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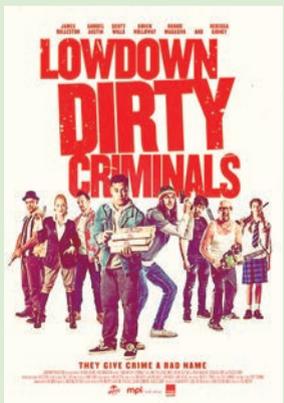
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Some of those celebrating the contribution made by the Merchant Navy.

## Celebrating the fourth service

Think of World War II and the deeds of those who served in the army, air force and navy come to mind. It is only in recent years that the contribution of those who served in the "fourth service," the Merchant Navy have been recognised.

"The inclusion of the Merchant Navy servicemen and servicemen and women did not get that acknowledgement by chance. It took decades of dedicated campaigning," said Merv Martin MNZM, a longstanding campaigner for recognition of the

contribution made by the Merchant Navy.

It is still unclear how many New Zealanders served with the Merchant Navy in World War II. Merv joined the Merchant Navy after the end of the war. His seaman's ID card gave his nationality as British, even though it noted that he was born in New Zealand.

Merv was speaking at a Merchant Navy Celebration in New Plymouth on Monday to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of New Zealand recognising the Merchant Navy's contribution

in 2010. This came after Britain had done the same in 2000, Canada in 2003, and Australia in 2005. In 2015 the New Zealand Governor-General acknowledged the New Zealand Merchant Navy as being the fourth service alongside the army, navy and air force. In 2018 the New Zealand Merchant Navy Association (Inc) was founded.

Former New Plymouth mayor Peter Tennent said it was hard to believe it's taken so long for the Merchant Navy to get the recognition it deserves.

"It's always seemed nutty to me that those in the ships that carried the provisions to the soldiers at war were not recognised, but those who brought the supplies in from the port were recognised."

The Rev Albie Martin QSM spoke about how the origins of the New Zealand Merchant Navy predated the Treaty of Waitangi. Northern Maori had been active in the trade with Sydney, and in 1831 one of their vessels had been taken because it was not flying an ensign. This was one of the factors leading to James Busby drawing up the flag of the United Tribes in 1835, generally regarded as this country's first flag.

Denise Wood QSM who is secretary of the NZ Merchant Navy Association Taranaki sub branch spoke of the contribution made by the nurses during the First World



Merv Martin with his Merchant Navy ID.

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## The Green School

Dear Mr Shaw,

The news of the 11.7 million fund to the Green School is staggering.

It was like a thunder bolt.

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I have worked for many years as an adviser for the MOE. in schools across Taranaki and King Country, Hawkes Bay.

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I believe that at the heart of education lies the child. Teachers strive to provide learning for life long learners.

How you can possibly justify that 11.7 million dollars is beyond belief.

Who hoodwinked you into such a decision defies belief.

What were you thinking?

Have you been to this place and checked out the policy and procedure where the fees are very high.

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Ernest Rutherford went to a green school called his family farm Rahoitu.

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You may have lost the respect of many which is tragic as teachers are usually Green Party and Labour supporters.

The Green school is

lupus in vestimentis ovium.

Lesley Dowding  
Literacy Consultant  
Okato.

## Holidaying during lockdown

The editorial "Holidaying during Lockdown" is a great piece of writing for major newspapers and magazines. The message is for those with ears to hear, but even more so for those worldwide who are selectively self-deafened by monetarism over human life. Let's forget about airplane travel during a global pandemic. This may sound harsh to the airlines' profits, but continued airplane flight is the sure-fired harbinger of the global viral decimation



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of planet earth's inhabitants. Jacinda has done a great job with Covid-19 suppression and has been accused of being both a fascist and a libertarian fairy godmother. However, with holidaying selfish morons like Paul Henry she's been too liberal. They holiday at the expense of human life. A clever lawyer will soon classify this insanity as unintentional manslaughter. Let's hope we can become more grounded in our thinking.

A Taranakian and global citizen.

## Criminals at large

It's believed groups of criminals are working together within the Stratford and Eltham areas plus having some affiliations within the coastal areas.

This year alone there's been a spate of farming burglaries and other unknown odd incidents from time to time, especially in the rural areas where many farmers have had valuable farm machinery stolen, and the odd time been unlawfully entered, so all of you people cannot become too complacent at any time, whether it's day time or even night time. , as no one wants any unwelcomed visitors.

Again I must repeat myself to our great farming community regardless of where they might be, keep in contact

with each other if possible, build and continue to build up a farming network. Look to get your Young Farmers Clubs involved, as they are sometimes in and around your rural areas, and visit each other, and also become self-vigilant , as doing all of this will certainly help your local rural police, and maybe set some type of traps.

Remember your rural police do have a huge area to patrol every so often, while maybe they could have another vehicle, without using their police vehicle, specially designed to disguise themselves, unknown to any stranger or strangers in the area, so everyone must be vigilant and on their guard at all times, as these crims are extremely smart, clever and bright, and they also know their way around our province.

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth.

## Keep up the good word

I've just browsed through your latest edition. I must say, what a great publication. Compared to our weekly paper, it is way superior. It covers a wide area of the district with interesting articles. Keep up the good work.

Jacky Oldfield  
Hawera

## ADELPHOS

# Getting and staying right with God

They say that relationships are some of the most challenging things in life. Getting right with God and staying right is no exception, but, it is very doable. The main point of the Old Testament is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5). In the New Testament Jesus made the same point: "The most important one [commandment] is this: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength' (Mark 12:30). But Jesus' kind of total commitment in the New Testament is different because people no longer need complicated rituals and constant animal sacrifices. We only need Jesus' one Good Friday sacrifice of Himself for you and me.

Getting right with God in the New Testament means: 1.) Believing in Jesus as the Son of God who came to earth, 2.) that He died on the cross to forgive your sins, 3.) was buried, and, 4.) that God the Father raised Him from

the dead on the third day.

But to believe and stay right with God means more than just intellectual knowledge. It is having a definite commitment of faith and trust in Jesus. Without faith and trust the word "believe" is empty and meaningless. Even Satan intellectually believes that Jesus died on the cross, was buried and resurrected. Since the Garden of Eden his main jobs, as the father of lies and deception, are to destroy faith and trust in God and His Word. Today, before Jesus' Second Coming, Satan's main objectives are to wreak global havoc, destroy faith and trust in Jesus and to erode the Christian's spiritual health.

As Jesus warned us, never give up your belief, trust and daily faith walk because of criticism for believing in God's Word, trusting in materialism, succumbing to worry or just busyness and apathy that leaves no room for faith and trust. Jesus forewarned us and gave us a heads up about these common spiritual diseases, deceptions and

roadblocks to Christian faith in the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13: 1-23). Today the Lord wants Christians and everyone to have abundant life empowering their relationship with both Himself and others.

That's how to get right and

stay right with God.

Adelphos

PS. Don't forget to get support and support others by worshipping God in the fourteen churches or various Bible study groups in this readership.

## Opunake place names

(Notes produced by J.S. Stronge)

The first survey of the Opunake Township area was made in October 1867 by Nelson Carrington. It was not until 1879-80, however, that a complete and comprehensive survey was completed - this time by C. Finnerty.

The origins of some of the place names in the Township are as follows:

### Layard Street

. Named for Beville B.E. Layard of Pungarehu. He was the son of Captain J. Beville Layard 22 Madras Native Infantry and was born 3 ~ June, 1845 at Russell Conds, East India. After

being educated in England he emigrated to America and spent several years in the Southern States. He arrived in N.Z. in the late 70's when he joined the Armed Constabulary and for several years was dispenser for the Force in this area. At one time he was stationed with the force at Marsland Hill where he was in charge of the Military Hospital. During this time and married Ann Betts of New Plymouth. Afterwards he was stationed at Opunake When the Force was dispersed, he took up land at Pungarehu where he died on 1 June, 1915. Mrs Sam Feaver of Opunake was his only daughter.

# Celebrating the fourth service

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War, and particularly Eva Brooke who was born in New Plymouth in 1879 and was matron aboard the hospital ships Maheno and Miramar, as well as serving as matron of the New Zealand Army Service in April 1915.

Denise said she first got to know about Eva when she wrote a thesis about her in 2017, but it was only last year that Denise found out she had a family connection with Eva. Some of Eva's great nieces and nephews had been fostered by Denise's sister Heather Peters. While Denise had known these children, now all in their 40s, it was only when they were told about what Denise was doing that they told her about their own connection with Eva.

The Merchant Navy Association's patron Lieutenant Commander Janet Wrightson Lean spoke



Janet Wrightson Lean and Peter Tennent cut the cake.

about HMNZS Aotearoa, the latest addition to the Royal New Zealand Navy. The Aotearoa is a polar class sustainment vessel whose primary mission is to

provide global sustainment to New Zealand and coalition maritime, land and air units and United Nations security operations through resupply of ship and aviation fuel, dry

goods, water, spare parts and ammunition.

At 173.2 metres long it is the largest ever Royal New Zealand Navy vessel. It is also the first since HMS New Zealand in 1912 to carry the country's name.

Launched in 2019 it is going through a three month customisation period, being fitted out with equipment. Depending on what happens with COVID and lockdowns, it is hoped Aotearoa will visit New Plymouth later in the year for a street parade and an open ship so the Taranaki public can see it for themselves.

Like HMNZS Endeavour which it replaces, it has links to New Plymouth. Aotearoa was blessed and strengthened by the laying of the mauri, named Moturoa, which was carved by Graeme Wilson from stone sourced from the Huatoki Awa, and carries the image of Maunga Paritutu.

The Celebration was opened by New Plymouth mayor Neil

Holdom and introduced by Merchant Navy Association sub branch chairman Hamu Kinera. Presentations were made including one to Denise Wood for her research work. There were also presentations to Peter Tennent and Jonathan Young MP for their support of the Merchant Navy Association. There was also an acknowledgement of former Culture and Heritage minister Chris Finlayson.

"He worked very hard to make sure our heritage was recognised, and was very matter of fact about things that needed to be put right," said Jonathan Young.

Peter Tennent and Janet Wrightson Lean cut the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.

After the celebration, John Albers commented on an early meeting he had had with Merv Martin.

"Without that man, this would not have happened. My ears are still hurting from him telling us that the Merchant Navy hadn't been recognised," he said.

## A Venerable Old Lady

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a jewel/ a grand old dame/ the venerable old lady/ they will miss her if she goes/ let's not write eulogies though/let's support her/ we will back/

great job Aretha and volunteers/ we will be back/ maybe even for a book launch

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### EDITORIAL

## Terrorist Brenton Tarrant – keep him here

As we all sadly know, Australian national Brenton Tarrant murdered 51 people on March 15, 2019. However, to be strictly accurate, some of his victims died at a later date. His many victims were worshipping at two mosques in Christchurch, at the Al Noor and Linwood Islamic Centre. His youngest victim Mucad Ibrahim was just three when Tarrant fired two rounds at his little body, killing him. Tarrant told police, "I only wish I'd killed

more people."

We all held our breath until sentencing by Justice Cameron Mander when he was sentenced to *life without parole*. Whew, thank goodness I suspect most people said. I certainly did, anyway.

Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters has declared that he should be sent to Australia to serve his time there and at their expense. This would be a mistake.

The last time New Zealand

agreed to something like this was in the mid 1980s when Prime Minister David Lange agreed to a deal whereby two agents Alain Mafart and Dominique Prieur would serve three years of their 10 years on Hao Atoll, French Polynesia. Readers will recall that photographer Fernando Pereira was drowned when French agents planted two limpet mines on the hull of the Rainbow Warrior on July 10, 1985. The French Government did the dirty

and released both convicts without serving their allotted time (who already had been given a huge reprieve, 3 years instead of 10). They returned to France to acclaim and promotion. Mafart became Colonel Mafart. The death of Fernando did not seem to matter.

If Tarrant is released into the care of Australia's judicial system there is no guarantee that something similar wouldn't happen, although perhaps not quite so bizarre.

Perhaps an incoming government in Australia could follow the example of Norway whereby 21 years is the longest a prisoner can serve. Anders Behring Breivik murdered 77 people on July 2011. Like Tarrant he also said, "I wish I'd killed more people." It is alarming that he could be released as early as 2033, aged just 54 with plenty of time and opportunity to replicate or exceed his murderous earlier spree.

Brenton Tarrant could do the same, if released early. Both men should be confined to prison for the rest of their natural lives, for the safety of potential victims. Norway may pay a big price for their legal system.

It is important that Brenton Tarrant serve his time, the rest of his days, here in New Zealand where he committed his murderous crimes.

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In July Eltham residents staged a protest about traffic issues in the town.

## Input wanted for innovating streets

Eltham and Waverley have been allocated funding from Waka Kotahi (The NZ Transport Agency's) Innovative Streets Fund and the South Taranaki District Council is asking for ideas on how to create safer crossing points, slow down traffic and make the towns more welcoming and vibrant.

development manager, Claire Symes, says the aim of the projects are to address issues related to speed, safety and vibrancy which were identified in the Eltham and Waverley Town Masterplans developed last year, by testing potential street treatments and comparing which are the most effective. Both projects will be co-designed in partnership with local communities and

businesses. In July Eltham residents had staged a morning protest to draw attention to traffic issues in the town including the positioning of a High Street pedestrian crossing. Mrs Symes says residents' ideas will be collated into a plan by urban architects Bluemarle, who will work closely with the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency safety engineers. Draft plans will be drawn up and presented back

to the community in October before being finalised in November. The street treatments will be installed in February/March and monitored to see how they are working so adjustments can be made if required.

The project is 90% funded by the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets pilot fund with the South Taranaki District Council funding the remaining 10%.



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## Board votes money for fire brigade

A former community board chairman was among those appearing at the Open Forum part of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board's latest meeting. Craig Dingle was chairman of what was then called the Egmont Plains Community Board before last year's local body election, when he did not seek re-election.

the board's discretionary fund for a kitchen upgrade and the purchase of a new refrigerator.

The old small kitchen needed upgrading, and this had cost more and taken longer than expected, he told the board.

The wider community stood to benefit in the event of major weather events like flooding occurring when the brigade would have to be based at the station for longer periods of time, he said.

As well as the fire brigade, the kitchen was also used by the Opunake RSA. In answer to a question, Mr Dingle said the kitchen could be used for functions like a "smaller wedding."

The brigade had asked for \$2937.61. Community Board member Liz Sinclair said

they were still in the early stages of the funding round and they would have other groups coming to them for funding requests. The board voted to grant \$1200.

The board also voted to grant \$1200 to the Taranaki National Art Awards.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said nominations for the Community Awards had closed on July 31. These were to be held on September 8 but had been postponed, with no date decided on as yet.

## On this month in history President Clinton visits NZ

On September 12, 1999 President Bill Clinton arrived in Auckland for a five day visit. This was only the second such visit by an incumbent US president - the other was Lyndon Johnson in 1966.

The main reason for the visit was the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) leader's meeting,

which was held in Auckland on September 12 and 13. He also visited the Antarctic Centre in Christchurch and played golf in Arrowtown. He was also presented with a photograph of a road sign on State Highway 1, which points one way to Clinton and the other to Gore (Al Gore was the Vice President at the time).

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# Young councillor bringing a fresh perspective

Newly elected to the Taranaki Regional Council New Plymouth constituent and the youngest of the councillors, Elvita Van Der Leden hopes (feels) she is bringing a positive fresh perspective to the position of regional councillor.

With a degree in Media Studies and a Diploma in Marine Science, Elvita says she was inspired to stand by young diverse leaders around the country putting their name forward for local and central government. Of Filipino Irish heritage she is married to a Dutch Maori.

"I had an environmental science background that I could apply in governance," Elvita said adding that the media studies helps with communication. "It helped me look at the things from different angles and objectivity as well".

She's also worked for the Department of Conservation which has led to other contracts and has involved connecting with the community and educating people about environmental issues.

"There's a huge disconnect between the urban perspective of environmental issues and



**Elvita Van Der Leden.**

the rural sector. That bridge needs to be crossed," Elvita says.

"There's a lot of farmers who are doing really great work. They're not seen by urban communities."

She says though there are areas where farmers do try and get away with things.

"Most farmers comply but there are some that don't, the very few that don't comply

ruin it for those who do." The few prosecutions that go through we always win, she says. Issues that often come up include riparian strips "and all the trappings"

Elvita concedes there is a lot to comply with but "it's an attitude thing".

Striking a balance between conservation sustainability and the economy can be a conflict but is important she

says.

"Our water quality was terrible. Waterways were being polluted," she says adding technology and science has helped organisations like the regional council monitor and implement easier processes.

Since being elected in October last year, Elvita says the opportunity to build a rapport with management

staff and other councillors has been "insightful".

It's also improved her objective thinking and communication skills.

"I have to be tactful and considerate of others views without getting emotional," she says.

"It is important to have alternative views at the table. It means that more of the community voices are being heard."

She hopes to help in other ways and says talking to farmers has been illuminating.

"I've even been told that younger farmers have a different view than older farmers, that they're more environmentally aware." They're more technologically savvy she says though mentions courses such as Senionet which are learning

centres for older computer users. "I've seen the value that older people get."

Learning the difference between the Department of Conservation and the Taranaki Regional Council responsibilities, can be confusing for the community, she says.

Elvita says she would like to see a better work life balance which would be an overall benefit and comments, "It was interesting that during Lockdown, more people put their hands up to volunteer for environmental work including beach cleans."

*The other Taranaki Regional councillors for the New Plymouth constituent are Craig Williams, Charlotte Littlewood, Tom Cloke and David Lean.*

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## New freshwater regulations a major challenge

The region will face major challenges in implementing and working with new Government freshwater regulations, says the Taranaki Regional Council. The Chair, David MacLeod, says the new requirements will add complexity and cost to the resource consenting process and consent compliance, as well as ratepayer-funded environmental monitoring.

"We don't have any option but to implement the new measures, so the challenge is finding the smartest and most efficient way forward," he says.

The latest regulations were announced as part of the Government's 'Action for Healthy Waterways' programme. More new regulations are expected in the coming months and years.

"We all want the same thing, which is healthier rivers and streams," says Mr MacLeod. "The key question is how we get there. This region has already been rising to the challenge and making encouraging progress on freshwater quality. But our resilience

and resourcefulness are about to be tested further."

The Government's initial Action for Healthy Waterways proposals last year included nutrient limits widely seen as unworkable, the use of the farm management tool OverseerFM in a regulatory setting it's not designed for, blanket 'swimmability' requirements and inflexible stock-exclusion requirements that threatened to undermine progress under Taranaki's successful Riparian Management Programme.

"We made a very strong submission, as did others, and the Government substantially modified or put a hold on many of its original proposals," says Mr MacLeod. "But the newly announced regulations are still far-reaching."

The new regulations require increased environmental monitoring, for which the Council will need extra specialist staff and equipment, and more monitoring sites. They also widen the range of activities requiring resource consents, and tighten conditions for many existing consents.

"Council staff are still

working through the details and assessing what the new regulations will mean for Taranaki's farmers and industry, and for regional ratepayers," says Mr MacLeod.

"If your farm or business is planning operational changes or new developments involving any aspect of freshwater or waterways, you should check whether any new requirements will apply. That applies even if you haven't needed a resource consent for such work in the past. It will be important to talk to Council staff."

Mr MacLeod says additional regulations are on their way and they are also likely to involve extra complexities and costs.

"It's disappointing when there's been a huge community buy-in to the effort to improve this region's waterways, and good results are being achieved. Our geography, hydrology and geology are unique in New Zealand. Clumsy one-size-

fits-all national regulations are unlikely to result in much more progress, despite their cost to the region.

"But we can't ignore them. We have a history of meeting challenges with the most effective and pragmatic solutions that suit this region. Now we must do it again."

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with our new 2010 Iveco truck which is nearly ready to be commissioned and backed into the station ready to serve the community.

A big thank you to the Taranaki Coastal Community Board for helping out with a new fridge for our kitchen upgrade at

the station. It's been a long drawn out process but it's nice to be at the finishing stages now with a functional kitchen.

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The Opunake Brigade attending a motor vehicle accident at Pihama this week.

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## End of Life Choice Act is a risk not worth taking says action group

Two thirds of New Zealanders are unaware there is a referendum on euthanasia at this year's election., says a group campaigning against the End of Life Choice Act.

Vote No to the End of Life Act is a group of medical, law and ethics professionals who have recently launched their campaign heading into October's election.

"We are 22 professionals covering a range of disciplines that have come together to oppose this Act," says Peter Thirkell, Chair of Vote No to the End of Life Act. "Put simply, the Act is flawed. It will put vulnerable people at risk and will have too many unintended, negative consequences. We are encouraging New Zealanders to Vote No to stop this badly conceived



Act." The group's campaign focuses on six reasons for people to Vote No. Of these, the primary reasons are that the Act is bad law, the focus needs to be on providing compassionate care, and the overwhelming opposition of New Zealand doctors with more than 1,500 signing an open letter to oppose the Act as part of the 'Doctors Say No' campaign, and the New Zealand Medical Association also being opposed. There is also the unprecedented aspect of this being the first time an Act has gone to a binding

referendum in New Zealand. "Whatever your views of death and dying, this Act is poor legislation because it does not fully protect people from a wrongful death," says Peter. "Any New Zealander with a terminal illness of six months or less is at risk of an early death through a wrong diagnosis, a wrong judgement about how long they have to live, and pressure from uncaring or abusive family members. The fact that 98% of palliative care professionals and most doctors are opposed reinforces how risky and

flawed the Act is. We've never had a fully drafted Act go to referendum in New Zealand before and few are aware of the implications of this." "New Zealanders need to take the time to look at what is exactly in this Act. Only 1 in 5 people know what is in it. There is the very real prospect that most New Zealanders will wake up on the morning after the referendum and not realise what they have voted to become law. There's no going back and we implore New Zealanders to do their research."

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## Don't be isolated in isolation

While COVID-19 has highlighted the importance to connect and communicate regularly, for those New Zealanders (an estimated 400,000 people) living with a communication disability, the sudden need to adapt to new ways of communicating and connecting during the lockdown added an extra level of strain to them and their whānau. This year's New Zealand Speech-language Therapy

Awareness Week of Connection runs from September 7-13. Annette Rotherham, President of New Zealand Speech-language Therapists' Association says "Being able to communicate is essential for all relationships. The risk of social isolation is increased for all those with a communication disability and we (speech-language therapists) are very conscious of this during the

lockdown period". Speech-language therapists help people with communication disorders meet their potential and get connected and stay connected with their friends and whānau. This is critical now more than ever, as the mental health implications of isolation are affecting thousands of kiwis. "Having successful communication experiences allows people to take part,

be confident and live a more fulfilled life. Being able to communicate, and being heard, supports self-esteem – without it, people can withdraw, and this sometimes results in social, psychological, health, mental health, and economic issues." Annette Rotherham says. When we all connect, we thrive.

## ON THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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# Freshwater reforms need to work with farmers and the community

The Government's controversial freshwater reforms have been passed into law and while they have noble aims, I'm concerned they will not deliver the desired result, but will potentially make farming even more difficult for little benefit.

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020, Stock Exclusion Regulations, and Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes Regulations took effect from last Thursday 3 September.

The trouble with setting blanket reforms like this is that they don't take into account the diversity of factors affecting water in different regions. The Taranaki Regional Council argued the blanket nationwide nutrient limits proposed last year lacked credible scientific basis, were out of line with comparable overseas criteria and would



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

substantially restrict farm output for no clear benefit to stream health, hitting rural communities hard.

In Taranaki for example, our waterways have extra natural phosphate in runoff from the mountain. Farmers here have made huge progress in land management. Our riparian planting programme is an example to the world of how a cooperative approach between land-users and regulators can achieve environmental benefits. We all want better water quality and I back what our farmers are doing to improve their systems and efficiently

serve top quality produce to market.

In its submission, the Council asked why the Government wanted to harm the industry in this way, when Taranaki's mountain-fed rivers are rated in the 'A' and 'B' bands for ecological health by the Government's own measure. Their ecological health has, with only rare exception, been stable or improving for a decade or more.

We need agriculture to help us in the post-covid recovery. These new regulations will put huge costs and restrictions on the industry at a time when farmers need freedom to innovate.

National recognises the need for a sustainable approach and encourages the constant improvement of our waterways.

Farmers already know they have a job to do, so it doesn't make sense to put restrictive bureaucracy in their way. Instead, let's work with them and other environmental stakeholders to establish solutions that are

practical, science-based, and achievable.

We've come a long way since the days when abattoirs, factories and farms used to discharge waste directly to streams. Some parts of the country have further to go than others, and Taranaki is leading the way.

So let's support our local farmers, acknowledge their progress and encourage them to keep innovating and developing world class environmentally friendly agricultural practices.

I'm always interested in your feedback, and if there's something I can help you with, please contact my office 06 7591363 newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

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# Structural inequities make losers of us all

After a torrid week highlighting the inequality issues in our community it is a timely time to remind everyone of a couple of important things.

The first is why I'm standing for Social Credit. The structural inequities inherent in our monetary system makes losers of us all.

Our solution means inequality is addressed and great public services are



Kath Lauderdale Social Credit candidate for New Plymouth.

available to all.

Reduction of freedoms, choice and quality of life and environmental degradation come with the creation of the notion of "scarcity" and competition for resources we all need to live, with the worst off being the children and vulnerable in communities everywhere.

It's long past time we addressed this, especially now facing multiple crises. This is what a vote for me and Social Credit will do.

The other point is that my two tick campaign is not a wasted vote for New Plymouth in Parliament, and will likely end up with us having three representatives in Parliament given both National and Labour candidates are favoured List candidates, they're likely to get in in any event.

Let's make this election interesting in 2020.

*Kath Lauderdale  
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# The power is in your hands

Last week I met with and heard from principals throughout the Whanganui Electorate, confounded and disappointed by the Government's decision to invest \$11.7 million dollars from the Provincial Growth Fund in the Green School in Oakura.



**HARETE HIPANGO MP FOR WHANGANUI**

A principal from a local decile 1 school pointed out that any Government funding they get must first go to maintaining health and safety standards – ensuring toilets still flush, heating classrooms and repairing rust-riddled roofing – before then upgrading essential infrastructure. “We would love to be able to afford the luxury of ‘dreaming big’ for our students,” they said. On tours of our schools I have seen dilapidated buildings and ongoing rationalisation works that have disrupted learning for hundreds of students. On top

of this, the future of Hawera schooling (Intermediate and High School) is still under consultation. A decision must be made soon so these schools can proceed with vital upgrades. Students and teachers need functional, safe, modern and lasting spaces. National's recently announced education infrastructure plan, will accelerate the repair and modernisation of existing schools while also delivering the new facilities needed for

our growing population. We are committing an additional \$2 billion in new funding over five years through the Fix New Zealand Schools Alliance, and incentivising lead contractors to use local sub-contractors to stimulate local business and employment. It will mean public schools will be able to tackle the long list of repairs and capital works needed to provide for their students and community.

Over the past week I have spent time at some of the electorate's small and large businesses. There is mass uncertainty for the coming year and for what the fallouts from covid-19 will be. Some business people have highlighted the lack of regional plans to manage an economic downturn, to encourage spending and to attract new visitors and investors to our towns. These are issues I will

take with me into the new Parliamentary term if given the opportunity.

On my tours I was also impressed by the scale and reach of some of our local entrepreneurs. Global Stainless Artworks, who recently designed and built the whisper dishes in Hawera's King Edward Park, make stainless steel sculptures for creatives and engineers around the world. Their work was featured at the London Academy of Fine Arts, and they have contributed to international award winning art projects. I would love to see their ingenuity celebrated and promoted, perhaps at some of our consulates and embassies around the world! Down the road, Monkeytoe are fabricating aluminium access and mounting platforms for industrial and commercial sites in New Zealand. Their Normanby plant employs 40+ people,

and they've just erected a new building to accommodate their growing business and ambition. I was onsite to see the new space and get a behind the scenes look at production. It is incredible to know that such successes are happening right here in our small district, and that despite COVID-19 and the associated hardships, there is resilience, adaptability and collaboration of business and community which will help get many of us through the tough times ahead.

With the government borrowing over \$1.5 billion every week since lockdown and the wage subsidy soon to subside, National recognises the importance to front and back businesses with its policies of: Business Investment Accelerator Scheme, to temporarily lift the threshold to expense new capital investment for firms; GST cash return for small to medium business;

BusinessStart, to help New Zealanders who have lost jobs after 1 March 2020 to reboot in setting up new businesses with at least \$30,000 in support available; and Jobstart, \$10,000 for every new, permanent full-time job created.

New Zealand needs a government with proven experience, competence, vision and ability to recover the economy, to save businesses and protect jobs. The power is in your hands, with two strokes of a pen to decide whether you want to remain with the currency of this government or whether you want to invest in a government that knows how to deposit, invest, and get returns with lesser burdens for generations to come.

*Harete Hipango  
MP Whanganui*

## Roadmap a living document

One of the key reasons why I'm standing in this year's general election is because I have a vision for our region. I've often thought that our province has so much potential. Of course, you have heard many budding politicians say similar things before?



**GLEN BENNETT**

There is one distinct difference this time. Taranaki does have a plan – the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap. This is the vision for our future which was designed by many individuals and groups. It fell under the control of Venture Taranaki and I was fortunate to be one of the key facilitators of the numerous workshops that were held in the first half of last year.

Over 700 people attended those workshops and I use the word fortunate as I was privileged to witness and lead first-hand the many great ideas and thoughts people have about our province moving forward.

We hear frequently about our just transition to the future. Yes, this is encompassed.

But the Roadmap touches on many other critical aspects

of the coming years – including our energy sector, tertiary education, food and fibre, tourism, the Maori economy, research and development, infrastructure and transport. Impressively, we are the only region to have done this.

Recently, the next step, transitional pathway action plans, were released, spreading across 11 different spheres.

I become excited and energised writing about this, as this is a living document, too. It will evolve much more and as MP for New Plymouth I want to be at the forefront assisting to implement many aspects of the plan to secure our future. To highlight just one example, food and fibre, is an area where we are starting to see the explosion of a number niche products and

industries.

As a former small business owner myself, I know the difficulties associated with building from the concept of an idea to reality. Venture Taranaki has done much over recent years to bridge this gap, and the Roadmap takes it further. A new idea needs the incubation of care, which includes the connection into government. I believe I am that voice and support.

The vision for 2050 naturally includes a strong, sustainable environment. It also contains education options that move and are flexible with a changing world. This in turn should lead to attractive jobs, ensuring we can enjoy a similar lifestyle to 2020.

With the launching of Ara Ake earlier this year, we are already moving to sustainable, low-emissions energy – but there is much more to come there.

While there is plenty of misconception about current energy programmes – direct

and indirect employment in the sector still amounts to approximately 7,000 people, the same as 2015 – the transition is calculated. Drilling will still be going on for decades to come.

That is only appropriate, because as the 2050 roadmap says, we are a region that looks out for and cares for itself and its people.

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# Don't leave change to chance

Dan Thurston Crow (52) is the candidate for The Opportunities Party (TOP), contesting the New Plymouth electorate held by National's Jonathan Young MP. Voters will likely recall that this party was founded by well-known economist Gareth Morgan Ph D.



**Dan Thurston Crow the TOP candidate for the New Plymouth electorate.**

This is the second political outing for Dan as he contested an Auckland electorate, Mount Albert, at the 2017 General Election. He was creditably supported gaining about 850 votes. "I decided to stand up for what I believe," he explains.

Dan hails from Northland and spent his formative years in a small town called Ruawai. However, he has travelled widely including several years in Beijing, China from 2013 to 2017. "It was so interesting to live there," he comments. His vocational field was technology. On the positive side the Chinese authorities are very supportive of the

development and innovative aspects of small businesses, as well as the important place of science. However, such downsides as the forcible re-education of the Muslim minority does not impress him.

Currently, Dan works as a consultant with emphasis on growth strategies for startups and small businesses. Earlier, he was running a advertising agency in Auckland.

The Opportunities Party has four major planks, all of which have been backed by extensive research. "It's

easily the most scientific of what the other parties are proposing," he asserts.

1. Affordable housing and rent

"We have the most unaffordable housing in the world," says Dan.

Because capital gains are not taxed people tend to put their disposable money into property, which has no real benefit for the economy. TOP favours an asset tax (NOT a Capital Gains Tax). "All property should be brought into the tax field, which should remedy the perverse incentive to put money into unproductive assets." Dan shared that he'd once had five rental properties while living in Auckland, but once he'd dispensed with them, he realised they added nothing productive to the economy or the welfare of those who suffer an unequal share of the nation's assets. "We won't have a sounder economy unless we solve housing inequality," Dan

comments.

2. Universal basic income

All adults (18 to 65) should be granted a set amount of money about \$13,000 (\$250 weekly) per annum, which should lead to greater spending, thus stimulating the economy leading, in turn, to more jobs. A flat tax of 33% should be levied, which will mean, in effect, that the first \$39,000 of earnings will be tax free. This should help the vulnerable in society. Dan is deeply concerned about those at risk, especially from a psychological perspective.

The advantage of these initiatives will mean a massive saving on bureaucracy, a less complicated system, and more personal freedom for people to choose what they want to do, such as parents opting to stay at home or engaging in voluntary work. The nation's psychological health will be much

improved. "New Zealand has a mental health crisis and some of the worst suicide statistics," Dan warns.

3. Small business growth

TOP is committed to promoting the growth of small businesses and considers their overall policies do just that. However, always with the environment's protection and sustainability the focus.

4. Environment front and centre

Economic growth should not be at the expense of the environment, but should be in harmony with it. In NZ this principle has not been upheld very well, as economic growth has been often at the expense of our rivers, lakes, oceans, soils and wildlife. "Four thousand species in New Zealand are on the threatened list, including over 90% of seabirds," comments Dan. Too much fertilisers has

been used on farms, as well as environmentally flawed products like imported palm kennel. More money needs to go into protecting our environment and cleaning up areas which are in dire need of it. Polluters should be obliged to pay and their fines collected to contribute to the financial outlay needed.

TOP policy is extremely far reaching and a look at [www.top.org.nz](http://www.top.org.nz) should provide a more comprehensive idea.

Finally, Dan says his campaigning is going well, with door knocking "really positive." However, he admits it takes a long time to explain policy and go beyond the left right paradigm that most voters are mentally trapped within.

Dan Thurston Crow is a very interesting candidate who is totally committed to making a positive change in New Zealand. We wish him well in his campaign..

# Candidate wants to apply an engineers view of politics

Ada Xiao says she is standing for the ACT Party

because their values align with her own. Originally

from Wuhan in China, she has been a supporter for the last year, and is the party's candidate for New Plymouth at this year's general election.

She has worked as an aircraft design engineer and studied macroeconomics at Waikato University.

"ACT's values and my values match," she says. "Empowering personal freedom is very important. When the party started campaigning and were looking for a candidate, I thought I had enough knowledge to stand as a candidate and that I would like to stand in the frontline to safeguard our country."

She says she is very proud that she is one of four engineers standing as candidates for ACT.

"Engineers know how to approach the target and tackle real problems with real solutions."

She says having engineers



**Ada Xiao ACT candidate for the New Plymouth electorate.**

holding government office is very typical in successful Asian economies.

Ada lives in Hamilton, but has chosen to stand in New Plymouth because she says her experience in industry has helped her appreciate the importance of the energy sector to the economy.

She opposes the halt on further oil and gas exploration licences.

"We should not put all our focus on what the National Energy Centre is doing. We are in huge recession. If

the economy was good and we had three per cent GDP growth every year it would be a good time to do the research, but not now."

She sees employment and education being the big issues in the New Plymouth electorate. She says that instead of giving money to the Green School she would like to see the government do more for special needs education.

On the subject of COVID-19 Ada says there are two dimensions to coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, the public health and the economic sides.

"I believe they are both important," she says. "Our current government has done a great job in protecting public health, but I don't have much confidence in the economic recovery."

She points to the success of Taiwan in battling COVID, a country which is not a member of the World Health

Organisation (WHO).

"Taiwan has done a great job. With a population of 34 million, they have only had seven Covid-related deaths, and they have done a great job with the economy. If we have Taiwan in the WHO, we are going to benefit from their experience."

Ada's original home town is Wuhan, which earlier this year grabbed world headlines as being the where the COVID-19 pandemic started.

"At the beginning my friends and family members were posting on social media, and I could see they were really worried. The whole city of 11 million people united to stay together for six or eight weeks, and now they are enjoying a free life," she says.

Ada has two sons. She says she liked what she saw of Mount Taranaki earlier this year and would one day like to do a summit.



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# Curious Minds Participatory Science Platform funding

The Curious Minds Participatory Science Platform (PSP) funding round for 2021 is now open and taking applications. The platform connects applicants with grants of up to \$20,000, and can be accessed to support community-led science or technology projects.

Venture Taranaki is leading the PSP in Taranaki, funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Either a community group or science sector-based partner can apply to Venture Taranaki

for funding to support their research project. Any type of community group can apply – these include schools, kura, community-based organisations, businesses and enterprises, and Māori organisations and collectives.

Participatory science is a method of undertaking scientific research where volunteers can be meaningfully involved in the development and progression of locally relevant research projects with science and technology professionals.

It goes beyond the idea of scientists' crowd-sourcing their data, and builds a true partnership between scientists or technologists and the broader community.

The PSP funding can be used to undertake a research project beneficial to Taranaki, including data collection and analysis, as well as implementation and sharing of new knowledge in the community.

This year, Venture Taranaki funded nine projects, including Auroa School's sound lures project – an investigation into the

way sound can be used to increase the efficiency of pest traps, and 'Ground Breaking Mushrooms' research project into the partnership of coffee beans and fungi.

"To date \$815,000 has been invested into a remarkably diverse range of local science and technology projects. A further \$154,000 will enable even more projects to be undertaken during the 2021 calendar year," Josh Richardson, Venture Taranaki's PSP Project Coordinator says.

"We invite anybody with

a great idea for a science or technology investigation to get in touch with Venture Taranaki to see how they could access this programme."

"There are three core criteria for projects – they have to be educationally valuable, locally relevant, and scientifically robust. We can work with people to develop their ideas, connect them to expertise, and make a funding application," Josh explains.

The full list of 2020 Venture Taranaki-funded projects include: Auroa School's

sound lures; Alzheimer's Taranaki's exploration of a place for VR in dementia; Ground Breaking Mushrooms; Haurapa Kiwi – changing the way kiwi are monitored; He Tangata, He Whenua, He Oranga – a fashionable fight; Ōpunakē Kindergarten and Sustainable Taranaki's 'Our Green Ōpunakē Journey'; Papa Pokepoke; and Seachange surveys.

If you have an idea for a science or technology project get in touch with Josh on [josh@venture.org.nz](mailto:josh@venture.org.nz).

# Mason Brothers entertain with Nature and others

It was a great treat to see Wayne Mason as part of the Mason Brothers perform Nature – voted New Zealand's top song of all time - at Sandford Events Centre in Opunake on Friday August 28.

Playing alternately guitar and keyboards the consummate musician, accompanied by younger brother Paul on double bass, performed a variety of songs as part of a "50 years of 'Nature' tour". They began with the catchy Come With Me, which Wayne co-wrote with fellow band member Ali Richardson from The Fourmyula. Come With Me reached number 2 on the New Zealand charts (unfortunately coinciding with Hey Jude which took out the number 1 spot).

Between songs we were entertained with interesting and often humorous anecdotes from Wayne from his long musical career and entertaining brotherly banter from the pair. Born in New Plymouth, he referred to a photo they had of their



Mason Brothers perform Nature.

father taken in 1939 on Opunake Beach.

Wayne was a founding member of the group The Fourmyula which had its genesis in the high school band Wayne joined which won the Battle of the Bands in 1968. Their prize was a voyage to England. Packed into a 6 berth cabin it was a memorable trip. Turn Your Back on the Wind, a personal favourite of Wayne's which he included in his repertoire,

was written on the boat "by the Panama Canal" we were told.

It was in England recording at Abbey Studios where they met the Beatles who were recording in an adjacent studio and Wayne recounted a brief conversation he had with John Lennon.

He introduced himself to the Beatles and John Lennon asked him where he was from. Wayne replied New Zealand. John's reply in his

distinctive Liverpool accent was, 'Ah New Zealand, the land of butter'.

It was on his return to New Zealand Wayne wrote the iconic Nature sitting on his girlfriend's verandah early one sunny morning. He said he never saw the song as a single. When his producer Peter Dorkins queried whether he would be putting it out as a single, Wayne

replied 'You must be joking.' He later conceded musicians were not always the best judge of their own material.

In their wide repertoire, the duo included one of Wayne's most recent songs Waiting For You, written during Lockdown, a lovely soulful ballad. They also performed Senorita, recorded at Oeo some years ago at Marianne Muggeridge and Roger Morris' place who were in the audience.

Wayne who played

classical piano for three years before joining the school band, also gave a demonstration of his considerable prowess on the piano with an energetic jazz number exhausting just to watch.

Paul, who is also classically trained and accompanied his brother with vocals, was an important part of the overall sound.

It was a great night's entertainment.

Bernice McKellar

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# New name for familiar Opunake store

There has been a changing of the guard and the name at Collins Sports Centre in Opunake.

“Symes Outdoor and Sports Limited, formerly Collins Sports Centre” is the cheery greeting awaiting anybody phoning new business owners Glenn and Toni Symes.

It is a greeting which reflects both a look to the future and a salute to somebody whose name was for many years synonymous with the store.

Glenn started working at Collins Sports Centre when it was owned by Brian Collins, a man of whom he has fond memories.

“Him and Lyn were probably the best bosses

I’ve ever had,” he says. “I wouldn’t have had the chance to own this if it wasn’t for Brian.”

The name of the business is changing to reflect the new ownership, but the phone numbers will be the same, and Glenn and Toni want to carry on sponsoring and supporting the causes that Brian had done. These include the Big Dig and Take a Kid Fishing, which Brian had started.

Also back on board is Warren Crawford, another former owner of the business. With whitebaiting season underway Warren has been hard at work putting together nets more suited to the streams and rivers of Coastal Taranaki than some

other brands currently on the market.

As well as Glenn, Toni and Warren, customers can also expect to occasionally see Glenn and Toni’s children Ronin(9), Briana(11) and Savannah(11) in the store.

While carrying on with the usual services, Glenn and Toni say they want to grow their business. Glenn says he would like to have more hire equipment in the store, like lawnmowers, chippers

and wood splitters.

“Opunake can be a bit out of the way to hire stuff,” says Glenn.

They will also be stocking Kirby vacuum cleaners and parts.

Glenn would like to do more on-site servicing, though he asks customers to be patient as they work their way through any backlogs.

Toni says they are always happy to hear from customers about things they

would like to be able to get in their store. With summer a matter of months away, she says they would look to get more “summer, beachy stuff” including sunscreen into the store.

She and Glenn have long time connections to the area. Toni is originally from Hawera, lived in the Waitotara Valley for a time in her in her 20s, and then lived in New Plymouth. Until recently she worked at

Pak’n’Save in Hawera. She met Glenn and they married earlier this year, two weeks before lockdown came into effect.

Glenn grew up in Manaia and Kaponga.

“I have been a mechanic all my life,” he says.

His career includes time as a marine engineer in the navy aboard HMNZS Waikato in the 1980s. This was in the middle of the ANZUS row about whether American nuclear ships could come to New Zealand. Glenn says they visited Malaysia, Singapore, Fiji and Australia, working in with the Australian, British and other Commonwealth navies, but not the Americans who had frozen them out.

Glenn has also worked at Mid West Machinery in Hawera. He was a solo father working as caretaker at Manaia School and working at the Manaia Transfer Station before starting work with Brian Collins.

Another of Brian’s innovations Glenn wants to carry on with is the fishing club discounts, and reflecting his own involvement with the Manaia Volunteer Fire Brigade Glenn would like to see these extended to members of the emergency services.



Glenn and Toni Symes (back) with, from left in the front row: Savannah, Ronin and Briana (with Sandy).

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## Consumer NZ finds the durability of stick vacuum cleaners sucks

New research by Consumer NZ shows Kiwis are let down by how long their stick vacuum cleaners are lasting. Most people expect their stick vac to go for more than six years, but a third fail before then.

“That’s double the failures reported for corded vacs,” Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy said.

Surprisingly, stick vacs from the best-selling and best-performing brand, Dyson, stand out for their

failure to go the distance. Dyson is the least reliable of the leading cordless vacuum brands.

Consumer NZ research shows most people choose vacuum cleaners based on good reviews and reputation, ahead even of price. People assume big name brands last longer, but that’s not always the case. Consumers need information from manufacturers on how well their products last.

“That’s why we’re doing a major project to make it easier for people to buy

more durable products and brands. The #BuiltToLast project, partially funded by the Government’s Waste Minimisation Fund, means we’ll be doing more product durability testing, more research — and encouraging manufacturers to address the problems we find in their products. We’ve contacted Dyson to let it know our tests show its stick vacuums do a great cleaning job, but suck at durability,” Duffy said.

“Three-quarters of Dyson stick faults are related to the battery or charging. Dyson

sells replacement batteries and chargers, which is great, but we don’t think owners should be saddled with parts that fail so soon or have to fork out to replace them.”

As part of the wider plan to reduce the amount of harmful rubbish ending up in landfills, Associate Environment Minister Eugenie Sage recently announced electrical and electronic products as one of six priorities for a regulated product stewardship scheme, under the Waste Minimisation Act.

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# Mac Sole Episode 25 Goodbye Porirua

Another time an inmate of Porirua Psychiatric Hospital nicknamed Big Head, so named because of the obvious, was wheelchair bound and unfortunately at times soiled himself. They had him in a bath on one occasion. The water was somewhat contaminated and a male nurse had hold of the inmate's legs and was pulling him so his head went under the water, then pulled him up and repeated the action. I stopped this behaviour on that particular day, but I daresay it would be done at later times.

Although the previous stated incidents (See OCN August 27, 2020 page 10) unfortunately happened, there were also times that I enjoyed and I met some great staff, more so the artisan folk, but also some of the male and female nurses and as far as some of the inmates at times they at times had me in laughing fits. On some occasions I gave them gifts.

Inmates at Porirua normally numbered about 1,500. There was even a fairly large farm. The town



Hawera Court House.

consisted of only a two storeyed boarding house, a Shell Service Station and a railway station.

To conclude my Porirua experience I was invited to have a cup of tea with the head person Dr Hart, a nice fellow who made me welcome in his office. We discussed my grievances, after which I asked for a transfer to Lake Alice Mental Institution, near Wanganui.

However, Dr Hart informed me that this could not happen as I would have to be one year employed by the Mental Health Board and I had only been there nine months. I resigned, but what a life experience for someone aged just 20.

On my return to Hawera Erny Brown, who had by this time left the Hawera Hospital and was now self-employed, asked me to work

for him and I was happy to do so.

Only one incident concerning me, while working for Erny worth recording, was when he had the contract for painting the police station, which was then in Albion Street.

One morning while having a smoko break a detective named 'Snake' Healy informed me that a fellow named Cameron was just freed from the New Plymouth Gaol, telling me with a wink. I, of course, thought this was the hint for me to hand Cameron my version of justice, which I did a couple of days after the policeman's hint. The next morning Healy, while having smoko said to me, "Mac, I told you not to touch Cameron." Erny and the other police looked at him and me with surprise for they knew Healy was giving me the hint to give Cameron a whacking. Cameron didn't look too good to me after I had decided he had enough. The end result I was charged and the magistrate put me on a six month's good behaviour bond, which I

## Battle continues against Mt Messenger bypass

A petition started over two years ago to express opposition to the proposed Mt Messenger Bypass through Mangapēpeke Valley has reached almost 18,000 signees.

Petition initiators Marie Gregory-Hunt and Emily Bailey teamed up with Taranaki group Whenua Warriors, and other individuals and groups have since picked up the issue across the country with two videos doing the rounds on social media.

Iwi, Ngāti Tama, recently accepted the new road proposal by a majority of their voters in exchange for other lands to be set

aside for conservation and money for related jobs and resources. Court hearings are being held in New Plymouth by groups who oppose the controversial road and the petition is still to be handed to parliament.

"If tangata whenua were in a better position we wouldn't have to make these choices. No whenua, no choice but know whenua, know choice, that's how I see it." said petitioner Marie Gregory-Hunt. "It's the government's tactic to continue to put our iwi between a rock and a hard place. I would hate to see the road go through but if NT have made that decision then we will honour that but

iwi could still be supported without having to build this road."

"The iwi has spoken but I still can't help but feel like we need to protect that area." said Robyn Martin-Kemp of Whenua Warriors and Ngāti Tama. "Our iwi need those jobs and we want the new whenua that has been offered and the money to do conservation work, but why can't we have our ancestral lands back anyway with support for our iwi kaitiaki? We are seeing the deadly force of climate change already. More roads is not our future. Our mokopuna need a planet and Mangapēpeke doesn't need

a road driven through it."

"This ecocide is mighty in force but it has to stop somewhere, somehow. If everyone was complacent then these projects would be fast tracked" said New Plymouth resident Emily Page, outside the court. "We hope the government will come to their senses and revoke their plans for further destruction of irreplaceable forests for the sake of a two minute drive.

This road doesn't need to go through. We can look after the existing road and support the iwi and Mangapēpeke."

## On this month in history NZ Cross for civilian bravery

On September 20, 1999 the New Zealand Cross was instituted as the highest award for bravery by a civilian. This honour replaced the George Cross.

Two have been awarded. One was to Jacinda Margaret Amey for going to help a colleague who had been attacked by a shark in the water off Campbell Island in

1992.

The other one went (posthumously) to Reginald John Dixon who, despite serious injuries, returned to a burning aircraft in 1995 to

rescue survivors.

Sadly, he died of his injuries two weeks later.

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# A blooming good show at Hawera



As always there was an infusion of colour at the Hawera Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show.

For the Hawera Horticultural Society, the Covid-19 lockdown did come with one positive, an increase in membership.

“Eight weeks of lockdown encouraged people to start gardening a bit, and we’ve seen an increase in membership,” Society president Paul Lander said at

their annual Spring Flower Show held in Hawera on Saturday. The Society hold a summer and a spring show every year with exhibitors coming from as far afield as Otaki and New Plymouth and points in between.

This year the Society decided to do something different and have a retro

theme, with members dressing up in period costume.

“Flower shows are normally thought of as old fashioned, so we thought we might as well own it,” says Paul.

He says he’s pleased with the range of exhibits this year.

“Entries are good, and we’ve been bit squeezed for space. The flower quality is really good, and as you can see we’re full of colour. The range is expanding and we’re constantly changing our classes. We’re seeing a new generation starting to take up gardening. We’re seeing less of the big trees like the large magnolias and more little trees and perennials.”

One feature of the show was an increase in the number of specialist growers, with the Camellia Society from New Plymouth being among those turning up to exhibit.

“The camellia section is bigger because of them, and hopefully we can keep this association with them going,” says Paul.

Specialist growers are more prepared to travel to exhibit, meaning more



Decked out in period costume at the Hawera Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show. From left. Yvonne Reeve, Paul Lander, Lynne Watts, Neda Hawes.

people coming to the show from outside Taranaki, he says.

“Locals tend to do more trees, shrubs and the normal cut flowers.”

The biggest section is always the daffodils, and this year they came earlier.

Leading Taranaki grower

Spud Brogden of Normanby says he is seeing some types of daffodil like poeticus which normally he wouldn’t expect to see until October, and the blooms are more likely to be smaller.

He says it was dry earlier in the season, which could have led to smaller and

earlier flowers. Like Paul, he is pleased with this year’s show.

“There are some very good flowers. Overall there are more than you would normally have here, and the condition’s good,” he says.

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## Mangatoki WI

On July 1, 12 members met at Karen Joblin’s home for a meeting and shared lunch. This was the first meeting since the Covid-19 lockdown.

Members told of how they spent their time during lockdown. There was a lot of time of painting, cleaning, gardening, sorting, sewing, knitting and quilting.

Many members noted it was “nice not to go out.” Members donated 46 items for foodbank.

Bev Marx knitted Easter Chicks and coathangers with the proceeds going to Taranaki Hospice. A lovely afternoon of friendship.

Our August meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall on August 5, where 10 members attended. Robyn Roberts, our President welcomed us and our Secretary Helen



Mangatoki WI members enjoying lunch.

Whyte read the minutes of the July meeting, followed by the reading of the correspondence. A sympathy card was sent to a local family on their recent bereavement. The

Treasurer, Cathy White then gave the treasurers’ report. The August Effort was a donation to the value of a cake, to be donated to the South Taranaki Federation. Ten pairs of Prem baby

bootees had been knitted and donated. Bev Marx had knitted a Fair Isle child’s jersey and members put a price on it.

The sick visiting had been done and the Mangatoki Church was cleaned.

Competitions: - Flower: 1. Denise Carter, 2. Cathy White, 3. Kathy Sandford. Shrub: 1. Jenny Brown, 2. Robyn Roberts. 3. Cathy White

The raffle was won by Kathy Sandford.

The Business meeting was followed by our speaker and demonstrator Cheryl Hughes, who spoke on and demonstrated cooking soup and scones in a Thermomix cooker, which she added to our delicious soup and bun lunch, also some sweet treats for afters. An enjoyable time was had by us all and a good break between milkings and calf feeding for most.

Lucy Moger  
 Mangatoki W.I. Reporter

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# Banter with the barista

Glen Bennett is inviting people to “caffeinate with the candidate”.

At 10am on Wednesday 9 September, Glen, who is standing for Labour in the New Plymouth Electorate, spent 90 minutes on the coffee machine at Sugar Juice Café making espresso-based drinks for customers to buy.

Over the years, Bennett has supplemented his community development work by working as a barista and is a former coffee cart owner.

When he was working at The Empire in central New Plymouth several years ago, he discovered his coffee-making skills came with another role. “As a barista, you are everyone’s confidante or counsellor,” the Labour Party candidate says. “People may tell you what a rubbish day they’ve had, and they walk away and leave that at the coffee machine.”

In line with that, he’s hoping people come along for a banter with the barista. “I want people to come

along to rant and rave and tell me what policies are great or terrible,” he says.

Some of the relationships formed while pouring espresso and frothing milk turned into lasting friendships and others enabled him to be a bridge builder.

Regular customers learnt he fostered at-risk youth in Marfell and knew he also understood the needs of his community. “I would end up with lounge furniture, bedroom furniture, blankets, food parcels, all because of the connections they made with you,” Bennett says.

Those links enable him to always find someone in Marfell, who needed those gifts. “People want to be generous and kind and they knew their donation went to the right person at the right time.”

He also met a diverse range of citizens. “I was making coffees for the local district court judge, lawyers, police officers, bankers...”

One day, sitting in the public gallery in court as support for a youth facing charges, the judge looked up



**Glen Bennett at Sugar Juice in Opunake. He said he had enjoying meeting locals who were keen to discuss issues with him. He intends to come back again soon to Sugar Juice. We'll keep you posted.**

and said: “I see Glen Bennett – can I have a word with you? What’s your opinion about this young man?”

“I had to give my advice there and then. Whatever happened was helpful. The

judge knew I knew this young person really well.”

Those moments of recognition and barista bonds helped Glen time and again.

“It was a real asset because it kept me connected,

which is why I’ll be behind the coffee machine at Tiger Town Café. Come along and caffeinate with the candidate,” he says.

“These coffees aren’t free though, but my

listening ears are.”

Bennett is also eyeing coffee machines at Bell Block, Waitara and New Plymouth to offer his labour for other coffee-making stints.



**David Walter 1939-2020.**

# Wisdom and wit of former chair remembered

Former Taranaki Regional Council chair David Walter set high standards and left big shoes to fill, current Chair David MacLeod says.

Mr Walter, who passed away at the weekend had been an invaluable mentor and set an inspired example in good governance, says Mr MacLeod.

“His leadership was a major factor in the Council’s ongoing successes. He was highly respected for his wisdom and renowned for his wit. His passing is a big loss for the regional community as well as those close to him. Our thoughts are with Isabel and the family.”

was educated at Douglas Primary School and New Plymouth Boys’ High School. He was first elected to the Stratford County Council in 1974. He was Stratford District Mayor from 1989-98.

Mr Walter was elected to the Taranaki Regional Council in 1998 and became Deputy Chairman in November 1999. He was elected Chairman in 2001 and held the post until his retirement in 2007.

As Chairman, he was an ex-officio member of all Taranaki Regional Council committees, having previously chaired the Consents and Regulatory Committee from 1998 to 2001, during which time

he was also a member of the Executive Committee and Regional Land Transport Committee 1998 – 2001.

He also served as a director of Port Taranaki Ltd and on the Taranaki Tree Trust and the SH3 Working Party. He was also active in Local Government NZ.

In addition, he served on the boards of Tourism Taranaki, TSB Bank and TSB Community Trust.

He was also a historian and author, with publications including Stratford: Shakespearean Town under the Mountain and a study of farming and social patterns in the Whangamomona area.

Mr Walter was awarded a QSO for public service in 1995.

# Elastic more sought after than gold

Arnold Cox of Stratford Knit and Sew at 202 Broadway has been kept busy of late – measuring out screeds of elastic for customers who’ve visited his shop. He puts it down to people making homemade face masks to protect

themselves (and others) during the Covid crisis. “I’ve sold a thousand metres of elastic over the past four weeks,” he explains.

He’s also sold a large quantity of cotton material to complete the masks. “I’ve

sold a lot of New Zealand fabrics including materials with designs such as animals and koru,” he adds.

Arnold says he has plenty more elastic in stock as well as other fabrics, so customers do not need to worry.



**Arnold measuring out more elastic for a customer intent on making face masks.**

# On this month in history personal tax introduced

On September 28, 1891 Personal Income Tax was introduced to New Zealand. This was achieved by Parliament passing the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act. This measure was intended to supplement the main revenue gatherer – the

Customs Duty. For the first 1,000 pounds of earnings sixpence in the pound was levied, after allowance of an exemption of three hundred pounds and life insurance premiums up to fifty pounds. For incomes of more than

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# August drier than usual

August rainfall was generally below normal with totals ranging between 58 % and 104 %, with an average of 79 %, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. The Motunui rainfall site, was the only one

to record above normal for the month with 135.2 mm (104 %). The Bell Block (Mangati) rainfall site recorded just 58 % of normal for the month with 92.4 mm, this is the lowest August rainfall recorded since records began at this site in February 2012. The previous August minimum was 109.0 mm recorded in 2014.

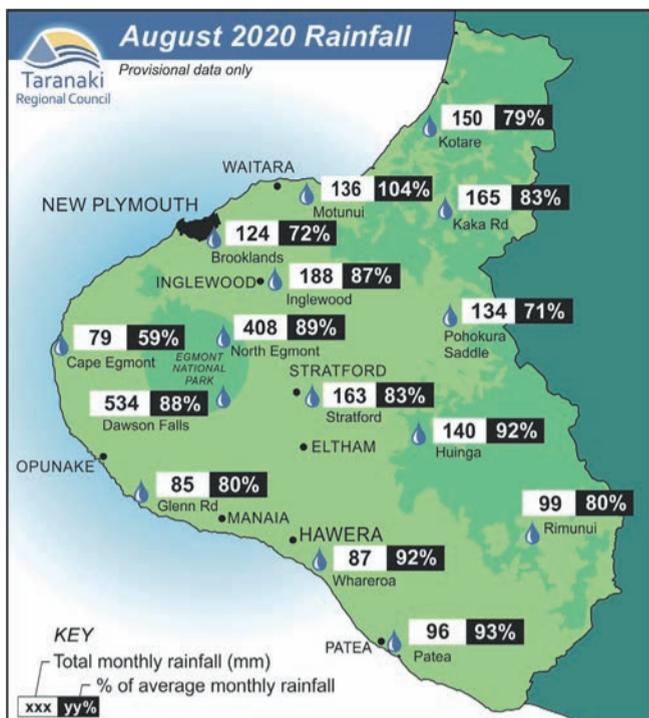
Year to date rainfall is now sitting between 68 % and 92 % of normal, with an average of 80 %. Egmont Village has recorded 1420.0 mm which is 92 % of normal, while North Egmont has recorded just 68 % of normal rainfall to date with 3044.0 mm.

Due to the lower than normal rainfall, river flows during August were all below normal by between 51 % and 88 %. No new extremes were recorded.

Water temperatures were mixed for the month with five rivers (Kaupokonui, Kapoaiaia, Timaru, Mangaoraka and Waiwhakaihō) recording above normal by between 0.02 °C and 0.53 °C, while the other five rivers; Patea, Waingongoro at Eltham and Ohawe, Kapuni and Waitara recorded below normal by between 0.05 °C and 0.20 °C.

Motunui (17.72 °C), Stratford (19.86 °C) and Te Kiri (17.29 °C) all recorded new maximum August air temperature, while Mangorei at Bushline (0.37 °C), Whareroa (-3.53 °C) and Waitotara at Coast (-0.16 °C) all recorded new August minimums. Stratford recorded the warmest air temperature for the month with

19.86 °C, while Whareroa recorded the coldest with -3.53 °C. The average air temperature for the month was 10.54 °C, which is



the same as the long term historical August average.

Due to the lower than normal rainfall for August, soil moistures were below

normal for all sites by between 1.14 % and 12.32 %

, except for Kaupokonui (Manaia), which was 4.19 % higher than the August

normal. Three sites recorded new minimum soil moisture readings for August. These sites were Okato (12.98 %), Te Kiri (24.09 %) and Waitotara at Coast (27.52 %).

Soil temperatures for the month were all above normal by between 0.06 °C and 1.12 °C. Cape Egmont (14.20 °C) and Te Kiri (14.10 °C) recorded new maximum soil temperatures for August.

Winter rainfall figures, which includes the months June, July and August, recorded between 79 % and 110 % of normal, with an average of 94 %. Pohokura Saddle recorded just 79 % with 443.0 mm. Six sites recorded above their Winter normal; Whareroa (107 %), Patea (101 %), Okato (110 %), Egmont Village (108 %), Motunui (107 %) and Dawson Falls (103 %).

## Voting opens soon for DairyNZ board

Dairy farmers can soon vote on who will join DairyNZ's Board of Directors.

Three candidates have been nominated for two positions on the board. From September 21, levy paying dairy farmers can vote for their preferred candidates.

The two successful candidates will play a key role in supporting the governance and leadership of DairyNZ.

Electionz.com returning officer Anthony Morton says farmers will have until October 20 to cast their votes.

"Levy paying dairy farmers should vote and have their say for which farmer candidates they believe will best represent their views and guide the direction of the DairyNZ board," said Mr

Morton.

"DairyNZ levy payers will receive a vote pack in the mail from September 21, so I encourage farmers to look out for their pack, which includes information about the candidates to inform their vote."

Voting takes place by internet and post.

DairyNZ's board consists of five farmer-elected directors and three board-appointed directors. This year, farmer-elected directors Colin Glass and Jim van der Poel are both retiring by rotation.

The 2020 Board of Director candidates are: Colin Glass

(Ashburton), Cole Groves (Ashburton), and Jim van der Poel (Waikato).

One nomination was received for a Directors' Remuneration Committee position, which reviews and recommends changes to directors' payments and other benefits to directors each year. As only one vacancy exists, Shirley Trumper of Rotorua has been declared elected unopposed as a committee member.

The successful candidates for all positions will be announced at DairyNZ's AGM in Ashburton on October 21.

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## Waterways thrive overall but drier summers take a toll

Ecological monitoring of Taranaki rivers continues to show encouraging progress but two dry summers in a row have taken a toll on some waterways, the Taranaki Regional Council says.

The latest comprehensive monitoring report, covering the 2018-2019 year, says results are as encouraging as they have been in past few years, and even more encouraging than those from earlier years. But a number of sites have plateaued or started to decline.

Ecological health is regarded as the prime measure of freshwater quality and is assessed by examining what sort of tiny creatures are living in waterways, using a nationally recognised



River health results are encouraging say TRC.

scoring system known as the MCI (for macroinvertebrate community index).

More than half the 57 monitored sites show strong or very strong long-term improvement, while 81% indicate medium-term improvement or no trend, says the Council's Director-Environment Quality, Gary Bedford.

Many factors are behind the improvements, he says. These include riparian fencing and planting, the switch to land-based dairy effluent disposal and more rigorous compliance regimes. More

improvements can be expected over time.

The 10 sites showing the greatest long-term improvements are: Kaūpokonui Stream upstream of Fonterra Kapuni, and at Kaponga, the Kapoiaia Stream at Wiremu Rd and Wataroa Rd, the Karapete Stream upstream and downstream of the old Inglewood wastewater plant, Mangati Stream at Bell Block, Mangaehu River at Raupuha Rd, Pūnehu Stream at SH45, and Timaru Stream at SH45.

Mr Bedford says Council scientists investigated

sites that are plateauing or showing decline. "We've found clear links to drought conditions that occurred in Taranaki during the summers of 2017-2018 and 2018-2019," he says. "These brought low flows, longer periods without 'flushing flows', warmer water temperatures and greater temperature extremes. All of these take a toll on ecological health, and on the trend data that we report to the public.

"We found no links to land use or the level of nutrients or other chemicals

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# Taranaki bull takes out top award

A bull sire bred in the Taranaki has won the Jersey NZ J T Thwaites Sire of the Season Award for 2020. He is also currently the top bull in the country across all breeds in terms of his breeding worth (BW).

Jersey sire Quiz (316517 Glen Leith AND Quiz S2J) is the result of a contract mating agreement between CRV Ambreed and Bruce and Margaret Sim from Glen Leith Stud in Okato, Taranaki.

Quiz joined CRV's 2020 line-up of bull sires and is the son of one of the company's legendary sires, Arrieta NN Degree ET. He has become a popular choice for dairy farmers when selecting their bull teams.

CRV regional breeding manager Jenna O'Sullivan says Quiz produces robust cows who are good milk producers.

"Quiz is a high liveweight bull, who produces large, strong, efficient producing daughters, with good fertility.

"For a Jersey, he has exceptional protein and fat breeding values with high milk, which means his progeny will milk extremely well. He is definitely the bull to add a production punch to a farmer's herd."

Artificial breeding or



Glen Leith and Quiz S2J.

artificial insemination in cattle is the process by which semen is collected from a bull, stored in a straw and used by the AB technician to inseminate cows. The AB technician visits the farm every day for 6-8 weeks, typically during October and November.

Quiz has genetic traits for breeding cows that

only produce A2 type beta casein milk. He is also a key member of CRV's LowN® Sires team, which is helping farmers reduce their environmental footprint through the use of genetics.

Generations of the Sim family have farmed their Okato property for more than 100 years. Bruce says they were thrilled to receive

news of the award.

"It really does mean a lot. It is something you never think will happen. Quiz's brother Omnibus was the first sire CRV ever bought off us, followed by Quiz two years later, who has now become the top Jersey bull in the country.

"In my opinion, one of Quiz's best traits is that

he's led the field in milk fat and protein. I know from experience he's a tremendous production bull, because I milked two of his heifers myself last year. In fact, 40% of my cows at present are from that family and possibly all the calves we'll keep this year will be too.

"Wherever this family of

animals goes, they seem to be top of the pops."

## Call for commitment to rural communities

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) has published their manifesto calling for a commitment to improving the health and well-being of rural families and enhancing the resilience of rural communities.

"The general election season is a perfect time for us to share the challenges we see and what actions we recommend any government should take in order to empower rural communities," says President, Fiona Gower.

"RWNZ believes that the social, cultural, environmental and economic success of New Zealand should be reflected in rural communities and we have been voicing this to decision-makers since 1925"

"All candidates need to show a commitment to ensuring that rural communities have equal access to technology, education and health services."




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# Bee a Hero this September for Bee Aware Month

New Zealand's bees and beekeepers are calling on Kiwis to 'Bee a Hero' this September, as the country celebrates Bee Aware Month.

Bee Aware Month is an annual educational campaign organised by Apiculture New Zealand and supported by bee lovers across New Zealand. Apiculture New Zealand CEO Karin Kos says there are two key goals of the campaign.

"We want to lift awareness of the critical importance of bees to New Zealand's environment, food chain and economy, and teach Kiwis some simple actions that everyone can take to improve bee health."

Ms Kos says green-fingered Kiwis can help bees by growing bee-friendly plants in their gardens, while non-gardeners can

also do their bit. "Mowing your lawns less often is one really simple thing that can make a difference for bees. Weeds like clover and dandelions are great food for bees."

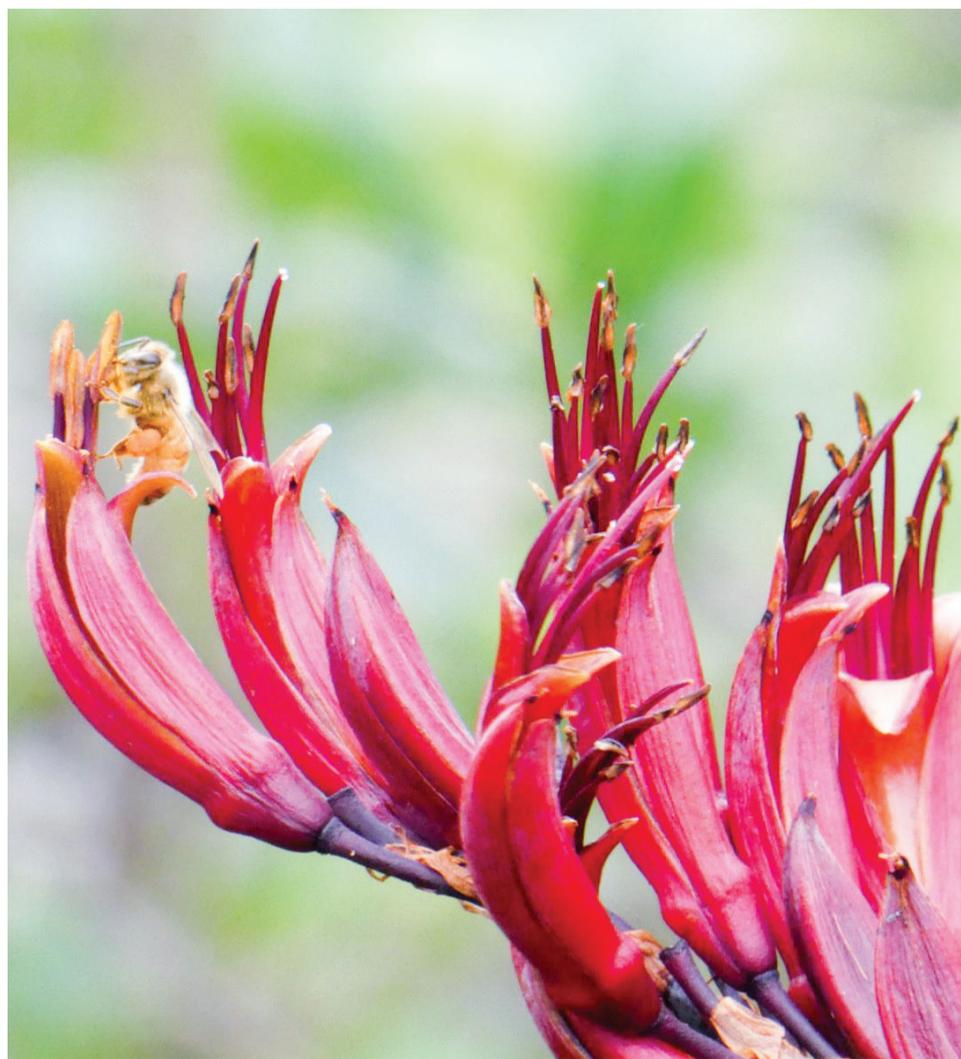
Ms Kos also encourages Kiwis to support everyday bee heroes: our beekeepers. "Since the advent of varroa, beekeepers' have become essential to the survival of honey bees. Our beekeepers work hard to care for and protect our bees. Buying local honey, especially some of our beautiful native varieties like rewarewa or kāmahi, or other bee products is a great way to back our beekeepers and their bees," she says.

Another important thing everyone can do is to take care with garden sprays. Ms Kos recommends either avoiding garden sprays, selecting bee-friendly

products or following the spray safe rules. "Spray only in the early morning and evening when bees are less active; never spray when flowers are in bloom and always read instructions carefully before spraying," she says.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is a key supporter of Bee Aware Month. EPA sets the rules around when, how and where insecticides can be used. The EPA's acting General Manager of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms group, Clark Ehlers, says, "Insecticides play an important role in food production, but some are harmful to pollinators, such as moths, birds and bees. Bee Aware Month is a great time for people to ensure they're following label instructions when using chemicals, or using alternative pest control methods, to keep our pollinators safe."

Throughout Bee Aware Month, Apiculture New Zealand and its supporters and sponsors will be sharing bee facts, running competitions and, where possible, organising community events.



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## Waitangi Day Fund now open

Applications for the 2021 Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund have opened and communities throughout the country are encouraged to apply for funding to support their local events, says Bernadette Cavanagh, Tumu Whakarāe Chief Executive Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

"The Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund provides a total of \$288,000 in grants for events to commemorate the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and promote nation and community building," Bernadette Cavanagh said. "Waitangi Day events are well established in many centres and enjoyed by thousands of New

Zealanders. However, in some areas people don't have the opportunity to participate and I encourage all communities to work together to hold local events. "Projects run in partnership between local authorities, community groups and tangata whenua are particularly encouraged. "In 2020 the fund supported events held in marae, parks, and museums and included kai festivals, marae open days, heritage tours, workshops, and public performances. "These events help to build the connection between local and national Waitangi Day celebrations, and deepen and broaden our conversations and understanding of Te Tiriti

o Waitangi within the community," Bernadette Cavanagh said. Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage is now accepting applications for events taking place in 2021. This year with the impact of Covid-19 on gatherings the fund decision panel will want to know how event organisers are preparing to hold their events under different Alert Levels. This includes how the event will be run in accordance with Ministry of Health guidelines for both organisers and attendees under those Alert Levels.. Applications for funding grants, which generally range from \$1000 to \$5000, are open until October 19.

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# COVID may have effect on drowning statistics

Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) has published final preventable drowning fatality and hospitalisation data in the Drowning Report 2019, as it considers the impact of COVID-19 on water safety.

Drowning is the leading cause of recreational death and the third highest cause of accidental death in New Zealand. In 2019 there were 82 preventable drowning fatalities and 203 drowning related hospitalisations.

The total of 82 is an increase of 16, or 24 percent, compared to the 66 preventable drowning fatalities in 2018.

"Families and communities are left devastated and this has real and profound

impact on many people's lives," says WSNZ Chief Executive, Jonty Mills. "While our waterways are our playground they can be incredibly unforgiving and need to be treated with respect."

"The toll reflects the complex nature of drowning in this country. Drowning is not one dimensional. The numbers represent a wide range of age, ethnicities, activities and water environments," says Mills.

Preventable fatalities in the 55-64 year age group have gone up to 13 in 2019 compared to six in 2018, and the 65+ cohort has the highest number of fatalities for the second year in a row. (2018 - 17 2019 - 15)

"Older New Zealanders are staying active longer but it's critical that everyone no matter what the age remembers the water safety code. Be prepared, watch out for yourself and each other, be aware of the dangers and know your limits," says Mills.

Seven under-fives lost their lives in 2019 highlighting the importance of constant active adult supervision of small children around water at all times.

"There is no replacement

for constant adult supervision. Babies and toddlers must be kept within arms-reach," says Mills.

Also of note are significant increases in Land Based Fishing (12 up from six in 2018) and Underwater Diving (11 up from five in 2018) fatalities.

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on New Zealand likely means an increase in unemployment in the short term, and this could mean increasing numbers of people looking for alternative ways to put food on the table - such as fishing and diving.

"This pressure can result in unnecessary risk taking and the potential cost is one no family wants to bear. It's so important fishers and divers make wise decisions and follow best practice when it comes to water safety so they come home to their families" says Mills.

Studies from overseas also suggest possible respiratory health issues as a result of COVID-19 could further impact on underwater diving drownings. This underlines the importance of getting a health check from your doctor before returning to diving after a long break or an illness.

Powered Boating fatalities have also increased from two in 2018 to 12 in 2019. Lifejackets remain critical for boaties, alongside two forms of waterproof communications. While there is generally high compliance across New Zealand in over a third of the 12 powered boating fatalities in 2019 lifejackets were either not available, or not worn correctly.

"This goes to the heart of the lifejacket message. They are no good to you if they are on the boat and not worn when something happens, and an old lifejacket or one that doesn't fit, will not save your life" says Mills.

While restrictions on international travel due to COVID-19 could be a boon for local tourism it also means increased drowning risk for people recreating in unfamiliar aquatic environments - particularly Aucklanders.

"Analysis of the historical drowning data shows of the Auckland residents involved in fatal drowning incidents 38 percent were outside the Auckland region. This shows how critical it is to get local knowledge about local conditions and risks" says Jonty Mills.

## Sandfords Manaia Golf results

August 22. Saturday Men. 1. Grant Gopperth. 2. Ralph Symes. 3. Greg Elliott. 4. John Oliver. 5. Phil Elliott.

2020. Taranaki 5000 results held at Manaia. Best overall Nett. Denis Hurcomb. Best overall Gross. Sam Jones. Best overall Stableford. Hayden Caskey. Women. 1st Nett. Kathy Faiers. 1st Stableford Marina Gopperth. Senior Men. 1st Nett. Jacob Gopperth. 1st Stableford. Daryl Baird. Inter. 1st Nett. Dave Bunker. 1st Stableford. Tony Gray. Junior. 1st Nett. Dan Perrett. 1st Stableford. Grant Gibbs. Teams Event. 1. Sandfords Manaia. 2. Te Ngutu.

August 29. Saturday Men's. 1. Bruce Duffus. 2. Phil Elliott. 3. Ralph Symes. 4. Gary Dowdle. 5. Paul Hunn, Jacob Gopperth., Caleb Symes.

Juniors., 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Lucas Symes. 3. Liam Campbell.

September 5. Saturday Men. 1. Phil Elliott. 2. Paddy Heta. 3. Kerry otene. 4. Gary Dowdle.

Juniors. 1. Joshua Symes. 2. Lucas Symes. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Carter Symes. 3. Hannah Symes.

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## Have your say on the future of our towns and city centres



### Waitangi Day in New Plymouth's central city.

Have your say on future of towns and city centres

Residents are being asked how the New Plymouth district Council (NPDC) can keep town and city centres humming and at the heart of communities as part of its Top 10 Kōrero, seeking feedback on the major issues across the District.

Ahead of next year's 10-Year Plan, NPDC is going out to residents to get their views on how \$2 billion of public funds should be spent and what should be done to meet the challenges ahead.

NPDC put in place a \$20 million Back On Our Feet recovery plan to help local businesses still feeling the effects of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Cr Tony Bedford says the city centre and heartland

town centres including Ōkato, Ōākura, Urenui, Waitara and Inglewood are the barometer of economic and social wellbeing.

"When their tills are ringing, they lift us all with jobs, visitors and more spending. The flip side is empty shops and for lease signs. In an age of big box stores on the outskirts of town and Internet shopping, we need a plan to keep them vibrant," says Cr Bedford.

"That's why we're keen to work with retailers and business on a strategy to keep our central city humming for the next 30 years and beyond."

Cr Stacey Hitchcock says the purchase of the Metro Plaza and the plans to open up the Huatoki Stream shows NPDC is already thinking about long-term ways to keep the city centre

vibrant.

"Our residents have told us they want a central city that has more green spaces, arts, culture and welcomes families, where they want to visit and hang out. We're working on revamping Devon Street East with a plan for a new outdoor zone but what else should we be doing to keep the city centre a destination for locals and visitors?" says Cr Hitchcock.

Cr Marie Pearce says it's vital to keep rural heartland centres thriving. "Over the last year our community boards have been seeking feedback on what residents would like to see. This could be sprucing up Waitara's main street or doing up the railway station in Inglewood. It's vital people tell us what they want so we can all work together to make the centres more vibrant."

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# Tūpare awarded top spot in Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice



Tūpare has breathtakingly beautiful gardens for everyone to enjoy.

Tūpare has been awarded the 2020 Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Award, placing it in the top 10% of attractions worldwide.

Already recognised with the highest six-star rating from the NZ Gardens Trust, this is another notch in Tūpare's belt as a world-class property.

"It's something for the whole region to celebrate, especially with all the challenges facing travel and tourism," says the Council Chair, David MacLeod. "Tūpare is a regional jewel to be proud of."

The Travellers' Choice Awards are based on a full year of Tripadvisor reviews from the pre COVID-19 period. Award winners are known for consistently receiving great traveller reviews and ratings.

The Council's Regional Gardens Manager, Greg Rine says the accolade is no

surprise.

"We've seen how Tūpare has captured visitors' hearts with its winding hillside paths and stunning collections of rhododendrons, azaleas and spring bulbs which are a wonderful legacy of the vision of the founder Sir Russell Matthews himself" says Mr Rine.

Tūpare is well known for transporting its visitors back in time with its perfectly landscaped garden and deep history with the Matthews family, who lived in the Chapman-Taylor house from 1932. The river flat is a popular swimming spot during the summer months with free picnic areas and barbecues next to the Waiwhakahi.

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# Covid affects awards funding



**Jordan Quinnell from Opunake was runner up in the Taranakitanga category in 2018.**

COVID-19 has meant a financial shortfall for the Taranaki National Art Awards. With usual sources of funding not being as forthcoming as they were in previous years, organisers went to the Taranaki Coastal Community Board last month to ask for a \$2500 grant from the board's discretionary

fund. The Awards are looking at an apparent shortfall of \$7000, Bob Clark told the board. "The onset of COVID-19 has affected the Trust's application for funding," he said. "If we get the grant of \$2500 it just makes it easier for us to operate."

In the event of other funds becoming available, they would be looking at paying it back. The Taranaki National Art Awards are held every year at the same time as other iconic events like the garden festivals, Opunake Market Day and the Yarn Bomb. 2019 will be the 19<sup>th</sup>

consecutive year the awards have been held. "I believe the exhibition's momentum should be continued," said Mr Clark. "Next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the Opunake community has responded positively in supporting the Art Awards. 2021 will be a hallmark year."

Awards chairman Bert Treffers said normally they would not be coming to the Community Board to ask for money.

In previous years they had been able to get enough funding from the likes of Pub Charities and the TSB Trust, but this year they weren't sure how much they could count on from these sources.

In answer to a question he said the Awards could still go ahead under Alert Level 2, with a smaller opening night, but under Level 3 it would have to be canned.

Awards secretary Natasha Sefton-Zachan said a large part of the cost involved in running the awards comes from hiring the venue and the expenses associated with that.

"It takes 350 volunteer hours to create our event and pack it down," she said.

The organisers were asked if

they could look at increasing the visitor fees. Mr Treffers said the fee is a nominal one to encourage older people and families to come in and see the art.

Community Board member Bonita Bigham said she remembered there had been a Friends of the National Art Awards group, and asked if this was something that could be looked at again.

Ms Sefton-Zachan said the Friends of the National Art Awards is still in place.

"It just needs to be pushed a bit more," she said.

The Board voted to grant \$1200, the same as the amount they had granted to the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade earlier that day. The money was to be used for hall hire, and would be returned if funds became available from other sources.

## Opunake Library Plus Book Review

### The Heartwood Hotel by Kerry McGinnis

This week I have listened to a really good audio-book in the car whilst travelling each day. The Heartwood Hotel by Kerry McGinnis is set in the outback of Australia and what a good listen/read it is.

The scene is set in Tewinga, a slowly dying town in the outback of Australia. Lyn is a happy wife who is frustrated she is not yet a mother and runs a general store and garden with her husband Adam. In addition to helping her father keep the town's Heartwood hotel going and catering for functions she cares for many of the people around her. Previously a nurse, she is often called upon in emergencies.

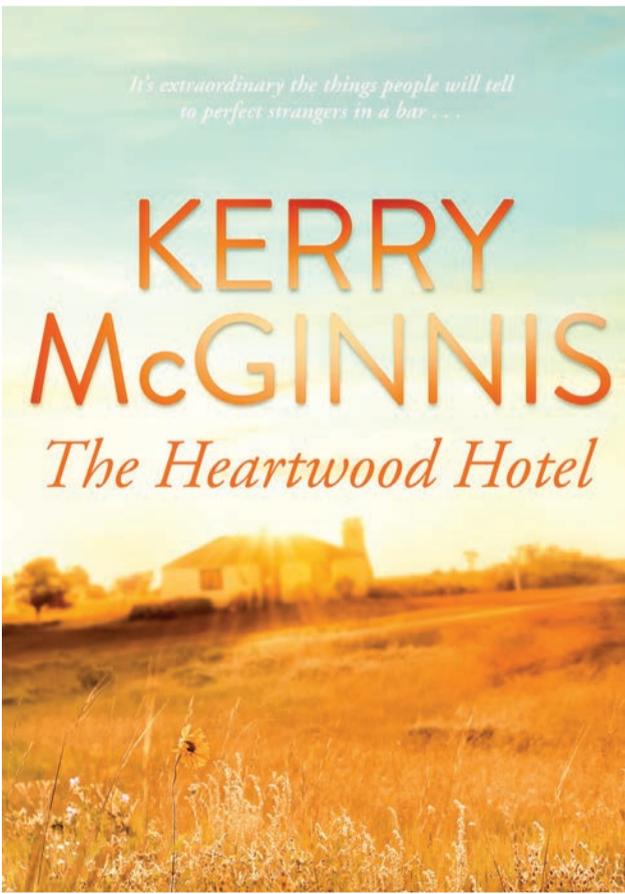
When young Max, her father's young employee goes missing Lyn grows more worried by the day especially as suspicious behaviour occurs around the town from pig shooters hired by a local station keep happening. She is fond of Max who reminds her of Matthew, her loved brother who drowned many years ago. On top of this Lyn meets a woman who makes a strange remark about Lyn's family, and a sudden find of an old photo uncovers a long

held family secret that threatens to blow up in her face. Then, a helicopter crashes and on the way to the funeral a discovery puts their lives in danger.

It is a really good book that made me sometimes sit outside my front door with the

car running for just five more minutes of listening. For those of you who prefer print over audio we also have the print book in our collection.

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The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Burmeister Bull Sale is being held at Warea on Monday September 14 with New Zealand Farmers Livestock Limited running the auctions on the day. There are some great Bull sales being held around Taranaki in the next few weeks. Please refer to advertisements in our Farming and What's On sections in this issue for information about the sales.

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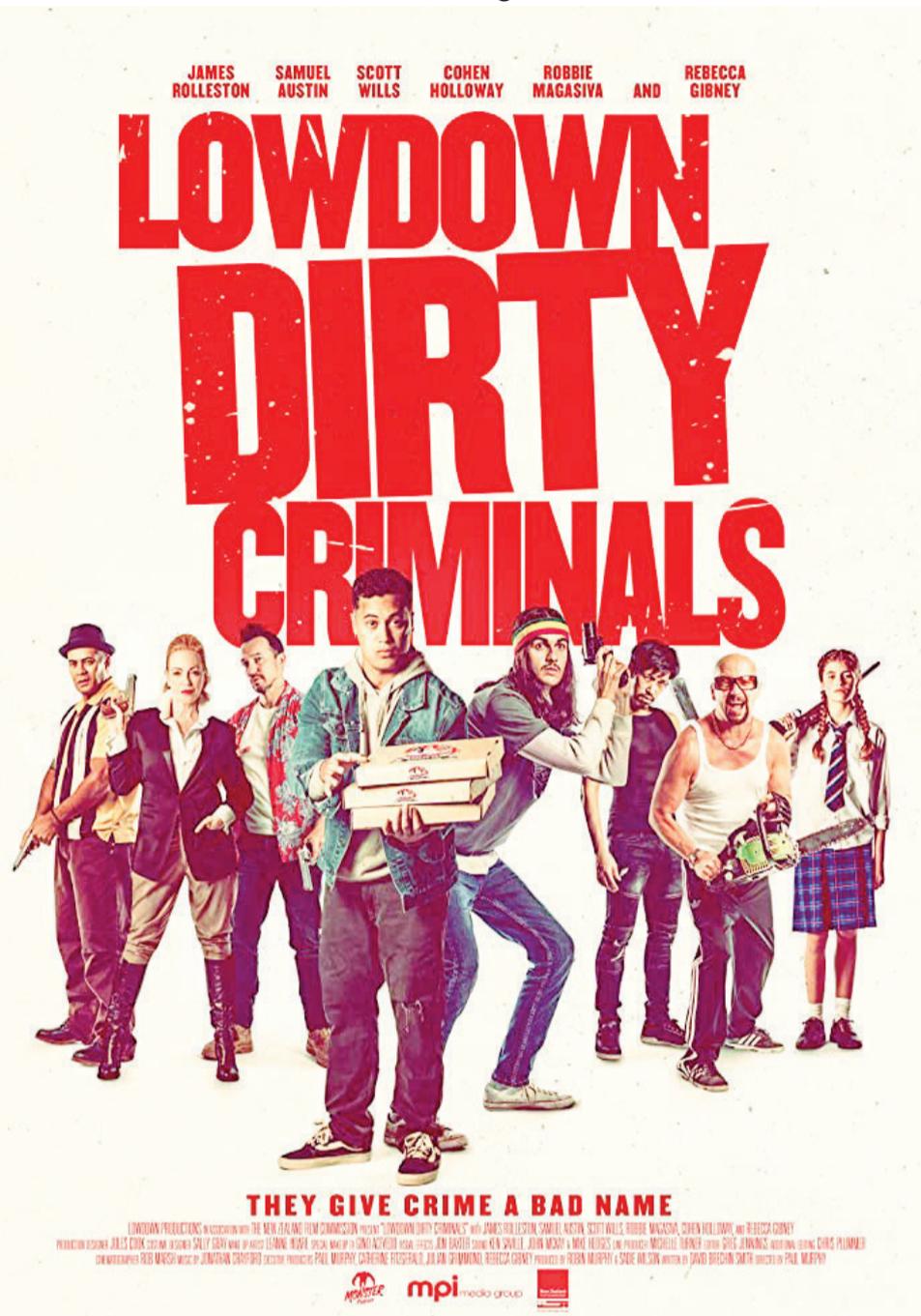
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Film review

Lowdown Dirty Criminals



James Rolleston and Samuel Austin star in Lowdown Dirty Criminals.

wrote this iconic movie with the equally iconic Ian Mune, who I had the honour of meeting while working on a film set a few years back. In fact, I sat next to him at lunch. His talent as an actor blew my socks off. Ian professionally rehearsed his main scene a few times with the young actress playing opposite him, but when the director called action, he totally changed gear and transformed into his character with mind-blowing skill. Not sure I can say the same for all of the actors in this movie. Most are competent and believable, but Freddy's sidekick Marlin (Samuel Austin) could do with a few lessons from Ian. Luckily, his interesting wardrobe choice distracted me. Not sure if his 80s headband hints a Rastafarian Richard Simmons comeback or a staunch Andre Agassi fan base? Marlin is not the brightest light on the Christmas tree either, so provides the vehicle for much of the scripted humour.

It'd be too easy to give away the surprises and lessen the laughs, but needless to say Freddy and Marlin's combination of kind-heartedness and lack of any criminal insight does not bode well for their first

official 'job'. This lands them in a heap of personal debt with Spiggs (Scott Wills) the big boss, and they are catapulted from daylight robbers into hitmen before you can say "fat man in a pink bathtub." Their unanticipated leap triggers a whole array of opportunities to fail in their newly found career path. It also introduces more dubious characters, one of which is the Upholsterer, played by the well-known Rebecca Gibney (*The Flying Doctors, Halifax f.p., Back to the Rafters, Sensing Murder, The Dressmaker*). Why named the Upholsterer? Because she likes to make people feel comfortable.

Her stooges, Semo (Robbie Magasiva) and Roy (Cohen Holloway) prop up the slightly sagging script with their solid comedic charisma. "use your breathing, use your breathing".

Support is also found in the exceptional editing of this ironically crocheted piece of New Zealand articulation. Light-heartedly wrapping us up in words that we recognise. The flashbacks are executed with more competence than some of the big budget films I've seen recently. I'd watch it again. I am certain more merriment could be found in amongst the nuanced stitches of *Lowdown Dirty Criminals*.

Jane Forkert

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Director: Paul Murphy.  
Writer: David Brechin-Smith.  
This is really quite funny. Kiwi humour that sneaks

in and makes you feel at home. I definitely had some laugh-out-loud moments. My Dad would've loved this movie, you'd hear his laugh reverberating around the Whangamata picture theatre, usually two minutes after the joke hit the screen. The characters in *Lowdown Dirty Criminals* are classic. Freddy

is played by James Rolleston, who starred in *Boy*, he was great then and just as great now. Freddy veers away from pizza delivery and eagerly enters the N.Z. underworld. *Lowdown Dirty Criminals* is directed by Paul Murphy, son of the legendary director Geoff Murphy (*Goodbye Pork Pie*). Geoff also co-

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### SEPTEMBER 12

**Blindspott:** Playing live at Butler's Reef, Oakura.

### SEPTEMBER 13

**Everybodys Theatre AGM:** At the Theatre, Opunake, 10am.

### SEPTEMBER 14

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### SEPTEMBER 15

**Fowler Farms Annual Service Bull Sale:** At 470 Wilford Rd, Hurleyville. 11am start.

### SEPTEMBER 17

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### SEPTEMBER 18

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### SEPTEMBER 21

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### SEPTEMBER 22

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### SEPTEMBER 28

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**



Next Meeting is on October 5, 2020 at 5.30pm  
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**C.C.C.W.S. Ltd  
20th AGM Tuesday  
22nd September 2020**

7:30pm at Te Kiri Hall, Te Kiri  
**All Shareholder Consumers Welcome**  
B. Campbell and P. O'Rorke are Directors to retire in rotation, both are available for nomination.  
Nomination forms are available by Phone/Text 0273137494  
All nominations to:  
The Secretary  
Mrs M. Drought, 2 Havelock Street, Opunake  
By 18 September 2020



**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Doris Elizabeth Geraldine Swadling Scholarships.**

**Call for Scholarship Applications**

The late Miss Swadling was passionate about education. She established this Trust to provide Agriculture and Music Scholarships.

**To be eligible you must be:**

- under the age of 21 as at 30 September this year
- be resident in the Taranaki Region
- wishing to take up a career in agricultural/farming or music industries and start a course of study by a recognised tertiary provider in 2021

**Applications close on 30 September 2020 at 5pm.**

**For more info visit:** www.publictrust.co.nz/grants

Phone 0800 371 471 or email funding@publictrust.co.nz

**Doris Swadling Trust.**

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**He Pānui  
2020 Trustee Election**

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) is the PSGE entity established to receive and manage the Treaty settlement assets of Taranaki Iwi. It replaces the former Taranaki Iwi Trust.



The trust is governed by seven trustees who are elected on a rotational basis. Two of the current trustees will retire by rotation later this year and a further vacancy exists following an earlier resignation of a trustee. The Trust now invites nominations to fill the three vacancies. The retiring trustees can stand for re-election if they choose.

Nominations must be made on an official nomination form and close at 5pm on Thursday 1 October 2020. Candidates must meet the eligibility criteria set out in rule 2.1 of the Second Schedule of the Trust Charter. Those eligibility criteria are outlined on the nomination form. The Trust will give further notification of the election process after nominations have closed.

**Membership Registration**

The Trust also takes this opportunity to invite all adults of Taranaki Iwi descent who have not already registered, to do so by completing a registration form. Registration forms and nomination papers can be sourced from the following:

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust office  
1 Young St, New Plymouth  
New Plymouth  
Ph 06 751 4285  
www.taranaki.iwi.nz

The Returning Officer  
electionz.com Ltd  
PO Box 3138, Christchurch  
Ph 0800 666 035  
iro@electionz.com



**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish  
CHURCH SERVICES**

St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahotu  
Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St  
9.30am every Sunday and the  
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month  
Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays  
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays

**Opunake Catholic Church**

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th  
Sundays of the month  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
Other areas  
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm  
(2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
All welcome

**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

**The Wave**

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10.30am  
Women's Group 10.30am Tuesday  
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday  
Come along or contact  
Murray Baylis  
027 218 3377

**St. Barnabas Anglican Church**

141 Tasman St, Opunake  
Sunday Services 10am  
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday  
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday  
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for  
a Combined Service

**Okato Community Church**

Meets 6.30pm Sunday at Hempton Hall.  
Everyone welcome



**SPORT NEW ZEALAND  
RURAL TRAVEL FUND**

Applications for financial assistance under the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund are now open.

The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years who require assistance with transport expenses to regular, local sporting competitions.

Application forms are available from all South Taranaki LibraryPlus centres, the Council Contact Centre on Albion Street, Hāwera, or the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com).

For further information please contact:  
Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Administrator  
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Email: [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz)

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