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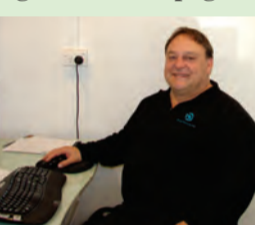
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Greens vision for NZ economy

Co-leader of the Green Party James Shaw, outlined his vision for the New Zealand economy at a public meeting recently in New Plymouth.

Mr Shaw was warmly introduced by Sarah Roberts, who was a Greens candidate at the last General Election.

The gist of Mr Shaw's message was that innovative, environmentally friendly ways could (and should) be used to enhance existing industry to produce more profitable returns. The trend overseas is now to emphasize and produce high value products produced in a 'green' way, New Zealand - including Taranaki - needs to capitalise on this worthwhile trend, Mr Shaw believes.

For example, fewer cows could be used in the dairy industry, meaning less environmental impact, to produce organic milk powder, which is highly sought after overseas with a much higher price tag as a reward. The price for organic milk powder was almost six times the pay-out than for ordinary milk powder per tonne.

There was also scope for new initiatives, which could yield sought-after organic products. Mr Shaw mentioned Zealon Tea as an example. With tea now (surprisingly) grown in

NZ (Waikato) this organic tea plantation has yielded very high profits for what is perceived overseas as a "clean, green brand," which is grown without either fertiliser or pesticides.

Near the end of his address Mr Shaw fielded a number of questions. He said he thought the Government's focus should shift in a direction towards a greater tax on capital with less focus as a tax on income.

Homelessness was an important issue. He said the "top third" have done well under the current Government, the middle strata were just holding on, while the bottom third have gone "backwards". He was aware that even people with jobs are sometimes without homes to return to after work.

He spoke well of Labour leader Andrew Little as a man of integrity, who was competent with good organisational skills. He considered the chance of a Labour-led Government being elected, presumably with the Greens as a coalition partner was "about 50-50." He added, "The overall shine of the current Government is starting to fade."

He concluded, "The most effective way towards positive change was, "To change the government," at the next General Election.



James Shaw, co-leader of the Greens Party, who spoke in New Plymouth recently.

South Taranaki honours its own

South Taranaki District Community Awards were presented on September 7. Individuals and organisations

were honoured for their volunteer contributions to South

Taranaki.

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Debbie Campbell who was among those who received a South Taranaki District Community Award. Opunake's picture theatre has been buzzing ever since it re-opened after a complete refurbishment earlier in the year with regular screenings of current movies and a growing patronage.

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Break in being investigated

Police are looking for two people seen on camera footage breaking into the Sandfords Event Centre at around 1am on September 4.

A number of items were taken from Soul Kitchen.

“Some top shelf alcohol was taken, like spirits and about a dozen bottles of bubbles, as well as \$150 cash” Belinda Philp of Soul Kitchen said. “They did quite a lot of damage to the Event Centre. They trashed through the office, and broke through the doors.”

This is the fourth time her business has been broken into, but this time she is hoping camera footage of two people seen at the scene of the crime can lead to a result.

“After the last time the cameras have improved, so we have some nice clean footage. Hopefully it won’t be much longer and they will be arrested.”



Recognise them? The Opunake Police would love to hear from you.



Letters to the Editor

Why bother

Are we to forget the community volunteers that work tirelessly to beautify and protect our town? It seems so. Doug Coxhead, Ron Burrow, the Lions to name but a few wasted their time when a wannabe community worker can strip a public clifftop of trees and vegetation in the name of a view without prosecution. Display humility, stand-up, take ownership for what you have done and replant the damage you have done. It’s not too late, remember “It’s the putting right that counts.”

*Peter Gunn
Opunake*

STOP PRESS The missing Pohutakawa on Middleton’s Bay Cliff top

Pleasantly working yesterday I was approached



Kelly atop the Bay.

by a reporter from the Taranaki Newspaper regarding the coastal view.

I dropped my tools and spoke at length about the preservation of the 7 –8 Pohutakawa trees presently buried amongst years of shrub and neglected care of over growth.

Some would call it a wind break, I would call it obscuring the magnificent Pohutakawa I mentioned my interest in the ‘Crimson Project’ <http://projectcrimson.org.nz/> and the work they are doing throughout New Zealand to preserve the Pohutakawa trees

I was sorely disappointed to open the paper and find the story inaccurate and in fact just the opposite of what I’d stated. The so called ‘missing’ Pohutakawas are alive and well. My hope is to showcase these wonderful trees unlike the recent felling of several historic pohutakawa trees throughout Opunake. I’m writing to clarify my desire to remove the debris, clean it up and highlight the Pohutakawa. When you think of what other serious issues are facing Opunake the removal of some scrub and a few trees seems to me like a storm in a tea cup. Let’s make Opunake unique, work together and be proud of where we call home.

*Kelly Knadle
Opunake*

BBC: Talk

I was talking to a friend who was convinced that religions were the cause of most of the world’s problems. She pointed out, and quite rightly, that history shows religions have caused much pain, death and suffering over the centuries, that religions have created many of the political differences, such as India’s Hindu caste culture, the Islamic view of non believers being evil infidels, and the Jewish “eye for an eye” style of justice.

She said that she was a realist, believing in modern scientific facts, not a mismatch of mumbo jumbo. She conveniently forgets

that most wars in the last century were not religious in nature. Genocide came from “forward” thinking idealists; people like Hitler, Chairman Moi, Stalin and Pol Pot ,to name a few. They were all mass murdering political leaders and not religious.

World’s history is only valid while there is mankind and a world. Man has existed for a very short time in relation to the world. The world itself is some 4.5 billion years old, about a third of the life of the universe. And even though the universe, is about 13.8 billion years old even that isn’t the beginning of everything. Before

the Big Bang there was nothing physical, but there was something. And that something is the stuff of true Religion.

We can look at the evolution of the modern motor car. Horse and chariot to steam engines and finally the motor car. Fascinating historical stuff, but there’s a planning mind behind all that. The car never invented itself, it came from creatures far more complicated than the first Mercedes, the human mind. We can look at the frail and rather dangerous flying machines compared to the modern jet airliners. Again the human

brain was behind them all. Even modern computers were the brain child of people like Babbage, Turing and Tommy Flowers.

So what about life? It is so well designed and complex that it, like man-made machines must have come from a greater mind.

And if it did, then that greater mind would leave us hints about Himself possibly written down. He might even call it the book of books or Bible.

Now there’s an idea.

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Opunake woman makes century

Joan Jeffries says that growing up at Opunake Beach, she had "the best playground in the world." On September 13, Joan who was born in Kaponga, the oldest of 12 children of Skelly and Mabel Olliver, turned 100.

She still lives in Opunake with her daughter, also called Joan. Also living in Opunake are her three surviving siblings, Owen, Bill and Betty Duckett. Owen is her next door neighbour.

For Joan, family has always been important.

"We all stuck together, not like some families that grow up and split apart," she said.

When she was three, the family shifted to Opunake Beach, where home for the next 16 years was a converted boast shed which was always subject to the vagaries of the Opunake tides.

"The tide used to come right through the house and

the shoes would be floating," she said.

Her father was a barman at the Club Hotel, and then worked for the Power Board. When a boat washed up next to their house, he claimed it, put netting on it and turned it into a fowl pen.

Back then the present day camping ground was swampland.

"It was full of raupo and we used to go in there and make huts," she said. "When we all get together, we still reckon we had the best playground in the world."

Living on the beach, their diet was rich in fish and seafood. They also had a house cow called Sally who had free rein of the streets of Opunake. At the end of the day the family would look for her and milk her wherever she happened to be at the time.

Joan, like her other brothers and sisters went to Opunake Primary School. She got her Proficiency

certificate, worked in the house for Arnold Hickey on the Ihaia Road, and then for a Miss Beveridge in the tea rooms next to the Club Hotel, where the Chatterbox Café is now.

Her late husband Gordon hailed from Matamata, but was working in Opunake when he met Joan. After they married they lived in Matamata for four years. Apart from her early years in Kaponga, this was the only part of her life when she didn't live in Opunake.

Gordon drove the mill truck for Clement and Davis at Okato. He died in 1993.

Gordon and Joan had four daughters, Joan, Leonie Drought who lives in New Plymouth, the late Betty Ward, and the late Ila Stratton. There are 113 names in her family tree, including great great grandchildren.

Three days after turning 100, Joan was at home surrounded by the many

greetings and best wishes she had received for making her first century. These included messages from the Queen, Prime Minister John Key, Opposition leader Andrew Little and cabinet ministers Maggie Barry and Peter Dunne.

She extends a firm handshake to the Opunake and Coastal News reporter. When asked the key to her longevity, the answer is a simple one.

"Just keeping busy," she said. "I used to do all the sewing and knitting for the four girls."

She was also known for her vegetable garden, played bowls, line danced and was a keen member of the RSA and Country Music club.

Joan's 100th birthday was celebrated at Sandfords Event Centre on Sunday catering for 176. Family members said they wanted to thank Belinda and the crew for excellent catering and a job well done.



Joan Jeffries with some of the cards congratulating her on reaching her 100th birthday.

Correction

The last paragraph of the "A miracle in a shoebox story" on page 9 of the September 9 issue of the Opunake

and Coastal News was omitted. It should read "Contact your Taranaki Regional Coordinator Dee Bakewell

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Manaia considers civil defence options

Opunake has been working on its Civil Defence Plan, and now it's Manaia's turn.

Twenty five people had turned up to a meeting at the Manaia Primary School on June 16 to discuss a civil defence plan for the town.

There were eight people at a second meeting held at the Manaia Library on September 8.

Opunake had already started looking at putting together a civil defence plan when the town was flooded on August 6 last year. This was after flooding had hit Waitotara and parts of inland Taranaki on June 20.

With around 500 rivers in Taranaki, flooding could isolate the province at any time, Taranaki Emergency Management officer Ben Ingram told the meeting.

"They all have bridges and with a lot of them it doesn't take a lot to wash them out."

The province had been isolated for a short time during last year's June floods, he said. At times like this, decisions had to be made about where and how resources like fuel and food should be used.

South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham who lives in Manaia said that

with the town being so close to Hawera there was always the risk of complacency.

"There are four bridges between here and Hawera," she said.

Among other issues discussed at the meeting was the need to include more recent arrivals to the town in developing the plan.

Ben said the Taranaki Emergency Management Office is concentrating on civil defence plans for smaller centres like Opunake and Manaia rather than larger towns like New Plymouth or Stratford which already have many of the services

needed in an emergency. While Opunake had decided on a detailed plan, centres like Waverley and Inglewood had for reasons of their own preferred to have something less formal.

South Taranaki District Council community development officer Marcia Haigh said the various industries surrounding Manaia should be considered.

"If there's a weather event there could be a problem. On the other hand, they could be a help in a time of emergency," she said.

A further meeting is being planned for some time in October.

Annual Report gives tick to TRC

The Taranaki Regional Council finished the 2015/2016 year in a strong financial position, its record intact as one of the country's lowest rating local authorities.

The Annual Report, adopted by the Council shows an end-of-year surplus of \$963,000. Expenditure was \$373,000 over budget, in large part due to unbudgeted emergency funding to assist those in need following winter storm damage last year.

"We believe the report is good reading," says the Council Chairman, David MacLeod.

"At a time when many sectors of the regional community are facing increased pressures, all of us at the Council are more mindful than ever of our responsibility to be as efficient as possible in our mission to work for a thriving and prosperous region."

The report says that:the Council's Riparian Management Programme, has seen more than 4.3 million native plants supplied to landowners by the end of June 2016.

Waitara's \$3.4 million Flood Projection project has been completed on time and within budget to a one in 100 year standard.

The Council has processed 100 per cent of resource consents within RMA timeframes for the 16th straight year.

Good progress has been made in the redeveloping Pukeiti.

Years of advocacy by the Council have borne fruit with the Government's announcement in January of multimillion-dollar bypass projects at Mt Messenger and Awakino Tunnel.

Extending the coverage of Biodiversity Plans have been extended to 3,370ha of ecologically important habitats on private land.

There have been more than 605,600 passenger trips on Council-provided bus services.

Mr MacLeod says the Council puts a high priority on community engagement, and this is reflected in its record. Last year, for example, Council staff talked to

landowners on approximately 9,500 occasions to help them implement plans to protect land and water, and met with thousands of others to discuss and progress

good water management. "We will continue to engage and work with people so that together, we can make Taranaki the place we all want it to be," he says.

Wearable Winner



Winner of the Taranaki Wearable Arts Awards - Autumn Explosion by Denise Law, Model Tiana Jorgenson.

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Old hands and new blood put their case

It was a chance for candidates to have their say and meet their public. Around 70 people were at Tawhiti School at Hawera on September 13 for a joint candidates meeting hosted by Hawera Business and Professional Women and the Normanby and Districts Lions Club.



Around 70 people attended a joint candidates at Tawhiti School - organised by the Hawera Business and Professional women and Normanby and Districts Lions Club.

Candidates for the Hawera Ward of the South Taranaki District Council, Taranaki Regional Council South Taranaki Ward, Hawera Community Board and Taranaki District Health Board all gave speeches and answered set questions.

With a candidates meeting being hosted by the Inglewood Rotary Club the same night, several Taranaki District Health Board candidates were unable to make it to the Hawera meeting, so sent in written statements which were read out. "It's great to see people putting their hands up again to see projects completed, and it's great to see some new blood as well," Normanby Lions Club member Roger Malthus said at the end of the meeting.

One candidate seeking to return to the council table after having taken a break is former South Taranaki District mayor Jack Rangiwahia, with his catch phrase "dark horse back a winner." "I hope the experience I gained will stand me in good stead," he said. Former Greater Wellington regional councillor Robert Shaw standing for the Taranaki Regional Council said he thought his days standing for a council position were behind him. "Never in my life did I think I would be standing for council in this part of the world. I thought I had given it up."

With most of the Taranaki District Health Board not seeking re-election, appointed board member

Te Aroha Hohaia is seeking election in her own right, as well as standing for the South Taranaki District Council Hawera Ward. "Local government is an exciting space, a place where we can make a difference in people's lives every day," she said.

Broadcaster Bryan Vickery who is standing for the Hawera Ward said Hawera needs to take a lead from centres like Matamata and rebrand itself. He quoted the words of Henry Ford. "Early to bed, early to rise. You don't get anywhere if you don't advertise."

The Hawera Ward candidates who were asked about their views on the planned civic building which would include the library gave the project the thumbs up. There was less enthusiasm from those candidates asked their views on the Trans-Tasman Resources seabed mining application.

All five candidates for the Taranaki Regional Council South Taranaki Ward spoke. Cr Michael Joyce said the Regional Council had performed well in keeping rates to one of the lowest per capita in the country while still maintaining services.

Regional Council chairman David MacLeod

said he wanted to see more local control of decisions affecting the local level.

"Taranaki does have its challenges," he said. "Gone are the days when factories and industries can daily affect our environment. Today's expectations are higher."

Cr Neil Walker said that while Taranaki has black gold in the form of oil and white gold in the form of milk, the region's back country also has a lot to offer with forestry, manuka, carbon and other industries.

Karen Pratt, who is also standing for the Taranaki District Health Board said there needed to be greater transparency, with information being more accessible.

Robert Shaw said more needed to be done to exploit the "tourism boom," and that Port Taranaki had too much of a focus on being customer friendly rather than going out and touting for business for the province.

The audience included candidates for the South Taranaki District Council's Egmont Plains, Eltham and Patea Wards, as well as the Eltham and Patea

Community Boards, who were all given an opportunity to introduce themselves at the end of the meeting.

Clem Coxhead was the only Egmont Plains candidate there, and said he wanted to make sure the views of those living in the northern part of the ward weren't ignored.

Some of the Patea candidates commented on the lift the town had received from the release of the Poi-E movie.

"I would like to carry on the good work, particularly with the high that Patea is on at the moment," Olivia McQuillan said.

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Rescue helicopter picks three up from mountain

Three climbers were winched from Mt Taranaki on September 11 by the Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter. The helicopter was sent by Taranaki Police Search and

Rescue to a group of three climbers who were in difficulty high on the mountain. The helicopter, with two Alpine Rescue volunteers on board, took off from New Plymouth at around 6:30pm

and located the stranded party on the eastern side of Mt Taranaki at approx. 1800m in altitude close to a feature known as the Policeman. With the pilot and crew of the helicopter using night vision

goggles, the rescuers were winched to a ridge further north of the group and went across to the stranded party. Due to the conditions, a third rescuer was collected from the Stratford Plateau

and winched on to the mountain to assist with the group. Rescuers encountered difficult conditions on the 40-45 deg mountain slopes with ice falling from above the group, making

the rescue operation significantly challenging. All three climbers were winched individually to the Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter and flown to Taranaki Base Hospital.



The Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter needs the support of the Taranaki community to provide their service and skills.

Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade News

Daylight saving 25th September Change your smoke alarm batteries More and more Kiwis are using caravans and sleep outs as extra sleeping and living areas. The fire danger in these is much higher than in a home, so I will give a few pointers to help keep you safe, and to save us from visiting in the middle of the night.

Don't use candles for lighting as they can be extremely dangerous. Please use proper lights, lamps and torches at night. Heaters should be fixed to the wall and make sure furniture is at least a metre away from them. This could be difficult in a small area, but please be wary of this point. Fit a photoelectric smoke alarm and test it on a weekly basis. If you are cooking in the same area as the alarm, you may have to take it down while cooking as it may be triggered off. That does sound a little odd but it maybe your only option if you don't have a "suitable for kitchens" type alarm. Make sure gas and

electrical appliances are turned off before going to bed. Turn the gas off at the cylinder because if it leaks, things could end up rather nasty. Never smoke in bed and put butts in a metal container or ashtray.

Never leave children alone in a caravan and keep matches and lighters away from little eyes. The last two points I will mention are always keep a fire extinguisher handy, and never cook on a BBQ inside. The carbon monoxide given off will kill whoever is nearby. It has happened on many occasions where people are living in a small confine. A point I just thought of is never use a generator indoors either for the same reason. Carbon monoxide given off from the petrol motor will kill you, and you won't even notice it is happening. The only call out we have had since the last article was the meter board fire at the Pihama Lavender Farmstay. The fire was, as they say in the movies, D.O.A. (dead on arrival), and very little damage was done. Bro. Ken L. Arme.



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The Te Paewai o te Rangi scholarships are awarded to outstanding students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and community involvement and the funds will support Edie to continue to achieve excellence in her study at the University of Waikato.

Edie attended Kaponga Primary School before commencing her secondary

schooling at St Mary's Diocesan in Stratford. In 2015 she was awarded the Old Girls Scholarship and was also the CEO of Young Enterprise group. This year she holds the role of 2016 Academic Captain.

Edie's academic record is outstanding having gained both NCEA Level 1 and Level 2 with Excellence endorsement, Edie currently studies Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Mathematics with Calculus and English and all Level 3 credits to date are at Excellence level.

At Waikato University Edie intends to study Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemistry "because she loves chemistry", with the view to seeing where it takes her in the future.



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Graduates return to the coast



Beate Weir
 Beate Weir, daughter of Murray and Diane Weir, graduated earlier this year, from Victoria University in Wellington with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Environmental Studies and History. She is now employed at the South Taranaki District

Council as a Planner. Troy Whitehead, son of Andy and Debbie Whitehead, graduated from Massey University earlier this year, with a Bachelor of Agriculture majoring in International Agribusiness and Rural Valuation. He has



Troy Whitehead
 now set up his own business Kinatai Engineering. Troy and Beate have chosen to return to the Coastal area where they were both brought up. They both enjoyed attending Opunake High School, being heavily involved in the

Hilary Challenge and other sports. Both were school leaders in their final year and Beate was also Dux of Opunake High School.

Taranaki Fashion Art Award local winners



Ella Barrett models the winning design in the Time for Black and White Children's section at the Taranaki Fashion Art awards last weekend.

The garment was designed by Ella Barrett and Ella Chard from Rahotu School and was one of several entered by the school under teacher and mentor Esther Ward-Campbell.

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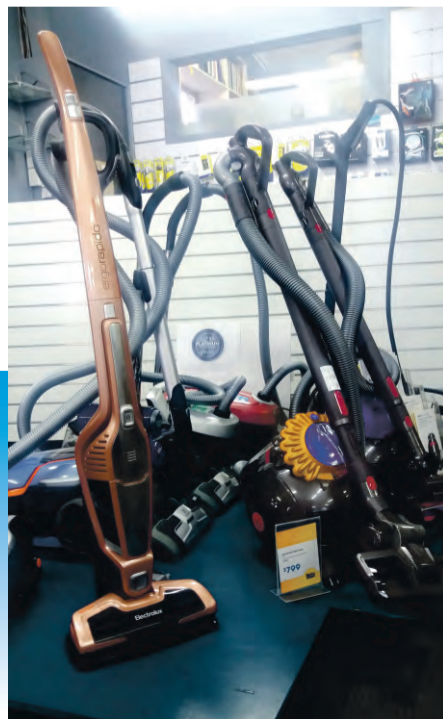
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Immigration system shouldn't be used to drive down wages

New Zealand is a country built on immigration. We welcome the skills and cultural richness that immigrants bring. But the immigration system needs to be fair, both for existing New Zealanders and new migrants. Currently, the system isn't working. Instead of supplying skilled workers that New Zealand doesn't have, low-skill immigration is increasingly being used to prop up weak economic growth. The impact is now being felt in lower wages in some sectors and overseas workers being exploited.

Last year, the Government was warned by the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment that "filling labour shortages through migration can result in wage suppression" while Treasury said "the increasing flows of younger and lower skilled migrants may be contributing to a lack of employment opportunities for local workers with whom they compete". To put that in plain English, the Government is approving too many visas for low-skill jobs, which is leaving Kiwis out of work and undermining wages.

National claims there's no proof this is happening - but take a look at the numbers:

Last year, 6,500 visas for labourers were approved, despite there being 15,600 unemployed New Zealanders looking for labouring work.



Andrew Little MP, Leader of the Opposition

2,700 sales worker visas were approved while 23,000 New Zealand sales workers are unemployed.

Work visas were issued to 2,400 clerical and administrative workers even though we have 14,500 people unemployed looking for that kind of work.

When we take a closer look at the figures we see that, for example, 452 visas were issued for waiters, 309 domestic housekeepers, and 61 "door-people or luggage porters." Is there really no one in New Zealand who can do these jobs?

It certainly looks like work visas are being issued for lower-skilled jobs, while there are plenty of New Zealanders wanting that work. And it's driving down wages. In the latest data, real wage growth was precisely zero. Sales workers' average weekly pay fell by 6.7% last year. National claims there's huge labour shortages for lower-

skilled jobs in places like Te Anau and Queenstown that can only be filled by migrant workers. But, if that's the case, why are wages falling in Southland and Otago, and why did Otago actually lose 2,300 jobs in the past year? That's exactly what Treasury and MBIE warned against, but John Key's government doesn't care.

It's not a good outcome for migrant workers, either. Many of them are paid just above, or even below, the minimum wage. They are being exploited to drive down wages.

National's response is that New Zealanders mustn't want to move to where the work is. This Government thinks it's easier and cheaper to get in workers from other countries while paying the dole to New Zealanders. Its priority should be to train New Zealanders, help them move to where the work is, and require businesses to offer decent wages to attract workers.

National's ridiculous claim that there aren't any New Zealanders who can do jobs such as waiting, welcoming people, or carrying luggage reflects its arrogant attitude towards our young people. That attitude was highlighted recently by Bill English when he said that many young Kiwis looking for work are "pretty damn hopeless". I don't buy claims that Ki-

wis are too lazy to do the work. The fact is the number of jobless has grown by 101,000 under National. People haven't suddenly become lazier. National has failed to create the jobs.

So, what do we do about it?

We need an immigration system that works for New Zealand; that matches the skills and talents of those who want to come here with actual skill shortages. Our guiding principle is that the system has to be fair, both for people who are already here and for new migrants.

We need to make it easier to bring in people with the skills needed to help our businesses grow, but we must stop the abuse of the system by the wholesale issuing of visas for lower-skilled work.

We need to close off the loopholes that allow unscrupulous people to import workers on the cheap at the same time as removing the hurdles that stand in the way of getting highly-skilled people working here.

We need to stop the immigration system being a way for some people to avoid paying Kiwis a fair wage.

Immigration is an issue that we have to get right. National's refusal to take responsibility and address the fact that too many work visas are being issued for lower-skilled jobs is another failure from an increasingly out of touch government.

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Stepping up to protect families

People should feel safe at home with their family.

For most of us, this is the reality. Sadly, for some of us, it is not.

Half of New Zealand's homicides are family violence related. Last year, Police responded to 110,000 family violence call-outs. There were children present at nearly two-thirds of these call-outs.

We need to do better. And we will do better.

The National-led Government knows that to help solve

social problems, often means we have to confront difficult and distressing issues.

This has never stopped us from facing the hard problems and taking action, particularly where we think we can make a positive difference in people's lives.

So we are making sweeping changes to family violence legislation. The package changes both civil and criminal laws, and provides system-level changes to support new ways of working. It



Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

will cost \$132 million over four years.

Across 16 different portfolios, Ministers and departments are working together to redesign the way our system prevents and responds to family violence.

We're going to ensure all family violence is clearly identified and risk information is properly shared.

We want people to be able to get help without having to go to court, and we'll put the safety of victims at the heart of bail decisions.

Our changes include creating new offences for strangulation, coercion to marry, and assault on a family member. We will also make offending while on a Protection Order a specific aggravating factor in sentencing.

It's going to be easier to apply for Protection Orders and we'll enable approved non-governmental organisations to apply on a victim's behalf.

We will improve protection and care for children by better provision for the rights of children under Protection Orders, aligning Care of Children orders to the family violence regime, and trialling

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South Taranaki honours its own

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Bert Sandford was honoured for the support he and the Sandford group of companies have given to community projects over the years.

Jan Arthur of Manaia has volunteered hundreds of hours at the Manaia Primary School. Her involvement with the Hawera SPCA led her to set up their Op shop in Hawera, and she has been one of the leading lights of the Manaia Skatepark Committee and community interests have included being a member of the Opunake Emergency Management Group.

Debbie Campbell was honoured for her leadership of Everybodys Theatre in Opunake. She has also been involved with the Opunake Sesquicentenary celebrations and Taranaki Art Awards. Recent projects have included an art collaboration with Robyn Chard to create a mosaic sofa on the Opunake cliff top.

There was a joint nomination for John and Noeline Graham of Manaia. The two have been mainstays of the Manaia community for many years. John's community and sporting involvements have included the local rugby, swimming, cricket and bowls clubs. For the past seven years he has been president of the Manaia RSA.

Noeline has been a committee member of Manaia Plunket and Country Women's Institute. Together they have been on the committees of Manaia Streetscape, Manaia Property Society and Keep Manaia Beautiful.

Joe Menzies was a founding member and first chair of the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust and a founding trustee

of the Eltham and District Community Health Trust. He chairs the recently formed Taranaki Federated Farmers Rural Security Committee in the only region to have a group focused on rural crime prevention.

Colin Dudley was honoured for his 35 years of service to the Hawera Fire Brigade. David Black was honoured for over 60 years involvement with cycling and other sporting interests, as well as the RSA.

Glyn Wren joined Hawera Riding for the Disabled in 1983 and has been a life member since 2001. Graeme Schimanski is a life member of the Hawera BMX Club and BMX New Zealand. The Hawera BMX Indoor Championship which was his brainchild has run its 21st annual event.

Hazel Robinson has been well known in Hawera through her support for a number of groups including the Foodbank and Stroke Support, as well as the Presbyterian Church, Highland Pipe Band and A & P Association.

Ninety three year-old Joe Laird's lifelong community involvement has included support for Women's Refuge, the Cancer Society and St John's Ambulance.

Despite having no children of her own, Teval Barr achieved 20 years of service to the scouting movement in Taranaki, beginning with the Matapu Scout Group, through to being Taranaki Zone leader.

Ngapari Nui was recognised for his community involvement in Patea. John Smailes was honoured for his involvement with the IHC and Special Olympics. This has included 25 years of taking special needs children



Individual awards: Back row, from left: Ngapari Nui, David Black, Michael Corkill, Bert Sandford, Lawrence (Joe) Laird, John Smailes, Colin Dudley, Joe Menzies. Front row: Graeme Schimanski, Jan Arthur, Tevai Barr, Mayor Ross Dunlop, Hazel Robinson, Glyn Wren and Linda Campbell. Absent: Noelene and John Graham, Debbie Campbell. **Groups who also received awards:** Manaia Ladies Golf Committee, Patea Maori Club, Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club, Eltham Youth Health & Development Trust, Alzheimers South Taranaki Day Programme Volunteers.

to overseas tournaments, sometimes at his own expense..

Organisations to receive awards were the Patea Maori Club, Alzheimers South Taranaki Day Programme Volunteers, Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club, Eltham Youth Health and Development Trust and Manaia Ladies Golf Committee.

In the same year that a movie about their hit song Poi-E was released, the Patea Maori Club were commended on the way they have boosted the profile of Patea and South Taranaki.

The award given to the volunteers from Alzheimer's South Taranaki was in recognition of the work done by a group of 20-23 volunteers in the Tuesday and Friday Clubs.

The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club, who cover the area from Waverley to Warea average over 800 patrol hours per season, with the top guards achieving 100 volunteer

hours a season.

The Eltham Youth Golf Committee were commended for their contribution to golf which has included raising money and running a junior

coaching programme which has turned out Taranaki age group champions and produced more winners of golfing scholarships to American universities than any other Taranaki club.

Stepping up to protect families

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supervised handovers. We'll also make evidence gathering in family violence cases easier for Police and less traumatic for victims. But family violence is not a

problem that laws and Government alone can solve.

We all need to think differently and do our bit. This Government is putting a stake in the ground and tak-

ing the first step for all New Zealanders.

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their issues and concerns. Neil is backed up by family members including wife Aileen and daughter Sarah. The business is located at 62 Carthew Street in the centre of the Okato township and Neil consults with his clients at their home or place of business all over Taranaki.

An important feature of the business is the competitive fees, which are a reflection of Neil's lower overheads in his modestly appointed premises, coupled with the fact he charges monthly - as opposed to yearly. Neil mentions one business who were charged \$4,000 for accounting services and the business owners were seen once per year. However - in contrast - Neil points out that PC charges this client \$250 per month which includes Xero accounting fee plus additional services such as business planning and budgets and regular catch-ups. He also has a proactive, 'hands-on' approach to business problems he encounters in his consultancy. "I'd rather get in front of a problem to save time and money, to say nothing of stress," he explains. One example he gives is a farming client new to the business side of

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Embroiderers leaving Opunake

The Opunake Embroidered Guild farewelled two of their longstanding members on September 14.

Rosalie Drummond, who originally hails from the Manawatu is shifting to Marton, while Gwen Flavell is leaving for Cambridge where two sons and a daughter now live.

Both are also well known figures around Opunake.

Rosalie has been involved with the Friendship Club "for a long time," and is administrator and lay preacher at St Barnabas' Anglican Church in Opunake. Then of course, there is the Embroiderers Guild.

"I've held every position at the top table once at least," she said.

She and husband Roger owned the Opunake Beach Camp when they first came to Opunake. Later, Roger became a commercial fisherman while Rosalie



Rosalie Drummond (left) and Gwen Flavell

worked at the High School, then the two of them took over the dairy on Tasman Street.

"We've had three shifts within Opunake already, so this next one's going to be a bit different," she said.

Gwen Flavell (nee Mourie) grew up in Opunake, but

then left in 1963, only to come back in 1995. In between she lived in Napier and Tauranga. In her time in Opunake, she has been active in the Anglican Church, Garden Club and Women's Institute, as well as being a volunteer

driver taking people to medical appointments.

Like Rosalie, she said this latest shift will be different to others she has made.

"This is going to be the farthest I've ever lived away from the sea. I'm going to miss everybody."

Kaponga WI

Gillian Frandsen hosted the September meeting of Kaponga WI at her Palmer Road home where the members enjoyed an afternoon at the pictures. Gillian showed "Still Alice," a true story about coping

with Alzheimer's disease.

Baby knitting was collected for Kaponga Plunket, and it was decided that each member would donate a grocery item for a Christmas raffle.

The Institute's 85th

birthday will be celebrated at the October meeting, and Fiona Collins is to organise a Christmas card to be sent to their link branch at Pratt's Bottom in the UK.

Competition Results: Spring bulb: Gillian

Frandsen 1st; Joy Eliason 2nd; Jo Ellis 3rd. Knitted Beanie: Joy 1st; Jo Ellis 2nd; Fiona Collins 3rd. Pikelets: Joy 1st; Fiona 2nd; Gillian and Margaret Broomhall 3rd equal.

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Small rural communities such as Eltham and Kaponga have a lot to offer, let us keep them and preserve the quality of life that they offer and provide.

Having served the Eltham Ward since 1973 I have a good understanding and appreciation of the total area.

I have the support of my wife Patsy, and the passion and commitment to be your Ward Councillor. All I ask is for your vote,



Stephanie MacKay

I have been a resident of Eltham for 26 years. I am a wife, mother and grandmother.

During my residence, I have worked in management at Fonterra and being a co proprietor of Eltham Coronation Hotel.

I have been on numerous committees /

boards within the Eltham Ward. I am a passionate community minded person and I have always shown commitment to succeed in anything I have been involved in.

I am a forward thinker that's not afraid to think big. I have the ability to relate to all sectors which means that I am very approachable and a good listener.

I believe in order to keep our town alive we must have the passion and drive.

My aim is to continue to build on the good work of the previous Council.

By voting for me, small communities have a voice through me.

I am seeking election for Council and Community Board for the Eltham Ward.

Taranaki District Health Board



John Lawson moved to New Plymouth from Scotland at the age of 14. Attended NPBHS, served apprenticeship at Fitzroy engineering. Currently Tutoring at WITT for past 20 years.

I am a single parent raising my 16 year old son. I strive to be a good example to him and others, promoting continued education, health and giving back to the community.

I am a Make a Wish foundation volunteer, completed nearly 50 wishes for local sick children over past 14 year

I completed a Trade Certificate, Diploma, Degree and recently an MBA in finance

I have Served on several local committees and boards I am currently WITT Tertiary Education Union

Branch President and member of the National TEU IPC committee

I recently reduced to part-time paid employment to be able to give more back to the community

The DHB face a number of issues and it would be grandstanding on my part to name one that I along could solve as all issue are important and effect different people in different ways.

The issue most effecting one demographic group may have no bearing on another. As a member of the DHB, it is important to me that the DHB act as a democratic team and undertake a holistic view on all issues, giving them the same amount of importance and urgency, and act accordingly.

If I had to choose one issue where I may have an advantage over most the other candidates, it would be the financial issues facing the DHB. Having completed a MBA (finance) I hope to support CE, Rosemary Clements with her strategy to bring the DHB back to surplus within five years.

Eltham Community Board



Marie McGregor

Born in Eltham - I love where I live and am passionate about what we have in my home town.

I work for Beck Helicopters and am also involved

with a number of local volunteer groups including The Friends of the Eltham Town Hall, Save the Eltham School Arches, Eltham Village Gallery and school PTA.

If elected to the Eltham Community board I will work with board members supporting projects already underway like the Multi Sports Facility at Taumata Park, development of the Bridger Park and Soldiers Park. I'll also support new projects that are in the interests of the Eltham people, bringing the views of our town to the attention of council when needed.

With enthusiasm for preserving history and old

buildings I would like to see the historic nature of our town maintained, while encouraging new business, growth, and increased tourism.

My pledge is to listen to any concerns of locals on issues pertaining to the com-

munity board and maintain contact with community groups and representatives. I'm committed to supporting causes which best relate to the interests of our community and campaign for improvements to the quality

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Over the last three years, I've gained a much better and broader understanding of our health system. It can be frustratingly complex, politically fraught, and has the systemic inertia of a dinosaur. Yes - it's a beast. And at times, it has felt like there's very little room to move and make any kind of change. So why stand?

Firstly, as a Board mem-

ber, I'd like to see more investment in health promotion. It's a shift in mind set for all of us, where instead of a 'sick model' system, we live in a 'being well' one. As a South Taranaki resident, I want to see health services closer to home. It's a personal stake issue, but it is one point in the health system where it can do much better.

With my involvement in other community-centric organisations, I am convinced that we'll not get anything done without more cross-sector effort in prevention strategies. All of us working together to minimise getting sick in the first place. Finally, staff - and especially the senior leadership team - want to make change as much as Board members do. We need to be willing and able to work together. I am and I can.

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Taranaki District Health Board



Shirani Smith

My name is Shirani Smith, I am a registered nurse and worked a midwife. I worked for the Taranaki District Health Board for 34 years. I have 21 years' experience in working with respiratory conditions for children and adults and families

I want a multi-agency approach to health and to improve the best use of resources available. Areas of concern for the community are delays in getting to see specialists, Emergency Department waiting times, DNA(did not attend) appointments and how those numbers impact on our funding.

We need to have a focus on creating wellness out of an industry that largely focuses on people when they are sick. Access to healthcare needs to be people centred and not based on numbers. You cannot keep doing the same thing and expect a different outcome.

A vote for Shirani is a vote for the better health



Alby James

Kia ora, As a young man who is passionate about life and living it positively, I aspire to bring a fresh, optimistic and realistic approach to the Taranaki District Health Board. I have been self employed for eight years and my business, Body

Rehab, focuses on physical and mental rehabilitation plus improving my clients quality of life through movement.

I live with my wife and two children, and in my spare time I enjoy surfing, gardening and being creative. I have experience in working with people from all walks of life and enjoy motivating people to improve themselves, providing the tools and education to do so. I am an independent candidate and if I were to be elected I would combine my passion and knowledge for wellbeing with an open mind to concentrate towards positive and informed decisions for the Taranaki Community.



Jim Tucker

I'm standing for Taranaki District Health Board and New Plymouth District Council.

A tiger for punishment? Probably., but as a journalist who has been observing, reporting on and analysing local government for 50 years, I'm well aware of how it works.

Unlike some who get elected, I won't be intimidated by long, reader-unfriendly reports generated by bureaucracies of this kind, so keeping up with the

play won't be difficult.

Your readers will likely get to vote for me as a health board candidate, so my message is while I think there are some fine candidates with medical industry backgrounds standing for the seven seats, I'm different-I'm an independent voice.

I'm also someone who's keen to speak up for the health system's so-called "clients"-the patients. I've been a patient. I've had surgery for prostate cancer and I've written extensively about this dangerous disease.

I'm currently writing a book for Hospice Taranaki to celebrate its 25th anniversary, so I'm doing a lot of research on palliative care. The board will be looking more closely at that over coming years. My wife and I care for a relative with severe mental disorder-so that's another area I know a lot about.



Josh Cleaver

My wife and I (and our two children) are born, bred and absolutely passionate about Taranaki – all that we are, and all that we can be. That includes access to world class healthcare - both facilities and people.

With your support, my focus would be making that happen.

I have a background both in New Zealand and Europe within senior roles at a governance and management level and currently chair Mid Central Zone of New Zealand Rugby League Inc. I am a member of Institute of Directors.

I offer fresh thinking and a balanced attitude.

With being new to the Board I want to keep my

expectations simple and in line with my core values of achieving what is best for Taranaki as a whole.

We cannot forget the Waverleys, Opunakes, Kapongas, Tokos, Okatos and Urenuis by only focusing on the bigger centres when it comes to developing and implementing a Taranaki District health plan. They have needs to be considered, evaluated and if feasible resourced.

Decisions about what is best for our people (iwi) and our families (whanau) needs to be paramount. With research and scientific facts let's consider reintroducing flouride to our water. Let's also work closer with Sport Taranaki, and other "keep active" and "wellness/better living" organisations.

We have the greatest place on earth to live, so let's provide our staff and volunteers with the best workplace and employment conditions to match. By creating a great work environment it will make it safer and more vibrant for patients and guests.

Vote positive. Vote Josh Cleaver for the Taranaki District Health Board.



Harry Duynhoven

Harry Duynhoven is standing for the Taranaki District Health Board and is a candidate and current councillor for the New Plymouth District Council Central Ward.

"New Plymouth born and always lived in the district, I'm married to Margaret; we have three adult children, all currently away studying. I've served our area as MP, Mayor and as councillor. I work with people from all backgrounds to get the best possible outcome.

On election as mayor I inherited some interesting challenges; a divided coun-

cil, overspending of \$26 million per year, debt at \$120 million and high average rates rises. We worked collectively with the staff and the community to find savings and three years later NPDC was living within its income, the Investment Fund was stabilised, rates rises were halved and we'd reduced debt by \$10 million.

As MP and Mayor I assisted many people to access the healthcare they needed. Good healthcare and housing is at the core of society's wellbeing. Taranaki people are fortunate to have wonderful hospital staff providing marvellous care. Timely access to care and appropriate Primary Health Services is vital.

Concentrating on minimising and preventing illness will ensure our health dollars go further. As our district's average age increases over coming years it will be essential to plan ahead for increasing demand. Representation for me is all about people.

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Karen Pratt

I have always had the community at heart – past voluntary work has included Hospice and Victim Support, and currently a citizen science project involving youth, community and Iwi. I have the professional skills for the position – a current member of the Institute of Directors, past member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, and work experience in auditing, local government and Fonterra. Financially the year ahead will be tough.

The 2016/17 Annual Plan predicts a \$2million dollar deficit and acknowledges that investment in community services will have to significantly reduce as the hospital operations make radical changes to reduce the deficit. The past financial year's preliminary results show a \$3.5million dollar deficit – the result of a budget overspend of \$18.7 million in hospital and specialist services, largely offset by underspending from other health service areas. To move together in this challenging environment I believe communication is vital. I would like to see information presented in picture/graphical form, rather than rely on reading lengthy reports – so those of all ages can easily understand results. There are exciting developments in medicine and technology, which will be important for strengthening the TDHB's position.

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New Plymouth mayoralty



Bill Simpson

I grew up in a family of nine in Waitara and left school at an early age. I worked in the chicken farm before moving to work in the Waitara Freezing Works on the boning floor until its closure in 1985. My wife and I moved our family to Dunedin where we lived for a number of years. I returned to Waitara because that is where my heart has always been, it's my home, my country

and my turangawaewae.

I am passionate about Taranaki, Waitara, its history, the people, the river and the mountain.

My vision for the district is to build a huge theme park in the New Plymouth District somewhere so that children, their families the nation, the world are able to learn Taranaki's past and at the same time enjoy the water, the sea, and the mountain through having IT portals, a big Ferris wheel in the theme park, or along the shores of the walkway.

I would be proud to use my skills attained in Otago University to be the new Mayor, or the North Ward Councillor or the Waitara Community Board, or in any capacity.

I am a people's person and a person that does care.



Neil Holdom

New Plymouth needs a compelling vision for the next decade or more which people can easily understand and contribute to.

I believe with the oil industry in decline we need to position Taranaki as the lifestyle capital of New Zealand, an amazing place to live, work and play. From there we need to develop a

long term plan balancing our needs for core infrastructure like resilient water, roading and wastewater with wants, like new facilities, along with our ability to pay via rates and be affordable. We have an amazing district and are well positioned to meet the challenges ahead. One of the key projects I want to drive over the next decade is construction of a walking cycle loop from New Plymouth to North Egmont to Pukeiti, to Oakura and back to New Plymouth.

This would be a low cost piece of lifestyle and tourism infrastructure linking our amazing coast to the magnificent mountain and would be an amazing asset for Taranaki.

Taranaki Regional Council - Southern Ward



Michael Joyce

I am seeking re-election as a Taranaki Regional Councillor. For most of my life I have lived, farmed and worked in South Taranaki and I have a strong desire to serve the community that has provided so much for my family and me.

The TRC has a responsibility to work with the people of Taranaki to protect and enhance the environment while encouraging the region's economy to thrive. This Council's rates charges

are one of the lowest in the country while delivering services at a very high level across all of its functions and responsibilities. I am keen to see this excellent performance maintained.

All sectors of the community benefit from a well governed Regional Council. My contribution as a Councillor is always based on wanting the absolute best outcomes for our wonderful region.

I currently sit on the Policy and Planning, Hearing and Consents and Executive Committees.

I have completed three terms with TRC and also enjoy my involvement with the Taranaki Health Foundation, Taranaki Community Rugby Trust, Taranaki Biodiversity Trust (Wild for Taranaki) and Westpac Agricultural Research Trust.

If elected I will be privileged to continue to serve the ratepayers and residents of South Taranaki.

STDC Egmont Plains Ward



Bonita Bigham

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing? It is people, it is people, it is people.

I firmly believe in the people of this Egmont Plains ward. I celebrate our successes, commiserate about our failures and support every community-driven endeavour.

We don't always get it right and we don't always agree

with each other, but it's all of you, our people, that makes our ward amazing.

Our stretch of the South Taranaki is the best part of our district, from the sea and our coastal communities, to the settlements and rural areas inland towards the mountain.

There's more to Council than meetings, rates and rules. Anyone can debate and make decisions about pipes and concrete, but

not everyone can gather information from many sources, talk to people and make robust decisions based on all the evidence.

Any decision I make is based on trying to get the best possible outcome for all concerned, for the common good, for us as citizens, neighbours and community members. A vote for me is a vote for the people, your people, our people. Vote for Bonita!

Taranaki Regional Council - Southern Ward



Karen Pratt

We are fortunate to live in a fantastic region, endowed with great resources. A particular passion I have is for the health of our coastline, and I support the focus for 2016/17 on completing a full review of the regional coastal plan. We have a stunning diversity of ocean life - which I largely discovered through involvement with the 'South Taranaki Reef Life Project' 11km off Patea, as well as in-depth discussions with members of the community

with knowledge of the ocean environment. A future potential challenge for the TRC will be balancing the economics of extraction of minerals from the seafloor with environmental protection. I hope for your vote, so that I can contribute knowledgeably to future discussions on this.

My other focus would be for growing even stronger relationships with the community, advocating for Taranaki's transport interests and providing effective passenger transport services.

As a past member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants with work in auditing, local government, Fonterra, and voluntary community work - I would bring to the Council skills in financial literacy, critical appraisal, innovative thinking and passion. Find out more about me at www.karenpratt.co.nz or Facebook

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Taranaki Regional Council - Northern Ward



Karen Schumacher

A passion for the environment, people and sustainable land use is the key difference in my ability to make a positive impact. A successful background in landscape ecosystem management projects and conservation is highlighted

with my involvement in the Purangi Kiwi Project. Along with my husband Bob, I, have experience within the dairy and beef sector.

With a successful record of accomplishment in senior management and board positions in a variety of commercial, not for profit, environmental, rural and local government positions, I have strong financial literacy and governance capability. Currently a trustee on the TET Trust, this role has provided me with an in depth understanding of my community.

I would consider it a privilege to use my experience to represent North Taranaki as a councillor at Taranaki Regional Council.



Rex Hendry

Our lifestyle and our economy in Taranaki are dependent on maintaining the quality of our environment. Backed by a mountain of experience in environmental management, policy and strategic development, in a wide range of regional and

national organisations, I have a balanced and sensible approach and would be an ideal councillor.

It is our responsibility to ensure that we look after the environment and hand it onto the next generation in as good as, or better, condition that we found it. My goal is to do what I can to make this happen. The opportunity to do this will be issue-by-issue as they come across the council table and when the regional policies are reviewed.

I am currently on the WITT Council, a Search Manager for Taranaki LandSAR, and the Chairman for Land Search and Rescue NZ."



John Hill

Hi, I'm John Hill and I'm standing for a place on the Taranaki Regional Council in the north ward. The purpose of this profile is to let residents know a little about me and my views so they can make an informed decision when they vote for the Taranaki Regional Council.

I farm at Waitoitoi, 7km. north of Urenui. The first 18 years of my farming life was at Kohuratahi where I was

introduced to all that nature can throw at the people who farm hill-country. We moved to Waitoitoi in 1982. I've played an active role in community activities, both in eastern Taranaki and here in Clifton: Whangamomona Rugby Club, Young Farmers and the Marco School Committee [13 years as secretary]. Urenui Lions, Waitoitoi Hall Committee and Chairman of «Our Clifton Heritage». I've been on the Clifton Community Board for the last six years [two terms] with the responsibility for roading.

The TRC is doing a great job in managing Hollards Gardens, Pukeiti and Tupare. They own and operate Port Taranaki efficiently and I would encourage all this to continue.

I've got the time, the commitment, the energy and the work ethics to be your Councillor on the TRC.



Mike Davey

I have lived in North Taranaki for over 40 years, and am married with grandchildren.

I have been an elected member of the Regional Council for nine years as well as an elected Trustee of TET.

Employed in the rural sector, I am Regional manager at Ravensdown Ltd

I see my role as 'caretaker' of our regional assets. I am proud of our farmers and what they have achieved for our environment: 84 per cent of all rivers fenced, 69 per cent of rivers riparian

planted, and 4 million plants established over the life of the programme – the envy of other councils

Port Taranaki is an important asset, the only port on New Zealand's west coast and important for all our export industries. Our farming exporters rely on access to their markets and imports of fertiliser plus animal nutrition at a more cost effective rate. The bonus is Port Taranaki makes a significant dollar contribution to the Regional Council to lower rates for our ratepayers .

The Regional Council has a strong balance sheet with no debt, hence, any rate increases over the years, have been kept to a minimum, for example this year 1 per cent..

We have been lobbying Government for improvements to S H 3 , which have finally been approved. This will ensure travelling North to Auckland / Hamilton is safer and more comfortable, and can be done in a shorter time period .

On this month in history

Lord Nelson born

On September 29, 1758 Admiral Lord Nelson was born. Despite being a sickly child he was determined to be a sailor. At the age of 12 he joined the Royal Navy and was a captain by the age of 20.

In 1798 he prevailed at the Battle of the Nile when most of the French fleet was destroyed.


However, he lost the sight of one eye as a well as an arm while fighting.

He rose to the rank of admiral. At the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 he

NZ declares war on Germany

On September 3, 1939 NZ declared war on Germany, thus entering the Second World War on the side of Britain and other allies. NZ's Prime Minister Michael Joseph Savage declared, "Where Britain goes we go, where she stands we stand." Before his term of office had ended Mr Savage had died and his role taken over by Peter Fraser for the rest of the war.

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Study confirms benefits of proven beef sires

Preliminary findings from a five year study on the use of quality beef sires has confirmed the potential benefits to dairy farmers to produce high value calves with minimal calving problems by breeding to proven beef genetics.

The AgResearch-led project was funded by Beef + Lamb NZ Mid-Northern Farmer Council with in-kind support from LIC and Ezicalve (proven Hereford sires).

Releasing the preliminary findings, Dr Vicki Burggraaf, AgResearch Farm Systems Scientist, said the use of beef genetics in the dairy industry has traditionally been mainly bulls of unknown genetic merit.

“This study researched animal performance, farm financial and labour implications for the various stages of mating, calving, rearing and finishing by comparing the performance of progeny sired by proven and unrecorded Hereford sires (natural and AI mating).

“DNA profiles were conducted for all dams, sires and progeny so that progeny performance could be linked to parentage. Dam attributes were recorded (frame size, liveweight and breed) to link progeny performance. Animal performance attributes of calving ease, liveweight gain and carcass attributes, were also measured.”

Dr Burggraaf said the study demonstrated that the use of proven sires with high Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for calving ease limited calving problems and those with high EBVs



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for liveweight produced cattle with higher growth rates.

“The use of proven beef sires on a dairy farm and the impact on the progenies’ performance was demonstrated. Ezicalve Hereford sires, which have high EBVs for calving ease and liveweight, were compared to unrecorded Hereford sires. Using some beef semen during mating reduced mating costs. Ezicalve sired cattle had minimal calving problems, and despite being smaller at birth, performance was similar to those sired by unrecorded bulls during rearing and finishing.

“The sire had little effect on meat quality, but cattle from the Ezicalve sire with the highest liveweight EBVs were quicker to reach slaughter targets and produced more revenue per animal than those from other Ezicalve AI (artificial insemination) sires. Using beef sires with high EBVs for calving ease and liveweight

on dairy farms therefore has benefits for both dairy and beef farmers.”

Dairy Beef Integration Programme Manager, Doug Lineham, said the findings “couldn’t have come at a better time for dairy farmers.

“The Report provides the research validation for what is happening in the market right now. Farmers who bred tail-end cows to proven beef semen last year are being paid two to three times more for four day old calves than they would for straight-bred dairy calves. The difference can be anything from \$40 for a bobby calf to \$200 to \$300 for a dairy/beef animal.

“A number of farmers changed their breeding strategies last year to take advantage of this increased income, but the Beef Lamb NZ Dairy Beef Integration Programme would like to see more farmers harness this opportunity to generate additional income by mating tail-end cows to proven beef sires.

“Farmers can choose

between artificially breeding some cows to proven AI bulls, or purchasing or leasing proven beef sires. Semen from proven beef bulls is around 20% cheaper per insemination than high BW dairy semen so there are savings to be made with the promise of a larger calf cheque next year.”

Doug Lineham said increased use of quality proven beef sires will benefit dairy farmers with easy calving, high quality calves worth up to \$150 more, calf rearers/finishers with faster growing, finish earlier, high carcass value, and meat processors with improved supply of quality table beef

“It’s a win-win for everyone and farmers should talk with their farm advisors or genetics companies about the best option to generate quality dairy/beef calves.”

The full Beef + Lamb New Zealand Dairy Beef Integration Report is scheduled to be released on 1 October 2016.

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Manuka honey makes bacteria less resistant to antibiotics

Manuka honey has been a firm favourite on health food shop shelves for several years now, but has long been used as a natural remedy by the Maori people of New Zealand. The dark, sticky nectar is known as the "healing honey" for a reason: it has antiviral and antibacterial properties that have been used to battle bugs for centuries.

More recently, the honey, which is made by bees from the nectar of the Manuka tree, has been employed in hospitals around the world to treat wounds. Research has found that the honey's high sugar content, acidity and the presence of various other components like methylglyoxal, create an environment in which bacteria are unable to survive.

One of the biggest threats to human health is antibiotic resistant bacteria, and as researchers around the world work to find a way to battle these bugs, we're looking at how this sweet "superfood" could help.

Antibiotic resistance is a growing problem seen in many different types of bacteria. As treatment options continue to dwindle, it has been recognised as a global threat – one that has grown worse not only because of a rise in resistance, but also due to the decrease in both the discovery and production of new drugs. Analysts have estimated that if no new antibiotics or alternative treatment strategies are found by 2050, 10 million people a year will die from antibiotic resistant infections. This will be more deaths than from any other single cause, including cancer and diabetes.

The bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* commonly found in wound infections, are both associated with serious multi antibiotic resistant infections. Each is difficult to treat and can lead to complications, and death. The fact that they are resistant to antibiotics often means there are limited treatments available.

A number of options to combat resistance are currently being investigated, however. One of which is the use of natural products, either alone or in combination with antibiotics. Indeed, many natural products, such as honey, green tea, garlic and turmeric, have been identified over the years as potential antimicrobial agents.

In ancient times, the type of honey used to treat a person often depended on their geographical location and the type of ailment. Manuka, for example, was used as a topical ointment for wounds and ulcers by the Maori people. Much of the evidence for the effectiveness of the honey treatment was anecdotal, however, with no real research to rely on.

These days, standardised sterile medical grade Manuka honey is available, and there is considerable evidence demonstrating its antibacterial effect against a wide range of infections. Furthermore, we now have explanations for the different process by which this particular honey can kill both *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Laboratory testing of antibiotics – such as

oxacillin, rifampicin, tetracycline and colistin – has revealed that the drugs have an increased potency against either *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) when combined with very low concentrations of medical grade Manuka honey. When used to fight MRSA, the honey damages the bacterial genes involved in creating resistance to oxacillin, which then tics is not yet clear, though several different research groups have now reported the improved effectiveness of antibiotics when combined with honey.

Importantly, many different components within honey have been identified as having activity: this means that these components work together to target different parts of the bacteria, making it much more unlikely that bacteria will develop a resistance to honey in the way they do to antibiotics, which tend to have a single target that the bacteria evolve to bypass.

As some infections are resistant to multiple antibiotics, some treatments combine two or more drugs to battle infections. Our research suggests that Manuka honey has the potential to be used in a similar way, combined with antibiotics. As most infections come from a mixture of different bacteria, identifying an antibiotic which works better against them when combined with honey would be the most useful. We have successfully seen this effect, using honey

to improve the efficacy of the drug tetracycline against both *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and MRSA.

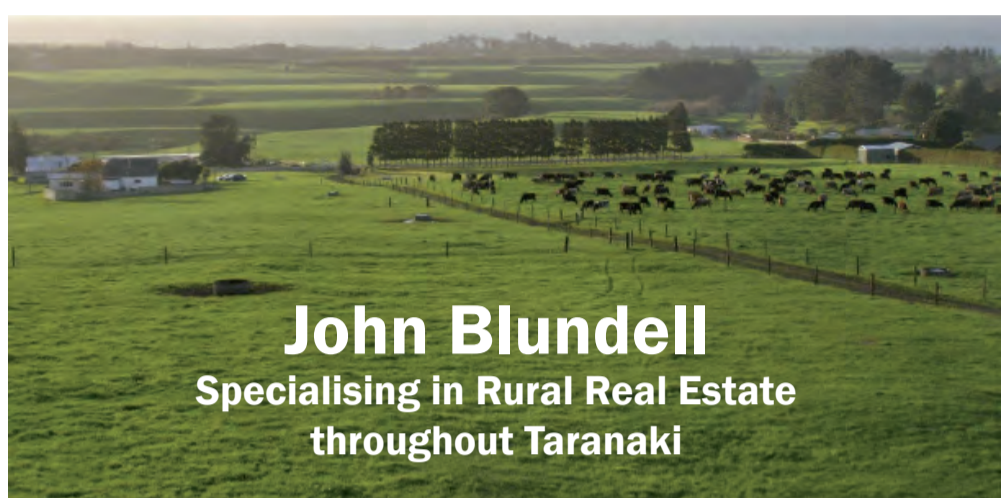
Future research is obviously needed before the treatment can be used in hospitals, however. We need to test a larger range of antibiotic resistant bacteria and see whether the medical grade honey has similar

effects on different species likely to be found together in an infection, when combined with a range of drugs. It will also be essential to see if these effects are reproducible in a clinical setting, and not just in the laboratory.

But what we have seen is very promising. The fact that medical grade Manuka honey could potentially be

used to increase the potency of some commonly used antibiotics against bacteria could change the way we view other "traditional" remedies, too.

Rowena Jenkins, Lecturer in microbiology, Cardiff Metropolitan University. This article was originally published on the Conversation.



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Returning Taranaki to what it used to look like

A regional Trust is proposing a programme that will see it working with tangata whenua and landowners to largely return Taranaki to its former pest-free glory.

Wild for Taranaki (WfT), formed last year by 19 groups and organisations that protect native plants, animals and eco-systems, aims to implement its "Restoring Taranaki" vision within 50 years, starting in 2017 with a pilot in the area surrounding the Waiwhakaiho River.

The Trust's goals have now received impetus with the news that the Government plans to make New Zealand predator-free by 2050, says Chairperson Mike Weren.

"The Trust is excited about the Government's

announcement, which endorses Wild for Taranaki's programme," he says.

Its Waiwhakaiho pilot will start the way the Trust plans to continue. It will help people turn their land into "my little piece of paradise" with predator control, pest plant removal, native planting, and, where suitable, by fencing-off streams and creating QEII covenants.

Over time the project will look a bit like a mosaic of restored areas, he says, with the aim to get the community onboard and connect the pieces until the whole region is covered.

Wild for Taranaki's 31 current members include the Taranaki Regional Council, Department of Conservation,

district councils, Massey University, Fish and Game NZ, Federated Farmers New Zealand, Queen Elizabeth II National Trust and many more.

Restoring Taranaki was one of four projects decided upon at WfT's recent Trust Board workshop. The other three were the growth of the Community Biodiversity Fund, and development of 'Wild about Wetlands' and 'Wild about the Coast'.

The latter will support the increased protection and health of Taranaki's wetlands and coastal ecosystems, while increasing the Community Biodiversity Fund will support the protection and enhancement of biodiversity by people in the region.



Rory Gardiner checks a predator trap at Tapuae.

NZ dairy companies join others in dispute with Canada

The Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) has joined with US, Australian, European, and Mexican dairy organisations in requesting a WTO dispute settlement proceeding be

initiated against Canada if it continues with a planned extension to its dairy trade protections.

A joint letter, sent to Trade Ministers, sets out concerns that a recently concluded agreement

between Canadian dairy producers and processors would provide an incentive to substitute Canadian dairy ingredients for imported dairy ingredients and would unfairly subsidise exports of Canadian dairy

products. The agreement would provide a guaranteed price for milk used to manufacture ingredient dairy products, including skim milk powder and milk protein concentrate, which is below Canada's cost of milk production, and which matches the lowest globally traded reference price for these products.

"This will result in trade diversion and global price suppression" said DCANZ Executive Director Kimberly Crewther. "It contravenes Canada's WTO obligations and undermines the intent of the TPP agreement that Canada signed earlier this year".

DCANZ argues Canada is amongst the most protectionist countries in global dairy trade, with tariff rates of up to 300 per

cent prohibiting most trade outside of limited quota volumes. New Zealand has previously taken and won a WTO case against Canada for use of illegal export subsidies.

The potential for trade to support economic development and stability for all countries continues to be widely recognised by global leaders, including in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. G20 countries,

including Canada, made a commitment to avoiding new trade restrictions in the final leaders' communique following their September 4-5 summit in Hangzhou, China.

"The economic and stability benefits of trade will only be realised if all countries back political rhetoric up with action. This starts with honouring existing commitments under the WTO and other agreements" says Crewther.

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Rural broadband and mobile coverage needs to be looked at

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) want to see rural broadband speeds brought up to the same level as urban speeds.

They have lodged a submission to the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on its review of the Telecommunications Act.

While RWNZ strongly support the need for a new regulatory approach to wholesale telecommunication prices, RWNZ Vice President Fiona Gower says that it is disappointing that the review does not address the issue of underinvestment in telecommunications.

"We feel strongly that a key goal of the review should include bringing rural broadband speeds up to the same standard as urban speeds. While considerable progress has been made through the Government's Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI), the reality for rural and remote users is that the

current state of the network remains poor. In addition, it is concerning that the Government is directly funding UFB deployment in urban areas but it is not actually putting any funding into rural areas as part of the RBI".

The RBI continues to be funded directly by the industry through the Telecommunications Development Levy.

Fiona Gower says the end-user impact of the proposed utility style pricing regulation remains unclear.

"Primarily our members want internet and phone prices to remain affordable whilst also encouraging wholesale network operators to invest appropriately in improving rural infrastructure. We are concerned about how changes to wholesale prices will be treated by Retail Service Providers and reflected in retail prices".

MBIE's review also proposes exploring options



Rural speed needs to be brought up to the same level as urban areas.

for promoting competition in the mobile market. Fiona Gower says "Mobile coverage is seriously lacking in rural areas, despite the fact that these days it is considered a basic lifeline in emergency situations".

RWNZ's submission encourages the Government to proceed with options

that encourage greater infrastructure sharing and competition between mobile network operators. It also suggests additional government stimulus may be necessary to fund further investment by mobile network operations in the most uneconomic areas of the network.

Distance and access a problem for older people in rural areas

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) wants the government to give priority to the needs of older adults in rural areas.

They have lodged a submission to the Ministry of Health's update of the Health of Older people strategy.

"The strategy sets out a worthy and aspirational set of goals for the health and wellbeing of older adults for the next ten years, yet it fails to give appropriate attention to the special and unique challenges of ageing in rural areas," RWNZ health spokesperson Margaret Pittaway says.

In its submission RWNZ

highlight ongoing barriers to access to older adult health services in rural areas, along with health disparities.

"Implementation of the actions in this strategy must be given special priority in rural areas, in particular the goal of bringing health services closer to home deserves immediate attention in rural areas" says Margaret Pittaway.

"There remains a distinct lack of primary healthcare services in rural areas and geographical barriers of access. According to a survey of RWNZ members over 25 per cent of those living in rural areas must travel over 30 minutes to access the closest GP.

There must be greater government investment in retaining and training a dedicated health workforce for rural populations, if the government is to achieve its goal of healthy ageing" says Margaret Pittaway.

RWNZ's submission also looks at concerns around working conditions for those in the aged care sector and lack of support for the family and carers of older adults. "Unfortunately the government's 'Ageing in place' strategy has had the consequence of placing the burden of care of older adults onto family members. More support must be made available for those supporting loved ones with

acute health needs," says Margaret Pittaway.



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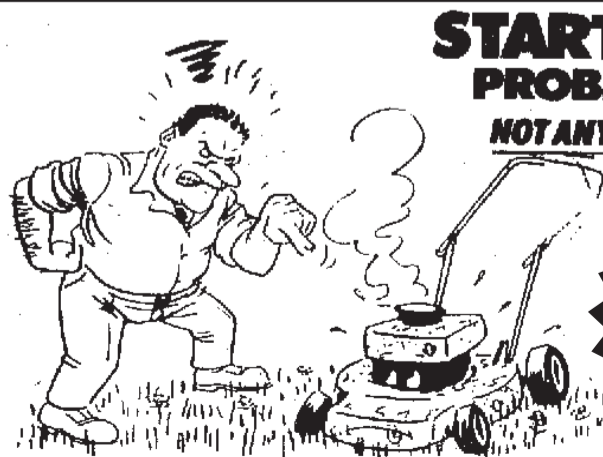
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Concussion detecting mouthguard wins invention prize

A concussion detecting mouth guard has won a Kiwi inventor the top prize in the New Zealand leg of the sixteenth James Dyson Award, a global product design competition that celebrates, encourages and inspires the next generation of design engineers.

Spencer Buchanan, a 22 year old Massey University industrial design graduate, has designed a mouth guard with motion sensors worn by rugby players to identify concussion risks after the player has taken a rough knock. Spencer takes a prize of \$4,000 to help commercialise his invention.

The design utilises inertial motion sensors to identify forces transmitted to the head but missed by the human eye. If an athlete wearing the mouth guard takes an impact over a certain threshold, the sensors communicate wirelessly to the team doctor's iPad or tablet, and calculates the

risk based on an algorithm that measures the impact and where it was located and the player's previous concussion history to determine whether the player should return to play.

The Warkworth designer says personal experience motivated him to design the system.

"I've always been immersed in the rugby culture and played quite a bit of rugby growing up, actually suffering concussions.

"Rugby and concussion is a topical issue that is constantly under the spotlight. Medical professionals confirmed at the start of this design process that existing head gear only protects against cuts and abrasions and not concussion. With wearable technology becoming an emerging trend in contact sport, I thought it was a perfect opportunity to combine my industrial design knowledge and look

to find a solution to the problem," says Spencer.

The judges were unanimous in their decision. Mike Jensen, head judge, said Spencer's design addresses a topical issue for New Zealand sport and culture.

"We must be coming close to a culture change with an older generation of All Blacks linked with dementia.

"What is exciting about Spencer's design is that it is not one product; he's developed an entire system encompassing sensors in a fully sealed, non-corrosive mouth guard, a charger unit and an app. These components also reveal his sensitivity to good design, while offering peace of mind to athletes involved in any contact sport, their medical support and their families," said Mike.

Supported by the James Dyson Foundation, the international design award is run in 20 countries and recognises emerging designers who have



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developed inventions to make products that solve everyday problems.

Five New Zealand entries, including Spencer's product, and four runner up products, will progress

to the international James Dyson Award competition – all have a chance to win the grand winner's prize of \$60,000 to put towards commercialising the idea, plus another \$10,000 for the

designer's university.

The international winner will be selected by inventor of the bagless vacuum, James Dyson and announced on October 26..

Olympian treatment now available in Opunake

Viewers of the Olympic and Paralympic Games maybe curious as to why some of the athletes are sporting round bruise marks.

It's traditional Chinese Fire cupping, part of a traditional Chinese medical treatment for tired, sore and tight muscles. The treatment which takes about 20 minutes stimulates the blood flow, and athletes use it to

release muscle tension.

Now the treatment popular with athletes and celebrities is available in Opunake courtesy of Nigel Cliffe and the Opunake Acupuncture Clinic. Nigel has a \$20 special until the end of September. He is available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and can be contacted ph(027)6819524 or (06)7638801.



Athletes sporting round bruise marks as a result of Cupping.

Numbers down but shooting up

Although the numbers were down there was good competition for honours in all grades at the Taranaki Target Shooting Inglewood Open.

In the Master grade, Dave Fake from Oaonui came out with the winning score, finishing with a possible 100.6 for 296.20. An on form Kevin Bocock from Inglewood won A Grade, also finishing with a possible 100.6 for 296.16, only four inners away from the winning Master grade score. In B Grade visiting shooter Max Kinsey had a clear win 292.15. In C Grade Inglewood's Lou Donnelly showed a steady hand on 287.9 to come out a clear winner by nine clear points. Entries were down in D Grade, and it was won by Jim Dunn with 282.9 from Inglewood's Lou Butler. There was a final eight shoot off to

decide the open champion, and it was won by Dave Fake from runner up Doug Gibson. Scores were: Master Grade: Dave Fake 296.20, Doug Gibson 294.18, Dave Edmonds 293.9, Jason Cameron 291.15, A Grade: Kevin Bocock 296.16, Sam Gooding 295.16 Jeanette Kinsey 294.14, Trevor Jupp 292.13, Billy Moratti 291.13, Hayden Andreoli 291.10, Frank Eustace 290.12, B Grade: Max Kinsey 292.15, Graham Moratti 287.7, Kat Mischefski 281.8, C Grade: Lou Donnelly 287.9, John Mills 278.6, Doug Till 277.8, Ian Hayton 276.7 D Grade: Jim Dunn 282.9, Lou Butler 210.2 The Final 8 were; Dave Fake 494.29, Doug Gibson 492.28, Kevin Bocock 491.26, Max Kinsey 491.23, Jeanette Kinsey 490.26, Sam Gooding 489.22, Jason Cameron 488.23, Trevor Jupp 487.23
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What's happening at Opunake Pools?

We are open to public from October 1. Our public swim hours of 12-4pm will be free entry. Come along, bring your families and friends for a great day out.

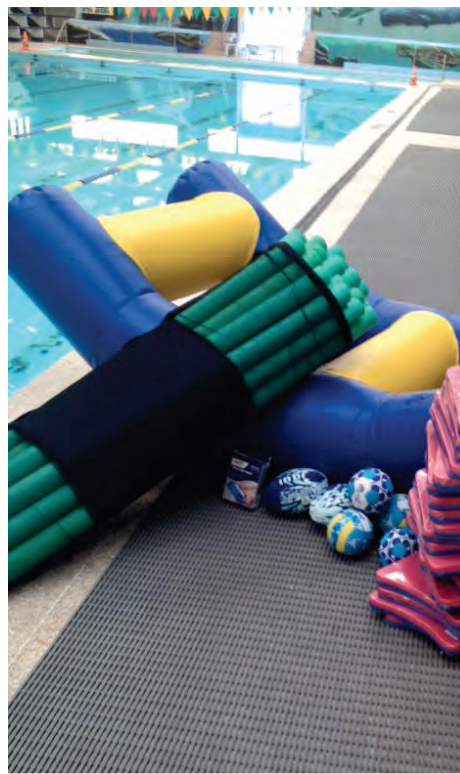
Our Aquatots preschool program is now closed for registrations. We have 35 babies and pre-schoolers enrolled to learn water safety and survival skills, this is a vital program in our community for our young children. We have four volunteer teachers for Term 4, Deborah Parker, Cerise Lawn, Elly Haycox and Hannah Drought. With more volunteers we could get more kids in the pool learning.

Starting from 17th October we have our trusty Aquafit instructors back on board to get us all back to our summer bodies. Kay Pointon, Judith Armstrong, Hannah Drought and new to the team is Deborah Parker. All instructors provide different styles and varied classes along with good music and a fun environment. Suitable for all ages, male or female, come and try it out.

Our small committee is looking to make good progress this year.



CMK Flyers Squad Training Session.



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Unfortunately our committee consists of so few that if there are two people away, our meetings don't meet our legal requirements. New members are very much welcome, meetings are short and only once a month.

Thank you to all of those who responded to our survey.

There were some very good suggestions and highlighted areas for improvement.

Many responses were about the heating of our pool. Ideally our pool sits at a lovely 28 degrees which we aim for throughout the season. To keep this consistent we have had a

specialist assess our old boiler and made some repairs to increase efficiency, but we are in discussions about replacing this, which will increase efficiency, be more reliable and cut gas costs.

Our very awesome maintenance man David Knapman has been working

away throughout the winter making repairs and getting the place looking fabulous for the start of the season. He has even braved the water to make sure it is nice, warm and ready to go.

Due to popular demand we have extended our hours. Please be aware there are separate timetables for school holidays and during the school terms, as the Opunake High School occupies the pool during the term. These hours are on trial and will only be continued if numbers make the extra costs worthwhile. So come along, support our pool and enjoy it. A small range of food will be available for purchase so bring your spare change – Chips \$2, Drinks \$2, Chocolate \$2. We also sell Little Swimmers nappies for \$2.

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For more information contact the Pool Manager Hannah Drought on 0278748981. Like us on Facebook!

Refer to timetable below.

Otakeho Indoor Bowls celebrate great year

The Otakeho Indoor Bowling Club held their annual dinner at Shads Restaurant, President Don Semple congratulated Championship winners and presented the trophies, and remarked on a very successful year for the club.

Fours: Paul Midgley, Jenny Hamley, Ronnie Young,

Lesley Landers. Triples: Jenny Hamley, Willie Fleming, Lucy Midgley. Pairs: Paul and Lucy Midgley. Senior Singles: Paul Midgley. Junior Singles: Sam Landers.

All of these winners went on to take out the Champion of Champion events at Waimate Plains Association

and the Fours, Pairs and Singles won Champion of Champion events at Taranaki Centre level.

Winners of the Taranaki Open Centre Events were also from Otakeho Club,

Fours: Don Semple, Gordon & Jenny Hamley & Jane Augustine. Triples: Gordon & Jenny Hamley &

Jane Augustine. Pairs: Don Semple & Jenny Hamley. Singles: Don Semple who also won the Henselite Singles. The following players gain bars to their gold stars: Paul Midgley his 4th Bar for 25 Centre Titles, and Jenny Hamley and Don Semple their third bar for 20 centre titles.

End of season draws near but still a lot to shoot for

At the Hawera Target Shooting on September 14, Clayton Robinson had a Personal Best 87.0 so good on you Clayton. Well deserved. There is an air of urgency with some members to get Postal cards shot and the North Island Open at Palmerston North is on September 24, so there is plenty to shoot for yet. Scores were: Alex Munro 89.2, 93.2, Dwayne Rangī 91.0, Clayton Robinson 87.0, 73.0, Christina Burr 94.3, 90.1, 97.3, Rico Symes Patterson 93.2, 90.2, Tenneile Conchie Crump 84.0 88.2, Joe De Coster 82.1, 89.0, Steve Smith 98.7, 98.7, Kieran Taylor 88gr, 90gr, Hayden Andreoli 94.3, 97.1, Bruce Cameron 99.5, 99.7, Jason Cameron 99.6, 95.4, Frank Eustace 98.4, 97.3, Sam Gooding 96.4, 98.4, Mathew Peters 87.0, 92.1.

With less than a month to go of the indoor target season, the junior shooters have improved hugely. It's the time of the year for finals of Club Champs and the last scores that will determine

grades for next year. The winner of Master grade comes as no surprise in Bruce Cameron with 597.41 2nd Jason Cameron 590.32. In A grade Hayden Andreoli shot well for a win with 587.27 With Sam Gooding 2nd 585.27. D Grade was won by Christina Starr 287.12 then it got really close with Rico Symes Patterson 2nd 281.8 1 point ahead of Mathew Peters on 280.6. The competition In the Juniors was won by Tenneill Conchie Crump wining with 257.4 and Joe De Coster coming 2nd 183.3. On September 7, Christina Starr once again achieved her personal best one shot away from a possible with 99.7, a truly great effort for only her first year of shooting. There were three 100.7s shot two by Bruce Cameron and one by Jason Cameron. Scores were: Alex Munro 86.3, 92.2 Dwayne Rangī 91.1, 83.0 Clayton Robinson 81.2, 72.1, Christina Starr 99.7, 90.2, Rico Symes Patterson 93.2, 90.2, Steve Smith 98u.6, 96.4, 97.6, Kieran Taylor 86gr, 88gr,

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For the record



Basil Chamberlain
Chief Executive

The Taranaki Regional Council has recently published a Pre-Election Report, which is a mandatory requirement, to inform the regional community in the run-up to the local authority elections on 8 October.

As required by law, the report was prepared by the Chief Executive, and there was no involvement of the current elected councillors.

The report notes that the Council's strong operational and financial position should continue into the future.

Key points from the Pre-Election Report are outlined below.

Operational achievements

The Council has a successful record of achievement across all of its functions and responsibilities over the past three years and more. Highlights are:

- **Voluntary Riparian Management Programme**
The programme is improving water quality — 84% (12,099 km) of streambanks fenced, 69% (7639 km) protected with plants and 4.3 million plants supplied.
- **Taranaki's high quality environment**
Fresh water, coastal water and air quality is improving or being maintained. Best ever trends in freshwater quality.
- **Yarrow Stadium**
Secure long-term maintenance and development.
- **Bus passenger increase**
Increase in urban New Plymouth and regional Taranaki to over 582,000 passengers annually.
- **Resource consents**
100% processed in statutory deadlines. Compliance monitoring, public reporting and appropriate enforcement.
- **Taranaki's biodiversity protected**
Approx 100 biodiversity plans being actioned for key native ecosystems.
- **Animal and plant pest programme**
Reducing the impact of pests, including the self-help possum control programme on 240,000 ha.
- **Flood control upgrades**
Waiwhakaiho and Waitara flood schemes upgraded to 1 in 100 year protection.
- **Pukeiti, Tupare and Hollard Gardens**
Enhancing and securing future of these iconic gardens.
- **Ownership of Port Taranaki**
Holding strategic investment on behalf of regional community.
- **Puke Ariki foundation partner**
- **Regional advocacy**
Advocacy on significant regional issues and infrastructure improvements such as SH3 from New Plymouth City north and Normanby realignment.

Financial situation and forecast

The Council is in a very sound financial position and that is expected to continue over the medium term.

- **Strong balance sheet**
 - Assets of approx \$84million with no external public debt.
 - The Council's balance sheet is expected to remain strong, with no public debt.
- **Low rates increases**
 - Average 1.3% for past three years and 1% in 2016/2017.
 - Rates changes expected to continue at or below inflation.
 - One of the lowest rating councils in New Zealand.

The key risks to forecast:

- Potential changes to dividend returns from Port Taranaki Ltd. Dividends are budgeted to account for about 15% of the Council's total revenue. Changes could impact positively or negatively on rates. Estimates for future dividends are conservative and the Council works closely with Port Taranaki Ltd to communicate and coordinate financial planning.
- Potential significant changes in direction that are not planned. These could result from changes in the Council's mandated functions, structure or leadership.



Looking ahead

The Council remains strongly focused on its core activities for the well-being of the Taranaki region. Through its work programme and major projects the Council will:

- Protect and enhance the quality of our rivers, lakes, coastal waters, soil and air.
- Process and monitor consents, respond to pollution incidents and take appropriate enforcement action.
- Supply 450,000 riparian plants each year, with the aim of completing the Taranaki Riparian Management Programme by 2020.
- Work with landowners, and other groups to enhance the region's indigenous biodiversity.
- Control or eradicate pest animals and plants.
- Provide passenger transport services in urban New Plymouth and regional Taranaki.
- Enhance the comprehensive civil defence emergency management system in Taranaki.
- Complete the major upgrade of the Waitara flood protection scheme and maintain the Waiwhakaiho, Waitotara and other schemes.
- Continue to maintain and develop Yarrow Stadium and Tupare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens.
- Support Port Taranaki Ltd to ensure its continued growth and success and its critical role in the Taranaki economy.

The full report, along with more detailed information on the Council's past and planned performance and financial position is available on the Council's website www.trc.govt.nz.

The Council's role is to work for a thriving and prosperous Taranaki by:

- Promoting the sustainable use, development and protection of Taranaki's natural and physical resources.
- Safeguarding Taranaki's people and resources from natural and other hazards.
- Promoting and providing for Taranaki's regionally significant services, amenities and infrastructure.
- Representing Taranaki's interests and contributions to the regional, national and international community.



Adam Portraiture featured at Percy Thomson Gallery

A feature of the latest exhibition at the Percy Thomson Art Gallery, Stratford was the presence of the winner Andre Bronnimann, who spoke about his outstanding work 'Sisters'. This was a large oil on canvas painting, which depicted three Maori women with moko - namely Te Rawanake, Inahaa Te Urutahi and Waikere Puru. Andre explained in detail the painstaking process which took over 400 hours of creativity to completion. Apart from the technical excellence, what stood out was the revealing of the interesting characters of the women. It would be hard to imagine a more remarkable painting - a worthy winner of the first place.

The judge was Mette Skougaard, Director of the Museum of Natural History, Frederiksborg Castle in Denmark. For this biennial event he had to judge 366 entries, of which 36 are exhibited here.

Second place was awarded to Logan Moffat's 'R.U. Stitch'. This oil painting showed a heavily tattooed young man standing in front of a barber shop. He is in a quiet reflective mood - "a sophisticated use of light and the window glass reflection gives the subject a double



The winning entry in the Adam Portraiture Award 'Sisters' with artist Andre Bronnimann.



'Polperro, Devon, England' with artist Merv Turner.

character." The Adam Portraiture display was supported by the secondary exhibition (Community Gallery) featuring pictures by Merv Turner and Margaret Foley's pottery. Merv's superb paintings were mostly watercolours, although there

were several oil paintings. They depicted outdoor scenes in both Taranaki and England. One which caught my eye was a watercolour entitled 'Polperro, Devon, England' showing a quaint coastal village. Writer Katherine Mansfield once walked from Looe, where

she was staying, to nearby Polperro with artist friend Anne Estelle Rice where they ate strawberries as they gazed down on the sea. I loved his Taranaki paintings such as the moody 'Mount Taranaki Sunset' and 'Autumn in Tarata'.

Margaret Foley's



Margaret Foley's exhibit 'The Old Homestead'.

pottery features her vivid imagination and expert artistry. At affordable prices there was something for every taste including her exquisite 'Daisy Plate', 'Pot with Attitude,' - and with humour to the fore - 'Beach Babe Sandy'. I was especially intrigued by

her fascinating 'The Old Homestead.'

Make sure you don't miss this outstanding exhibition, which runs from September 16 to October 9. The quality of the diverse exhibits is astoundingly excellent.

Rolland McKellar

THE ADAM PORTRAITURE AWARD 2016

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- Donation of unwanted goods for resale
- Education

The centre will include:

- Retail spaces for reusable and upcycled materials
- Workshop space
- Education spaces
- Art space
- A public reuse and recycling drop-off area

The Council will support the right individual(s) or organisation to lead our community in environmental sustainability and community participation through the centre.

For more information check out our Facebook page **CommunityReuseRecycleCentre** or contact the Council Register your interest by 13 October 2016





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Proceeds to Hawera Genealogy (Family History) Society &
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Six bombshells for the price of one

Bombshells by Joanne Murray-Smith and directed by Clive Cullen is six funny and perceptive one person plays about the stresses of modern life. Put on by the Hawera Repertory Society, performances will be at the Repertory Rooms in Hawera from November 4-19.

Holly Weir plays Meryl Davenport. A day in the life of stay-at-home mum - who tells the story of her non-stop day in a rapid-fire "internal" monologue reminding herself of all of the things she has to do - and more.

Lorraine Wilkie plays Tiggy Entwistle. A cactus lover bravely attempting to rise above her relationship crisis. Tiggy's play takes the form of an address to a succulent-admirers' society. She compares her circumstances to those of cacti.

Zoe Snowdon plays Mary O'Donnell. A feisty teenage



Bombshells at the Hawera Repertory Rooms on November 4-19.

schoolgirl psyching herself up for a talent show that, without her, would just be the show - but no talent. She must improvise a new work when another girl steals her act.

Angelique Poczwa plays Theresa McTerry. An increasingly disillusioned socialite bride on her wedding day. The gushing bride, gets

to the altar, realises how short the groom is, and how much better a shag the best man was, and soon works out how much she'll get if they divorce in five years.

Jane Lawrence plays Winsome Webster. A widow with an appetite for the unexpected who reads to the blind. She tells of how her charity work leads to her

seduction by a young blind man.

Cherol Filbee plays Zoe Struthers. A "has been" alcoholic cabaret singer who's had her fair share of personal problems, attempting to strut her stuff around her comeback stage.

Note. Contains coarse language and some content may offend.

Opunake film goes to be among first in country to see prize winning indie film

The winner of Best Independent Film at UK Starburst Film Festival is releasing in New Zealand cinemas this month, and will show at Everybody's Theatre, Opunake at 7pm on September 29.

This indie film has been enthusiastically received at international festivals, winning awards for 'Best Comedy' (twice), 'Best Sci-fi' and 'Best Independent Film'.

Following its Auckland release the film will go on tour throughout the country with Director Christian Nicolson. Screening dates and Q and A sessions are in place for Rotorua, New Plymouth, Opunake,

Levin, Hastings, Motueka, Takaka, Westport, Hokitika, Greymouth, Wanaka, Alexander, Gore, Dunedin, Christchurch, Kaikoura, with more to be added.

This Giant Papier Mache Boulder Is Actually Really Heavy is an epic action comedy in the vein of Galaxy Quest meets Monty Python. It tells the story of three ordinary guys thrust into the world of a B-grade 1960s space flick. Trapped in a low-budget universe, they soon discover latex monsters and evil space villains are the least of their problems. Somehow, they have to fight their way home... forever.

Debut filmmaker Christian

Nicolson and co-writer Andrew Beszant grew up fixated with sci-fi, soaking up the action and atmosphere of outer space in classics like Blake's 7, Lost in Space, Dr Who and Star Trek. This film is steeped in the look and feel of these old sci-fi shows.

Boulder was originally the runner up in the first 'Makemymovie' competition where it gained a lot of public support. Without traditional funding the production team had to resort to unusual methods to finance the film - which they did. Outside of writing, producing, directing and starring in his own movie, Nicolson makes his living as a painter and sculptor. It was this way that he was able

to fund the movie. With a massive sale of his artwork he began the five year long journey to self funding and producing such an epic film.

Deliberately ignoring the rules of low-budget filmmaking, this indie gem boasts exotic locations, a huge cast, studio sets and more spacey props and costumes than you could shake a ray gun at.

"A wonderful film, very funny - every SF fan should see it!" - Sci-Fi London Film Festival

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Sunday's workshop will be held at Bernie's Home Garden, the demonstration and education area at Hollard Gardens.

A free two-hour workshop will run through the basics of home gardening, focusing on simple, cost-saving measures in manageable spaces and aimed squarely at busy people with busy lives.

The venue is Bernie's Home Garden, the demonstration and education area at Hollard Gardens. It's named after the property's founder, Bernie Hollard. Sunday's workshop runs from 2pm to 4pm. It is part of a year-round programme of free public events at Hollard Gardens, Pukeiti and Tupare, the three premier heritage properties owned and managed by the Taranaki Regional Council on behalf of the people of the region

The Beatles: Eight Days a week-The Touring Years

Ron Howard's Beatlemania doc is affectionate and absorbing, but less "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" than "yeah, yeah, yeah."

Directing rock documentaries may outwardly seem something of a departure for Ron Howard, but that's not to say he's gone entirely off-brand: It's fitting that one of Hollywood's preeminent merchants of wholesome mainstream entertainment has made a portrait of the biggest band in music history that ends comfortably before things turned sour. Covering, as the title implies, the very zenith of Beatlemania from 1963 to 1966, the indecisively named *The Beatles: Eight Days a Week - The Touring Years* does, to its credit, gradually capture the growing sense of fame-induced panic and ennui that prompted the Liverpudlians' premature retreat from live performance, just as their music began to rock that little bit harder. But it comes as little surprise that Howard — a nimble and proficient storyteller in nonfiction and fiction alike, who previously helmed the Jay-Z concert pic "Made in America" — hasn't a natural documentarian's drive for information: This diverting, brightly assembled

boomer nostalgia trip won't open the eyes of any existing Fab Four fans, however much it pleases their ears.

"The band you know. The story you don't," claims the poster for "Eight Days a Week," adopting a marketing tack familiar from countless "Behind the Music"-style exposés of pop royalty. The first statement seems justified in its presumptuousness: Though much is said on screen about the indomitable rise of youth culture, Howard's film is aimed squarely at those who caught the fever the first time round.

But the story? It's hard to imagine that most casual Beatle-niks — let alone the fanatics who have been generously fed by documentary-makers and rockologists over the past 40 years — will be surprised by much in Howard and writer Mark Monroe's bouncy year-by-year study, which begins on the eve of the band's U.S. breakthrough in 1964 with "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and stops just short of the psychedelic wanderings of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" in 1967. The landmark Ed Sullivan Show appearances, the ear-piercing euphoria of their primarily female concert crowds, the controversy

prompted by John Lennon's flippant "more popular than Jesus" remark — it's all duly covered here, with good humor and a vivid supply of milieu-setting archive material, but in breaking down the making of pop-culture legends, Howard mostly identifies contributing factors that have long since passed into the realm of legend themselves.

Taken on those limited terms, "Eight Days a Week" plays nicely enough: the mostly uptempo Side A of a well-stocked greatest hits album, as it were. Howard has enlisted McCartney and drummer Ringo Starr (lovably goofy as ever) to give lively on-screen accounts of their early (mis)adventures in celebrity: "By the end it became quite complicated, but at the beginning, things were really simple," McCartney says cheerfully, summing up the film's tonal inclinations in a nutshell.

That Lennon and George Harrison can chip in only via archival clips, the softened visual and sonic textures of which contrast sharply with their surviving bandmates' freshly shot testimonies, lends proceedings a poignant undertow of loss that nonetheless remains



The Beatles

unspoken to the last, as the film steers pointedly clear of almost any conflict or tragedy associated with the band. The names of ex-members Pete Best and Stu Sutcliffe — dismissed and deceased, respectively, in 1962, months before the film's beginning — go conspicuously unmentioned, as does the death by overdose of their urbane manager Brian Epstein in 1967, months after its chosen endpoint. (As for the foursome's tumultuous private lives, there's nary a whisper.)

Perhaps the least familiar and most bracing material

in "Eight Days a Week," however, doesn't concern The Beatles' artistry at all, but their politics — as in an interlude concerning their contractual refusal to play before racially segregated audiences in Jacksonville, Florida. It's a stand movingly articulated by African-American historian Kitty Oliver as initiating her first direct social contact with the white population. Meanwhile, Whoopi Goldberg (the most voluble of the film's game but somewhat randomly selected celebrity interviewees, including Sigourney Weaver and Eddie Izzard) also argues

for Beatlemania as something of a cultural bridge in the Civil Rights-riven America of the mid-1960s: "They were colorless, and they were f—ing amazing," she enthuses. Howard sometimes strains to shoehorn somber social context into otherwise swinging proceedings — a passing observation of JFK's assassination feels particularly cursory — but these women's recollections constitute a rare flash of honestly unexpected perspective in an otherwise by-the-book fan valentine.

Guy Lodge



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	The Beatles – Eight Days A Week Documentary, Music A compilation of found footage featuring music, interviews & stories of The Beatles 250 concerts from 1963-1966 Thursday 22 September 10:30am, 7pm Monday 26 September 7pm		Kubo & the two Strings Adventure, Animated, kids Family Fantasy, PG, 92min Animated adventure, set in ancient Japan, following a boy who must find help when a vengeful spirit is released. Monday 26 September 1pm Saturday 1 October 1pm	
	Our Little Sister PG, 128min, Comedy, Drama A story that revolves around 3 sisters who live in their grandmother's home and the arrival of their 13 years old half-sister. Wednesday 28 September 7pm		Chasing Great #BOUTIQUE# Documentary, Biography, Drama All Black Captain Ritchie McCaw has lived his dream with characteristic precision and calculated determination. He is 34 and perhaps the best rugby player ever. Saturday 1 October 7pm Sunday 2 October BOUTIQUE \$25 7pm Wednesday 12 October 1pm	
	Suicide Squad Action, Blockbuster ,R13, 123min A secret agency recruits imprisoned villains—including Deadshot and Harley Quinn to execute black ops mission in exchange for clemency. Friday 23 September 7pm Saturday 24 September 7pm		The Secret Life of Pets PG, 87min, Animation, Adventure, Comedy The quiet life of a terrier named Max is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray whom Max instantly dislikes. Saturday 24 September 1pm Wednesday 28 September 1pm Monday 3 October 1pm	
	Storks PG, 99min, Animation, Comedy, Family Storks have moved on from delivering babies to packages. Saturday 1 October 1pm Wednesday 5 October 1pm		Sully PG13, 96min, Biography, Drama The story of Chesley Sullenberger who became a hero after gliding his plane along the water in the Hudson River, saving 155 lives. Friday 30 September 7pm Wednesday 5 October 7pm	
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		23 Suicide Squad 7pm	24 Secret life of Pets Suicide Squad 1pm 7pm	25 Ben Hur 7pm
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3 The Secret Life of Pets	5 Storks 1pm Sully 7pm	7 Bridget Jones Baby 7pm	8 Petes Dragon 1pm Blair Witch 7pm	9 Bridget Jones Baby 7pm

During School Holidays movies will be on Mondays at 1pm
The fourth Wednesday is Art House Movie at 7pm - Our Little Sister
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From left: Bruce, Simon, Anne, Noel, Mike, Blossom, Wayne, Andy, Vic, Scott, Russell and Sam.

Is this the line up for a concert?

On Tuesday September 13, a priceless combination of talented musicians and singers rocked up to the Opunake Music Workshop, showing positive signs of an audience-worthy professional concert in the making.

16 year old Blossom Eiffe kicked off the evening with an emotionally charged self-penned song, which oozed a bluesy style sophistication. Vic Almao fired us up with the popular 'Old Crow Medicine Show' 2004 release, "Wagon Wheel," while Mike Anderson jazzed it up singing a song he'd written himself. Flute embellishments were added courtesy of Scott, a multi-talented musician, who also plays saxophone, drums, guitar, bass and sings like Joe Cocker.

Inspiring us week after week, Noel Gillie performed an original folkie style song with his unique acoustic guitar backing. Along with some pretty snazzy lead guitar licks, Andy Hocker shone with the Creedence Clearwater Revival's 'Midnight Special'. Joining the band line up on lead vocals and electric guitar, singer/songwriter Russell Wicks from Eltham sang the catchy Cliff Richard's classic 'Lucky Lips.' He has many recordings to his credit featured on You Tube.

The variety continued, and it was well-worth the wait to watch award winning Latin American and ballroom dancer, Simon Forsyth, who entertained us with his flexibility and suppleness on the dance floor. His stage presence is

bound to be a winner with a concert audience, and he's also making progress on the piano. Sam McNeil, the youngest at only 15, made us all sit up when he played a heavy metal Black Sabbath number on guitar as an instrumental. An invaluable asset for Sam has been developing the confidence to play on stage by himself and with other musicians.

Bruce Salisbury, guitarist from Manaia was all charged up.

"We need to meet up in between the music group, so we can practise more often. I am keen to introduce other musicians, even if I am not able to play myself" says Bruce, who is waiting for spinal fusion surgery, ironically playing very little guitar, due to constant back

pain.

So passionate is Wayne Pike, our resident drummer that he rang me after the Tuesday meeting, saying "I think you should get pamphlets made up, so I can deliver them for you to promote the music group." How's that for enthusiasm?

Support for the group has been incredible, and it's amazing to witness the wealth of great talent around Taranaki. Truly inspiring.

Anyone who would like the opportunity to perform in a relaxed atmosphere with talented musicians, singers and dancers, please join us at the Opunake Music Workshop at 7:30pm on Tuesday September 27 at the Catholic Church lounge, 33 Whitcombe Rd, Opunake.

Anne Montgomery



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It's time for a Summer of Love

42 years ago, the great Mama Cass of Mamas and Papas fame died of a heart

attack. To celebrate the life of this larger than life singer known for her songs like Dream a Little Dream and Make Your Own Kind of Music, the stars of the hit touring show CALIFORNIA DREAMING - The Music of the Mamas and the Papas will take you on a psychedelic trip down memory lane as they make their way from Melbourne, Australia to Monterey in the US of A.

After taking Australia by storm, playing to thousands of people and receiving standing ovations at every performance it's New

Zealand's turn to hear the unforgettable sounds and harmonies of CALIFORNIA DREAMING.

Cass Elliot, Denny Doherty, Michelle Phillips and John Phillips were The Mamas and the Papas, the group that sold an incredible 40 million albums during their short and turbulent history, and for one night only you will be taken back to the magic of the flower-power era.

With choreography by New Zealand's own Jeremy Hinman and starring Alana Tranter, Michelle Brasier, James Cutler

and Evan Lever, four of Australia's hottest musical theatre talents, along with the sizzling Wonderland Avenue Band, this tour de force concert celebrates all things Mamas and Papas - their lives, their loves and their sensational music.

Interwoven with stories about the group, you will hear the mega hits of the 60's - Monday Monday, San Francisco. Dedicated to the One I Love, Make Your Own Kind of Music, California Dreamin' and Dream a Little Dream, including songs sung by the group, but made famous by The Beach Boys, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, The Righteous Brothers, Rogers and Hart, Marvin Gaye and many more.

Wear your bell-bottom jeans, kaftans and peace symbols with pride as soon you'll be dancing in the street as the stars of CALIFORNIA DREAMING make their own kind of music on this, the start of their Summer of Love Tour International Tour.

New Zealand Tour Dates
Saturday 24th September @ Bruce Mason Centre, Auckland

www.ticketmaster.co.nz
Sunday 25th September @ Clarence Street Theatre, Hamilton

Wednesday 28th September @ Theatre Royal, New Plymouth

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