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# Winston is the kingmaker

With a voter turnout of 78.8% (2,169,802 votes) the dust has settled on the 2017 General Election, held on Saturday September 23 (although many people voted early). However, with 384,000 special votes yet to be counted attention is now focused on October 7 – when the Official Account is declared. Although National gained an impressive 46% of the overall vote (58 seats) and Labour 35.8% (45 seats), neither have attained the magic 61 seats needed to form a government without the help of the minor parties. The New Zealand Party, in third place with 7.5% of the vote (9 seats), under the leadership of Winston Peters will decide who governs by forming a coalition deal with either National or Labour. Mr Peters will, doubtless, find favour with the party who offers the most in terms of policy agreement and the allocation of Cabinet positions.

In terms of swings, there was a 10% swing to Labour under its new leader Jacinda Adern, who must be given some credit for rescuing the party after its poor showing in the 2014 General Election garnering a vote of just 25%, with various opinion polls (before the leadership change) suggesting no improvement in fortunes.

The biggest swing was against the Green Party who have lost half of their list MPs. Their share of the vote has dropped to 5.9% (7 List MPs). There were small swings against most of the other parties.

Apart from the pre-election resignation of Peter Dunne (United Future) another change in the electoral map is that the Maori Party is now out of Parliament; Labour won all seven Maori electorates, with Maori Party co-leaders Te Ururoa Flavell and Marama Fox both losing their respective campaigns.

Five political parties are represented in this, the 52<sup>nd</sup> parliament. David Seymour (ACT) makes it back by National instructing their voters to vote for the ACT leader in his



Winston Peters, kingmaker again.

electorate Epsom. His party scored just 0.5% of the

overall vote, nationally.

There will be 120 MPs plus any overhang MPs (if any). An overhang results where a party ends up with more MPs than expected by their vote percentage.

Missing out on seats includes such parties as The Opportunities Party (TOP) who scored 2.2%, the Maori Party (1.1%), Ban 1080, United Future, Internet Party, NZ Outdoors Party, Democrats for Social Credit, MANA, Conservative, Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party, and the New Zealand People's Party.

Locally, Jonathan Young (National) was returned with a 7276 majority, for the New Plymouth electorate. He secured 18,843 votes. The other candidates were Corie Haddock (Labour) with 11,567, Murray Chong (NZ First) 2759 votes, Dr Stuart Bramhall (Green Party) 1653 votes, Anneka Carlson (ACT) with 382 votes and Basil Lawrence (Independent) 125 votes.

Barbara Kuriger (National) won the Taranaki-King Country electorate with 21,372 votes (13,994 majority). Labour's Hilary Humphrey was second with

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All smiles a week before the election in New Plymouth but Winston is kingmaker. Photo: Graham Kirk

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Transport for the disabled**

Fkor some time Taranaki Disabled Persons Assembly president Shirley Hazlewood kof Kaponga and her group have been advocating for some type of transport to help the disabled people of South Taranaki to go grocery shopping and go to medical and grooming appointments, social and family visits and scenic drives. Well now they can do this.

It now seems the South Taranaki Passenger Services Inc based in Hawera, a non-profit incorporated society is now aiming to provide transport for the disabled people, but in North Taranaki areas there is still a

problem getting some sort of transport.

For too long I believe the disabled people in our province have been somewhat left out, and being unable to go anywhere because of no proper transport for them. Whether or not a person is disabled, they still deserve respect and help, especially the elderly.

*Tom Stephens  
 New Plymouth*

**16 years in business**

Well once again it seems congratulations are in order. This time for another flourishing Opunake business called Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration

plus ColourPlus and two Betta Electrical shops in Stratford and Okato.

Like many businesses, Brian Sinclair started off as a one-man business, and has now celebrated 16 years in the business, having 11 vans and 16 staff members. No doubt Brian had his ups and downs, sleepless nights and most probably thought of giving up, but it seems that with persistence and the will to succeed he has reaped the rewards his business really deserves.

So once again congratulations to everyone concerned and full marks to a wonderful photo in this great newspaper.

Look, most town people wouldn't have a clue how business around the coast actually survives as they're so used to seeing new businesses open up in our city and don't realise how long some coastal businesses have been going and how they all really started.

To me, any business can survive if there's good and loyal staff all working together to increase the business's turnover, as it's obvious that Brian Sinclair has got the right staff members to do this which in turn breeds a good hearty business.

*Tom Stephens  
 New Plymouth*

**Adelphos**

Adelphos' last article in the Opunake News was 24 years ago. So I must apologise for procrastinating with this one a bit. It has been said that there are three types of friends: friends, good friends and great friends. The first type are often made with people who are at least slightly different to us. They could be at work, church or the sports club. We might view their differences and varied viewpoints as refreshing and stimulating, but we don't see a lot of them. If these friendships dissolve, they are often viewed as acquaintances and there is not much emotional pain involved.

The second type of

**Friendships that sink**

friends are good friends. Their friendships have often endured over a longer period of time. Mutual support existed for years involving weddings, baby showers, funerals, birthday parties or just spinning a yarn. They might even lend you their car. These friends are a mutual blessing and a great support in times of need which we all experience. They usually accept each others' little annoying idiosyncrasies. But if these friendships sink or drift apart on the vast oceans because of the stormy betrayal of trust, or any of the reasons on Coronation Street, it could be emotionally painful. It is often very hard to accept by one party. The

elements of communication and forgiveness may have been lacking. But if good friends endure for the rest of your life then they would probably be considered great friends.

Great friends are the last group. They are great friends to the end because they lasted to the end. They would do anything for you. But these great friends don't use each other either. Their friendship is powered by trust and respect. They've got each other's back no matter what. Their vocabulary is filled with words like please, thank you and I'm sorry. They never take each other for granted and would help you despite the sacrifice and personal inconvenience. If

you haven't seen them for years, things immediately go right back to the way they were. And just as important you can be honest with them without fear of judgement or rejection.

Great friend ships never sink because they sail on the seas of self-sacrificial love. On a very rare occasion a great friend might even risk his/her life to save you simply because of their love. Jesus had that kind of great friendship love for every person ever born. All three friend ship types are like silver, gold and diamonds. They all have a value. Whatever your faith, philosophy or religion, we are truly blessed to have one or two great friends in this life.

*Adelphos*





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# Winston is the kingmaker

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7378 votes, Robert Moore (Greens) with 2347 votes and Allen Thomson (CNSP) 497 votes.

Harete Hipango (National) won Whanganui with 15,376 votes (1841 majority) to

become a first term MP in the electorate previously held by Chester Borrows. Runner up Steph Lewis (Labour) received 13,535 votes, Reginald Skipworth 2333 (NZ First) votes, Nicola Patrick (Green Party) 1701 with Alan Davidson (ACT) 252 votes.

Adrian Rurawhe (Labour)

won Te Tai Hauauro with 8038 votes and an 1135 majority. Howie Tamati was second with 6903 votes. Jack McDonald (Green

Party) had 2159 votes, and Waitai-Rapana Wikitoria (Independent) came fourth.



Jonathan Young retained the New Plymouth seat for National.



Adrian Rurawhe who retained Te Tai Hauauro for Labour.



Barbara Kuriger (National) easily retained the Taranaki-King Country seat.



New Member of Parliament Harete Hipango (National) who won Whanganui and replaces Chester Borrows.



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Surfers making their way out to sea to scatter Bryan's ashes. Also see picture on right.

## Riding the endless wave forever

A special commemoration was held at Opunake Beach on Saturday 23 September, following the passing of Bryan John Wallbutton, a surfing (kneelo) enthusiast and all round lovely man, by all accounts. Bryan died on September 18 in Opunake aged just 62. A group of his fellow surf board and kneelo riders - about 40 in all - took to the sea with Bryan's ashes to be scattered beyond the breakers. "Everyone who paddled out felt it was a powerful time," said Pastor Murray McEwan.



Pastor Murray McEwan introducing the family including Bryan's mother (seated), former wife, children and grandchildren.

Just before they surf board riders headed off, Murray, a keen surfer himself, gave a brief speech outlining Bryan's special qualities and introducing members of Bryan's family and relatives who were present. Murray mentioned Hazel (Bryan's mother), his sister Christine, daughter Debby and son Brett and wife Sera, and former wife Sue, as well as Bryan's grandchildren Braiden and Lily (Debby and Tarrun's children). Debby's husband Tarrun arrived a little later for the continued celebration of Bryan's life at the Opunake Bowling Club. "We are going to paddle Bryan out and scatter his

ashes. This is what Bryan wanted us to do - it's a privilege to be able to do this," explained Murray.

Tracey Skelton, on behalf of local iwi, gave a blessing which acknowledged verbally and by gesture - the local elements of nature such as Mount Taranaki the sea, coastline and bush.

Just before he headed out with the other surfers Craig Dingle mentioned that Bryan had coffee at his business premises every day - including his last day. "He seemed fine," said Craig. He added, "He was friendly to everyone." Referring to the surf commemoration Craig commented, "It is a good

way to respect him."

Another surfer Karl Hunt said, "He was an awesome dude - it's a big loss for Opunake. Everyone liked him." He concluded, "Neat way to go." He said that Bryan originally came down from Auckland about 16 years ago with his mate Ando - who was also present.

Watching quietly from the shore was Sheila Bennell, who said Bryan had completed work at her house. "He was an absolutely lovely chap." She said. She added, "It's nice to be here."

After the surfers returned to shore further celebrations of Bryan's life were held in the Opunake Bowling Club.

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## COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

## 2017 Youth to Work Awards



STEFFY MACKAY

It's that time of year again when we come together to celebrate the success of our rangatahi and the employers, training and education providers who have supported them.

The Youth to Work Strategy works to improve local solutions to pathway development, access, retention and achievement of Youth outcomes within education, training and employment. With all the technology changes happening within our workforce environment it is imperative that we work together to support our youth towards gaining employment in our ever changing world. Our local employers are the backbone of our economy and they need young people coming through to help make them and our district sustainable into the future.

The 2017 Youth to Work Awards is one way the

Council supports our Youth and are a Mayors Task Force for Jobs project which South Taranaki Mayor, Ross Dunlop leads.

This is the fifth year of the awards which have gone from strength to strength.

This year 45 nominations were received across the following five categories

### Employers Award

This award is to acknowledge and celebrate employers who are making an outstanding contribution by providing employment or apprenticeships for the young people of South Taranaki.

### Education, Training and Work Experience Providers Award

This award is to acknowledge and celebrate education, training and work experience providers who are making an outstanding contribution by supporting the young people of South Taranaki.

### Learning to Employment Award

This award is to recognise excellence in engagement with learning and/or training for South Taranaki youth, where the student has over-

come obstacles or adversity and still maintained a good level of engagement.

### Young Achievers Awards

These awards are to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of young people who are consistently achieving above and beyond expectations.

### Te Pae Tawhiti Award

This award is to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of a young Maori person within South Taranaki, who has excelled in their chosen career amongst their peers, community or within marae kai-tiakitanga (guardianship), manaakitanga(hospitality), rangatiratanga(self-determination) and wairuatanga(spirituality).

The awards are about celebrating/recognising our young people, who are achieving their potential, and beyond in the workplace or training environment. They are also about celebrating businesses and education and training providers who are providing supportive environments and opportunities for our young people to thrive here in South Ta-

ranaki.

We are extremely grateful to WITT, our event sponsor and enthusiastic supporter of our MTFJ events. Community events like these can't take place without the support of many and along with WITT, we have Parininihi Ki Waitotara (PKW), Silver Fern Farms, FEATS, Obertech Group, Brendan Attrill Agriculture Ltd, our four Taranaki iwi (Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui, Te Korowai o Ngauruhine, Te Kaahui o Rauru and Te Kahui o Taranaki) and Fonterra as category sponsors.

Outward Bound will once again be offering their 21 day Classic Course scholarships to the winners of the Young Achievers (both categories), Learning to Employment and Te Pae Tawhiti Awards. This is a fantastic award and offers recipients the focus and perspective to decide on their future direction. One in four say the course motivated them to find work or start a new career and 88% leave with increased confidence and self-belief.

The celebration evening will be held at TSB Hub on Wednesday 1 November from 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

*Cr Steffy Mackay*

## New Plymouth Council reports a surplus

The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) has reported a \$13.6 million surplus for the 2016/17 financial year in its draft Annual Report

Revenues were up on the budget forecast and spending was on target at \$130m.

NPDC managed assets valued at \$2.5 billion, resulting in international credit agency Standard and Poor's confirming NPDC's financial rating as AA/A1 in October 2016, the highest possible ranking for local government in New

Zealand.

Acting Chief Executive Alan Bird said the credit rating was one of three main highlights of the 2016/17 financial year.

"The award from travel publisher Lonely Planet announcing Taranaki as one of the top two regions in the world to visit was another, thanks to decades of sustained investments from councils," says Mr Bird.

"And many hours of listening and conversation have

resulted in the creation of Te Huinga Taumatua, our new iwi-NPDC governance partnership committee."

Other highlights over the past year included the Entertainment Venue Association of New Zealand Awards naming Yarrow Stadium the Large Venue of the Year, beating Eden Park and Hagley Oval.

The government had approved NPDC's funding application for the next nationwide roll-out of ultra-

fast broadband to include Waitara, Inglewood, Urenui and Okato.

The Len Lye Centre had won the Best Creative Place Award from Local Government New Zealand.

In the last year the Council had decided to develop a waste reduction and education facility on Colson Road to reduce the district's waste volume.

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## On this month in history the funeral of Princess Diana

On September 6, 1997 Diana, the Princess of Wales' funeral was held at Westminster Abbey. Diana aged 36 and her friend Dodi Fayed (42) were killed in a car accident in Paris on August 31. The car was speeding at well over 100 MPH, possibly trying to evade photographers (paparazzi). The car crashed while in a road tunnel.

An estimated 31.5 million British people watched the funeral on television and many more worldwide. Elton John rewrote 'Candle

in the Wind' in her honour. It is the biggest selling British single in history.

She was involved in considerable charitable work and the Princess of Wales Memorial Fund continues her work.

A special concern was the carnage caused by abandoned land mines, which have caused many people to lose limbs. Children are often the victims. Diana's sons Harry and William have continued her work in this regard.



# Obituary Ian William Turpie 1937 - 2017

Ian Turpie was born in Timaru on April 14, 1937. He was the youngest of the five children born to their Scottish parents, James and Elizabeth (nee Muir). The family lived in St Andrews, just south of Timaru, but in 1941 shifted north to the larger centre.

With his passing on May 14, 2017 he is survived by his wife Pauline, his children Joanne, Craig, Carol, Andrew, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ian and Pauline met at Bible class when they were sixteen and fifteen, respectively and were married at St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Timaru five years later.

A moving service was held at Eltham's All Saints Church on May 27 with Rev Peter Barleyman conducting the service. Joy Eliason was the organist and Lindsay Drinkwater the lone piper. Craig delivered the keynote eulogy.

Sadly, Ian's mother died when he was just nine ("A soft lovely woman") and his father died when he was in his late teens.

Ian attended Timaru South



Ian Turpie

Primary School and later Timaru Technical High School, but left aged 15 or 16 with no qualifications, until he secured ones relating to the printing trade when he worked for the Timaru Herald as a stereotyper for six years. After a brief stint with the Hawkes Bay Herald

Tribune, the couple moved to Palmerston North where Ian worked for nine years. Rosen Print was established with wedding invitations, school dance tickets, raffle tickets and rosettes (cat and dog shows) being printed.

Finally, Eltham beckoned. Ian bought the Eltham Argus

Ltd, owned by Dennis Rush. Eventually, the Rosen Argus Printing Company Ltd emerged to produce general printing as well as rosettes and sashes (with Pauline's help) for the next 40 years or so. (Originally the Argus was a newspaper but it had stopped in 1968).

Not the Eltham Argus was created in 1986 and the newspaper continued for 22 years until 2008 when it ceased.

Ian was a community man and has belonged to organisations such as Rotary, Friends of the Town Hall (Life Member), the Village Gallery (Life Member), Eltham School PTA and Eltham Little Theatre. Ian featured in many memorable roles such as the Pirate King in 'The Pirates of Penzance' for Hawera Repertory (1979) and Big Chief Sitting Bull in 'Annie Get Your Gun'.

Singing/music has always been a passion with Gilbert & Sullivan a special interest. Although he was not keen on solo singing, he enjoyed chorus work and even trios. The couple were involved in the Argus Singers and started

the Central Taranaki Choral Festival, which continued for a number of years. Ian's favourite artist was Mel Torme with jazz a special interest.

Ian was very keen on animals, especially cats (Siamese and Burmese) with Boris, a Seal Point Burmese, perhaps his favourite. He also helped to start the Eltham Dog Obedience Club and before settling in Eltham was

involved in dog obedience organisations at a high level.

Ian lives on in the minds and hearts of Pauline, his family and friends as a wonderful man. "He was a kind, gentle, very honest man who loved his family," said Pauline. "He was quiet but had a wicked sense of humour." she continued.

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# Niki Ngamatimera Otene - Farewell to a sweet lady

Marina Ngamatimera Otene, a much loved Charter member of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club, passed away on August 31, 2017.

A huge gathering of Niki's family and friends paid their respects at St Paul's Church, Opunake on Monday, September 4. Daphne Holley, President of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club, gave a heart-warming eulogy. "Niki served her community tirelessly for years as a Lion," Daphne recalled.

"Niki had a 100% membership and attendance record - nothing was too much trouble and everything was done with a smile and a laugh."

The late Val Wallace and Colleen Symes were members of the original Lions Club. Present day members, such as Gladys Stuart and Anne Hickey, were also foundation members.

"Niki made many lifelong friendships in Lions and she was an inspiration to us all," Daphne commented."

The constant source of fun, fellowship, laughter, hard work and dedication which Niki demonstrated encouraged younger and new members to the Lions Club.

Over the years, Niki was well known for her favourite Lions fundraising events - Relay for Life, garage sales, sell-



Niki Otene

ing raffles in Tasman Street outside the TSB Bank, and Daffodil Day. Known to be a "whizz in the kitchen," Niki enjoyed helping at the Lions catering functions.

The funeral congregation were reminded by Daphne how Niki raised money for the Coastal Care building. "It was a military style op-

eration with plans, maps, Health and Safety, firemen present to keep us safe, cell phones reporting back, and cars checking on our progress around the streets.

"Niki and Diane Forsyth set off and they were not seen or heard of for quite some time. Search parties were sent out and these estab-

lished the few houses they had visited. Eventually they returned from being AWOL. They had been having great discussions and socialising with a few beverages. Our young President was frantic and she wondered how she could have lost some of the nanas on her watch. But Niki and Diane were quite happy. They had had a lovely time."

The Opunake Lakeside Lions Club extends their deepest sympathies to Niki Otene's family and to her wide circle of friends.

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on Saturday 16th when we were called to head up the Opua Road and sort out some fallen power wires. The person who phoned in told the fire control that the wires were down in a paddock on the farm, but because the power authority couldn't respond straight away they sent us. There's not a lot we can do other than protect the scene so nobody would go near the wires. Luckily there weren't a lot of people wandering about so we headed for home pretty much straight away. On Monday 18th we received one of the calls we all dread, a "code purple". We were dispatched to a Fox Street residence when a tradesman had collapsed at



An electrical issue caused severe damage to a car at Pihama.

a client's property, and was unresponsive. In cases as serious as this, where time is critical, we are dispatched, as well as the Opunake St. John in the hope that one of us can render assistance

rapidly. Both services arrived together to find the homeowner doing a marvellous job performing CPR on the patient. The CPR was continued by both services for a long length of

time but sadly we weren't able to revive the 62 year old male patient. In a small community like ours, a tragedy like this affects us all, and our hearts go out to Bryan's family and friends

of this sad loss. RIP Bryan. The siren sounded again on Thursday 21st when a power box, attached to a house on the Eltham Road, thought it was Guy Fawkes, and decided to send out some sparks. Luckily, the power authority arrived extremely quickly, cut the power to the property, which ended the "fizzing". We soon had the appliance turned around and were heading back to the station for the Thirty Thursday Political Discussion Evening.... where all of the country's problems are solved. Our 50th call for the year came in on Friday 22nd when a car had an electrical issue at Pihama and severely damaged the engine compartment and the dashboard. The quick thinking driver drove up a tanker track to gain access to a water hose, and put the fire out. Unfortunately, a large amount of damage had been caused so the driver will now possibly be looking for a new means of transport.

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## Why is food so challenging for so many people today?

Between conflicting research and everything else we read online from people sharing their individual successes, it can be challenging to know what's right for us. I think the problem is twofold. We are bombarded with too much information and it is simply overwhelming. We're told to make 'healthy' choices but that word can be used to describe anything from a low-fat yoghurt or packet of biscuits to a banana.

On the other side of the coin, we've also lost faith in our body's wisdom and we no longer trust that we can make decisions for ourselves that best support our health. So we go looking for answers externally. When we don't know who to trust, but we also don't trust ourselves, it can make things incredibly complicated.

**There has been a lot of new health information**

**come out over the past few years, what is your advice on what to follow?**

I think we need to understand that science will continue to present new research and advancements in technology will continue to change current understandings. This is the nature of the beast, such as it is. There are a few areas. The field of intolerances is one that comes to mind, where I truly believe science has yet to gain a complete understanding.

We also need to be mindful that the information we're reading comes from credible sources. While research isn't the be all and end all, when it comes to the biochemistry of the body for example, scientists will always have a better and more complete understanding than anyone else. So, if you are seeking external advice, choose wisely and then let your body be the judge.

It can also be incredibly beneficial to work one on one with a qualified health professional such as a nutritionist, who will consider your medical history, current symptoms and lifestyle, along with anything else that might be impacting on your health.

**If there were three foods that you wish everyone would eat more of what would they be?**

Can I count all vegetables as one food? It would have to be dark leafy greens (such as kale, broccoli and parsley), lemons and organic butter. You might think butter is a bit leftfield but it's a great source of medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs), a particular fatty acid structure. MCTs are special because, in the

digestive system, they are broken down into individual fatty acids (MCFAs). Unlike other fatty acids, they are absorbed directly from the intestines into the portal vein and sent immediately to the liver where they are, for the most part, burned as fuel. They can therefore offer the body an energy supply that is highly efficient. Too many people still fear butter and this is not necessary.

**Is it possible for people to meet their nutritional needs through food alone?**

It's true that for many people, a few simple adjustments to what they eat on a weekly basis could improve their overall nutritional needs drastically. And while eating a varied and abundant diet, including plenty of plants, to ensure you are eating in a nourishing way is vitally important to your health, I have found that nutritional supplementation is also commonly required. This is due to the degradation of our soil quality, the increased pollutants we are exposed to through modern living, as well as our increased need of nutrients as a result of the stress hormones many of us churn out in great levels these days.

**What will people learn from your Live event in New Plymouth?**

My Food Frustrations event is about getting to the heart of people's biggest frustrations with food. Some people are honestly confused about what health information is accurate and helpful to their health. Other people are stuck in a cycle of eating things they know they shouldn't but they've been doing it

for years and don't know where to begin to change their habits.

I want to give people a greater understanding of the biochemistry of their body, to enable them to identify which food choices will best serve their health and help them break through old paradigms of eating.

**Who should read your book?**

Anybody who feels that they have lost their way when it comes to food or have more questions than answers about what foods are best for them to eat. It will also be helpful for anyone who may have gone through diet after diet and is ready to find their own rhythm.

There's a section in the book that outlines a range of different whole foods and the nutrients they provide us. So it can also be used as a guide to expanding our current nourishment and knowing what foods we need to eat to get particular nutrients that are vital to our health. The book also contains ideas about how to speak to young girls about food, because food can be a confusing and confronting topic for them too. The book is designed to serve as a long-term reference for people about food and how to best nourish themselves and their families.

*Dr Libby (PhD) is a nutritional biochemist, best-selling author and speaker, and will be bringing her new Food Frustrations event to New Plymouth on 5th of October. Tickets \$39.95 are available from [www.drlibby.com](http://www.drlibby.com)*

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# Taranaki man graduates as military dog handler

Former Taranaki resident Ron Benton has always liked dogs, and now he has a new career as a military working dog handler.

"We've always had dogs at home and I enjoy working with them," said Aircraftman Benton, who was one of two recent graduates from the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Military Working Dog Handler training course.

At the graduation, Aircraftman Benton was part of a display of the dogs' abilities and put his partner, military working dog Axel, through a patrol clearance and intruder apprehension exercise.

Aircraftman Benton grew up in Taranaki and attended New Plymouth Boys' High School and Waitara High School. He completed a Bachelor in Accounting, but was looking for a career with more practical application. He enlisted in the RNZAF in May 2015 as an avionics mechanic but changed to Force Protection after



Aircraftman Ron Benton and military working dog Axel.

discovering the trade while on his recruit training course. After completing junior trade training for Force Protection at Ohakea, he was keen to work with the military working dogs and

his application to do the handler training course was successful.

He was teamed up with military working dog Axel, a three-year-old Belgian Shepherd or Malinois, at

the 12-week training course at the RNZAF Base in Whenuapai.

"Axel was an experienced military working dog, and it only took a few weeks of working with him for us to become a team," Aircraftman Benton said. "You are working with your dog for eight to nine hours each day, so it doesn't take long to develop a strong bond."

Military Working Dog co-ordinator Sergeant Peter Barrass said that during the 12-week training course Aircraftman Benton and Axel had trained in all aspects of military working dog training, including obedience, agility, patrol clearances, apprehension procedures, basic canine

first aid, and operating on deployment.

"Throughout the course Aircraftman Benton was tested and assessed on all skills required to be a military working dog handler and has now graduated as an operational military working dog handler," Sergeant Barrass said.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Military Working Dogs Unit at Whenuapai. It was formed in 1967 to provide enhanced security for the new P3 Orion aircraft.

As well as providing security for Air Force assets and personnel in New Zealand, the dogs have been used to support overseas operations and numerous exercises in Australia and New Zealand.

## Vote for a realistic future

"Last week China joined the growing list of countries banning the import and construction of combustion engines. The next day a report came out on research showing NZ's gas supply will run out in ten years and consumers should reconsider buying gas appliances. This week it's Avgas supply problems and farmers protesting so-called fart tax and water tax," said Climate Justice Taranaki member Emily Bailey. Whether we like it or not, the future without fossil fuels is going to be very different. A continuing focus on short term gains driven by market interests, without enough thought for the next generations, will be our demise."

"The last century and a half has been dominated by an economy largely based on milking cows thanks to cheap fossil fuels. In recent decades, oil and gas boomed and now it's busting, as predicted. The huge long term costs of these industries

are starting to hit home with climate change, polluted waterways and increasing social inequality, yet few seem keen to face this reality."

"So while in the short term we might want to pay less taxes and not rock the boat, the reality is the boat has run out of fuel and is sinking. We can either pay the price to fix the boat and erect a sail or sink because the lifeboats were sold off long ago."

"There are dairy farms in New Zealand that have reduced stock numbers and external inputs, substantially reducing their environmental affects while maintaining profit and improving workloads and job satisfaction. These changes are possible but they take a few years of transition and we need an industry behind it to also transition to low-energy production systems and local markets. Relying more on local markets is a huge shift for this country's economy which has one of the highest export markets in

the world. And we can't all be dairy farmers. The natural environment and local markets need diversity."

"We also need to start facing the fact that the next generations will not be driving combustion engines. This transition has been made all the more urgent by government reticence to act decisively, and by a culture of denial among the peak industry bodies, still myopically focused on business as usual. How will we maintain vehicles (electric or otherwise) and roads without coal to make steel and oil to fix roads? How will we dehydrate and transport all that milk powder or other produce around the country and overseas to our markets while paying off those huge farm debts?"

"The world is changing and fast. If a sustainable future isn't your thing then at least vote for a realistic one that is not based on business as usual."

### On this month in history

## Chilean coup d'etat

On September 11, 1973 General Pinochet, with support from the US government, staged a military coup in Chile overthrowing the democratically elected leader Socialist president Salvador Allende who was killed.

For 17 years the military junta ruled with murder, imprisonment and torture as part of their programme of

terror. In 2005 Pinochet, a church going Catholic was stripped of his immunity from prosecution to face charges of the fraud of millions of dollars, which were stashed in secret bank accounts.

Mr Allende's daughter, a successful writer, survived imprisonment and torture, to visit New Zealand some years ago.



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# Looking on past the election



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supported me and the National Party with their votes. The trust you have given will be repaid in hard work for our region.

Although we currently await the outcome on discussions for the coalition that will form the next

government, National again proved its worth in the polls with a strong 46% support from New Zealanders. When you consider the first John Key government was elected with 45% support, achieving 46% support after nine years is hugely gratifying. Nearly one out of every two New Zealanders feel the country is moving in the right direction with a National-led team. Our team worked tirelessly across the country and here in the New Plymouth electorate to ensure we communicated

what National's vision is for our future and to listen to the aspirations of our local people. Having Prime Minister Bill English drop into Opunake on the campaign trail was a great highlight. Thanks to all who turned out, especially the prefects and Principal of Opunake High School. Legendary.

I am keen to support the vision to make Opunake and Coastal Taranaki into a visitor destination with many activities and places on the itinerary. Coastal Taranaki

has so much to offer. Yes, the surf is renowned, but there is so much more to be proud about and to promote. I'm keen to support the work of the Opunake Business Association in their endeavours to put Opunake on the map in a bigger way.

As your local Member of Parliament, I am committed to be available to hear what your views and concerns are, advocate on your behalf in Wellington, and work together with you to see our electorate and region prosper. If you have any

issues, ideas or just want to chat then please get in touch with me or my office. My office's number is 0-6 759 1363. I hold regular coffee catch ups in Opunake, so please look out for my advert in the Opunake Coastal. The next one will be on Friday October 20 from 10-11am I can also drop by your business or organisation to meet with you and your team. I look forward to that.

*Jonathan Young MP*

## Deck the rooms

There is no doubt that Deck the Rooms for Refuge is a popular event; Taranaki Women's Refuge have been receiving ticket enquiries for the past 18 months. The event that celebrates all things Christmas is shaping up to be as fabulous as ever and Relationships Manager Shona Smith can't wait for November 18 to roll around.

"I have always loved Christmas. For me it's about people coming together, festive decorations, food, fun and celebrating. Christmas remains one of those special occasions surrounded by magic and I just love that we can bring some of those good vibes together for the people of Taranaki and for our Refuge."

This year ticket holders will get to enjoy visiting homes around the New Plymouth and Lepperton areas. Smith says it was a natural progression in that direction this year with the owners who have offered to take part. Open for one day only, the collection of

homes consist of a variety of styles and will be decorated to reflect each owner's interpretation of Christmas. Home owners are supported by local businesses to bring their Christmas vision to fruition.

"We are blessed in Taranaki with many talented florists, stylists and designers and we are just thrilled to have them on board collaborating with our homes owners," Smith said.

One of the homes included in this year's line up is a beautiful Lepperton Homestead. This stately family home has been lovingly restored to its former glory and renovated to afford the family all the comfort of a modern home. As is expected with a villa, the living areas are spacious, with a high stud. Visitors will no doubt be impressed with the formal dining room and its extra large dining table laid for a family Christmas dinner.

Historically the event has seen groups of friends, family and colleagues

'making a day of it' and with the return of the Christmas market this year it's a great opportunity to get some ideas as well as some shopping done. People can expect something old, something new, something borrowed and something beautiful. If you haven't been before, this year is the time to get your tribe together for a fabulous day out.

Tickets go on sale in October and will be available for cash purchases of \$35 from: Martins - Inglewood, The Christmas Village, Repertoire, Footloose, Petal

and Prickle, Sentiments - Moturoa, Petal Pusher - Oakura and I site - Hawera.

Only funded for 65 per cent of their work, Deck the Rooms is the major fundraiser for Taranaki Women's Refuge. Passionate about changing Domestic Violence in Taranaki, Taranaki Women's Refuge continue to provide emergency services to women and children while working on programs that take a holistic approach to supporting change. Their Crisis Line is available at all times on 0800 827 973.

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# Fifty years putting out fires

The first fire engine Dennis Alexander answered a callout on was a Dennis.

“The Dennis F28 was the Rolls Royce of fire engines,” says Dennis, recalling his days with the Mt Maunganui Fire Brigade in the 1960s. “They don’t make them anymore.”

Now with the Eltham Volunteer Fire Brigade, Dennis was recently awarded his gold medal for 50 years with the New Zealand Fire Service, along with life membership of the Eltham Brigade. At a function held in his honour friends and colleagues also presented him with a cake in the shape of a fire engine and a signpost pointing to all the places in New Zealand where he had served, mostly as a career firefighter. He came to Taranaki in 1984 to serve in Hawera. He was there for three years before moving on to New Plymouth where he served 20 years. Ten years ago he shifted to Matapu and the Eltham Brigade.

One reason for coming this way was that he saw a former dairy factory on the Hunter Road up for sale. He figured this would be an ideal place for a museum for his growing collection of fire fighting memorabilia.

“I’d always liked it down this way,” he said. “I had everything stacked up in boxes for years and years. It wasn’t until I started putting everything out that I realized how much I had.”

Taking pride of place in his collection is a 1959 English-made Dennis F28 fire engine, a sister to the engine he rode on when he joined the Mt Maunganui brigade in 1964. Sadly time has not been so kind to the original engine.

“It’s lying direlect on some cow cocky’s farm in the Waikato,” says Dennis.

His collection features memorabilia from New Zealand, Australia and the United States and includes 2500-3000 model engines as well as badges and two mannequins sporting his own first fire fighter’s uniform, as well as one that had been worn by New Plymouth fire fighting identity Ivor Wesley.

He says he has had people express interest in his museum and would be happy to have interested groups and organizations come in for a look.

The museum even includes a toy given to him as a five year-old child. Being a firefighter has always been in his blood. His grandfather was chief fire officer at Thames.

“I used to chase fire engines on my push bike,” he says.

Although it’s more than 50 years since he started



Dennis Alexander with members of his family after receiving his 50 year badge.

at the Mt Maunganui Fire Brigade, the time included in assessing his gold medal did not include his years working at Ardmore Teachers College and for the Royal New Zealand Air Force, but even then he was still in the fire fighting business. He was a crash fire officer in the Air Force and was firemaster at Ardmore College. At Ardmore, his duties included running the College’s fire brigade made up of students from the college.

He keeps newspaper reports of some of the big fires he has attended including one at Morrison Inks in Petone, a factory that made ink for printers.

“After that I had ink coming out of the pores of

my skin,” he says.

In his years fire fighting he has had some grisly moments, but also some satisfying ones as well.

“It’s the good ones you remember where people get pulled out of pretty horrible places, and you have CPRs where you get people back. The bad ones you tend to forget.”

But being able to handle the bad moments is also part of the job.

“I’m always of the opinion that if you can’t stand the heat you should get out of the fire,” he says.

Since being in the Eltham Brigade, he has been an active member of their fund raising team.

“Give me a bone and I will go and gnaw on it,” says

Dennis.

In the last 10 years, Eltham has acquired \$250,000 worth of new gear, including having two water tankers upgraded and an upgrade to the tanker shed.



A former Hunter Road dairy factory houses a museum inspired by a lifelong interest in firefighting.

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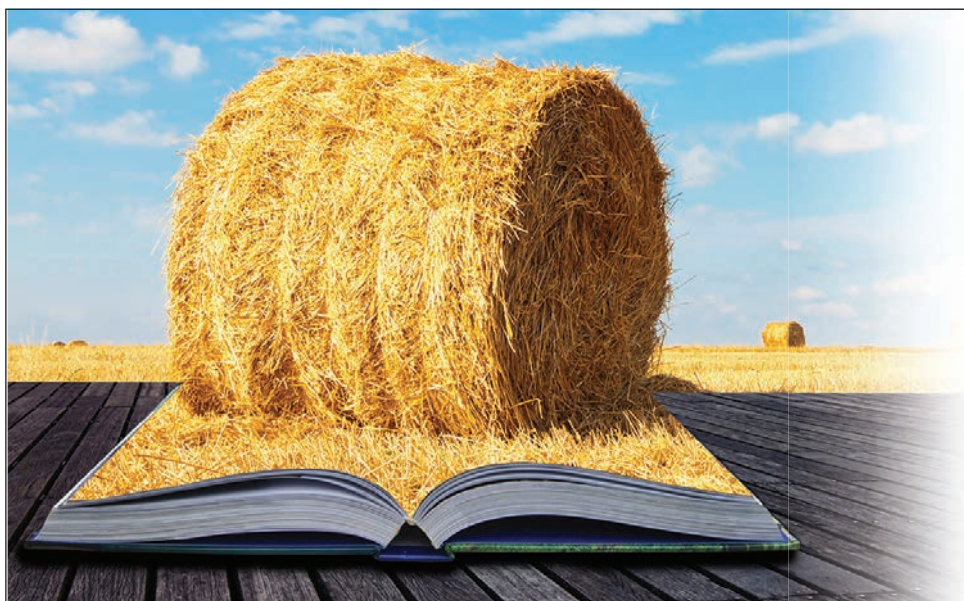
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# TRC reports surplus

The Taranaki Regional Council finished its latest financial year well within budget and with pleasing results in key environmental programmes, Chairman David MacLeod says.

"Many indicators collectively point to this region's excellent progress in enhancing our already good environment and thus future-proofing our economy," Mr MacLeod said as the Council formally adopted its 2016/2017 Annual Report.

"This is no accident. The regional community continues to make substantial investments to protect and enhance the environment, especially waterways. Taranaki is getting on and achieving results, not just

talking about it."

The Council's flagship freshwater project, the Riparian Management Programme, has grown from strength to strength. By June 2017, more than 4.66 million native plants had been supplied to landowners since the scheme began in 1996. Across the region, close on 2,700 riparian plans cover more than 14,500km of streambank. Plan holders have fenced 85 per cent of their streams and protected 70 per cent with planting.

"The benefits are becoming apparent in the results of our freshwater monitoring, and the Council is committed to working with the community to continue this improvement into the future," says Mr MacLeod.

The Council also continues to expand its work alongside landowners to protect bush remnants and wetlands on private land. More than 170 privately owned sites have been identified under the Key Native Ecosystem programme, and 88 of those sites now have biodiversity plans covering predator protection, pest plant eradication and regeneration of native vegetation. "Again, we're getting on and doing it," says Mr MacLeod. "Being predator-free isn't an abstract ideal for Taranaki. It's an increasingly achievable goal."

Other highlights of the 2016/2017 year included completion of the new Rainforest Centre at Pukeiti, in time for its opening in

September.

"This exciting facility means the region's iconic, world-class garden can now offer a world-class visitor experience, no matter what the weather or time of year," says Mr MacLeod.

The Council has worked with the NZ Transport Agency and other stakeholders as options were considered for the multimillion-dollar improvements to SH3 at Mt Messenger and Awakino Gorge.

The Council has processed all resource consent applications within Resource Management Act timeframes for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and saw 95 per cent of significant consent holders attaining 'high' or 'good' environmental performance.

New hospitality suites and catering facilities have been completed at Yarrow Stadium.

The Council has made 31 submissions on policy initiatives of other agencies, the most for a number of

years.

The Council finished the 2016/2017 year with a total surplus of \$1.6 million. Expenditure was \$546,000 under budget. The Council's balance sheet remains very strong, with no public debt.

## Rest Home gets seal of approval

The Opunake Cottage Rest Home continues to be certified under the Health and Disability Services Safety Act to provide health care services for the next three years.

"This is an outstanding result and a good recognition of the service we provide," Bob Clark says.

"This means it has a clean bill of health for three years.

The maximum is four years. Things are looking up for us."

The Cottage Rest home has 13 residents with another two coming.

"Things are slowly improving," he says.

The Cottage Rest Home also provides respite care for people wanting care during the day.

## Facing up to the hidden disability

Being called up for jury service prompted Catherine Jowsey to do something about her problems with hearing loss.

Catherine who was 40 years old and living in Dunedin at the time says she realised she would have trouble hearing what was going on so asked for and got an exemption.

"I got my first set of hearing aids and I had a real struggle getting used to them. They amplified everything," she

says.

Last week Catherine was visiting Coastal Care on behalf of Hearing Support Taranaki, a group formerly known as the New Zealand Hearing Association.

In the late 1930s the Association was strong in Taranaki as the only group helping out people with hearing disabilities, and was doing a lot for war veterans. However for the last 10 years they had not had a presence

in the region.

Catherine had been working with the hearing impaired in Dunedin, but was about to shift to New Plymouth with her husband. She asked what support services were available in Taranaki and was told there weren't any. Later when funds became available she was asked to get something going herself and decided on the name change to Hearing Support Taranaki. She says they are not in competition with anybody else.

"We're not here to step on others' toes," she says.

One in five people have a hearing loss, but it remains a hidden disability she says.

"Unless they know somebody with a hearing loss, most people don't know much about it. When you can see somebody's got a disability and are using a stick to get around you make

allowances, but you may not when it comes to the hearing department."

Often people with a hearing problem are reluctant to let others know. She says that on average a person with a hearing loss will take 7-10 years to acknowledge the problem and get assistance, but the longer the issue is ignored the worse things are likely to get.

"People will fudge rather than let anybody know they have a problem," she says.

Hearing loss come under two categories, conductive and sensorineural. The former occurs when something like fluid stops sound getting through to the inner ear and can be reversed. Sensorineural hearing loss can't be reversed but can be assisted through the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants and other measures. Noise induced hearing loss, which is avoidable has been a particular problem in rural areas like coastal Taranaki. This can be caused by among other things, noises arising from pig farming, shearing, working in a dairy factory or using power tools. For many this can be a hangover from pre OSH times when there may not have been the same understanding of the effects noise can have on hearing.



Catherine Jowsey of Hearing Support Taranaki

The noise arising from attending rock concerts can also cause hearing loss, as evidenced by the number of rock stars who have gone on to have hearing problems later in life.

Catherine says she would be happy to come to Opunake more often and talk to people if there is sufficient interest. One possibility could be bringing a children's

programme to the schools to teach children about protecting their ears.

Catherine has been in Taranaki for 14-15 months and says she is enjoying her work.

"I'm finding people in Taranaki are much more open than I've experienced in Dunedin," she says.

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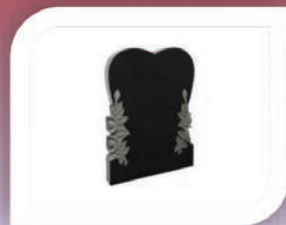
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## Does the Cottage Allay the Top 3 Fears of Our Elderly People

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

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

### ➤ Fear No 1

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

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

### ➤ Fear No 2

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

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

### ➤ Fear No 3

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

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

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

The Cottage can offer short term trial periods, to allow the family members to step back and see if this is the right timing / option for their older family member(s).

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*The Cottage Rest Home is a very important asset for our community in coastal Taranaki, for today and all the tomorrows.*



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- Do you understand how the Government Subsidy applies to Rest Home living?

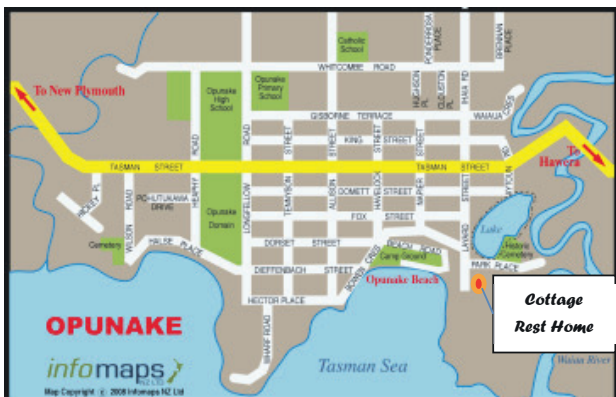
If you want more information, please drop into The Cottage Rest Home, 1 Layard Street, Opunake for a cuppa and chat with either our Facility Manager, Anne Woods or Clinical Manager, Sandra Deegan. Either will explain the procedures with you/your family and assist with initiating pathways to NASC for subsidised Residential Care for either short or long term. Otherwise, phone us at 06 761 8009, and we can send you an Information Pack regarding Residential Care. Or, if you prefer to talk to a Trustee of the Opunake Districts Rest Home Trust, contact Anne and she will refer you. All chats/concerns will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The Opunake Cottage Rest Home is located in a tranquil location, with garden settings, and views over the Lake to Mt Taranaki, in close proximity to the Opunake Beach and within one minute of the beach lookout.

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Residents visiting the Lavender Farm at the former Pihama Dairy Factory



# Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated Europe

In our last issue we ran part of a letter written by John McLean (Jock) Kirk, father of well known Taranaki artist Graham Kirk, who towards the end of World War II was a driver for a New Zealand officer tasked with making contact with liberated New Zealand POWs. This week he continues his adventures driving through Europe and comes face to face with war heroine Odette Sansom Hallowes (1912-95), an SOE operative who had been captured and tortured by the Germans. Odette had been close to and worked with British officer Captain Peter Churchill. She had told the Germans that she was married to Churchill, and that Churchill was a nephew of the British prime minister. After the war she and Peter Churchill married and her story was told in the 1950 British film *Odette* starring Anna Neagle and Trevor Howard.. READ ON

We went back to Hagenow then feeling that we had done a good day's work. Everything was quite good there, the meals were good, the Yanks themselves were good and assisted us in every way they could, they don't have the red tape of the British Army and they are real gogetters. We visited another small

camp about 20 miles from Hagenow, they were not so badly off there but they were roaming all over the countryside and it was quite a while before we could get them together to give them the dope. They told us of an English woman who was liberated from a concentration camp the day before and at that time was in a house nearby. The boss decided we had better go and look her up and find all about her. She was an Englishwoman, alright, and a pretty important one, she and her husband were both in British Intelligence in the early part of the war in France., somebody in the same outfit got caught and squealed to save his own skin, these two were then caught. She was about thirty three I should say, she was very thin and it was plain to see that she had had a pretty tough time, she spoke English with a very strong French accent, she explained that she was born and lived in France, she became a British subject when she married into one of the best known families in England,



**John McLean (Jock) Kirk.**

perhaps I should not mention the name, I know the Boss would throw a fit if he knew that I was writing about it, I think he was a bit sorry that I was there while he was telling us all about her life as a POW. The Boss used to be in that sort of game himself



**Odette Sansom Hallowes**

one time and he does not like to think that too many hear these sort of things, anyway I had a good yarn to her myself while he was doing business somewhere else. She had a rough time alright , and she says that it was only her Husband's

name that saved her as all the others who were with her when she was caught were executed, it seems the Jerries were keeping her in the hope that they might exchange her for Hess, she says they did try to. She has never seen her Husband since they were caught, but she thinks he is still alive, she has three children living in London, the ages are six, eight and ten, it is nearly four years since she saw them. She mentioned that she had been kept in a dark cell for as long as three months at a time. I

and quite pretty, she was in good spirits but every now and then she seemed to be miles away and the saddest look I have ever seen would appear in her eyes, it would be only for a moment though and she would be smiling again, she had a number on her sleeve and the same number was tattooed on her arm, she could not have been more than twenty two years old, I spoke to her through an interpreter as she could not speak English.

The Boss had to visit the Concentration camp but I



**A visit by Russian generals at Leipzig.**

had the pleasure of driving her back to Hagenow where she was taken care of.

While we were at this camp I also spoke to an Austrian Jewess. She was very fair

was unable to go inside, the outside looked grim enough for me and it was supposed to be one of the better ones.

*To be continued*

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## School Transition

Starting school is an important time in a child's life. Rather than a one-off event, transition is a process where children are supported into their "new place" over time.

Our School Transition Process provides the 4 years old with the opportunity to visit St Joseph's School and the Opunake Primary School once a term.

When children start school, they experience changes in how they are expected to learn, behave and spend their time. The transition visits help the children to familiarise themselves with their new environment.

We encourage collaborative relationships between teachers at Kindy and schools so expectations and curricula are shared, valued and understood. It is exciting when the new entrant teachers come to the kindy to see how we are providing learning opportunities for the children.

This term St Joseph's New Entrant Class came and visited the Kindergarten. The children always love catching up with their older siblings who are at school. They had so much fun revisiting the different areas that are familiar to them. The children love exploring the adventure playground and all the fun things we do at kindy.



**Spencer Stevenson (5), Sienna Bourke (5), Xavier Le Prou (4), Fergus Bourke (3) have lots of fun together on the outdoor play equipment.**

## Litterless Lunch Boxes

Our Enviroschool focus for this term is "litterless lunch boxes". The majority of packaged food is packed in some form of plastic packaging and this is causing a great amount of harm to our environment. We are talking to the tamariki about the rubbish which is in their lunchboxes and the affect this rubbish has on our whenua.

We have been discussing some alternative to plastic wrap and plastic packaging. Many of the tamariki are now using smaller plastic containers that can be reused, beeswax wraps, paper wrap and reusable kai carriers. Other ways of reducing the amount of rubbish is to buy in bulk such as large containers of yoghurt.

The Moana Room made beeswax wraps with the tamariki and gave each whanau one to use in their lunch boxes as part of promoting plastic free July. It's awesome to see them used in our children's lunch boxes every day as it means we have been reducing our waste even more.

We have been saving the rubbish we can't recycle and displaying it on our rubbish tree.

With the hard work and efforts of our tamariki and whanau our tree is looking pretty bare - so a big thank you to everyone for thinking about reducing the amount of rubbish we create and looking after our environment.



**Shirley explains to Indee Coxhead (4) about "Litterless lunch boxes" and how we can minimize/reduce the rubbish from our lunch boxes.**

## Middleton's Bay Beach Clean Up:

Opunake Kindergarten have adopted Middleton Bay beach as our beach to clean up. Every term, weather permitting we take a stroll with our 4 year olds down to Middleton Bay where we pick up any rubbish that is on the beach so that it doesn't end up in our oceans killing our marine life.

The moana is a special place where whānau can enjoy time together and collect kaimoana at the same time. Our tamariki are learning to be the kaitiaki of the moana so that everyone can enjoy a healthy future including our marine life.



**Tainui Te Pania-Potts is picking up the rubbish at Middleton's Bay Beach.**



# Enrich your life with the piano

Would you like a healthy body, a healthy mind, and a healthy life? If so, why not learn a musical instrument. The piano in particular, is an exceptional outlet for those seeking a form of creative expression, plus it's simply a lot of fun. Two regular participants of Opunake Music Workshops regularly set up their keyboards once a fortnight to play their own music, and accompany others.

Singer Maree Wheeler says, "I learnt piano as a child, and bought a keyboard so my daughter and I could practise. Being able to play this instrument helps my singing, because I'm able to

recognise different chords, how many beats are in each bar, and follow the music with other musicians."

As a creative alternative from her demanding job, Bernice McKellar enjoys composing and playing music. She completed a music degree, and the music group gives her the opportunity to play her own music as well as learn to accompany others.

Music definitely utilises a different part of the brain.

Bringing music into your life is proven to have all sorts of benefits. It has been shown to reduce anxiety, improve heart and respiratory rates, reduce

cardiac complications, and to lower blood pressure.

The first step toward learning piano is to borrow, or purchase yourself a keyboard. Secondly, to either: take lessons from an experienced piano tutor, or Google an online tutorial to get you started. When choosing your keyboard, make sure it has at least 61 notes. Then, pop along to Opunake Music Workshops, where you can discuss your piano playing with other musicians. This is a brilliant way to improve your understanding of the instrument – plus, you never know, these social connections may help you



Opunake Music Workshop keyboard players

build long term friendships. All musicians, singers,

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# New B & B has a homely feel

Spring is here, summer is coming and with it the hope of a lot of tourists traveling to Taranaki and so also to Opunake. Now, for accommodation, there is a new Bed and Breakfast place in Opunake.

Called Walton Cottage, owner Sue Cage came a year ago from Auckland, like other new residents, to the surf-village of Opunake. Originally from England, Sue says she was just 16, when she travelled to New Zealand from Liverpool in England. She lived and worked in Auckland for many years, married twice and has several children and grandchildren and now wants to fulfill her dream. "I always wanted a B 'n B", she smiles. But she also wanted it in a place of her dreams. Auckland was getting too big.

"Here in Opunake people are so friendly", she muses. And she loves the mountain, and the ocean. She looked on the internet and found several houses in Opunake that interested her. "There was also a house on Ihaia Road" she recalls but it was too small. "I wanted two extra rooms for the "bed- and breakfast - idea", she says. She found one, a year ago, in the centre of the village, so she - and hopefully her new guests - can do everything on foot.

Sue also has two dogs, both of which she rescued. One, a greyhound, she got from a place in Levin and another of mixed breed, she got from the pound in Auckland.

She can accommodate five people; two in a double room with an ensuite bathroom and three in a bunk-backpacker-type of room. As she has several grandchildren - she loves children - and the dogs love them too. "They might look big and fearful, but they are great with children," she laughs.

Officially Sue wants to open by October 1. And, while this paper is going to print, she is still busy putting the finishing touches to the rooms. "You have lots of workers coming - builders, electricians, the plumber, the plasterer to get everything ready", she says and is very happy with the result.

Sue can't wait to accommodate her guests at her little house. "There is so



Sue Cage with her two dogs,

much history in this house", she muses. She bought it from a former policeman in Opunake who moved to Palmerston North for family reasons. Sue enjoys reading, doing all kinds of handcrafts like knitting, felting or quilting and also likes her wine.

Photos/text Rena Tarroch

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# Rural professionals can make a difference

A series of climate change workshops throughout New Zealand wound up last week, after attracting 420 rural professionals, says Kara Lok, DairyNZ's senior adviser leading climate change.

Nine greenhouse gas workshops were run as part of the Dairy Action for Climate Change, and targeted rural professionals around New Zealand who wanted to hear about the science of climate change, mitigation options available to farmers, and how they can help their farmer clients reduce emissions.

New Zealand has a unique emissions profile for a developed country, with 49 percent

of emissions from agriculture compared to 11 percent average in other developed countries.

"Addressing on-farm emissions – methane, which

is formed when ruminant animals burp, and nitrous oxide, formed when nitrogen escapes into the atmosphere – is one of the most challenging issues facing the dairy and food producing sectors, globally and in New Zealand," says Ms Lok.

"Many farmers are already doing things on-farm that lower greenhouse gas emissions; such as planting trees, and better soil management to reduce nitrogen leaching.

"Then there are the other science-based endeavours that are well underway, like the research to breed cows that produce fewer methane emissions, and the possibility of a methane inhibiting vaccine in the future.

"Many farmers are just starting this journey towards lowering their emissions, and rural professionals have an important part to play in providing consistent advice

to them about how to go about it.

"Feedback from participants has been great. While they understand there is no silver bullet, they now know what options farmers can adopt right now. I hope this translates to the message getting out to farmers about what emissions reduction options they can implement.

"While our dairy sector is one of the most emissions efficient producers in the world, we know more action is required to address our emissions over the longer term. Rural professionals can make a difference by providing the leadership to ensure knowledge transfers to the farming community."

DairyNZ will be running climate change workshops for farmers in early 2018.



Sunset at Opunake Beach *Photographer Rena Tarrach*

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# Taranaki blogger's 'Heels 2 Boots' love story



Sophie Brown with pet lamb Sally. Photo Nick Brown.

Staring down the barrel of a camera, Sophie Brown is momentarily distracted by a noisy, low-flying plane overhead.

The usually unflappable Taranaki farmer quickly tilts her camera skyward, attempting to catch a glimpse of the winged intruder.

The chatty blonde's out in an old barn introducing viewers of her video blog to the 80 bull calves she's rearing this spring.

"We buy them off dairy farmers, feed them up and soon they'll be scattered on the hills around the farm," Sophie says, pointing off camera.

Sophie and her husband Nick Brown live on a 530 hectare drystock farm in the rugged hills of Huinga, east of Stratford.

Her video blog 'Heels 2 Boots' is garnering national attention for her efforts to educate people about farm life.

"We've currently got ewes lambing, yearling bulls and we're rearing calves for the first time. So it keeps us pretty busy," laughs the 29-year-old.

But Sophie hasn't always lived in the country. The trained speech therapist grew up in Christchurch, where she met Nick in 2010.

After a stint working and travelling overseas, the couple moved back to Taranaki in 2014.

"I found living on a farm quite tough to begin with," said Sophie.

"Most country kids are born with things like stock sense - I had to learn all of

that from scratch."

"But I'm not the first girl to start dating a farmer, move to a rural area and have no idea," she laughed.

Sophie hopes her latest project will give city dwellers a humorous insight into how food and fibre are produced.

In June, she started filming video blogs which feature the hard-working couple feeding calves, shifting sheep and fencing.

Spectacular drone footage of dogs being used to muster sheep on steep hills features in a blog about scanning.

"Scanning can be quite a nerve-racking time. It's where we learn how many lambs each ewe will give birth to," said Sophie.

"The more carrying twins the better."

Sophie posts the videos to her 'Heels 2 Boots' YouTube and Facebook pages, where they're shared around world.

"My aim is to help increase people's understanding of what happens on farm," she said.

The 29-year-old squeezes in editing sessions between weighing calves, helping drench sheep and grubbing thistles.

Sophie and Nick are both active members of Central Taranaki Young Farmers.

Earlier this year Nick was also elected chairperson of Taranaki Federated Farmers' Meat and Fibre section.

"This is our way of sharing positive stories about farming and showing how rewarding a career in agriculture can be," said Nick.

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# New club focuses on sense of community



At the launch of the South Taranaki Young Farmers Club. From left, Young Farmers CEO Terry Copeland, South Taranaki club chair Amanda Nichol and vice chairman Sam Ebbett.

Taranaki's newest Young Farmers Club was launched at Hawera on Friday night.

The new South Taranaki Club which takes in the area from Patea to Pihama and out to Stratford already has 20 signed up members.

"For the first time in a long time all the Young Farmers clubs in Taranaki are booming," Taranaki Young Farmers district chairman Matthew Herbert told the meeting. "We are out there in the community and being noticed."

National CEO of Young Farmers, Terry Copeland said there was a higher membership growth in Taranaki than anywhere else in the country.

"Our organisation is about a sense of community, to be not just better in our jobs for the primary industry, but being better people in our community."

Terry comes from

Christchurch and has a background in the wine industry. This was his first visit to Taranaki as Young Farmers CEO.

"I love my job, surrounded by young people doing amazing things," he said. "The amount of passion and talent on show is exciting."

He said Young Farmers is working in primary and secondary schools with the country's future farmers and pushing the message that farming is an attractive career option.

"With changes in farming and technology, developing a customer focus and product specialization, there are lots of opportunities for young people," he says. "If you've grown up on a farm it's a no brainer, but if you've come from an urban background this could be quite a big shift in mind set. Whatever you want to do in life, primary industry can be an attractive and worthwhile

option providing food for the world."

Chairing the new club is Amelia Nichol who works for Fonterra and helps her partner who is sharemilking a 300 cow herd on the Palmer Road near Kaponga.

"This is an amazing club to be part of," she says.

Her vice chairman is Sam Ebbett who has been involved with Young Farmers for the last eight years and is in his second season managing a 550 cow herd near Eltham. Before then he was in Feilding where he was Manawatu Farm Manager of the Year in 2014.

"It's a lot more community based up here," he says. He has also noticed differences in farming.

"It's a lot easier in terms of management up here, weather related any way. In the Manawatu if we had half as much rain as we have had here, we would have been

swimming."

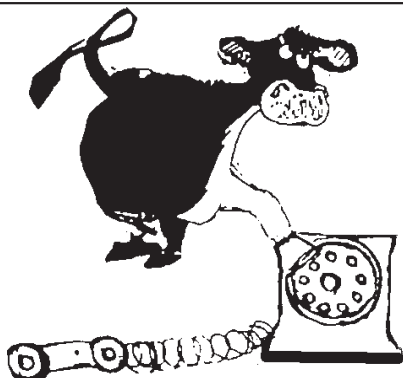
Nick Brown from Toko who chairs the Central Taranaki Young Farmers Club said Young Farmers Clubs provide a valuable service particularly for new people coming into an area.

"You can very easily be a hermit on a farm if you don't get out. For younger farmers there hasn't been an outlet like this other than sporting clubs, which may not be for everybody."

There is a need to have somewhere to socialize with others in similar situations, he says.

"It is a very challenging time particularly for dairy farmers. In a season like this, pressure comes on with the rain, and I think some farmers are getting to the end of their tether."

Club meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month upstairs at Rough Habits in Hawera at 7pm.



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# Joining forces on dairy declaration

DairyNZ, the Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) have endorsed the Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam, marking New Zealand's commitment towards global sustainable dairy development.

The Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam signals both a commitment towards feeding the world with safe and sustainable products, and enhancing sustainability.

The signatories are the International Dairy Federation (IDF) and the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), who signed the Declaration during the World Dairy Summit in 2016.

"We are pleased to endorse the Declaration as a signal of strong support for the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for the important role of the dairy sector in the global community's efforts toward sustainable development," says Kimberly Crewther, Executive Director of DCANZ.

"We look forward to



**Kimberly Crewther (Executive Director of DCANZ), Jeremy Hill (President of IDF New Zealand), Martyn Dunne (Director General, MPI) and Tim Mackle (CEO DairyNZ).**

working with all IDF and FAO members to deliver the outcomes in the Declaration and its Sustainable Development Goals."

The Declaration highlights a number of areas where the dairy sector can support the achievement of its

Sustainable Development Goals from an economic, social, environmental and health perspective—all are priorities for New Zealand.

This includes collaborative efforts to find innovative solutions and build the capacity to develop sustainable food systems

and resilient agricultural practices.

"New Zealand is engaged in collective global efforts to promote the efficient use of natural resources and combat climate change, such as the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases and the

Global Dairy Agenda for Action," says MPI Director-General Martyn Dunne.

"We welcome the support expressed in the Declaration to meeting the needs of rural farming families," says Tim Mackle, Chief Executive of DairyNZ.

"The Declaration also recognises the major economic contribution that dairy makes to realising the sustainable development aspirations of farmers and communities around the world."

New Zealand is committed to eliminating distortions from global agricultural markets, such as subsidies and trade barriers that can hamper food security, prevent farmers from receiving the full value of their products and raise food costs for consumers.

"Dairy remains one of the most protected and distorted sectors of global trade," says Kimberly Crewther.

"We also welcome the Declaration's focus on the social and health dimensions of dairy and its role in a balanced, nutritious and healthy diet.

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# Goodbye to a match winning rugby centurion

Kerry Patrick (K.P) Hurley was one of Taranaki's rugby centurions. Hurley, who died last month aged 79 was a versatile back who in his

time played at second five eight, centre, fullback and wing. He played 120 games for Taranaki scoring 264 points, but is perhaps best

remembered for one try he scored against Wanganui on September 14, 1963.

A week earlier Taranaki had ended Wellington's



Kerry Hurley. Photo NZ Herald.

the likes of Willie John McBride, Mike Gibson and Jamie Telfer.

Three years later Taranaki was at home to a Wales team which included Welsh rugby greats like Gerald Davies, J.P.R. Williams and "Merv the Swerve" Davies.

It was the first match of the Welsh tour, and as with the match against Wanganui in 1963, J.Pring from Auckland was referee. Wales was ahead 9-6 when the Taranaki backs got into action following a lineout with the ball being spun out to Hurley who beat a Welsh player to score in the corner, levelling the score 9-9. The conversion attempt narrowly missed and the scores remained level to give Taranaki a draw.

In 2016, a report in the New Zealand Herald listed Hurley as one of four players from the Taranaki 1963-5 Ranfurly Shield era team who had since been diagnosed with dementia, with the finger being pointed at injuries sustained while playing rugby. The other players were Neil Wolfe, Ross Brown and Bob O'Dowda.

Hurley was 70 years old when he was diagnosed with vascular dementia and spent his last years in Chatswood Retirement Village in Christchurch.

week-long hold on the Ranfurly Shield, beating them 17-3 at Athletic Park. At the time this was the shortest time any province had held the Log of Wood.

This record appeared in jeopardy when Taranaki had their first challenge from Wanganui. With fulltime approaching, Wanganui was 12-11 ahead. Colin Pierce from Wanganui kicked and referee J.Pring ruled the ball was out on the full so called a scrum on the Wanganui 22.

The ball made its way out to Hurley, who seeing his way blocked made a grubber kick and chased through to

score the match winning try. Hurley, who played most of his club rugby for Okato was still playing for them at the age of 37.

An unsuccessful All Black trialist, his last game for Taranaki was when he played on the wing against Bay of Plenty in 1971.

In his time with Taranaki, Hurley played against a number of touring teams including the 1965 Springboks and the 1966 British Isles Lions. In front of 35,500 spectators, Hurley scored Taranaki's only try in their 12-9 loss to a British Isles team which included

## Junior shooters get some good scores

Top score for the September 18 Eltham Smallbore shoot was Paul Tidswell with a very good 100.6 and 97.3, followed by Clare Bramley with 98.5 and 95.4.

Junior shooters on grouping cards continued their competition with several achieving 100. Cameron Symonds returning after an absence scored 100, as did Henry Armond together with a 98. Craig McGill shot three cards of 100, and Richard Armond scored his 100.

Others on grouping cards were Boston Taylor with 97,

97; John McGill 94, 97, 93; Kade Cooper 99.

Those shooters on full cards were Paul Longstaff 93.4, 95.3; Henry Armond 81.0; Boston Taylor 67.0; Bob Bramley 96.3, 94.5; Dave McGregor 82.2, 87.2, 93.2; Kade Cooper 78.1; Richard Armond 80.0; Alan Drake 92.1, 93.2; Brian Hicks 95.2, 94.3.

Friday night saw a number of shooters achieving good scores: Boston Taylor had 98, 100 and 100 on the grouping cards, while Henry Armond after two cards of 100 shot a very

good 92.1 which shows his continued improvement. Others on grouping cards were Braiden Higgison 99, 96; Tara Linton 98; Kevin Linton 100; Jack Linton 94; Tylah Cooper 98; Kade Cooper 96.

The shooters competing on full cards were Dave McGregor 86.1, 91.5, 90.2; Murray Chinery 88.0; Brian Hicks 95.1, 92.1; Stephen Hicks 89.2, 83.0; Kade Cooper 80.1; Tylah Cooper 75.0; Karel Van Loo 93.5, 95.3; Kevin Van Loo 82.1, 84.0; Gary Rowlands 97.6.

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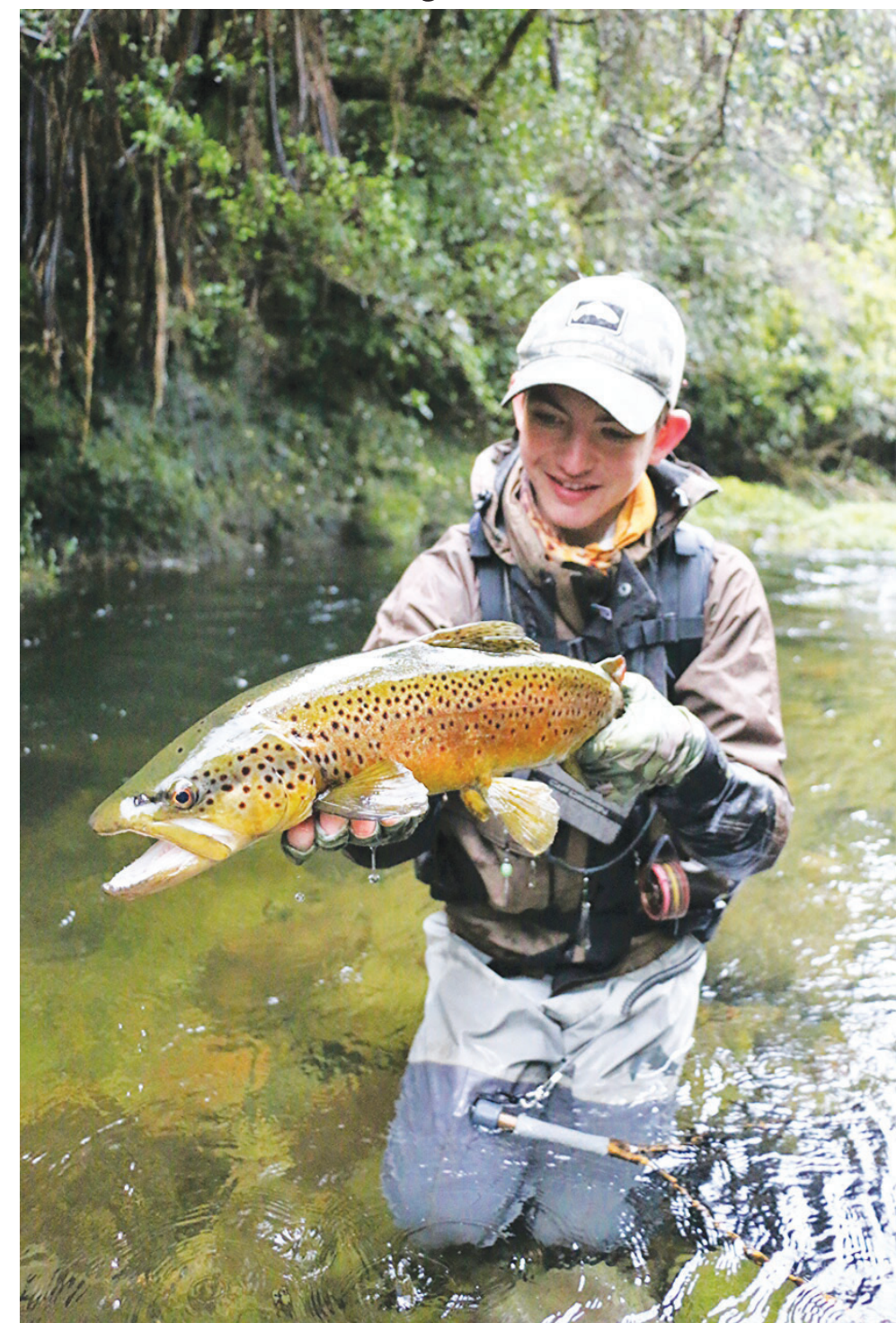
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# Good early season trout fishing expected



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### Take your kids for a fish out

This year's take a kid trout fishing events will be held on Saturday October 28 at Lake Rotomanu in New Plymouth and at Opunake Lake.

The Lake Rotomanu event is being run with help from the Inglewood Rod, Gun & Recreation Club and children will be able to fish for 250 good-sized rainbow trout corralled in a holding net.

To reduce waiting times, anglers are asked to book

a 15 minute time-slot by visiting or phoning the Taranaki Hunting & Fishing store in Ocean View Parade, Moturoa (06 757 2255).

The Opunake event is being run by the Opunake Surfcasting and Angling Club and a booking sheet will be in Collins Sports shortly. There will also be a kids' trout fishing day on the Scout Den pool in Stratford's King Edward Park on Saturday December 9.

### Angler Diary Scheme

This season, Taranaki Fish & Game is running an angler diary scheme to collect information on the more important river and lake fisheries in the region. Anglers who are keen to participate can contact Fish & Game at [Taranaki@fishandgame.org.nz](mailto:Taranaki@fishandgame.org.nz)

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### Trout season starts.

Taranaki Fish & Game is tipping local trout streams to be in good condition when the new fishing season opens on Sunday October 1.

Field officer Allen Stancliff says that while it has been a wet 12 months, most rivers have come through pretty well unscathed and the frequent freshes have kept stream-bed algal growth to a minimum and ensured streams will be in good order for early season fishing.

With all the rain we've had, river and stream base-

flows are higher than usual, but this will provide good conditions for spin fishing with toby, rapala and bladed spinners.

Bait fishing with creeper, worm or soft baits will also be productive in waters where bait is permitted.

Mr. Stancliff says that water temperatures are now starting to rise as spring progresses and 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 Lakes

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Thank you to all collectors and farmers for your cooperation in an extremely difficult season.

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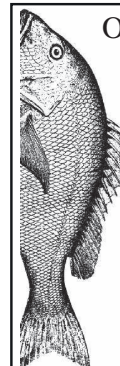
**Dr. Julie Palmer, Senior lecturer in Earth Science from Massey University will speak on "Joining the Dots - tying recent mapping of late Pliocene - early Pleistocene succession along the eastern range front of Manawatu into the Whanganui Basin Plio-Pleistocene sequence"**

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Executive Assistant Community Services  
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**3-6 OCT** **PUKEITI**  
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**OPUNAKE TOUCH ASSOCIATION AGM**

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

**CLUB HOTEL PRESENTS deLady**

September 29. refer advert.

**TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL GARDEN EVENTS**

Refer advert

**TARANAKI GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - JOINIG THE DOTS**

NPGHS, October 2. Refer advert

**DR. LIBBY IN NEW PLYMOUTH**

October 5. Refer advert.

**THE BENTLEY EFFECT MOVIE SCREENING**

2nd and 3rd October. Refer advert

**OPUNAKE AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT**

12th and 17th October. Refer advert

**TARANAKI IRISH SOCIAL CLUB GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER**

October 14. Refer advert.

**PIHAMA LAVENDAR MARKET DAY**

October 15. Refer advert.

**KITCHEN TOUR FOR HOSPICE**

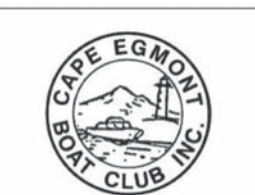
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**OPUNAKE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB AGM**

October 28 at Opunake Boat and Dive Club. Refer advert.

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 Opunake  
[sf@opunake.school.nz](mailto:sf@opunake.school.nz)

Applications close  
 Wednesday 11th October,  
 2017 at 12 noon



# Every Kitchen tells a story

What better way to spend a Sunday than to round up some girlfriends, choose the one with the nicest car to be the designated driver and spend the day tasting 10 flavoursome kitchens. Finish it off with Wine and Nibbles at the Bach on Breakwater Café & Restaurant.

Barbara Olsen-Henderson's latest fundraiser **A Kitchen Tour** for Hospice Taranaki is

going to be a most tasty day (and evening). On Sunday October 15 from 10am-4pm, ten Bach customers will dress their dining tables up for a dinner party and open their kitchens, allowing ticket holders to visit, view and enjoy the atmosphere they've created. These kitchens, located around New Plymouth and Oakura, have been chosen for their diversity of designs and

flavours, including Barbara's own colourful bohemian kitchen.

"After 10 years of organising the Bach Annual Dinner for Hospice, I felt like a change. I wanted to organise something that was a bit less challenging to do on the day, and that would be fun" commented Barbara. "I totally love looking at other people's homes and I think this will sell. The hardest part of any fundraiser is selling the tickets and I'm all for down-sizing my own personal stress.

There are some great things going on in my friend's kitchens and I really enjoy showing people through my own. And of course we all love to cook, so some of us will have delicious little nibbly bits for morning or afternoon tea on sale as well."

And what's not to enjoy? Modern Rustic, *French Cottage*, Sleek Modern, *Bohemian*, Humble Farmhouse, *Ye Olde Worlde*

*Wales* and more. Every fashion, flavour and fancy has been catered for.

To end the day, Barbara has also organised an after party. **Bubbles @ the Bach** will be held from 5pm-6.30pm at the Bach on Breakwater Café Restaurant. Here you'll enjoy a glass of bubbles and delicious canapes as you relax with your girlfriends, chat to the kitchen owners and also admire their kitchens again.

Mark Dwyer will have a big screen showing images of all the kitchens you've visited on the day. There'll also be a display of vintage and modern cookbooks that have been donated to Hospice available to purchase. So if you're looking for an interesting and enjoyable day out, or perhaps a gift for a friend, purchase your tickets now.

KITCHEN TOUR tickets are \$20. BUBBLES @ the BACH tickets are \$15.



**Take a tour of Taranaki kitchens.** Tickets are available now from: -Bach on Breakwater Café, Hospice Shop Westtown, Hospice Shop Waiwhakaiho. Email: [rose.whitaker@hospicetaranaki.org.nz](mailto:rose.whitaker@hospicetaranaki.org.nz) Hospice Taranaki

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## A lot to see on the Kitchen Tour

### French Country Charm

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at Foxglove Cottage. There will also be some delicious baking to tempt you if you'd like to purchase a nice cup of tea here as well.

### Tapuae Treasure

On the **Tapuae Estate** situated between New Plymouth and Oakura, an originally dry, steep, borderline farming country has been transformed into lush green slopes clad in healthy native bush. As you drive through this development, now and then you'll get a glimpse of some of the jewels studded throughout these beautiful plantings - designer homes privately nestled into hills, each with its own ocean

view. Follow the signposts to number 18 and you'll descend into a serenely beautiful, expansive home. The kitchen is quietly understated, modern and with lots of room. The pantry houses all the treasures for a dinner party. Along with the food supplies, you'll see glassware enough to start a restaurant, exquisite vintage crockery and ample bench space. The view of the coastlines in both directions takes your breath away.

There will be parking at the top of the drive, and golf carts to transport you from the top of their driveway to their door. Or those of you with useful legs can simply

### Public Trust Reinvented

When you walk into the old Public trust building you'll be faced with massive carved timber internal doors, polished concrete floors clothed in colourful eastern rugs, and walls and pillars built to match those originals lucky enough to have remained. If you tap them you might hear which ones are solid concrete and which are cleverly disguised imposters. The kitchen is on an upper level with its original roof structure exposed, overlooking a generous modern working area for the chef.



2016 Category Winners



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# Live music at the Club Hotel

This Friday, there is live music in the Club Hotel in Opunake. A soul singer-lady is coming from Tauranga. Her name is 'deLady.' She will be singing tracks from the 60's to today's top hits. With her comes her guitar all the way from The Bay of Plenty. From 9pm to 12pm the Club Hotel's bar will be buzzing with her tones.

Rahul Tyagi, the new owner from the Club Hotel is delighted to have her to celebrate his new start in the Club Hotel. Rahul, originally from India is coming from Auckland, and he and his wife are excited to be in the village and have the Hotel as a new business for the young family. He is inviting everybody to come.

"Come down and check out and help us celebrate the start of a new beginning for The Club Hotel," he smiles. And he adds, "Courtesy transport is available upon request." And, believe it or not, the entry is free.

*Rena Tarrach*



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**deLady**  
performing at  
**The Club Hotel**  
Opunake  
**Friday September 29**  
**9pm - midnight**

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# Create your own robot and marshmallow sculptures at the library

Have you ever built catapults out of marshmallows? Or rolling balls out of the sweet substance? No? Well, if you are older than seven years, you can give it a try.

Where? At the library in Opunake and Manaia. When? This coming Wednesday, October 4. Pam Jones from the library in Hawera will be showing how it's done. 'Test your engineering skills making marshmallow catapults and rolling ball sculptures' is what she has called the two events. One starts at 10.30 am at the Manaia LibraryPlus, and the other one is in the afternoon, at 2 pm in Opunake at the library.

"It's all free," says Pam and "you even can eat the marshmallows afterwards." Now, how amazing is that. So the event is free, and the marshmallows too - after you have done your creations.

Pam Jones is officially in



A robot creation by June Wallace, from LibraryPlus in Opunake, an example of what kids can build in the holiday program. Photo: Rena Tarrach

charge of the children and young adults at the libraries in the district.

Now, the next opportunity to be creative is one week after that: on Wednesday, October 11 you can build a robot. Again this is for everybody who is older than seven years. June Wallace

a libraryPlus officer from the library in Opunake has already made her own robot - which you see in the photo next to this article. She says, the children can "make a robot that will draw its own crazy designs and then use their imagination to turn their scribbles into art."

It starts at 10.30 am in the morning on Wednesday (11th) in Manaia in the library, and the next chance is in the afternoon at 2pm in Opunake's library. Sure, this 'robot-event' is also free - only you can't eat them afterwards, but, hey, you can make a nice selfie with you and your robot afterwards and for sure it will be a lot of fun in this school holiday.-- photo / text: Rena Tarrach

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# Arts trail registrations now open

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Artist registrations are now open for the Taranaki Arts Trail and will be closing on Thursday November 30.

Taranaki Arts Trail has a new coordinator - Niki Jenkinson who comes with years of experience in coordinating events, working in galleries and collaborating with museums. All contact details will still stay the same; [taranakiartstrail@gmail.com](mailto:taranakiartstrail@gmail.com)

Derek Hughes has offered to facilitate one more free workshop to anyone who missed out

on the first two workshops. These workshops were a great success. All artists who participated left with a clear knowledge of how to present themselves as artists in their studios as well as how they portrayed themselves on the Taranaki Arts Trail website. A very insightful presentation was held by Antony Rhodes from Venture Taranaki on "how to brand and market" yourself. For more information or to register your interest please email.

**Fay Looney's Gallery Koru on Koru Road Oakura will be open during the Arts Trail and will feature several exhibiting Artists**



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## Energy, action and quirky plots as finalists announced

The wait is over. Finalists for the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Writing Awards, Taranaki's premiere literary competition, have been announced.

The bumper 237 entries have kept this year's judges busy since the competition closed in August.

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

Research Article judge, Matt Rilkoff, says this year's entries demonstrate how many fascinating people live among us.

"It is a courageous thing to allow someone into your trust to tell such a personal story as that of your life. Just as it is a daunting responsibility for the writer to attempt to sum up a lifetime of experience and character in a handful of words," he says. "You all deserve a round of applause."

Short Story judge, Rachel Stedman, says there was a lot of energy, and in general, action seemed to be central to many entrant's plots.

"I was really impressed at how the high school entrants managed to write from such diverse perspectives, and I really enjoyed the quirky plots of some of the school entries," she says. "In the

open section, I enjoyed the vernacular used – very rural kiwi, very RHM."

Poetry judge, Apirana Taylor, congratulated every entrant.

"Poetry reaches beyond the mere bread and butter of our existence. It casts the poignant light of insight onto the human condition. It seeks to and raises our consciousness," he says.

The Awards ceremony is being held at the TSB Hub in Hawera on October 25 from 7pm. All are welcome to attend to find out the winners and listen to a performance by Apirana Taylor, this year's Poetry judge.

**Secondary School finalists (all categories).**

Denzal Adlam (Patea Area School), Hope Baker (St Mary's Diocesan School), Nell Brown (Sacred Heart Girls' College), Niall Clancy (Hawera High School), Maddison Cossey (Hawera High School), Puaawai Meihana Eiffe (Opunake High School), Sasha Finer (Hawera High School), Ashley Harrop (Opunake High School), Courtney Hatcher (St Mary's Diocesan), Noah Hunt (Hawera High School), Megan Jackson (St Mary's Diocesan School), Stevie-Jai Kelly (Opunake High School), Myah Kemsley (New Plymouth Girls' High), Heather Phillips (Hawera High School), Yani Remoto (Hawera High School), Georgia Sparks (Hawera High School).

**Open Finalists (all categories).** Elizabeth Bridgeman (New Plymouth), Nell Brown (Sacred Heart Girls' College), Emma Collins (Stratford), Maria Cunningham (Hawera), Anya Darling (Sacred Heart Girls' College), Bruce Finer (Hawera), Stuart Greenhill (Stratford), Pip Harrison (Hawera), Janet Hunt (Inglewood).



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# Home grown movies for every body



Everybodys Theatre volunteers Rachel Hughson How, Debbie Campbell, Maree Drought and Jenny Bennett.

Everybody's Theatre has come a long way since its rebuild opening in 2015. With hard work from a small but dedicated Trust, support from the community and the large group of volunteers that run the Theatre, it has become a place to visit in the Taranaki region.

Always looking for new ways to bring in the patrons and support the community, when approached by South Taranaki District Council to participate in the Arts Fest South Taranaki, the Trust jumped in with both

feet to launch their inaugural New Zealand Film Festival with a range of iconic New Zealand films, new and old, and a compilation of short documentaries that have something to appeal for everyone.

The Theatre is fortunate enough to have secured the recently launched movie The Bush Cinderella with live piano accompaniment by Cameron Curd. Believed to be New Zealand's first big modern drama it had its world premiere at the Strand Theatre in Auckland

on Friday August 24, 1928. Another first is the Children's Halloween party on October 31 from 4 -6 pm where for a gold coin you can visit the Theatre which has been decorated as a spooky house, with spot prizes for children in fancy

dress. This will be followed at 7pm with the Spookers documentary for the bigger kids.

Everybody's Theatre New Zealand film festival will be running from October 27-November 5 with daily screenings at 10.30am, 1pm

and 7pm. The famous cheese, antipasto or dessert platters from Boutique movies will be available at \$20 for a two person platter. Pre orders can be made through the website or call 027 383 7926.

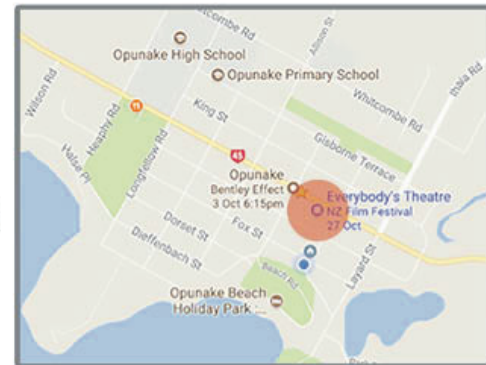
"Our aim, now we have finished the renovations is

to attract as many people as possible to come to our theatre. Holding this inaugural NZ Film Festival is just one idea we have had, so watch this space," said Debbie Campbell, Chairperson Everybody's Theatre Trust



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## NZ Film Festival Timetable

Friday 27 October	Saturday 28 October	Sunday 29 October	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 31 October
10.30am Mahana 1pm The World's Fastest Indian 7pm The Dark Horse	10.30am The Bush Cinderella 1pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople 7pm Boy	10.30am Kiwi Flyer 1pm Mahana 7pm My Year with Helen	10.30am My Year with Helen 1pm Footrot Flats 7pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople	10.30am Footrot Flats 1pm The Dark Horse 7pm Spookers
Wed 1 November	Thur 2 November	Friday 3 November	Sat 4 November	Sunday 5 November
10.30am Shorts 1pm Boy 7pm The World's Fastest Indian	10.30am The Dark Horse 1pm My Year with Helen 7pm Mahana	10.30am Hunt for the Wilderpeople 1pm Shorts 7pm Spookers	10.30am Boy 1pm Kiwi Flyer 7pm Footrot Flats	10.30am The World's Fastest Indian 1pm Kiwi Flyer 7pm The Lost City of Z

## CoastalCare

### Health and Community Centre

Some of the regular services we currently have running are:

**COASTAL PRINTERS**  
Wednesday and Friday 9am - 5pm

**TAYLOR DENTAL PRACTICE**  
Offering full dental services every Thursday from hygiene treatments to dentures

**FOODBANK**  
Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm

**LISA KEEN - AUDIOLOGY**  
Every 2nd Wednesday

**ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC**  
Every Thursday afternoon.

**TAI CHI - NIGEL CLIFFE**  
Every Thursday, 9am-10am

**BUDGET ADVICE**  
By appointment

**TARANAKI PODIATRY**  
Every 3rd Tuesday

**HAUMIRI MASSAGE**  
Every 1st Thursday

**COUNSELLING**  
Various providers and specialties including, relationships, drugs, alcohol, quit smoking, change support, family violence and anger management

**DAIRY NZ**  
once a month course

**PARENT COFFEE & PLAY GROUP**  
Every 2nd Thursday 10am-12.30pm.  
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**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017**

Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale	Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-Pos
<p><b>THE HITMANS BODYGUARD</b> Action, Comedy   1hrs 58mins   R16: Offensive Language, Violence The world's top protection is called upon to guard the life of his mortal enemy, one of the world's most notorious hitmen. The relentless bodyguard and manipulative assassin have been on the opposite end of the bullet for years. Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm   Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm   Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>	<p><b>DESPICABLE ME 3</b> Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Kids &amp; Family, Science Fiction   1hr 36min   PG Gru faces off against Balthazar Bratt, a former child star who grows up to become obsessed with the character he played in the '80s, and gets into some sibling rivalry when he meets his long lost twin brother Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1pm</p>
<p><b>LEGO NINJAGO</b> Action, Adventure, Animated, Comedy   1hr 40mins   PG Six teens are high school students by day and ninjas defending their homeland or Ninjago by night in this CGI martial arts comedy. Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1pm   Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm</p>	<p><b>VICTORIA AND ABDUL</b> Drama   1hr 51mins   PG Queen Victoria (Judi Dench) strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk in this period drama. When Abdul a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 7pm ***Boutique***</p>
<p><b>DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: NO BRAINER</b> Comedy, Kids, Family   91 mins   PG: Course Language Greg convinces his family to take a road trip to attend his great grandmother's 90th birthday as a cover for what he really wants: attend a nearby gamer convention. Things do not go according to plan. Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>	<p><b>SPIDERMAN: HOMECOMING</b> Action, Adventure, Science Fiction   2 hr 13 mins   PG Coarse Language Peter tries to fall back into his normal daily routine - distracted by thoughts of proving himself to be more than just your friendly neighbourhood Spider-Man - but when the Vulture (Michael Keaton) emerges as a new villain, everything that Peter holds most important will be threatened. Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>
<p><b>EMOJI MOVIE</b> Animated, Comedy, Kids &amp; Family,   86min   PG The Emoji Movie unlocks the never-before-seen secret world inside our smartphones. Hidden within the messaging app is Textopolis, a bustling city where emojis live, hoping to be selected by the phone's user. Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm   Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm</p>	<p><b>VALERIAN</b> Action, Adventure, Science Fiction   2hrs 17mins   M: Fantasy Violence Under assignment from the Minister of Defence, Valerian embark on a mission to the astonishing city of Alpha-an ever-expanding metropolis where species from all over the universe have converged over centuries to share knowledge, intelligence and cultures Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm   Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm</p>

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		29 Hitmans Bodyguard 7pm	30 Despicable Me 3 1pm Hitmans Bodyguard 7pm	1 **Boutique** Victoria and Abdul 7pm
2 Lego Ninjago 1pm	4 Diary of a Wimpy Kid 1pm Hitmans Bodyguard 7pm	6 Lego Ninjago 1pm Spiderman 7pm	7 Emoji 1pm Valerian 7pm	8 Spiderman 7pm
9 Emoji 1pm	11 Lego Ninjago 1pm Diary of a Wimpy Kid 7pm	13 Emoji 1pm Valerian 7pm	14 Lego Ninjago 1pm Diary of a Wimpy Kid 7pm	15 Valerian 7pm



# Loud Shirt Day aims to change lives

How loud can you get to give deaf kids a voice



Volunteers get loud for hearing impaired children.

Audiology Taranaki. With 25 years in the industry Sandra has helped many members of the Taranaki community, including children.

“Hearing has a massive impact on your quality of life,” says Sandra. However, it still takes on average, seven years before an individual suspecting hearing loss, seeks an appointment or test. But for children, she says, “It’s different”.

“At birth babies have their hearing tested, but it’s after that, that parents may not realise they still have to do a job in looking out for their child’s hearing.”

“Hearing loss may look different in children, and often they aren’t able to recognise it or verbalise the issue for themselves. It could look like behaviour issues, difficulty learning, being unresponsive to their name

being called, some things that may even appear as normal child-like behavior,” says Sandra.

With the right diagnosis, support and therapy, children with mild to severe hearing loss can be given the opportunity to develop and learn alongside their able-hearing peers.

“That’s why Loud Shirt Day is so important to me, and to us as hearing specialists,” says Sandra.

“We genuinely care about our clients no matter how old or young, and we want to be able to provide those people with the help they need. It brings such relief to families to know that their child’s quality of life doesn’t have to suffer.”

Central Audiology offers hearing test for children from the age of three years and up.

Loud Shirt Day is the annual appeal of The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Paediatric Programme, two charities dedicated to enabling deaf children with cochlear implant or hearing aids to listen and speak like their hearing peers. Neither charity charges deaf children or their families for their services.

If you have anything to give this Loud Shirt Day you can make a donation or buy one of Mr. Vintage’s special made T-shirts. You’ll be changing the lives of these children and their families.

Loud Shirt Day is all about raising money for deaf and hearing-impaired Kiwi kids. It’s a subject close to the heart of Sandra Pacheco, Director and audiologist at Central

## Be a star on Loud Shirt Day

William is profoundly deaf in one ear, has undergone three procedures for grommets, was born with a cleft palate in which the muscles under the roof of his mouth have not joined properly, and has profound velopharyngeal incompetence (VPI).

William, whose face is currently on the side of seven Auckland buses to help promote Loud Shirt Day, was born to Trish and Angus after a rough pregnancy. He failed his new born hearing screening test, with later test results showing a profound hearing loss in his right ear, and a mild loss in his left ear.

The family was first referred to The Hearing House so William, who was almost one-and-a-half and wearing a hearing aid in his better ear, could attend therapy with an auditory-verbal

therapist. William’s journey to using spoken language hasn’t been an easy one. But he’s a daredevil, fiercely independent, resourceful, and a real doer - traits made all the more impressive by the intense three years he has endured.

Be a star on Loud Shirt Day – Friday September 29 and help deaf kids learn to listen and talk just like their hearing peers.

Loud Shirt Day is the annual fundraising appeal dedicated to raising money for deaf children with implant or hearing aids. Money raised goes to The Hearing House and Southern Cochlear Implant Programme with the aim of deaf children focussing on their abilities, not their disability.

Neither charity charges deaf children or their families for their services cochlear



Help children like William on Loud Shirt day.

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