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# Making the best of Covid lockdown

Reaction among businesses to South Taranaki going into its second Lockdown since COVID reached our shores was mixed.

Many agreed however that the implementing of the wage subsidy by the Government had been prompt and a big help. Overall businesses seemed to be making the best of it.

"They have been very good in this manner with the speedy and efficient way the wage subsidy" has been processed," said Graham Lynch of Graham Lynch Security.

Another business person expressed their gratitude for the subsidy because of the steep drop in income during the lockdown. "It's gone down a huge amount - dropped like a stone. A huge cost."

Some people were supportive of the lockdown as it has been implemented. "Yes, we need to get rid of the bloody thing. It's better to do it this way now than have a longer time next time" commented another.

Others however were not so sure. "I don't think we needed to have lockdown here in Taranaki - it's a bit of a grey area," said one who pointed out that most of the Covid cases were in Auckland with none down this way. Another considers that the change in level could be handled better. "The level changes have been too slow."

Anna Dunlop CEO of Dunlop Insurance pointed out the social responsibility aspects of the situation. "While we've found the lockdown a challenge, we're fortunate enough that we can all work from home and the business can continue relatively unhindered. We realise in times like these just how important it is that we support local businesses and personally I've made sure to purchase food vouchers from local cafes, buy clothes from local retailers and donate food to families in need. I hope all our fellow business owners are coping all right and will ask for help if they need it."

Martin, a well-known Coastal businessman paid tribute to the prime minister. "She had a mammoth task - I don't think anyone else could have coped with it." He did have one qualification; maybe Taranaki could have had less restrictive lockdown. "We're



Opunake business at Level 2. Trish Anderson (left) and Debbie Cooksley of Sinclair Electrical.

really lucky in Taranaki with no cases." He added, maybe a bit tongue in cheek, "Now, if we could have boarded up Auckland."

Some businesses have found that their work programme is now even busier, due to not being able to work for a while. "I'm even more busy, even backed up," remarked one business owner.

Interestingly a lot of the businesses approached said they had not lost work through the lockdown. "It hasn't really affected my business. I've got work until Christmas," said one who sells and lays carpet.

Shelly Harkness of the Opunake Beach Kiwi Holiday Park said this is usually a quiet time of year for their business but they did have some people staying during the initial lockdown, although they moved on when the change was made to level 3.

"These were people who had been doing a bit of travelling, then lockdown happened so quickly, and they had to make the decision to try and move on home or just stay and enjoy the beauty of Opunake. There were a couple from Invercargill, a couple from Hawkes Bay and others from Wellington."

She says there was a large group of people who had

made bookings for a family reunion, but with the country going into lockdown this hadn't gone ahead.

With the switch to Level 3, the Holiday Park are now getting inquiries about summer bookings.

"Nobody has cancelled any future bookings, so maybe people are hoping we've cracked it this time."

Mike King of Manaia Four Square says they had been "flat tack" and busier than they had been last year when the country last went into lockdown. Back then he and Dee Young had only just taken over the Four Square, but since then they have become more established and broadened their product range.

"We've been working like busy little bees. We've been trying to source stuff as there's been lots of out of stocks, and we've been trying to find alternatives. We've had signs about limits on things like flour, bread and milk, but people have respected that to make sure that there's plenty to go round. Everyone has been pretty good, and I'd like to thank everyone for being so understanding about the rules we have had to put in place."

Debbie Cooksley of Sinclair Electrical says this lockdown

was quieter than the previous one, although they have still been busy.

"Lockdown was longer and there were more jobs for people to do around the place last time. We have been open for emergency jobs through the lockdown, and once level 3 started we were open for click and collect."

Speaking on Monday Bernie Karam of Karam's Clothes said the town had been very quiet..

"You've got to go with the flow. Things are put in containers and bags and delivered."

He was looking forward to a shift to Level 2.

"Deliveries have stopped for us as a retailer. With Auckland being closed we're not getting any stock," he says.

Leah Scott from Farmlands said their doors had been closed but they had still been operating.

"We've been quite privileged to be open for the farmers and even just the ordinary customers. It's still calving season and farmers need their things so we still deliver on farm and get deliveries out to them."

"Getting our stock has been a bit delayed but we are still receiving it."

Ruby Saini of the Opunake

Discounter said they had been busy, starting with the rush of customers on the day that lockdown had been announced.

"As soon as they got to know about lockdown people started panicking and buying up all the toilet paper. It's been quite busy which has been really neat. We have had problems with stock we've been unable to get but people have understood that."

She says one disappointment has been the number of people refusing to wear masks.


Toni Symes of Symes Outdoor and Sports Ltd said the town had been very quiet, although there had been a rush of customers on the day that the country had moved from Level 4 to Level 3. Since then things have quietened down.

"People have come in in dribs and drabs, mainly for whitebait nets and fishing gear," she says.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Covid injections**

I wish to forward my strong views on the folk who will not consent to have the injection to save themselves from the Covid illness that we kiwis have been subjected to. I would refer to them as idiots, but why should I insult idiots? These people wish to walk amongst us, possibly being carriers of the Covid virus and doing so in an arrogant manner.

I would suppose these folk have the right not to have the injection, but I wish to put forward the suggestion that if they become infected with the virus that they not be allowed to receive medical treatment as they have put their family, children, friends and the public in mortal danger. If they are in the receipt of any Government financial assistance then that should be terminated and the savings redirected to help other kiwis in medical support. Also, when the objectors become infected that they go to some very remote place to die.

Some may ask whether I’m serious with my views; my answer is an absolute yes.

My political view over time have leaned to the right, but at this time I have nothing but great respect for the Prime minister on her handling of this outbreak and would like the other parties to fall in line with the Labour Party to provide combined support to help get over this Covid problem, instead of being critical.

It is important to work together as we did at the time of the second World War, which I well remember when kiwis worked together as we

all should do now to deal with this world wide deadly problem.

*Gordon (Mac) Sole, Hawera.*

Personal decisions regarding Covid vaccination, will be made no easier by reading the numbers reported in the latest ‘ covid-19 Vaccine analysis//UK yellow card vaccine adverse effect reporting system’

\* <https://yellowcard.ukcolumn.org/yellow-card-reports> that has 1,120,009 total reactions with 1,536 deaths;

While US VAERS numbers are reported at 545,337 vaccine adverse events, with 12,366 post-covid vaccine reported deaths. <https://www.openvaers.com/>

Adding to those concerns, are the figures presented by Public Health England In their “Technical briefing 19; ”SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and variants under investigation in England,” which on page 17-18 record those Dying in Emergency Care with ‘delta variant’ (period I Feb 2021 to 19 July 2021) at : Vaccinated 63,990 admitted : 284 died.

Unvaccinated 119,063 admitted : 165 died.

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Anyone interested in pursuing conflicts of interest linking Patents to the ‘pandemic’ to the Vaccination industry; please explore the presentation by Dr. David Martin, whose company, M-CAM have “over the past two decades been monitor-

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ing possible violations of the 1925 Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous, or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare (the Geneva Protocol) 1972 Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological and Toxin Weapons and Their Destruction (the BTWC). “

<https://archive.org/details/the-fauci-covid-19-dossier>  
*Roger Morris Oeo*

After reading three letters concerning the vaccine which to me is absolute nonsense. So what on earth has the thalidomide tablet, JFK and 9/11 got to do with it? Then we had Mr Alan Murray openly stating there’s been people actually dying here in our country because of this vaccine.. Now how ridiculous is that really? I have recently got my first vaccine and I am fine, and I’ll be getting my second jab some time in September.

It seems our lady PM and our politicians, ambassadors, councillors and many more people in our country have already like me had their virus jabs so I am amazed where Mr Murray actually got his information from, so my question to him is, has he got his virus jab or not? Most probably not. These types of rumours went around the country when the flu injections came out. Yes I’ve had mine this year as it’s now believed there’s another virus jab coming out which

is a booster jab which is being worked on right now, which will probably come at the end of this year, or in the beginning of next year, as this information has come from a sports medical doctor on talkback radio.

We as kiwis are extremely lucky to have had a government like Labour who quickly shut down our country for one month so we can have the freedom that we have today, as many countries are still having problems simply because some people are not listening to their governments, as they all think it is a big joke. Well to me it isn’t at all. Now the same people are moaning because they have locked everything down.

*Tom Stephens New Plymouth.*

**All nurses should be paid more**

Nurses need to be paid more – all nurses, whoever funds them. Nurses need working conditions that are safe and supported – all nurses, who ever employs them. DHB nurses are currently fighting for what seems like a no-brainer – pay and conditions

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**ADELPHOS**

Conflicts are a part of life. As a New Zealand Family Court marriage/relationship counsellor for 12 years, I’ve never met a couple that didn’t have conflicts in their relationship. But conflicts and dirty fighting are as different as apples and oranges. Some couples avoid/minimise fighting by working through and managing their conflicts. But a partner who avoids conflicts at all costs is in trouble. Avoidance, constantly compromising and not solving their problems can lead to one partner resenting the other because their emotions are disregarded. In this article we’ll look at a list of rules to fight fair instead of fighting dirty.

Attack the issue not the person and stick to the main point. And accept personal responsibility for your role in the conflict without just blaming your partner. Then avoid exaggerating and

**Fighting fair or dirty?**

overstating but stick with the truth. Hold no grudges and don’t save up a record of wrongs, even forgiven issues. Please, no physical persuasion, violence or threats. And never throw objects. It’s frightening and considered assault. Lower your voice and don’t raise it. Deal with your anger first and avoid a temper tantrum. Don’t introduce diversions, stay with the issue and express your emotions clearly, not letting them get out of control. You can decrease tension and anxiety by creating a caring and trusting atmosphere to reduce tension. If you’re too upset to discuss matters with your partner suggest that you need time to cool off. But don’t storm off, cop out, sulk or go silent. Please don’t follow your partner around the house when he/she asks for time to cool off.

Plan times to talk that are mutually beneficial and don’t catch your partner off guard

when they’re busy, tired or hungry. Use “I” statements about your feelings and avoid “you” statements that blame your partner. And don’t become a martyr, grovel and sigh but be a mature equal participant. During conflicts don’t manipulate your partner by withholding money or sex. Affirm and build up your partner and never belittle or put him/her down, especially in public. This is the person you live with. Conflicts, if they are not resolved, can become nasty and even turn into hate. It’s much better to work on them and get them sorted before the police and courts get involved. If you need help ask someone you trust or see a counsellor.

These ideas to resolve conflicts and avoid dirty fighting can also be generally applied to other situations involving family, friends and workmates. Manaakitanga.

*Adelphos*

# COVID Alert Level 2 revised

The Alert Level 2 settings have been significantly revised in response to the more transmissible Delta variant. Under the revised Alert Level 2 settings, people will be required to wear masks and scan QR codes in most indoor public spaces, and indoor gatherings will be capped at 50 people. Lesley Gray, Senior Lecturer, Department of Primary Health Care & General Practice, University of Otago, comments: "The announcement that boundaries to the north and south of Auckland will move to Alert Level 2+ is a welcome outcome for many and reflects what we have seen in case numbers, community cases and wastewater testing in the last few weeks. The South Island has produced no positive wastewater results and by geography is able to isolate from parts of New

Zealand that have current cases and ongoing contact tracing and places of interest. A key issue will be how and whether what will occur between and through the Auckland region while in different alert levels. Mandatory mask advice and record keeping for indoor venues is very important due to the way that the Covid-19 virus is transmitted. "While at this point as our lockdown has tighter restrictions much quicker at this point compared to Australia's lockdown, we cannot be complacent with the numbers lower these last few days. You only have to look at some of the Australian case numbers to see that when, for example, Victoria's case numbers reduced right down at the start of August, Victorians could be forgiven for thinking they were on top of that outbreak, but within

two weeks of low numbers, the cases started creeping up and by the end of August case numbers were up as high as an average of 145 a day. In NSW, they were averaging 20 cases a day towards the end of June and last week their daily average was over 1,300. Of course, our aim is that through a tight lockdown we all have as short a lockdown as possible. However, what is clear is that without stringent measures, the Delta variant is far more transmissible, very quickly and would so easily be out of control had we not had a fast and firm lockdown and if we become complacent. We can also learn that our best chance was for a hard and fast lockdown. NSW is still dealing with increasing positive cases on a daily basis. "4750 COVID-19 tests were processed in the last 24 hours

and 2000 people were tested in Auckland yesterday. This does sound like a lot of tests, but this is actually a very low level of testing compared even to last week's numbers (over 13,000). Anyone with cold, flu or Covid-like symptoms should arrange to get a test. We know this virus transmits very quickly. I am pleased to hear the Government will introduce saliva-based surveillance testing in the community in the next few weeks. This will be especially helpful in locations where more frequent testing due to outbreaks is required in addition to those workers requiring more frequent routine testing. "Lockdown fatigue has been described worldwide as a state of exhaustion relating to the impact and effect of COVID-19 on all aspects of life and the changes it has

caused. It is a state experienced when people have had to come to terms with a virus that has affected every aspect of their life, including their freedom, and which has continued for months, sometimes feeling as though there is no end in sight (although with vaccinations we do at least have a way to manage and limit severity). It is understandable for many of us to feel as though we are on a 'Covid-19 hamster wheel' where usual business/usual life is upturned and so many plans have to be changed, cancelled, changed again. This can be an extremely emotional and stressful time causing psychological, physical and emotional effects including both mental and physical exhaustion. It is important to recognise what we can and cannot do at this time and accept things that we

cannot change individually but take actions to maintain safety such as vaccination, physical distancing, wearing a facemask for those who should. Acknowledging feelings during this time, being kind to yourself, take breaks, accept you may be more tired than usual, may be more irritable, or may struggle trying to be as productive as usual. Remember this is everyone trying to live and work and raise families in an unusual time where 'usual' might be more difficult or not possible - there is no 'business as usual' right now. Most humans are 'social' so connecting with friends, colleagues, family is essential, but harder in lockdown. How can you continue some form of connection with your networks? Possibly using technology if available to you."

## Editorial

# Drone strike terrorism should stop

Nothing good comes from terrorism. The ISIS-K bomb terrorism outside Kabul Airport (Hamid Karzai International Airport), on August 26, was appalling with 169 civilians and 13 United service people killed (eleven marines, one army, one naval). Taking responsibility for the terrorism was Islamic State in Khorosan Province (ISKAP); what they thought they could achieve by this evil is beyond understanding.

However, the drone strike ordered by President Biden is equally wrong and equally an act of terrorism. Army General Mark Milley (Chairman of Joint Chief of Staff) commented, "At least one of those killed was an Islamic State facilitator." But what about the others killed on August 29, such as ten members of a family, including six children. The youngest victim was a two-year-old girl.

It is regrettable that drone attacks continue as a strategy, supposedly to counter terrorism, but in reality it promotes it. It is now even more likely that there will be follow up revenge terrorist acts. Even (former) President Obama, arguably one of the better US presidents in recent memory, continued the drone attacks while he was in office; they need to stop and be denounced as terrorism. Apart from anything else,

whatever happened to the principle of *innocent until guilty*; were the targets guilty or just in the wrong place at the wrong time? Who knows. Also, each drone attack inevitably results in innocent people in the proximity being also killed. Are these unintended victims simply written off as collateral damage? Don't their lives matter as long as the supposed terrorist is eliminated?

The surviving family members of the August 29 drone attack dispute the claim that there was a car boot full of explosives illustrating that the targeted Afghan men were planning more terrorism. One bereaved parent Mr Ahmadi says that a rickety fence and gas cylinders were unaffected by the bomb. "They have to give us answers. Is our blood so worthless we don't even get an explanation."

President Biden's post drone attack comment is sad. Leaving aside the appalling, rushed manner in which the evacuation has been handled he said, "This retaliatory strike is not the last." So what follows is more vengeance, more deaths and more revenge acts of terrorism.

*Rolland McKellar*

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## Letters to Editor

that respect and enhance the mana of their cohort. But what of nurses who aren't directly employed by the DHBs? Where does it leave them? Particularly those working in not-for-profit and community-based settings? Those that provide safety and services for our older people? The current NZ Nurses Organisation claim covers 30,000 registered nurses - but only those working for DHBs. Funding of better pay and conditions for the other 20,000 nurses not directly employed by the DHBs are not included. Minister Little was clear when interviewed by Mani Dunlop on RNZ's Middy Report (August 6) that non-DHB nurses will need to wait two years. This is too long. The reality is, a two-year wait will see an increase in DHB nursing staff - at the cost of the nurses who work in your community, in not-for-profit settings, and most crucially, in residential aged care. Not-for-profit aged care providers have no other way to raise funds. Our nurses are effectively paid by the DHB, through funding that is passed on. But this increase won't flow on. So our nurses will

have to choose to leave us. And without our nurses, we will have to reduce the number of older people we care for in our services. We may even have to close our services in some communities. We need everyone in our communities to contact their local MPs and let them and Minister Little know that we want our nurses paid what they are worth, with conditions that match. All nurses, now.

*Nikki Hurst  
Executive Officer  
New Zealand Council of  
Christian Social Services*

## Maori Representation

Our Taranaki Regional Council has initially had 10 representatives with New Plymouth having five, North and South Taranaki each has two representatives and Stratford has one which makes a total of ten councillors. For having a Maori representative, which there should only be one not only representative of Maori, but this person must have a good and sound knowledge of our region, which to me is a good idea.

Now, our region must then select a Maori person or candidate then those selected people go before a select Regional Council committee for an interview, to allow someone to be chosen, which is a fair and proper way of having a Maori representative. Once this person is selected it's up to them to be always be contact with everyone in the province, then report back to our Regional Council's meetings. Even if there were two Maori representatives, one representing the north and the other representing the south, it would mean our Regional Council would have 12 councillors.

*Tom Stephens,  
New Plymouth*

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# Make sure your mask fits to keep safe from COVID Delta

Confirmation that the COVID-19 Delta variant spreads mainly by aerosol transmission makes it vital for people to wear facemasks that fit well and stop particles. Lanaco chief of technology Dr Shaun Tan says mask-wearing has become mandatory in public situations, because of the way COVID 19's Delta variant spreads. "The rapid movement of aerosols through the air is the main cause of transmission." So, he says, it's important people use masks that actually protect them from aerosol particles. He has made a video to help people understand what the masks need to do.

The mask material needs to be good at capturing virus particles (filtration), breathing in and out should go through the filters (fit), and it should be comfortable to wear (breathability), he says. Hospitals and industrial settings use "fit tests" with particle generators to ensure they are wearing proper PPE. Scores range from 200 (the best) to 100 (a pass) down to 0 (no protection). Showing four different masks - a blue surgical type mask, a cloth mask, and two masks made by Lanaco, Brezy and Waire - Shaun tests the masks on the video.

The Waire mask is P2 or N95, offering good protection. A correctly-fitting mask with



Birendra Rawat from Indian Tadka in Opunake looking forward to getting back to Level 2 and seeing people. "Eat local and support local," he urges.

decent filter material, such as the Brezy in the test, allows it to score well and thus provide sufficient protection from aerosols. The blue mask and the cotton masks both received the zero rating at the first test as their fit was not secure, showing that there isn't real protection offered from aerosol transmission. The surgical mask is ok for source control, Shaun says - it stops most of a person's cough

or sneeze affecting others, and is still recommended to be worn if there were no better masks available. But it doesn't stop the mask wearer being affected by aerosols in the environment. Based in Auckland, Lanaco is the only New Zealand-located and owned manufacturer of filters and masks for both pandemic supplies and general front-line health worker supplies,

having been certified to global medical quality standards. Lanaco is also unique as it uses innovative technology to use New Zealand grown wool in their filters. Lanaco Managing Director Nick Davenport says Lanaco is a great example of Kiwi innovation, using highly sustainable wool from our hard-working New Zealand wool farmers, developing a world beating product. The Helix filter is the world's most breathable, natural fibre-based filter media. "It just happens to be here at exactly the right time, as Delta is transmitted by the finest exhaled aerosol particles," he says. Nick Davenport says that some Lanaco's masks have been uniquely developed to fit the diverse face shapes of New Zealanders, through trials with the Auckland and Waikato DHBs. "This capability to design a product around the unique and diverse needs of our workforce and indigenous populations gives New Zealand an advantage most countries do not have," he says.

Lanaco is supplying NASA with filters to go to space in. It also supplied the very successful New Zealand Olympic team with facemasks as the team navigated a challenging situation in Japan with Covid 19.

## Restrictions in place but most Council facilities will open

With the announcement of a shift to Alert Level 2, most South Taranaki District Council facilities will reopen with restrictions, say Council communications manager Gerard Langford. Some public programmes will remain on hold or closed. Face coverings are mandatory at public indoor venues

"We ask everyone to keep at least two metres apart from people not in their bubble," says Mr Langford. "We need

to collect visitor details for contact tracing. We continue to encourage contactless payments. We ask people to stay at home if they're feeling unwell."

Indoor gatherings, and hospitality and event venues have a limit of 50 people. Outdoor venues have a limit of 100 people, so there will be limits on the number of visitors allowed in Council facilities at any one time to meet physical distancing requirements. The Hawera administration building is open via the Princes Street entrance only. All LibraryPlus centres will open normal hours except for Kaponga

LibraryPlus which will open on Friday 10 September (due to a planned power outage on Thursday). South Taranaki District Council libraries and cultural services manager Cath Sheard says, while the LibraryPlus are open as normal, staff realise not everyone will feel comfortable coming in to select books. Staff have decided to offer contactless 'click and collect' for the foreseeable future. People can place holds at home through the online catalogue or ask staff to select items for them. When people receive an email or phone call that their holds are ready, they're

welcome to choose a time for contactless collection and staff will leave the books on a table at the door. "You can even start ordering books now, so we can have them ready for you to collect," says Cath. "All books are issued for four weeks, and there are no fines for late returns. If you would like to renew your items, phone or email and we'll be happy to help," she says. The Hawera Aquatic Centre is open for lane swimming only, and bookings are preferred. There will be no hydro-slide or recreational swimming, and the toddlers' and learners' pool will be closed.

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# Car skids on its roof on Wiremu Road



The overturned BMW on Wiremu Road attended to by members of the fire service.

There have been a number of car accidents recently on Wiremu Road – on Sunday August 8 was yet another. This accident involved a BMW car which overturned

on Wiremu Road at about 4.30am. It was travelling north, approaching the junction with Ihaia Road when it overturned and skidded on its roof about four metres down the road. There were four occupants of the car who fortunately suffered only superficial wounds. They walked to a nearby house to raise the alarm. The accident was attended by the fire service, police and ambulance.

The accident occurred in almost the identical place as an accident reported in our August 12 issue. In this location the camber of the road dips quite sharply after a moderate bend just to the south. Maybe excessive speed is a factor. If so, it would be good to watch your speed if travelling in a similar location, to avoid an even more serious accident as regards injuries. There have been number of fatalities on Wiremu Road in recent years.

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## An anxious time

Kia Ora Coastal Community,

COVID 19 and lockdown in general is a trying time for everyone and I thank those of you that are strictly following the rules. However, I was disappointed at the number of people who were continually breaching the rules. This shows a lack of thought for others. There are 5 million people in the country struggling in different ways. For some people, particularly the ones who are more at risk to catch the virus, this is an anxious time, and to those people



CONSTABLE MATT STONE

breaching the rules you put a large number of people in danger. As we move to level two, I ask that we follow the required rules and co-operate with businesses around the wearing of face

masks and keeping the two metre distance. Let's make this our last lockdown.

Another issue was brought to my attention recently. A couple of weeks ago I spoke to the senior students at Coastal Taranaki School about driving behaviour and particularly breaching their licence conditions. The recent Timaru fatality is a timely reminder of the dangers of driving a motor vehicle. The licence conditions are put in place for a reason. Those with learner licences haven't even sat a driving test. How do we know if you can drive or not?

Parents, I ask that you police this. Plan ahead so that there is no need to breach licence conditions. I appreciate your co-operation on this matter.

Lastly, there has been a number of burglaries in the Okato village in the last two weeks. If you have any information regarding this, please contact me.

Let's work together to make our community as safe as possible.

Until next time.  
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# Taranaki house prices on the up

House prices continue to grow across the Taranaki region – albeit at a reduced rate compared to previous highs, according to the latest figures from the QV House Price Index.

The housing market has been hottest this quarter in Stratford, where the average house price has increased by 8.3% to \$481,418. In New Plymouth, prices have increased by 4.3% this quarter (down slightly from the 4.5% growth reported last month), while prices in South Taranaki have grown by 5.9% over the same period.

Local QV registered valuer Danny Grace commented: “The market has typically been strongest at the lower end of Taranaki’s residential property market, but there have been continued strong sales of higher value properties and strong interest in well-located vacant sections.”

“Due to the uncertainty surrounding the length of the current lockdown, local real estate agents have been holding off listing their properties for now. This will continue to put pressure on supply, so we expect to continue to see low levels of stock on the market.”

Coming into the latest

lockdown, the QV House Price Index showed a further reduction in New Zealand’s rolling three-monthly rate of value growth to the end of August for the fourth month in a row.

The average value increased 3.3% nationally over the past three-month period to the end of August, down from the 4.3% quarterly growth in July, with the national average value now sitting at \$963,046. This represents an increase of 26.6% year-on-year, up slightly from 26.4% last month.

QV general manager David Nagel said: “While prices were still going up as we headed into the latest lockdown, the growth was at a significantly reduced rate compared to earlier peaks.”

“This is the fourth month running that we’ve seen a reduction in the nation’s rolling three-month average growth rate, so the market has clearly been cooling. Interestingly, value growth rates are very similar to the levels we saw in the middle of 2020 when New Zealand came out of our first lockdown. But pent-up property demand from last year’s extended lockdown, plus a stimulated economy as a result of the Reserve Bank’s slashing of the OCR, led to a property market on steroids that became a runaway train.”

But Mr Nagel said it would be different this time around. “The economy is doing fine without the stimulus that was needed in 2020. Interest rates have nowhere to go but up, which was already signalled prior to lockdown, plus the rate of new builds

is at an all-time high. But most importantly, house price inflation coupled with reducing credit availability has taken home ownership out of the reach of many New Zealanders,” he said.

“It’s difficult to see the housing market return to anything like the growth levels seen over the past couple of years. The gap between supply and demand is closing rapidly, with borders largely closed and new houses coming out of the ground at record speed. More likely, we’ll see a soft landing for the current growth cycle, with the market settling into a new norm closer to the rate of inflation.”

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## Ryan Fleming. History book unlocks secrets for St Joseph’s School

Students at St Joseph’s School, Opunake, were given a glimpse of past history when their principal, Mr Ryan Fleming was presented with books.

Mr Fleming is photographed with “Oaonui Water Board” This was written by Taranaki coastal journalist, Kathryn Stanley, to mark the centenary of the Water Board in 2017. The informative book is full of historic photographs of the Oaonui scheme. It explains how a clean water supply is so precious to everyone, especially in the dry summer months.



Kathy Stanley also presented her book at Opunake Primary School. With Kathy Stanley are Jaali Field, and Narz Field.



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# Parliamentarian embraces new role

‘Working from the grassroots up rather than the top down is how I’ll be tackling my new responsibility as National’s spokesperson for Agriculture,’ says Barbara Kuriger.

Mrs Kuriger’s change in portfolio sees her Rural Communities role go to Southland MP Joseph Mooney, under a minor reshuffle released by Party Leader Judith Collins on Saturday. She retains Energy



**BARBARA KURIGER**  
MP FOR TARANAKI KING  
COUNTRY

and Natural Resources, as well as Food Safety. The Taranaki-King Country

MP, who has been speaking with rural leaders and advocacy groups since the decision was announced, says she and her team are “fizzing and ready to go.”

And she’s not mincing her words.

“Labour has drafted a raft of regulations, altered others, and enacted unintended uses of various bits of legislation, leading to the enormous pressure now on the agricultural sector.

“And farmers have had a gutsful. It’s too much, too

fast.

“Part of my new role is to hold the Government to account, and I have yet to see a workable and warranted proposal from them. Creating change with no concept of food production, is not helpful or useful.

“As I said in my September column, sent out last week, the broad brush approach to farming will do nothing to either fix or support what they claim the outcomes will be.

“Nor do they include regional/local differences or support the hundreds of grassroots initiatives, catchment, conservation and land care groups that have been working well for years, some for decades.

“They don’t even consider the voluntary work done by rural communities, farmers and private landowners, who have already placed thousands of hectares under covenants.

“The common-sense thing for the Government to do is

stop!

“Take one piece of whatever you want to do Labour and talk to the ag sector first. Then you might be able to draft something that makes sense to everyone.

“If you need a hand, I’m happy to help.”

*Barbara Kuriger MP*

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## Stepping up to stamp out Delta



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I want to thank everyone here in Taranaki for all of your hard work over the past few weeks as we’ve stayed home to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Our job’s not done yet, but we’ve made a great start – and I know that, together, we’re stronger than the virus.

It’s been great to see so many people following the Alert Level 4 and Level 3 rules over the past weeks and to see some of the creative ways you have brightened up life in your bubbles. However, I know life at Alert Levels can be tough. It has required us all to make sacrifices, but together, we’ve stepped up

and worked hard to keep everyone safe.

When we made the decision to move into Alert Level 4, only one case had been detected. As we’ve seen, one case quickly became hundreds: it took just one week to spread across Auckland, with just a handful of cases in Wellington. Delta is faster and more infectious than previous variants. That’s why we’re working hard to get this right – and

what we’re doing is working. Moving to Alert Level 4 seems to have limited the spread of the virus around New Zealand, and we in Taranaki look forward to Alert Level 2 life, with the extra freedoms this brings.

If you haven’t already, I encourage you to book in for a vaccine. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones, and our vaccination rollout is available to everyone aged

12 and over. So head to bookmyvaccine.nz or call 0800 28 29 26 to make your appointment.

Thanks again for doing your bit, you’re protecting your community as well as the rest of the country. We’ve been here before, and together, we can once again step up to stamp out COVID-19.

*Glen Bennett*  
MP for New Plymouth

## More pathways into mahi for job seekers

Over 800 jobseekers will be supported on pathways into employment, education and training through funding into the Māori Trades and Training Fund (MTTF) and He Poutama Rangatahi projects says Minister for Social Development and Employment Carmel Sepuloni

“With unemployment falling to 4 percent, we know the labour market has held up better than expected. This is a reflection of the suite of Government measures and interventions we’ve put in place to secure our economic recovery from COVID-19,”

Carmel Sepuloni said. “The Government is continuing to support that recovery by delivering more opportunities for people to get into meaningful employment, education and training and to ensure it is equitable.

“The Māori Trades and Training Fund (MTTF) will support over 500 Māori job seekers into employment and training opportunities, with \$18.576 million committed to a range of new and existing projects.

“There are many elements to MTTF that makes it unique

and successful. It not only supports Māori into jobs, but it supports businesses to be competitive, building their resiliency to grow and take on more apprentices.

“An integral part of MTTF is the wrap-around support that is offered from a Te Ao Māori world view. That’s something that is not common across many employment programmes, but as we look to support more Māori into sustainable employment, education and training, it must be front

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# One down one to go

Taranaki-King Country MP Barbara Kuriger says she welcomed the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Awakino Tunnel Bypass project. Bypassing the 100-year-old-tunnel and Mt Messenger projects were part of the accelerated regional roading programme announced by Prime Minister John Key in 2014. Both were given the green light in January 2016. “The bypasses will ensure an enhanced level of safety which has been a critical issue for SH3. But it’s taken five and a half years to get one done thanks to the antiquated RMA,” she says. “When the Mt Messenger bypass is completed, it will open up the entire west coast link to the upper North Island, which has to increase economic productivity, the flow of goods and services and tourism, when it returns to our shores. “As a key freight network between the Waikato, Auckland, Northland and Taranaki regions, I’m sure transport operators will welcome is as well.”



LEFT: Taranaki-King Country MP Barbara Kuriger with Minister of Transport Simon Bridges (centre) and MP for New Plymouth Jonathan Young when the bypasses were given the go ahead in 2016. As a frequent SH3 traveller Barbara is thrilled the first is completed and is eagerly awaiting the completion of the second.

# More pathways into mahi for job seekers

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of mind for employers and the workforce, as it is for Government. “One example is the Empowering Māori in Trades project being run by Mana Within Ltd in Auckland. This will see 50 participants from West and South Auckland get the chance to train for and be placed in construction sector jobs, where the skills are in short supply in the current labour market. “While we’re on a positive trajectory, this latest tranche of investment will help to fill the demand for skilled workers, improve employment, social and whānau outcomes, and contribute to the workforce that is helping build the

Government’s 18,000 Kainga Ora homes.” In addition, Government is also investing \$5.6 million to help over 300 rangatahi overcome barriers to employment, education and training through further funding into He Poutama Rangatahi (HPR). “He Poutama Rangatahi has shown early success, engaging more than 6,000 at-risk rangatahi in communities across regional Aotearoa, including more than 2,500 who have been supported into employment, education and training. “We want rangatahi to have the skills they need to thrive, but we also know that our approach must recognise the importance of individualised and ongoing support for those most at risk of long-term unemployment. “That’s why we’ve

expanded HPR to urban areas, where the largest numbers of rangatahi not in employment, education or training live. “HPR funding will provide crucial pastoral care and pre-employment training so that our rangatahi can develop work-ready skills and tools to engage in meaningful opportunities that will see them work and thrive in their local communities. “There are now 63,000 more people in jobs since September 2020 and more people came off the benefit in the June quarter, with over 31,000 entering paid work. This shows that while we’re on the right trajectory, we must keep going. “Māori Trades and Training and He Poutama Rangatahi are only one part of our Government’s solution to supporting people into

employment, education and training. They sit alongside other initiatives like Mana in Mahi, Jobs for Nature, and Apprenticeship Boost, and offer exciting opportunities through wrap-around and bespoke support and pastoral care,” Carmel Sepuloni said. Funding for Māori Trades and Training and He Poutama Rangatahi is now administered by the Ministry of Social Development. Projects have previously been funded by both the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Provincial Growth Fund.

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# Twister Tornado



Last month the Opunake Fire Brigade were called out to Watino Road after a twister wreaked havoc.

## New walkway helping people connect with outdoors

The recently finished Trimble Walkway connects southern and eastern Inglewood, and runs between Trimble Park opposite the Inglewood Pool and the Joe Gibbs Scenic Reserve. NPDC Councillor Marie

Pearce says the walkway cost about \$190,000 to build and opens as a \$10.6m project to improve the town's drinking water enters its final year of work.

"The new Trimble Walkway is a safe, shared walking and cycle path through wonderful green spaces, where we can all connect with the great

outdoors. The new walk is a real asset for Inglewood and I've had people singing its praises to me already. If you haven't already walked this wonderful new walkway... put it on your list of things to do," says Councillor Marie Pearce.

A public planting day will be held in the coming weeks to add the finishing touches, followed by an official opening a little later on.

As part of NPDC's latest 10-year budget, worth about \$3billion, \$38m will be invested towards Greening Our Place which includes extending the network of tracks and trails around the District.

Robert Trimble was the first chairman of the Inglewood Town Board and the Taranaki County Council, serving as a Member of Parliament from 1879 to 1887 and later as a judge at the Native Land Court.

Joe Gibbs was Mayor of Inglewood from 1931 to 1938. The terraces at Jubilee Park, the railway lawns and plantings, and the river-stone retaining wall at Trimble Park were projects achieved during his mayoral tenure.



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# Olympic gold medals awarded at Kaponga WI

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Discussion was held re the progress of our upcoming 90th celebrations and plans are progressing well. After the general business and lunch the hostess for the day presented a general knowledge quiz including

a series of questions about the Olympic games and the winning team of four were Val Eliason, Gillian Frandsen, Dorothy Hughes and Carolyn Nicholas who were all presented with a gold wrapped chocolate bar which we considered to be the nearest we will ever get to an Olympic medal. Some of the answers to the quiz from other teams were questionable but no names will be mentioned here.

The competitions included a family heirloom and all the exhibits came with a fascinating history.



### Golden girls.

Competition results. Three Pieces of slice. 1. Jo Ellis. 2. Diane West. 3. Dene Lines and Nancy Stokes. Heirloom. 1. Dorothy Hughes. 2. Fiona Collins. 3. Carolyn Nicholas

and Jo Ellis.

Members were in no hurry to head home and continued to enjoy the day. Thanks to hostesses Nancy Stokes and Mollie Nicholas for

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Carolyn Nicholas

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Tomatoes in containers can be easily cared for on decks and patios, they just need staking and training. Take extra care with watering throughout the season to prevent drying out and add liquid feed fortnightly.

Plant your tomato in well

prepared soil. First water the plant in its container and allow to drain, then plant without disturbing the root ball. Firm the soil gently.

Palmer's handy tip: Growing tomatoes and basil together increases the vigour and flavour of both crops. Other great companions for tomatoes are marigold, nasturtium and chives.

Tomatoes are thirsty and hungry. Water regularly in dry weather, to ensure the plants do not dry out. As plants grow and become loaded with fruit their



requirement for water will increase.

Once the small fruit appear, supplement your initial ground preparation with a fortnightly feed fertiliser such as Tui Fish and Seaweed fertiliser.

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# Tears on Taranaki

What lessons can be taken away from the 2013 Mt Taranaki tragedy? Nick Plimmer considers the unfortunate events.

Area: Mt Taranaki, Egmont National Park

Activity: Mountaineering

Deceased: 31-year-old male, 29-year-old female

Date of Incident: 28 October 2013, Labour Weekend

Weather Forecast: Saturday: Cloudy periods with a few showers. Snow flurries above 1900 metres. Strong westerlies rising to gale. Sunday: Rain easing to showers in the afternoon and snow lowering to 1100 metres. Gale westerlies.

Summary

A group of 16 people on a New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC) Auckland Section trip to Mt Taranaki arrived at Tahurangi Lodge on Mt Taranaki between 9:30 p.m. Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday after driving down from Auckland. The party planned to climb Mt Taranaki in two groups, with one tackling the North Ridge (grade 1-) and the other the harder East Ridge (grade 2+). Participants in both groups ranged from experienced mountaineers with instructor qualifications, to beginners, whose only mountaineering experience was a NZAC snowcraft course.

After rising between 5 and 6 a.m. on Saturday morning,

the NZAC members gradually organised themselves into the two groups, and left Tahurangi Lodge between 7.30 and 8 a.m. At this stage, the female (deceased) changed her mind and switched from the group tackling the easier North Ridge, to join her boyfriend (the male deceased), who had convinced her to join the group aiming for the harder East Ridge route.

The North Ridge group of six people made an uneventful ascent of Mt Taranaki. High on the mountain they encountered icy conditions. As they summited around midday, a clear sky with no winds gave way to intermittent whiteout



Mt Taranaki South Face from Fanthams Peak.

Photo: Shaun Barnett

conditions and strong winds. By the time the group had returned to Tahurangi Lodge at around 5.30 p.m., it was raining continuously, with very strong winds and occasional hail and snow.

The East Ridge group of 10 people made good progress until about 11.30 a.m., when they encountered hard, icy conditions approximately 500 vertical metres from the summit. They split into three climbing teams, pulled out ropes and started pitching. The teams made very slow progress due to the steep slope, hard ice, the inexperience of some of the climbers and a shortage of technical equipment. The first team summited quickly without using ropes. The second team, who were pitching, turned back 150 metres short of the summit at approximately 4.30 p.m. and returned to the lodge. At their turn-around point, there was zero visibility, with freezing temperatures and gale force winds, making it difficult to communicate. Some members of this group started to become hypothermic.

Although climbing close to the second team, the third team of four people, which

included both the deceased, continued on to the summit. Their plan was to summit, then return to the lodge via the easier North Ridge route. Climbing in a white-out, with snow and gale force winds, they reached the rim of the summit crater below the Shark's Tooth, then made a slow and difficult descent into the crater. They arrived at around 8.30 p.m., in full darkness and extreme weather conditions. Soon after starting the descent of the North Ridge, one of the four climbers slipped and fell, injuring their leg. Another of the four climbers reached the injured climber

and continued down with them. Neither of these was one of the deceased. They lost their route on the way down and spent a long, cold night out with very little shelter. At daybreak they returned to North Egmont Visitor Centre and were taken to hospital.

Possibly because of advancing hypothermia, at the site of the slip and fall the deceased pair stopped descending and dug a shallow snow trench some 200 metres below the summit, at approximately 2318 metres. Using their cell-phone, they alerted club members to their predicament late at night and later managed to communicate with search and rescue using text messages. A search and rescue operation was launched, and numerous attempts were made to reach the pair by foot and air, in extreme conditions. The first rescue attempt was made by two members of the NZAC group, who left Tahurangi Lodge at 11 p.m, but the terrible weather forced them to return after an hour of ascending.

Finally, a rescue team reached the two climbers at approximately 7.30 a.m. on Monday, roughly 34 hours after the alarm was first raised. When the SAR team reached them, the man had died of hypothermia. SAR took steps to stabilise the woman but she died of hypothermia about an hour later. The bodies could not be recovered until the next day because of the extreme weather conditions.

Cause of deaths: Hypothermia

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# Tears on Taranaki

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Comments:

Mt Taranaki has been the scene of numerous accidents and fatalities. This is multi-factorial: the mountain has easy road access, an inviting summit, and a classical andesitic volcanic shape that starts out as gentle slopes but almost imperceptibly steepens towards the summit. While not high compared to the Southern Alps, Mt Taranaki (2518 metres) juts out into the Tasman Sea where prevailing moisture-laden westerlies batter the mountain, often resulting in extremely hard sheet ice.

Conditions The climbers faced very hard ice conditions on the Saturday. As Mt Taranaki is well known for producing this type of ice, it is not unreasonable for the climbers to have expected such conditions.

Weather forecasts All trip participants were aware of the weather forecast, which had been emailed to them and was discussed on the Friday night. They knew that the weather would deteriorate by mid-afternoon, and their original turnaround time was in part based on this forecast. The forecast proved accurate with an obvious deterioration of conditions, including increasing wind and cloud from the west.

Experience Some members of the East Ridge group were not experienced enough to attempt the grade 2+ climb, as their only experience prior to this trip was a snowcraft course. The lack of experience would have slowed their rate of climb and contributed to them not taking enough technical equipment. It is important for inexperienced climbers to practice their general mountaineering skills on easier climbing routes before attempting more technical routes. Equally it is important for more experienced climbers to mentor inexperienced climbers.

Equipment The East Ridge group had a severe shortage of technical equipment. They did not have enough ropes, and the ones they did have were too short.

This, along with sharing the inadequate number of ice axes, dramatically slowed the group down and increased the risk. Overall, the majority of the climbers were adequately equipped for a day trip only. For any outdoors trip, the equipment taken must be carefully considered by individuals, and groups as a whole. Necessary equipment needs to be carried to suit conditions that can be reasonably anticipated, including survival and emergency equipment appropriate to the trip.

Fatigue Some of the climbers had as little as three hours sleep because of the long drive from Auckland, followed by the two-hour walk to Tahurangi Lodge on Friday night, and the early start on Saturday morning. Fatigue impairs cognitive ability, which affects decision making and judgement, as well as reducing physical resilience.

Monitoring time and progress Leaders should monitor time and progress, ensuring they leave a sufficient window to safely descend when bad weather or darkness approaches. The lure of a summit often entices climbers to exceed or ignore their turnaround time. In this case, a turnaround time of 12 noon was discussed several times among the trip organisers, based on the consistently accurate weather reports. Subsequently, however, the turnaround time was not monitored. The second team did eventually turn back at about 4.30 p.m. However, the third group pushed on to the summit, anticipating that this would provide an easier descent route than down-climbing the East Ridge. Unfortunately, the climbers were slowed by a technical descent into the crater, exposing them to the terrible weather for even longer.

Leadership This large group of 16 people loosely evolved into two groups, with the East Ridge group of 10 further dividing into three teams. While the group contained experienced people, there were no formal group leaders, no well communicated climbing plan, and inadequate

monitoring of time and progress. This led to ad-hoc group make-up, equipment shortfalls, failure to monitor time and incorrect assumptions about people's abilities. Consequently, two teams found themselves out of their depth on the icy, steep East Ridge in seriously deteriorating weather.

Strong leadership from the outset of the trip would have identified many of these shortfalls. In isolation, many of these factors would probably not have affected the outcome of the trip. The tragedy resulted from the cumulative effects of the difficult climbing conditions, horrific (but by no means exceptional) weather conditions, fatigue, lack of experience and equipment, and a failure to monitor progress and time. The Coroner noted that a

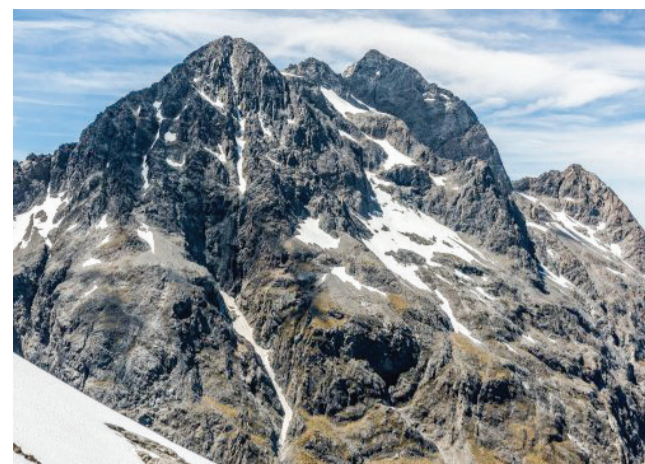
decision to have a formal trained leader of each team may have resulted in a different outcome: the East Ridge team may have turned back at their agreed turn-around time. A review of the New Zealand Alpine Club, commissioned by the club after this tragedy, recommended that trips should have appropriately trained section leaders.

Key recommendations made by reviewers of the NZAC post-accident

- The club should establish safety goals for all its programmes including section trips
- Leadership on section trips is vital
- The club should promote strong governance
- Hazard analysis and management must become part of planning processes for section trips



Up the creek with only a paddle.



Thank goodness for the rescue helicopter.

- The club should develop a training programme for section trip leaders
- A standard pre-trip gear checklist should be used
- Section trips should have a 'pause point' when they involve tight time frames

Nick Plimmer.

*This article was re-published from the August 2015 issue of FMC's Backcountry magazine. The Backcountry Accidents Column, in one form or another, has been a feature of FMC publications since 1938.*

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## COUNCILLORS COMMENT COVID uncertainty returns

Recently my whānau and I dropped my daughter, Eva, off at the airport for her return to America. Last year, the uncertainty of her returning to an environment where COVID was normalised, caused a lot of stress because we were all unsure of whether her returning to America was the right thing. However, this year it seems the tables have turned, and it is now New Zealand that is the land of unpredictability. It was speculated last year that if our country was the last to have COVID in its community that we would be the final ones to come out of lockdown and completely open its borders, which



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may now ironically come to fruition.

Now, onto council happenings. There has been much discussion around our representation review, the three waters, and future RMA changes. Last week at our council meeting, the

council agreed to send out the proposed representation for public consultation. This describes how we will have 13 councillors for the next two local body elections; an increase from the previous 12 councillors, now including two new Māori wards. As you've probably already heard, there is a decrease in our area – Coastal Taranaki – a drop from three to two councillors. This was not my preference. I advocated for us to retain the initial three seats as I believe this is a more fair and equitable representation for our area. However, there was a worry that 14 councillors would be too many, and so the

decision was made for 13 councillors.

One of my roles at Council is being a commissioner on the Environmental and Hearings Committee. The Council has been busy with many consents for subdivisions, buildings and renovations. I would suggest that you get hold of a council member before you start any proposed changes to make sure that you are following the District Plan. This should make the process easier to follow.

The other topic which is causing much heated discussion and frustration within the community is the

“Three Waters Reform.” This reform concerns the quality of drinking water, waste water and storm water. Mayor Phil Nixon wrote a great article last week in the Southlink, describing our concerns moving forward. My opinion is that the reform is happening too fast, which is causing uncertainty and lack of trust. I am surprised that the central government has not gone to the public for a poll or referendum on this. Furthermore, I feel as a councillor I don't have the mandate to vote on the future of such a major public asset. There is still much water to flow through the pipes of discussion before a

decision is made. However, my bottom line belief is that water infrastructure should be protected and serviced in our small communities as much as they are in the larger communities. If anyone has any concerns, please don't be afraid to get in contact with me or one of my fellow councillors.

Finally, thanks to Opunake Basketball for nominating me for Taranaki Administration Volunteer of the Year. It was a great honour to receive this award.

Kia haumaruru te noho – stay safe.

## Consultation to begin on representation review proposal

South Taranaki District councillors are proposing to increase their number by one following Wednesday's (4 August) Representation Review extraordinary meeting.

After more than a month of pre-consultation, the Councillors agreed to formally consult on an

Initial Proposal consisting of 13 Councillors and a mayor, with no change to the Community Boards.

Under the proposal the Council would be made up of two Māori wards with one councillor elected from each ward and four general wards with two councillors elected from the Eltham-Kaponga ward; two from

the Pātea ward; two from the Taranaki Coastal ward; and five councillors from Te Hāwera ward.

Council had previously agreed on a slightly different proposal at an earlier representation meeting held on 24 July, however it was decided to re-consider this proposal after the Council obtained updated (2020)

population figures from Statistics New Zealand and the compliance variation thresholds presented at the first meeting didn't satisfy the Local Electoral Act 2001.

All councils are required to review their representation every 6 years and Council's decision in November 2020

to establish a Māori ward/s triggered the need for a review.

The Representation Review establishes how South Taranaki communities will be represented for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections. It considers things such as the number of councillors needed to represent the District,

whether they're elected from wards or 'at large' across the whole district, or a mix of both and whether community boards should be retained or not.

Formal consultation on the Council's Initial Proposal starts on 12 August and runs through to 23 September.

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# An End of Honour - a novel of Titokowaru's War

## by Mike Burr

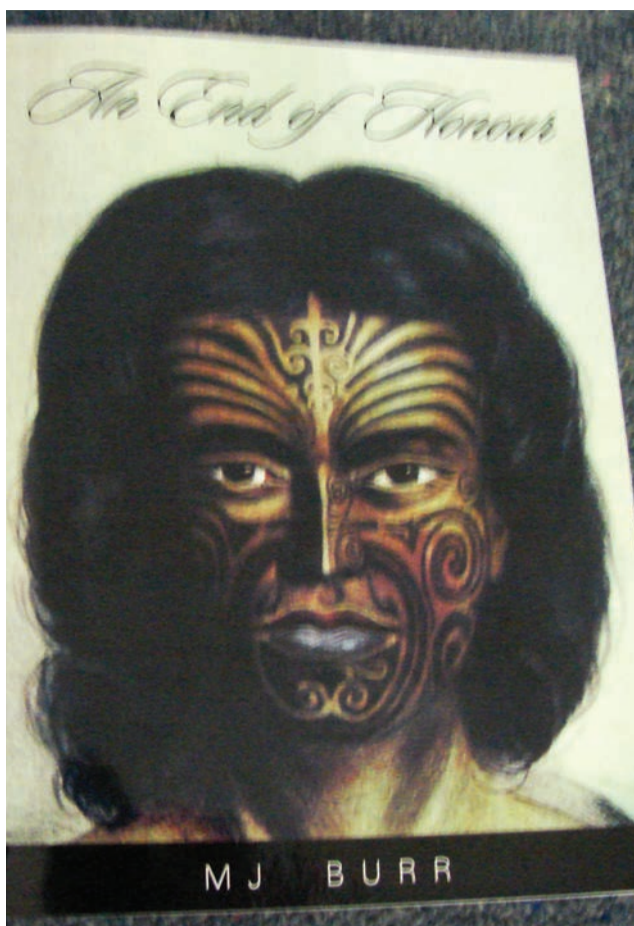
MJ Burr is a retired teacher of history. He has written a novel based on the life of Titokowaru who he considers to be a truly great New Zealander and who author James Belich has termed 'arguably our greatest general' in that he never lost a battle where he commanded.

Born near Ōkaiawa probably around 1823 Titokowaru claimed to have no children though he was to adopt the deserter Kimble Bent, taking him as a grandson.

Says Mike, "Titokowaru was a master of many aspects of 19th-century warfare – fortification, logistics, rapid movement, the precise handling of soldiery in contact with the enemy, the timely application of overwhelming firepower and – most of all – what even modern-day textbooks call 'maskirovka' from the Russian term for leading one's enemy to focus only upon what one wants them to see."

Titokowaru ultimately became a strong supporter of pacifism and the prophets Te Whiti-o-Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi at Parihaka helping to lead the non violent protests at the confiscation of Maori land and, following the government's invasion of Parihaka in 1881, was also imprisoned.

Comments Mike, it is entirely typical of this great New Zealander, that he ended his days at Parihaka doing what he could to avert evil and in the way he had



*An End of Honour - a novel of Titokowaru's War, written by Mike Burr. It is available by Mike at info@cliowrite.com or phone 06 752 7501. Cost \$25.00.*

always preferred to do it.

Of his novel An End of Honour, Mike begins with a quote:

"He whenua, he wahine i mate ai te Tangata."

"Women and land are the downfall of men".

He continues:

This story owes more to fact than to fiction, for it uses real people from our past – soldiers, missionaries, warriors, politicians and even a rogue sea-captain – to move from the Musket Wars

battlefields of Taranaki to the Indian campaigns of the American mid-West and back again via the society of colonial Auckland to a South Taranaki riven by fire and sword.

Titokowaru is warrior, priest and leader of a people struggling for survival in the face of European land-hunger in 1860s New Zealand. The book is the story of his fight to stave off settler greed while he brings his people to accept the

inevitable with some degree of honour.

John Selby Hunter is an ex-Confederate cavalryman who lives by the precepts of honour and duty ingrained in him by a Virginian upbringing. He finds himself in colonial Auckland as a result of them, where his Southern charm isn't lost on two beautiful women, one the sister of his comrade-in-arms and the other her Maori companion. He allows himself, somewhat reluctantly, to become involved by the charismatic visionary, Governor George Grey, in a process which he shortly comes to realise is the antithesis of all he's been taught to believe about chivalry and honour.

Both men are pitchforked into opposing sides of what soon becomes all-out war as a result of circumstances outside their control, and both call on the codes into which they were born to deal with it.

The story is as brutal in places as the actual events sometimes were, but it's never less than thought-provoking, especially at the end of it all where the reader is offered a plausible answer to the enduring and real-life mystery of just why, with the West Coast at his feet and settler armies prostrate before him, New Zealand's best-ever and undefeated military genius, Riwha Titokowaru, walked away from his greatest triumph and into obscurity.

As well as a love story that crosses the racial divide, 'An

End of Honour' is the story of two highly-principled men who see beyond division, race and greed to agree that, if one has no honour, one has nothing. Together, they dominate a story of real events that involved real New Zealanders only

five generations ago; a story still being played out in the present day.

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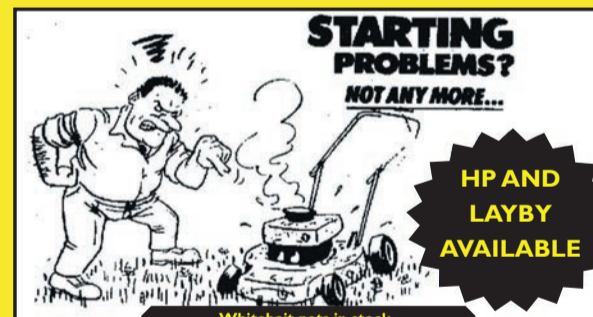
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soldiers killed was Gustavus von Tempsky who led the Forest Rangers.

The former home village of Titokowaru is now a reserve where a monument mentions the names of the European soldiers killed at

the battle, including Von Tempsky.

In later years Titokowaru was associated with the pacifist Te Whiti o Rongomai of Pahihaka, the peace village.

A recent exhibition at the

Lysaght Art Gallery featured a Wahaika given to Native Minister (later Premier) John Ballance in 1885.

Riwha Titokowaru died in 1888.

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# A blessing in disguise

The Covid 19 pandemic appears to be a blessing in disguise, forcing the population and leadership of every nation to reconsider the fundamental principles of primary health care Mother Nature bestows on all life-forms.

It is high time that 'modern medicine' allowed other perspectives on what constitutes PHC to be taken

seriously by political and academic agencies, which embodies natural health care and well being shared by the entire web of life since time immemorial.

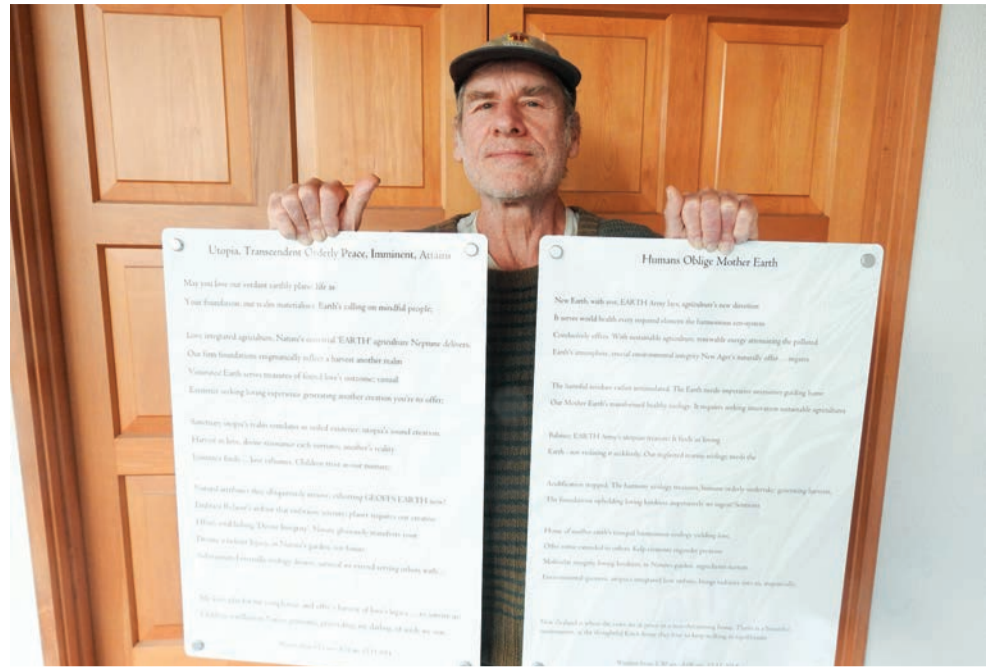
Ancient wisdom, which virtually all indigenous cultures appreciate holds that 'we are what we eat' and by extension, 'your food should be your medicine, and your medicine should be

your food.' Every creature and living entity is, and has always been embraced within these simple and basic principles.

However, since the chemistry of our 'Modern Agriculture' system of food production following World War 2 took a turn for the worse, with certain industrial chemists working for corporate entities assuming they knew what was better 'chemistry' for food producers to adopt, we have witnessed accelerating environmental degradation and public health decline.

In this context, the PM during the run-up to the last election was correct in stating the public health system is 'broken.' However, it is a partial truth only, valid in light of the flawed chemistry (system) of 'Modern Agriculture.' There are other dangerous impacts of chemical residues and pollution of air, water and soil which degrade our health also. It is always the role of food producers to serve the public the very best nutritional quality, free of chemical contamination as far as possible, as Ecologically Sustainable Agriculture (ESA) provides.

As we move into Post-Modernism and 'The New Era' - the 'green economy' - progressive countries are moving swiftly towards with astute political leadership, the author and pioneer of the 'Growth Enhanced Organic Food Farming System' (GEOFFS) version of ESA has initiated a crowd-funding (Givealittle) program seeking public support for an organic research and demonstration dairy farm, located in Taranaki, to showcase this



Geoff Downey.

particular method of safe food production.

The research, following initial benchmarking, will scrupulously monitor the transition to ESA, and data-sets with longitudinal studies which will range from soil, microbe, insect (etc), plant and animal health and bio-molecular integrity (including milk composition), resource inputs of water (with installed water meters),

fertilisers, ag/vet chemicals, fossil fuels, electricity, ground water, and water-course samples regularly taken and analysed. The economic studies, to gauge the financial performance of the GEOFFS paradigm will consist of every expense item documented and recorded, and tallied against the income revenue from the usual milk company (Fonterra), to simulate ordinary farmers converting

over to ESA with the confidence the financial data will assure.

The public good of this endeavour will also reveal the paradox of the PM's partial truth, demonstrating that nature works well, symbiotically providing PHC to all, which the astute farmer facilitates. The system of public health care is not broken.

Geoff Downey

## Two options on the table for TRC representation

The Taranaki Regional Council will consider two options for its representation arrangements ahead of the 2022 elections.

The Council's initial proposal saw the total number of councillors remain at 11, including one Māori constituency representative. The South Taranaki constituency would go from three to two elected members while all other constituencies would remain at the status quo.

During public consultation 14 written submissions were received, with five submitters opting to present to councillors.

A theme throughout the submissions was the need for stronger Māori representation on the Council. Many made the case for two Māori elected

members rather than one - either from a region-wide Māori constituency or by dividing the region into two.

Under current legislation, that could only happen if the total number of councillors was increased to either 13 or 14.

A submission was also heard on behalf of Federated Farmers in favour of maintaining three South Taranaki members, for the most effective rural representation.

Following the hearing councillors voted to include a second option for discussion at the Council meeting on 21 September, when a final decision will be made.

Option two comprises a total of 13 elected members, including two from a Māori constituency or constituencies, three

from South Taranaki and the current Stratford (one), North Taranaki (two) and New Plymouth (five) members.

Council chairman David MacLeod says the end goal is quality representation for the region as a whole, in a way that is fair for all communities of interest.

"We want to thank everyone who took the time to provide their feedback, which has been extremely useful. We will carefully consider both options before us before making our final decision next month."

On September 21 the Council meets to confirm the final proposal, with a public notice issued on September 24, and an appeal/objection period from September 24 to October 29.



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# Support local message from Venture Taranaki

Venture Taranaki chief executive Justine Gilliland has welcomed the shift to Alert Level 2.

“Venture Taranaki will remain operational, with some of our team moving back into the office under Alert Level 2, with restricted numbers to maintain appropriate social distancing and uphold ministry health guidelines,” she said. “We continue to support Taranaki enterprises with business advice and connection to funding and additional support measures where eligible, and we encourage anyone who is seeking this support to do so via our website [venture.org.nz](http://venture.org.nz).”

“We continue to focus on a go local approach, and as more enterprises open up at these reduced levels, I again encourage everyone to go local and make a conscious effort to think and support local enterprises who are now able to operate under Alert Level 2.”

“With a chance that we could be at “Level 2” for some time, we will also continue our promotion of our region to the rest of New Zealand as a great place to visit, live, work and learn, mindful that our tourism, hospitality and events sector depend on visitors to

flourish. We look forward to the best summer we can possibly have, collaborating and supporting each other.

“It is also a reminder to our larger organisations to look at procurement practices to help kickstart our economy where possible, and to also help provide longer-term resilience, encourage development and capability building, and the growth our own suppliers in Taranaki. Venture Taranaki is proud to be signed up to the Procure Local Charter, and initiative of the Engineering Taranaki Consortium, and we are committed to procuring local first wherever we’re able.

“As we prepare to drop to Alert Level 2 and can move more freely around the region and further afield, we continue to urge people to follow public health recommendations, maintaining good hygiene practices, use the Covid Tracer app or sign in and wear a mask in a public setting. Please continue to check places of interest, and if you are feeling unwell, stay home and call Healthline about a getting a free Covid-19 test.

“Getting our vaccinations as soon as possible must also continue to be a top priority and is our best defence to



Justine Gilliland.

protect and minimise the risk to ourselves, our community, and those who are most vulnerable. Vaccinating our communities will support our resilience against the impacts of any future outbreaks and minimise the need for ongoing lockdowns and the negative impacts

this has on our economy, particularly our small business community.

“Business support for local enterprises can still be accessed directly through government agencies for those impacted financially by lockdown via Covid19.co.nz, including the Covid-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme, and the Covid-19 Resurgence Support Payment. The government website also has information for workforces and businesses as they start to open again.

Me mahi tahi tatou mō te ora o te katoa, we should work together for the wellbeing of everyone.”

## Toxic fumigant to be phased out

“The EPA’s decision to phase out methyl bromide by 2033 is 28 years overdue, and is another example of the EPA putting unacceptable weight on primary industry economics in their risk assessments,” says Professor Ian Shaw, Professor of Toxicology, University of Canterbury.

“New Zealand signed the Montreal Protocol - an international treaty to protect the ozone layer. It was originally negotiated in 1987, but has had numerous revisions, including the addition of methyl bromide

in 1990 with a view to its complete phase out by 2005.

“Despite this, New Zealand has extended the use of methyl bromide for export wood fumigation several times. This is unacceptable both on environmental (we claim to be clean and green) and human health, and because we reneged on an international agreement.

“What are the implications of our continued use of methyl bromide? There is no doubt that it is an important compliance pesticide for our wood export industry and so has economic benefit. However, on the risk side,

it is amongst the most powerful ozone depleters, it is highly toxic to humans at high doses, and at low repeat doses it can have long-term neurological effects.

“The way methyl bromide gas is used in our ports is highly questionable: good practice dictates that it should be vented high into the atmosphere to minimise human exposure. In New Zealand it is often released into tarpaulin-covered log piles, and then because the gas is heavy it accumulates in low areas around the port. This means that human exposure is likely.”

## What’s On Listings

### ONGOING

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

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

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

### TUESDAYS

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

**Life Drawing Group:** Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. Models always wanted; male, female, any age. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake:** Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676

**Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday:** At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato, phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

**Opunake Embroiders Guild:** Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.

**Okato Market:** In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

**Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus:** Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

### THURSDAYS

**Coastal Young Farmers:** Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

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

### FRIDAYS

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

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

### WEEKENDS

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

### AUGUST 13 TO SEPTEMBER 15

**Thinks exhibition:** At the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.

**Marti Friedlander - Portraits of the Artists exhibition:** at the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford.

### SEPTEMBER 10

**Otukaiia reserve Trust AGM:** Te Potaka Marae, Oaonui, 11am.

### OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 6

**Taranaki National Art Awards exhibition:** 10am-4pm. Sandford Event Centre, Opunake.

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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

### chateau garden ball



Our Senior Ball "Royal Family"; Cutest Couple - Jaden Siciliano & Elizabeth Andersen-Gardiner, Prince & Princess - Cameron Quinnell & Bella Pivac, King & Queen - Sharna Tito-Green & Tyran Jones

Below: Spirit of the Ball - Miriama Roach, Best Ride - Travis Klaasen, Storm Ngeru & Rhys Young



## Principals Address



Kia ora Koutou,

Wow! By time you read this, Opunake and most of New Zealand will have just returned back to something resembling normal at COVID Level 2 Lockdown. The last three weeks have been a challenging time for all at our kura, and beyond. However, there have been such acts of enormous kindness, which warms the heart on these winter days.

The Wave Church, and Soul Kitchen donated money and kai to the kura to give out to our whanau. Staff drove miles delivering everything from care packages, art supplies, devices and assessments to ensure are akonga and their whanau feel, and are supported. A huge thank you to all of those involved in such community spirit.

Due to the abruptness of lockdown we never got to fully celebrate the recent achievements of our wonderful students. So, I will take this opportunity to do so.

The ball was an unbelievably magical night, and the theme of Chateau Garden was fully realised. Students and staff (Kerry Walsh, Victoria Forsyth, Geoff Watt, and Andy Bedford) created an evening full of laughter, dancing, and dazzling young men and women. We were all so proud of our seniors who truly created a night of DREAMS.

Another success to be celebrated was the Kuranui College Sports Exchange. Again our students were exemplary, which was commented on several times by the Kuranui staff. Not only were our students victorious in five out of seven events, but even more importantly their spirit of fair play, sportsmanship, and mana was admirable.

Unfortunately, a lot of our sports leagues came to an abrupt halt, thus denying several of our sports codes from the final games they had worked so hard to play. The finalists included; Senior Boys/Girls Basketball, and Girls/Mixed hockey. Whilst the mixed soccer team won in their division, and the 1stXV made the semi finals. A huge thank you to all the sports coaches who gave up their time, and energy to support our young athletes. OHS is truly a community of learning.

Our students even when denied sporting outlets, have continued to pursue their studies, with many of our seniors already achieving at, or being endorsed in, NCEA.

After a recent Adventure race in Whangamata, where our teams ranked first and second in their divisions, I was sent an email from one of the other teams. And it read..."Your students were awesome on the course (when they passed us). Post the race I had a good chat with them and I thought they were very inspirational young people. I loved their approach and their attitudes." I wanted to add this to my address, as yes, our students are inspirational, and us staff are looking forward to returning to our kura to inspire and be inspired around learning.



To conclude, I would like to quote the Nobel Prize winner, Pearl S Buck;

"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible, and achieve it, generation after generation." And as educators, it is such an honour to be a part of growing our good people of Aotearoa to make possible their DREAMS.

Kia kaha koutou, stay safe, and stay connected,

Arohanui,  
**Andrea Hooper Carr**  
 Principal

## KURANUI COLLEGE SPORTS EXCHANGE



From Left: Manase Filihia (Rugby), Jorja Symes (Hockey), Sayen Kahukaka-Snowden (Volleyball), Lexi McQuaig, Pae Taylor-Pou, Elizabeth Andersen-Gardiner (Debating)





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You can check out what they have to say about themselves via our website & YouTube channel.

Good luck to both of you!

# Spin to win - oversow clover this spring

Are you happy with the clover content of your pastures? The target is 30%, and there's generally much less clover present than you think, thanks to the top heavy nature of clover plants

If you don't have enough clover, you're not alone - white clover is struggling on many farms these days.

Yet it remains a key species in NZ farm systems, providing superb animal nutrition; significant amounts of free, natural nitrogen, and higher overall pasture dry matter yield.

Chances are there's not much clover in your pasture - maybe 10%, possibly 20% if conditions are ideal, probably not the 30% advised for optimal farm performance.

Oversowing clover seed in spring is a good way to start restoring pastures that need a top up.

The first step is to identify if there is an issue that caused clover to run out in the first place. Grazing management, lack of fertility, sowing



Oversowing clover seed in spring is a good way to start restoring pastures.

technique, and broadleaf weed herbicides are common causes.

Check soil test results, or get new tests done. To thrive, clover needs phosphorus (P), potassium (K), sulphur (S) and molybdenum (Mo). It also needs the right soil pH - 5.8 to 6.2.

You can spin on 4-6 kg/ha Agricote Oversow clover through September and October in pastures with nil or minimal clover.

Best results come from doing this no more than three days before grazing. This allows stock to 'harrow' the seed for good soil contact.

Seed can also be spun on a day or two after grazing, ideally following a good even grazing. In this situation

harrowing afterward can improve the results.

After oversowing, clover seedlings need lots of light to grow properly, so it's really important grass is not allowed to get too long - don't use oversown paddocks for silage crops.

The biggest factor in the success, or not, of clover over-sowing is how pastures are managed after seed is applied. A couple of short, sharp grazings is perfect to allow clovers to establish.

Kotuku white clover is ideal for oversowing. Kotuku has been bred for rapid establishment, helping it compete better against ryegrass already present in the pasture.

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Seed coating is also essential for oversowing, using a formulation that does not include insecticides or fungicides. Agricote Oversow contains lime and nutrients, to improve seed to soil contact and give clover a good start, with zero grazing withholding.

Now more than ever, white clover has a lot to offer. Feed quality is very high; animals love it and it's an important source of protein in summer when pasture is often deficient.

Clover can also fix 25-30 kg N out of the atmosphere for every tonne of DM grown/ha, improving pasture growth and quality for no cost.

*Janelle Gillum  
lower North Island  
agronomist, Barenbrug*

## Farmers urged to enable staff to get vaccinations

Farmers should do all they can to enable and encourage their staff to get their COVID vaccinations, Federated Farmers employment spokesperson Chris Lewis says.

"I know dairy farms are flat tuck with calving and workforce shortages have never been worse. But there's nothing more important than your family's health, and that of your staff and their families."

It would certainly help if district health boards booked a hall in some smaller towns for well-advertised-in-advance day clinics.

"If it's possible to combine getting a jab with a trip into town for the next supermarket shop, or to pick up supplies from Farmlands or Wrightsons, try to make it happen. It's part of being a good boss," Chris said.

"If your nearest urban centre has a walk-in

vaccination centre, or a GP clinic is willing to take a short-notice booking, you might even send in a staff member with a few dollars to pick up a morning or afternoon tea shout for the rest of the team."

The sooner we get everyone double-vaccinated, the sooner we might safely take steps to getting back to where we were with travel, events, farmers' markets and all the rest, Chris said.

On this month in history

## Mike Moore becomes PM

On September 4, 1990 Mike Moore replaced Geoffrey Palmer as prime minister, as it appeared Labour were unlikely to be returned under the incumbent.

When first elected as an MP in 1972 he was the youngest parliamentarian at just 23).

However, the change in leadership was to no avail as they were swept out of office. They won just 29 seats to Nationals 67. Ji Bolger became the prime minister. Mike Moore remained as Leader of the Opposition until replaced

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Mike Moore was Director-General of the World Trade Organisation from 1999 to 2002.



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# Proactive dairy farmers benefit from looming changes

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during dry spells. It's safe to say the investment will more than pay off.

Why act now? As they say, the best time is yesterday, and the next best time is today. Manufacturing prices are always rising, meaning the cost of machinery and infrastructure is likely to rise in the near future. Also, although many farmers have

consents that still have a few years left, it's inevitable the rules around discharging will tighten and it will continue to become more difficult to comply. On the positive side, not only is acting sooner going to be more cost effective, but the sooner you act, the sooner you can reap the rewards.

If you're ready to start making some positive changes, the best place to start is with a plan. Start by talking to effluent management specialists about your farm and how it operates. They'll be able to advise on a council compliant, futureproof solution that will work with the unique aspects of your farm (current infrastructure, climate, landscape, labour available etc).

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## Shaun and Michelle's Mating Edge

When Shaun did his homework on full autumn-calving last season, he realised he'd need every heat detection advantage. "With autumn-calving, cows are less likely to cycle,

or are harder to pick up on heats" says Shaun.

Silent heats during wet winter months can drag down submissions, impacting six-week in-calf and empty rates. After asking around, FlashMate was consistently the answer. The top autumn-calving herd in New Zealand for reproduction statistics is Dan and Abbie Hinton at Eureka, Waikato, who have been using FlashMate for six seasons.

Shaun and Michelle Gardner run 120 cows on their Waiiti dairy farm. They'd heard good things, and the initial nervousness

soon faded; "After 2 weeks using them, I felt very comfortable that the right cows were going up for AB" Shaun said. Now, even his four-year old daughter can spot cows on heat.

Then came the added advantage of detecting silent heats, quickly covering the investment right there and then. "With FlashMate we picked up cows that we wouldn't have seen, with slightly lower heats and less rubbing," said Gardner.

Because FlashMate is touch-sensitive, when cows are quietly cycling, they still receive attention from other

cows, which sets FlashMate off. Large overseas studies show silent heats can range 10 to 20% of herds.

The wider product experience got the thumbs-up from Shaun. "I had none come off the cows in the first six weeks. I was very, very happy with that!" FlashMate sticks firmly to cow hair, which stays with the cow a lot more during winter.

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# One million native trees planted for Taranaki farmers

One million native plants have been distributed to Taranaki farmers this year through Taranaki Regional Council's long-running Riparian Management Programme, thanks to a \$5 million boost in Jobs for Nature funding from Ministry for the Environment.

In the past, landowners had been paying for the plants at cost, and planting them themselves. This year the funding has meant farmers paid just \$1 per plant, which included contractors to do the planting. The record number of native plants this year was a 400,000 increase from the previous.

The funding has also provided a boost to local employment opportunities.

"Because of the Jobs for Nature funding, we're

looking at employing about 20 staff this season. For these young guys to get out there and look after the land, that is really special to us, and to them and to all their whānau," said Dave Hare, from Tree Machine.

Similarly, Joe Churchman, Director of Farm Environment Services, said he has been able to employ at least five extra staff this year thanks to the Jobs for Nature funding.

Deputy Secretary, Sustainable Land Use Delivery at Ministry for the Environment, Nadeine Dommissie, says "it's wonderful to see landowners across Taranaki so engaged in the programme."

"We are really pleased to be able to support such a successful and long standing initiative that is generating

employment in the region and leaving a healthier environment for future generations," said Nadeine.

"The Transforming Taranaki programme has been so successful because of the relationship that Taranaki Regional Council has with the rural community. It's all about collaboration," said Dan Harrison, Director – Operations at Taranaki Regional Council.

"With the programme we now have 99.7% of dairy farmers [in the region] involved, 80% of our rivers and streams planted, and over 90% are fenced."

For dairy farmer Bede Kissick, the programme is bringing back the bird life. "You see the diversity in the bird life that's coming through here, we get the tūis and we've seen wood



Dairy farmer Bede Kissick collects plants from depot

pigeons and kingfishers. It's fantastic when you hear the birdsong around the farm," Bede says.

Taranaki Regional Council has been running

the Transforming Taranaki through Riparian Management programme for the last 25 years.

The \$1.219 billion Jobs for Nature programme is

a Government initiative, creating nature-based jobs to benefit the environment and support the economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Winter grazing rules must be practical on-farm

DairyNZ say proposed changes to winter grazing regulations appear to be a sensible step forward, but they will review the fine print to help deliver rules that work on-farm.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle said when these regulations were introduced last year, DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb and Federated Farmers made it clear they were impractical for farmers. Recommended changes were made together, as part of the Southland Advisory Group.

"We are pleased the Government heard us and will be consulting on significant changes as a result. From what we've seen, the confirmation of certified freshwater farm plans as an alternative regulatory pathway to meet the intensive winter grazing

rules is good news," said Dr Mackle. "This will see better outcomes for the environment and farmers.

"There also appears to be positive changes to pugging, resowing and critical source area rules, based on primary sector feedback, but we need more detail to understand how these changes might work in practice.

"It's also good to see the proposed resowing date shift to 'as soon as practicable'. This makes it possible for farmers to establish their crops well, in line with weather and managing environmental risk.

"Farmers are proactively putting in place good practice for winter grazing and it's vital the new regulations are practical, so good work continues."

Under the proposal, farmers will have three

regulatory pathways – including a permitted activity via a freshwater farm plan. "Ultimate success here does depend on a robust certified freshwater farm plan process; this is yet to be landed," said Dr Mackle.

"The phasing in of freshwater farm plans will lead to a delay in this pathway being available for farmers – this is a concern for practical and flexible implementation of the regulations and we need this remedied."

The potential deferral of the wintering regulations to November 2022 will provide time for detail to be worked out and enables farmers to continue their plans for next season, said Dr Mackle.

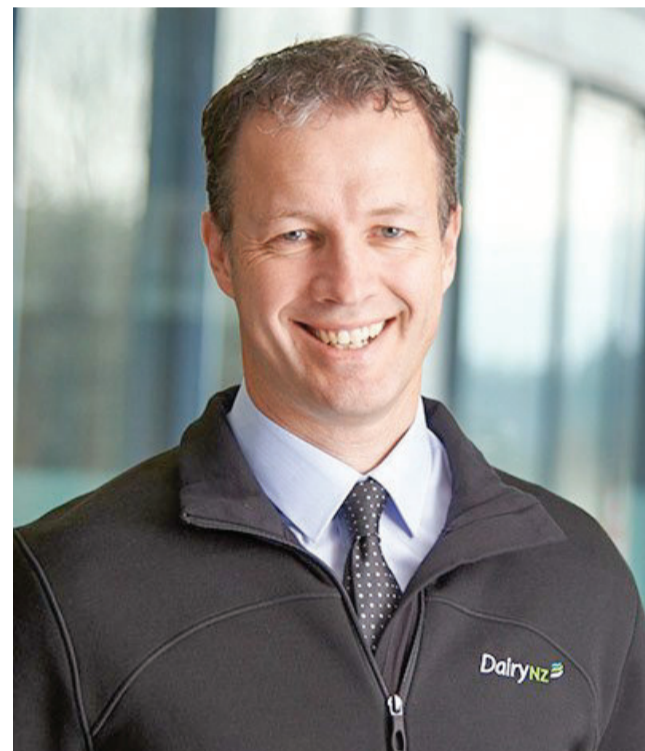
DairyNZ will complete a submission on both the winter grazing and the freshwater farm plan

consultations, providing firm feedback to Government. DairyNZ is also supporting farmers to make submissions on both consultations.

"We want farmers and industry representatives to have time to provide robust feedback during the many Government consultation processes underway, so regulations are practical behind the farm gate and achieve the desired outcomes," said Dr Mackle.

"We know regulatory change is having an impact on farmer wellbeing. The policies coming through government departments must be prioritised, phased and better managed as a collective."

Consultation on the proposed intensive winter grazing amendments is open until October 7..



Dr Tim Mackle.

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# August rainier than normal for South Taranaki

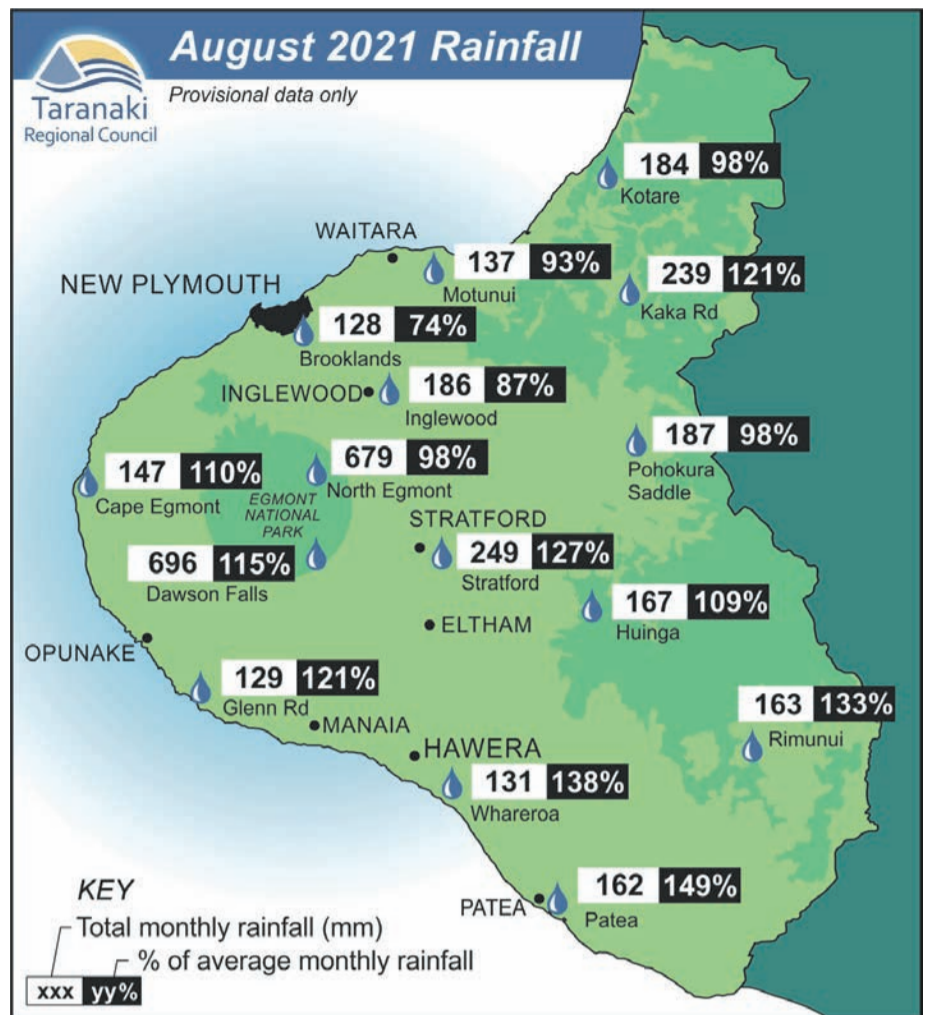
Rainfall for August ranged between 74% and 149% of normal, with an average of 110%, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Patea recorded 162.2mm of rain which was 149% of normal, while Brooklands Zoo recorded just 74% of normal with 27.6mm. Twenty-two of the 27 sites where rainfall is measured, recorded near or above normal for the month. The sites that recorded below normal were: Inglewood (87%), Brooklands Zoo (74%), Hillsborough (76%),

Bell Block (82%) and Motunui 93%). Year to date rainfall is sitting between 84% and 121% of normal, with an average of 101%. Omahine at Moana Trig has recorded just 84% of normal to date with 979mm, while Dawson Falls has recorded 121% of normal to date with 4826mm and has already received 81% of its total average annual rainfall of 5928mm. River flows were above normal for all sites by between 102 and 160% except the Tawhiti Stream

at Duffys Farm (Whareroa). This site had a mean August flow of 1,147 L/s, which was 118 L/s lower than its long term August average. Water temperatures were all above normal for the month by between 0.09°C and 1.49°C. The Timaru Stream at Tataraimaka recorded a new August maximum with 14.37°C. This was 0.93°C warmer than the previous August maximum.

The average air temperature, excluding Te Maunga, for the month was 10.60°C, which is 0.16°C warmer than the historical August average. Brooklands Zoo recorded the highest air temperature for the month with 19.88°C, while Bell Block recorded the lowest with -0.69°C. Dawson Falls recorded a new maximum air temperature for August with 13.50°C (previous maximum 13.10°C), while Hillsborough and Motunui recorded new minimum air temperatures with 0.98°C and 1.02°C respectively.

Seven of the 11 sites recorded below normal soil moisture for August by between 0.12% and 8.55%. The remaining four sites of Kotare (Tongaporutu), Hillsborough, Pohokura Saddle and Okato recorded



above normal by between 1.93% and 2.48%.

Two new maximum soil temperatures were recorded for the month, which occurred at Cape Egmont (15.99°C) and Patea (14.06°C). All sites recorded above normal soil temperature by between 0.02°C and 1.16°C, except for Pohokura Saddle and Waitotara Valley, which recorded below normal by 0.20°C and 0.30°C

respectively.

Winter rainfall, consisting of the months June, July and August, ranged between 79% and 137% of normal, with an average of 103%. Dawson Falls recorded 137% of normal (2537mm), which was mainly due to the site recording twice its normal rainfall in July. At the other end Brooklands Zoo and Hillsborough have recorded just 79% of

normal with 394mm and 446mm respectively. Eight sites recorded below normal for winter, and these sites were: Hillsborough (79%), Brooklands Zoo (79%), Bell Block (87%), Motunui (84%), Everett Park (94%), Inglewood (92%), Kotare - Tongaporutu (85%) and Omahine (92%). Te Maunga sites recorded between 110% and 137% of normal for the winter.

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## Get it right on RMA

Federated Farmers is urging the Government not to try and push through a radical reform of the Resource Management Act during the current pandemic.

Vice-President Karen Williams led a Federated Farmers team presenting to the Environment Select Committee and agreed all is not well with one of our most important pieces of legislation.

“But before we replace the RMA let’s make sure the new legislation will drive better outcomes. We should keep what isn’t broken.”

The Government is proposing a drastic overhaul of New Zealand’s resource management framework with its Natural and Built Environments Bill.

“But from what we can see in the skeleton of the Bill available so far, things will

be much worse, communities will be robbed of their ability to have their say on matters that affect them, there will be disruption to society and the economy, and the environment will be no better off,” Karen said.

“A big problem is not just with what we have seen to date but what is yet to come.”





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# Great Day for Stratford Street Sprint

The brilliant sunrise on Sunday August 15 was an indication of a great day's competition ahead.

The 31st running of the Westend Hire Stratford Street Sprint was held under clear skies in the morning and moving to overcast threatening skies in the afternoon and a wind chill to boot. This made it rather interesting for the drivers', as the road conditions changed throughout the day. Apart from a couple of 'offs' into the long grass on Warwick Road and chicanes getting moved by cars due to the changing surface conditions, the day was otherwise incident free. That's not saying there weren't a good

number of thrills for the large supportive crowd to view at the two controlled spectator points.

Of the 40 entries, 39 cars started the day and Club X gave a great demonstration of their

Classic and Modern Bikes. During our short lunch break members' from the Egmont Rod & Custom Club had a controlled Cruise around the circuit to the delight of the crowd.

A number of competitors travelled to Taranaki from Auckland, Hamilton, Wanganui, Feilding and Wellington, with the winning entry being Barry Cutelli from Wellington, driving his Radical SR3 RS in a time of 1.28.57. A couple of seconds



Winning driver Barry Cutelli.

Photo - Nigel Swan. Swans in Flight Photography.

away from last year's new record set by Tim Sillay. Second overall was Brent

Sellens, Feilding, (1.31.36), driving his road going limited edition, factory produced

Toyota GR Yaris, with third position overall going to Andrew Thomas, also from

Wellington, (1.31.76) in his Toyota Corolla Gti.

Local top placing went to Majo Janecek, Waitara, driving his slick Fiat X1/9 in a time of 1.32.20 and fourth overall.

At the prize giving, hosted by Club X, the South Taranaki Car Club Committee surprised their member, Bruce Commerer by presenting him with life membership to the Club. Bruce has been a pivotal member of the Club since 1995 and served on the committee for a number of years. Bruce is a most deserving recipient.

Helen Cameron  
Secretary  
South Taranaki Car Club.

# Taranaki Indoor Bowls win rep match

The Annual Ladies Indoor Bowls representative fixture between Taranaki and Manawatu Centres was

played in Marton recently with the Taranaki team of Rose Ratahi (Skip), Win Finlay, Kaye Bird, Judith

Muggeridge and Sue Bourne (Skip), Ella Smailes, Andrea Berry, Noleen Picard winning by 37points to 35.

Top Scorers for the local team were Win, Kay, Judith and Andrea with four wins each from the six games

played. The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre also played their

Sheehan Shield competition and this was won by South Association with 28 points, Central 24 and Waimate 20.

# Government congratulates New Zealand Paralympic team

The Government has congratulated New Zealand's Paralympic Team following an outstanding showing at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.

"Our New Zealand Paralympian athletes have once again shown incredible talent, tenacity and determination at the Tokyo Paralympic Games winning 12 medals, with every athlete who represented New Zealand making us so proud," Minister for Sport and Recreation Grant Robertson said.

"From our greatest para athlete of all time Sophie Pascoe, to young champion Tupou Neiuifu to the dominance of Lisa Adams to the triumph of Holly Robinson after two silvers previously, there were so many amazing moments.

"I am also immensely proud that as a result of the decision we made in 2018 all the medallists from the Paralympics will now receive the same payments (known



NZ Paralympian gold medal athlete Anna Grimaldi is one of the superb members of the Paralympics 2020 NZ team. Well done to all of you.

as PEGs) as Olympic medallists. This parity was long overdue and is a great basis for athletes to look ahead to Paris 2024," Grant Robertson said.

"Qualifying for the Paralympics is an enormous achievement, and it's certainly made me incredibly proud to see the determination, skill and preparation of our Paralympians come to fruition at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games," Minister for Disability Issues Carmel Sepuloni said.

"I know many of us who have been able to observe the games from our sofas while under COVID-19 Alert Level lockdown, have been able to enjoy the successes, participation, and absolute athleticism of our amazing Paralympians.

"All our Paralympian athletes have smashed glass ceilings. They had stories to tell whilst inspiring us as a nation. We're not only immensely proud but we feel privileged to know their stories." Carmel Sepuloni said.

# Sandfords Manaia Golf results

Latest results from Sandfords Manaia Golf : August 7. Saturday Men. 1. Grant Gopperth. 2. Quentin Symes. 3. Logan Symes. 4.

Logan Kennett. August 8. Juniors. Chipping. 1. Hannah Symes. 2. Jayden March. 3. Abby Marsh.

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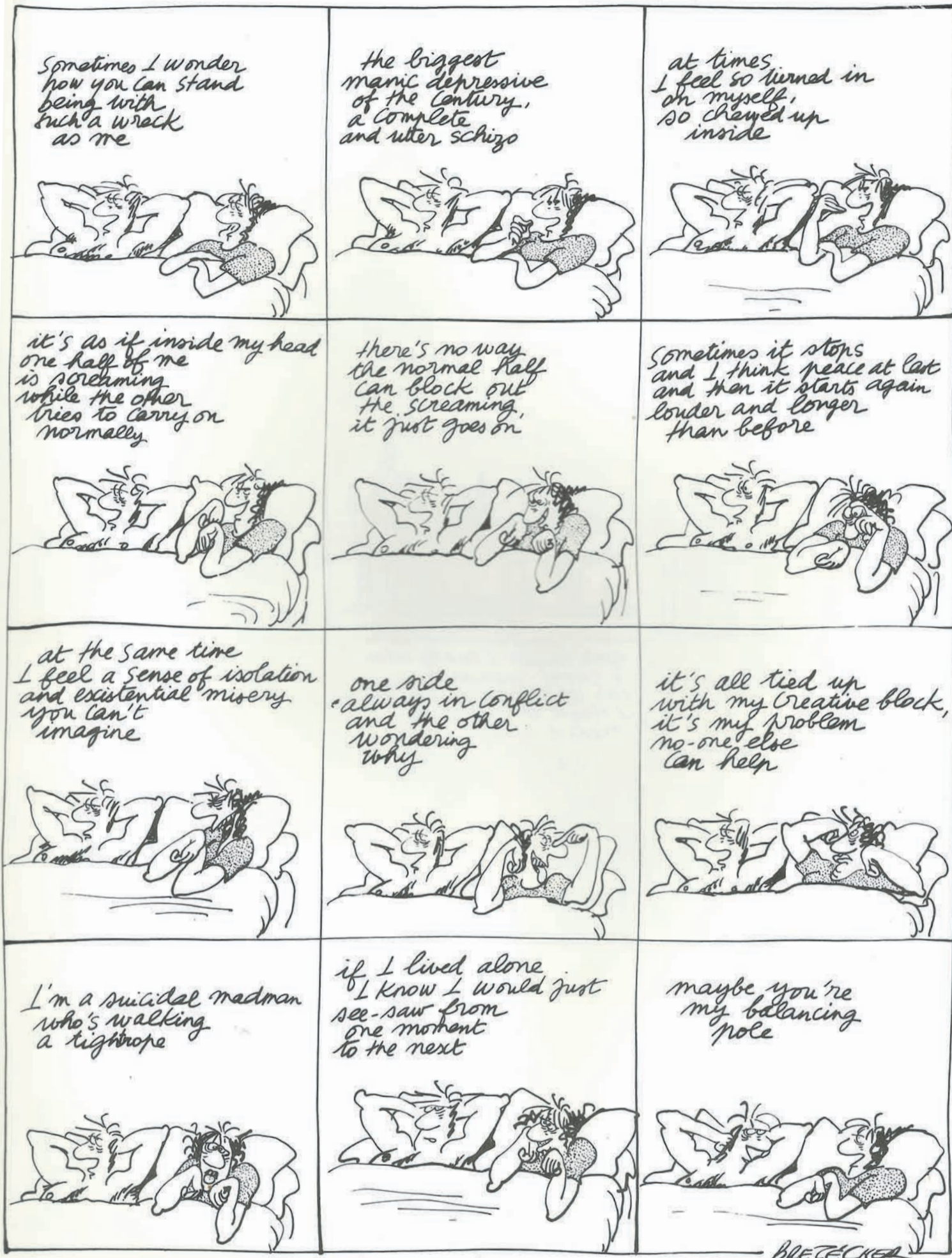
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Our new cartoon

We hope readers will enjoy our strip cartoons by Claire Bretecher which we will be running every issue. I discovered her brilliant cartoons whilst living in the UK and used to send her books back to friends and family in New Zealand.

As well as being very funny, they are also poignant, she is an acute observer of people and all their foibles and frustrations common to everyone. Her first three books were Frustration, More Frustration and Even More Frustration.

Originally published in French, the cartoons have been translated into English.

Editor

Collages at Percy Thomson Gallery



Ambition Hopes and Dreams. Dale Copeland.

My 'THINKS' exhibition opened at the Percy Thomson Gallery on Friday night; it was beautifully hung ... assemblages and the walls covered with collages. It was doing really well with sales (4 assemblages and 92 of the collages). People were excited, coming back for another look, pleased with their purchases.

But then the new covid lockdown closed the gallery.

How's this for excellent service? Look at The Percy Thomson gallery web page and you can see the super photos that Rhonda Bunyan, the gallery director, took of the assemblages, and put online so that people can still 'visit' the gallery.

And if you have a look at my part in the Virtual Tart's Showcase section you can see what an exciting job they made of hanging 400 collages before the crowds arrived for the opening. And after every flurry of sales, they rearrange the walls so no gaps show.

I'd like to publicly express my gratitude for the excellent way the Percy Thomson gallery treats its artists. Thank you Rhonda.

Cheers

Dale Copeland

Just launched: A virtual tour of Tai Moana Tai Tangata by Brett Graham

Kia ora,  
We hope you are staying safe in your bubbles and looking out for one another. The Gallery is proud to launch a virtual tour of the exhibition by Brett Graham (Ngāti Koroki Kahukura, Tainui) Tai Moana Tai Tangata, which inhabited the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery from December 2020 to May 2021.

Visitors can experience the exhibition virtually from anywhere in the world - perfect if you are missing your Gallery fix or find yourself with a little extra time on your hands during lockdown.



One of the exhibitions to encounter on the virtual tour.

Producing the

virtual effort and we would like

to thank Brett Graham, Te Ingo Ngaia (Manukorihi,

Ngāti Tairi, Ngā Mahanga, Ngāti Manuhiakai, Waikato-Maniapoto, Te Arawa me Ngāti Porou hoki), Wharehoka Wano (Taranaki, Te Atiawa and Ngāti Awa), Dr Anna-Marie White (Manukorihi, Te Āti Awa), and Nick Setteducato amongst others.

In other news, a version of Tai Moana Tai Tangata is being re-presented at City Gallery Te Whare Toi. While the gallery is currently closed due to Covid-19 Level Four restrictions, those in Wellington can look forward to a future visit once it is safe to do so.

Our congratulations goes to Brett Graham who has recently been honoured as one of the eight 2021 Arts Foundation Te Tumu Toi Laureates. Congratulations to Graham and his fellow recipients, including Taranaki's own Rangi Kipa, for an honour well-deserved. The virtual tour is at <https://govettbrewster.com/virtualtours/>

Noho ora mai,

Zara Stanhope (director) and the team at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre



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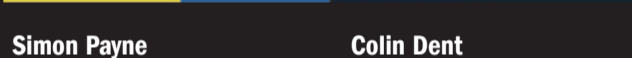
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