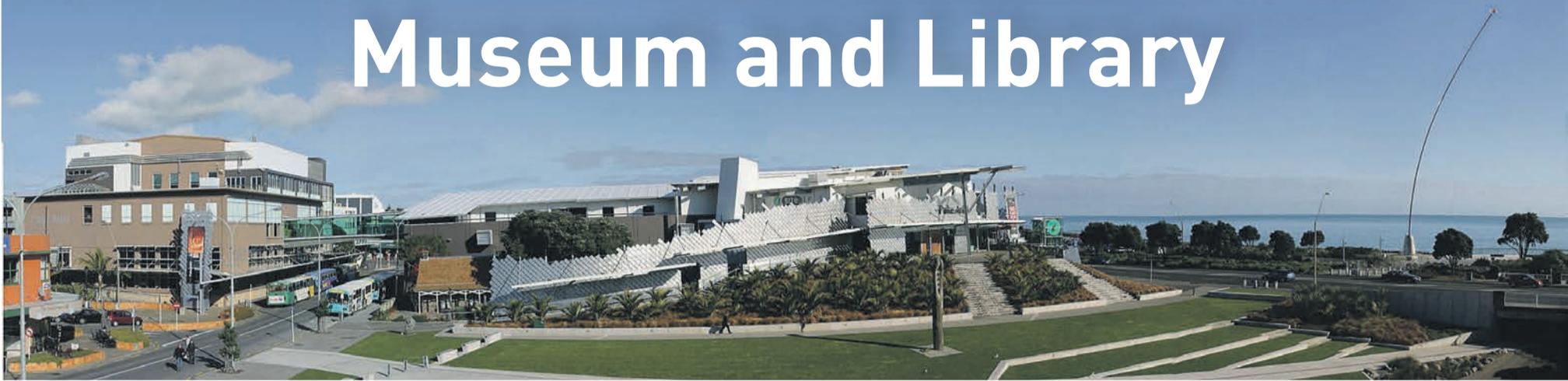




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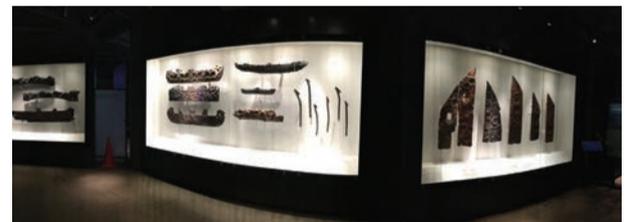
Step back in time 290 million years to when bizarre-looking animals dominated life on land and sea. Puke Ariki's temporary exhibition *Permian Monsters: Life before the Dinosaurs!* Tells the story of the greatest extinction the world has ever seen. This unique exhibition brings the past back to life with fossilised skeletons and full-size life models and animatronics of the animals that ruled the world millions of years before the age of dinosaurs, in a time known as the Permian. *Permian Monsters* is a fun and interactive exhibition that blends art and science with a collection of new artwork which offers a glimpse back through the eyes of award winning paleo-artist Julius Csotonyi. View fossilised skeletons and reconstructed models of these amazing but bizarre creatures, and dig and identify fossils in the interactive dig pits throughout the exhibition.

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Eileen Mayo, *Mother and Son* (1954), wood engraving, collection of Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu, purchased 1972.



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Top honour for Graham Mourie. See page

Tornadoes strike Rahotu

Seven weeks after ex cyclone Gita, the coast has once again been hit by bad weather.

On early Tuesday morning, tornadoes cut their way through Rahotu, damaging houses, lifting roofs, taking down power lines and strewing rubbish across nearby paddocks, before wreaking more damage to farm buildings and trees further inland.

Eight houses in Rahotu had been damaged, with three of them hit severely, Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management said.

A Civil Defence Centre had been set up at the Rahotu School Hall.

Wayne Taylor looked across at three houses which had been hit across the road from where he farms on the Surf Highway.

“At about seven in the morning, the tornado came



Some Rahotu houses lose their roofs when a tornado struck.

Lots of fences are down with iron blown off sheds. This is probably our number three tornado here. We had just

“We’ve lost four sheds. Trees are down everywhere.”



Another view of the devastation in Rahotu.

off the coast. There was heaps of lightning and thunder prior to that and some massive bolts. I just walked back into the milk room. It would have been a different story if I’d been outside,” he said, pointing to the debris which had blown across the road into his paddock.

“You just can’t control mother nature,” he said.

From there the tornado turned and headed inland.

Storm damage meant that several local roads were closed and Wiremu Road was closed to traffic from Kina road westwards.

On the Ngariki Road, Ian Wooldrage said this latest tornado had come just as they were recovery from Gita which struck on February 20.

“We’ve lost four sheds. Trees are down everywhere.

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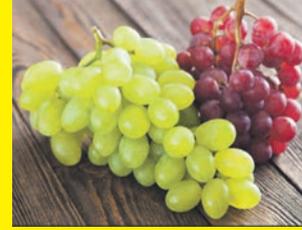
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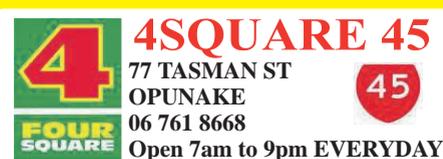


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finished cleaning up from the last storm. Some of the sheds have been renewed, but we’ve lost them again.

Taranaki Civil Defence Controller Craig Campbell-Smart says that the Rahotu community has rallied to support those affected by the tornado.

“Fire and Police contacted all of the affected households and we’ve been advised that those people who cannot return to their homes will be cared for by friends and family.

“This has been a great response by the locals and it’s a credit to the community. They will have a big clean up ahead of them and we will continue to make sure the community has the necessary support to recover,” says Mr Campbell-Smart.

People with damage to homes and property are advised to take photos of the damage and contact their insurance company.

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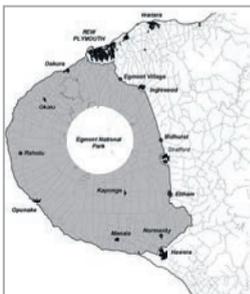
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Letters to the Editor

Tama E helping our youth

After reading about Tama Eminukutepua's visit to Opunake High School I was extremely pleased when he asked two extremely uncomfortable questions like asking students to stand up who have been bullied 90% stood up. He then asked if you are a bully or have been a bully this time 80% stood up. Then he told these students you're not alone in being bullied as bullying is the third of those frequent causes of youth suicide in which he is correct.

Knowing myself when going to high school I was bullied by two older boys but then the day came when I retaliated then they never troubled me again, plus finding out later that these two boys had also been bullying other boys. As a result they got an extremely stern warning from the headmaster and made to apologise. I've also

had relations commit suicide as young as 22 years old.

I do know some adults can or can't hide away from depression because some are too frightened, scared and embarrassed to actually ask for help. Now, regardless whether we all live in a city, town or even around the coast get to know your next door neighbour and neighbours, have get togethers once every two months, then observe from afar different people without them learning about how they react their movements, even how they speak, is sometimes a dead giveaway that something is not right, regardless if they are male or female.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Eyecatchers closing is disappointing

We were disappointed to hear that Eye catchers in Opunake is

closing down. This is a facility opened a few days a week for people with disabilities to go to for the day.

With this facility closing, what do the people that go there do now? Where is all the support for these people now? Or for the caregivers and families of the people who went - who once had a few hours break a week whilst that special-needs person attended the facility, now there's no help at all.

What about the jobs that will be lost in Opunake as well as the support for the workers and attendees?

It is sad pushing away people who are part of our day to day society, who wake us up and make us appreciate what we do have.

If Opunake is to lose this facility, it feels like it's a step backwards for this town.

Ruth & Nikki Morgan
Rahotu

Show some respect

How is it that people can disrespect private property and go and poach on the beach that has no facilities like toilets, a dangerous cliff

and a hazardous wooden ladder that is a danger in itself? They spin their motor vehicle wheels and damage the surface and just don't care a damn. They leave the gate open that leads to the highway where vehicles drive 100km per hour. So if animals get out and end up on the road it can cause a serious accident or worst still death.

They can ride a 4 wheeler with a young child on and race around, bring their dogs and just have no care that it is not their land.

To top it all you have the fisheries ask to be let known when there is pouching going on, but when you phone them they never come out. The poachers come on private land that is not a paper road, so it is private land, and take buckets full of undersized paua.

I believe Hawera farmers and the locals have stopped entry to the beach from their land to try and protect the paua as they are cleaned out. Respect is a commodity that few people have today.

Senior citizen,
Opunake

ADELPHOS

Sowing and harvesting corn and wheat, pruning grape vines and fig trees, planting mustard seeds, weeding and ploughing with oxen—these were common farming activities in the Middle East. Jesus often used such agricultural examples in his parables to make a point. In the parable of the sower he described the four different reactions people have when they hear the Word of God (Matthew 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8). See which seed group number you would like to belong to?

Seed group number one: A farmer scattered seed which represents the word of God. Some fell on the

Happy gardening

path and the birds ate it. Jesus explained that "path people" misunderstood God's word and let the devil's negativity influence them to not believe the gospel and be saved (Matthew 13:18 and Luke 8:12).

Seed group number two: It fell on rocky ground. It quickly sprung up because the soil was shallow and the sun withered it because it had no root. Jesus explained that "rocky ground people" gladly received the word of God but since they had no root they did not spiritually grow. Their joy lasted only a short time. When testing, trouble or persecution came because of believing in the Word of God they quickly

fell away and were unfruitful (Mark 4:17).

Seed group number 3: It fell among the thorns. "Thorn people" heard the word of God but Jesus said the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth/finances and the desire for gear and other things came in and choked their desire to please God. They did not mature and became unfruitful (Mark 4: 19).

Seed group number 4: This seed fell on good soil and it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown (Matthew and Mark). These "fruitful people" received the Word of God, obeyed it and produced much fruit in their lives

(Matthew 13:23, Luke 8:15, Mark 4:20). Fruit bearing is a way of behaving and living each day as a gospel believing follower of Jesus. It could be as simple as a smile, an encouraging word or carrying someone's groceries. We do not have to be evangelists to bear fruit as some mistakenly think.

Reflection: Only one of the four seed groups produced good fruit. Which one of the four seed groups are you interested in belonging to? Perhaps you can speak with a bible believing pastor or friend to help you produce fruit in your life? Happy gardening.

Adelphos

Kittens need a kind home

These kittens, born about the first week of January are being fostered through the Taranaki Animal Protection Trust, and are being de-sexed, micro-chipped and vaccinated.

The two together (pictured) are twins and males (they were born in the same sack), and are wanting a home that will take them together. They are medium length fur - white with tabby markings (the same). They are very cute with quite large round faces.

The other two look very similar - They are short-haired, and have white fur with tabby patches. They are believed to be males, but this would have to be confirmed by a vet.

All the kittens are very tame, and their mother has a lovely affectionate nature, so they will very likely be the same.

If anyone is interested they can call Tanya on 021 839 804 to arrange to view them.



Three kittens still need a home.

Kathryn Duncan, who is a school teacher by profession, set up the Taranaki Animal Protection Trust about four years ago to support the burgeoning stray cat problem in Taranaki. As an animal lover, she saw a need to support the colonies of stray

cats, and has also set up two cat sanctuaries. The Trust has a team of people who regularly catch cats from the stray cat colonies, feed them, have them de-sexed, and then release them again to the life they are used to.

They also rehome stray cats

and kittens from litters that people need help with. A lot of their animals are advertised on their Facebook page and Trade Me.

A second-hand clothing shop in New Plymouth, called "The Cat's Pajamas," helps provide funding for the Trust. Any cat-lovers who would like to support the Trust can contact them via Facebook.

Kathryn is an ardent cat-lover, and has been very successful over the years in contributing to the reduction of stray cat populations, and helping find loving homes for many cats and kittens. Their programme is very responsible in that all cats/ kittens are de-sexed, vaccinated and micro-chipped before they go to their new homes.

Note: One kitten has found a home.

Memorabilia of Ronald Hugh Morrieson thrown out in skip

Where Hawera's Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) is situated now, at the corner of Regent Street and South Road, was once the lifetime home of Taranaki's best known novelist Ronald Hugh Morrieson. It was here he wrote his four novels 'The Scarecrow', 'Came a Hot Friday', 'Predicament' and 'Pallet on the Floor', as well as some short stories. He has the distinction of being the only New Zealand writer whose novels have all been made into feature films.

Back in the early 1990s, when KFC sought to buy the land where the homestead was sited, there was controversy. There were letters to the newspapers for and against and a petition representing both points of view. In 1993, despite the protests of The Scarecrow Committee (headed by the late Tim Chadwick), Cr Ross Dunlop and even Mayor Mary Bourke, the kauri-and-matai homestead



The KFC restaurant in Hawera where the homestead of Ronald Hugh Morrieson once stood.

was demolished.

At the hearing of the South Taranaki District Council (3.2.1993), consent was granted to Harry Bhana (KFC) subject to various conditions. One clause stated: The Judicial Committee would also like the following undertaking from KFC (NZ) Ltd, which the Committee cannot require as conditions of consent;

2. That a plaque be erected on the site noting its historical significance in relation to Ronald Hugh Morrieson, and that appropriate memorabilia be displayed in the building.

Although not legally binding, KFC agreed to what was, in effect, a 'gentleman's agreement'.

When KFC underwent renovations, admittedly some time ago, all items relating to Ron Morrieson were removed. One item, a large gold framed account of a doco-drama (NZ Film Commission, 1982) called 'One of Those Blighters' was discarded and thrown into a skip. A (presumably shocked) KFC staff member rescued it, although the glass was shattered, the frame bent out of shape and it had water damage. The staff member

took it to Framing Gallery in Hawera, who did an excellent job restoring it, although it still had water stains. When Framing Gallery closed their doors, the item had never been picked up (or paid for), so the owner Jillian Williams gave it to a journalist who works for Opunake and Coastal News (who has, in turn, offered it

plaque could be located. Jason McMenamin of KFC was unable to confirm its whereabouts, but said his organisation was prepared to provide a replacement.

Mayor Ross Dunlop has commented about the deliberate loss of the memorabilia, "That is very annoying and typical of what

Scarecrow Committee member Clive Cullen commented, "I'm pretty disappointed. A part of our historical connection has been lost." The Scarecrow Committee carried out a campaign to ensure the homestead was saved.

Close friend of Ron Morrieson Gordon 'Mac' Sole had this to say. "I'm disappointed if they did that. It's a very serious lack of respect. I'm amazed." Mac added that the English language would not have the words to express what he'd really like to say!

We look forward to KFC honouring its undertaking to provide and mount a replacement plaque honouring Ronald Hugh Morrieson, as soon as possible.

Does anyone know of the whereabouts of the original plaque? If so, please contact us on 06 761 7016 or call at our headquarters in Opunake. The original plaque would be better than a replacement.



The gold-framed item of memorabilia which was thrown into a skip during the renovation of KFC.

to Tawhiti Museum).

The Auckland-based owners of KFC were recently approached to see if the

happens when those in charge have no idea of the history. Hopefully, the plaque can be found and restored."

Chairperson of Coastal Care passing mourned

The announcement of the passing of Dan Holmes, JP QSO is greeted with sadness.

He was Chairperson of the Coastal Taranaki Health Trust.

Instrumental in promoting the health of residents in the Opunake district, Dan Holmes was Chairperson of the Opunake Cottage Resthome and oversaw the transition of the former Opunake Cottage maternity hos-



Dan Holmes at the opening of Coastal Care in Opunake three years ago.

pital into the Opunake Cottage Resthome in the early 1990s.

He served Taranaki with great distinction including as Chairperson of the Taranaki District Hospital Board.

We join with his family and wide circle of friends in expressing our condolences to his family.

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Board says it won't be deterred by vandals

It is once again possible to learn about the history of Opunake while taking in the sights of the town's walkway.

Six of the 10 heritage signs on the Opunake Walkway had been vandalised back in 2016. Replacement signs have since been made.

Made by Zodiac Signs, the new signs combine historic photos with aspects of the town's history. These include the short-lived Opunake Wharf, from the time construction began in 1924 through to the public meeting in 1933 which voted for its demolition.

Then there is the Opunake Jetty sign which takes the story back to before the Pak-cha came, when local Maori would get to the bay via the



Opunake's Heritage signs.

Hihiwera Stream, through to a 300 foot jetty being built in 1882, which was washed away in 1894, rebuilt in 1899, and dismantled in 1924. Of more recent interest, the

sign indicating the Waihua River Fish Pass which had been installed in 1996, explains something of the various fish life to be found locally.

The prospect of vandalism to heritage signs should not stop them continuing to be put back Egmont Plains Community Board deputy chairman Andy Whitehead

said at the board's meeting held in Manaia last month.

"As a community we can't stop doing this," he said.

The Community Board had set aside funds from the Local Discretionary Fund to replace them. Since then there had been some delay due to factors including a loss of the original files due to the previous signwriter no longer being in business, and a need to ensure a consistency between the existing and the new signs.

South Taranaki District Council community development advisor Glenn Hansen said he understood the new signs were in place. These are made of aluminium so should be stronger and harder to vandalise.

Community board member Brian Vincent said signs also needed to be protected with plywood. Too many had been pulled off and broken, he said.

"It's not the wind that breaks the signs," he said.

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Tornadoes strike Rahotu

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This tree came off second best when a tornado ripped into Rahotu at around 7am on Tuesday morning, a witness said that it came from offshore and veered inland. Intense lightning also caused major damage to many properties and power was cut in areas throughout the region.



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Safety fence fails to impress

Ron Brewer is not impressed with a single bar fence the South Taranaki District Council has placed at the Opunake Beach lookout.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (December 8, 2017) the South Taranaki District Council had taken down the picnic table that Ron had placed at the lookout overlooking the beach citing concerns about cliff top erosion. Ron had been told at the time that the seat would be reinstated further away from the cliff.

Since then the table has been moved further back from where it originally was. A new single bar fence which stops vehicle access to the edge of the cliff has been put in, but person or persons unknown have created two breaks in the fence allowing walking access to the original fence which skirts the cliff top.

The table and fence have been shifted back as a safety precaution, says South Taranaki District Council facilities manager Phil Waite. "This was in response to



A single bar fence not good enough says Ron Brewer.

that the cliffs will either remain in their current state or collapse. However given that we are aware of the potential danger we are simply trying to minimize the risk. The new fence, just like the previous fence, is simply a barrier to keep people back.

"We can certainly look at putting another rail along the fence line, however at the end of the day nothing is 100% safe."

On this month in history

Soviet diplomat ordered out of NZ

On April 25 1987 the Prime Minister David Lange ordered the expulsion of Soviet diplomat Sergei Budnik. Mr Lange said the diplomat's activities in New Zealand had not been in accord with his declared status, which hinted at the distinct possibility of spying.

Mr Budnik, in a television interview, denied that he worked for the KGB. "I was surprised that such a decision was taken about me," he declared.

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a specialist engineering assessment which highlighted the potential of the cliffs collapsing," he says.

Ron, who is a former member of the Egmont Plains Community Board says he is not impressed with what the Council has done.

"All you're going to do is stop two or three cars. You're not going to stop people," he says. "All in all they said it was a safety fence, but there's nothing safe about it. The kids can get over it, under it, whatever they want to do.

Around the BMX track they put up a three-rail fence, but you've only got a one rail fence along the cliff top."

He also believes the council got their measurements wrong. He looks over the fence he put up in 2004 at the same time he put in the table and seats.

"I put this fence up and the cliff is three metres out there," he says pointing beyond the plants which he had also placed there. "Where the table was originally was six metres from the edge of

the cliff. They measured from the fence but didn't take into account the three metres off the cliff."

Ron says he is sceptical of the Council's claims of erosion.

"This hasn't moved in the 40 years I've been here," he says. "They've got signs saying beware of the crumbling cliff but directly under here is a picnic area. Where are they coming from? Down there it's safe, but up here it's not."

Phil Waite says slips had

been occurring around these cliffs for some time,

"There have been slips occurring around these cliffs for some time. The latest slip occurred as recently as September 2015 at the base of the goat track. Further around the coast, although not at the campground area, a section of cliff at one of the headlands, close to the cliff top walk collapsed just a few months ago. With global warming and the subsequent rise in sea level and more extreme weather events, the potential for cliff top erosion is increasing.

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vehicle through the fence of a property on Dorset Street. In an attempt to avoid culpability he removed the number plates and discarded them in the nearby Secret Garden. Thank you to the members of public who



Accident at Nopera Road involving a vehicle which rolled.

located the number plates and provided them to us, which aided in the confirmation of the culprits identity.

The most recent accident attended was south of Pihama near Nopera Road where a local female rolled her vehicle. She was assessed by paramedics and transported to Hawera Hospital with minor injuries.

We still continue to see people continually in breach of and flouting the traffic laws. As in previous columns you have been forewarned. Be prepared as Police teams from around Taranaki, including the Opunake staff, will be conducting operations in and around our township. If you are seen not wearing seatbelts, using cellphones, breaching your graduated licence and not adhering to intersection rules expect to be stopped and provided with

the appropriate paperwork for your infringing.

We have also been busy of late attending numerous Family Violence matters and as a result 3 locals are now currently before the Courts facing Wounds with Intent to Cause Grievous Bodily Harm, Assault and Threatening to Kill. We continue to stress that any behaviour that makes someone else feel controlled and fearful is never OK. Everyone in a family or in a relationship should feel safe and nurtured. **No one should be frightened of their partner or someone in their family.** If you are frightened and fear for your safety, call 111 for immediate help.

The annual Police Cannabis Recovery Operation was conducted throughout Taranaki recently with a large amount of cannabis recovered

including from locations in the coastal area. The 'growers' will not hesitate to use you, your neighbours, or your property for their own means. With your help we can put a serious dent in their income and prevent the goods from making it to the streets.

There have been a number or reported burglaries in our area including both urban and rural properties. Please keep your eyes and ears open while out and about. If you note anything suspicious give us a call. Jotting down a registration number of vehicle parking on rural roads where they are not normally known to park may supply us with the link we are looking for. We can't be everywhere all the time, but with your help we can make those dishonest individuals out there think we are! As many in the community are aware

there are grave concerns of the easiness of and the willingness of some people in our community supplying drugs to our younger people. I can't fathom how it is that you who think of this as acceptable behaviour. To those concerned I hope you are aware of how far reaching your activities are in affecting others. Think of your own family, partners and children, their involvement in the community whether it be employment, school, community groups or business and the stigma attached once you and your involvement are exposed.

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any information for us call in to the station, we are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800 555111 with all anonymous information.

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South Taranaki WI welcomes Mayor Ross at AGM

The South Taranaki Federation of Women's Institutes AGM was held on Monday 26th March at Kapuni War Memorial Hall.

President Leonie West welcomed 70 members and guests including Mayor of South Taranaki Ross Dunlop, National President Kay Hart, NEC member Maureen O'Connell, Gold Honours Badge holder Val Eliason,

Wanganui, North Taranaki delegates and RWNZ representatives. The mayor opened the meeting and spoke about the STDC 3 year plan. Mark Wester accepted 165 toiletries and food items on behalf of Te Ara Pae Trust. Mark spoke about the work the Trust does with the vulnerable families in our community. After the business session, the National President Kay Hart, from Motueka spoke about how Women's Institute has become such a

huge part of her life and the latest tidbits from the National Office. NEC member, Maureen O'Connell spoke about the friendship, support and personal growth she has received through being a Women's Institute member. Maureen is an ex-South Taranaki member now living in Blenheim. Jenny Hamley reported from the South Taranaki Community Health Forum and Taranaki Ki Te Tonga. After a shared finger food lunch, members and

guests were entertained by the Hawera Women's Club play reading group.

The National President presented Good Service Badges to Cathy White, Mangatoki WI and Bev Hawkes, Turuturu WI. The South Taranaki Federation Committee for 2018 is Leonie West, Lynnette Leach, Helen Cameron, Robyn Roberts, Teresa Hurley, Nicola Ashley, Dorothy Hughes and Margie Bishop.

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The day the tornado struck

The end of daylight saving has been and gone, and I forgot to remind you in the last edition to change your smoke alarm batteries. A working smoke alarm is your friend, especially when you are sleeping. To keep your friend happy, just feed it a battery and it will look after you. They save many lives in New Zealand each year, and the last thing we want in our patch is a death due to a smoke alarm that did not operate. Do the right thing and check it out.

On Monday April 2, a house in Barclay Street, New Plymouth was totally destroyed by fire because there were no batteries in the smoke alarms. Sadly, virtually everything was lost and the occupants did not have insurance. Their insurance could have been a pair of working smoke alarms.

Following up from the last edition, please keep an eye on wind direction when lighting a fire. On Saturday April 1, a

house in Hawera was severely damaged when a wind-blown ember ended up in the wall cavity. The occupants were burning rubbish in their backyard when an ember went visiting and left taking 40% of the house with it. Wind can change direction at any time so please be mindful of this when getting the matches out.

If you do have to call an emergency service, remember that the person you are speaking to is in a call centre somewhere around New Zealand, not in Opunake. Firstly you will be asked "What service do you require?" You will answer "Fire brigade, ambulance, police, a combination of two of them (ie Police and ambulance), or all of them". You will then be passed on to the required service and they will ask for details regarding the incident. Once you give them the address, they will despatch the service, and then continue to ask you for more detail.

If it is a medical call, they may give you first aid instructions so that you can administer assistance until the official help arrives. Try to stay calm and don't freak out with the situation. You have done the best thing already by making the call but now you must follow it up by tending to the patient. You may be asked to perform CPR, put compression on a wound to stem the flow of blood, or just put your patient in the recovery position. Now if you aren't familiar with basic first aid, check out one of the St. John courses that are run. These courses will give you confidence and the tools to save one of your whanau or friends should the need arise.

I also remind you from time to time of the importance of fire extinguishers, especially for our country cousins. A farmer on the Auroa Road will certainly back this statement after his call out on April 5. A water hose had sprung a leak in his cow shed

and sprayed water towards the meter board. Before he knew it, the meter board was haemorrhaging with sparks and flames going in all directions. The quick dash to his tractor and to the work room to grab the extinguishers certainly saved his shed. Had he done nothing and just waited for the brigades to arrive, he would have had some very hot milk in the vat. All that had to be repaired were a few bits and pieces on the meter board... maybe a couple of hours work by the sparky and he will be up and running again. The two extinguishers he used would cost less than \$50 to replace so they are certainly worthwhile to have around. We didn't have a lot to do on this call out, but it was great to catch up with our mates in the Kaponga and Manaia brigades and give them a few technical pointers regarding fire-fighting.

Tuesday 10th is a day the folk in Rahotu will certainly remember, the day the tornado

hit. We took tarpaulins out for them to use but fire control didn't use our brigade for this disaster. Some New Plymouth, Oakura and Okato crews were put on the job while we were left relatively free. This was in case a crew was required along the coast at short notice so we would be able to roll straight away.

As it was we were sent to a roof off a dwelling on the Upper Arawhata Road. To get there however, we had to pull five trees out of our way that had been knocked by the tornado. We were fortunate the farmer had a couple of good sized tarpaulins for us to pull over and secure.

We weren't back long when we were sent to check

out the Opunake 4 Square because they could smell smoke. It turned out to be a fizzing power box above the verandah. Luck was on our side because a Powerco linesman was nearby so he pulled the fuses to stop any further damage and we were on our way.

A false alarm (with good intent) call came in soon afterwards when someone spotted the car that has been over the cliff at Middleton's Bay for some time. Just as we were taking off to check it out, Fire Control rang to stand us down as they had been made aware of its history.

Beau the Secretary

Logging truck accident on Wiremu Road

On the night of Wednesday March 28 a logging truck overturned on Wiremu Road. The accident occurred about one kilometre north of where Wiremu Road crosses Newell Road. From the extensive marks on the left side verge of the road (seaward side), which extended for a considerable distance, it would seem that the truck was heading north and spun 180 degrees so the truck ended up facing south, with many of its load of logs strewn about on both sides of the road.



This logging truck lost most of its logs in an accident on Wiremu Road.

The next morning the accident site was being carefully monitored to ensure vehicles could safely pass by without risk.

On this month in history the Bounty mutiny

On April 28, 1769 the crew of the Bounty mutinied against their captain William Bligh. Captain Bligh and 18 loyal sailors were set adrift in an open boat with only a remote chance of survival.

However, with expert navigation Captain Bligh crossed 5800km of the Pacific Ocean to reach Kupang, Timor and safety.

Fletcher Christian, leader of the mutineers, sailed to

Tahiti and some sailors disembarked. Fletcher Christian then sailed to Pitcairn Island where the Bounty was burnt. Fourteen on the mutineers who remained in Tahiti were arrested and three of them

later executed.

Today, most of the inhabitants of Pitcairn Island are descendants of the mutineers and some have 'Christian' as their surnames.

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On the verge of something great

The launch of the Tapuae Roa: Make way for Taranaki Action Plan last week was a tremendously exciting, and much-anticipated occasion.

This is an example of how Taranaki shines – a collaboration of local businesses and organisations, iwi and central and local government all rolling up their sleeves to work for sustainable success for everyone. The goal is to



JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

build a comprehensive ten-year economic development strategy, based on a range of opportunities that will benefit the whole province. As part of National's Regional Economic Development team I lobbied for government assistance to help diversify our economy and was pleased when then-Regional Development Minister Simon Bridges launched this project

last August.

I congratulate the lead team on their hard work on the Action Plan, which is a road map to accomplish the mission statement: "Taranaki – where talent becomes enterprise. Kia eke panuku". This is a region-wide strategy, drawing on the innovative, hardworking nature of all Taranaki people as a powerful resource that we can chan-

nel into achieving long-term prosperity at both a business and community level.

Current Regional Development Minister Shane Jones was in the region confirming funding for a number of projects in the action plan and it was good to show him how Taranaki is ready and able to build on past success, working together towards an even brighter future.

A pioneering, can-do attitude has always been among the great strengths of our region, and Tapuae Roa: Make Way For Taranaki is a perfect example of that. We're on the verge of something great, and I encourage you to keep an eye on it and get involved.

You can find out more at <http://www.makeway.co.nz/>

Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth

More money for Taranaki

The government is promising more money for regional development in Taranaki.

Regional Development minister Shane Jones was in New Plymouth for the launch of the Taranaki Regional Economic Development Action Plan Tapuae Roa: Making Way for Taranaki.

Shane Jones says the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) will invest \$150,000 to investigate establishing Taranaki as an internationally recognised leader in clean energy technology.

The PGF funding will provide \$100,000 towards a feasibility investigation of establishing a new Energy Development Centre, and \$50,000 towards helping advance the take-up of hydrogen technologies in the region.

"Taranaki has a well-established energy sector dating back more than 70 years," Shane Jones said.

"It is currently based on conventional oil and gas extraction with the addition of value-added products, such as methanol and ammonia-urea. With the impending shift

to renewables, Taranaki is faced with either the gradual demise of this industry or a refocus on the renewable energy market.

"Taranaki companies are well placed to develop a number of clean technologies, taking them out of the lab and into the real world.

"The vision for the future is to have strong, secure and sustainable energy and petrochemical industries, but also to be an exporter of renewable energy, clean energy ideas, solutions and technologies. Ideally Taranaki would be the location of choice for new energy companies and energy technology developers, looking to retain the region's status as the nation's energy leader."

The PGF will invest up to \$400,000 to determine the value of State Highway 43 to Taranaki's economy, particularly in the tourism sector.

The investment into SH43 - better known as the Forgotten World Highway - will occur ahead of a possible multi-million dollar upgrade to the road.

"Connecting Stratford with Taumarunui for about

149km, SH43 is an increasingly popular road trip for visitors," Shane Jones said.

"It is also an important freight route for beef, lamb and dairy products, a burgeoning local mānuka honey industry and a number of radiata pine forests, which are due to be harvested in coming years.

"A 12km section of the highway through the Tangarakau Gorge remains unsealed. Sealing this area would boost its value as a link between Taranaki and the central North Island, and could play a role in bringing more visitors to the region.

"With funding committed to upgrading the Taranaki Crossing, an improved SH43 would provide a direct link between that walk and the Tongariro Crossing, and make it easier for more visitors to access a relatively remote part of New Zealand.

"SH43 takes you through some wild and beautiful parts of Taranaki, but it's not an easy drive, especially for overseas motorists who aren't used to driving on unsealed roads."

While earlier studies have investigated sealing the final 12km, this work will also look into improving resilience and safety on SH43, as well as improving signage, road markings and looking at speed management along the route.

The PGF will invest up to \$5 million in Taranaki's Cathedral project to help transform the heritage icon into a nationally significant tourist drawcard,

The region has identified the Cathedral Project as one of its key priorities in the action plan and has plans above and beyond restoring the building.

"The PGF support will help transform the cathedral into a tourism attraction that will showcase the sometimes turbulent story of European settlement in Taranaki and the relationship between Maori and Pakeha over 175 years," Shane Jones said.

"The Taranaki Cathedral has been at the centre of nationally important history and is rich with artefacts and stories. It has acted as a garrison and a centre of peace. Once restoration is complete New

Zealand's oldest stone church will offer visitors, both local and international, a rich and immersive experience.

"The project will use the site and buildings, professionally designed displays, audio visual guides and multimedia resources to tell this story, making a unique contribution to enhanced bicultural understanding and relationships in the future.

"As well as satisfying a growing local demand for real stories from New Zealand's history, the enhanced Category 1 Heritage Building and its site have the potential to be a huge tourist drawcard for the region. The site's existing wooden Vicarage will also be moved closer the Cathedral and repurposed as a community space.

"Visits to cultural institutions and historic places are a significant reason for many people to travel domestically and internationally, and this will be another unique offering for Taranaki's visitor sector," Shane Jones said.

The PGF will invest \$100,000 to support Taranaki's entrepreneurs and innovators, Parliamentary

Under-Secretary for Regional Economic Development Fletcher Tabuteau says.

The funding will contribute to a feasibility study into the creation of innovation precincts in the region.

"Taranaki has a small but growing entrepreneurial community," Fletcher Tabuteau said. "What these start-ups often need is a focal point, a sense of connection with others and a way to share ideas and knowledge.

"The feasibility study will investigate how a series of connected precincts, with a central New Plymouth hub, could support innovation and community engagement. While this is a small investment, it has the potential to lead to much bigger and better things.

"The proposed innovation precincts are anticipated to be in New Plymouth, Hawera, Stratford, Opunake, Waitara and Waverly/Patea and would include shared co-working and meeting spaces, incubator programmes, education and training delivery, and private sector participation."

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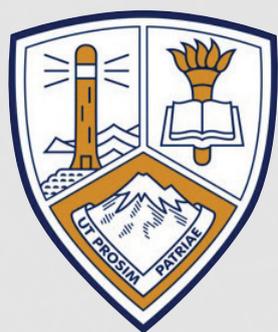
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FAREWELL TO THE FULLERS

With heavy hearts, staff, students, the Board of Trustees and the wider community bid farewell to Principal Simon Fuller, his wife Laura and daughter Quinn.

Mr Fuller has placed an emphasis on the opportunities that are available to all of us at Opunake High School this term, so we wish them nothing but the absolute best fortune as they take on their next opportunity at Kuranui College.

Following are just some of the words from our staff and community members:

The Fullers have brought love, light and laughter to our little Coastal town. It is with such sweet sorrow that we bid you farewell, and wish you Kia Waimarie.

Andrea Hooper
Deputy Principal, Opunake High School

Dr Seuss put it best, "Don't cry because its over, Smile because it happened." Thanks for three years of real commitment.

Lloyd Morgan
Deputy Chairman, OHS Board of Trustees

Schools play a huge part in our communities and their Leadership shapes them. Simon's positive vision, drive and level head have served us all well. It has been a pleasure to work alongside and with Simon during his tenure as Principal. I wish both Simon and Laura and their young family all the best in their future endeavours.

Kia Kaha, Kia Mia, Kia Manawanui.

Kylie Brophy
Senior Constable, Opunake

Simon, you have been a breath of fresh air. You have reinvigorated the school, interacted really well with the community and been a really nice guy. All the best for the future.

Ian Armstrong
First Vice President, Opunake Lions

Simon, it has been great having you as our leader for the time you have been here. Thank you for the support of the Home and School group and getting stuck in contacting sponsors with great results (Not too many businesses want to turn down requests from the

High School Principal). Thank you for being such a strong believer in our school and community Greytown is lucky to be gaining your great little family. Best wishes for the future Simon, Laura & Quinn

Vanessa Smith & Whanau
Opunake Coastal News

Thanks for the wonderful leadership and your expertise in the educational field. All the best for your next challenge.

Lynette Collins
Principals PA, OHS

Simon "a picture is worth a thousand words" Fuller has another middle name... innovation. He has bravely charted different ways of doing education and succeeded.

Ken Brown
Teacher, OHS

Carpe Diem
Jan Murgatroyd
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Mr Fuller and Mrs Fuller, what an impact you have made to our school and community. The dedication and energy you have invested, has grown Opunake High School into a school that excels.

Not only did I work alongside you both

as Head Girl, but I also had the privilege of being involved with your daughter Quinn, through helping with child care. Quinn brought such joy to my life, I've loved watching her grow up and learning more things. I want to thank you for trusting her with me. I wish you all the best for your next job opportunities and your growing family.

Simone Cook
OHS Head Girl 2017

Mr Fuller has been a great Principal for the past three years, he has taught us all something new and definitely kept to the school motto of growing good people for a rapidly changing world.

Brody Hitchcock
OHS Head Boy 2017

On behalf of Opunake High School student body, I'd like to thank Mr and Mrs Fuller for their outstanding contributions. You will be dearly missed by myself and many others!

Dylan Coleman
OHS Head Boy, 2018

Simon and Laura all the best. Thanks for your guidance leadership and attention to all things people. It's been a great ride for the three years.

Also on behalf of the social committee many thanks for the staff functions. We will miss the mate-ship and laughs. All the best in the new position I'll let you know when I'm heading to Tora or Taurenkau.

Diane and I also wish all the best with the new addition in closing I leave you with -

Roses are red violets are blue It's been a blast working with you.

Kiakaha
Arohanui
Nga mihi

Murray & Diane Weir
Teacher, Opunake High School

Hey Simon, so sad that you are leaving our school & community. The Library crowd will miss you popping in and stopping to chat or play cards with us. Wishing you and your family all the best for the future.

Noeline Joyce
OHS Librarian



DIVERSITY DAY

A three-year vision finally came to stunning fruition on Thursday, 5th April as Opunake High School held its inaugural Diversity Day.

With over 35 nationalities represented by a colourful and vibrant student body, many of whom dressed in their national costume. For some, it came as a surprise to experience just how diverse Opunake High School actually is.

The day began with a flag ceremony on the tennis courts, with countries from Australia to Brazil, Canada to the Philippines, and most of the Pacific present. New Zealand was well represented of course, as well as a significant number of students

being represented by the Tino Rangatiratanga flag.

As Diversity Day continued, we were treated to a concert featuring performances by Jacob Symons, staff and student Kapahaka and special guests - Selah Saints, with their extra special singer, the one and only Mr Simon Fuller.

A shared lunch where students brought a dish representing their culture was followed by an afternoon of sport, featuring cultural games Ti uru and Ki o rahi.

When everything was all done for the day, it was impossible not to feel that something special occurred, with everyone looking forward to Diversity Day in 2019.



WHAT DID YOU THINK OF DIVERSITY DAY?

ROSS BOLSTAD, YEAR 10

What nationality are you representing today?
Norway - on Dads side

What have you thought of Diversity Day?
Really interesting to see everyone and the cultures they have in them

When you think of Diversity at OHS, what does it mean?
Mainly it means different, and how extraordinary people can be



BENJAMIN SHELFORD, YEAR 13

What nationality are you representing today?
Samoan - on my Dads side

What have you thought of Diversity Day?
Its great and something different, really cool. I've enjoyed it and its looks like plenty of others have too.

When you think of Diversity at OHS, what does it mean?
I'm amazed by all the different cultures people are. Its been a bit surprise to learn about some of the people here and their backgrounds.



SAISHA PADAYACHI, YEAR 12

What nationality are you representing today?
Fijian-Indian, from both my parents

What have you thought of Diversity Day?
Its been nice and a really good experience. It gives me a chance to learn about other cultures

When you think of Diversity at OHS, what does it mean?
I think its really special and it means a lot to the different cultures, especially that they get to show it off on a day like this



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Weir wedding



On March 2, Vanessa McCarthy and Kelvin Weir were married by Kelvin's dad, Murray Weir, Celebrant on the Coast at the Opunake cliff top. The reception was held at Openlands.

ESR extends drug testing pilot in Emergency Departments

New synthetic recreational drugs are a considerable issue worldwide, and New Zealand is not immune to the harm that these types of drugs pose. During the second half of 2017 there was a significant spate of non-fatal hospitalisations connected with the use of synthetic cannabinoids, and at least 30 suspected deaths referred to the Coroner.

The 'Unknown Substance use in Emergency

Departments' (USED) programme is a unique pilot that ESR and Capital & Coast District Health Board (CCDHB) Wellington Hospital Emergency Department (ED) have been running over the past year. The programme involved testing patients who show specific symptoms of intoxication at the ED to identify any substances, such as synthetic cannabinoids, that may be present. The

focus was on identifying new synthetic recreational drugs as they emerge on the drug scene, to allow for faster response by health, police and community agencies.

The pilot was established through a collaboration between CCDHB's Dr Paul Quigley and Diana Kappatos, a Forensic Toxicologist from ESR. The value of this programme is that enables

the early detection of outbreaks of poisoning from particular groups of novel agents. This information can then be shared with other emergency departments and toxicologists, providing information on treatment, care and expected outcomes. Providing this information in a collaborative form between Emergency Departments, Regional Public Health, Ambulance services, Police and Customs will enable a

more informed approach to reducing harm to the public.

Following the success of the pilot ESR has proposed the national roll out of the USED programme. The programme has the support of the Ministry of Health, who have written to the District Health Boards (DHBs) to encourage them to participate. Being able to better correlate patient clinical signs with treatment options is an obvious outcome for ED's, particularly when faced with previously unknown drugs. By developing a database of key clinical signs and investigations it is possible to create a standardised treatment policy for these agents. In particular, there is current lack of knowledge on what is the best treatment for the cardiac effects of synthetic cannabinoids. As more information is

collected this will become clearer with improved patient outcomes.

Patients must give their consent to take part in the USED programme, but will not be identifiable to ESR or anyone outside of the DHB. Results will be sent back to the relevant ED for follow up patient care.

The USED programme is part of ESR's wider 'Border to Grave' drug surveillance activities, which has been established to identify new synthetic drugs as they enter New Zealand and track their real-time use in the community. The drug intelligence insights gained from 'Border to Grave' will be important in informing Health, Police and Justice sector responses to these new drugs, and will be an important part of the development of a drug early warning system.

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Setting off from the cenotaph in Opunake.

Walk of witness

A large group of people took part in the annual pilgrimage in Opunake marking Easter Friday. Meeting at the cenotaph overlooking Opunake Beach at 9am in brilliant sunshine, several of the church leaders gave a brief address before the group began their journey, two people carrying a cross heading the march.

Ruel Sanchez on guitar followed leading the singing as the procession wound its way round Opunake visiting each of the four churches in turn beginning with The Wave where Pastor Murray McEwan addressed the crowd. At St Barnabas they were greeted by a tolling bell before Reverend Ian Sargeant reminded everyone that after

the crucifixion Christianity became the religion of the Roman Empire. Corbus Blom greeted the group at St Pauls and spoke of Christ's betrayal before the group headed back to the main street and down Ihaia Road. The singing reached a crescendo as the march neared its destination, Our Lady of the Star of the Sea

Catholic Church where Father Vijay lead a service in which he described the final events that led up to the crucifixion. Afterwards everyone enjoyed some hot cross buns and a hot drink. The march was a moving visual statement as to just what the public holiday is all about.



Father Vijay (left) and Ruel Sanchez.

Paul Ubana Jones a class act

Paul Ubana Jones performed at New Plymouth's Fourth Wall on Saturday March 3 and what a superb concert it was. It is hard to classify Paul as he has such a varied musical background, but he mentions Bob Dylan and Donovan as major influences. Others influences include Ray Charles and Mahalia Jackson. Paul been described as an 'acoustic Jimi Hendrix' - certainly his extra-ordinary facility with the guitar made me think of Hendrix. I almost felt like asking him, "Can you also play with your teeth?" Anyway, I've never witnessed a musician who is more skilled with a guitar - Hank Marvin springs to mind.

Apart from his blues, rock, jazz and folk credentials, his classical background also needs acknowledging. As a teenager Paul studied classical guitar and cello at London's Chiswick Musical School. Elgar, Mahler and Beethoven also are mentioned. Paul was born in London to an English mother and Nigerian father. However, he has lived with his Swiss wife Corinne in NZ since the late 1980s and has scooped up several NZ Music Awards in that time. His musical credentials overseas are solid. He has played in musical festivals in Canada and Europe and has been the supporting act to the likes of



Paul Ubana Jones performing in New Plymouth recently.

Bob Dylan, BB King, Nora Jones and even New Zealand's Crowded House. With his engaging melodic voice, and expert guitar accompaniment he treated his New Plymouth audience to a blend of covers as well as his own compositions. His interpretations were unique with songs made famous by Bob Dylan ('Blowing in the Wind'), Donovan ('Ballad of a Chrystal Man'), The Beatles ('Norwegian Wood'), and Paul Simon ('Sounds of Silence')

He also shared intriguing stories with the very attentive audience about his contact with overseas artists as well as his own life. I was very pleased I attended Paul's concert and would strongly urge any music lover to make sure you share in his music. His tenth album has just been released, and his concerts are remarkably satisfying. It was definitely one of the best concerts I have experienced.

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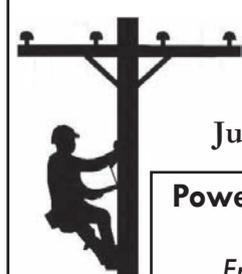
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Men miss the vroom-vroom

Some men may feel that buying an electric vehicle will harm their macho image – the powerful thrum and explosions of an internal combustion engine are apparently more manly than the quiet, powerful serenity of an electric engine. That's more likely to appeal to women.

opinion in the latest poll from *Flip the Fleet* which asked owners of electric cars to comment on whether men and women are equally likely to switch to an electric vehicle (EV).

Slightly more than 60% of respondents agreed that the sexes were equally likely to switch, but they varied widely on why.

Some of those that disagreed had some pretty blunt feedback. One said: "I go to the farmer's market almost every weekend and promote EVs. Typically, you will have Mum, Dad and the kids visit our booth. The kids get it... they plug in their phone, computer, headphones so why would you not plug in your car?"



Joe Camuso with wife Janie.

Mum gets it: she wants a car that is safe, practical and saves money. Dad rarely, if ever, gets it. No noise, no smell, no oil, no mess – how can this be good? The dad is 97.5% likely to be the dinosaur."

Another respondent said: "Women tend to be more conscious of conservation and such like. Men tend to be the ones who would still like an E-type." Women seem to be more engaged in their EV than they are in their ICE car because it reflects a conscious decision to be environmentally friendly.

There was also wide disparity on perceptions of how men and women handle the technical side of EVs. A majority felt that generally men are more technically minded and therefore more comfortable with charging the EV and monitoring its battery condition and range. This may be reflected in women being more prone to "range anxiety" - the fear that they will run out of power and be stranded.

Flip the Fleet's survey fits with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation

Authority's recent market research which shows that while men are still slightly more likely than women to consider buying a battery EV (31% in October-December 2017), interest from women is growing more quickly, up from 14% in October-December 2016 to 22% a year later.

While one EV owner found the survey question to be "the most pointless question ever on *Flip the Fleet*", Joe Camuso, a spokesperson for citizen science team that ran the survey, believes that the poll highlighted important strategies for increasing EV uptake in New Zealand.

"EV advocacy messages need to be more inclusive of both genders and all motivations for switching to electric. Cars are no longer just men's talk. But how often do you meet a woman selling cars on a dealers' forecourt? Nor are EVs just for greenies. If we don't get more inclusive in our advertising and messaging, there is a real risk that we will talk past a key part of the buying public – the women out there who are

increasingly leading the switch to electric," said Mr Camuso.

Despite the wide range of opinions about the importance of gender for the pitch, there was widespread consensus on one key strategy. "Put a man or a woman behind the wheel for a test drive, and they are sold in a minute. It's a fast, quiet and comfortable ride. Later you can fill in that they are also good for your purse and the planet," said Mr Camuso.

Flip the Fleet is a citizen science project that provides scientifically reliable information on the benefits and constraints of electric vehicles in New Zealand. The project is partly funded by EECA, The New Zealand Government's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority. Mr Camuso is one of over 700 electric vehicle owners that have signed up to contribute monthly data from their electric vehicles to a communal database.

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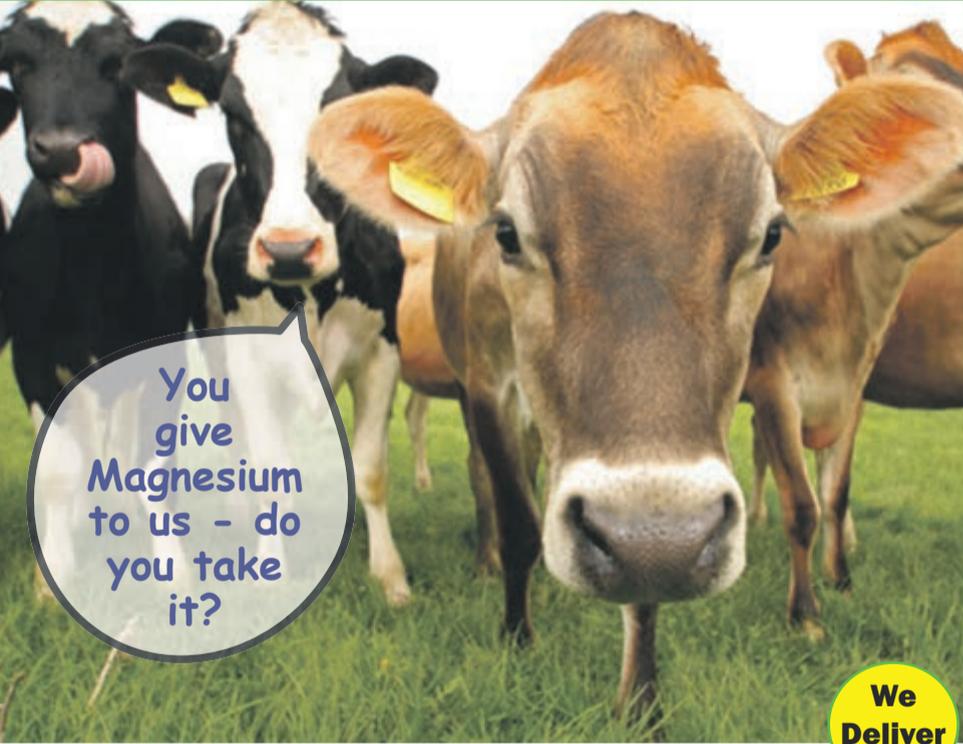


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New memorial a new beginning for Otakeho

At dawn on ANZAC Day thousands around the country will remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

By that time, Otakeho will already have had its ANZAC commemoration. At 5.30pm on April 24, a service will be held at the Otakeho Hall to not only remember those who fell in past conflicts, but to celebrate the shifting of the war memorial plaques to the new War Memorial outside the Hall.

On the plaques are the names of 10 men from Otakeho. Five died in World War I, then thought of as the war to end all wars. The other five died in the Second World War which started only 21 years after the first one had finished.

There was no service at Otakeho last year, but in previous years a service would be held close to ANZAC Day outside the

Otakeho School.

The school had closed in 2002, and the flagpole which had stood in what students had always referred to as the Teardrop was moved to the wall which held the memorial plaques.

Having to stand with backs to the Surf Highway and compete with the noise of passing traffic which included tankers was never going to be ideal. The school was looking increasingly neglected and there was uncertainty about its future, and with it the wall and memorial plaques.

Otakeho farmer Richard Walker said a trip to Gallipoli where the first ANZACs saw action made him want to do something.

“Standing there where everyone came ashore, thinking about what they had to face and where they had to go was mind boggling,” he said. “You could feel the hairs on your arms stand up. We were on a bus trip, and we had Australians and New Zealanders there, and a few were moved to tears.”

Shifting the memorial plaques to the nearby Otakeho Hall seemed a good idea. Not only was the road quieter, but it was more conducive to stopping for a chat over tea or coffee after the service rather than hurrying off home.

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The Otakeho War Memorial has a new home at the Otakeho Hall

The Otakeho community group’s favoured option was to place the plaques on a specially built stone wall similar to the war memorial at the Okaiawa Cemetery.

Last year they went to the Egmont Plains Community Board and got funding from the Waimate Plains Development Levy to go towards shifting the flag pole from the school to the hall and putting up a new war memorial. The balance of the money was made up by the Otakeho Social Committee.

Callum Mahy of Stone Creations removed the

plaques from the school wall in October last year and started work on the new memorial in February.

“It’s all made of granite and it’s going to stand the test of time,” he said.

He has worked on a number of community projects including the memorial to the victims of the 1953 Tangiwai disaster. He says his next major project is a memorial at the Bayly Road urupa for those who died in the 1918 influenza epidemic.

Among the names listed on the Otakeho Memorial are that of two bomber pilots, Pilot Officers Edgar Lawrence Burke and John Lawrie.

Edgar Burke was the son of well known Rama Road farmer Charles Augustine(Charlie)Burke who did in 1984 aged 99. On May 23, 1944, Edgar’s Lancaster bomber failed to return from a bombing mission over Dortmund Germany. His family had always assumed his aircraft had gone missing over the sea, until his brother Maurice was shown a letter from Peter Lonke of the Belgian Air Force addressed to the mayor of Manai.

Growing up in Overpelt, Belgium, Lonke had always been fascinated about what his father had told him of an aircraft that had been shot down over their town. Now a sergeant in the Belgian Air Force he had gone looking for this plane and had extracted some of the debris from the plane out of a local swamp. He then had it sent to England where it was identified as the missing ME690 which had failed to return from the raid over Dortmund.

On August 13, 1944, less than three months after ME690 went missing, another Lancaster, G for George, piloted by 21 year-old Pilot Officer John Lawrie, who grew up on his parents’ Auroa Road farm was shot down. This time all but one of the crew survived. John Lawrie kept the stricken Lancaster in the air long enough for the rest of the crew to bail out, but couldn’t get away himself. Belgian shoemaker and resistance member Nestor van der Heyden gathered up John’s remains and hid them from the Nazis. After the war they were recovered and buried with full military

honours.

Other names from World War II included Roy Hastie killed at Sidi Rezegh on November 23, 1941.

And John Denis Burke, cousin of Edgar Burke.

From the First World War, there’s Sergeant Outram Marshall Young, a talented rugby player who represented the North Island and died of wounds on the Western Front in 1916. His nephew Venn Young was an MP and cabinet minister, and great nephew Jonathan Young is the current MP for New Plymouth.

Then there’s William Kelland Le Fleming who died at Cannock Chase Military Hospital on November 9, 1918, two days before the Armistice

Farmer Dominic Schuler says the new war memorial will be good for Otakeho.

“When was the last time anything significant was done around Otakeho other than closing things down?”

Richard Walker voices similar sentiments.

“This has been a good little team effort with the group we’ve got. We can now have a pre ANZAC Day service at the hall and a cup of tea and coffee afterwards.”



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Taranaki Harvest Festival a success



Othmar Hebler (left) and Konrad Mittermeier entertain us with their alphorns.

Held at the Stony River Boutique Hotel the April 1 the Taranaki Harvest Festival was a great success from all accounts. There was a huge turnout of people, over 1000 according to hostess Renate Staudinger, as Mayor Neil Holdom officially opened the event.

Well known personality and actor Morris West was the MC, hilariously dressed up as Freda Eiderbusion. Another important guest was Miss Taranaki, Julia Crighton, who described the event as, "amazing." Miss Eiderbusion commented, "It was a pity I wasn't in the contest."

"I thought it was an awesome event for locals to come together and share their produce and creative skills, as well as enlighten people on European culture," said Julia. She added, "I loved the event."

A special demonstration was the playing of two alphorns by Othmar Hebler and Konrad Mittermeier. These instruments come from Switzerland and are made from alpine pine trees.

There were many stalls - far too many to name. One interesting one was called Busk n Badges which featured Kyle Manson, weirdly decorated (and painted) as Titrass, who strummed a guitar and Saturn Murray who dealt with the customers. Kyle said his music was inspired by a group called Steam Powered Giraffe. People could either buy already made badges or they could be custom-made to order. Kyle and Saturn are students from Coastal Taranaki School and their stall was a Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) enterprise.

Other stalls included Farmer's Market (usually Currie Street, New

Plymouth) selling avocados, macadamia nuts and sourdough bread, Coastal Young Farmers 'Snow to sand we're working the land'. Other stalls everything you can think of including food, clothes, Tupperware, jewellery, tin signs - basically you name it.

There was an interesting demonstration by a blacksmith Andrew Blarney, showing how to forge various metallic items using traditional heating methods.

There was live entertainment also on offer with a small band belting out numbers such as 'I'm Going to Jackson' and well known story teller Leslie Dowding telling the story of Cheeky Rabbit.

Lots of delicious foods were on offer with host Heimo Staudinger carving up a huge roasted pig.

Heimo and Renate were

delighted with the event. "It was a big success. We've had lots of feedback, such as 'congratulations and keep up the tradition'. The couple were especially grateful to David and Margaret Dravitsky for allowing their paddock to be used for parking, as well as mowing the area in preparation."

Member of Parliament for New Plymouth Jonathan Young was there with his wife Maura. "This event was a great demonstration of the cohesion and support of a rural community in Taranaki showing that coastal life is vibrant and full of great community spirit." He added, "It was fantastic, brilliant."



Saturn Murray and Kyle Manson (Titrass) of Busk n Badges.

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Eltham Four Square has a bold new outlook

Owners Michael and Sonia Jago are looking forward to the rest of the year with a number of positive changes implemented and a few more in the pipeline. A brand new beer chiller is just the latest initiative and they are offering a special on 18 pack Double Brown to celebrate with their customers.

The couple have owned the Eltham Four Square supermarket at 156 High Street for eight years now, which is longer than any previous owners - apart from the founder and local icon Jack Stark. A special corner is reserved for Jack Stark QSM, who sadly passed away in 2006. He won his Queen's Service Medal in 1998 for his lengthy and dedicated retail service to the community, dating back to the late 1940s. The supermarket, which he built, saw almost 50 years of his dedicated service and was called Stark and Pickford as he had a business partner in David Pickford. (Later David's son Geith was involved and instigated various initiatives such as Taranaki's first EFTPOS in a supermarket). Jack is a legend who owned several stores in Eltham in the mid 1960s. Over the road from the supermarket is Starks Park, which is named after Jack and is situated where

he had his very first store. Jack's final year in Eltham retail was back in 2001, allowing him more time for his other passion - his race horses.

After years of conscientious service Michael and Sonia were sorry to see their employees Sandy and Tyler leave. "They were great and very loyal," reflects Michael. "I wish them all the best for the future," he adds.

One of the most recent new staff members is Chay Vollans who said his new job was, "Really good - I'm enjoying the challenge." He was busy checking that the new beer chiller was optimally stocked.

The aspect which Michael and Sonia are specially proud of is "personal service." Michael continues, "Number one is service. I pride myself in being well known in the town."

One thing that reflects their service is their extensive opening hours. They are open from 7am to 8pm Monday to Sunday. That's an amazing 91 hours open to service Eltham's residents.

Michael admits that there are challenges to be overcome. "We can't compete with the big boys, but we can provide better service."

Michael and Sonia have made extensive changes since they took over in 2010. For example, where there is now an area where hot food,



The brand new beer chiller being tended to by Chay Vollans.

sandwiches, muffins and a wine display are attractively presented, there was originally a kitchen. "We're very proud of what we've achieved," says Michael.

Another achievement is the considerable increase in the number of different products available. "Since 2017 the available products on the shelves have increased by 16%," Michael explains.

A wander through the supermarket shows just how extensive the attractively presented range of goods are even items that one may not expect - such as umbrellas, toasters, and cellphones. Their pet supplies are well stocked too as are garden supplies and hardware.

They have a huge cabinet for frozen foods for everything from shrimps, to pizzas to vegetables. Chilled foods such as cheese, yoghurts and small goods can be found with great variety a specialty.

There is also a Lotto outlet for shoppers who like an occasional flutter.

Michael, Sonia and their equally friendly staff look forward to customers, old and new who seek quality produce and products. "It's great. It's a constant challenge but we enjoy it. We enjoy meeting new customers and talking to them." He concludes "We've got a fresh new look, as well as a fresh approach."



Owner Michael Jago pictured in Jack Stark's Corner.

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Poppy Appeal shines light on mental health

The theme for this year's RSA Poppy Appeal, not all wounds bleed, highlights the fact that mental health injuries are the most common, but least understood, of all wounds suffered by New Zealand servicemen and women.

The appeal, which raises funds to support the growing needs of New Zealand's 41,000 veterans and their families will culminate in Poppy Day on Friday April 20.

RSA National President B.J. Clark said the RSA was committed to providing a wide range of help to former members of the military who have served in deployments around the world.

"There's a growing demand for our support services, including an increasing number with service-induced mental health injuries. These are best described as any persistent psychological difficulty resulting from duties.

"These injuries may occur because of exposure to trauma or stress arising from combat, operational duties in a conflict zone, or other traumatic or serious events such as civil defence emergency or disaster relief," Mr Clark said.



NZ Defence Force (NZDF) Medical Director Dr Paul Nealis said stress injuries occur along a spectrum, ending with the most severe wound - Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI).

"Symptoms of PTSI include reliving the event, including nightmares, flashbacks, or intrusive thoughts. In addition, sufferers can experience avoiding thoughts, feelings, or situations that serve as reminders of the event, feeling numb or cut off from others, being easily startled and being vigilant for signs

of danger," Dr Nealis said.

The proceeds of the Poppy Appeal also help veterans coping with the myriad of conditions brought on by service, for help with transitioning to civilian life or financial aid in times of hardship.

"Many Kiwis would be surprised to learn that nearly three-quarters of those veterans served in overseas deployments since the Vietnam War.

"This year's Poppy Ambassadors who will help spread the message of the appeal are former New Zealand SAS soldier

Willie Apiata VC; soldier Lt Col Melanie Childs former soldier and widow Tina Grant; All Blacks coach Steven Hansen; filmmaker Sir Peter Jackson; mental health advocate and comedian Mike King; and Naval reservist and recording artist Rebecca Nelson.

Mr Apiata, was awarded the Victoria Cross for New Zealand in 2007 for bravery under fire during the war in Afghanistan.

"I am an Ambassador for the RSA and, as a soldier, I have experienced the wonderful support the RSA provides. Supporting the RSA is as relevant today as when it was established in 1916. Poppy Day and ANZAC Day are not only about Remembrance of the great wars, they are also about the people of our forces who give their today for our tomorrow," he said.

"The men and women of our forces continue to serve and to defend those who cannot defend themselves abroad and at home. Not only do our forces need the RSA but their families and loved ones need support too. The RSA provides our people with the essential help they need."

Lt Col Melanie Childs is currently the Commanding Officer of the NZ Army's 2nd Combat Service Support Battalion located at Linton Army Camp. She was named the 2017 New Zealand Defence Force Person of the Year after taking charge of United Nations soldiers and police to lead internally displaced personnel to safety through a battle zone in South Sudan.

"The RSA is there to connect with, and support, all veterans. Many service personnel still have the mind-set that a veteran is World War or Vietnam era, but there are over 30,000 of us that have deployed into operational theatres post-Vietnam. The Poppy Appeal assists the RSA to provide support services to current and former service men and women and their families.

Mike King is a prominent mental health educator and founder of The Key to Life Charitable Trust, which aims to reverse the population trends of depression and suicide by promoting positive social change.

"As someone who has battled mental health and addiction issues, and having spent time visiting with our troops on overseas

deployments, I totally get the 'not all wounds bleed' message of this year's Poppy Appeal.

"We all have our issues and it's okay to ask for help. Thanks to the RSA, our service men and women have somewhere to turn to for advice, support and services."

Tina Grant is a serving soldier, mother and a war widow. Tina's husband Doug was killed in Afghanistan in August 2011. Through her work with the RSA and for NZDF as Liaison Officer for Families of the Fallen, she recognises the critical importance of caring for families of those in service.

"Caring for those who have served and - importantly - their families, is an important way that we as communities and as a nation can support all those who put themselves in harm's way in service of New Zealand. Mental health is now a central part of that because of the stress and pain experienced by many service men and women from their time overseas and that usually has a ripple effect on families. You can help them by supporting

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Bridesmaid duties could prevent farmer from attending contest final

A keen eye for quality livestock has helped a South Taranaki farmer secure a spot in the final of a national contest.

Hannah Brewer was named the overall Taranaki/Manawatu champion at a NZ Young Farmers Stock Judging Competition in Whanganui over the weekend.

It was the 25-year-old's first time entering. "I'm wrapped with the result and very surprised," she said.

Hannah placed first in the sheep, beef and dairy sections of the competition, which attracted 18 entrants.

"Dad's stoked that I aced the dairy judging," she laughed.

The South Taranaki Young Farmers member helps run a family farm at Manutahi near Patea, which has 2,200 ewes and 300 cattle beasts.

Prior to returning home, Hannah spent seven years shepherding on a large-scale finishing



Hannah Brewer

property near Masterton.

"The property was 760 hectares and we finished 15,000-20,000 lambs and 400 cattle beasts a year," she said.

Hannah's win has secured her a place in the national final of the Stock Judging Competition which is held in conjunction with the FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final.

The event is in Invercargill in early July, but overseas wedding duties could

prevent her from taking part.

"I'm supposed to be heading to the United Kingdom in July to be a bridesmaid at a friend's wedding," said Hannah.

"I'm going to have to ask the bride if I can arrive a bit later than planned," she laughed.

The aim of the Stock Judging Competition is to develop the skill level of young people in livestock assessment.

Kaponga contract milker Guy Harvey placed second and Eloise Campbell was third.

Rural women need to be involved

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) says rural women can be discriminated against when relationships go belly up.

RWNZ were making their oral submission to parliament on the Trusts Bill

"RWNZ submitted that both a rural impact and gender impact analysis be conducted on the legislation and intersectionality so that the Bill does not discriminate

against women in any way," says RWNZ National Chair, Penny Mudford.

"RWNZ research indicates that women can be shut out of a share of the family farm through old trusts that fail to acknowledge them in the family as beneficiaries.

"This can lead to women being discriminated against in the dissolution of a relationship where a trust is used to exclude them from a

share in the family farm or farm business.

"These situations should not be happening in 2018 and we urge the government to uphold the international instruments and outcome statements when updating legislation such as with the Trusts Bill currently before the Justice Select Committee.

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the RSA Poppy Appeal which will make a real difference for people in our community."

The 2018 Poppy Appeal marks the 96th running of the appeal, making it New Zealand's oldest continuously run appeal.

RSA Chief Executive Jack Steer says the longevity of the appeal reflects New Zealand's long-held commitment to assisting countries near and far in times of conflict; in peace-time missions and other deployments in aid of others.

"Members of the public can support the appeal by

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Finalists prepare for dairy industry awards

The 33 finalists in the 2018 New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards didn't have long to celebrate their respective regional wins, as their attention quickly turned to preparing for the final round of judging which gets underway on April 30.

The finalists represent 11 regions and will compete for prizes worth more than \$200,000 and the honour of winning either the 2018 New Zealand Share Farmer of the Year, 2018 New Zealand Dairy Manager of the Year or the 2018 New Zealand Dairy Trainee of the year title.

General Manager Chris Keeping says the 33 finalists are the cream of the crop from the 374 entries received, and it was a hard-fought battle.

"It was fantastic to attend all 11 regional finals and feel the excitement of the wins and see the journey each finalist has taken, both professionally and personally," says Chris.

"The regions embraced the Wearable Dairy Arts theme and there were some outstanding creations on show with MC Rob Reid modelling a different outfit at each dinner."

Chris says there is a mix of gender, age, farming experience and career backgrounds amongst the finalists. "It is very clear that the New Zealand dairy industry is in good health with passionate farmers, managers and trainees with positive attitudes leading the way," she says.

"The judges were impressed at the high calibre of entrants in all regions. All the entrants possess the confidence and knowledge required in the next level of judging."

The 11 finalists in the New Zealand Share Farmer of the Year competition consist of six sharemilkers and five contract milkers. They oversee herds ranging from 200 cows to 1150 cows and have varied career



Taranaki Dairy Trainee winner Andrew Trolove will be among those taking part in this year's Dairy Industry Awards.

backgrounds including farming, accountancy, nursing, teaching, carpentry and mechanics.

The New Zealand Dairy Manager of the Year finalists include four females amongst the 11 finalists who are aged between 21 and 50 years and work on farms with herds ranging from 235 cows to 1750 cows.

Women are also represented strongly in the New Zealand Dairy Trainee of the Year competition with four females amongst the 11 finalists.

The winner will be announced at a black tie awards dinner at ILT Stadium in Invercargill on Saturday May 12. The inaugural winner of the Fonterra Farm Source Responsible Dairying Award will also be announced at the dinner.

Support for animal welfare regulations

DairyNZ says it endorses the announcement by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), strengthening animal welfare regulations.

DairyNZ strategy and investment portfolio manager Jenny Jago says the new regulations are a positive move.

"New Zealand is already recognised as having a strong reputation for animal welfare and these regulations will further strengthen the framework that underpins this," says Jenny.

"We support regulations which benefit animal welfare outcomes. Cows and people are the heart of every farming business and the majority of dairy farmers take real pride in their herd's care and how farming practices are undertaken on-farm.

"Many dairy farmers are meeting these regulations now and it is positive that standards have been set so, as a sector, we all meet high

standards of animal welfare.

"DairyNZ has worked closely with MPI to ensure the new regulations will enhance New Zealand's reputation for good animal welfare and this aligns with the Dairy Tomorrow aim for New Zealand farmers to be world leading in on-farm animal care."

The significant proposed regulations relating to cattle include animals with ingrown horns or horn injuries, lame animals, animals with injured or diseased udders, and with advanced cancer not being accepted for transport unless

a veterinarian has provided a certificate. A person must not shorten or remove the tail of any cattle beast.

When castrating or shortening the scrotum of a bull over the age of six months, pain relief must be used for any method of castration. If high tension bands are used to castrate an animal, local anaesthetic must be used to provide pain relief at any age.

Pain relief is required at all ages when disbudding and dehorning. When assisting calving cows, there will be no use of traction with a moving vehicle, motorised

winch or any other device that does not allow for the quick release of tension for the purposes of calving cows.

Other regulations cover not owning cattle with ingrown horns, prohibited methods of milk stimulation, a minimum weight for the use of electric prodders, and approved methods of castration.

Most of the regulations come into force on 1 October 2018, except for pain relief requirements for disbudding and dehorning cattle which come into effect on 1 October 2019.

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On this month in history Martin Luther King dies

On April 4, 1968 Dr/Rev Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. He was shot at the Lorraine Motel (now a museum in his memory) supposedly by James Earl Ray who pleaded guilty to the murder. However, some members of the King family believe he was not the

gunman. Martin Luther King was born January 15, 1929 and was 39 when he died leaving a widow Coretta (whom he married in 1953) and four children.

Dr King led the fight to end segregation and discrimination against Afro-Americans. He led the 1955

Montgomery Bus boycott. He made many inspirational speech including the 'I have a dream' one in Washington in 1963.

He also campaigned against the US involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.

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Inglewood Young Farmers named the Taranaki/Manawatu region's best club

Inglewood Young Farmers has been recognised with a swag of accolades for its contribution to the community.

It's been named the best NZ Young Farmers club in the Taranaki/Manawatu region, which stretches from Urenui to Wellington.

"I'm so proud of our club," said chair Kenzie Bellringer. "It just goes to show you don't have to be a big club to take out that award."

Inglewood Young Farmers is Taranaki's third largest NZ Young Farmers club, with 23 paid up members.

"We're a small club, but we're really active – both socially and in the community," she said.

"We do something every Wednesday, whether it's a pub night, a farm visit, a BBQ, or our monthly meeting."

"The aim is to get young people out learning and socialising, and you don't have to be a farmer to get involved," said Kenzie.



Inglewood Young Farmers Club members relax after stacking 1150 bales.

The 26-year-old, who's a qualified automotive painter, is currently a farm assistant

on a 440-cow dairy farm at Inglewood.

She was named best

club chair in the Taranaki/Manawatu region and the club also picked up an award

for community involvement. "I'm really happy," said Kenzie, who's in her third

term as chair of the club.

Inglewood Young Farmers is heavily involved with the Purangi Kiwi Project and the Inglewood Lions Club.

"Last year a ball we organised raised \$500 for the East Taranaki Environment Trust and its important kiwi conservation work," said Kenzie.

The actively-growing club holds its monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at Fern Lodge.

"Belonging to a small club is a good thing. We all know each other and we're all friends," said Kenzie.

The chair of the new South Taranaki Young Farmers club, Amelia Nicholl, also won an award for leadership.

The awards were announced at the Taranaki/Manawatu region's annual general meeting in Whanganui over the weekend.

Central Taranaki Young Farmers member Jessie Waite was elected chair of the sprawling region which has 11 clubs.

Brad Markham

Tool for tree planting potential on Taranaki farms

The Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) will provide \$250,000 for the development of a digital tool for farmers to assess the viability of planting trees

on Taranaki hill country farms, Regional Economic Development and Forestry Minister Shane Jones has announced.

"Landowners will be able

to use the simple digital tool to identify the return on investment and benefits of planting trees on their hill country farms," he said.

"It could help accelerate tree planting in the hill country from current rates leading to jobs, and environmental and social benefits. The tool could include decision-making help on the Emissions Trading Scheme and utilising tools such as SEDNET, which is used

to predict land management effects on erosion and sediment yield.

"It also supports the One Billion Trees programme and has positive benefits through an increased contribution to climate change mitigation, enhanced water quality, soil protection and biodiversity.

"Taranaki has about 80,000 hectares of hill country in low-producing pastoral grassland that would be better suited, in terms of sustainable land use, to some form of forestry or

vegetative cover. Yet there has been a gap of practical information to help farmers with their decision making.

"For more marginal farm land, there's clear evidence that supports higher returns for forestry per hectare compared to drystock over the rotation of a forest," Shane Jones said.

The Taranaki Regional Council will lead the work as it has well-established

relationships with hill country farmers to help diversify their land use where needed.

The development of the tool will take about 12 months and will serve as a pilot project which could be replicated in other regions. The \$440,000 initiative is being co-funded by the Taranaki Regional Council, which will play a major role promoting the tool.

Manaia Women's Institute members show their artistic flair

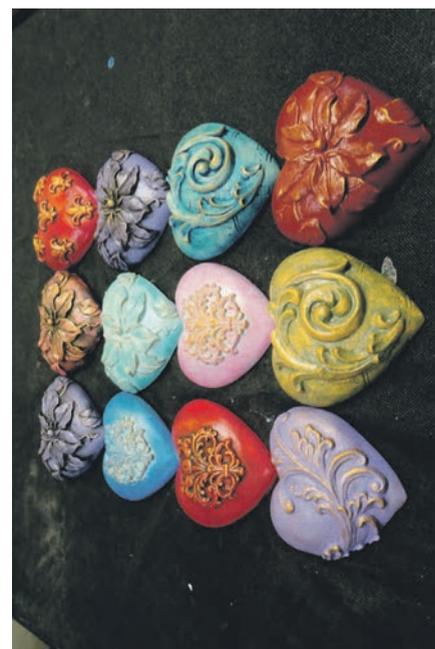
The Manaia Women's Institute travelled to Stratford for their March Meeting. We visited Verdigris Creative Studio where we painted and decorated plaster hearts.

After lunch we visited the Percy Thompson Gallery to view the latest exhibitions.

The April meeting was held in the home of our Treasurer Ann Chisnall. Members enjoyed a social time and shared lunch,

Ten members attended the South Taranaki Federation AGM in March, and Manaia gained second place for its report, and second place for its programme.

The following places were gained by our members in the competitions: Janice Walsh first in the cooking (cup cakes) Phyllis Malcolm second in the floral, Nicola Ashley second in bloom and Daphne Ashley third in bloom.



LEFT:

Hearts which were painted and decorated by Manaia WI members(left)



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Farmers looking for alternatives



WWS Genetics manager Craig Robertson

A groundswell of dissatisfaction with cow quality is expected to be evident in demand for a just released catalogue of dairy sires.

Within days of World Wide Sires' (WWS) 2018 catalogue of sires for commercial Kiwi farmers coming off the press WWS Genetics Manager, Craig Robertson, said they are fielding calls from farmers who, until now, have stuck with BW.

"Our team has received an increasing level of concern

amongst commercial farmers that BW doesn't always deliver a functional cow. We get complaints about size (too small), narrow mouths, sickle hocks and poor udders – all aspects critical for a cow which is going to produce and last in the herd."

Mr Robertson said these factors are considered when the WWS team of breeding consultants sit down to select bulls for New Zealand.

"Our lineup of 140 bulls is selected from the largest genetic database in the

world. It's a very lengthy job but we select sires with the traits required by commercial farmers in this country.

"This year's offering includes the largest team of A2A2 bulls in the country – 78 of the main breeds (Friesian and Jersey) many of which are polled."

The WWS NZ bull team is predominantly made up of Friesian and Jersey sires but also includes Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorn and Guernsey.

Craig Robertson said the other attribute which

farmers are keen to harness is personalised, onfarm service.

"Our expert team of breeding consultants are located around the country, providing onfarm service. It's a factor which is incredibly important to farmers, and one which they value.

"Farmers can also be confident of the M.bovis free status of our bulls thanks to one of the most exhaustive processing, testing and treatment regimes in the world.

Possible breaches should be looked at

The Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) says it would be deeply concerning if any legal breaches contributed to the arrival of Mycoplasma bovis in New Zealand.

"Biosecurity rules are in place for good reason and there is absolutely no excuse not to follow them," says DCANZ executive director Kimberly Crewther.

"DCANZ supports

MPI conducting a full investigation into any alleged legal breaches. We will also support MPI taking strong compliance action if the current investigation determines there is cause for this to occur".

The arrival of Mycoplasma bovis in New Zealand, and the subsequent biosecurity response, has had a significant impact on many people and animals. If not

eradicated Mycoplasma bovis will have long-term costs for both farmers and regions.

Biosecurity is important to New Zealand's economy as a whole and New Zealanders' way of life. The absence of many pests and diseases that

are present elsewhere in the world makes New Zealand a special place to live and underpins successful agriculture, horticulture and tourism industries. It is important that we all take biosecurity protection for New Zealand seriously.

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James calls time on boxing career

James (Batman) Langton has announced his retirement from boxing.

The 44 year-old Opunake dairy farmer and professional boxer had picked up the Pro Box NZ heavyweight title by defeating Isileli Fa at the Hawera Rumble in December. In 2015 he had won the New Zealand National Boxing Federation cruiserweight title in front of a home town crowd at the Coastal Rumble in Opunake, only to lose the title to Monty Betham in Auckland later that year.

James' last fight was against Matt Davoren for the vacant Australasian title in Sydney on March 23, which James lost. He says he would have retired, whatever the result of that fight.

"I always knew that I would know when enough was enough, and I've had enough. Therefore this was my last fight. Generally, boxing is a young man's game and having taken up the sport at 39 I am extraordinarily proud of what I have achieved. I have two New Zealand titles in two different weight classes and have fought for three international titles. I have fulfilled my dream of being a professional sportsperson and represented New Zealand in my latest fight against Australia."

For his last fight James had had to move from heavyweight to cruiserweight which meant losing 8kg.

"When I got to Australia I was doing some pad work and noticed I got quite fatigued. I was just hoping it was just diet and maybe a bit of jet lag and that I would come right for the fight, but I just tanked out and I was exhausted and had no energy. In rounds two and three he was laying into me with some heavy shots and I dropped to the canvas. I was able to get up and go for two or three more rounds but I was never in the fight.

"I was fighting a southpaw and didn't see his punches coming. I was just gobbling up his straight right all night."

"I was outdone and outgunned by a younger opponent on his way up who was an Australian champion. He wasn't going to be stopped by someone coming to the end of his career."

For James the journey all began when as a 39 year-old who had finished with rugby, he first walked into a boxing gym.

"I had no idea I was going to go pro. I just wanted to get fit and strengthen my ankles and lower back, but



James says he is pleased that he and Kelly have been able to help raise tens of thousands of dollars for children with serious illnesses through the Little Fighters Trust, a charity he wants to continue

me being me I just fell in love with it."

His first fight was against Asher Derbyshire and he got a "hell of a hiding." He went up against him again and lost again, but the result was closer.

His coach Terry Simpson then suggested Steve Hartley take over his coaching.

"I dedicated two and a half years coaching 4-5 days a week at his place in Normanby, and he turned me into more into a brawler/boxer and that suited me."

James then went on to a nine fight winning streak. At this stage James was wanting to extend himself further so he and wife Kelly decided to start organising their own boxing shows in Hawera and Opunake. This would give James more control over who he fought. He said he always wanted opponents who could challenge him rather than ones he could beat.

He lists having the 2015 Coastal Rumble in Opunake when they negotiated with

David Tua to have Monty Filimaea come and fight James for the NZNBF cruiserweight title as one of the high points of his boxing career. One of his low points was when Monty Betham pulled out of a challenge for the title 10 days before the event.

Betham had previously beaten James in Auckland.

James says he is pleased that he and Kelly have been able to help raise tens of thousands of dollars for children with serious illnesses through the Little Fighters Trust, a charity he wants to continue

supporting.

Now that James has retired, he is looking to spending more time with his family.

"Thank you to my coaches over the years. Terry Simpson who got me started at Coastal Boxing, Dean Logan from Freestyle Boxing who took me to my first win and Colin Smith from Hydras who was in my corner for my biggest stage fight as the co-main event to Danny Green. Most of all thank you to Steve Hartley from Boxer-1. You have been like family. Taken me to both my title wins and stood by me through thick and thin.

"A big thanks to the Opunake and Coastal News. I can still remember coming in and talking to Bernice about having a front page wrap round. I thought I was trying my luck, but it ended up setting the tone for Opunake boxing and all the bouts that supported the fighters.

"Thanks also to everyone

who has been in my corner, especially my father-in-law Bill Martyn who has learned the trade and been invaluable in each of my wins, and Kieran who at times has also acted as stand-in coach.

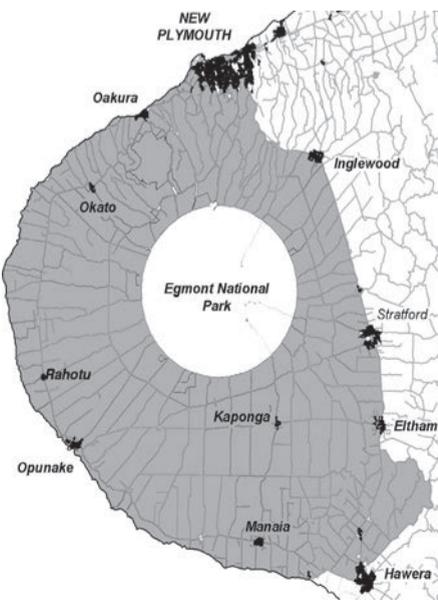
"To my sparring partners, thank you for all the time you have put in with me. Sam Rapira, especially, thank you for the hundreds if not thousands of rounds. I am extremely grateful for all your support.

"An extra special thank you to my wife Kelly who has stood by me, supported me through the years. She has done an incredible job promoting me and boxing in South Taranaki and put on some amazing events for our community. Also to my children who have put up with me and supported me through my boxing career. I know that at times it hasn't been easy having a Dad who is a professional boxer. I love you all so much."



James Langton holds the national title belts he has won in his boxing career.

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Coastal fail to catch Old Boys

On Saturday April 7, the Coastal Premiers travelled to Vogeltown Park to take on NPOB in round 2 of the 2018 season.

Coastal got off to a slow start, falling 10 points behind after 12 minutes. The boys fought their way back into the game and scored a converted try after 20 minutes. A high error rate made it very hard to maintain pressure and a second NPOB try had them leading 15-7 at the break.

Again a slow start to the second half led to a try to NPOB, followed by a penalty, to take a 23-7 lead into the final quarter. But you can never write off Coastal. Two tries in two minutes had them back in the game at 23-19. Chasing



.Pocket rocket Cal Davies hits the ball up for the Farm Source Prems against Tukapa.

the win, Coastal dropped a late try and the final score was 30-19.

Try scorers for Coastal were Brett Goodin and Lisiate Folau.(2). Brett Goodin also

kicked 2 Conversions. MVP was Lisiate Falau. *Brian Oliver*

A good start for Coastal Div 2

Hi to you all. It doesn't take long for a new season of rugby to start, we have started well with reasonable numbers to games but we need better turnouts at practices to become fitter than the other teams.

Goodin Ag Div 2's first game was against old foe Tukapa on Good Friday. As usual early season numbers were down but luckily we conscripted a few boys back

from university to help out. As usual it was a tough battle against these guys and some good ball movement in ideal conditions. In the end we just had a bit too much pace out wide, and with a few late tries, ran out to a 64-24 win which would be the most points we have put on these guys ever.

The following week saw us against NPOB who are more of the classic old

senior fourth team with plenty of grey hair and pot bellies on display. A lot more new faces for us today, and in a first, two sets of father/sons playing, which is what this grade is all about. Unfortunately for them they ran out of puff pretty early and our boys kicked on for a 97-5 win.

If you are keen for a run turn up to Thursday night trainings at 6.30pm. Thanks

to those guys that have turned up to get off to a good start.

It's been great to see that we have had a good forward pack showing great skills and the mid field looking strong with the two Barron boys carving up.

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Coastal division 1 two from two



Jared Davy looks to get the ball away for the FBT Div 1 despite being up ended.

Following on from last season Coastal Division 1 have started the season well with two wins, beating Tukapa at home 36-3, and winning away against NPOB 38-14. This year has a familiar look with most players returning to defend our championship title, with some new blood added to the mix. The coaching team of Alan Crowley Kane Barrett and Tom Brophy welcome any players interested in playing this year to come along to practice on Tuesday and Thursdays at 6-00pm at Rahotu. This Saturday we play Spotswood United at



Jared Hunt puts in a nice fend as the Corkill Colts get their season underway with a good win against Tukapa. Okato at 1-00pm so come along and support the team.

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Lochlan Jones, back from university, gives the Goodin Ag Div 2 a hand as they put old foe Tukapa to the sword.

Colts first hit out a win

Coastal Colts' first game was on Good Friday at Rahotu against Tukapa. There had been a struggle up to the night before to get numbers, but they all turned up on the day and put on a good performance for their first hit-out ended up winning 56 -28. The boys

attacked very well but had a few lapses on defence. All in all they had a good first up hit-out. Player of day Scott Chadwick who scored four tries and was backed up well by Alex Bell with two tries. Player of the Day points went to Scott Chadwick(3), Mitch Fleming (2) and Joel Perret(1). The next game was against NPOB on Thursday April 5 in Vogeltown. In trying conditions the boys struggled against NPOB eventually going down 50-10 with the boys struggling to do some of the basics right and several decisions going

against them. Three points to Jared Hunt, two points to Ra Naniseni and 1 point to Alex Bell. It would be good if the guys can make it to training so we can work on strengthening the team and getting combinations going. The next game is against Spotswood.

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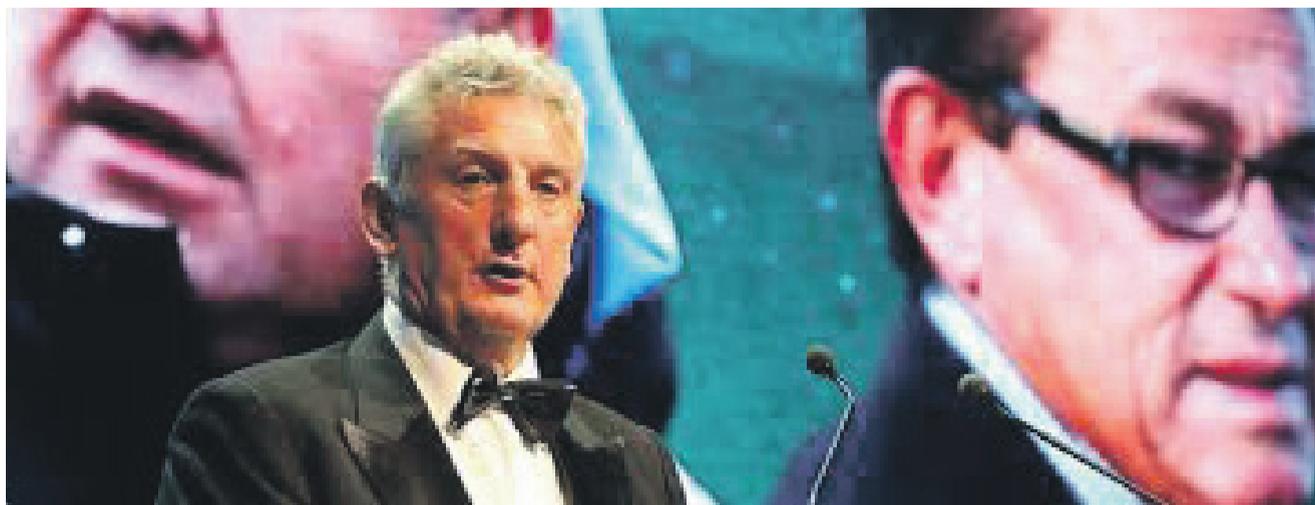
At the TRFU AGM on March 28 Graham "Goss" Mourie was made a life member of the Taranaki Rugby Union. This great honour has come after a lifetime in the rugby world.

Graham was born and bred in Opunake, and played for the Opunake and NPBHS first 15

While at university he played for Wellington as well as the Junior All Blacks and NZ Universities

He returned to play for Taranaki from 1976-8 and became a Taranaki centurion.

He played 61 matches for the All Blacks from 1976-82 and was widely acknowledged as one of the



Graham "Goss" Mourie is now a life member of the Taranaki Rugby Union.

great All Black captains.

He was on the NZRU board from 2002-2013 and was New Zealand's

representative on the IRB's Executive Committee, the Rugby Committee and numerous working groups

on the game's laws.

Graham has always been a man way ahead of his time on and off the field. Examples included the speed and accuracy with which he played the game in that era, and his captaincy, particularly around man management, on and off the field.

Crucially, at a time when it was not the flavor to do so, he made a personal stand against the situation in South Africa and made himself unavailable for the '81 tour. It was literally years before most rugby people

this as the morally correct decision. When his playing career ended he also openly accepted royalties from the sales of his book to challenge the outdated amateur laws, and copped a ten year ban for his trouble.

In 1981 Graham was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to rugby.

His coaching career started with Opunake in 1993 and he was the inaugural Coastal Coach in 1995. He was a founding member and instrumental in the set up and amalgamation of Opunake, Rahotu and

Okato to form the Coastal Rugby Club. In another example of his forward thinking he was heavily involved in the decision and implementation of Coastal perusing a farming venture as an alternative revenue stream, a model later adopted successfully by the TRFU. Graham is a life member of the Coastal Club.

Graham left the region to coach Wellington from 1997-99 and then the Hurricanes from 2000 -02. A lot of his time after his playing career ended was spent outside the province, but he always flew the flag as a proud Taranaki man with the Hurricanes, and while on the NZRU board. A huge amount of work went in from a lot of people to secure the All Blacks at Yarrows Stadium for the first time and you can be sure Graham was working behind the scenes for the same cause.

As a club we are honoured to have a close association with Goss and are proud to have another Coastal man as a life member of the TRFU.

Brent Davies

Hawera Target Shooting

For so early in the season some top scores are coming up. Jason Cameron has been knocking on the door to score the ultimate 100.10 for some time and finally achieved it. The way Jason has been shooting of late it won't be long before he repeats the feat. Well done Jason. New shooter Tayden Uncles had a personal best

on the grouping cards with a 95gr.

At the Oaonui Open the week before 23.3.18 Bruce Cameron went head to head with Levin's Scorch Taylor; these two between them scored 7 hundreds. After 50 shots Bruce came out the winner in a close fought final to win by one point.

Hawera Target Shooting

scores were: Ed Fern 74gr, 81gr, Tayden Uncles 92gr, 95gr, James Parkes 80gr, 79gr, Hayden Andreoli 97.3, 97.4, 95.1, Christina Burr 94.2, 93.1, 96.5, Teneile Crump Conchie 93.3, 91.1, Bruce Cameron 99.3, 99.8, 99.6, Jason Cameron 99.6, 98.7, 100.10. Frank Eustace 92.2, 97.4, Sam Gooding .

Frank Eustace 06-2785978

Identify your target beyond all doubt

The death of a hunter in the Kaimai Forest is a tragedy and a timely reminder to all hunters that they need to take special care when hunting, says Joe Green, chair of the Firearms Safety Council.

Hunters should always ensure their firearm is pointed in a safe direction, he says.

"his includes when hunting with a companion, and if you lose sight of your companion. You both need to stop hunting until you have re-established contact. No direction is a safe direction simply because you don't know where your mate is," Joe said. "Even if you think you see a deer, it could be your mate."

He said that while not wanting to go too much into details about the latest tragedy, past incidents have often been attributed solely to failing to identify the target beyond all doubt.

"In about 50% of cases the hunter shoots a mate they are actually hunting with. They've become separated and lost track of each other. It also remains important to identify your target beyond all doubt. Never shoot at shape, colour, movement or sound. Any of these could be a person."

Joe is a retired inspector of police now working for the Catholic Church. In



Stay safe while out hunting.

2003 he published To Hunt and Return – developing safe hunting practice. Joe analysed 33 incidents between 1979 and 2001 where one deer hunter had shot and killed another. Source data included coronial and police files, a survey of shooters in the incidents, and included a project to determine the best "high vis" colour to wear in the NZ bush. Joe managed arms control for police from 1998-2012.

Joe Green

Manaia golf results

Waimate Plains. Gross. 1. Caleb Symes. 2. Caleb Andreoli. 3. Jarrad Pittams. Nett. 1. Joel Wolfe. 2. Jim Ngere. 3. Jaime Johnson. 4. Rod Le

Fleming. March 31. Saturday Men. 1. Jeremy Gopperth. 2. John Oliver. 3. Grant Hastie. Twos. Rod Le Fleming. April 7. Saturday Men. Nett

Round. Grant Gopperth, Grant Gibbs, John Oliver, Denis Hurcomb. Nett Eagles. Rod Le Fleming 16th. Paul Hunn 11th.

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TUMAHU HALL AGM

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PUBLIC NOTICES



OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Opunake Districts and Business Association invites all Businesses and the Community to:

STEVENS ROOM
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 TUESDAY 17 APRIL AT 5.30 PM

STDC will present:
 The Draft Long Term Plan for South Taranaki.

Come look and listen to the implications for Coastal Taranaki.

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ANZAC DAWN PARADE MANAIA

The Egmont Plains Community Board and the Manaia & District RSA cordially invite the public to the ANZAC Dawn Parade to be held in Manaia on Wednesday 25 April 2018.

The Parade will assemble at the Gibson Hall (Tauhuri Street) at 6.15am to march off at 6.30am then proceed to the Band Rotunda for the service - Medals to be worn.

Refreshments will follow the service at the Gibson Hall.

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At 8.00am there will be Public Services at the Services Cemetery.

Refreshments will follow the service at the Town Hall.

Further services will be held at the Cenotaphs at Te Kiri (11.00am) and Pihama (5.45pm).

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Opunake and District Foodbank would like to thank everyone for their support during 2017. The Christmas drive was another great success, providing Christmas parcels for 18 families who all appreciated their parcels very much.

Thanks again, goes to Opunake Fire Brigade, St John and Get Fit 45 for their collection around town, all those who donated to the collection and our small group of Foodbank volunteers who parcelled up the food and delivered the Christmas parcels.

The foodbank would not be able to operate without all the wonderful generous people and organisations. During 2016 there has been many individuals donating both money and food, as well as the following organisations having can days or food drives; St Joseph School, Our Lady Star of the Sea church, Get Fit 45, Rahotu Lions, Rahotu 4 Square, Pihama Women's Institute, Opunake High School, Highway 45 Cruisers Car Club, Opunake 4 Square, Lakeside Lions, St Pauls Op Shop and 4 Square 45. We were also lucky to have received a COGS grant again in 2017. All this has assisted us to help 316 adults and 236 children by giving out 77 food parcels. Lastly, I need to thank the small but tireless group of volunteers that make up the food bank committee. If you are interested in donating or volunteering your help with Foodbank please contact Aretha at CoastalCare 06 761 8488.

This is a wonderful community we live in and its always heart-warming to see how generous and supportive everyone is and the services we have.

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Lots of fun things to do from April 17. Refer Puke Ariki feature.

OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION / STDC LONG TERM PLAN PRESENTATION

17 April at 5.30pm at Sandfords Event Centre. Refer adverts for details.

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Sunday April 22, Old Pihama Dairy Factory. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE DISTRICT REST HOME TRUST AGM

April 24 at Coastal Care facilities, Opunake. Refer advert for details.

OTAKEHO WAR MEMORIAL SERVICES

April 24 at 5.30pm. At the Otakeho Hall. Refer advert.

ANZAC DAY PARADES IN OPUNAKE, MANAIA, TE KIRI & PIHAMA

ANZAC Day, April 25. Refer advert for times.

TRAVELSMART ARCTIC, ANTARCTICA & ICELAND EVENING

May 9 at Travelsmart New Plymouth. Refer advert for detail.

STRATFORD A&P ASSN AGM

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A couple who wanted to renew their wedding vows in Antarctica with penguins as witnesses was one of the more unusual trips she's organised says Bev Ellice, the owner of Travelsmart in Strandon, New Plymouth.

Bev has just extended the office taking over the premises next door consolidating the business under one roof, the Waitara arm of the business which was open for 12 months now closed.

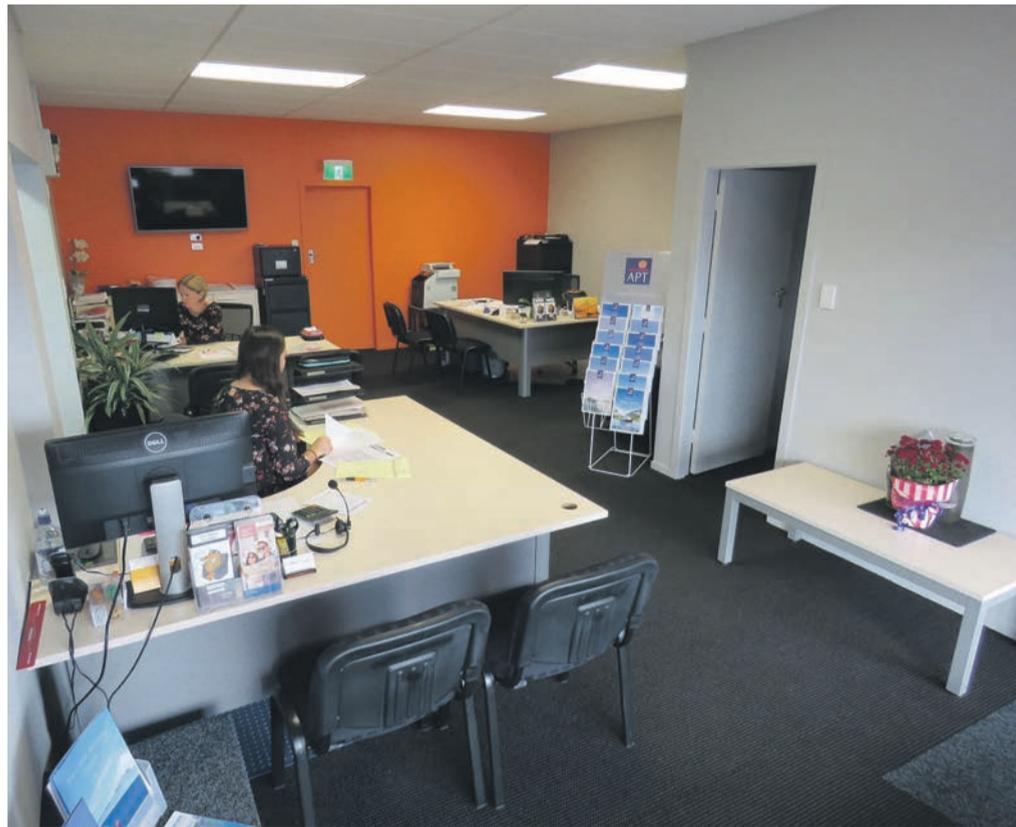
"The opportunity came to consolidate by extending next door," says Bev. She has also taken on three extra staff which includes her daughter Kristelle who has recently shifted back to New Zealand and will be working in marketing and accounts.

The spacious premises have been attractively refurbished in Travelsmart's distinctive trademark colours, tangerine and aqua and the staff now sport a stylish corporate uniform.

Bev has been involved in the travel industry for 25 years now and five years ago she opened the shop in Strandon becoming her



Bev Ellice, the owner of Travelsmart



The new office space.

own boss which she enjoys "very much" and it means she can look after clients the way she wants to.

She often hosts group trips overseas. "It's rewarding - you're sharing your travel experience with like-

minded clients," says Bev. Of the trips she's hosted, Botswana in central Africa was an absolute highlight she

says adding it was "exciting" witnessing the game life in their habitat. There were eight on the two week trip

travelling in a 4 wheel drive. A particularly memorable moment was watching a lioness giving birth to four cubs.

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Julie Jamieson

I am passionate about travel and began working at Travelsmart in 2013 after an extended break from the industry to have a family.

My role includes a variety of tasks from administration and documentation to helping clients plan their exciting travel arrangements.

With over 15 years' experience I have travelled extensively throughout Australia, South East Asia, Western USA and Canada, Hawaii, Europe and the Pacific Islands.

One of the many highlights of my career was being selected for an exchange to a Travel Agency in George, South Africa where I experienced the beautiful Garden Route, Cape Town and Kruger National Park.

My favourite family destination would have to be Noosa - there are so many awesome things to do from markets to surf lessons.



Kristelle Colgan

I have just moved back to New Plymouth from Brisbane for my daughters to attend school in New Plymouth. My family is enjoying the Taranaki way of life.

This will be my first foray into the travel industry and I am looking forward to the challenge after working in thoroughbred racing most of my life.

However, I won't be giving this away entirely as I will still be assisting my former employer, who is a trainer in Brisbane. I want to put together Horse Racing Tours to various race meetings around the world. Having the knowledge of the racing industry and having contacts with racing celebrities I'm confident that there are a lot of New Zealanders would join our groups to enjoy these events with like-minded travellers.

My main focus will be to assist Bev and the team with marketing the business, as well as growing and developing relationships within the corporate travel sector.



Taryn Burwell

After 20 years, I am excited to be working alongside Bev again.

I love travel, the way it brings people together and creates memories that will last a lifetime.

I have travelled extensively and have worked in travel both in NZ and the UK. While we travel a lot further from down here, it has always been a passion for Kiwis to see the world and there are so many amazing deals to be had year-round now.

I especially love putting family holidays together as I know how much my son has loved seeing different countries from an early age.

To travel is to live, grown and learn. Helping to piece it all together for clients continues to be a privilege 22 years on.



Rebecca Honeyfield

After working and travelling overseas for a year and ticking off some of the destinations on my large bucket list, I have returned home to start my career in travel.

I worked for a year at Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts in Florida after completing my Diploma in Tourism & Travel Management and I travelled extensively throughout America while I was there.

I travelled on a Contiki which was a fun way to finish off my time in America, which travelled through majority of the northern states and a bit of Canada. My favourite places in America were Nashville, Zion National Park and Yellowstone National Park, especially seeing the wildlife roaming around like a black bear and buffalo!

I have also visited Puerto Rico in the Caribbean and Vietnam, which are amazing countries and look forward to sharing my knowledge to help clients plan their dream escape!



Zoe Walker

After 2 years of working in London and travelling the UK and Europe, I have returned to the homeland. I have been in the travel industry for over 4 years (2 years in NZ and 2 years overseas).

I absolutely love working in this industry as I am extremely passionate about travel as I love exploring new destinations and experiencing new, exciting cultures.

I have travelled throughout the UK and Europe as well as South East Asia, Australia and the South Pacific. My top 3 favourite countries would have to be Croatia, Portugal and Vietnam.

One of my most memorable travel experiences to date would have to be when I went to an Elephant Sanctuary in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We got to get up close and personal with the elephants by swimming with them, grooming them and feeding them- this was definitely a huge highlight for me and something I would recommend everyone to do.

Travelsmart extends their office premises

In Moremi Game Reserve where they stayed they were told that the previous day several lions strolled through the kitchen. "The alarmed cooks locked themselves in the pantry."

At Savuti, she says she was lying in bed early one morning when she realised the lock to her door was being fiddled with. "It was a baboon trying to get in." Bev also describes another touching scene at Savuti of a line of monkeys holding onto each other's tails so the monkey at the head of the queue could get a drink in the swimming pool.

South America is another favourite destination, in particular Brazil which she said was vibrant and the culture fascinating. Cusco in Peru where they acclimatised before climbing Machu Picchu was another unforgettable experience.

Cruising is now a big part of their business says Bev. "It's increasingly popular," she says estimating it represents around fifty percent of their business. "You unpack once," she says. "You name where you want to go, there'll be a cruise," she continues ranging from the adventurous to the exotic.

And it's not just retirees who like cruises. "Everybody loves to cruise - all ages."

Coming up is a trip to Canada and Alaska and Bev has an adventure expert who is coming to talk about the Antarctic



The extended premises at TravelSmart in Strandon which now take up two shop frontages.

and Arctic and Iceland. The talk will be held at the TravelSmart premises in Strandon on May 9 at 7pm, anyone interested invited to attend.

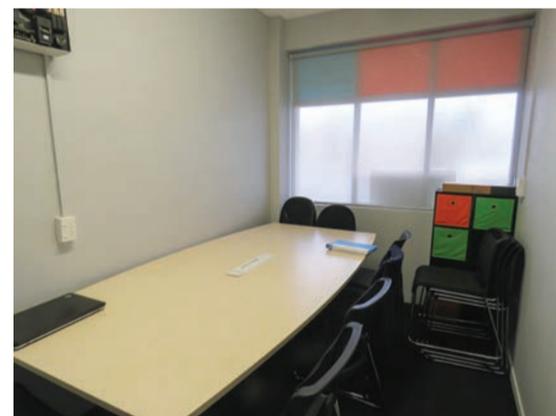
One of the advantages of their location is the availability of parking says Bev, free for the first half hour.

Bev says a lot of her business is repeat business which is perhaps her best recommendation.

One of her more unusual bookings was for a couple who wanted to renew their vows in Antarctica in front of emperor pen-

guins. "They loved penguins," she says with a laugh. "I care for my clients,

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Community open day at Fonterra Whareroa

Fonterra Whareroa is inviting Taranaki farmers and local community to come for a first-hand look from 10am-2pm on Saturday April 14.

"This is an open invitation for our local community to see how proud we are of what we do, learn more about the dairy production process and to have some fun at the same time," says Operations Manager Tony Maclean.

There will be guided site tours, some of your favourite Tip Top and Mainland products to sample and an opportunity to see us in action.

Whareroa is one of the three largest sites in New Zealand and produces enough prod-

uct to fill more than three Olympic-sized swimming pools each week.

Tony says, "Our 1000-strong team process 15 per cent of our dairy production and send 400,000 metric tonnes of milk powder, cheese, cream, protein and lactic casein ingredients to customers overseas and in New Zealand each year."

Site tours will kick off every 10-15 minutes from 10am, with the last tour departing at 2pm.

Onsite parking is limited as is off street parking on Whareroa Road.

Children must be five years of age or over and there must be a one adult to one child ratio. Safety clothing will be

provided, but guests must wear flat, closed-toe shoes (not gumboots though).

Guests will need to be of reasonable health as parts of the tour requires guests to climb stairs. There are a few things which can't be brought on site, including pushchairs, wheel chairs, assisted walkers, backpacks, handbags and other hand-held items. If you're not wearing it or if it's not in your pocket please leave it at home or in your car.

The number of people permitted on site tours is limited and places will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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Exhibition a response to cataclysmic events

A hundred years after the end of World War I, an ANZAC theme pervades an exhibition showing at The Village Gallery in Eltham.

"And when he was called-he went," a solo exhibition by Elwyn Stone from Hamilton is showing from April 9-May 4.

Elwyn describes it as "a response to cataclysmic events of war in these commemorative years 2014-2019 and to the legacy that has been passed on to the generation who haven't known war."

She pays tribute to her late father

"Returned Serviceman-Gunner 27037- home from his courageous turn of duty with NZ Div Armed Forces, my late father leaves evidence of his service-5 war medals in asmy ribbon-and our freedom."

"My collection is unique in that, rather than focussing on specific battles and actions, it aims to depict in a conceptual sense, multi-layered, juxtaposed images in a précis of World War, of New Zealand at war, rather than an attempt at a world-view."

Taranaki-born Elwyn stone BMA had a keen interest in art while at secondary



school, but raising a family, working and pursuing other creative talents like the theatre, this was left on hold for a time.

After moving to the Bay

of Plenty she joined the Tauranga Art Society and has since graduated with a Bachelor of Media Arts.

Elwyn works in a variety of media, mediums, styles,

techniques and subjects. These include creating a conceptual contemporary traditional realism, mixed media, print, photography and sculpture/clay.

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From left. Brian Vincent, Mike Williams, Rex Langton.

Coastal Community Transport (CCT) takes people with no means of transport from Coastal Taranaki to medical

appointments whether it be to New Plymouth, Hawera, Stratford or Eltham. The work of these volunteer drivers was recently boosted

with a \$1000 donation from the Opunake Lions Club. The money will go towards the first aid training which drivers need to have, as

well as reimbursing them for their travel costs, Coastal Community Trust chairperson Mike Williams says.

Volunteers are police vetted, carry ID and have medical kits in their vehicles. They are not paid for their time.

Anyone wanting to use the service and who meets the criteria of having no means of transport can ring 0800 733276 giving a minimum 48 hours notice before their appointment. One of the volunteer drivers will then be contacted to make the trip. "People must really appreciate what we do, because we are still busy," says Mike who as well as

being CCT chairperson is also a volunteer driver.

Opunake Lions Club president Rex Langton and Lions Club member Brian Vincent who is also a volunteer driver were on hand to present the cheque to Mike.

Rex said the Lions and CCT were two local organisations working together for the good of the local community.

Coastal Community Transport has existed in its present form for the last two years.

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 PETER RABBIT Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family, Fantasy 1hr 34mins PG: Violence Based on characters from Beatrice Potter's beloved books. Peter Rabbit's feud with Mr McGregor escalates as they compete for the affections of an animal lover who lives next door. Fri 20th Apr 1pm Mon 23rd Apr 1pm Sat 28th Apr 1pm	 PACIFIC RIM UPRISING Action & Adventure, Drama, Science Fiction & Fantasy 1hr 51mins M The sequel to Pacific Rim. In this movie, once-promising Jaeger pilot Jake is recruited by his estranged sister to combat an unstoppable enemy that threatens to bring the world to its knees. Fri 13th Apr 7pm Sun 15th Apr 7pm Sat 21st Apr 7pm
 WALKING OUT !!ARTHOUSE!! Adventure, Drama, Mystery, Thriller, Festival & Independent 1hr 36mins M: Offensive language In this Sundance Grand Jury-nominated film, teenager David journeys to Montana to hunt with his estranged father, Cal. Father and son are brought together by a brutal encounter in the wilderness. Wed 25th Apr 7pm	 SHERLOCK GNOMES Action & Adventure, Animation, Comedy, Kids & Family 1hr 26mins PG After arriving in London, Gnomeo and Juliet are preparing their new garden for spring. When they come home to find their garden gnomes missing, they call in famous detective Sherlock Gnomes, and his sidekick Watson Sat 14th Apr 1pm Wed 18th Apr 1pm Fri 27th Apr 1pm
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23 Peter Rabbit 1pm	25 Little Vampire 1pm Walking Out 7pm	26 Gallipoli 7pm	27 Sherlock Gnomes 1pm Love Simon 7pm	28 Peter Rabbit 1pm Blockers 7pm	29 Love Simon 7pm

Road trip to raise money for mental health

Three men who knew each other from Stratford High School are about to embark on the adventure of their lives. Ralph Gallyer from New Plymouth, Woody Bradley from Palmerston North and Dylan O'Neill from Wanaka will be taking part in the 2018 Mongol Rally, a 20,000 km journey by car from Prague to Ulan Ude in Russia. Joining them will be Megan Taylor, who as well as being the only female in the group, will at the age of 19 also be the youngest.

Their trip must be taken in a car with an engine smaller than 1000cc.

"The point of the rally is that it's not a race but a challenge to the finish," Dylan said on a recent visit to the Hawera campus of WITT.

"Ralph came up with the idea, and I thought what an amazing adventure. Where else is an opportunity like this going to come from?"

Dylan himself is no stranger to being abroad. He has backpacked across South East Asia, visiting eight different countries along the way, the most interesting of which he said was probably Myanmar.

"It's only been open to tourists for the last 10 years, so the culture is still very much preserved."

This new adventure however will be completely different.

They have named their team the Dusty Kiwis, and like every other team taking part they will be fundraising for two charities, one chosen by the organisers, and one chosen by themselves.

The organisers' nominated charity is Cool Earth, a UK-based charity that protects endangered rainforest in



Dylan O'Neill points out the route the Dusty Kiwis will be taking later this year.

order to combat global warming, protect ecosystems and provide employment for local people

The team's chosen charity is the New Zealand Mental Health Foundation.

"We've all personally known people who have been affected by depression, anxiety and other aspects of negative mental health," says Dylan. "We want to be able to create awareness and safe conversations."

Before they can enter they need to get a car which they hope to pick up in Britain before they get to Prague and the start of the rally on July 16. The cars will gather together and after that they

are on their own. There is no set route to get to Ulan Ude, but they must get there in the car they set out in.

"If we make it across the finish line but the car doesn't it doesn't count," Dylan said.

By the time they get to the finish they will have done 20,000km, averaging 500km a day. They will get no help from the rally organisers along the way.

Their chosen route includes Southern Europe, Turkey, Iran, and the Himalayan and Mongolian steppes before reaching the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bataar, and then across the Russian border to finish at Ulan-Ude. Their journey will take them

as high as 4000 metres above sea level, so there are parts of the trip where altitude sickness may be an issue. There are places where they can be facing 30-40 degree humidity, and then half an hour later be in a hailstorm.

They will go into areas which are popularly regarded as being dangerous places to travel, like Iran, but this does not faze them.

"It will be an opportunity for us to challenge these ideas ourselves," Dylan says. "So many people have been through Iran, and said that they are the nicest people, so

how can you not go there?"

At one stage they had even thought about going into the corner of Afghanistan, but

the prohibitive cost of visas rather than any perceived physical danger put them off this idea.



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Songs from the world's greatest musicals in concert

The UK's critically-acclaimed show *Beyond the Barricade* – a glittering concert of musical showstoppers – returns by popular demand to New Zealand next May, performing in Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton, Taupo, New Plymouth, Wellington, Napier, Palmerston North, Blenheim, Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill.

Starring past principal performers from *Les Misérables* in the West End and on UK tour, the blockbusting two-hour show features favourite songs from the world's greatest West End and Broadway musicals including *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Chicago*, *Evita*, *Wicked*, *Miss Saigon*, *Hamilton*, *West Side Story*, *Mamma Mia*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Lion King* and many others, climaxing with a spectacular finale from *Les Misérables*.

Beyond the Barricade has been delighting audiences throughout the UK and Europe for more than 18 years, from the Royal Albert Hall to the Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary 2 and Queen Victoria Cunard cruise liners. In 2016 they made their debut in New Zealand with a 21-city tour of the North and South Islands, following a sold-out tour to Manila, Singapore and Hong Kong the previous

year. The former cast members of London's longest-running musical, *Les Misérables*, include Andy Reiss, who has played numerous male roles including Jean Valjean and Enjolras; David Fawcett, who played Valjean; Katie Leeming who played the

role of Eponine; and Poppy Tierney, who played Cosette.

The four performers are accompanied by an ensemble of talented musicians to create an authentic live experience, capturing all the passions and orchestrations of the original shows.

Andy Reiss and David

Fawcett met while performing in *Les Misérables* in the West End and then in Manchester, and in 1996 devised a charity concert comprised of musical hits. Over the next few years the show began to take on a life of its own and in 1999 was renamed

Beyond the Barricade with the move to only cast *Les Misérables* principals. A major UK tour followed culminating in a Gala Performance at the Royal Albert Hall accompanied by a 100-voice choir of people who had worked with Andy on the numerous *Les*

Misérables Masterclasses he had directed. Ten years later *BEYOND THE BARRICADE* celebrated its first decade of touring with a Gala Concert at the Birmingham Symphony Hall.

"Our aim was, and continues to be, to deliver these much-loved songs from the top musicals in a way that captures the feel of the original orchestrations, so the audience feels they are listening to the original performance," explains co-founder Andy Reiss. "We don't use backing tracks, so every musical note is played and sung live, giving a dynamic feel to the show."

Producer and CEO of Lunchbox Theatrical Productions, James Cundall, said "I was fortunate enough to see *Beyond the Barricade* perform a few years ago in the UK and was bowled over by the quality of their performances, and the intimate ambience of the show. Having brought many of the top musicals to New Zealand over the last two decades, I instantly thought they would be warmly received by the many musical theatre-lovers here, and their first tour here proved just that. I am delighted to be bringing these four powerhouse voices back for an encore."



Beyond the Barricade performers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Puke Ariki, Ōākura, Inglewood Libraries

Permian Monsters

Tuesday 17 April, 2pm - 3pm

Discover It! Puke Ariki Library

Have you visited the Permian Monsters exhibition yet? Be inspired to create your own bizarre creature.

Monster Fossil Making

Wednesday 18 April, 10am - 11am

Ōākura Library

Make your own plaster fossils of prehistoric monsters without waiting millions of years.

Rock'n it

Thursday 19 April, 10.30am - 11.30am

Inglewood Library

Create a rocky masterpiece of pebbles and stones.

Modern-Day Monsters

Thursday 19 April, 2pm - 3pm

Discover It! Puke Ariki Library

What would life be like if pre-historic monsters were alive today?

ANZAC Commemorative Craft

Tuesday 24 April, 10.30am - 11.30am

Inglewood Library

Join us as we remember, and create something to take to the ANZAC Parade or for our window for ANZAC Day.

Remember ANZAC Day

Tuesday 24 April, 2pm - 3pm

Discover It! Puke Ariki Library

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