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NEWS

Coastal player makes the All Blacks

Josh Lord (aged 20), who plays for Coastal, has just been selected for the All Blacks, who are soon to embark on a tour of the Northern Hemisphere including Europe and the United States, who they play on October 24 in Washington DC. "I was pretty shocked and pretty excited at the same time," commented Josh at the big news.

Was making the All Blacks an ambition of his? "It was definitely a dream of mine, but this has probably come earlier than expected." He heard the news when All Blacks Manager Darren Shand phoned him on Monday October 4.

Josh who is tall at 2.02 metres, plays at lock and looks forward to playing behind Sam Whitelock and



Newly selected All Black Josh Lord with the ball evades two would-be tacklers.

former World Number One player Brodie Retallick. He is "pretty excited" about taking part in the All Blacks tour. He is grateful to everyone at Coastal, the team he has played with for three years.

Josh is the fourth Coastal player to be selected as an All Black this year, the others being the three Barrett brothers Beauden, Scott and Jordie.

Josh has an impressive rugby record. He made his first appearance for Taranaki in 2019, has played for the NZ Under 20s, and was selected for the Chiefs this year. Provincial coach Neil Barnes admires Josh' "explosive" playing and "very good skill set."

Rahotu Tavern reopens to great cheer

The Rahotu Tavern is once more and locals are clearly delighted their local watering hole and social centre is open again.

From the moment the pub opened its doors last Friday at 11:30am, people kept coming for a celebratory drink and to meet the owners. "It's about time, well overdue," said Lance McLachlan. "It's been very dry up in the bush."

Some, there soon after they opened their doors were back after milking the cows, clearly making up for lost time.

The Rahotu Tavern has been closed since February this year and many locals

preparing to open.

Noting the activity in the pub locals had kept dropping by and calling in "dying to see the doors open" said Rahul.

There had been a few frustrations with COVID and licensing which had held up the opening, they said - adding it had taken two months to get licensed. Then came the lockdown.

While the public bar has opened, its early days and they hope to eventually get the café running again. Meanwhile coffee is available in the main bar along with takeaway food and bar meals. The bottle store is also open and the



Kent Helms and Natalie Chapman enjoying a celebratory drink.



Everyone is pleased Rahotu Tavern is back in business.

feared it would never open again.

The Tavern has been bought by a three way partnership of Rahul Tyagi, Jim Dodunski and Darrell Hickey.

The new owners said they had spent the last 3-4 days

TAB up and running.

As there is no pub at Okato now, the Rahotu Tavern is the only hotel from Opunake to Oakura.

"What we want is to encourage campervans or people to park here," said Jim adding "we don't want

any drink driving." The Rahotu Tavern is set on 1.7 acres of ground so there's plenty of room.

They hope to have some regular entertainment such as bands. They would also like to resurrect the popular car boot sale that used to run and also to have the Open Mike jam afternoons on the last Sunday of the month. Future plans including a Taranaki Motorcycle festival in March next year. Jim says they would also like to add more accommodation in the future.

Jim said they wanted to accommodate the locals.

"The locals are number

one. Anyone else is a need your support," urged bonus." Rahul.

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Enduring power and popularity of local paper

The doomsayers who

claim that 'reading is dead' either do not live in Coastal Taranaki or have had no experience of the service offered by the Opunake and Coastal News. Since my articles on Titokowaru appeared in your newspaper I have been inundated by telephone and email enquiries both seeking copies of my book 'An End of Honour' or simply wanting to have a chat about a topic of mutual interest. And the amount of interest out there has amazed me—perhaps I'm not the only history geek around after all. Seriously, though, as I await the arrival of more copies to replace those that have gone out the door like homing pigeons, I'm struck by the enduring popularity and power of the local paper in an age when, we are told, the digital revolution is everything. No it's not, for there's something about unfolding a paper and catching the whiff of newsprint and ink that one cannot get from any amount of interaction with Siri or Alexa, and the mere act of settling back in a chair and opening the pages is about more than information: it's an affirmation of the benefits of a wee bit of 'time out' and an antidote to the pressure created by lives that seem increasingly busy and occasionally even hectic.

No, there's nothing hectic about 'sitting down with the paper' to enjoy the chance of catching up with neighbours, community and the services available in the area in a way that a quick skim over an iPad or the sound-bites of the television news never can, and advertisers are quick to realise that their money is well spent in that direction. So thank you, 'Opunake and Coastal News', for the

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fortnightly hopeful trip to the mailbox, and may you keep on keeping on for many years yet.

MJ Burr.

Respect Mother Nature but everyone else also

When reading the two page article Tears on Taranaki, everything in this article shows how a particular tragedy happened. Time after time Safety New Zealand, The Department of Conservation, and our experienced mountaineers, guides and climbers have told everyone of us that when climbing our mountain, safety is extremely essential, yet in our world of today we have some people who actually think they're untouchable, indestructible and don't respect anyone else. Similarly when it comes to getting vaccinated against this virus, all think it's a big joke. Well my friends, it isn't at all. Already our beautiful mountain has claimed 82 lives, which were all, I believe totally unnecessary, but like always some didn't bother following the safety rules but just took our mountain too cheaply. I do believe the rules are

simple, like don't climb alone, similarly like swimming in the sea alone, always have an experienced guide with you, or a group of people, which may need two guides to check the weather conditions, starting climbing at 6.00am, get some hill climbing training, because any mountain in the world today is extremely steep, be properly equipped, like clothes and footwear, or even wait until there's a proper mountain climb properly organised by our experienced people. Now not only should we all respect Mother Nature itself, but also each individual in our religious beliefs, genders, people's opinions and ideas, and remember this also, that no one on our earth today, tomorrow and in future will be, or is perfect as every one of us has faults

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth*

Irresponsible

As a community newspaper I find it particularly irresponsible that you publish letters the like of the garbage presented by Roger Morris re the Covid vaccine. Among various allegations of adverse reactions to the vaccine he actually states that through his presentation of "facts" that you are more than three times as likely to die of covid after a vaccine than if you are unvaccinated. If your paper cannot fact check before printing this rubbish I will. The United States has been hit pretty

hard by Covid and has had the time and resources to compile figures. They are: In one month (May) of 107 000 Covid hospitalisations 1200 were fully vaccinated (1.1%). Of 18 000 deaths 150 were fully vaccinated (0.8%). In other words if USA had full vaccination rates Covid would be a non issue. Of course the States is home to misinformation and not coincidentally the 3 or 4 organisations that make huge money from proliferating these lies. It's a shame that clowns as far away as New Zealand are lining their pockets. No space to unpick magnetism, microchips, DNA structure changes, it's still "experimental", causes infertility, will cause death in a few years, will turn you into a monkey. All that in one vial. Magic. Yes there is the odd adverse reaction to a vaccine. There is even the very very occasional death, but anyone with half a brain would offset this against the adverse reaction to and death rate of Covid and make a decision based on the law of averages, without consulting Facebook for advice. Anything other than that is just Darwinism at work.

*Brendan Dixon,
New Plymouth*

Fundamental principle

Congratulations and thanks for being the only mainstream media that I am aware of who still permit the expression of viewpoints that do not conform to the current government driven propaganda - after all, surely this is the minimum requirement for any 'news' outlet to remain 'credible'.

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Deadlines for copy

We find we are working very late on a Tuesday night to put the paper together for it to be at the printers first thing Wednesday morning.

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

We continue to receive a lot of material on Tuesday and are struggling to process it all as well as put together the paper.

If you have trouble meeting this deadline can you let us know.

This deadline does not apply to the Cops and Fire Service columns where incidents can occur on the Monday and Tuesday.

We do appreciate your contributions, so thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Editor

Opunake & Coastal News Paste Up Night



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Okato Takeaways

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Long may you stand tall, and stick to this fundamental principle.

John Apps,
New Plymouth

The rise in house prices

Look it doesn't surprise me at all to see that house prices

here in Taranaki have risen, as in New Plymouth house prices have increased by 4.3 per cent, in Stratford house prices have increased by 8.3 per cent, while in South Taranaki house prices have also increased by 5.9 per cent.

So why is this happening? Now, is it because we are seeing people leaving Auckland City because of its expansion, the traffic problems they have had since time began, and its

ever increasing population which hasn't really stopped at all, which I do believe is getting out of hand big time. We all sometimes grizzle about what our province hasn't got, but we all must remember that we're the only province where we can drive around our mountain, stop at different towns, big or small, while at the same time breathing in the fresh mountain and sea breeze. Some towns don't even have that, as we have a province

that is so extremely unique. To any one city or town in New Zealand. I myself have spoken to many overseas people and they all stated they would love to live here. Most of these people have travelled around the world, and as for Auckland, it reminds them of their own cities overseas, so let's not over crowd our province with too many houses.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Absolute sovereignty

In an article in the Taranaki Daily News, dated 29 June 2021 titled "War crimes investigator, new lawyer admitted to bar", Alison Cole is quoted as saying "I want to do my mahi for my hapu and fight for tino rangatiratanga (absolute sovereignty)." Such a statement has caused me to wonder what is meant by such an intention. As

a Ngati Pakeha person, I realise I know little about this concept and wonder in what way such an intention poses a threat to ongoing peace and harmony in our country. Is there anything your paper can do to expand on what is meant by "absolute sovereignty" so that the public is presented with a balanced and informative overview?

Rex Ward
New Plymouth.

EDITORIAL

Changing all place names to Maori equivalents

The co-leaders of the Maori Party Debbie Ngarewa-Packer and Rawiri Waititi want all place names to revert to their Maori equivalent by 2026. "Reverting place names to their te reo Maori origins is a gateway to stopping racism," said Debbie. A petition has been started in order to support the idea. "It's well past time that te reo Maori was restored to

its rightful place as the first and official language of the country. We are a Polynesian country," commented Rawiri.

There are a number of issues raised by these comments.

Firstly, we are a multi-racial nation with people descended from (or recently arrived from) many parts of the world including places like Tonga and Fiji, Europe, North America and Asia –

all are important. We are not a nation of just one culture.

Secondly, it would be insensitive to arbitrarily change all place names without consultation with the people in each particular location. The new name for Stratford would become Whakaahurangi and Eltham Arakamu. Some place names, such as Dannevirke, reflect the original (Danish) origins of the settlement.

Should that be changed? There's another name for consultation - it's called democracy.

Thirdly, it would be very expensive to change every reference in the entire country, every sign, every book reference, every map and, as has been stipulated, the speech of every broadcaster. Huge expense would result, in the millions of dollars, at a time when

the Government is already borrowing heavily to keep us afloat from the economic ravages of Covid.

Judith Collins has suggested a referendum as to the idea of Aotearoa replacing New Zealand as a name. However, I think our nation, in effect, already has the two names and I am personally at peace with that. If you look at your passport, for example, you'll see both names. Aotearoa

New Zealand or New Zealand Aotearoa sounds fine to me.

However, changing every place name, arbitrarily, without consultation with anyone who lives in a particular place – forget it.

Rolland McKellar

ADELPHOS

Springtime

Puna, printemps, primavera, vasant ka mausam and forar, all words that mean the same thing in different languages (Maori,

French, Italian, Hindi and Danish). They all mean the time of year called spring. Arriving after the season of winter, the lengthening

days are welcomed by many. Temperatures begin to rise and we notice changes in the world of nature around us. Our clothes slowly get lighter and thinner. We're experiencing some of those changes now as spring transitions into summer in New Zealand.

We're Southern Hemisphere dwellers and yet many of the holidays we celebrate have roots in Northern Hemisphere life. So for us living on the underside of the world, celebrations and traditions can sometimes seem a bit out of place with the seasons. But we've adapted and are creating more of our own Kiwi culture around them. Take Christmas for instance. Many Kiwi families now have a BBQ or a picnic at the beach. I remember the days when Christmas lunch was a big golden brown turkey, roasties, gravy and magical stuffing. The cook was always exhausted and so were all of us after polishing

off the pav and trifle. And the Christmas cake hadn't even been touched yet. Our only desire after the feasting was to have a snooze. So we usually did. Nowadays we're more likely to find an array of salads on the menu and dessert is often fresh fruit and something else that is good for us.

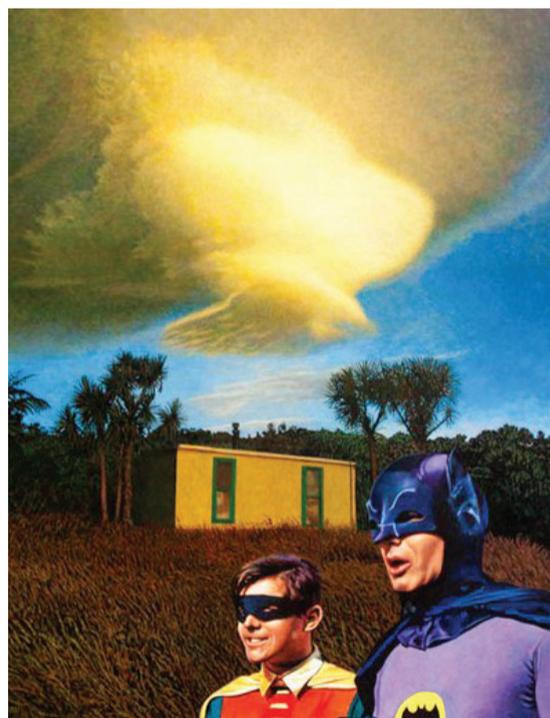
Well it's a bit like that at Easter in New Zealand: A bit upside down, as far as seasons go, as we celebrate in autumn. If we lived in the Northern Hemisphere (and some of us have) we would be celebrating Easter in the spring. And the world would be looking fresher. There would be animals being born, daffodils waving in the breeze and we'd feel like we were waking from a winter's sleep, like we are now. There would be a growing sense of hope; perhaps even optimism. Spring does that somehow. Maybe it's

because we realise the sun will shine longer and make us feel warm again.

And no, it's not Easter down in this part of the world. It's Spring. So let's celebrate and enjoy it! And remember, God offers everyone a springtime of new life by forgiving our

sins through Jesus' death and resurrection. But it's not just for one season that comes and goes every year. It's a never-ending eternal Spring that encircles you with Jesus' light, warmth and love. Happy Spring. Manaakitanga.

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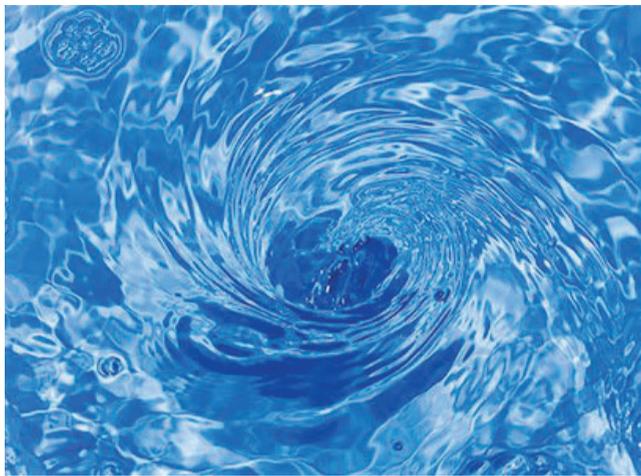
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Council shares serious three water concerns with Government

The South Taranaki District Council formally expressed its concerns to the Government about its Three Waters reform proposal at an extraordinary meeting held on September 27.. The move comes after councils around the country were given eight weeks to



Swirling water, swirling debate.

entities will be responsive and accountable to our communities. The complex accountability framework, with performance overseen by regulators, guidance coming from a national policy statement, oversight from a regional representative group, board performance oversight from an independent selection panel and regulatory oversight from regional councils, is nothing short of unnecessary bureaucracy," he says.

that the priorities we've identified won't change when our area is reviewed against the other 21 Council areas in Entity B? We are gravely concerned that our growth and development aspirations, albeit small compared to other high growth areas, will have to wait in line."

Councillors also expressed concern about the potential future privatisation of the water assets.

"No matter how many safeguards the Government puts in place, once these are in the hands of a new centralised entity the path to privatisation will be easier for any future Government."

Mayor Nixon says once the Government has considered Councils' feedback, they will need to outline the mechanisms for community consultation.

"The assets we are talking about have been paid for by our communities, and as such we expect that the Government will, or at least will give us the ability to, effectively consult with our communities before any decisions are made on whether to support these reforms or not."

The Council also questioned the assumptions used by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) which concluded that, with their reforms it would cost the average household \$1,220 per annum for Three Waters by 2051 compared to \$7,460 per annum without reform.

"We need to know more about how the government came to those figures because I doubt that they will guarantee that any new entity will have water accounts not exceeding \$1,220 per annum in 30 years' time," he says.

One of the biggest concerns Council expressed was how local priorities would be met and delivered in a large entity.

"What guarantee is there

analyse the Government's reform proposal and provide feedback before October 1.

Central Government is proposing to set up four new entities nationwide to take over the service delivery and management of water, wastewater and stormwater (three waters) infrastructure currently done by councils. For South Taranaki, this would mean that the three waters assets (as well as the debt attached to these assets) would be taken over by a new entity (Entity B) that would include 22 councils across the Waikato (including Hamilton), Bay of Plenty (including Tauranga and Whakatāne) and Taranaki

regions and the Ruapehu, Whanganui and Rangatikei districts.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the Council is not convinced of the case for wholesale change which the Government is proposing.

"While we acknowledge that better regulation of the water sector is needed, we are seriously concerned about the impacts of a 'one-size fits all' and centralisation approach will have on our communities," says Mayor Nixon.

"Effectively we'll have no direct control over the proposed water services entities as presented and we can't see how the new

Inglewood-Midhirst roadworks start

Work to rebuild several sections of State Highway 3 between Inglewood and Midhirst gets underway Wednesday 6 October.

Regional Manager Maintenance and Operations for the Central North Island, Jaclyn Hankin, says the works, which will be undertaken from October to early December, will significantly improve the condition of the highway, making the journey safer for everyone.

"This highway is a vital link for the region, and we know that the community and freight industry have

raised concerns about the condition of the road.

"We are committed to improving the quality of the highway as quickly as possible so are undertaking a bumper package of works on this stretch this construction season.

"Four areas of the highway will be rebuilt, seven sections will be resealed, and other essential maintenance works will be carried out," says Ms Hankin.

Light vehicles travelling south will be detoured around the highway during the works period, adding approximately 25 minutes to journeys between Hāwera and Midhirst.

"The detour route will save considerable time when

compared to the cumulative delay if we were to use Stop/Go at each of the sites."

Southbound heavy vehicles will be convoyed through SH3 every two hours to make the local road detour route safer and more efficient for commuters and local residents.

"This is a large amount of work to do on this road and having a detour in place will enable crews to safely work on several sections of the road at once, reducing the overall construction time significantly.

"We understand this detour is inconvenient but after investigating several options for managing traffic during these large-scale works, we've concluded the

detour has the least impact on all road users and is the safest, most efficient way to complete the work.

"As works are completed along the route, we'll reinstate access to reduce the impact on local residents.

"We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation while we carry out this essential work," says Ms Hankin.

The highway will be reopened to two lanes for Labour Weekend and again from Friday 29 October to Sunday 7 November to ensure the successful running of the Taranaki Garden Festival and Taranaki Arts Trail events.

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Inglewood-Midhirst roadworks start

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Light southbound traffic will be detoured from the intersection of SH3 and State Highway 3A in Inglewood, re-joining SH3

at Beaconsfield Road in Midhirst via Tarata, Kaimata and Salisbury roads. Salisbury Road between Croydon and Tariki Rd South will be one lane, open to southbound traffic only. Southbound freight and

haulage will use State Highway 3 via convoy from Durham Road every two hours or State Highway 45. For everyone's safety, heavy vehicles except those needing to access local roads should not use the detour

route. All northbound traffic will continue to use the State Highway 3 but will be held at Tariki to let trucks through every two hours. Additional safety measures including new

line markings, signs and temporary speed limits will be implemented on the local road detour route, which has been assessed by a qualified safety engineer. All motorists, especially

heavy vehicles, travelling between Hawera and New Plymouth are encouraged to consider taking State Highway 45 (Surf Highway).

Community Board rejects Christchurch greyhound racing track proposal

The Waitai Coastal-Burwood Community Board has chosen not to progress with an application from the greyhound racing industry to build a new dog racing track at QEII Park in Christchurch. Community Board member Bebe Frayle said in an email that the board made the decision in part due to local opposition. SAFE also

wrote to the Community Board expressing their concerns with the proposal. SAFE spokesperson Will Appelbe said they're thrilled with the Community Board's decision. "They listened to their constituents, and they've chosen kindness for dogs over gambling profits and cruelty," said Appelbe. "This development is an

amazing opportunity for east Christchurch to add something of real value for the community and it would have been squandered on a racing track where countless dogs would have suffered." Racing Minister Grant Robertson recently put the greyhound racing industry formally on notice following the release of the greyhound racing review.

In his review, Sir Bruce Robertson said that by its nature, greyhound racing is inherently dangerous. This was a point also made in the 2017 Hansen Report. "We're glad that QEII Park won't be used to race dogs, but until the Government bans greyhound racing, dogs will continue to suffer across the country," said Appelbe.

Court rebuffs mining bid

It's back to the drawing board for Trans Tasman Resources(TTR) after the Supreme Court upheld previous court decisions on their plans to mine iron sand off the South Taranaki coast. Last week the Supreme Court unanimously upheld decisions by the High Court and Court of Appeal quashing consents from the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) which would have allowed them to extract 50 million tonnes per year for the next 35 years in a 66 square km area in the South Taranaki Bight.



Andrea Hooper.

mining, and the law should be read as a whole so that the use of resources to provide for economic wellbeing, should also have been considered, he said.

TTR executive chairman Alan Eggers said TTR is satisfied with the decision. "The legal issues are now very narrowly defined and there are no aspects of the judgment that are an impediment to TTR having the consents re-approved," he said. "The Court's rulings provide a pathway to a successful resumption of proceedings with the EPA."

James Hita from Greenpeace Aotearoa said the court's decision was a win for the ocean and for people power.

"For the better part of a decade, iwi, Greenpeace, KASM and coastal communities have worked together to oppose the proposal to mine in the South Taranaki Bight. And today we won," he said.

"This decision sends a clear message to other

mining companies waiting in the wings: you're not wanted in Aotearoa or the Pacific. As an island nation in the South Pacific, it is essential that Aotearoa joins the Pacific Blue Line against seabed mining, and stands in solidarity with our Pacific neighbours in keeping the door shut to exploitative seabed mining companies."

In 2013, after EPA first announced their plans, students and staff at Opunake High School had formed a human chain at Middleton Bay to object to the proposal.

"We had the whole school holding hands at Middleton Bay," remembers Andrea Hooper who was deputy principal at the time. "Bar one or two kids it was everyone, staff and students."

She said it was as much an exercise to let the public know what was going on, and had been largely student-driven led by the school's Sustainability Academy.

"We worked with Phil McCabe of Kiwis Against Seabed Mining and did a promotional video to highlight issues that people didn't know about."

At the time TTR's proposal was something that had "come out of the blue," she said

"They pushed the economic

point of view that it would be good for the community, but all the jobs would have been offshore. Kiwis Against Seabed Mining got wind of what was happening, and the coastal community came on board. This is the right thing to do to give our students a legacy and pass on a planet in good condition. We need to be looking at our taonga to find ways to be more creative, and not just do an old model of science, mining iron out of the sand where you don't get much and the iron is of poor quality."



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Rural burglaries are up



CONSTABLE MATT STONE

Kia Ora everyone,

As we are all aware, there has been a large number of rural burglaries on the Coast over the last 2 weeks. This is another timely reminder to be conscious of your security at all times. Lock your vehicles and houses, do not leave valuables in

vehicles, take keys out of farm vehicles.

This is also the right time to install security cameras. A small cost now could save a large cost in the future. Contact a security firm and they will be able to assist with advice and/or installation.

I note that there is a lot of communication through social media around suspicious activity etc in the community of late. Could I ask that Police be contacted with any activity that is of concern. Ring or email 105 with any information, thanks.

As summer approaches, and the nights are longer; I have observed more people out and about enjoying the warmer evenings. This is great to see. Unfortunately, the old Okato Primary School has again been the target of vandalism. This has been occurring when youths are staying late at the skate park, particularly on the weekend. Please have a conversation with your youth about staying away from the old Primary School. It will be a costly bill if windows are broken, \$300 per square metre.

Lastly, over the last couple

of weeks I have completed some driver licensing training with students from Coastal Taranaki School. Through the students eagerness and willingness to learn, they are now ready to sit their licences. If you have a teenager about to sit their learners licence, I am able to assist with some time for them to learn or at least offer some great resources.

Until next time, Matt.

Matthew Stone
Sole Charge
Okato

On this month in history Jean Batten lands in Auckland after a solo flight from England

On October 16, 1936 Jean Batten landed at Mangere, Auckland to complete the first solo flight from England to NZ. A huge crowd of 6,000 welcomed her. She had left England on October 5 and travelled the 22,891

kilometres in 11 days and 45 minutes (including two days in Sydney).

She also became the first woman to fly the Tasman Sea, broke the England to Australia solo record and the record for any flight between

Australia and New Zealand.

Her last major flight was from October 19 to October 24 1937 when she flew from Australia to England in 5 days, 18 hours and 15 minutes in record time.

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Farmer taken to Base Hospital after bull attack

An Otakeho farmer says he was very lucky to have got off so lightly after a bull attack last week.

On Monday September 27 John Waldvogel was knocked unconscious for an hour after a bull attacked him from behind and lifted him over a 150-180cm high cowshed fence, dumping him on to a concrete floor. John was taken to Taranaki Base Hospital and discharged last Thursday afternoon. Three of his lower vertebrae had small fractures and a bit of chipping. There was some bruising and concussion but no surgery was needed.

"I think next time I won't be so lucky," says John.

He says he doesn't remember what happened. It had been raining that morning when John went out on to the farm, expecting to be back within half an hour.

He was grazing 100 heifers together with four bulls which had arrived three weeks before. Up until then he had had no problems with them. John let the stock on to a paddock, and they were eating away when he went to pick up an electric fence. Then it happened.

One of the bulls struck John in the lower buttocks, lifting

him over the cowshed fence and depositing him on to the concrete below

"I don't remember anything about what happened," says John. "One of the bulls had a guilty look on his face. Usually bulls will be bulls and will perform and bellow and give a warning, but this time there was nothing. I gather he had only one go at me. The gate was open, but I suppose the bull didn't see it. As far as the bull was concerned I had probably disappeared. I had a thick jacket on which probably favoured me. I was definitely lucky."

The bull was a Jersey. "They're the ones you have to watch," said John.

John recovered consciousness after an hour and crawled the 100 metres back to his house. By this time his neighbour was phoning the ambulance.

"As soon as they came out they said you have got to go to Base," says John.

On Saturday John was back home and getting about on crutches.

"I am getting better every day," he said.

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Get vaccinated and support local

Tui Ora are encouraging young people to get vaccinated for Covid and support local business while they are at it.

In what is a first for the health provider, their Opunake Covid vaccination clinics will include \$20 vouchers that can be used in their local areas. Tui Ora have been at the Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake this week carrying out vaccination clinics from 10am-2.30 pm from Tuesday October 5 through to Friday October 8, with a late night on Thursday until 6.45pm.

On Thursday night, young people aged 12-18 turning up for their vaccine will receive in addition to their jab a \$20 voucher from the Opunake Business Association to spend wherever they like. There is also an opportunity to go in a draw to win a UE Boom speaker.

No appointments are necessary, just walk in. Madison Schimanski says this is the first time they have tried something like this,



Te Raunatanga Williams-Edwards and Madison Schimanski of Tui Ora.

although during lockdown they had given away masks and hygiene pads to people getting vaccinated. "It's just a trial at this stage We're trying to broaden our age group and give an incentive to our young rangatahi."

She says they have found the younger age group had not been as receptive as the older age group to the vaccination message.

"I'm 25 and lots of my

friends haven't been vaccinated," she says.

Speaking on Tuesday Te Raunatanga Williams-Edwards said they had had a good response that morning. "We had many families coming through the door, especially young kids."

She says there had been an increased interest in vaccination following the news of Covid entering the Waikato.

"It's important for Tui Ora as a whole that whanau, Maori

and Pasifika consider not just themselves but also the whole hapu, iwi and rohe."

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The human cost of no response

The Prime Minister's 'Be Kind' message is obviously struggling to get past Wellington's 50k boundary and out to Rural New Zealand.

You can tell because, if there was any response from her or her ministers to the concerns Rural New Zealand has, I'd know. To date, the tally is 0. As both a farmer and National's Agriculture spokesperson I find it deplorable.

The heavy-handed approach the Government has adopted in trying to reach unrealistic, impractical targets for water, climate change, zero carbon, emissions and land use, to name but a few, has placed enormous pressure on the farming sector.

It is affecting a huge proportion of New Zealand's population, as 15% or 750,000 people, live in Rural New Zealand.

We were a country which used to pride itself on common sense and use it as our approach to virtually everything.

So it shouldn't be too hard for the Government to apply some of these traits in daily deliberations and decision-making.

Yet here we are ... left wanting. Farmers just want to get up

in the morning, put on their gumboots and do what's practical.

As we come to the end of huge days calving and lambing, thanks in part to a lack of RSE staff to fill the thousands of jobs available, the focus is now on cropping, silage, AB start dates, docking, shearing and getting the bulls out before Christmas.

But on top of this hefty workload are very weighty administration and red tape concerns, from proposed and implemented, regulations and policies.

Farmers are very amenable to changes for the betterment of their land and animals. But so much has been coming at them all at once, the pressure is immense.

They are continually having to debate rules from above,

which don't work from the ground up, or have them in control.

To make matters worse, and despite all farmers do to improve, they have the soul-destroying feeling it's never enough and are constantly getting the message that they are bad.

There are great stories out there in our rural and local media about what farmers are doing.

The stories hitting the 6pm news are the small minority of bad ones, and this gives farmers the view that the whole of New Zealand is against them, when in fact they're not.

This is unacceptable in a world where 'mental health' and the effects, are discussed daily in public forums.

We wouldn't get away with talking about any other part of society like the talk about farmers.

We have had many, across the age range and the country, who have decided not being around is the only option. And it's here that the purpose of this editorial really lies.

It is to thank people like Whatever with Wiggy founder Craig Wiggins, The Resilient Farmer author and founder Doug Avery, Rural Support Trust members,

Elle Perriam's Will to Live Charity Trust, along with the many others who are focusing on the wellbeing of farmers.

When farmers are well, they are so much more effective, as are we all.

Isolation, not sharing concerns, workloads and pressure can be just as debilitating as the current Government.

If you haven't heard about it, take a look at Wiggy's new Lean on a Gate, Talk to a Mate campaign via his Facebook page — Whatever with Wiggy.

Will to Live has also introduced a new initiative, RuralChange.

As suicide in rural regions is higher than in any other demographic, Will to Live is speeding up the process to get farmers the help they need immediately, via funded private counselling/psychologist sessions, rather than having to wait on the nation's health system.

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excited to announce that the tenth Youth Parliament is being held next year on 19 - 20 July 2022.

I am tasked with selecting one young person to represent our electorate. I've met so many talented youth during my visits to schools throughout the electorate, it's going to be difficult to pick just one person for the role.

I'd love to see as many young people as possible from throughout our electorate, right across Whanganui, South Taranaki and Stratford districts, apply for this opportunity. I need your help to spread the word and encourage as many of our young people to submit their application.

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Steph Lewis
MP for Whanganui

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young people from around Aotearoa New Zealand on what is important to them, and for Youth Members of Parliament (Youth MPs)

to advocate for youth and rangitahi in our electorate

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GLENN BENNETT
MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

end up in hospital if you do get COVID, and you're less likely to pass the virus on to your friends, family, whanau, and colleagues.

It's really important that everyone who can get vaccinated does so, because every extra person vaccinated is another layer of protection for us all

against COVID-19.

It's free, and it's really easy to book an appointment. You can do it online at bookmyvaccine.nz, or if you'd prefer to book by phone, you can call the COVID-19 Vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26 between 8am and 8pm.

Along with getting vaccinated, it's important for us all to keep up those key health behaviours, like scanning in wherever we go and wearing face coverings when we're out and about, to ensure we keep each other safe.

Together we've stamped out COVID before, and by sticking to the rules for a bit longer, we can do it again.



STEPH LEWIS
MP FOR WHANGANUI

Thanks for all your efforts so far – and if you haven't already, get out and get vaccinated.

Glen Bennett
MP New Plymouth.

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MP Whanganui

Be my Youth MP

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and debate the issues that affect you and other youth, and influence decision making.

When I was in year 12 at school, I was selected by then MP for Whanganui, Jill Pettis, to be her Youth MP. It was a really fun opportunity and a great experience to see first-hand how select committees operate and how Parliament works. Little did I know in 2004 where I'd end up all these years later – recruiting my own Youth MP as your Electorate Member of Parliament.

I am accepting applications now from young people who meet the selection criteria being; youth who will be 16 to 18 years of age (inclusive) on 12 November 2021, are active in their community or region, or looking for ways to become active in their community or region, interested in issues affecting young people, politics and/or social change and can commit to the participation dates from 1 March 2022 to 31 August 2022, including the Youth Parliament event in July 2022.

My Youth MP will get

to connect closely with me and the team, engage their family and friends in this mahi, and work on projects they're passionate about. More information about Youth Parliament 2022 and the full eligibility criteria is available online at: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/youth-parliament-2022/introducing-2022-youth-parliament/>

To apply, I am asking for a 3 minute video or short essay, 750 words maximum, that includes an introduction and highlights an issue important to our youth in the Whanganui Electorate, what they would advocate for at Youth Parliament and why. All submissions can be sent to me via email to steph.lewismp@parliament.govt.nz before 5pm on 29th October 2021.

Please share this opportunity to grandchildren, neighbours, friends, family and whanau. I am looking forward to receiving submissions soon.

Be my Youth MP

Steph Lewis
MP Whanganui

Bills deserve debate

Federated Farmers say regional responsibility and freedom camping bills deserve debate

Federated Farmers is urging Parliament to send Members' Bills from MPs Mark Cameron and Maureen Pugh to select committee for debate.

"The two bills, drawn from the ballot and due to come before the House today, address issues important to many New Zealanders – best management of environmental impacts, and freedom camping," Federated Farmers President Andrew Hoggard says.

"As Labour holds the majority, these bills will go nowhere without their support. As the self-proclaimed 'government of the people' we call on them, in the spirit of democracy and sound governance, to send these proposals to select committee for cross-party scrutiny and submissions from the public."

National MP Maureen Pugh's bill proposes legislation changes that would confine freedom camping for other than self-contained vehicles to within 200 metres of toilet facilities, and would also beef up fines for poor behaviour by

freedom campers. ACT MP Mark Cameron's Resource Management (Regional Responsibility for Certain Agricultural Matters) Amendment Bill proposes that certain agricultural activities should not be subject to national, blanket regulations (National Environmental Standards), including stock exclusion from water bodies, managing environmental effects of winter grazing, application of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and sediment control measures.

The bill says these activities should instead be controlled by regional councils in their plans and regulations, as regional councils are best placed to understand local conditions, and have a more direct relationship with their communities, their farmers and their industries.

"Both of these bills are of considerable interest to farmers, and no doubt many other New Zealanders," Andrew said.

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Mark, who is a joiner

by trade has been with the company for the last 10 years. His wife Michelle looks after the office.

Back in 1995 Mark’s father Kelvin, an Inglewood dairy farmer, and Kelvin’s brother, Brian, an Air New Zealand airline pilot took over the company, which had originally been started by Fabish & Jackson.

Brian has since retired and lives in Auckland, while Kelvin, aged 84, still works in the business.

Like other businesses there have been highs and lows over the years. Among the latter was the devastating fire which started at about 4.40pm on December 17, 2019, and was finally put out about 10 hours later. Twenty eight appliances from Inglewood, Whanganui, Hawera, Waitara and New Plymouth attended.

“Luckily it was a rainy day with no wind, otherwise it could have been a lot worse,” remembers Michelle.

The fire meant the business ceased production for eight weeks, but with new machinery imported from Taiwan, and, as befitting the company’s community-minded ethos, the use of Taranaki contractors, they were soon back up and running

Memories of the fire however have left their mark.

“Even yesterday we had a guy ask are you still doing shavings,” says Mark.

He says that far from pulling back, the shavings side of their business is something they are looking at expanding beyond their existing Taranaki base.



Michelle and Mark Jackson of Inglewood Timber Processors Ltd.

“We’re looking at other contacts within New Zealand,” he says. “There’s a lot of competition out there so we’re potentially looking at poaching into other areas.”

They currently have a spring special n shavings with \$40 per bale (approximately 120kg) delivery or pickup available.

He says they use high quality shavings made from kiln-dried treatment-free timber. This means, they can control what goes into their bags, something which other companies may not be in a position to do.

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Mark says the shavings makes up about a third of their business. Another third comes from exporting to Australia, with the other third coming from the sale of products, mainly scaffolding planks to the New Zealand domestic market.

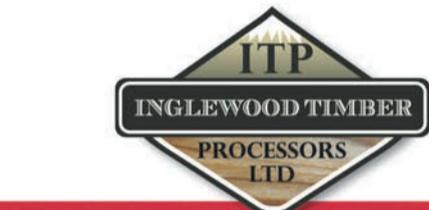
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Over fifty per cent of telco customers report problems

Telcos are struggling to deliver the quality of service consumers expect, with 56% of internet customers reporting problems in the past two years, according to a survey by Consumer NZ and the Commerce Commission.

Among internet customers who contacted their telco about a problem, 54% said it took "a lot of effort" to deal with the company.

Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy said the results show "the industry needs to up its game and get the basics of customer

service right".

Duffy said some telcos are managing to do a better job than others.

Of the nine companies rated in the survey, Vodafone stood out for having a higher proportion of problems.

Sixty-six percent of Vodafone's internet customers and 44% of its mobile customers reported running into issues in the past two years.

Duffy said billing problems continue to dog the telco. One in five of Vodafone's internet customers reported an issue with their bill.

The two top performing telcos were 2degrees and Skinny, receiving Consumer NZ's People's Choice award.

Seventy-two percent of 2degrees' internet customers and 69% of its mobile customers were very satisfied with the service they were getting.

Skinny (a subsidiary of Spark) rated highest in the mobile category, with an overall satisfaction score of 75%. Skinny customers were also less likely to report problems with the telco's services.

Duffy said Consumer NZ backed the Commerce Commission's work to lift standards across the telco industry and ensure customers had access to effective disputes resolution.

The survey results for internet service showing the percentage very satisfied were 2degrees 72%. Skinny 70%. MyRepublic 67%, Spark 61%, Slingshot 60%. Orcon 59%. Trustpower 57%. Vodafone 56%. The industry average is 61%. 57% Trustpower.

For mobile service ratings the results were Skinny 75%.

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Carolina Reaper: Boom! – try it if you dare.

Planting

October to January are the ideal months for planting but keep an eye out for late frost and protect with frost cloth if necessary and protect from strong winds.

The heat in chillies comes from the sun. If you can plant in a spot that gets at least six hours a day of sunlight they will thrive.

Chillies are great in pots. Choose a pot or container

that is around the size of a 9L bucket or larger for the plant to thrive. Make sure there are drainage holes in the bottom. Fill with a good quality potting mix and water frequently in summer.

If you are planting in a garden bed add some compost and fertiliser, Chillies are a very hungry plant and need lots of nutrients. Planting in a raised garden will be beneficial. Space chillies about 40 to 50cm apart if planting more than one.

Hot Tips: • Stake plants as they grow as they become heavy with fruit and the stems can be brittle.

- Tomato food is great for chillies.
- Harvest chillies when green or wait until they are red for a hotter chilli
- Wear gloves when harvesting or wash your hands straight after. Cut the chilli from the branch when harvesting.
- Chillies can be frozen, dried or pickled for winter

Here are Palmers picks:

Jalapeno: Perfect for pickling, chutney and throwing on the BBQ.

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Rocoto: Perennial chilli, tolerates cooler temperatures,



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Fifty years plus to be celebrated at Awatuna Playcentre

In 1970 with play centres in nearby districts proving popular, parents of young children in Awatuna started their own.

Fifty one years later the Awatuna and Districts Playcentre is looking forward to celebrating a belated 50th jubilee on October 17. The jubilee was to have been held last year, but with uncertainty about COVID-19 and lockdowns, these plans were put on hold. Now celebrations are set to take place at the Awatuna Hall on October 17 from 11am-2pm. RSVPs are coming in and there will be a tree planting, the cutting of the cake, a light lunch and raffles. The celebration is geared to the Awatuna community as a whole, and not just those whose families have gone to or been involved with the play centre.

Plans for a play centre at Awatuna had begun with a public meeting held at the Awatuna School on October 21, 1969, with the first committee meeting being held a week later.

“When we helped to launch the Playcentre the objective was to offer preschool education to all children in our district at that time,” the Playcentre’s first president and later supervisor Cathryn Phillips wrote in a letter apologising for not being



Awatuna and Districts Playcentre will celebrate its 50th anniversary on October 17.

able to be at the 25th anniversary celebrations in 1995. “Many of us had been travelling to Opunake to attend Playcentre. We watched with interest as Kaponga began to plan their own Playcentre, but it soon became obvious they would have a full roll without the outlying country children. This prompted the young couples of Awatuna to do something positive for themselves. So a keen band of mums and dads began fundraising and putting together basic equipment.

We obtained tables and chairs from Education Department stores, made our own screens, easels and block-box, and painted tins etc to use to hold paint and finger paint. The original equipment shed was a disused car case. Fundraising that I remember consisted of a bottle drive and canvassing the district for donations. Thus the original Playcentre was put together.”

Before the play centre could get going, organisers had to get permission to use the Awatuna Hall. There was

a working bee in January 1970, and the sand pit was dug and filled. In Term 3 that year the play centre got going..

The Awatuna and Districts Playcentre is a licensed early childhood centre with 28 children from 16 families. Its reach is reasonably widespread, with children coming from Kapuni, Kaponga, Te Kiri, Opunake, and even New Plymouth. After completing play centre, most of the children go on to attend the nearby Auroa School.



From left. Luca Hopkins (1), Ella Hopkins (3), Katie Starr (3), Harry Perkinson (4), Carter Ardern (4), William Ardern (4) enjoying a recent visit to the Awatuna and Districts Playcentre from a Fonterra tanker.

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From the Chair

Region keeps busy as Delta clouds clear for now

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all. The arrival of the Delta variant came as a rude shock to many of us, even if we'd realised it was highly likely given the alarming news emerging from other nations near and far.

The clouds have since cleared somewhat, at least for those of us outside Auckland. But hopefully one lesson endures: We simply can't afford to be complacent. Vaccination is the major key to minimising future COVID-related restrictions on our personal freedoms and on economic activity. I hope the majority of New Zealanders can be vaccinated quickly.

The impact of a sudden lockdown varies from person to person and from sector to sector, with some doing it tough. No one could deny, for example, that these are particularly challenging times for those in tourism and hospitality. And while Taranaki isn't a Queenstown or a Rotorua, highly dependent on overseas visitors, it's always



a worry when our biggest source of domestic visitors is locked down for an extended period.

Overall, though, Taranaki resilience shone through during the two weeks or so of strict lockdown we endured. As always, calving and the demands of springtime kept our farmers fully occupied. Our

essential workers performed to their usual high standard. And as restrictions eased, other activities resumed with no major hitches.

Some Council officers had essential-worker status during the hard lockdown so they were ready to respond to any pressing matters such as pollution. Other staff worked from home on resource consent applications and other administrative duties.

With the easing of restrictions, our business is more or less back to normal. And normal means busy. There's a lot going on out there – from land management to

biosecurity, from biodiversity to environmental monitoring, from gardens to public transport, and so on. Some of this work is highlighted in this newsletter.

Equally relentless are all the big changes being driven from Wellington: Essential Freshwater, Three Waters, RMA reform, and the overarching review of the future for local government.

The Essential Freshwater reforms are the most pressing issue for many in Taranaki, and on this page you'll find details of our new web pages designed to help you understand what the changes mean for you.

Last but not least, I'd like to thank all those who gave us their feedback as we considered representation arrangements for next year's local body elections. Your submissions were thoughtful and useful, and our decision is covered in this newsletter. It's a reminder that none of us can make assumptions about the outcome of any consultation process until the decision is actually made.

David MacLeod, Chair

Protecting livelihoods

Essential reading on new freshwater requirements

A new section of the TRC website is designed to help farmers and others stay up-to-date with the latest information on the Government's Essential Freshwater reform and how it might impact day-to-day farming activity in this region.

There's information and resources on new regulations and requirements including those on winter grazing; the synthetic nitrogen fertiliser cap; intensification and land-use change; stock exclusion; feedpads, feedlots and stock-holding areas; structures in rivers and lakes; and wetlands.

The information and associated resources will be updated and expanded as the package continues to roll out.

Find it all at www.trc.govt.nz/essential.

Improving lifestyles



Never fear, the gardens are near

Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens are at their gorgeous springtime best, providing a perfect escape from pandemic anxiety. Visitors have been wowed by the early large-leaf rhodos, such as this one near Pukeiti's new fitness trail, and many more colourful treats lie in wait. The gardens are open all day, every day and entry is free. Garden workshops and other events are subject to last-minute changes. See

[facebook.com/PukeitiGardens](https://www.facebook.com/PukeitiGardens), [facebook.com/TupareGardens](https://www.facebook.com/TupareGardens) and [facebook.com/HollardGardens](https://www.facebook.com/HollardGardens).

Around & about the region

Video: www.trc.govt.nz/slugs



More backyard adventures

Taranaki's award-winning Backyard Biodiversity series was revived for the August-September lockdown, with six new videos encouraging families to engage with the environment. This one's on slugs and others cover topics ranging from feeding native birds to eliminating pest plants. The videos were produced by Council and Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust educators working from their homes. Their 2020 series was a winner in local government awards.

→ www.trc.govt.nz/Backyard-Biodiversity

11 councillors next year

There will be 11 councillors elected next year, including one representing a region-wide Māori constituency. That's what councillors decided after reviewing representation arrangements and considering public submissions. Five members will be elected from the New Plymouth constituency, two from North Taranaki, one from Stratford, two from South Taranaki and one from a new Māori constituency. Councillors had also considered a 13-member council, with three South Taranaki members and two from one or more Māori constituencies. There are currently 11 councillors, including three from South Taranaki.

→ www.trc.govt.nz/seats22

On target amid big changes

The Council achieved most of its targets for the year to 30 June, in the face of the continuing roll-out of profound changes driven by central Government as well as COVID-19 disruptions. Chair David MacLeod says it's pleasing to have finished the year in a strong financial position, as outlined in the 2020/2021 Annual Report.

→ www.trc.govt.nz/21Report

Taking Taranaki forward

Clear progress in Yarrow Stadium Plus project



The Yarrow Stadium Plus project remains on track, with the COVID-19 lockdown causing only relatively minor delays.

As our picture shows, demolition of the East Stand (TSB Stand) is almost complete, and work is well underway on designing a replacement. GHD Woodhead Creative Spaces and New Plymouth-based Boon will be leading the redesign, with local hapū involved. The brief is to design a stand more usable, more often, by more people.

Meanwhile, good progress is also being made on repairs to the West Stand (Noel & Melva Yarrow Stand), where the main focus has been stabilising the underlying ground with new piles. Installation of new LED lighting is about to begin, with work starting on the new state-of-the-art hybrid turf later this year. See [facebook.com/YarrowStadiumTaranaki](https://www.facebook.com/YarrowStadiumTaranaki).

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What we were doing in 2021

A documentary of “ordinary people doing ordinary things” was launched at Opunake’s Everybodys Theatre to a group of invited guests on September 30.

The hour long documentary comprised a selection of 10 short films, each of around five minutes duration, of local people involved in various projects.

The idea was to reflect the people of South Taranaki and also the place “so people know what we’re doing,” said Luana Paamu, Museum Team Leader at Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki.

Twenty short films in total were produced by Cat and Mouse Television based in New Plymouth.

“Some we did ourselves with the help of the producers, some were done by the producers,” said Luana.

“It’s mainly to show the people and the things they’re doing,” she added and also to showcase the scenery and the people who inhabit the place. Screenings of the documentary have also been shown at Patea and at Hawera.

Originally the plan was to just screen the documentary at Patea, however it was decided to also show them



Bronwyn Wattrus and Taiaroa Neho in the foyer of Everybodys Theatre prior to the screening of the documentaries.

at other main centres in South Taranaki. Eventually the 20 documentaries will be put online so anyone can access them.

The project was funded by the Taranaki Regional Council and also the South

Taranaki District Council “who provide our wages,” said Luana.

The launch was compered by Taiaroa Neho.

Guest speakers included Waid Crockett, CEO of the South Taranaki District

Council and Michael Joyce from the Taranaki Regional Council who commented on the importance of keeping the stories of our communities for future generations.

“Exhibitions like this tell

stories in an engaging way,” he said adding “We want to thank the people for sharing their stories.”

Archivist Amber Wright formerly from the Patea Museum and now working as an archivist at Puke Ariki

Amber Wright, who was involved in the project, also spoke.

The ten documentaries featured a range of people and projects.

Beginning with the Opunake Loop Trail, Ian Armstrong from the Opunake Lions gave a potted history popular tourist attraction The trail which encircles Opunake takes people past various beauty spots and scenery including stunning views of Opunake Beach and the enchanting cliff top garden – which some refer to as the secret garden – and also places of historical interest. Over 3000 trees have been planted said Ian of the ongoing project.

Next Neville Phillips spoke about START Taranaki which takes people out into the wilderness for 3 days and 3 nights to remote places such as the back country Pouri Hut where they do “risk adventures” which help in “learning to trust”. These include surfing, kayaking, biking, camping and horse riding.

“The people have no trust in the system,” said Neville adding the START project also showed that people do care about them.

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What we were doing in 2021

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Kelvin Day, Manager, Heritage Collections at Puke Ariki, was about late historian Ian Church who arrived in Taranaki in 1904 as a young teacher. It included interesting footage such as the discovery of a moa site. "He came as a visitor and researched and discovered so much," said Kelvin of the historian who had a strong relationship with the Maori people and with whom he developed a strong friendship. Ian entrusted his many hours of meticulous research to Kelvin.

Next was a film about the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust and their conservation work which has resulted in a lot of species of bird life flourishing including kiwi. The film was dedicated to Simon Collins (1973-2021) who devoted many hours to the project and who sadly passed away earlier this year.

The Parihaka Community Garden was the subject of another of the documentaries with Urs Signer giving an outline of the garden which was started in 2006. With sometimes 2-300 people working on the garden it



Pihama Lavender Farm.

had helped develop a sense of community at Parihaka. "Parihaka has a long tradition of growing food," said Urs and represented what Parihaka historically stood for: "A peaceful activity," and looking after yourselves and your community and growing in a collective way, he said.

The revitalising of Te Reo in schools was the subject of another of the short documentaries presented by Ruakare Hond and focussed on making teachers more familiar with the favoured

immersion teaching as well as promoting kapa haka and the indigenous culture.

Pihama Lavender was another interesting documentary with owner Liz Sinclair giving an account of the successful business she has established in the old Pihama Dairy factory of growing lavender using organic processes and extracting various by products including lavender oil and lavender water. Lavender oil has a myriad of uses including as a perfume and relaxant. "Lavender

water is also popular as an anti bacterial and anti inflammatory," said Liz. Lavender oil is also used as an aid to sleeping. We also got to see the picturesque historic dairy factory which she has turned into an accommodation and wedding venue. Pihama Lavender also has a shop where Liz, an artist, sells her own paintings and other locally made arts and crafts.

The next documentary took us to the Waipapi Wind farm at Waverley which boasts 31 wind turbines each converting electricity into the National Grid. With the country's increasing demand for renewable energy, perhaps a side line for

farmers who already have the land on which to house the giant windmills.

Then it was off to Seed Savers Taranaki, a business that focusses on keeping seeds from plants they grow for future planting instead of importing seeds. "You don't have to rely on seeds from overseas," said Jayne Brigit adding they already had 400 customers on their mailing list.

Finally we got to learn about the women's institutes and their place in, particularly rural, communities.

Taranaki people came over as an enterprising lot and the documentary gave much food for thought.



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FUN WITH MATHEMATICS

We have been having lots of fun with maths and there are a lot of opportunities for tamariki to learn and practice their mathematical skills at Kindy. Mathematics helps tamariki using their logical thinking, imagination, and their analytical skills. According to *Te Whāriki*, mathematics is one of the many forms of expression that tamariki need to communicate effectively and widely.

At Kindy, tamariki are exposed to different types of mathematical concepts, such as numeracy, patterns, measuring, sorting, locating, counting and grouping, and shape. Mathematics also promotes different social skills such as taking turns, problem solving, listening to others, sharing and cooperate with others. We are learning and recognising mathematical symbols and concepts and using them with enjoyment, meaning and purpose (Ministry of Education [MoE], 2017). Look at some of the fun math learning that we're doing at Kindy:



Top left: Counting and recognising number puzzles - Theo J (4), Farrah (2), Jackson (4) and Avery (4).

Top right: Edie (4), Maggie (4), Olive (2), Madison (4) and Israel (3) sorting and learning te reo Māori with Jo.

Bottom left: Noah (3) exploring the shapes with Diane.

Bottom right: Aiyana (4), Freya (3), Ziggy (3) and Lucian (5) choosing the patterns for their necklace with Leonie.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MOANA ROOM

Our tamariki are learning about the science behind how plants grow and what they need to grow. As an Enviroschool we provide our tamariki with opportunities to be actively involved in caring for our environment. Even our youngest tamariki have a vested interest in what happens in their environment. We planted a tulip bulb in the root viewer so the tamariki could see what happens, we watered it and even put damp cardboard on top of the soil to keep it damp.



Left: Kylo (2), Lennie (2), Ethan (2), Pauline and other friends, checking to see how much our tulip bulb has grown. We can see the thin white roots in the dark soil and they have nearly reached the bottom. There was great excitement when we opened the doors on the root viewer to see small delicate shoots just sticking out of the soil, we watered it to keep it growing then put it back on the bench so it can grow some more.

LITERACY AT KINDY

At Kindy tamariki learn about sounds, words and language through everyday fun activities like singing, talking, games, reading with teachers and playing with rhyme. This is the foundation of tamariki's future learning at school and social skills.

Our tamariki build their literacy skills through play, where they can interact with their friends and kaiako using different forms of communication (verbal and non-verbal) to express their feelings, listen, take turns, make decisions and problem solve. Tamariki also experience stories and symbols from different cultures to develop their understanding of a wider world and community. Check out some of our literacy activities at Kindy!



Left: Aoife (4) and Lucy G (4) exploring 'Where I'm Going To School' Book with Jess.

Right: Kaydyn practicing writing his name.



Left: Quinn (4), Max (4), Leonie (3) and Griffin (4) reading 'How Maui Slowed The Sun' with Suzie.

Right: Jade solving the rhyme puzzles with Meera.



Worm farms and plant swaps

The children and teachers at Opunake Kindergarten are excited about their new project – Opunake Kindy’s Wonderful Worms. Following on from their Curious Minds science venture that finished in 2020, where they worked with Sustainable Taranaki to educate the town about recycling habits, the silver Enviroschool Kindergarten has now been awarded a grant from the Earthwise Action Fund to build three Plant Swap stands and eight bath-sized worm farms for their local schools and ECE services.

The goal for the worm farms is that there will be less food waste going into landfills and the plant swap stands will help generous locals to share any excess plants they grow. The Kindergarten plans to contribute plants and ‘worm tea’ liquid fertiliser when their own worm farms produce more.

When the Kindy shared their idea with Earthwise, they loved the idea and awarded them \$4,100 towards completing the project. They commented, “An idea that not only educates children about



From left. Ollie(3), Farrah(2), Griffin(4), Seb(3), Ryleigh(3), Connor(5), Suzie, Beauty(4), Danni, Theo J(4), Avery(5), Kaydyn(4) and Millie(4) with our soon to be worm baths and plant swap stand.

the benefits of worms, but also helps the wider community. Especially like how the Kindergarten is also donating bath worm farms to other schools and

ECEs and bringing the community together with their plant sharing station idea too. We were inundated with submissions, and could only partially fund this, but

we really felt this was an important idea to support.”

The tamariki are excited about teaching their older siblings at school about what

tiger worms can eat. “They can eat cabbage, food scraps and paper, lettuce and banana peels” Haig (4) stated, and Bella (3) continued “and

apple and capsicum too.” Maggie (4) contributed to the conversation with a laugh, “They eat horse poo”, which we have learnt are called ‘worm lollies’ because worms love it! We all agreed that we were happy we weren’t tiger worms.

The Kindergarten’s ongoing plan is to spread their Enviroschools learning with their community. “Our vision is to support our coastal Opunake community to use more sustainable practices, so we are always looking at how we can do this,” says teacher Meera Suhaimi.

The Kindergarten would like to thank the Earthwise Action Fund for supporting the project, fellow Enviroschool Opunake High School for making the plant swap stands, locals who donated the baths and the Opunake Loop Trail committee who have agreed to have the plant swap stands on the walkway. The Opunake Lions have offered to help construct the worm farms and install the Plant Swap stands when they are ready.

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Synthony is back to get the Bowl pumping!

The Bowl of Brooklands is set to bounce when Synthony brings its classic dance party back to Taranaki on 5 February 2022.

Over 7,000 people packed into the Bowl earlier this year as Synthony's first outdoor show brought in their largest ever crowd, and the beats will again take over the iconic venue for the grand finale of the Synthony NZ tour.

"We're thrilled to be bringing Synthony back for another night of epic doof doof at Pukekura Park's Bowl of Brooklands in New Plymouth, one of the world's best outdoor venues. The energy Synthony brought to the Bowl last year was electric and we're set for another summer of sizzle in Taranaki with the Festival of Lights, L.A.B and global icon Lorde," says New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom.

Warning – this is not an orchestra as you know it. Expect an energised journey down dance music's memory lane, accompanied by spectacular lights, lasers and a state-of-the-art sound system.

Combining dance music that spans generations with the



Synthony is set to get NPDC's Bowl of Brooklands pumping again this summer.

full might of the Auckland Symphony Orchestra, Synthony in the Bowl hosts exclusive new electronic anthems, New Zealand talent and two brand-new sets.

The show will be hosted by leading female New Zealand DJ AROHA, with a live set by KÉDU CARLÖ, a DJ set by ZM's Clint Roberts & George FM's SIN, plus special guest performances by Ella Monnery, Jeremy

Redmore, Nate Dousand, Bella Kalolo, Georgia Lines, Juju Lipps & Lewis McCallum.

From the early afternoon, fans can groove their way into the sunset enjoying tracks from the likes of Avicii, Wilkinson, Bob Sinclair, Dizziee Rascal, Fisher, Eric Prydz.

Justine Gilliland, Venture Taranaki Chief Executive, added: "As the regional

event partner, we're proud to bring vibrant events like Synthony to the region to add to another stellar summer line-up. Our diversified events portfolio will create a real buzz in the region, and give a much needed boost to our retailers, accommodation, activity and hospitality providers."

In January 2021, Synthony hosted its largest ever crowd at the Bowl of Brooklands, a

milestone for the company as they expanded to a much bigger and more exciting show than ever before. With a reception beyond comprehensible, it left no doubt in the minds of SYNTHONY that the show would return in 2022. Fans of the show have been making enormous noise for the anticipated return of SYNTHONY at the Bowl of Brooklands.

A breath-taking fusion of electronic dance anthems, live orchestra, DJs, vocalists, and immersive visuals. Imagine, the biggest global dance tracks performed by a Symphony Orchestra, DJs and vocalists, complete with a mesmerising laser light show and full LED visuals, transporting you back to the dance floor.

In 2017, Synthony made its stunning debut at the Auckland Town Hall with a sell-out audience. A truly unique and immersive experience, Synthony leverages the popularity of electronic dance music, but highly integrates a heroic orchestral element, all the while maintaining the integrity of the euphoric experience of a dance party.

Synthony is a unique hybrid where a theatre show feels like a nightclub. The

star of the show is not just any single "trophy" talent, but the unique fusion of a sophisticated orchestra, directed by the precision of the conductor, spine tingling vocalists and world class DJs, accompanied by dynamic visuals – all work in perfect harmony. There is nothing else like it. This celebration of dance music is more than just a show... It takes the audience on a journey. A journey back through their most memorable electronic experiences, track after track, fans are taken down memory lane and celebrate dance music that is embedded into their subconscious. The value of nostalgia is underrated, and Synthony delivers nostalgia in spades.

After a sell-out tour of five New Zealand cities and four Australian cities in the 2020/21 tour, performing to over 20,000 fans combined, a milestone Synthony had always dreamed of achieving, Synthony is returning with a brand new show supporting the live music industry's recovery post COVID19. Synthony will return to both New Zealand and Australia in 2021, followed by other international markets.

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Progress and resilience

Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2020/2021



David MacLeod,
Chairman
Taranaki Regional Council

Presentation of our Annual Report for 2020/2021 gives us an opportunity to reflect on progress amid a seemingly never-ending whirl of change.

The resilience and can-do attitude of the Taranaki community has served the region well as we all responded to the threats and challenges of COVID-19. At the same time, the Government continued fleshing out a number of significant initiatives that are set to transform the role and shape of local government in the next few years.

Against this backdrop, it's pleasing to report that the Council achieved or exceeded most operational targets for 2020/2021 and finished the year in a strong financial position. We were also able to start preparing to make the changes, some of them profound, needed to prepare the region for the future.

The 2020/2021 year saw good progress across the broad spectrum of programmes and activities. Notably, the Government provided significant and welcome fillips to several of our programmes in the form of post-COVID funding.

Riparian management gets a boost

A record 1 million plants were distributed to the region's farmers under the long-running Riparian Management Programme, thanks in part to a \$5 million funding boost via Jobs for Nature. The programme has so far seen just under 4,000km of streambank planted and more than 5,600km fenced.

Towards Predator-Free Taranaki also benefited from Jobs for Nature, with a \$750,000 grant allowing six extra positions to be created to foster greater engagement and support. The community has really taken ownership of this programme, resulting in the roll-out running ahead of schedule.

Yet another significant injection of Government funding saw the Yarrow Stadium Plus redevelopment project advance in leaps and bounds. Shortly after

the project won \$20 million in Government COVID-19 response infrastructure investment funding, repair work started on the West Stand (Noel and Melva Yarrow Stand). It was well under way by the end of the financial year, as was demolition of the TSB Stand ahead of construction of a new East Stand. Most other contracts have already been let. The aim is to have the Stadium available, with the West Stand open, for the 2022 winter sport season.

More and better bus services

It's also been a busy year for the public transport and transport planning teams. We were able to usefully engage with bus users and others as we prepared a new Public Transport Plan and long-term plan. Their messages were loud and clear: More and better bus services, and a decarbonised bus fleet. On both fronts, the Council has budgeted to work through the options in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Visitor numbers at Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens recovered strongly from the previous year's lockdown disruption. Hollard Gardens went from 21,673 to 24,041, Tūpare from 41,616 to 47,454 and Pukeiti from 53,320 to 68,217.

Our all-important 'bread and butter' work continued at a good pace. For the 21st year running, resource consent applications were all processed within Resource Management Act timeframes. Inspectors investigated 590 environmental incidents that were either self-notified or the subject of third-party complaints. More than 1,600 inspections were carried out as part of the annual dairy effluent compliance monitoring programme. Details of all these achievements and many others can be found in the full report at www.trc.govt.nz.

Long-Term Plan consultation

A major undertaking during the year was preparing the 2021/2031 Long-Term Plan, and consulting the community on it. An immediate priority is meeting

the new requirements rolling out under the Government's Essential Freshwater package. Implementing this will be one of the largest projects we have ever tackled.

Three Waters reforms

Meanwhile, the Three Waters reforms will have an impact on the work of all councils in New Zealand, and we are no exception. The Government has also set a cracking pace in its intention to replace the Resource Management Act which will also have profound implications for the way all councils work. We also intend to ensure that Taranaki's voice is heard in the Government's review of the future for local government.

The Council has also decided to introduce a Māori constituency. It seemed clear to Councillors that the majority of our community supports a move to better, more meaningful Māori representation around the Council table.

The Council finished the 2020/2021 financial year with a surplus of \$11.6m. This result was strongly and favourably influenced by property and asset revaluations (\$2.1m) and reserves of yet-to-be-spent funding for Waitara River catchment improvements (under terms of the Waitara Lands Act 2018) and the Kaitake Trail Te Ara a Ruhiiwerapini. As noted, there were also significant injections of shovel-ready and Jobs for Nature post COVID-19 Government funding. Excluding these extraordinary influences, the budget ran as planned, a pleasing result.

David MacLeod,
Chairman

Deloitte. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The summary of the consolidated annual report was derived from the annual report of the Taranaki Regional Council (the Regional Council) and its subsidiary and controlled entity (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 2 to 4:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in net assets/equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2021;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary performance information.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; and
- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Council information and a qualified opinion on the Group financial statements that we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021 in our auditor's report dated 21 September 2021.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate

the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

In addition to our audit and our report on the disclosure requirements, we have carried out an assurance engagement on the Regional Council's long-term plan, trustee reporting and an agreed-upon procedures engagement for the purpose of assisting the Regional Council to report certain information to the Ministry for the Environment who provided funding to the Regional Council as outlined in the Freshwater Improvement Fund Deed of Funding, which are compatible with those independence requirements. Other than these engagements we have no relationship with or interests in the Regional Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.

Matt Laing, Partner
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand
21 September 2021



Supporting livelihoods



Planting and fencing streambanks

1m Just under 1m plants put along 362km streambanks this year

88.8% riparian plan streambanks protected with fencing

77.4% riparian plan streambanks protected with vegetation

Prepared for extreme events

2 flood warnings issued as a result of monitoring during 49 weather watches and warnings

5 main flood control schemes maintained



Regulating use of natural resources

100%

resource consents processed in RMA timeframes for the past 21 years



Restoring native habitats

176 Biodiversity Plans covering 6819 ha

21 new biodiversity plans covering 3365 ha of ecologically important habitats on private land



Reporting environmental performance

96% 'high' or 'good' environmental performance for major consents

91.4% dairy farms complied with consent conditions



Removing predators and targeting pest plants

1 new rule added to Regional Pest Management Plan, requiring landowners to control mustelids

90% reduction in stoat numbers in Warea-Rāhotu

1st possum eradication trial in NZ over a mix of conservation, farming and urban land

1,489 inspections for pest plants

Enforcing environmental standards

590 environmental incidents attended

409 enforcement actions taken

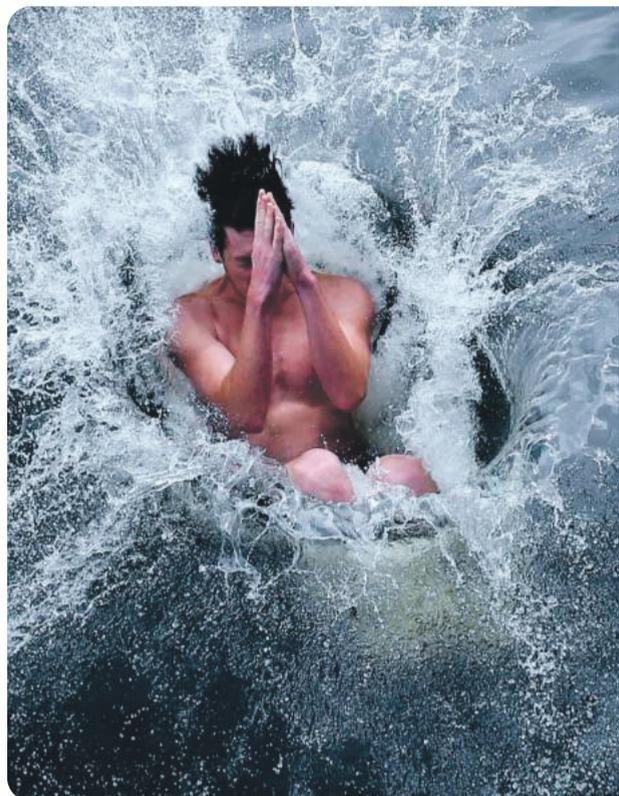
Sustainable land management

464 sustainable land management plans covering 68.7% of private hillcountry land





Improving lifestyles



Can I swim here?

99% coastal beach bathing samples met MfE recreational guidelines over summer

86% freshwater bathing samples met MfE recreational guidelines over summer

Checking marine and river health

49% of macroinvertebrate sites showed improvement, 2% of sites showed a decline in health

11 river sites monitored monthly for a range of indicators of water quality and ecosystem health

Yarrow Stadium

45% reduction in targeted Yarrow Stadium rate following \$20m COVID recovery infrastructure investment by the Government

Ensuring clean air

98% air-discharge consent-holders with 'good' or 'high' consent compliance

World-class gardens

139,712 Visits to Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens up from just under 117,000 the previous year

Public bus services and transport

26,775 passenger trips on the Connector Hāwera-New Plymouth service up 6.8%

55,220 subsidised trips up by 1924 Total Mobility cardholders

548,870 Citylink passenger trips up 7.6%



Taking Taranaki forward

Port Taranaki ownership **\$8m** dividends from Council-owned Port Taranaki Ltd.



Educating future generations

8,000 tamariki reached in class visits and field trips

86 schools and preschools involved in environmental education

17 environmental champions recognised by TRC Environmental Awards

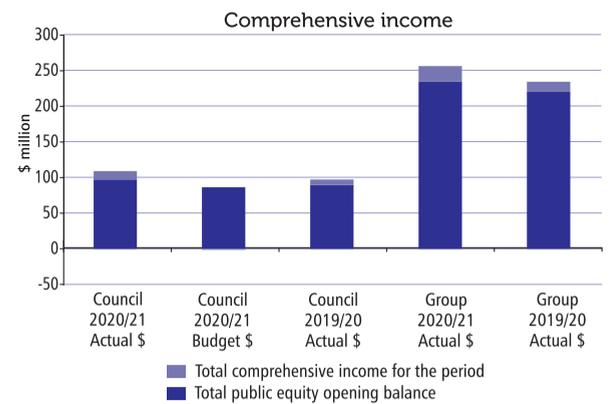
Taranaki Regional Council is made up of eleven publicly elected Councillors, David MacLeod (Chairman), Michael Joyce (Deputy Chairman), Cr David Lean, Cr Neil Walker, Cr Elvira Van Der Leden, Cr Craig Williamson, Cr Donald McIntyre, Cr Matthew McDonald, Cr Tom Cloke, Cr Charlotte Littlewood, Cr Michael Davey, with members of the executive team, Steve Ruru (Chief Executive), Fred McLay (Director – Resource Management), Daniel Harrison (Director – Operations), Abby Matthews (Director – Environment Quality), Mike Nield (Director – Corporate Services).



Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2020/2021

Comprehensive revenue and expense

	Council 2020/21 Actual \$	Council 2020/21 Budget \$	Council 2019/20 Actual \$	Group 2020/21 Actual \$	Group 2019/20 Actual \$
Total expenses	41,208,088	48,198,721	37,833,073	75,958,187	69,443,903
Total income	50,328,557	46,573,728	43,525,435	93,108,901	87,305,985
Operating surplus/(deficit) before finance income and expenses and taxation	9,120,469	(1,624,993)	5,692,362	17,150,714	17,862,082
Finance income	295,970	1,341,772	411,873	276,672	384,508
Finance expense	(21,118)	(1,041,772)	(40,399)	(920,831)	(2,091,368)
Operating surplus before taxation	9,395,321	(1,324,993)	6,063,836	16,506,555	16,155,222
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of buildings	-	-	-	-	(1,890,148)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment properties	2,056,000	-	1,046,000	2,056,000	1,046,000
Impairment of assets	-	-	-	(161,738)	(224,032)
Income tax expense	37,240	(10,000)	38,448	(3,565,332)	(3,303,082)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	11,488,561	(1,334,993)	7,148,284	14,835,485	11,783,960
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss when specific conditions met.					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	122,190	-	387,562	6,607,560	767,562
Change in cash flow hedge	-	-	-	295,558	9,153
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	11,610,751	(1,334,993)	7,535,846	21,738,603	13,350,675



Changes in net assets/equity

The Council's equity grew by \$11.6m in 2020/2021 to \$107.9m. At a Group level, the total community ownership of the Council and the Group grew by \$21.7m to \$253.8m.

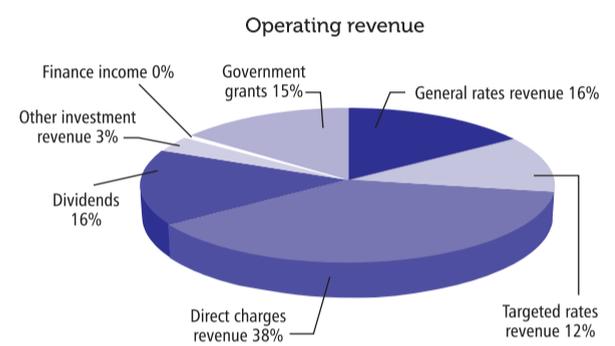
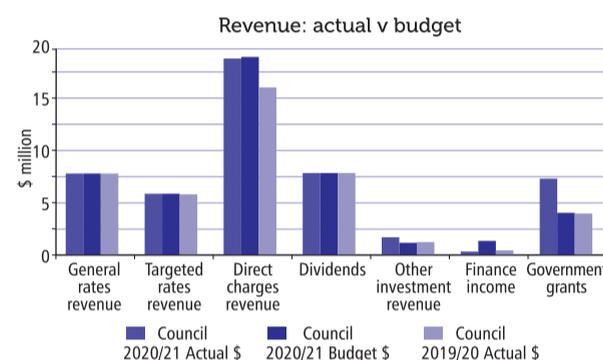
The Council's total equity of \$107.9m (Group – \$253.8m) is made up of retained earnings \$72.4m (Group – \$147.8m), special purpose reserves \$30.3m (Group – \$30.3m), asset revaluation reserves \$5.3m (Group – \$75.5m) and a cashflow hedge reserve of nil (Group – \$0.3m)

Comprehensive income

The Council made a net operating surplus (other comprehensive income) of \$11.6m (2019/2020 \$7.5m) compared to a budgeted deficit, before transfers to and from reserves, of \$1.33m. The entire operating surplus is from continuing activities.

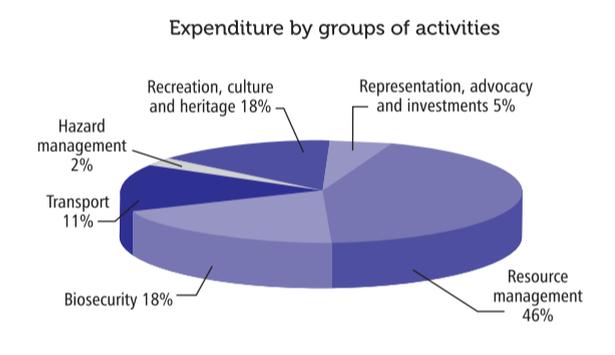
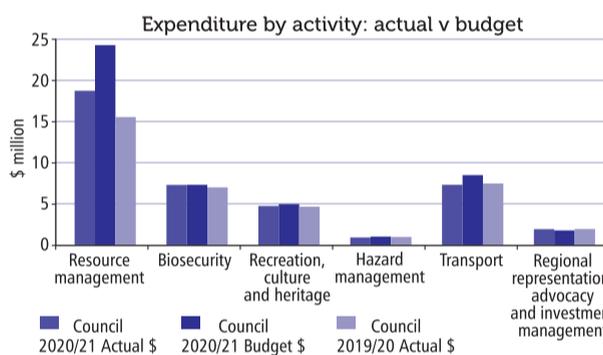
Revenue

Total Council only revenue (including finance income) was over budget for the year by over \$2.7m.



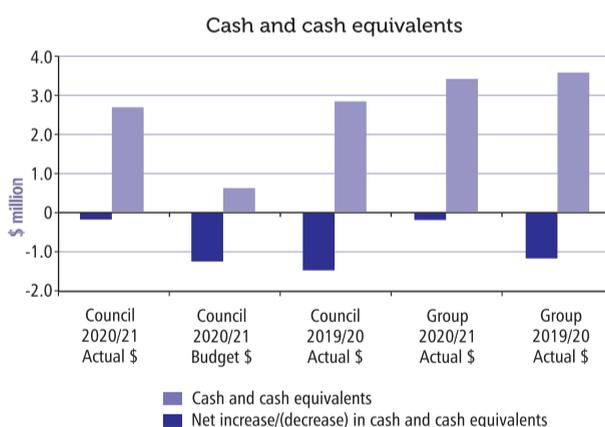
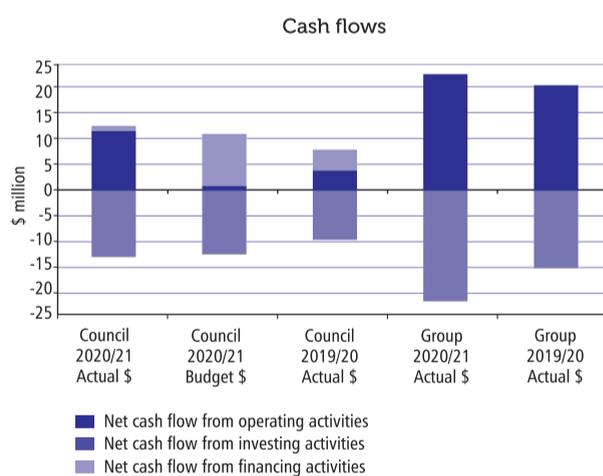
Expenditure

Total Council only operating expenditure (including finance expense) was under budget for the year by \$8.0m.



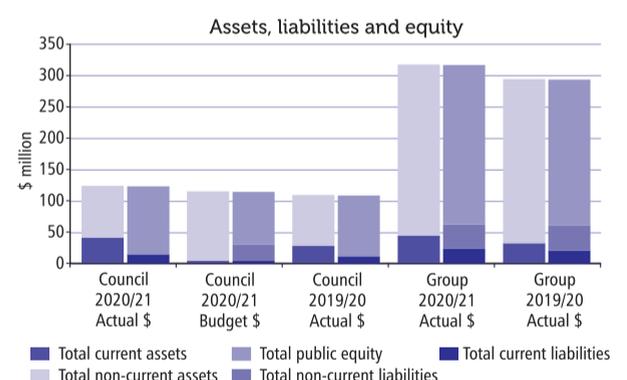
Cash flows

The Council's cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$0.16m during the year. Net cash inflows from operating activities was \$11.6m, net cash outflows from investing activities was \$12.8m and net cash inflows from financing activities was \$1.0m. At a Group level cash balances decreased by \$0.17m to \$3.5m in total.



Financial position as at 30 June 2021

The assets grew by \$14.6m for the Council and by \$23.2m for the Group. Liabilities increased by \$2.99m for the Council and increased by \$1.5m for the Group. The Council has only \$5m of public debt.



Notes

These summary financial statements have been prepared in compliance with "Financial Reporting Standard No.43 (PBE)" issued by the External Reporting Board. The summary report cannot provide as complete an understanding as the full Annual Report, which is available free of charge from the Council offices (ph 06 765 7127) or email publications@trc.govt.nz or visit the Council's website www.trc.govt.nz.

This summary financial report has been extracted from the Taranaki Regional Council 2020/2021 Annual Report dated 21 September 2021. The Council received an unmodified audit opinion. The Group received a qualified audit opinion due to the limited audit procedures able to be performed over the Yarrow Stadium stands asset value as at 30 June 2021. The opinion was dated 21 September 2021. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. The Summary Annual Report was adopted and authorised by the Taranaki Regional Council on 21 September 2021.

Taranaki Regional Council is the ultimate parent of the Group and controls two entities being Port Taranaki Ltd and Taranaki Stadium Trust. There have been a number of transactions between Port Taranaki Ltd, the Taranaki Stadium Trust and the Taranaki Regional Council during the year in the normal course of business.

The primary objective of the Taranaki Regional Council is to provide goods or services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly, Taranaki Regional Council has designated itself and the Group as public benefit entities for the purposes of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The full set of financial statements included in the Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. The full set complies with IPSAS, and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for public benefit entities.

These summary financial statements are in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of IPSAS but do not comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of IPSAS. The summary financial statements are in respect of the Council and Group's IPSAS full financial statements. This summary annual report has been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) standards.

During the 2017/2018 year, detailed seismic assessments were completed on the East and West Stands of Yarrow Stadium. The assessments indicated that the East Stand was 10% of new building standard and the West Stand was 20% of new building standard. As such both stands were earthquake prone buildings and were closed from use.

Yarrow Stadium land and buildings were valued as at 30 June 2020 by TelferYoung Taranaki (Limited) and were adjusted in the financial statements, for the year ending 30 June 2020, to reflect this revaluation. Due to both the eastern and western stands being compromised in terms of earthquake strength the valuers have considered the impairment of the stadium assets. Due to the East Stand not being able to be used at all and the cost to earthquake strengthen the building being similar to the unimpaired fair value, there is no value allocated to these improvements. The East Stand is in the process of being demolished and replaced. As parts of the western stand are still useable the majority of its components have been valued at 20% of its unimpaired fair value. The total fair value of the Yarrow Stadium land and buildings valued at 30 June 2021 was \$19,689,233.

The Trust is committed to the repair of the stands and the investigations on the

repair options has been completed. The Taranaki Regional Council has approved the repair and refurbishment of Yarrow Stadium. The project will include repairs to the West Stand and demolition and replacement of the East Stand. Other important refurbishments include additional food and beverage outlets, toilets, technology upgrades, LED pitch lighting, improvements to the car park and gates, new South Terrace seating and the reinstatement of Field 1.

This work essentially restores what existed, with essential updates. The estimated total cost is \$50 million, which will be funded by a \$20m "shovel ready" grant from the Government and a 25 year loan through Taranaki Regional Council.

Physical works to implement the fixes commenced in the 2020/2021 year.

The Taranaki Regional Council has contingent liabilities of \$58,000 as at 30 June 2021 (\$58,000 - 2019/2020). This relates to land purchases as part of the Opunake Flood Control Scheme. As at 30 June 2021, the Council has a contingent asset for fines waiting to be awarded on one prosecution through the Environment Court (2019/2020: four).

Events subsequent to balance date: For the Council, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date (\$20m shovel-ready Government funding for Yarrow Stadium 2019/2020). For the Port, on 12 August 2021, the Board resolved to pay a fully imputed final dividend of \$4.0 million at 7.69 cents per share on 11 October 2021. For the Trust, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date (2019/2020 Nil).

Rural community clinic tour a success

More than 300 people from Taranaki's most rural communities received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination during the first week of the programme's around-the-mountain clinic tour.

Bevan Clayton-Smith, Taranaki COVID-19 Vaccination programme senior responsible officer, said "We are delighted with the fantastic response from our rural communities, and

very pleased we were able to remove the barriers of time and distance to receiving their vaccination for them.

"Ensuring that every eligible person in Taranaki has the opportunity to be vaccinated has long been a central kaupapa for the programme, and rural clinics are an important part of that for the region.

"Our outreach teams have really appreciated all the positive feedback, aroha and

delicious kai they have been getting, too."

The tour continues for another two weeks, visiting another 10 communities including Rahotu, Pihama, Auroa, Kaponga and Mimi, to administer first dose vaccinations. The vaccination team will then return for second dose clinics in November.

With cases reported on Sunday in Raglan and Hamilton, and a Level 3

lockdown in place just across the district border, Clayton-Smith is keen to stress the importance of getting vaccinated as soon as possible.

"Make no mistake, COVID-19 is headed for Taranaki, and the impact it will have on our whole community should not be underestimated," he says.

"There are hundreds of free appointment slots right across the rohe, extra

pop-up clinics happening on a regular basis, and we are encouraging people to reach out to us if they are experiencing difficulties in accessing their vaccination. All the information about appointment availability can be found on BookMyVaccine.

"The solution to the COVID-19 problem is there and it's free, safe and very effective. Get vaccinated. It's as simple as that. Get

vaccinated now to stop this virus from damaging our Taranaki communities, our loved ones and our way of life. Protect what you hold dear."

Appointments can be booked online at BookMyVaccine.nz, or call 800 28 29 26 (8am-8pm 7 days), and walk-ins are welcome.

Vaccinator gifts artwork to programme

A beautiful whāriki artwork, made with Harakeke flax harvested from Ngāmotu beach, has been gifted to the New Plymouth Vaccination Clinic by its creator - who also works for the programme.

Maggie Sawtell and her daughter Lisa created the raranga, and named it Ki Te Ao Mārama (Towards the world of light). The strands of flax were softened, boiled and dyed to create the colours inspired by the sun setting over Paritutu and the earth beneath our feet.

Maggie has been with the programme for several months, administering vaccines across the rohe to thousands of Taranaki people.

She says the weaving patterns in the whāriki of Whakapuareare (holes) symbolises windows of light falling on us as we look forward to a life where we can come together in light and warmth to connect once more.

Nui rawa te whakawhetai kia koe for your gift, Maggie and Lisa, and the vision of the future it gives us.



Maggie and Lisa Sawtell with their artwork.

Rural Community Pop-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Place	Time	First dose	Second dose
Whangamomona Hall , 6013 Ohura Road, Whangamomona	10am - 3.30pm	Monday, 27 September	Monday, 8 November
Toko Hall , 1073 East Road, Stratford East	9am - 3.30pm	Tuesday, 28 September	Tuesday, 9 November
Kaimata Hall , 722 Tarata Road, Kaimata	9am - 3.30pm	Wednesday, 29 September	Wednesday, 10 November
TET Stadium , 1 Elliot Street, Inglewood	9am - 3.30pm	Thursday, 30 September & Friday, 1 October	Thursday & Friday, 11-12 November
Hempton Hall , 72 Carthew Street, Ōkato	9am - 3.30pm	Monday, 4 October	Monday, 15 November
Rahotu TSB Domain , 54 Rahotu Road, Rahotu	9am - 3.30pm	Tuesday, 5 October	Tuesday, 16 November
Oaonui Hall , 5142 South Road, Oaonui	9.15am - 3.30pm	Wednesday, 6 October	Wednesday, 17 November
Pihama Hall , 3271 South Road, Pihama	9.30am - 3.30pm	Thursday, 7 October	Thursday, 18 November
Te Kiri Hall , 2716 Eltham Road, Te Kiri	9.15am - 3.30pm	Monday, 11 October	Monday, 22 November
Auroa Hall , 746 Auroa Road, Auroa	9.30am - 3.30pm	Tuesday, 12 October	Tuesday, 23 November
Kaponga Town Hall , Victoria Street, Kaponga	9.15am - 3.30pm	Wednesday, 13 October	Wednesday, 24 November
Taumatua Rec Centre , Preston Street, Eltham	9.15am - 3.30pm	Friday, 15 October	Friday, 26 November
Hunter Shaw Building , 132 Egmont Street, Patea	10am - 3.30pm	Monday, 18 October	Monday, 29 November
Waitoetoe Hall , 19 Pukearuhe Road, Mimi	9am - 3.30pm	Tuesday, 19 October	Tuesday, 30 November

Book online at [BookMyVaccine.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.nz) or call 0800 28 29 26 (8am-8pm, 7 days).
Walk-ins welcome.

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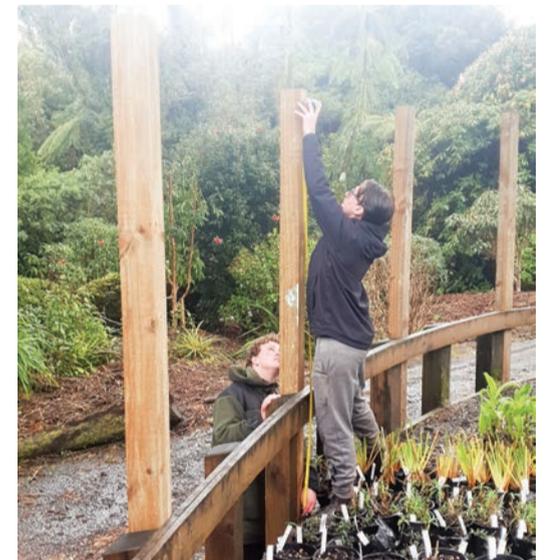


AGRICULTURE AT CTS

A huge congratulations to Phoenix Papa who has received the most improved student award in his WITT level 3 Agriculture class this year. He has earned 23 credits towards level 3 NCEA and is on the pathway to a career in the Farming sector by continuing his learning with PITO. Phoenix is also a nominee for the Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award this year. This nomination recognises his determination and commitment to his chosen career pathway and success at school.

PUKEITI GARDENS

Hamish Connor and Alex Gibson have been on a Gateway work experience placement since the beginning of the year at Pukeiti Gardens under the supervision of Andrew Brooker. Andrew has been both a mentor and teacher to these students providing them with experiences around the themes of Restoration of native bush, General horticulture and Garden care and maintenance. Coastal Taranaki School Pathways department highly values the input of our local community, particularly those like Andrew who provide support for students to achieve their goals.



YEAR 10 TE REO MĀORI

Students at Coastal Taranaki School learn Te Reo Māori from years 0-10 and may choose to continue their learning and achievement into Years 11-13 for NCEA. The Te Reo Māori programmes include learning our local tikanga and history with the support and guidance of our local hapū, Ngā Mahanga and the Taranaki Iwi.

To conclude term 3, some of our year 10 students can be seen setting a hīnaki to catch and release a Tuna (Eel). As well as harvesting and preparing a watercress for boil up, a shared kai (lunch). These were new experiences for many of our senior students that exposed them to rich language experiences, used to construct sentences in Te Reo Māori using a variety of tense, verbs and nouns relevant to their learning context.



TE ARA TIKA

Te Ara Tika is a driver licensing programme, assisting our senior students to be licenced on our local country roads. The Blue Light Te Ara Tika programme has been run for students 16years of age to get their licences by a partnership between Blue Light, the Police and Coastal Taranaki School



CTS 2021 SCHOOL PRODUCTION



Left: Scenes from this year's School Production at Coastal Taranaki School.

Why consider an education with Coastal Taranaki School for years 9-13?

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- Project Based Learning - Students can determine the focus of their learning and will be well supported through the development of key competencies for life and employment.

- We have a school farm as a resource for teaching both our agricultural and environmental action in education programmes.



Project Based Learning Pest Trapping Group.

- Opportunity to be involved in the BP Business Challenge (Year 10) and in the YES (Young Enterprise programme) in Years 12 & 13.

- Individual and small group music tuition in piano, violin, drums, ukulele, guitar and general music.

- Support for students to engage in a range of individual, team, school and club based sporting codes.

- We partner with WITT and other providers to ensure our students have access and every opportunity

to engage in learning and academic success. Students will be transported in school vehicles and may have access to funding for any tools, equipment and clothing to ensure their full participation.

- Excellent chances of winning secondary scholarships.

- Access to a variety of supports and interventions for learning, social and emotional challenges that come with being a teenager. These include Surfing for Life with Charles Gibson and Daisy Day at Fitzroy Beach.

- Strong relationships with our local experts that include those local industries, TRC, DOC, hāpu and iwi.

- A number of leadership opportunities, roles, responsibilities, workshops and camps including GRIP (Rotorua), Area Schools Leadership Camp (Akaroa).

- Our students can attend the breakfast club and enjoy free lunches in school.

- Students who live outside of Okato can catch the bus to and from school free of charge (from Oakura through to the Kahui Road).

- There are zero

fees and we are your local community school!

We strive to be the best version of ourselves and make no attempt to replicate what the city school institutions offer. We believe our learning environment and approach to teaching and learning better reflects the needs of our learners and will produce graduates that are well equipped to thrive in the future. We are committed to providing a quality public education to the students of our rural community that takes pride in our partnerships and care for our people.



Coastal Taranaki School Head Pupils (left) Nalani Renau and Taysha Ryder.



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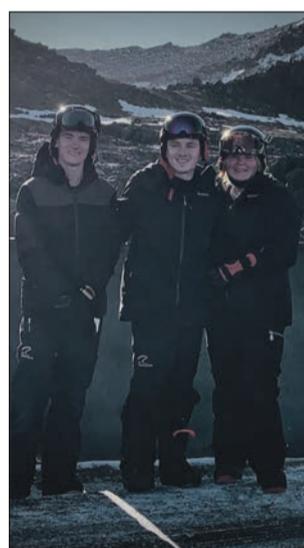
Enrolments to Ōpunakē High School for students who are Year 9 in 2022 are now open, head to our website and click the link:



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING? Whakapapa Snow Camp



To round out Term 4, a bunch of keen students loaded up the van and headed for the Whakapapa skifield on Mt. Ruapehu. The weather behaved just enough for the crew to get some skiing and boarding in.



Principals Address



Kia ora Koutou,

And so another term comes to an end. It is amazing how much we have managed to squeeze into this 10 weeks, even though we lost a significant amount of time to the ongoing pandemic.

This term we celebrated 'te wiki o te reo'. I would like to share with you a whakatauki which staff are currently learning:

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru
 Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
 Kia mākinakina ki uta
 Kia mātaratara ki tai
 E hī ake ana te atakura
 He tio, he huka, he hau hū
 Tihei mauri ora!**

*Cease the winds from the west
 Cease the winds from the south
 Let the breeze blow over the land
 Let the breeze blow over the ocean
 Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.
 A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

This is particularly pertinent at this point, as we all are looking forward to that glorious day when lockdowns are no longer a necessity in Aotearoa.

Our students have managed to bounce back from the ongoing pandemic uncertainty and achieve significant successes:

- Our girls hockey team won their final against Sacred Heart to finish as champions in their division, the mixed hockey team also made their final in the Boys Championship. Both our boys and girls basketball team eventually got to play their finals, both teams fighting hard to finish as runners-up in TSSL.
- Shinae Minhinnick got selected into the Taranaki U16 Girls rugby team.
- Aria Brophy and Lexi McQuaig are finalists in the Ronald Hugh Morrison literary award.
- We are also tremendously proud of Jayden Forsyth and Brody Fox who both received \$1000 tool grants from BCITO for their exceptional work on our trailblazing Tiny Homes project.
- We are also looking forward to the outcome of our Evolocity team who have designed and built a sustainable vehicle which they will be racing in the near future. Thank you to Phil Hooper for working tirelessly with our competitors on this, and for the team who really do live our S (sustainable) DREAMS values.
- We even managed to have a snow camp in the last week of term, where our tamariki got to experience the excitement of skiing and boarding, many for the first time.

This term we have had a real focus on literacy in junior school. Each student will be given a personal literacy profile involving feedback and feed-forward around their next steps. Our 'Write that Essay' online learning platform has been integral around supporting our akonga in this space under the awesome guidance of Anne Engelbretsen, Literacy Lead.

Our students have also been learning about the negative effects of vaping, another epidemic spreading across the nation. Thank you to our local Health Improvement Practitioners (HIP) who are helping us to give guidance to our students around this addictive and unhealthy practice.

Finally I would like to acknowledge Pero Brophy who has come to the end of his tenure as student representative on the Board of Trustees. He has been integral in bringing about some of the changes at our kura: introduction of student hoodies, fundraising for basketball, and installing our new concrete table tennis tables.

We look forward now to working with our new student representative: Thomas Tito-Green. Well done Thomas.

Arohanui koutou, stay safe, and stay connected,

Andrea Hooper Carr
 Principal

MOVING DAY

Ōpunakē High School would like to thank Karen Faint and Andy Marshall of OMV for their generous donation of various furniture for our classrooms and offices recently.

During the first week of the holidays, we were able to load a truck with desks, chairs, office drawers, whiteboards and room display/dividers for use across a variety of spaces in our kura.

We'd also like to thank TSH for the loan of the truck.

Pictured (from left): Mr Griggs, Mr Skinner, Karen Faint (front), Mr Bedford, Andy Marshall and Mr Meyburg



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New bus service to connect Taranaki industry

Taranaki Regional Council and Dialog Fitzroy have joined forces to launch a bus service for workers travelling between some of the region's biggest industrial sites.

From Monday two new Your Connector coaches will transport Dialog Fitzroy and other industry staff from Bell Block to Kapuni or Fonterra's Whareroa site each weekday morning, stopping in New Plymouth and other towns along the way. They will return again in the late afternoon.

Dialog Fitzroy is financially supporting the service, so there will be no additional cost to ratepayers during the 12-month trial period.

The joint venture is an exciting initiative, says Taranaki Regional Councillor and Regional Transport Committee Chairman Matthew McDonald.

"We're delighted to be working with Dialog Fitzroy to deliver a safer and more environmentally-friendly way to get Taranaki industry workers where they need to go.

"The low-emission coaches are spacious and air-conditioned with seat belts and free Wi-Fi so workers will be able to sit back and relax on their way to and from work."

Other companies with workers travelling to the sites are also planning to use the buses. The plan is to open it up to the general public in the



Pictured at Dialog Fitzroy with the new buses are (from left): Tracey Jury (Pickering Motors), Sarah Hiestand (TRC Transport Engagement Manager), Councillor Matthew McDonald (Regional Transport Committee Chairman), Shane Coleman (Dialog Fitzroy General Manager of Contracts) and Mike Nield (TRC Director-Corporate Services).

coming months, subject to availability.

The Council's Transport Engagement Manager Sarah Hiestand says the Connector service provided by Pickering Motors is a popular transport option between South Taranaki and New Plymouth. These extra routes are an extension of that.

"Our community told us they want better and more environmentally-friendly public transport options across Taranaki. This collaboration is a step in that direction," she says.

The Your Connector trial will be reviewed in 12 months with the potential for expansion if it goes well.

Dialog Fitzroy General Manager of Contracts Shane Coleman says the company invested in a Normanby base several years ago and has worked hard to build a local workforce. However due to high demand on average 100 workers each day commute from North Taranaki.

Providing the buses will take 75% of its vehicles off a busy stretch of State Highway 3, which he says has become more hazardous.

"It is one of the highest safety risks for our people and business. We believe the bus service will improve journey safety, remove

driver fatigue and reduce the risk of incidents. The environmental benefits will also be significant."

Mr Coleman says Dialog is pleased to be supporting its community with this public transport extension.

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It was based on the British VAT (Value-added Tax). It was originally levied at 10% with no exemptions (unlike Great Britain). It was even levied on other taxes such as property rates and fuels (already taxed) such as petrol and diesel - effectively a tax on a tax.

In June 1989 GST was

raised to 12.5%. Later, the prime minister of the time John Key assured voters that there would be no increase in GST during his time as leader - then raised it to 15%. Who knows what it may eventually be increased to in the future?

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Kia ora koutou

It has been another one of those unusual terms that has provided a number of challenges and opportunities for all in our community and beyond. All was well in the middle of August and then boom - lockdown. This required a quick pivot by our teachers and students, a challenge which they responded to with aplomb. Nothing beats

kanohi te kanohi (face to face) learning but I'm proud of how our teachers used Seesaw and Google Apps for Education to keep children engaged and on their learning journey throughout the home learning period. The commitment and accuracy shown by our students blew me away and each time I logged into Seesaw I saw something that impressed me more than before. I love accurate calculations in maths and creative use of language in writing but the obstacle courses were a particular highlight and inspired my son and I to have a go at our house!

We are a faith and values based school and our gospel based UNITY values of Humility, Excellence, Faith, Respect and Integrity continue to underpin all our actions, motivations and the way we work with children and their families to get the best out of them. On Wednesday of week 10, Term 3 it was Catholic School's day. We celebrated this by serving our community through a rubbish finding mission around the neighbouring streets and contributions to the food bank from each child before our wonderful student leaders

led group games for the afternoon. Any day like this is always complimented by a good old fashioned ice block to finish it all off.

Our PTA continues to be a well led, unified, powerhouse organisation which we are grateful to have. Recent fundraisers include the quiz night and the Flat track motor x event. The 'can do' attitude of this group is something to behold. You won't see it or hear about it but what I'm most proud of our PTA for is their 'giving' behind the scenes to those in times of need. Catholic social teachings run through all that we do at St Joseph's and our fundraising group model this too.

If you are curious about what our school offers and whether enrolment is an option for your child I would love to meet with you and show you around our school. Simply email or ring the school office using the information at the top of the page.

Nga mihi aroha
Ryan Fleming, Principal

Enviro Group

Our Enviro Group continues to thrive on and off site. We have five small groups that tend for their own garden plot onsite, regularly harvesting broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce and the like. Sometimes it gets taken home, other times it is gifted. We recently received trees from the Trees for Schools program and planting these next term will be one part of the Term 4 objectives. This group also takes opportunities to help in the community when possible and our children absolutely loved working with the kindergarten to help mulch their new orchard. Children always find purpose in doing 'real work' so we are committed to finding these opportunities for our tamariki. Incidentally, I was blown away by the work ethic of kindergarten kids. Real workers there! The expertise of parents and grandparents is at the heart of this group and thank goodness we have them as the principal is 'still learning' when it comes to the garden and 'could do better' with his knowledge of gardening techniques.



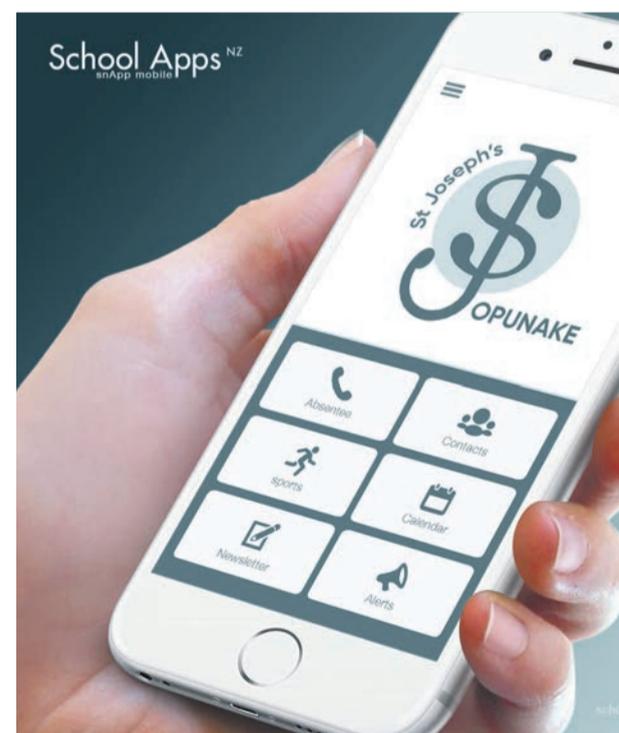
Fit, healthy and active children

The importance of physical activity for children is well known and we are blessed with ample space here at St Joseph's. Our front court is a favourite space for our juniors on wheels where skateboards and roller skates (having recently made a comeback) thrive. Seeing Mums skateboarding with their sons on our front court before school has been an absolute highlight for me since starting here.

Our back court, which encompasses full sized basketball and netball courts, is usually alive with a variety of student lead games such as Taniwha, Knockout or Forceback. I am continually proud of our senior students for organising and managing multi-age games. As Principal, I am yet to win one of these games but am confident my time will come.

Elsewhere our rugby field is usually alive with multi-level games of jailbreak whilst soccer has made a comeback on the soccer field, proving particularly popular with our junior boys when they aren't in one of our two sandpits. Encircling our field is a bike track. A recent fundraising initiative ensured all children at St Joseph's have their own bike stored in the shed and a helmet to use during lunch times or as part of classroom PE. All of this ensures St Joseph's children are fit, healthy and active and this will only increase once our playground extension is equipped with new swings and two trampolines.

We continue to offer a wide range of sports and school sporting events and our teams punch above their weight at local and regional competitions. We are very well supported by parents who referee, coach, manage, transport and cheer on our children. We are also fortunate to have a group of parents who referee Friday lunchtime games of rugby during the winter terms too.



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Door opens for thousands of dairy workers

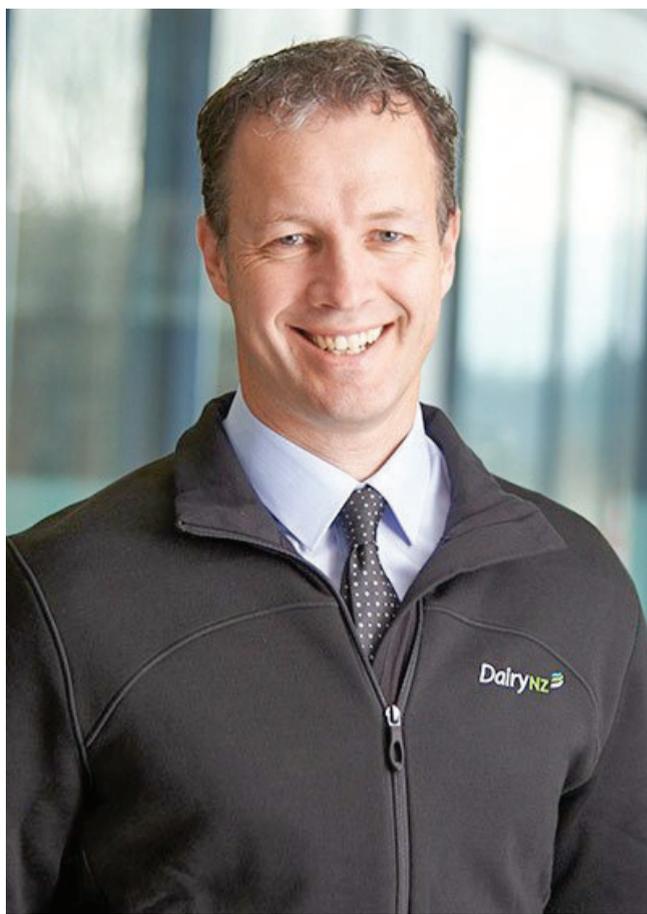
DairyNZ says the Government's long-awaited decision to provide a pathway to residency is exciting news for thousands of eligible dairy farm workers.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says the government announcement allows many valued international dairy workers to become residents and recognises their years of hard work on farms and positive contribution to the dairy sector.

"We are genuinely delighted for these workers and their families. Many dairy workers can now plan and look forward to a future in New Zealand with their families," says Dr Mackle. "Their contribution will assist the dairy sector to continue playing a key role in New Zealand's economy."

For the past 18 months, DairyNZ and Federated Farmers have worked in close partnership to ensure the best possible outcome for migrant dairy workers and their employers.

"We appreciate that the Government has



Dr Tim Mackle.

acknowledged the pressure farmers are under, due to being short-staffed, and also recognise the critical role international workers play." A number of dairy workers have had residency applications on hold since

before Covid-19 affected New Zealand in early 2020. Many have been without their families, who are overseas.

"We have a significant number of international dairy workers in New Zealand who have been here for many years. They play an essential role in our farm teams and enable dairy to continue its vital contribution to New Zealand's economy," said Dr Mackle.

"Our country and our rural communities will benefit from these workers and their families formally becoming New Zealanders. Their children help keep our rural schools open and their partners bring skills to our rural regions at a time when many employers are struggling to find staff."

The announcement does come too late for some workers, as a number of migrants wanting to become New Zealand residents have already left for Australia or Canada, which offered certainty about residency rules.

While the decision is positive, it doesn't fully address the scale of the staff shortages on farm - dairy farmers are still short an estimated 2000 to 4000 workers.

DairyNZ and the Government want to attract more Kiwis into dairy careers and DairyNZ's GoDairy campaign enables New Zealanders to find out more about working in the dairy sector.

Dr Mackle says that it's been a really tough time for many farmers, particularly during calving. A DairyNZ farmer survey showed around half of New Zealand's dairy farmers have been coping with a staff shortage.

"However today many farmers, employers and employees will be celebrating and we celebrate with them."

The 2021 Residents Visa will be open to an estimated 4000 dairy workers. Anyone working as a dairy cattle worker can apply, along with those working in dairy roles in New Zealand for three years or more, or workers in New Zealand for a shorter timeframe on a higher skills visa earning above \$27 an hour. Dairy workers who are granted a class exception visa and will enter the country over coming months are also eligible.

The announcement has also been welcomed by Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ).

"The announcement of the one-off 2021 Resident Visa, which creates residence pathways for approximately 9000 primary industry workers, is excellent news and will relieve some of the stress in our rural communities," says RWNZ Board Member, Sharron Davie-Martin.

"RWNZ understands that this one-off visa will support workers elsewhere in New Zealand in retail, teaching, health care, construction and aged care which must be a great reassurance to all migrant workers and their families.

"However, RWNZ is acutely aware of the pressure on the health and well-being of rural communities caused by stressed migrant workers and staff shortages.

"Relieving some of the stress with this one off solution is great, although we still need resolutions for the chronic staff shortages many rural communities still face.

"The 2021 Resident Visa is a positive move by the Government - we now look forward to further progress on long term solutions for a sustainable primary industry workforce," says Mrs Davie-Martin.

Feds gives thumbs up to Taranaki DHB

Federated Farmers has congratulated the Taranaki DHB on a couple of recent Covid vaccination initiatives.

"Federated Farmers offers a pat on the back to Taranaki DHB for their innovative bacon buttie breakfast COVID vaccination incentive in New Plymouth for workers who start early, and particularly for the wider roll-out of a mobile vaccination clinic to rural halls across the region," says Federated Farmers spokesperson Chris Lewis.

"It's a really busy time of year for farmers and their staff. The DHB's recognition of the needs of rural communities deserves congratulations. We've seen other rural-specific efforts by medical centres and health boards in places such as Methven, Oamaru and Northland."

"Feds is sending out a challenge to other DHBs to look for ways to assist rural people to get their double jabs by pulling on the gumboots and mirroring what is happening in the Naki. If a bacon buttie is thrown into the mix as well, all the better," Chris says.

He has also commended government agencies handling the movement of essential workers across alert level boundaries.

"With Auckland now at Alert level 3 and access to takeaways resumed, there are still essential workers having to cross alert level boundaries south and north of Auckland. Many of them work in or with the primary industries - farmers, vets,

stock transporters and food processors to name a few," he says.

"Quite rightly, essential workers are required to have proper documentation and it might all have been a big hassle.

"However, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, with the Ministry for Primary Industries, have made the process seamless and sensible. Hats off to them," Chris said.

"When the previous two alert level boundaries were in place it was all pretty messy so it's great to see that feedback we offered to make improvements has been taken on board."

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Sheep milk pioneer positions for growth

New Zealand sheep milk supplier Maui Milk is experiencing rapid growth which has led to a shareholding change, structural change and resource injection to equip the business for expansion.

Maui Milk Ltd is currently supplied by 13 farms, and since its formation six years ago, has been jointly owned by Shanghai-based Super Organic Dairy and Māori Farming trust, Waituhi Kuratau (WKT).

The company has announced it is moving into a growth phase, beyond the scope of WKT's ability to fund, leading Super Organic Dairy to purchase WKT's shares and combine all elements of the business under one entity: Maui Food Group Limited.

Natalie Dang will lead Maui Food Group Limited as managing director and shareholder representative. Previously Maui Milk's genetics business, the milk



Leah Davey of Maui Milk.

production and processing business and the marketing arm were held in separate legal entities.

Maui Milk CEO Leah Davey remains in her position. She said the new corporate grouping provides

both the resources and the structure the business needs to build independent milk supply while diversifying products and export markets.

"Independent suppliers will produce the milk using our genetics, while our team

focuses greater resource on the opposite end of the value chain – opening up new markets and securing new customers."

"Maui Milk only needs one farm of our own to provide the base for our genetics programme, which is all about breeding dairy ewes for New Zealand conditions. We've already experienced great results with our Southern Cross™ breed, and the first wave of third-party farm conversions has demonstrated what our ewes are capable of.

"As a result of this success, Maui Milk has been overwhelmed with enquiries from potential farmer suppliers, creating the need for a careful balance between supply and demand."

Maui Milk supply arrangements with dairy giant Danone remain unchanged, and Davey explains a key part of the company's strategy is to diversify its products range

and markets. She says customers continue to desire the Maui Milk brand based on the propositions of its milk coming from grass fed animals, delivering premium nutrition and being sustainability managed. She says New Zealand provenance also continues to hold huge value.

"Maui Milk's strategy is reflected in our new structure and new staff positions we've created in marketing, supplier support, sales and supply chain management. We're delighted with the calibre of our new team members who bring experience working with major international food brands including Nestlé, Coca-Cola, Oceania Dairy and Danone," says Davey.

Maui Milk recently moved into new offices at the Waikato Innovation Park in Hamilton. Its milk is processed at Food Waikato which is also on the Waikato Innovation Park campus.

The new Maui Food Group Limited board is further boosted by two new directors with experience in milk processing and international trade: Leon Fung and Patrick English.

Leon Fung has worked with the NZ Dairy Board, Tetra Pak, Yashili and most recently Danone Oceania where he was Operations Director for New Zealand.

Patrick English has been appointed as the chair of Maui Food Group Limited and brings a wealth of experience in the China market where he resided for many years in roles including NZ Trade Commissioner and Consul General in Southern China. He was the NZTE representative for the NZ China FTA negotiations, and on returning to New Zealand was the first Executive Director of the NZ China Council, followed by other advisory and board roles between government and the private sector.

A wetter September for the coast

Rainfall for September ranged between 75% and 172% of normal, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures.. Patea received 172% of its normal September rainfall

with 153.0mm, while Bell Block received just 75% of normal with 105.6mm. Te Maunga recorded near to above normal rainfall with totals ranging between 95% and 141%.

Year to date rainfall ranged between 85% and 124% of normal, with an average of 101%. Dawson Falls has recorded 124% of normal rainfall to date with 5607.0mm, and has already received 95% of its normal annual rainfall. The rainfall station Omahine at Moana Trig has recorded just 85% of its normal rainfall to date with 1129.5mm.

River flows were mixed this month with the Kapoiaia, Waingongo, Ponehu and Whenuakura rivers recording near to above normal September flows. The Waitara, Manganui, Waiwhakaiho, and Waiongana rivers recorded below normal, with

mean flows being 91% to 92% of normal, while the Tawhiti stream had a mean flow of just 498 L/s, which is only 46% of its normal September flow of 1,080 L/s.

Water temperatures were above normal by between 0.37°C and 0.68°C for all sites except the Kapoiaia and Timaru Stream. The Kapoiaia and Timaru streams had mean September temperatures of 12.27°C and 12.69°C respectively, which was 0.02°C and 1.83°C warmer than their long term averages.

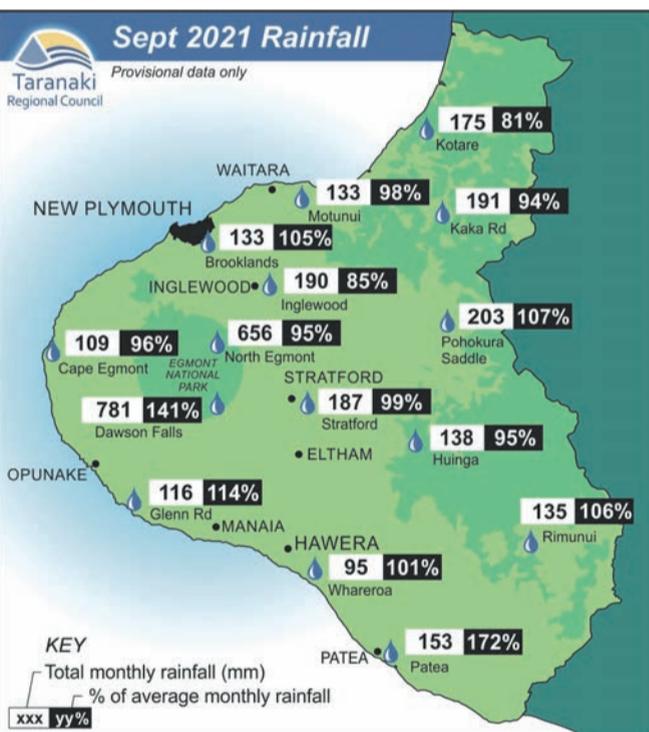
The air temperature sites at Okato, Te Kiri and Waitotara Coast all recorded new minimum September temperatures on record, with

3.60°C, 2.55°C and 0.73°C respectively. These were 0.64°C, 0.10°C and 0.35°C cooler, respectively, than their previous September minimums. The mean air temperature, excluding Te Maunga, for September was 10.92°C, which was 0.41°C cooler than the long term September average. The maximum air temperature for September was recorded at Inglewood with 19.76°C, while the minimum was recorded at Whareroa with -1.06°C.

Due to the varied rainfall, soil moistures were also varied with Tongaporutu, Hillsborough, Pohokura Saddle, Okato, Patea and Waitotara Valley recorded below normal by between 0.06°C and 0.76°C.

0.36% and 3.40%, while Okoki, Motunui, Hillsborough, Cape Egmont, Te Kiri, and Waitotara Valley recorded below normal by between 0.87% and 9.26%.

Cape Egmont and Te Kiri recorded new maximum soil temperatures for September with 17.09°C and 14.40°C respectively. Tongaporutu, Okoki, Cape Egmont, Te Kiri and Manaia all recorded above normal soil temperatures by between 0.08°C and 0.75°C. The remaining sites, of Motunui, Hillsborough, Pohokura Saddle, Okato, Patea and Waitotara Valley recorded below normal by between 0.06°C and 0.76°C.



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Effluent stirrers: what makes a good propeller



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There are a lot of things that go into building a good slurry stirrer, but one of the key components is the propeller. Dairy, poultry or piggery effluent storage often contains a lot of fibres from food, hair, feathers, hay, straw, and whatever else might make it's way in there – all of which needs to be broken down and mixed. This is important not just for providing maximum nutrient value for spreading over pasture, but also for maintaining council compliance and keeping your equipment running smoothly.

Why the propeller is so important

It's important to fully appreciate the role the propeller plays when it comes to mixing effluent. If left to its own devices, effluent will separate out, with some solids floating to the top, and more solids sinking to the bottom of your storage. Mixing the effluent

into an homogenised slurry is the best way to ensure maximum nutrient value for spreading, and also reduces strain on your pump and irrigator.

The solids that float to the top will often matt together as they dry out, forming a crust. So the propeller's first task is to destroy the solid particles from the slurry. However, what's even more important than what you see on top, is what you can't see sitting on the bottom of your storage. There's often twice as much solid particles that have sunk to the bottom,



It's important to appreciate the role of the propeller.

which will cause a number of issues if the propeller is unable to bring these solids into suspension:

- Solids accumulation reduces the capacity of your storage.
- Reduced capacity can put you at risk of non-compliance.
- The nutrient value deteriorates the longer it is sitting in storage.

So the propeller's second

job is to lift the solids accumulated at the bottom of the effluent storage into suspension. Once the solids are broken down and suspended, the propeller then needs to be able to efficiently mix everything together to create an homogenised slurry ready for spreading.

Features of an efficient propeller

Three Blades – just like a ceiling fan, having three

blades provides a more efficient and effective action for destroying the solid particles.

Shape – each blade needs to be shaped so that when in rotation a scooping and sucking effect is achieved. The propeller is then able to suck solid particles down from the surface, and scoop them into the propeller area where the 3 blades will demolish them.

Blade Overlap – by partially overlapping propeller blades, maximum propeller surface can be achieved within a compact diameter. This allows the slurry to be brought into rotation fast for homogenisation within the shortest amount of time.

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Water entity concerns run too deep

Federated Farmers has joined the many council elected representatives and citizens up and down the country urging the government to go back to the drawing board on reform of three waters delivery.

"While it's clear that billions of dollars of investment are needed to get drinking water, stormwater and sewerage infrastructure up to scratch, there are too many flaws and question marks over the proposed four new mega entities for the government to just press ahead," Federated Farmers President Andrew Hoggard says.

A range of deep concerns with the proposed model have been raised in the provinces, chief among them the risk rural voices and needs will be swamped in the enlarged set-ups, Andrew said.

"Right now, we have a direct say in the appropriate level of investment and priorities for water infrastructure via our local council. If our elected representatives don't deliver, we can eject them at election time - and they know it.

"That accountability

is significantly watered down with the arms-length governance arrangements now proposed. Councils and iwi get to appoint a panel, which in turn appoints another panel, which selects members of an unelected board."

The complexity of rural water scheme ownership and operations is creating uncertainty in many rural communities and the role of Taumata Arowai and the water service entities needs to be clarified.

Serious questions have also been asked about the estimated costs and benefits of larger water authorities. "Experience has shown bigger is not always better," Andrew said.

While it's also true that turkeys don't vote for Christmas, and some Councils and councillors might have an eye on their future existence if water services are removed from their purview,

Federated Farmers argues the government's local government, Resource Management Act and three waters reforms are back to front.

"The three waters and RMA reforms should be parked until after the Government's current Review into the Future of Local Government.

"Advancing these huge and costly reforms prior to this review is like putting the cart before the horse."

September 30 was the deadline for Councils to give feedback on what changes would need to be made to the three waters model for them to 'opt in.'

"Patently, with indications more than three quarters of councils are against or deeply concerned by the proposals, it would be extremely unwise and unfair for the government to make them mandatory," Andrew said.

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Strengthening Project for Opunake SLS Building

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club has received funding from SLSNZ to undertake building strengthening work on their club's building. The project will replace downstairs exterior and interior walls and footings to strengthen as well as updating bathrooms, windows, stairs, cladding and upgraded security.

The project being undertaken will be led by builder and project manager Johnny Neil Building. It is due to begin in October and is likely going to take 3 months to have most of the required work completed.

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club will still be operating all summer albeit from temporary containers on site and a patrol tower in a different part of the building. Junior Surf Life Saving will be continuing



Opunake Surf Life Saving Club clubrooms at Opunake Beach.

on Sundays too. The club has appreciated the response of their local

businesses to help with the project on all different levels and to have received this

substantial funding from NZSLS means that they can ensure their club, the

only one patrolling between Whanganui and Oakura, will be able to continue

patrolling and offering surf life saving in Opunake now and well into the future.

Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

Saturday September 25. Men'. 1. Dale Symes. 2. Craig Jones. 3. Grant Gopperth. 4. Denis Hurcomb. 5. Kevin Murrell. 6. Gary Dowdle. 7. Phil Elliott.

Rugby Union Shield won for first time

The Rugby Union Shield goes back a long time – it was first established back in 1947. However, several players who go to Opunake Primary School were part of the Mount Spa Combined, team which won it for the very first time. Harlan Deegan, Kianu Wallace,

Jahrese Tamatea and Jethro Campbell were proud to pose with the coveted trophy, especially when another team Toko has won it for the three previous years.

The coaches of the winning team were Kefa Grindlay (Manaia School) and Koly

Tai (Auroa School). Others competing teams in the tournament included ones from Oakura School and Puketapu School.

The team won the final 39-31 at the Sandfords Event Centre on September 28,

but the players admitted the game was tricky. "It was frustrating, as we kept losing the ball," commented Jahrese. Harlan was one of the outstanding players, scoring a hattrick (3) of tries. In the tournament he scored

seven tries in total. Jahrese also made a significant contribution with two tries.

Other players from the victorious team came from Auroa Primary and Manaia Primary.



Pictured with the trophy are, from left, Harlan Deegan, Kianu Wallace, Jahrese Tamatea and Jethro Campbell.



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Karen Dey *Unite (Acrylic on Canvas)*.

The Village Gallery at 166 High Street, Eltham has an intriguing new exhibition entitled *Hive Mind*, which is curated by Michaela Stoneman, Arts Co-ordinator for the South Taranaki District Council.

Michaela had supplied each artist with hexagonal shaped art canvases to allow creativity along the theme of *Hive Mind*. Bees, of course, produce hexagonal cells in their honey combs hence the hive reference.

The exhibition continues until Friday October 22 and is one that art lovers should not miss, as the quality and diversity is exceptional. The contributing artists do not just come from the Eltham area, but from all over South Taranaki. Some of the talented artists included Karen Dey, Shelley Slater, Chester Borrows, Mark Bellringer, Catherine Sheard, Dale Copeland and Bonita Bigham. Included are such diverse techniques as mixed media, cut paper, assemblage, charred pine, painting, and collage.

Claire Jensen's exhibit of charred pine was entitled *We*

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Very eye-catching was Beck White's collage entitled *Delirium Cordis (Madness of the Head)* with its vivid explosion of vibrant colours.

Most impressive was Dan Mills' mixed media work *Magnolia of Bridger Park*

with his huge colourful exhibit.

Also involved were students from Eltham Primary School, who produced art at a workshop facilitated by Michaela. New skills using vibrant water colour paint and paint pens on canvas led to their attractive creative display in the exhibition.

Don't miss this outstanding exhibition. The Village Gallery is open 10am to 3pm Monday to Saturday.

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The Hawera Genealogy Group are holding their annual book fair this weekend

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Last year the Covid lockdown had meant people rediscovering the joys of reading, and this had been reflected in that year's book fair, said convenor Jill Williams.

"Last year we were surprised that after lockdown we had a really good sale," she said.

People often buy books one year, read them and

then donate them back the next year. It's also a good opportunity for people who may be on a limited budget to get books to buy books of their own.

Donations come in during the year and as well as books there is a good selection of CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles.

"Hobbies are always a huge section, and this year the children's section is huge,"

says Jill. Novels are always popular.

"Different authors sell and we have people coming in with lists who know what they are looking for."

The Book Fair is held at St Joseph's Hall, Victoria St, Hawera on Thursday October 7 from 8.30am-7pm, Friday October 8 from 8.30am-6pm, and Saturday October 9 from 9am-2pm.



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Pink Ribbon volunteers urgently needed in Taranaki

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ is urgently seeking people in Taranaki to volunteer for its Pink Ribbon Street Appeal this October.

Around 10,000 Pink Ribbon volunteers across the country will take to the streets on 29 and 30 October to collect donations for breast cancer research, education and patient support. But the appeal may be at risk of cancellation in Hawera, Manaia, New Plymouth and Stratford unless volunteer area coordinators are found there to oversee local collection sites. Additional volunteer collectors are also needed in the rest of the



Volunteers are needed for the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal on 29th and 30th October.

region.

Area coordinators manage a small team of collectors and are supplied with all materials required to look after their local sites.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer for Kiwi women. Each year, around 85 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in the Taranaki District Health Board area and every year around 20 will die from it.

Ah-Leen Rayner, chief executive of Breast Cancer Foundation NZ, said: "As a charity that receives no government funding, we rely entirely on the generosity of New Zealanders to keep our

vital work going. But once again, the uncertainty caused by Covid-19 lockdowns has dealt a crushing blow to our fundraising efforts. And without more volunteers in Taranaki, we can't run our street appeal here."

"By giving up a few hours you'll be making a huge difference in the fight against breast cancer. The money raised will help to save lives through cutting-edge research, the promotion of early detection and supporting patients through their treatment and recovery."

The wait is over

Finalists for the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards have been announced.

151 entries have kept this year's judges busy since the competition closed in August.

There are five categories in the Awards; the Secondary School Poetry and Short Story categories, the Open section Poetry, Short Story categories and the Secondary School Research Article category.

Research article judge Matt Rilkoff says this year's entries made their influencers real.

"The entries this year all had different interpretations of success and that was just as it should be."

Short Story judge Eileen Merriman says entries this year were highly entertaining and reflected South Taranaki life very well.

"Topics ranged from comedy while sheep shearing to murder at an A&P show, domestic abuse, ghostly visitations while out bush walking and a grisly accident in the bush," she says.

Poetry judge Vaughan Rapatahana commented on the high quality of entries this year.

"I was very impressed by

the quality of entries and found it quite difficult to separate the winners of each section, he says.

The Awards ceremony is being held on Thursday 21 October, when the winners will be announced. The event will be live streamed on the South Taranaki Facebook page for members of the public to tune in to.

The event this year will be invite only due to Covid-19 Level 2 guidelines.

Finalists (all categories) Anne Larcom, Aria Brophy, Bethany Gyde, Bruce Finer, Dave Lee, Germana Lewis, Jacob Taylor, Jordan Dawson, Kate Byrne, Koren Miller, Krishay Lal, Lexi McQuaig, Maakere Edwards, Michaela Stoneman, Mikaela Nyman, Neo Hatcher, Rolland McKellar,

Rosemary Joyce, Samuel Salisbury, Stuart Greenhill, Thea Irys Lacanaria, Willow Noir.

The Awards, sponsored by the Lysaght Watt Trust, honour the work of one of New Zealand's most preeminent authors, Ronald Hugh Morrieson (1922 – 1972). Morrieson wrote four novels: a coming of age tale *The Scarecrow* (1963), *Came a Hot Friday* (1964), *Predicament* (published in 1975) and his only contemporary novel *Pallet on the Floor* (1976). All have been adapted for the cinema, the only New Zealand writer to have acquired this achievement. Two short stories were published posthumously, in 1974; *Cross My Heart and Cut My Throat* and *The Chimney*.

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For a full list of services and happenings here at CoastalCare find us on Facebook or visit us at www.coastalcare.co.nz

CONTACT ARETHA LEMON Facility Manager on 06 761 8488

What's On Listings

Kirk Work is back

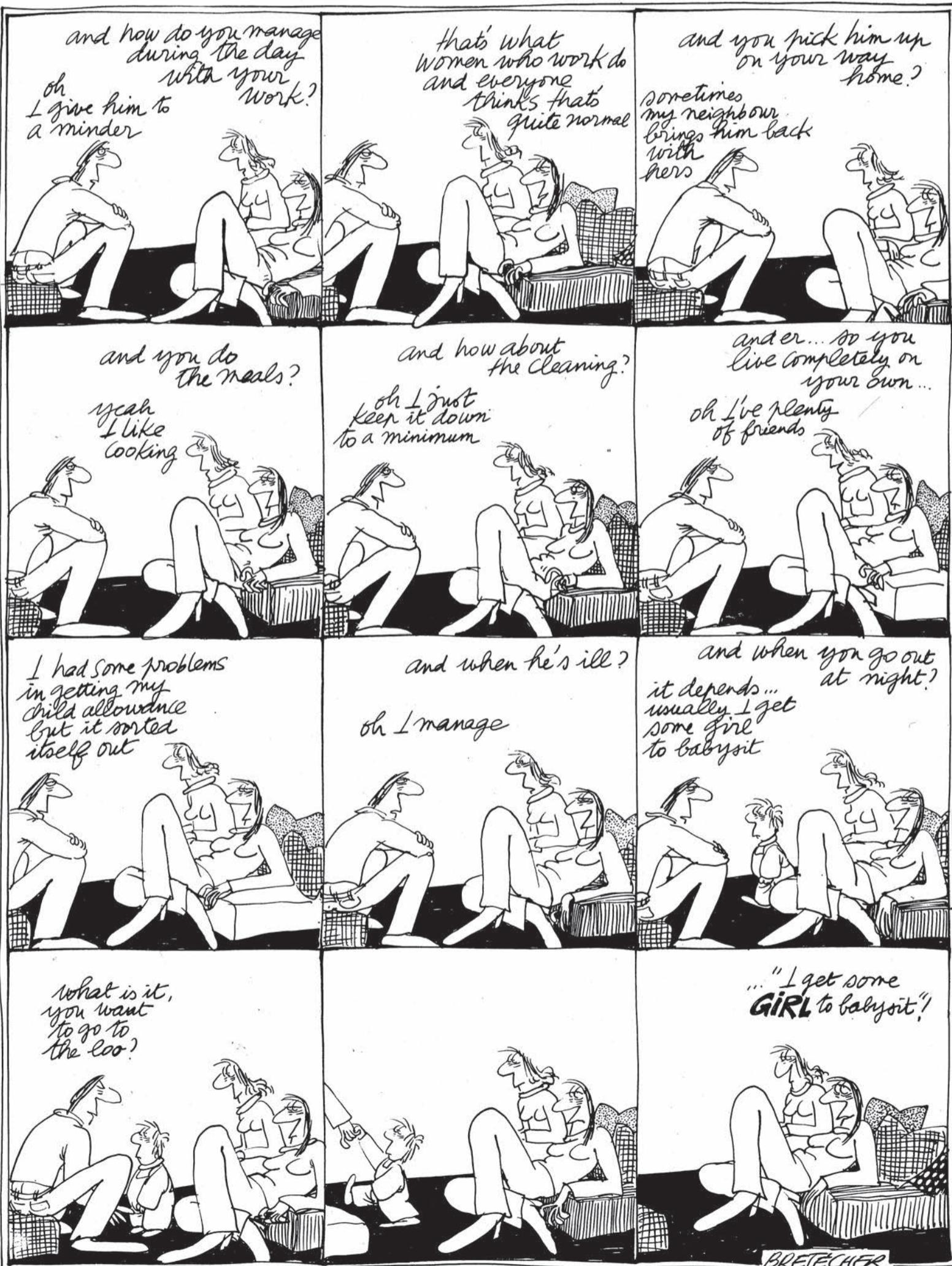
A mixture of new and older works from Graham Kirk is showing at the Gover Street Gallery until November 7.

The Kirk Work exhibition at the Gover Street Gallery in New Plymouth will be the first exhibition by the Coastal Taranaki artist in 11 years. "There will be some new paintings plus quite a few three foot laminated prints on aluminium - sort of a mini retrospective of the last thirty years, or fifty years," says Graham.

These include an episode of Dick Sargeson, the comic strip he ran in the New Zealand Listener in the mid 1980s, and a black and white photograph from the 1970s when he was doing a lot of street photography.



THE LIBERATED FATHER



ONGOING

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

MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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

TUESDAYS

Opunake Walking Group: Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.

Life Drawing Group: Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. Models always wanted; male, female, any age. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

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

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus: Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

THURSDAYS

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

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

SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 22
Hive Mind exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

OCTOBER 7

Pihama Lavender Market Day: At the old Pihama Dairy factory, Main Rd. 10am.

OCTOBER 7-9

Hawera Genealogy Annual Book Fair: St Josephs Hall, Hawera.

OCTOBER 12

Coastal Community Transport AGM: At Coastal Care Community Lounge, 10am.

OCTOBER 16

Taranaki Pioneer Village Soc Inc AGM: Shakee Pear Cafe.

OCTOBER 18

Ngati Tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay Society Inc AGM: At Sandford Event Centre, Opunake. 5.30pm.

OCTOBER 30

Opunake Playcentre AGM: At BBBach 17 Layard St, Opunake. 7pm.

OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 6
Taranaki National Art Awards exhibition: 10am-4pm. Sandford Event Centre, Opunake.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TRADES & SERVICES

HAWERA GENEALOGY GROUP
ANNUAL BOOK FAIR
 St Joseph's Hall,
 Victoria St, Hawera
 Thurs 7 Oct: 8.30am-7pm
 Fri 8 Oct: 8.30am-6pm
 Sat 9 Oct: 9am-2pm
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 MARKET DAY 2021

We are holding the annual Market Day on Saturday 30th October 2021 from 9am to 1 pm. This will be the same time as the Garden Festivals, Taranaki National Art Awards, The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb and the Taranaki Arts Trail. All of these draw visitors into our town. It is a fantastic opportunity for your Club/School/Organisation to fundraise! It is also a great time to promote your Club/Organisation and sign up new members. Town will be alive with visitors! Start planning now. Get organized and enthused. Think outside the square. Car washes, plant sales, produce, fudge stalls, second hand books and toys, face painting, sausage sizzle, raffles, gumboot throw, cake stall are all options. Remember all food stalls need to be registered with the STDC. This can be done online or at the library. Stall fee is \$10. Call in to see Rosie at Pastimes or email pastimes@x-tra.co.nz to book your stall. Stall fees are collected on Market Day (cash only please)

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CHURCH NOTICES

Opunake Co-operating Parish
 Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday
 Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

Okato Co-operating Parish
 Okato - St Pauls - 10.00am, 1st and 3rd Sundays each month
 Okato - St Pauls - 5.00pm, Evensong, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month
 Oakura - St James - 10.00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays each month

Opunake Catholic Church
 St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
 Other areas
 Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)
 Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
 All welcome

St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

The Wave
 Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake
 Sunday Services 10.30am
 Women's Group 10am Tuesday
 Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
 Come along or contact
 Belinda Philp
 027 935 6191

St. Barnabas Anglican Church
 141 Tasman St, Opunake
 Sunday Services 10am
 Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
 Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday
 Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service

Okato Community Church
 Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.
 Everyone welcome

GOOD SORTS OPUNAKE



Opunake Lakeside Lions would like to hear from you to honour someone in our locality who deserves to be recognised for being a 'Good Sort' in our community by selflessly helping or performing tasks; or someone who has faced life against the odds; someone who's had a bit of bad luck and needs a boost? Each month our Lakeside Lions members will choose a worthy recipient and recognize their hard work. Tell us why your nominated person deserves this in a written note to: Opunake Lakeside Lions, PO Box 25, Opunake or Email: opunakelakesidelions@gmail.com

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