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New transport service for disabled

Getting around should soon get a lot easier for disabled people in South Taranaki thanks to a recently launched transport initiative.

South Taranaki Passenger Services Inc is a Hawera-based non-profit incorporated society aiming to provide transport for disabled people in South Taranaki.

On August 18, the group's president Susanne Taylor and secretary Dianne Grigg were in Kaponga meeting with members of the Taranaki Disabled Person's Assembly.

They said the society has two vehicles available that meet Total Mobility Scheme standards and they were aiming to be on the road from September 1. They plan to have people being able to book trips around South Taranaki, whether for medical or social grooming appointments, social and family visits, grocery shopping or scenic drives.

"Somebody has said South Taranaki has the highest proportion of elderly people in the country," Susanne said.

The vehicles would be leased at a per kilometre rate until there was enough money to buy them. This would mean fares might start off high, but the aim would be to



Susanne Taylor and Dianne Grigg (foreground) of South Taranaki Passenger Services Inc with members of the Taranaki Disabled Person's Assembly.

substantially reduce these as more funds became available. "Passengers who need it the most are the ones who can't afford it, so we need to find a way," she said.

The cost of running and

maintaining customised vehicles had often made ventures like this too expensive to carry on, she said.

"If this were feasible, people would have been lining up for this," she said.

Taranaki Disabled Persons Assembly president Shirley Hazlewood of Kaponga said her group had been advocating for something like this for a long time.

Shirley, who received a

QSM for setting up a Post Polio Support Group has been a member of the Disabled Person's Assembly for 24 years and been president for the last 12.

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Speaking rights at issue at board table

What began as a discussion over how much to grant this year's Opunake Christmas Parade led to a disagreement over speaking rights at last week's Egmont Plains Community Board meeting.

The Opunake and District Business Association was applying for a \$1500 grant

towards the running of this year's Christmas Parade which is always held on December 24.

South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham is the council's appointed representative on the board and as such has speaking and voting rights. Also at the meeting

was fellow councillor Bryan Roach, who like Cr Bigham represents the Egmont Plains Ward, and South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop.

When the board came to discuss the Business Association's application, Cr Bigham told Cr Roach he was not a member of the committee

and could not take part in the discussion.

"When I became a councillor it was suggested to me by several people that I attend Community Board meetings so I could keep up with what's going on," says Cr Roach. "Standing rights were

applied to me about how you speak, when you speak and the protocol about speaking at a meeting. It was suggested to me that if I speak during deliberations I could influence the meeting, which

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Letters to the Editor

More on Fluoridation

Fluoride is rearing its ugly head again, for those in favour of fluoridation of our water supply I suggest they consider the following about this process.

Fluorosisidillic acid is a by-product of aluminium and fertilizer manufacturing

It is 17% fluoride with the rest being poisons and heavy metals like arsenic and lead. It is illegal to dump it in any lake, river, stream or ocean. So it is important to find out what kind of fluoride a municipality uses. Sodium fluoride, as in toothpaste, has a warning on the tube not to be used with children under the age of six years and not swallow and if you do, to contact a poison control centre. Calcium fluoride is a little better because the calcium mitigates the fluoride poison effect.

Fluorosisidillic acid is just plain poison that even the CDC admits children five and under shouldn't swallow, and that baby formula shouldn't be mixed with fluoridated tap water. The South Taranaki District Council recently introduced fluoride into their drinking water thereby basically compromising the health of young children in their dis-

trict. (well done Councillors and Mayor)

..Magnesium supplements will strengthen teeth and bones. It has been brought to my attention recently that fluoride is also found in the statin drugs and many vaccines. Fluoride binds Magnesium irrevocably further compromising people's health especially older folk. There are approximately 350 functions in our body that require the presence of available magnesium. The worse thing is mass medication with fluoride because it lacks informed consent and the dosage can't be controlled as each person drinks different amounts of water. And those of us who are allergic to fluorosisidillic acid face an even worse problem. Shower filters can't filter it out, whole house filters are very expensive, so taking a hot shower opens ones pores to absorb several glasses full of this stuff. And 98% of Europe has discontinued adding it to their water or never begun the practice because of the increased incidence of hip fractures over the last years. To even suggest making fluoridation mandatory is in my opinion a totalitarian approach, not becoming of a National government..

The Netherlands amended the constitution around

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1975 to specifically prevent water fluoridation, after a double blind randomized crossover controlled study revealed that nearly 1 in 20 study participants developed illness related to the consumption of the water with added fluoride (1 mg/L). The minister of health who had lied about the risks and attempted to slip a federal mandatory fluoridation law into place without public notice was disgraced and fired. Dr. Hans Moolenburgh, the paediatrician who had first noted the health outcome discrepancies between babies born and raised in the fluoridated sector of the city compared to unfluoridated, designed the study with impeccable scientific precision, but allowed the pro-fluoridation medical officer of health to supervise it, in order to avoid being accused of biased influence. The fluoridation-pushing MOH who had angrily mocked the paediatrician and his colleagues volunteered to be a test subject as a publicity stunt, but it backfired when judicial officials unblinded the results in public and disclosed the MOH as having the medical signs of fluoride hypersensitivity. Moolenburgh wrote a book about it. A P Groot
New Plymouth

Remembering Elvis

During my time with the Royal Image Dance Band, I along with many other musicians and bands throughout New Zealand and the world saw Elvis Presley as our idol. When he left us 40 years ago on August 16, 1977, our iconic hero left us all.

He became a singing legend, iconic to the whole world, regardless of one's gender, culture or age. He had a certain charisma, charm style and magnetism which actually drew one to him, without any trouble at all.

Thanks to Kevin Wasley (K.D), who back in 1999 started an Elvis Presley Museum which has grown ever since that time. It's also pleasing to see that the Lonely Planet Tourist Guide has recently chosen this museum to be featured in their guide, so hopefully one day I'll have the opportunity to visit this great museum.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

New transport service for disabled

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"There are a lot of people housebound. It's not just about medical care," she said. "People need a social life."

Another fan is Assembly member Rona Hoosan of Waitara who would like to see the idea tried elsewhere.

"It's not just needed in South Taranaki," she says. "We have the same problems in Waitara, in New Plymouth, everywhere. People are torn apart because the family has to work and aren't able to take Mum and Dad out. We have a lot of community minded people in Waitara who would get behind this if it

was available." Taranaki Regional Council transport services manager Chris Clarke says while there is an approved Total Mobility operator based in Hawera, there is still a high need for affordable transport, especially in places like Patea. The Regional Council administers the Total Mobility scheme which

provides subsidised door to door transport for people with impairments.

He says Susanne has been given advice on how to become an approved transport operator under the Total Mobility Scheme. This would allow her to transport people with impairments at a subsidised rate.

Speaking rights at issue at board table

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surprised me." "I've been attending board meetings for four years and spoken before during deliberations and suggested other ideas to the board before they take their vote with no problem."

Cr Bigham said she had been acting to maintain the integrity of the Community Board.

"I also agree that there's a time for councillor input, but there comes a time when the Community Board needs to have the final discussion and make a decision."

At the time, the suggestion had been made that with the Community Board having granted \$500 towards the

running of the Manaia Christmas Parade, this might be the appropriate benchmark in this case.

"My view is that the Christmas parade is the biggest event in Opunake during the year, and it's highly attended and valued by the local community," Cr Roach says. "What I was trying to raise was the methodology for only coming up with only \$500, when you add up the pipe band, insurance, the application to NZTA for a road closure and the contractor for road signs.

"It was suggested to me that if I'd like to speak I could speak at the open forum. At the meeting the chairman can

ask direct questions to get information. The mayor has speaking rights during the whole meeting. I would have to look at the effectiveness of me going to these meetings. I was very surprised that the board didn't want any extra information from a councillor."

Cr Roach says technically the board was correct. He says he is not a member of the Opunake and District Business Association.

Mayor Ross Dunlop says technically Cr Bigham was correct.

"Bonita is an appointed councillor to the community board. Bryan is a councillor but isn't a member of that committee and doesn't of

right have speaking rights," Mr Dunlop says. "I think it's important there are good relations between councillors and community boards, and I think it's important the chairman use his discretion and where appropriate allow councillors to speak.

"I would like to think that councillors still feel welcome and that its worthwhile coming to Community Board meetings as it's the voice of the community. Even during the meeting, if the chairman thinks it's appropriate its good practice if councillors can make a comment. Ultimately if the community board want to progress something, they need to have the councillors supporting them."

Opunake is now Motor Home Friendly

More Opunake & Coastal News' out there

It's official – Opunake is motor home friendly. A brief ceremony was held in Opunake on Friday August 18, just outside Opunake Library Plus.

The event was organised by Peter McNeil of NZMHCA (New Zealand Motor Homes and Caravans Association), assisted by Cr Clem Coxhead.

A special guest was the South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop who participated in proceedings. Speakers included Harry Davy, President of the Taranaki branch of NZMHCA, Jonathan Young MP, local identity Brian Vincent of the Egmont Plains Community Board and Mayor Dunlop. Also present was Bob Clarke, Chairperson of the Opunake Business Association and Cr Bryan Roach. Opunake is the 46th community to be deemed Motor Home Friendly.

Ross Dunlop described the occasion as “absolutely wonderful. It’s good that Opunake got your big tick.” He added, with reference to the motor home people, “I welcome you and hope you come here with your families.”

Jonathan Young MP spoke and said, “Opunake is such a



From left, Cr Bryan Roach, Mayor Ross Dunlop and Brian Vincent, participating in the cutting of the official tape.

great place with a lot to offer visitors, with tourism now the number one industry in Taranaki.”

The Certificate of Recognition declaring

Opunake Motor Home Friendly was signed by Bruce Stanger NZMCA President and Bruce Lochore, CEO. Harry Davy handed it over to Mayor Dunlop.

The event concluded with Cr Brian Roach holding the official tape and Brian Vincent, while the Mayor Ross Dunlop positioned in the middle of the pedestrian

crossing officially cutting the tape.

Many Motor Homes were lined up on either side of the road in silent tribute.

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The Health Shop on the ground floor at Centre City, New Plymouth

Westside Grille, Tukapa Street, Westown, New Plymouth

And in Hawera outside First National on the corner of Victoria and High Streets, Hawera.

Apology / Correction

In our August 18 issue on page 24 we had a story entitled ‘Opunake Primary School seniors win basketball title’. Unfortunately, the story had some inaccuracies (and an omission) for which we apologise.

Firstly, the coaches were Bruce Clement and Herewini Karena – not Daniel Sefton.

Secondly, Angelo Hill’s basketball course is on Tuesdays in Opunake.

Thirdly, Opunake Primary School also won the Year 5 and 6 grade final.



Jonathan & Maura Young at the Opunake Beach Carnival



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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT



MAREE LIDDINGTON

I once saw a cartoon of a monkey operating wheels and handles for many machines at once.

His tail was even at work. And the caption, "things don't work unless we do".

I often think of this cartoon as I work with many groups and projects in the Eltham/Kaponga community (no offence intended).

The drive for many projects around our area has come from local people with a passion to see their community move forward and be a better, more user friendly environment.

I look back on things that have happened over the last few years in Eltham, and most have been 'driven' by local volunteers.

The Skate Park, Arty Loos, Stark Park, and our new Tau-

Things don't work unless we do

mata Park Recreation Centre to name a few. I hear you say, "oh, but the Council should do that."

Yes, at the end of the day the Council facilitates the project, but the initial drive/idea comes from the locals.

And I think that's a good way for it to happen. We will have much more ownership of things and care for things more if we have instigated them.

We are waiting at present for the Council's purchase of the block of land in Bridge St, where a shop was demolished. There are plans in waiting for the development of a new more visible entrance way to our Bridger Park. We hope this is the catalyst to Stage 2 of an upgrade to Bridger Park. This idea came from a public meeting two years ago to consult with the community about what they want in our town of Eltham.

The new Kaponga Progressive committee has been working on a proposal for a walkway from Kaponga Township to Hollards Gardens. The committee has

gathered letters of support from locals.

businesses and groups in the area. This has been further supported by the Eltham/Kaponga Community Board and will be forwarded to South Taranaki District Council this week for the next step.

So, how can you be involved? How can you help us turn the 'wheels'? Anyone can belong to our community development groups, and we would welcome new members.

Do you need qualifications for this? No, just a passion for your community, a commitment to regular attendance at meetings and a positive 'can do' attitude.

Eltham Community Development group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Municipal Buildings in Stanners St, Eltham. 12.30pm (you may bring your lunch).

Kaponga Progressive Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at St John's Church meeting room. 7.30pm

You can also attend Eltham Community Board meet-

ings (held six weekly) and can speak during the Open Forum part of the meeting (more details on the STDC website).

The Community Board holds a 'Community Conversation' at the Eltham Library on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am. Come and meet Board members and put forward new ideas for the town.

The Eltham Community Development Group is holding its AGM in October, and in an effort to attract more members is holding this in the evening, instead of our usual lunchtime.

Watch out for posters around town and at Eltham Library. Come to the AGM and be part of the action.

*Maree Liddington
Eltham Community Board*

Community Conversations, held each second Wednesday of the month at Eltham Library.

Community Board members are in attendance to talk to you.

Daffodils for Daffodil Day

At this year's ANZAC Day, giant poppies made from old 33 records heated in an oven with a painted CD in the centre lined Tasman Street in Opunake.

Fast forward to Daffodil Day and with a dash of suitably coloured paint, instead of poppies remembering the war dead, there are daffodils commemorating those who have experienced cancer.

The 42 daffodils would be in town for Daffodil Day and the weekend following, but would be taken inside every night., Egmont Plains Community Board deputy chairman Andy Whitehead said at



Opunake Lakeside Lions Gladys Stuart, Sandra Bidgood and Wendy Mullan serve Leo Hickey on Daffodil Day.

last week's community board meeting.

Come Daffodil Day on August 25 and 42 daffodils took pride of place along Tasman Street, while members

of the Opunake Lakeside Lions operated stalls outside Everybodys Theatre, next to members of the Kaponga Lions who were running the sausage sizzle.



Giant daffodils line Tasman Street on Daffodil Day.

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Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated

We continue the next installment of a letter written by John McLean (Jock) Kirk, father of well known Taranaki artist Graham Kirk, who towards the end of World War II was a driver for a New Zealand officer tasked with making contact with liberated New Zealand POWs. This week he continues his adventures driving through Europe.

I forgot the name of the little place we were coming to but I know we were travelling for Malmedy, you will remember that place when Rundstedt made his thrust last December, the roads there did not exist anymore either but we could see where they had been, we drove for miles along a roadway of small tree trunks, they had been laid across the road touching each other, we had to drive as slow as we possibly could there, it was like the tracks the cows leave in the mud where they leave the shed, just like corrugated iron.



John McLean.

nious ideas I have ever seen.

We stayed a couple of days there then set sail for a little place called Hagenow further east. Just west of the Elbe we saw the Jerries starting to come in, they were all driving their own transport and that transport certainly was on its last legs, every second truck was towing another and some were even towing two. As we approached the Elbe they got even thicker and began to block up the road, by this time there were even a number of

women and children with them. It got even worse as we went on, trucks were broken down and blocking the road and the Yank MPs were going mad and shoving them off, sometimes over the bank but it didn't matter where they went as long as they got out of the way, they were stopping our supplies going forward. We crossed the Elbe that afternoon and just on the eastern side, there were Jerries in thousands waiting to cross, there was only the pontoon bridge and it was hardly likely that they were going to be allowed to use that when we had so much use for it. It seemed that Jerry's one idea was to get across the Elbe as the Russians were to go as far as the Elbe and they did not wish to remain in Russian-occupied Germany and by what I have seen and heard of the Russians I don't blame them. I would rather be a Russian in the hands of the Jerries than a Jerry in the hands of the Russians.



Kiwi POWs at Merseberg airport awaiting planes.

had a pounding too but not as bad as Hanover. The place where they stayed had been the HQ of the Luftwaffe in the bad old days, it was just the last word in comfort and

gadgets, that is one thing about Jerry he knows what comfort is and has always got all of the trickiest gadgets one ever saw all over the place, he has some of the most inge-

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Leipzig after being bombed.



ABOVE: Merseberg: German 'jets' being taken away by 'Yanks'.



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Thank you Carole

To South Taranaki theatregoers Carole Hosie is a familiar face. A member of Hawera Repertory since 1986, she has been in a number of productions, most recently the highly successful Beauty and the Beast.

To the people of Manaia she has for over 31 years been the face of the town's library. Last week she called it quits as she was farewelled at a function at Manaia Library Plus.

There was a good mixture of ages on hand, from primary school students upwards to thank Carole and wish her all the best for her retirement.

The evening began with a few items performed by students

from Manaia Primary School.

"If there's anything in the world I love it's to hear children singing," Carole said. "The Manaia School has been an important part of the Library and I hope that bond continues."

She paid tribute to the support the Manaia community had given the library.

"The library is important and Manaia needs this library," she said. "Every child in Manaia should own a library card."

Librarian Maria Brewerton paid tribute to Carole's 31 year contribution to the Manaia Library.



People of all ages dropped by to say goodbye to long serving librarian Carole Hosie.

"Today's work force is a lot more transient, so 31 and a half years blows my mind," she said. "Carole has been my second in command, my right hand, and my confidante at times."

Carole's achievements at the library have included setting up a book club which 12 years later is still going strong.

She has been with the Manaia Library from the start. In the 1980s, Manaia Town councillor Melva Yarrow had been one of the driving forces behind the town getting its own library. When the first committee meeting was held on June 20, 1983, Carole was the first secretary/treasurer.

"Manaia was a little town which didn't have a library and it was a sad town," Carole

said, recalling those times.

The first library operated out of a room rented for \$10 a week from Kelly's Photographic Studio in the Temple Building on the other end of town from the library's current location. It was only open for a few hours a week and depended on voluntary labour. The library got the support of the National Library and the Waimate

West Council who enabled them to buy the building in 1985. At that point, Carole became the library's first paid employee, although still working only a few hours a week.

"I was lucky I got the job as librarian," Carole said. "We asked people to donate books they didn't want and we loaned them out. We didn't have a telephone, we didn't have heaters, we didn't have computers. We had a typewriter that went clunk, clunk, clunk."

When the South Taranaki District Council was formed in 1989 the library came under their ambit. Six years later it moved to its current location, and since 2002 it has been a Library Plus.

Carole's husband John said he felt he had been married to the library for 35 years.

"The only other person who would know more about this library than me would be Carole," he said.

Carole says she is looking forward to spending more time with her family. She and John have five grandchildren. She says she is also looking forward to finding some new hobbies and discovering new talents.

New carpet for St Barnabas

The popularity of a day centre aimed at over 65s has prompted a change of carpet for Opunake's Anglican Church.

The previous carpet had a lot of snags and rips and continually had to be glued down, Maureen Martins,

administrator of St Barnabas Anglican Church in Opunake told the Egmont Plains Community Board last week.

It had got to the stage where the carpet had become unsafe for users of the church, including those attending the recently started Tainui Day Centre, a group catering for people aged over 65.

As a result for health and safety reasons, the church had had to get the carpet replaced.

Mrs Martins was at the board's August 23 meeting at Rahotu to ask for \$750 from the board's discretionary fund to go towards replacing the carpet. The church had already made a number of applications for funding and still had a shortfall of \$1160. Mrs Martins said she acknowledged the Board usually required funding requests be made before work started, but given the health and safety issues, the church

believed they had to go ahead and get the work done.

The recently started Tainui Day Centre was already proving popular, with 23 people there the previous Monday, she said. The Centre has a varied programme which includes gentle exercises, golf and bowls. It was the only one of its kind in Taranaki.

"If ours is successful, we

would like to have others around South Taranaki" Mrs Martins said.

The board voted to grant the full amount being asked for. South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham said that while the board didn't normally fund work done retrospectively, on this occasion health and safety took priority.



The new carpet from After Disaster in New Plymouth. Maureen Martins said she was "absolutely thrilled with it" and said she would absolutely recommend After Disaster.

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Taranaki Master Builders House of the Year



Gareth Collins Building

Last year's Taranaki and Category Award in the supreme winner Gareth Collins Building Ltd from New Plymouth won the Gold Builders Own Home award section of the competition. Congratulations



Gareth Collins winning home



Congratulations from the community.

This Opunake home recently took out the Taranaki Master Builders House of the Year was designed by Imagine Building Design and built by Custom Construction.

Judges said that, from the moment they walked through the winning House of the Year, it was obvious it was a house built with passion. It was clear all tradespeople involved were highly skilled and gave much consideration to every detail, large or small,

they said. Its unique design provided a challenge for the building team and one they executed with precision. Both internally and externally, the design and construction were well executed providing an outstanding result for the proud homeowner. This Supreme Award is well deserved by a very dedicated team.

The owners Rowan and Sue say they absolutely love their new home and the great thing about building from scratch is that you can get everything to work for you.

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When New Zealand homes were first built, double glazing was not required, and most houses didn't have insulation or adequate heating which made for draughty and cold homes. Putting in place our Warm and Dry Programme at a cost of \$81.3million has seen 25,630 households warmed up since June 2015.

An investment of \$35.8million over the next financial year will see a further 10,200 tenants in social houses upgraded with new heating, ventilation and thermal cur-



JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

tains under the Warm and Dry programme.

This is all part of the \$1.4 billion that Housing New Zealand has spent over the last three years on maintenance and upgrades to its social housing.

We will be growing the number of social housing available, from 66,400 today to 72,000 over the next three years. This is targeting those who are most vulnerable in

our country and ensuring they have their basic needs met.

In Auckland, we're undertaking the biggest housing project since the 1950s, building 34,000 new houses over the next 10 years. This is on top of the hundreds more social houses being built in areas of high-demand, like Wellington, Christchurch and Hamilton.

We never know what life may throw at us, and sometimes we can find ourselves in a position where we need emergency help just until we get back on our feet. Having a place to go either in an emergent situation or during a critical life transition is part of National's plan. We're taking action that no other Government has, to tackle homelessness, which includes our \$20 million investment into Housing First

to help long-term chronically homeless into secure housing.

For the first time, the Government is providing permanent funding to transitional housing – helping 8,600 (2150 transitional houses) families every year with a warm, safe place to stay while they get back on their feet while providing wraparound social support. Special needs grants for emergency housing are also available to people in urgent need so no one needs to sleep in a car.

Alone you can go fast, but together you go further. National is committed to building a country where we all go forward together.

Jonathan Young MP

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Labour promises roading solutions for Taranaki

Taranaki candidates, Corie Haddock, Steph Lewis, Hilary Humphrey

Labour candidates for New Plymouth, Whanganui and Taranaki-King Country,

Have welcomed the announcement of improved funding for local roads under a Labour Government.

The Labour Party has announced its transport policy for doubling the funds that local and regional councils can access to repair and improve their roads.

Labour's Transport Spokesperson Michael Wood says, "Labour will re-balance transport funding so that important local and regional roads receive adequate funding, and we will work more closely with local communi-

ties and councils to deliver significant regional roading projects."

"Labour believes that important regional roads have been neglected under National, which has been almost entirely focused on large, politically selected motorway projects," Wood says.

Corie Haddock, Labour's New Plymouth candidate is eager to see improvements in New Plymouth and Taranaki.

"Our roads are vital to the region's growth, but their neglect and underfunding are unacceptable; Taranaki contributes 3.3 per cent of the nation's GDP but only receives 2.1 per cent of NZTA expenditure, and it's unacceptable."

Taranaki-King Country candidate Hilary Humphrey acknowledges that while some investment has been made to improving SH3, other roads vital to the region have been undervalued.

"True to its name and despite its popularity, the Forgotten World Highway has been neglected. While locals are crying out for support to further the tourism industry, funding for the road has gone from \$1.2 million in 2010/2011 down to \$500,000 in 2015/2016. We need to back further investment in roading infrastructure to ensure the region can capitalise on the opportunities tourism presents."

Whanganui candidate Steph Lewis, says significant

investment in local roads is long overdue, especially in light of the increase in the volume of logging trucks and milk tankers which are wearing out our roads faster. Ms Lewis notes there are still a number of roads in her electorate, which have not been repaired following the June 2015 storm.

Labour says it will double the funding accessible for roading funds for local and regional councils from \$140 million to \$240 million, and within the first 100 days of government would hold a roading summit with local leaders to establish what areas are vital to improve in the long term.

Time running out to make voting easy

Time is running out for people wanting to make voting easy in the 23 September

General Election.

Around 450,000 eligible New Zealanders still haven't enrolled to vote and more than half of them are under 30.

Anyone enrolled after 23 August will have to cast a special declaration vote.

"You can still enrol right up until the day before election day, including at any advance voting place," says Alicia

Wright, Chief Electoral Officer, "but you'll need to make a special vote."

"A special vote takes a bit longer and means filling in an extra form. That's why we encouraged people to get enrolled as early as possible. We want to make voting as easy as possible for everyone."

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On this month in history Sir John Marshall dies

On August 30, 1988 Sir John Marshall died of a heart attack in England on his way to a conference of the World Bible Societies.

Sir John was briefly Prime Minister of NZ, but lost his only election as leader to Labour's Norman Kirk in 1972.

Robert (later Sir) Muldoon took over as National's leader in 1974 and was Prime Minister for three terms.

Before becoming PM Sir John was a Cabinet minister under Sir Keith Holyoake and a very effective Minister of Overseas Trade who negoti-

ated favourable terms when Britain (NZ's main trade market) joined the Common Market in 1973.

After retiring he returned to his career as a lawyer, wrote children's books and worked for Christian (mostly) voluntary organisations.

Healthy communities ensure we stay connected

Labour has always promoted and acknowledged the importance of strong rural communities. New Zealand is a country dependent on primary production for its export earnings. It is important that we work together to ensure we have a healthy, vibrant rural sector via investment into core government services and infrastructure like roading, health and education.

Much of the nation's exports originate in the regions and require roads that allow for the safe and efficient movement of product and stock. Labour

believes that rural roads are vital to supporting regional development. Communities must have more say on how roading funding is spent locally to guarantee it goes where it is required and local councils aren't left to pick up the bill.

Rural health care services are under pressure, struggling to attract health professionals. We need to develop effective models of care that support the needs of all communities, particularly those in rural and provincial centres. Primary health care should be made fairer, more equitable

and less complex so it is accessible for our children and our most vulnerable, especially those living in our rural communities.

Labour is committed to ensuring our whole education system has the funding required to produce innovative, creative and informed citizens. We will partner with schools, local government and rural communities to put in place infrastructure that will allow students access to modern technology and the skills to use it, while providing increased funding for adult

and community education that will improve access to tertiary education opportunities for rural communities.

Having effective, well resourced communities enables people to grow, ensures we remain connected and allows us to maintain the health and wellbeing of ourselves and our families. Let's take steps towards a brighter future. Make sure you're enrolled and vote on September 23.

- Let's do this
- Corie Haddock

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Party vote

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Hiking up fees for overseas visitors

National is committed to protecting New Zealand's stunning landscapes and captivating native wildlife. They are part of our national identity, hugely important to New Zealanders and draw tourists from all over the world, supporting our economy and thousands of jobs.

We want those tourists to continue to come here to enjoy their visit, but think it's only fair they pay a little extra to experience our Great Walks, and to fund the conservation and maintenance efforts which go into ensuring they remain world class.

"I welcome the proposal to

increase fees for international visitors who use our Great Walks," Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth says.

"There will be no changes for New Zealanders, with hut charges for Great Walks to stay at their current low levels.

"From October 2018, international visitors will pay double the fee on the five most popular Great Walks (Milford, Routeburn, Kepler, Abel Tasman and Tongariro), and 50% extra for the other Great Walks and backcountry hut passes.

"National will also close a loophole which has seen international school parties book out huts without paying,

by introducing a charge for teenagers and children from overseas.

"These changes will generate more than \$4 million a year in extra revenue, all of which will be allocated to Department of Conservation (DOC) programmes.

"The extra revenue will ensure the Great Walks continue to be a world-class experience for visitors and New Zealanders, providing additional resources to protect native species like the kea, kiwi and kokako.

"We are also doubling the amount of funding available through DOC Community Fund, from \$4.6 million to \$10 million a year. This

means more support for the War on Weeds and wilding conifer control to predator trapping networks, wetland restoration and the upkeep of historic huts.

"This demonstrates our continued commitment to conservation efforts. We treasure our spectacular natural environment and strive to protect our native species. This is a great way to enable DOC and local communities to keep up the invaluable work they do," Jonathan Young says.

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Guest from Environmental Products entertains Kaponga WI

Mollie Nicholas hosted the August meeting of the Kaponga WI at her New Plymouth home, assisted by Nan Stokes.

After the Institute business, Mollie introduced Penny from Environmental Products, Mahoe, near Kaponga, who spoke about her business and how it has developed over the years. Environmental Products now offer a wider range of garments and Penny had brought two racks of beautiful garments made from Possum fur and leather plus some with the popular merino/possum mix. Nan modelled some of the cardigans and coats.

Penny explained that she has hunters in both the North and South Islands bringing in the high quality fur required to make the garments.

After the talk President Dorothy Hughes welcomed a visitor, Dene Lines to the meeting.

A donation was made to the Annual WI Medical Research fund. This year's Annual Research will go to a student studying Alzheimers.

Members were very happy to pay a small donation to WI funds for the delicious lunch served by Mollie and Nan.

Competition Results: Favourite piece of Jewellery: 1st Margaret Watts, 2nd Nancy Stokes, 3rd = Diane

West/Sharyn Hurley

Three muffins: 1st Diane West, 2nd Fiona Collins, 3rd Margaret Watts.

The July meeting was held at Margaret Watts home

The Kaponga Plunket Mothers invited the Kaponga WI to morning tea which was attended by seven of the Institute members.

Plunket President, Lisa Goldsworthy welcomed those attending and thanked us for the knitting, saying that there is great need of it in the area.

Plunket Nurse Lynne Dunn then spoke about her work in the district and said she has between five and eight families attend her fortnightly clinics held at the Kaponga venue.

Several items have been

knitted for Plunket, as part of our "Adopt an Organisation" project.

Margaret Watts, hostess for the July meeting of Kaponga WI, showed the film "Mama Mia" which was enjoyed by the good number of members who gathered.

Business included the Conference report, Secret Friends were thanked, and next year's competitions were discussed. President, Dorothy Hughes showed off the very pretty embroidered Temari Ball she had made, an entry in one of the competitions.

Rosalie Gibson, who left Kaponga 24 years ago, has returned to New Plymouth and has been warmly welcomed back as a member again.

Competition Results: Knit-

ting for Plunket: Jo Ellis 1st, Rayleen McDonald, 2nd, Margaret Watts 3rd.

Prettiest cup and saucer: Margaret 1st, Rayleen 2nd, Fiona Collins 3rd.

A shared lunch was enjoyed with everyone sitting around Margaret's dining table having a good chat.

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Stony River Hotel Christkindl Fair a raging success

A huge turnout of people descended on the Stony River Hotel for their Christkindl fair, held on Sunday August 27 from 4pm. This was evidently the first event of its kind held in Taranaki.

Cars were parked everywhere – even spilling over into a nearby paddock. Okato Lions did a great job ensuring traffic safety was maintained. (Mariska Rempt spoke well of motorists as well-behaved, considerate and friendly.)

There was such a plethora of people at the fair, despite a blustery wind, at first, it was hard to even move. Thankfully, people thinned out a bit and the excellent diversity of stalls could be enjoyed optimally. There was Tupperware, wooden toys, polished stones and crystals, inspirational messages (on small placards), raffles, and clothing. There was food and drink of all kinds, as well as art and craft of great



Davina Newman's Stall at the market at Okato

diversity.

Music was provided by the Harmony Choir from New Plymouth, who sang a selection of Christmassy songs such as 'Santa Claus is coming to Town'. Santa himself made an appearance at one stage – not looking remotely jet-lagged after his

trip from the North Pole.

For those who can't wait for Christmas there was the Christmas Village stall with all kinds of items on sale, such as miniature Santas, with the colour red to the fore.

Author and story teller Lesley Dowding had an

interesting stall and read stories in her imaginatively engaging fashion.

A most eye-catching stall was that of Davina Newman of Bell Block with her selection of colourful paintings, such as pictures of Mount Taranaki with the colour purple featuring. She

enthused, "It's fantastic – I've never seen so many people." She also said, "I love all colours – the brighter the better."

Inside the hotel, there were plenty of people sampling

culinary treats and drinks such as mulled wine.

Renee Staudinger, who with her husband Heimo are the proprietors of the hotel, was delighted at the huge turn-out of people.



Kevin Cash and daughter Cully (12 months) were enjoying the fair. It was Cully's "first night out" said Kevin!

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Opunake Country Music Club celebrates

We celebrated our 30th birthday at the Opunake Town Hall on August 13 with a finger lunch (that's not a lunch of fingers) followed by an afternoon of fun and laughter with a wonderful variety of entertainment and singers. A great band accompanied all the vocals.

I must mention and thank all the members of the Rhinestone Club from New

Plymouth for their support. Also thanks go to members of the Ngaere Club as well as to our own members and visitors.

A great crowd shared an afternoon of 'country kinship'.

Thank you all. I am pleased that our raffles were won by members of the Rhinestone Club.

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How it all began -a man and a van

There's a very special birthday taking place on the Coast and the celebrations are going to last a month long! Plus the birthday presents are going to the customer!

Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd are turning Sweet 16! Brian and his wife Monique established the business at the end of August 2001. With 1 van stocked to the roof, a 5 month old baby, loads of enthusiasm and drive, they threw themselves into operating a business. While Brian worked every hour he could, Monique got her head around GST, PAYE, Invoicing and ACC. After 2 weeks there was so much work coming in from the supportive locals, Brian took a calculated risk to purchase another van, stock it and employ Registered Electrician Chris Scott. From there the business has grown and expanded steadily. From August 2001 with Brian and his van to August 2017, Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd now has

- 3 Branches- Opunake, Stratford & Okato.
- 11 vans
- 16 staff.

"It's been a challenge at times" says Brian "We have had our ups and downs like any other business and we've had our sleepless nights. But we've never given up. We have worked harder and smarter to overcome any obstacles in our path." He goes onto say "When we first set up our Accountant told us not to expect to make any money for the first 3 years. No matter how hard things got, we tightened our belts, got stuck in and worked our way through it." Brian, Monique and the entire staff are extremely grateful to the continued support and loyalty from their clients. "We are very lucky to be where we are today. It all comes down to having a team of knowledgeable dedicated staff and the ongoing support from the local communities that we service." says Brian. Giving back to the Communities is extremely important to Brian and Monique. Over the past 16 years they have donated thousands of dollars in cash donations, time and products to various Schools, Community Groups, Sports Clubs, and individuals.

As well as owning and operating the business, both Brian and Monique have donated their personal time to various Committees and Organisations in the local communities.

One of the first things Brian did when he established the business was to become a Master Electrician. By becoming a Master Electrician, Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd became recognised as a quality assured member of the association, their workmanship is guaranteed, and they are backed by NZ's only trade organisation that represents Electrical Contractors. During their 16 years in business Brian has served on the Taranaki

Electrical Contractors of NZ Association in the Committee and for 2 years as President and 2 years as the Taranaki Councillor.

Whilst Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd started as electrical contracting and refrigeration engineering, their business expanded into selling appliances, wallpaper and paint product when they purchased Morris & Ockhusyen in 2014. They have made alterations to the store in Opunake, opening up the floor space to extend stock ranges and have just expanded into curtains and blinds as part of Colourplus Opunake.

Their Sweet 16 Birthday has Sweet deals for the customers. There are the



Katie, Monique and Brian Sinclair with Chris Scott

usual Beta Electrical Monthly Deals in their September Mailer, some crazy deals along with chances for shop customers in both Opunake & Stratford to take part in

a Lucky Draw that can see them win between 16-50% off their purchases! That's a guaranteed minimum 16%. Also there are loads of Giveaways in both stores and on Friday 8 September



There are a few more on the team these days. The Sinclair Electrical Opunake staff from Christmas last year

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Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade

Well it's been another quiet fortnight for us with only one callout coming our way. We were called to a Hickey Place address on Saturday 26th, when an elderly lady was having issues breathing. We were first on the scene and were able to stabilise her before the St John ambulance crew arrived. After running a few more checks, the patient was transported to hospital for observation. I know it is a little way off, but October 14th is a day you should mark on your calendar. The Fire Service, in conjunction with the South Taranaki

Neighbourhood Support is holding a Safety Day at the Sandfords' Event Centre. We have organised the kitchen fire demonstrator, the escape (bouncy) castle, and the Flint and Amber suits for the day. There will be static displays, and a great chance for possible new recruits to have a chat with fire personal to find out more about volunteering. It will be a massive day as the Police and St Johns will also be there, and possibly the Rescue helicopter. It will be a great informative day for young and old.

The Old Flame

Opunake Cottage Rest Home Updates

Overview of finances

Since the public meeting held on 27/06/2017 the Rest Home Trust has received \$87,000 by way of gifts, donations and loans. Of this \$37,000 has been set aside for a "rainy day."

At the AGM held on the 18/07/2017 the 2016 financial results were reviewed. In addition to this forecasts were presented based on a number of variables. These financial sensitivity exercises were to establish break even points and sustainability based occupancy levels.

Points were also made about the financial disadvantages that came about following the introduction of the PAY equity programme. This was to be fully funded. It is not. The current shortfall [5.00%] is estimated at \$33,000 pa. This matter has been taken up by the industry association with the challenge for this to be fully funded.

To summarise:

- 12 Residents –loss
- 14-15 residents –break even
- 15 + residents -surplus

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Charles Dickens -Wilkins Micawber

	2015	2016	2017	2018 Budget	2018 No Change
				6,061 Bed Nights	5,110 Bed Nights
	Annual Audited Accounts	Annual Audited Accounts	YTD Sep2016 to June 2017 E&OE	Based on 14 Residents with gradual increase	Based on 14 Residents
Revenue	\$934,437	\$902,308	\$587,951	\$770,401	\$651,592
Direct Costs	\$650,031	\$668,685	\$468,751	\$475,772	\$454,698
	69.56%	74.11%	79.73%	61.76%	69.78%
Surplus	\$284,406	\$233,623	\$119,200	\$294,629	\$196,894
Operating Costs	\$199,692	\$182,618	\$161,223	\$236,409	\$236,409
	21.37%	20.24%	27.42%	30.69%	36.28%
Surplus/Deficit before Depreciation	\$84,714	\$51,005	-\$42,023	\$58,220	-\$39,515
Depreciation	\$39,929	\$36,466	\$30,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
Surplus For Year	\$44,785	\$14,539	-\$72,023	\$31,220	-\$66,515

The above summarised audited accounts, YTD to June 2017 and forecasts were presented and discussed at the AGM.

To ascertain this information there was a significant review of the financial structure and processes and further refinements will be explored. It is the intention that no stone be left unturned. The Trust owns the land and buildings and there are no encumbrances. Consideration is also being given to selling a section that will not in any way affect the operation of the Trust.

The mission of the Cottage Rest home is to provide a high level of care, but in doing so needs to manage its affairs to ensure financial sustainability. Forecasting the number of residents is difficult other than to recognise that occupancy levels can change at any time. For example, on the night of the public meeting there were 12 residents. The next day there were 14. As at the 16/08/2017 there were 13.

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Does the Cottage Allay the Top 3 Fears of Our Elderly People

The decision to move from your own home into a rest home is a big life change, and as with any changes in life, it comes accompanied with common and understandable fears of the unknown. It can also throw up some very personal doubts, fears and worries.

If you are faced with helping a loved one make the decision about moving into a rest home, it is useful to be aware of what might cause them to feel anxious and how best to explain that although their anxiety is understandable, moving to a rest home can be a hugely positive step.

➤ Fear No 1

Losing their independence – many people fear that moving into a rest home signals a loss of their independence and that they will no longer be able to make decisions for themselves. But moving into a rest home does not mean that you lose that right.

At The Cottage Rest Home, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved should you wish to. Residents are encouraged to continue with their hobbies, such as arts and crafts, gardening, reading. Also, we encourage family members, if they have the opportunity to take their elderly relative/friend for a drive out into the Community or to a family function.

➤ Fear No 2

Becoming a burden – elderly people often feel that if their relatives are encouraging them to move to a rest home, it is because they have become a burden to them. In most cases that couldn't be further from the truth. Families usually start to look at the option of a rest home for their elderly relative because they care deeply about their quality of life.

Living at The Cottage is about practically maintaining or even improve their quality of life as your loved one won't have to worry about looking after a property and arranging for repairs to be carried out. Gardening remains fun without having to weed and sweep up; meals will be cooked by someone else and be of high nutritional quality (with no washing up to do), and of course there will be the companionship provided by fellow residents.

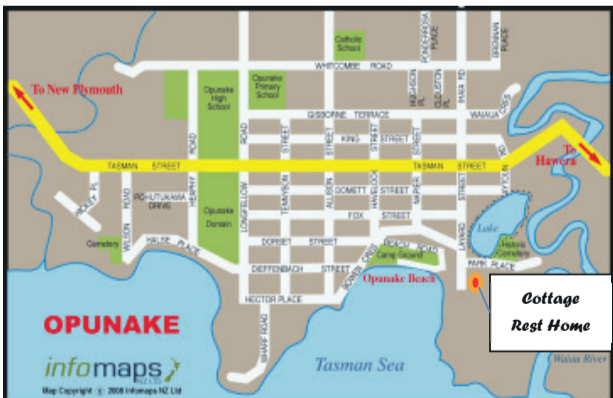
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Being reliant on other people – elderly people are often reluctant to accept help because they don't want to admit to themselves, or anyone else, that they are struggling. However, accepting help can lead to a more comfortable way of living, which in turn can increase the enjoyment they get out of life.

At The Cottage, help is on hand 24 hours a day, with medical needs catered for by experts who get to know all residents well, so they fully understand their needs.

Despite all of these positives, the outdated image of an 'old folks' home' may persist in your loved one's mind. In such cases, it might be wise to gently ask your relative if they would like to see a high quality, boutique rest home for themselves, so that they can ask questions and you can see what kind of environment might work best for them should they choose to take advantage of its benefits.

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Resident's visiting the Lavender Farm at the former Pihama Dairy Factory

Okato sub-division a thriving enterprise ...

The Okato Developments sub-division, at the south end of Okato, has been very popular with most sections having been sold. The subdivision is thriving with some homes under construction, some finished and occupied and other houses relocated. The new street is called Mahura Lane.

Okato, now with a population of 561 (2013 Census), is a go-ahead community with all services and amenities one could hope for. The town is less than half an hour from New Plymouth, 12 kilometres from Oakura and 9 kilometres from Warea. Popular surfing spots are all within easy reach.

Facilities include Hempton Hall, rugby grounds, a bowling club, squash courts, tennis courts and a swimming club – who a while ago received an award as the top club of its size in New Zealand. Goal kicking All Black Grant Fox comes from Okato.

The new skateboard Park is a hit with youngsters.

Lovely bush walks are available in full view of Mount Taranaki. Native pigeons (kereru), tuis and other native birds enjoy the area. A stroll over the swing bridge over Stony River is a treat.

Churches include St Pauls



Most sections have been bought.

– once the parish of Sir Paul Reeves the former Anglican Archbishop of NZ and our first Maori Governor-General. Other places of Worship include the New Zeal Church as well as the Catholic Church.

The Coastal Taranaki School caters for students Year 1 to 13 and has a good name thanks to its dedicated teachers and supportive Board of Trustees.

A community library is also provided by the school for the keen readers in the town.

For younger children

there is Stepping Stones which is seeking more pre-school children for their early education programme. Nearby is the Okato Playcentre. Both offer quality education with fun to the fore.

Art and craft is a definite focus with artists such as Dale Copeland, Paul Hutchinson, Peter Lambert and Albie Carter living nearby. KM Art Gallery is also handy a couple of minutes down the road to New Plymouth.

For accommodation and delicious meals there is the award-winning Stony River Hotel with the attentive hosts Heimo and Renate Staudinger.

Lahar restaurant is also a popular restaurant for visitors and Downtown Okato is well worth a visit.

Okato Takeaways are kept very busy especially since they won an award for their potato chips.

The local Four Square will keep your cupboards stocked with nutritious food.

Residents are kept safe with the friendly local policeman Rhys Connell out

and about and in the local police station, as well as the voluntary fire brigade, both services centrally located.

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For those interested in history there is the elevated site of the first school and 1880s redoubt (fort) just out of town. A visit to New Plymouth's Puke Ariki will yield information on pioneer Alexander Cassie, who lived at the time of the NZ Wars and the Parihaki invasion. Another Okato pioneer of interest at the museum is Marc Voullaire (1885-1964), a local historian and farmer. Highlighted is the history of the dairy industry in the area, as well as the mission station of Johann Riemenschneider.

The local Okato and Districts Historical Association has a wealth of photographs and information and meet regularly.

It is clearly apparent that Okato is a very desirable place to live for many many reasons. If you're quick you may be able to secure one of the last sections.

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Trudie Hudson designs unique buildings

Architect Trudie Hudson has designed excellent buildings, both residential and commercial in the Okato/Oakura area. In the Okato sub-division she designed number 3 Mahuru Lane. In the central part of Okato she designed the interesting and very popular Café Lahar – an outstanding achievement. Further afield she designed

a house on Dover Road and two in Oakura including her own on Ahu Ahu Road.

Trudie is member of an architectural group who are holding an exhibition at the Stonebaths Showroom in Ariki Street. The exhibition will run from September 11 to 15 so make sure you manage to see it.



A contrast - one house relocated while another is under construction.

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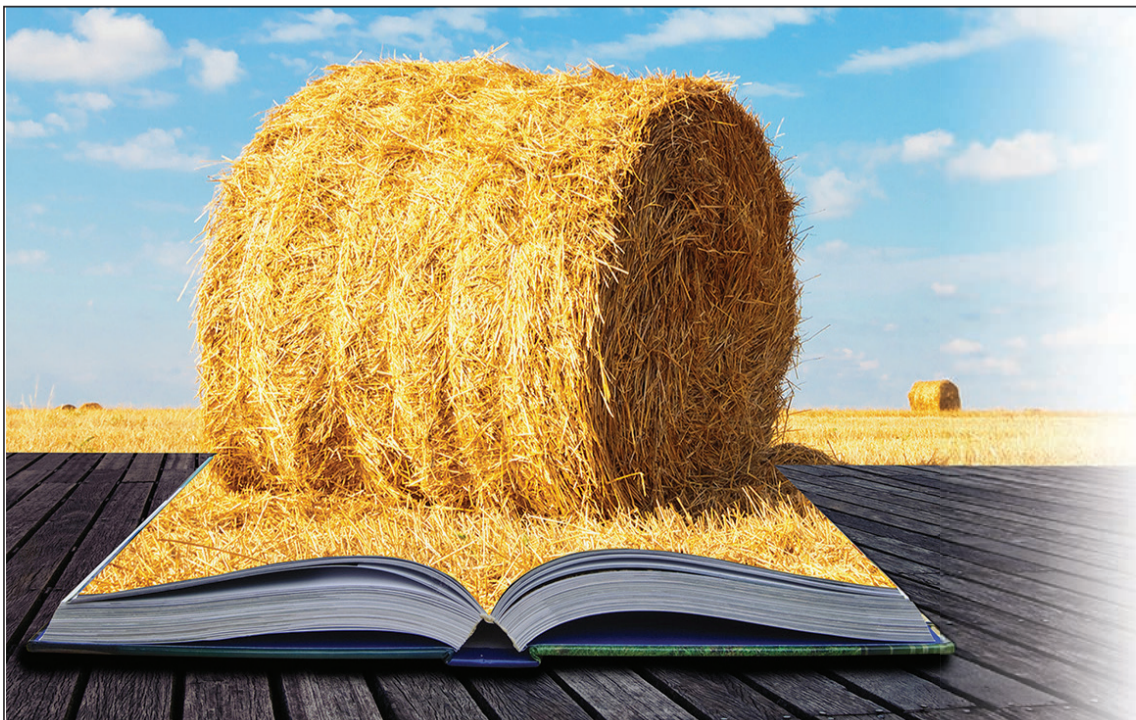
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Potential for Taranaki farmers to increase dairy farm profitability

The potential to increase herd production and farm profitability without an associated increase in costs or the size of the herd has appeal for Taranaki farmers.

This observation comes from two Taranaki based Breeding Consultants who represent World Wide Sires, one of the largest dairy farmer owned genetics companies in the world.

Claire Bourke and Kirby Wilson say there is renewed interest in high production genetics from the largest and most diverse genetics database in the world.

"Taranaki farmers are among some of the best in the country at getting every ounce of production out of the farm and their herds but environmental constraints and rising costs are working against them," Claire Bourke said.

"They have to look at other ways to increase the production of the herd – and genetics provides a mechanism to do just that."

Claire Bourke, who has been with World Wide Sires for three years, and Kirby Wilson, who joined the company in March are both passionate about dairy genetics because it's the



World Wide Sires Breeding Consultants Claire Bourke and Kirby Wilson

engine room which drives the potential of the farm and the dairy industry.

After leaving school, Kirby Wilson completed a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from Massey University and admits a fascination with genetics saw her include "a lot of genetics papers."

"I grew up on a sheep and beef farm in Wanganui but always wanted to work on the genetics side of the dairy industry because of the

potential to fine-tune animal health and productivity.

"After graduating I worked as a dairy shed assessor and milk quality consultant gaining a depth of insight to the regulatory environment farmers work in. And then I got the opportunity to join World Wide Sires," Kirby said.

The new position was in North Taranaki bringing Kirby into contact with South Taranaki Breeding Consultant, Claire Bourke,

who Kirby says has a "wealth of knowledge which helped me hit the ground running."

Claire Bourke was born and grew up on her parents' dairy farm at Opunake recalling the family's pedigree Ayrshire herd owes its origins to her great-grandfather who formed Argyll Ayrshire Stud in 1934.

"The Ayrshire breed isn't well represented in New

Zealand but most farmers acknowledge that, when it comes to dairy type, they have it down pat. Over the last decade, we began breeding pedigree Holstein Friesians so now the home herd is a mix of red and white, and black and white," Claire said.

"I grew up in the shed and the showring and was always fascinated by the correlation between type, production and longevity.

"After leaving school I worked on several dairy farms before returning to the home farm where I met my soon-to-be-husband Kieran. After we got married, we moved to his family's farm at Pihama where we milk 500 autumn calving cows and two years ago, in partnership with his parents, we bought a farm at Manaia milking 640 cows."

Claire Bourke said she and Kirby Wilson work closely together, each person's skills complementing the other.

"Kirby and I share a real passion and belief in the value World Wide Genetics can generate for Taranaki farmers. The company's genetics database is based on thousands of bulls producing genetics tailored to the more than 90 countries around the

world.

"We're able to go on farm, do a herd audit and give farmers a range of options with the traits they want - high production, fertile, easy calving and longevity."

Claire and Kirby admit that, with calving coming to an end, farmers are setting their sights on the AB season.

"Taranaki is one of the country's oldest dairying regions," Kirby Wilson said "and local farmers are looking at any option which will enable them to increase the profitability of their farm without an associated increase in costs.

"A number of farmers want a bob each way, which is fine, opting to use some of our genetics and some from other companies so they can compare the performance of the resulting offspring, while others make a leap of faith and change the entire herd to World Wide Sires' genetics. We're happy either way as our genetics sell themselves – once World Wide Sires' cows are in the shed most farmers say they'd never milk anything else.

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Greener pastures draw Filipino farmer

A herd manager who once milked cows in Saudi Arabia is the new chairman of the Taranaki Association of Filipino Farmers.

Fernando Ramos is in his first season as herd manager on John Washer's Raho Road farm milking 340 cows. So far too much rain has meant a lack of grass growth this season, he says.

His association has 56 families, in most of which the partner also works in the dairy industry. There are other Filipino families who aren't in his group, including some who live closer to Whanganui who because of travelling distances aren't able to join, but still make it to the occasional function organised by the Association.

These include an assembly to be held in Opunake on September 9 which will be attended by the prime minister.

Fernando says this will

be a chance for members to bring up whatever concerns they may have, including rules on salary brackets, living standards and working hours.

"Only a few of us are residents of this country. Most of our members are still on temporary visas because they have only been staying in New Zealand for four years," he says.

At present there are no restrictions on the length of time Filipino workers can stay on temporary visas, but with the election coming up, this could well change, he said.

The need to continually reapply for visa extensions, with its associated reapplication and medical application costs can also mean financial hardship for some.

He is however pleased with some of the recent immigration law changes, including making it easier

for migrant workers to make better use of qualifications gained through places like Taratahi and Primary ITO in gaining the necessary points to get residency.

Last month DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle called on the government to do more to make it easier for migrant farm workers to gain residency.

"Dairyfarmers, just like any other business owners need a stable, reliable, and productive workforce," he said. "Knowing that they will be able to retain their good staff will mean our farmers can be confident in investing in training and development so as to maintain the high skills level and productivity New Zealand's dairy sector is known for."

Filipino farm workers have shown they can foot it with their New Zealand-born counterparts. Earlier this year Carlos and Bernice Delo Santos from the Central Plateau were national runners-up in the Share farmer of the Year competition. Carlos had arrived in New Zealand from the Philippines as a relief milker back in 2001.

Fernando had trained in dairy farming in Japan for a year before spending 15 years working on one of the biggest dairy farms in Saudi Arabia. The farm was run by the Al Mirai company for the Saudi royal family and had 4000 cows with milking machines going 24 hours a day. Cows were kept in water-cooled barns and would be milked three times a day.

Feed, including maize

silage was grown elsewhere and would be transported in.

"The farming was so intensive and maximised the ability of the animals to produce milk. We produced more milk in Saudi Arabia than we produced in New Zealand. We averaged 10,000 litres per cow per year."

By the time he left he was parlour supervisor in charge of 34 workers. He says a rise in domestic terrorism had made him rethink his plans.

"It was not too safe to stay there, so I went to seek greener pastures in New Zealand."

He arrived in New Zealand in 2005 and worked on farms in Te Kuiti for one year and Taupo for two. It was then on to Taranaki where he worked on Arawhata Road before moving along the Surf Highway to his current position.

Fernando is married and has three sons, one in New Zealand, the others back in the Philippines.

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Fernando(right) with Yolande his wife.

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Farmer candidates sought for DairyNZ elections

Candidate nominations opened this week for farmer-elected roles on the DairyNZ board and Directors Remuneration Committee.

This year two farmer positions on the Board of Directors are available, along with one position on the DairyNZ Directors Remuneration Committee.

close 12noon Friday, September 8. Voting is held from late September.

—Electionz.com returning officer Anthony Morton says the first election for two directors is an opportunity for levy paying farmers

to get more involved with leadership of DairyNZ.

“These roles are a chance to contribute to the whole dairy sector, supporting DairyNZ, its priorities and objectives. The board consists of five farmer-elected directors and three board-elected directors. This election for the two farmer directors comes as Alister Body and Jim van der Poel retire by rotation. DairyNZ’s second election is for a Directors Remuneration Committee member who would join two others in considering and recommending remuneration

for directors each year. Chris Lewis is the retiring committee member.

“All farmers paying a levy on milksolids to DairyNZ are eligible to stand for either election,” says Anthony.

An information pack outlining criteria and nomination requirements can be obtained from the returning officer (0800 666 033) or online (www.electionz.com/dairynz).

“If more than the required nominations are received, elections will be carried out using the STV (single transferable vote) voting method.

Vote packs will be posted on September 25, with all votes weighted by annual milksolids production, for all registered DairyNZ levy payers.”

Election results will be announced at the DairyNZ Annual General Meeting in Rotorua on Wednesday, October 25.

For more information:
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What to plant this time of year

At the time of writing we are having some lovely sunny days, giving us a respite from the continual wet weather and a chance for the soil to dry out and a n opportunity to get back into the garden.

Vegetable garden

September is a month to prepare the garden and get the early hardier crops planted out. The early varieties of seed potatoes can now go in. If they are purchased without shoots, placing them in a warm, dry place, i.e. the hot water cupboard will cause them to sprout. Once sprouted, place potatoes in trays in

a dry sunny spot to harden the shoots before planting. Other vegetable crops to plant now include brassica, lettuce, peas, spinach, kale, silverbeet, carrots, radish and strawberry plants.

It is still too early to plant zucchini, pumpkin, capsicums, tomatoes and cucumber outside, but they can be started by seed indoors ready for planting in mid-late October.

Also delay the planting of beans and sweetcorn as the air and soil temperatures are still too cool for them.

When preparing the vegetable garden, incorporate compost and animal manure while digging over. Fertiliser and lime are best sprinkled on after digging, and raked in.

After planting, be sure to sprinkle around some slug pellets- sparingly.

Fruit trees
There is still time to get new plantings of these done. You will need a sheltered spot for these on our windy coast. If you don't have the shelter, my advice is get the hedging in first and be patient. I have seen many cases where good money has been spent planting out



A blossoming Lily of the Valley

top fruit trees, only to have them decimated by the wind and salt spray. Once the shelter is established, almost anything can be grown.

Established fruit trees will appreciate a feed of balanced fertiliser as they will be putting on growth and producing fruit over spring and summer.

Flower garden and shrubbery

It is still a great time to plant new shrubs and trees. At present Daphne, Boronia and Pieris (Lily of the Valley) are beautiful in flower and the scent is intoxicating. Many others, including Leucodendrons, Protea, Rock Rose and Camelia are also looking

their best.

Many deciduous species will begin to sprout new fresh growth and roses will spring into life. Keep an eye out for aphids which will be keen to attack the lush, fresh growth.

Lawns

Weeds like cape daisy put on a lot of growth this month about now and can either be taken out by hand or sprayed with a selective lawn spray. After this, some lawn fertiliser will ensure lush green growth which not only looks good but makes it harder for future weeds to establish.

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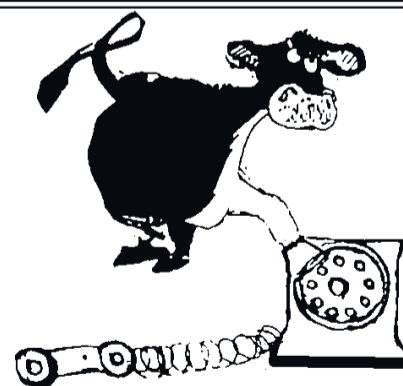


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Mike Davey

Ravensdown is paying a total annual rebate of \$45 per tonne after a third year of strong results.

The 10% increase in rebate on purchased products compared to last year was due to continued balance sheet strength, growing market share and a profit before tax and rebate of \$51 million from continuing operations.

“All-year value is important to farmers, so I’m delighted we were able to deliver this rebate as well as having led major price reductions throughout the year,” said Ravensdown Chairman John Henderson.

“This strong performance is now part of a consistent pattern Ravensdown has established. Strong years in 2015 and 2016 meant at the start of the last financial year, we were able to set ambitious targets to invest in infrastructure, to improve market share and to develop new technology,” said John Henderson. “I am

so pleased that, for the third year in a row, our targets were achieved and we will still remain in the black after rebate and taxes.”

Sales volumes were up by 2% as the co-operative welcomed new customers yet revenue fell 5% to \$627 million because price reductions were delivered as early in the year as possible.

For those who bought solid fertiliser before 31 May 2017, \$20 dollars of the total rebate has been in shareholders’ bank accounts since 9 June. For fully paid-up shareholders, the remaining \$25 per tonne will be paid in cash this month.

“Ravensdown is here to enable smarter farming which ultimately leads to a better New Zealand. Last year’s growth areas highlighted progress toward this purpose,” said Regional Manager Mike Davey.

The co-operative’s environmental consultancy, which helps farmers to mitigate their impacts and work with regulatory frameworks, was its fastest-growing service. Farmer demand for N-Protect, which is the only Fertmark-certified urease inhibitor in New Zealand, showed farmers shared Ravensdown’s concerns of reducing nitrogen loss to the atmosphere. Our agronomic advice on using coated urea products such as N-Protect remains to only use them in the conditions where they confer a material advantage.

New technology called HawkEye was introduced to replace Smart Maps and help farmers assess and alter their nutrient levels across paddocks on an easily understood and readily shared map. Wholly-owned subsidiary C-Dax, which specialises in pasture measurement, spreading and spraying technology, delivered a healthy result.

The Civil Aviation Authority has given approval for the co-operative’s fleet of topdressing planes to be upgraded to the precision application service called IntelliSpread. As this service is phased in, it will enable greater control and accuracy of topdressing planes because the computer-controlled hopper doors adjust to deliver the fertiliser where it’s needed. Research released in February showed that on average 9% of hill country land assessed was non-productive or environmentally sensitive which means IntelliSpread could avoid those areas. Compared to blanket rate applications of fertiliser, this targeted rate application was estimated to deliver savings of on average \$43 per hectare after a 10-year period.

Agronomy products such as seed and agrichemicals were backed up with technical advice and experienced a strong year. Animal health products delivered a good response against tough competition.

Mike believes Ravensdown’s contribution backs up New Zealand food’s back story. “When it comes to farmers and growers, we help them show others how they take their environmental responsibilities seriously, how they use technology to precisely diagnose what the land needs. Providing traceable application maps can assure global buyers that the details fit with the premium food story,” said Mike.

Speaking out for farmers who are in the process of improving their practices is important to Mike. “This co-operative was set up in August 1977 by far-sighted pioneers who believed in changing New Zealand for the better. Forty years

later, I’m proud of today’s team because we’re still pushing to improve and our shareholders are supportive of that effort.”

The year at a glance \$42 million invested in infrastructure including new loaders, conveyors, roofing, laboratories and high precision blending machinery: over \$100 million in past three years

\$5 million invested in new technology and \$4 million supporting research and development

Operating cashflow: \$60 million

Equity ratios: 80% before

rebate and 73% after rebate Profit before tax and rebate from continuing operations: \$51 million

Revenue: \$627 million

Rebate of \$45 per tonne: \$20 per tonne already paid in cash with rebate remainder of \$25 per tonne also to be paid in cash by month end unless the customer is not a fully paid-up shareholder.

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Eltham Smallbore shooting

Eltham Smallbore shooting is going well lately with quite a few new shooters continuing to come along. The off-the-rest shooters are steadily improving and some are moving on to their elbows in jackets. New shooter Henry Armond shot three grouping cards scoring 100, 99 and 100.

Boston Taylor scored 96 and 98. The McGregor family came for some friendly competition with Marie Scoring two 100 on grouping cards followed closely by Belinda Liu with 98 and 100; Katie McGregor 86.0 and 86.2; Dave McGregor scored a personal best and then broke it with his next shoot 92.2 and

93.2. Master Grade shooters continue their battle with Garry winning this week with scores of 98.5, 99.4, 100.5; Paul Tidswell 96.4, 98.6, 98.4. B Graders Don Litchfield 96.1 and 97.4; Brian Hicks 92.2 and 89.2. C Graders Clare Bramley 96.5 and 96.1; Bob Bramley 94.3, 90.1, 96.3; Murray Chinery 95.5 and 91.1.

Friday night saw postal shooting continuing with some good scores and some not so good scores. Boston Taylor improved as the evening went on scoring 95, 98 and 99 on group cards. Henry shot a group card before moving on to full cards scoring 97, 88.4 and 84.1.

Kade Cooper did very well shooting 98 and 100 on group cards while Tylah Cooper shot 77.0 and 84.2. Clare Bramley almost equalled her personal best with a 99.2 and 94.3; Bob Bramley 96.4, 96.3 and 95.2; Murray Chinery 94.3 and 93.1; Stephen Hicks 92.2 and 89.0. Paul Tidswell 99.5 and 96.4; Garry Rowlands 97.6 and 98.6.

As always, if you would like to see what target shooting is all about, you're welcome to come down to the range on Monday or Friday nights at 7pm, Pinny Drive (past the Eltham Transfer Station). No experience is necessary, coaching and equipment provided.

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Hawera Target shooting results

Monday 21 August – Friday 25 August

Another week of shooting with some very impressive scores again. On the Club night top score of the night went to Garry Rowlands with 97.7 and 99.7, followed by visitor Frank Eustace with 99.3, 97.4 and 95.3. 98 was a popular score also with Paul Tidswell scoring 98.4, 98.7 and 96.2; Don Litchfield 95.3 and 98.7; Clare Bramley 98.6 and 98.7; Bob Bramley 95.3, 96.4 and 96.2; Paul Longstaff 96.3 and 94.1; Murray Chinery 89.0 and 91.0.

Off the rest shooters and beginners have also been improving steadily with lots

of family rivalry making the nights more exciting. The McGregor clan brought their exchange student along and she has shown a natural talent for target shooting. Dave McGregor 93.2 and 99 group card; Marie McGregor 98 and 100 group cards; Katie McGregor 91.2 and 81.1; Belinda Liu 98 and 99 group cards. The Coopers also continue their battle Frances Cooper 100 and 100; Kade Cooper 100 group and 79.1; Tylah Cooper 100 group and 77.0. Newer shooters Colin Ranford 96 and 98 groups; and Marcus Ranford 97 and 94 groups. Henry Armond 100, 99 and 100 group

cards. Cole Mischevski 100 group and 84.0. Friday Practice night saw less people shooting, but just as much competition. Group card shooters shot well. Boston Taylor 98, 96 and 98; Jackson Taylor 100, 99 and 100; Jack Coombe 95 and 95; Henry Armond 100 and 100 group cards as well as 84.1

Paul Tidswell again top scored with the only 'possible' (100 on a full ten target card) 96.5, 99.5 and a double 198.11; Bob Bramley 95.3, 97.5 and 93.2; Paul Longstaff 98.5, 95.1 and 194.7; Clare Bramley 96.3, 94.1, 95.3 and 188.5; Murray Chinery 92.2, 93.0; Karel Van Loo 94.2, 87.0;

Kevin Van Loo 89.1 and 99 group; Brian Hicks 91.1, 89.1; Stephen Hicks 91.4, 91.0.

Four shooters from Eltham also went to Inglewood on Sunday 27th as part of the Taranaki Association members to shoot against a team from Waikato. Congratulations to Waikato for retaining the trophy and congratulations also to Paul Tidswell, Paul Longstaff, Bob Bramley and Clare Bramley.

If you'd like to know about target shooting or someone in the family would like to join in the fun, come down on Monday or Friday evenings at 7pm, Pinny Drive, Eltham.

2/8/ and 9/8/17

The shooting season is coming up to finals. The Hawera club has just started club champs and a lot of shooters have picked up their scores. Bruce Cameron has not been quite so dominant at club level and has his son Jason right on his heels. The two women shooters have shown the most improvement with Christina Burr scoring her fist 100 this year and Tenneile Crump-Conchie getting well up in the 90s now. Tenneile top scored in the recent Secondary Schools team shoot at Inglewood.

Scores over the last 2 weeks were: M Nichols 81gr, 98gr, J Hutchinson 78gr, 81gr, B Buckthought 94gr, 94gr, 78gr, 81gr, L Kyice 95gr, 97gr, M Brody 87gr, B Midgley 85gr, D Rangi 93.0, 94.0, H Andreoli 95.2, 193.6, 94.2, 96.4, 94.5, C Burr 96.1, 97.4, 93.0, 93.6, 1, 98.5, T Crump-Conchie 96.3, 93.3, 92.1, 89.1, B. Cameron 197.11, 199.14, 100.5, 98.4, J Cameron 98.5, 196.9, 198.12, 99.7, 99.7, 98.7, F Eustace 99.4, 97.5, 195.8, 96.2, 96.3, 98.4, S Gooding 194.6, 197.12.

Target shooting Taranaki v Waikato



The Waikato captain Roy Herbison is presented with the trophy

Waikato Target shooters travelled to Taranaki for the annual graded team challenge. Waikato is one of the strongest associations and were right on form to out shoot Taranaki. The A,B,D, Teams performed well, but the open team were well off what they were capable of. Dave Fake from Oaonui club was the best for Taranaki.

Hayden Andreoli from Hawera shot well in B grade with 391.17 which was the third highest score for Taranaki. A Waikato unnamed shooter won the unwelcome brick for coming over to Taranaki one week early.

Scores for Taranaki were: D grade, S Barkley 177.0, M Merlot 191.3, T Conchie Crump 189.3, C grade, B

Bramley 184.5, C Haden 188.8, L Donnelly 183.5, B grade, G Moratti 378.6, H Andreoli 391.17, A grade, F Eustace 386.16, R Hine 384.16, P Longstaff 379.8, Master grade, D Fake 394.17, B Moratti 391.16, K Boccock 387.19, S Gooding 388.18, P Tidswell 389.16, and borrowed shooter G Coffin 391.20,

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Networking event with Jonathan Young MP and Hon Jacqui Dean. September 4 at Sandfords Event Centre. Refer advert.

TSB COMMUNITY TRUST PUBLIC MEETING

Annual Public Meeting at Waiokura Marae September 6. Refer advert.

TARANAKI ARTS TRAIL AGM

September 7 at BNZ Partners Offices, New Plymouth. Refer advert.

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Workshops for Artists considering participating in the 2018 Taranaki Arts Trail. September 10 at Hawera, September 17 at New Plymouth. Refer advert..

COLD CREEK COMMUNITY WEATER SUPPLY AGM

Tuesday Sept 19 at Pihama Bowling Club. See advert for details.

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September 22-24. Refer advert for details.

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September 29 at the Events Centre. Refer advert for details.



It's spring!

Lots of baby animals to see at Stoney Oakes Wildlife Park near Inglewood.

Above is one of the new additions, a baby goat named Bolt who was rescued after a hunter sadly shot his mother.

On this month in history

Brian Brake dies

On August 4, 1988 Brian Brake OBE, NZ's most famous photographer dies. The photographer was born on June 27, 1927.

While working for the National Film Unit one of his films 'Snows of Aorangi' became the first NZ film nominated for an Academy Award. (Although did not win).

Much of his professional life was spent overseas and his freelance work was featured in such prestigious magazines as Life, Queen, Paris Match and National Geographic.

At present the Percy Thomson Art Gallery, Stratford has an exhibition of Brian's work (in China

and Japan) which is housed over 115,000 items of his in Te Papa. The museum has work.

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Introducing the harmonica

Talented Harmonica player, Russel Sutherland is no stranger to Opunake. For 10 years, he was a regular band member of the Opunake Country Music Club band. On August 22, Russel arrived at the music group with a suitcase of harmonicas in various keys. It was a treat to hear him play solo instrumentals such as 'Something Stupid'. At the end of the evening, he teamed up with Maree Christensen, duetting on an impromptu melody. Russel says, "I enjoy coming to the Opunake Music Workshop, because I have skills that I don't often get the opportunity to use, to help others."

Born in Invercargil, Russel relocated to the small farming community of Matapu (between Eltham and Hawera) in 1961 to work on his uncle's dairy farm. Since then, he's settled in Manaia.

The 1950's #1 hit, 'Music! Music! Music! (Put Another Nickel In)' was the 1st song he ever blew, when only 8 years old. At this early age, he cut his teeth on harmonica breathing techniques, which is of course, the key to achieving a good sound. Musical tones are produced by inhaling and exhaling into metal reeds within evenly spaced air channels. Dating back to the early 1800s, the harmonica, also known as: the 'mouth organ', 'French harp' or 'harp', belongs to the same family of musical instruments as reed organs, accordions, and melodicas.

"Music runs in the family", said Russel, whose aunty was a music teacher. "Mum sang hymns at Church services, and Dad sang tenor in a men's quartet." Early inspiration for learning harmonica was influenced



Russel and Maree - duelling harmonicas.

by his Dad; also a harp player. There's Scottish ancestry on his Dad's side; Russel's surname 'Sutherland' is coined after a historic county in the Highlands of Scotland. It's therefore, no surprise, he's so passionate about Scottish and Irish music, and favours traditional tunes like: 'Scotland the brave' and the 'Irish Washerwoman'. Having heard Russel play a variety of music, I suspect he's got a keen musical ear for many different genres. A dedicated father of two, he said, "When I met my wife, and kids came along, I gave up music to focus on work and raising a family." Russel put his love for music aside for a long time, until

he attended the Manaia Country Music Hall Of Fame. He said, "A guy there was playing the harmonica, which inspired me to take up the instrument again after all those years." He entered the Central Coast Country Music Awards in Oamaru with a harmonica instrumental in 2007, and gained 2nd place. A humble man with a kind nature, "I'm not a person to push myself out in front," said Russel. Having already entered into the professional music arena, Russel recorded and released his CD 'Summertime', which he recorded in Waitara with the late Frank Douglas. Nowadays, he plays

worship songs at St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Hawera, every Sunday, enjoys entertaining at Patea and Hawera rest homes, and performs at Country Music Clubs. All musicians, singers, dancers and other talents are welcome to join us at the next Opunake Music Workshop meeting at 7:30pm, Tuesday September 5th at CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake (opposite Opunake & Coastal News). Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust.

Anne Montgomery

Record entries for awards 30th anniversary

Entries have closed and a record number have been received for the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Writing Awards.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) Libraries and Cultural Services Manager, Cath Sheard says a bumper 237 entries were received across five categories.

"This is our highest number of entries yet and is so appropriate given we are celebrating the Award's 30th anniversary," says Cath.

"When the awards first started, only secondary school students in South Taranaki could enter, whereas today the competition is open to anyone throughout Taranaki. This year seven High Schools participated and

half of the entries are from outside South Taranaki," she says.

"A number of entries in the open section were also from past secondary school participants returning to enter the competition as adults," says Cath. "It's fantastic seeing our young writers continuing to develop their literary skills as adults," says Cath.

There are five categories in

the Awards; The Secondary School Poetry and Short Story categories, the Open section Poetry and Short Story categories and the Secondary School Research Article category.

Entries are now being reviewed by the Judges; Matt Rilko (Research Article), Apirana Taylor (Poetry) and Rachel Stedman (Short Story/Drama Script).

Finalists will be announced

on 20 September followed by the Awards ceremony which is being held on 25 October at the TSB Hub in Hawera.

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Internationally renowned artist to star in production of Coppelia

The Dance Theatre is thrilled to announce that guest artist Nigel Gallienne will be coming to New Plymouth to be in the Dance Theatre's forthcoming production of Coppelia.

Nigel trained in New Plymouth and then in London and has danced professionally in England, Germany, South Africa, the USA and in New Zealand. Currently residing in Christchurch, he teaches dance to several dance groups down there.

In his initial training and performing with the Dance Theatre, Nigel was in the Dance Theatre's first production of the full-length Coppelia in 1979, taking the part of Franz. He will be returning to New Plymouth and will be taking the part of the mysterious toymaker, Dr

Coppelius – maker of life-like dolls.

In the story, Swanhilda and her friends steal into his workshop to investigate his 'daughter' Coppelia – only to discover that she is not real, but in fact a doll. Swanhilda dresses up and pretends to be Coppelia. Meantime, Franz has also entered the workshop hoping to meet Coppelia. The old toymaker gets him drunk and proceeds to try to bring his beloved Coppelia to life.

After much confusion and chaos, all ends happily with the wedding dances to celebrate the marriage of Swanhilda and Franz. This includes a rousing Hungarian Czardas, a dance for the Dawn and a Spinning dance, and the Dance of the Hours – brought to life



From left Inge Vink, Jane Roseman and Peter Rothwell – who will be taking the roles of Swanhilda (Inge and Jane) and Franz in the coming production of Coppelia.

by some very tiny and delightful children.

These Coppelia performances are something of a Dance Theatre reunion, as many past performers have returned to be in this favourite show. Not only is Nigel coming back, but he will be dancing with ballerina Jane Roseman and Inge Vink as Swanhilda. Other well know and experienced performers taking part will be Peter Rothwell, Donna Kelly, Michael Takarangi, Davina Moffat and Lynda West. All have previously performed

with the Dance Theatre and in their production of Coppelia.

Coppelia was one of the first ballets to concern itself with real people – not royalty or supernatural creatures. It is one of most loved of the classical ballets, and one of the favourite comedies of ballet companies around the world. It was first presented in Paris in May 1870, with choreography by Arthur Saint-Leon and music by Leo Delibes. The Hungarian national dance, czardas was first introduced

into the ballet and after this items based on national and folk dances became very popular. The ballet, taken from Hoffmann's story Der Sandmann, was one of the earliest having a doll come to life. When first presented, the part of Franz was taken by a woman, but this has changed with later productions, and there have been many choreographic versions since it was first presented.

Performances will be at the Dance Centre in New Plymouth

(306 St Aubyn Street, opposite Mitre 10) on:

Friday, September 22 at 9:30 & 11 am

Saturday, September 23 at 1 & 3 pm

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Starman embraces glam rock scene

The Netherlands/Germany. Cabaret

Starman is not a tribute show.

Instead it's pure cabaret starring Sven Ratzke, who tries on the many faces and songs of the late David Bowie and makes them his own.

Ratzke is a masterful interpreter of both the late rock chameleon's catalogue and his shapeshifting charisma and is sometimes off the wall.

An audience favourite at the Edinburgh and Adelaide Fringe Festivals, Starman embraces the seventies glam rock scene, flows into sound

collages and captures magical moments.

While deconstructing Bowie's songs, the Dutch-German artist offers audiences a crazy, intimate, and funny rock 'n' roll ride.

Along with his flamboyant musical performance, Ratzke's between-song banter gives an insight into



Bowie's musical journey with references to Andy Warhol and Lou Reed.

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Venue: Methodist Ch Hall, Liardet St. NP
All welcome. Light refreshments. For further details contact Robert Rark 0211038573

Wanganui artist shows off his work at the Village Gallery

An exhibition of paintings in watercolour and mixed media by Mike Capenerhurst of Wanganui is on display at The Village Gallery in Eltham from August 28 to September 23.

"Having some involvement with colour and colour matching in the form of dyes and pigments the whole of my working life, it is perhaps not too surprising that a latent interest in art/colour resurfaced some 50 odd years ago when I arrived in New Zealand and has continued with increasing vigour through to this present time," Mike says.

"I had retained a peripheral interest in pen and ink, black and white but certainly didn't practice it with regularity. Art was a school certificate sub-



One of Mike Capenerhurst's charming studies.

ject that I dropped at school in favour of more 'practical' subjects.

"Generally speaking, I am self taught and my inclination has always been to paint

realistically, hoping to capture the stimulation of the scene before me. Landscape and the countryside provide that stimulation rather than people or still life, although I

do occasionally venture into unknown realms. Ancient and decrepit also hold attractions- unfortunately my subject matter often disappears because of this fact, succumbing to the bulldozer if not the ravages of time.

"Originally, I got my enjoyment using oil paints as the chosen medium, and then some 20 plus years ago my interest turned to watercolours more through expediency than choice. That interest has increased and I am currently getting great satisfaction from this medium, and have extended into gouache, or opaque watercolour, as well. Oil, pastel and oils, and now acrylics are used to a lesser extent. I have been introduced to etching and have



And another, a seascape.

thoroughly enjoyed using this medium. Of recent times, a mixed media combination has given both stimulation and pleasure.

"An exposure to farming enabled me to get close-ups of countryside locations and

happenings. In addition, I have been fortunate enough to pay visits back to the UK from time to time. These visits home and away are reflected in my paintings. I paint for enjoyment-I hope it shows."

Workshops for Artists considering participating in the 2018 Taranaki Arts Trail

This year the Taranaki Arts Trail Committee are organising two Development and Information Workshops - one in Hawera and one in New Plymouth - aimed at current members of the Trail as well as offering information and support for artists considering joining but are maybe not confident

or unsure of where to start. These workshops will be free and will run for around 2 hours maximum. Light refreshments will be provided.

The format will be along these lines:

- First time artists experience - overcoming

fear, lack of confidence.

- Rewards of being part of the trail - personal & financial.

- What the Trail can do for artists - future plans for marketing, making the brochure and website a year round resource. \$200 gives long term benefits, not just over one weekend.

- Offering mentors for new (and existing) artists to contact for assistance. This will be extra to what the co-ordinator offers.

- Tips for artists - presentation of studio, being a host etc.

Also a time to throw questions, suggestions and feedback at the Trail

Committee members present.

Workshop One:
When: Sunday September 10, 1pm to 3pm

Where: Hawera Art School, 20 Union Street, Hawera

Workshop Two:
When: Sunday September 17, 1pm to 3pm

Where: Venture Taranaki, 9 Robe St, New Plymouth



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Brian Brake's lens on China and Japan

Brian Brake exhibition opens at Percy Thomson Gallery

The Brian Brake exhibition 'Lens on China and Japan' was officially opened on Friday August 25 at the Percy Thomson Art Gallery in Stratford. The exhibition runs until October 15. The keynote speaker at the opening was Athol McCredie, Te Papa's Curator of Photography.

In the Community Gallery is another exhibition showcasing works of 12

artists and entitled 'Purely Pastel'. All the artists are members of the Pastel Association of New Zealand.

Athol McCredie explained that the exhibition was a 'cut down' version from the multitude of images (over 115,000 held at Te Papa Tongarewa. "Here is a tiny distillation," Mr McCredie commented. Athol gave an outline of the life and art of NZ's most internationally famous photographer, who was born in 1927.

It was while living in Arthurs Pass as youngster that he became interested in photography, inspired by the photography of a local man Charlie Warden.

Early in his working life Brian worked for the National Film Unit, with one film 'The Snows of Aorangi' gaining NZ's first Academy Award nomination in 1959 (Best Short Subject: Live action), although it didn't win.

From 1954 he spent time overseas, working for Magnum Photos in London. Later, his freelance work yielded pictures in prestigious magazines such as Life, Queen, Paris Match and National Geographic.

His work in Asia, including India, China and Japan increased his reputation. His Monsoon series in India in 1960 is best remembered for 'Monsoon Girl (Aparna Das Gupta), who looks as if she is covered with droplets of rain.

Brian toured NZ with writer Maurice Shadbolt to produce the bestseller 'New Zealand Gift of the Sea' (1963). Brian did the photographs for the book, while Maurice



May Day celebrations in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China 1957.

produced the accompanying text.

After more time overseas he returned to NZ in 1976 and again toured with Maurice Shadbolt to produce Readers Digest Guide to NZ (1988), but suddenly died aged just before publication - on August 4, 1988. He was just

61.

The current exhibition has many colourful and interesting pictures of Japan (1964) and China (1957, 1959 - including some of Chairman Mao and May Day celebrations in Tianamen Square, Beijing.

The photographs taken in

Japan include a series for Life magazine including ones of Sanzen-In Temple, near Kyoto.

There is also an intriguing PowerPoint featuring Brian, centred on his nostalgic visit to Arthurs Pass, where he spent his formative years.

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Rolland McKellar

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