob Francesco who spoke.

Joan, 82 gave an interesting account of how she first came to Opunake and clearly enjoyed her time here. It was the first time they had had a woman minister and clearly they "wondered what they were going to get," said Joan to the amusement of those present.

Prior to coming to Opunake she had been a deaconess in the Hokianga and had three enjoyable years before returning to the area and its "amazing people." Joan said she was impressed at the number of leaders who emerged in her time here. "The people here are real human beings who care about each other, love each other. "You have ministered to others in ways only God knows."

Bob Francesco who replaced Joan came to the parish in 1990. He was not yet ordained though came to Opunake with two theological Masters degrees from

America. After "a 22 month journey of frustrating negotiations" he was eventually licensed and ordained. He has since qualified as a counsellor.

Bob remembered "the fantastic lively Opunake community" and referred to all the people who contribute to the successful running of the church from the Parish Council through to the flower ladies and recalled the worship services, Can Sunday, the "dedicated and prosperous Op Shop", the maraes and the co-operation between churches. He also recalled the lending service that operated where people in the congregation got to borrow all types of gear from their fellow parishioners with the motto "If you borrow it,

return it in better condition."

Bob's wife also played an active role in the church, running a preschool group and a mothers group.

Arthur Barnfather replaced Bob. The Rev Sione and his wife arrived next with their seven children and were here for five years.

As the parish was no longer able to support a fulltime minister, there followed a series of lay preachers and visiting ministers, one of whom, Mary Nicholas, who belonged to the parish went on to be ordained. Mary who spoke at the service recalled when she and Dave, newly married, arrived in Opunake in 1976, the first year the church operated as a co-operating parish. In 2010 Mary undertook theological

training. Mary and husband Dave have since moved to Whangarei where Mary is a practising minister.

Jack Van der Saar who with his wife Ielk who now lives in New Plymouth but who return regularly and played a big part in St Pauls church life also spoke, with Jack itemising all the organisations who have benefitted from the money raised at the Op Shop which included local schools and a multitude of organisations such as St John and The Cottage Resthome.

After the formal service everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch hosted by Opunake's St Barnabas Church..

It was a lovely opportunity to catch up with old friends and a fitting conclusion to a memorable morning.



Organist at St Pauls Elva Symons (left) and parishioner Jan Deegan.

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From left

Rev Joan Wedding,
Ian Harris – Co-superintendent of the lower North Island Methodist Synod, Rev Bob Francesco, Rev Mary Nicholas and Barbara Hooper who took the service.

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still has the most seats in Parliament, with 44 percent of the vote, and this is the first time in the 21-year history of MMP that the leading party has not been in government. You might be interested to know that 15 minutes before the announcement, Winston Peters was still deciding which way to go. Obviously he wanted to get an agreement that was in the best interests of New Zealand First. I hope that will prove to be in the best interests of New Zealanders.

I am concerned to hear that the Greens are still committed to reducing dairying in New Zealand, and it is hard to think that Labour with their view on dairying and the multiple taxes they were talking about, will be vehemently opposed to that. The first bit of news we received out of the coalition papers was



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH**

the proposed referendum on legalising cannabis. Nothing could be worse for a country with the highest youth suicide rate in the world, but to legalise one of the most psychosis creating drugs. Well, this is what Winston Peters has let loose on New Zealand.

In my view, MMP still has some maturing to do in how it functions, in that the party with the largest number of votes – and therefore the most public support – must

be the one to initiate coalition discussions. Sadly it was the case of the tail wagging the dog. For now, National will continue to fight on behalf of all New Zealanders, working hard to preserve the gains we've made over the last nine years.

At a local level, I will continue to ensure your voice is heard in Parliament. I will be strongly advocating on your behalf so that our lawmakers understand how legislation will affect the Coast, and the rest of Taranaki. I am here to support local causes, organisations and community groups, and to help when you have trouble dealing with government departments. There are a number of exciting opportunities being developed in our region and I am determined that business, tourism and educational aspirations will continue to

grow.

I'm always keen to hear from you, whether you have a problem, an idea, or want to give feedback. I have my next Opunake clinic at Coastal Care on Friday November 24. It's helpful if you want an appointment, to pre-book it, so I can make sure you have time set aside for you. Please call my office at any time on 06 759 1363 and please feel welcome to call anytime if there's something that I can help with.

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OPUNAKE FIRE SERVICE

Halloween a time to be careful

Our brigade members were deeply saddened by the news that one of our Life Honorary members, Ian "Smithy" Smith, had passed away. Smithy joined our brigade back in 1948 and resigned after serving 34 years for the community. His father Jim was one of the founding members of our brigade and Ian joined soon after his 16th birthday. Initially he was a fire fighter but in 1973 he decided to form a Fire Police Unit, and it is still going strong today.

Someone mentioned to me the other day that for Halloween, they were thinking about getting some Chinese paper lanterns, lighting them and letting them go skywards. I had heard of this type of stunt before (around Oakura a few years back) but I never thought anyone around here would be thinking of repeating it. They thought it would be a real good joke

to scare everyone as they drifted over town. I asked if he had thought about the dangers involved with a trick like that and he said "nah, it would just be good fun."

After a wee chat, he luckily went off the idea when he realised that the lanterns were actually out of control fires that could land anywhere and cause vegetation or property fires.

If you are thinking about using these sky lanterns at any stage for a celebration, always keep them tied up and don't let them go. Check with the South Taranaki District Council (on 0800 323 111) before lighting up to see if there is a closed fire season and ask them if there are any by-laws regarding this practice.

We were on the move around 6 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday 18th when a call came in regarding a "fence on fire" at Phil Brophy's Heartland

Building yard. Thankfully it was only a rogue ember or two from an incinerator that had decided to make a run for it, but they were halted at the fence by a garden hose.

Friday started with a call to the high school at around 7:30, when a heat detector decided to play up and set off the alarm. We were requested by the Fire Command Centre to respond with two appliances but fire fighters were light on the ground so the Rahotu Brigade came to help if required. Luckily it wasn't a repeat of the 1982 incident and we were all

heading home once we gave the school a thorough check over.

Later in the morning we were heading in the direction of the Wiremu Road when a vehicle decided to take a short cut into a paddock. The driver was lucky to escape with only his pride being dented.

Sunday morning started when the pagers went off at 5:30 with a medical call on Brennan Place to give assistance to a person having breathing issues.

Hot Embers

On this month in history

Errol Flynn dies

On October 14, 1959 Australian actor Errol Flynn died of a heart attack. He was born in Tasmania in 1909, son of a marine biologist, whom he was very close to.

However, his relationship with his mother Marelle was difficult.

His early acting career was on stage in England but he was signed up by Warner Brothers in Hollywood and made many films. His first movie was The Case of the Curious Bride (1935). Later films of note were Captain Blood, The Adventures of Robin Hood and The Charge of the Light Brigade. He never won an Oscar, however.

He married several times and many actresses were attracted to him. While separated from one wife, he flattered with Academy award winning actor David Niven who wrote, "He wasn't a kind man but he was fun to be with."

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Roy had the house built 40 years ago surveying off 1.9 hectares from the family farm. The site was originally a metal pit. Slightly elevated, he took great care to make sure the new house was orientated to capture the sun which streams into the main living area. "It's lovely and warm," says Roy. He also planted pine trees to shelter the property from wind. He has lived alone since his wife Lilah passed away 25 years ago.

The substantial 3 bedroom low maintenance brick house has a large open plan living area including a dining area and kitchen with a large walk in pantry. Leading off this area a sizeable lounge from which there is access to a deck, the garden and beyond, views of the family farm now managed by Roy's son Ian.

Fully carpeted throughout, the lounge leads to hall and the front door reception area. Off the hall are the toilet and laundry, bathroom, a separate shower room and three bedrooms. The bedrooms all have built in wardrobes and, typical of the seventies era, two have attractive built in desks and a dressing table.

Also leading off the hallway is an office area. From here there is access via a wooden staircase to a huge double garage. There is also a separate single garage under the house.

A real fix it man, Roy points proudly to the tidy white fence he built, the cattle stop he made and takes us on a walk through the delightful gardens he's cultivated which



The large lounge with dining area and rural views.

include a well worn track – big enough for the 4 wheeler bike Roy drives – through an enchanting natural bush walk that culminates in a charming dell with various fruit trees including a walnut tree and a fig tree, both over a hundred years old, and an old quince tree. Roy has also planted

kiwi fruit, a macadamia tree, grape vine and other fruit trees.

There's a seat in this idyllic spot with the legs made from the old seats at Opunake's Everybodys Theatre which Roy constructed himself. He also has a number of hives on



Roy Donald and his 1953 Hudson Horner which he's owned for nearly 46 years. The immaculate vehicle, which easily sits four abreast, has officiated at 19 weddings says Roy.

RIGHT

The entrance was to the charming native bushwalk that ends in the secret garden dell.



the property and collects his own honey.

Fifteen years ago Roy added another standalone double garage which today houses his immaculate 1953 Hudson Horner..

In fact the property has 8 sheds on it which has become something of a family joke with daughter Helen exclaiming to her father periodically over the years, not another shed.

"I never like things to be outside in the wet," says Roy so as I got more I'd build another shed.

The property was surveyed off from part of the original farm which was either side of the road and comprised 102 acres on which Roy milked

140 cows.

The farm was owned by his father and Roy attended Warea School which was closed 15 years ago. He left school at 14 to work on the farm and though they had electricity, it would often go off and they'd have to milk by hand. He'd have to milk 34 cows he remembers and it would take several hours.

Roy will be moving into a unit at Summerset Retirement Village. "I love mixing with people," he says.

Tenders are asked for the property and will close on November 24.

An Open Home at 206 Warea Road, Warea will be held on Sunday October 29 from 2.00-3.00pm.

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Annual Report shows strong result

Another strong performance from the Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) and accounting adjustments saw the South Taranaki District Council's books show a surplus of \$11.98 million when it adopted its 2016/2017 Annual Report.

Council Chief Executive Craig Stevenson says this is largely a 'paper surplus'. The two biggest contributors to the larger-than-expected surplus was an accounting adjustment which provided a \$4.283 million gain on

derivative contract valuations (swaps), paired with the Council's LTIF returning \$11.92 million which was \$2.8 million more than budgeted.

At year end, the LTIF balance totalled \$137.43 million (including \$12.36 million of internal borrowings), up from \$131.65 million in 2015/16.

Mr Stevenson says the Council currently draws down \$5.6 million each year from the LTIF which provides \$3.87 million to subsidise general rates and a further \$1.73 million to service loans for specific community projects.

"In this way the Council has returned around \$96 million back to its communities since it was started in 1997," "All revenue over and above the annual drawdown of \$5.6 million is returned to the LTIF to create a buffer for those years when it doesn't perform so well," he says. Council's sound and constantly improving financial position also saw Standard and Poor's (S&P) upgrade Council's long term credit

rating from A+ to AA- and short term rating from A-1 to A-1+ with Stable outlook. "This is a pleasing result for Council because it means we can borrow at even lower margins which is good news for our ratepayers" he says. Among highlights for the year were the first project of the Hawera Town Centre Strategy, Campbell Lane, was completed and the second project, 'Butchers Lane', was started. The Council also purchased the property where the new Centre for Heritage, Arts, Library, Culture and Information (CHALCI) will be built. Work was completed on Stage 1 of the Denby Road to Waihi Beach Walkway and just over 1 km of new footpath was built in Manaia. These projects are part of the Council's Pathways Programme which aims to develop a network of walkways and cycleways.

The first stage in the development of the new regional landfill just south of Eltham was started with major road improvements on SH3 at the intersection with Rotokare

Road. Once completed this work will improve visibility and provide safe intersection access for road users.

Seismic strengthening work on the Hawera Community Centre Hall was completed which means the whole complex has now been brought up to 67 per cent of the new building standard.

The Taumata Recreation Centre in Eltham's Taumata Park was completed and opened in May 2017. This project was co-funded by the Council, TSB Community Trust, Lion Foundation and NZCT, with contributions from the two main user groups the Eltham Football Club and Eltham Athletics Club.

The Council has also made progress developing the new District Plan.

A wet autumn/winter has caused widespread slips on roads across the District, particularly in the Waitotara Valley, Tangahoe Valley, Rawhitiroa, Aorere, Morea Valley, Glen Nui and Wingrove Roads. All roads were cleared and reopened at a cost of around \$200,000.

Ravensdown honours Kiwi Dairies directors



Dairy Co-op Directors to form one dairy company in Taranaki, a forerunner of Fonterra.

Mike organised a luncheon for former directors of Kiwi Dairies with eleven attending - one of whom travelled from Australia where he is currently farming.

Morris Roberts, who was Chairman of Kiwi Dairies, thanked Ravensdown and reminisced on his time in the dairy industry.

On this month in history Rod Dixon wins New York Marathon

On October 23, 1983 Rod Dixon of New Zealand became the first non-American to win the New York Marathon. He had quite a battle with England's Geoff Smith, overtaking him in the last stages of the race to win by nine seconds. Rod's time of 2 hours 8 minutes 59 seconds was the second fastest winning time in the prestigious event and the tenth fastest marathon of all time (up till then). Earlier in his running career Rod was better known as a middle distance runner who once won a bronze medal at the Olympics.

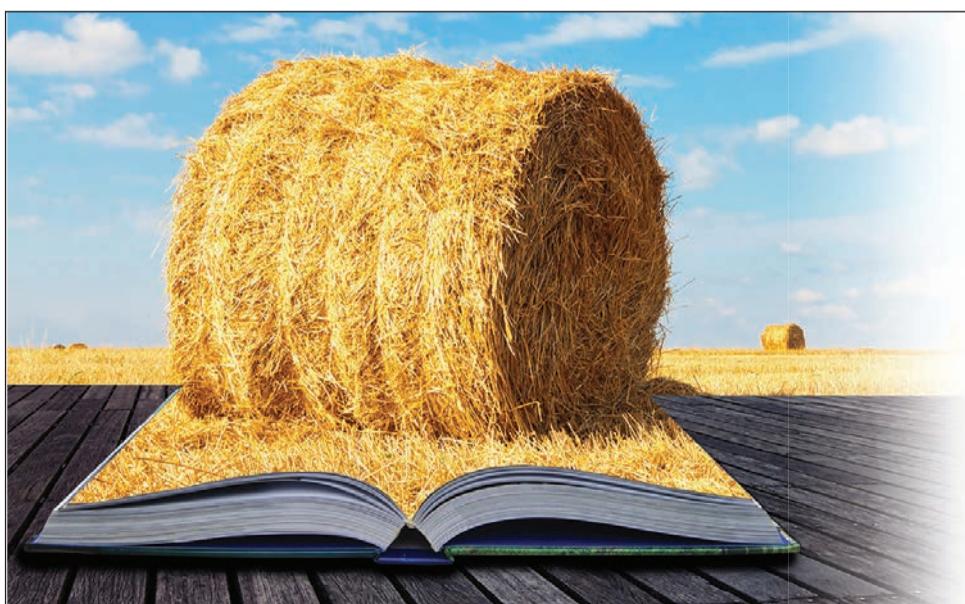
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Back Row: Coach Angelo Hill, Assistant Coach Catherine Cook, Olivia Bright, Isabelle Cook, Hayley Quinnell, Alyscia Lang, Manager Sharon Quinnell
Front Row: Jessica Roach, Iritana Hohaia, Simone Cook (Captain), Krysten Johnson, Tenaya Sutcliffe

ISA WORLD's

Julia Phillips and Murray Weir attended the 2017 ISA World Kneeboard Champs in Somo Spain during the school holidays.

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highlights of the stay. After some unplanned changes to the itinerary, we handed over the van keys and a last minute dash to the ferry we arrived safely on Savaii. Tanu Beach bus was waiting to take us back to our fales, this is truly the experience of the tour. Folding up the coconut leaf blinds and sweeping the white sand off the wooden floor before heading down to the crystal clear 20 degree water. Although there was no tsunami of the 2009 trip, and no rugby win of the 2013 tour the emotion of being invited back to Ito O Tane School for sports and cultural exchange is an experience our students will never forget. Snorkeling with thousands of different fish and swimming above wild turtles as they grazed the sea weed below unforgettable highlights. I will make no mention of the dented van or the shark fin that turned out to be the corner of a sack. It is an extreme privilege to be part of a third tour to Samoa. Our students again displayed the DREAM values that make us all proud to be part of OHS but more importantly seeing them grow from this experience and a genuine appreciation of their own home and culture. We extend our sincere thanks to the wider community and everyone who has helped make this tour of Samoa a life changing experience for our students. Fa'afetai

Students and parents that participated were: Catherine Dahm, Jacob, Ellison, Paul Whakatutu, Keonte Ngatai, Shaun Brider, Shavon Johnson, Ben Shelford, Simone Cook, Zeno Hess, Tianna Osborne, Brooke, Jacqui Rultand with Simon Fuller and Andy Whitehead.



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Simon Fuller
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HOCKEY

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Thanks to all the parents and supporters who log travel time.



OHS Girls Hockey Team:

Standing: Kendra Langton, Alyssia Redin, Danielle Kidd, Kacy Bellve, Taylor King, Loyd Morgan (Coach), Ayla Baldwin, Madaline Symes
Front: Krysten Johnson, Aimee Abplanalp, Ariana Dingle, Lucy Shegedin, Ali Dorrian, Aleisha Cram Goalie: Jazmine Huston (Stratford HS)



OHS Boys Hockey Team

Standing: Campbell DeCent, Caleb Feek, Cormach Hughson-How, Keifer Ericson, Michael McCarty, Taine Morgan, Thomas Elliot, Charmal Reddy, Lucas Feek, Logan Bellve, Shane Tocino
Front: Harley Harding, Kade Sinclair, Daniel Potier, James Cram

BASKET BUDDY

Katie Sinclair and Janis Baker attended the Young Enterprise Scheme Taranaki Regional Awards in New Plymouth on Thursday October 19. Their first award was a certificate in recognition of Chamber of Commerce showcase Best Stand, winning back in August.

The second award was the Speaking Made Easy Trophy for the Best Business Presentation at the Dragons Den final, plus runner up in the Oral Presentation Award. A massive thank you to all of the sponsors of the YES program and the sponsors of these amazing awards, nothing would have been possible without them. Congratulations to Janis and Katie on your hard work and commitment to making such a successful project.

Photo Left: Mr Fuller, Katie Sinclair and Janis Baker.

WITT

Congratulations to the students below who received certificates and awards in their respective learning areas.

Back Row: Cian Howarth (Restaurant Service), Cameron Hasler (Restaurant Service), Danny Heather (Automotive), Christopher Seyb (Art & Design), Vaugh Grant (Cookery)

Front Row: Willow Wright (Sports & Fitness), Janis Baker (Welding/Fabrication)



IRITANA HOHAI

Congratulations Iritana Hohaia (photo below) who was awarded the: Taranaki Rugby Womens Sevens Player of the Year trophy at the Taranaki Rugby Awards on Tuesday night in New Plymouth. Iritana also scored the most tries for the season and was named Most Valued Player. She was presented with the Trophy at the closing day tournament for the Secondary School sevens series.



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Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated Europe

This issue we continue of a letter written by John McLean(Jock) Kirk, father of well known Taranaki artist Graham Kirk, who towards the end of World War II was a driver for a New Zealand officer tasked with making contact with liberated New Zealand POWs. As the Americans and British were making their way westward across coming to meet them from the other direction were their Russian allies. Last week Jock came face to face with the Russian ally. READ ON.

You can't fool with these Russians, they like shooting and they are not fussy who they shoot at so we waited another hour and a half, then the same old band arrived, looking as though they were about to drop, the

instruments looked as though they had been dropped and jumped on many times, a few minutes later the old General arrived full of importance and took up his position at the corner of the street, we were allowed to go then, the old boy only wanted to stand on the corner and salute the boys as they drove past with the band playing. I am always glad to get out of the Russian area, I always feel that I am a prisoner there, they are a wicked looking lot and are just as wicked as they look, in fact worse, the stories some of the boys have told us would make your hair stand on end.

We had quite a long way to go to Halle and on the way



John McLean (Jock) Kirk.

the boys to their new camp, the eight of them had a job to keep up to the others as all Russian trucks are in very bad condition and this one was the worst of the lot,

so I stepped on it, hit a very bad bump and broke a front spring. I did not know at the time though. We found him eventually back where we had started from. We were going to take him back to Leipzig with us and let him spend the night there but we met his pals on the road and were glad to see the last of them all. It was then about 11pm and we headed for home which was about thirty miles away.

We were almost there when we ran into another Russian convoy heading towards us, they stopped us to enquire the way, more sign language, they had about another thousand British XPOWs on board, where they got them from nobody knew,

we did not even know there were any more to come. The Boss decided that we had better take them to Halle as they would never find their way themselves so away we went. These trucks were even worse than the others and could not do more than about 15 MPH, anyway that

had gone so away we went hell for leather, broken spring and all. I had noticed by this time that the old bus was wandering pretty badly and bumping a bit but I put it down to sleepiness on my part, we had been going then for 19 hours, we tore along for half an hour or so in the direction the Rooskies were supposed to have gone, but had no luck. We went back to the camp and there they were unloading, we never asked where they had got to, we just headed for home. I got to bed at 4.30am.

I slept until 10.am and got up to find that the Boss had already gone out with somebody in a jeep. I went and had a look at my truck and there was a broken spring alright. I swore a bit because as mine is a British make it was impossible to get any parts off the Yanks as they only had Yankee trucks. I knew where I could get a second hand spring but that was 140 miles away at Hildesheim near Brunswick, one of our old busses had



The Ardennes in the snow.

we picked up half a dozen Britishers who had escaped from the Russians the day before, we put them in the back of our little truck as all the others were full and took them to Halle too.

It was well after dark when we reached Halle, we had picked up a Russian truck on the way, this was one of eight Russian trucks that were helping us to transport

we arrived a long time after the others and then we had to find the rest of the eight Rooskies so as this one could join them and then buzz off back to their own camp, we told this one in sign language to follow us, but he was lost in two minutes inside the camp, we had a direction in which direction he had gone in so we set after him, the Boss told me to step on it



Russian ex POWs to be exchanged for Allied.

is the speed we travelled and when we eventually arrived we found that we had lost eighteen of them.

Somebody thought they knew which way the others

been scrapped there.

The Boss was not here to give me permission to go on so I decided to go without it. I reckoned that if I drove carefully I could not do the old bus any harm. I set out at 2.pm and drove very carefully for the first two hours. By that time I was getting a bit browned off with 25MPH and put it up to 30 for the next hour or two, it took me six hours to get there but I was doing 40 long before I got within sight of Hildesheim, however there was no harm done to the truck.

This camp was originally a Yankee one but it appeared that the British were taking over, anyway I stopped in the British half as I understand them better, the Yanks brown a chap off after a bit. I had my stretcher which I had borrowed a month before with me and it was just as well as there were no spare beds in the camp (just like the British). I was able to have a nice hot shower, the first for a long time as we have not got hot water where we are and then I went to bed.

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Freshwater quality is an intensely debated issue, both nationally and regionally. It's worthy of serious discussion, but we shouldn't lose sight of two important facts:

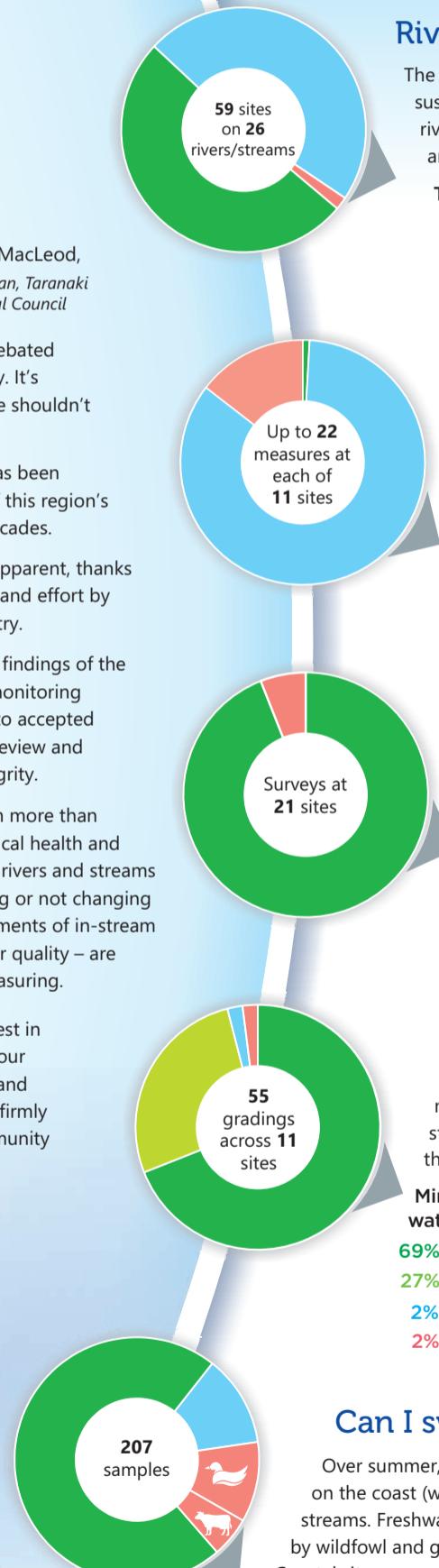
- The Taranaki Regional Council has been closely monitoring the quality of this region's waterways for more than two decades.
- Improvements are increasingly apparent, thanks mainly to significant investment and effort by communities, farmers and industry.

This report covers the most recent findings of the Council's extensive water quality monitoring programmes, which are designed to accepted protocols and subject to external review and audit to ensure their scientific integrity.

In a nutshell, the latest trends from more than 20 years of monitoring the ecological health and physical and chemical state of our rivers and streams show most measures are improving or not changing significantly. And the latest assessments of in-stream life – the primary indicator of water quality – are again the best since we began measuring.

The whole region continues to invest in measures to protect and enhance our waterways. The benefits are more and more apparent, and the Council is firmly focused on working with the community to achieve further improvements.

This page gives a broad overview of the latest results. For more detail go to www.trc.govt.nz/taranaki-waterways-updates



River ecology

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

Trends in ecological health of waterways 1995-2016

51% Improvement 47% No obvious trend 2% Deterioration

Physical and chemical trends

Measuring organic contamination, nutrient concentrations and aesthetic quality can flag pressures on waterways and indicate where to best focus our attention. The picture in Taranaki is largely stable but our aim is to achieve more improvements and fewer declines. Importantly, monitoring has found no association between nitrogen levels in Taranaki's streams and the ecological health of our waterways. And nitrate and total nitrogen levels are not increasing.

Trends in physical and chemical measures of freshwater quality 2009-2016

1.0% Improvement 84.5% No obvious trend 14.5% Deterioration

Algae

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

National guidelines for algae growth 2014-2016

94% Met guidelines
6% Exceeded guidelines

National standards

The Government has set compulsory standards for a number of water-quality measures. Most measurements at 11 Taranaki sites meet the standards, with more than two-thirds achieving the best score.

Ministry for the Environment gradings for water uses 2013-2016

69% A Best
27% B Intermediate
2% C Acceptable
2% D Unacceptable - improvement required

Can I swim?

Over summer, the Council monitors popular swimming spots on the coast (where most people swim) and on our rivers and streams. Freshwater sites are mostly good, with contamination by wildfowl and gulls responsible for most of the problems. Coastal sites are consistently good.

Ministry for the Environment categories for recreational freshwater quality Summer 2015/16

149 Acceptable 22 Unacceptable (source: birds)
25 Acceptable (monitoring alert) 11 Unacceptable (source: cows)

Where credit's due

The improvements we're seeing are the result of consistent and continuing efforts by farmers, industry and communities (via local councils and grassroots groups). For example:

• Farmers have spent an estimated \$80 million fencing and planting thousands of kilometres of riverbanks.

• Industry and communities have invested millions of dollars to eliminate or significantly reduce the number and impact of discharges to fresh water.

• The Taranaki Regional Council's comprehensive monitoring reveals a consistently high rate of compliance with resource consent requirements.

The bar is constantly being raised and this work will only continue. Farmers are on track to have the ring plain's rivers and streams entirely protected with fences and vegetation by early in the new decade, and are also switching to land-based disposal of treated dairy effluent. Industry constantly strives for cleaner and smarter ways to operate.

We can look forward to more improvements in the quality of our rivers and streams.

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**Don't be put off by a wet spring**

In recent years Taranaki has had a good record in the New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards. In 2014, Charlie and Jody McCaig took the New Zealand Share Farmer of the Year title, while in 2015 Rob and Mel Van den Brand finished third, as did this year's Taranaki winners Dion and Johanna Bishell.

On the same day that entries for the New Zealand Share farmer, Dairy manager and Dairy trainee of the Year opened, regional launch events were held in Kaponga, Inglewood and Waverley. This gave a chance for anybody thinking of entering to pick the brains of those who had been there before.

"Hopefully this year we can get more people entering the crucial sharefarmer category" Taranaki organising committee member Brad Markham



2015 Taranaki Sharefarmer of the Year Rob Van den Brand (left) chats with Emma Jarden and Phil Read.

said. Brad had previously won the Auckland-Hauraki sharefarmer title with Matthew Herbert. They now contract milk on the Upper Duthie Road and were at the Kaponga event. "We have had real strong interest for trainee and manager, but sharefarmer has been a bit light," Brad said.

In previous years a low dairy payout and a wet spring may have discouraged people from entering.

"We've had a wet season, but hopefully now the sun is out people should be more confident to give it a go," says Brad.

Last year's sharefarmer winners Dion and Johanna Bishell say spring has been "challenging" but the grass is starting to grow.

"People shouldn't be scared to enter," Johanna said. "When we entered there was the worst payout you could imagine and everyone had huge deficits in their bank balances. We found our second sharemilking job at a time of low payout. We put our proposition to our bank manager and he said, do

it."

Factors like climate and the dairy payout which affect everybody can't be controlled.

"It's about justifying what you've done and why you've done it," she said.

Sam Hughson is no stranger to the awards, having entered three times before. He was Taranaki dairy trainee of the year in 2016 and finished runner up in the dairy manager category this year. Now on the organising committee, he says he is undecided on whether to enter a fourth time.

"It's good to see young guys who are the future of the industry entering these awards," he said. "Entering the awards puts you out there for future job positions. If you

enter in a bad season you can show the judges what you have done to control or manage it."

Having a look were Phil Read and Emma Jarden from Toko who had just taken up a management position milking 360 cows on a 156ha property. For Emma who was previously in the air force it's only her third season farming, while Phil's farming experience includes farming and harvesting in the United States. They were looking at possibly entering next year.

"We've just started and are getting more knowledge about farming under our belt," Emma said.

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"We've heavily discounted the price of semen and also thrown in two free straws of short gestation Hereford semen for every \$200 spent."

Hank Lina said the bulls represent some of the best Holstein Friesian and Jersey bloodlines in the world – "bulls which will correct



Hank Lina with a World Wide Sires herd

a lot of the conformation and production issues we're increasingly seeing on New Zealand dairy farms.

"Our breeding consultants are talking with farmers frustrated that BW is not delivering commercial dairy cows. We're working with clients who have had to cull up to 20% of their replacement heifers because they have conformation traits which affect production i.e. sickle and cow hocks (restricting room for the udder), poor legs and feet, high and narrow pin bones (impacting on calving ease) and narrow muzzles (affecting their ability to graze).

"Those farmers are looking for other options, and they're coming to World Wide Sires because they know

they will get replacement heifers which will go into the herd as two year olds and perform. Our genetics are moderate sized with great conformation with high components.

"Cows sired by our bulls on average produce significantly more than 'the average' New Zealand cow by as much as 100kgms per year – which enables farmers to increase the production and profitability of their farms while maintaining or even reducing cow numbers.

"We've had a number of farmers who in the past elected to have a bob each

way, breeding 50 per cent of the herd to their New Zealand genetics company, and 50 per cent to World Wide Sires. The difference between the resulting crops of calves convinced those farmers to convert 100 per cent to World Wide Sires."

Hank Lina said Taranaki and Manawatu farmers can find out more about the Wet Winter Relief Pack by contacting one of the regions' breeding consultants -Taranaki .Claire Bourke, South Taranaki, 027 251 1770. Kirby Wilson, North Taranaki 021 898 334. Manawatu/Wairarapa Kelly Powell 027 898 3344.

Stock trader fined

A Taumarunui stock trader who transported chronically ill and severely lame goats to a processing plant has been fined \$6,000 under the Animal Welfare Act.

Fifty-five-year-old David Renouf Hutchings was sentenced in the Rotorua District Court last week.

He earlier pleaded guilty to three charges relating to the transport of 55 severely lame goats who were also suffering a range of illnesses including an ingrown horn, poor body condition and exposed tendons.

Hutchings' offending was detected by a Ministry for Primary Industries veterinarian on three occasions in January and February this year.

On the first occasion, 24 of the 167 goats transported were drafted out for severe lameness, the signs of which included head-bobbing, cross legs, refusing to walk and limping. One goat had severe muscle wasting on a back leg. Those goats were priority slaughtered.

On the second occasion, 30 goats were drafted out for lameness and other welfare issues. One goat was emergency slaughtered

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The company employs around 50 people, and from New Plymouth their trucks deliver as far away as Te Kuiti and Waverley and out to the back country behind Stratford. Their farm sheds can be as found as far away as Marakopa near Awakino.

Their story begins back in the 1950s when the business started off as Valentine's Sawmill at Inglewood. In 1994 they became Value Timber Supplies Ltd trading as Value Building Supplies. The following year they opened their branch in New Plymouth complete with a range of building supplies for builders and the home do it yourselfer, complementing their Inglewood branch with its sawmill and timber yard. In 2006, the New Plymouth branch at Waiwakaiho was expanded and a new building opened.

As a member of the Buildlink Group, Value Building Supplies is associated with other like-minded independent businesses around the country.

As well as timber and building supplies, the company also produces houses, farm sheds, calf pens, and a range of other products and services.

They can build farm sheds of any size, and being able to source their own timber gives their company an advantage, says Stuart. They also have their own builders.

"We have more control over the quality of the shed. We tend to use larger-sized poles, so the sheds aren't flimsy and not likely to blow down in a Taranaki gale."

The roundwood posts produced in their Inglewood mill have also proved a hit with their customers, Stuart says.

"Our posts are bigger and higher quality than any on the market. Once farmers use our posts they don't buy any other."

A more recent venture for the company are the calf pens, brought on by the changes in regulations on bobby calf handling which

came into force on August 1 this year.

"We designed a new shed to meet the new regulations and were real busy leading up to the August 1 deadline," says Stuart. "We were flat out through May-June-July, but we managed to get there."

A more long standing part of their business is the buildlink houses. These have drawn interest not only from people wanting their first home but from farmers wanting that other house on the farm to accommodate sharemilkers and farm workers.

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"Our customers might have a builder they like dealing with, and we supply the materials at a fixed rate," says Stuart.

Although a wide range of plans are available, an individual plan can be tailored to suit the client's wishes.

"We've been doing the houses for a while, but they have really been taking off in the last few years," says Stuart.

Stock trader fined

Continued from page 16 after it showed signs of chronic sickness including depression, poor body condition, nasal discharge and difficulty in getting

up. The tendons and joint capsules in its knees were exposed due to the fact the goat used its knees rather than its feet.

On the third occasion,

one of the goats being transported was found to be severely lame as well as having an ingrown horn which was fly struck where it penetrated the skin.

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Mike's life commitment recognised

The Opunake Surf Life Saving Club has always been a big part of Mike Gibbs' life.

"It's a family. It's a rescue club, it's a sports club and it's a life club," he says. "It's taught a lot of people about life."

He was recently awarded his 50 year badge by Surf Life Saving New Zealand, following in the footsteps of his father Tony who was a member of the club for 67 years.

In Surf Life Saving there is a 21 Club to which anyone who has done 21 years service can belong. When Mike served his one year term as 21 Club national president he had the privilege of presenting his father with his 50 year badge.

Mike says he was about 14 when he joined the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club in

1967-8. For a time the club was struggling and Mike credits Tony Butturini and John Williams with getting things going again.

"We went to the first nationals in years in 1972 and it kicked on from there," Mike says.

He remembers his teenage years when he would practically live at Opunake Beach from December through to the end of January. Those were the days of the annual Mardi Gras and cars would be parked on the beach itself.

"Quite often we'd have to get out with the shovel and push them out," he says. The cars would however always be parked so that the Surf Club had an unimpeded view of swimmers in the sea.

Back then the flags would go out whenever there was anyone swimming, rather than at pre set times.



Mike Gibbs

"We didn't have a motor to do rescues so we would put a belt on and went out to rescue people, and the team had to pull us back in."

He recalls one day when the patrol had to rescue 50 people in about 30-35 minutes.

"It was low tide and the sea looked calm, but there was a big rip. The parents were on

the beach but the kids were out there in the sea."

It seemed that no sooner had that rescue been accomplished than the patrol was in action again when an Australian surfer got into difficulty.

"We brought him back and he died on us," Mike says. "Then we resuscitated him and got him going again."

Ngaruahine host family friendly festival



Ngaruahine (in red) take on Taranaki in the league.

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were the debates, which had first been introduced when Parihaka hosted the festival in 2011. Nga Rauru defeated Te Atiawa in the final, and then came the prizegiving. Trophies were handed out

and the supreme winner was announced. Once again it was Ngati Maru. Their large team accepted the prize before going home to savour the spoils of victory and consider the next Taranaki Tu Mai in 2019 which they will be hosting. . .

That was a big day for the club."

His list of offices held and awards received in 50 years are too numerous to mention, suffice to say that he was made a life member of the Opunake Club in 1997 and a life member of the Taranaki Association in 2009, of which he has served as president.

He is the current Opunake club patron and was chairman of the jubilee committee when the club celebrated 75 years in 1998. He is looking forward to when the club celebrates its centenary in 2023, as well as catching up with old friends

before then at the Old Timers Day which the club has planned for Boxing Day this year.

"In places like Opunake, loyalty is the guts of everything," he says. "The High School has backed us and the community has absolutely backed us. There have been no drownings for years. I think we have got the best beach on the west coast for scenery and people."

He says the last 50 years have "gone like a flash" and the badge is more about the club than it is about him.

"In surf life saving we have a saying that you are in it for life," he says.

Opunake Bowling Club news



Lambie Shield Pairs winner, father and son Kenny and Hamish Kape from Okato.

Opening Day was held on Sunday September 17. The weather was quite cold but a good number braved the conditions and played. A pot luck lunch was served before another game was played in the afternoon.

On October 4, ladies club pairs were played with four teams playing a round robin. The winners were Bev Robinson and Kay Fleming, with Eileen Rothwell and Chris Commane as runners up.

The Farm Source mixed was held on October 8 with two games being played before rain ended play for the day. First. Bob Commane,

Nell L'Ami and Levi Ratahi. Second. Bev Robinson, Val Coombe and Kay Fleming.

Club triples were played in very windy and cold weather on October 18. First. Nell L'Ami, Joan Barrett, Kay Fleming. Second Bev Robinson, Heather Radford.

The annual Lambie Pairs were held on October 23. After a drizzly start the sun shone and good conditions prevailed with 14 teams playing. No teams managed four wins, but seven had three wins.

First. Kenny and Hamish Kape. Second Chris Commane and Brian Brophy. Third. Terry Mullin and Chris Oliver.

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Another honour for Coastal

For the Coastal Rugby Club the accolades seem to keep coming. In a year when for the first time Coastal hosted four home semifinals, the Premier, Division 1 and Division 2 teams made it through to finals in New Plymouth. The Division 1 and Division 2 teams emerged as Taranaki champions and it was only in extra time that the Premiers fell short against Tukapa. When the prizes were handed out after the Premier final, Coastal went away with the best club trophy.

Now one of their own has been named Club Coach

of the Year at the Taranaki Rugby annual awards held in New Plymouth on October 14. Aaron Fisher, affectionately known as Fish was first awarded the head coaching job for the Coastal Premier team back in 2015.

"In those three years the team has been super consistent making the semis each year and into the big dance this year," club president Brent Davies said. "He also coached the Taranaki under 14s 16s and 18s in the past four years and the young players really respond to his style. Post club season this year he has taken the ultimate coaching/



Aaron Fisher

mental challenge and is coaching a Coastal woman's team.

"Fish is hugely liked and respected by his players (well at least the 15 starters) and everyone involved in the running of Coastal," club president Brent Davies says. "He is working with a team that is short on rep players and individual brilliance and moulded them into a unit that plays 80 minutes of disciplined, tough rugby to achieve their absolute potential. He runs his practices like a military operation and whether it is game day or practice he is always two steps ahead

of the players, and as he will tell you three ahead of the ref. This award is well deserved."

He first started coaching while playing for Coastal Development in 2003, and continued as player/coach for many years, picking up numerous titles along the way.

"After hanging up his boots and having a strong community spirit he coached the Opunake First XV for three years and was instrumental in the development of some very fine players, says Brent.

A time to celebrate the horse

With the Melbourne Cup on the horizon, it is a good time to celebrate the horse. These photos show the horse at work, and at play. Thoroughbreds of course, are the fastest, except for over the quarter mile, where Quarter horses can be quicker. The average race horse, will cost at least sixty thousand dollars, to get to the race track at age two, plus. This does not account for injuries, poor performance, or other issues. That's why thoroughbred racing is called the sport of Kings.



A young boy calling in the Quarter horses for mustering. Horses are a very sociable animal. Wes Wortley is making horse friends and calling the horses into camp for mustering.



Jilleroo mustering cattle in the Kimberleys. Hannah Edmonds is riding a stock horse and mustering Brahman cattle, that thrive very well on Spinifex grass, which is the main feed, in this arid region of Western Australia. The scenery in this area is quite amazing,

Manaia Golf results

October 7. Men's results. Stableford. 1. Trevor Larsen. 2. Shelton Symes. 3. Greg Elliott. 4. Caleb Symes.

Twos. Greg Elliott 2nd. Shelton Symes 2nd. Trevor Larsen 9th. Noddy Symes 13th. Quintin Symes 9th.

October 14. Men's Armitages Putters Trophy. Best Netrt. Noddy Symes 68. Phil Elliott 71. Neil Scown 71. Twos. Neil Scown.

Juniors October 15. Short 9 Girls. 1. Jayda Sharp. 2.

Zoe Reader. Long 9 Boys. 1. Cory Symes. 2. Kieran Taylor. Limit Champs. Joe Gibson won 3/2 from Ashton Sharp.

October 21. Men's Saturday Stableford. Trevor Larson 46. Phil Elliott 41. John Oliver 40.

Nett Eagles. Trevor Larson, Greg Elliott, Denis Hurcomb, Phil Elliott, rod Le Fleming, Kingsley Young, Nathan Ngere.

Waimate Indoor bowlers play for Cup

The Waimate Indoor Bowls Association recently ran their tournament for the Radio Taranaki Cup. President Gordon Hamley thanked everyone for their entries and presented the cup and prizes to winners Jim Nickel (Skip) Willie Fleming, Kaye Bird and Lesley Landers (Otakeho Club).

Spot prizes went to Trevor Bourne, Jenny Hamley, Jodie Muggeridge and Pat Barrett.

The runners up were

Don Semple (Skip) Jane Augustine, Ronnie Young and Sam Landers (Otakeho Club).

Winners of the raffles were Bruce Chapman and Arthur Podjursky.



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Team NZ back from the World Championship in Spain

The Kneeboard Surfing Team NZ is back with its trophies from the World Championship in Somo, Spain.

Six of the seven contestants are from Taranaki, and one is from Auckland. The youngest member of the team is 18 year-old Julia Phillips from Opunake. Also from Opunake are the coach and manager Murray Weir and the team captain, Kelvin Weir. Siblings Casey, Eloise and Lachy Stevens are from New Plymouth, and Gary Sawyer is from Auckland.

They were all very successful. As well as being coach and manager, Murray competed, finishing second in his age-group. His son Kelvin got fourth in his age group. Lachy got 3rd, Eloise 4th, Casey 7th and Gary 8th in their respective classes and age groups.

There were about 100 contestants from 14 countries: New Zealand, Australia, the USA, Tahiti, Spain, Ireland, England, France, the Canary Islands, Jersey, Portugal, South Africa, Venezuela and Argentina.

It was a very colourful picture. They even brought sand from all their beaches to the Open Ceremony of the World Champs. The sand from Opunake beach was not the only black sand there. The Tahitians also brought black sand with them. All other countries had yellow sand. For New Zealand, Julia Phillips and Gary Sawyer had the privilege of mixing their homeland sand with sand from the other countries in a big



The New Zealand Surfing Kneeboard Team at the World Championship in Spain;
back row from left to right: Darcy Stevens (mascot), Steve Ria, Adam Nesbitt, Lachie Stevens, Murray Weir (coach/manager), Kelvin Weir (captain);
front row left to right: Louise Stevens, Bianca Bathurst, Vanessa McCarthy, Julia Phillips, Casey Stevens, Tess Barber, Eloise Stevens, Gary Sawyer.

vase. Through the glass, everybody could follow the process. A very unique, and wonderful thing to do, it united the participating countries in a special way.

They all had such a great time. When Kelvin, Murray and Julia came to the Opunake Coastal News last week, they were all big smiles.

"It was so stunning," Murray, the Team NZ coach recalls. "The organization, the hosting, the condition of the waves, the people. It



Kelvin Weir, captain of Team NZ silhouetted in gold on the beach in Somo, Spain.

was all so amazing." and he adds "We are so thankful to the organizers and to ISA, the International Surfing Association, they did such a superb job."

And, asking what their favourite food was, the coach is quick: "The Spanish Paella," and Julia remembers: "Tapas," she says, "like olives." Tapas are a tasty selection of different entrees, a Spanish specialty, which can evolve into an entire meal.

And for sure, they learned some Spanish, like "Por favor" (Spanish for please), says Murray and "Hola" (hello in

Spanish) smiles Julia.

It was 35 degrees in Somo, Spain. A perfect temperature for surfing in the Bay of Biscay, in the Atlantic Ocean.

Julia would like to go back to Europe. But the next World Championship is going to be in Dunedin in 2020. And the National Champs for qualification will be in Gisborne. And then there are the Kneeboard Surfing Classics and the Boardriders Classics, both of which were last held for the qualifications in Opunake.

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Opunake's Julia Phillips surfing at the World Championship in Somo.



Gary Sawyer from Auckland in the Spanish waves.



Kelvin again.



The Immortal Division 64 plus. Discussing the waves, the weather and wind: These men have the wisdom and the experience of surfing in their blood, from the 'older than 62'-categorie', from left to right: Muzza (Murray) Weir (NZ), Tommy Woods (England), Steve Artis (Aus) and Bob Gove (USA).



Murray Weir, coach and manager of the Team NZ Kneeboard Surfing, competing in Spain.



Kelvin Weir, 4th in his group, giving it all in the surf in at the World Champs, some Spanish cliffs in the background.



Gary Sawyer fighting the waves.

Taranaki Gardens and Art

A matter of perspective

Jenny Trolove describes her Pihamā garden as a "wanderer's garden." It's possible to start walking around the garden from a number of different points and come away with a different experience every time, she says.

Jenny and Peter are again having their garden open in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival.

The garden is ever changing and nothing stays the same, says Jenny.

"Some things are late, some things are early," Jenny says.



A view of the family home

"The maples are starting but the roses are late. It's usually the other way round. There are lots of foxgloves

coming into bloom. They should be right for the main part of the festival."

Points of interest include a number of exotic trees, like the Chilean Drimys tree.

"We wanted a tree that didn't mind the shade," says Jenny. "We chose it from the Duncan and Davies guide which had such lyrical descriptions. It turned out different to what we thought it would."

The Polonia, a Japanese Imperial tree named after a Russian princess is popular with the Japanese in making cabinets. Then there's the meta sequoia glyptos trobodies a tree which had once only been seen in fossils and thought to have been long extinct until a grove was found in China

in the 1940s. With Peter and Jenny's families both having contacts within the New Zealand Forest Service they were able to get among the first of these trees to grow in New Zealand.

Apart from some trees on the outside of the garden, everything has been put in since the Troloves have been here, including the swimming pool and a gazebo, built by Peter and Eric Osman who worked on the farm for 17 years.

"We went through a building phase," said Peter. "We never had any training but we kidded ourselves that we knew what we were doing."

The garden has many memories of times past, including the Magnolia

Campbelli which Jenny's parents gave to them at the time of the birth of their son Mark, as well as a round garden in memory of Jenny's sister Berrie Stewart. A former sandpit which was turned into a fish pond has since been emptied and is now home to bromeliads. What was once a climbing frame for Peter and Jenny's children now serves as protection for a berry house, and two beloved pet , the black and white tabbies George and Charlie are remembered in the Cat Cemetery.

Previous visitors may remember the Weird and Wacky Walk. This year it has been renamed the Funky Fishy Footpath, starts at the opposite end and has an aquatic theme.



Seen along the funky fishy footpath

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Taranaki Gardens and Art

Looking forward to hosting visitors at Boxwood

A garden which was 32 years in the making is having its sixth year in the Powerco Garden Festival. After last year's festival Jo and Murray Collins' Boxwood Garden was assessed by the New Zealand Garden trust and given a four star rating, meaning that their Patiki Road garden has been classed as a garden of significance.

"It's been an absolute honour to get this recognition," she says. "The garden was created by me from the beginning over 32 years. There was nothing to begin with. A new home was built and then the garden slowly expanded out."

The name Boxwood was chosen because it was something short, memorable and easy to say.

Jo says she has focussed on creating areas of interest and rooms within the garden, including the prairie garden with its mix of perennials, grasses and palms and the sub tropical garden which includes a massive bowl filled with apricot orchids. Then there's the woodland area with shade loving plants and more formal borders with roses and perennials.

"I love irises for their elegance, old roses, hostas and limoniums," Jo says.

It is a garden which she says is constantly evolving.



Jo and Murray Collins' Boxwood Garden classed as a garden of significance.

"There's more shelter here than there was six years ago, with the growth of the griselinia hedges. There's more cohesion with the garden and more interest with the planting. There's still structure but parts are

a little more casual as well, and the variety of rooms provide interest.

"I tend to like cooler colours rather than having a riot of different colours."

The summer house which was built before last year's festival looks set to play a part again this year, as part of the garden has been altered to accommodate its

influence.

This year the gardening season has been a "challenging" one. Some plants have been earlier than usual, others later. The

hostas have been earlier but the cherry trees have been slower to leaf up.

"They are normally well in leaf by now but the ground's been so wet," Jo says.

Slugs and snails have caused problems and there has been more moss than in previous years.

That said, Jo is again looking forward to hosting visitors. On the first Sunday of the Festival she is hosting two busloads of visitors on a House and Garden Tour, and entertaining them with drinks and canapés while they admire her handiwork.

Last year there were large numbers of visitors from Auckland, Christchurch and Hawke's bay as well as Australia stopping by to have a look.

"Garden visitors are all like-minded and it's great to have a talk with other garden lovers. This being Taranaki, visitors are envious and say how lucky we are to have volcanic soil," Jo says.

Although Boxwood is the only garden in the Powerco Festival between Warea and Otakeho, Jo says people visiting gardens further afield would find a detour to suss out her garden well worth the journey.

Pottery exhibition at The Village Gallery

One of the most popular exhibitions at The Village Gallery, is the work of three potters, Margaret Foley, Donna Hitchcock and Robyn Smaller.

This show has become an annual event and

grows each year. This is hardly surprising when you combine the work of three passionate artists with many years of experience.

Robyn Smaller has been a potter for over 25 years now

and in that time has added mosaics, decoupage and mixed media work into her field of expertise.

However, Robyn says, 'I always find myself going back to my main passion

decoupage and mixed media. Donna says she still gets a 'buzz' when taking something new and different out of the kiln.

Margaret Foley, probably the most experienced of the trio has been potting for over 40 years. She says, 'I love it. I get withdrawal symptoms if I'm not touching clay'.

Margaret has exhibited in national and international exhibitions, but exhibits mostly in Taranaki now.

Her work is hand built but she does use the pottery wheel when needed.

Her passion is Pit Firing and Raku Firing, but most of all she enjoys Salt Firing.

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Taranaki Gardens and Art

Coastal community celebrates 16 years of art

Artworks have started arriving in Opunake from all over the country for a highlight of the region's creative calendar, the *Taranaki National Art Awards*. Celebrating sixteen years, the annual awards have attracted a record number of 330 entries from all over New Zealand in 2017. The exhibition showcases diverse works in seven categories and artists compete for a prize pool of over \$12,000. The event will also officially open the *Arts Fest South Taranaki* this year.

South Taranaki District Council Arts Coordinator, Michaela Stoneman says.

"The awards attract a diverse range of work with the focus being inclusive for all - emerging artists exhibit and offer their work for sale alongside more established artists. The event is a great example of a small town doing it for themselves - it's a real achievement for a small voluntary committee to continue to secure sponsorship and organise this huge event every year."

This year the committee welcomes two new judges, Dr Carole Sheppard and Rueben Friend. You can check out their profiles on the website.

The event has grown substantially in 16 years with an ongoing commitment

to professionalism and quality presentation by the small voluntary committee. The event coincides with the highly popular *Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular* and collaborates with local floral art groups.

"We are lucky to have our volunteers to help with the huge task transforming Sandfords into an art gallery - laying carpet, hanging curtains and laying out display boards and plinths to display the 300 plus artworks the very best we can," committee chair Clare Moss says.

The awards ceremony offers a great night of NZ artwork, entertainment,

wine and food. It is also an opportunity to meet many of the artists and pick up some original artworks for your walls. Tickets are \$15 - available at the door. The Awards Ceremony is a great evening of art, music, food and wine with this year's dress theme, *Yarn Bomb* encouraging you to wear something knitted or crocheted to get into the swing of the event.

The categories are:

Painting, Rural Taranaki, 3D, Works on Paper, Fibre Art, Toi Tu Taranaki and Photography, with each offering first and highly commended cash prizes. Visit the website to check out past winners and judges comments.

The Taranaki National Art Awards Exhibition will be on display 10am-4pm daily, from October 28-November 4 at Sandford Events Centre, Opunake.

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Lots to see at Brown Bach



Visit Claire Jensen At Brown Bach Studio throughout the Garden and Arts Festival.

It was the vision of creative Claire Jensen to convert part of the family garage into a dedicated space for the production of art and design objects as a small business. In a leap of faith, Claire resigned from other occupations in the New Year to take this up full time.

This year, Claire has developed a brand of artisan salvage art and design for the home and garden known as 'The Brown Bach Studio.' Artisan salvage is a term to describe handmade wares constructed from salvaged materials such as wood, metal and glass. As with most salvage art the materials inspire the design. These pieces are based on various themes including folk art, kiwiana and native NZ flora and fauna. Claire is influenced by many styles such as graphic design

and the Arts and Crafts movement.

Art from the Brown Bach Studio is hardy and versatile. It is designed with coastal conditions in mind as they are constructed with exterior materials, paints and stains. Often materials salvaged from beaches and skip bins are quality off cuts and lengths of treated timber needing repurposing. Claire enjoys the challenge of using derelict materials and converting them into quality handcrafted items.

For the month of October, a range of pieces from the Brown Bach will be on show and sale at Downtown Café in Okato. Also this year, occurring for the first time, is the South Taranaki Arts Festival coinciding with the Powerco Garden Festival (October 27 until November 5). The Brown Bach Studio will be open to visitors for

the duration of this event from 9am to 5pm. This is a good opportunity to meet Claire and see first-hand the unique handicrafts taking shape there.

The Brown Bach Studio is located at 29 Hickey Place close to the access way of the Te Namu Pa end of the Opunake walkway. The studio was established in 2016 and features annually in the Taranaki Arts Trail. Artisan salvage is available from stockists including The Brown Bach Studio, Pihama Lavender, Taranaki Mountain Makers and online at www.brownbach.co.nz. Commissions are welcome and the studio is open throughout the year by appointment.

Contacts Claire Jensen 02102242438. www.brownbach.co.nz and [www.facebook/brownbachnz](http://facebook/brownbachnz)

Garden insects gathering in Eltham

The Eltham Business Association has heard through the Grapevine that ladybirds, bumble bees and butterflies are going on holiday. They have had enough of the rain so they are taking a week off to have a Stopworkescapefromtheweather gathering in various business premises in Eltham during the Garden Festival. Rain or shine they will be having a break from the unsettled weather before they get into their busy season.

The Eltham Business Association would like the help of children of pre-school and primary school age to help us find out how many insects (Relax – they are artificial) there actually will be attending these meetings in each business window or store so we have a record of numbers before they fly off again.

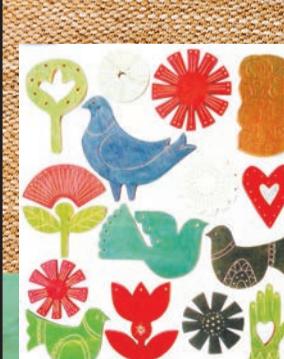
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Anytime

KNIFE SHARPENING at Collins Sports Centre. \$5 each

CHURCH NOTICES

Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES
St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahotu
Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St, 9.30am every Sunday and the Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month. Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays. Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Opunake Catholic Church
SUNDAY 8.30 am at Pungarehu (St Martins), 10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star Of The Sea).

Other areas

Manai - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm (2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs). Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am

ALL WELCOME

THE WAVE
Pentecostal Church 64 Domett Street, Opunake
Sunday Services 10.30am
Women's Group 10.30am Tuesday
Men's Group 7 pm Wednesday
Youth Group 7pm Friday
Come along or contact Pastor Murray 027 688 7378

ST. BARNABAS

Anglican Church 141 Tasman St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10.00am
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service

SITUATIONS VACANT

Coastal Vets

Receptionist/Vet Nurse

A position has become available to cover Maternity leave starting Mid November 2017 in our Opunake Clinic.

Please send CV to:

Greig Hollway
Coastal Vets
P O Box 45
Opunake 4645
or email
coastalvets@xtra.co.nz

RELIABLE DELIVERY

person needed for part of Eltham township. Ph 06 761 7016. Ask for Rolland

FOR SALE

PETS, We now have a homeopathic range for animals, fleas, worms, digestion, travel sickness, allergy, urinary, and distress. Totally safe, well worth a try at The Health Shop Centre City. Phone 06 7587553

GARCINIA FOR WEIGHT LOSS is now with apple cider vinegar all in one cap. At The Health Shop Centre City. Phone 06 7587553

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SCRAP METAL - for all scrap metal Taranaki wide, give us a call. Molten Metals (06) 751 5367. www.moltenmetals.co.nz

OLD STYLE PUSH BUTTON PHONE. Phone 06 761 8206 or 06 761 7016

LOST

ONE BLUE USB STICK. In the Opunake or the New Plymouth Library. Full of important photos. If you have found it, please hand it back into the library or drop it off to the Opunake & Coastal News. Thank you! Reward guaranteed.

GRAZING

GRAZING AVAILABLE for Weaners and Yearling Heifers long term. High quality Jersey bulls available for lease and for sale. Ph. Richard Hammond 027 510 9667.

PUBLIC NOTICES

OPUNAKE GOLF CLUB A.G.M.

to be held at the Clubhouse Namu Rd, at 7.00pm on the 13th November 2017

All members welcome

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meeting 1st Monday of each month at 5.30PM
Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake

Opunake Surfcasting & Angling Club

A.G.M & Prizegiving
28th October at 7pm
BBQ - Kids free
at Opunake Boat & Dive Club
Any enquiries contact
TONY BROWN 027 462 8632

Pihama Hall Garage Sale Fundraiser

October 28th

Donations needed

Contact Sarah, 027 290 1903

Support our Community Hall

Ad kindly sponsored by Campbell Contracting

PUBLIC NOTICES

J.E. PRESTIGE TRUST

The J.E. Prestige Trust has bursaries available to those people who may be undertaking tertiary studies in agriculture or horticulture or in allied courses. To qualify, applicants must have attended at some stage during their secondary schooling a High School in Taranaki.

Application forms and full details of the bursaries are available from:

Kellie Parker
Till Henderson
STRATFORD
Ph. 06 765 7123
Fax: 06 765 5363
Email: kellie.parker@thlaw.co.nz
Facebook: www.facebook.com/jeprestidgetrust
Applications close on 7 December 2017 4pm

Oeo Pā Triennial AGM

(Otumataua Reservation, Mangapukatea B Reserve, Ngatitamaahuroa No 5 Reservation, Oeo G Reservation, Punehu Fishing Reserve)

9.30am, Saturday 9th December 2017
Oeo Pā

- Agenda
- . Opening
- . Apologies
- Minutes of the previous AGM
- Matters arising previous AGM
- Chairmans Report
- Annual Accounts
- Election of Trustees

Nominations for trustees are now being called. Nominations close 5pm, Saturday 11 November 2017. All nominations must be on the official nomination form and signed by the nominee.

All Nominee must be present at the AGM. Nomination forms can be obtained from and are to be submitted to

Caroline Scott (the secretary) on jcanscott8@gmail.com or

10 Perrett Drive, Otamatea, Whanganui 4500 or 027672 0666.

Caroline Scott Secretary

Estate of Doris Elizabeth Geraldine Swadling



CALL FOR 2017 APPLICATIONS

Under the Will of the late Miss Doris Elizabeth Geraldine Swadling, a portion of the income from the residuary estate is to be applied annually towards the granting of scholarships, bursaries other assistance to persons under the age of 21 years who reside in Taranaki and who:

1. Wish to become farmers
2. Wish to advance their musical education or training.

Applications close 30 November 2017.

For more information on the Trust and to apply for a Scholarship via our online granting system please:

- Visit: www.publictrust.co.nz
- Phone: 0800 371 471
- Email: funding@publictrust.co.nz

Doris Elizabeth Geraldine Swadling.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Opunake Boat & Underwater Club**A.G.M.**

Monday 30th October
at 7.30pm
at our Clubrooms at
Middletons Bay
All welcome

**What's On Listings****JONATHAN YOUNG**

Need to chat with your Local MP Jonathan Young?
Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. Refer adv
For more information phone: 06 7591363

Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

OPUNAKE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

First Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

SCHNITZEL NIGHT

Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

COASTALCARE – LISA KEEN AUDIOLOGY

Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676

TAI CHI BASICS

Thursdays 9am – 10am at Coastal Care Community Room

NIGEL CLIFFE ACUPUNCTURE

Thursdays 11am-4pm at Coastalcare, Opunake.

CLUB HOTEL TEXAS HOLDEM POKER

Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

CLUB HOTEL POOL

Tuesday Nights. New players welcome.

OPUNAKE SURF INN

Every day free pool. Every Friday free sausage sizzle from 5. Every Sunday afternoon. Pool comp

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

CAPE EGMONT HISTORIC LIGHT & MUSEUM

Open 11am – 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

TODD ENERGY AQUATIC CENTRE

Family fun times 10.30am to 4.30pm.

ELTHAM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FRIDAY MARKETS

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

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/. Please come and meet us and find out how we may be able to help you.

OPUNAKE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

TAINUI DAY CENTRE - 141 Tasman Street Opunake.

Each Monday at 10:00 12:30. \$2 donation. Recreational & Social Friendship. To those of more mature years. Come yourself or bring a friend. A warm welcome, have no fear. Happiness & laughter we intend.

More information call Jenny 06 7618080 or Glenys 06 655802

NZ FILM FESTIVAL AT EVERBODYS THEATRE

Come and enjoy some great New Zealand films. Festival runs from October 27 to November 5. Refer advert for session details

THE FITZ RESTAURANT AND BAR

1st birthday celebrations. Friday October 27. Melbourne Cup on November 7. See advert for details.

TAKE A KID TROUT FISHING AT THE OPUNAKE LAKE

Saturday October 28. Contact Collins Sports Centre.

PIHAMĀ HALL GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

October 28. Refer advert

OPUNAKE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB AGM

October 28 at Opunake Boat and Dive Club. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MARKET DAY

Saturday October 28. Contact Ali to book a stall. Ph 06 761 8478.

OAKURA ARTS TRAIL

Come and visit 16 artists in their studios. October 28/29 and November 4/5. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE BOAT & UNDERWATER CLUB AGM

Monday October 30 at 7.30pm. Refer advert for details.

EVERYBODYS THEATRE HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 31 from 4-6pm. Check out our Ghost House. Refer advert.

TET CUE THEATRE PRESENTS 'PLAZA SUITE'

November 1 to November 11. Refer advert for full details.

OPUNAKE BOARD RIDERS REGISTRATION & AGM

Saturday November 4. See advert for details.

OPUNAKE PLAYERS PRESENT 'LAST DANCE'

November 4 to November 15 at Opunake Lakeside Playhouse.

THE TARANAKI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY welcomes Prof. Peter Kamp from Waikato University about his recently completed work on the Taranaki Basin. Talk title is 'Long Term (during last 4 m.y) Uplift of Eastern Taranaki Region'. Monday November 6 at 7.30pm NPGHS Science Block room N2. All welcome. further details contact Robert park 021 103 8573 or Mark Robbins 06 753 9930

OPUNAKE GOLF CLUB AGM

November 13 at Clubhouse. Refer advert.

RUSSIAN RENDEVOUS

Saturday November 18 in New Plymouth. See advert for details. Location of event to follow.

ST. BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH CHURCH FAIR & GARAGE SALE

Saturday November 18. 9am - 12pm. Refer advert for details

SOUL KITCHEN SUMPTUOUS AND GENEROUS CHRISTMAS BUFFET

Saturday December 9. \$69 pp.

OEO PA TRIENNIAL AGM

Saturday December 9, Oeo Pa. Refer advert.



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A.G.M.

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All welcome

**OPUNAKE
BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION****Opunake Business Association****Market Day**

Saturday October 28

9am-12pm

Limited spaces available

Contact Ali 06 761 8478

to book your stall

OPUNAKE BOARD RIDERS**2017/18 SEASON**

Registration: Saturday 4th November 2017

Venue: Clubrooms, opunake Beach

Time: 9am - 10.30am

Cost \$60.00 per family
or \$40.00 per individual.

Please note:

Due to numbers and safety, surf lessons are open to all past members and new members aged 9 years and above and who are competent swimmers.

All lessons taken by registered level one and two rated surf school coaches.

After registration there will be the

OPUNAKE BOARD RIDERS INC. AGM

Time: 10.45am - 11.30am

All Welcome.

Various club positions are available and new members welcome.

For more information contact:

Harry James - President 027 714 2776

Muzza Weir - Club Captain 027 376 6268

**COMING!****RUSSIAN RENDEVOUS**

Conducted by Bay of Plenty Symphonia's MD Justus Rozemond, and his counterpart from the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra, Adam Jasinski.

Featuring piano soloist Flavio Villani.

Saturday 18th November in New Plymouth.
(Two hours duration).

We join forces with the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra for a grand all-Russian programme. Together the two community orchestras will be capable of playing some of the most magnificent music in the repertoire. With works showcasing large string sections, triple woodwind and multiple brass and percussion, this 'rendezvous' will be a rare chance for our audiences to hear some great Russian masterpieces.

Programme

Prokofiev: The Birth of Kije

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto no. 1

Rachmaninov: Symphony no. 2

Penguin Cam streaming live from blue penguin burrow

The public can now get a unique 24 / 7 view of the world's smallest penguin with the launch of a live streaming webcam from a penguin burrow on the New Plymouth coast.

This is believed to be the only live webcam in New Zealand streaming from a blue penguin burrow and can be viewed on the website of environmental project Taranaki Mounga, whose project area includes the protected Ngā Motu/Sugar Loaf Islands.

Department of Conservation senior biodiversity ranger and Taranaki Mounga team member Emily King says Penguin Cam is located in a burrow where a kororā/blue penguin egg is currently being incubated.

"Incubation takes around 40 days, with both parents doing their share, so we would expect this chick to hatch before the end of November. It is an amazing opportunity to watch a new born penguin's start at life and I'm sure the webcam will be popular viewing," she says.



Go for an island cruise with Chaddys Charters

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Chaddy (Dave Chadfield) has been an enthusiastic penguin guardian for nearly

30 years and along with the Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society installed a camera in a penguin burrow a few years ago to learn more about blue penguins' survival.

"By using a tiny infrared camera we can get a unique look at penguins in the wild.

The birds have no idea they are being watched and now we are live streaming we get to see their normal behaviour in the low light of the burrow," says Elise Smith from the Ngā Motu Marine Reserve Society.

Penguin Cam is likely to be fairly busy for a lot of the year. Blue penguins usually come ashore to lay eggs from June to November. After the chicks hatch, the parents take it in turns to guard them and go fishing for the first few weeks, returning each night to their burrow to feed the chicks. Fledging (leaving the nest) usually happens when chicks are about four to eight weeks old. Adults come ashore in summer to shed their feathers and grow a new waterproof coat. This moult period lasts about two weeks and can happen any time between November and March. The penguins are especially vulnerable at this time as they cannot swim.



Little Blue penguins have a sheltered burrow at Chaddys Charters.



Visit the local residents of the Sugarloaf islands.

Gallery proudly supports New Zealand artists

The White Sail Gallery is a unique art gallery in one of New Plymouth's most beautiful locations Breakwater Bay.

Proudly supporting New Zealand artists the gallery exhibits a wide range of contemporary art, ceramics, sculpture, gifts, greenstone, beautiful scarves and jewellery.

The gallery is owned and operated by local Taranaki artist Jill White.

Jill exhibits her own art around the country so has the opportunity to bring back the work of other New Zealand artists to show in Taranaki.

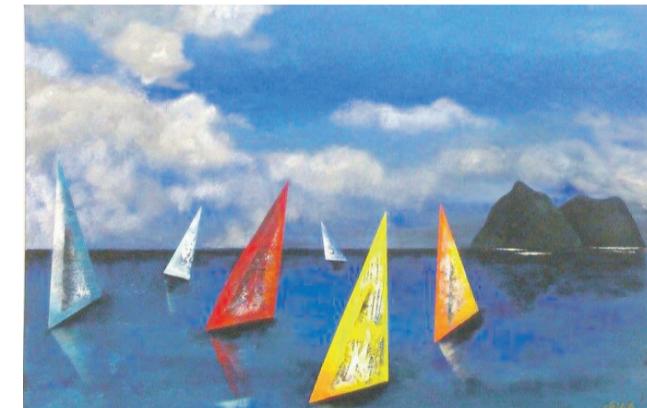


Artists that exhibit at The White Sail Gallery include Lester Earl, Michael Smither, Libby McColl and Donna Massey.

A beautiful spot to enjoy art, find that gift for someone special, or just spoil yourself.

It's always a great day at Breakwater Bay.

There is a choice of award winning restaurants to dine at, as well as the iconic Chaddy's Charters and stunning harbour views, plus there is always the chance of



Come in and see the beautiful art and Jewellery collections at White Sail Gallery.



Categories: Painting, Rural Taranaki, 3D, Works on Paper, Fibre Art, Toi Tu Taranaki, Photography

Awards Ceremony 7pm Friday 27 October 2017

Exhibition 10am-4pm 28 October - 4 November 2017

Sandfords Event Centre, Tasman St, Opunake, Taranaki

Become our Friend and receive free VIP entry to Awards & Exhibition

Only \$20 per artwork entry. Judges to be announced. \$2 entry to exhibition.

Taranaki National Art Awards



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35 Ocean View Parade - Breakwater Bay
(Next to Chaddy's Charters) Moturoa

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Oakura arts trail

Visit our 16 artists in their studios

open event weekends

October 28th & 29th
November 4th & 5th
10am - 4pm

www.oakuraarts.co.nz

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Opunake gets bombed



Colourful Pom Pom Trees have sprouted in time for the Opunake Lakeside Lions Yarn Bomb.

During the long, wet winter, members of the Opunake Lakeside Lions, and many other community members kept themselves busy and warm with an

extremely ambitious project – to provide enough knitting and crocheting to Yarn Bomb Opunake.

What's this Yarn Bombing you may ask? Yarn Bombing

is traditionally guerrilla knitting, or street art that uses colourful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn, rather than paint or chalk. The

Groups from Hawera and New Plymouth have all been very busy with their display areas, loads of bright colourful Bunting ready for some lucky



Crafters at one of the Community Crafting times. Thanks Opunake Library Plus.

aim of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club is to bomb as many lamp posts, signs and store frontages in the CBD as possible. Members wanted to brighten up and add a pop of colour to Opunake.

They decided that the best time to do this would be to coincide with the Taranaki National Art Awards, the two Garden Festivals and the Opunake Market Day on Saturday October 28.

The support from the local community and further afield has been outstanding. Residents at the Opunake Cottage Rest Home have been busy with Pom Poms for their display, Alzheimers

shop fronts. Exciting mail has arrived from Wanganui and two parcels from Australia with donations of knitted goods to display.

The Club Members kept interested locals informed with a facebook page – The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb. As people finished items, photos were displayed to inspire others.

Two Felting workshops were run and four Community Crafting times were held to bring community members together. Holiday Programme workshops were run in the April School Holidays.

Members of the Opunake



Anyone need their lawns done?

Lakeside Lions and the community are going to be out and about this week installing pieces around town. Their aim is to have everything up and ready by the 5pm Friday October 26 in time for the opening of the Taranaki Art Awards. They are hoping that the local community enjoys

and appreciates the hard efforts that have been put in by many people, and that the 'pop of colour' in Opunake really brightens the town up after such a long, dreary winter. All items associated with the Yarn Bombing will be down during the week of November 6-10..

IMPORTANT Members of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club would like to encourage respect for all the people that have contributed to this project by employing a 'hands off' approach to the project. Seven months of hard work have gone into this project and it would be appreciated that this request is respected.

Percy Thomson hosts biennial exhibition

The Regional Embroiderers' Exhibition runs at Percy Thomson gallery in Stratford from October 20 – November 12.

'Earth, Sea and Sky' is the biennial regional selected exhibition for members of embroiderer's guilds in the Taranaki, Whanganui and

Manawatu region and will include a wide variety of embroidery, including the work of young embroiderers.

Guest embroiderers are Mary Vinnicombe and Shirley Julian.

Both have a long and illustrious history of creating

embroidery. Now in their 80s and still stitching and creating – a needle in the hand is as natural as breathing to them both – they are members of the New Plymouth Embroiderers' Guild, although Shirley has also been a member of the Opunake and South Taranaki Guilds in years past before her

retirement to New Plymouth.

Over the years they have exhibited widely in national and regional exhibitions and their contribution to this exhibition will include old and new works, demonstrating their passion for embroidery and stitching.

Check out our bargain racks and tables in the front of our store on

OPUNAKE'S MARKET DAY

Saturday October 28

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35 Tasman St
Surf Highway 45
OPUNAKE
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Country Connections



OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Opunake Business Association Market Day

Be there and support your community Saturday October 28

9am-12pm

Limited spaces available

Contact Ali 06 761 8478

Another friendly face

There is another face peering out the window from the CoastalCare Managers office these days.

Due to expansion of Aretha's work portfolio, it was decided that the role of Facility Manager at CoastalCare would become a shared role for Aretha and another person.

Being an independent contractor employed by the CoastalCare Trust Aretha

has taken on board another staff member to share and continue the ever-evolving role of Facility Manager.

Ensuring the quality of service provided is of an ongoing high standard Aretha has decided to look locally to offer this opportunity.

"I believe Elaine has the experience and qualities necessary for this shared role. Being a people person, like myself Elaine has settled into

this position seamlessly," Aretha says.

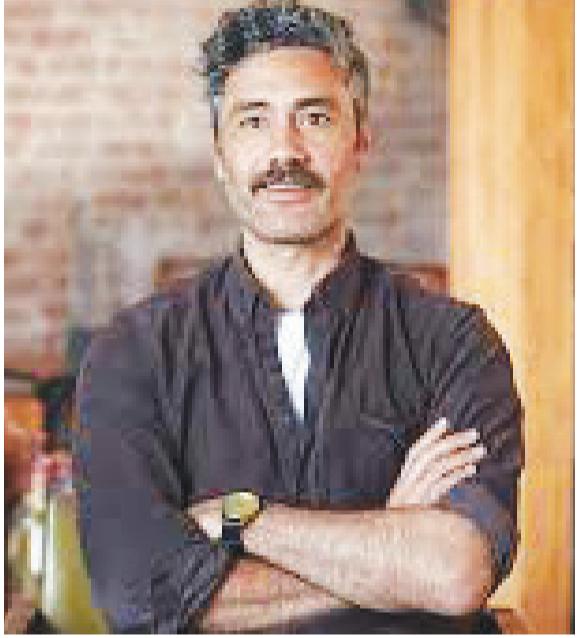
Elaine Spencer has lived in Opunake for nine years and previously worked in Opunake Pharmacy for five years so will be a familiar face to many.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me to return to a more administrative role but still stay involved with the Opunake community."



Aretha Lemon and Elaine Spencer

Everybody's Film Festival has a local flavour



Everybody's NZ Film Festival has a real local flavour – During the NZ Film Festival at Everybody's Theatre which is running from Friday October 27 to Sunday November 5, people will be able to revisit old time NZ favourites like The World's Fastest Indian and Footrot Flats.

However, one of the exciting things about this film festival is the shorts session, that has Heartland Opunake with Brian Vincent and other long-term locals featured on Opunake beach in the early 90s, as well as The Reel People of NZ, where Debbie Campbell and Maree

Drought feature presenting our very own theatre and the development of the rebuild.

When Beth Watson, who owns Spookers and has a beach house in Opunake heard we were screening Spookers, a documentary about the development and behind the scenes at Spookers scream park in Auckland she was quick to contact us and offer help.

"We love Opunake and would love to give back a little bit."

The giving back part needs to remain a surprise at present but Beth's generosity is pretty

impressive.

Aretha Lemon offered a movie based in her home town, Nelson.

Kiwi Flyer or Derby Dogs as it is known by now, is all about a go cart race they have every summer in Nelson, and an Australian team come over and cheated to try and win.

There are some great Nelson landmarks as well as a short glimpse of Aretha's fishing boat which was used as a prop in the movie.

It would be hard to have a NZ Film Festival without featuring our award-winning NZ director Taika David

Waititi, currently in the news for the movie, Thor Ragnarok, (shhhh but that's coming early November).

Taika has directed Hunt for the Wilderpeople, Boy and Tama Tu and Two Cars One Night short features. Both the latter are in the Short Documentary section on 1st and 3 November.

"There really is something for everyone and we hope this is a successful event we can build on each year", said Debbie Campbell, Everybody's Theatre, Chairperson.

Aretha Lemon.

CoastalCare Health and Community Centre

Some of the regular services we currently have running are:

COASTAL PRINTERS

Wednesday and Friday 9am - 5pm

TAYLOR DENTAL PRACTICE

Offering full dental services every Thursday from hygiene treatments to dentures

FOODBANK

Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

LISA KEEN - AUDIOLOGY

Every 2nd Wednesday

ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC

Every Thursday afternoon.

TAI CHI - NIGEL CLIFFE

Every Thursday, 9am-10am

BUDGET ADVICE

By appointment

TARANAKI PODIATRY

Every 3rd Tuesday

HAUMIRI MASSAGE

Every 1st Thursday

COUNSELLING

Various providers and specialties including, relationships, drugs, alcohol, quit smoking, change support, family violence and anger management

DAIRY NZ

once a month course

PARENT COFFEE & PLAY GROUP

Every 2nd Thursday 10am-12.30pm.

All parents welcome (supported by Plunket)



DID YOU KNOW?

CoastalCare offers for hire, quiet, private, well-appointed room's for meetings, training opportunities and social gatherings. This will seat up to 60 people or it has the flexibility to be divided into two smaller rooms. The facilities include a lounge area & kitchenette for self-service of coffees and tea

Permanently residing in the building are:

OPUNAKE PHARMACY,
OPUNAKE MEDICAL CENTRE,
ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE,
PLUNKET,
HEALTH BOARD SERVICES.

CONTACT:
ARETHA LEMON,
Manager
on 06 761 8488



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Opunake - MOVIES - BOUTIQUE THEATRE - HIRE
For information email: everybodystheatre@gmail.com or check facebook- Everybody's Theatre
Check out our website at www.everybodystheatre.co.nz - Phone 027 3837926

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2017

Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale	Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-Pos
TOMMY'S HONOUR Drama 1 hr 52 mins M The pride of a father. The love of a wife. The soul of a rebel. The heart of a champion. Period drama depicting the lives and careers of pioneering Scottish golfing champions Old Tom Morris and his son Tom. Wed 8th Nov 1pm	LOST CITY OF Z Action, Adventure, True Story, Historical 2hrs 21mins M True-life drama about Col. Percival Fawcett a British explorer who disappeared while searching for a mysterious Amazonian city in the 1920s. Sun 5th Nov 7pm Wed 8th Nov 7pm Sat 11th Nov 7pm
THOR RAGNOKR Action, Adventure, Science Fiction 2hrs 10mins PG-13: Intense action Imprisoned on the other side of the universe, the mighty Thor finds himself in a deadly gladiatorial contest that pits him against the Hulk, his former ally and fellow Avenger. Thurs 9th Nov 7pm	IT Drama, Horror, Thriller 1hr 15mins R16: Offensive Language, Violence, Horror Bill Skarsgård is It, a being that terrorises seven small town Maine children in this supernatural horror adapted from Stephen King's 1986 novel. Fri 10th Nov 7pm Sun 12th Nov 7pm
CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS Action, Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family 1hr 28mins G Two mischievous kids hypnotise their mean high school principal and turn him into their comic book creation, the kind-hearted and elastic-banded Captain Underpants. Sat 11th Nov 1pm	KINGSMAN – THE GOLDEN CIRCLE Action, Adventure, Comedy 2 hrs 21mins R16: Violence, Offensive Language, Drug use Our heroes face a new challenge. When their headquarters are destroyed and the world is held hostage. Coming later in November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Ritz Swing Band returning to Opunake

The Ritz Swing Band is making a return visit to Opunake soon. They will again be performing at Everybody's Theatre in Opunake, so keep this date free - Sunday November 12, from 2pm on. The 18 piece band is led by Robin

Wells. Glenn Miller and the Big band era (1930s and 1940s) will be the focus. There will be a few new numbers performed this time including 'New York, New York' and 'Don't Get Around That Much Anymore'. The main vocalist will be

THE RITZ BIG BAND coming to Opunake

Come and listen to music from the 18 piece Big Band led by Robin Wells ... Puttin' on the Ritz, In the Mood, Making Whoopee and many more!

With Vocals from Mike Gordon and Unity Wara



Everybody's Theatre, Opunake, Sunday 12 November 2.00 pm start

Door sales only. \$10.00 Adult and \$5.00 child. NO EFTPOS



The Ritz to perform again in Opunake on November 12 the well-known and respected musician Mike Gordon, in conjunction with talented songstress Unity Wara. Instruments will include trumpets, trombones, piano, guitars (rhythm and bass),

drums, not to mention Robin Wells' soulful saxophone.

There will be door sales only with adults just \$10 and youngsters (children under 12) \$5 - this has to be amazing value for money.

Once again, next year, the Ritz Swing band will perform at the prestigious Festival of Lights in New Plymouth.

The band plays just four gigs a year, so the chance to experience them should not be missed. Explains Mike Gordon, "We play for the love of music - not money."

The band was formed about a decade ago, but re-formed just two years ago after disbanding for a while due to some members heading overseas for a time.

"We had such a warm reception last time that we knew we really wanted to come back and perform again at Everybody's Theatre," explains Mike.

Make sure you keep November 12 free to give the iconic band a rousing Opunake welcome.

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NZ Film Festival

**27 October -
5 November 2017
Screenings
10.30 - 1pm & 7pm**

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\$10 adults - \$8 child/seniors



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NZ Film Festival Timetable

Friday 27 October	Saturday 28 October	Sunday 29 October	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 31 October
10.30am Mahana 1pm The World's Fastest Indian 7pm The Dark Horse	10.30am The Bush Cinderella 1pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople 7pm Boy	10.30am Kiwi Flyer 1pm Mahana 7pm My Year with Helen	10.30am My Year with Helen 1pm Footrot Flats 7pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople	10.30am Footrot Flats 1pm The Dark Horse 7pm Spookers

Wed 1 November	Thur 2 November	Friday 3 November	Sat 4 November	Sunday 5 November
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