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CoastalCare trustees with Facility Manager Aretha Macadam in front, from left Abbey Wakeling, Monica Wilson, Steve Corkill (Chair), Stephanie Livingstone, Chris Young, Adrienne Hickey and Paul Bourke.

CoastalCare celebrates ten years

Back in 2015 the CoastalCare facility in Opunake opened and on Monday there was a celebration for its 10th birthday.

The facility's long serving manager Aretha Macadam lit the candles and Coastal Taranaki Health Trust chair Steve Corkill cut the cake.

Among the group of people there to celebrate the occasion were South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon and New Plymouth MP David MacLeod.

"Back in the early 2000s our local health facilities were in dire straits with only two doctors and very few other health and wellbeing providers practicing here," Steve told everybody.

"Due to both lack of facilities and the centralisation of services,

most of the other health providers had left the area forcing patients to travel to appointments. This was not easy with no regular bus services and the community dependent on volunteer drivers who were also having to jump through hoops with increasing compliance requirements."

He said Dan Holmes had recognised this and brought together a group of people and organised a community meeting from which the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust with Dan Holmes, David Tamatea, Mary Lawn, Darrell Hickey, Noeleen Moir, Adrienne Hickey and Steve Corkill.

"I would like to especially acknowledge Dan Holmes and David Tamatea who are no longer with us," said Steve.

After the Trust was founded they looked at other trusts and health providers throughout Taranaki.

Steve said they decided to build a centralised facility providing as many services as possible along with essential equipment in order to make it attractive for providers to practice on the coast.

"All advice from other health trusts at the time was to build it 20 per cent bigger than required. This proved to be not enough."

Potential providers were invited to a meeting where they committed to the facility and listed their requirements.

A plan was drawn up and costed at \$2 million.

"Then the really hard work started with fund raising, establishing the site

and finalising the constant amendments to the plan," said Steve.

"A special thanks to Plunket, St John and the South Taranaki District Council for donating this site, the TSB Community Trust, now the Toi Foundation, and Lotteries for their huge contributions, and special mention to my now deceased Aunt May for her personal donation of \$250,000 to start us off plus all those marvellous community contributions that had us up and going debt-free in 2015."

"Since then the 20 per cent advice from the beginning has come back to haunt us," said Steve. Additions have included the Red Room, a special area on the rear ambulance access to accommodate undercover

COVID testing during the pandemic, as well as a dedicated Physio and Podiatry room. Changes have been made to the building to provide specialist Audiology, Chiropractor, Foodbank and Optometry suites, which has provided more medical centre consults for Coastal Medical. Extensions have also been made to the Pharmacy store to provide for automated dispensing equipment.

"In addition we have modified the manager's office to accommodate Coastal Printers, NZ Post and NZ Land Transport services. While not exactly health and wellbeing services, these are essential community services that we were in danger of losing.

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Double referendum

I’ve recently written to both David Seymour and Winston Peters with a proposal I believe many New Zealanders are quietly craving: a double referendum.

One part would ask whether we should become a republic with a new, people-driven constitution thus severing links with the Crown. The second would ask whether to abolish Māori seats and unify all New Zealanders under one electoral roll—equal rights, equal votes.

This isn’t about division—it’s about creating a modern, confident nation that trusts its citizens and moves beyond the slow decay of old party politics. Frankly, I no longer have any faith that Labour or National will ever achieve anything meaningful. We need a small revolution—not of violence, but of bold democratic reform.

Let the people decide.

David Hancock
Eltham

Name changes

After information passed through my office desk today informing me of some official Taranaki places name changes or in some people’s eyes, names metonymy replaced such as changes of Mount Taranaki (Mt Egmont) to Taranaki Maunga, Egmont National Park (Egmont National Park/Te-Papakura-o-Taranaki) to Egmont National Park/Te Papa Kura-o Taranaki or is it Egmont National Park/Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki and

Fanthams Peak to Panitahi, or is it now called Panitahi/Fanthams Peak?

This should sort things clearer for us local park-users and our visitors.

Also, this being me to another point, eg. Stratford for those who have forgotten. Stratford is the fourth largest towns in the Taranaki province (Opunake, is 9th). Question? Stratford name comes from Stratford-upon-Avon in the UK, a town, not even a person! The question now, what is going to happen to NZ, Stratford’s town name(?), ‘Whakaahurangi’ springs to mind of course and hello, its 65 Stratford Street names all being named after Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespearean names.

The question is whether New Zealand would ‘rest in peace’ if all people and cultures in Taranaki, New Zealand for that matter, as history goes, are all over-stayers.’

Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth.

OPINION

What are the benefits of the Treaty – to all of us?

One Wednesday morning last month I found myself pondering this question, as I stood beside SH 3 holding out my thumb.

Hitch hiking North and then South, an answer to this question began to present itself.

This hitching adventure began after our car broke down and shrinking bus timetables ruled out that sort of travel. The rising

fuel price seems to have bus companies like InterCity offering travel on weekends and a few weekdays, but not the ones we needed.

The first trip was a solo adventure North, to meet friends at Coromandel. Next I went South with my wife, to some family events in Wellington.

Hitch hiking always reassures me that the kindness of strangers has not dimmed.

Everywhere we met kind-hearted New Zealanders as they slowed to offer us a ride.

Years ago, when we were much younger, hitching was a common form of travel. Cheaper cars and fuel - and then Covid - now see far fewer people thumbing a ride.

The drivers I met last month often commented on this. Some showed surprise I was travelling this way. I replied

that being retired and looking rather frail and grey has me looking quite harmless; with women-drivers on their own sometimes stopping for me.

With the Treaty question in mind, I began to observe not only the gender, but also the ethnicity and relative wealth of those who stopped.

One was a Scotsman, still with a beautifully distinct accent - despite decades

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us from an offroad carpark asking: “Did ye nay know you’re on the wrong road?” and driving us several kilometres to the main highway out of Palmerston North. Thanks again Jim.

I’m left wondering if the rides offered us by distinctly different groups, stack up statistically?

As I understand it, reliable statistics require large numbers. Certainly, the numbers of cars we saw were huge. In 12 days of travelling, we must have been passed by many thousands; with my arm becoming painfully tired at one stage, from vainly holding it out as hundreds of vehicles rushed past us at an ill-chosen spot, not far short

of the Kapiti expressway. Eventually one driver slowed there, bravely waiting in their van with 100kph traffic streaming by less than two metres away. That was our last ride South before getting out at Waikanae where a Metrolink train would delight us with sea-views and tunnels; and the relative silence of its beautiful commuter carriages.

By then there’d been 12 unforgettable rides between Coromandel and Wellington and a pattern was starting to show. Of those 12, six drivers had been Maori and one was from Samoa.

So, as we came into Waikanae, I asked our courageous van driver if perhaps they had Maori or Pacific ancestry? Yes they had, their grandfather was

Ngapuhi.

Having just spent the day working in the rain tying steel at a building site, they knew how it felt and took pity on us.

Our other five drivers were a mix of Asian, German, Scottish and Pakeha/Tangata Tiriti.

Apart from the number of different nationalities, the relative wealth of drivers stopping for us varied too. On our way home to Taranaki we were waiting outside an expensive car dealership, where we were offered a ride by a farming couple, in town to arrange for a new car.

When we commented on how beautiful it was, they explained this was actually their old car, now spotless and ready to trade.

Expensive-looking cars had often passed us by. But this couple picked us up because, being from a farming community they said they believed kindness and cooperation to be absolutely vital.

Might we conclude that kindness and consideration of others is widespread?

We’d met 12 New Zealanders of widely varied backgrounds; and each one showed us a kindness. According to some international visitors, there is a relatively safe and well-serviced travel network in New Zealand. The train-conductor who saw us from Waikanae into Wellington had come here from the US and was still feeling astonished at the contrast between Metrolink’s

Wellington commuter service, and their last job [on the New York subway] where carriages wear graffiti inside and out and where the homeless of that great city ride nowhere at night, for the lack of any shelter elsewhere.

What does this contrast reflect? Public transport and safe shelter still aren’t adequate here, but they have yet to become as inadequate as our train conductor described.

That farming couples’ belief in kindness and cooperation has surely come from knowledge of the sheer necessity of reaching out to others, who then reach back to you.

Unlike any other colonial country, we still have a living treaty between those

who began arriving here around 200 years ago and those who welcomed and sheltered these new arrivals. It seems some would have us forget the many, many stories of gratitude our colonial ancestors felt at the kindness of Hapu and Iwi, where they first stepped ashore.

Surely that foundational kindness is precisely what was envisioned by those making the agreement we call The Treaty / Te Tiriti o Waitangi?

A brief road-trip around Te Ika ā Maui / The North Island has made another small story, in which those with Maori ancestry and those whose ancestry lies elsewhere, stay true to a culture of kindness.

Rob Ritchie, Opunake

The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is on April 24.

Apology

We would like to apologise for the fact that Tracey Blake’s cell phone number got included in an article on the New Plymouth Opera Society which appeared in the March 13 edition of the

Opunake & Coastal News. This was an error on our part and we regret any distress caused by publishing the phone number.

Editor

ADELPHOS

Easter Haikus 2025
Eleven fearful
Hiding so behind closed doors.
Misunderstanding.

Stomach butterflies
Desiring no food or drink.
A famine of smiles.

Ears dreading that knock.
Crucifixion awaiting
Once miracle men.

Locked doors bolted tight.
The risen Jesus then appears.
Hearts joyfully pound.

Again in one week
Passing through those bolted doors
Thomas’ doubt disappears.




The Manaia Tennis Club with the shield they’ve held for 14 consecutive years.

Apology

ABOVE:
The report titled Saying goodbye to an old friend which appeared on page 21 in the March 27 issue of the

Opunake and Coastal News should have referred to the Manaia Tennis Club instead of the Manaia Golf Club. The Opunake and Coastal News

apologises for the error and congratulates the Manaia Tennis Club on their 14 consecutive years holding the Kay Jay Shield.



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Unrest over library move



South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon (right) and Council group manager community services manager Rob Haveswood front up to a meeting in Kaponga to discuss the future of the Kaponga Library.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon says that so long as he is on the Council no libraries will close.

He was speaking to a meeting at the Kaponga War Memorial Hall to discuss the future of Kaponga Library Plus. The library, located on the corner of Egmont and Victoria Streets leaks badly and the Council has come up with two options to fix the problem. Option A involves permanently shifting the library into the War Memorial Hall Supper Room, while Option B involves keeping the library where it is and fixing the building.

Mayor Nixon, deputy mayor Rob Northcott and District Council group manager community services Rob Haveswood fronted up to around 40 people at the meeting which was held on March 26.

Others there included

Eltham - Kaponga community board chair Karen Cave, Cr Mark Bellringer who represents the Eltham-Kaponga ward, Cr Bryan Roach (Taranaki Coastal ward) and libraries manager Cath Sheard.

Concerns were raised about the prospect of there being another empty building in the centre of town as well as the loss of a venue for bigger events like the annual ANZAC Day commemorations.

“One thing this is definitely not about is closing libraries,” said Mayor Nixon. “To me libraries and pools are the sort of things that are vital to communities. One thing you don’t have to worry about is that so long as I’m on Council we won’t be closing any libraries.”

He said the Council had seven libraries and cited the popularity of Te Ramanui o Ruaputahanga which was opened in Hawera last year.

Cr Mark Bellringer said he supported keeping the library where it is.

“I’m of the view that taking the library away from the middle of the town would be another nail in the coffin of Kaponga. It’s more than a building. My point of view is that I’m voting against Option A and for Option B, and I’ll be voting for more money to fix it up.”

Rob Haveswood said nothing had been decided yet, but Option A was the preferred option. The Council had budgeted \$100,000 for the library, but the cost of fixing all the damage to the building including roof, walls, windows and cladding was more likely to be around \$160,000.

“We’re really mindful of the rates and it would be cheaper to run one facility than two facilities.”

He said the supper room had the advantage of being close to public toilets and the local Four Square. Having the hall also meant there would be more space for holiday programmes. He said the supper room was only used twice a month.

Kaponga RSA member Stan Barnett said the hall and supper room are always full on ANZAC Day.

“I’m a returned serviceman and the War Memorial Hall is important to me. We fill the hall on ANZAC Day and in the supper room afterwards you would have 100-120 easy. Where are they going to fit because that space is no longer available? They say it’s only used twice a month but I’m happy with that. It was this community that built this hall. I reckon that 90 per cent of the people I’ve spoken to don’t want to

move the library.”

He added that the hall had also hosted a couple of big funerals recently.

Kaponga Fire Brigade station officer Warren Goodall who was also at the meeting said the brigade often use the hall for practices.

If Option A were to be approved it would not be the first time the supper room has served as a library.

Eight years ago the library was closed temporarily when it failed to meet earthquake standards. Everything was shifted to the War Memorial Hall supper room until the original building was ready for use. Questions were raised at the meeting of whether more recent problems with the building should have been picked up then. Rob Haveswood says these have only been apparent since the shift back to the original site.

Those attending the meeting were encouraged to get their feedback about what they felt about the future of the library back to the Council.

The deadline for community feedback was April 8 with the Council due to meet on May 5 at The Hub in Hawera.

Mayor Nixon cited the example of Manaia where the War Memorial Hall was closed in 2015 for failing to meet earthquake standards. Ten years later the matter of a replacement is still being worked out.

“I would hate to think that in 10 years’ time people are still talking about the library in Kaponga and not done anything.”



The Supper room of the Kaponga War Memorial Hall (left) is being proposed as a replacement for the current Kaponga Library (right).





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Mural takes shape

The mural over the boarded up former post office in Opunake is taking shape.

Dan Mills, previously from Eltham and now based overseas, is part way through painting the mural on the building in Tasman Street Opunake which was boarded up some months ago.

The large mural will also extend around into Havelock Street where there was previously a mural depicting the old post office.

He is adapting some Opunake High School pupils art work for the mural.

Dan who had made a living from art for the last 20 years, has done four murals recently returning to New Zealand to do them. This includes two in Wellington and one in Patea – the latter of which he says he is really happy with.

He anticipates the mural in Opunake will be finished by Saturday April 12.



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Thirteen injured in Matapu crash

Hastings Road was closed following a two-vehicle accident at Matapu on Wednesday morning last week.

The accident involving a van carrying students travelling to Hawera and a car took place around 9.55am.

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Nga Ruahineragi chair Renee Wright said 11 students and one teacher from the kura were injured.

Fire crews from the Eltham, Kaponga and Okaiawa brigades attended as well as four ambulances, four rescue helicopters and a rapid response unit.

A Hato Hone St John spokesperson said two patients were airlifted to Waikato Hospital in a serious condition, two patients were airlifted to Whanganui Base Hospital in a moderate condition and nine patients in a moderate



Hastings Road between Matapu and Mangatoki was closed to traffic following an accident last week.

condition were taken by Hospital and Taranaki Base ambulance to Hawera Hospital. The road was closed as the Serious Crash Unit investigated.

Outdoor fire restrictions lifted in Taranaki

Fire and Emergency New Zealand has eased the restrictions on open air fires in Taranaki from 8am on Wednesday 2 April, until further notice.

The district has moved to an open fire season, which means permits are no longer needed to light outdoor fires.

District Manager David Utumapu says if people are thinking about lighting fires, they should continue to check the fire restrictions for their location by visiting checkitsalright.nz.

“I’d like to thank everyone who did the right thing over the summer, and applied for permits before lighting their fires,” he says.

“Knowing where permitted fires were, we could focus our efforts elsewhere, to protect Taranaki’s people, property, environment and wildlife from fire.

“We encourage people to always go to checkitsalright.nz before lighting a fire.”

Speed changes will affect South Taranaki country schools

Government changes to speed limits around country schools will affect schools in South Taranaki District the Taranaki Coastal Community Board were told at their March 19 meeting.

The updated setting of speed limits rule means that the 30kph speed limits around schools only apply at the start and end of the school day.

An earlier rule had required that speed limits around schools be reduced. In response to this the South Taranaki District Council had voted that urban schools would have a permanent 30kph speed limit and that rural schools would have a permanent 60kph speed limit and a variable 30kph limit from 8.30am-3.30pm Monday to Friday during term time. This was later approved by the Director of Land Transport.

At their latest meeting the Taranaki Coastal Community Board were presented with a report from South Taranaki District Council senior policy advisor Anne Sattler to inform the changes that would be needed to comply with the Land Transport Rule for Setting of Speed Limits 2024.

The report was not to be construed as policy until adopted by the full council.

In October 2024 Waka Kotahi had released their guidance document for Road Controlling Authorities (RCAs) to help interpret the new rule.

“Key aspects that the Council needs to address are reversing the speed limits on roads that do not have a school access point and updating the permanent speed limits to be variable, so they are only active during travel times at the start and end of each school day,” the report from Anne Sattler read.

Waka Kotahi had been contacted for guidance on how to treat schools in rural areas that have 100kph speed limits around them.

“Waka Kotahi has confirmed that the permanent 60km/h and variable 30km/h speed limits can remain in place, the only change will be that the 30km/h limit will be active at drop off and pick up times only,” the report read.

In South Taranaki District, schools classified as rural are Auroa, Matapu, Nga Matapouri, Rawhitiroa and Te Kura o Nga Ruahine Rangi.

South Taranaki District Council group manager community services Rob Haveswood told the Community Board that the Council had had no say in the rule being introduced. Under the new rule speed reductions would apply at the start and end of the school day and would only apply where the school had an entrance point. For urban schools this was easy to implement, but with rural schools it was more difficult. In rural areas a 60kph area was needed to get the speed down as vehicles approached the 30kph area. The 60kph limits would apply all the time but the 30kph areas would only apply at the start and end of the school day. He said the 30kph limit would not apply during lunchtimes.



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Goodbye to Resource Management Act

Cabinet has now agreed to the shape of the Government’s replacement of the Resource Management Act. This signals a radical transition to a more enabling planning system with less red tape premised on the enjoyment of property rights. The RMA is a broken piece of legislation and the biggest handbrake on our economy. Turning this around requires changing the culture of “no” that has seeped into bureaucratic decision making in New Zealand. There’s a lot of work still to do, but this Government is committed to delivering these reforms to unlock the economic growth we need to improve the lives of all New Zealanders. Economic growth means



BARBARA KURIGER MP
TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

more money in your bank account, more jobs, higher wages and better public services like schools, hospitals and roads. Agreed features of the new system
Two Acts: A Planning Act focused on regulating the use, development and enjoyment of land, along with a Natural Environment

Act focused on the use, protection and enhancement of the natural environment. A narrowed approach to effects management: The new system will be based on the economic concept of “externalities,” excluding effects-borne solely by the party undertaking the activity.. Property rights: Both acts will include presumptions that a land use is enabled unless there is a significant enough impact on others’ land use or the environment, protecting existing use rights and allowing for the expansion of existing activities. Simplified National Direction. One set of national policy direction under each Act will streamline local government plans. Direction will cover key areas including freshwater and urban development. Environmental limits: A clearer basis for setting environmental limits will provide certainty for where development can be enabled, while protecting the environment. Greater use of standardisation.: Nationally set standards and land use



With Building and Construction Minister Chris Penk looking at timber manufacturing in Otorohanga.

zones will provide system benefits and efficiencies while still allowing local decision-making on important matters. Spatial Plans: Each region will require a spatial plan identifying urban development areas and infrastructure corridors. Streamlining of council plans: A combined plan will include spatial planning and environment chapters along with planning chapters for each territorial authority district. Strengthening environmental compliance monitoring and enforcement: A national compliance monitoring regulator with a regional presence will be established to improve environmental compliance safeguarding. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact your nearest office for an appointment.

Barbara Kuriger
MP Taranaki-King Country.

Brooke van Velden ramps up her war on working people

The NZCTU Te Kauae Kaimahi say they are dismayed that Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety Brooke van Velden has launched another attack on workers’ rights by removing employment protections for workers when they start in a new role. These protections include being provided information

about the role and function of unions and that, for the first 30 days, new employees must be employed on the same (or better) terms with any onsite collective agreement while they decide whether to join a union. “In yet another announcement from Brooke van Velden, workers’ rights are being eroded and unions undermined,” said NZCTU

President Richard Wagstaff. “Currently workers in a new role have protection for 30 days, to weigh their options and settle in without being disadvantaged. The Minister clearly wants to disrupt this period and encourage employers to create division among workers - between those who have a union

agreement and those who don’t. “Make no mistake, this is a deliberate attempt to undermine the role of unions in workplaces and prevent working people from securing good pay and

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Study shows harassment of NZ's female MPs

New Zealand's female MPs are subjected to assaults, rape threats, and death threats in the course of their work, a new study finds. Eleven MPs from across the political spectrum talked to researchers about their experiences of harassment, misogyny, racism and online trolling. They said responding to harassment took mental and administrative work, with some MPs experiencing flashbacks and suicidality afterwards. The participating politicians highlighted this could have an impact on who represents New Zealanders in Parliament.

Associate Professor Lara Greaves (Ngāpuhi, Pākehā, Tararā), political scientist, Victoria University of Wellington, comments: "This is an important study with some sobering insights. While we know politicians have always been harassed by the public, this work shows just how horrifying the political environment can be in the current day, not only for politicians but their whānau, children, and staffers. These accounts are much worse than I expected, and it made for shocking reading. Women MPs put in a large amount of emotional effort and strategic thinking to maintain their own safety. "There were two other points of interest. First, that

anecdotally, these threats have decreased with the change of government, showing the contributions context and environment make to threatening behaviour. Second, that women MPs are still experiencing considerable sexism, both from the public, but also from their colleagues. "It is now clear we are at the point where public harassment will stop great candidates from putting themselves forward. Ultimately, this means less representation for some groups, and we should all be considering how we can make our democracy better here. It is great that this work

has created a clear record of how bad public harassment can be. The next steps for our society, institutions, parliament, and political parties is the figure out how to best fix this." Dr Dougal Sutherland, Clinical Psychologist at Umbrell Wellbeing, comments: "This study is shocking in its description of the abuse, death threats, and threats to family that our New Zealand female politicians have to endure. The emotional and psychological impact on these MPs should be plain to anyone who reads the paper. The state of fear that these people were, and likely still are, living in is demonstrated

by the extent to which some of them have gone to protect the safety of themselves and their family (e.g., hiring of personal security services). "Adding to the gravity of these findings is the fact that this abuse has occurred in the context of these women's places of work. All New Zealanders have the right to go to work and not be harmed, and this includes not being mentally harmed. This has patently not been the case for the MPs interviewed for this research, nor for staff in their parliamentary and electorate offices. "Participants in this research had mixed

experience of how parliamentary services and their own political parties provided support during times of abuse and threat. But a common theme across all was the sense of having to fight to be taken seriously or end up having to protect themselves out of their own pocket. Parliament and its associated support services need to take this matter much more seriously and more effectively support the mental and physical health of MPs. We can only hope that New Zealand doesn't have to experience an incident like the Jo Cox murder in the UK before action is taken."

HCA demands fairness in Government decision-making

Health Coalition Aotearoa (HCA), in partnership with the Helen Clark Foundation and Transparency International NZ, have launched Let's Level the Playing Field, a campaign to end hidden lobbying and restore fairness to government decision-making. "In Aotearoa New Zealand, policy must serve the public, not just those with money and access," says Professor Boyd Swinburn, HCA co-chair. "When industry lobbying goes unchecked,

powerful interests override public good. We need transparency, accountability, and a system that works for everyone." HCA points to recent failures where government favoured industry over public health, such as repealing world-leading smokefree laws and prioritising industry interests in infant formula regulations. "These decisions ignored public concerns and catered to wealthy lobbyists," says Professor Swinburn.

Manage conflicts of interest: Stronger codes of conduct for government employees, appointees, and contractors. Strengthen transparency laws: A modernised Official Information Act to prevent government secrecy. Tighten political donation rules: Caps on individual donations, a lower disclosure threshold, and limits ensuring only registered voters can donate.

Former Prime Minister Helen Clark, former Attorney-General Chris Finlayson, Moana Tuwhare (Te Tumu Whakahaere, Te Rūnanga-ā-iwi o Ngāpuhi) and former Cabinet Minister Anne Tolley will speak at the campaign launch, supporting the five asks of the campaign and backing stronger protections for public policy.



Former Prime Minister Helen Clark.

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conditions when they take on a job in a new workplace. "When workers start a new job, they are in a vulnerable position and can't be expected to assert their rights in terms of trade union coverage. "The Minister has no experience of unions or collective bargaining, and she refuses to engage with unions to understand the issues. In less than two years in the role, she already has the worst record in the portfolio in decades. "Workers are sick and tired of this Government and their continued disdain for ordinary people who work hard every day to keep this country running. "Across the country workers are organising to stand together and fight back against this Government, which is actively hostile to their interests," said Wagstaff.

"Stronger rules would have ensured fairer outcomes." HCA say New Zealand lags behind most OECD countries in regulating lobbying, and that without clear rules, industry voices dominate while ordinary people are shut out. They say HCA's five-point plan will bring Aotearoa in line with international best practice:

Regulate lobbying: A public register of lobbyist meetings, a mandatory code of conduct, and an Integrity Commission to enforce these measures. Slow the revolving door: A "cooling off" period to prevent former ministers and senior officials from immediately becoming lobbyists in their past areas of responsibility.



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Manaia WI



Manaia WI members take to croquet.

Manaia Women’s Institute members enjoyed a fun afternoon at the Hawera Croquet Club where members learned the skills of playing Golf Croquet by tutors Sue and Brian Williams.

Lots of fun and laughter was had and some members are planning to play again when the season opens in the spring.

Manaia WI Members started their April meeting by visiting the St Mary’s Anglican Church Hawera where they were given a tour and an explanation of the exceptional fine set of stained windows which date back from 1919 to commemorate the great peace. They were donated over a period of 40 years by

various parishioners. Most of the stained-glass windows follow a plan and were made by Whitefriars in London.

A finger lunch was followed by a general meeting held at the Chisnall home. The Roll Call : Donation of wrapped Easter Eggs will be distributed to the elderly at the Trinity Rest Home and Hospital closer to Easter.

Competition results : Bloom : 1. Patty Symes 2. Phyllis Malcolm 3. Ann Chisnall. Shrub: 1. Phyllis Malcolm 2. Patty Symes. 3. Neda Howes. Home craft: Melting Moments : 1. Bev Hawkes 2. Ann Chisnall. Handcraft: Grandchild Photo: 1. Bev Hawkes 2. Raewyn Fredrickson 3. Patty Symes.

Putting state of NZ’s environment under the microscope

Pollution in our water, land, and air are all coming under the microscope in a major report from the Ministry for the Environment. Our environment 2025 is a three-yearly report highlighting the effects of our land use on the rest of New Zealand’s ecosystem. Dr Mike Joy, Senior Research Fellow in Freshwater Ecology and Environmental Science, Te

Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, comments “After a quick read of the Our environment 2025 Tō tātou taiao report, particularly the freshwater and marine sections, I was pleasantly surprised to find little attempt to downplay the dire state of our aquatic environments. I had been expecting this given past

experience where I have been critical about attempts to understate the state of the environment in these reports. This one is a great improvement.

“I do have a few quibbles but in general it is an honest and up to date report. While it is extremely troubling that the freshwater and marine statistics both ecologically and in relation to human health are dire and reveal ongoing declines, at least MfE is being honest about it.

“I was pleased to see the use of the complete time record for trend analysis on water quality data, rather than the short time periods used in the past that obscured reality due to type-II statistical errors.

“I was pleased to see no mention of the inapplicable ‘nitrate toxicity’ which despite going against the advice of the freshwater Science Technical Advisory Group, now underlies our current nitrogen limits.

Instead, the real issue of aquatic ecosystem health – that is, the way excess nutrients lead to eutrophication and hypoxia at much lower levels than toxic levels – was highlighted accurately. There are however a few instances where there is an implication that nitrate in drinking water can be mitigated by ‘treatment’. It is important to point out that this is possible but incredibly expensive and beyond the economic capability of local councils and water suppliers.

“I was again disappointed to see no mention of the link between nitrate in drinking water and bowel cancer. Despite efforts from the agriculture industry to downplay this issue, more research confirming the link between nitrate in water and cancer is being published every year. The concentration of nitrates associated with bowel cancer has been found to be significantly lower (ten times lower) than Aotearoa’s maximum acceptable value, and yet the Our environment 2025 report reveals that 12% of monitored groundwater sites exceed this maximum

acceptable value. In the 2022 version of this Our environment report it was obvious that that a section on the nitrate drinking water cancer link had been removed from the report at the last minute because the report contained at least 4 “ghost references” referring to the nitrate drinking water cancer link (ghost references are those in the bibliography not mentioned in the report). The only way they would end up in the reference list could be that the section that cited them had been removed. This 2025 report contains no mention of cancer and no ghost references to suggest there ever had been one.

“One important missing component from the report was any international

comparison of levels of pollution, for example in this peer reviewed article we revealed that the nitrogen flux in New Zealand rivers is among the worst globally. This is an important omission because for New Zealanders to see how we rank globally is key to getting the political pressure to halt declines.

“In conclusion, the report reveals the ongoing and, in most cases, worsening decline of our environment i.e. the life supporting capacity of the planet. While good to see more honesty in reporting, the report reveals starkly the fallacy of the label ‘clean green New Zealand’ and the urgent need for this to be taken seriously by government.”



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Global warming evidence on Maunga?

Interestingly, over time there seems to be less and less snow falling on Mount Taranaki during the winter months, as skiers know, says Ian McAlpine.

He's also noticed less and less snow and ice in the crater of Mt Taranaki each year too which means during the summer months the heat melts the year's snow early with the result the permanent crater ice is diminishing each year. This in turn lowers the ice layer which can be seen.

"Back in the day when I first made ascents up there, in the 1960s, the permanent ice layer was near to the

crater rim in places, now it is down 50 - 60 meters in late summer," says Ian.

"I believe there hasn't been any drilling in the crater ice pack up there to find out how deep the ice pack is these days."

When the ice runs out will many of Taranaki's rivers

and streams run dry, he questions.

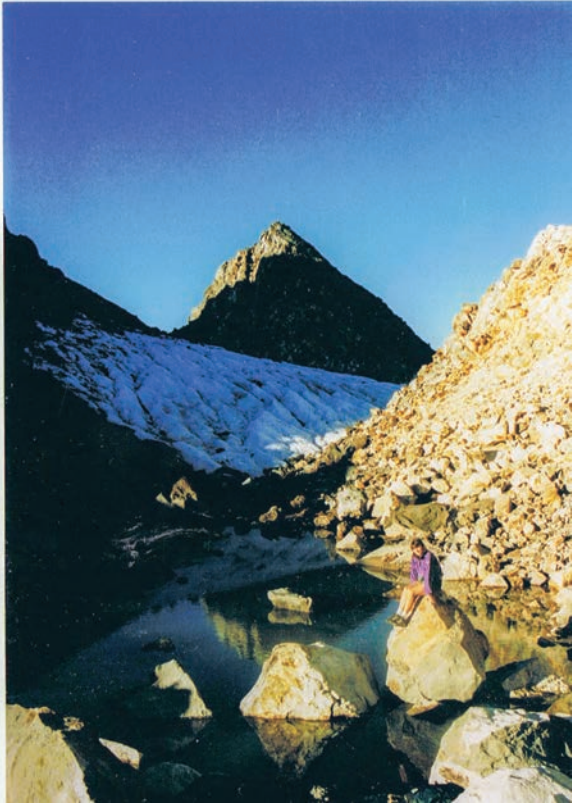
While the snow and ice melts however bottles and also coins – several dating back to the 1860s - have been revealed which Ian has picked up over the years from inside the crater. A fascinating history snapshot.

More than 5000 farms could be isolated after big Taranaki eruption

Up to 40% of rural roads and 45% of bridges around Taranaki Mouna could be affected if the volcano erupts.

Researchers modelled how the rural region is linked up through its farms, marae, towns and the local airport to see how disruptive a future eruption could be to

keeping the community connected. Modelling for a large eruption found 12 marae and 5000 farms could become isolated for up to weeks or even months due to ashfall and lahars damaging roads and bridges, which would have significant social and economic consequences for the region and Aotearoa.



A photo taken in the summer of 1999 (left) which shows signs of the crater snow and right, a more recent photo indicating the ice lower than previously. When I first climbed the mountain we could, in winter, only descend a metre or two from the crater rim on the Surrey Road side of the crater floor. Now it is a ten meter descent, says Ian.

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Bottles and coins picked up from inside the crater of Taranaki Maunga.

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An enlargement of the top left hand coin which has the date 1865.

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An iridescent presence at Cecelia’s

An Indiana Carnival Glass Iridescent Punch Bowl with cups is one of the items of interest to be seen at Cecelia’s on Tasman.

Carnival glass is moulded or pressed glass to which an iridescent surface shimmer has been applied. It has previously been referred to as aurora glass, dope glass, rainbow glass, taffeta glass, and disparagingly as ‘poor man’s Tiffany.’ The name Carnival glass was adopted by collectors in the 1950s as items of it were sometimes given as prizes at carnivals, fetes, and fairsgrounds. However, evidence suggests that the vast majority of it was purchased by households to brighten homes at a time when only the well-off could afford bright electric lighting, as its finish catches the light even in dark corners. From the beginning of the 20th century, carnival glass was mass-produced around the world, but largely and initially in the United States. It reached the height of its



Carnival glass is highly collectible.

popularity in the 1920s, though it is still produced in small quantities today. Carnival glass gets its iridescent sheen from the application of metallic salts while the glass is still hot from the pressing. It was designed to look like the much finer and much more expensive blown iridescent glass by makers such as Tiffany. Both functional and ornamental objects were produced in the carnival finish, and patterns ranged from simple through geometric and ‘cut’ styles to pictorial and figurative. A wide range of colours and colour combinations were produced; scarcely used colours can command very high prices on the collector market. Carnival glass is highly collectible. Prices vary widely, with some pieces worth very little, while other, rare items command thousands of dollars. Examples of carnival glass can be easily found in antique stores.

Carnival glass originated as a glass called ‘Iridill’, produced beginning in 1908 by the Fenton Art Glass Company (founded in 1905). Iridill was inspired by the fine blown art glass of such makers as Tiffany and Steuben, but did not sell at the anticipated premium prices and was subsequently discounted. After these markdowns, Iridill pieces were used as carnival prizes. Iridill became popular and very profitable for Fenton, which produced many different types of items in this finish, in over 150 patterns. Fenton maintained their position as the largest manufacturer and were one of very few makers to use a red coloured glass base for their carnival glass. After interest waned in the late 1920s, Fenton stopped producing carnival glass for many years. In more recent years, due to a resurgence in interest, Fenton restarted production of carnival glass until its closure in 2007.

Youth concessions return as bus fares set to rise

Bus fares across Taranaki look set to increase from July, in response to a Government directive that will result in public transport fares rising across the country. Taranaki Regional Council’s Executive, Audit & Risk Committee has recommended the Council adopt a 25% fare increase for adults and an average 13.5% increase for youth from 1 July 2025. This means a Citylink ride within the New Plymouth district will go from a flat \$2 to \$2.25 for youth and \$2.50 for adults (with a Bee Card). A Connector journey from Hāwera to New Plymouth goes from a flat \$5 to \$5.70 and \$6.25 for youth and adults respectively (with a

Bee Card). The Government’s Policy Statement for Land Transport 2024 set an expectation that all transport authorities increase the private share of revenue. Private share includes fares and commercial revenue such as advertising. The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) responded by setting a private share target for each authority, including the Council. Council Transport Manager Cheryl Gazley says the Council advocated for a reduced target, which NZTA has agreed to in principle. “We know many people are struggling and every cent matters. Unfortunately,

a fare rise was unavoidable, but we’ve done our best to keep it as reasonable as possible.” She hopes the re-introduction of a youth concession for 5 to 18-year-olds after a five-year absence will help mitigate the impact on families, many of whom rely on school bus services for their children. “It has been a tough decision to make. We had to balance the need to increase private share revenue with affordability and accessibility for our passengers. “We’ve made concerted efforts in recent years to reduce costs and make bus travel more attractive and we still believe bus travel represents great value for money.”



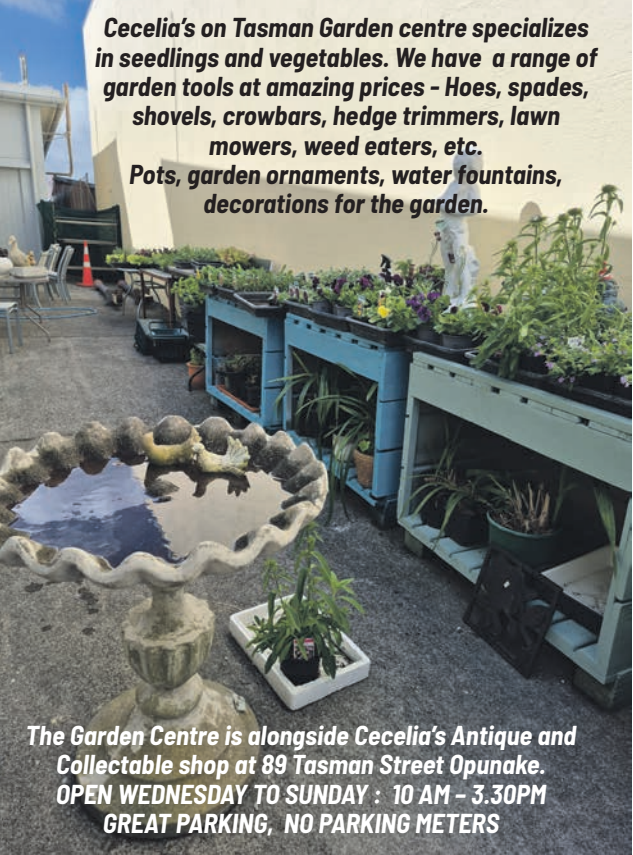
Increasing bus travel costs.

Taranaki’s current fares are competitive with similar-sized regions, who are expected to make similar fare increases this year. Ms Gazley says the Council is committed to increasing its private share in other ways, such as optimising bus routes to ensure cost-efficiency, exploring other funding sources and implementing an improved bus network, the work on

which is well underway. While the Council receives revenue from advertising on buses, it can’t generate revenue from bus shelters as it does not own the infrastructure. Under-5s will remain free, while Community Connect and Super Gold concessions will remain in place. Passengers on Citylink services will still be able to transfer onto another bus for

free within 60 minutes of tagging on to their first bus. Ms Gazley updated councillors on several ongoing public transport projects. They include a comprehensive overhaul of routes and schedules, the roll-out of the national ticketing system in Taranaki and a new website, all of which are expected to go live in early 2026. “It’s a busy but exciting time for public transport in our region. A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to give Taranaki people the modern, accessible and efficient bus service they want and deserve. “We look forward to sharing more details over the coming year, so watch this space.”

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Jen honoured for 52 years' service to Pihama WI

At our March meeting Jen Trolove was awarded a long service badge in recognition of her 52 years of service to Pihama Women's Institute. It was an extra special award as it was presented by our National President, Jude Vaughan and South Taranaki President, Bernadette Gopperth.

Over the past 52 years Jen Trolove has been a member of Pihama Women's Institute and given her all to the community. She has been heavily involved in the arts and contributed to plays and floral arrangements. These have included composing songs and dances at times. She developed a true camaraderie with her fellow Institute members. Her home was often used for meetings and hosted fundraising events. In 1995 she helped set up the Walk for Cancer which has become an iconic Pihama Women's Institute event and has raised more than \$34,000 over the years.

Her garden has been made available for fundraising on numerous other occasions. Her fruit and vegetables have most recently been the source of good fundraising.

One of the things our Institute is called upon to do is catering for various events. We serve food at the Taranaki National Art



Jenny Trolove (seated) with South Taranaki WI president Bernadette Gopperth and national president Jude Vaughan.

Awards and provide catering for funerals and other events. Jen has always been to the fore for these events and her sandwiches are legendary. Jen's flamboyant and positive nature have added to the vibrancy of our Institute. She is always full of ideas when it comes to the

creation of the float for the Opunake Christmas Parade. Even as she is aging her energy and contribution are a valued part of our meetings and Institute. She maintains a strong contact with Pihama Women's Institute and we value her link to our history. *Pihama WI*

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GROUP PLAY OR LEARNING IN CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT

Two widely accepted principles about learning—learners construct their own knowledge, and learning is an inherently social phenomenon—support the use of group learning. In Early Childhood Education (ECE), group learning or group play, or collaborative learning is a crucial part of child development. Group learning or group play refers to a learning approach where a small group of children work together on an activity, collaborating and interacting with each other to achieve a shared goal, often facilitated by a kaiako/teacher, which helps them develop different sets of skills that are crucial for their development. For example, social skills, cooperation, and communication while learning new concepts or skills; essentially, playing or learning together in a group setting, through open-ended experiences, which allows valuable group interaction.

The benefits of group play, or learning in various skills are as follows:

- Social - children learn to interact positively with others, take turns, follow directions, and resolve conflicts through group experiences, promoting social competence, creativity, exploration, and engagement while fostering learning through fun.
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- Cognitive - Teacher led experiences can introduce new concepts and ideas, allowing children to learn through observation, imitation, and discussion.
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- Individualised support - Kaiako can closely observe each child's progress and provide targeted support during group experiences, addressing individual needs and learning styles.
- Confidence - Participating in group experiences where they contribute and are recognised by the teacher can boost children's self-esteem and confidence.
- Inclusion and belonging - group experiences can foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity, allowing children to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds.



Children making paper bricks.



Children waiting patiently for their turns on skipping ropes with Meera.



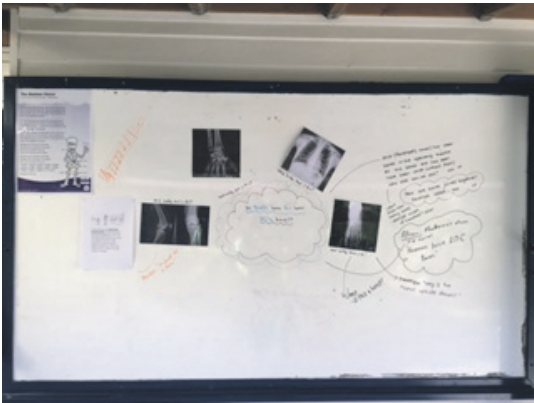
Children and Simon having fun learning with rakau.

DO PEOPLE HAVE THE SAME WHITE BONES? – SCIENCE AT KINDY



Penelope (4) talking and showing her Mum Alice our Wonderwall.

Our very own, Penelope Stevenson with her wonderful curious mind, came up with a brilliant question about human bones, while having a conversation with Meera (kaiako). Her question, “Do people have the same white bones?” has gathered a lot of interest and discussion among tamariki/children, kaiako/teachers and whānau/. Our Wonderwall allows us to explore any science question that is thought provoking; encourage discussion and giving tamariki, kaiako and whānau/family the opportunity to share their thoughts and knowledge. We just learned that a baby’s body has about 300 bones at birth. These eventually fuse (grow together) to form 206 bones that adults have. Some of baby’s bones are made entirely of a special material called cartilage and other bones in a baby are partly made or cartilage. Therefore, if you have other knowledge about bones, feel free to share it with us and we will put it on our Wonderwall.



Kindy's Wonderwall

LIVING LANDSCAPE - PERMACULTURE AT KINDY



Simon and tamariki experimenting with making our own mulch to support our soil health.

Permaculture is genuine care for people, for nature and taking only a fair share of resources. It is quite simply a lens for viewing the world and our problems through nature’s patterns and systems to ethically provide benefit for all people, nature, and our collective future. It is also the best way to repair degraded, polluted, and damaged ecosystems and redesign unethical and destructive human systems. No matter your skill set, age or field of study, permaculture inspires lasting regenerative change. At Kindy, we started with Hayley and the tamariki growing kumara in our newly identified kumara patch, in looking to widen our knowledge on cultural practices of kumara – Matariki Puanga tipu planting. Our living landscape activities and learning are on-going, and there are many more fun learning throughout the term and for the next term.



Tamariki collected soil samples for testing.

Huinga dairy farmer named winner at Taranaki Ballance Farm Environment Awards

Brendan Attrill of Caiseal Trust in Huinga has been announced as the Regional Supreme Winner at the Taranaki Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

Brendan is the third generation on the Huinga dairy farm, where he milks 350 cows across the 163ha (142.86 effective) property, taking a holistic approach that balances environmental stewardship with profitability.

His commitment to sustainability is evident across all farming operations. Strategic planning forms the basis of all farm decisions, with a strong emphasis on proactive environmental management. The farm's activities are guided by Caiseal Trust's environmental plan,



Brendan Attrill.

supported by regular soil testing and mapping to ensure precise fertiliser and effluent application. Judges commended Brendan's comprehensive understanding of nutrient inputs and their impact on soil and pasture quality, which helps to maximise pasture growth while minimising nutrient losses.

Brendan uses industry targets to guide the planning and implementation of farm practices, with judges observing that the farm's vision is closely aligned with industry initiatives to reduce environmental impacts. They also commended his herd management which focuses on nutrition and animal health. A well-structured cost strategy combined with fixed milk pricing not only

secures profitability but also provides the financial stability needed to invest in ongoing environmental improvements.

Brendan and his family were early adopters of environmental practices such as retiring and re-planting vulnerable areas. Those efforts are evident in the farm's well-established native corridors, including 14km of riparian planting and ongoing wetland development.

Brendan is continually exploring ways to improve the farm's environmental performance, with planned investments in solar energy and refrigeration efficiency.

In awarding the Regional Supreme Award, the judges noted that Brendan has developed a highly productive dairy farm that prioritises environmental stewardship. "End-to-end farm sustainability and environmental practices

are at the forefront of all farming operations." They also praised the farm's well-planned infrastructure, emphasising that environmental considerations drive Brendan's decision-making ensuring a balanced approach to productivity and sustainability.

The Ballance Farm Environment Awards are run by the New Zealand Farm Environment Trust and champion sustainable farming and growing. Brendan will join the Supreme Winners from the ten other regions involved in the awards in being considered for the Gordon Stephenson Trophy at the Trust's National Showcase in Wellington in June.

The recipients of the Gordon Stephenson Trophy then become 2025's National Ambassadors for Sustainable Farming and Growing.

Shaping future of farm plastics recycling

The Government is encouraging New Zealanders, particularly in rural areas, to share their views on proposed regulations to improve the management of farm plastic waste, Environment Minister Penny Simmonds says.

"The proposal – an industry-led initiative – would bring the existing Agrecovery and Plasback programmes into a single national recycling system, making services simpler and more accessible for all users of regulated farm plastics," Ms Simmonds says.

The proposed regulations would support a nationally consistent product

stewardship scheme for agrichemicals, their containers, and farm plastics, helping farmers and growers reduce their environmental impact while maintaining productivity.

"Plastic products are vital to New Zealand's world-leading agri-economy, but rural communities know that waste like agrichemical containers and bale wrap can quickly pile up," Ms Simmonds says.

"These regulations will provide a unified system where producers, sellers, and users take responsibility for the entire product lifecycle, from design to disposal."

Public consultation will focus on regulations supporting the new product stewardship scheme, provisionally named Green-farms. In addition to farmers and growers, industries such as forestry, manufacturing, hospitality, and tourism, as well as local authorities and households, would have access to national take-back services.

"The scheme offers a practical solution for a wide range of consumers, including households needing proper disposal options for pest and weed control product containers," Ms Simmonds says.

The programme will ensure farmers have access to free-to-use drop-off sites and collection services while working alongside regulations for producers and importers.

"Key industry stakeholders back the scheme, which offers a better alternative to burning or burying plastic waste on farms. Rural communities want a simple, effective system, and we welcome feedback to refine the proposed regulations," Ms Simmonds says.

Consultation on the new regulations will run until June 1.

Call for harmonising of vet medicines

Access to many veterinary medicines can be streamlined in a similar way to human medication, says Animal and Plant Health NZ.

Animal and Plant Health Chief Executive, Dr Liz Shackleton says, "Healthy animals benefit our communities in many ways and being able to treat them with the best and latest medication matters."

"We welcome government's announcement enabling human medicines

to be approved in less than 30 days if the product has approval from two recognised overseas jurisdictions.

"We look forward to the same approach being applied where possible to animal medicines," says Dr Shackleton.

Currently, animal medicines must be approved for use in New Zealand by the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Group within New Zealand

Food Safety.

The recent Ministry of Regulation Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review recommends increasing the use of assessments by international regulators and supporting harmonisation of requirements, to help address regulator resource and prioritisation challenges highlighted in the review report.

"Our members fully support the 'rule of two'

approach where veterinary medicines can be used here if it has approval from two recognised overseas jurisdictions and there is no unique to New Zealand consideration.

"This is also an immediate, tangible way for regulators to harmonise and ease workload.

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Are there any readers with

A glance back at Sir Peter Snell's athletic life and some of his New Zealand contemporaries.

Rolland McKellar has completed 52,000 words on the biography on Opunake-born Sir Peter Snell. He hopes you enjoy this article and looks forward to any readers who have memories of Sir Peter and his family, or maybe, actual contact with our greatest sportsperson of the twentieth century. The email is rtdmckellar@xtra.co.nz or you could phone 06 752 4377.

Peter Snell (later Sir) looked me in the eye with a steely gaze and stated, "I failed University Entrance twice."

It was the 18 May 2007 evening before the unveiling of the very first statue of the famous Olympian, and the Egmont Community Arts Council members (E.C.A.C.), were having a meal with Snell and his second wife Miki at Dawson Falls Lodge, high up on Taranaki Maunga. E.C.A.C. had commissioned the statue, which was situated centrally in Opunake Snell's 1938 birthplace, specifically in Tasman Street outside Opunake Library Plus. Also present were two relatives of Snell, his sister Marie Berry and his sister-in-law Daphne Snell. Completing the dozen or so diners was Fridtjof Hansen the sculptor as well as his wife.

The statue initiative was the brainchild of local identity Heather Cormack, who first made contact with Sir Peter, and her continued contact with the Olympian, plus the inspirational leadership of Jean Roach (chairperson of E.C.A.C.), ensured the statue eventually came into fruition.

Snell, although rightly proud of his stellar athletic career, had, in many ways moved on, as he was now an acclaimed scientist, with a Bachelor of Science and a Ph.D. in sports medicine. Over sixty articles, written by Associate Professor Snell (as he now was known), had been published in professional journals.

Although a rather reserved, yet friendly man, he held strong views and he wasn't reluctant in expressing them. His views of former president George W. Bush, for example, bordered on hatred. He was hopeful that Hillary Clinton would win the upcoming (at the time) United States presidential elections, with Obama as her vice president. History shows that it was Obama who prevailed to win the United States presidency.

The next day, with throngs of people, the media, and many dignitaries, as well as the students from the various locals schools, at the unveiling ceremony, Snell possibly ruffled a few feathers by insisting that a number of students be moved out of the direct sunlight (and into the shade), because, as he explained, youngsters are more adversely affected by strong sunlight than older people.

In another context, Snell was also critical of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association (N.Z.A.A.A.), forerunner of the current body (New Zealand Athletics), although he was not alone in this, as Sir Murray Halberg and Rod Dixon also had reservations, and the latter declared. "Enough is enough. I don't want anything more to do with them." (Cleaver, 2024).

For the record, Snell won three Olympics gold medals



Ray Puckett (right) and Rolland McKellar.

(800 metres in 1960, Rome and 1964, Tokyo, as well as the 1,500 metres in Tokyo), two Commonwealth Games gold medals (mile, half mile) and set seven individual world records (mile, 1000 metres, 880 yards, 800 metres), as well as joining three other New Zealand runners to set a world record for the four by one mile relay in 1961.

In 1962 and 1964 various international sports publications named him as the world's foremost sportsperson of the year.

Fast forward a number years to 2024 and it was fascinating to meet 84-year-old Gary Philpott (twice New Zealand champion) at his Auckland home; he was one of Snell two main New Zealand rivals in his athletic career; his specialty was the 880 yards/half mile (The other was the late John

Davies (died 2003), bronze medalist at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics in the 1500 metres final). Both men inflicted defeats on Snell on a number of occasions – sometimes winning by large margins.

Anyway, it was early 1961 and Snell had returned from the 1960 Rome Olympics, just five months after winning the 800 metres final (setting an Olympic record of 1:46.3), on 2 September, 1960, in the process beating Roger Moens (Belgium), who was the world record holder and firm favourite to win the gold medal. The athletic authorities, accordingly, had planned a feature race in Auckland so that their newly-minted Olympic champion could demonstrate his prowess in comfortably winning a half mile race. Of course, Snell would win the race so his name, as victor, was

duly inscribed on the trophy before the race was run.

Philpott has a delightful cautionary tale to tell about the outcome of this race: "It was the Highland Games at the Olympic Stadium, Auckland on Saturday 25 February, 1961. It was expected Snell, having recently returned from his recent win in Rome, would be the victor. "When the Cup was presented it had Peter's name on it, P.G. Snell as the winner. Foregone conclusion, he was the Olympic champion. I've got a picture of it with Peter and me laughing."

There was fallout from this race, where he was comprehensively beaten, as he explains: "Gary literally ran away from me in the back straight and won by 12 yards in 1:50.4. I was a very tired looking second and Arthur (Lydiard) had

no hesitation in advising me to withdraw from the New Zealand Championships." (Snell and Gilmour, 1965, p. 56). The New Zealand Championships were just a fortnight away in early March, 1961.

It should be pointed out that Snell was the defending New Zealand champion for the 880 yards event, having won in both 1959 and 1960. He also held the New Zealand resident record for the distance.

Sure enough Philpott won the 1961 title (in the absence of Snell, spent the day fishing from a boat) and, to add insult to injury, broke Snell's New Zealand resident record in the process (1:48.8 was the new record), as well as the all-comers record set by Jamaican George Kerr.

The very next year (1962), Snell was in improved form (He set three world records in the space of just over a week!) and won back his New Zealand 880 yards title, while Philpott, as defending champion, fell and finished last (He said he was pushed by someone whom he named – it wasn't Snell!). The culprit, Philpott explained, was notorious for this questionable tactic.

Meeting several of the outstanding athletes of the golden era in 2024, I was struck by their amazing memories of events, including fine intricate details and dates. One of these was Olympian Jeff Julian, eleven times New Zealand champion (marathon, cross-country, 10 mile road race), now aged 89, whom I met at his Auckland home (3 October). In connection with a question, I mentioned Peter Snell (before he was famous), who had finished behind everyone else, bursting into tears upon

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memories of Peter Snell?

finally completed Lydiard's Waikarua training circuit (35.3kms.) for the first time, having set off from coach 'Arthur Lydiard's home. "Oh no, declared Jeff, we all set off from Murray Halberg's home that day. I know - I was there." Sure enough, a recheck of the literature, revealed that, although they usually set off from Lydiard's home, occasionally Halberg's house was the meeting place, as was the case on this day in particular.

Apart from setting two world records (30 miles, 40 miles) Julian won the Lonsdale Cup in 1969. This is awarded annually, by the New Zealand Olympic Committee to the New Zealand athlete or team that has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution to an Olympic or Commonwealth sport during the previous year.

The oldest athlete I met (12 July, 2024) was Barry Magee (90), who also lives in Auckland. He won the bronze medal for the marathon at the 1960 Rome Olympics in 2 hours 17.18, a British Empire and Commonwealth record. He also won seven New



First picture. From left Sir Peter Snell, Ray Puckett, Bill Baillie, Arthur Lydiard, Sir Murray Halberg, Barry Magee, and Jeff Julian. All are deceased except Puckett, Magee and Julian.

Zealand titles including the six miles event (1955, 1957, 1958 1961 and 1962) and the marathon (1961 and 1962). He was the first New Zealander to win an international marathon overseas when he won the Fukuoka event in 1960. He was also an excellent coach. However, above all,

his Christian commitment was his guiding focus in all aspects of his life.

Another excellent runner who shared his memories at his Auckland home (2 October, 2024) was Olympian Ray Puckett (88) who won the New Zealand marathon championship five times (1958, 1959, 1960, 1964 and 1965), a record.

His 1964 winning time, in particular, was a New Zealand record. He was considered to be virtually unbeatable in New Zealand over the marathon. Just as the interview came to a close, in reference to his continued friendship with Barry Magee, his voice breaking and eyes misting over, Puckett said, "And he

still hasn't beaten me."

It should be mentioned that Barry Magee and Gary Philpott were half of the

New Zealand foursome that set a new world record (16 minutes 23.8 seconds) for the four by one mile relay at Santry, Dublin, Eire on 17 July, 1961. The other two runners were Peter Snell and Murray Halberg. As the British quartet had four established milers with overall faster times the New Zealanders were not expected to win the race (involving three nations) or break the existing world record set by a Hungarian quartet, back in 1959. Magee, who shared that he screamed himself hoarse as the race progressed, with the British team having the lead (as expected) for most of the race until the final runner (Snell) caught and overtook their final runner (The British quartet's combined time was 16 minutes 24.8 seconds).

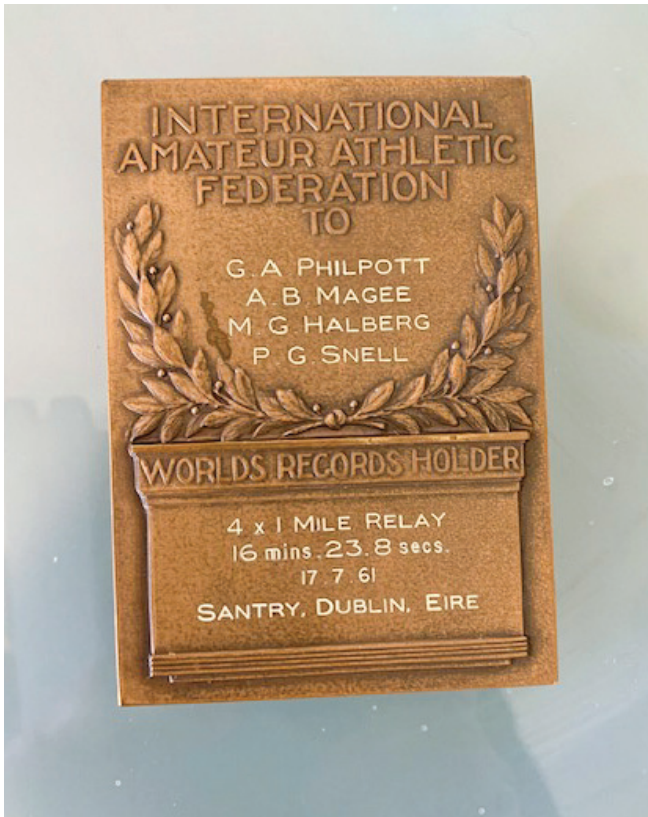
Magee said the world record race was the most treasured memory in his illustrious athletic career.

Rolland McKellar



Barry Magee with his Olympic bronze medal on the wall.

Gary Philpott who discovered PG Snell on the winner's trophy when he had beaten the Olympian in the early 1961 Auckland race. He is holding the plaque (enlarged at right) for being a member of the four by one mile world record (long with Snell, Halberg, Magee and himself).



Jeff Julian with some of his many awards.



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Local teams snares victory

The inaugural Pick A Part West Coast Streetstock teams champs was run at Five Star Liquor Stratford Speedway on Saturday night (March 29) with four teams taking to the track in the quest for glory and victory. The teams were Rotorua Ratbags, Tamarua Terrors (Wellington), Canterbury Cobras and the local team the Stratford Sharks.

Once the Cobras entered the event, it was almost a foregone conclusion as to who the winners would be. South Island Streetstocks race hard, they race fast, and they do plenty of teams racing which meant they would be very hard to beat. However, the Stratford Sharks showed true grit and determination, and also raced like seasoned campaigners to overcome all obstacles and win the event. The Sharks had a great first race against the Tamarua Terrors, taking a comfortable win and securing positions one and two in the race before losing to the Ratbags in their second race. They did however fill positions two through five which gave them the largest combined points haul of the night and secured their place in the final against the Cobras. In the final the Sharks were going well against the Cobras, but once



the Canterbury blockers latched onto race leader for the Sharks Dillan Smith and held him up for a long time it wasn't looking good for the local team. Some superb blocking from the Sharks Shaun Hall and Jared Pryce held up the Cobras runners long enough though for Chris Deveraux (Sharks) and Smith to gain the lead back in the closing stages of the race and take a delightful win and a trip straight to the top step of the podium. The Rotorua Ratbags were third overall behind the Cobras. Bradley Korff was once again the dominating force in the Saloon car racing, winning the Sam Korff Memorial which was run

over two heats by a one-point margin after placing first in race one and winning race two. Thomas Korff ran away from the field to win race one but couldn't really make any forward ground in race two and had to settle for second overall ahead of his father Craig. Bradley Korff also won the Plews Memorial which was a one race deal, after starting from grid two and leading the race from start to finish. Thomas Korff was again second while Palmerston North racer Jonathan Mason was able to stop the second Korff trifecta of the night when he finished third after a solid drive. A near full field of

Stockcars raced for the Warren Lowry Stirrers Memorial. Races were won by Ryan Nolly, Bevan Phillips and Mark Woods. There were a number of race stoppages due to on-track action that included cars being put up the wall and some decent hits throughout the field. Bryce Jensen was awarded the stirrers prize for his on-track antics.

Superstocks and Youth Ministocks also raced on the night with Superstock races being won by William Hughes (2) and Brad Uhlenberg while Ministock races were won by Angus Mulholland, Quinn Turner, Blake Luscombe and Lainey Hancock.

Jarrod MacBeth

Left: Stratford Sharks driver Dylan Smith heads off on the victory lap with team manager Anthony Washer after the team beat the Canterbury Cobras in the final.

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There was plenty of action in the Stockcars. Josh Walsh (#2nz) shows Nic Smith the wall

Spectacular Superstock racing at final event

The La Nuova sponsored final event of the 2024/2025 racing season was held at Five Star Liquor Stratford Speedway on Saturday night (April 5) and featured some excellent Superstock and Stockcar racing.

A good field of Superstocks

were already planned but when Palmerston North Speedway postponed their event early Saturday afternoon, the class gained a few more competitors at Stratford, boosting the field for the Best Pairs event to twenty-five cars. After three

races that saw wins going the way of Blair Uhlenberg, Scott Williams and New Zealand Champion Todd Hemingway, the points were tallied to find the podium

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Demolition of stand signals progress for Tuparikino Active Community Hub

Work has begun on the demolition of the public stand at the New Plymouth Raceway, marking a major milestone in the development of the Tuparikino Active Community Hub (TACH). The removal of the stand will open the way for the construction of a six-court indoor stadium - the first stage of the project to enhance sport and recreation opportunities for the region. New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) and Taranaki Racing Incorporated (TRI) have been working closely together to ensure racing and the community hub can operate seamlessly alongside each other. TRI will continue its horse training and racing activities under a new lease arrangement, which includes



The removal of the public stand at New Plymouth Raceway is a major milestone the Tūparikino Active Community Hub project.

Spectacular Superstock racing at final event

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Action from the Demolition Derby at the final event of the season. Images courtesy of Cookies Photography

order for the Best Pairs. William Hughes and Asher Rees were the winners, Todd Hemingway and Blair Uhlenberg were second and Wayne Moss and Ethan Rees third. The pairs then raced in a Pairs Shootout that saw the lowest ranked pairs face off over three laps, then the next highest ranked pair race the winners and so on until we ended up with a winner. This concept created some great action and was one that the crowd enjoyed. Uhlenberg and Hemingway were the winner while the pairing of Josh Prentice and Trent James won the prize for being the biggest movers. Thirty-four Stockcars took to the track to race for their season finale with a heap of sponsored money and prizes up for grabs. The format

saw drivers divided into groups and racing two heat races each before a twenty lap highest points from the rear final. Heat races were won by Shane Denham, Ryan Nolly and Tyler Walker. Walker then made his way from a rear grid in the final to win that, also ahead of Denham and Ryan Houghton. It was a great night all round for Walker who picked up the prizes for top points overall, final winner and the fastest lap. Saloons were a late addition to the programme and raced two heats, a pole shuffle and then a final. The Korff family shared the wins in the heat races with Thomas winning the first and Craig the second, but the star of the pole shuffle was Palmerston North racer Paul Hosking

who started in the first run and beat every opponent one by one to end up on top and secure a front row start for final which he then also won. Adult Ministocks and Youth Ministocks completed the racing before a Demolition Derby ended the night and the season. Adult races were won by Kurt Gardner (2) and Lukah Phillips. Youth races were won by Liam Croning-Prouse and Quinn Turner who both picked up two wins each. The Demolition derby was won by Matt Lavelle. The two stirrers' prizes were awarded to Matt Hill and Glenn Gordan while the Best Presented was Dave Smith.

Jarrod MacBeth

measures to safely separate public access from horse-related activities. The layout also features a new event space for race days, which is expected to offer a multi-functional area that can incorporate marquees and mobile food and beverage offerings.

TRI CEO Anna Duncan said it's fantastic to have reached an outcome that will ensure the continuation of racing in New Plymouth while making way for a new era of community sport and recreation. "We are pleased to see this stage of the project underway as it will enable Taranaki Racing to create a new event space for our members and visitors. The general public attending race days will experience some changes and disruption during construction, but TRI really value their attendance and will be making provisions to ensure their experience is still a positive one. "TRI and the TACH project team have developed a great working relationship and have created a solution that safeguards the future of racing while allowing for the development of this community facility. The new lease agreement and event space will improve the experience for our members and visitors while ensuring our activities can continue safely alongside

the community hub." ACR Demolition will oversee the clearance and aims to recycle 99 per cent of building materials from the stand, including crushing and reusing most of the concrete as fill material in the new car park and re-purposing the seating into mobile container grandstands. "We're excited to see work progressing on this long-anticipated community hub. The removal of the stand brings us closer to delivering a modern multi-sports facility that will serve the people of Taranaki, for generations to come," New Plymouth District Deputy Mayor and Councillor David Bublitz. TACH Independent Chairperson Lyal French-Wright said the project team are still working hard to raise additional funds and have been liaising with entities such as NP Partners and other potential sources to help reduce the rate payer contribution to the facility. Construction of the hub will be planned so that scheduled events will continue to run with minimal disruption.



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Pro competition starts tonight

The BFC-Pro Professional Fight series kicks off tonight (April 10) with the first event being held at the Palmerston North racecourse.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (February 27), the Fight Club which is an initiative of James (Batman) Langton and Barbwire Boxing is turning pro. The new professional series will feature six livestreamed pro boxing events in North Island centres, beginning with Palmerston North, and then proceeding on to Cambridge, Whanganui, Porirua and Hastings before “it comes back to Taranaki” and finishes at Stratford.

“This is the first ever professional New Zealand boxing competition and it’s been one hell of a job getting it off the ground,” says James, an Opunake dairy farmer who has held the NZNBF cruiserweight and Pro Box NZ heavyweight titles. “There’s no book on how to start a professional boxing competition in New Zealand, so we couldn’t do the standard weight divisions option, so we came up with one weight division, all on a points system.”

Online viewers get to vote on who they think won the fights. All fighters will be paid, win, lose or draw.

James has high hopes for Opunake boxer Bobby Katene, a familiar face at Barbwire Boxing who is fighting Aries Anderson on the undercard. “Hopefully Bobby can



James (Batman) Langton (third from left back row) with some of last year’s Barbwire BFC boxers at the launch of the pro initiative in February.

come through with a win and put his name on the leaderboard. He’s done a lot of work outside the gym and is looking in great shape,” says James.

If Bobby wins tonight he

will be set up to be the main card in five weeks’ time at the Cambridge event.

The two fighters who fought on the main card at last year’s Fight Club in

Stratford will both be there. Michael Tuaiti who lost on a decision to Niwa Barlow will take on Ijan Allen in the main card, while Barlow will face off against Thomas Russell.

Other Taranaki fighters getting into the ring will be Nathan Tutahione and Anthony Vaoga, a boxer familiar to BFC (Boxing Fight Club) followers.

“This has been a real challenge,” says James. “I’ve had lots of sleepless nights and a lot of anxiety but at the same time it’s been very exciting.

“I’ve got this incredible team working from all over New Zealand and overseas putting this together.”

He says he is pleased with the interest that has been shown so far in the series.

“We’ve signed up some really terrific fighters, New Zealand champions, New Zealand amateur fighters, fighters who have represented their country.”

Three fighters from the South Island have signed up for the Cambridge event and the Wellington Fight Night.

“It will be very interesting to see what the numbers are going to be on livestream in New Zealand and also in the world,” says James.

He is pleased with progress thus far.

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the selector. Trevor hopes to have another great year of winning trophies so he can keep the cabinet full which hopefully will keep the spiders away. Rep trials have been and gone with 23 outstanding bowlers showing up along with a rising little star which is only a junior to take on the older folk and hopefully to gain a spot in the team. Trevor

comments “I didn’t know where to look the hall was full”.

Trevor was very impressed having Kian Larsen a junior bowler turn up. Bourne says he was very consistent in his bowls and is a perfect fit for the Taranaki Team. Bourne also mentions it is good to see the young blood coming through and giving it their best shot. These juniors are the future of this sport and we need to nurture them and shape them into the best bowlers they can ever be to keep the sport alive.

With a lot of thought about this year’s caliper of bowlers and the best combinations of each team and making sure we are as strong as ever for the weekend ahead, Trevor is very pleased to announce his team for the 2025 NWWTH quad to be played on April 26-27 at Stratford War

Memorial Hall in Stratford. The NWWTH consists of 4 Regions; North Wellington, Wanganui, Taranaki and Horowhenua. These team will battle it out to see who are the 2025 champions. The Taranaki Rep Team is as follows Paul Midgley(sk), Rose Ratahi, Jamie Taylor and Kim Mahupuku, Martin Harding(sk), Chris Reed, Ella Smailes and Brittany Vince. Rodney Morris(sk), Trevor Bourne, Neil Vince and Stephen Vince. Sue Bourne(sk), Andrea Berry, Daniel Shepherd and Kian Larsen, Res: Raewyn Fredrickson. The Taranaki Rep Team hopes everyone enjoys themselves and enjoys a good weekend of outstanding bowls. With the young and old the Taranaki team is ready to rumble and have fun.

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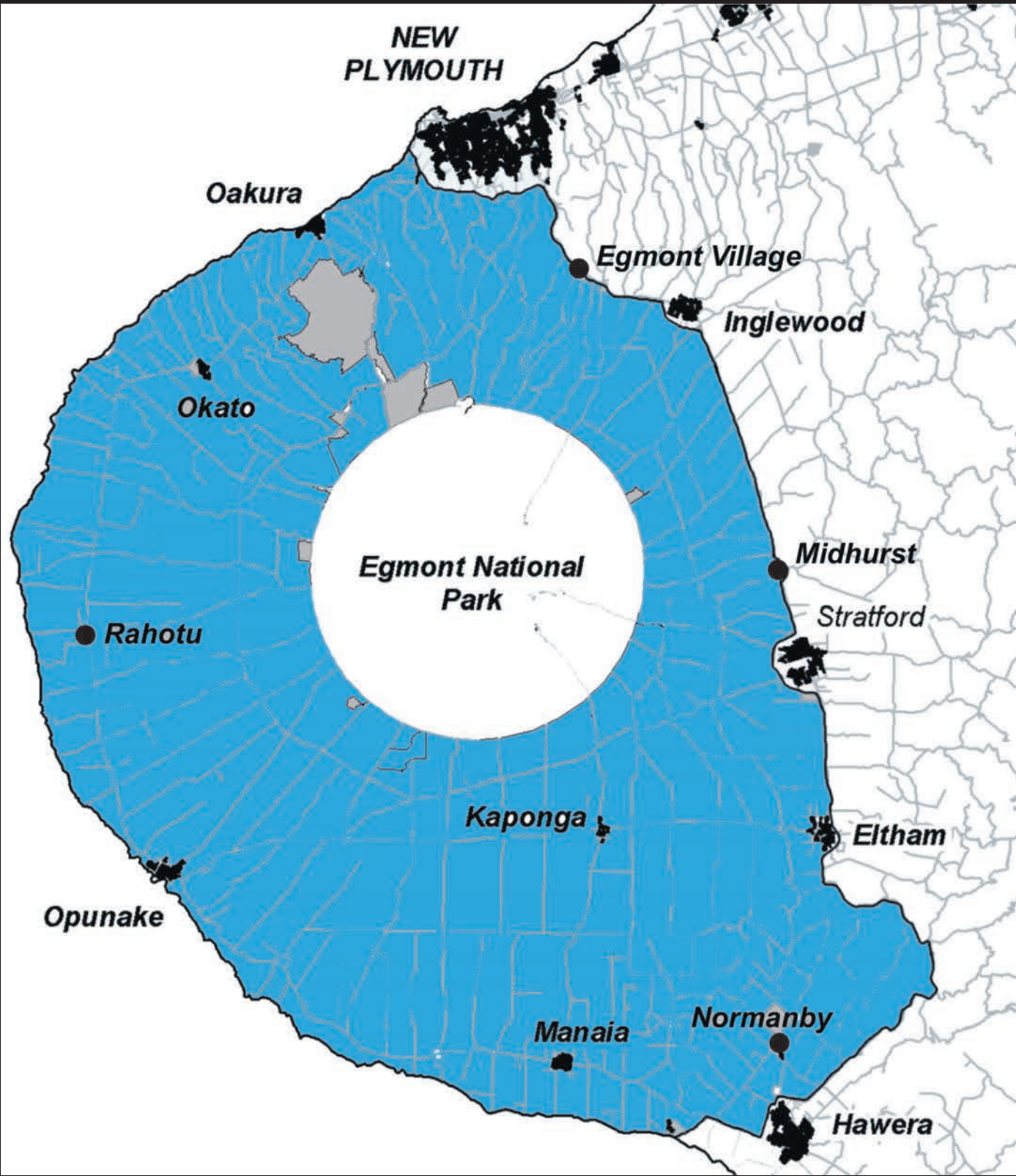
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Shakespeare Festival

Celebrate the Bard: Stratford's Annual Shakespeare Festival returns this April

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From April 2-12, Stratford will come alive with the magic of Shakespeare's plays, sonnets, and characters. The eleven-day festival will feature world-class performances by local and international theatre groups, including renditions of Ugly Shakespeare's version of Hamlet, A Midsummer Night's Dream (as part of Penny Ashton's one person show Olive Copperbottom), and The Barden Party's two performances of a Bluegrass-inspired Macbeth, performed in stunning

outdoor venues that capture the beauty of the town and surrounding landscape. "We are thrilled to bring the spirit of Shakespeare back to Stratford," says Festival Director Dixon Lobb. "This year's festival promises to be our most exciting yet, with immersive performances, innovative workshops, and a vibrant celebration of all things Shakespearean. We welcome both seasoned theatre lovers and newcomers to experience the magic of the Bard in our

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Mason musicians at Mangamingi

Mangamingi Hall will be the venue for the next leg of the Mason Brothers’ musical tours around Taranaki.

Already booked for the Barden Party at the Pioneer Village Stratford on the Saturday afternoon, the boys have booked in the country hall 15 minutes east of Eltham for a show the night before. Usually famous for hosting sheep dog trials, Mangamingi will this time be hearing the sounds of Wayne Mason’s lifetime of music in bands like The Warratahs and The Fourmyula. There are also a few stories of life as a Kiwi musician on the road, playing piano and guitar and writing popular songs over many decades. Wayne’s hit song of 1970, “Nature” with The Fourmyula, was covered in the 90’s by The Muttonbirds

String bass and vocal backing is provided by local Mason brother and minister, Paul Bowers-Mason, who helped arrange the show through one or two contacts who live over the Mangamingi Saddle. He’s keen to add Mangamingi to their places visited, which last year included Whangamomona and Uruti.

“Managamingi is an amazing part of Taranaki. Fifteen minutes from Eltham and you feel like you are in a completely different world. We are hoping people will come from the nearby rural communities too. Everyone has done a great job of upgrading the hall over the years to keep it as an excellent community venue, so we are hoping for a great night of music and entertainment”.



Mason Brothers, Mangamingi Hall, Friday 11 April 7.30pm, \$25, cash door sales available.

Jenni Corbett’s Postcards of NZ, Tourist Birds style

The Village Gallery welcomes a whimsical and vibrant journey through the eyes of The Tourist Birds, the colourful creations of artist Jenni Corbett. What began as a single painting in Queensland, Australia, quickly took flight—capturing the imagination of buyers and inspiring a series that continues to evolve.

Initially, The Tourist Birds were a playful reinterpretation of Zebra Finches, painted with brighter, bolder colours. When the first piece sold almost immediately, Jenni painted another, only to have it snapped up just as quickly.

Realising she had struck upon something special, she continued exploring these characters, imbuing them with personality and storytelling potential. At first, the birds were nameless wanderers but as Jenni received comments suggesting they deserved a story, she and her then-partner—an avid storyteller—began crafting narratives around them. Each bird developed a unique name and persona, often inspired by real people they knew. This deepened the series’ connection to adventure,

travel, and personal aspirations.

For Jenni, The Tourist Birds became more than just paintings—they were a surrogate for the traveling she had put on hold as a young mother. The birds took on a life of their own, making their way to some of the world’s most iconic landmarks, including Uluru, the Sydney Opera House, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and even the peak of Mt. Taranaki.

Last year, Jenni’s Tourist Birds embarked on a global adventure with an exhibition

in Whanganui, which she humorously described as part of her “retirement plan.” Now with an opportunity to showcase her work at The Village Gallery, she is excited to continue their journey - this time exploring the unique charm of North Island’s Kiwiana culture.

Viewers can expect a delightful mix of humour, nostalgia, and adventure as The Tourist Birds explore their destinations. Jenni’s latest exhibition promises not just a visual treat but a narrative journey that invites audiences to travel alongside

her flock. Join us at The Village Gallery to witness the latest chapter in The Tourist Birds’ adventures and

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Shakespeare Festival

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Masterclasses: Interactive sessions for aspiring actors, directors, and Shakespeare enthusiasts of all ages. The Barden Party will hold one on Friday April 11.

Shakespearean Night Theatre: A performance night featuring arts, music and drama under the night sky. Music, Murder &

Mayem – to be held at the Pioneer Village from 3pm till 9pm on Saturday April 12.

Family-friendly activities: A range of activities and performances for all ages, including storytelling sessions and Shakespearean-themed activities and events.

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The unsung heroines of World War I tell their story in Hawera Repertory’s ‘Sister Anzac’ which will hit the boards of the Hawera Memorial Theatre in time to commemorate ANZAC Day, directed by Clive Cullen.

The hospital ship Maheno served off the coast of Gallipoli during World War I. The play, written by Geoff Allen, charts the triumphs and tragedies amidst the horrors of war. It focuses on three of the nurses, Red Cross volunteer Elsie Livesey, and Sisters Hilda O’Neill and Maggie Haynes, as they encounter life in a war zone.

They are led by the indomitable Matron Alice Corkingdale (played by Kathryn van Gameren) who has to battle the army hierarchy for recognition of their right to be there as well as keeping her nurses safe. Army medical officer, Colonel Shelby Carter (John Bouzaid) is totally opposed to them, but comes to appreciate the work they do in treating and saving the brutally maimed and wounded men. When he is transferred to an aid station in France, he takes the matron



Nurses during costume fitting. From left. Matron Corkingdale - Kathryn van Gameren, Hilda Steele - Samantha Turner, Maggie Haynes - Sarah Johnston-Dunn, Costume designer - Miranda Cullen.

and her nurses with him to serve in the battle zone. By war’s end the Maheno and New Zealand’s second hospital ship Marama had carried over 47,000 patients and prisoners of war.

All three nurses have

reasons to be in Gallipoli. Elsie (played by Louisa Bouzaid) is looking for her fiancé, Sergeant Harry Young (Timothy Wollett) and finds him amongst the wounded, Maggie (Sara Johnston-Dunn) is looking

for her brother and Hilda (Samantha Turner) had a vision on a beach that she was destined to go to war. All three women show courage and perseverance, working long hours to save the men – sometimes using

humour to deflect the horror, often feeling that they cannot go on.

This is a poignant and personal story embracing love and the human spirit and celebrating the strength and courage of these young women in the face of all the horrors of war. It is both heartfelt and horrifying. The play allows us to hear the voices of women who were real, who experienced things few of us can imagine, and who were rarely able to talk about those experiences once they returned because, as Matron Corkingdale points out, no one would understand.

Interestingly there is a Taranaki connection to the story. The actual matron of the Maheno was Evelyn Brooke (1879 – 1962) who was born in New Plymouth. She worked as a nurse in Hawera and Wellington and was the first army nurse to receive the Royal Red Cross Medal and Bar and was also awarded the British War Medal.

Sister Anzac will be performed in the Hawera Memorial Theatre for a strictly limited season – April 23, 24, 25 and 26. Bookings at www.iticket.co.nz and Hawera i-site.

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Broken Pieces Opunake Players latest production



Story writer Paul Andersen-Gardiner, composer Vivienne Genet and director Lynelle Kuriger during a recent rehearsal of Opunake Players “Broken Pieces.”

Opunake Players latest production is a musical drama “Broken Pieces”. It tells the story of New Zealand’s first refugees, 733 Polish children who arrived in Wellington from Persia, now Iran, in 1944. Refugees from a war-torn world, they were supposed to stay until war’s end. But communist Russia had taken

control of Poland, so New Zealand invited them to stay. The main character is Basia, a fictional character representing one of the children. Based on true events, it tells of her journey to New Zealand and, as an adult, her need to return to Poland to find where she belongs. The story is set in New Zealand and Poland

during the early 1960s with flashbacks to World War Two.

“Broken Pieces” is written by Opunake writer Paul Andersen-Gardiner with music by Eltham resident Vivienne Genet. Having played keyboard for many musicals, Vivienne was keen to compose one herself. Director Lynelle Kuriger

has been responsible for many Players’ productions. (Fleece, Me’n’Gus, Clue) Said Lynelle, “I was attracted to “Broken Pieces” because it’s a fascinating insight into a little-known part of New Zealand’s history. What I found when I read it was a story of a very personal emotional journey that is aching to be told. I dare you not to fall in love with Basia, our feisty heroine.”

Because of the serious wartime nature of the story we highly recommend an R13 rating. Ticket and booking details to follow.

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A hundred years of history on wall of country hall

A London artist tripping through New Zealand has been adding a dash of colour to Tumahu Hall’s centenary celebrations.

Alice Sherborne has been travelling through the country with her boyfriend Jake and on reaching Taranaki met Su Hammond who persuaded her to decorate the inside of the hall with a mural to mark the first 100 years of the hall which is on the corner of Wiremu and Puniho Roads.

“Me and my boyfriend were looking for a job on a farm and then we found Su and Roydon and their organic dairy farm,” says Alice.

Su who has been looking after bookings for the centenary celebrations says she mentioned to Alice that they were looking for somebody to do a mural for the hall. Alice had worked on TV set design back in Britain. She had also done a couple of murals.

“I’m still quite new to the game,” she says.

“I drew up a sketch, a plan of what I thought would look nice. Su showed the committee the sketch while we were away (in Matamata and Silverdale), and when we got the green light I travelled down to Taranaki.”

When the Tumahu Hall was built in 1925 by Messrs Roebuck and Hoskin it was completely funded by the local community. In its time the hall has hosted all manner of local events, whether it be dances like the Long Night Dance, the Harvesters’ Annual Dance, Annual Grand dance, Grand Carnival Dance, Bachelors Ball or Grand Old Time and Modern Dance, as well as productions



Su Hammond (left), artist Alice Sherborne and the mural.

TUMAHU HALL CENTENNIAL

High Tea and Birthday Cake
April 12, 1pm
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by the local Newall School which closed in 2005.

The hall continues to be used for the local Dry Off Party, the Tumahu Hall Party (to be held on June 7) and the Christmas Party (to be held on December 13). It is also used for various local celebrations.

On April 12 the hall will be celebrating 100 years with a High Tea and birthday cake.

Alice says it took her four weeks to complete the mural “from the first drawings to

the final stroke of the brush.”

“Su gave me a lot of newspaper clippings so I had an idea of what went on here. It was very much a collaboration of ideas. One of the briefs was to incorporate the unique structure of the hall and the shape of the roof and Mt Taranaki. Because it’s 100 years I wanted to give the origins and the story of how

it was constructed, taking us through the history, having fun with that and having the cheerful elements.”

Alice says she has enjoyed meeting the locals who would wander in to see how things were coming along.

“I’ve really loved being part of this project,” she says. “It’s been nice to meet people whose children went to Newall School and played

in plays on that stage there.”

Su says they are looking to put a book together so are keen to hear from people with memories and photos of the hall. A wide variety of groups have used the hall in its 100 years. These have included Women’s Division, bowls, table tennis, badminton and aerobics, as well as the school shows which used to be held here.

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CoastalCare celebrates ten years

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“Finally I would like to acknowledge our other past trustees, Kylie Brophy, Lynda Corkill and Julie Morgan, and of course our current trustees, Adrienne Hickey for these many years of secretarial work, Bob Clark who is retiring, thank you for your financial advice, Paul Bourke who has been with us more than 10 years and our newer trustees Monica Willson, Stephanie

Livingstone, Abbey Wakeling, Corryn Pryce-Baxter and Chris Young. “And a very big thank you to our wonderful manager Aretha MacAdam and her team for their passion and dedication to our wonderful CoastalCare facility.” New Plymouth MP David MacLeod also paid tribute to Aretha and noted there was another 10th anniversary to celebrate. “We’re one month away from the 10 year celebration

for the manager you were able to attract from Nelson,” he said. “Today is about celebrating. This community should be incredibly proud. If there is a need in this community this facility will work out how to get it.” South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon voiced similar sentiments.

“I remember back when it was being built. It was driven by a want from the community and the community got behind it. The Council knows that every dollar put into Opunake will be multiplied many many times back. This facility has attracted so many services to Opunake that weren’t here before.”



CoastalCare Facility Manager Aretha MacAdam lighting the candles on the celebratory cake.



Chair of the CoastalCare Board of Trustees Steve Corkill cuts the cake.



CoastalCare and the list of sevices below.

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Active + Physiotherapy	Mon and Thur 8.30am to 4pm	06 769 9992
Alcohol & Drug counselling	District Health Board (by appointment)	06 753 7838
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Counselling	District Health Board – various (by appointment)	06 753 7838
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MONDAYS: The Barnabas Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

Beginners Social Dance Classes: Central School Hall, New Plymouth, 7pm.

TUESDAYS

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

Pungarehu Golf Club Twilight: Tee-off between 4.30 & 6.30pm.

Opunake District RSA: Meet 1st Tuesday of every month at 5.30pm at the Opunake Fire Station. Financial Members are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4pm to5 .30pm.

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

THURSDAYS

Egmont Euchre Club: Every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club. Inquiries, 06 761 8337 or 06 761 8607.

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

FRIDAYS

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

Beginners Social Dance Classes: Oakura Hall, 6.15pm.

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APRIL 9 - MAY 3

Postcards of NZ - Tourist Birds Style exhibition: The Village Gallery, Eltham

APRIL 11

Drought Resilience Event Pihama Hall, 1pm. see page 15 for details.

Mason Brothers: At Mangamingi Hall, 7.30pm.

APRIL 11 - 13

Taranaki Home & Garden Show: TSB Stadium, New Plymouth, 10am start.

APRIL 12

Tumahu Hall Centennial High Tea: 2417 Wiremu Rd, Okato, 1pm.

An evening with Dave and Ross Eaves: In conjunction with the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. At the Stratford Baptist Hall, 7pm.

APRIL 13

Opunake District RSA AGM: At Opunake Fire Station, 1pm.

APRIL 14

Coastal Hockey Have a Go: Opunake High School, 11am..

APRIL 17

Drop In Clinic at Tui Ora: Heartlands Hub, Opunake.

APRIL 23 - 26

Sister Anzac A Production by Hawera Rep, At Hawera Memorial Theatre.

APRIL 25

Deep Rising Film Screening & Guest Speakers: Everybody's Theatre, 6.45pm.

APRIL 26

Paddle Out for Our Ocean: Opunake Beach, 2pm.

Live Music at the Opunake Town Hall: 7pm

MAY 3 & 4

Monster Book Fair at Hawera: At the Genealogy Group Building, 48 Union St Hawera. 9.30am-6pm. A huge new selection of specialty books. New stock in all categories.

MAY 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 24 & 25

Broken Piecess A production by Opunake Players. At the Lakeside Playhouse.

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Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga
South Taranaki
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ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Cape Egmont
1pm - Wreath laying ceremony
Cape Egmont Boat Club, Bayly Road, Warea.

Manaia
6.15am - Assemble at Manaia Bowling Club,
Reimenschneider Street. March to band
Rotunda/Cenotaph.
6.30am - Service at Cenotaph.
*Refreshments will be served at the Bowling
Club at the conclusion of the service.*

Ōpunakē
6am - Assemble at the Ōpunakē Town Hall
and march to the Cenotaph.
6.10am - Service at Cenotaph.
8am - Ōpunakē Services Cemetery.
*Refreshments will be served at the Opunake
Town Hall at the conclusion of the service.*

Pihama
5.30pm - Service at Pihama Cenotaph
(Lizzy Bell).

Te Kiri
10.45am - Service at Te Kiri Cenotaph.

Otakeho
6pm - A small service will be held at the
Otakeho Hall on **24 April**.

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His contact details are 027 449 7410 and his email is rod.gordon@thlaw.co.nz.


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the Fire Station. At 10.00am the Eltham RSA will be holding a Dedication Service for deceased
comrades at the Services Cemetery at Eltham Cemetery. At the conclusion of the dedication
service all are invited back to the Eltham Fire Station for light refreshments.

L.Eynon (President)



Eltham



Opunake District RSA


Poppy Day Appeal 2025
Friday 11th April
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ANZAC Day Services
Friday 25th April

Opunake:
6am Town Hall, march to the
Cenotaph for Service
8am Services Section, at
Opunake Cemetery

Te Kiri:
11.15am Te Kiri Cenotaph

Lizzie Bell Pihama:
5.30pm Lizzie Bell Cemetery




Manaia & District R.S.A.

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