



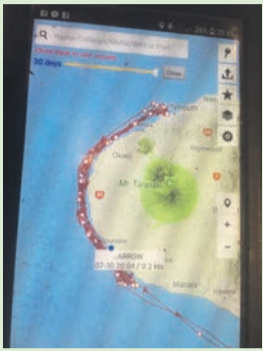
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Hawera honours its VC winners

Eleven Victoria Crosses (VCs) were awarded to New Zealanders in World War I and two of these VC winners came from Hawera. John Grant and Harry Laurent were awarded VCs while serving on the Western Front within less than two weeks of each other in September 1918 as the war wrongly dubbed the War to end all wars drew to a close.

Stratford already has a statue to honour its own hero of that war, Colonel William Malone, who was killed at Chunuk Bair in 1915.

On September 15, two statues to Hawera's two Great War VC winners were unveiled at a site near King Edward Park in Hawera, along with the opening of the Victoria Cross Garden which commemorates their deeds. Also on display was a replica of the medal awarded to John Grant.

Unlike Malone, Grant and Laurent both survived the war. Grant died in 1970, aged 81, and Laurent died in 1987, aged 92, the last of the 11 New Zealand World War I VC winners to pass away.

Within a short distance of their statues are streets which bear their names alongside that of Edwin Dixon, the town's wartime mayor. The three streets are laid out in a pattern intended to resemble the Victoria Cross.

The afternoon began with a parade from the Hawera RSA, with a pipe band led by 84 year-old former Opunake man Bob Morris, still actively involved with an Op Shop in Whanganui and the local theatre. Also in the parade were cadets, RSA, defence

force and high school representatives among others. With John Grant having been a firefighter, it was fitting that members of Fire and Emergency NZ were among those marching.

"John Grant won his VC on the first of September, Harry Laurent won his on 12 September. Both were in Northern France from two separate engagements," said South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop. "There must have been astonishment at the time when the first was awarded and the second came just 11 days later."

Both men were treated like heroes when they returned to Hawera and a film clip of the reception which Grant received would be shown at the mayoral dinner that night. Mr Dunlop said the day's commemoration would try to mirror the reception they received on their return to Hawera nearly 100 years ago.

Nine vehicles from the Taranaki Military Vehicle Club were in the parade including a bren gun carrier which has achieved its own degree of celebrity. Ian Baker from Hawera had extracted it from under a hedge in Patea back in 1975 and restored it.

"After the war they were sold off by the government," said Ian. "They were good for hedge cutters as they had steel tracks and didn't get punctures. I've had quite a number of them over the years."

In 1979 he took it to Wellington where it was part of the iconic Dear John New Zealand commercial about a lovestruck soldier who hears via a song on audiocassette that his fiancée had ditched him. The ad drew favourable reviews not just in New Zea-



Paul Laurent and his son Tyson from Townsville, Australia with the statue of relation Harry Laurent VC.

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Letters to the Editor

Tasman Street parking

There is a shortage of parking in Tasman St Opunake. STDC own a large area immediately behind Pastimes. This is ideally placed for extra town parking. Please can the owner (STDC) upgrade this unused area for extra town parking? Problem solved.

Jean Roach
Opunake

Smoke-free Aotearoa

Smoke free Aotearoa 2025? Hardly. People will pay the funds to enjoy their addictions. And they are mainly giving up tobacco for health reasons, not so much for finances...

Marijuana or cannabis, plus gold, is cheaper than cigarettes. The heavy taxing of tobacco means that there are more ram raids/robberies of shops. It is going underground, and is just another way of taxing the poor...

It is time to legalise marijuana, it is reported to have health benefits, amongst other positives.

Happy Non-smoker,
Opunake

Too much technology

In the age of technology, our world is suffering with problems like cyber bullying and so on. We were warned about what could happen, but at the time no one wanted to know or even listen. Now every day we are hearing complaints after complaints.

We are now seeing people around the world becoming electronically addicted so it's become part of their lives and taken it over big time. I am

really beginning to wonder which is worse, being addicted to alcohol and drugs or being addicted to technology, and when all three are combined it produces a disaster in the making.

Surveys have been done and are going on, and there's still no clear answer to overcome this huge bombardment of so much technology. Many schools around the world are now banning their students from bringing any cell-phones, smartphones or any other thing electronic, which is a good start.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

In response to Embarrassed Associate

Well, doesn't this letter stink of being written by a commercial fisherman, or a very close associate of one. I could almost see the scales from the cray bait falling off the page. It's propaganda like this and a quota system that doesn't work that has led us to where we are now.

A lot of people may not remember that we also had a commercial fishing fleet in Opunake back in the day, which was at it's peak in the '80s. There were five boats working out of Middleton Bay – one Cray Boat and four Gill Netters.

As far as I am concerned the best thing that ever happened to gill netting here was the Maui Dolphin. And, as a result our snapper fishery now is the best I've ever seen it. The biggest difference back then is that all the money made from it went into paying local wages and was being spent in local businesses. These mongrels just take all our resources, sail over the horizon and don't spend a cent in our towns.

I was involved in that industry from 1981 to the early 90's solid, and on and off again through until 2005. I worked for four different Skippers and saw our crayfish fishery collapse in the late '80s and early '90s – with one local boat and the four South Island boats like *Tempest* and *Tranquil Image* among others, all competing for the same grounds until it became completely unviable.

Back when we were the only boat fishing here we were only running 90 pots and catching 12.26 tonnes a year, in three months and being only able to fish half the days these big boats can fish. We left local reefs alone for the locals, everyone was happy and numbers were plentiful. These guys are running 200 pots each. So if anyone thinks they're fishing for the future or trying to conserve numbers you are kidding yourselves, and it won't stop until they're no longer covering their diesel costs. For me, it's like Groundhog Day. It's all happening again and we have to sit by and watch it while the commercial fishing propaganda machine rolls on.

This guy says he dives. I don't know where he dives but it must be in the bathtub if he thinks our cray fishery is healthy or he'd be telling the same story I'm hearing from all our local divers – stories of beautiful boulders, ledges and kelp beds that used to be full of crayfish. Now these look like ghost towns with nothing left.

This clown calls himself 'embarrassed associate'. Well I'm pretty sure I'd be embarrassed too if I didn't have enough balls to sign my name to my own letter.

P.S. Apparently I was set up a beauty two or three years ago just north of the Bay and since then I seem to have become the local scapegoat. Well, I've had a gutsful, and if certain people continue to fire around allegations aimed at me, tarnishing my name around town and continually sending the police around to

my house, you WILL very soon find yourselves in court on defamation charges. So, get your facts right and I look forward to your apologies.
Grant Hill
Opunake

Keep supporting James Langton

After reading the Sandford Event Centre's rules and regulations I really believe they look extremely suspect. If an individual is selected to represent New Zealand, they must reside between Okato and Otakeho. How long has the Langton family lived in Opunake? I believe they have lived here several years.

James has represented New Zealand in boxing and currently holds the heavyweight New Zealand professional title, and also the cruiserweight title. Does that make him eligible to be on the Honours Board? I believe it does.

Does the Centre accept all top sports people representing New Zealand if they are amateur or professional? The three Barrett brothers are professional rugby players and James Langton is a professional boxer.

How many people are presently on the Sandfords Event Centre board?

Isn't it time the honours Board covered all sports with boxing being one of them?

I do agree with Lynda Corkill that the board is very controversial when it comes to honouring top sports people.

I do truly believe that this board chooses who they do and don't want, which is why James Langton isn't on there. I believe it's high time this issue was sorted out at a public meeting once and for all, and then maybe select a proper board, otherwise they will keep on doing this all the time.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

ADELPHOS

It's been 61 years since flesh met flesh for Goo and Chung Ae. Hunger, cold, fear and lethal weapons—all enemies of the lost and oppressed. The muted captives are ever hoping to one day be set free. Each one longing for an answer to their daily lost and found prayers. Not a single day was missed. Hoping day and night for a real fleshy answer. What a reunion it would be of hearts, bodies, souls and spirits. "He's my only son. Sweet Jesus, please."

Goo is a bowed over but staunch South Korean matriarch of 98, ever yearning for flesh-meeting-flesh again with her once seven year old only son. He's now a frail 68 year-old man, but still a boy of seven for Goo. But

A Mother's Prayer

Chung Ae's broken shadow is quickly shortening as his own clock races down at speed. A lifetime nearly lost but soon to be found. Even if just for the briefest eternity of four hours of flesh-meeting-flesh. It'll be like something... No words can express. "He's my only son. Dear God, please."

Their long awaited answer arrives. A large gray heated room with concrete floors has metal chairs and folding tables neatly arranged. Two heavy metal doors electronically unlock with deafening clangs and clanks. The underweight crowd of lost captives slowly enter. Goo's frenzied gait belies her years as she quickly recognises and rushes to her little boy. A mother's all seeing eyes meet and en-

circle the lost and frail boy's wrinkled but youthful face. That one small surviving forehead scar cascades into a flood of a mother's treasured memories. Joy reignited and flowing like rivers of life-giving living water. Lost, but now found. "Oh, dear God, thank you."

Nearly all their time has evaporated in what seemed but a passing moment. Their hearts begin to pound and race at speed. The alarm bell emits staccato screeches indicating five minutes until evacuation. The two guards are beforehand beginning to shepherd the captives to the exits. An all too familiar black cloud descends over everyone in the room. Goo and Chung Ae's joy filled

hearts immediately implode into a different kind of despair that is far darker and abysmal. Their time is up. The automated doors slowly close with a foreboding and humming horror after the last captives exit. It is finished. The echoing metallic clanging and clanking of those doors seal their reality.

To this day Goo still recalls the squeaking of Chung Ae's outdated wheelchair, growing fainter and fainter as a guard pushes him through the distant exit door. She could only watch helplessly as he finally disappears. "My son, my son, my only son. My only son. Found but lost again!" Her mother's prayer reignites, "Sweet Jesus, please." Day and night. Adelpheos

Hawera honours its VC winners

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land but around the world.

The parade made its way along High Street to the statues and the garden which commemorates them.

Among the estimated 2000 people there that day were members of the Grant and Laurent families, MPs Andrew Little and Harete Hipango, representatives of the Australian and French embassies and the chief of defence staff.

South Taranaki RSA president Graham Kempton noted that as well as 2018 being the centenary of the two VCs being awarded, it was also 100 years since the founding of the South Taranaki RSA.

Mr Dunlop talked about how Grant and Laurent received their awards. Sergeant Grant had taken out two machine gun posts holding up the New Zealand advance at Bancourt on September 1.

Ten days after Grant's heroism, Laurent had led an action at Bapaume which at the cost of only four casualties, took 111 prisoners including a high ranking German officer.

"The German officer, when he realised that a lowly ranked sergeant had captured him spat at his feet, but a bayonet soon put him in his place," said Mr Dunlop.

The French ambassador's representative spoke about the relationships forged between the peoples of France and New Zealand through World War I.

Andrew Little said Grant and Laurent 's acts of heroism and courage needed to be celebrated.

"They saw a cause that was bigger than themselves and their country," he said. "There's not a town or a city in New Zealand that did not send its sons and brothers to war, and there's not a town or a city that did not mourn those who didn't come back."

Wreaths were laid, beginning with Harry Laurent's son Peter, representing the Laurent family, and Ava Baker representing the Grant family.

Ninety one year-old Peter Laurent from Whangarei was the second of three sons. Older brother John had since died, and younger brother Lloyd hadn't been able to make it to the commemoration. With Peter were his three daughters Lois, Sandra and Denyse and son Derek.

"This is a very proud moment for our family," said Peter. "I never thought we would see a monument like that. He was a very gentle natured man. He never growled and he was a man who always



The parade makes its way along High Street, Hawera.

took his family camping."

He remembers Opunake Beach as being one of their favourite camping spots.

Lois and Sandra had travelled to England when relations of Victoria and George Cross winners had been invited to the dedication of a

memorial at Westminster Abbey for holders of these awards.

Also at Hawera was Paul Laurent, a great nephew of Harry's who had specially made the trip from Townsville, Australia, along with his eight-year old son Tyson.

He had immigrated to Australia in 1986, the year before Harry who he had never met passed away. He had however kept up an interest in his family's history and in his great uncle, in which he had been helped by an uncle of his, Barry Laurent, who

was also at Hawera that day. "We have relations buried in the Hawera Cemetery and I've been back here a number of times," Paul said. "I thought I'd come down here today and bring my little fella with me."

Quote: Ted Roosevelt, former US President

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but

who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Apology

In our August 30 2018 issue we quoted Lynda Corkill as being a member of the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust. This is incorrect and we apologise for this error. Lynda has told us she was speaking as a member of the public.

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Interruption or opportunity?

Councils the mandate to set in place a process for determining EPB's and a timeline for remediation.

This is all about managing the risk to people; either building occupants or passers-by.

I look at some of the buildings in our towns and think, 'Great, it will be a catalyst for these getting repaired and tidied up.' 'Great, here is an opportunity to create the towns of our dreams'.

But the reality is, money. Not everyone can just access funds to earthquake strengthen their building. Many people live in shops in the commercial zone. Where would they go if their building was condemned?

It comes down to time and money. The Council has suggested priority areas where the time frames would be halved. In our Medium risk zone that takes the 10

years for Councils identifying process down to 5 years and the remediation process from 25 years down to 12 1/2 years. For many people this is putting too much pressure on them and not many avenues for help.

Council has set aside a fund that owners can apply to for assistance. These are largely to cover fees and a three year rates remission. Unless you own a category listed Heritage Building there's not much else available. Maybe we should lobby for a 'fund' to help building owners, especially in town centres. Here is the opportunity to create something new for the future. One positive from the public meetings was the building owners coming together and talking through the situation. How about encouraging them to work together on an overall plan and strategy?

If anything good came out of

the Christchurch earthquakes, it was that people got together and worked together and resolved problems as they had never done before. I attended a seminar by

Dr Ryan Reynolds of the GAP FILLER programme some time ago and was astounded how a small group of people worked to create something out of vacant lots

of land and ugly building sites.

It is not impossible; it just seems a big wall to climb sometimes.

Maree Liddington



Bridge Street, Eltham.

Not happy news but not new news either

Six to seven years after the event, the effects of the Canterbury earthquakes continue to send ripples through the length and breadth of the country.

The Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act came into force on July 1 with the aim of bringing consistency across the country to the handling of earthquake prone buildings. Before then discretion had been left to individual councils, South Taranaki District Council

environmental services group manager John McKenzie told a public meeting held at CoastalCare in Opunake last week.

John, governance and policy manager Coral Hair and building manager Lindsay McPhail fronted up to an audience of 25 people in one of several meetings being held throughout the South Taranaki District.

South Taranaki had been identified as a medium seismic risk area. The Hawera,

Eltham and Opunake town centres had been identified as having sufficient foot and vehicular traffic to be identified as priority areas where time frames for strengthening "priority" earthquake-prone buildings would be halved from 25 to twelve and a half years. The buildings would have to be fixed up in that time or pulled down.

"Priority buildings" are defined as unreinforced masonry buildings which would either pose a high risk to life, or are critical to emergency recovery, if they fell during an earthquake.

The Council would inform building owners if their buildings could potentially be at risk. The owners would then have 12 months to get an engineer's report on the state of the building. If a building is then identified as earthquake-prone, then a notice will have to be displayed on the building.

Lindsay McPhail said the Council's building inspectors will be "out and about" by the end of the year, and building owners will be getting letters telling them what was going to be happening.

John has some personal experience of what earthquakes can do. Before coming to the South Taranaki District Council he held a similar position with the Ashburton District Council. He remembers well the night the September 2011 Canterbury earthquake struck.

"There was an audible rumble and it wasn't even safe to get out of bed. I could hear the contents of my pantry spill on to the floor. Still apart from the chimney breaking, my house wasn't damaged."

"People in Canterbury are more aware of the implications of earthquakes and I hope that awareness is raised here."

He says there are fault lines around Coastal Taranaki, so it could happen here. A serious quake may come soon, or it may not come for another 300 years.



John McKenzie with Lindsay McPhail and Coral Hair front up on earthquake-prone buildings.

"For people who own buildings it's not happy news but it's not new news. You are seeing in Hawera buildings being vacated because of the level of risk. Building owners have been dealing with the implications for a number of years now. People aren't considering buying, only selling."

Issues raised at the meeting included whether or not the cost of getting buildings up to scratch might mean some owners deciding to give up, raising the possibility of the town centre looking like a ghost town.

John said it was time to

think of the future and what might attract passing motorists to stop in Opunake. The town centre had been set up in the "horse and cart days" and buildings were put up which were never intended to last 100 years.

Rhonda Crawford said in other countries the heritage of an area was valued and that was something visitors appreciated seeing when they came into town.

John said this didn't mean these buildings would necessarily have to be pulled down, just made safe.

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A response to the Opunake Boat and Underwater Club

It is difficult to convey in words the level of disappointment across the CRA 9 rock lobster industry in response to the recent opinion piece under the name of the Opunake Boat and Underwater Club. That article was characterised by a range of misinformation and clearly intended to infect your readers with the anti commercial fishing virus that emanates from an Auckland recreational fishing industry lobby group. Their agents have very obviously extended their corrosive influence into Taranaki. We respectfully caution against any reliance on them.

So let's set the scene for a properly informed discussion about the Taranaki rock lobster fishery.

First off, there is no 'war' as has been alleged. From an industry perspective, our Taranaki based lobster vessels have been going about their business in a manner consistent with industry practice over more than four decades. The vessel

operators have encountered some problems in doing so but are currently refining ways to more effectively deal with those.

Ministry records confirm that the number of vessels reporting lobster landings in the Taranaki portion of the CRA 9 management area has reduced considerably, from a peak of 11 in 1997 to three currently. Those records also confirm that the proportion of total CRA 9 commercial landings taken from the Taranaki coastline has been relatively stable over the same period, declining from a peak of 40 tonnes in 1991/92 to a steady 30 tonnes from the mid-1990s as the CRA 9 fleet was progressively restructured as a consequence of the implementation of the quota management system in April 1990.

The Taranaki coastline has not been 'hammered by the commercial fleet,' it has been fished in a consistent and sustainable manner – with fewer vessels landing the same or similar quantities

in every season.

Then to the alleged decline in 'crayfish' numbers. They are not 'crayfish' by the way – they are rock lobsters and despite the more popular generic term should be referred to as such in any discussion about management. There are four decades of commercial fishing and stock monitoring records to confirm that abundance of rock lobsters fluctuates seasonally and that the current levels of abundance in the CRA 9 fishery are sufficient to sustain the Total Allowable Catch set for the stock.

The amount of catching rights available to the Taranaki lobster fleet is such that all three vessels have filled their 'quota' and removed gear well in advance of the summer holiday period favoured by recreational users.

The notion that the CRA 9 fishery and/or the Taranaki portion of it can in any way be compared to the Bay of Plenty fishery is just arrant nonsense being spouted

by someone ignorant of the facts. Fact – there has been no 'total collapse' of the Bay of Plenty fishery – there has been a sharp decline in stock abundance which has been addressed by a very significant cut to the commercial catch limits – 200 tonnes down to 80 tonnes as from April 2018. The recreational allowance in that fishery remains consistent with recent estimates of removals. The assertion that commercial fishing practices and manipulation of catch and effort reporting by commercial fishermen invoked the alleged 'collapse' of that fishery are defamatory and the writer will need to withdraw and apologise. That is an issue that will be followed up by the CRA 2 industry in time.

Then to the assertion that the Taranaki recreational rock lobster sector has some entitlement to one or more commercial exclusion zones. They do not. Rock lobster fisheries are shared fisheries for which explicit

allocations of available yield are set aside for extractive user groups. Your 'share' of the fishery comes with no more guarantee of fishing success than the commercial share. What does happen is that commercial users will voluntarily agree 'no fishing' zones or 'no fishing' times in order to provide a better opportunity for less mobile and less well-equipped recreational users locally.

Commercial fishermen agreed to 'bubbles' around two major launching sites on the Taranaki coast many years ago and have observed that agreement. The fishing and dive clubs more recently have sought to expand those bubbles. Contrary to the opinion piece, the commercial operators did put a deal on the table – now withdrawn – which was a draft voluntary agreement to enlarge the commercial exclusion zones. Rather than negotiate those to a

satisfactory conclusion, the boat and underwater club – or at very least their opinionated spokesperson – decided to unnecessarily inflame the situation by way of a false and misleading media story. If industry cannot negotiate in good faith we will not negotiate at all.

There is not sufficient space available to us to address the inferences of nefarious behaviour by one commercial operator or the alleged failure of the quota reporting system. It is enough for now to let readers know that the boat and dive club opinion piece has severely damaged the Taranaki recreational fishing sector reputation across the wider rock lobster industry.

On behalf of the CRA 9 Rock Lobster Industry Association Inc. (CRAMAC 9) and their constituents in Taranaki.

Not happy news but not new news either

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South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach who attended the meeting said the work had to be done.

"We've just got to make it safe for the public. I would be upset if somebody got hurt from falling masonry."

The South Taranaki District Council has offered a financial assistance package with \$600,000 over five years available in the next Long Term Plan and a maximum \$6000 grant for one building.

Opunake and District Business Association chairman Bob Clark said the \$6000 assistance package should be framed to allow a \$6000 payment for specific engineering projects.

"It is recognised that many communities may be looking for appropriately qualified engineers. It is likely that securing services in a timely manner for the smaller provincial areas will be difficult. A lump sum would allow the opportunity to aggregate the assistance package of several building owners to engage an engineer in a pragmatic response to the requirements of the Law Change.

"The STDC has set aside \$100,000 for town planning exercises and it would make sense for this work to be undertaken now to co-inside with



Opunake central business area about to come under the microscope.

the EPB inspections as there may well be timing advantages.

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As discussed in a previous post with daylight saving starting this weekend it's time to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. If you have a smoke alarm with a ten year battery life then of course that won't be necessary. For those who don't, then it is time to change the battery. As with all smoke alarms it is also a good time to run the vacuum cleaner over them to remove any dust etc that may have accumulated over the winter months. By doing this it also reduces the chance of the alarm setting off false activations.



Remember your smoke alarms when clocks go forward this weekend.

Remember if you meet any of the following criteria that is; over 65 years old, hold a community services card, have special needs, or have children at home that are under five years of age, then Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) can provide you with a free home fire safety check which will include the installation of a new smoke alarm that has a 10 year battery life. Our Fire Risk Management team will come and check your home

even if you don't meet the criteria discussed earlier. In either case just call 0800 693 473 and the call centre will arrange for someone to contact you.

The Opunake brigade attended a callout to assist a neighbouring brigade last week who were at a cowshed fire. The fire was believed to have started in the

switchboard area of the shed. This incident also serves as a reminder of how useful it is to have a fire extinguisher located close to these areas. In locations such as cow sheds a 3.5kg dry powder fire extinguisher would be recommended. For your home we would recommend a 1.2kg dry powder. If the fire cannot be contained by

using a extinguisher then it is time to "get out and stay out" and Dial 111. This week we attended a call to a power wire hanging off a power pole. No action was required by the brigade other than to check it was safe until the power company arrived.

Currently the Opunake Brigade has three of its members undertaking Emergency Response Driver (ERD) training. Once this has been completed they will then be able to drive the Fire Appliance, under lights and siren, to emergency incidents. The brigade has found that sometimes during the week days it has struggled to provide suitably qualified drivers to respond to incidents.

If you or anyone you know would like to become a member of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade, and wants to learn new skills please come along to our training nights which are held on Monday evening from 7pm until 9pm. You will be most welcome. Eventually you could be the one driver



A fire extinguisher is always something good to have on hand.

of the fire appliance to an incident.

Take care out there and

remember "Change your clock, Change your Battery"

John

Idea Summit Taranaki 2018 finds winning business idea

The inaugural Idea Summit Taranaki wrapped up on Tuesday September 11 with four finalists pitching their business ideas to a panel of judges in the hopes of winning a business start-up package worth more than \$10,000 to help them turn their business ideas into reality.

In an unexpected twist, it transpires that all four presenters hail from Inglewood, a small town (population approx 3600) just south of New Plymouth.

"Idea Summit is a new competition to help anyone with a business idea turn it into an innovative business," says Nick Field of Venture Taranaki.

"The finalists presented four really different and interesting ideas for innovative new businesses. The winning idea will receive \$10,000 cash as start-up capital."

"From the 77 entries we received, the judges chose



Letitia Stevenson and James Donald's winners of the Ideas Summit with Yonder.

four of the best, which have benefitted from mentoring and coaching ahead of the finals, where they were able

to pitch for the ultimate business start-up prize package.

"The creative ideas shown

across all the entries in Idea Summit Taranaki 2018 have been amazing, and even if they didn't make the finals there are many that have the potential to do well," Nick says.

Chester and Melissa Young, have set up White Peak

Creamery, an innovative plant-based creamery that will offer a new brand of premium dairy-free ice creams, yoghurts and nut milk blends that suit consumers who are limited by allergies and dietary requirements. They have blended their first flavours and hope to find customers in the growing plant-based food sector.

Water Warrior is a creation of Paul Oliver that is a monitoring device that will give farmers an early warning of actual or impending water infrastructure failure, using 'Internet of Things' networks to keep running costs low.

Industrial designer Glenn Catchpole has designs for products that foster practical, hands-on play and social experiences, and his first product is Kit-netic, a flat-pack soapbox racer that can be built and customised by kids.

Letitia Stevenson and James Donald's Yonder wants to help tourism businesses increase sales from their website traffic by giving site visitors everything they need to book via a personalised

and seamless chat tool experience.

After hearing all the pitches, the panel of four judges – successful entrepreneurs Cathy Clennett, Ian Frame, Richard Shearer and Jo-Anne Short – deliberated at length before crowning the winner of Idea Summit Taranaki 2018 Yonder.

The judges noted that it was a very difficult decision, as all finalists had compelling pitches for their start-up businesses. Yonder came out on top as the judges felt it could scale globally, had the potential to solve a real pain point for tourism businesses, and showed a quantifiable commercial model that really demonstrated an understanding of their market.

"This whole process was really really good, both in terms of progressing our thinking around the business, focusing on our customer segments, and honing our pitch," says Yonder's Letitia Stevenson.

"The connections we have made through Idea Summit and the experience we've gained at all stages of the competition have already made a huge impact to our business. The prize will help us get in front of more customers as we launch and grow Yonder," Letitia said.

A further prize of \$2000 credit at Massey University's Food Pilot – the southern hemisphere's largest collection of food processing technology – was awarded to Chester and Melissa Young of White Peak Creamery.

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Thank you Darrell



From left. Jonathan Young, Darrell Hickey, Bob Clark.

When asked how he came to be a trustee of the Opunake Cottage Rest Home, Darrell Hickey laughs and says "Val Wallace."

After 15 years, Darrell is stepping down as trustee and on Friday residents, staff and friends of the Opunake Cottage Rest Home put on a farewell morning tea for him. Among those dropping by to pass on their regards was local MP Jonathan Young.

"I'd always believed in the importance of having the rest home in town, and Val said we needed some new blood so I came on," Darrell says.

He has served as treasurer and was chairman for five years after Dan Holmes stepped down.

He is asked the high point of his time on the board.

"The high point is that we are still here," he says. "Without the support of the community and the staff it

wouldn't survive."

The Cottage Rest Home started operating in the former Opunake Hospital back in December 1990. In the years since it has been through some tough times. Nearby sections of land have had to be sold off to keep the rest home going, and last year during another rough time Darrell as chairman went to the Opunake public to ask for help. Ongoing challenges include having to meet more

regulations and compliance costs.

"We do the big picture of how we keep the place going," says Darrell. "I'm 100 per cent confident that we have everything in place to ensure it survives. At the end of the day, it's always what can we do better?"

"It's a real asset to the community. Hundreds of

people have been through here."

The rest home's local flavour is clearly an asset, with local people who make up the staff looking after local people, many of whom they have already known for some time. People coming to visit a family member often end up chatting to somebody else they know who is also a resident.

Acting Trust chairman Bob Clark said that when he shifted to Opunake two years ago it became apparent that this was a town that "oozes community support."

He talked about how he came to know Darrell, and how Darrell on finding out about Bob's accountancy background shoulder tapped

him to help out with the rest home. He also noted Darrell came from a family known for their community involvement.

"There are a lot of people who do things, and I have become aware that Darrell does a lot in this community. In the brief time that I have known him, I know that Darrell is intelligent understanding and has a huge amount of empathy for what people need in this rest home."

He quoted the words of Winston Churchill. "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

"On behalf of the Trust, thank you for your service to the community," Bob said.

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Judith Collins coming to Opunake

One of the National Party's priorities in opposition is connecting with communities and making sure our policies reflect the values of all New Zealanders.

Taranaki is a key focus for National. We've seen Simon Bridges here three times already this year and he'll be back again as part of consultation on the importance of small businesses.

Early next month Hon Judith Collins will be here for a two-day visit. As a senior Member of Parliament she relishes opportunities to get out amongst local communities and is very much looking forward to attending a dinner in Opunake. Judith is a very popular member of our caucus and I'm excited that Coastal people will have the opportunity to hear her speak and to ask questions.

As National's Housing and Urban Development spokesperson, Judith constantly has the Labour-led government on the back



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH**

foot, frequently pointing out how they're re-launching housing initiatives that were announced under National. She's also our spokesperson for Planning (RMA reform), and maintains a keen interest in previous portfolios like Police, and of course, Energy. While in Taranaki she's hoping to check in with some energy industry initiatives.

However, the main aim of the visit is to talk with as many local people as possible. The dinner is at the Sandfords Event Centre at 7pm on Wednesday October 10. As well as that, the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce is hosting a breakfast meeting

in New Plymouth on the 11th, and there's also a morning tea there.

I hope you'll be able to attend one of those functions – the dinner particularly will be a really good chance for you to mix and mingle locally with one of our country's powerhouse parliamentarians. If you'd

like to find out more about that, please contact my office or talk to Bob Clark from the Opunake Business Association 027 484 5451.

*Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth
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National's Housing and Urban Development spokesperson, Judith Collins

Discussion document for Electricity Price Review

Energy and Resources Minister Megan Woods says the release of the discussion document for the first stage of the Electricity Price Review shines a spotlight on the problems pushing up power prices for Kiwi families.

"The review panel, chaired by Miriam Dean QC and with the co-operation of those in the industry, has delivered a discussion document with much food for thought and identified issues that need to be addressed. I want to thank them for the clear and accessible work they have produced.

"From here, the Review will begin its second phase, developing recommended solutions to the various issues that have been identified. I encourage consumer groups and industry to take the opportunity to make submissions on this report to assist the panel in recommending the way forward.

"The report is a clear demonstration that the market is not working for everyone. New Zealanders deserve affordable electricity but too many households are struggling to pay their bills. The next step in this process is a conversation with the public about how we remedy that.

"While residential electricity prices have been relatively flat since 2015, they are 79 per cent higher than they were in 1990. Over the same timeframe commercial prices have declined by 24 per cent and industrial prices have increased by 18 per cent.

"For residential customers it appears that a two-tier retail market is developing. People who actively shop around enjoy the benefits of competition, and those who don't are stuck with higher prices. The average gap between the cheapest retailer's price and the incumbent retailer's price has increased by about 50 per cent since 2002, after accounting for inflation.

"The Review has found that some households struggle to understand the various plans and how to choose the one that's best for them, and low-income consumers miss out more often on prompt-payment discounts – which can be as high as 26 per cent of the bill, and which bud-

getting and advocacy groups say are really late-payment penalties.

"On the disparity between residential and business prices, the review finds a major driver is a shift in distribution costs from business customers to households, alongside rising generation and retail costs.

"The report also highlights the major changes that are facing the sector in coming years thanks to changing technology.

"Our electricity market needs to be agile enough to adapt to the challenges that technologies like EVs, solar panels and other forms of distributed generation will pose to affordability. It's

clear that if we don't manage these changes well the costs will fall on those least able to afford them.

"This review was part of the coalition agreement between Labour and New Zealand First. I look forward to the discussion and seeing the panel's recommendations on next steps.

"This Government is committed to affordable power for Kiwi families and this report is an important step towards that goal," says Megan Woods.

Submissions on the report close on 23 October.

The final report is expected to be delivered to Minister Woods in May 2019.

Megan Woods.

Lamb savaged by dogs

Two marauding dogs who attacked a lamb could easily have gone after a child, says a Opunake man who came into the Opunake and Coastal News offices on Friday afternoon.

The man who came into the Opunake and Coastal News offices on Friday afternoon said he had seen two huskies attack some sheep grazing near Hickey Place and play "tug of war" with a lamb.

He said he had been whitebaiting at around 11am when it happened.

"I heard all this baaing. Two huskies were chasing these sheep and they caught a lamb and started playing rag doll

with it. I started swearing at the top of my voice and after a while they took off and jumped the fence."

"That could have been

somebody's kid."

Animal control had since been informed and the lamb was taken to the vets for treatment.



Sheep similar to the one in the attack.

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Good sort Geoff



Rev Geoff Williams our September Good Sort.

The Opunake Lakeside Lion have nominated Rev Geoff Williams as their September Good Sort.

Geoff and his wife of 63 years Laureen have a huge service history in Opunake. They have raised their two daughters and one son here and now are enjoying their retirement in Opunake.

Geoff was in the Navy for six

years as a ME1 (Mechanical Engineer 1) He served in K Force in Korea in 1952-53. Geoff joined the Returned Services association in 1954 and has been a member in Opunake for 35 years. He was President for two years, Secretary for twelve years and Treasurer for eleven years. Geoff is a very familiar face and voice at the ANZAC

service every year, but poor health has meant retiring from this and other roles that he has performed for many years.

Geoff worked in the Dairy Industry for 24 years and was the Union Secretary for twelve years

Geoff was a Trustee for the Opunake Cottage Rest Home for twelve years, four

of them as Secretary. He also served on the Egmont Plains Community Board for six years with three of those years as the Deputy Chairman. He was on the Hillary Commission for six years, Top Shop for six years and Egmont Community Arts Council as Chairman for nine years. He also supported the Opunake Community

Baths for nine years on the committee.

Geoff was a Soccer referee and a coach of Junior soccer for twelve years. He had twelve years on the South Taranaki Soccer Association where he served as Chairman and Secretary.

Geoff Williams joined the Opunake Lions Club in 1988, he has been President twice and a zone chair, plus he has been the club historian since 1993.

Reverend Geoff Williams most well-known role and service is as the Minister at The Opunake Anglican

Church. Geoff became a Deacon in 2004 and a Priest in 2008, he was the Administrator at the Anglican Church in Opunake for 12 years.

If you have a person in the community that you feel deserves recognition for their community service then please contact Louise Knapman Knapman@xtra.co.nz or Daphne Holley daphnesinclair@xtra.co.nz, or if you see them up town say hello and give them your nominee's name and a few details of why you are nominating them.

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Getting away from a debt based money system

Advocacy group Positive Money New Zealand is launching a petition to parliament to give the Reserve Bank of New Zealand the exclusive ability to issue all New Zealand money, whether notes, coins, or electronic. Money issued by the Reserve Bank would be called sovereign money. "The New Zealand financial system is approaching crisis point due to its crippling level of private debt, which is now more than 90% of our GDP. Ten years on from the collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 2008 and the start of the Global Financial Crisis and not much has changed," says Don Richards, National Spokesperson for Positive Money.

"Our current debt-based financial system has 97% of our money supply created by private banks at the click

of a button to finance loans and mortgages. Our Reserve Bank has been relegated to issuing just 3% of our money in the form of notes and coins. "Privately owned banks create money ex nihilo (from nothing) lending this created money to you and me with interest added. This new money is pumped into housing ensuring the cost rises out of proportion to the rest of the economy. It is how banks make huge profits with most of that money going overseas keeping the New Zealand economy on its knees," Richards said "More people must get into debt than repay their debt for our economy to grow in a debt-based money system. Making things worse, when bank loans are repaid, the money is destroyed and can't be lent out again.

"This system of debt-based money is unsustainable. As

the former governor of the Bank of England pronounced in 2010, of all the many ways of organising banking, the worst is the one we have today."

"With the Reserve Bank creating all of our money, new money could be used to fund infrastructure projects. The money would stay in circulation, rather than being destroyed upon repayment. This is not a new idea. In 1936, after the first great

depression, our Reserve Bank injected millions of pounds into our economy for infrastructure projects enabling the building of thousands of state houses.

"By moving our banking system to having the Reserve Bank issue all of our currency we will have a financial system that has been proven to work rather than one that fails every 10 to 15 years" concludes Richards

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Successful year for Ngati tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay

Ngati tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay is an excellent example of what can be achieved when a diversity of groups and individuals work together, says Andy Whitehead.

Elected chairman again, Andy Whitehead gave his report at the annual general meeting in Opunake. Describing this last year as "challenging" because of the prolonged wet followed by extremely dry weather, he says this has adversely affected the fore dune plantings. Many of the plants died in these extreme conditions. However this winter saw improved weather which has benefitted the plantings.

"Thanks to the Wild for Taranaki donation we purchased and planted 1000 coastal trees at the northern

end of the bay. There were 30 volunteers from Shell, Ballance and local people. The following week there was another planting session.

"Volunteers have been rewarded with sightings of a dotterel chick, a gold striped gecko, and the rare moth Notoreas 'Taranaki'.

"Roaming dogs and cats are natural enemies of these birds and the public must keep their pets away from the beach.

"The Sandy Bay group aim to put timber logs to stop people driving onto the sand dunes. The natural habitat will be provided for the Notoreas 'Taranaki'. There will be more planting of coastal trees and flaxes, as well as spinifex, pingao and carex pumila throughout the year," Andy said.



Volunteers at work at Sandy Bay.

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Ngati Ruanui will fight appeal

Trans Tasman resources Ltd(TTR) has appealed a High Court decision blocking seabed mining off the South Taranaki Bight.

Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust has said they will cross appeal to uphold the High Court decision.

Ngati Ruanui kairatangi Debbie Ngarewa-Packer says Ngati Ruanui will continue to lead the charge in this fight to protect our ocean environment.

"We've fought and won this battle twice now. We shouldn't have to keep fighting it but we will."

On Tuesday August 28, 2018, The High Court at Wellington announced it would not allow TTR



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer.

to mine iron sand in the South Taranaki bight, and returned the consent to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Decision Making Committee (DMC)

for reconsideration using several points of law missing during the original consideration.

"The High Court has clearly indicated that the

EPA did not get things right to start with," Ngarewa-Packer says.

"Continuing to lead this kaupapa and battle against this controversial and untested practice is the only right thing to do. We need to ensure future generations can enjoy our beaches.

"It's never about today, it's got to be about tomorrow."

Ngati Ruanui chairman Haimona Maruera Jr says he would like to thank those would continue to support Iwi endeavours to prevent Seabed Mining in South Taranaki.

"Without our uri, descendants, community and the encouragement they provide, it would be so much tougher to keep pushing back against this challenge."

Ngarewa-Packer says "the environmental risks haven't changed just because another court will now be reviewing this, neither have any other factors. We remain opposed. We continue to fight for the future."

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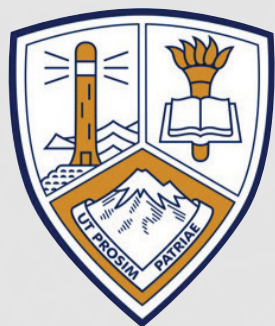


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TE KAHUI WHETU 2018

Ten years ago the combined Taranaki secondary schools got together to begin an event unlike anything else around Aotearoa - Te Kahui Whetu. Now held annually, this event, timed to coincide with Te Wiki o te Reo Maori (Maori Language Week) is an opportunity for the staff members of the respective kura to prepare and perform waiata and haka in an informal Kapahaka competition. Te Kahui Whetu provides a fantastic outlet to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to delivering culturally responsive educational practice. Plus its a great way to catch up with teachers from other kura, not to mention the great kai and a bit of healthy competition.

This year, Te Kura Tuarua o Opunake jumped into a couple of vans and headed north to Waitara where once again Opunake were one of the bigger groups.

After a powhiri to welcome all the schools onto the Waitara High School grounds and some light refreshments it was time to get into things. Inglewood High and Spotswood College were the first couple of schools to get things going, setting a very high standard for those to follow.

After a quick warm-up, it was Opunake's turn on-stage. Led by Whaea Robyn Davey, with strum-sister Dawn Colless laying down the tune, our opening bracket consisted of Nga Iwi e, Toia Mai and Harura Ana (the last of these three waiata was performed by all the schools, as is the tradition of having one common waiata).

Following these, Opunake presented the full school waiata, signing off with a rousing haka, led by James Davidson. Mr Davidson was clearly inspired to lead strongly at his old high school, where once upon a time he was Dux.

Special thanks needs to go to Whaea Robyn, Mrs Colless and of course, Matua Rangiroa Rangiruru for preparing our bracket and putting the time into preparing us.

Opunake High definitely rose the bar for our future performances, Principal Peter O'Leary commenting that we might need to start practice for 2019 from the beginning of Term 4. Next years event is being hosted by Hawera High School, pencil it into your calendars now!



OPUNAKE BEACH CLEANUP

As part of the GJ Gardner Keep New Zealand Beautiful Cleanup Week, Healthy Oceanz ran the Opunake Cleanup Week. This week involved encouraging the local community to pick up any rubbish around town or their homes to reduce the amount of rubbish that enters our local, coastal environments and oceans.

World Cleanup Day 2018 fell during the week, so to participate in this day, a beach cleanup was held at the Opunake Main Beach. There were 38 people who attended, with a lot of support from the High School students and teachers, as well as other families within the community. Approximately 3,959 pieces of rubbish were picked up over a period of 1.5 hours.

To finish off the Opunake Cleanup Week a second beach cleanup was held at Middleton Bay and 1338 pieces of rubbish was picked up.

A massive thank you to all the people within the school and community who came along to participate in Opunake Cleanup Week, it was a huge success and our local, coastal environment is now cleaner and healthier because of it!



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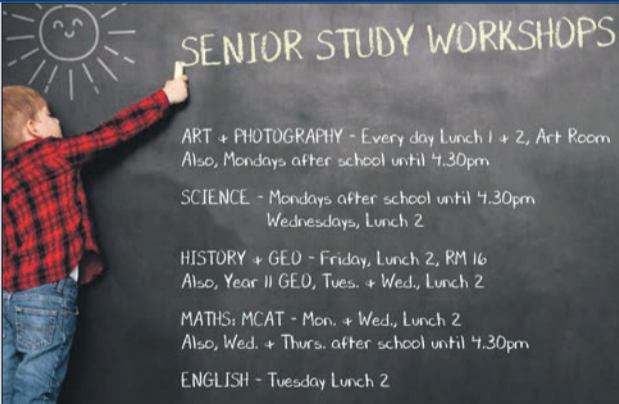
It has become tradition, that with each Te Kahui Whetu, we produce a t-shirt for the staff to wear while they perform, this doubles as a memento of each event.

For this year, the main motif is a graphic representation of artwork created by Year 13 student, Tanaia Pape-Tohaia. Tanaia has spent her senior years in art looking at cultural appropriation, producing many stunning artworks. She is currently working hard on completing her Level 3 portfolio.

WHATS HAPPENING AT OPUNAKE HIGH?

A hectic Term 3 is nearly at an end, here are some of the important dates for Term 4:

- Opunake's Got Talent - October 18th
- Puanga Festival (Waitara) - October 26th
- Senior Prizegiving - November 1st
- Senior NCEA Exams - From Week 4, November 7th - 30th
- Junior Prizegiving - December 7th



SENIOR STUDY WORKSHOPS

- ART + PHOTOGRAPHY - Every day Lunch 1 + 2, Art Room
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- SCIENCE - Mondays after school until 4.30pm
Wednesdays, Lunch 2
- HISTORY + GEO - Friday, Lunch 2, RM 16
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Campaign for a Plastic-free Opunake

Students from Massey University have started a campaign to reduce single-use plastic consumption in Opunake.

They plan to present the results of a petition, which calls for businesses to stop using or selling single-use plastics, to the Opunake and Districts Business Association at their meeting

on October 1.

They hope the association will support the campaign by officially adopting a Plastic-free Opunake stance.

Opunake businesses are being asked to take a first step in reducing single use plastic consumption by ceasing use of disposable plastic straws and bags.

So far, the Opunake

community has been showing support for a Plastic-free Opunake by signing a petition at change.org and 'liking' the group's Facebook page, says Kelly Langton, one of the students and an Opunake local.

"We've had nearly 100 people sign the petition since we launched it a week ago, but we hope

to generate more interest still," she says. "Opunake is my home and where I am raising my children, so it is important to me that the coastal environment is protected. I know lots of others here feel the same, so we wanted to provide a way to get the whole community involved in doing something positive to help preserve the

environment."

Lyndsay Ralph, a group member from Hastings who set up the petition says "it is heartening to see the example a small community like Opunake can set," and she hopes bigger centres will follow in its footsteps.

The group of five are in the final year of their Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees. The

campaign is part of a new paper, called Tu Tira Mai: Practising Engagement, which requires students to undertake a community-based project where they use research, problem-solving and ethical skills to address a social or humanitarian issue.

BPA alternatives questioned

Replacements for BPA in plastics might cause similar reproductive problems in lab mice as the original ingredient does.

Bisphenol A (BPA) has been largely phased out of consumer products after a discovery 20 years ago that the ingredient had leached out of plastic cages used to house female mice in a laboratory, leading to a sudden increase in chromosomally-abnormal eggs in the animals.

But now the same research team that made that accidental discovery have found alternate bisphenols used to replace BPA in bottles, cups and other items may cause similar endocrine-disrupting problems in mice.

Their study, published in Current Biology called for more work to determine

whether some bisphenols might be safer than others.

University of Auckland's Professor James Wright-director of the Centre for Green Chemical Science - said heat, microwaving, dishwashing and UV light contributed to breaking down polymers and releasing molecular BPA.

"A number of replacements for BPA have been developed. However, the safety and toxicity of these have been much less studied than it has for BPA. Just because a plastic is 'BPA free', it does not necessarily mean the replacement used is less toxic. Most likely the toxicity of the replacement has not been intensely studied."

University of Canterbury's Associate Professor

Sally Gaw says BPA had originally been considered great for making rigid, clear plastic for items such as babies' bottles. But research had found BPA was turning up in people's urine, blood and amniotic fluid and there was evidence it was "found to interact with the body to sort of trigger a whole lot of hormonal pathways".

She said partly due to consumer backlash, BPA was withdrawn but had been replaced by a molecule "that looks very very similar". But due to those similarities, "it turns out unsurprisingly they interact with the body in a very similar way to BPA".

"I think we do need to consider all of our uses around plastic and the kind of exposures that we have," she said.

Scion's Lou Sherman - technical and service leader in the biopolymers and chemicals team - said it was important to note that not all plastics contain these BPA alternatives..

"In general, plastics that are marked with the recycling codes 1 (PET, soft drink bottles), 2 (HDPE, milk bottles), 4 (LDPE, plastic bags), 5 (polypropylene), and 6 (polystyrene) are very unlikely to contain BPA or its alternatives."

"It is also important to note that even if a material does contain BPA or these alternatives, they will only pose a risk if they migrate from the packaging into the food at harmful levels."

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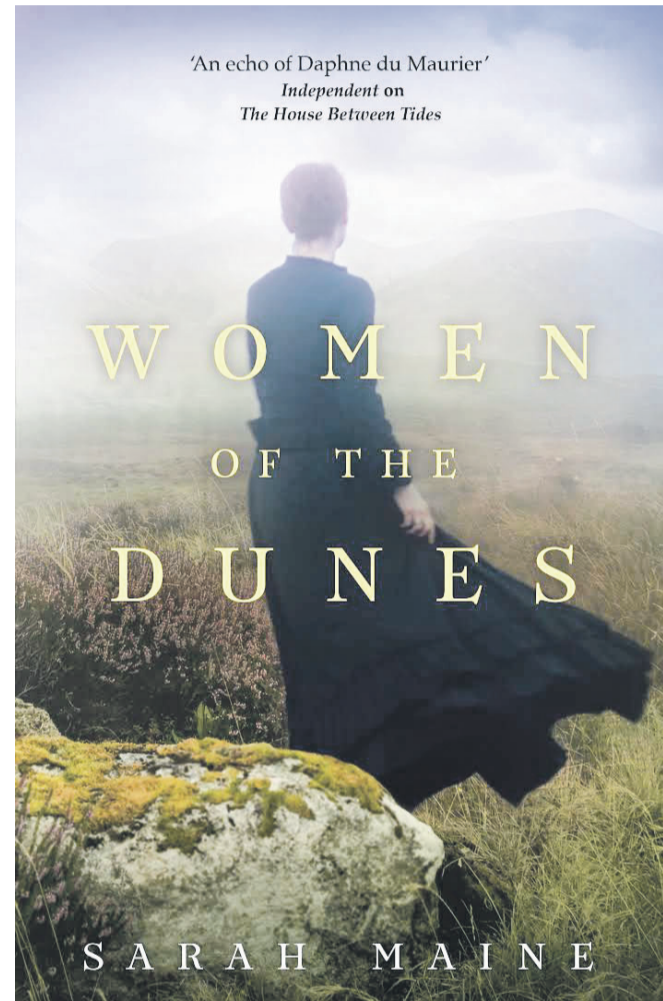
Women of the Dunes

by Sarah Maine.

The cover may not look overly appealing but you cannot judge this book by that.

This is an historical novel that dips back and forth between three time periods. The reader is first introduced Ulla, a Norsewoman running from her abusive husband and pregnant with her lover's child. The husband has injured her lover and she has set sail with him for Scotland. Once there she is abandoned by the men she travelled with and enlists the help of a solitary monk. Her baby is the start of a legend. Then we move to 19th century Scotland where Ellen the serving woman lives on the estate where Ulla died. She is very involved with the legends of Ulla and even after leaving Scotland after a terrible scandal and murder, she passes that legend down the line to her daughter and grand-daughter Libby.

Libby is a modern day archaeologist who has been hired as a lead on a project on the estate where her grandmother lived. The dig centres around where local people believe Ulla's lover was buried. When Libby visits the site she discovers many secrets which could not only change everything she believes about the legend but also her own life.



It is a really good read with love, myth, mystery, betrayal and murder.

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SCIENCE SUCCESS

The 2018 WITT Taranaki Science and Discovery Fair was recently held in New Plymouth, a number of Year 7-10 students from Coastal Taranaki School submitted work in the Scientific Investigation and Photography sections. Kason Koboski won a Merit prize in the Year 7 Scientific Photography section, the theme was 'Aspects of the Watercycle', Kason's photo showed condensation in the form of ice which had melted. Science teacher Mrs Sangeeta Chaudhari was delighted to see Kason receive his award on the night.



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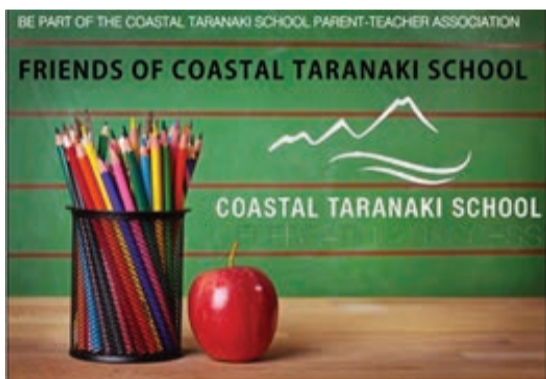
FUN ON THE TARATAHI FARM

Deakin Phillips – Sinton has been attending a special course 'Real Futures in Ag' run by Taratahi Institute of Agriculture. The program offers students a hands on Farm experience where they spend time in the outdoors experiencing life on the farm and building life skills. The program provides students with opportunities to develop life and farm skills in a positive environment. Deakin has been enjoying his experiences on the farm course and is enjoying working with the motorbikes, animals and learning new skills.



KAI AND KÖRERŌ

We had our 'Kai and Kōrero' evening in August which was facilitated by Mr Damon Ritai. This presentation was the beginning of a conversation about our school identity, the rich history and importance of our place. Mr Ritai led a conversation about our school Pēpēhā then we enjoyed a shared kai prepared by Nicky Phillips and her Whanau, alongside several valued members of our school community.



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- Lamb and Calf day

The team always need more members, everyone welcome.

See you all at Pet & Gala Day – October 19th at Coastal Taranaki School.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT - RUGBY LEAGUE

Year 10 student Taysha Ryder has had a very successful season playing Rugby League for Taranaki. Taysha started off earlier in the 2018 Rugby League season playing for the Taranaki 7's Under 15 woman's team in a tournament in Hamilton. In June after being selected for a second year, Taysha played for the Under 15 woman's Taranaki Whanui League Team in a tournament in Rotorua. Taysha's most recent achievement was playing for the Taranaki Sharks in a competition in Rotorua. It was the first time that Taranaki has put forward a team which is made up of female students from Taranaki Secondary schools. As a result of her performance during the tournament Taysha was selected to play for New Zealand in any upcoming International invitational games. It's not just Rugby League that Taysha is excelling in, she was also selected to play for Taranaki in Rugby Union for the Taranaki Under 15 woman's team. Taysha would like to thank the Okato Lions Club for supporting her in a donation towards travel expenses.

COASTAL TARANAKI SCHOOL PET AND GALA DAY


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OCTOBER 19TH 2018

This is a wonderful, annual school event for the whole community, so get your friends, family, neighbours and bring them along. If your child does not have a pet to bring there will still be in class displays to look at, also as part of the gala there will be:

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Rural charm close to town

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In Plymouth Road minutes from New Plymouth, a 1.3 hectare property with a comfortable 4/5 bedroom house and a charming garden has the best of both worlds, a rural setting close to town.

Janice Thompson who is a florist and husband Ron who used to farm in Warea are reluctantly selling for health reasons.

“The place was getting too big for us,” says Janice.

The couple who have owned it since 2002 have created a lovely lifestyle property.

Slightly elevated, the house was extensively renovated in the 1990s adding an open plan living area which features a step up lounge with an attractive high angled ceiling with exposed beams. A large window alcove with built in seating overlooks the exquisite garden full of spring flowers. “It’s my favourite place,”

says Janice. There is also access from the lounge to a large deck which overlooks the countryside and gives distant sea views. The main living area also has a dining area and a modern kitchen with a window directly above the ceramic top stove that beautifully frames Mt



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Taranaki. A diesel fire in the centre heats the entire area. Explains Ron, there is underfloor central heating waiting to be installed but they’ve never bothered finding the diesel fire keeps the house beautifully warm. They also have a HRV ventilation system which

equalises the temperature through the house. A hall off the main living area leads to the sleeping quarters. The master bedroom has a walk in wardrobe and an en suite bathroom. There are three more double bedrooms off the hall, all with views of the

garden, a bathroom with a spa bath and a separate smart laundry with outside access. Another smaller room off the main living area has been used as an office but could be a fifth bedroom if needed.

The house is fully carpeted throughout. Outside there is another room – presumably the old

wash house - with a toilet and other amenities.

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For Ron who’s also a keen fisherman, he’s going to miss his home grown freezer beef. “You can’t beat it,” he says.

A few items of furniture are for sale too including an ornate early 1900s large side board which they don’t want to take with them.

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New life continues to flourish in Opunake



Growing plants on the coast for the coast. Murray and Eileen Baylis of New Life Nursery

In 1980 Murray and Eileen Baylis bought a hectare of farmland on the western outskirts of Opunake and set to work to transform it into a plant nursery.

Nearly 40 years later they are still running the New Life Nursery and Garden Centre.

Working with plants has been a lifelong passion for Murray, and he says he enjoys interacting with customers who have shared interests in nature.

"I started when I was about 19 working for a small nursery in Waitara and I felt this was for me," he says.

After three years there he worked at Duncan and Davies in New Plymouth for a couple of years.

He and Eileen were looking to buy some land around Waitara to set up a nursery of their own, but this was the time of the kiwifruit boom of the 1970s and 1980s and land prices seemed too prohibitive to go down that road.

"Then this piece of land came up. My Dad told us about it and we purchased it," says Murray.

For the first 10 years, Murray had to supplement his income from the nursery by working as a caretaker at the high school.

Murray and Eileen recall early days selling produce and relying on an honesty box. Murray began by growing trees which he would supply to farmers.

In 1990 things were going well enough for Murray to give up his school caretaker job and devote more time to the nursery. Two years after this they built the shop and in 1993 they opened the Garden Centre part of their business.

"We've been going a long

time and built up a good, loyal customer base of local people in the township and surrounding farms. Although we do get people coming from all over Taranaki," says Murray.

Many will be familiar with Murray and Eileen's dog Ness who loves to greet customers with a ball in her mouth.

"She does a great job of entertaining the children while the parents are free to look around the job," says Murray.

For the last five years they have had their own website, which means they have been able to extend their reach further and now send trees all over the North Island.

Supplying trees for farmers and lifestyle blocks, as well as shrubs and trees for

gardens remains a large part of their business during the winter months. In the spring months, customers are more likely to be interested in vegetable and flower plants, fruit trees, fertiliser and potting mix from the Garden Centre.

Eileen says whatever the season they are always looking towards to the next year.

"It's a fulltime job for both of us," she says. "We propagate as much as we can. We source seeds and cuttings for native trees and grow them ourselves."

She quotes the nursery's slogan "Growing plants on the coast for the coast."

Murray says gardening in a place like Opunake poses its own challenges.

"There's a lot of wind and salt spray so trees and plants

don't, you won't be able to grow the garden you desire."

Eileen says being able to work from home has provided a great environment to raise their three children. Now that she and Murray are grandparents they enjoy having their grandchildren drop in after school for afternoon tea and a chat before heading off to sport

or after school activities.

Looking towards the future Murray says they have decided to scale back the number of trees they have been growing for the riparian planting scheme.

"We are going to concentrate on building a wider range of trees, hedging and shrubs

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Murray Baylis

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TeenAg skills day attracts students

Brooke Pene is doing everything he can to achieve his dream of becoming a shepherd.

The Hawera High School pupil was one of 70 students who took part in the Taranaki TeenAg Competition this month.

The hands-on event at the Stratford A&P Showgrounds tested the agri-business skills of students from six high schools.

"I haven't been to an event like this before. It's been amazing," said the 15-year-old.

Students tackled 15 modules which included driving a quad bike, hanging a gate, pasture allocation and budgeting.

"I really enjoyed the sheep and wool modules. We assembled the shearing handpiece perfectly and got the highest score," he said.

Brooke spends his school holidays on a sheep and beef farm and enjoys using the tractor to feed out.

"I'd really like to enter the regional final of the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year next year," he said.

"It's all part of my plan to continue learning new skills so I can get a job as a shepherd when I finish school."



Will Brown shows students how to assemble a shearing handpiece.

Brooke Honnor is a member of Waitara High School's new TeenAg club. The Year 9 student aspires to become a vet nurse and enjoyed competing.

"The hardest module was calculating the correct amount of grass for a mob of sheep and putting up a temporary fence." "I probably need to stay in

school and study maths a bit more," she laughed.

New Plymouth Girls' High School student Kaylee Hill lives on a lifestyle block and has a goal of owning a farm.

"I can't believe how much I have learned today. The module on riparian planting was really interesting," said the 17-year-old.

"I also enjoyed learning

about genetics and the fertiliser module."

The competition was organised by NZ Young Farmers (NZYF) after a similar event in Feilding in June attracted 170 teenagers.

"We've had exceptional growth in our TeenAg numbers in Taranaki and we want to keep that momentum going," said NZYF territory manager Megan Bates.

"This event will hopefully give students considering entering the regional final in Whanganui next April the confidence to sign up."

A number of the students are also studying agri-business resources which their schools downloaded from the Agrigation website.

"It's a great website with free cross-circular teaching resources that can make the agri-food sector relevant to most subjects," said Megan.

A team from New Plymouth Girls' High School was the top junior team in competition. New Plymouth Boys' High School was the highest-scoring senior team.

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First female Young Farmers boss

A tech-savvy business leader with a passion for the primary industries has been appointed to the top job at NZ Young Farmers.

Lynda Coppersmith, 48, was one of a strong line up of candidates vying for the sought-after chief executive's position.

"I'm really excited that I'm going to be working in the primary industries again," she said.

Lynda is currently a Christchurch-based senior account manager with accounting software company MYOB. She will be NZ Young Farmers' first female chief executive.

"The more CEOs we have who are women the better. Diversity is extremely important," said Lynda.

"If the primary industries is to meet its growth targets, it needs to do everything it can to connect with young women."

"I'm hoping my appointment and having Ash-Leigh (Campbell) chairing our board will send a positive signal to women about our sector," she said.

Lynda has spent the past six years in management



Lynda Coppersmith

positions at MYOB. Prior to that she worked for DairyNZ, was a business development manager for the Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) and an area manager for Fonterra in Timaru.

"Lynda has great relationship building skills, excellent business acumen

and experience dealing with grass roots farmer issues," said NZ Young Farmers Board chair Ash-Leigh Campbell.

"That will stand her in good stead working with our membership base and the organisation's other key stakeholders."

Lynda is married with

two teenage children. Her daughter Sophie is excited about the new job.

"She goes to Christchurch Girls' High School and has friends who are in the school's TeenAg club which is run by NZ Young Farmers," she said.

Outside of work, Lynda loves to travel and study.

"We've spent a bit of time travelling through Southeast Asia and we've lived in Australia," she said.

Lynda is completing a Master of Business Administration through the University of Canterbury. Her first day at NZ Young

Farmers will be October 1st. NZ Young Farmers has a network of almost 80 clubs, runs the iconic FMG Young Farmer of the Year contest and works in schools to get students excited about career opportunities in the primary industries.

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Public consultation on reducing gas emissions

A public consultation on the ETS (New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme) in New Plymouth on Thursday September 13 was well attended with 50 registering to attend the all day seminar.

Organised by the Ministry for the Environment and held at the Cophorn Hotel in New Plymouth, it was the ninth of ten such meetings being held at main centres throughout New Zealand. The final public consultation was to be held the next day at Nelson, said Elizabeth Heeg from Te Uru Rakau, Forestry New Zealand.

Introduced in 2008, The New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) is

New Zealand's key climate change policy tool to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While agriculture and in particular dairying, is responsible for a large portion of biological gas emissions, forestry can mitigate the effect on the environment.

The purpose of the consultative meetings was to discuss proposals to firstly improve the ETS framework and secondly reduce the complexity of the ETS forestry package and other barriers to forestry owners being part of the scheme.

Feedback was also being sought on harvested wood products (HWP) - products made from timber such as furniture or the framing for

buildings - which benefit New Zealand by mitigating climate change through carbon storage.

Around 60 percent of New Zealand's harvested wood is exported overseas as logs which are converted into short-lived products. Seventy seven percent of New Zealand's domestic wood processing results in longer-lived wood products, the other 23% is converted into short-lived products such as pulp, paper and packaging materials. In 2016 wood and paper products manufacturing comprised an estimated 0.8% of national GDP.

Among the options on which feedback is sought are encouraging the forestry

sector to develop longer lived harvested wood products.

Other changes being proposed include proving incentives for more trees to be planted over the next 10 years and defining what is an 'existing forest'.

Elizabeth Heeg commented there had been a "very good discussion" adding that the ETS can be "very complex". How are the changes going to work in practice, was important and needed discussing, she said adding "There was a broad range of questions."

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Charlie (12) and Harry Gibson (11) competing in the Tube Rescue Race at a Taranaki Carnival.

1, and a little paper test. At OSLSC we pride ourselves in supporting our team.

We have over 100 active members with a large junior contingent. Get in touch to

find out more. Check out the fun our Juniors have in the photo. Come join us and

register your child! Children to 14 years can participate in Junior Surf. From 14 years you can be a rookie and start to do your lifeguard qualification.

Coming up - 14th October-Working Bee .October 27 - Stall at the Opunake Market Day. 28th October - Registration day from 10-12pm down at the Surf HQ on the main beach.

As always - never swim on your own, and only ever swim at the north end of the beach - look for the Norfolk Pines on the hill and swim between those if there is no one on patrol. Remember to dial 111 if you see anyone in trouble.

Any questions, comments or ideas? Get in touch with Trish Rankin (search for the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Facebook Page) or email opunakesurflifesaving@gmail.com

Fitzroy features at national awards

The Fitzroy Surf Life Saving Club has picked up a number of awards at the Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) annual Awards of Excellence ceremony which were held in Auckland.

Every year, awards are given to SLSNZ members to officially recognise them for their hard work and dedication to Surf Life Saving in New Zealand. Most awards are nominated locally with winners from their regional Awards of Excellence ceremonies then becoming finalists for the national awards.

The Volunteer of the Year award was won by Adam Fraser from Fitzroy SLSC for his unwavering dedication to surf lifesaving. As a volunteer, Adam made a valuable contribution to all facets of surf lifesaving; from doing patrols and keeping to the public safe, to being a senior instructor at the National Lifeguarding School, to managing the Taranaki callout squad, and everything in between.

He also became the chairman of the National Lifesaving Committee and

completed multiple New Zealand Search and Rescue qualifications during the past season.

The Lifeguard of the Year was awarded to Todd Velvin from Fitzroy SLSC. He did a total of 72 hours on patrol watching over members of the public, while instructing 30 new IRB crewman, two IRB drivers, and countless hours mentoring and helping surf lifeguards get their qualifications.

The Fitzroy Club also picked up service awards for Alison Cole and Byron Reid.

Wanganui Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) took home the Rescue of the Year award for a very difficult rescue off rocks at Kai Iwi Beach in February this year. With the weather deteriorating and the swell getting bigger, they were called in by police to help rescue two stranded people.

It was too dangerous for the local rescue helicopter to winch the patients from the rocks due to an unstable cliff, while the Coastguard couldn't get close enough due to the surf conditions,

leaving Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRBs) and Surf Lifeguards as the only option. Ultimately, they saved the two people after navigating the conditions and using all their skills.

Debbie Hutchings of Waikanae SLSC in Gisborne was awarded the Official of the Year award for her commitment to Surf Life Saving sport.

SLSNZ Chief Executive, Paul Dalton, said he's always amazed by the work of surf lifeguards who make such an invaluable contribution to communities around New Zealand which is highlighted at these awards.

"All of the award winners have made a huge impact in their communities around the country. From saving lives through rescues, to teaching young people about surf safety, and coaching young athletes to be the best they can be, they've all excelled and we're very proud of that.

"In fact, leading up to these awards, we heard so many fantastic stories of the impact all of our volunteers have had around New Zealand.

It was really difficult to present only one recipient per award, because there are so many great volunteers out there. But tonight is all about thanking our award winners who have done great things around the country."

Surf Life Saving New Zealand and the 18,600 members now turn to their attention back to the fast-approaching summer season. Patrols are set to start from next month in some areas, with many volunteers currently finishing up their training and qualifications to be ready in time.



Callum Hickey, one of our Opunake Club lifeguards working on one of the engines.

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Good early season trout fishing expected



Murray Dobbin watches on as grandson Wyatt plays a fish. Photo Andrew Dobbin

Taranaki Fish & Game is tipping local trout streams to be in good condition when the new fishing season opens on Monday

October 1, 2018.

Field officer Allen Stancliff says that regular freshes over winter and early spring and a lack of damaging floods

have ensured streams will be in good order for early season fishing.

With river and stream base-flows currently decreasing

and water temperatures rising steadily it's looking like conditions will suit the fly fisher using weighted nymphs. Spin fishing with

toby, rapala and bladed spinners will also take fish in the larger river pools, while bait fishing with creeper, worm or soft baits will be

productive in waters where bait is permitted.

Mr. Stancliff says that trout will be actively feeding and very catchable after having a break from angling activity over the winter.

Rivers such as the Waingongoro in South Taranaki hold good numbers of brown and rainbow trout and the Patea River in the reach between Stratford and Toko will also produce some nice fish.

If river conditions are unsuitable on opening day, then fishing in Lake Ratapiko and Lake Mangamahoe (fly fishing only) will be well worthwhile, as these lakes have had a recent top-up with good-sized rainbow trout.

This year's take a kid trout fishing event will be held on Saturday October 27 at Lake Ngangana, which is located adjacent to the Taranaki Kart Club track near Waitara

A release of 250 two-year-old rainbow trout will also be made into Opunake Lake in late October, but there will be no organised event this year. The final kids' trout fishing day will be held on Saturday December 8 at the Scout Den pool in Stratford's King Edward Park.



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Manaiia Golf results

September 8. Men. 1. Robert Snowdon. 2. Grant Hastie. 3. Jim Ngere. 4. Greg Elliott. 5. Jason King.

September 15. Men. 1. Greg Dowdle. 2. Grant Hastie. 3. Paddy Hetta. 4. Nathan Ngere. 5. John Oliver.

Peewees. 1. Ashton Clarges. 2. Payton Siciliano. 3. Hannah Symes. 4. Mikayla Symes. 5. Ronin Symes. Top Dogs.

1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Lucas Symes. 3. Jamiee Siciliano. 4. Jaden Siciliano.

Eagles. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Oliva symes. 3. Kieran Taylor. Putting. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Ashton Sharp. 3. Lucas Symes. 4. Jamiee Siciliano. 5. Jaden Siciliano. 6. Kieran Taylor and Oliva Symes.

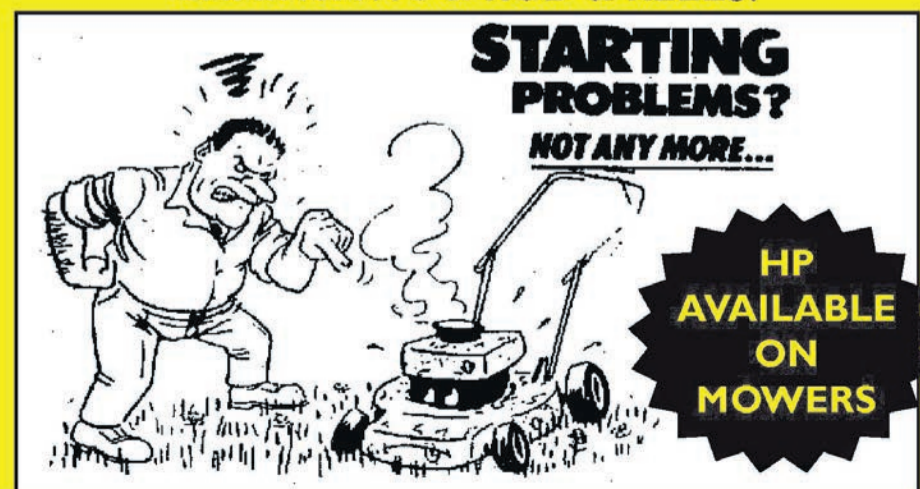
September 22. Men., Bogey Round. 1. Paddy Heta. 2. Logan Symes.

3. Ashton Sharp. 4. Jim Ngere. 5. Kingsly Young.

Juniors. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Carter Symes. 1. Jamiee Siciliano. 2. Jaden Siciliano. 1. Payton Siciliano. 2. Ashton Clarges. 1. Hannah Symes. 2. Mikayla Symes. 3. Chantelle Wong.

Putts. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Jamiee Siciliano and Carter Symes. 3. Jaden Siciliano.

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Eltham Smallbore Rifle results

On Monday September 3, it was a night for 100 scores with two group card 100s and three full-card 100s shot. Top score of the evening was shared between Garry Rowlands and Bob Bramley who both shot 100.7, Garry also scored 97.5 and 97.7 while Bob also had a 96.4. The third 100 was shot by Clare Bramley as part of a double score (100.4 and 99.6) and 94.1. Paul Tidswell shot two doubles (98.3, 96.6), (98.5, 99.5);

Murray Chinery continues to shoot well with 97.3 and 93.4; Alan Drake 96.3; Dave McGregor 94.1, 95.4; Craig McGill shot consistently in the 90s with scores of 91.2, 90.2, 90.2, Eddie Hagenaaers 88.1, 73.0.

Junior shooters are continuing their good form with Boston Taylor coming out on top this time 94.3, 88.1; Henry Armond 90.2, 90.1, 88.0; Keely Burnell, after a month-long break, came out firing with scores

of 90.1 and 92.2; John McGill with two group cards of 97 and 99, then followed up with a 77.0 full-card – a very good score compared to others who have shot longer than he has. Newcomer Josh Bland shot two 100 group cards and a 79.1 full-card.

The Taranaki Champion of Champions was held in Hawera on Friday September 7 with grade winners from each of the four Taranaki Clubs shooting against each other. Unfortunately

not everyone was able to attend through illness and being away, however there was still a good turnout. Master grade champion was Dave Fake (Oaonui) with a score of 391.23. A grade Hayden Andreoli (Hawera) 375.08. B grade Clare Bramley (Eltham) 391.25; Bob Bramley (Eltham) 188.05. D grade Henry Armond (Eltham) 183.03. Congratulations to all and a special congratulations to those Eltham shooters who

won their grades and Clare who took out overall top score.

Top score of the night on Monday September 10 went to Paul Tidswell with what has become known in the Club as a ‘dumb 99.’ Paul’s scores were 98.5 and a double (99.5, 98.6). A popular score of the evening was 96 with three shot – Bob Bramley 96.4, 94.0; Don Litchfield 96.4, 86.0; Clare Bramley 96.3, double (97.6, 98.7). Close

behind was Murray Chinery 95.3, 89.0; Alan Drake 94.3; Henry Armond 87.1, 94.2; Dave McGregor 92.2, 87.0; Boston Taylor 86.1, 90.2. Welcome back to Michelle Hofmans who has had an extended break from shooting but scored a very respectable 90.3 and 92.0 on her first time back. Craig McGill 90.3, 89.0, 88.1. Eddie Hagenaaers group card scores 99 and 100.

Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

Registrations surpass 7000 for first time

For the first time ever, Taranaki rugby player registrations have exceeded 7000 including large growth in the women’s and secondary school space.

The final total landed on 7036 players in the period which ended on Monday 13 August 2018.

The biggest growth was in the women’s game which saw an 11% increase. The extra numbers were largely put down to the introduction of junior girl’s rugby, a new women’s competition and continued increase of players in the teenage area. Referee and coaching numbers also grew during the period.

Community Rugby Manager Cole Brown said the growth was huge for rugby in the province, especially in the women’s area.

“With the introduction of the Port Taranaki Whio team in the Farah Palmer Cup, for the first time since 2013, has really seen a big increase in that area. More and more women want to play the



Taranaki Community Rugby Manager Cole Brown.

game and strive to represent Taranaki in whatever grade possible”.

Brown also credits Women’s Rugby Development Officer Braydon Peterson, who has

been out in the community with new initiatives growing the game.

“Braydon is highly energetic and has really added value into the women’s game” he said.

Contrary to a national trend, where most provinces were losing numbers, Taranaki teenage registrations grew 4% - including the addition of four new Saturday male rugby teams in various school

competitions. Spotswood College 1st XV re-entered a team in the premier school’s competition and Waitara, Inglewood and Hawera High Schools all entered teams in the U15 grades.

Brown has also assisted in the growth of the teenage game, which is a boost for Taranaki Rugby.

“We have bucked the national trend and we have done a great job in growing registrations, working within school communities to re-install teams back into various competitions”.

Senior players landed on a similar number compared to last year and there was a 15% growth in coaching with 439 registered in 2018.

Brown said the Rugby Development Officers have delivered local and New Zealand Rugby sessions and workshops to be able to grow coaches in the region.

Referee numbers also continued to increase in Taranaki with 15 new registrations, up from 11 on the previous year, taking the total to 67 active referees. Several referee-coaches also

registered with an overall retention rate of 92%.

Brown said national and local recruitment campaigns and a community awareness has attributed to the growth of referees.

“A new approach by Referee Education Officer Will Johnston has helped grow and retain the referees. Taranaki Rugby Referees Association has been able to appoint referees down to U11 grades across the region – that hasn’t been done before”.

Taranaki Rugby Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Parkinson said community rugby is the back bone of Taranaki and the results are very impressive.

“The numbers have reflected the hard work the community team have done to increase numbers in Taranaki. It’s important for us to provide a pathway through the game aligning with our strategic priorities of growing rugby, developing people and inspiring Taranaki” he said.



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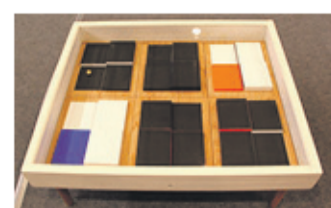
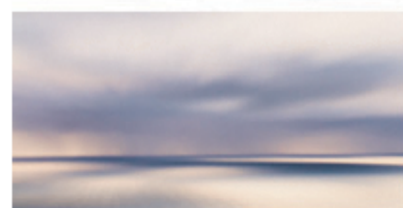
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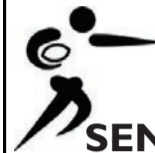
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Is it a bird, is it a plane, is it a rook?



Rook



Magpie



Blackbird

There have been a number of rooks sightings around Taranaki over the last 12 months. The Taranaki Regional Council wants to stop rooks becoming established in the region.

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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.

Egmont Euchre Club: Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

FRIDAYS

Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

WEEKENDS

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

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21 TO SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

'The 2018 Adam Portraiture Award': At Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda St, Stratford. Gallery, Eltham. Refer advert for details.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24 TO FRIDAY OCTOBER 19

'In Memoriam' Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer advert for details.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

The Bull Shop 33rd Annual Unreserved Bull Sale: At the Bull Shop, Cnr Koru & Main Roads, Oakura. 10.30am start. See advert for details.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28 TO TUESDAY OCTOBER 23

Rex Wooffindin Art Exhibition: Koru on Devon. Refer advert for details.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Opunake Community Pools New Season opens: Refer advert for session times.

The Warratahs 'Drivin' Wheel' 30th Anniversay Tour Show: At the Eltham Town Hall. Doors open 6.30pm. Brought to you by the Friends of the Eltham Town Hall. Refer advert for details.

'Happy Campers' at Butlers Reef, Oakura: 8.30pm start in the front bar. Refer advert for details.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30

Cheesemaking at Hollard Gardens: Upper Manaia Rd, Kaponga from 10am to 12pm. Refer advert.

MONDAY OCTOBER 1

The History of Map-making with Bill Robertson: The Taranaki Geological Society is pleased to welcome Bill Robertson, foremost mapmaker in NZ and respected abroad. Maps are a means of displaying enormous and varied amounts of information, from crop patterns to geology, weather to oil fields. The fundamental processes may not have changed but the tools available certainly have, Bill will reflect on the history of map-making, geological and other. Starts at 7.30pm at NPGHS Block O Rm 6. All welcome. Contact Robert Park (0211038573) or Mark Robbins (753 9930) for details.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 2

Stanley Bro's Complete Herd Disposal Coastal Herd Sale: At Main Sth Rd, Opunake. Starts at 11am. Refer advert.

Bingo Fundraiser at Butlers Reef, Oakura: Raising money for the Taranaki Retreat Suicide Prevention. All welcome. Please come along at 6pm to buy your cards and get a table. Cards are \$10 each and you play 3 rounds with that card. bring a whiteboard marker with you if you can!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 4

Pihama Cricket Club AGM: Starts at 7.30pm. Refer advert.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 4 TO SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

Hawera Genealogy Annual Book Fair: St Joseph Hall, Victoria St. Hawera. Refer advert for session times.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

Golfing at Manaia Golf Club with Grant Moorehead: Give it a go! Come and try Golf at Manaia Golf Club with professional Grant Moorehead. Any age welcome. From 10 am to 12pm. Enquiries to Margaret 06 274 8614 or 027 2471 946.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 16

Opunake Touch Competition: Starts October 16. Refer advert.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

Everybodys Theatre NZ Film Festival 2018: At Everybodys Theatre.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27

Opunake Business Association Market Day: In the Opunake CBD from 9am to 1pm.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb 2018: In the Opunake CBD.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5

Agriculture Courses at Taratahi: NZ Certificate in Agriculture courses start at Taratahi today. Refer advert for details.

Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy to hold fundraiser



The VCAs (Volunteer Assistant Chaplains) pictured in this photo are only 60% of our enthusiastic and fully dedicated team.

While hospital medical staff look after how you are, we look after who you are. The New Plymouth Hospital Chaplaincy is planning an Awareness and Fundraiser Campaign. We need your community's help to be able to continue this valuable service in the hospitals of Taranaki. This year the fundraising effort will be a hands on grassroots one so get ready to "dig deep" for Chaplaincy. Some future programmes can involve support initiatives for hospital staff, Family Violence, and Youth Suicide prevention.

On Saturday, September 22 from 10:00-2:00 pm there is a BIG PLANT SALE at St. Andrews Church on Liardet St. in New Plymouth. There will also be a stall in the Hawera Markets. So get your plants ready now! Besides your green thumbs, we need those famous coastal baked goodies, things to raffle and auction, cookbooks

in good condition or just your time. And, oops, of course there's the traditional sausage sizzle. Any other "outside the envelope" ways to contribute financially are most welcome.

There are 31 trained VCAs (Volunteers Chaplain Assistants) in the New Plymouth Hospital and 3 in Hawera Hospital who each day assist our Lead Chaplain, Joe Gray, to fulfill the ongoing pastoral needs of so many patients. It is a huge job for any one person and our team efforts to provide 24/7 cover needs your community support to let people know that they matter and we're there for them.

Base hospital is part of the ICHC (Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy) which is cross denominational. It's not about religion or denominations; chaplaincy work is an inclusive caring effort for all patients and families, often in a time of a

major health crisis or the loss of a loved one. Our annual chaplaincy statistics not only indicate our support to patients, but staff, whanau, assisting in educational activities, funerals, room blessings, worship services and referrals. We need your help for this very worthy community cause. I trust that this chance to help others will be a blessing to you. We'll get back to you and let you know our successful results in The Opunake and Coastal News and New Plymouth papers.

You can drop off items the day before on Friday at St. Andrews or before the sale starts at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday. If you have any queries feel free to contact Bob (021-171-9099) or Joe Gray (027-455-6090). What's the most important thing, people, people, people.

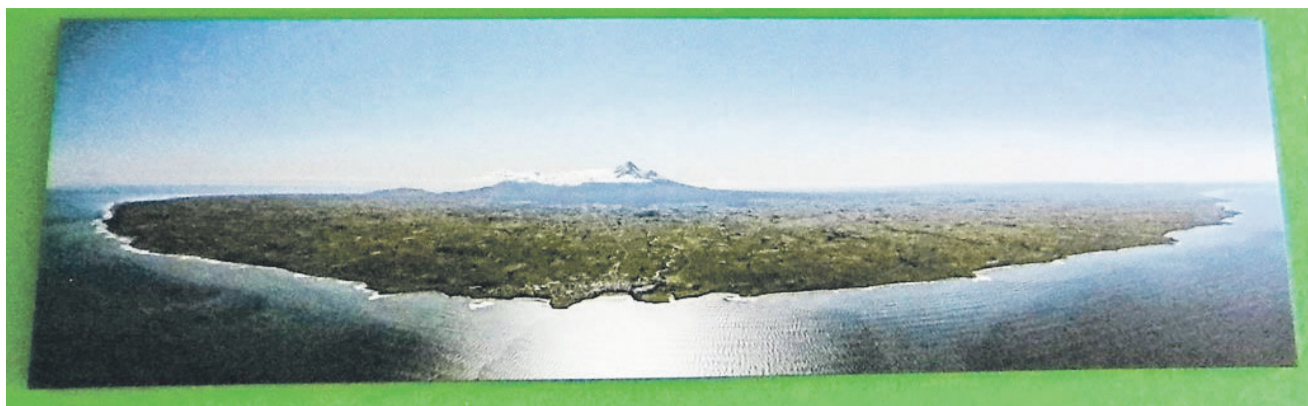
Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy

Art auction coming up

An art auction on October 19 at Sandfords Events Centre in Opunake should be a great opportunity to acquire some original art work from Taranaki artists. The event supports the school's focus on STEAM learning. STEAM uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student questions, conversation, and critical thinking. STEAM teaching focuses on solving real-world problems through hands-on learning and creative design. Megan Dymond and Tonya

Trabant from the Opunake Primary School Home & School Association are organising the art auction and said "Taranaki artists have donated a wide range of smart, beautiful creations that showcase the range of talent in our region."

Low res images of many of these pieces are on the Opunake Primary School facebook page under the Art 4 Smarts Event. Please visit the Art 4 Smarts Facebook Event page (from Opunake Primary School's FB page) and share the art there that



One of the art works up for sale at a fundraising Art auction.

you like. Invite your friends and whanau. Get your ticket (gold coin donation) from the

school office or at the Events Centre. For more information

contact Megan Dymond (shaun_megan@hotmail.com, 021 306668) or Tonya

McKenna Trabant (tonyaak@hotmail.com, 0276041334)

In Memoriam - A Village Gallery Exhibition

A new exhibiton at The Village Gallery opened this week. This exhibition draws on the temporal nature of life, capturing humanity's need for permanence in a world which is in a constant state of flux between birth and death, youth and dotage, beauty and decay, and in which only the present moment can be guaranteed.

in oils. After studying at the University of Cape Town, the artist has lived and worked in Australia, Germany, France and Japan before settling in New Zealand.

Works by this artist are represented in collections in France, South Africa, USA, England, Australia and Holland.

Murdoc has had two solo exhibitions (*Sometimes I Disappear* in Melbourne, Australia, 2011 and *Collected Works* in Mortain, France, 2015) and participated in various

collective exhibitions.

Justin Battong is a photographer. Justin is British and has been living in Normandy, France, for the last 12 years. He has been taking photographs for pleasure and work for nearly 30 years.

Justin's passion is for the countryside and nature and he loves photographing the amazing sites it bestows to us. In a lot of his photography he likes to focus just that little closer in to a scene and take images that are sometimes out of context and abstract in nature. He especially likes

the golden colours of morning and evening light and the way it can turn an otherwise normal object or scene into something beautiful and almost unrecognisable from any other time of the day. He also has a particular fascination for objects or buildings that are old with a history and character and sometimes in a state of decay.

Justin's photographic career started in Northumbria where he worked mainly with black and white film. There he captured the wild landscape in all its forms, and images that told the history of the area. He spent

six years working for the Living Museum of the North, Beamish Museum www.beamish.org.uk, and some of his photos were taken whilst working there, and have been used in publications.

Over the years he has done quite a bit of travelling to many interesting parts of the world, including the USA, New Zealand, Cook Islands, Tahiti, Fiji, and Malaysia. These trips were mainly off the beaten track, where he experienced some amazing things and had the opportunity to photograph some unusual

sights.

All of Justin's work is now taken digitally. He feels fortunate however, to have started his journey in photography working with film, both black and white and colour transparencies, and therefore has a knowledge and appreciation of both fields.

This exhibition is not to be missed. It runs daily Monday to Saturday 10am-3pm at The Village Gallery, Eltham. Closing day is October 19.

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BATTONG**

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Adam Portraiture Award, September 21 - October 14

Percy Thomson Gallery is currently hosting a touring selection of the finalists in The Adam Portraiture Award 2018.

Every two years the New Zealand Portrait Gallery in Wellington invites artists to enter portraits into Zealand's premier portrait prize, the Adam Portraiture Award.

This biennial award is for painted portraits of New Zealanders by New Zealanders and presents a breadth of responses to identity and representation. The winner receives \$20000 and the NZ Portrait Gallery keeps the portrait for its growing in-house collection.

Third-time finalist Logan Moffat has won this year's prestigious portraiture prize with a large-scale double



Sue Ellis' exhibition, 'Mysterious Mischief (Ellis in Wonderland)' features energetic and multi-coloured grid paintings, vibrant 3D work and her 'Birds'. The beautifully-executed and unique birds are a fine blend of hand-carving, assemblage, painting and construction.

glimpses in the world, it gives rise to imagery in mind, a kind of living kaleidoscope of possibilities.

"I've always loved making things, playing around with paint and wood and metal and hand-tools, unearthing little treasures perfect for a certain place or function other than their original purpose.

"Inspired by such diverse artists and artisans as Dale Copeland, Scott Radke, Ralph Hotere, Joseph Cornell, Tanya Blong; by the exquisite colorations, behaviour and presence of birds; by the heartrending rich golds, fiery copper and bronze.

"My bird pieces are a simply delicious indulgence in fabrication and ornamentation, unexpected personalities emerging, the beautiful delicate structure of bones, the whiff of 'ancient' cultures.

"The grid paintings have become something of an obsession, each 'window' a profound immersion in the frequency, the 'life' of the colour {not to mention the delectable aroma of oil paints and mediums} - thought flies out the window. I hope these pieces give others the delight they give to me."

portrait called 'Elam'.

Moffat is an Auckland-based artist, completing his BFA Honours degree at Elam School of Fine Arts last year. He was the second prize winner in the 2016 Adam Portraiture Award. His first exhibition was in 2015, at the age of 17. At 21 he is the youngest person in the 20-year history of the award to win first prize.

Mysterious Mischief (Ellis in Wonderland) September 21 - October 14

An intriguing collection of assemblage, construction and painting, this is the first solo exhibition by Stratford artist Sue Ellis.

The exhibition is the culmination of many years' work. Sue likes to work in solitude and is reticent about talking too much about herself.

"I want the artwork to speak for itself," she says.

This is how she perceives her relationship with her art. "Touched off by fleeting

Santa's wonderful helpers.



Mike and Colleen Smit repairing and sprucing up the sleigh for the 2018 parade. Both Mike and Colleen have recently retired and have been enjoying making a contribution to the town.

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Thirty seven years delving into the past

The general public maybe surprised by how much the Hawera Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists does says its convenor.

"I don't think they are aware of how much we do behind the scenes," says

Jillian Williams who has held that position for the last 12 years. "People are blown away by how much information we have."

This information includes electoral rolls, school magazines, district and family histories, and Taranaki death

notices from 1936 onwards, which are all collated and neatly indexed.

Contributions are always welcome.

"A lot of people aren't aware of what they've got," says Jillian. She says when family members pass away a lot of material gets thrown into the skip. She would like people to consider whether or not that could be useful to the Society instead.

Much historical material has disappeared through fires or gone missing for other reasons, so the Hawera Branch bought a scanner which enables them to go to schools and churches and scan records without having to take them off the premises.

The Hawera branch has 25 members and was founded 37 years ago. For the last 10 years it has been operating out of the old Masonic Hall on Union Street. Every Wednesday between 1-3pm, their research room is open to the public, and members are busy keeping their newspaper reports up to date.

They helped out with the commemorations for the opening of the Victoria Cross Garden and the unveiling of the statues of Hawera's two World War I Victoria Cross winners Harry Laurent and John Grant. They have been tracking down family of



Society members at work on a Wednesday afternoon.

Laurent and Grant, as well as Edwin Dixon who was mayor of Hawera at that time. Other recent projects have included researching the suffragettes for the 125th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

In the Hawera Library they have photos on display with members of the public being invited to place names to people in those photos.

The Hawera Branch is also known for their annual book fair, now in its fifth year. With two weeks still to go to the fair which will be held at St Joseph's School



Ladies with pumpkins. The Hawera Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists is interested in hearing from anybody who can put names to faces.

Hall in Hawera on October 4-6, organisers have already matched the total of books they had for last year's sale. The book sale will be on Thursday October 4 from 8.30am-7pm, Friday October 5 from 8.30am-6pm and Saturday October 6 from 9am-2pm.

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Lane Swimming	6:30-8:30am 6:30-8pm	6:30-10am 5 - 8pm	6:30-8:30am	6:30-10am 6:30-8pm	6:30-8:30am	7-10am	
Aqua Fit *From Oct 16 th *		9-9:45am TBA		9-9:45am TBA			
Public (weekends only from Term 4)	1-4pm*	1-4pm*	1-4pm*	1-4pm*	1-4pm*	1-4pm	1-4pm

*From October 15th Term hours commence - this means public hours are only weekends and public holidays.

*Public Holidays - No Aquafit - No Lane Swimming.

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Art collection to show at Koru

Pip Wooffindin can remember clearly being with her dad Rex (the late Rex Wooffindin) when Michael Smither's oil on board, "The Joker" was knocked down to him at the International Art Centre in Auckland in 2006.

Pip says she nudged her dad and said "you should buy this dad," so he did, and now its back in New Plymouth, Rex's birthplace, as part of the collection the family have generously made available to Koru Collective to sell and raise funds for their not-for-profit galleries.

Proudly supported by BNZ Partners Centre a collection of 30 works purchased by Rex over the past 70 years will be exhibited from September 28–October 23, shared between Koru on Devon Art Space and Gallery and the BNZ Partners Business Centre.

Pip and her husband Gary Sweeney are so enthusiastic about bringing a portion of the 260 works in the collection they personally delivered their precious load straight to our door.

The excitement of unpacking has taken most of one day discovering original work of legendary names like our own Michael



Pip Wooffindin with Tolo Harbour (Peter McIntyre).

Smither and Darcy Nicholas, Peter McIntyre's "Tolo Bay" is revealed amongst the wrapping, exposing a part of his history from extensive world travels.

McIntyre's piece will be shown at the BNZ Partners Centre Gallery open Monday to Friday from 8.30 - 5pm along with Kaitangata (Darcy Nicholas) Louise Henderson Untitled, Michael Smither - "Joker," also Henryk Szydlowski "Described as "a star who paints poetry on canvas" with titles that

challenge the imagination, "The Red gate Over the Puppet Paradise," Henryk was born in Poland emigrated to New Zealand in 1979, stayed seven years, then settled in Perth Australia. Symbolic references to New Zealand feature in the artists work.

Koru on Devon (open Wednesday – Sunday 10am – 2pm or whenever the street sign is out) will show the balance of the works including several originals from Waitara born Darcy Nicholas. Barbara Blakemore

Fowler Canterbury artist.

Henryk Szydlowski, Michael Smither, (Clouds from Back Beach and Four Rock pools and Three sand Pools), George Haite` Simon Williams, David Jones, Douglas Badcock, Gaston de Vel, Arthur Boyd, Guy Huze.

All works are for sale. It's a feast for our eyes, Koru Galleries thank the late Rex Wooffindin's family for this privilege and I thank my sister for marrying his brother.

Fay Looney



Night Warrior (Darcy Nicholas). Is one of the works from the Rex Wooffindin collection for sale at Koru Galleries



Koru Galleries

A lifetime of Art

Koru Galleries with the proud support of BNZ Partners will show from the 28th September 23rd October a selection of original art collected over 70 years by the late Rex Wooffindin.

BNZ Partners centre level one 13 - 15 Devon St east 8.30am - 5pm Mon to Fri

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	THE SPY WHO DUMPED ME Action, Comedy 1hr 57mins R16 Audrey and Morgan are best friends who unwittingly become entangled in an international conspiracy when one of the women discovers the boyfriend who dumped her was actually a spy. Fri 28 th Sep 7pm Sat 6 th Oct 7pm		LUIS AND THE ALIENS Adventure, Animated, Comedy 1hr 36mins PG An 11-year-old boy makes friends with three lovable aliens who crash their ship into his house. In return for Louis's help using the home-shopping network, they save him from boarding school and head off on an adventure together. Sat 29 th Sep 1pm Wed 3 rd Oct 1pm Mon 8 th Oct 1pm		BLACKKLANSMAN Drama, Crime, True Story 2hrs 15mins R13: Violence, Language & Sexual References It's the early 1970s, and Ron Stallworth is the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, Stallworth bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. Sat 29 th Sep 7pm
	CRAZY RICH ASIANS Comedy, Drama 2hr 1min PG Rachel Chu is happy to accompany her long-time boyfriend, Nick, to his best friend's wedding in Singapore. She's also surprised to learn that Nick's family is extremely wealthy and he's considered one of the country's most eligible bachelors.. Sat 7 th Oct 7pm Fri 12 th Oct 7pm Wed 17 th Oct 7pm		FUNNY COW **Arthouse** Drama, Comedy 1hr 43mins R16: Domestic Violence, Sexual Material & Offensive language. An aspiring female comedian standing up to the sexist Northern England club circuit, ill-treatment by men is something our heroine is grimly used to, from childhood beatings to an abusive husband. A film about the power of laughter and how to transform pain into humour. Sun 30 th Sep 7pm		CHRISTOPHER ROBIN Adventure, Action, Comedy 1hr 44mins PG Christopher Robin -- now a family man living in London -- receives a surprise visit from his old childhood pal, Winnie-the-Pooh. With Christopher's help, Pooh embarks on a journey to find his friends -- Tigger, Eeyore, Owl, Piglet, Rabbit, Kanga and Roo Fri 5 th Oct 1pm Wed 10 th Oct 1pm Sat 13 th Oct 1pm
	INCREDIBLES 2 Family, Comedy 1hr 58mins PG Helen is called on to lead a campaign to bring Supers back, while Bob navigates the day-to-day heroics of "normal" life at home with Violet, Dash and baby Jack-Jack—whose superpowers are about to be discovered. Mon 1 st Oct 1pm Sat 6 th Oct 1pm		THE DARKEST MINDS Science Fiction, Thriller 1hr 44mins M: Violence When teens mysteriously develop powerful new abilities, they are declared a threat by the government and detained. Ruby, escapes from her camp and joins a group of runaways who are seeking a safe haven. Betrayed by the adults in power, they must use their collective powers to wage a resistance and take back their future. Fri 5 th Oct 7pm Wed 10 th Oct 7pm Sat 13 th Oct 7pm		

Mon	Wed	Fri	Sat	Sun
		28 The Spy Who Dumped Me 7pm	29 Luis and the Aliens 1pm BlackkKlansman 7pm	30 Funny Cow 7pm
1 Incredibles 2 - 1pm	3 Luis and the Aliens 1pm The Book Club 7pm	5 Christopher Robin 1pm The Darkest Minds 7pm	6 Incredibles 2 - 1pm The Spy who Dumped Me 7pm	7 **BOUTIQUE** Crazy Rich Asians 7pm
8 Luis and the Aliens 1pm	10 Christopher Robin 1pm The Darkest Minds 7pm	12 Small Foot 1pm Crazy Rich Asians 7pm	13 Christopher Robin 1pm The Darkest Minds 7pm	14 Ladies in Black 7pm

Coffee and chat and take in the view

You are invited and you are welcome to come along to the NPOB Surf Life Saving Club each Thursday morning for an hour from 11am for a coffee and a catch up with other locals and visitors.

I like to call this a morning talk group, you may have a better name. Morning talk reminds me of my primary school days, sitting on the mat listening to other children's news or being the one sharing news. We all benefited then and we can all benefit now from either talking or listening.

Are you new to the community? Do you work

from home and need an outing? Do you live alone? Are you a visitor to Oakura or New Zealand and would like to mingle with locals? Do you have difficulty with mobility? This is the place for you, all of us will benefit.

The venue is outstanding and it is very much appreciated that this spot has been made available by the NPOB Surf Lifesaving Club.

Each month there will be a guest speaker who will spend 15 minutes sharing their story or project they are involved in.

A coffee group for Oakura is a place where anyone can pop



From left. Yvonne, Robyn, Peter, Yvonne, Neil, Barbara Maura and Maisie the puppy.

in for a cup of tea or coffee and be able to have a chat. It is a place where everyone is welcome to join in on any conversation and not feel like they are intruding. This is not an exclusive group, it is for everyone who enjoys the

company of other people. Some days we want to talk and share ideas and other days we can happily listen in on a conversation, all of this is what the coffee group can offer. There is no age barrier, the elderly, babies

and toddlers are welcome, diversity is the key. We are enriched by variety.

I would love to meet you there. NPOB Surf Club, Oakura Beach. Thursdays 11-12. Tea and coffee provided. What you can bring: if it

suits bring your own mug. A coin donation may be left for the surf club. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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McFall Fuel creates new look and better service for Manaia

McFall Fuel is a family operated company which delivers fuel and lubricants

across the North Island of New Zealand. The family business grew out of the dairy farming industry in the Waikato in the 1960s and moved into the fuel industry in 1983 when a relationship began with BP. The merger with Direct Fuels in 2014 and with Rural Fuel in 2017 has seen the company look at ways to work with its large and ever growing rural customer base along with other sectors such as the forestry, transport, construction, oil and gas, and quarries. McFall Fuel deliver both fuel and lubricants to their customers' sites to make it as easy as possible to help customers' businesses be a success and the McFall Fuel fuel card is also a must, giving customers access to the BP and GAS networks across New Zealand.

The Manaia Service Station had a pump upgrade completed in March with a smart new look that saw three hoses with nozzles on each side of the pump serving 91, 95, and diesel which means more customers can have access at any one time. The revamp also enables the pumps to handle power outages and repower more efficiently.

"The rebrand of the Manaia Service Station is complete and so now it is time to celebrate with anyone who wishes to join us on October 11 at midday as part of our week focussing on the Manaia area in the lead up to the Taranaki vs Wellington match on Friday night. We want people to come and enjoy a sausage or two carefully wrapped

in Yarrows bread from the BBQ and catch up with Taranaki rugby players and the McFall Fuel Team," said CEO Sheryl Dawson. "Our aim is to get involved in the communities we work in and with our customers so that we build strong and lasting relationships."

Historically, the McFall Fuel family has links in the area through Morris McFall's mother, with a farm in Pungarehu.

"We have a very clear commitment to the Taranaki region when it comes to fuel and lubricant distribution and supporting the community," said Sheryl Dawson. "Our aim is to provide outstanding service, quality products, and first class solutions for customers within the area."



The Manaia Service Station has had a recent pump upgrade.

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