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Opunake's earlier primary school comes down



On January 19, 1919 the school building was burnt down under suspicious circumstances. On 29 September 1919 this (just demolished) building was completed. It had three rooms and was basically made of concrete. It was officially opened by Mr White Chairman of the Taranaki Education Board. Nearly 400 people attended a banquet in a marquee on the school grounds and that evening a social and dance was held in the Opunake Town Hall. By 1924 the roll had increased to 180 and overcrowding was becoming an issue. Teachers included Miss McLean, Miss Hickey, Miss Stiller and Mr Cron. Sir Peter Snell, the famous Olympian also attended this school at a later date.

James to fight Monty Beetham in Auckland

It's all on – Tuesday November 3 - James Langton of Opunake will defend his NZ Cruiserweight boxing title against challenger Monty Beetham. The match will be held at Sky City, Auckland over 10 rounds.

James is in awe of Monty, whom he describes as, "One of New Zealand's finest sportsmen." Apart from boxing, Monty has been captain,

at different times, of both The Warriors and the NZ Rugby League team. His record as a professional boxer is seven wins and just one loss to date. "I'll probably go in as the underdog," admits James. He adds, "Monty has been in sport all his life."

Monty obviously holds great respect for James in turn. Speaking (by phone) from Auckland on Monday



James Langton will defend his NZ Cruiserweight Title.

he said, "James is big and strong and on a lengthy winning streak. I will need to be well-prepared and at my best." He added, "I know it will be a tough ask."

James does, however, feel he has one advantage – he has gone 10 rounds and Monty hasn't. "I want to take him into these deeper waters," declared

James.

In the meantime James has his work cut out getting optimally fit and he needs to lose a couple of kilograms to make the 91kg limit for the Cruiserweight class. He says Monty has fast hands and quick feet and James needs to match his opponent in these areas. "As sure as the sun comes up, Monty will be training hard over the next 8 weeks," James

concludes.

The result? "I want to knock him out. I don't want the decision to be in the hands of the judges. I'm a powerful puncher. The KO will come."

James is appreciative of all the support he is getting "from friends, family and the community." However, he reserves his greatest praise for his wife Kelly. "She's been fantastic."

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Opunake icon In search of a cousin

Just a reminder to those who are interested in progressing the Opunake icon, and those who submitted ideas before the closing of submissions, which are now closed.

There is a meeting at Sandfords Event Centre Tasman Street, Opunake on September 22 at 7pm in the board room on the ground floor.

Sesquicentennial Committee

I am trying to find a cousin, John Symons, who must be about 90 now. He was last heard of living in Kaponga.

Wendy Williams.

Our next issue is due out on September 24

EDITORIAL

Refugees - Open the gates wider

The refugee situation in Europe is appalling and sad. To see so many people, many of them Syrians carrying their few possessions - often with crying children in tow - is harrowing. Things must have been terrible in their homelands for them to leave virtually all

their possessions and homes (mostly owned presumably) to take their chances as refugees elsewhere. With our refugee intake stuck on 750 for about 30 years or so it does not reflect too well on us as maintained by successive governments of whatever political hue.

Action is needed now. We need to increase our refugee intake forthwith, effective as soon as possible. These people need help *now*. Surely, we could double our intake and make immediate initiatives to implement same so the first refugees could start arriving this month.

This not the time for political point scoring, this is the time for a humanitarian response to a human problem linked to inhumanity. All the political parties need to be unified on this situation so that a refugee re-settlement programme can be mapped out as quickly as possible.

New Zealanders should open their homes to refugees says Urs Signer

"Over 100 people from across Aotearoa have pledged to host a refugee," says Taranaki resident Urs Signer.

"Millions of people are currently fleeing from war-torn countries. It is a huge humanitarian crisis and it is our duty to help and support where we can."

"While the government is opposed to raising the refugee quota, people from all walks of life are saying 'Refugees are welcome here' by offering up spare rooms and sleep-outs. An East Coast marae has pledged to accommodate 30 refugees." "Governments are failing to respond to this crisis. It is up to us to stand in

solidarity with our fellow humans by contributing to the efforts to raise the quota and ultimately get rid of the quota altogether, volunteering with local Refugee centres and raising funds for groups offering support in Europe and the Middle East. Open homes - open borders - we will host a refugee," Urs said.

Rachael Goldsmith, who lives in Invercargill, says:

"I've got two spare beds, all the clothing any woman and child would need, and plenty of room out the back yard for a moveable cabin. I don't have much, but I don't care, because they have nothing and nowhere. I'll happily take a family."

BBC: (Bible Believer's Corner): Trumpet

A trumpet is often linked to God speaking. A trumpet can be God sending a message.

For example the Jubilee trumpet was blown every 50 years. It meant that all property reverted to the original owners and all slaves and servants were free. That represents Jesus' Gospel. Anyone hearing the gospel's trumpet is free, and regains eternal life. Of course not all will accept the call. Such people

would much rather stay as servants and be someone else's responsibility. Those people had their ears pierced indicating that they had voluntarily refused freedom and had become slaves for life. They could never hear the trumpet call again.

A trumpet also indicated movement and gathering. While the nation of Israel was in the wilderness they would camp around the tent temple; the Tabernacle.

While the presence of God was on the tabernacle the people stayed put, but when that presence moved then the people moved too. It was a trumpet that called them to move.

Then there's a spiritual trumpet. Never has a nation been out of its homeland and survived after a few generations, except the Jews. After two thousand years they are still Jews.

Ezekiel 37 describes a

vision of a valley of old dried bones. God asks, "Can these dried bones live?" They can and they have. The dry scattered remnants of Israel have, like those bones, come together. Flesh and skin covered those bones and the breath of life entered them. They became a nation. And that has happened in our life times.

The disciples asked Jesus when would the end of the world come. He replied that a trumpet would sound, His people, Israel (the Fig tree) would all come together. And when the fig tree grew again then the end is right at the door.

The trumpet has sounded, Israel has returned to her homeland, she has but on flesh and skin and become a nation. The fig tree has put out its branch therefore the end of the world really is nigh.

It makes sense to listen to the gospel trumpet of Jesus right now!

Ref: (Numbers 10 v1-10, Ezekiel 37, Matthew 24 v31-33)

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Iconic symbol to mark Opunake's 150th

Back in November 2014 the Opunake Sequicentennial Committee canvassed to see what would be an appropriate iconic symbol to mark the town's 150 years. The idea was to erect something significant to mark the occasion.

There were 52 responses to the questionnaire, which was printed in this newspaper. The most popular suggestion was to create something in honour of *Chief Wiremu Kingi Moke Te Matakatea*. The second most popular suggestion was a *surfboard* with a *wave* third.

Chief Wiremu, who was of the Ngati Haumiti hapu, had a long, colourful life. In 1867

he arranged for the Crown to purchase 2000 acres to allow Opunake to be established. Although involved in battles he became a supporter of Te Whiti-o-Rongomai, who peacefully protested about land confiscation. He was imprisoned in 1880 for his part in a land ploughing protest in Manaia. He died in 1893.

There were a wide variety of other suggestions of icons, which include a cow, the prow of a canoe, paua shell, a crab, fishing, a rugby ball, vegetation (pohutukawa, flax bush), an oil rig, and the late Doug Coxhead, who was an outstanding citizen. It was suggested that the

former BNZ bank building (now privately owned) be converted into a gallery museum owned by the town. Another suggestion was that an off-road cycle/buggy path be established. The most unusual suggestion? – a cow pat!

Some people thought a combination was best, such as *Mt Taranaki, the sea and a wave*. Someone wanted many sculptures to be placed on the Opunake Walkway.

The main organiser of the questionnaire Judith Armstrong thinks we have enough ideas to work with, but is keen for other people to join the Sesquicentennial Committee to help

finalise the iconic symbol process and help with its implementation. Another important issue is deciding where it is to be placed, which could include either the north or south entry to Opunake or perhaps somewhere more central.

Interested? If you need more information please phone Jean Roach at 06 761 8654. You can also contact Judith by phoning 06 761 8052 or by emailing ij.armstrong@blast.net.nz Our next meeting is on Tuesday September 29 (7pm) at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake where the icon issue will be the first meeting item discussed.

COASTAL COPS

Senseless burglaries

Hi from your local crew at Opunake. Firstly, apologies it has been a while since we have put something in, but it's been a fairly hectic time here these past few weeks.

We are currently investigating the senseless burglary of Soul Kitchen in the Sandfords Event Centre overnight on the 28th – 29th August where a quantity of alcohol was taken. It's not only the theft of the alcohol, but the damage caused to the glass doors getting in and the subsequent mess to clean up. Someone out there in the community will know who is responsible for this and I ask that you give either Kylie or myself a call.

While on the subject of burglaries we would like to thank those within the community who came forward with information in relation to the recent burglaries at Headlands. As a result a 26 year old local male has been arrested and charged. This goes to show that we rely on your eyes and ears out there to assist us and any information is greatly appreciated, so please keep it coming.

We would also like to know who is responsible for causing the damage to a large portion of the grass areas around the town, as it is obvious the person(s) responsible have no respect for our town or property. Again someone must know or have seen something. We

as a community shouldn't have to tolerate this type of behaviour from these mindless idiots.

We all live in a small community where most people know each other or know of each other; the problem with this is that some people are reluctant to talk with us when they know someone has been doing something illegal. However, you must consider that by not coming forward you are only allowing the behaviour to continue and - as with most things the more they get away with - the more they do. Next time it might be your property that is damaged or worse.

Lastly I would like to say farewell to you all as my

wife and I are moving on as of next week. On behalf of the two of us thank you for your support over the past two years. We have really enjoyed our time here, but due to personal reasons it's time to move on. It really is a great little community and I am sure we will be back to visit.

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Mayor and council face up at flood review

There were warnings trouble might be coming the night before the August 6 floods hit Opunake. "Civil defence ran a facebook page and issued a warning the day before, indicating soils were already saturated and further rain could be an issue," South Taranaki District Council engineering manager Brent Manning told a public meeting on September 1 to review the Opunake flooding event. On August 6, Opunake

had received 242mm of rain in 24 hours. "We reckon this was about a one in eighty year event," he said. "There was 40 to 45 mm in one hour, which is more than any design system is meant to cope with." Among the areas hardest hit was Gisborne Terrace where several properties were flooded after the nearby retention pond overflowed. "The retention pond probably delayed the inevitable," Mr Manning said.



District Council engineer Brent Manning (standing) making a presentation at the flood review meeting. Mayor Ross Dunlop is on his right.

"It has worked quite often on occasions, like the June event, but this was going to be an event to top all events." Floods on June 20 had hit Waitotara, inland Taranaki, and even areas of New Plymouth. Gisborne Terrace resident Kevin Corrigan said people on his street had had reservations about the pond being close to their properties, should something like the August 6 floods happen, and the pond had come close to failing during the June 20 rains. "It was blocking up then and was very close to overflowing," he said. "I saw it when it was right near to overflowing. They(the council) didn't see it, but I saw it when it was dark, before the water went down." On August 6, the gate on

the centre drain had blocked up, leading to overflowing at the pond's lowest point, which was near his two houses. From there, the flooding spread to nearby Gisborne Terrace properties. Mr Manning said the gate would need to be looked at, and he would have preferred an improved design with a sloping screen instead. Mr Corrigan said he would rather see the pond disappear altogether. "I am going to keep an eye on them(the council) to make sure they remove that gate," he said. About 60 people turned up to the meeting which was chaired by South Taranaki District Council mayor Ross Dunlop. Taranaki Regional Council rivers manager John Philpott said the culverts had been found

wanting during the floods. "There's not many towns that design pipes for 100 years," he said. "They should." There was a need to design a system for the town, and the Taranaki Regional Council would look at financial assistance to make this happen, he said. Other Issues canvassed during the meeting included whether more maintenance needed to be carried out, and the feasibility of an interceptor drain to divert rainwater along the railway reserve into the Waiau Stream. Mr Manning said the cost of this could come to several hundred thousand dollars. Several people spoke about flooding issues on the other side of town. Kohanga reo teacher and Egmont Plains Community Board member Sharlee Mariekura spoke about flooding concerns at

the Kohanga Reo, which a number of times in the past had to be closed due to flooding. Alan Sandford said that in his years as caretaker at the high school, the top drain had never been cleared out, causing flooding concerns there. On the other side of town, Opunake Cottage Rest Home manager Daphne Holly said it would be a disaster if they had to evacuate residents should the rest home be flooded with sewage. On the issue of maintaining the drains, Mr Manning said very often this meant having to go on to private property. "We will need to talk to property owners upstream. We can't just waltz in and put in drains." Gisborne Terrace resident and Opunake and coastal

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COASTAL OUTLOOK Maori and Opunake

I cried, the women next to me cried and the big Maori guy in front of me was crying. Many others wept. We were at the apology and deed of settlement signing for between the Taranaki Iwi and the Crown.

I think the woman cried because of the stories of suffering. I cried because I had never been more proud of New Zealand – with dignity and substance we dealt with injustice. Without violence an enormous social adjustment was being made.

I suspect the Maori people were crying for many different reasons. It was not about New Zealand's history for them, but rather it was about their family history. It is also about their personal circumstances – wealth, mana and involvement with their iwi.

P r o g r e s s
It is impossible to underestimate the importance for Taranaki of the event last Saturday. I do not mean for Taranaki Maori, the day was significant for everyone who lives in Taranaki.

It may take up to two years for Parliament to ratify this agreement, let us hope it gets some priority. The picture shows the group which made the chant to welcome the official party.

Wealth in Taranaki
Maori are the new rich guys in town. Maori are now major players in the Taranaki economy. We have dairy, oil, gas, and Maori. I do not put tourism in that list, but Maori are likely to advance Taranaki through tourism and visitor industry development. Somehow they have to integrate into our commercial community. Opunake's economy will benefit.

David Tamatea
When I talked to David Tamatea at the Opunake floods meeting last week I called him the "seventy million dollar" man. David is an elected member of the Taranaki Iwi Trust. This is the committee which has just signed the historic settlement with the Crown. He is also the chairman of Te Whare Punanga Korero



Dr Robert Shaw
(the health committee that represents eight iwi). Opunake should be proud of its citizen David Tamatea, not just because of his Queens Service Medal but because of his on-going leadership.

C a s h
The deed of settlement gives the Taranaki Iwi \$70 million in cash. Roughly speaking, this doubles their cash wealth. Probably, every Maori person registered with the iwi holds collectively something over \$400.

L a n d
The deed provides for land restoration. There are 29 sites of "cultural significance", currently government land. Some of this is an outright transfer of ownership. Some is ownership and management in partnership with others (for example the Department of Conservation).

R i g h t t o b u y
The deed provides for the right to buy certain property if they so wish. There are 29 commercial properties in this category. Several are around Opunake. The Opunake Court House (known to many as the doctor's centre) is an example. If it is to be sold, and the government will want to sell it, the Iwi has the first right of refusal at a commercial price. My view is the site should be used for the "Opunake & Te Namu Museum". The Opunake village needs a focus which is not a shop. We also need to display our history.

T a r i a n a T u r i a
At the ceremony I was pleased to greet Tariana Turia again. It has been well over 10 years since we walked the same streets together. We campaigned on different sides of a political fence. I benefited

from her warmth and admired her insight. She looked really well last Saturday. Tariana has a pivotal role in the development of Parihaka.

P a r i h a k a p l a n
Not as a part of the deed of settlement, but sitting next to it, is a plan to develop Parihaka. A working party called "Kawe Tutaki" had the task of developing the plan. The panel included former Prime Minister Jim Bolger, politician Mahara Okeroa, Dr Ruakere Hond and Amokura Panoho. It was chaired by the aforementioned Dame Tariana Turia. The committee's task was to produce a strategic and practical plan to develop the spiritual site. I have not seen the document, but it probably includes a balance of spiritual, cultural, educational and economic (visitor industry) goals. The plan has implications for Opunake and our coast.

J i m B o l g e r
It was great that Jim Bolger attended the signing. It was more than the PM or the Deputy PM managed. I only ever met Jim once and that was at a National Party Conference at Flock House, outside of Bulls. The National Party deserves full credit for the settlement of Treaty claims. A series of Ministers have shown sensitivity, resolution and skill.
C h r i s F i n l a y s o n
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Chris Finlayson signed for the Crown. He is someone else from my Wellington past. You might think I have strange friends. Chris was National's 2005 candidate in the Mana electorate – as expected, he lost to Labour's Winnie Laban.

Chris is a great personality. It is always a joy to talk to Chris on any topic, but if there are two sides to a political argument he will only be able to see one of them. He taught my son constitutional law at Victoria University and the students loved him. Stony faced at the ceremony, Chris did not allow himself to show any emotion. He had a tough job on the

day. Chris is a friend of our local MP Jonathan Young.

Wealth outside Taranaki
Talking of Jonathan and friends, I noticed he has some strange friends. Speaking about the Taranaki economic downturn he cited the situation of poor Tag Oil. Tag Oil has had its gross profits reduced to \$17.9 million for 2015. A reduction in your profits is not really the same thing as running at a loss or losing your job.

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J o b s
Perhaps Jonathan thinks Tag Oil is a great employer. On their website, their chairman says they are "socially and environmentally responsible". Fine words they speak about themselves, but that is not what the unemployed workers in the pub at Opunake tell me. Investor websites say Tag only employs 23 people full-time. What Tag does is make our workers bottom-feeders through short-term contracts. They offer no job security. I do not blame Tag. Our government is responsible for labour laws and company tax rates. The main effect of global capitalism in New Zealand is to make the poor poorer and the rich richer.

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We all see things from a different perspective. I was at a function the other night and the topic of the recent floods came up. I mentioned the brigade was in action for about 11 hours, had 25 callouts, I'd used 4 pairs of socks and had a couple of changes of footwear over the time. One person said "Well it's your job, isn't it?" I said, "None of us are paid for what we do and in fact, it wasn't our job. We are all employed elsewhere and we do this voluntarily for our community." All of the fire fighters, who had time away from their normal place of work on the "big wet", did so at their own, or at their employer's expense.

(That would have been over 200 hours on that day.) That got me thinking about the different types of behaviour we have endured while on callouts. Often we have had people that are extremely happy to see us arrive, but once the business has been done, want us to leave just as quickly, as it is embarrassing for them. I've been to calls where we have been abused and threatened by those close to the action. Once when a chap fell from his motorbike at "Roy's Rest" and received a broken leg, and another, when a gang car spun out and went through a fence at the old Pihama racecourse corner. Apparently, both inci-

dents were our fault and they took a bit of convincing we were there only to help. Party goers on the beach are not too happy to see us arrive to put out their bonfires either.

I've been to many a callout, large and small, where the people involved are so grateful, they may send along a little food at the next practice, drop in a few drinks, or make a donation of some kind. We have received meat for a hangi (thanks Leo), a battery powered screwdriver (thanks Ian), finance for a project, and even soft toys to give to children involved in an incident. I remember the time a traction engine was started up in a closed shed, and it looked like the shed was on fire with smoke billowing from the eaves. We were called, and everything was okay so it was straight back to the station. The following practice, the gentleman arrived along with a cake as a sign of appreciation for the rapid response, even though our services weren't required. I can tell you, that cake went down a

treat. On the other side of the coin, we can spend a great length of time at an incident and basically, are lucky to be given as much as a thank you when we leave. As I said at the beginning, everyone sees our role differently. There is not one of our members who are there for any type of reward. We do however like to be appreciated for the time and effort we put in, and a thank you at the end is great actually it's just common courtesy.

Well, you can imagine our surprise, when a gentleman arrived at the fire station last week, with a donation of \$2500 to cover the entire cost of the personal helmet torches we have recently purchased. We had deemed the torches vital as one of our crew took a nasty tumble while scaling down a bank, checking on an up turned car in a drain on the Wiremu Road early one morning. As the Fire Service doesn't supply these we decided to purchase them with the view of making night time callouts safer for

our crew. The person, whom donated the money, has had a lifetime of heavy vehicle driving, and of teaching others the art of safe driving. He is well aware of the hazardous situations we are often placed in, so when he realised we were purchasing equipment to make our team safer, decided to get behind our quest. The brigade wishes to thank Les and Rose Ratahi, for their extremely generous donation and also thank Les for his guidance and training of a new batch of drivers for the fire appliances. I

I would also wish to thank several Opunake shops for their recent, generous donations. These wonderful shops were told that their donations would go towards the purchase of the torches, but with Les and Rose's donation, we will now focus our attention towards purchasing a Thermal Imaging Camera. These are becoming extremely handy pieces of equipment, not just at picking up "hot spots" in say the wall cavity of a building, but

also for finding people who may be trapped as a result of an earthquake or covered from a seaside cliff cave in. Unfortunately, these pieces of technical equipment cost around \$16,000, so it will be a long haul to reach our goal. When we do however get there, our mates at the Kaponga Brigade will be pleased, as we won't need to call on their one at some ungodly time of the night.

September started with one of those calls we all dread. We were called to an Opunake residence on the 2nd where a male had been found "non-breathing" by his wife when she arrived home from a day's work. Due to the length of time that had passed before he was found, we sadly were unable to revive him. A crew returned later that evening to lend the undertaker a hand with his removal task. Our thoughts and prayers are with Piki (an ex brigade member), her family, and her friends. RIP George.

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Popular track closed off



A walking track to Opunake Beach was sealed off last week and is being cleared by C G Fleming Contractors and Redin and Chapman Contracting.

A landslide on the Opunake Walkway has reinforced the message of signs warning sightseers against wandering too near the Opunake clifftops. Visitors to Opunake Beach

were greeted with the sight of a slip blocking the walking track down to the beach's western end. The slip had occurred sometime on the night of August 30-31.

South Taranaki District Council staff inspected the site and cordoned off the track. Last week the council's communications manager Gerard Langford said the

council would discuss with a local contractor the best way of clearing the slip.

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Farewell to Eelkje and Jack

A sit down meal farewell attended by a large crowd of people was held at Opunake's St Pauls Co-operating Church for Jack and Eelkje van der Sar who are leaving Opunake after 26 years to settle in New Plymouth and be closer to family.

The couple has played a huge role in church and the Opunake community life since retiring to Opunake and will be much missed.

"We're too active to go into a retirement home," quipped Eelkje.

Jack and Eelkje have both been involved in Meals on Wheels run by Opunake's Cottage Rest Home. Eelkje has been a volunteer at St Pauls Op Shop which donates to numerous local charities. "It has moved three times since I've been there," says Eelkje. They have both also been closely involved with St Paul's Parish. He is also a keen gardener. Both have been regular visitors to hospitals and rest homes. The many people the hospitable couple have opened their house to over the years include 27 young Israeli tourists; the first stayed in 2012. Word got around.

Prior to retiring to Opunake the couple farmed at Kaponga and then Awatuna raising five children. They recall fond memories of dances at Hoopers woolshed where church services were also sometimes held.

Both Jack and Eelkje were born in Holland and come from farming backgrounds.

Jack was conscripted into the Dutch army and in 1948 sent to Indonesia, then a Dutch colony fighting for independence. At the end of the Indonesian war, as there was no work in Holland Jack considered migrating to either Canada, America, South Africa, Australia or New Zealand. His mother however persuaded him to go back to Holland which proved to be great advice. Attending a play Jack, never short of a word himself, found himself seated next to a young woman who



Farewell Jack and Eelkje van der Sar - you will be much missed.

irritated him as she "wouldn't stop talking". It was Eelkje and they had already met ten years earlier at primary school. Jack must have got over his initial irritation because they ended up going out together and after two years were engaged.

In 1953 Jack left Holland for New Zealand leaving Eelkje behind while he found a job. He recalls when he first arrived in Auckland. He had been raised on a "mixed" farm in Holland which he explained was dairy farming and cropping. He'd hoped to have a 'mixed farm' in New Zealand but was advised that he would have to go to the South Island to do that. When he got to Christchurch he was informed that mixed farming meant sheep and crops. "I don't like sheep. I'll eat them but I don't want to farm them," was his response.

So it was back on the Lytleton ferry to Wellington and

onto Hawera. Shown a rough and wet farm at Awatuna, covered in weeds, ragwort and blackberries, Jack pronounced it "unfarmable. It needed everything doing to it, draining, fertilising," remembers Jack, then add with a grin "Ten years later I bought it!" By then he had a bit more farming experience under his belt.

Eelkje followed Jack to New Zealand. The couple were married in 1955 at the Kaponga Church spending 10 years working on a dairy farm at Kaponga where Jack recalls he and Eelkje began by milking 68 cows. The herd eventually grew to 100. It was a bit different from in Holland where he had always milked by hand and his father didn't have a tractor - they worked with horses.

Jack was born in 1928 and is four years older than Eelkje. Both have vivid recollections of the Second World

War. Jack can remember, the English travelling over Holland en route to bomb Germany. "The whole ground would shake." In the biggest raid 1400 bombers left the UK to plummet Germany.

Eelkje recalls seeing an aeroplane being shot at night and watched "little bits dropping off" as it descended and crashed.

Germany invaded Holland over five days from May 10-15 1940. The Dutch soldiers bravely though futilely resisted. Now in German occupation, the able bodied Dutch men were often ordered to work in German armaments factories. The young men would hide from the authorities to avoid the Germans. Eelkje recalls they had a big barn and often "it would be chock full of sleepers." They would sit there for a few days to evade the Germans. "Often they had just the clothes they stood up in."

working in a weapons factory was considered to be sometimes more dangerous than fighting at the front because they were targeted if there was any bombing. Amazingly uninjured, Uncle Martin went up to a farm - always a gamble as they could have been Nazi sympathisers - and asked if they had any work and was given a job where he remained till the end of the war. Recounting a moment of black humour with a grin, Jack says, the German authorities subsequently visited Martin's wife in another round up of young men and asked her 'where is your husband?'. She replied tartly 'you arrested him. You should know'. The German reputation for meticulous record keeping had clearly failed on this occasion.

But this was an exception. Jack says the Germans used to document everything including all the animals on a farm. "When a cow was born they would take a photo of the calf from both sides". This was because of the food shortage. But there were all sorts of ways to circumvent the hated Germans. For example when a pig gave birth to a lot of piglets, some of them would be smuggled away and the Germans when they called would be told the

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Old age and policing

We used to gauge how old we were getting by how young police officers looked. Charged with awesome responsibility their apparent age was in some way an indicator of ability, but this was never the case. I have just passed the assembled All Black team and was struck again by their obvious youth. Even the old hands look young though I have been marvelling at their skills and talent for ten years or more. But again the weight of a nation's expectations rests heavily on their shoulders, in spite of the fact that they would acknowledge more than the rest of us that rugby is only a game.

Far weightier are the expectations on those charged with looking after the most vulnerable in society and last week's revelations of the inadequacies of care



Hon Chester Borrows MP

of those young folk in need of the most support. And acknowledging the disappointment and gravity of the statistics are those working at the coal face of Care and Protection and they are the first to acknowledge that this is definitely not a game. The same applies to those working in prisons, the health sector, education and other social sector areas.

People who work incredibly hard in spite of the challenges of their roles and yet still maligned by the spectators who see issues in two dimensions at the most.

This year marks forty years since I started work in the Police and sixteen years since I left it. For many people this work history defines me, yet I think this is far from the truth. The question often pops up though as to whether I miss 'the job' and my answer is frequently that I do miss many aspects, like the camaraderie but mostly

the ability to fix stuff quickly. There were challenges in matching resources to need like in every government department, but generally we knew who the baddies were, and when the proof was evident results quickly followed.

With politics the expectations are ever present, but generally that government will stuff it up so the cynicism is overt, and criticism troweled on by expert spectators. Half the population are happy at least half of the time the rest never will be. Politicians grow a

pretty thick skin in response as a means of self-preservation, but this is not a game either. Stepping up to the challenges of the economy in light of works trade, social deprivation in light of the freedom of choice, the cost of dependency, the challenge of limiting carbon emissions and climate change with greater expectations of first world transport and industry are all about hard work. Defending the nation against threats in various forms from bio-security to people's own stupidity, the environment

from people's greed, and their sovereignty in spite of the attraction of exploitation are not simple nuts to crack.

We all live with challenges and the prospect of failure, but we have the responsibility to strive to succeed. When we have to do it publicly we become the butt of the critic and the cynic. That's the gig. But for most of us, it is not a game.

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Manaiia Women's Institute

The September meeting of the Manaiia Women's Institute was held in St. Cuthbert's Church lounge on Tuesday September 1. President Ann Chisnall reported on the Turuturu WI Meeting that three members

had attended. Several members are to attend the Riverlea Flower Show.

The Hand craft competition was a knitted tank top, and entries were donated to Hawera Plunket. Competition Results. Shrub.

Ann Chisnall 1st. Joy Brogden 2nd. Phyllis Malcolm 3rd. Other Stem. Phyllis Malcolm 1st. Joy Brogden 2nd. Jenny Hamley 3rd. Home Craft. Joy Brogden 1st. Jenny Hamley 2nd. Ricki Neil 3rd. Hand Craft. Ruth Binns 1st. Jenny Hamley 2nd. Joy

Brogden and Meg Kelly 3rd. The wondering coin was won by Edith Hicks, and the Mary Hutton Trophy was awarded to Meg Kelly. Phyllis Malcolm took a floral workshop on making posy bowls.

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Farewell to Eelkje and Jack

sow only had three piglets. This would be something of a challenge. "They had to be well fed or they made a noise." Says Jack, because food production was so important, Hitler would reward the farmers to encourage them to produce but "it was worth more on the black market". Some farmers would "suck up" to the Germans said Jack. They were always remembered by the others after the war ended.

Towards the end of the war the British were landing on an area of reclaimed land which the Germans threatened to flood, recalls Jack. Both Eelkje and Jack were raised on farms on re-claimed land. Eelkje is one of ten while Jack was the eldest of three sons.

"You've still got that Dutch accent," Pastor Murray McEwan noted at the van der Sars farewell instructing, to laughter from those gathered, "to keep stubborn as you go to New Plymouth." He went on to movingly pay tribute to "the hospitable couple who would give you the shirt off your back". Between visiting people in hospital, all the rest homes, they were "a huge part of the Christian community and the Opunake Community."

Beryl McEwan who also spoke said they were "always reliable, always there." They would arrive with baking, attend working bees. They really do care and are very diligent about helping and praying for people in the

community," she said adding "It's going to be sad to see you go".

Former pharmacist Grant Cavaney summarised "They'd been a wonderful, lovely couple."

Jack and Eelkje's daughter-in-law Joy told a touching story of catching one of their children telling a lie. It was about the time the grandparents were to visit. The little girl was still smarting from being told off and when it was explained to Jack why his granddaughter was upset, asked her to come to him. As she stood before him he instructed the little girl, "The van der Sars don't lie." "She hasn't lied since," said the mother to the amusement of the large gathering. It was a

stellar example to the whole family of what a Christian is, she said. And perhaps to us all. Then Francine Hasselerharm sang a charming traditional Dutch song.

If ever there was an example of Christianity in practice Jack and Eelkje embody it.

New Plymouth's gain is indeed Opunake's loss.

We wish them every happiness in their new life in New Plymouth.

This article has been held over for several weeks because Jack and Eelkje "embarrassed by all the publicity" had already submitted to several interviews recently - not long ago they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Editor

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Thanks to those of you who attended the meeting to discuss the August flood. It was a good opportunity to hear from those of you who were badly affected by the flood. It was also an opportunity for the Council to convey what we are intending to do to try to reduce the effects of future flooding. It was also good to have the Taranaki Regional Council offering their help and support.

Over the next few months the Council will be thoroughly



Mayor Ross Dunlop

investigating the ideas and coming up with preferred options. In the meantime, clearing the water channels

Floods, freedom camping and recycling

and culverts will continue and let's hope mother nature has no more deluges in mind.

In November the Council will be releasing its Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw document for public input. Under the legislation we cannot ban freedom camping across the district and nor would we want to. We can only identify areas that for health and safety, cultural/historical significance, environmental or accessibility

reasons are not suitable for camping and we can prohibit freedom camping from these areas. Keep an eye out for more information on this in November.

By now, those of you on the existing collection route should have received your new rubbish and recycling bins. The new service, which doesn't start until 1 October, is a regional collaboration between the Taranaki Council's and has resulted

in big cost savings as well as improvements in the type of products we can recycle. Previously we could only accept number 1 and 2 recyclable products, whereas with the new service we will be able to take numbers 1 - 7. As you can imagine it is a pretty big logistical undertaking to deliver new bins to properties across the district, but if you have any issues just call the Council toll free on 0800 111 323 and we will get it sorted.

The old rubbish and recycling bins are actually owned by Waste Management and it is their responsibility to organise collection of the old bins once their contract ends on 30 September. In the meantime if you have any concerns about your old bin collection please call Waste Management on 06 757 8381.

Mayor Ross Dunlop

SYLVIA'S COLUMN

This is a funny world. Things can go so badly wrong. In those moments it can seem like nothing will be right ever again. As you journey through life hopefully you begin to see that there are ups and there are downs and things swing from one to the other for some, flat-line for others. Is life supposed to be easy? I haven't found it to be so. My philosophy is that things keep happening to me so I've got experience for what I do - counselling. Making a career about life's crises is not for everyone and I was on the way to becoming an accountant before other things got in the way. Things happen for a reason. Hmmm. I don't think any experience should be wasted - what did I learn from that? Quite a lot usually. Many people think

that life is particularly hard for them - they get more than most and sometimes they think they deserve whatever befalls them as punishment for something done wrong in this or a past life. To those people - shit happens, bugger is one way of dealing with these issues. However you deal with it that isn't about you taking it personally and putting yourself down, is better for your mental wellness. Survival is the challenge of life.

Which brings me to Bear Grylls. Maybe there's a lot to learn from him. He's a physical survival specialist - whereas I'm a mental survival specialist. When things go bad, then maybe we need to turn ourselves into a survival specialist. Don't worry, it doesn't involve drinking

Survivor - Channelling your internal Bear Grylls



Sylvia Huitson

your own urine. Phew!! Using what we have in our past experience, and things from our environment, what can we do to turn things around? Don't worry, you don't have to eat grasshoppers either.

What do we take from our environment to help us? Bear Grylls is trying to survive on

his own. However we don't have to try that either. Sometimes in life we need to reach out and get help. Not an easy thing to do. I've always been a fairly staunch person, but I have learned that sometimes it gets so bad you can't do it on your own. There are others out there who understand and can help. Really? Yes. Thirty five years ago I honestly thought I was the only domestic violence sufferer and it was my fault. Well I found out I wasn't the only one and it wasn't my fault. I found out by reaching out and not keeping the horrible secret of my despair. There is a huge amount of help out there. If we accept that most people will need help from someone at some point in their life does that make it easier to get that help? I hope

so. Reach out - get help - it will rarely make things worse and it can make things get better. Family, friends, Doctor, Counsellor, helpline.

The second survivalist option is what resources do I have inside of me? Have I felt this bad before? How did I sort things then? What helped me to feel better and get my life back on track? Our brains are mostly cleverer than the best computer - put that brain to work on possible solutions. If you need help with that get some advice from someone else. Problem solving is hugely useful as a cure for helplessness and hopelessness. Finding a passion - a new one or one from the past - sport, hobby, new friend or join a group - can help and lift our mood. Don't opt out half way through the book

of life like I nearly did. We don't know what could be in our future if we stick around. What we could be missing out on! Make things better. Even one small positive thing can make a difference, then you add in some more. Find reasons to live and find positives in each day - sunsets, flowers, dogs, cars, boxed set of your favourite programme - whatever does it for you.

September 10th was World Suicide Prevention Day. 'Suicide Prevention - Reaching Out and Saving Lives.' This refers to you whether you are a helper or someone who needs help. Channel your inner Bear Grylls and join me in becoming a mental health survivor.

Sylvia Huitson

WI honours 60 years membership

Our July meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall on July 1, when about 12 members attended. President Robyn Roberts presided over the business meeting, the minutes were read and signed. The treasurer read her report. Seven members did baking for the elderly, which were delivered the next day. The competitions results were: Flower 1st. Lucy Moger. 2nd. Bev Mark. 3rd. Cathy White. Shrub 1st Lij Perkes. 2nd Bev Mark, 3rd Marlene Henn

Following the business meeting, Annette from Annette's Cake Design gave us a demonstration on how to decorate cupcakes, and then

we all tried decorating about four cupcakes each, which Annette had brought for us to practice on. This was fun. Annette was thanked and given a voucher. Lucy Moger won the raffle. It was decided to present Betty Skedgewell with a 60-year Membership Certificate after a few weeks, when she returns home as she has been at her daughter's while unwell.

Our August meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall on August 5. Robyn Roberts, our president, presided over the meeting. The minutes were read and confirmed and the treasurer gave us a reading of the accounts. Bev Mark went

to the Craft day and the 60-year Membership Certificate was taken to Betty Skedgewell by five members at a morning tea. The sick were visited and the Mangatoki church was cleaned.

Competition results: Flower. 1st Barbara Waite. 2nd Bev Mark. 3rd Lucy Moger. Shrub 1st Lucy Moger. 2nd Cathy White. 3rd Marlene Henn.

The raffle was won by Marlene Henn. Jenny Brown did winter projects of baby knitting. After the meeting, a finger food lunch was enjoyed by the 13 members and three children attending.

*Lucy Moger
Mangatoki W.I. Reporter*

On this month in history Leo Tolstoy born

On September, 1828 the Russian writer and philosopher Leo Tolstoy was born at Tula Province in Russia. He

wrote short stories, essays and plays. Two of his works were 'Anna Karenina' and the massive 'War and Peace'.

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Mayor and council face up at flood review

and Opunake and Coastal News columnist Dr Robert Shaw said climate change meant Taranaki could expect more of the same in coming years.

“When did Noah build the ark? He built it before the rain,” he said.

“What we had we had. The next one could be a lot worse, not better. We really need a proper scientific based research plan and that’s going to cost money. If we don’t start now, we are going to be back in this hall, saying what we are saying now.”

Also at the meeting was David Tamatea who said that the bridge leading to his garage had been condemned

after the floods, and part of his land had been lost when the Hihiwera Stream changed course. He said he believed the meeting had gone well, and he was looking forward to working with the council, EQC and his insurance company to sort out the problems with his property.

Deputy Mayor Ian Armstrong said Surf Highway had been flooded on August 6, reinforcing the need for the town to develop its own civil defence system, something they had been working on when the floods hit.

In closing the meeting, Cr Bryan Roach said it was important to keep in touch with the council.

“If you see something that’s

not right, pick up the phone and tell the council. Don’t be scared to ring again and again.”

Mr Dunlop said he was pleased with the way the meeting had gone.

It’s important to hear from the community, and there’s been some good ideas which we have to look at.”

He said he can understand the anger of people affected by the flood.

“It’s disturbing, particularly to have your houses flooded. It’s a feeling of violation, like if you’ve been burgled, and there’s still the concern that it might happen again. We need to do all we can to minimise the possibility of it happening again.”



Right: Wanting answers. Dr Robert Shaw and David Tamatea.

Cook Island mining decision carries brickbats and bouquets

The Cook Islands seabed authority has opened up 120,000 square kilometres of seabed for exploratory surveying of minerals. Over the next three months the island nation will be receiving tenders from interested parties seeking to undertake exploratory surveying in their Exclusive Economic Zone. Cook Islands Finance Minister Mark Brown, said

estimates placed the value of the seabed minerals to be in the range of billions of dollars. Prof Jonathan Gardener from Victoria University’s School of Biological Sciences says more data is needed before going ahead. “The big concern with this sort of mining (i.e. manganese nodules on the sea floor) is that we really don’t know very much about the biological community

or perhaps communities living in this environment. “Nodules tend to form over a long period of time in an environment that is relatively stable. Thus, mining of nodules will disrupt what we believe to be are old, stable biological communities. We don’t know how the biological communities will respond to this mining disturbance. We don’t know if they can recover, and if they do, at what rates.

shows that developing sound environmental science is important, and not always easy. Good baseline information should be an early priority.” Dr Ian Graham, Research Manager, GNS Science commented on specific aspects of the seabed exploration and mining. “Prospectors are interested in ferromanganese nodules - metal-rich concretions that form by direct precipitation from seawater. They occur in vast quantities in many parts of the deep ocean and are sought for their metal content (particularly copper, nickel and cobalt). “They are likely to use mainly non-invasive techniques such as sonar and photography to assess surface density and either dredging or piston coring to collect samples for analysis. “There is no need for seismic or other deeply-penetrating geophysical techniques since the deposits occur on, rather than beneath, the seafloor.”

“Large scale mining activities have the potential to change, over very long periods of time, biological communities that are part of the marine environment. The precautionary principle indicates that until we have a much better understanding of the impact of mining on such communities then mining should not proceed, or should only proceed at small scales. As is so often the case, we need more scientific data to be able to judge the risks before mining activity commences.” Law Professor Barry Barton at the University of Waikato is more upbeat. “The Cook Islands Government have done some good work here<” he said. “We have to remember that the technology here is new, the economic resources are little known, and the environment is little known too. “There could be good progress made in getting important resource and environmental information in place, not only for specific projects but for a more general contribution of the Cook Islands marine areas. “New Zealand’s experience

“The technology for hoovering or scooping up the nodules from the seabed is available and should pose no particular problems. The difficult and expensive part of the operation is the mineral processing - extracting the metals of interest from what is in effect a ‘chemical soup’ “New Zealand also has large deposits (though not as rich in strategic metals as the Cook Island nodules east of the Campbell Plateau. These occur in nearly 5km water depth in much more difficult oceanic conditions which would make such an enterprise there considerably more challenging.”

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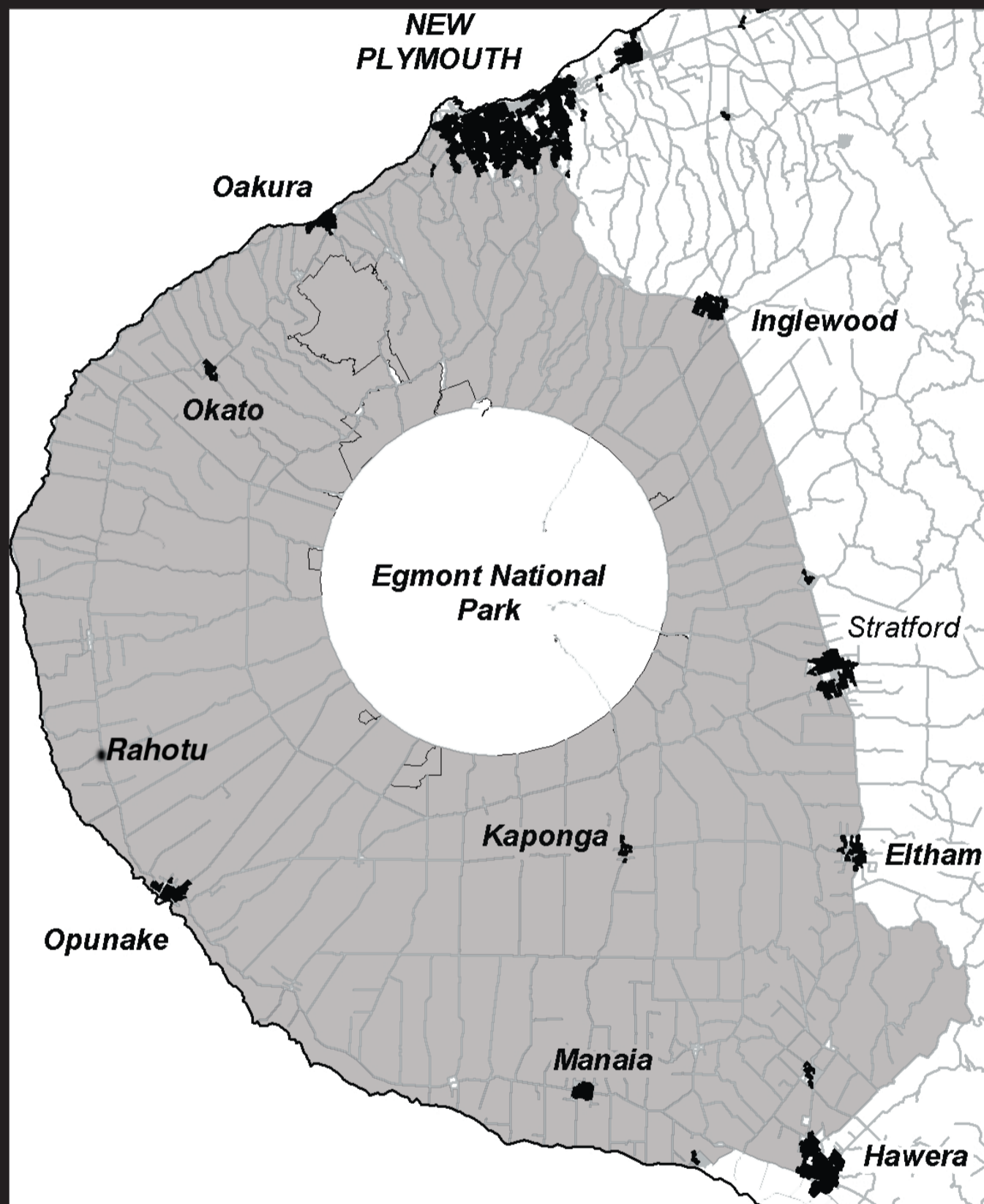
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Fresh ideas for spring produce

After months of winter, spring ushers in a new season of fresh, healthy produce to enjoy.

5+ A Day says now is the time to enjoy spring's bounty and discover new ways to create colourful, flavoursome meals the whole family will enjoy.

Sue Pollard, CEO of the New Zealand Nutrition Foundation says spring's seasonal produce is full of vitamins and nutrients essential for good health and well-being.

"Fruit and vegetables are affordable, highly nutritious foods that not only taste great but also help to protect against major illnesses, such as heart disease and some cancers," she says. "Because most fruit and vegetables are low in calories and fill us up, eating plenty of vegetables at meal times has the added bonus of helping with maintaining a healthy weight."

Spring produce is not the only choice available at this time of the year. Tropical fruit is available in New Zealand all year round and is particularly good value in the coming months.

Make the most of fresh produce with these vibrant recipes:

Avocados
Avocados are used as a vegetable but are technically a fruit. Highly nutritious, avocados contain vitamins C, E and B6, folate, dietary fibre and niacin. They are also one of only a few fruit to contain fat, the good type of fat, monounsaturated, which helps to lower cholesterol.

Quick recipe ideas
One of the best ways to use avocado is to simply mash onto toast, bread or crackers. Add freshly sliced tomato on top with a squeeze of lemon juice for a healthy breakfast or snack. For a quick side, cut an avocado in half and remove the stone. Pour a little olive oil and balsamic vinegar into the avocado and season. Sprinkle with chopped chives and serve with crusty bread. Or for a creamy smoothie, blend half an avocado, banana, 1 teaspoon of honey and trim milk. Whizz until smooth.

Mushrooms
Mushrooms are versatile fungi that can be used at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Mushrooms have been eaten for thousands of years and are used as a medicine in different cultures. They are a good source of B vitamins which play a key role in a healthy nervous system. They also contain potassium an important mineral for healthy growth and development in children.



Avocado and Mango Rice Paper Rolls delicious healthy treats

Quick recipe ideas

The ultimate breakfast comfort food has to be mushrooms on toast. Sauté sliced mushrooms with olive oil and garlic. Add a little crème fraiche or light cream and cook until mushrooms are lightly coated. Season and serve piled onto toast, finish with a sprinkle of freshly chopped parsley. Stuffed mushrooms are a hit as an appetizer. In a food processor pulse sandwich bread, garlic, goat or feta cheese, parsley and chilli flakes into fine crumbs. Spoon filling into white button mushroom caps and bake until lightly browned. Grilling is a great way to cook mushrooms. Place under a grill and brush with a little olive oil and garlic for flavour. For added punch, add a dollop of basil pesto before grilling.

Potatoes

Potatoes range in colour, size and starch content, which means they take well to all sorts of preparations and readily absorb flavours and seasonings. Potatoes are a good source of vitamin C, which is important for iron absorption, teeth and gum health. They also contain niacin which helps to unlock energy from food.

Quick recipe ideas

Try topping a baked potato with salsa, steamed vegetables and a low-fat sour cream or Greek yoghurt. For a fragrant side, toss cubed potatoes with olive oil, minced garlic and chopped rosemary. Roast in pan until crispy and tender. Potato wedges are great for barbecues and parties. Sprinkle chopped garlic and parmesan cheese over the wedges and cook until golden and crisp.

Mangos

With their sweet, unique flavour, mangos are one of the most popular tropical fruits. Known as the "king of fruits" mangos

are a good source of vitamin C and vitamin A.

Quick recipe ideas

For a delicious accompaniment to Mexican dishes, get chopping with a mango salsa. Dice green capsicum, mango, spring onions, coriander and tomatoes and put into a bowl. For a hit of hotness, add finely chopped chilli. Squeeze over fresh lime juice, season to taste and mix. Serve on the side at your next Mexican feast. Jazz up a quinoa salad with diced fresh mango and chopped mint. And get on your way to 5+ A Day with fruity kebabs. Thread chopped mango, banana, kiwifruit and pineapple onto a skewer. Serve with low-fat yoghurt for a dipping sauce.

Pineapples

Grown in the tropics, pineapples are a sweet, juicy, fragrant fruit that comes in a number of varieties. Pineapples contain bromelain which breaks down protein, making them great in marinades or for tenderising meat or fish. They are also a good source of vitamin C, which helps support your immune system.

Quick recipe ideas

Eat pineapples raw in salsas, desserts and sweet or savoury salads. Add bright colour and natural sweetness to your next roast kumara dish by simply tossing together peeled and cut kumara and fresh pineapple pieces with olive oil and seasoning. Roast until tender. Whip up a sweet and spicy pineapple salsa by combining diced pineapple, lime zest and juice, jalapeños, garlic and honey. Stir in mint and season. A few minutes under the grill transforms fresh pineapple into a mouth-watering dessert. Sprinkle freshly peeled pineapple rounds with sugar and cinnamon. Grill until golden and serve

with frozen yoghurt. Here's an easy and tasty recipe using avocados and mangos.

Avocado and Mango Rice Paper Rolls

Serving size:
Makes 10 rolls
Preparation: 30 minutes
Cooking: None

Ingredients

10 rice paper wrappers (or more, if needed)
2 avocados, slice each into 10 wedges
– sprinkle with lemon Juice of 1 lemon
1/4 red cabbage
1 handful rocket or spinach
2 carrots - cut into long thin strips (about 8cm)
1 mango, peeled and sliced lengthways
1/2 handful of coriander leaves
Dipping sauce ingredients
2 tablespoons honey
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 teaspoon grated ginger
1 red and green chilli, sliced thinly at an angle
2 cloves of garlic, crushed
Juice of 1/2 a lemon

Method

Mix all dipping sauce ingredients together. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Prepare all ingredients in bowls or plates. Fill a large shallow dish (large enough to fit the rice paper) with warm to hot water. Wet a clean tea towel and wrap around a chopping board.

Submerge one rice paper at a time in the water for about 20 to 30 seconds or until softened. Place the softened wrapper on the wet tea towel.

Arrange two wedges of avocado in a row in the middle of the rice paper alternate with strips of mango, carrot, red cabbage, salad greens and a little coriander.

Fold the short side of the rice paper over ingredients until covered. Fold in each side of the rice paper and roll to seal ingredients. Repeat for each roll. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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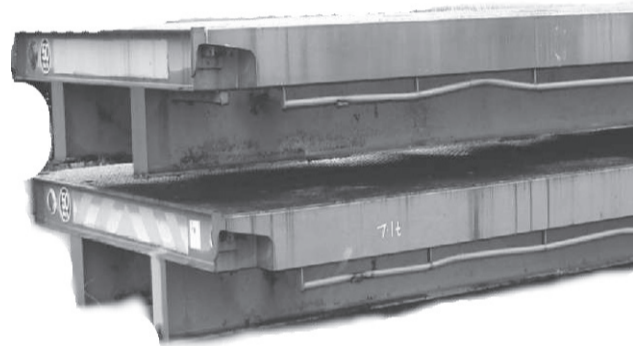
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Opunake Friendship Club remembering town's past

Opunake's 150 years was the afternoon's theme when Barney's Belles from St Barnabas Church entertained the Opunake Friendship Club. "We always try to do something topical, something that's been in the news or on TV," Friendship Club president Rosalie Drummond said. What could be more topical than Opunake celebrating 150 years? Rosalie provided the narration for the show

performed before an audience of about 30 people at the Opunake Town Hall on August 31, taking the show through 150 years from 1865, when the town we now know as Opunake was called The Clearing. In the same year, the nation's capital was moved from Auckland to Wellington. After that there was the founding of St Barnabas Church and events local, national and international. In 1893 New Zealand led

the world when it was the first country in the world to give women the vote. "And in 1938, Peter Snell was born here of course," Rosalie reminded the audience at one point. In 1982, there was the Opunake High School fire. "That was devastating for the town, but the phoenix has risen again from the ashes," Rosalie said. The music of yesteryear was remembered as well, whether it be Michael

row the boat ashore, Morning has broken, the Happy Wanderer, Click go the shears, some Pat Boone, or Hugh Caulton's solo performance of Old Man River. When it was time to sing Pokarekareana, Vicky Sanford was invited up from the audience to take the microphone. As well as Opunake celebrating 150 years, New Zealand's commemoration of the Gallipoli centenary

wasn't overlooked either, with all members of the cast wearing poppies to remember those who had fallen. Maureen Martins recited On Flanders Field, and the cast sung Keep the home fires burning. Geoff Williams spoke of the wars New Zealand had been involved in, from this country's own land wars through the two world wars. "In the second world war, New Zealanders fought on every front throughout the world, and people thought that would be the end of all wars. Fifty five million people died in that conflict," he said. After

that came Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam and later peacekeeping roles. Friendship Club treasurer Nevis Brewer said the town's four churches, as well as the Te Kiri and Pihama Women's Institutes take turns at entertaining the Friendship Club. Other events include a bus trip every year which always proves popular. She said the club part of the name doesn't always fit comfortably. "It implies that you have to join, while it's something for everyone to come along to," she said.



ABOVE: Friendship Club singers entertain.



LEFT: Singing some Gilbert and Sullivan. From left Patty Smith, Nola Hickey (pianist), and Hugh Caulton.



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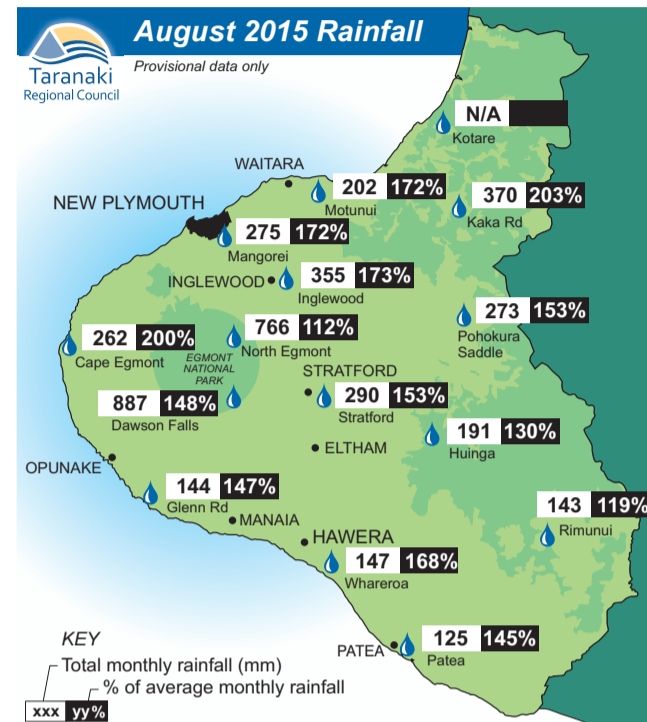
It's official- August was wet

Opunake had floods at the start of the month, and the Taranaki Regional Council has confirmed August was a wetter month than normal. All of TRC's rainfall sites showed that August rainfall figures were above normal, and in some cases over twice the normal August rainfall was recorded, TRC hydrology officer Andrew Cotter said. "Winter has now been and gone, although it currently doesn't feel like it," he said. "June, July and August of 2015 was one of the wettest winter periods for many of TRC's rainfall recorder sites when looking at historical rainfall totals in the TRC hydrological archives." Rainfall ranged from 112 per cent of normal at North Egmont, where 766mm was recorded, to 205 per cent of normal at Stony (near Okato), where 345mm was recorded. During August, rain was recorded on 16 days at Motunui, and ranged up to 26 rain days at Dawson Falls where 887mm fell during the month. Year-to-date rainfall is also up on normal for all TRC sites, apart from North Egmont, where this is just shy of normal, sitting at 99

per cent for this time of year. Tawhiti at Duffys (just South of Whareroa) is already at 101 per cent of its normal rainfall for the full year as of the end of August, with four months still left to go. Year-to-date wise, this site is at 158 per cent of normal. Mean river flows around the region were all above what would normally be expected for August, and due to the amount of rain recorded, no new minimum August flow values were recorded, although a new maximum for the month was recorded on the Kapoiaia Stream at Cape Egmont. River temperatures were mixed when looking at mean monthly figures, but all were around the normal levels for the month. No new high or low temperature values were recorded for August. The minimum air temperature recorded around the region during August was -1.8 degC at North Egmont. The highest recorded August air temperature was 17.2 degC at Brooklands Zoo in New Plymouth. The mean

monthly air temperature was 4.3 degC at both North Egmont and at Dawson Falls on Mt Taranaki, while the warmest mean air temperature was 10.7 degC at Cape Egmont. Soil moistures around the region were rather mixed when looking at mean figures

for the month, although more were lower than normal compared to those higher than normal. Hillsborough and Kaupokonui both recorded new maximum levels for August, although Hillsborough is a fairly new site only being installed in 2012.



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is being returned to the same farm at the end of the day. Any stock moved or sold on to a different farm or owner, from Calf Club Pet Days, must register this movement with NAIT. The stock must also be accompanied by a correctly

completed ASD form. As of November 1 2013 only versions of the ASD forms printed on or since May 2012 will be considered valid. For further information, please contact TBfree New Zealand on 0800 482 4636 or NAIT on 0800 624 843.



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Old (Lincoln, Canterbury). The second election is for three members of the Directors' Remuneration Committee (DRC), which annually reviews and recommends changes to directors' payments and other benefits. The four DRC candidates are: Chris Lewis (Pukeatua, Waikato), David Gasquoine (Matamata, Waikato), Gerard Wolvers (Te Awamutu, Waikato), Harry Rich (Taupiri, Waikato).

"It's easy to vote and quick to do," returning officer Anthony Morton said. "Farmer levy payers can vote by the internet, post or fax – or in person at the AGM. These candidates will represent dairy farmers nationwide so it would be great to see a strong turnout of voters."

All dairy farmers who pay a levy on milksolids can vote for their preferred candidates in both elections for the Board of Directors and Directors' Remuneration Committee. Voting opens when packs, with candidate profiles are sent to levy paying farmers on September 14.



Hopefully we will soon be seeing less snow on the Mountain and nice spring weather
Photo Dana McMurray

Three DairyNZ director positions will be hotly contested, with 10 farmer candidates standing. As well as this, four farmer candidates have put their name forward for three seats on DairyNZ's Directors' Remuneration Committee. Results from the double election will be announced at the DairyNZ Annual General Meeting in

Morrinsville on October 13. The farmers seeking a four-year term as a DairyNZ director are vying for election following chairman John Luxton and directors Michael Spaans and Ben Allomes retiring by rotation. After 12 years, Mr Luxton is standing down from the board. The Board of Directors' candidates are: - Murray

Jamieson (Hamilton), Steve Hines (Mangakino, Waikato), Elaine Cook (Hamilton), Grant Wills (Walton, Waikato), Ben Allomes (Woodville, Palmerston North), Michelle Wilson (Waihi, Waikato), Kevin Ferris (Te Awamutu, Waikato), Greg Maughan (Marton, Manawatu), Michael Spaans (Te Aroha, Waikato), Kevin

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Need to get used to El Nino for a while

El Nino looks set to stay with us for a while yet, according to NIWA's September-November Climate Outlook.

International guidance indicates that El Niño is certain to continue over the next three months and extremely likely (above 90% chance) to persist into summer

2015/2016. The current state of the ocean-atmosphere in the Pacific and the international consensus forecast suggest that this event could then rank amongst the four strongest El Niño events recorded (along with 1972-73, 1982-83 and 1997-98).

Strong El Niño conditions are present in the tropical

Pacific Ocean. Sea surface temperature anomalies in the central and eastern Pacific intensified during August 2015 and are now close to +2°C. The Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) is strongly negative (-2.0 for August 2015, value estimated on the 2nd of September) and westerly wind anomalies (weaker trade-winds) dominate the central and western equatorial Pacific, indicating a strong coupling between the ocean and the atmosphere.

During September – November 2015, above normal pressure is forecast over and to the south of Australia, while below normal pres-

sure is expected to the east of New Zealand. This circulation pattern is likely to be accompanied with anomalous southwesterly winds.

Sea surface temperatures are forecast to be normal or below normal in the Tasman west of New Zealand, while surface water temperatures are expected to be in the below normal range to the east of the country.

September – November 2015 rainfall totals are most likely (45-50% chance) to be in the below normal range for the north and east of the North Island. Seasonal rainfall totals are about equally likely (35-40% chance) to

be in the near normal or below normal range in the west of the North Island and the north and east of the South Island. Near normal rainfall is the most likely outcome (45% chance) for the west of South Island.

September – November 2015 soil moisture levels and river flows are most likely (45-50% chance) to be below normal in the north and east of the North Island and the east of the South Island. In the western regions of both Islands, soil moisture levels and river flows are about equally likely (35-40% chance) to be in the near normal or below normal range.

In the north of the South Island, soil moisture levels are most likely (45% chance) to be below normal, and river flows are about equally likely (35-40% chance) to be in the near normal or below normal range.

For Taranaki, the Central North Island, Wanganui, Manawatu and Wellington, this means temperatures are equally likely (40% chance) to be near or below average, and rainfall totals, soil moisture levels and river flows are about equally likely (35-40% chance) to be in the below normal or near normal range.

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Myth 1: It's too hard to switch Switching power providers is actually very straightforward, in fact –

90% of New Zealanders who have switched, found it to be an easy process. Just head to www.whatsmynumber.co.nz to check if you are on the best deal, then simply click on through to Consumer NZ's powerswitch.org.nz, to start the switching process. Easy. Alternatively, once you've discovered the cheapest provider for you via Powerswitch, you can just call the provider directly and they will sort it for you over the phone. **Myth 2: I haven't heard of some of these new electricity retailers, so they might not be as good.** Your choice of electricity retailer makes no difference to the reliability of your electricity supply. The reliability of your electricity supply depends on the performance of your local distribution company and Transpower (who oper-

ate the national electricity grid). So, no matter which electricity retailer you choose the reliability of your supply will be the same. **Myth 3: If I switch providers, my power could be cut off during the process.** When switching providers, the only thing that changes is the provider that is billing you. Best of all, your new retailer takes care of the switching process. **Myth 4: Power companies all have the same payment terms.** Many different electricity retailers offer different payment options to make it easier. Some offer a way to level out all the payments over the year, this can take the sting out of the winter months when power bills tend to increase. You can also prepay with some providers so that you can more easily control your spending. Some providers allow you to pay

weekly rather than monthly which can also suit some users. It's worth discussing payment options with your current providers – and also considering the options when you shop around. **Myth 5: They are all the same, so why bother checking.** There are a total of 29 retail brands operating in New Zealand with at least 7 different brands on offer in every region. All providers offer different deals to suit different people. When you look at the options on offer you'll see there are also additional services, loyalty programmes, and other rewards to consider. **Checking you are on the best deal is just a click away** at <http://www.whatsmynumber.org.nz>. **It might just save you some money this money week.** **Just remember a dollar saved is a dollar earned.**

First born girls end up bigger - research

Girls who are born the first in their family are more likely to be overweight or obese compared to their younger sisters, according to a new study from New Zealand and Swedish researchers. The conclusions were drawn from a study of more than 13,000 pairs of adult Swedish sisters – the largest study

of its kind. The findings also match up with previous studies identifying similar patterns in firstborn adult men and in children of both sexes. "We found that firstborns were nearly 30 per cent more likely to be overweight, and 40 per cent more likely to be obese than

their second-born sisters," said senior investigator, Professor Wayne Cutfield of the Liggins Institute at the University of Auckland. What causes the differences between firstborns and those born later remains an open question, but Professor Cutfield proposes that it

is due to differences in the blood supply to the placenta. The research has also pointed out that the steady reduction in family size over the last century, creating a higher proportion of firstborns, may be a contributing factor to increasing weight gain across both genders.

On this month in history Roald Dahl was born

On September 13, 1916 Roald Dahl was born in Wales. His parents were Norwegian. He had an interesting early life including working for the Shell company in Africa. During World War 2 he flew Royal Air Force (RAF) aeroplanes on missions. Once his aeroplane crashed and he was burned. His face needed extensive plastic surgery. He wrote short stories for

adults, which had an unexpected twist at the end. Some of these were televised. He also wrote a number of million-selling books for children such as 'The Twits,' 'James and the Giant Peach, and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Some of these have been made into feature films.

He was also a clever inventor. When his actress wife Patricia Neal had a stroke he

invented devices to help her. He was an unusual man in some respects. When his wife expressed an interest in birds he released a huge number on his property, which was not popular with his neighbours.

He was a good friend of NZ writer Joy Cowley, who visited him at his home in Britain.

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Hawera shooters continue to shoot high

A night of high scores was recorded, shooting at Hawera Hubs weekly shoot. A total of five shooters scored the maximum score of 100 on the grouping cards. They were Tim Greenhalsh, Jackson Jennings, Alex Munro, Joe De Costa and Garry Dyke. Steve Smith scored high from the standing position with groups of 91, and 94. On the whole cards,

Dave Kelsen had a personal best of 97.5 as did Llewellyn Farr of 86.0. Bruce Cameron had the perfect 100.10 and son Jason scored 100.6. Scores were: Tim Greenhalsh 100gr, Maddison Greenhalsh 93gr, Dylan Farr 94gr,84.1, Steve Smith 91gr,94gr, Jackson Jennings 100gr,90.2, Alex Munro 100gr,89.3, Hannah Muggeridge 92gr,94gr, Rowan Muggeridge 92gr,94gr, Aidan Kelsen 90gr,90gr, Joe De Costa 100gr, Gary Dyke 100gr, Llewellyn Farr 86.0, Clayton Robinson 97gr, 83.1, Noel Hainsworth 89.1, 88.2, 88.2, Dave Kelsen 92.4,97.5, Bruce Cameron 100.7,100.10,



Shooting at the Hawera Hub this week Jackson Jennings and Alex Munro.

Jason Cameron 100.6, 97.4, Frank Eustace 98.6, 96.5, Mathew Peters 90.3, 90.2.

A week earlier, competition was hotting up at the Hawera Hub Target shooting, especially for the Juniors

and those on grouping cards. Grouping cards had five shooters scoring 100s Llewellyn Farr, Alex Munro, Joe De Costa, Garry Dyke and new shooter Andries Duprez. Clayton Robinson had a personal best of 86.0.

, Andries Duprez and Garry Dyke scored 100gr New shooter Hannah Muggeridge was close with a tight 99group. Club Champs were shot, and great interest was generated from new shooters on their elbows

on full cards. Scores were: Andries Duprez 100gr,99gr, Gary Dyke 100gr, Dylan Farr 97gr, Llewellyn Farr 100gr,79.0, Rowan Muggeridge 96gr, Hannah Muggeridge 98gr,99gr, Rico Symes Patterson

98gr, 92gr, Alex Munro 100gr, 77.0, Joe De Costa 100gr, 96gr, Aidan Kelsen 94gr, 93gr, Dwayne Rangi 90.2,90.0, Noel Hainsworth 78.1,89.1,88.0,87.0 Clayton Robinson 92gr, 86.0,74.0, Jackson Jennings 92.1,89.2, Dave Kelsen 89.2,87.0, Mathew Peters 94.3,94.4, Jason Cameron 195.7, 199.11, Bruce Cameron 199.15, 199.15, Frank Eustace 98.7, 195.12, 197.13, Sam Gooding 195.8.

In the Hawera closed club champs, six junior shooters had a close tussle for the honours, and the results came down to the last cards shot.

Top junior was Jackson Jennings with 268.4, three points back was Rico Symes Patterson on 265.5, and third was Dwayne Rangi on 264.3. Noel Hainsworth 263.2, Alex Munro 243.3, Clayton Robinson 234.1,

D Grade: Mathew Peters 267.7, A Grade: Sam Gooding 576.2. The Master Grade was won easily by evergreen Bruce Cameron 598.45 Jason Cameron was second on 591.30 and third was Frank Eustace on 589.33.

Eltham Smallbore Club

A larger than usual turnout of shooters for last week's Eltham Smallbore Club's meeting.

In general the scores were down on recent averages, but Heather Symonds bucked the trend and had a personal best of 96.2. Her scores have been moving slowly upward recently, which shows some promise for this new shooter. Some good competition on the grouping cards

kept the Junior shooters making every shot count.

Their scores were: Keira McLeash 98; Matt McLeash 100; Rico Symes-Patterson 98; Jackson Jennings 100; Alex Munro 100; Clayton Robinson 100; Jarrod Harris 97, 94; Steve Smith 95; Adam Swainson 98.

Scores for the full cards were: Murray Chinery 88.1, 95.0; Matt Sulzberger

93.4, 94.3; Alan Drake 89.0; Keira McLeash 90.1; Paul Longstaff 95.2, 96.4; Rico Symes-Patterson 66.0; Jackson Jennings 82.0; Alex Munro 83.2; Clayton Robinson 86.1; Bob Bramley 90.1, 80.0, 93.2; Clare Bramley 94.2, 82.2, 87.2; Cameron Symonds 83.1, 87.0, 75.1; Heather Symonds 96.2, 94.2, 95.1; Kathryn Mischefski 94.1, 97.3, 99.3; Angie

Harris 84.1, 78.0, 76.0; Geoff Coubrough 97.6, 95.3; Adam Swainson 66.0, 65.0; Noel Hainsworth 84.0, 86.0, 90.2; Adrian Clark 94.2, 95.4, 96.4, 97.5, 96.4; Frank Eustace 97.4, 95.6; Don Litchfield 94.3, 92.0; Garry Rowlands 97.3, 96.0, 97.5; Brian Hicks 87.0, 89.1; Paul Tidswell 97.4, 96.3, 98.5.

Alan Drake

Taranaki shooters spring back

Taranaki Tigers Target shooters have shaken off their loss to Waikato and put in a top performance in the N.D.C. (National Districts Teams Telephone shoot), where teams from all around the country compete in first and second divisions.

The Taranaki Tigers beat the Wellington Tigers with a total of 4958.236 to 4956.224, and also with 11points against Wellington 3 to challenge for 1st Division

ranking. Taranaki had to beat Eastern Force to gain promotion, which they did.

The open squad performed very well led by Bruce Cameron on 300.21 Gary Rowlands was up there with 298.16, as was Paul Tidswell freshly back from the U.S.A. Palmer world champs with 297.19. Scores were: Bruce Cameron 300.21, Garry Rowlands 298.16, Paul Tidswell

297.19, Brent Moratti 296.14, Dave Fake 296.13, Jason Cameron 293.18, Sam Gooding 293.17, Kevin Boccock 293.16, Frank Eustace 292.17, Trevor Jupp 288.13, Composite: Doug Gibson 294.18, Brian Shewry 292.11, Graham Moratti 289.8, Hayden Andreoli 288.13, Kat Mischefski 286.12, Junior: Thomas Schaare 192.4, Braedon Bowater 192.4, Deanna Moratti 179.2

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Tuesday 22 September 2015

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Turning blue for prostate cancer

Blue September 2015, the Prostate Cancer Foundation's national awareness and fundraising campaign, is taking on a fresh approach to making men aware of prostate cancer. Well-known actor Mark Hadlow is fronting the campaign with new TV and radio commercials and is also the face of Blue September on posters, back-of-the-bus advertising and other print media.

The message in 2015 is confronting. It seeks to directly address the inhibitions men have to having a digital rectal examination (or DRE) – the physical examination required to check for prostate abnormalities. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in New Zealand men and the third most common



cause of cancer death in men after lung cancer and bowel cancer: One in 10 will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime. 3000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year in New Zealand.

Last year approximately 600 Kiwi men died from prostate cancer – that's roughly the same number as women who died from breast cancer. Māori men are 72 per cent more likely to die of prostate cancer once they are diagnosed

than non-Māori men. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of NZ encourages all men over the age of 40 to have regular prostate checks if there is a family history of prostate cancer. If you're between 50-70 then consider an annual prostate check that includes both a PSA blood test and digital rectal examination (DRE).

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The 'bug hotel' at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga, was the centre of attention at a recent 'gardenalia' workshop exploring ways to re-use, recycle and repurpose old items to create funky, charming and useful design features in the home garden. About 30 people attended. The 'hotel' is made from old pallets, bricks, waste wood and other discarded material, and provides a dry shelter for insects that are good for the garden. Another hit was a 'garden bed'

with a difference – an old bedstead used as a support for climbing, and tall plants like broad beans and sweet peas, which over time will grow through the bed base. The pillow is a hessian sack filled with potting mix, and potted up with colour to add creative appeal. Check it all out at Bernie's Home Garden at Hollards, 1686 Upper Manaia Road, Kaponga. The next Hollards workshop is 'pot a pumpkin' on Sunday 20 September 20 at 2pm.



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The 'bug hotel' at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga



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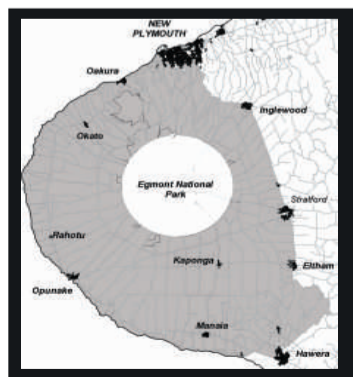
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Save Kiwi Month starts on 1 October and the inaugural national fundraising initiative, the Great Kiwi Morning Tea is being held on Friday 16 October.

You can do your bit to help our precious kiwi. Just get together with family, friends, colleagues, neighbours or complete strangers and hold a classic Kiwi morning tea. Splurge on Kiwi classics like lamingtons, caramel slice, sausage rolls, lolly cake, and asparagus rolls and ask your guests to make a donation towards saving our national treasure. Just \$100 is enough to save one kiwi by controlling predators across its habitat for an entire year.

Visit www.kiwisforkiwi.org and click on the Great Kiwi Morning Tea icon to register and receive your pack which contains instructions for a successful event, sample invite, promotional materials, recipes and a fun Kiwi Quiz.



Save the Kiwi month starting October 1.

Councils feed the bees this Bee Aware Month


Local councils around New Zealand are buzzing about September's Bee Aware Month.

This year's Bee Aware Month theme is 'Feed the Bees', and so far 30 councils are dedicating a patch of land in their community to a bee-friendly garden.

The councils are planting their gardens with a bee-friendly wildflower seed mixture, to provide fodder for their local bees who work hard to keep Kiwis fed.

"Bees pollinate around one third of the food we eat, so it's important we plant enough food for them to en-

love our kiwi bees



sure they can continue doing so," says National Beekeepers Association chief executive, Daniel Paul.

Councils will be putting up signs around their bee-friendly gardens to encourage locals to learn more about the

importance of bees and how to help them prosper.

"This year, we really wanted to make a splash throughout New Zealand," Mr Paul says.

"It's fantastic to have so many councils on board, putting their land to good use

and helping us promote the good cause.

"Wildflowers brighten up a landscape and provide a vital food source, which is what this year's Bee Aware Month is all about.

"We're really thankful for the councils' efforts, and we hope that this initiative will help educate the public on the importance of bee-friendly planting."

Mr Paul says it's not too late for other councils to get on board.

"We'd like to see as many seeds scattered as we can - September is a great month for planting."

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Sights and sounds of San Fran

Many of us know the collage art of Jeanne Mankinen of USA, but have you seen her photographic work? Jeanne has a camera which has been modified so it 'sees' infrared light. And you should just see the results.

Her exhibition on the Virtual Tart website is stunning. Landscapes from the San Francisco Bay area, in both black & white and colour. And they are truly beautiful. Enjoy. This exhibition will run only until September 22. So take a look now, while you can.
Dale Copeland

Percy Thomson Gallery Exhibitions

Percy Thomson Gallery: 7.30 pm Friday 18th October 2015 An artist's 18-month creative chronicle of daily domestic life - and portraits revealing some of Taranaki's best-known identities as you've never seen them - will be showcased in one of this year's most compelling local exhibitions. The exhibitions Liminal Sites: Materialising An Everyday and Portraits and Portrayals, by Taranaki artists Viv Davy and Sue Morton, open at Stratford's Percy Thomson Gallery later this month. Fascinated by what she described as the "inner workings of the everyday domestic setting", Ms Davy spent a year and a half exploring her own home life and recording each day's happenings through different diaries, shapes and forms. One of them, titled A Daily Log, was a simple shorthand list of everything undertaken. From this, she developed The Codex Series - a collection of coded collages she considered her emotional diary. It was created alongside her "thought diary" - a written record of her "inscape", forming a piece named Her Room. "These year-long diaries have shown that where time is spent is at the sites of value," said Davy, whose exhibition combines four unique pieces. "This showed that the actions

and engagements of the everyday are liminal sites where our deeply held beliefs and values are made manifest in our unique actions." While collecting these artistic observations, it became apparent to her that the domestic world was held in place by what she saw as "the public realm - that world beyond the garden gate". "Digital communication, media of different types, community infrastructures such as roads and shops are intimately intertwined with the domestic and this is increasingly informing ways in which the daily life in the domestic is taking place." The question of how these two worlds combined formed a background to her work. "I observed that at all points of contact we make decisions, not always conscious, that shape our everyday and our domestic environment - these decisions reflect what we value and regard as important." The joint exhibition, opening on September 18, also showcases the latest photographic portfolio of well-known artist and former gallery director Sue Morton. Her collection, which combines her life-long love of painting with her new passion for photography, puts a list of well-known Taranaki people in a revealing new light. Her subjects include former All Black Alan Smith,



Marianne Muggeridge.

radio personality Bryan Vickery, business identities Terry Parkes, Stuart Trundle, Elaine Gill and Mary Bourke, and artists John McLean, Dale Copeland, Paul Hutchinson, Marianne Muggeridge and Roger Morris. Mrs Morton said the key theme of her series, featuring 21 works and titled Portraits and Portrayal,

was to show something each of the notables' "behind the scenes" life. It was inspired by the style of US photographic artist Maggie Taylor, whose whimsical approach as an "image magician" appealed to Mrs Morton's "crazy sense of the ridiculous". "The trust my models placed in me was a bit daunting - and



Paul Hutchinson.

the responsibility in exposing their characters sensitively." Both exhibitions open at Percy Thomson Gallery at 7.30pm on Friday, September 18, and will be on display until October 11.

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 <p>Straight Outta Compton Drama, Music, True Story & Biography 2hr 27mins R16 Sex scenes, violence, drug use & offensive language N.W.A - Dr. Dre, Ice Cube, Easy-E, DJ Yella and MC Ren - biopic, chronicling the group's rise in the mid-1980s in California. Striking terror into the hearts of conservatives and parents, N.W.A proved instantly controversial with their lyrics to songs like F--k da Police and their debut studio album Straight Outta Compton, one of the first to feature a Parental Advisory sticker. Saturday 26th September 1pm Sunday 27th September 7pm</p>	 <p>Fantastic Four Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi PG-13 100 min Four young outsiders teleport to an alternate and dangerous universe which alters their physical form in shocking ways. The four must learn to harness their new abilities and work together to save Earth from a former friend turned enemy. Friday 11th September 7pm</p>
 <p>Love and Mercy Drama 2hrs PG13 LOVE & MERCY presents an unconventional portrait of Brian Wilson, the mercurial singer, songwriter and leader of The Beach Boys. Set against the era defining catalog of Wilson's music, the film intimately examines the personal voyage and ultimate salvation of the icon whose success came at extraordinary personal cost. Sunday 20th September 7pm</p>	 <p>Dragon Ball Z : Resurrection Animation, Action, Adventure 93min One peaceful day on Earth, two remnants of Frieza's army named Sorbet and Tagoma arrive searching for the Dragon Balls with the aim of reviving Frieza. They succeed, and Frieza subsequently seeks revenge on the Saiyans. Saturday 12 September 1pm Friday 18 September 7pm</p>
 <p>Mission Impossible Action, Adventure, Thriller PG-13 131 min Ethan and team take on their most impossible mission yet, eradicating the Syndicate - an International rogue organization as highly skilled as they are, committed to destroying the IMF Sunday 13 September 7pm Friday 25 September 7pm</p>	 <p>The Minions Animated, Comedy, Family 1hr 31mins PG At the dawn of time, starting as single celled yellow organisms, Minions evolve through the ages, perpetually serving the most despicable of masters. Saturday 19 September 1pm</p>

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September 11 Fantastic Four 7pm	September 12 Dragon Balls Z 1pm	September 13 Mission Impossible 7pm
September 18 Dragon Balls Z 7pm	September 19 The Minions 1pm	September 20 Love and Mercy 7pm
September 25 Mission Impossible 7pm	September 26 Straight Outta Compton R16 1pm	September 27 Straight Outta Compton R16 7pm

Taratahi helping busy people to upskill

Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre are once again running their weekly night classes.

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Taratahi are now taking enrolments for 'Animal Health and Welfare' scheduled to start in September. Call Margaret, Wendy or Rebecca in the Stratford Office on 06 765 4490 or 0800 TARATAHI (827 2824) for an information pack.



Hanging baskets in the glasshouse at Tupare.

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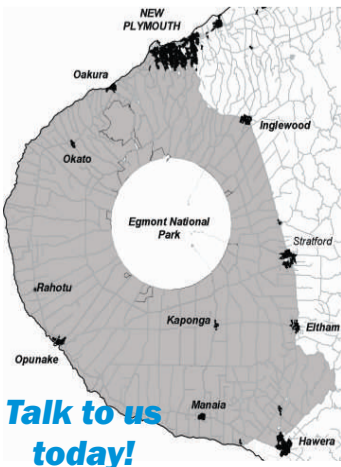
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