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Billboards take a hit in Taranaki

There have been a considerable number of hoardings attacked in Taranaki. In some cases the entire fixture had disappeared, like a Labour Party one in Ihaia Raid, Opunake

Perhaps the worst case relates to Murray Chong. Not only was his billboard defaced recently, but the tyres of his vehicle were slashed. "All four tyres were damaged, two stabs each." His vehicle was parked on his lawn so the perpetrator came onto his New Plymouth property carrying a knife, which he was "very concerned" about.

Murray's New Conservative Party billboard was pulled down. "Words too graphic to repeat" were scrawled on the surfaces. Murray's reaction to the billboard and tyre damage? "New Zealand is better than this. People who do this are not good people."

Unpleasant racial overtones are associated with damage to Debbie Ngarewa-Packer's billboards. She is the co-leader of the Maori Party. The moko on her pictured face has been painted out, in one case, as well a racist epithet scrawled on the defaced billboard.

On a billboard near Oakura an image of Prime Minister



Clearly emotions are running high among some for the forthcoming election. A number of billboards are being targeted around the coast.

Jacinda Adern was targeted with someone armed with a red pen. The altered billboard now reads *Let's keep moving the truth*, as well as a variety of insults.

A number of other Labour billboards have been defaced

in such places as Opunake, Okato and Rahotu.

So far, the National Party billboards have fared better, so far. None of the staff at our newspaper have spotted any, to date, that have been defaced.

Mixed reactions on the coast to Covid

All around the world COVID-19 continues to be the dominant news story of 2020.

In New Zealand the country is back into Alert Level 1. The Opunake and

Coastal News asked local businesses how the journey had been for them.

Rachael Nielsen from The Health Shop at Centre City commented she was definitely not as busy. "Not as many (were) coming into town. People are buying online. There just won't be any shops here." She added if people want product just give us a ring and we'll deliver it. She also felt that the Covid-19 virus was "always going to be there" and added "We must look after our immune system. people should get plenty of vitamin C and plenty of sunshine."

Hadden Ryan who owns Oakura Automotive said the panel beating side of his business had reduced by half during the last months, no doubt due to people not using their cars as much during lockdown.

While travel agents were not doing well and in some cases (Stratford Travel) were closing their doors, builders and designers were pretty busy. People were not spending their money on overseas trips but were instead renovating their

hours, commented several.

For mechanics, getting parts was a problem. It used to take 2-3 days to get parts from China, these days it takes 12-14 days, said Kelvin Jordan from Auto Mobile at Rahotu. Getting staff had also been a problem he added saying he was looking for extra staff but had no response to adverts he'd placed.

Mike Hareb from Hareb Deken, says "wThe first two months after Lockdown we were very busy, the last two have eased back but there is still business happening out there! We will keep positive for not only our business but for all in our Province. We have ridden quite a few waves during our business lives and this is just another..!!"

Comments Paul Butler from Merit Cars, "It's gone very quiet. The market's flat, significantly from previous years." Compared to a year ago he now has fifty percent of the staff he had. "Unless the economy changes and we open our borders the situation is likely to create more unemployment and affect many, many businesses

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Letters to the Editor

Gunman sentencing

In the wake of the sentencing of Brent Tarrant on August 27 2020 at Christchurch, outstanding questions remain to be asked and answered by the relevant authorities.

The survivors and families of those who died deserve these questions fully addressed, most of all. The Moslem Community, as dear fellow New Zealanders especially, need the all-encompassing enquiries to be meticulously conducted.

And as taxpayers, the rest of New Zealand's population deserve to know how, and why the law enforcement officials failed to act on numerous reports of suspicious activity during the period of time prior to the terrorist's massacre.

These reports include the incident at Hamilton, approximately one month earlier, when a person threatened to burn a copy of the Koran on the steps of Hamilton's Mosque, on March 15 (2020).

This coincidence suggests Tarrant indeed had accomplices, and likely others at Dunedin and elsewhere.

As a member of the British Commonwealth, which embraces citizens of many faiths, our global reputation as a safe country was severely impacted by the actions of the despicable Islamophobic terrorist.

To heal the damage, and demonstrate our respect and loving embrace of Islam in this country, a meticulous enquiry must be conducted into how and why the authorities were, collectively, 'asleep at the wheel'.

This is the only way we can best ensure such dreadful carnage never happens again.

*Geoff Downey
Stratford*

Plastic war

Thank you Councillor Steffy McKay for your brilliant article about our country's plastic waste which is now beginning to mount up. China once took 50 per cent of the world's plastic for recycling, but now with their change of attitudes and policies they have refused to take any plastic at all. Things have now dramatically changed, so now we have the unfortunate task of getting rid of it, yet we are still seeing plastic items being strewn around our cities and beaches, which isn't on at all.

I remember some time ago an Australian firm came to our country, telling our National Government, really the late PM Sir Robert Muldoon they would like to build huge foundries in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin to recycle our country's unwanted plastics, but as per usual, this idea was turned down like many other things were.

So maybe this question could be put to our local New Plymouth Labour Party candidate Glen Bennett, as we maybe able to shed some light on this situation which is getting out of hand, even if some of our unused power stations could be utilised into a plastic foundry to recycle our unwanted used plastics, and to be exported overseas to different countries, instead of upsetting our own environment.

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth*

Mountain rescue

Now after that dramatic mountain rescue of those two young Malaysians in their mid-20s who were helped back down by two experienced mountaineers in Lindsay Maindonald,

who was interviewed by TV one's 7 Sharp programme and David Sattler, who had picked a difficult route to climb, that isn't recommended by DOC, and is only for extremely experienced climbers. Most of us know that in July 1953, six people lost their lives in New Zealand's worst ever single alpine tragedy.

Over the years our mountain has already claimed 80 lives, but still we have those who think climbing our own mountain is a breeze. Wrong. It's one of the most treacherous and dangerous mountains in our country. Even some of our experienced climbers can get into trouble simply because the weather can quickly change.

Every so often in our province there is a public mountain climb guided by experienced mountaineers, but there's one simple rule. If wanting to climb our mountain, always have an experienced person to guide you up and back down again. Remember these people put their own lives at risk just to rescue people from our mountain, so seek proper information before doing anything like this. So let's all respect Mother Nature. Otherwise it has a way of hitting back extremely hard.

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth*

Thank you

We are absolutely thrilled beyond compare with the lovely article you did for us in this recent copy of Opunake & Coastal News.

It is journalism supreme. Many many thanks.

Your paper as always has made us the Merchant Navy so very very proud

*Merv Martin
New Plymouth*

Corona virus and Oxygen

Should Covid-19 have been a pandemic? No.

Covid-19 can be destroyed in a matter of days, using oxygen treatment.

Viruses are anaerobic which means they do not like oxygen. Cancer is a viral disorder. Ebola, Swine Flu, SARS, Flu and Corona virus are some of the many viral disorders.

Oxygen should be the first port of call to treat and cure these diseases.

It is cheap, quick and effective with no adverse side issues.

The orthodox medical practitioners and the pharmaceutical companies do not want to hear this because there is no money in it. Oxygen cannot be patented (hence no money, no treatment).

I lost two brothers and a sister through Cancer; however I will never get Cancer because I oxygenate my body and take a magnesium supplement to alkalise my body (viruses like an acidic body).

This Corona virus should be treated with an oxygen treatment. It is cheap and effective. Viruses do not like heat, so eat hot spicy food, and if you wash your hands, use hot water.

I have not suffered the flu for about 15-16 years because viruses do not affect me. I am 87 years old.

Boris Johnson was in ICU and out in a few days and back to work in quick time. He was given oxygen treatment. Is this not given to the run of the mill?

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Makes you wonder, does it not?

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and people.” He believes we’ve overreacted to the Covid pandemic and now have a situation that’s affecting many people. “Instead we should have just protected the vulnerable which would have meant people would have been less stressed and dependent on the state.” Please add. “I am thankful for the support of our many customers, loyal, return and new helping us to weather the storm.” Business owners in Opunake said they had noticed more New Zealand visitors coming into town now that overseas holidays

were no longer possible. Julian Harkness of the Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Park said people are attracted to the peace and quiet of places like Opunake. He said they had been hard hit by the first lockdown with bookings through to September cancelled. When lockdown ended he was surprised at how quickly business picked up although he says things did slow down a bit when Auckland went into Alert Level 3. “I’m relatively happy with the way things have turned out. It could have been a lot worse.” “We virtually lost every booking for six months

through to September, and we refunded everybody. From a zero base I’m more than surprised how quickly it came back. “June, July and August are not normally good months, but this year they were. We are very much a location, and when the weather is at its worst, people are not keen to get away, but this year it’s been different.” “There are still a few international tourists floating around,” he says. Beth Hunt of Sugar Juice Café said going into lockdown had been a “bit of a hassle,” but more recently things have picked up. “We’re basically way

busier than normal,” she said. “We’ve started doing really well, especially on weekends with people coming down the coast, though some week days it’s been a bit quiet.” Craig Dingle of the Dreamtime Surf Shop also says things got busier after the end of lockdown. “There were still lots of tourists around at that stage who were trying to leave the country. You don’t see so much of them now, though New Zealand tourism has definitely grown.” He recalls a large influx of Aucklanders one weekend after Auckland moved down from Level 3.

He says the town usually gets the overseas tourists from November onwards, so it would be interesting to see what happens then, and whether the gap left by their absence will be filled by New Zealanders. Rosie Corkill of Pastimes says “thanks to the very good support from the locals” they are getting back to normal conditions. The wage subsidy made a big difference for her business, she said, although lockdown did mean it wasn’t always as easy getting stock. “By Christmas we should be back to normal, and hopefully next year we will have the tourists back again.” She has noticed more

New Zealand tourists coming through town. “I think I’ve been talking to more people from the south Island than anywhere else,” she says. Ali Hayward of Fish Chips & More says she is pleased at how well some of the systems she has put in place like the server window have worked. She has noted more people have been using the COVID app. “Business has been steady. In some ways things have changed a little. In the last month we’ve seen lots of visitors from out of town. The wage subsidy has been fantastic.”

ADELPHOS

This election year of 2020 is literally about making life and death decisions. Your three voting decisions are about New Zealand’s future welfare—regarding the recreational use of cannabis, the continued liberalisation of abortion laws ending the development of “human” life in a mother’s womb and the introduction of euthanasia. Who ever thought that an addictive and harmful substance such as cannabis would be legalised as a recreational fun drug? Research scientists are divided in their classifications and refer to cannabis as having

depressant, hallucinogenic and stimulant affects. As a secondary school guidance counsellor I saw firsthand the personal, family and academic devastation weed has had upon the lives of my young clients. Cannabis use in teenagers is directly associated with depression, cognitive and brain impairment, anxiety and suicidality. We’re halfway down cannabis’ slippery slope already. Shall Kiwis vote yes and choose to hit rock bottom? If so, I imagine the government will then invest another billion in health, education and welfare to serve as the ambulance

The Slippery Slope

at the bottom of the cliff to remedy the inevitably resulting cannabis abuse problems in our society. With abortion, the proposed new slippery slope laws are some of the most extreme in the world. The new legislation does not discuss when life begins. The reason is that all biologists will admit that “human” developmental life begins immediately with the formation of the first cellular zygote genome containing both parents’ DNA. Claims otherwise contradict the science and are political and emotional appeals. (See Opunake and Coastal News,

Adelphos article, “Abortion” July 16, 2020, page 6). Secondly, the proposed law has removed the 20 week time limitation on disability abortions. In Britain there are increasing late term abortions for cleft lip, club foot and minor fixable disabilities. Thirdly, even though over 90% of public submissions opposed the bill, Kiwis were denied the opportunity to speak to the Abortion Legislation Committee. Most political parties agreed with this silencing to rush the legislation. There are six other concerning issues hidden in this bill that would go beyond

the scope of this article. Regarding end of life interventions, people already have a choice. An individual can refuse medical treatment even if it facilitates his or her death. Section 11 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 states, “Everyone has the right to refuse to undergo any medical treatment.” But there’s a difference between “allowing” a person to die due to their medical condition and “intentionally” causing a patient’s death. The problem is that overseas examples show us that the availability of euthanasia as a “right” has expanded to people with dis-

abilities, mental illnesses and chronic conditions, including children. These are the three future slippery slope issues we may descend into if the cannabis, abortion and euthanasia proposed legislation is enacted. In the past 43 years the half dozen liberal amendments to the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act of 1977 have proven how slippery the slope can get on abortion practices alone. In the next 40 years imagine how future amendments for all three issues will affect our mokopuna. Your vote will decide their future. *Adelphos*

Open letter from Climate Justice Taranaki to Minister Megan

Dear Minister Woods,
Re: *Transfer of Maari Field from OMV to Jadestone*
Climate Justice Taranaki urge you and NZ Petroleum and Minerals to halt the granting of consent for the change of operatorship and transfer of interest of the Maari Field from OMV to Jadestone Energy. We see hugely unjustifiable risk of such a transfer, mirroring the regrettable economic burden and environmental threats on Aotearoa, resulting from the liquidation of Tamarind Taranaki Ltd, which owned and operated the Tui Field. We cannot understand how all this was allowed to happen while Tamarind Resources’ other subsidiary, Tamarind

NZ Onshore Taranaki, is free to continue its operation in Taranaki unaffected. We are extremely concerned over the integrity and environmental performance of the Maari field operation, with the aging FSPO Raroa, noting the many documented incidents and oil spills associated with the operation over the years. Safe operation and the eventual decommissioning of this, and other, fields will require substantial financial and technical capability and a robust legal framework. A case in point, a 40-tonne piece of mooring equipment from the offline Woollybutt oilfield off Western Australia was reported floating in the ocean in August this year,

causing serious navigation hazard. The mooring system had a design life of five years and fatigue life of 15 years, but had been left in the field for 17 years. Another case from Australia, Woodside Petroleum, operator of an oil production site in the Timor Sea from 1999-2016, sold the operation to Northern Oil and Gas Australia (Noga). The operation was shut down in 2019 because of corrosion at the site with the potential to cause “multiple fatalities”. Noga entered voluntary administration and subsequent liquidation in February this year. Woodside refuses any liability for the \$200 million needed to clean up the site. Experts advised

the Australian authorities to introduce “trailing liability” which requires site owners to be liable for decommissioning even after sales of an operation, and to ensure financial guarantee. We are aware that the NZ government is currently reviewing the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA) and the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf Act 2012 (EEZ Act) to strengthen the regulatory framework for decommissioning petroleum infrastructure and the associated enforcement tools. Notably, we understand that the government has taken policy decisions to amend the

CMA to: *“Impose a statutory obligation on all current and future petroleum permit and licence holders to decommission their infrastructure, as an integral part of their petroleum mining operations, and extend this obligation to former permit and licence holders in the case of a transfer...”* We ask that any proposed sales or transfer of ownership and operatorship of oil and gas fields, on and offshore, be blocked at least until the CMA, EEZ Act and any other required legislation are properly in place, to ensure that companies are

fully liable for responsible decommissioning, environmentally and socially. Indeed, we do not support any extension of expiring petroleum permits or transfer of ownership or operatorship of existing permits, on or offshore, due to the climate emergency which requires urgent and progressive action to cut our fossil fuel reliance and support genuine solutions. We sincerely hope you would consider our request and look forward to a response. *Catherine Cheung*
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Change comes with change in seasons

Spring is here, and with it the crazy but warmer weather. Along with the change in season there have been a few other changes that have happened or are coming up.

Eltham and Waverley have been allocated funding from the Waka Kotahi (The NZ Transport Agency's) Innovative Street Fund and council has asked for your ideas on how to create safer crossing points, slow down traffic and make our town more vibrant and welcoming. I hope you've either been in to the Library or emailed in your ideas and comments.

The next step is draft



Karen Cave.

plans being drawn up and presented back to the community in October before being finalised in November. Street treatments will be installed in February-March and monitored to see

how they are working so adjustments can be made if necessary.

The yellow lid recycling bin changes have come into effect. It's a good time to have a chat to those in your household and remind them not to squash containers, rinse bottles, and to remove lids, while also reminding them it's only plastics 1, 2, and 5 that are now able to go in the yellow bin. Plastics 3, 4, 6, and 7 now need to go in your red lidded landfill wheelie bin.

Our Green waste bins sticker would usually expire at the end of September, but this time because of COVID-19 we have an extra

month and so they will now expire at the end of October. And the weather has been a bit warmer so it's nice to get out in the garden and get weeding. The Green waste stickers are available to purchase from your Library Plus, or Council office.

You may have noticed that Lis Balderston the Eltham branch librarian has moved on. Congratulations to Billie Sculpher the new Eltham branch librarian.

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Supergirl in Warea Road is the latest work from Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk.

Te Kiri WI look forward to International Day

The Te Kiri Women's Institute met on September 10. President Sue opened the meeting and the Aspirations were read by the 13 members present.

We made \$106.00 from the Dutch Auction and donated \$100.00 to Medical Research as per the meeting motion.

President Sue reported on the STFWI President's meeting, where they discussed the latest remits for AGM/Conference. They voted on the new WI badge competition entries and discussed the raffle.

There was discussion on WI selling calendars. This is not supported by STFWI. Members are able to book now to attend the unveiling of the Jerome Spencer statue in Napier in 2021.

The International Day this year is on Monday November 9, and will celebrate Turkey. A lunch will be held in the Turquoise Café on High Street in Hawera.

WIs were asked if they wanted to hold the Bowls tournament and enter teams once it was decided. Some members are interested.

Daffodil Day on August 28 in Opunake went very well and over \$5000.00 will be donated to the Cancer Society this year.

A past long term member

Mrs Mick Clapham has just died 46 days before her 100th Birthday. Our Secretary is to send a card to her daughter Judith Mullin, also a past member.

The raffle was won by Jean Evans. Members support the Puppy Dog each month and donations were made for this.

The roll call was a plant exchange, which was well supported. Lots of cuttings, plants, dahlia bulbs, iris plants and ground covers found new homes.

Competitions: Bloom 1.. Pauline Clough, 2. Sue Muggeridge, 3. Merle Clement. Shrub. 1. Pauline Clough. 2. Sue Muggeridge. 3. Merle Clement. Cooking. 1. Joy Collins. 2. Heather

Radford. 3. Daphne Holley. Handcraft. 1. Joy Collins.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm and a scrumptious afternoon tea was enjoyed. The Te Kiri Women's Institute is a happy and very friendly group of ladies from all walks of life. The competitions are voluntary, and fun, no rivalry. It is a safe environment to develop home skills. It is a lovely afternoon once a month on the second Thursday at 1.30pm to 3.30pm. If you would like to know more, then please contact Daphne on 021 128 1680 for a chat.

Daphne Holley.

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John Daniel Hall of Hawera has an ancient Bible that has been handed down through the generations of his family since 1877 – 143 years and counting.

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Inside the large leather bound Bible are the handwritten details of transfer starting with: January 1st 1877 At the death of myself John Cole This Book is to be forwarded to John Hall as A Token of Love. Witness May Ann Hall (illegible) Hutt.

The Bible was printed in London by George E Eyre and William Spottiswood, Printers to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty for the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Queen, at that time was, of course, Queen Victoria who reigned until 1901.

The next handwritten entry states: At my Death this Bible is to be given to my son Morley Kirk Hall As a Token of Love, John Hall, Dated March 7th 1909.

The next entry reads: January 21st 1945. At my death this Bible is to be given to my eldest son William as a token of Love. Elizabeth Hall. A.M. Hall. Witness. Hawera.



John Daniel Hall with the ancient Bible.

On January 31st 1957 is written: At My Death this Bible is to be given to my eldest son John Daniel as a token of Love. Lily Louisa Hall. A.D. Hall, witness. Hawera.

This entry refers to the John Daniel Hall who told our newspaper about this unique Bible.

Another entry must be mentioned: At my Death this Bible is to be given to my eldest son Gary John Hall as a token of Love. John

D. Hall 13/11/74. Witness Jacqueline Y. Hall 13-11-74. Jacqueline, often known as Jackie, was John Daniel's wife, who sadly passed away several years ago.

Gary kindly returned the Bible to his father so he could show it to our newspaper.

Also, inside the Bible are handwritten notes pertaining to the births and deaths of relatives, where they lived and cemetery locations, marriage dates and much more.

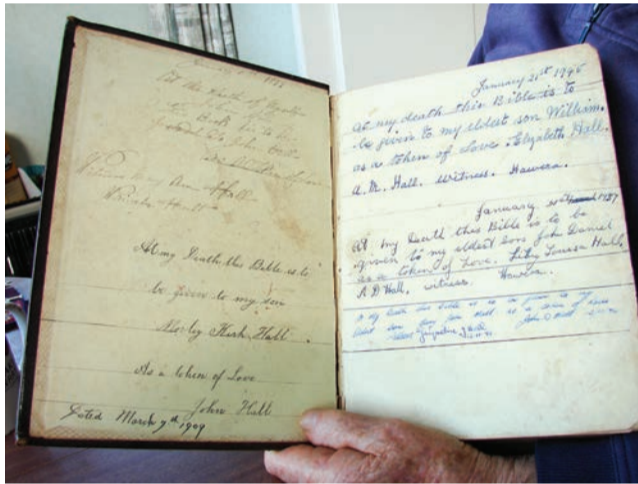
There were a few loose items, within the Bible's pages, such as a Happy Birthday card from the Hawera Methodist Church, dated 31.1.36 to John Daniel Hall acknowledging his third birthday. It is signed by A. Rowe and published by AH Reed, Dunedin.

What an interesting Bible to have been privileged to write about, with its

intriguing information about John Daniel Hall's forebears. Many thanks John.

It is amazing to consider that when the first people read this Bible in 1887, women were not able to

vote (until 1893), yet, as we await the forthcoming General Election when – whatever happens – New Zealand will almost certainly have a woman prime minister.



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CFO CRAIG DINGLE

recruit for October and the other in March next year, still very frustrating.

Driver training in the replacement 2010 Iveco truck was complete in the weekend and the Iveco should be operational in Opunake by the end of this month.

Just a note of warning, disposing ash from your fire needs to be done with care. It is surprising how

much retained heat is kept in the condensed ash. One callout we had lately was to a compost that had ignited when pot ash had been applied. Although ash is really good for your garden, be careful how you dispose of it.

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Lock up your skip to keep your business fire safe

Fire and Emergency New Zealand is encouraging businesses to lock up their rubbish skips to avoid potentially dangerous fires.

This comes after Nelson firefighters attended three skip fires in the CBD. The

padlocks, keep them away from buildings, and if possible, fenced off from the public," Mr Turek says.

"Skips are often filled with cardboard, paper and other flammable material. It doesn't take much for a small fire to become a large

one, he says.

The mobility of skips can also increase fire risks.

"They generally have wheels, so can easily be pushed up against a wall and a fire limited to a contained area can spread to a building," Mr Turek says.

Mr Turek recommends having security lighting around commercial

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Alan Clay favours building a sustainable future

Alan Clay is standing for the Green Party Aotearoa NZ, contesting the Whanganui electorate. (The sitting MP is Harete Hipango). Now 65, Alan had a very early introduction to national politics – he was just 18 when he contested the East Coast Bays seat in Auckland, standing as a Labour Party candidate. This time his focus is seeking the Party vote for the Greens. He is ranked 29th on their List.

Alan is the son of the late Dame Marie Clay, arguably New Zealand's greatest educator. She is best known for her establishment of Reading Recovery, a wide-ranging remedial programme, which focuses on six to seven-year-old students whose literacy skills are below expectations for their age.

Alan has had a rich and varied vocational background. He has written five books (including three novels) and is an award-winning film script writer. He has also worked as a drama teacher. He was born in Whanganui and spent his formative years in Castlecliff, as well as Auckland. He currently lives in Whanganui.

He points out that it is unclear how much support his party has, as opinion polls vary greatly from below 5% up



Green Party candidate for Whanganui electorate Alan Clay.

to 11.5% as in a recent Roy Morgan Poll.

Alan would like people to consider splitting their vote between the Greens and the Labour Party.

He is well aware of some negative publicity concerning the \$11.7 million of funding (whether this is a grant or loan is still being negotiated), which was allocated to the Green School from the \$1.9 billion Covid make-work programme.

The Green School – which has no connection to the Green Party – is located near Oakura and this project creates 200 jobs.

Alan points out that Government financial

support for other worthy projects in Taranaki far exceed this figure.

He has spent recent days visiting a number of Taranaki schools with the two co-leaders James Shaw and Marama Davidson to get a clear idea of their needs and aspirations. "They know we have their best interests at heart," Alan comments. "We'll champion public education." He adds, "The education vote to rebuild and repair public schools in this past term has been 2.3 billion dollars."

Issues such as climate change are very important to Alan. "It is the main issue facing our generation." He

warns, "We have to address it now, even though we are in a social crisis (due to Covid)." He admires the stand taken by the sixteen-year-old environmental activist Greta Thunberg.

Alan supports the stance taken in controlling the Covid crisis. "The Green Party supports Jacinda's handling of the crisis." He points out that his Party's handling of the crisis has also been good. "The Associate Minister of Health through this period has been Green MP Julie Anne Genter. She is the only health minister who did not have to resign during Covid."

Supporting the Arts is important to Alan. "We intend to make more money available for community arts, which will help to bring the communities together, to build teamwork and promote understanding within our communities."

However, it is building a sustainable future that is central to Alan's campaign this year. "We are currently investing a huge amount of money to keep the country afloat during Covid," he explains "and we need to invest this wisely to build a sustainable future – that way the investment generates a return to pay for itself."

Hillary Kieft, Independent candidate is pro life and family values

I am a proud wife, mother of five with two adorable grandchildren.

I am very passionate about the sanctity of life, strengthening families and supporting our tamariki.

This extends to the farming sector and the well-being of farming families.

I understand the challenges and opportunities our families and communities face with 17 years hands on grassroots experience, heart and drive for my

community.

I will represent diversity, commitment and experience to all sectors.

My husband and I have worked in the dairy farming industry for over 20 years and believe the farming sector is the backbone of New Zealand, and look to support them any way I can. As a strong whanau advocate I would also like to see services like Oranga Tamariki replaced with transparent, accountable

and quick response agencies to serve Whanau.

I have worked locally as an advocate for immigration cases and am very active within my community for over 20 years especially in the child and youth sector.

I am a Pro-Life and Parental lobbyist for over 17 years. I have also worked in the hospitality industry as a fully qualified chef, managing a small business for 30 years.

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important part of our economy and I would like to see changes around secondary tax laws.

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National will accelerate safety improvements



Nicola Willis MP, roading expert Tom Cloke, Jonathan Young MP and Chris Bishop MP at the SH3.

National will have shovels ready when they come into office, Jonathan Young, National MP for New Plymouth says, speaking about the safety improvements on SH3 between New Plymouth and Waitara.

“Although I welcome the recent announcement of safety improvements for New Plymouth to Egmont Village, the very long delays in getting construction underway for the safety improvements from New Plymouth to Waitara have been starkly brought into focus through another fatality and serious injuries on this dangerous section of road.”

In the last decade 15 people have died on this stretch of road, the most recent only last week, and many more have been seriously injured. The 12-kilometre stretch includes 12 uncontrolled intersections, two of which are among the country’s worst 20.

“I’m disappointed that Andrew Little’s and Phil Twyford’s flying visit to

New Plymouth in November 2018, with promised urgent safety improvements has amounted to nothing. Many regional projects have been delayed to funnel money into the Auckland light rail project and this seems to be the case for our most dangerous intersections here in Taranaki.

“I’ve received information

saying work won’t start at the State Highway 3 intersections for another two years. That’s six years after the business case was approved in May 2016.

“According to Phil Twyford, the project was meant to be completed by the end of 2021, and now it won’t start until a year after that date. This timeframe is

completely unacceptable,” says Mr Young.

“This stretch of road with multiple unsafe intersections will be prioritised under a National Government, including redesigning the very dangerous intersection between SH3 and Egmont Road. Where Labour talks, National delivers.”

We must prevent years of debt servicing

Heather was born and raised in Opunake. Her father, Wilfred (‘Wolf’) Smith, founded the Opunake Surf Club and also served on the Borough Council when the late Bob Hughson was mayor. Local government and the way it is funded is a central theme in Heather’s campaign, as rising rates threaten the viability of family farms and small business. She wrote her

party’s submission opposing Rodney Hide’s 2009 Local Government Borrowing Bill, but National proceeded with the establishment of the LG Funding Agency which sells local body debt on the money markets. “It has taken the Covid19 crisis to reveal that our Reserve Bank has the power to create credit,” she points out, “even though it goes to the big commercial banks first under Labour’s



Heather Marion Smith Social Credit candidate for Whanganui.

‘funding-to-lend’ scheme”. Heather stresses the importance of getting Social Credit MPs back into Parliament in order to prevent the “decades of debt-servicing” predicted by Finance Minister Robertson. “We owe it to our moko-puna to give them an economically sound future,” she says. Heather Marion Smith, Social Credit candidate for Whanganui electorate

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The Government drops the ball

There's no country better suited to hosting the 2020 Rugby Championship than Aotearoa, New Zealand. In fact, Sanzaar initially said we were the preferred host. New Zealand put in the hard yards to eliminate Covid-19 and we talked about the opportunities that could come our way as a result of our efforts, particularly the hosting of large scale and international sporting events; tennis, rugby, sailing, cricket, as well as concerts, things currently impossible in other parts of the world. Of all sports, it is a shock that this nation should miss out on rugby – a game beloved and synonymous with our culture and identity. The six-week, 12



Harete Hipango MP for Whanganui.

match tournament would have brought tourism, jobs and an economic boost when we needed it most. It would have provided that boost to our regions and tourism centres that called out for visitors and Government support following the initial lockdown, and struck further hardships when the temporary Wage Subsidy

Extension ended and New Zealand retreated to Alert Level 2 and 3 due to poor border management. Some estimate the value (and now the loss) of the Rugby Championship to be as high as \$100 million.

It's clear the Labour-led Government dropped the ball on this one. Sanzaar CEO Andy Marinos said it came down to "government-required quarantine protocols [for entry and training prior to the tournament] and commercial underwriting," and that Australia's submission was the more "desirable and workable..." It's disappointing that our current leaders couldn't

score this win for us, and furthermore palmed off any blame, suggesting the decision came down to Sanzaar politics.

As a former competitive sportswoman and devout supporter of New Zealand sport and rugby, I will be watching, but unfortunately not from the stands of one of New Zealand's premier stadiums.

Similarly, I couldn't be on the side-lines at Inglewood for the opening round of the Mitre 10 Cup, Taranaki vs. Bay of Plenty. It was a significant game for fans of Yarrows Taranaki Bulls as two Barrett brothers and current All Blacks, Jordie in his debut, and Beauden, were on the field in the amber and black jersey – now a family tradition. Due to Alert Level 2 conditions, crowds were restricted, however I understand that Taranaki Rugby, TET Stadium and organisers put on a fantastic afternoon for the members and sponsors invited. The celebrations continued over the weekend when Taranaki beat Canterbury bringing the Log o' Wood home.

Tūmeke Taranaki. It has been confirmed that two Bledisloe Cup matches will go ahead in New Zealand this October. However, with more potential events on the horizon, it is imperative that the Government does not make the same mistakes and

risk losing out. There must be flexibility and common sense and an opportunity for New Zealanders and businesses to start reaping the rewards of going "hard and early."

Hawera visit for candidate and minister

With the election a little over three weeks away Steph Lewis is making her second attempt at winning the Whanganui seat for Labour. In 2017 she finished 1706 votes behind Harete Hipango(National), the current MP.

This time round, Steph says some telephone polling they have carried out indicates a "very very close race in this electorate."

On Friday Steph was in Hawera with Justice minister Andrew Little. After a lunchtime meeting in Hawera, they were looking forward to a visit to the Green Hydrogen plant at Kapuni.

"I'm quite excited to see what they are doing out there and where the future is headed for transitioning to sustainable energy," says Steph. "It's a real chance for us to be world leaders and sell to the world stage."

"I'm quite excited to see anything I've been involved with being announced," she says.

Steph says she is pleased with the way the campaign has been going.

"We've run out of signs, and we've never had that problem before, so we've had to order more in," she



Steph Lewis, Labour Party candidate for Whanganui talks with Justice Minister Andrew Little.

Steph says health remains a big issue with the need to attract and retain health professionals.

"If elected I want to be involved as part of a Jacinda Ardern led second term government."

Andrew Little knows Taranaki, having grown up in New Plymouth, and twice stood for New Plymouth. This election he is a list only candidate.

"I'm privileged to be able to get around and support different candidates. This is an area I know reasonably well from my forays in New Plymouth," he says.

Things changed when Auckland went into Alert Level 3 and the election date was pushed back.

"The energy went out of the

campaign and then it geared back up again. It's really only this week that the campaign has got under way," he says. "I think this will go down in the history books as one of the most interesting election campaigns ever."

He says the issues are clear. "New Zealanders have seen with the right leadership, and the leadership that Jacinda has provided, that we've got through COVID-19 better than anybody else."

For the last two years, Steph has chaired the Labour Party's Economic Development Policy Committee. At the time she was speaking to the Opunake and Coastal News the Labour Party's regional development policy was being released.

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Critical that we have representation in government

As I move around the electorate, I continue to be enthused by the interest in both the up-coming election and also our province.

At times when I have visited energy businesses and those in the agriculture sector, I have done so with some trepidation. Being the Labour candidate for New Plymouth must mean that I am evil in my thoughts towards the two industries which are the backbone of our local economy – right?

There have been changes over the past three years, and while I have not been involved with them in Wellington, they do directly affect our lives here in Taranaki.

Thankfully, the vast majority of the leaders and workers that I have met and strategised with understand Labour's end game. It's a matter of how we get there.

It has been a fascinating exercise for me personally so far; a steep learning curve, but one I'm relishing. Some of the most vocal criticisms from the energy sector have been around



Glen Bennett, Labour Party candidate for New Plymouth.

a lack of consultation. As a facilitator of the 2050 Roadmap for Taranaki, I understand the different needs and desires from the varying stakeholders.

I want to be your voice in government and work with each of these groups to ensure our future. Of course, there is only one poll that matters, the one on October 17. But unless there is a significant change, Labour is likely to lead the next government.

It is, therefore, critical that we have representation in government, as opposed to opposition.

Yes, I want to see further diversification of energy, but at the same time I want to ensure that we preserve jobs. I was heartened in a recent meeting with Todd Energy when they told me that their number of employees has increased in the last three years.

Moreover, the total number of people engaged in the energy sector at December 2019 was approximately 7,000, which was the same as 2015.

Todd, of course, were awarded a new on-shore exploration permit earlier this year and are looking

positively towards the future. So, too, are OMV, who previously purchased Shell. They are nearing the completion of a \$15M refurbishment of their New Plymouth headquarters. Both companies are clearly committed to our province and they are also committed to transition.

Methanex also told me in a recent meeting that they have no plans of exiting Taranaki. They have a current gas supply arrangement that extends through until 2029.

My job as MP will be to ensure that we get the balance right – for the businesses, for the employees, for our environment and for our country.

It is never easy finding the common ground. But having fronted these key players in our province, I'm confident that when I become MP for New Plymouth, there is a path there waiting for me to go down.

We need a strong Maori voice

Our electorate needs a strong Māori voice. I will be a champion for all Te Tai Hauāuru, will be seen on the ground, will always remain accountable, and will fight for our whānau, whenua and wai - for our rights to be upheld.

I grew up in Pātea with whānau who committed to an aggressive strategy of education, which ended up with me as an adult student at University of Tasmania and Stanford University.

In my early career I set up small businesses as a single mum and went on to serve in Māori broadcasting and



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, Maori Party Te Tai Hauauru.

as Deputy Mayor for South Taranaki. I currently serve Ngāti Ruanui as Kaiarataki, working over the last six years to stop seabed mining,

leading whānau health solutions and supporting rangatahi to develop skills so they can achieve their dreams.

During this campaign I have released a range of detailed policies that seek to:

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- Address inequities in health, justice and education
- Protect Papatūānuku and take strong action on climate change
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have your support to be a strong Māori voice for Te Tai Hauāuru in Parliament. You have two votes in this election, one for your local candidate and one for your preferred party. Giving us your candidate vote will increase our electorate's representation while ensuring our kaupapa are advanced at the national level.

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Mac Sole Episode 26 Sport from school onwards

My life in sport has had its ups and downs. At primary school I was able to play my part in all school sports such as the Dixon Banner. Fraser Road had its own senior hockey team which played in the South Taranaki competition and was able to hold its own against any of the teams. Our shirts were white with a black star on the chest. I played with this team for two years. As I remember softball was a sport that was fairly popular in Hawera at one stage and was played on Bailey Park across the road from Hawera High School. I played, but it was not a sport I found great interest in, although I was chosen to play for South Taranaki.

As for cricket, I played for Hawera old Boys for one season with the senior side. I enjoyed playing and although I was fairly capable I couldn't really become dedicated as I think I should have. I did get on well with my team mates such as Curly Ireland and Peter Manaia. I did give the players of any team we played a hard time verbally, which upset a few of them, but of course this put them off their game.



A rugged game of rugby.

With rugby, I started with the Hawera Club Fourth Grade, then to Third Grade for a couple of years. It is worth recording that my first coach was Dodie Wineera, who, in his later years of life was a gentleman who played for the Maori All Blacks in 1924 I believe.

I was asked to play for the Senior side straight from the third Grade. The senior coach was Darkie Robinson,

a family friend who has a farm on the Austin Road. Although I went to the Seniors, playing players of more senior years was of no concern to me as I was very fit and hardened; much of this fitness was brought on by race cycling, of which I'll write about later.

Now a little side issue on my fitness; in 1952 I enlisted for the army to go and fight in Korea. What a

shock I was in for as I didn't pass my medical, as the army doctor recorded it was my blood which would react badly to the heat in Korea and I could only serve in the temperate zones. No one knew of my enlisting so on not passing my medical I was embarrassed at being so fit and yet turned down by the army. It was years before I spoke of it, not even my parents knew.

Consumers paying millions too much for mobile phone plans

Telcos are earning millions of dollars in extra revenue from selling mobile phone plans that don't meet customers' needs, say ConsumerNZ.

Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy said the mobile bill report, released by the Commerce Commission, showed a third of post-pay customers were paying too much.

About 25 percent were spending \$139 a year more than needed to cover

their usage. Another seven percent were paying as much as \$584 extra a year.

"Telcos are earning millions extra in revenue from selling plans to these customers that are too pricey for their needs," Duffy said.

A major problem consumers faced when choosing a plan was weighing up the confusing array of options.

"Creating confusion has been a long-standing marketing tactic in the

industry. Telcos rely on it to reduce the likelihood consumers will shop around," he said.

Consumer NZ's research shows just 33 percent of consumers think it's very easy to compare mobile plans. Only 38 percent think it's very easy to switch companies.

Duffy welcomed the commission's investigation into telcos' pricing.

"Telcos know when a customer isn't on the best

plan and is paying over the odds. They should be required to tell their customers this and not just sit back reaping the gains."

The commission is also calling on telcos to provide consumers with easy access to information about their usage and spending.

Duffy said this data was crucial for consumers to tell if they were being sold a product that was much more expensive than they needed to pay.

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Previously, the closest branches to the coastal region were at New Plymouth and Hawera, with service virtually ending at Rahotu and Manaia.

Sales at Opunake in the first year amounted to 5000 pounds but some 25 years later were more

than \$200,000.

In 1953 the shop floor was replaced — stiletto heels then fashionable were piercing rotting floor boards — but even so the branch was operating from inferior premises with an old shed at the rear providing storage space.

Later, the building was altered to incorporate the shed and the shop under one roof but, with increasing trade, it was becoming obvious that new premises would soon be needed.

The Opunake branch was one of the last of Newton King premises

Newton King's Opunake headquarters.

to operate from long-standing premises.

In 1976 a much more modern building, with suitable yard space, was purchased in the coastal town to act as headquarters.

Later, a produce store was added and the old property sold.

The Opunake branch complete: Newton King's service to all parts of Taranaki and assures this rich dairying area of all stock and station requirements.

The Taranaki Daily News celebrates Newton King in 1979.

Newton King may be less famous than his younger brother, but the company he founded played a big part in the Taranaki dairy industry.

Newton King was born in New Plymouth in 1855. His father had been an MP, and his younger brother Frederic Truby King is today best known as the founder of the Plunket Society.

In 1879 Newton King founded the stock and station company that bears his name. In 1910 Newton King Ltd set up its first branch in South Taranaki at Kaponga. When they set up a branch in Opunake in 1946 they finally had branches around the coast.

One man who knows the Newton King name well and who worked for them for many years is Opunake resident Graham Payne. He

recently dropped by at the Opunake and Coastal News with the supplement in the Taranaki Daily News which marked the centenary of Newton King Ltd in 1979.

Graham remembers the days Newton King and Taranaki Farmers had the Taranaki stock and station market sewed up between them. Each had their own saleyards, branches, stock agents and auctioneers.

The Opunake saleyards were run by Taranaki Farmers, while Newton King had Rahotu, and the ones at Stoney river and Kaponga were run by both.

Graham began with Newton King as a 16 year-old junior office boy franking envelopes and collecting mail at the New Plymouth office. From there he made his way up to cashier and then booking clerk in the livestock department. This meant going with the auctioneers to all the livestock sales in North Taranaki, from

Awakino to Rahotu and Inglewood, before becoming one himself.

"The auctioneers were generally older people who came through the ranks, and were experienced as stockmen and valuers," recalls Graham. "Frank and Arthur Lander were

notorious in their day as auctioneers and both were very experienced. In the south you had Bernie Kelly and Bob Dunlop, and Clive Wheeler from Stratford."

Working for the competition at Taranaki Farmers were the likes of Bill Bailey, Bill Marshall



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The Taranaki icon that was Newton King



Graham Payne in full flight as an auctioneer in the late 1970s.

Road. Each had their own idiosyncratic way of bidding, whether it be a wink, or the raising of an eyebrow, and the auctioneers always recognised them.

The auctioneers were well regarded in their local community and had developed speaking skills that could be put to good use in other ways. An obvious example was legendary horse racing commentator Peter Kelly. Others put their skills to use as announcers for the Grand Parade at the local A & P Show, their auctioneering training being put to good use getting their tongues around the names of some of the pedigree cattle as they were led on to the showgrounds.

In 1972, Graham was Newton King's main auctioneer for North Taranaki, and attended all the clearing sales and other auctions for the next 15 years.

Since then the stock and station business has changed, and what was once Newton King is now PGG Wrightsons. The site which was once home to the Opunake branch of Newton King Ltd is now home to Coastal Agri-Services.

and the colourful Bernie Mann at Hawera, known for riding his horse Dolly from North Cape to Bluff.

Graham remembers the "mainly Irish descent traders" he met as a booking clerk. "Every district had them," he says. These included Donnie Woods at New Plymouth, Eric Sole at Bell Block, Ned Mahony at Hawera, and "Scully" Wells at Rahotu.

"They were very experienced in presenting dairy cattle to the extent that they did not milk calved cattle the day of the sale," says Graham. "They would ease out a bit of milk out of one udder so it didn't look

lopsided."

These were the days when cattle would be sold on a fortnight trial, but hardly any would ever be taken back.

Graham recalls the sale held every year in a "pretty run-down saleyard" on the Wiremu Road, which was known as "Segar's Circus" with agent Ian Segar at the helm. Later agents were Bob Barrowclough and Ron Brewer.

"The stock agents were very experienced for both companies," says Graham. The sales would be accompanied by a lot of canvassing, not just at the saleyards, but at the pub and the dairy factory.

Cattle sales were major events with up to 150 dairy heifers being up for sale. Pedigree sales for all breeds of cattle would always draw a crowd in the days before AB took off.

The many clearing sales held around the province were community events in their own right with ladies putting on afternoon tea.

"There was never any ill feeling, whether it was a good sale or an average sale," says Graham. "You never had bad sales."

These sales would attract well-known regulars like Bill Myers from Okaiawa, and Ted and Richard Morrow from Kahui

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He says the socks are made of bamboo fibre. "I wear them all the time as an insulin dependent diabetic," he comments.

Scarpas also sells special insoles for people who may have problems such as flat feet, plantar fasciitis, Achilles tendonitis and heel spin, as well as sensitive skin. One of the quality products David sells is Scholl's Realign Advantage, which can relieve heel pain, knee pain and aching legs.

David says he often has clients call by who have been sent by doctors who know of his comprehensive range of products to help people with foot problems.

Scarpas also sells a range of insoles for ordinary feet such as ones for the wearers of slippers, or work boot



A sock for a diabetic on the wearer, who is the owner David Deacon.

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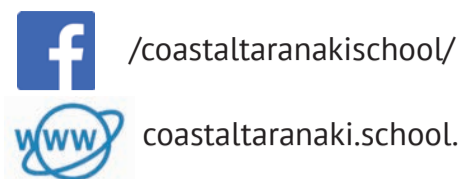
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BIKE TRACK OPENS

Coastal Taranaki School bike track had its Grand Opening celebration on Sunday 24th July. FOCTS (Friends of Coastal Taranaki School) have been busy over the last year fundraising, holding weekend working bees, and have put in countless hours of volunteer time. In addition to the bike track, new helmets and bikes were purchased for the students to use during school time. The bike track is open to the community after 3.30 pm, use at own risk. Please park on the street as school gates will be locked at end of school day. Cycle safety workshops were held to assist with preparing our students and determining their capabilities on the new bike track. Students learnt how to safely stop, start, balance and ride on the pump track.



PROJECT BASED LEARNING

The senior school enjoyed the opportunity recently to view Project Based Learning presentations. PBL is our opportunity for students to have more ownership and decision making in relation to their learning. It is a space in our timetable to deliberately focus on the development of Key Competencies which are; thinking, using language, symbols and text, managing self, relating to others, participating and contributing. PBL was interrupted by the lockdown and we delayed returning to PBL when we returned to site. Instead, we used the time to provide mentoring and support in the key curriculum areas as programmes were affected by their delivery through Distance Learning. This term we re-engaged our PBL teams and completed the initial projects.



SHOVEL READY

We are 'Shovel Ready' at Coastal Taranaki School with pending infrastructure developments, employment opportunities and a passion for improvement and sustainability of our environment. Along with our principals, teaching and support staff colleagues across our Taranaki Schools, we requested a meeting with Jacinda Ardern, Chris Hipkins, James Shaw, Neil Holdom, and Nicola Willis to this issue, and the wider issue of school funding.



UPCOMING EVENT - TERM 4

Coastal Taranaki School Calf and Lamb Day – Friday 16th October

RELATING TO OTHERS

On Monday 3 August we hosted Coco Flash and Erika into our school to meet our Senior students at lunchtime and answer any questions they had about their identity. They then read stories to the younger classes that were based on encouraging students to be themselves. The general theme promoted anti bullying and showing kindness to others. The New Zealand Curriculum is based on 5 key competencies. **Relating to others** is one of them. It is important that our students meet a wide range of people and know that their actions can affect others. It was a delight to have such colourful characters amongst us.



VERTICAL HORIZONS CAMP YEARS 5 & 6

Our Year 5 & 6 students finally got to go to camp! Because of Covid 19 and the lockdown at the beginning of the year our year 5 & 6 students have had to patiently wait for the chance to go to the rescheduled Vertical Horizons Camp. The weather in September was not quite as nice for swimming or the mud run but it didn't stop the kids jumping in and having the best time. Favourite activities were the Flying Kiwi, Raft Building, Movie night and eating the yummy dinners! Many thanks to the staff and parents who supported the students at camp.



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I felt nervous when I had my turn on the flying kiwi
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By Shae



COVID-19 not the only infectious disease NZ wants to eliminate

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Genome sequencing — the mapping of the genetic sequences of an organism — has helped track the spread of COVID-19 cases in Auckland, but it also plays an important role in the control of other infectious diseases in New Zealand.

One example is *Mycoplasma bovis*, a global cattle disease New Zealand also hopes to eliminate.

It was first detected on a South Island dairy farm in July 2017 and has subsequently been found on 250 properties across the country.. It remains active on one farm.

M. bovis causes a range of diseases in both adult cattle and calves, including pneumonia, arthritis, mastitis, conjunctivitis and middle ear infections. The original source of the incursion remains unknown, but the Ministry for Primary Industries, together with industry partners, runs a programme to eliminate *M. bovis* from New Zealand.

Sequencing, epidemiology and evolutionary modelling all help determine how it spread between infected farms. Understanding “who infected whom” is crucial for contact tracing and

control measures — and it applies whether a person is infected with COVID-19 or a cattle herd with *M. bovis*.

Eliminating human and animal pathogens

Several factors have contributed to the improvement in genome sequencing, including collaboration across New Zealand, an injection of new funding, and advances in modelling and visualisation.

This map shows how COVID-19 genome sequences track transmission routes. Next strain, supported by data from GISAID, CC BY-SA

In the case of COVID-19, the turnaround speed from test sample to viral genome sequence has increased dramatically, and the information is invaluable for New Zealand’s ongoing effort to eliminate community transmission.

Many disciplines and skill sets are involved in analysing genome data and linking viral or bacterial sequences with epidemiological data on specific cases. New Zealand scientists work with international colleagues at the forefront of global projects to turn genome sequencing data into information for policy and action.

Apart from New Zealand’s

effort to eliminate the cattle disease, other programs to control infectious diseases also benefit from genome sequencing. These include bacteria transmitted between animals and people, such as *Salmonella*, *E.coli* and *Campylobacter*..

Strategies to reduce food-borne *Campylobacter* infections in New Zealand are informed by “source attribution” models. These use bacterial sequences from human cases and animal hosts to determine the likely origin of human infection..

This information has helped the Ministry for Primary Industries and the food industry develop and implement policy to reduce the risk of food poisoning caused by *Campylobacter*.

From global to local control of infectious diseases

Genome sequencing, epidemiology and evolutionary modelling have combined to help understand transmission paths of infectious diseases at different scales. In New Zealand, these include the following:

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Dairy sector calls for action on rural mental health

To mark Mental Health Awareness Week in New Zealand, the dairy sector is calling for rural mental health to be a priority.

DairyNZ, Federated Farmers and Dairy Women's Network are concerned by the levels of mental health issues in rural communities, as illustrated in 'The View from the Cowshed' report released last month, and want to see action.

DairyNZ's report highlighted that rural mental health is an ongoing issue, with 62 percent of dairy farmers stating they, or someone on their farm, has experienced mental health issues in the past 12 months.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says sadly the statistics are not surprising, as mental health has been a recurring issue in rural communities for some time – but that needs to change.

"Farmers are operating in a challenging environment with a lot of variables –

financial pressures, weather impacts and new regulations. These things have a huge impact on farmer wellbeing and confidence," said Dr Mackle.

"This election we want to see funding for rural mental health made a priority and for politicians to consider the impacts their policies can have on farmer wellbeing.

"There are a range of sector-driven initiatives to support farmer wellbeing for themselves and their staff. But whoever forms the next Government needs to come to the party and help move the dial."

Federated Farmers dairy industry group chairperson Wayne Langford agrees something needs to change to improve mental health outcomes for farmers – and it needs to change soon.

"Farmers have been under the pump this year operating in an environment with a lot of uncertainty and pressure, whether that be from drought, banks or changing

regulations," Mr Langford said.

"It can be really challenging when you're living remotely, the pressure comes on, and you can't see a pathway forward.

"I'm a farmer myself and I've been there and felt these pressures - I still do at times. If you're in that place the best thing you can do is take a step back and a deep breath and reach out for help.

"We might not be able to change things like the weather, but we can change the level of support on offer and the way we talk about mental health issues in rural communities."

Dairy Women's Network CEO Jules Benton agreed that improving mental health outcomes for farmers must be a priority and reinforced the value of having a support system in place for rural communities.

"It's important that farmers are honest and encouraging with each other when we face challenges, and that we

build up our communities together," says Ms Benton.

"Rural communities are great at supporting each other during difficult times and we are fortunate to have support programmes in place through organisations like Rural Support Trust and FarmStrong.

"It was devastating to see that 62 percent of dairy farmers have had struggles with mental health issues in the last year. Seeing a number like that really drives home the importance of having this conversation."

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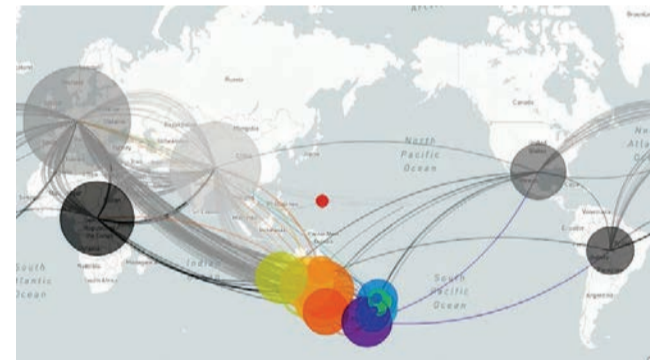
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wildlife, livestock and people in New Zealand, and between New Zealand and Australia in returning travellers

• identification of the source of New Zealand's largest outbreak of a waterborne *Campylobacter* infection, which affected more than 8,000 people and was caused by contamination of untreated groundwater with sheep faeces.

In recent years, the Ministry of Health has funded the Institute of Environmental Science and Research to routinely sequence bacteria that cause disease in people. This has supported the control of outbreaks of *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, bacterial meningitis and antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

New research at the New Zealand Food Safety Science and Research Centre



combines farm and factory-scale micro-mapping with genomics and modelling to control bacteria such as *Listeria* and *Campylobacter*. This helps our understanding of how microbes enter the food chain and how we can control them at the source.

Genome sequencing of new epidemics

We live in challenging times. We receive daily reminders of the consequences of our ability,

or inability, to prevent and control emerging pathogens. Genome sequencing and modelling provide powerful opportunities to improve the management of infectious diseases globally.

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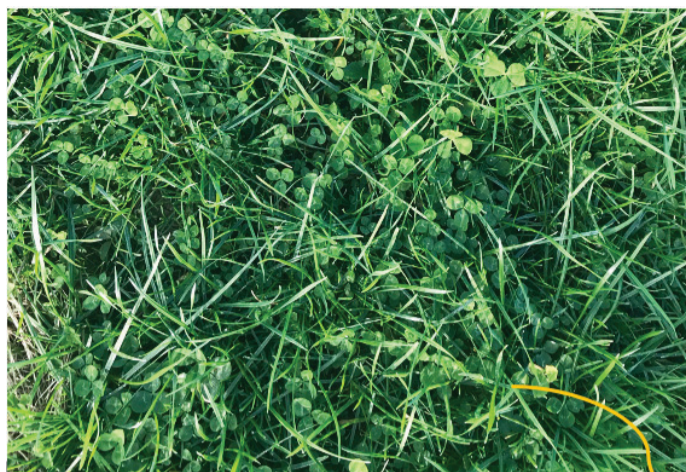
Emily House.

and fertiliser requirements. Pasture testing gives you the detail you need to make informed decisions around animal health, feeding and the effects of fertiliser use.

Fertiliser, feed and animal health costs typically make up 25-50% of all farm operating expenditure. These three things directly impact on animal performance and all are inextricably linked. The good news is that by ‘informing’ your decisions, pasture testing can help you save money. Consider the scenarios below:

Do you continue supplementing with magnesium?

Changes in the mineral composition of spring



Mineral	Levels (%DM)	Plant Growth	Animal Health
Phosphorus (P)	0.45	Sufficient	Excessive
Potassium (K)	3.7	Excessive	Excessive
Sulphur (S)	0.38	Excessive	Excessive
Calcium (Ca)	0.47	Sufficient	Insufficient
Magnesium (Mg)	0.19	Sufficient	Deficient

Typical spring pasture mineral levels. Status calculated with respect to pasture growth and animal performance requirements (500kg cow doing 2.2kg MS/day).

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flush pastures raises the question of whether current levels of macro mineral supplementation are appropriate. Do you need to continue supplementing?

What’s the risk to animal health if you don’t?

Spring pastures are generally higher in phosphorous, potassium and sulphur (these are more soluble and easier for plants to uptake), and lower in magnesium and calcium. To prevent subclinical and clinical metabolic disease it’s critical to get supplementation right going into peak production and mating. The only way you’ll know this is to confirm the mineral levels in the pasture (See picture).

If you enter mating with inadequate magnesium nutrition mating could be affected, even though the cows seem to be milking okay. For one client in Taranaki empty rate was reduced from 16% to 9% purely by providing sufficient magnesium supplementation. Considering the cost of an empty cow is estimated by Dairy NZ at \$1000, this makes for a significant saving of \$21,000 for this 300 cow herd.

Is your supplementary feed filling the gap?

Feed can make up a significant portion of

expenditure, particularly for Dairy farmers. However, there’s opportunity to reduce this spend by asking some pointed questions. What is the gap you’re trying to fill, and will the supplementary feed you’re using fill this gap? For example, do you need more energy, fibre or protein? Knowing your pasture profile allows you to be strategic and economic about your supplementary feed choices.

Can you reduce your fertiliser expenditure?

Choosing fertilisers that encourage plant uptake ensures that the nutrients reach the plant and don’t stay bound to the soil. On the other hand avoiding excessive nutrient uptake by pastures is also crucial for minimising animal health and performance issues. Excessive phosphorus, sulphur and potassium in spring pastures is more common than you might think and contributes to a

range of issues from reduced palatability and intakes, to subclinical and clinical metabolics.

The only way you’ll know how your fertiliser programme is affecting the pasture mineral levels is to take a paired soil and pasture test. Whether your goal is to encourage pasture growth or to ensure optimal animal health, understanding the pasture mineral levels allows you to adjust your fertiliser choices. In our experience, being tactical about your nutrient use will also help you save you money on unnecessary fertiliser.

So if you’re looking for one thing you can do to improve animal health and performance this spring, take a pasture sample. Be prepared for the spring flush pasture changes and you’ll be rewarded.

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Effluent spreading - best practices for Council compliance

Council compliance is one of the key factors when deciding on effluent spreading equipment - after all, we all want to be doing it right.

Each council in New Zealand may have slightly different rules, but generally the main issues for compliance are:

- Keeping waterways effluent free.
- Making sure effluent is kept within your boundary.
- Staying within the limits for nitrogen application.

Below are best practices for effluent spreading to help you remain council compliant.

Don't Spread Too Often

Yes, we say this a lot - but it's important for having an efficient, and council compliant dairy effluent management system.... make sure you have the right amount of effluent storage to suit the needs of your farm.

How does this relate to spreading?

Having the correct size storage means you're not having to spread too often. If your storage is too small, you'll need to be spreading to prevent the pond/tank from overflowing. Spreading in conditions where the ground is not primed for soaking up the effluent nutrients (eg. when the ground is already saturated from wet weather), is likely to cause ponding/run-off....a bit of a compliance no no.

How much storage is the right amount?

There are a lot of variables to calculate the ideal storage size, including the type of storage, weather conditions for your area, number of cows, whether you intend to expand in the near future, and the other parts to your effluent management set up. If you're unsure, talk to an effluent management specialist.

Stay In control

When choosing a method of spreading effluent, look



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for machinery/systems that allow you to have control over your application.

The ideal effluent spreader can be adjusted to suit the conditions, and also provide a consistent/even spread for more control over how far and where the effluent is going. For example, in winter there is not much evaporation, giving the soil a very small deficit. With saturated soil, only a very small amount of effluent can be applied, so it is recommended to spread only a very light application while travelling 5-6km/h.

What kind of effluent spreader is recommended?

This really depends on your effluent management system set up - there are a lot of different scenarios where different solutions may be appropriate.

For general situations where a dairy farmer is storing effluent and spreading when appropriate, a slurry tanker with RainWave™ spreader is a popular choice because:

- A slurry tanker will allow you to spread over the whole farm (no need to worry about if there's enough hose/pipe to reach pasture further away from where effluent is stored).
- A RainWave™ spreader can be adjusted to suit the spreading conditions. It also produces larger droplets which means there is very little wind drift, allowing for more control over where the effluent is being spread (council won't get any complaints from neighbours with effluent on their clean washing)

Spread over A bigger area
Best practice is to

spread over a larger area than the bare minimum recommended by most councils.

Why? Councils typically work out the recommended amount based on nitrogen (N) per hectare, per annum. However this often will result in potassium (K) levels becoming too high. Spreading over a bigger area than recommended will help to resolve this issue.

Spreading smarter

With laws evolving that restrict the amount of nitrogen applied to pasture, dairy farmers are needing a smarter way to spread effluent. We recommend adding a natural supplement like AddGreen™ to the effluent before applying with a RainWave™ slurry tanker. AddGreen™ is specially formulated to utilise the nitrogen you are able to spread, creating a more balanced nutrient application - basically you'll get more bang for your buck.

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Independent review into transport of livestock by sea

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has launched an independent review of the assurances it receives for the safe transport of livestock by sea. MPI Director-General Ray Smith says Mike Heron QC has been appointed to lead the review, which is expected to take about a month, after the loss of the Gulf Livestock 1 in a maritime tragedy.

Mr Heron will be supported by retired Rear Admiral Tony Parr.

The review will assess the assurances MPI receives when it considers an application for an Animal Welfare Export Certificate (AWEC) - required for exports of live animals - in

particular: carriage by sea as a mode of transport, and susceptibility of livestock to harm and distress on the journey when exported by ship.

"The current temporary suspension of cattle livestock exports will remain in place until the review report is completed and considered," says Mr Smith.

"This is an extremely difficult time for the families of those on the Gulf Livestock 1 and my thoughts are with them.

"At the heart of our decision to temporarily suspend cattle livestock exports is a commitment to helping ensure people and animals on livestock export boats are safe.

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More success for Manaia golfer

Manaia golfer Sam Jones has carried on his winning way, successfully defending his North Island Stroke Play title. This comes a week after a win in the Cambridge Classic.

A year ago he had won the North Island Stroke Play title at Whakatane after returning to New Zealand following his golfing scholarship with the University of West Georgia. This past weekend he successfully defended his title with scores of 70, 65, 70 and 68 to win by three strokes.

A week earlier he had earlier won the 48th Cambridge Classic Builders Cambridge Classic 2020

Men's Division, defeating the defending champion Mako Thompson by seven shots. He set a record 61 in the second round on his way to a tournament record score of 264-24 under par. Sam had rounds of 70, 61, 67 and 66. His younger brother Ethan finished 10th.

Sam has five more tournaments in his sights in the coming weeks, finishing with the New Zealand Amateur Championships at Poverty Bay in the last week of October.

After the COVID lockdown he is getting back into the swing of things, and is looking forward to turning pro at some stage in the future.

"I didn't touch a club for five weeks, so it took a while to get back into it," he says. "I play every day now, and I've got the old feeling back."

While on his scholarship he was the lead player on the University of West Georgia's seven-strong Wolves Men's Golfing team.

Three years ago while on a break back in New Zealand from West Georgia, he won the New Zealand Long Drive title.

Sam and Ethan had honed their golfing skills at the Manaia Golf Club, and Sam credits his father with introducing him to golf as a 12 year old.



Sam Jones with his trophy for winning the Cambridge Classic Men's title.

Sandfords Manaia Golf Club

September 12. Saturday Men's Stableford. 1. Qunitin Symes. 2. Bruce Duffus. 3. Rod Le Fleming. 4. Lennard Kennett. 5. Gary Dowdle. 6. Logan Symes. Juniors. Chip and Putting.

1. Cobie Symes Simpson. 2. Jaxon Symes simpson. 3. Tyler Thomas.

First Hole. 1. Tyler Thomas. 2. Jaxon Symes Simpson. 3. Cobie Symes Simpson.

Pee Wee 9th. 1. Luke Norris. 2. Hannah Symes.

Senior Juniors. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Carter Symes.

September 19. Saturday Men. 1. Logan Symes. 2. Wayne Baker. 3. Craig Jones. 4. Jacob Gopperth. 5. Rod Le Fleming. 6. Coln Koch.

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GIVE IT SOME JANDAL BRO!

Opunake High School plays an important role in supporting the technology curriculum in some of our contributing schools by running what we call our Junior Tech programme.

Led by our Technology LOLA - Michael Griggs, with support from Phil Hooper - students from St. Josephs Opunake (pictured), St. Patricks, Rahotu & Kaponga Primary Schools spend one day a fortnight in our technology department working on their technology skills.

In recent years this has involved competing in the Fashion Art Awards, cooking skills, woodworking skills incorporating up-cycling and sustainable use of resources, design, and engineering.

Year 7 students from those skills, spent their first year with us getting a broad experience of what Opunake High School has to offer in technology. They will develop their practical knowledge and learn about the design process so they hit the ground running for their big project the following year.

The Year 8 programme incorporates all the skills learnt previously in a cohesive "My Restaurant Rules"



Dustin Field, Ryder Ratahi, Eden Lark and Maddy Drought (front) get ready to wow their Kiwiana-theme restaurant guests with some custom-made jandal menus.

theme. This is quite literally Master Chef at its biggest and best. Students group up and work through-out the year to develop a theme, menu and decorative elements to their very own restaurant event on their very last day with us in Term 4.

Their guests are also the most critical and toughest clients you would ever expect to face as they invite their parents, teachers and Principals to

sit, cafe-style, for a two course lunch as the culmination of their learning - talk about daunting!

For Opunake High School, the Junior Tech programme is a great way to introduce future students to our kura. When they do arrive as Year 9's they are already familiar with some of our staff and older students, they settle quickly and get on with the important business of learning.

Principals Address



Nga mihi o te wa ki a koe me to whanau
Greetings to you and your family

This term has seen a change in the COVID levels which has impacted on a lot of our planned events including the Manawatu Exchange, TSSSA events and some of our EOTC events. The activities that were able to take place have all gone very well, and have provided a rich dimension to school outside the classroom. I would like to thank the staff and students for making these events successful and also the community for assisting us at various times, especially with Academy days. Our sporting programme for Term Three has been very successful and it is pleasing to see so many students opting to take part.

As well as these enriching activities, classroom programmes are moving forward through their year's plan. Academic success is the core business of a school and taking time to celebrate this is important, as it allows students to see what is possible. Thank you to the large number of parents and whanau who are attending Individualised Development Planning (IDP) days and the Senior Course selection day for students entering Years 11-13 in 2021. Research has shown that the single most effective input parents and whanau can have on their child's learning is to take an interest in what is happening at school, know about the assessment schedule, what is due in and when, and ask questions about class work and progress. These simple strategies engage the student and the whanau in "at home" learning conversations which are encouraging and productive.

The Opunake High School Board of Trustees viewed the decision of the shovel-ready project announcement of \$11.7 million for Green School as incomprehensible. The Green School is privately owned and the owner developed that venture in order to follow an admirable philosophy but also, no doubt, to make a profit. The Green party leaders visited our school last week to speak with board members and myself, where we made our feelings known about the decision and our frustration with the current state of funding for school buildings. During this term the Board of Trustees initiated SIP (School Improvement Projects) to improve our school infrastructure including renovating the film room, re-flooring classrooms and starting work on the wharekura.

The Board is currently holding a vacancy due to the resignation of one of its elected members, Steve Pivac. During his time on the Board, Steve has made many invaluable contributions to the school, particularly in his position as chairperson of the property committee. The Board would like to acknowledge these and thank Steve for his enthusiasm, commitment and passion for Opunake High School.

FREE LUNCHES AT OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL

We are really excited to let you know that Opunake High School will be joining the Government free lunch programme from April 2021. All parents want to provide their children with a lunch every day. We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their rangatahi. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme.

Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards.

The lunches will be available for all our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are. Providing lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's own lunch if you wish.

Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school's needs. The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated whilst it is running. If you have any further questions about this, please contact myself or our school office.

Lastly, I wish everyone a happy and safe time over the school holiday break and look forward to seeing you next term. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.

Noho ora mai ano
Peter O'Leary - Principal

INVADED BY ART



Keep an eye out for an artwork near you.

Trimester three of the junior curriculum has started with a flourish for our Year 9 & 10s. With the warmer weather, classes such as Health & PE Racquet Sports has the junior school out playing tennis during class, as well as some impromptu doubles at lunch-times.

Another class that makes good use of the warmer weather is Plant Science - its much easier to grow things during Spring than in Winter.

The one thing you wouldn't expect however, is for the school to be taken over by artworks sprouting in all sorts of various locations.

Inspired by the work of the urban artist Invader, our ARTFOL class have been creating pieces inspired by his and sticking these up all over the school.

Invaders' art is based on the 80's arcade game Space Invaders, and features pixelated artwork made

from ceramic tiles. His works feature in cities all over the world and now all over Opunake High School.

Students generated their own pixelated art, using paper, weather-proofed these and went out to find the best location possible to hide their work in plain sight.

Next time you're on the school grounds, see if you can spot an Invader somewhere.

How lucky are we in Taranaki to have resources like this?

Our Health & PE Outdoors class jumped in a couple of vans this week and headed for Maunga Taranaki, for a tramp and a bit of a swim. For more photos check out the Opunake High School Facebook page.



UPCOMING EVENTS OPUNAKE HIGH

End of Term 3 - Sept. 25th
Start of Term 4 - October 12th
13REC Tramp - Oct. 14-16th

Tough Guy/Gal - Oct. 26/27th
Senior Prizegiving - Nov. 4th
TSSSA Modified Sports - Week 5

Extra funding for new chaplain

The appointment of a new chaplain at Taranaki Base Hospital will help boost vital support to the Mental Health Unit thanks to extra funding from the Ministry of Health.

Tim Harland recently started working four days a week on the Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy team, joining Joe Gray and Tony Tooman as chaplains available to sit and talk with patients, family and staff at Taranaki Base and Hāwera hospitals.

celebrate Hospital Chaplaincy Week (20-26 September), Joe Gray says the new position is a much needed resource to help with the increased demand for mental health support since the COVID-19 pandemic started.

“The availability of an extra chaplain has provided the opportunity for more vital support since COVID-19 lockdown, particularly for our patients and whānau accessing our Mental Health services,” says Joe.

Tim is also helping to keep local chaplaincy services accessible while Joe, who was recently appointed regional manager for the central region hospital chaplaincy, works across hospitals in New Plymouth, Wairarapa, Wellington and Hutt Valley.

Tim knows the Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy services better than most. During his completion of a social work degree he had a placement at Base Hospital, and then worked there as one of



Hospital chaplains. From left. Tim Harding, Toni Tooman, Joe Gray.

spiritual spot and have those discussions and encourage them to find strength from their faith for their health journey.”

Tim says the chaplains have been busier since COVID-19 lockdown. “It’s made people think a lot more. There’s been a shift in what people value. It often comes up in discussion these days - there’s been more soul searching done.”

It’s Hospital Chaplaincy Week (Sunday 20 – Saturday 26 September), a time to remember the chaplaincy service is non-judgemental, confidential support regardless of faith or beliefs.

The Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy Giant Plant Sale annual fundraiser is on Saturday 26 September at St Andrew’s hall on Liardet Street, from 8am to 12midday.

about 20 volunteer hospital chaplains for three years before this position came up.

“Knowing the value I found at the receiving end of chaplaincy and being able to give back is why I want to come in to work each day. I enjoy hearing people’s stories, I learn so much from them, about how people cope with things.”

He appreciates everyone has different viewpoints, beliefs and values, and hearing what keeps people going is inspiring for Tim. Regardless of faith or cultural beliefs, hospital chaplains are there to listen and offer encouragement to everyone when needed. “So I can sit alongside anybody in that same

Book Fair set to go

St Joseph’s Church Hall in Hawera will again be stacked with pre-loved books as the Hawera Genealogy Group hold their annual Book Fair.

Doors will open at 8.30am on Thursday October 1 and the sale will run until 4pm on October 3.

Proceeds from the fair in previous years, together with a donation from the

Patea Historical Society have gone towards adding a further 10 years of the Hawera Star to the Papers Past website. These additional years are now on-line for the public to research free. For further details on this please contact Jill Williams, Convenor, at 06 278 4292 or peter.williams@xtra.co.nz .

Money raised at previous book fairs have also gone towards updating the Group’s computer, and towards the TV set at Hawera Library Plus.

They have also donated money to the Hawera RSA when the statues of Hawera’s two VC winners Harry Laurent and John Grant were unveiled.

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Taranaki focus on photography exhibition

A diverse selection of leading Taranaki photographers have been approached to participate in an upcoming exhibition in The Village Gallery - Eltham. This has been curated by Sue Morton.

The exhibition is on from September 21-October 16.

'I endeavoured to include a wide variety of artist's styles and also from varied locations throughout Taranaki - the Taranaki focus being on the photographers and not necessarily their works. Taranaki is rich in talented photographers and these are only a few of possible exhibitors. Many hail



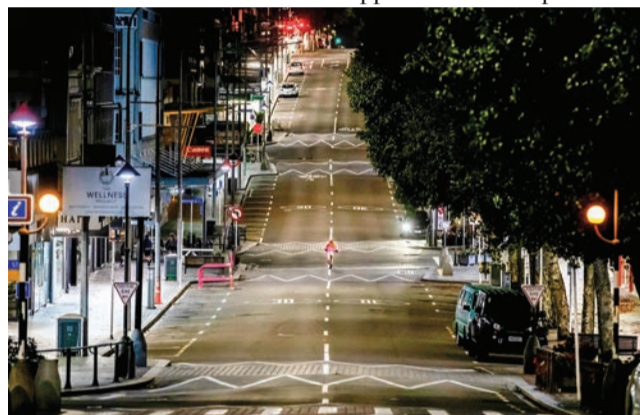
Patea Freezing Works. Derek Hughes.

from the four Taranaki photography groups - Hawera

Camera Club, Stratford Camera Club, Inglewood Photographic Appreciation Group and New



Aimee Kelly.



Andy Jackson.

Plymouth Photography Club.' Sue Morton

They include: Margaret Bake, Mark Bellringer, Tim Bond, Kevin Bone, Adam Buckle, Rhonda Bunyan, Alan Gould, Pip Guthrie, Miriam Hancock, Chris Hill, Derek Hughes, Andy Jackson, Aimee Kelly, Julia Pilbrow, Amy Taunt and Helen Wilkin

Many of the photographers are using this opportunity

to launch new projects they have been working on. The exhibition will comprise 1-2 framed works from each photographer and two projected images displayed throughout the show.

The opening event is September 26 at 3.00 pm following a workshop running 10.00am - 2.30 pm the same day. Bookings essential to the workshop Sue Morton 027 873 2335

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Oliver is the epitome of the term, "one-of-a-kind". First and foremost, Thomas Oliver is a singer-songwriter, and for his songwriting he was awarded the most prestigious songwriting award in his home country of New Zealand (the APRA Silver Scroll Award – Song Of The Year) in 2016, for his hit, *If I Move To Mars*, from his last studio album titled *Floating In The Darkness*, which debuted at #6 on the Official New Zealand Music Charts. *Thomas is one of the most celebrated vocalists in the genre of Drum & Bass, having released a massive 20 collaborations with some of the genre's finest producers, including Logistics, Hybrid Minds, Nu:Logic, Black Sun Empire, Urbandawn, Trei, Concord Dawn and*

Etherwood, and having been released on some of Drum & Bass's most prestigious labels, including Hospital Records, Metalheadz, Blackout and RAM Records. Whilst currently based in Berlin, Oliver has toured and performed throughout New Zealand, Australia, Europe, the UK, Asia and the USA, has also shared the stage with such legends as Joe Cocker, Fat Freddy's Drop, Eric Clapton, Xavier Rudd and My Baby, and has performed at numerous international festivals including Sziget (Hungary), Monsoon Festival (Vietnam), Homegrown (New Zealand), Let It Roll (Czech Republic), and Edinburgh Fringe Festival (Scotland). As well as being an award-winning songwriter and an international award-



Thomas Oliver playing at Butlers Reef October 23.

nominated Drum & Bass vocalist, Thomas is also recognised as one of the world's leading players of the Weissenborn lap slide guitar, and, in 2013, he took momentary leave from his singer-songwriter roots to create *Beneath The Weissenborn*, an unprecedented album which explored the acoustic lap-slide guitar, and received 5-star reviews around the world, and sold out shows across the country. "One of New Zealand's most talented musicians." - *Ambient Light*
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A lot happening at Aotea Utanganui

It's been anything but quiet at Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki with the near release of a new book (*Tales and Taonga*), pop-up exhibitions and even a new hire.

With many visitors putting in early requests for the new publication, *Tales and Taonga* is set to be an anticipated release. Supported by Taranaki Regional Council, the book is a fresh collection of important stories of South Taranaki that have yet to surface to public knowledge. Make sure you don't miss out on the first run by sending your details through to museum@stdc.govt.nz. In the mean time you can see fragments of the book in exhibition form at the museum in Patea.

As well as *Tales and Taonga*, in conjunction with Heritage Month, Aotea

Utanganui are putting together a pop-up exhibition at Ōpunakē LibraryPlus from October 1 – November 7. The exhibition showcases the museum's collection of photographs of Ōpunakē from 1880s-2000s and invites visitors to replicate these images through their own lens with a photographic competition. The competition has a great selection of prizes, from movie tickets and café vouchers to board games and Bluetooth speakers – all supported by our local businesses (prizegiving 3.30pm, Wednesday November 4).

The exhibition isn't the only thing from Ōpunakē, with their latest recruit of Amber Wright (nee Cooksley) as Technical Archivist. Amber has strong family ties in Ōpunakē and returned from Melbourne with her

husband Johnny Wright in early March. As Technical Archivist she cares for the museums maps, photographs, films and documents within the archives collection as well as assists the team to

develop exhibitions and programmes. With keen eyes she has been compiling nostalgic images of Ōpunakē from the archive for the pop-up exhibition set to open next Thursday.

**P Ō P up museum
Punakē**

Where: Ōpunakē LibraryPlus

When: 1 October - 7 November

During Heritage Month, Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki presents a pop-up historical photo exhibition. There will be a competition with the kind support of local businesses. Details at the library or on Aotea Utanganui's Facebook page & event, website, Instagram and Eventfinda.



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Film Review Irresistible

Screening at Everybody's Theatre on Sunday 27th at 1.30 pm. Starring: Steve Carell, Chris Cooper, Rose Byrne. Director: Jon Stewart. Writer: Jon Stewart

Well, the initial set-up scenes are mind opening. *Irresistible* launches straight into it. As I don't have many political bones in my body, I may not be the best person to review this movie, or maybe I am. Depending how you look at it really. There was probably a lot that passed me by in regards to politically referenced innuendos. So my enjoyment of the movie was heavily reliant on the incredible writing and the

wonderful performances by well-cast actors. Oh, and the directing. I'm always a bit dubious about writer/directors, but Jon Stewart pulls it off with ease.

Deerlaken, Wisconsin is a charming little town, with more brains than you'd give it credit for. Jack (Chris Cooper), is an upstanding member of the community, and a veteran marine to boot. He's targeted by the Democrat headquarters to represent as mayor in a very unrepresented part of the country. Enter Gary (Steve Carell), political consultant. On his arrival he meets the two Mikes played by the two Wills, Big Mike (Will Sasso) and Little Mike (Will McLaughlan). This arrival scene, set in the bar of his

lodgings, is brilliant. Gary, or DC Gary as Little Mike generously nick-names him, turns out to be quite persuasive, or so it seems. It's definitely a city boy meets country life scenario. His vain attempt to direct a herd of cows during Jack's first rally could have slid the movie into cringe territory, but Stewart's talent swung it towards comedically proficient. Carell's acting skills helped too.

Of course, there has to be an antagonist, who in this case comes in the form of Gary's gorgeous arch-enemy, Faith (Rose Byrne). Though one has to wonder if there is also a bit of romantic history in the mix. Faith doesn't yield to the charms of small-town America like Gary does,

finding his heart in home-made baking. She is calm, collected and way too cool.

In the words of Stewart during an interview with David Simms; "Everyone's trying to stand out, and the aggregate weight of that

creates a system that tilts to noise, and not clarity."

Irresistible is a satire of the political system where crafted narratives influence us in ways that we are totally unaware of. It does a damn good job depicting this, so

make sure you stay right to the end... all is revealed.

Not a movie I would normally choose to see, but glad I did. Had a few laughs, and through the noise, clarified my aversion to politics.

Jane Forkert

Opunake Community Baths are back open



Getting the experts in for preseason checks. Bella and Tamzin Drought -Waugh.

After an abrupt end to last season due to Covid19 we are all super excited to get back open to the public. Our pools are heating up and will be all set for our open day on Saturday 3 October 1-4pm. We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate opening for another great season.

It was great to see new faces attend our AGM this year and many helpful hands coming forward to keep our facility running well, and some new ideas too.

Enrolments are rolling in for both the Aquatots Preschool Program and the Learn To Swim. Our programs begin the week of October 12. We offer nine week programs during Term 4 to teach swimming and vital survival skills for our children. This is so important with our region being surrounded by many waterways and beaches.

SwimFit was well utilised last season with Trish running an adult fitness group focused on building swimming stamina. This comes at no extra cost, just the entry fee. Come along and give it a go. Aquafit is back with Jenny keen to get into our morning sessions again on a Tuesday and Thursday at 9am. We have an opportunity open for a new instructor to join our team. Someone who loves getting paid to keep fit, no experience required, they just need to be keen to learn and have some fun.

Last season we had multiple families and community groups hire our facility for their celebrations. We always get amazing reviews back on the ease of hosting at the pools. It's only \$50/hour to hire, which includes our own lifeguard to keep everyone safe.

Thank you to everyone who

donated and helped out for our stall at the Pre-loved Kids Gear Market. We raised over \$500. Congratulations to our raffle winners Rebecca Neil and Graham Payne who both took home \$100 worth of Instant Kiwis.

Thank you to the local businesses who have utilised our sponsorship opportunity so far. Your support is very much appreciated and looks great on the wall. If you are interested in getting your business a billboard spot on our walls please contact Hannah Drought 0278748981.

I want to recognise our men behind the scenes, David Knapman and Paul Andersen-Gardiner. Every season starts smoothly with these two prepping the pool, making sure everything is working and the water is nice and warm.

Jump onto our Facebook page 'Opunake Community Baths Society' for upcoming events, changes and information.

Can't wait to see you all in the water soon.

Hannah Drought.



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Please Note all movies are subject to change due to disrupted distribution - please check our website, window calendar or facebook page for the latest information

Opunake Community Baths – School Holiday Opening Hours

Effective Saturday 3rd October 2020

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Lane Swimming	6:30-8:30am 6:00-8pm	6:30-10am 5 - 8pm	6:30-8:30am	6:30-10am 6:00-8pm	6:30-8:30am	7-10am	
Aqua Fit		9-9:45am 5:30-6:15pm (TBC)		9-9:45am			
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Facebook – Opunake Community Baths Society

**ONGOING**

Jonathan Young: Need to chat with your local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

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

SUNDAYS:

Open Mic at the Rahotu Tavern: Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

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

SEPTEMBER 21 TO OCTOBER 16

'Focus on Taranaki' photographic exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

SEPTEMBER 26

Annual Giant Plant Sale: At St. Andrews Church Hall, Liardet st, New Plymouth, plus a stall at the Hawera Markets. proceeds to the New Plymouth Hospital Chaplaincy. Get your plants and cooking etc ready. See article. .

SEPTEMBER 28

Pennylane Annual Bull Sale: At 1167 Croydon Rd, Midhurst. 11.30am start.

SEPTEMBER 29

Kalamity Jersey Bull Sale: At Kahui Rd, DN42419. Starts 12pm.

OCTOBER 1

Herd Dispersal In-Milk Cows - Waiiau Trust: At 29 Ohanga Rd, Onaero. 11.30am start.

OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 7

Popup Museum, Opunake: At Library Plus Opunake. Refer ad and article.

OCTOBER 2

Outstanding Young In-Milk Cow Auction - T Stevenson: At 437 Patiki Rd, Pihama. 11.30 am start.

OCTOBER 5

Opunake & District Business Association Meeting: 5.30pm at Hughsons & Associates Boardroom, Opunake.

OCTOBER 6

3rd Annual In-Milk Dairy Auction - Droughtboy Ltd: 155 Mangawhero Rd, Auroa. 11.30am start.

Rosegowan Hereford 1st Annual On Farm Service Bull Sale: At 811 Kina Rd, Oaonui. 12pm start.

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AGENDA

1. Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Previous Minutes
4. Chair's Report
5. Financial Report
6. General Business

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Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Administrator
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Applications close **Monday 12 October 2020** at 5:00 pm.

**Opunake Community Meeting to Discuss
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A community meeting is being held by the Taranaki Coastal Community Board at Sandfords Events Centre on Wednesday 14 October at 6.00 pm. This is an opportunity for community groups in the area to share what they are working on with others and provide an opportunity for collaboration between groups. Groups attending will have 10 minutes each to share the key points about their group and current projects however presenting is not compulsory. If your group wants to present at this meeting, please get in touch with Masina Taulapapa, Taranaki Coastal Community Development Advisor at masina.taulapapa@stdc.govt.nz or ring 0800 111 323 so you can be added to the agenda.



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