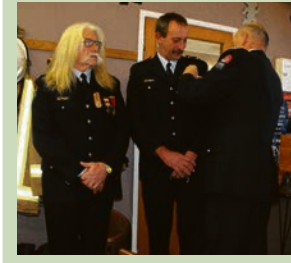




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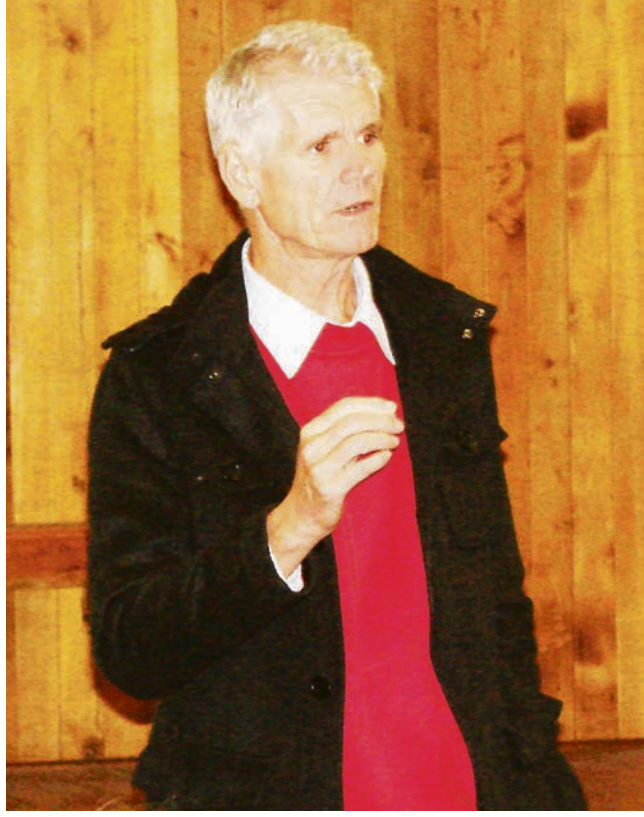


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Lock the Gate - on adverse mining practices



Drew Hutton addressing the meeting.

A prominent environmentalist Drew Hutton spoke at a public meeting at Norfolk Hall on August 21.

The Australian outlined some of the adverse practices some mining companies have got away with in his country. Coal seam gas is one product sought. He is president of Lock the Gate Alliance, an unlikely combination of environmentalists and conservative farmers - equally concerned about some of the adverse effects of inadequately regulated mining and a lack of legislative controls. The landown-

ers simply refuse to allow mining companies access, despite being a conditional legal requirement. He cited the case of a 95-year-old landowning lady being arrested, along with her granddaughter. A fine of \$150,000 can be imposed.

Chairing the meeting was Michael Self, a South Taranaki District Councillor. Also speaking was Sarah Roberts a rural landowner who spoke about the adverse health implications of mining practices in her area. Teresa Goodin, a Kaitake Board member, also

spoke of her concerns about the high increase in mining licenses being granted and associated negative effects.

Cr Self, Sarah Roberts and her husband David Morrison were recently in the news because their questions about mining have led to Taranaki Regional Council CEO Basil Chamberlain deciding not to answer any more questions. Questions would be simply tabled - unanswered.

Drew Hutton is adamant that he is not anti-mining - just mining which ignores environmental and health implications. He specified five key requirements to allow acceptable mining:

- Keeping farm land as good, productive farm land - not industrialising it
- Ensuring water supplies are not contaminated
- Respecting our cultural heritage
- Sensitivity to environmentally significant areas
- Respecting the needs of closely settled areas

Cr Self spoke about discovering that toxic waste is being dumped in an area, where there was an element of secrecy and possible health implications. He

learned this from the Minutes of a STDC Environment and Hearing Committee.

He also spoke about how some people with opposing views may try to discredit others; in particular someone leaked personal financial details relating to his own property rates. "I can wear it, but my family can't - it was deliberately malicious", he said.

Teresa Goodin, of the Kaitake Community Board is concerned about the acceleration of exploration permits granted. The new permits exceed the existing ones 42 times over! She was especially concerned about the implications of fracking, which, while not a new technique, is "where the industry is now".

Just some of the implications of fracking were, she explained, contamination of ground water supplies, soil contamination as well as health implications. Property values could also be compromised. Quality of life for home owners nearby could suffer with excessive light and noise pollution.

Sarah Roberts mentioned some of the companies involved. She felt that underground exploration into areas of fault lines wasn't wise.

She was told "But they are not active fault lines" which didn't impress her.

Upon inquiry she discovered that there was a lack of clarity as to exactly where horizontal drilling (sidewinding) ended up. Also unclear was exactly which body to approach for different concerns. "That's what made our family extremely worried", she commented.

In Australia Drew Hutton felt that the legislators and mining companies were far too close with MPs sometimes spending time in their employ. "There is a complete conflict of interest permeating in Queensland", he said.

Some of the health implications included headaches, nose bleeds, ear ache, rashes and insomnia, he explained. "These are all the symptoms of gas poisoning", he warned.

The most dangerous gas was hydrogen sulphide, not methane - although he said the latter bubbles out of the ground in significant quantities. In one rural location, however, methane emerging from a bore ignited and is still burning - they can't extinguish it.

Mr Hutton continues his tour throughout NZ. For venues and dates go to www.lockthegate.org.nz

Coastguard's volunteers receive awards

Coastguard Volunteers from the wider Taranaki area have scooped the pool of the Coastguard Central Region Annual Awards with three awards going to Coastguard Taranaki and one to Coastguard South Taranaki.

Coastguard Taranaki's Colin Hunt, Nigel Hayton and Kelly Gates were the winners at an awards ceremony held Saturday 25 August by Coastguard Central Region to present the Region's 2012 Volunteer of the Year, Operational Volunteer of the Year and Rescue Vessel Volunteer of the Year respectively, while Coastguard South Taranaki took the award for Rescue of the Year.

The awards were presented at Coastguard Central Region's Annual General Meeting in recognition of the volunteers' efforts in




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Recently, it was reported (Taranaki Daily News: August 28) that the Taranaki Regional Council CEO Basil Chamberlain will no longer address questions asked by three people, who were described as “environmental campaigners” – South Taranaki District Councillor Michael Self, and rural land-owners Sarah Roberts and David Morrison. The reason given was that the questions (concerning methods of oil exploration) posed were “mischievous and vexatious”. The questions, if they arise in future, will be merely filed. This seems an extraordinary decision, especially when one of the three is an elected

representative – a councillor and the area of concern is in his ward.

One of the concerns is about the method known as hydraulic fracturing – often referred to as ‘fracking’.

Mr Chamberlain is entitled to his views, but so too are people who hold a contrary position. Sarah Roberts and David Morrison are ratepayers with rural land at Ngaere, which they are concerned has been adversely affected by nearby sub-strata exploration, with water and air purity implications, and a concomitant risk to their health.

Having heard these people speak at public meetings more than once, they im-

pressed with their passionate commitment to safeguarding the environment and they spoke in an intelligent way with their arguments backed with information, graphs and examples. They did not seem in any way frivolous or mischievous.

The meetings I attended spent considerable time on the situation in Australia and it seemed clear that we need to be careful to ensure that rigorous safeguards are in place in this nation, with legislative backing, as the situation over the Tasman is of even greater concern than here. Mineral exploration has a valid and important place, of course, but it must be with

‘watertight’ environmental and health safeguards.

Here in Taranaki, there is a raft of worrying aspects requiring scrutiny and we should be grateful that environmentally-aware people, such as these three, are pointing them out.

Of course, it is important to hear all viewpoints; people with the opposing viewpoint - associated with the mineral exploration industry - have also spoken well and their views must equally be heard. However, people holding alternate views, such as Cr Michael Self, Sarah Roberts and David Morrison must not be, effectively, muzzled.

Rolland McKellar



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The Search for Anne Perry - Thank you

Dear Editor,
 I am writing to say how very much I appreciated your review and note. I have been waiting for a space to write and thank you.

I appreciate the thoughtful and reflective way you reviewed the book and the sentiments contained in your note. Yesterday I packed up three books to

send to Scotland, each in a different parcel - one was for Anne's brother, another for her friend Meg, and the last was for Anne. None of them have read the book yet, so I did it with a certain degree of anxiety. With Anne's book I included your newspaper article and note. Its possible she may never read the book. For her it is a dredging up of terrible and tragic times, as much as it is

anything positive - so your review and note may stand for something much more. In a way they are testimony to the fact that people (or at least some people) in New Zealand can read the book, and in the light of knowledge of her adult life, come to a new conclusion. I know she will be immensely heartened by this concept.

Thank you for your thought-

fulness in sending your response to the book - it encourages me in the face of the inevitable (and often cruel and ill-informed) backlash and it is a power for good in the world. All very best wishes,

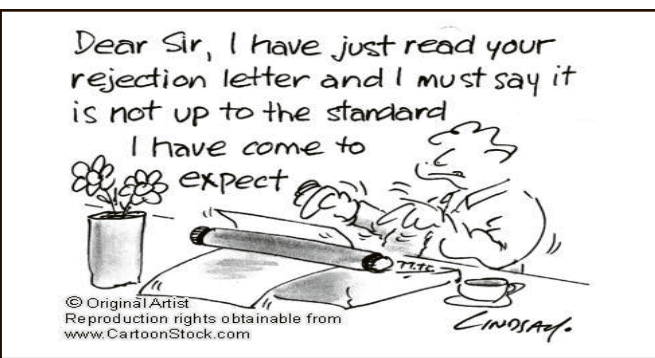
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Lakeside Lions – Daffodil Day

Dear Editor,
 Opunake Lakeside Lions would like to thank everyone for making our Daffodil Day such a success. With all your wonderful contributions, we have raised over \$4000 for the Cancer Society. That is a huge amount for a small

town with a big heart. We are very proud of our community which includes Raho/Pungarehu Lions and Kaponga Lions.

*Opunake Lakeside Lions
 Daffodil Day Co-Ordinator
 Margaret Holmes*



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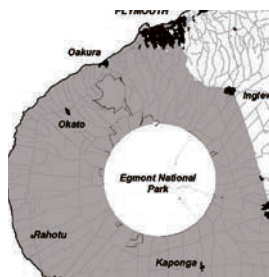
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BBC (Bible Believers Corner) Elijah

Jesus said something strange, something that is not picked up by most Christians or even theologians. And that is that Elijah the Prophet is to return and restore all things. Elijah was a prophet in the Old Testament. He was the one the song ‘Swing Low, Sweet Chariot’ referred to. His disciple was called Elisha.

God gave Elisha a double portion of Elijah’s Spirit. This is important to understand. The spirit of Elijah can return on other men. So a return of Elijah does not necessarily mean the return of the original

prophet himself.

In Matthew 17 v11 and Mark 9 v12 Jesus said that Elijah the prophet must first come and restore true Christianity. This matches Malachi 4 v5- 6 where God talks of sending Elijah the prophet to do two things,

1. turn the hearts of the fathers to the children
2. turn the hearts of the children to the fathers.

Of course most teach that this Elijah was John the Baptist, but that isn’t so according to the Bible.

In Luke 1 v17 the angel Gabriel says that John the Baptist will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. John the Baptist only completed number 1, leaving number 2, turning the hearts of the children to the fathers, unfinished.

To turn hearts of children to their fathers is to get the children to believe what the older generations believe, in other words restore the original faith. And that is what Jesus said the Elijah would do, restore all things. And in both Matthew and Luke Jesus said, “Elijah

shall” (future tense) come and restore all things.

There was a future Elijah and one that had just occurred. The disciples understood that the one just past was John the Baptist. But that still leaves another prophet to come in the spirit of Elijah. And, according to Malachi he will come and restore the original Christian faith just before judgement falls. Then where is he? And what is the original Christian Faith? That is the Message for today.

*Richard Oliver
 Pastor Eltham Message*

Scarpas Shoes and arrives in Opunake



Teresa Deacon with an attractive selection of shoes for sale at 86 Tasman Street in Opunake.
 This week saw a new business arrive in Opunake. Well, not really a new business – rather a branch of an long established branch - Scarpas of Stratford are now situated at 86 Tasman Street, Opunake. They are easy to find – wedged between Force Ten Videos and Turn Heads Hair Salon. Teresa Deacon is looking

after the shop, while husband David keeps things humming along in Stratford. So far everything is off to as great start. "It's all going very well – lots of repairs have come in, as well as interest shown in the shoes on display", she said. "Very positive", she added.

Although the focus is on taking in shoes for repairs, there is a range of ladies shoes on display, as well as a selection of men's. "Those shoes there", explained Teresa are exclusive to Opunake", commented Teresa. She was pointing at several

colourful, summery shoes in the window. There are also sturdy sturdy boots on offer. Other accessories on display include polishes, inner soles, laces, and foot deodorant. "I think it's great to have a service like this available in Opunake," said one lady. I'm taking my bag in to be repaired.

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Lakeside Lions Daffodil Day a blooming success



Opunake Lakeside Lions Club president Kaye Mourie talking happily to Bernie Karam of Karams Clothes on the Coast. Karams donated the fashionable outfit for a raffle on Daffodil Day.

The Daffodil Day stall was a blooming success as it met its target of \$4,000, thanks to its hard-working organisers, the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club.

Margaret Holmes, Welfare Director of this Opunake club, said she was thrilled with the money raised after the many months of planning for this annual event on Friday, October 31.

"As a Lions club our members are very grateful to all the local people who donated produce, baking and other items for selling," Margaret commented.

Raffles were popular on the Daffodil Day and the prizes, such as the hand-knitted children's toys, crocheted knee rug, and a soft, woollen rug knitted in all beautiful colours, were the centre of attention.

The Cancer Society will benefit from this fundraising and the money will be used to improve the lives of those people suffering from cancer.

Daffodils, with their bright yellow, represent hope and a promise of new life. Some Opunake Lakeside Lions Club members

had spent hours picking paddock daffodils from the district.

The request was for a gold coin donation from people who were then given a bunch of daffodils.

Thanks partly to early medical detection methods, there are more and more happy endings for people who get cancer. One of these is a lady who had a mastectomy 29 years ago in Opunake. She turns 95 in December.



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Coastguard's volunteers receive awards

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helping to keep New Zealanders safe on the water.

Colin Hunt received the Volunteer of the Year Award for the key part he played in the funding project to obtain Coastguard Taranaki's new rescue vessel. Colin quickly bought into the challenging project and immediately showed his willingness, determination and enthusiasm for it. Through astute leadership and management of the project team Colin's efforts soon began to pay off. As a result the project was successfully completed with the new boat now well under construction.

Nigel Hayton received the Operational Award for his operational involvement in both Coastguard Taranaki's old rescue vessel and their new one currently under

construction. He has been a long standing member of the Unit who was responsible for writing the Unit's Standard Operating Procedures along with a number of other operational documents which he maintains. He has been a Rescue Vessel Senior Master and was the Unit Training Officer but prefers to invest in the future and mentor those who are now in the training role.

He has also been very actively involved in the new rescue vessel project specialising in the procurement of the electronics and communications suite.

Rescue Vessel Volunteer of the Year Award went to Kelly Gates who has been with the Unit five years and is a member of the Unit's Masters Development Squad. She has been awarded for her team spirit, leadership,

competency on the rescue vessel, attendance at training and her outgoing personality which she makes her a very enthusiastic representative of Coastguard Taranaki. As the result of her attendance at a recent search and rescue related course Kylie was described as; "Thoroughly enjoyed meeting, working with, and getting to know Kelly, she's an absolute gem and without a doubt a great asset to your team. Look forward to keeping in contact with her and working together in the future, love her

energy!" Kelly holds a number of positions within the Unit which she applies herself to with a high level of enthusiasm.

In presenting the awards Keith Bastin, Coastguard Central Region Board Chairman said "We must recognise the efforts that our people put into Coastguard and all of these awards are very well deserved. It is a great pleasure to present the awards today and I thank each of you for your contribution, dedication and hard work."

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CEO Rodney Green will present details of the fi-

nancial year, which resulted in Ravensdown being the first fertiliser company in New Zealand to exceed one billion dollars in annual revenue. The evening will commence with drinks then the presentation followed by a hot buffet meal which will include some great New Zealand wines. Mike says a number of Shareholders will

remember the last dinner which was held eight years ago.

Buses have been arranged at several locations around the mountain. If transport is required this can be organised when confirming attendance by phoning the Customer Centre on 0800 100 123.

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Eight coastal slips from heavy rain

A series of slips caused by heavy rain overnight has closed the Oakura Walkway and the reserve at the end of Ahu Ahu Road.

One large slip has shifted and buried two public toilets at the Ahu Ahu site, and another slip fell onto the beach to below the high tide mark. There are about eight land slips in total along the coastal strip. "A lot of soil and water has come down between Ahu Ahu and Oakura, and we ask people to stay

away from these areas until we have cleared the slips away," says Manager Parks Mark Bruhn.

"Looking at the volume of material that needs to be shifted, that could take a few days.

"We will also get an engineer to assess the state of the cliff at Ahu Ahu to decide whether or not it is stable."

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Shell has been extremely generous with a \$10,000 donation to the Ngatitara Oaonui Sandy Bay Society. Peter Johnston, chairman of this environmental organisation, thanked Warwick Smith from Shell.

meeting at Sandfords Event Centre, that Shell had created a bright, positive path ahead for the volunteers.

In June the Sandy Bay

members completed the four year Biodiversity funded project of planting on the sand dunes and foreshore.

Don Shearman of the

Taranaki Regional Council was thanked for his valuable contribution as Biodiversity manager.

A total of 4,700 spinifex plants were dug in place by students from the Opunake High School as well as members of the Hillary Challenge team, Shell staff and local farmers.

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Crime is well under control at the moment. We are still having good results with members of the public happy to give us information about stolen goods, drugs and all sorts.

We recovered a good amount of stolen property from a rural

address last week, executed a drug warrant and recovered cannabis and a growing operation the week before, so things are ticking over nicely.

Kaponga has had a spate of graffiti, which is disappointing to say the least; however information is coming in from locals so the offending parties will no doubt be getting a visit before long.

The roads seem to be constantly wet at the moment so please take care and drive to the conditions. Adding

a few minutes to a trip is nothing compared to the trouble of dealing with Police, insurance, Courts and reparation payments when you've crashed because of impatience.

We haven't had any bad crashes locally for a while, which is awesome, so keep up the good work!

That's all for now, take care out there.

Const. David Lindsay
Eltham Police



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fly across the Tasman Sea. A crowd of about 35,000 were there to see the historic moment.

On board with him were Charles Ulm, and two New Zealanders - Tom McWil-

liams (radio operator) and Harold Litchfield (navigator).

The men had set off from Richmond, near Sydney the day before at 5.43pm.

Okato



Rich Corry

I have had a number of thefts in the area and also some suspicious activity.

First off all the theft; petrol seems to be the main item at the moment. However, while the bad guys are out there they are helping themselves to whatever else they can carry. Please be vigilant about what you have lying around and who is coming and going.

I have had two pushbikes stolen from bus shelters while the kids are at school. Please get your child a bike lock and get them to padlock their

bike to something solid. Also ensure you have the serial number, as without it the chances of getting your bike back are very slim indeed.

With the thefts and suspicious activity, I suggest that we start to take a more proactive approach to our security. This could mean installing a security system or just simply locking things up.

Security lights are good if you can see them go off. A driveway alarm can also be

useful. There are so many options out there and they are not all going to cost the earth. Contact your insurance company and they may be able to suggest something.

I said it before and I'll say it again - locking things will only keep the honest burglar out, but let's not make it easy for them. They are generally lazy people and will move on to an easier target.

Got to go - be safe out there.
Rich

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Manaia WI Committee members Ann Chisnall, Clela Clark, Meg Kelly, Marion Smith and Rona Butler.

Manaia committee members Ann Chisnall, Clela Clark, Meg Kelly, Marion Smith and Rona Butler entertained members with a yesteryear fashion show, which was compered by Jenny Hamley at their August Meeting.

Two frocks that were particularly admired were from the 1930s - one having been worn to a dance in Auroa. It was made of lovely navy velvet type material with a short jacket. The other was of black chiffon material

embroidered all over with sequins and beads.

Other outfits had been worn to family weddings dating back 12 to 24 years ago, and a negligee from the 1960s, as well as an oregano jumper and a jacket had been woven

on a knitting machine some years ago. Two other outfits had been purchased from the Hospice shop and it is amazing how great these ladies looked for the small price of around \$15.

Two furs and a fur jacket were also admired, as were two outfits that were recently purchased.

The Manaia Community Pre-school benefited from books and a cushion that were donated to them from the WI and Liz Heap acting Senior Teacher thanked members for the generous donation.

The Mary Hutton Trophy was presented to Phyllis Malcolm, and the wandering coin was won by Joan Lloyd.

Signs on the Opunake Walkway are now in place and the project nearing completion the Egmont Plains Community Board was

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Progress on the walkway

A report on progress with the Opunake Walkway was given by Councillor Ian Armstrong at the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting. Signs had already gone up and more were to go up he said, some as money allowed. There had also been a lot of work done recently on improving the surface in the area around Dudley's Bridge.

Councillor Ian Armstrong who is also a member of the Opunake Lions who have spearheaded the initiative, commented that \$40,000 dollars of fencing had gone into the project.

Many hours of voluntary labour had already gone into the project.

He mentioned Rex Langton who with the passing of Dudley Morris and Ron Borrows who has moved to

Feilding had been a pivotal figure in the project.

Community Board Chair Sharon Arlidge "congratulated and applauded those involved" describing the Opunake Walkway as "a real asset".

In other discussion, the use of the Opunake Town Hall was substantially down it was stated. The subject of e-readers was brought up - one

Community Board member clearly not up in new technology - enquiring what they were. They're books that can be read online, he was told. The South Taranaki District libraries are to have them on loan.

Pensioner housing also came up for discussion.

The meeting was told they were not profitable in answer

to a question by one of those present.

"Are we meant to be dealing with pensioner housing," questioned Board Member Brian Vincent.

South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop who was at the meeting said the Council was "moving towards making them self funding so they're not a cost to the rate payers."

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- **Responsibly managing Government finances.**
- **Building a more competitive and productive economy.**
- **Delivering better public services.**
- **Rebuilding Christchurch.**

Responsibly managing the Government's finances is what is behind the mixed ownership model. We want to continue to build new schools and hospitals, but cannot afford to borrow money from overseas to do this. The Mixed Ownership Model will release 49% of the value of some SOE's, for the pro-

ceeds can be reinvested back into New Zealand's public asset and infrastructure.

Keeping borrowing down in order to balance the books, and then to begin to reduce our overseas debt, are huge priorities. Net crown debt will peak at no more than 30 per cent of GDP, before it starts to fall thanks to National's responsible economic management. We're on track getting back to surplus in 2014/15, which will strengthen the economy. We will be one of the few developed countries not increasing public debt in these testing times.

This responsible management of the Government's finances and the New Zealand economy is bringing real benefits to ordinary New Zealanders. For instance, the after-tax average wage is up by 20 per cent since 2008. New Zealand has the lowest inflation rate since 1999, meaning the everyday cost of living is increasing at its slowest rate in 12 years.

Interest rates are at the lowest level in 45 years, saving a family with a \$200,000 mortgage about \$200 a week in repayments, compared to four years ago.

When Labour left office in November 2008 inflation was running at 5.1 per cent. Power prices had risen by 72 per cent in eight years. At the same time, floating mortgages were at decade highs of almost 11 per cent.

Under National, all rates of Superannuation have increased since 2008 – the

married rate is up by \$194, which is 22 per cent higher than April 2008.

Around 60,000 new jobs have been created in our economy in the past two years.

Personal income tax cuts across the board have left the average family about \$25 better off each week. Three-quarters of income earners pay no more than 17.5 per cent tax.

A family with two children and an income of about \$50,000 a year is paying no tax after Working for Families is taken into account.

New Zealanders are saving more, with positive household savings rates for the first time in a decade.

We adjusted Working for Families payments by 5 per cent on 1 April this year, meaning higher payments for most families.

It is maintaining New Zealand's international credibility – a status that is hard won but easily lost, as a number of countries around the world are finding out.

It is helping to keep interest rates lower for longer, take pressure off the exchange rate, and reduce future finance costs. This has been confirmed with credit ratings agency Standard and Poor's this month affirming New Zealand's long-term foreign currency rating at AA with a stable outlook. We also remain one of only nine countries now with the highest possible AAA rating and a stable outlook with Moody's.

It is important for us to 'stay the course.' Taranaki is doing well. Our unemployment is around 3.6% which is one of the lowest in the world. This month it was reported that Taranaki led the nation in economic activity, followed by Christchurch. We are blessed with a strong petroleum industry and a strong agriculture industry in Taranaki. Supporting these is manufacturing and all the other service industries.

National's responsible fiscal management and, in particular, our discipline around spending and capital management, is strengthening New Zealand's resilience in what will continue to be uncertain times.

Responsible economic management is not just a matter of 'battening down the hatches.' It is about being disciplined and spending the right amount of money in the right places.

Recently New Zealand researchers have been awarded \$133 million in new research grants. The first tranche of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's 2012 science investment round will support 47 research projects in the biological industries; energy and minerals; the environment; hazards and infrastructure; and health and society funding categories.

Funding for research in the high-value manufacturing and services sector will be announced in the next few weeks.

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Alcohol law debate misses the point

We are getting it wrong on alcohol laws.

Last week's vote in Parliament to leave the purchase age unchanged highlighted the problems. My guess is there will be no change to any other aspect of alcohol regulation, and the problems alcohol causes to people and our communities will continue.

There are a number of problems with the way Parliament deals with the issue that means we never face up to the reality of alcohol.

The fact that we still treat votes in Parliament on alcohol laws as a conscience vote, and therefore as a moral issue, is totally outdated. It isn't a moral issue; it is a health issue.

And we don't talk about alcohol as a drug, even though that is what it is. It is a mind-altering, and behaviour-changing, substance. It meets every clinical definition of a

drug.

Not only is it a drug, it is mildly toxic. In sufficient quantities, it will damage or destroy us.

Alcohol gets away with being treated so softly because it has been socially accepted for hundreds of years, and because it is now an industry worth billions of dollars in New Zealand alone. The industry does not concern itself with the harm it is causing.

I suspect we don't treat alcohol as a drug because, once we think about it in those terms, we would have to think about the way we regulate other 'social' drugs that have a short term impact, like party drugs and marijuana. But we have steeped these substances in a heap of moral baggage.

The starting point of the debate on any drug should be "what is it good for and, misused, what are the negative effects likely to be?" This is what should determine how

we regulate.

If harm can be caused, then we have an answer to those who argue they have a right to alcohol. There is no right to anything that can harm you. A right is something that imposes an obligation on another, and I do not accept that any of us, whether individually or collectively through government, have an obligation to ensure access to alcohol.

If we accept there is some social good then regulating availability or access is an important part of the equation. This is where the purchase age question comes in. It also encompasses issues like hours of sale and price.

The Law Commission took two years to investigate all these issues and come up with regulations, but it looks like there will be in vain. And we will be worse off for it.



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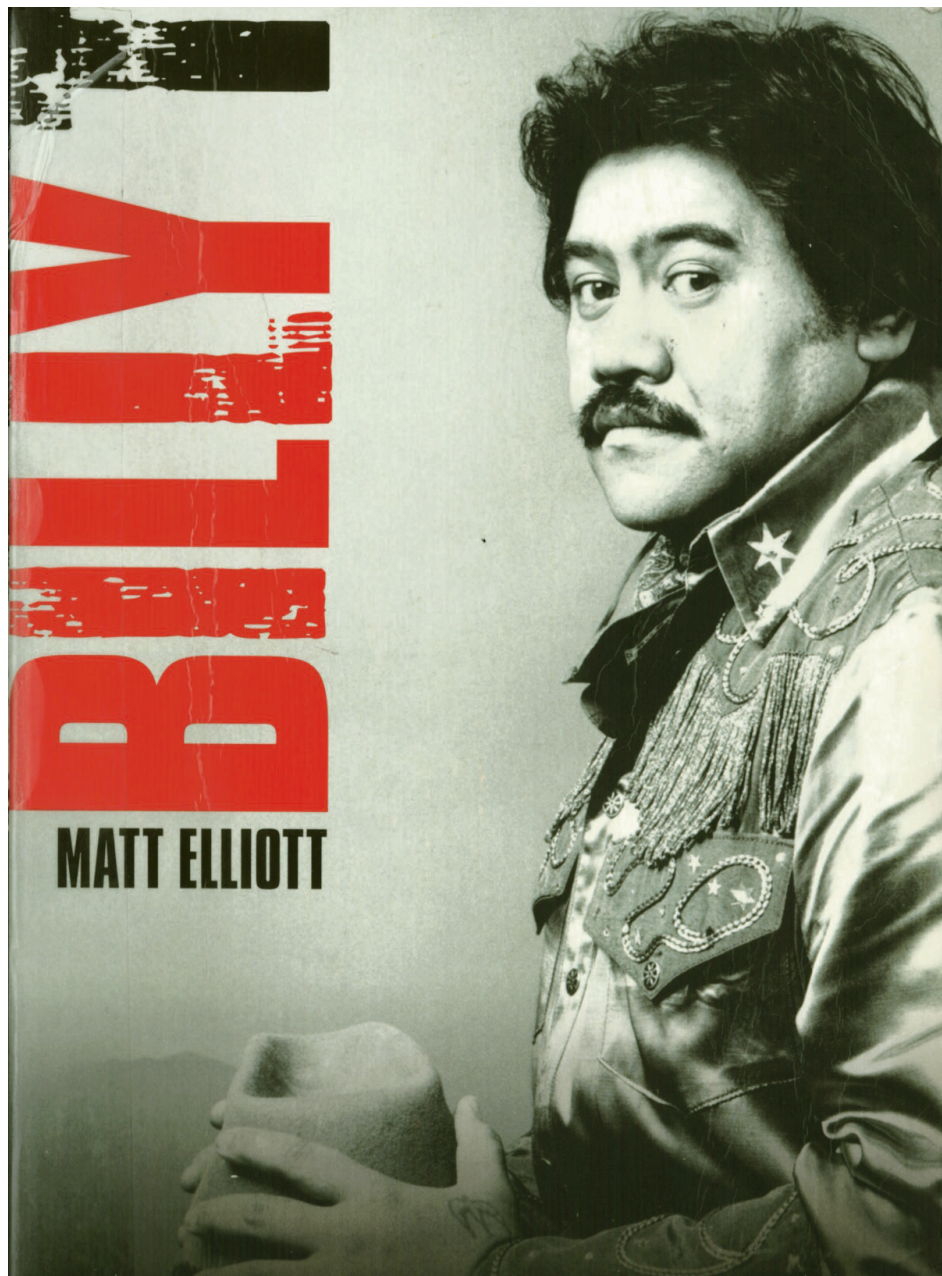
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Billy T - the man behind the humour - a book review



Billy T: The Life and Times of Billy T James. Written by Matt Elliott. Published by Harper Collins, Auckland, 2009.

This is a fascinating book, which delves deep into both Billy T James' (known as Te Wehi Taitoko as a boy) short but significant, enriched life, as well as the entertainment industry in NZ and overseas. Billy spent considerable time

in other countries, such as the UK and USA.

Billy is best known as a comedian, but less well known as the brilliant musician he was; the Maori Volcanics was just one of the groups he was involved with. It was as a musician he first entered the entertainment industry – the comedy came later, but ended us as the major component.

He was an intensely shy

man off the stage and also generous to a fault. Although he earned hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly through much of this career, when he died he was relatively poor. Hangers on and sycophants had been too well provided for, it seems.

Although he was very kind to others, he wasn't so kind to himself. He reportedly admitted he was a 30-40 cigarette

smoker – daily.

He was also overly fond of junk food. One of his entertainment friends remarked that he rarely saw anything green pass Billy's lips.

Exercise was also not high on the agenda: Sir Howard Morrison once said the nearest Billy came to exercise was brushing his teeth!

Inevitably something had to give; and it was his health. As early as his late thirties he had heart disease. A bypass operation left him feeling even more ill if anything and he next received a heart transplant from a 17-year-old recipient. Later, the new heart was damaged by illness and he was told he had little time left.

But nothing escaped his comic eye – even his own medical condition. At a surprise 40th birthday, freshly home from hospital, he staged a heart attack so realistic the ambulance was called. His wife Lynne was so angry she slapped him – hard.

Life wasn't always easy in other ways. There was a brick thrown through his window, with a hate message attached, bullets were fired at his house and death threats made. These left him considerably shaken as was his wife Lynn and niece who lived with him.

He had a Taranaki connection with the film of Ronald Hugh Morrieson's novel 'Came a Hot Friday'; he had a small but award-winning part.

When Billy died aged just 42 there was drama when his body was uplifted by an uncle and others, from his marital home, against the wishes of his wife Lynne. The rights

and wrongs of this are argued by various people in the book. I thoroughly recommend this absorbing book, replete with

many interesting photographs of arguably New Zealand's greatest entertainer ever.

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Boomerang Trophy keenly contested



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Malcolm Muggeridge presenting the Boomerang Trophy to Monique Radford for her success in Junior Members Classes at the A & P Shows with her Golden Star Animals, at the Taranaki Purebreeder's Jersey Club Dinner Awards, held at the Midhurst Tavern recently.

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They just couldn't put it out

The Opunake Fire Service had a busy day on Wednesday, a week ago, attending three fire callouts - all to the old dairy factory in Arawhata Road, Oaonui.

The first callout at around 12:00 noon was to a tractor parked in the main part of the factory which had caught alight.

The fire which had spread to the factory roof was successfully extinguished and the firemen departed.

There was a second callout at around 1:30pm to the factory. The old factory was well alight near ceiling.

This time it was more difficult to subdue.

Over the course of the afternoon, the Opunake fire siren went off for a third time for reinforcements arriving from Rahotu, Okato, Kaponga, Manaia, Eltham, Okaiawa and New Plymouth.

By late afternoon there were 13 fire vehicles and over 40 fire fighters.

And still the fire smouldered on.

The New Plymouth Fire Service was there till 6pm, the Kaponga Bridgade took over while to give the exhausted Opunake firefighters a breather and a chance to re-crew. They returned to and the fire was finally extinguished at 5:30am on the Thursday morning.

Commented one of the

Opunake firefighters there throughout it got a bit dangerous for people to go inside so they tried to contain it from the outside.

"Part of the reason it was so hard to put out was it had a tongue and groove ceiling which made it very difficult to get to the fire."



The tractor that started it all.

Tractor fire started by electrical fault

The fire in the tractor was thought to have been started by an electrical fault.

Farm worker Rick Andrew who lives in a separate building alongside the factory said he had just returned from feeding out, had parked the tractor in its usual place and was having breakfast when he heard a noise which sounded like the engine turning over. He went to investigate and found the tractor was on fire.

"There were little flames just under the hood, he said.

He tried to put the fire out with a hose that was handy. He suffers from asthma though and was shortly overcome by fumes.

"I was more worried about the calves," said Rick and also about his goat that was tethered alongside the factory.

The Opunake Fire Service arrived at just after midday.



The tractor removed (at left) and evacuated the calves (visible at left near the entrance).

The old dairy factory is owned by Rex and Lorraine Langton, which was housing around 80 calves at the time.

Sadly four of the calves were lost.

After the first fire the calves were evacuated.

By the time of the second callout however, the calves had been returned to the factory.

Interestingly, one of the calves had escaped and it was while chasing it round the

side of the factory to capture it they noticed the factory smouldering again.

Rex's son Aaron went in to try to lift out the calves in the middle pen but "couldn't see them well and had to get out because of the smoke". Rex also tried to get in to rescue the calves.

The smoke was so dense, he commented. They got there within 8 minutes of the fire starting. Within two minutes it was just impossible.

"The visibility was down to about a metre," commented Rex. "It was just ridiculous."

The fire started the second time between the two storage bays, he continued.

"It hadn't burnt through any of the walls so we thought it was completely out," said Rex. A fireman was put in to check the fire was out and as it was dark in the factory he couldn't help but see any glow. They also pulled the



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tractor out.
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 Surveying the scene the next morning he said he wasn't sure whether the factory was worth fixing. "I may fix part of it," he said adding that it would depend on whether the Oregon structural beams were stable.

He said he was very grateful to fire fighters Robert Walden and Andrew Pentelow for bravely going in and getting the calves out, seven of whom they brought out unconscious. It took them 10-15 minutes to stand, said Rex. Within half an hour they were walking.

Two of the calves - along with Aaron - were still a bit wheezy, the next morning. Rex says he's sure the calves, and Aaron, will make a full recovery!

In an interesting aside, Rick who gets a bit of ribbing because part of the factory where he lives used to be used as a morgue next morning said, though he would be moving out temporarily, he would be returning and is quite unfazed by its history.

"I've seen nothing, heard or felt nothing out of the ordinary," he insists. He gets quite a buzz in telling people though. One friend remarked "I wouldn't be caught dead living there."

Unfortunately there was some water damage to the building which was separate from the factory but he's got house and contents insurance.

Perhaps he could market it as a backpackers! The old Morgue. Stay here, if you dare!



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Opunake Learn to Swim



Opunake Swimming Club is pleased to announce they have joined forces with Surf 45 Swim school and are merging to create the Opunake Learn to Swim. Sue Pegrume, previously the Lead teacher and manager of Surf 45 Swim School for the past three years will be the teaching co ordinator of Opunake Learn to Swim. Sue is extremely well qualified for the position having completed her NZCST Assistant Swim teacher award, her school age and adults award and her early childhood swim teacher award. Her team of adult learn to swim teachers have all done formal training with Austswim in Hawera and will have on going professional development. This means we will be able to provide high quality swimming lessons with qualified teachers for our community. With Sue taking care of the learn to swim, the Opunake Swimming Club committee are looking forward to focusing on running fun, exciting club nights for all ages and abilities, our carnival in November and other new developments.

Opunake Swimming Club President Trish Anderson (left) and Sue Pegrume the newly appointed manager of the Opunake Learn to Swim Programme outside the Opunake Community Baths at the Opunake High School on Longfellow Road.



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that should be acted upon early rather than let develop into something that requires emergency action. You get training in swimming fitness, lifesaving and first aid techniques. You can also gain level 3 credits towards a NZ Recreation Association qualification if you wish. So if you enjoyed swimming in your early school days this will be a great opportunity for you to get back in the water.

The course will be held in Hawera pool over four mornings of either the first or second week (Mon-Thurs) of the October holidays. The cost is \$325 per person for both the pool lifeguard and first aid qualifications. If you want to work at Opunake pool in a paid position at least fortnightly or voluntarily on a casual basis the Baths Society can help with the training costs.

You do not need to be a great swimmer as you will be given a chance to improve swimming fitness and style to allow you to pass the swimming part. The only speed test has been given heaps more time 200m (8 lengths of our pool) in 6

minutes. The South Taranaki District Council is seeking adults to train as pool lifeguards for all their rural pools, so you would be training with other adults who are likely in a similar or worse swimming level than you at this course. There are a couple of over fifty's in Opunake who attained this qualification in recent years so it isn't too hard.

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Did you know that gaining a positive relationship with water at a young age and establishing foundation aquatic skills along with safe behaviours and attitudes leads to life long enjoyment of the water and the ability to swim. Swimming is a core life skill essential for everyone

to maximize the benefits of living here in this Island nation. It is also part of keeping children active and healthy.

A child need lots of active movement in their early years to insure their long term developmental milestones are met. Fundamental movement skills are also essential for brain development, especially in the first three years of life. Not only does Aquatots offer the perfect opportunity for movement, it is a great way for your baby to learn to love the water and for you to be in the water having fun with your child, enjoying the bond of love and trust your baby has with you. Babies 6 months and older are ready for Aquatots. Our volunteer instructors who teach Aquatots and Preschooler lessons all have swim

teacher qualifications and have on going training. They are all parents who know the joy of seeing their children develop into competent swimmers. They love sharing their knowledge and leading parents with their babies, through a variety of fun activities and songs. It is an enjoyable relaxed time.

You do not need to be a swimmer to enjoy aquatots with your baby. You do need to be willing to get in the pool with your baby, and participate in a group with other mums, dads and babies! Water is warm and chest deep. There is a Life Guard and Water Safety officer on duty during all lessons. Lessons are 20-30 minutes. Preschooler lessons. Three to five years old. Once your child is three,

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Fire fighters long service recognised

Two members of the Opunake Fire Service were awarded Gold Stars for 25 years service in a special ceremony on Saturday August 25 attended by South Taranaki District Council's mayor Ross Dunlop.

As fitting the occasion the two recipients, Beau Le Prou and Kevin Joyce were piped into the Opunake Fire Station as fellow fire officers formed a guard of honour.

After a minute's silence the formal presentation began.

It is a special privilege, said Glen Williams, President of the United Fire Brigade Association, currently Chief Fire Officer at Te Puke adding that Opunake was where he had his first contact with the Fire Service.

"To serve for 25 years in any organisation," was an achievement. "It takes a special kind of person to serve in the Fire Service especially taking into account the emotional cost."

Only five percent of fire fighters get a Gold Star, he added. He also made mention of Brian Vincent from the Opunake Fire Service who got an award for his exceptional 50 years service several years ago.

He asked those present who had received Gold Star awards to stand - there were 8.

Glen who presented the dals attended high school in Feilding with Beau for four years.

"I had a lot more hair, Beau had a lot less," he said to laughter. In fact it was Beau who was responsible for his joining the fire service. He was staying with Beau in 1980 and went along to the opening of the Opunake Fire Station in December 1980 with Beau who had been in the Fire Service a couple of years.

He then went on to outline Beau's record in the fire service which included attending 86% of training and musters.

Kevin Joyce who is a driver with Sandfords and "a practical person" attended 86.5% of training and musters. He said he'd like to acknowledge the support of his em-



From left Kevin Joyce and Beau Le Prou after being presented with their Gold Star by Glen Williams, President of the United Fire Brigade Association.

ployers, Sandfords. "How many times had he had to run off on family activities."

Eighteen Gold Stars have been awarded to members of the Opunake Fire Service, the first in 1945 and the last in 2003."

He commented that 80% the New Zealand Fire Service is made up of volunteers.

"The New Zealand Fire Service, recognised as one of the leading fire services in the world is "pretty proud of that" he said.

Mike Fabish, President of the Taranaki Provincial Fire Brigade Association next spoke describing it as "an achievement".

Nigel Dravitski, representing the Taranaki Gold Star Association welcomed the new members of the fellowship which includes all serving and retired Gold Star members.

Later Beau and Kevin's wives Denise and Debbie were also presented with flowers in recognition of their support.

Mayor Dunlop spoke briefly commenting "I can actually sleep at night knowing that you guys are there."

Opunake Fire Chief Rodney Woods also spoke briefly.

Then it was the turn of the

latest Gold Star recipients.

Beau, long hair flowing, humorously recalled a callout to Manaia to a house fire. He was driving and "going a bit fast" approached the roundabout. He felt the back of the vehicle swing out and, by a whisker he negotiated the bend. There were three men standing outside the pub, now demolished, watching. He was told later they were impressed with his close call, one of them commenting in admiration "Shit that Sheila can drive".

He also recalled sadder occasions - two nights when they lost three people on two occasions.

"We had some very good times," he concluded adding he'd worked with some very good people.

Kevin who next spoke remarked that 25 years has "gone in a flash." He commented "It's been good," and added that he had served under four fire chiefs.

Among those attending the celebrations was Gold Star recipient Jack Gernhoeffer who was Chief Fire Officer 42 years ago.

Back in 1970 they didn't have so many call outs, he said. Then they also didn't attend car accidents.

"It wasn't the fire services role."

Jack who lived in Opunake for 15 years moved to New Plymouth and spent 39 years in the Fire Service.

Over 6900 Gold Stars have been awarded in the 134 year history of the Fire Service. Each Gold Star is numbered.

There are 29 members of the Opunake Fire Service which includes four women.

Lots of memories

Beau described one of his saddest sights, a couple returning to their Rahotu house which had been destroyed by fire opening the charred fridge to retrieve a bottle of milk for their baby. The fire had been caused by an electric blanket, he said.

Indeed electric blankets are credited with causing a lot of house fires.

People would fold them up in summer, then when they put them back on the beds for winter the wires would have been compressed and thus short out when they were plugged in, explained Beau.

He recalls with amusement as a novice fire fighter "on my first fire" wearing his hat back to front.

Beau who taught at Opunake and Te Kiri primary school also remembers with sadness the three brothers at Rahotu who were killed in a car accident. He recalls the father coming to identify them and doing so "from their shoes".

He counts up no less than 10 fatalities on the road between Opunake and Pun-

garehu he's attended. In addition he's attended four suicides including two former pupils.

"You get a bit hardened," he says.

They have two welfare guys that when there's an incident like a death helps you. "Takes the stress out of it."

These days fire fighters are trained in CPR and will attend an emergency if St John can't attend. These are dubbed "purple call outs". Kevin Joyce recalls several houses being destroyed over the years.

"The worst part is going to car accidents," he said.

Some of the storms have been "pretty full on," he commented.

Training has improved since his early days in the Fire Service and is now "more intense and condensed." The fire engines were also improved and the equipment is better. The advent of jaws of life had made it so much quicker to get people out of vehicles compared with the former hand tools, hacksaws and crowbars.

"The brigade is like a big family," he said.



Bob Morris piping in Kevin Joyce and Beau Le Prou as fellow fire fighters form a Guard of Honour.

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Fonterra wraps up record end-of-season export quarter



Fonterra's Gary Romano.

Fonterra NZ Milk Products Managing Director Gary Romano says the Co-operative has shipped 36 per cent more than the same period last year.

"The record milk production in the 2011/12 season has meant Fonterra has exported more product at the end-of-season than ever before. Our teams have done a great job collecting the milk, processing it, packing it, storing it, selling it and shipping it. "If we were to lay the containers we have shipped this year end-to-end they would stretch from the top of the Bombay hills to Christchurch – which is around 1000 kilometres," he says.

"We traditionally ship just over 450,000 MT at this

time of the year, but we've had a lot more product to move, and this has meant some creative planning across the wider supply chain to manage and store the additional volumes. For the first time since Fonterra was formed we chartered our own break-bulk vessel to send product to the Middle East."

Demand is usually up ahead of the month of Ramadan, but the demand spike was more than anyone had expected and there was not enough available container capacity at that time of year. This meant Fonterra

had to charter its own vessel, which docked earlier this month, to take 7500 MT of product to the ports in Dubai and Saudi.

"Our farmers did a great job making the most out of the favourable weather conditions during the season, and it has been our responsibility to make sure we get the most out of every drop of milk we collected and bring the best returns back to our farmer shareholders," says Mr Romano.

"The new season has now started with the milk flowing again to our sites around New Zealand."

Fonterra's record end-of-season quarter has been the Co-operative's biggest

ever May, June, and July – with 620,000 metric tonnes of dairy products

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Te Kiri Women's Institute

A very good attendance was welcomed along with a new member Mrs Raima Karam by our president Mrs Sue Muggeridge. Several members had attended a morning tea and had discussions on institute matters and found it very interesting and helpful. We received a booklet on our Seeing Eye Dog project. This was very interesting and full of information on how they are trained, as well as photos of the lovely dogs. One beautiful cream dog

took my eye. She looked so content and happy, as did all the puppies. Judith Armstrong told us about improvements being made to the hall. It sounds just great. Our 'mystery bring and buy' was lots of fun and full of laughs as we opened our parcels. Members always have very useful articles that we can use in our homes. Our table of the month had some really beautiful articles on display. Some lovely bags and knitting, it is lovely to

see what our members create in their spare time.

Competition Results:
 Bloom – 1st: Heather Radford, 2nd: Nila Kaiser, 3rd: Sue Muggeridge
 Shrub – 1st: Heather Radford, 2nd: Judith Armstrong, 3rd: Merle Clement
 Cooking – 1st: Joy Collins
 Floral – 1st: Joy Collins, 2nd: Sue Muggeridge, 3rd: Heather Radford
 Handcraft: Heather Radford
 Our hostesses Shirley Langlands and Joy Collins served

a delicious afternoon tea and, as this is our social time, our conversation was all about the Olympic Games and our Gold Medal sandwiches to match. We were all enjoying the games and feeling very proud of them all (our team). A big thank you to Shirley and Joy for our afternoon tea, and thank you to Heather for picking me up – very much appreciated.

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Warwick joins the Paragon Team



A familiar face to Coasters but with a new role, Warwick Fleming, son of Steve and Janet Fleming has recently joined the team at Paragon – Insurance Solutions for Life.

Warwick recently graduated from Otago University with a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics. On a recent trip to Palmerston North in their roles for Taranaki Tennis, Warwick's mum Janet and Paragon Business Manager Robyn Harrison got talking about Warwick's interest in insurance. From these beginnings, Warwick spent some days out with Paragon director John Harrison who specialises in risk insurances for the rural market, doing work experience.

Warwick met in his words 'some real characters' and realised that rural risk insurance is more about building relationships than just selling

insurance. This combined with the knowledge that risk insurances is really about protecting people's livelihoods and the things that are most important to them whet Warwick's appetite for the industry further and lead him to becoming an Adviser with the Paragon team. John Harrison, who has 15 years' experience, will be Warwick's mentor to ensure he gets every assistance to provide clients the best possible advice and service.

Having recently graduated and from a rural upbringing Warwick is keen to combine these two experiences to work in the younger market and particularly with farmers beginning their farming

careers. He looks forward to building relationships that will last for many years as people move through their careers. If you think you would like Warwick in your professional team of advisers as you start your farming career or would just like a review of your current insurance programme from someone local, be sure you give Warwick a call. Warwick will also be making contact as he works to get established in the Coastal area.

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Eltham Pony Club Registration Day



With the pony Heidi are, from left, Zoe Peters and Grace Wakeling-Frank.

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This year the Eltham Pony Club became a stand-alone club – previously it was a branch of the Stratford Pony Club. Saturday August 25 was an important date in the club's calendar – it was Registration Day and it was also a chance for new and existing members to have a ride. The club is on the corner of Collingwood and George Streets, where it has been situated since 1976.

The club is very safety conscious and Head Instructor Belinda Wakeling – who has

much experience as a professional rider and judge - addressed the existing and new members – ranging in age from five to 16 - on good procedures, with an emphasis on safety. To underline procedures there were various whiteboards, as well as A4 sheets. Before the members headed outside for a ride they were asked to complete a multiple choice quiz.

One of the questions was: *When approaching a horse you should?* - and the members had to choose between four options, including the correct one *Talk softly to it so it knows you are there.*

The inside of the club headquarters is interesting with photos of past events, informative charts (eg, The 'Dos and Don'ts of grooming and The Anatomy of a Horse), the club's 'Fair Play Sport Charter, rosters (to set up jumps and other equipment), and forthcoming events.

There is also an adjoining part of the club, which has equipment such as jumps and flags.

Belinda showed me an old horse called Heidi, which is 36 and now retired. "I've completely lost count of how many children have ridden Heidi", she said.

Zoe Peters (aged 10) was certainly enjoying taking care of Heidi as she lead her around. When asked what she enjoys about the club, Zoe replied, "That you can do games and socialise with the other kids in the town". She's been involved with the Club for about 18 months. Helping with Heidi was Grace Wakeling-Frank (aged 9), who has been involved for three years. Leading Heidi's best

friend 'Lavender' was Jessica (aged 14), who has been involved for three years. Lavender is 29 years old.

There is plenty of room for the ponies at the club – about seven and half acres, including an arena and cross country course. About nine ponies were being put through their paces. One of these 'Candy' was ridden by Kasey Roberts (aged 12) - watched proudly by her mother Karla. Karla appreciates the low key and relaxed nature of the club. Of Kasey she said, "She loves it".

The club has a busy calendar with guest instructors/speakers, Camp, Ribbon Days and instruction in all areas for mounted and unmounted riders. There are various certificates the members can work for at the rallies and events, as well as trophies for excellence.

At present the club has about 15 riding members and new mounted and unmounted members would be very welcome. The committee and office holders include Stuart Wakeling (President), whose involvement with the club goes back 45 years, Paul Gwerder (Vice President), and Area Delegates Paul Gwerder and Debbie Bailey.

The next rally date is Sunday September 9 at 1pm.

Interested people can phone Secretary Jean Perrett on 06 764 7028, the Treasurer Ann Gordon on 06 765 7181 (Email: a.gordon@clear.net.nz) or Belinda on 06 764 6577 (evenings). The grounds can be hired by private riders or riding groups, which provides valuable funds for the club.

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Olympics at Rahotu School



The Opening Ceremony at Rahotu School's 'Olympics'. At the VIP table, on the left are (from right) Dylan Dunlop-Barrett, Principal Margaret Dobbin, Ayla Dunlop-Barrett and Robyn Barrett.

Wednesday August 29 was a special day at Rahotu School. One of the NZ Olympics team Dylan Dunlop-Barrett visited the school and the school had a special Olympics day of their own, with Dylan an integral part of proceedings.

The day was organised by the Student Council, Hauora helpers and lead teacher Elaine Wilson.

Dylan was a member of the swimming team at the London Olympics and competed in the 400 metre freestyle relay for NZ. Going to the London Olympics was, "Everything you could dream of, plus more", he explained. Although Dylan himself never went to Rahotu School, two of his sisters did. The family had a farm on Ngariki Road. Also, his mother Joy taught at the school for a time. These days the family lives in Oakura.

With the school lined up in their whanau groups (Red, Yellow, Blue and Green), in front of Room 7, Dylan had the honour of carrying the Olympic torch. The whanau groups made their way to the court area, with each flag bearer carrying a mascot. Elaine Wilson was the main announcer as the ceremony proceeded.

The opening ceremony continued on the court area, with the whanau groups taking their place to the strains of the Queen hit 'We Are the Champions'. Dylan sat at a table reserved for honoured guests, along with relative Robyn Barrett and sister Ayla. Principal Margaret Dobbin was also at the table, doubling as the vice regal person representing Queen Elizabeth. She had the honour of officially opening the games. The Olympic Oath was recited

by each whanau leader.

Various elements of the opening ceremony included singing the National Anthem - led by Janine Horo, and a chanting contest between the four whanau groups. There was also a performance from the school's kapa haka group.

One highlight was a question-and-answer segment where students asked Dylan prepared questions. Amongst other things they learned that his sister Ayla was his main inspiration - she was a champion lifesaver - and that the 21-year-old intends to continue to swim for New Zealand at the next Olympic Games in Rio. "Once you have a taste of the Olympics, you want to go on", he commented.

Although he is studying for a degree in business studies, preparing for competition is a 40 hour commitment each week. This means being at the pool very early in the morning, as well as late in the day. His aim is to make an "impact" at the next Olympics and perhaps "challenge for a medal".

The leaders of each whanau group had the task of keeping their members in



Olympian Dylan Dunlop-Barrett, who was a special guest at Rahotu School recently.

line and motivated. Leader of Yellow whanau was Paige Simons (12), who said, "It's a bit stressful at first, trying to sort it out, but it (worked out) - they respect me".

The students competed in diverse events - divided into Seniors and Juniors - such as sack races, skipping,

hurdle races, quoits, skateboard rowing, ball throwing, marshmallow and spoon races, sprints and relays.

Finally, medals were awarded to the outstanding students. Everyone had lots of fun and learnt much about the spirit of the Olympics.

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Top left: Brothers Kane and Beauden Barrett. Photo Rob Tucker

Top Right: Jayden Hayward runs out to play his 50th game for Taranaki. Photo V Smith.

Below: Beauden Barrett scores to keep the shield in Taranaki for another week. Photo Rob Tucker

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Taranaki had a tough battle against Tasman at Rugby Park, New Plymouth on Saturday night. It was a definite nailbiter for the fans who turned up to support the Ranfurly Shield defence.

Tasman came onto the game showing exactly how they managed to topple Canterbury last week and with only a short time left on the clock the score sat at a tight 44-40 until Beauden Barrett nailed a late try to secure the game.

Points: Kurt Baker 2, Blade Thomson, Waisake Naholo, Beauden Barrett tries; Beauden Barrett 6 pens, 3 cons.



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Above and Left: A pretty good week for Otakeho farmer Richard Walker, pictured above with children Koen and Devon Walker, niece Alika Hunn and new fiance Tracy Dakin. Richard proposed to Tracy earlier in the week. Richard was picked out of the crowd on Saturday night to participate in a goal kicking competition at half time, which he won and collected \$500, a TRFU cap and to top off the night Taranaki retained the Ranfurly Shield.



Random Day benefits proposed Health Centre



Rahotu Primary School children had a "Random Day" last Wednesday when they got to wear clothes of their choice instead of their usual school uniform.

The children paid a gold coin with the proceeds of \$180 going to their elected charity – the proposed new Opunake Health Centre.

Principal Margaret Dobbin commented Rahotu Primary School had been a "Health Promoting School" for the last 9 years. Being a Health Promoting School encourages a school to develop all children's emotional, spiritual, physical and social well being.

A student body is made up of 10 year 6-8 students called the "Hauora Helpers" whose motto is "Making Rahotu a healthier place". A Health Action Team (HAT)

comprised of two students from the Hauora Helpers along with teacher Elaine Wilson and a small group of keen parents

promote healthy living and are in charge of such initiatives as the school garden. They have planted fruit trees in the school grounds, grow vegetables to eat as well as other health promoting ventures.

The primary school senior students who judged the event also chose the unusual prizes which included a leaf, an onion, an orange, an apple and a mock set of false teeth. The most coveted – and unhealthy prize – a big block of chocolate was awarded randomly as a spot prize. (Just an occasional treat!)



At right: Winners of the Rahotu Random Day Dress up competition. Back from Left: Cailee Bowmar, Bob Harvey, Ella Barrett, CJ Taamaru. Front: Lilly-Jo Robinson and Tamati Horo

Above: The Rahotu School Hauora Helpers students from Year 6 to Year 8. Back, from left: Tayla Hare, Jorja Ehrhorn, Blake Roberts, Zoe Honeyfield, Tyler Ahern, Teegan Grey Front: Olivia Bright, Tessa Honeyfield, Corban Bright and CJ Taamaru.

Kaponga Lions Club 40th charter celebrations

The Kaponga Lions Club held its 40th Charter celebrations over the weekend of 26-27 May with members and part-

ners, and ex members from all over the country attending. The club was Chartered by the Patea Lions Club in 1972, and members of the Patea and other Taranaki clubs joining for the celebration.

Stories were told of projects completed over the years including Hay day to raise funds for cutting equipment

for the Kaponga Fire Brigade and the social activities – these were also displayed over the evening on DVD .

Some of the social activities were guest performances by Patsy Rigger, John Hoare, and Bavarian Beer Festival performers.

The evening started with guests received a shot (drench) of Kahlua and milk as they entered the well decorated Hall, complete with keepsake placemats and programs on the tables.

Once seated a welcome was extended by Current President Colin Pope and MC Leo Danz kept the evening in control. The Guest Speaker was Chester Burrows (MP) who entertained with stories on his life as a rural policeman and retraining as lawyer.

District Lions Governor Gay Harvey presented 100% awards to club members.

Don Gibson ex Charter President addressed the gathering and Charter Members Bruce Gibson and Jim Leslie cut the celebration cake presented by Danny and Sharon Hurley.

A Sunday brunch prepared and served by the Kaponga Fire Brigade was enjoyed as the stories of past years continued to be shared.

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Thursday 20th Sept 7.30pm at PCC
Members and Non Members Welcome to Attend.

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BALL DRESSES for hire at Joyleen's Closet

PUBLIC NOTICES

Opunake Business Association NEXT MEETING
Monday October 1st at Opunake Surf Inn
5:30 Social, 6.00 pm Meeting
We welcome any member of the community to our meetings, you don't have to have a business.

OKATO BOWLING CLUB'S OPEN DAY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16 from 10am
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Saturday, 13 October 2012
The Ritz (Sandfords Event Centre)
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RD1 LIVESTOCK

5TH ANNUAL RATA-ROCK STATION SERVICE BULL SALE

C/- Bruce & Adele Clement
Location: 941 Kaweora Road, Opunake
Date: Wednesday 19 September 2012
Sale time: 11.30am
Comprising of:
• 40 x 2yr Hfd bulls
• 30 x 2yr Angus bulls
• 20 x 2yr Murray Grey/AngusX bulls
• 20 x 2yr Fsn bulls
• 15 x 2yr Murray Grey bulls
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CHURCH NOTICES

Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Opunake Lakeside Lions Daffodil Day Results

Karams Clothing: M Jarman	Santa: S Moeahu
Grocery: E Eaves	Pink Rabbit: B Washer
Art Work: J Lowe	Rugs: P Gibson (1st)
Secret: Rick	R Johns (2nd)
Red Riding Hood: K Parkes	Money Raffle: D Gibson (1st)
Teddy: K Mourie	E Kapernick (2nd)
Purple Rabbit: A Vincent	R Morris (3rd)
Doll: M Holmes	

The public are invited to the
Presentation of the 2012 South Taranaki Community Awards
 Wednesday 12 September 2012, 7.30pm
 Hawera Community Centre Theatre
 Albion Street, Hawera
 Supper will be served following the presentation ceremony
 Awards will be presented to:

John Hosie	EGMONT PLAINS
Ann Hickey	EGMONT PLAINS
Tom Gibson	EGMONT PLAINS
Lorna Katene	EGMONT PLAINS
Josie Hinewaito Bigham	EGMONT PLAINS
Matt Lash	EGMONT PLAINS
Barbara Williams	EGMONT PLAINS
Opunake Board Riders Club	EGMONT PLAINS
William Rumney	HAWERA
Bev Phillips	HAWERA
Jenny Kerrisk	HAWERA
Ngairi & Gary Olsen	HAWERA
Altrusa Hawera	HAWERA
Grant Hurley	PATEA
Gloria Tui	PATEA
Dianne Frewin	PATEA
Peter Crawford	PATEA
Patea Fire Brigade	PATEA
Judith Rogers	ELTHAM
Olwyn Duthie	ELTHAM
Community Action Group of Eltham	ELTHAM

PUBLIC NOTICES



CHANGE TO OPENING TIME THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Please note that the Hawera Administration Building, Hawera Library and the I-site will open at 9am on this day.
 LibraryPlus offices in Opunake, Manaia, Eltham, Waverley and Patea will open at 9.30am, (Kaponga no change).
 This is to enable all employees to attend a staff meeting.
 Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Applications for financial assistance under the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund is now open.
 The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years who require assistance with transport expenses to regular, local sporting competitions.
 Application forms are available from all LibraryPlus centres, the Council Contact Centre in Albion Street, Hawera, or the Council website www.southtaranaki.com
 For further information please contact:
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 Applications close **Friday 12 October 2012** at 4.30pm.

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Food for thought

Afraid of doing too much ... then you'll always do too little.
 *Frustration is when you have ulcers ... but still aren't a success.
 *If the hokie-pokie isn't really what it's all about ... what then, huh?
 *If you can't be a good example ... you'll just have to be a horrible warning.
 * Behind every successful man is ... a very surprised woman.
 *All the world's a stage ... I seemed to have missed the rehearsal.
 *I read about the evils of drinking ... so I gave up reading.
 *A fool and his money are soon ... partying.
 *Time is the best healer ... unfortunately, it kills all its patients.
 *I get enough exercise ... just pushing my luck.
 *Despite the cost of living ... it still remains so popular.
 *Where there's smoke ... you'll find me cooking dinner
 *If today is the first day of the rest of your life ... what the hell was yesterday?
 *I chose the path less traveled ... but only because I was lost.
 *Ever stop to think ... and forget to start again?
 *A torch is a case ... for keeping dead batteries and bulbs in.
 *If at first you don't succeed ... then skydiving isn't for you.
 *Nothing's impossible for those ... who don't have to do it.

*Given the capacity to be stupid ... people will be.
 *Some of the biggest gifts ... come in the smallest birds
 *Never take your sleeping tablets ... at the same time as your laxitive tablets
 *Get the facts first ... you can distort them later
 *As an outsider ... what do you think of the human race.
 *If everything is relative ... what is everything else
 *If practice makes perfect ... how do you explain taxi drivers
 *Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird ... sleep late.
 *A conscience is what hurts ... when all your other parts feel so good
 *My kids to me are the reason for everything ... out of place, broken and dirty
 *If you are going to walk on thin ice ... you might as well dance
 *You're just jealous ... the voices only talk to me
 *Saving for that rainy day ... chances are you'll stay at home.
 *Friends are those rare people who ask how we are ... then wait to hear the answer
 *Never chase after person, bus or train ... another one will always come along
 *Work fascinates me ... I could sit and watch it for hours

PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS

Your invitation to share the dream!

The **Dame Malvina Major Foundation** is proud to provide funding opportunities to talented young Taranaki performing artists.

Applications are now being invited for the second annual funding round, closing at 5pm on Sunday 30th September 2012.

Grants are available in three categories to support the cost of education, training and development in the performing arts in New Zealand or overseas:

- Secondary:** For Taranaki secondary school students aged 12-18 years.
- Elite/Tertiary:** For performers from Taranaki pursuing a career in the performing arts through tertiary qualifications.
- Group:** For groups whose student members are based in Taranaki and are providing training and/or development opportunities in performing arts.

For an application pack and further information please contact Heather Cooper 06 7573155 or dmmf@staplestaranaki.co.nz
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WHAT'S ON

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PERCY THOMSON GALLERY

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

VILLAGE GALLERY- SHIP OF SOULS

3-28th September Refer advert

TARANAKI COUNTRY HALL OF FAME - 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 8th September Starting 1pm. Surf Highway 45 Manaia - refer advert back page

KARAOKE- CAFE 49 WAIMATE HOTEL

Saturday 8th September Refer advert

LIVE BAND - SURF INN

Maropu - Saturday 8th September

OPEN HOME: 1 WHITCOMBE STREET OPUNAKE

Sunday Sept 9th 1.30 to 3.00 pm. Refer classified advert.

DEPARTMENT OF CONVERSATION - PROPAGATION WORKSHOP

12 September - refer advert this issue

SOUTH TARANAKI COMMUNITY AWARDS

12 Sept 7.30pm Hawera Community Centre Theatre - refer public notice.

NEIL LUSK ANNUAL BULL FAIR

Friday 14th September Refer Public Notice

CRAFT FAIR -ELTHAM TOWN HALL

15th September

OPUNAKE SWIMMING BATHS OPENING DAY

15 September - refer feature pages 12 and 13

OKATO BOWLING CLUB AGM

Sunday 16 September - refer public notice

RD1 5TH ANNUAL RATA ROCK STATION SERVICE BULL SALE

19 September 11.30 am - refer public notice

FESTIVAL PLAY PERFORMANCES

The Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hawera: 19th and 20th September. For further information contact Clive Cullen on 06 278 8979, Jo Lahman on 06 272 8270

PIHAMA CRICKET CLUB AGM

Thursday 20th Sept 7.30pm - refer advert

LIVE MUSIC- CAFE 49

L.M.K Friday 21 September

LIVE BAND -OPUNAKE SURF INN

My Mobile P Lab 22 Sept

OPUNAKE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - AGM

Sunday 23rd September 12.30pm

27TH ANNUAL UNRESERVED BULL SALE

27 September 11am - refer public notice

MALVINA MAJOR FOUNDATION PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS

Applications close 30th September - refer public notice.

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting Monday October 1st at Opunake Surf Inn 5:30 Social, 6.00 pm Meeting - see advert for further details.

CUE THEATRE - ENTERTAINING ANGELS

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

SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Application close 12th October - refer public Notice

CTHT CHARITY DINNER

13 October @The Ritz - Sandfords Event Centre - refer public notices

Second Weight Loss Challenge in Opunake will be starting soon

Wow what a fantastic time we had at the last Opunake Weight Loss Challenge! We had a hugely vibrant class at the last challenge and hope to attract an equally enthusiastic group for Opunake's second challenge.

If you want to lose weight before summer and be around like-minded people for the extra support (which we all need when trying to lose weight) then this is the challenge for you! The cost is only \$49 to join and will

be starting on September 20 and finishing on November 22. It is a shorter challenge than the last one running for only 9 weeks. Plenty of time though to shape up and look great for the coming summer months!

We will be covering a variety of topics to help you on your weight loss journey and, because you are assigned a coach, you will have someone to help with any struggles you may experience on the

way. The challenge will make you accountable with weekly weigh-ins and there is always an incentive of winning a cash prize. There will also be an extra prize this time around to give you even more incentive and focus. Our class size is limited though so if you think this might be for you then make sure you register quickly. Claire and I look forward to helping you lose weight and get into shape! *Sharron Skipper*



The last weight loss Challenge generated a lot of interest back in February contact Sharon or Claire McLean to register

Let's start the conversation and take action!

World suicide prevention day Taranaki events

The Taranaki suicide prevention coordination group (tspcg) is hosting two events for wspd in new plymouth this year. These are to com-

memorate our lost citizens and to raise awareness about suicide prevention & maintaining positive mental health.

On Monday September 10 there will be representatives

from local and regional community groups on hand, those bereaved by suicide, survivors and the opportunity to get a free sausage at the Huatoki Plaza in New Plymouth

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Coastal Care Update -

Charity Degustation Dinner - 13th October

- Forget the rain-coats!
- Forget the mud!
- Forget the money!
- Forget the diet!
- Life is too short!

Be ready for night of opulence and extravagance on Saturday 13th October in Opunake at The Ritz usually known as Sandfords Event Centre. Doors will open 6.00pm.

Engage your palate and awaken your senses with this sit down culinary extravaganza.

"Degustation is a French culinary term that refers to sampling an array of small dishes served one after the other. The term also encompasses ideas like savouring of food with all the senses, appreciation of ingredients and the chef's technical skills for their signature dishes, and enjoying food with good company. It will be accompanied by a matching

wine degustation which compliments each dish." The ticket price includes 7 courses of signature dishes with selected wine for each course. At \$150 per person, this is an opportunity to treat yourself to a fabulous night out and forget the misery and hardships of a long winter. Limited tickets are available from Pastimes in Opunake or the Trustees for Coastal Taranaki Health Trust.

"A Night to be Remembered" for Exquisite Dining, in Opunake, 13th October

As we sit down to dine, With glasses of wine, The candles will be lit, Cherishing Okurukuru Wine Maker's pick. What a glorious night, That will make our community bright, To be out on the Opunake town,

Wearing an evening gown. Shall look around the Ritz, And see lots of sparkles and glitz. The men donning their black tie, And ladies accessorize. Quinn will be there to strum up a tune, Bringing back memories of gazing at the moon. As we sit and savour all seven courses, Drinks included, why open any purses. With head chef Ryan running the ship, Not a course will we want to skip.

This is an evening of lavish dining and sweets, As we know we deserve these wonderful treats. Thank you for being a great kiwi, Showing support for our charity, With your help we can build our Coastal Care, While we continue to look for our millionaire.

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Combined choirs impress Opunake audience



The combined choirs Urs Nova and the Coastal Singers are conducted by Christopher Luke for the last song 'Amazing Grace'.

The audience had a double treat on September 1 at Opunake's Catholic Church 'Our Lady Star of the Sea'. They had two choirs to listen to, the Coastal Singers of Opunake and New Plymouth's Ars Nova. Mostly the choirs sang separately, but they combined for the last item 'Amazing Grace', which was a highlight of the concert.

The Ars Nova Choir was ably conducted by Chris Luke, who also treated the audience to an organ recital. Several of the songs

Ars Nova performed were written by John Rutter, such as 'Keep Your Lamps', 'Soldier Boy' and 'The Girl I Left Behind', which are not especially easy to perform and Ars Nova must be commended for performing a challenging selection so well. One of the highlights was the cheerful, jaunty 'The Fiddler Man' - another John Rutter number.

From the outset it was obvious that the Coastal Singers were in fine voice indeed, accompanied so well by their musical

director Noelene Moir. They opened with 'Halleluiah' by Leonard Cohen. Next was Andrew Webber's 'Pie Jesu', recorded by Hayley Westenra and Charlotte Church. They also sang a John Rutter song 'For the Beauty of the Earth'.

The duet 'Requiem' performed by Barbara Waite and Arthur Hughson was simply superb. This was my personal favourite.

It was pointed out by David Lloyd of the Coastal Singers, that the last time Ars Nova performed in Opunake was

1986. He raised a laugh when he said he hoped the town wouldn't have to wait another 26 years to hear them again. Let's hope the highly regarded choir will be back well before that.

Mark this date in your calendar - in bold. On Saturday October 13 Coastal Singers will 'Celebrate 30 Years' as a choir with their annual dinner concert at Opunake High School hall. Tickets available soon - don't miss it.

Rolland McKellar

A propagation workshop at St Joseph's School

Students from St Joseph's School, Opunake have been growing native plants from seed and cuttings for over a year now and have helped plant coastal plants at Sandy Bay and at a site near Arawhata Road. To help celebrate Conservation Week the students are inviting you to a propagation workshop on Wednesday September 12 from 11am to 1pm.

You'll see them prepare pingao seeds and, once these plants grow, they will be planted at Sandy Bay. Stunning pingao stands would once have been found on almost every sandy beach, from Northland to Stewart Islands, but only a few

remnant populations remain today.

The children will also prepare cuttings from some of our rarer coastal plants like *Scandia rosifolia* and *Pimelia carnososa*.

AWE and their Tui Venture Partners have funded the St Joseph's School propagation unit, as well as ongoing costs such as seed mix. Department of Conservation staff has worked with the children, along with New Plymouth nurseryman Bill Clarkson. "It's been a great ongoing project and very useful," said Mike Tapp, Community Relations Ranger for DOC Taranaki.



St Joseph's students gather the pingao seed prior to planting.

"People can come along and see what the young propagators are up to. We may even get some willing

volunteers to help run the programme as we can't always get down there as often as we would like.

Propagation workshop



Next week is Conservation Week. Come along to St Joseph's School on Wednesday 12 September and see how we grow plants for local coastal areas such as Sandy Bay and the coastal herb fields.

The propagation team will be in action from 11am until 1pm. There may be some tips for growing native plants for your own garden.



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Let's start the conversation and take action!

from 10am till 2pm. The aim is promoting healthy discussion and good mental health. There will also be other ac-

tivities including live music. On Friday September 14 there will be a suicide prevention forum with a great

line up of speakers, a panel discussion and a balloon launch

These are not doom and

gloom events but designed to be uplifting, empowering and giving the message of hope for all.

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Twentieth Anniversary of Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame



The place to be on Saturday September 20. Come along and help celebrate the museum's twentieth.

Country music lovers – keep this day free. On Saturday September 8 the Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame in Manaia are having a big show to celebrate the Museum's twenty year's anniversary. Your hosts Ian and Helen Braithwaite look forward to

seeing you on the big day. There are several events. First up is the Blackboard Open Mic Programme, which goes from 1pm to 4pm. If you want to take part its \$6 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. It should a fun way to show your musical talents. In the evening, from 7.30pm

This month in history

On this month in history on September 2, New Zealand won two gold medals (the first time ever) on the same day at an Olympics. The occasion was the 1960 Rome Olympics and Peter Snell won the final of the 800 metres. Within an hour Murray Halberg won the 5000 metres. Both were coached by the incomparable Arthur Lydiard.

Murray Halberg was expected to do well, but Peter Snell, ranked outside the top 10 in the world, wasn't. This win was Halberg's peak, but Snell went on to win two gold medals at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics (800 metres and 1500 metres) and set several world records for such distances as the 800 metres, 800 yards, the mile and 1,000

metres. Peter Snell was born in Opunake and lived here until the age of about eight. He returned (briefly) to New Zealand when his statue was unveiled.

When he was a little boy one of his father's employees, driving a truck, knocked the child off his bike. He was taken to hospital, but luckily was only bruised - and this country's sporting history was safeguarded!

Sir Murray Halberg, as he is now, has his surname enshrined in NZ's top sporting awards the Halberg Awards. Sir Peter Snell, as he is now lives in Texas, USA. He is an Associate Professor in a Texas university.

is the Evening Showcase, where a guest artist will be chosen to perform along with other invited guests. Entry is set at \$11 for adults and just \$5 for children under 12.

However, if you would like to come for the whole day it

is \$11 and \$6.50 for children. All ticket sales are at the hall.

Everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate with Ian and Helen. Most people know where the museum is, but for those who don't it's 11 Surf Highway 45, Manaia.

Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame
 11 Surf Highway 45 Manaia
Celebrating the 20th anniversary 2012
Saturday 8th September 2012
Blackboard Open Mic Program in afternoon
 Starting at 1pm - 4pm adults \$6.00 Child (under 12yrs) \$2.50
Evening Showcase
 with Guest and invited artists - starting at 7.30pm
 Adults \$11 Child (under 12yrs) \$5 Ticket sales at hall
Open invite everyone welcome
 Enquiries to Hall - Ph: 06 2748 442

Make it happen!

The former New Zealand and Australasian light welterweight boxing champion Billy Graham is coming to a town near you!

Billy Graham is coming to South Taranaki to share the secrets of his success. After hearing Billy's free talk you will leave with ideas and excitement on how to make things happen, from youth and community projects to business and social innovation.

Billy stresses the importance of combining a healthy body with a healthy attitude and making the best of every opportunity. In these challenges and interactive sessions Billy challenges people to "give it a go".

South Taranaki District

Council's youth advisor Peter Heard says all people would benefit from hearing Billy. "You can share in the success story of how Billy overcame his challenging childhood, and how things can be achieved if you put your mind to it."

Peter hopes that Billy's talk will stimulate projects and people working together for the common good. "People who come to hear Billy can expect to leave full of energy to make their dreams and aspirations come true".

Come along and see Billy:
Friday 7 September
 9.30am - 11.30am @ Patea Area School - families welcome
 5.30pm - 7.30pm @ Eltham

Town Hall
Saturday 8 September
 1pm - 3pm @ the Manaia Town hall
 5pm - 7pm @ Waverley Community Centre - free fish

n chips!
Monday 10 September
 9am - 11am @ Opunake High School Hall

Billy Graham is coming to South Taranaki this week to speak about how to make things happen in the community and facing challenges and encourages people to give things a go.



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