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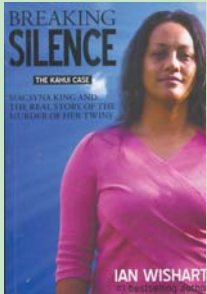
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Painted Black will be performing at Opunake Surf Inn on October 1.

Welcome to Opunake

Nine members of the United States Eagles Rugby team were welcomed with a powhiri at Opunake High School and were then entertained by excited students from Opunake Primary School and Kapa Haka.

OHS Cheerleaders gave the guests a rousing reception after which the entire school joined in an iconic haka which proved a favourite with the visiting players.

Senior students later dined with the Americans before challenging them to a (mince) pie eating contest which the Opunake team won convincingly.

Senior pupils Rebecca Heemi, Troy Whitehead and Ross Lilley then took USA players Inaki Basauri and Colin Hawley to St Josephs School to sign autographs, pose for photos and have a run around with the school's rugby and netball teams.

It was heady stuff and a day the students and perhaps their visitors will never forget.



See centre pages The morning after defeating the Russia 13-6, the USA World Cup team ventured down the Coast and thrilled young fans with paid visit to Opunake High School. Deputy Head Girl Hinepounamu Rongonui greets American Eagles player Inaki Basauri NZ style.

ACT not standing candidate in NP

ACT will not be standing a candidate in New Plymouth said Dr Brash,

leader of the ACT (Association of Consumers and Taxpayers) Party who spoke on September 12 at the Baptist Church Hall, in New Plymouth to an audience of about 55. The local List candidate Kevin Moratti was

also introduced by the MC for the evening Morris Hey, who is Chairperson of the electorate for ACT.

Kevin Moratti, a Bell Block businessman, is a farmer and spraying contractor, who has also been intricately involved in dealing with the foreshore

and fishing issues. He spoke briefly and said he used to be a National Party member for about 20 years.

Originally, Kevin Moratti was considered as a candidate in the New Plymouth electorate – held by Jonathan

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Use it or lose it

The Opunake to New Plymouth weekly Southlink Bus Service bus service is under review because of its low cost recovery. An average of 9.56 people per trip used the Opunake New Plymouth service in the 2010/2011

period. The Opunake to Hawera run is more viable according to the annual returns with an average of 17.39 people using the Hawera Opunake service over the same period. An average of 7.82 people used the Manaia to Hawera service.

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LETTERS

Thank you

Dear Editor,

Thank you for sending me the newspapers with your article in. I might say one of the best ever written. Thank you so much it is really appreciated

I hope the organizers of the Unmasking Violence conference are pleased with the publicity around the warning signs and the implications for ongoing domestic abuse. Murder is at the extreme end of the abuse cycle and rare, although happening more often than it should as I said so one can never be too confident and women need to know this.

It was nice to meet so many people from all over and different areas of work or interest. I am always amazed at their energy and enthusiasm for the cause.

Thank you again. Maybe I will be in the area again some time.

Kindest regards
Lesley Elliott
Dunedin
Via email

It is the poor who suffer from lack of fluoride

Dear Editor

With an editorial your paper rages against fluoridation. This is dramatic given the needs of poor families in our community - it is their children who will suffer most because of any decision against fluoridation.

The facts are to be found on the Taranaki District Health Board's website www.tdhb.org.nz/services/public_health/fluoride.shtml <http://www.tdhb.org.nz/services/public_health/fluoride.shtml>. They recommend a policy for Taranaki. One hopes that the councils responsible for decisions on fluoridation heed the Board's recommendation. Democracy is important and to make it work newspapers must provide balanced information.

Concerned Citizen
Opunake

Clarity over Taranaki Hockey Final

Followers of Te Kiri Hockey deserve clarity over events surrounding the Taranaki hockey final, given some of the reports in The Daily News. The THF executive have grown the sport considerably in recent years, and in order to decide senior competition formats have created a club council consisting of delegates from each club. The competition format was

outlined in March, and the finals format was confirmed in July. Competition finals have been relatively late to ensure Representative players have been match fit for National Tournaments.

Finals day was scheduled for 20th August involving 1-2 and 3-4 finals for men's and women's teams, a number of farmer hockey players

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Apology

We do apologise for the same political column appearing under each of our regular Member of Parliament contributors. Chester Borrows and Rick Barker.

As one of our readers who

noted it and left a message on our answerphone commented, "I don't think they'd be joining forces and writing the same things." Thank you Ian Smith from Opunake.

The column was Chester's.

Editor

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It would be appreciated if people could kindly quote the invoice number as well as the business to which the invoice has been made out to when they pay by cheque or by direct credit. Without this information it can be difficult to sometimes trace to whom the payment should be allocated. For example we were sent a cheque from 'Remediation' on the 30/8/11. There is nothing on our books for a client of that name. Also

we have a direct credit on 23/8/11 appearing in the Bank statement for 'July payments'. No other information. And BettleBettle have kindly direct credited \$413.96 into the Opunake & Coastal News account on 31/8/11. Who are they?

You can appreciate it is difficult to determine who these are for.

Your co-operation in this is much appreciated

Editor

BBC (Bible Believers Corner)

Eternal

Marriage is out of date someone said. How can something eternal ever be out of date. It might be out of fashion at this particular time, but out of date? Impossible! Adam was made in the image of God. Adam needed a wife, therefore God needs a wife. John the Baptist calls Jesus the Bridegroom. So where's Jesus Bride? She is like Solomon's wife, there were a thousand of them. They were all married to him. These women represent the Bride of Christ, the thousand times ten thousand etc. There are so many in fact that they are a city, the New Jerusalem. Jesus Christ is looking for a bride. Jesus is God in a tangible form.

There may be any girls a man admires and some a man might even consider as a wife. Yet out of that group he chooses one. (Of course the woman has the right of refusal), but this is spiritual too. There will be many called, but few will be chosen! There will be many who make up the church, (the word church means called out), but few will be bride, the chosen. Getting scary isn't it? Now how does a bride get chosen? God does it, and he does it through servants. Abraham had a son Isaac. This was the promised son. He grew up. He needed a bride. There was no way Abraham the Father, was going to have His Son marry a local worldly girl. The only bride for Isaac would have to come from where Abraham came from. The only bride for Christ has to come from the Father's home. The only bride suitable for Christ must have been in God before the creation of the world. The Elect are the predestinated by foreknowledge. They do not know who they are. They do not even know of the existence of Isaac. But God knows them. Abraham calls his servant Eliezer and sends him back to his home town. This is Genesis 24. And that is what is happening today. God has sent servants out into the world. These servants preach God's Word. When an original child of God hears that word it resonates with them, it sounds like home. They, like Rebekah are willing to step out in faith to meet their future eternal husband. Marriage is eternal. Ref: Genesis 1:26-27, 2 v18-24, Matthew 20 v16 & 22 v14, Revelation 21 v9-11.

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LETTERS

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expressed concerns about the timing, and Secondary schools tournament week commenced 22nd August.

NPBHS elected to travel two days in advance of their tournament, perhaps wisely given the weather at that time, but must have been aware they would be involved in either of the finals matches, given their points status. What were their plans had they been involved in the 3-4 playoff match?

NPBHS had a successful tournament and have accordingly been promoted to India Shield level. Congratulations to them, due in part to high-level competition matches throughout the season. Competition formats have been amended to suit their interschool fixtures, and the clubs have accommodated this.

That neither Taranaki Hockey nor Te Kiri could be in the slightest bit accommodating or flexible is particularly galling, for the Te Kiri team is still dominated by farmers, and mid spring most farmers have sufficient workload that sports fixtures

are a luxury. Immediately post semifinal, the Te Kiri team decided to milk early to ensure they could make the match, others organised time off as applicable. As a team we made a commitment to that final. We were *not* the team that declined to change match time (An email confirming this is available), but would have struggled to field a team at another time, and did not have the option of a Friday night match with Saturday 20th being designated Finals day.

I have been involved with Te Kiri Hockey for a considerable time and have great pride in the integrity of

the club and their desire to participate, often with severely weakened teams, and numbers as rural decline has decimated sports clubs. I have also been involved with NPBHS hockey and congratulate their performance, whilst remaining disappointed that their decisions have seen all of Taranaki hockey in a bad light.

This situation should never have arisen. I look forward to NPBHS committing to Club Council next year, working with all Clubs to ensure no repeats. Likewise I wish to see NPBHS committed to the THF senior competition.

*Lloyd Morgan
Te Kiri Hockey Veteran*

Tidy up appreciated

Doesn't Opunake look better with the picnic area adjacent to the Events Centre and the Children's playground on the cliff top tidied up. And they mulched and removed the prunings.

About a year ago the hedging around the rugby ground was pruned, but the clippings were left to block the drain along Longfellow Road. Not only is this visually awful, but would cause a flood in a storm. Could this debris be removed please.

*Regular walker
Opunake*

Want to give up smoking?

Wanna quit? Need Support?

The Opunake Coastal News is looking for someone to profile as part of the TDHB Public Health Units 'Opunake No Smoking Day' on Saturday the 5th of November. We want to share a real Opunake person's story and give the community an insight into the challenges and benefits of quitting. If you think this is you please contact the

Opunake Coastal News. If you do quit for the day you will receive a \$50 voucher.

The Public Health Unit is encouraging Opunake people to be smokefree by making the choice to quit on the 5th of November. A stall will be set up outside the library at the annual Guy Fawkes Market Day with scripts for nicotine patches, gum and lozenges. Opunake Medical Centre health

nurse Sharlene Hall will also be on hand with practical advice and support for those wanting to quit. Everyone who signs up to quit on the day will also go in the draw to win a \$50 voucher.

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Obituary: Margaret Harvey



Margaret was born at the Opunake Cottage Hospital and was the daughter of Leonard and Mavis (nee Jeffries) Crofskey. Her parents had a town milk supply farm and her father milked the town cows by hand night and morning. During the day from 8 to 5 he worked at Richard and McKinleys garage. Margaret as a teenager had to deliver milk to various customers around Opunake. Academically Margaret achieved a very high standard

of education and was awarded Dux at the Opunake District High School. She was always interested in sports, and excelled in Netball, Baseball and Swimming.

Her chosen occupation as a Home Craft Teacher was developed at an early age, as her Mum encouraged her to bake and the rest of the family was spoilt with her beautiful cakes and sweets.

Summer holidays were spent with her sister and girl friends at Opunake Beach, camping there during the Mardi Gras. It was during one of these holidays that she entered the Miss Opunake Beach Contest and won the title.

After Margaret qualified from the Auckland Teachers Training College, she taught at Hawera High School initially and then was posted to the Opunake High School.

Margaret married her husband Don when they were both 21 and they went farming on the family farm at Oaonui.

They then bought a farm on Parihaka Road milking 80 cows and land that was overrun with two metre high Ragwort, Blackberry and gorse. Instead of picnics to the beach their family had ragwort picnics. Margaret would put a wonderful picnic together and walk back with the four children so they could be together doing ragwort.

Locals and family remember Margaret's wonderful cooking, her Rhubarb Shortcake, Anzac biscuits, Louise Cake and beautifully served meals. Margaret even developed a Soft Butter product from her own kitchen, but with the dairy Board regulations was unable to develop it further. Of course Soft Butter is now in all our supermarkets.

However Margaret was most well-known for her cake icing. She has iced so many cakes for people the number is enormous and usually with no payment for her endeavours. She used many creative themes, with ideas like Pianos, Noddy and dinosaurs. She taught cake icing and

dressmaking for many years at Opunake High School nightclasses.

Margaret was a swimming coach at the Pungarehu Heated Pool taking pupils that spanned two generations up to the early learning stage. She taught her own four children to swim. She also coached the local Oakura School children for debating and was a member of Toastmistresses (now Toastmasters) for many years.

Margaret also spent nine years on both the Egmont Community Council and the Taranaki Catchment Board. She and Don were passionate about dancing and even organised dancing lessons for the younger people down the coast.

Margaret was wonderful wife to her husband Don, and caring mother to Bruce, Keith, Wendy and Steven and to her many grandchildren. She was greatly admired and will be sadly missed.

Margaret Scott

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new growth taking hold. Take a moment to consider your life, your unique unfolding from the different levels of body, feelings, mind, relationships, soul and spirit.

As you read through the following enquiries, make a note of what shows up for you, and if you are willing choose one area to commit to growing, changing or healing for yourself and the evolution of your best possible life.

Body

Spring is an appropriate time to lighten your diet, as your body's needs are changing along with the season. You may also feel the urge to play and exercise more now that the days are becoming warmer.

Feelings

Are you recycling old hurts, feeling memories or events, and if you are, what effect is this having on your emotional wellbeing?

Are there serving emotions you are not allowing yourself to open up to, for example, joy, playfulness, appreciation? How might your experience change if you did?

Mind

Does repetitive, non-

stop, internal chatter clutter your mental field?

Do you have trouble being present in the here and now, because you are either thinking about the past or fantasizing about the future?

Are you actively engaged in exercising your mind, or are the muscles of your mind unused and flabby?

Relationships

Consider for a moment your relationships. Is there distance, unresolved hurts, unmet longings that are interfering with the healthy functioning of your intimate relationships in the here and now?

Have you left words of appreciation or reconciliation unsaid for too long? Perhaps there is a relationship you would like to acknowledge the sacredness of.

Soul

Are there intuitions or gut feelings that you have been ignoring, a whispering from your soul that continues to show up for you? Yet you haven't acted on this even though the message is clear, profound and resonates as being deeply true for you?

Relief

Coldness was filling his head. Frost gripped his throat like a big, fat wrinkly hand was trying to kill him. His face was as red as a great big apple. Breath was drawing from his lungs. A cold dark voice spoke, "Must kill, must kill, must kill".

Ryan woke with a startled look of horror and dread. "What the hell", he sighed as he jumped from his bed. He saw that his house had completely disappeared and he, in fact, was standing on top of Mount Taranaki. "Oh my goodness, please don't

let this be".

A voice squeaked, "Who's there. Lillian is that you?"

"Who said that?" asked Ryan in a spooked voice. The person appeared at the edge of the rocky cliff face. It was an old man of about 70 or 80 years of age. His hair looked as though he had just used a hair dryer on only one side of his head. He had a very wrinkled skin, bloodshot eyes and wore what most people called slavesware. The man was apparently blind because he was feeling around with a stick.

Have you been overlooking yourself at the level of soul, so busy in your daily life, it feels as if you have no time for slowing down and opening to the deeper levels of you, at the core of your being?

Spirit

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"Come girl", said the man with a hint of fear in his voice.

"Hey, I'm a boy, you blind old man. Ryan stood alone breathing very heavily. "I want to go home", Ryan sobbed.

Ryan closed his eyes and imagined himself sitting by the warm fire sipping hot chocolate, eating biscuits. When he opened his eyes he was back in his room. "I can't believe I'm home", whispered Ryan.

Alex Hohaia (13), Rahotu School.

ACT not standing candidate

in NP

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Young. However, the seat is marginal and ACT decided to opt out to allow Jonathan Young a better chance against his main opponent Andrew Little, who is a former President of the Labour Party and is considered a strong candidate. However, Mr Moratti will certainly be 'flying the flag' for ACT in the New Plymouth area, despite not being an electorate candidate. Mr Moratti is ranked number 14 of ACT's 27 List candidates.

Basically, Mr Moratti not standing is part of a National-ACT deal, which is symbiotic. ACT has agreed not to stand a candidate in New Plymouth – to help Jonathan Young's chances of re-election and, in return, National are not fielding a candidate in Epsom, where ACT has a strong candidate in John Banks, who is a former National Party cabinet minister and recently Mayor of Auckland.

As recent opinion polls suggest ACT is unlikely to reach the 5% threshold to be permitted to attain List parliamentary MPs on that basis, they will qualify for List MPs if they can win at least one electorate MP – hence the Epsom seat.

Most of the evening was devoted to Dr Brash, who spoke on a wide range of issues and also answered questions at the end. He is keen that the National Party has ACT as their main coalition partner and referred to an opinion poll, which indicated that 11.5% of those polled would prefer a jointly-led Government of John Key and Dr Brash. Dr Brash was keen for a coalition which does not include the Maori Party.

One measure Dr Brash would push for repeal is the ETS (Emissions Trading Scheme) to "give the rights back to the landowner". He also will push for reform of



Dr Don Brash, Leader of the ACT Party, who spoke in New Plymouth recently.

the Resource Management Act which he feels stifles business expansion and innovation.

He considered that ACT would bring both "stability" and "balance" to the government, which he felt had not performed optimally in a number of areas.

For example, he said people are poorer than they were six years earlier. In contrast, Australians are 35% richer over the same time lapse, which he was "deeply disturbed" about.

He said that 27% of young people aged 16-19 are unemployed, a statistic he described as "appalling". Re-introducing the Youth Minimum Wage would help here, he thought.

Dr Brash said the last Labour Government did quite a good job in its first six years in office, but was disappointed that, in its final term, it spent too freely. The deficit in June 2009 was 4 billion dollars, but this had deteriorated to 6 billion in 2010 and hit 18 billion this year. He described the increased spending as "irresponsible" and pointed out that currently the government is borrowing 300 million dollars a week. "National did not cause this mess, but they haven't fixed it

either", he concluded. Spending needs to be controlled and taxes decreased.

Dr Brash is concerned at the high exchange rate, which is having an adverse effect on exports.

He made reference to former Prime Minister Helen Clark, who said it was her ambition as PM to guide NZ back into the top half of the OECD – but failed.

Dr Brash considered the number of people leaving NZ – 280,000 in the last year left for Australia – was a reflection of the government's failure to get on top of things. He said this figure was a "disaster".



Businessman Kevin Moratti of Bell Block who is a List candidate for Act in the forthcoming General Election.

He made several references to his well-known Orewa speech where he gave his vision for ethnic equality, but some interpreted as racism. He said he had to put up with death threats and needed police protection at this time. Finally, his wife asked that the police presence on his property be dispensed with. "Send them away" she pleaded. "We don't have political assassinations in this country". He advocates the repeal of the Marine and Coastal Area Act and the abolition of the Maori seats.

A number of issues were raised during question time and the selling of assets got a lot of focus. Dr Brash asserted that private enterprise could run things better than any government could. "Government doesn't do a good job running businesses", he claimed. One speaker suggested the railways was one example of the converse. As an example of how private enterprise runs things better Dr Brash said how much more efficient things were with Telecom and cited an example of where he had to wait too long for a telephone line under the previous system. "I waited for months and months to get a phone", he commented. He added, "And then I could only get a party line".

At the end of the evening he alluded to the founder of ACT. "We are better off because of Roger Douglas", he concluded.

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Complaint leads to motorcycle ban

Complaints from a woman who lives in Gisborne Terrace, Opunake about the noise of motorbikes in the area behind Gisborne Terrace opposite the Bowling Club has led to the banning of motorcyclists in the area known as Hurst Park. The same woman suggested alternative uses for the area including permanent grazing, planting wildflowers.

John Sergeant, Property and Facilities Manager with the South Taranaki District Council who was at the meeting showed those present a sign he'd made up which welcomed people to Hurst Park and stated that motorcycles were banned. This

seemed to meet with the approval of some of those at the Community Board meeting.

Councillor Michael Self however pointed out that because of the toxicity of the place – it is where the old Opunake Railway line used to go – its suitability as a play area should be questioned.

There are better areas in Opunake for a park, he commented.

He also remarked that if motorcycles were to be banned that there needed to be a suitable alternative area for motorcyclists to go. He suggested an area where motorcycle skills could also be taught perhaps involving

the local Coastal Riders Motorcycle Club.

"Before we block off it off we need to acknowledge there's somewhere safe they can go," he said.

Egmont Plains Community Board member Brian Vincent suggested as an alternative venue the old BMX track.

Councillor Self clearly appealing for more tolerance also commented "They're having their fun while your starting up your lawnmowers" which "I feel offensive".

Raising a laugh he also added that once upon a time there were complaints about people riding their horses along such places.

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Senior Constable Mark Taylor.

Hello all from the Eltham beat.

Sorry about being somewhat remiss in getting out a column from the Eltham

area over the last few issues.

The following is a public notice concerning the Police Crime Prevention Cameras (CCTV)

Following consultation with the South Taranaki District Council and Eltham Community Board, the Police have assisted the Eltham community to establish crime prevention cameras in the Eltham CBD on High and Bridge Streets.

This notice is to keep the community informed about the operation and purpose of the camera system.

The areas will be marked with signs displaying "Police crime prevention camera area".

The purpose of the cameras

is to deter, or to provide means of immediate detection of, criminal offences committed in that area.

The initiative is intended to improve safety and security in a part of the Eltham central business district in which general disorder and breaches of the local liquor ban have been found to be a problem.

The project is under the control of the Eltham Community Patrol and the cameras are being monitored at the Eltham police station. Only Police personnel, and persons authorised by a senior sergeant or higher ranked officer, will have access to the monitors or the recordings that are made.

There will be annual

evaluation of the operation and effectiveness of the camera system and this will commence within 12 months of the camera's installation.

Camera operation is being carried out in accordance with the Police Manual chapter on 'Crime Prevention Cameras in Public Places', which can be read at the Eltham Police station [or on the Police web site at www.police.govt.nz].

If you have any questions about the Police crime prevention cameras, please contact Constable Mark Taylor of the Eltham Police

So.....we are just about there and I'm sure that the cameras will be another excellent tool in our detection and deterrence of crime.

Liquor ban for Opunake discussed

The possibility of extending the liquor ban in Opunake at Christmas time to all year round was discussed at the Egmont Plains Community Board Meeting in Opunake.

Community Board Chairperson Sharon Arlidge mentioned that Eltham and Stratford had opted for a liquor ban for the whole town and

queried how you defined the whole town. It was traditionally where the 50km sign started, she was advised.

The proposal seemed to find favour among some.

Cr Michael Self however said he had concerns about making it an offence citing the example of an outdoor communion service at a funeral and they serve wine "they're breaking the law".

These are little things and they're "such wide acting rules".

The by law would only be enacted if there were complaints said South Taranaki District Council's Regulatory Services Projects Officer Adrienne Cook.

Cr Self was not however reassured.

What if I'm sitting down at the beach having a drink and someone who doesn't like me complains, he said.

The Projects Officer countered "We can put things in place so if people are being reasonable they won't be prosecuted."

As the law would be enforced by the police, Cr Self said he also had issues with police coming from outside areas.

Adrienne Cook who has been working out of the South Taranaki District Council



South Taranaki District Council's Regulatory Services Projects Officer Adrienne Cook, addressing the Community Board meeting. At her immediate left is Youth Development Officer Pewter Heard, who also spoke at the meeting.

dealing with liquor and health had begun her address by stating they were thinking of redesigning the Liquor Ban Signage and wanted feedback whether the signs should be "larger, less wordy". Also they wanted to develop signage that was "specific to Christmas."

It was felt there was a need

to have signs down at the Skateboard park near Sandfords Event Centre, she said prior to the discussion of extending the ban. One suggestion was to incorporate the signs into the fancy paving which one member agreed with because "there can be too many signs."

Youth space proposed

Proposals to set up a "youth space" in Opunake in the old Opunake Primary School Technical block in King Street Opunake was put to the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting at Sandfords Events Centre in Opunake on Wednesday September 14.

Youth Development Officer with the South Taranaki District Council Peter Heard addressed the

Egmont Plains Community Board with the proposal.

With a background in 'Adventure theatre', Peter explained he has experience in working with young people. He has also been involved with the South Taranaki Drivers Licence course which targets young people.

Peter said that there were people in Opunake who were prepared to get

in behind the project.

Sharon Arlidge, Chairperson of the Egmont Plains Community Boards acknowledged that Peter was "An ideal person" with an ideal background in arts and outdoor education to drive the proposal. She enquired whether he would also be connecting with Manaia in the project.

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Positive response for candidate

The Labour Party candidate for the New Plymouth electorate Andrew Little is heartened by a positive response to his campaigning, especially since he has shifted into New Plymouth – on a five days a week basis.

“Walking up the main street in New Plymouth, people say hello and shake my hand – I’m discerning a positive response to the campaign”. Andrew added, “Every day we are offered new hoarding sites”.

Ross Henderson, Chairperson of the New Plymouth LEC (Labour Electorate Committee) – who chaired the September 7 public meeting - agreed. “The campaign is going very well. I’m very happy. There is a lot of support coming through as people get to know Andrew better”.

On September 7, Andrew spoke in Okato at the Okato Rugby Clubrooms to discuss Labour’s policies and his vision as an advocate for the New Plymouth electorate.

Alluding to the recent controversy of the proposal to fluoridate Okato’s water supply, he quipped – to laughter - “I’ve just been enjoying your non-fluoridated water”.

Andrew covered a wide range of issues and answered questions at the end of his speech.

Andrew claimed that he would be a stronger voice in parliament - advocating for the electorate - than sitting MP Jonathan Young. “We have been let down because Mr Young is not a strong voice in Wellington”. He added, “I think I have more to offer in the corridors of power”.

He also felt his qualifications and background put him in a good position to be an effective parliamentary advocate for the electorate. He has an arts degree (philosophy) and a law degree, as well as a background of senior leadership in the trade union movement.

Andrew spoke on a number of issues on the national front, such as the growing disparity between the high and low income earners in New



Andrew Little speaking recently in Okato.

Zealand, as well as the disparity between wages in this country and overseas countries, notably Australia.

He was also concerned with a related issue – the number of people leaving NZ for good - defined as leaving for over 12 months. In July alone 3,200 people left our shores permanently.

He was also concerned about social issues, which he linked to falling incomes.

“We can’t talk about social issues without talking about income”, he explained.

He asked the rhetorical question “How do you lift incomes?” He felt part of the key was the increasing the volume of exports, but it had to be the *optimal* kinds of exports – ‘manufacturing’ fitted this description. “We have to make more stuff to earn more money”.

Andrew was concerned about the level of borrowing under the current Government. “Citizens are borrowing less, but the Government is borrowing more”. He concluded, “We can’t keep on doing this”.

He is also concerned about burgeoning unemployment, which is worsened by some of the Government’s initiatives. He cited the example of the

contract for the manufacture of trains going to China, just because they were cheaper. (29 million dollars in China - compared with 36 million in NZ). This has directly lead to the laying off of 70 engineers.

He pointed out that the governments of some countries, such as Australia and Brazil, stipulate that an overseas bid must be at least 25% cheaper to be considered. Labour intends a similar proposal if elected in November.

He was especially concerned about the impact of joblessness on young people. In NZ the 28% rate of unemployment – for young people - is the worst in the OECD. He would like to see a more prolific apprenticeship scheme promoted in NZ. He said the Government has downgraded the apprenticeship scheme by 55 million dollars.

Labour would make changes to the tax structure. The first \$5,000 of earning would be tax-free, which would be offset by those in the \$150,000 income bracket paying a bit more.

Andrew mentioned a number of Taranaki issues. He was especially concerned about the roading to the north

of New Plymouth, especially in the vicinity of the Awakino Gorge. He referred to slips and traffic delays, as well as the danger of accidents - unless something is done. He felt a proposal for a bypass, which has been put on the backburner “needs to be dusted off”.

One questioner asked Andrew his reaction to suggestions that he is seen as a future leader of the Labour Party. He responded obliquely be responding, “If I get a senior rank New Plymouth can be assured that they’ll have the best access to good policies”.

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of 18,418 using the pool in the period from September 2010 to April 2011. For the same period two years ago 12,890 used the pool. Usage of the Manaia pool however has declined in recent years with 8178 using it in 2008/9 over the shorter December to March season and 6612 over the 2010/2011 season.

Joking aside!

An English professor wrote the words, “Woman without her man is nothing,” on the blackboard and directed the students to punctuate it correctly.

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FROM THE BEEHIVE

Being part of a winning team

New Zealand has spent four years gearing up for the Rugby World Cup. The initial announcement was met with great enthusiasm, followed by the realisation of what needed to be achieved in order to successfully host the event. "Bring it on" became our watch cry. The Webb Ellis trophy (or Trophies) toured the country, as did some of the All Blacks, the visiting teams have now been royally welcomed, with towns and cities 'adopting' a team and showing support with themed events.

Everyone is out to have a good time. However there is also a serious side for us Kiwis during this great festival event. It's about intense competition with winners and losers. Our hope is to be on the winning side.

Converting potential into success is the task, not just of rugby coaches and teams; but of governments as well.

As a nation we are of the best, competing amongst the best. It's enthralling, energising and emotional, all at the same time. Increasingly this is how it is as we compete on the world stage with our exports. We have some of the

best products in the world, and we compete amongst the best of other nations. To win takes a huge effort and means a lot. It means jobs and earnings. It means securing the quality that we aspire to in New Zealand.

The overarching goal of the Government is to grow the New Zealand economy to deliver greater prosperity, security and opportunities for all New Zealanders.

To be a winning team, it's not just about swerve and flair; it's about making sure you're doing the basics right. The economic basics for the National-led government are about reducing our debt, getting back to surplus in three years and building a faster-growing economy based on savings and exports. We have introduced the biggest reform of the tax system in 25 years, which rewards work and savings, discourages borrowing and consumption, and significantly tightens tax rules on property speculation. This will help us in our export driven recovery.

The healthcare basics for the Government are about increasing our healthcare services to New Zealanders.

When National came into Government, New Zealand was desperately short of doctors, nurses, and midwives. Many of our best and brightest medical professionals were leaving New Zealand.

That's why, in our first year, National introduced a voluntary bonding scheme for medical graduates trained here. The scheme rewards graduate doctors, nurses and midwives who commit to working in hard-to-staff communities and specialties for three to five years with payments against their student loans. Those without student loans will receive cash payments.

The scheme has been really popular. In the first year we expected up to 100 doctors and a combined 250 midwives and nurses to apply. We accepted 115 doctors, 683 nurses, and 95 midwives - nearly 900 medical graduates choosing to stay in New Zealand and work in areas of greatest need.

We have just closed the third intake, and there are now 1424 nurses, 220 doctors, and 179 midwives signed up to the scheme throughout the country. That



Jonathan Young, New Plymouth MP

is more than 1800 doctors, nurses, and midwives planning to stay in New Zealand for at least three years, to give you and your family the care and service you need.

Coming back to rugby, we hope that the All Blacks will be the winning team. As they do the basics right, with some swerve and flair thrown in to boot - we know we will be up there with every chance. But we know it's a highly competitive tournament. So it is with life in our modern world.

The National-led Government has concentrated on getting the basics right and we're seeing the results now. Keep backing the John Key led National team.

Skills package offers the answer

All parents and grandparents worry about what the future holds for the children. We want them to have good health and happiness, but we also want them to have a productive and fulfilling job.

We are all aware that without a job our kids are denied not just an income. They are denied something more important. Much of our status is derived from what we do for a living. If you don't believe this, think about being introduced to a brain surgeon and what this does to your impression of the person. The reverse is true too.

Our kids work their way through school with all expectations that they will get a rewarding job. How many times have they been asked the question - what are you going to do when you grow up, what do you want to be? Then, after all this time, there

is little hope or prospects of any job. It is crushing for them.

Not only does it demoralize, but it also robs them of the best time in their lives to develop work skills and habits. We have unacceptably high levels of youth unemployment and we are failing our youth at this critical time in their lives. This need not be the case and we can do better.

It is agreed that we are in a downturn. The government is cutting back, dispensing with thousands of jobs and this in itself is having a flow on effect in the economy. Less people employed means less spending and less of everything in the downward spiral. But we do know this cannot last. Eventually the economy will turn.

In the meantime the apprentice carpenter who

would have been employed in better times has not been, and so when the housing market turns, as it will, the trained carpenter is not to be found. We will have a skills shortage again. Logic tells us to train people now, to get them ready for the upturn when it will inevitably come.

This is at the heart of Labour's skills package. Employers will be offered the equivalent of the dole payments as a Government subsidy to take on apprentices. This will help overcome the cost of training and the lack of productivity while the young person is in training. When they have finished their training, they will be ready, qualified and prepared to take on the work that becomes available.

This will offer hope and realize the ambition that many of our young people



Hon Rick Barker, MP

have grown up with, to finish school and get a real job, one that will carry them through life. We have to give our kids both hope and opportunity. This scheme will do both.

Wouldn't we all feel good if young people didn't have to say, when faced with the inevitable question about what they do, that they're on the dole, but rather that they can proudly say: "I am an apprentice". I know it would make me feel good anyway.

Not all heroes are people

James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Centre. He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love. She darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke

James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on Floor 112

On her first run of the building, she lead James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who

were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building.

On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapsed. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears.

Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried

by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured," the fireman explained.

Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives. Daisy is the first civilian canine to win the Medal of Honor of New York City.

Breaking the Silence

Breaking Silence, the controversial book on the tragic deaths of the Kahui twins written by Ian Wishart from the perspective of the mother Macsyna King is a book that needs to be read by anyone concerned about child abuse.

By the end of it I felt compassion for Macsyna King and admired her resolve to learn from her sad past. We too can also learn and understand. In the words of the author in the introduction, while the question of "who" was responsible for the twins death is addressed, if we are to learn anything about child abuse, the real question is "why".

Macsyna King's deficiencies as a parent reflect her own poorly parented past. Her mother deserted she and her three younger siblings, twice. I'm just going out to the pub for a drink she said on the second occasion. She never returned. Aged just 11, Macsyna was left to care for her younger brothers and sister until members of her extended family realised and came to their rescue. The children were then farmed out to various relatives but the early experience of abandonment had left its mark.

She was a good student, and for a time undertook tertiary study. Periods of employment were interspersed with being on the benefit.

There is a lot of anger though and, pregnant at 17, in adult life, she embarks on what seemed to be a continual quest

for security and to get the successive fathers of her children to "man up" - an expression she uses frequently - and face their responsibilities.

It is hard to not feel sorry for the last - Chris Kahui, father of the twins at just 20 and 8 years her junior. When Macsyna is absent for the night staying with her sister, it falls on Chris to care for the babies he was "frightened to touch" plus mind their one year old toddler though there were other adults around. His mother was also in hospital at the time and he visited her at one stage so was also absent for some of the time.

If Macsyna's account is true she could not have been responsible for their deaths and exactly what did happen one can only guess...

The book does throw up some interesting points though. The twins, three months old at the time they died, were born three months premature and thus were effectively at the time of death just new born. There is research that indicates babies born premature before their lungs are fully developed may suffer apnoea or breath-holding which may starve the brain of oxygen and lead to brain damage. Their deaths could have been an accident though the mother's account of the actions of Chris Kahui when it was clear the twins were unwell point to his guilt. Yet he was acquitted after just one minute's deliberation by the jury.

It is not a book I enjoyed



Macsyna King on the cover of the controversial book.

reading. But I'm glad I did.

The grim read is redeemed by the last few pages and Macsyna King's expressed desire to learn from the past and to not perpetuate the legacy of the parents - both now dead - who had so miserably failed her. Her sad and yet brave attempts to be a mother to her remaining four children - three of whom were being cared for by others and particularly in the case of her teenaged son who has recently come to live with her - gives cause for hope.

She concedes she is - after experiencing so much loss - able to finally commit.

Her final touching words are devoted to her youngest daughter with whom she hasn't had any physical contact for ten years but who she has at a distance "snuck looks and peeks at" when she hasn't known she's been there.

"One day I will have healed enough that I can face my youngest daughter. In the meantime, I am a work in progress."

Award for Eltham shop

Recently, Eltham Four Square won a prestigious prize - the Gold Pencil Award for 'Food to Go'. The certificate stated that the award was "recognising a store that has been proactive in presenting and developing a range of Food to Go to meet their customer needs". The award was presented at the 2011 Four Square Conference.

Proprietors of the Eltham Four Square, Michael and Sonya Jago, are understandably delighted with their award. "It was pretty cool", enthused Sonya, who added that her husband Michael was "ecstatic". She pointed out that they had not been in business long at Eltham Four Square - just a year in October, so recognition so early was pleasing. Before their shift north they were in Lower Hutt.

The range of Food to Go was remarkable and looked tempting. Here is



Michael Jago, with the prestigious Gold Pencil Award, which Eltham Four Square won recently.

just a selection: "world famous cheese scones", croissants of many varieties, muffins, pies of every

description, paninies, filled rolls and freshly baked cakes - and much more. As to the future, Sonya

says with a smile, "We are looking forward to winning another award next year".

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Contractors Phil Coatsworth (left) and John Scott joined forces about 12 months ago.

Just on 12 months ago two contractors decided to join forces - thinking they would be more effective that way, with financial advantages as

well. The two contractors are Phil Coatsworth Contracting and John Scott Contractor. Phil operates from his home in Collingwood Street, Eltham, while John has his depot at Mangatoki, Eltham Road - in the vicinity of the fertiliser works.

It is the blending of experience with youth, with advantages for each in this symbiotic working relationship. John has been a contractor in the area for nigh on 30 years, while Phil has about five year's experience 'under his belt' in Taranaki and Waikato. "We both know what the other wants and is thinking - it works really well", Phil comments.

Both men carry out the same operations, "We do the complete job - mowing, raking, baling and stacking", says Phil.

At present Phil has his tractors and contracting equipment at different locations, but soon a 100 square metre shed on his Collingwood Street, Eltham property will provide adequate housing and allow optimal maintenance. ITM of Stratford are undertaking the building project and completion is expected well before the end of the year.

Some of Phil and John's

equipment includes a Kubota tractor (125hp), a Deutz Fahr tractor (150hp), a New Holland BR 750A baler and a Claas uniwrap. "The best way to make silage is a combination unit - gets them wrapped straight away", explains Phil.

Apart from their experience and skills, both men have an understanding from the farmer's perspective - both have spent time at the occupation. Phil grew up on a dairy farm in the Waikato and has recent experience as a 50/50 sharemilker.

Phil expects that the next

few years will mark the "growing" of their contracting business. He comments, "To expand would be nice. The key to that is to do a great job".

The men admit the contracting field is quite crowded. They promise work of a high standard, with free quotes at competitive prices. "We always turn up - as owner operators - we don't have to rely on staff," he comments. John can be contacted by phoning 0274 450 504, while Phil can be contacted by phoning 0800 WE BALE (0800 932 253) or 021 182 4166.

New toilet block a "statement"

A new toilet block that could be "a statement for the town" has been proposed for Opunake. The toilet block will replace the existing toilet on the corner of Napier and King Streets in Opunake.

The Chairperson of the Egmont Plains Community Board Sharon Arlidge commented she felt it was important to put some thought into the design of the toilets that could be a statement for the town.

Michael Self suggested that the

Waverley model could be used as a model for "a good basic design". Perhaps a stone walkway could be incorporated to personalise it to Opunake.

An alternative roof style was also suggested.

It is anticipated that the project that has a budget of \$106,000 will be completed by Christmas.

It was felt that the existing toilets which replaced the Plunket Rest Rooms that closed to the public a year ago were a poor alternative.

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“I just love daffodils”



People attending the National North Island Daffodil Show on September 10-11 saw an amazing array of blooms.

This was what Mayor Ross Dunlop said as he officially opened the 85th North Island National Daffodil Society Show on September 10, in Hawera. The show's main organiser was well known identity Spud Brogden and his wife Joy. Ross spoke about the mass plantings of daffodils, which are featured in various places such as the northern end of Hawera as you head towards New Plymouth. This initiative has been carried out by staff of the South Taranaki District Council.

Ross was most impressed with the National Show, conceding, “I'm absolutely overwhelmed”.

Also saying a few words was Trevor Rollinson, President of the NZ Daffodils Society. He said, “Please come and talk to us and we hopefully can impart knowledge”.

What especially surprises people is the amazing diversity of colours, shapes and sizes of all the different types of daffodils.

The judges had a hard job assessing the blooms in many categories including

miniatures, children's entries and the open division. When all was ‘done and dusted’, the daffodil judged Champion of Champions was ‘Trena’,

and Joy Brogden, in conjunction with the Taranaki Daffodil Club in association with the Hawera Horticultural Society. “Just wonderful.



The champion of Champion daffodil ‘Trena’ is held by her growers Malcolm Wheeler and Rozanne Burnby.

which was grown by Malcolm Wheeler and Rozanne Burnby of ‘Malroze’ in Southbridge, Canterbury. “I'm over the moon – it was very unexpected”, said Rozanne. “I'm chuffed”, said Malcolm. He added, “But I wasn't confident”.

Both growers were impressed with how the show has been organised by Spud

Most impressive”, enthused Rozanne.

Malcolm agreed, “It's very good. There are a lot of quality entries – especially in the seedling class”.

There was a lot of information on offer – much of it free, as well as raffles and stalls. For example, on offer was ‘Return to Earth’ a quality compost. On display was a cup with the words “Trespassers will be composted”.

“Mavis is gone but her flower lives on”, commented Welly Munro of Taumarunui, explaining that the Champion of Champion daffodil was developed by the late Mavis Verry of Te Kuiti. A lady with “a lovely nature”. He said Mavis named the three seeds she nurtured ‘Tracey’, ‘Tinkerbell’ and – the overall Champion – ‘Trena’.



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Majority favour Russia win

A survey among those approached when marketing showed the majority predicted a win for Russia on the night of the USA Russia World Cup game in New Plymouth last Thursday night, September 15.

John Washer from Washers Bull Hire who was going to the game that night predicted a close match with Russia winning 16-12. Chaddy from Chaddy's Charters who was also attending the match estimated a win to the USA 25-12. He had three charming French guests here for the World Cup. Their predictions: Russia 19-15, Russia 25-12 to Russia and a 20-20 draw.

Lee Drummond from Tasman Marine also predicted a win to Russia 24-15. Rod Scouller from The Lifting Centre however guessed a 23-12 win to the States. Graeme Scown from Sign Design though stating he was not really a rugby supporter couldn't resist making a prediction: 18-12 to Russia.

Closest to the score 13-6 to the USA was Rod Scouller. * The Editor's prediction: 28-16 to USA.



From left Snow Coleman, Kim Slade and Kelvin Putt at the Stony River Hotel at Okato on the day of the USA Russia World Cup tussle in New Plymouth.

Kelvin who had a ticket to the game was predicting a 12-6 win to Russia. Kim also predicted a win to Russia 12-3.

Snow meanwhile thought the USA would win 30-10.

Kelvin had been to three World Cup games, the first was in 1987 in New Zealand when the All Blacks beat France. He also attended the 1991 World Cup in the UK and watched the All Blacks being beaten by Australia in Ireland.

Four years ago at the World Cup he got tickets to the game at Cardiff when the All Blacks got beaten by France.

He didn't think the All Blacks would win the World Cup. Snow however disagreed and thought they would.



From left Allana Neeve, Hannah Klenner & Gabriella Bartschi all physiotherapists at Taranaki Base Hospital - just prior to the start of the game.



No marks for guessing who these fans support.



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Heydon Priest at Oakura on the day of the match.

New mural for Opunake

A new mural is planned for the Opunake Medicines - formerly Cavaney's Pharmacy - wall.

Jean Roach through the Opunake Business Association has successfully applied for a grant of \$5000 from the TSB Community Trust for the new mural.

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Thyme one year on

The Quirky Quilters held a special celebration complete with cake for the first birthday of Thyme, the little bear they adopted as their mascot a year ago.

The bear travels with the various members of the club when they go overseas.

"The journeys of the much travelled bear are chronicled in



Members of the Quirky Quilters with Thyme and her first birthday cake. Made by Dee Bakewell, the attractively iced chocolate cake was in the shape of teddy bear. And tasted very nice - thank you Dee!

the Taranaki Patchwork Regional Newsletter every 6 weeks," said Dee Bakewell, Undersecretary of the Quirky Quilters.

The group got the idea of adopting a bear when they had temporary custody of a visiting bear, Patches which they adopted into their hearts.

When she had to go back to Pukekohe there was a void in the group said Dee.

"We decided to get our own bear," she said adding Thyme even had her own adoption certificate.

The bear also goes along on the group's various trips where she is much photographed.

The Quirky Quilters meet every Monday at the Opunake Business Centre in Napier Street, Opunake and are there for the day. They welcome new members, men included.

Whether people machine sew, hand sew or do card making they are welcome to come and join us said the President of the Quirky Quilters Trish Rawcliffe.

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Agricultural training opens doors for secondary students in Taranaki

Secondary College students in Taranaki will have the opportunity to begin their farming career whilst still at school - as Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre recently announced plans to open a Primary Industry Trades Academy (PITA) in the region for 2012. PITA students will be able to complete a National Certificate in Agriculture Level 2 and gain credits towards their NCEA, while continuing their full-time secondary schooling.

PITA is being extended into Taranaki following a successful inaugural year supporting agricultural career-minded students in the lower North Island. Taratahi's first trade academy students enrolled in February 2011. The Primary Industry Trades Academy is one of nine academies established under a Ministry of Education initiative to develop opportunities for students in a range of industries in partnership with schools and employers.

Students across eight regions are now participating in PITA's structured programme: spending one day each week of term on a supervised farm work-experience placement or learning farming skills within a small group of other PITA students led by an agricultural tutor. Students have also



Students learn a variety of subjects.

attended residential training at Taratahi's Wairarapa Campus.

"It's been a successful first year for PITA," says Becky Grooby, Taratahi's Agriculture in Schools Manager. "Students are excited to be learning real-life skills in a real farming environment and teachers are seeing a positive impact on students' motivation to learn across all subject areas. Taratahi's PITA has delivered on our success criteria: PITA students are achieving credits towards their National Certificate as well as their NCEA. They are excited about agriculture and are goal orientated.

Schools have found working PITA in parallel with the wider timetable straightforward. "The strengths of PITA are both the excellent educational model and level of communication

that the PITA staff manage between student, school, tutors and farmers. Everyone is in the loop with reports, records and credits gained," says Ernie Rosenthal, Head of Careers at Wellington College and PITA advisory group member. "Alongside the knowledge of agriculture and the skills that our students have gained, I have seen an increase in their confidence and attitude to their school-work. We will offer PITA as a subject choice next year and have already begun identifying students.

PITA student Kelly Poehls, 16 years of Onslow College, has thoroughly enjoyed attending PITA. "It's been a really big experience - I have tried so many different things, like crutching sheep, that I have never done before. I love learning new skills on tutor days and then putting it into practice

development.

Mike confirms that maize contractors prefer Ravensdown 12:10:10 for planting as it is free-flowing, which results in no blockages and very little dust. As maize contractors have a tight window when planting, any holdups due to fertiliser quality results in increased costs to the farmer.

Mike is passionate about Ravensdown 12:10:10 for maize crops and he says it's a "no brainer". It's all about yield - crop yields.

a full-time course at Taratahi and then apply for a place at university to study agriculture," says Kelly.

Taranaki school principals and career advisors, interested

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60th anniversary celebrated

The Opunake Women's Bowling Club recently celebrated their 60th anniversary with a get together of past and present members at the clubrooms.

The first minutes were read, followed by lunch then entertainment from some of the Opunake Players, a brief history of the Club and a 'bowlers fashion through the ages', from when skirts had to be a certain length to the future with shorts and coloured tops.

Patty Symes, Taranaki Bowls President gave a realistic display of the old days as an 'official' umpire, with ruler, who lined the girls up, checked all their bowls had the correct stamp on them, checked for no jewelry and measured their skirts, going so far as to taking the hem down on one which was too short. Evidently this did use to happen. Not any more, with trousers and pants being more the normal attire. Times have changed.

A pleasant day was had with plenty to chat about and time to catch up with everyone.

The day concluded with



The Anniversary cake, made by Bev Henderson, was cut by Life Members Marie Moir (left) and Val Coombe.

afternoon tea.

Bowling season is about to begin; first day is September 18 and no, there won't be any

official umpires present, we are far more relaxed and even have fun.

High achievers receive recognition

At the recent closing night of the Waimate Plains Indoor Bowls Association, Paul Midgley (Otakeho) was presented with his fourth Gold Star for winning 20 Taranaki Centre titles. He was also presented with a gift from the WPIBA in recognition of the two N.Z. titles he had won earlier this year.

Gordon Hamley (Otakeho) was presented with his second Gold Star for winning 10 Taranaki Centre Titles.

Trevor Cox (Riverlea) was awarded Honorary Life Membership for his outstanding work for the WPIBA. He has been the treasurer for 19 years and a umpire for 20 years, as well as working hard to promote bowls in the area.

Milton Griffin
Secretary.

Opunake Ladies Golf

June 14 – 9 Hole Top Dog Winners: M Brandt – M Coombe, R/U: D Fisher – N Otene.

June 21 – 18 Holes Stableford: J Deegan 33, W Vickers 32, L Simpson 31, D Forsyth 30.

9 Hole Stableford: D Fisher 14.

July 5 – Morris Memorial R3 Putting: L Simpson 30, P Smith 33, K Williams 33.

Morris Memorial: Winner – P Smith, R/U J Deegan.

9 Hole Putting: M Briscoe 16.

July 12 – No golf.

July 19 – Medal – L Simpson 81.

July 26 LGU Stableford: P Smith 32, M Wellington 30, D Forsyth 29.

Aug Kensington Cup R1: W Vickers & M Gibson 31, D Forsyth & D Williams 31.

Aug 9 LGU Putting: D

Forsyth 29, J O'Rorke 30, P Smith 30. Two – J Deegan 18th.

9 Hole Putting: M Briscoe 18.

Aug 16 – No golf.

Aug 23 – Kensington Cup J Deegan & D Williams 35, L Simpson & J O'Rorke 34. **Kensington Cup:** Winner D Williams, R/U J Deegan.

9 Hole Bisque Par: B Briscoe 3 up.

Sept 6 Marcroft Trophy R1: P Smith 3D, D Forsyth 3D, D Williams 3D.

9 Hole Medal: D Fisher 39.

Sept 13 Marcroft Trophy R2: D Forsyth 1 D, L Simpson 1 D.

Winner – D Forsyth 4D.

2 Day Eclectic: L Simpson, D Williams, D Forsyth.

On Saturday, Sept 10, Opunake defended a challenge from Stratford Weekend to retain the Taplin Cup. Next Challenge versus Urenui.

Publicity Officer

Opunake Community Baths



Sue Pegrum teaching aquatots.

Opunake Community Baths opened the pools for the season on 17 September, already good numbers have come in to test our nice warm water. As part of this season's launch we are running a colouring competition for primary school children. All schools in the area have been given pictures of Koru the Kiwi to colour, so ask at school if you haven't got one. Koru is Swimming New Zealand's state kiwi swim mascot. Pictures are also available at Opunake Library Plus and the pool. Do your best colouring-in then drop your picture at the pool during public time between 17 September and 2 October. Great prizes for the best colouring will be delivered to your school before the end of term.

Come into the pool to check out the new seating arrangements giving our competitive swimmers more space at the end of the

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Girls Basketball Nationals

Opunake High School Senior Girls A Team won the 'A' Secondary Schools Women's National Championship Cup for small schools. Congratulations to Sinead, Tara, Marama, Breanna and Sophie who were selected for the Tournament Team. Sinead was also named Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.



RIGHT:

Back Row: Sharon Quinnell Manager, Mary Young Assistant Manager, Angelo Hill Coach.

Middle Row: Marama Hohaia, Sinaed Horo, Breanna Morgan, Gemma Grey, Karla Viinikainen, Sophie Cooksley, Jharna Ruffell, Tessa Noonan.

Front Row: Anna Young, Christine Waitere, Tara Potter, Hinepounamu Rongonui.

Te Kiri Hockey Season - Another Te Kiri celebration

Te Kiri Hockey Clubs 75th Jubilee year is drawing to a close with the Women ending up in 6th place, losing 3 nil to Northern United Black in a lacklustre game. Te Kiri lacked its usual spark and, whilst creating opportunities, never really troubled the United defence, not helped by some players seemingly showing the effects of spring workloads. Rhonda Crawford showed her 'never say die' approach, and Merryn Kidd showed some good skills on her return from injury. Up front the attack couldn't show combinations, due to some availability issues, to exert any real pressure. With a few younger players now joining the team some better results can be expected next year.

The Men's team have shrugged off some indifferent form with a convincing win over Hawera to scrape into the semifinals as fourth place finisher. Unfortunately this meant a semifinal against the top qualifier, and perennial rival Stratford.

Te Kiri was buoyed by some good performances in both matches this season, with results being a 3-1, and a 2-1 loss. Whilst not showing the dominance of their recent years, Stratford had only one loss this season, and had beaten last year's champions Northern United Gold convincingly in the last round.

Roll on Friday night and with a good crowd along a Te Kiri started positively using both wings and creating a number of opportunities. Just as they seemed to be settling well, Stratford scored with a well placed lofted shot from a

penalty corner.

Spurred by the lead Stratford immediately applied the pressure and from another penalty corner experienced fullback Lloyd Morgan conceded a penalty stroke, which the multi-retired Stratford stalwart Paul Williams duly converted to give a 2 nil lead after 20 minutes.

This sparked Te Kiri into life with more urgency desperately trying to get back into the match. Brock Wilson reduced the deficit showing big commitment to dive onto a cross for a well taken goal within minutes to reduce the deficit. Sensing an opportunity Grant Gargan and Les Symes combined to create holes in the Stratford defence, and a goal mouth melee sparked off by Keirin McLean allowed Wilson a second field goal to square things up just before the half time break.

The second half was all about pressure, with Stratford securing a number of penalty corners, but stout defence, and a bit of luck made the difference. Inevitably the pressure told and with a lofted clearance ruled dangerous, Allan Bunning scored with a direct shot to again give Stratford the edge. Almost immediately Te Kiri responded with Thomas Ardern making another good run to from midfield and laying the ball off for Sven Slager to elude the keeper from a narrow angle to again tie up the match.

Fulltime and no result, so captains were summoned and told the playoff format, extra time nine minute spells, and player numbers to reduce by two after each extra spell. A

penalty stroke shoot out if no golden goal was scored.

Stratford dominated the first extra spell, working to its fast break to obtain a penalty corner pattern, but the Te Kiri defence led by Phil Gargan, and Noel Ardern, stepped up superbly. Warren Coxhead showed some good touches to keep pressure on the Stratford defence, as both teams tired noticeably. Another nine minutes, with two players dropped and substitutions rolling as fitness became a big issue. Still no result but the match was getting increasingly hectic, as several last gasp saves were made. Goal keeper Bruce Colgan made a brave save after blocking a shot from the right then had to respond to a sharp rebound shout and being hit on the unpadded shoulder blade, to keep Te Kiri in the match.

Crowd support and involvement by now was huge with eager fans cheering their teams on, as the pressure and intensity rose. One supporter was heard to comment that this should suit Te Kiri as they are used to playing with only seven players.

A reflection maybe of some lean recent years when the club

was struggling to survive. Down to seven players and Thomas Ardern was again cut down after a big run and both teams were struggling to keep the intensity. Up steps Te Kiri's player of the moment Brock Wilson with another big run down the left flank, relishing the extra space, who made a good cross for Les Symes to finish off with a full length dive, fitting given the number of times he has said to players "Commitment,... skin grows back". Jubilant scenes ensued as Te Kiri players, bench, and supporters relished one of their few recent wins over Stratford, as some extremely weary players trudged off the field. Noticeably one of the biggest cheers from the team was for their supporters.

The result would mean meeting the winner of the Northern United v NPBHS semifinal, in the final 4.30pm Saturday 20th

NPBHS won the semi 3-2 in a very close match, but due to travel commitments to National Secondary School tournament were unable to play the final at the scheduled time resulting in the championship being awarded to Te Kiri for the first time since 1993. A fitting end to their 75th Jubilee year.

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Empawrium's first birthday

In a few days (September 27) Hawera's SPCA shop - Empawrium Op Shop has its first birthday. The shop at 75 High Street is managed by Noeleen Andrew and is staffed totally by volunteers - about 16 of them.

SPCA receives no money from the Government so is dependent on donations and bequests. The idea of a shop was floated just over a year ago to ensure the SPCA (Beach Road) service continues. The shop has been so successful that it has provided about 75% of the yearly funding needed. "This has taken the weight off our shoulders and made the SPCA more financially secure", explains Manager Noeleen Andrew.

The shop sells wide range of quality goods including furniture, clothing, shoes, kitchenware, children's toys, jewellery, pottery, ornaments, pictures, books, - even fitness machines!

To celebrate their first birthday the shop intends to feature a week where there will be special prices which will tempt even the most miserly. Each day of 'Birthday Week' will feature a different selection of goods. For example, on Monday September 26th, all clothing



Noeleen Andrew (Manager) and Trish Quirk in the shop.

will sell for just 50 cents an item. However, the staff at Empawrium don't want to give too much away just now - so come along and see for yourself the great buys on offer!

Empawrium are always looking for more goods which animal lovers have no need for - furniture is especially welcome, as it sells readily. The shop is happy to collect houselots of furniture on request. If you prefer, you can drop items off at the shop, or if you live in the Eltham area, Eltham Barbers at 38 Bridge Street is a collection depot.

Noeleen is always looking for more volunteers to help in this vibrant store, fulfilling an important need. Just phone 06



Kids Korner has some great items to interest youngsters.

278 8600 or call round at 75 High Street. Empawrium Op Shop is easy to find - right next door to Westpac bank. It is open weekdays 10am to

4pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm. "I'd like to thank everybody who has supported us in lots of ways", Noeleen says.

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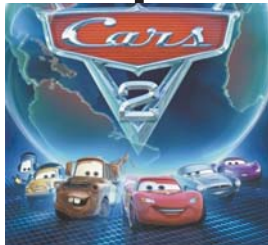
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Interesting exhibition at Percy Thomson Gallery



See this interesting piece of art, by Wayne Lobb, at the Community Gallery at the Percy Thomson Gallery. It is called 'Les Miserables'.

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Pots aplenty at Village Gallery

Four multi-talented Central Taranaki women have taken over the Village Gallery in Eltham for the next month with their exhibition, Pots and Pieces.

Potters Margaret Foley, Donna Hitchcock, Robyn Smaller and Karen McCullough (known as the Shed Sheilas because they meet regularly to work in an old cowshed), have spent the last few months putting together an amazing collection of their work for the exhibition. As well as pottery, the group have created jewellery, scarves, mosaics, decoupage, resin work and

paintings.

Their last joint exhibition held at the Village Gallery in October last year was very successful and they are hoping to repeat that this year with this new collection of work.

They chose the title Pots and Pieces because they feel it describes what they do – they are mainly potters but like to spread their creative wings into other areas, often combining it with potting, such as decoupage on a pottery base.

The Village Gallery in Eltham is on the corner of High and King Edward Streets and is open Monday to



Robyn Smaller and some of the tall garden sculptures she has created for the Pots and Pieces exhibition at the Village Gallery in Eltham.

Saturday 10am to 4pm. The exhibition will run until October 14 and during it, the group will be working at the gallery on Saturdays and

individual members will also be there on other days during the exhibition and will be happy to talk to visitors about their work.



Where My Wild Things Are, created by Karen McCullough for the Pots and Pieces exhibition at the Village Gallery.

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There are 50 gardens, 17 places of special interest and 8 vintage machinery trails.

The brochure with all the information, maps etc is published and is available as a free give away in the 'Weekend Gardener' for September. After this the free brochure will be available in all 'I'sites, libraries and garden centres. Or you can check out the web site www.taranakigardentrust.co.nz where all this years entries are available for viewing. We are a Charitable Trust run entirely by volunteers. The festival begins on October 28 and runs till November 6.

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The challenge will start Wednesday evening at 7pm on October 12 in St Lukes Hall, Okato. Come and meet new people and be a part of a friendly supportive environment while you are losing weight.

The challenge is open to men and women and the cost is only \$49 for the whole nine weeks! Personalised weight loss programmes are available, but we will also support any programme you may already be on.

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Peter, before.

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Inaugural essay competition to mark Maori Language Day

September 14 is Maori Language Day and to mark the event Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori is calling for people to take up their pen and let us know what they believe are the foremost issues affecting the language.

The *Inaugural Essay Competition* will be an ongoing event in honour of past Board Commissioners who have spent a lifetime studying, writing and/or documenting the Maori language.

"It is also a means by which we can elicit feedback directly from some of our most important stakeholders, learners, speakers, supporters, teachers, experts, about the language; what motivates them to pursue the language; what prevents them from doing

more. These are all critical issues", says Chief Executive, Glenis Philip-Barbara.

"We expect the essay competition will provide insights in these areas and assist in progressing our lead role in the redevelopment of the Maori language strategy".

The competition is open to Students (13 - 18 years) and Adults (19+).

It is *not open* to professional writers, those paid for their writing, or have had their work published by a commercial publisher or sold commercially.

Essays may be submitted in Maori and/or English with a recommended word count of 600-1500 for students and 1,000-3,000 word count for adults.

Winners of each section will receive \$1,000 (Student section) and \$5,000 (Adult section). There are also prizes for second and third place-getters in each section. There will also be a prize awarded to the school that contributes most to the competition, not necessarily in the amount of essays, but the quality of the essays and originality of topics. Winners will be announced in December 2011.

All entries must be received by *5pm Wednesday 2 November 2011*. Entries can be sent electronically or in hard copy, but must be signed. For more information on the essay topic, criteria and prizes please refer Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori website: www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz

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Manawapou supporters at a tribal rugby game, 19 August 1985. Photo courtesy of Taranaki Daily News Photo Archives

Top image: Crowd at Lions v Taranaki match, 30 May 1977. Photo courtesy of Taranaki Daily News Photo Archives.

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The Referendum happens on the same day as the General Election - 26 November.

To find out what it's all about, why it's important and how to have your say, come along to our information evening:

Tuesday 4 October at 7pm
Sandfords Event Centre, Tasman Street, Opunake

If you cannot attend the presentation, more information about the Referendum is available by calling **0800 36 76 56** or on our website www.referendum.org.nz



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Tubby Tunes Up Again



Don't miss this performance.

Dance Theatre appearing will be Caroline Weston (recently seen as Peter in Peter and the Wolf), Kaye West, Eila Stevenson, Mandy Madden and as orchestral conductors David Hadley and Kevin Wood. Junior members of the cast include Satsuki Yorifuji, Alyssa Barnes, Bailee Hitchcock, Thomas Hadley, Olive Salisbury, Angela Spurdle and Zoe Cooper.

Prices for tickets are \$7 for

children and \$10 for adults with group and family discounts available. Tickets can be obtained from cast members, from the Dance Centre or by phoning (06)752 7743 (after 9:30 am)

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 Friday, September 30 at 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm
 Saturday, October 1 at 11 am and 1 pm
 Sunday, October 2 at 11 am and 1 pm



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CHURCH ON THE MARAE
 First Sunday of every month, Orimupiko Marae, Eltham Road at 6pm. Refer advert.

'POTS & PIECES' EXHIBITION
 Now open at The Village Gallery, Main St, Eltham. Refer advert.

'WE ARE AOTEAROA' - GROUP EXHIBITION BY 40 ARTISTS
 On until September 23 at the Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

PENSIONERS DAY POOL COMPETITION
 Every 2nd Tuesday at the Opunake Surf Inn at 11.30am sharp. Refer advert.

CHASE THE ACE
 Thurs at the Opunake Surf Inn. Now up to \$300. Refer ad

ROKARE SCENIC RESERVE GUIDED WALKS - SEPT 13-26TH
 Thursday 22nd and Monday 26th. Please refer advert that appeared last issue for times and costs etc.

SPRING CLEAN SALE
 From September 23-30 at Escapism, Eltham. Refer advert.

TE MARA PRIME TOUR - COASTAL SCENERY & CULTURE TOUR
 Day trip tours start Saturday, September 24th and 25th. Refer article and advert in our last issue for further details.

'PAPER/WOOD' & 'ROCKING THE ARK' EXHIBITIONS
 From September 16 until 1 October at the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE COMMUNITY BATHS NOW OPEN
 Refer public notice. Early Lane Swimming from 6.30am-8.30am Monday to Friday. Night time fitness, Sunday 4-6, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Water Aerobics on Tuesday, Thursdays, Wednesdays. Refer public notice for times and dates.

4th ANNUAL RATA-ROCK STATION SERVICE BULL FAIR
 Thursday, Sept 22 at 11.30am, 941 Kaweora Road, Opunake.

NZ v FRANCE ON THE BIG SCREEN WITH RANFURLY SHIELD
 Saturday 24th September, see the match on the big screen at the Sandfords Event Centre. Special menu from 6pm onwards. Prizes for best dressed. Refer advert.

OPEN HOME
 Sunday, September 25 at 4 Wilson Road, Opunake from 1-1.30pm. Refer McDonald Real Estate advert.

SPRING EXHIBITION - HAWERA ART CLUB
 Opens Sept 26 until October 28 at the Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera. Refer advert.

SPARC TRAVEL FUND APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 Applications close on Fri, October 28 at 4.30pm. Refer notice

26th ANN. UNRESERVED BULL SALE - WASHER & CO
 Thursday, September 29, Cnr Koru and Main Rds, Oakura at 11am. Refer public notice.

MORTGAGEE AUCTION
 September 29, on site at 4 Wilson Road, Opunake at 1pm. Refer McDonald Real Estate advert.

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED ON FLUORIDE IN WATER TO NPDC
 Tribunal Hearing September 29 & 30.

PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS - MALVINA MAJOR FOUNDATION
 Applications close on Friday, September 30 at 5pm. Refer ad.

'PAINTED BLACK' LIVE BAND
 1st October at Opunake Surf Inn, Opunake. Refer advert and article.

OTUKAIA RESERVE TRUST AGM
 Sunday, 2nd October at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake at 11am. Refer public notice.

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING
 Monday October 3, 2011 at Opunake Surf Inn at 6.00pm. Meet and greet prior to meeting at 5:30pm. Anyone welcome.

AQUATOTS & PRESCHOOLER SWIMMING LESSONS
 Start October 4th at the Opunake Community Baths. Refer notice.

OPUNAKE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUG AGM
 Tuesday, October 4 at Headlands at 7pm. Refer public notice.

LEARN ABOUT THE REFERENDUM ON NZ'S VOTING SYSTEM
 Tuesday, October 4 at 7pm at the Sandfords Event Centre, Tasman St, Opunake. Refer public notice.

'MACHINE HEADS' LIVE BAND
 4th October at Opunake Surf Inn, Opunake. Refer advert.

AUROA SCHOOL'S CALF & LAMB DAY
 Thursday, October 6 at Auroa School, 734 Auroa Road. Judging starts at 10am. Refer public notice.

WORLD CUP AGRICULTURAL DAY
 Thursday, October 6 at St Josephs, Whitcombe Road, Opunake at 10.45am. Refer public notice.

RONALD HUGH MORRIESON LITERARY AWARDS 2011 PRESENTATION NIGHT
 Thursday, October 6 at the Hawera Library, High Street, Hawera at 7pm. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE ATHLETICS REGISTRATION NIGHT
 Thursday, October 6 at the Sandfords Event Centre from 6.30-7.30pm. Refer public notice.

WEIGHTLOSS CHALLENGE
 First meeting, October 12 at St Lukes Hall, Okato at 7pm. 9 weeks in total. Limited numbers. Refer advert and article.

DYNAMIC HOLIDAY WORKSHOP CAMP - FOR SENIOR PRIMARY GIRLS
 Monday October 17 & 18 at St Mary's Diocesan School, Stratford. Refer advert.

'STUDIO 22' LIVE BAND
 22nd October at Opunake Surf Inn, Opunake. Refer advert.

LENAN SHARROCK MEMORIAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG WOMEN
 Applications close on October 28, 2011. Refer public notice.

TARANAKI BOYS & GIRLS CALF CHAMPIONSHIPS
 October 29 at the Stratford Showgrounds.

PARIHAKA PAPA KAINGA HUI DATES 2011
 Sunday 30th October, 1pm, Te Mahi Kuare, Parihaka. Saturday 26th November, AGM 10am, Te Niho o Te Atiawa.

KAPONGA BOYS & GIRLS CALF CHAMPIONSHIPS
 November 5 at the Kaponga Domain. Refer advert.

COASTAL BOYS & GIRLS CALF CHAMPIONSHIPS
 November 12 at the Opunake Primary School.

ELTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL 125TH JUBILEE
 18, 19 & 20th November, 2011.

J E PRESTIDGE TRUST BURSARIES AVAILABLE
 For further details refer public notice. Applications close December 2, 2011.

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Upcoming bands at the Opunake Surf Inn

Sat 1.10.11
- **Painted Black.**

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Sat 8.10.11
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Sat 22.10.11
- **Studio 22**

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Sat 29.10.11
- **L40**

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Please note there is no cover charge to see any of these bands at the Opunake Surf Inn.

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THREE LIVE BANDS IN OCTOBER				Chase the Ace \$300 HAPPY HOUR 22	EVERY FRIDAY \$15 Meal & Drink DEAL 23	24
ROAST MEAL & Pool Comp 25	FREE POOL 26	Two Pizzas \$20 & Pensioners' Pool Comp 27	POKER 28	Chase the Ace \$300 HAPPY HOUR 29	EVERY FRIDAY \$15 Meal & Drink DEAL 30	Live Music PAINTED BLACK 1
ROAST MEAL & Pool Comp 2	FREE POOL 3	Two Pizzas for \$20 & FREE pool 4	POKER 5	Chase the Ace \$300 HAPPY HOUR 6	EVERY FRIDAY \$15 Meal & Drink DEAL 7	Live Music MACHINE HEADS 8
ROAST MEAL & Pool Comp 9	FREE POOL 10	Two Pizzas \$20 & Pensioners' Pool Comp 11	POKER 12	Chase the Ace \$300 HAPPY HOUR 13	EVERY FRIDAY \$15 Meal & Drink DEAL 14	15
ROAST MEAL & Pool Comp 16	FREE POOL 17	Two Pizzas for \$20 & FREE pool 18	POKER 19	Chase the Ace \$300 HAPPY HOUR 20	EVERY FRIDAY \$15 Meal & Drink DEAL 21	Live Music STUDIO 22 22

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