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Jonathan Young campaign launch highlights Government's achievements

Jonathan Young the Member of Parliament for New Plymouth had his campaign launch on Monday 31 July at the Devon Hotel, New Plymouth. The event was introduced by Peter Hilliam, Mr Young's Campaign Chairperson.

Mr Young's special guest was fellow MP the Hon Chris Finlayson, the Attorney-General, whose other ministerial positions include the NZ Security Intelligence Service and Treaty of Waitangi Negotiation.

Mr Finlayson spoke of his overseas travels on Government business and meeting international leaders – striking a cautionary note while mentioning such events as the near defeat of Prime Minister (and Conservative leader) Theresa May in Britain.

In the New Zealand context he warned about complacency fuelled by the opinion polls showing the substantial lead over Labour of about 20 percentage points. In reality, "This election is balanced on a knife edge." He added, "It is very very important to get out to ensure we get the



Jonathan Young with a PowerPoint image of himself and Steven Joyce.

Party vote." He mentioned Annette King as "a very nice person and excellent constituent MP", but felt her campaign didn't focus enough on securing the Party vote.

He stressed that National needs to retain their coalition partners ACT, The Maori Party and United Future (Peter Dunne) but "We do not need coalition partners like Mr Peters, thank you very much." He outlined Mr Peters participation over the years and concluded, "He's been impossible to deal with on a number of issues."

He alluded to the fact that not since Sir Keith Holyoake has a Government won four terms "We are fighting against history," he cautioned.

Mr Finlayson spoke very highly of Mr Young "the quiet achiever." He added, "This guy has been an outstanding MP and deserves your support." He concluded, "Jonathan is a fine man, a good man and a very effective MP."

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Jacinda Ardern assumes leadership of Labour

At the Labour Party caucus on Tuesday August 1 Andrew Little announced his resignation as leader, largely in response to low opinion poll ratings - as low as 26% support for the Party.

"As leader, I must take responsibility for these results. I do take responsibility and believe that Labour must have an opportunity to perform better under new leader-

ship through to the election," he said.

Jacinda Adern (Deputy leader since March) was duly elected unopposed as the new leader, with Kelvin Davis (Te Tai Tokerau) as her deputy – also unopposed.

"I feel privileged and honoured to have been elected as leader of the Labour Party and ready for the challenge. Bring on 23 September, she said." She continued, "I want to thank Andrew for his huge

work and leadership and giving me the chance to work alongside him."

Jacinda Adern has been a parliamentarian since 2008 as List MP when her ranking was 20. By the 2014 election her ranking had improved to fifth. However, in March 2017 she stood in the vacant Mt Albert electorate and was elected.

Jacinda Kate Laurell Adern was born on July 26, 1980 in Hamilton and spent



Labour leader Jacinda Adern

her formative years in Morinsville and Murupara. Her father Ross was a policeman.

She studied at Waikato University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She joined the Labour Party as a 17-year-old and worked for both Phil Goff and Helen Clark as a researcher.

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 **Letters to the Editor**

Fifty years and still operating

One must congratulate Terry Ingram who has been in the scrap metal and recycling business now for 50 years, which is extremely remarkable and a long time. Before launching into his new business venture Terry himself worked for Hawera Engineering and, no doubt, seeing poles of scrap metal and rubbish being littered around the place and with the financially backing from his grandfather and father he started the contracting scrap and recycling business. His two brothers Tony and Ashley also got involved. Nowadays, Terry's son Joseph plays an important role in the venture, which has become the biggest privately owned rubbish company in Taranaki.

Now, this is what I call entrepreneurial ship as Terry had seen something he could do himself plus combining his engineering skills and did it. I myself can see his business getting even bigger so to Terry and his great staff many congratulations to you all.

Sometimes families work together, although it sometimes doesn't work but obviously they've all worked through difficult stages. At the end of the day they all still together – as the saying goes 'all for one and one for all.'

Tom Stephens

James Langton Sandfords Honours Board

Dear Editor
 It is really great that the James Langton debate continues and rightly so. And yes I still believe that James name belongs on the honour board. Now my questions to the Trust Committee:
 Why wasn't his wife Kelly

and his coach and manager Steve Hartley given the chance and the opportunity to address this committee well before any decision was made?

Now, if Joseph Parker our current WBO heavyweight boxing champion actually lived in Opunake, would he or wouldn't he be eligible to have his name put on this honour board? Both are professional boxers, yet both boxers have represented New Zealand.

Does this committee know and realise nowadays many upon many professional sports people would not only represent their country, but take part in our Olympic Games. Now the likes of Valerie Adams our shot put lady, has represented our country and she's a professional sportswoman.

Also, does this committee realise when we have our Commonwealth Games only for commonwealth countries, all these sports people are also professional. Isn't it high time that this committee realises also that these rugby players who are selected into our All Black's squad are also professionals and also play for provincial rugby teams.

Does this committee actually know that all amateur sports have now become professionalised? – most probably not.

It has come to my notice that James and his wife Kelly have organised several boxing events raising funds for the Little Fighters Trust helping families whose youngsters have a life-threatening illness. Nearly \$20,000 has been raised so far, which is absolutely and extremely marvellous, yet still no recognition for him and his wife.

As far as I am concerned the present day Trust committee should and must resign then have a completely new committee elected in, so along with those Opunake people who support James Langton's name be honoured on this honours board, not just pushed aside like he is.

*Tom Stephens,
 New Plymouth*

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Honours Board Recognition

I would like to thank all those who have supported me over the last few weeks regarding the Sandfords Event Centre Honours Board.

I don't like writing this letter to the editor complaining about the Event Centre Trust as I have known some of them my whole life. But when you feel that you have been hard done by you need to stand up and fight for yourself.

Over the last 150 years Opunake has had New Zealand representatives in rugby, cricket, basketball, athletics and other sports. These are all outstanding achievements in Opunake's history, but we have never had a professional boxer who has won a New Zealand title and represented New Zealand fighting for international titles, until I did it.

The only official criteria I have been made aware of for being featured on the honours board is that the person must have "represented New Zealand in their chosen sport."

There were no other official requirements. Fighting for international titles is how professional boxers represent their country. When I was selected to fight for these international titles I had to meet rigorous criteria which included New Zealand and international rankings, overall win percentage and recent results. A boxer doesn't get to fight for international titles because they feel like "giving it a go." Steve Scott from IBO Boxing Asia Pacific, who sanctioned the international title bouts, wrote to the Sandfords Event Centre Trust in October last year confirming that I had represented New Zealand in professional boxing. However, instead of accepting this they chose

to approach an organisation that has nothing to do with professional boxing and use them as an authority on the subject. This seemed ridiculous and when I wanted to meet with the Trust to gain an understanding of why they would do this, my request was denied. Anyone who wants to see evidence for themselves of me fighting for an international title in a New Zealand versus Australia fight can view my fight against Mark Flanagan on the James 'Batman' Langton Facebook page. I didn't get the win, but I competed and I represented.

In the last couple of weeks I have spoken with committee members who have told me that professional sports people that represent themselves are not worthy of recognition on the Honours Board, whether that be winning a World Title in professional boxing, French Open in tennis or the Masters in golf. But remember this, Joseph Parker, Michael Venus and Lydia Ko all have the New Zealand flag beside their name on-screen while they are competing as professionals, they are "representing New Zealand in their chosen sport."

Professional boxing is a minority sport in New Zealand. Very few people possess the skill and physical capabilities to safely endure a four-round fight with a low ranked opponent let alone ten rounds for a title with a champion. By the Trust refusing to honour the achievements of someone in a minority sport like professional boxing, they are sending the message that they only care to acknowledge traditional sports with traditional pathways and that any other sport be damned. To me, this does not seem to fit with the Trust's own criteria that seeks to honour sportspeople that represent New Zealand "in their chosen sport."

*James Langton
 Opunake*

EDITORIAL

Chris Crean's legacy

The Sunday Theatre feature on TV1 which told the true story and tragic death of Opunake born Chris Crean was fascinating viewing.

It described how one man took it upon himself to stand up to gangs.

My brother bought the house he owned in Opunake and I remember meeting Chris Crean, a young moustached man and his equally young wife who had both embraced Christianity.

They moved to New Plymouth to Marfell, a poorer area in New Plymouth.

After witnessing several gang members brutal attack on a man whose wife and children were cowering in car which they also attacked Chris decided it was time and perhaps his Christian duty to take a stand against violence in his neighbourhood.

Previously people had been too frightened to act as witnesses against such attacks fearing retaliation.

Facing the assailants in court and refusing to be intimidated Chris Crean staunchly gave evidence against them.

It was a brave, and when he refused police protection,

perhaps a reckless undertaking which was to seal his fate.

Driven by the need for potential recruits to be accepted into the gang, we also got to see the underbelly of how gangs operated. It was an 18 year old with a sad history of multiple foster homes incited by a senior gang member who pulled the trigger one night that ended the life of Chris Crean. He was shot through his glass front door as he answered it.

I went to the trial and watched as the group of four went on trial for the murder.

All four would receive lengthy prison sentences.

It was a powerful drama, authentically done.

Chris Crean's action helped in reducing the power of gangs in Taranaki and also changed the law which now allows people to give evidence anonymously by video link.

His family should feel pride and perhaps some solace in knowing that his death was not in vain.

And for all who watched the Sunday theatre feature Chris Crean will be forever remembered as a hero.

Jonathan Young Campaign launch highlights Government's achievements

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When it was his turn to speak Mr Young used a PowerPoint presentation to highlight his Government's achievements over their terms, both nationally and in Taranaki. He started by pointing out that most people – about 83% – rate their overall satisfaction as high (above 7 on a 10 point scale). This was based on General Social Survey (GSS). He said this was the overall result of the leadership of the current Government under the leadership of Sir John Key and current leader Rt Hon Bill English.

Then he got down to specifics, such as the average

wage rising to \$59,000. "This is \$17,000 more since we came to office."

He pointed out that 30,000 less children live in deprived situations since the time when the Government assumed office. Beneficiaries received \$25 more a week last year "the first real increase in more than 40 years."

In the last three years 200,000 more jobs had been created under the National-led Government.

As regards to comparison with other countries, NZ was ranked first in the world for prosperity and ease of doing business, first equal for anti-corruption and second for the quality of government. Also,



Hon Chris Finlayson speaking at the campaign launch.

NZ's economy grew 3% in the year to March making it one of the top performing OECD countries.

Mr Young mentioned some of the initiatives here in Taranaki such as the widened bridge access to the north of New Plymouth. "It was great to have Mr Bridges officially open the project." Continued and planned improvements on State Highway 3 will make it 'smoother, safer and faster,' he commented.

Explaining the importance of tourism "which has now overtaken dairy farming" he showed pictures of himself and Hon Steven Joyce (Finance minister) walking the Pouakai Crossing.

Another 3.4 million will be spent to improve the track further, he promised. The UK magazine Wanderlust asked 'Is NZ's new trail the best day hike in the world?'

Mr Young has been involved in various schemes to support young people, such as the Accelerator programme. "I've supported young people" wherever I can, he is proud to say.

Mr Young concluded by saying, that after completing (almost) three terms "my vision has not diminished. He added, "We can go further and do even greater things."

Jacinda Ardern assumes leadership of Labour

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In 2008 she was confirmed as President of the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY), which took her to places such as Jordan, Israel, Algeria and China. She was

named as a World Economic Forum Young Leader in 2014.

Before entering parliament she had work experience in Britain. For two and a half years she worked for the Better Regulation Executive in the UK Cabinet Office

as Associate Director endeavouring to improve the way local authorities, in particular, interfaced with business. She was also seconded to the Home Office to assist with reviews of policing in England and Wales.

In her earlier role as Deputy leader she was Spokesperson for Justice, Arts, Culture & Heritage, Children and Small Business.

She is now the seventeenth leader of the New Zealand Labour Party.

Marfell proposal not best available says candidate

New Plymouth Labour candidate Corie Haddock says the proposal for affordable housing in Marfell is better than nothing but is not the best option available.

"It is unfortunate that my plea to Housing New Zealand and the local Member of Parliament

has fallen on deaf ears and reinforces how disconnected and unaware they are of housing

issues in New Plymouth," he says..

"We need a direct investment from government and Housing New Zealand to build more warm, dry homes for the growing number of families desperately seeking accommodation in New Plymouth. In the first quarter of 2017 emergency housing special needs grants more than doubled in Taranaki to 119, from 52 in the last quarter of 2016.

Building homes for people with household incomes of \$70,000 to \$90,000 is not the most urgent housing need locally and this proposal is not an acceptable alternative to building more homes for low income families who are struggling to access cost effective rental accommodation. Not to mention our responsibility to Māori if Housing New Zealand chooses to sell the land to another provider.

Don't we also need to ask what hapu want for this land?

"A socially responsible government, who cares about those in need, would not expect social organisations to fill the housing gap which has arisen due to nine years of government inaction. So rather than selling this land I once again ask, please invest in community, please invest in people and please invest in our future."

On this month in history

On August 16, 1977 Elvis Presley died at Graceland, his Memphis, Tennessee mansion. He was aged 42. His first big hit was 'Heartbreak Hotel' and this was released in 1956. He had a string of number one hits

on both side of the Atlantic. His career lost some momentum when he was drafted into the army where he rose to the rank of sergeant. He also starred in about 30 films for which he received

Elvis dies

a million dollars each. He married Priscilla and had a daughter Lisa-Marie, but the marriage did not last. These days many people visit Graceland and there are a multitude of Elvis impersonators.

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Getting into Shakespeare's head

Roger Peters has just published a volume of books that focus on the philosophy of Shakespeare's sonnets.

He has made a study of Shakespeare's sonnets and plays over many years which he says encompasses the philosophy by which we live today and have much to teach us.

The hospitable Roger is a man of many talents.

As well as publishing books he is a sculptor and has studied architecture.

A visit to his house just out of Kaponga is testament to his artistic and wide ranging accomplishments.

He initially enrolled in a degree in architecture at Auckland University. In the final year however he discovered an interest in art and transferred to Elam School of Fine Arts where he majored in sculpture.

Busts, some cast in bronze of various people including some Kaponga locals along with other sculptural pieces, feature throughout his house and picturesque garden. His work earned praise from the



Roger Peter's in his office with some of his publications.

late Pat Hanley, one of New Zealand's foremost artists who once visited Roger's house.

It was when Roger discovered Shakespeare however that his focus changed yet again.

He was at a workshop in Whanganui held by Joanna Paul where everyone had turns at reading Shakespeare's 154 sonnets.

He had been previously studying various philosophers, artists and scientists such as Charles Darwin.

"When I heard them I recognised there was an incredibly sophisticated articulation of an understanding of human philosophy," says Roger.

He spent the next decade studying the sonnets which he says encompass the philosophy we live by. Roger has categorised the sonnets. He says 126 of the sonnets are about what it is to be a man, 28 relate to being female. The others are about different subjects.

first book on the rudiments of Shakespeare's philosophy in 1987.

In 1995 on re-reading the sonnets he subsequently went on to do a more comprehensive and in depth analysis publishing in 2005 four volumes entitled William Shakespeare's Sonnet Philosophy.

This year he published Shakespeare's Global Philosophy, available in hard and paperback and another small book of 100 pages entitled Shakespeare and Mature Love. Coming out in October this year, Roger is publishing a pictorial version of William Shakespeare's Sonnet Philosophy. His books are available for purchase on Amazon.

He is currently analysing Shakespeare's plays with a view to publication.

Roger sees us all going through stages of learning.

In the primary stage we

learn words and numbers, in the secondary stage we start to learn facts. The tertiary phase involves learning how to manipulate ideas and conduct research. The final stage is learning how to operate with one basic philosophy.

Roger and his wife Marie, who previously taught photography at Hawera High School and is semi-retired, have 4 children and 7 grandchildren between them.

They moved to Kaponga 30 years ago where they have lived in the same house which they rented for 20 years and finally bought 10 years ago.

The house too is interesting and a step back in time with the original wall paper and floor coverings evocative of a past era.

While Roger has spent a lot of time on the grounds he says "I'm not interested in interior decorating".

It was a fascinating visit.



A larger than life bronze bust of William Shakespeare by Roger Peters is outside the Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford.

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Roger Peters and Opunake High School student Maygan Angland with one of his inventions, a revolving sun deck cranked by hand which gives 360 degree views of the surrounding countryside. Various intriguing structures in the grounds reflect his interests which combine architecture, structural engineering and art.



A chart of Shakespeare's Sonnets according to how Roger has categorised them.

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Another of Roger's works, a sculpture of his wife Marie cast in bronze.

Plaster sculptures of locals in Roger's studio including at right neighbour Ray Cleaver, former editor of Stratford Press.

COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

Fifty years of change in local government

In 1966 I began a career in Local Government. So, 50 years on what has changed? If one looked at a Council Order paper from the 60s or any of the pre-1989 Councils and compared it with a current S.T.D.C. order paper, the issues are still the same. The three Rs-Rates/Roading/Refuse and the three Ws-Water(drink) /Waste/Storm, halls, swimming pools, parks(gardens/sportfields), libraries, town planning(District Plan),building consents, animal control, pensioner flats bylaws, cemeteries and relative to Hawera redevelopment of the CBD. So what has changed? The change has been in the structure of local government from Town Boards/Borough/County Councils to the District Council of today, along with the change from prescriptive legislation to a more relaxed



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power of competence. Early Local Government was restrictive in that unless the Acts said you could, everything outside of that was Ultra Vires. Now, if communities want something within reason and so long as finance is available they can have it. Committees were the call of the day. Works for the 2 Rs and 3 Ws, a committee for each of the activities(halls pools etc).Finance/ Executive for Rates Annual

Budget, including the monthly passing accounts for payment with councillors signing the cheques. For all committees, if an item was deferred you formed a sub-committee to investigate and report back.

Now we have a much refined system with a 10 Year Long Term Plan revised every three years with an Annual plan, along with 25/30 year Asset Management Plans to ensure infrastructure is not neglected. A major change from Cash Accounting, Annual budget and work programme

There has been a transfer of some Central Government functions to local authorities, and legislation over the years has stated the purpose of Local Government. The words may have changed several times, but I don't believe the purpose of local government has changed since inception. Local Government has always been for the well being of all residents and improving the quality of life.

From birth to death Council is involved in our daily lives, as you will have noted from the various activities that are undertaken and paid for through your property and service tax commonly known as rates, as they were 50 years ago. Still they raise the same

comment. What should I pay for all the various services/activities if I don't use them?

However your children/grandchildren do, just as you did though the rates paid for by your previous generation.

So what has changed? Only the structure and the process under which we now consider the issues.

Thought for the day. When a subject is controversial don't jump to conclusions—hear the speaker out first.

Listen with a sensitive ear, hear and try to understand other points of view.

Cr Gordon Lawson

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I will give a few ideas that may be useful sometime down the track. Firstly, teach children at a very young age, that fire is a tool. We use it to cook food and to heat the home. It is not

magic and it is not a toy. It is dangerous and only for adults to use carefully (use the example of driving a car or using a power tool).

Secondly, keep all matches and lighters out of their reach. A child resistant lighter is not child proof, not even for a two year old. Have children hand over matches and lighters to adults when they find them, and reward and praise them for doing this.

Set a good example and have your home "fire safe." This means you should be extremely careful with matches, lighters and fire when children are watching and never use flammable liquids to light a fire.

If these simple points are stressed from an early age, your child should grow up with a good appreciation and understanding of fire, and you should have no

problems. If you require any more information regarding this matter, please get in contact with our brigade on a Monday night from 7-9.

We have had atrocious weather at times over the past two weeks and you good folk have taken it easy on the roads, batted down moveable objects so the wind doesn't run off with them, and maintained your fireplaces and chimneys so you wouldn't have any issues with them. Thanks for letting us get a good night's sleep and for keeping us out of the puddles.

The only callout we have had was to a motor bike incident at the Pihama moto cross track. An eighteen year old lad went over a jump, landed awkwardly, and was then catapulted over the handlebars. Our Opunake ambulance was on another callout, so we were

dispatched by fire control in Wellington, along with the Hawera ambulance. One of our crew is also an ambulance officer so was able to give the patient a thorough check over before the handover to the St Johns. Once the Medics had down their appraisal, we helped carry the lad to the ambulance and as there wasn't a lot more we could do, we left our Fire Support crew to help if needed and headed for home. I must say the lad had very good safety gear on, and even though he was in pain, it would have saved him from more serious injury. His safety list included a "pump-up helmet" that we had to deflate before we could get it off. All the best for your recovery.

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Driver hits parked cars



The driver of a car managed to hit two parked vehicles in the early hours of Sunday morning July 23 just after midnight in Opunake. The vehicles were parked outside a house in King Street near the corner of Ihaia Road.

The male driver, the sole occupant of the car, ran off but was apprehended by the residents of the house and police called.

He was apparently drunk and breath tested and found to be over the legal limit.

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The Clements celebrate sixty years

Its sixty years since Roy Clement and Merle Symes said "I do" to each other at the Presbyterian Church in Manaia.

With Opunake not having a minister at the time, Roy who had grown up on the family farm in Te Kiri and Merle who had grown up on Watino Road were married in Manaia on July 27, 1957. Merle was still at high school in Opunake when she first started seeing Roy in 1953. They went on to have two sons, Dean and Andrew, and a daughter Gillian, as well as eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Their son Andrew now runs the farm and after living all these years in the same place, Roy and Merle are now looking to move to New Plymouth.

There have been Clements in Te Kiri since 1914. Walter Clement had set himself up as a farmer and sawmill owner, and his five children included Roy's father, also called Roy. Roy says his grandfather had kept black and white cattle and when he inherited some money had bought Friesian heifers for his sons.

"We just carried it on from there," says Roy.

The Waiteika sawmill which his grandfather set up closed around 1941-2.

"I remember seeing horses dragging logs down to the saw mill," says Roy.

Merle's father was brought up in Riverlea before farming on Watino Road.

"My father bought a farm off Bob Stevenson," Merle says. "He would have been not much more than a teenager, but Bob must have liked him as he decided to sell to him."

Merle worked as a nurse aide in New Plymouth before she got married.

"And she's been working here ever since," says Roy. Merle has been a member of the Te Kiri Womens Institute for 50 years, holding all the offices including President and Secretary. Other interests have included the Garden Club and the Op Shop in Opunake where she works one afternoon a week.

Roy and Merle gave up milking cows in 1986, and moved into drystock farming which included beef, sheep and Angora goats.

The Clematis sign outside their house is meant both as a play on their name and as an acknowledgement of the Clematis growing around the garden. Clematis is also white, the same colour as the Clements' Angora goats. Clematis is s on in the name they have given to their purebred Angora goats, the Clematis Angora Stud. Roy's interests have



Roy and Merle Clement sixty years together.

included Observed Sections Trials Motorbike riding. It is an interest which his sons have also taken up.

In 1982 Andrew and Dean went to Britain and got first class awards in the Scottish Six Day Trials. While there they met up with three Australians who invited them to take part in the Yamaha Masters Arena Trials in Australia. With Dean coming fist and

back, Andrew was judged the winner. He successfully defended his title the following year, and has been North Island champion seven times.

Their father has also got in on the act. In the 1993 New Zealand championships, Roy entered the Presidents grade and won. This was the first time Motorcycling New Zealand had recognised a grade other than Expert or

Rover in New Zealand," Roy says. "At least of the ones that come to club meetings. I've owned lots of other cars, but I have kept that one."

Roy joined the Masonic Lodge 24 years ago and has been Master of the Ikaroa Lodge in Opunake six times. He has been a member of the Taranaki Masonic Trust for 20 years and has represented Taranaki on the Masonic Village Trust.

Roy and Merle have seen a lot of the world. Their first trip was a Friesian Breeders Study Tour to Canada and the UK back in 1979.



Roy and Merle Clement on their wedding day.

Andrew third, and another Kiwi sandwiched in between them, they were able to blitz the Aussie competition.

The brotherly rivalry extended to this side of the Tasman with Andrew and Dean finishing first equal in the new Zealand championships. On a count

Junior. As well as motorbikes, Roy has also had a long time interest in cars, and been a member of two car clubs. He still has a Rover which he bought new in 1972, and now has 150,000 miles on the clock.

"It's the oldest one owner

"We saw five herds a day for five days," says Roy. "One day we finished at three o'clock, then went to Niagara and got back to our hotel at one o'clock in the morning." Since then they have been

five times around the world, visited Australia seven times, and been on cruises in Alaska. The Danube and Rhine, as well as the Mediterranean and been around the United States by train.

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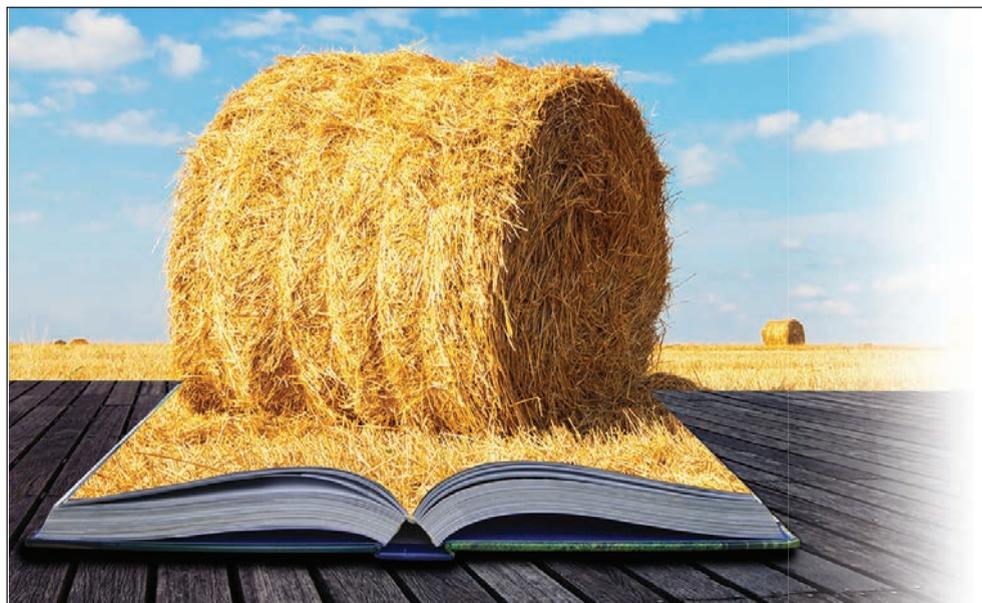
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FROM THE BEEHIVE

Mental health in Taranaki

With New Zealand at the highest level of teen suicide in the OECD, there is no question that mental health is top of mind for many New Zealanders.

"Mental health is something that affects everyone, whether it is our own struggles, or those of people we know, and it is something that can only be addressed by us all working together" says Jonathan Young MP

Statistically 47% of New Zealanders will experience a mental health issue during their lifetime and over the last decade demand for secondary mental health and addiction services has increased from 2.3% to 3.6% of the population, which equates an increase in New Zealand from 96,000 people to almost 168,000. This is similar to international trends

"With this growth in demand we have increased our services and level of funding. Mental Health funding was \$1.1 Billion in 2008/2009 and has increased to \$1.4 billion in 2015/2016," says Mr Young. Added to this is the recent announcement of an additional \$224 million over the next four years, which includes \$124 million for new innovative approaches," says Young.

"Our suicide statistics have not significantly decreased, which is why we have to be more pro-active and address this issue more intently. The biggest group at risk of suicide are our young people, in particular Maori and Pacifica young men."

Sixty per cent of suicides have no contact with mental health services in the previous 12 months, so this is where we, as a community, need to be aware of the signs that people are struggling. No one openly advertises their struggles and by the time others become aware of them, a person can be well down the path, and sadly, many miss the signs altogether. What it takes is



JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

people noticing the small signs in everyday life, in places of work and through friends and family as much as possible. It is about identifying issues and having earlier interventions," says Mr Young

Locally, our Taranaki District Health Board has increased their investment into Mental Health services from \$25.3 million in 2007/2008 to \$31.7 million in 2015/2016. This resourcing is positive. The Government recently announced a further investment of \$100 million into all of our DHBs recognising the need to expand services.

"Here in Taranaki particularly for our young people we need to ensure they can see they have a hope and future and that we as our community continue to be strongly supportive of them.

"This is one of the reasons why I and a number of others started organisations like Taranaki Futures. We wanted to provide a bridge for young people to see a positive future where they can succeed, and create vital links to adult mentors and coaches," says Mr Young.

Self-belief and confidence are such essential attributes

for young people. As it is, most of these are created externally by other people's opinions or words.

Parents play a huge role in helping a young person shape their self-esteem. If the parent is supportive, encouraging and patient; that young person has a good chance in developing a positive self-belief with the ability to be positive themselves, friendly to others and bounce back from their own personal failures. These are critical formative skills in a young person's life. If they are strong features, it will define much of their future endeavours and success.

If the parent is criticising, demeaning, and abusive; the young person's self-esteem is hammered and bent out of shape. Often their negative behaviour is acted out of their own hurt. All this starts at an early age.

In the self-esteem journey, for those young people who struggle academically, it's important to help them find success in their education journey. That doesn't mean we dilute academic standards, but these days many educationalists understand that learning is not always in front of a teacher with a text book. The best form of learning is experiential where immersion in a workplace, gives context to the text book. It gives shape and clarity to the learning process.

This is a key principle of Taranaki Futures called "Line Of Sight." If students can see the purpose of learning, on the job and on the tools, they will become more strongly engaged and

will start succeeding. The result will be a higher level of confidence, pride and belief in themselves that they can succeed. That confidence and sense of direction has to be the greatest head start a young person can have," says Mr Young.

For struggling young people, online sites to help young people have seen a wide uptake of use. Such a website is www.thelowdown.co.nz and is an interactive site where young people can get help 24/7. Sixty nine percent of usage of this site has been with people under the age of 24. It says "there are lots of ways you can start tackling feeling bad, overwhelmed or just plain sad today. A lot of them are pretty easy too – like getting some fresh air and sleeping better."

Mr Young continues, "Taranaki is such a great place. It is a sad fact that more people take their own lives in Taranaki than NZ's national average over all ages. However youth suicide is lower in Taranaki on average than the average across the country per 100,000 – but every life lost is one too many," concludes Mr Young.

I asked my son how many young people he knew who had taken their lives. The answer was five. When I was his age, there weren't any I knew. Mental health is a growing issue for countries all around the world and New Zealand is no exception. The answer is as much in our communities as it is in our clinicians. We can all be part of the answer.

Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

Carbon budgets would provide 'certainty' for dairy sector

DairyNZ has welcomed the release of a report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, which recommends New Zealand approach climate change in a similar manner to the United Kingdom.

Dr Jan Wright recommends Government set up an independent Climate Change Commission to propose carbon budgets as stepping stones towards meeting greenhouse gas targets, which would provide certainty and transparency about how New Zealand climate change targets will be met.

"We support the development of an economy wide plan that outlines the expectations of each

sector," says DairyNZ Chief Executive Tim Mackle. "The dairy sector has been at a point of flux – and we know we must be part of the solution.

"We recognise the dairy sector's responsibility to contribute to reduction targets, but we are currently operating within an environment that provides no clear pathway for dairy to move towards a low emission future.

"The approach recommended by Dr Jan Wright provides a transparent process which would provide greater certainty to dairy.

"The setting of carbon budgets for five year periods would allow the dairy sector and farmers to plan over

the longer term how they will reduce their emissions. However, this is a complex challenge which requires a well thought out approach.

"This report provides a good platform to start discussions on what the appropriate framework is for providing certainty and clarity on how the dairy industry and the wider economy will contribute to New Zealand's greenhouse gas reduction targets.

"It is important to remember that as a food producing nation New Zealand has a very different greenhouse gas profile to the United Kingdom, where only 8 per cent of emissions are agricultural. As almost

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Centre aims to make a difference



Andrew Brock Bishop's Action Foundation (BAF), Martin Hook CEO Tainui Home Trust, Jenny Cavaney Coordinator Tainui Day Centre, Karen Christian Central Regional Administrator and Rev Ian Sargent St Barnabas.

We do ask for a \$2 donation. Thank you.

The programme is for those of any religious or culture background. Everyone is most welcome. Please come along and join in the happy, warm atmosphere. If you are alone and feel unsure give Jenny or Glenys a ring. They will be able to put your mind at rest and we will watch out

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We, the committee are pleased and proud to offer this opportunity to all our wonderful senior persons to come and share the morning with us.

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The Tainui Centre was officially launched on July 17.

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The Tainui Day Centre was officially launched at St Barnabas Church in Opunake on July 17.

We were fortunate to have Andrew Brock from the Bishop's Action Foundation, Martin Hook, Tainui Home Trust CEO and Karen Christian Regional Administrator Central with us to celebrate our "Grand Opening."

Tainui at St Barnabas is coordinated by Jenny Cavaney, with a five member volunteer committee, Glenys Clark, Rev. Ian Sargent, Maureen Martins and Sheryl Roach.

The Tainui Day Centre is focused on making a real difference to the lives of people 65 years and over.

We start each session with gentle exercise, then move on to morning tea with ice breakers, a quiz or just a general discussion of local or international news or what is on anyone's mind.

We have many different card and board games. The golf is a winner and bowls are to be introduced.

Carbon budgets

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half our emissions are from agriculture we face a far greater challenge to meet future targets.

"While our dairy sector is one of the most emissions efficient producers in the world, we know more action is required to address our emissions over the longer term.

"We launched the Dairy Action Plan for Climate Change in June which, in partnership with the Government and Fonterra, aims to increase education and awareness of mitigation options for farmers, and the Biological Emissions Reference Group which looks to ensure we have the right science in place to look at what can be done to reduce emissions."

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Central Hotel comes tumbling down

By the time this issue is published Hawera's historic Central Hotel will be gone. The demolition process has already started, with the work being undertaken by Arthur Brown Construction.

The Central Hotel was first open for business in June 1913. It replaced the Hawera Hotel, when the Union Street building burnt down. The replacement one was described as "the fine new ferro-concrete building" and the licensee was a Mrs Cramp. The original position of the hotel it replaced was moved sideways down Union Street so it "communicates in a direct line with the railway station." The hotel was resplendent with "a very handsome front of rough stucco design."

Entering the front door one encountered a well-lit hall, office, men's smoke room, commercial room writing room and dining room. The dining room was capable of accommodating up to 70 guests. "Plain oiled woodwork gives a very artistic tone to the whole building."

A special guest at the time was the premier (prime minister) Mr Massey for a complimentary banquet. The ho-



The historic Central Hotel just before demolition.

tel was chosen as the venue for this important occasion.

The hotel has strong connections with Hawera's best known writer Ronald Hugh

Morrieson – it was one of his favourite drinking places. He used to take his huge sheep 'Blinkie' on a lead to the hotel. It was not noted

as to whether the enormous sheep had a tippie or two.

Also, living at the hotel was Georgina Kawana, his long term girlfriend, who

was an employee. Also there was Georgina's close friend (and Ron's) Heather Stowe (nee Tweedie), whom Ron was meant to teach the guitar

to – but never got round to it.

Last week I stood outside looking at the demolition machinery and wishing I'd managed see through the hotel and take a few photographs for posterity. However, due to the very recent removal of asbestos entry was not possible. Nearby also watching the hotel was Emma Collins, arguably Stratford's best writer. She said she had her wedding there on 1986 and had also wanted to be able to have a last glimpse inside. She said it was very nice inside. She recalled the attractive stairwell and native timber throughout. "The days of big old pubs are over," she lamented. The demolition was the "shape of things to come."

Emma has taken all finalist placings (at least once) at the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards - Taranaki's foremost writing event. In 2014 she was placed first and second in the Open Short-Story/Drama Script division (Adults).

Rolland McKellar

Brake says slow down near schools

Brake, the road safety charity is reminding drivers to slow down and look out for kids as schools and kindergartens return and roads around them will be busy with parents and children.

Brake is calling on drivers to slow down to 30km/h outside schools to help protect young lives. At speeds of under 30km/h drivers have a much better chance of being able to stop in time if a child runs out than at higher speeds.

The charity is also

reminding drivers about the 20km/h speed limit in both directions if passing a school bus that has stopped to let children on or off.

Brake's NZ director Caroline Perry says: "The death of a child on the road is devastating and we're reminding drivers that they have a responsibility to do everything they can to protect other road users when they're at the wheel. This means slowing down around schools and in communities to help keep kids safe. Chil-

dren can be unpredictable so drivers need to give the road their full attention. Many schools have lower speed limits around them, but we urge drivers to commit to slowing down even further, to 30km/h, so they are much more likely to stop in time if a child runs out, and if they do hit, the child is far more likely to survive."

Parents can also help protect their children by teaching road safety messages such as: holding

hands with young children; safety when crossing the road and using stop, look and listen; crossing only at designated crossing points, or if there aren't any, crossing at safe places, not on bends or between parked cars; taking headphones off and not using a phone when crossing.

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Elvis Presley a 'must see' extravaganza

This month is the anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. He died on August 16, 1977. It seemed a good time to visit the Elvis Museum at 51 Argyle Street, Hawera and I'm glad I did. The display of information, books, pictures, badges, records, replica gold discs, replica jackets, - even leaves & pebbles from Graceland - was overwhelming with everything optimally presented. As you arrive at the door you are met by a life-sized Elvis standing beside an immense Graceland (his home). This remarkable museum is the life time work and devotion of Kevin D Wasley (known as 'KD'), who started his collection back in 1959. Entry is by donation and telephone appointments are strongly preferred.

Make sure you have plenty of time because the collection is huge. Elvis music is quietly playing in the background as you stroll around, trying not to be overwhelmed.

The museum has come to the attention of the news media including television, which have featured it in the past. Television 3's Project has recently been in touch with KD with the intention



Visitors are greeted by Elvis himself and a vision of Graceland.

Stone for Danny Fish'. The film went down well with the critics and was named as one of the Top 5 films of the year.

What exactly stated KD off on his mammoth collection? Well, KD received a special gift - it was the EP of 'Heartbreak Hotel' one of Elvis' early million sellers. "That started me off big time," explains KD. KD was given the inspirational gift from Billy Gulliver, who was the son of Ernie

Gulliver. Ernie was in the building trade with KD's father.

KD likes Elvis early hard hitting songs the most, such as 'Heartbreak Hotel' but admits, "I also like some of the (later) bleeding heart ballads also."

Unfortunately, KD never got to meet Elvis, but has achieved the next best. He met Elvis' Uncle Vester "who taught Elvis how to play the guitar." KD is photographed (in 1979) with Vester in the grounds of Graceland. "He was a real southern man who was nicknamed Popeye," comments KD.

He also met Scotty Moore (Winfield Scott Moore) who was Elvis original group member and featured on the 1968 televised Elvis Comeback special. Sadly Scotty passed away recently.

KD shows me his "pride and joy" a 1975 LP signed by Elvis himself (in June, 1976).

Of Elvis as a person KD had this to say, "He was shy and pretty reserved. He did not mix well with Hol-

lywood which he found false. (Although he admired Tony Curtis). He'd go to his beloved Graceland. Fame didn't go to his head."

KD admits to being close to his seventieth birthday. What will happen to his museum when he heads to the Big Musical Paradise in the Sky? KD mentions his three sons "my pride and joy" and says on of them David has helped considerably with the Museum's website and would be keen to continue

Kevin's stewardship. The website is well worth a look www.elvismuseum.co.nz The Elvis museum can be contacted by phoning/faxing 06 278 7624 or

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KD with some of his Elvis Presley treasures.

of possibly doing a feature soon.

Recently the iconic museum chosen by Lonely Planet for inclusion in their publication. "It made me feel a million dollars," admitted KD. The museum has also been visited by many celebrities such as "my hero" Tom Sharplin. Other visitors have included Dalvanus Prime, The Topp Twins, Suzanne Prentiss, John Hore, Eddie Lowe, Sam Hunt, Maria Dallas, The Exponents, The Chills, Justin Du Fresne - to name just a few.

People from all over the world have paid a visit from such places as Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Australia, and the United States - of course.

KD is a walking encyclopaedia of Elvis facts and figures. He says Elvis made 32 films and he chooses 'King Creole' as his favourite partly because. "His acting was superb." The film was based on a best-selling book 'A



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Gardening is not just a spring activity



Winter is a great time to get into your garden

In winter when it's wet and cold the last thing we can feel like doing is gardening, however if we totally neglect it for a few months we miss out on nature's prime time for some tasks. Here are some of these.

Planting trees and shrubs
Many wait until the warmer days of spring spur them into action to get this done, but the best time for planting these is in winter. There are several reasons for this, like less transplanting shock. In winter, growth is slowed right down and days are short and cooler, meaning less stress on plants.

While little or no growth can be seen for a few months, all the growing is happening underneath. The roots will be establishing ready for a flourish of growth in late spring or summer.

However, if planting is done in, say, mid-spring the tree or shrub will experience longer days and hotter, drier conditions as we get into summer, and this will inhibit its progress. Often by the time the plant establishes itself we are coming into winter again and we wonder

why we haven't seen any growth.

Many shrubs and trees flower in mid-winter.

Yes that's true. So if you are looking for shrubs that brighten up the place in mid-winter it may pay to check out your local garden centre over the winter months.

All deciduous trees, shrubs and fruit trees should be planted in winter

When these trees are dormant and devoid of foliage, planting percentages are pretty much 100 per cent, but planted later when in leaf and the sap in full flow, losses can easily occur.

Winter planting will save the watering later

Trees and shrubs planted in winter will usually survive without any watering over the following summer. Their

roots will have established to keep them alive through the dryness of summer. That's not to say they won't appreciate some watering and feeding occasionally.

Some vege crops are best planted in winter

Strawberries are a case in point. In fact they can be planted in autumn. Early planting will give them time to establish and you will be eating strawberries in early-mid spring. Other veges that can be planted in winter are onions, garlic, asparagus, brassica, silverbeet and spinach.

If you have a glasshouse or tunnel house you can raise seeds of tomato, cucumber and zucchini in August. Sow in punnets or seed trays using seed mix, prick out when just a week or two old, grow, then pot into small pots ready for planting out in October.

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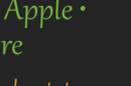
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Mangatoki WI visit Wellington

On May 20, 12 members left Eltham in a mini bus driven by Judy Barr and headed for Wellington.

The first stop was for morning tea at Bulls. After lunch at Plimmerton we headed to Wellington and the Ibis Hotel where we stayed overnight. We got ready to go to the Opera House Theatre to see the show 'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', a great show, enjoyed by us all. On leaving the Theatre, some of us glimpsed other folks from Taranaki.

Some members then went to the rugby in The Cake Tin

and others had dinner with family.

On the Sunday morning after having breakfast, we all got into the van and off towards the Wairarapa in fine weather, but it didn't last long.

Our first stop was Featherston for a look around, some had a coffee and most visited the cheese shop. On to Greytown for a look around where it was very cold and sleeting and then on to Martinborough where we all had lunch at a local cafe, followed by a look around and shopping for some.

After an hour or so we then got back into the minibus and drove through the back roads to a place called Stonehenge, built by Richard Hall and friends along with members of The Phoenix Astronomical Society, on the same principle as the Stonehenge near Salisbury, Wilts, England. It is a full-scale working adaption of Stonehenge and has been built right here in Aotearoa, allowing New Zealanders to experience the wonders of stone circles for themselves. It is situated in the Wairarapa countryside. The tours include tales of antiquity of

the solstices and equinoxes and signs of the zodiac. You will discover how stones, posts and shadows were used to unlock mysteries of the earth and sky which formed a cornerstone to the rise of civilization. All very interesting and very cold, we could see the snow on the ranges. From here we could see the Haunted House a short distance away, an abandoned house, while being built some years ago.

Back into the mini bus and off to Masterton where we had dinner and spent the night.

After breakfast we drove

to the Hood Aerodrome at South Road-Masterton, where we had a tour of the hangar, housing 20 vintage (WWI) aviator flying collection types. There are a few replica and reproduction craft, the others are original and all fly

On the road again after a coffee break. We did have a little side trips at Eketahuna, where Barbara Waite gave us a guided trip down the side streets and showed us where she was born and brought up and where her grandparents and family had lived.

Off to Palmerston North.

The first stop was a wool outlet shop where a few purchases were made. After this we drove to a cafe for lunch and back to the Square where the van was parked for an hour or so for those who wanted to shop, some just sat in the sunshine. We then continued our journey to Wanganui where we all had dinner, then we headed home.

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Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated Europe

In our last issue we ran part of a letter written by John McLean (Jock) Kirk, father of well known Taranaki artist Graham Kirk, who towards the end of World War II was a driver for a New Zealand officer tasked with making contact with liberated New Zealand POWs. This week he continues his adventures driving through Europe.

I don't remember the names of all the places we passed through but you must have seen their names in the papers when the fighting was on there, it must have been hell, most of the towns are just rubble, all the gliders that were used about there in Monty's push are still there when we passed through, what a time those lads must have had, I don't envy them a bit. All along the roads there are signs of battle vehicles of all kinds destroyed on the roadside, it was not too safe to go searching over the fields to take photos because of the mines that were still there, it was not even safe to park off the bitumen, we saw one poor chap who had been unlucky with a mine, his mates are looking for a hospital to take him to when we passed, we could not help him as we did not know the place, I swore there and then that I would take no chances with mines. We saw a field fenced off and notices of land mines all over it in German and English and there was a Jerry ploughing it up, I guess he must have reckoned on the horse striking them first, the idea would be quite alright if he had plenty of horses.

We arrived in Borghurst in pretty good time, for once we arrived in daylight, this was the first German town we had stopped in the Jerries there appeared to me as though they would like to be friendly, knowing very well that they were licked, however they were not given any encouragement.

The boss was to interrogate the lads who had been POW and for a while he was quite busy, we saw several Kiwis but the percentage of them was about one in a hundred, I did not see anyone I knew. It was while we were there that the boss took my truck away without me and had an accident with it, ruining my front mudguard, the air was blue for a while but I guess it was wasted as Officers seem to be able to get away with these things. (I am fast becoming anti-officer) the boss is quite alright but he never forgets that he is Captain and I am Private and his driver,

One day the Boss decided that we should go to a place called Nienberg, about 150 miles further into Germany, where there was another Kiwi officer on the same job as himself, so next morning we set off at 5 o'clock, it was raining and as cold as the dickens, he reckoned we could be back by that night, as the return trip was no more than 300 miles, he evidently forgot about the condition of the roads and the convoys on them, luckily

we had a primus with us and were able to make a brew on the roadside, it was always I who had to scrounge the makings, I guess I must be the "scroungest" joker in the 2NZE by this time, it saved our lives more than once though. We had a pretty miserable trip, we had a petrol blockage and the Boss thinks it was he who fixed it, it rained most of the way and it was like mid-winter, we arrived there about 7 o'clock and even then the Boss was talking about going back that night, he asked what I thought and I made it pretty plain to him that I was quite willing to stay the night. Of course being an Officer he was taken care of promptly and I was able to find the Q.M from whom I was able to beg a couple of blankets (which I conveniently forgot to return) I had quite a good sleep and got away at 5 o'clock next morning, it was as cold as ever, but not raining, it was an hour or two later that we saw a train load of V2s, they had been caught by the RAF and put out of business, they certainly are wicked looking things, however the effect is only a fraction of the British 12 tonners, I used a piece of the wrapping of one of them to patch a hole in the hood of the truck."

A little later on the boss had a real brainwave, we should try to find a place to have some breakfast, we pulled up at a little camp on the side of the road, the Tommies there were only too pleased to give us a bit of grub, we should try it more often.

Our little bus was getting pretty low in gas by this time so we decided to get some at Osnabrook where we knew there was a petrol point, these points are often 100 miles apart so believe me it doesn't pay to let the bus run very low before looking for more. We were almost at Osnabrook when the Boss had another brainwave, he reckoned that the troops in that forward area would require the petrol, more than we would so as we had almost enough to get home on we should endeavour to do so, I explained that it was everyman for himself in this war and we had better get petrol where we could as we would still have a job to get it when we got back as far as we knew there was no petrol point around there either, he would not listen though, he is too conscientious for me, he would rather starve than do something the Heads did not tell him to or fall down on the job in some other way..

We managed to reach home on the gas we had but next day we had to borrow some to take me 40 miles

to the nearest petrol point, I almost wish we had run out that day. It was just as well we arrived back that day as the outfit we were with were shifting up nearer Hanover.

I was not sorry to leave Borghurst as the food there was very poor, we left at the usual 5.0'clock. this time there were four vehicles but we and the American jeep got impatient and did not wait for the others as they were heavy trucks. This time we agreed that we should get gas at Osnabrook, we asked an M.P. where the place was and like all M.Ps he was pretty dumb and sent us in the wrong direction, we were an hour looking for it and we finally got it about 200 yards from the M.P. who told us where to go, I could have told him where to go but I don't believe in abusing M.Ps.

We had quite a good run that day after that, though once the Boss decided to take a "short cut" not being satisfied with that he even "took a short cut to the short cut," he said he hoped the bridge was not out which is very often the way when one gets off the beaten track, anyway we have even crossed bridges that have been out. One bridge was out but the Boss just dug up another short cut, however in doing so we placed through a place named Minden that was well worth seeing, it was a very interesting place but we had to move on. We crossed the river there on a Yankee pontoon bridge and opposite it was an underground factory in the side of a cliff, it was very well camouflaged and could not be noticed until one was right up to it, the machinery was removed and there was nothing much to see, we were told that the workers there never knew what they were making, each worker had a part to make and

nothing else, that is quite possible in Germany.

About twenty miles out of Minden we struck one of Germany's autobahns, the great four lane concrete roads that run all over the country, linking the main cities, I have never seen anything like them in the way of roads, they get a bit monotonous after an hour or so as there is nothing to do but sit behind the wheel. We reached Hanover about three o'clock, we drove through it just to have a look, it too is flat, I believe it was until recently the most bombed city in the world, it certainly looks like it, it was just rubble and a few walls, it is no use trying to describe it, it was not hard to imagine what a great city it was before the war, I even felt a bit sorry for it and Cologne too, but when I feel like that I just think of



Jock Kirk

London and Coventry and cities of German occupied Europe,

We were going to a place called Celle only about 25 miles further on so once again we were able to arrive in the daylight, we found another bridge out but by driving across a farmers crops we were able to cross the stream on a bridge that

was only about three parts out, we had a very short distance to go after that.

At Celle we had first class billets, the place had been an Officers training barracks and was just the last word in comfort. We were only a few miles from the notorious horror camp of Belsen, that was the place that was so much in the news after it was liberated, there were even pictures in the news papers of it, perhaps they were shown in the N.Z. papers too, we were all very keen to visit it but it was put out of bounds owing to typhus breaking out, people were still dying at the rate of 400 a day, when they were given food they could not take it and nothing could save them.

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Taranaki food producers showcased nationally



The region secured a prime location, which would get local product in front of the more than 30,000 people attending the event, at Auckland's ASB Showgrounds from July 27-30, along with media, industry and trade representatives and the many of the nation's leading chefs.

"This is an opportunity for Taranaki to put the region's food industry on the map, and to broaden people's understanding of what the region produces," Anne Probert of Venture Taranaki says.

"Taking a team Taranaki approach has enabled many of our emerging, smaller and niche producers to have a much stronger presence at the show alongside some larger and more established producers.

"On the back of Taranaki's Number 2 regional ranking in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel awards, it's also well timed to leverage the attention and interest in the region generated by the award."

The food production industry accounts for 4,300 jobs in Taranaki, and contributes \$340 million to the region's annual gross domestic product.

"There are strong opportunities for our food sector to develop enterprise and tourism around our products and in growing our regional brand and global markets," Anne says.

Taranaki companies showcased at the event include Green Meadows Beef, an independent producer of angus beef, whose growing product range is available direct to the chef or home cook.



Taranaki stalls featured at the Food Show in Auckland.

A Coastal Taranaki winner for Ravensdown



Ravensdown Taranaki regional manager Mike Davey presents a travel voucher to Don Moffitt. At right is Ravensdown Agri-manager Phil Whitehead.

For the last 15 years, Ravensdown has been surveying its clients around the country and every year a winner's name has been pulled out of the hat to win a travel voucher. This year for the first time ever, the lucky winner has come from Taranaki. On Monday Taranaki regional manager Mike Davey and Okato agri-manager Phil Whitehead dropped in on Mid Puniho Road farmer Don Moffitt and presented him with a \$2500 House of Travel voucher which he has a year to use and can take him anywhere in the world.

This year about 4000 farmers from throughout the country sent in responses to

the survey, Mike said. "It's a good way of keeping in touch with our clients, and they make comments on how we can improve our service. It's a litmus test to make sure we are providing a quality product and the right servicing package."

Ravensdown is a co-operative owned by 25,000 farmers and Don, who milks 480 cows has been a Ravensdown shareholder for over 20 years.

"I have known Mike Davey for a long time his company has supported the Okato Squash club on cockies squash tournaments for a long time going back to Farmers Fertiliser days," he says.

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Cows have got to *want* to eat

Every dairy farmer wants to produce more milk. To get a cow to produce, firstly she must have the feed in front of her. Sadly, this is not always the case. How farmers think about feeding cows is deeply ingrained in their psyche, and in many instances to suggest cows are underfed is to question the very essence of a farmer's being. And, it's a good way for a consultant to get the sack. So, in the interests of diplomacy it's assumed that every herd is fed to requirements.



Pat Poletti

Fundamentally, a cow has got to *want* to eat. And, once eaten, that feed must be turned into milk as efficiently as possible. When you boil all this down, it's the same three issues affecting appetite and feed conversion efficiency and all of them are acting on the cow at spring time.

The first (and yes, I am banging on about it again) is

milk fever. Interventions at calving e.g. drenching with fresh cow products, may control clinical milk fever but it does not mean that milk fever is not acting on the herd. Additionally, such "prevention" only acts at the point of calving whereas milk fever can affect the herd throughout the season. For this reason, we should be very interested in the factors

causing sub-clinical milk fever in our herds.

An interesting statistic is that there is a 70% reduction in the strength and frequency of contraction of smooth muscle (muscle of the gut and uterus) before any clinical signs of milk fever are seen. That's a lot of cows not eating enough and we wouldn't even know. Subclinical milk fever can also result in increased numbers of assisted calving, infected uterus, greater risk of retained membranes, dead and weak calves, mastitis and more. We have just about every issue faced by cows and farmers in the spring all wrapped up in this one syndrome and we haven't even mentioned down cows.

Second is ketosis. Ketosis is often dismissed as a normal phenomenon that we can't do anything about. Negative energy balance is something we can't do anything about but when negative energy



balance doesn't resolve we have ketosis. Ketosis can be hard to pick in a herd. Appetite (again) is reduced, weight loss in enhanced and milk production profiles can be confusing. A ketotic herd will peak earlier but will not peak as high or as long i.e. milk production can seem reasonable at the time. Ketosis will also increase the risk of milk fever, mastitis and infected uterus.

And thirdly, trace elements. Trace element supplementation is not just

preventing a deficiency but rather providing sufficient amounts to meet production demands. A 600kg Friesian is a different beast from a 400kg jersey. Soil type, fertiliser choices, sward composition, ration choices all affect trace element intakes. The same product off the shelf for all these scenarios is really a nonsense. Trace elements drive energy efficiency and deficiencies and toxicities enhance disease processes. Getting them right is simple and cost effective.

Cows have got to *want* to eat. Factors limiting intakes include milk fever, ketosis and trace element levels. Production and dietary data will reveal how these factors are acting on your herd. Get them eating, they'll frighten you how much they can stack away and they'll reward you in the vat.

Pat Poletti

Farmers looking at currency which counts – in the bank

Breeding Worth (BW) has been the currency for dairy genetics in New Zealand but times are changing. and more and more farmers are looking at the currency which counts – in the bank.

Hank Lina, General Manager of World Wide Sires New Zealand, says the new era of dairying, with volatile dairy payouts and an increased focus on the environment, is leading many farmers to take a critical look at the size and production of their herds.

"BW is a great ranking tool but, as farmers know, it doesn't always translate to milk. We are finding more and more farmers are coming to World Wide Sires wanting genetics which are high producing, fertile and which last for years in the herd.

"We're finding our genetics perform across all farming systems. I was recently talking to a System 2/3 client in Canterbury who changed to World Wide Sires some years back and is now averaging over 500 kg ms per cow across his herd. That's the sort of improvement we are seeing as farmers take up a genetic offering which

gives them options to grow their incomes, not the size of their herds.

"In 2017 alone sales increased by 43 per cent and we are getting steady and increasing growth in enquiry from new clients, all wanting the same things – cows that milk and get in calf, from a company which provides personal service, on-farm.

"We do all of those things. I've had to take on additional field staff as a result of the increased demand but this, fortunately, isn't a problem as the phone is ringing with experienced people wanting to come and work for us."

Hank Lina said service, or lack of it, is a factor to World Wide Sires' growing customer base.

"We have representatives all over New Zealand and provide on-farm sales and service. It's what most farmers want. They don't want to talk to someone they don't know or trust on the phone – relationships and trust are built by investing the time to get to know farmers, their business and lifestyle objectives and then helping them achieve that. It's something we've always done, and will continue to do."

Hank Lina conceded that like most genetics companies in the 1990s, World Wide Sires' genetics erred in favour of size, production and conformation at the cost of fertility.

"We learned from that experience. Our 30,000 farmer shareholders told us in no uncertain terms that they wanted medium sized cows which get in calf every year, and which produce high milk solids. And we've done that, thanks to the largest database of elite dairy sires in the world.

"The sires on offer in New Zealand have been specifically selected for the traits wanted by Kiwi farmers – moderately sized, well conformed cows, which are fertile and are high producers. Most if not all sires also have outcross bloodlines, which makes mating time so much easier to manage."

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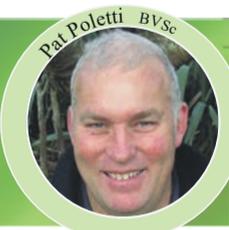
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International trend to reduce cow numbers

The CEO of the export arm of the largest genetics dairy farmer owned cooperative in the world is urging Kiwi farmers to start thinking about how they could reduce cow numbers without impacting on the farm's production or profitability. This comes on the back of the fact that, by 2025, herd numbers across the world are projected to decrease by 16 per cent with only a slight increase in cow numbers.

John Schouten, CEO of global genetics powerhouse, World Wide Sires, says that in the face of growing global social and environmental concerns, the dairy industry

needs to be more proactive about environmental issues. In Holland, for example, the Dutch national herd is expected to reduce numbers by 10 per cent in the coming year in response to the regulation of phosphates by the Dutch government.

"It's seems a frightening prospect but Dutch farmers are facing it head-on. They are rethinking every aspect of their operations - they still have to produce a certain amount of milk and realise they need genetics which will enable them to reduce the head count, but not the milk output," John Schouten said. "Once they have those

genetics, they need farming and feeding systems which enable the herd to express their genetic potential."

Schouten, who has been with World Wide Sires for more than three decades (17 of which as CEO) each year, with his team, visits more than 60 countries around the world, talking with farmers to understand the challenges they are facing.

"Whether you're on a farm in Turkey, Russia, Holland, China or New Zealand the challenges are the same - to efficiently produce a quality food product the demand for which is growing around the world. But this needs to be done in a socially and environmentally conscious way - and that is where the challenge comes in; confronting and revising farming systems to accommodate this new era.

"The past few decades have tended to focus on growth - it's been a numbers game with the size of herds growing all around the world. However, our industry relies on synergy with nature and we can't ignore the reality that we are at, or approaching, a crossroads which require change on a significant scale, on commercial farms around the world.

"The demand for milk protein will only increase so the challenge for everyone in the global dairy industry is to produce the most from the least or, in other words, turn the 'numbers game' on its head so every cow in the herd has the genetic potential to deliver consistently high milk solids."



John Schouten.

World Wide Sires has been in New Zealand for around 30 years with a steady and growing following. In 2017 alone, sales increased by 43 per cent. Much of that demand is driven, according to Schouten, by the fact that the US animal databases are the largest in the world.

"World Wide Sires is the number one supplier of bovine semen in the world carrying out 19 million inseminations in 2016 in over 90 countries.

"We were one of the first companies in the world

to launch a successful commercial genomic product and today our bull team comprises 421 genomic and 355 proven bulls selected from a database of tens of thousands of elite sires.

Demand for genomically selected sires is increasing - in the US demand is 55 per cent genomic and 45 per cent proven, whereas globally it is 63 per cent proven and 37 per cent genomic for World Wide Sires.

"The success of our genomic offering - and farmer confidence - comes down to the predictor group database we use

which includes over 35,700 proven bulls and 1.16 million females. There's no larger database in the world that can match that, or the reliability it enables. The correlation between the genomic prediction and what the daughter actually produce, consequently, is statistically reliable and consistently very high.

"Each week in the US we're doing between 10,000 and 12,000 SNP tests or 50,000 a month - a year ago it was half that."

John Schouten says "it's not our job to tell farmers what they should select for - it is our job, however, to listen to what they want to achieve, to look at their farming system, do a genetic audit and come up with a list of sires which will enable them to reduce numbers and increase production and fertility.

"One size doesn't fit all, so we work with the farmer - on farm - to tailor a solution which will help them achieve their business and lifestyle goals.

"We understand that BW is the currency which most farmers understand in this country but that often comes with a lack of engagement with the genetics which are being used on the herd.

"We're simply saying there is an alternative. It is possible to milk fewer, higher producing cows. Sure they may not have BW against their number but their currency will show where it counts - in the vat and in the bank."

DairyNZ wants to see more done on future of migrant staff

DairyNZ says it is disappointed that the government's immigration announcement has not addressed concerns raised about migrant staff.

However, DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says there is hope for farmers who need to employ people from overseas.

"Government has committed to tackling the issues as a priority to help provide certainty for

farmers who need to employ migrant staff, and those staff members themselves, as well as their families."

In its announcement the Government says a second phase will focus on the classifications of dairy staff jobs.

"Meanwhile, it is status quo for most of our farmers and their migrant employees," says Dr Mackle.

"The majority of workers from overseas will continue to need to reapply for their

visas each year, cannot bring their families and cannot stay longer than three years.

"This is because they are still regarded under the new regulations as low-skilled due to the classification system used by Government which does not recognise dairy as having mid-skill level jobs."

Dr Mackle says dairy farmers, just like any other business owners need a stable, reliable, and

productive workforce.

"We will continue to work with Government as the second phase progresses to ensure the best outcomes for our farmers.

"Knowing that they will be able to retain their good staff will mean our farmers can be confident in investing in training and development so as to maintain the high skills level and productivity New Zealand's dairy sector is known for."

Census a valuable resource for farmers

This year's Agricultural Production Census is an important survey that assists all farmers and the primary sector says Federated Farmers.

Farmers are generally bombarded with questionnaires and surveys and replying can be time consuming, but the Federation recommends

that members take time to fill in the census and answer the questions accurately.

The compulsory survey, conducted every five years by Statistics New Zealand, is a valuable outlet for monitoring industry trends and a resource used by local authorities.

"Farmers might not realise that the data and analysis

collected is something local councils look at and that shapes a lot of their decision-making when it comes to district and regional planning," says Federated Farmers' National President Katie Milne.

"The census also helps farmers with their business planning. They can compare trends and make long-term

investment decisions based on the available data.

Around 60,000 farms throughout the country are notified with information packs. The survey which is open during July can be completed online.

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Taranaki women hone shearing skills

A group of Taranaki women has started honing their shearing skills ahead of qualifying rounds for the next Young Farmer of the Year contest.

The women are members of Central Taranaki Young Farmers.

The club recently crutched 800 hoggets at Guy and Michele Brown's Mangamingi farm east of Eltham, as part of a fundraiser.

The bulk of the work was shouldered by experienced members, but one stand in the woolshed was set aside for beginners.

"They probably crutched five sheep in the time it took me to do one," laughed

Taranaki Federated Farmers office manager Jessie Waite.

"I've never shorn a sheep before, so it was awesome to get the opportunity to have a go. I really enjoyed it."

Tara Miller is a herd manager on a 400-cow dairy farm at Tariki and was buzzing after the experience.

"It was such a fun day. I think the hardest bit is catching the sheep in the holding pen," Tara said.

That was Stacey Deacon's favourite part.

"I really enjoyed bringing the sheep out for the shearers," said Stacey, who's second-in-charge on a 390-cow dairy farm in Stratford.

"I've never had anything to do with sheep before, so



it was great to broaden my skill base."

The eager learners were shown the ropes by Michael Fabish, who's been shearing professionally for more than a decade.

"They did really well," Michael said. "A lot of people don't get the chance to have a go and learn because most farms use shearing gangs."

Assembling a handpiece or shearing a sheep can be part of qualifying rounds for the Young Farmer of the Year.

"Days like today give you

more confidence to enter district contests and skills days," Jessie Waite said.

Michael Fabish said an experienced shearer can crutch between 200 and 300 sheep in two hours.

"Bending over when you're learning can be quite demanding. But it gets easier once you've done it for long enough," he said.

Crutching helps reduce the risk of fly-strike, by keeping a sheep's backside and rear legs clean.

Brad Markham

Left. Michael Fabish watches on as Jessie Waite crutches a sheep.

Coastal Adult Riding Club Winter Series results

The first day of the Coastal Adult Riding Club Winter Series Dressage was held in the TSB Indoor arena at the Egmont A&P Show grounds. Judges for the day were Tracey O'Rorke of Opunake and Ingrid Anderson, from

New Plymouth.

Results. Class 1. Introductory NZ Riding Clubs Test 1B. Sheryl Goble (Piper) Kaponga 1, Catherine Robb Hudson (Hornet) Egmont Village

2, Shannon Coull (Patch) Midhurst 3, Nicky Howarth (Lotus Khalahaari) New Plymouth 4.

Class 2. Training. NZ Pony Club Riding test J. Donna Bunyan (My Shadow) Stratford 1, Lisa Hutton

(Sundance) New Plymouth and Shannon Coull (Patch) 2nd equal. Kath Lambourn (Millenium Lady) Hawera 3, Faye Ansley (Shimmeraz) Hawera 4.

Class 3 Training. NZ Pony Club Riding test K. Donna Bunyan (My Shadow) 1, Lisa Hutton (Sundance) 2, Kath Lambourn (Millenium Lady) 3.

Class 4 Level 1. NZ Pony

Club Riding test P. Heather Kooistra (So Intriguing) Hawera 1, Kate Worthington (Dream Rock) Toko 2, Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco) 3, Leslie Bloeman (Orey) Kaponga 4.

Class 5 Level 1 NZ Riding Club 2 B. Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco) 1, Kate Worthington (Dream Rock) 2, Heather Kooistra (So Intriguing) 3, Leslie

Bloeman (Orey) and Sheryl Goble (Bayleys) 4th equal.

Class 6 Level 2. Class 6. Level 2. NZ Riding Club 3B. Becky Corlett (True Donner) Midhurst 1, Sherleena Budd (Esperanza) Manaia 2.

Class 7 Level 2. NZ Riding Club 4 A. Becky Corlett (True Donner) 1, Kirsten Gooch (Affair) Toko 2, Sherleena Budd (Esperanza) 3

Wins for Taranaki Tigers

Taranaki Tigers Target shooters were matched up against the Hutt Valley Hawks in the NDC National Districts Championship Telephone shoot on July 20.

The open squad and the composite squad both had good wins. It was a good team effort with no outstanding scores, but with everyone doing their bit.

Once again the junior

Squad of all D graders were up against more experienced shooters from higher grades. They all shot well up to expectations. The result was Taranaki Tigers 9 points. Hutt Valley Hawkes 5.

Scores were: Open Squad D Fake 296.15, T Jupp 295.12, S Gooding 294.14, P Tidswell 294.14, J Cameron 293.14, G Rowlands 292.14, D Gibson 292.9, A Clark

291.11, F Eustace 290.12, C Clealand 289.13.

Composite: B Cameron 296.16, B Moratti 293.12, H Andreoli 291.12, C Burr 287.11, C Bramley 284.7, Junior Squad: M Michel 189.6, A Stuart 186.5, T Crump, Conchie 179.3 Team total 4931.200

Frank Eustace

Manaia Golf results

July 23. Junior Golf. Junior chipping. 1. Kieran Taylor. 2. Lucas Symes. 3. Jayda Sharp. 4. Carter Symes. Junior pitching up. 1. Jayda Sharp. 2. Lucas Symes.

Senior chipping. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Ryan Wickstead. Senior pitching up. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Ryan Wickstead. Seniors Gross and Putting.

1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Ryan Wickstead. Juniors Gross and Putting. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Lucas Symes. 3. Kieran Taylor and Jayda Sharp.

July 30. Junior Golf. 9 Full. Seniors. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Joe Gibson. 9 Full Intermediate 1. Kieran Taylor. 2. Lucas Symes.

6 holes. Seniors. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Jayda Sharp. Intermediates. 1. Olivia Symes. 2. Kahu Harrison. Juniors. 1. Zoe Reader. 2. Jackson Reader.

Men's Stableford. 1. Caleb Symes (40). 2. K. Young (39). 3rd equal Phil Elliott and Robert Snowdon (38).

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Opunake basketballer leaves for Nebraska

A passion for basketball is taking Eva Langton from Coastal Taranaki to a town in Nebraska 1500 metres above sea level.

The 18 year-old from Opunake is leaving this month to take up a basketball scholarship at Western Nebraska Community College in Scott's Bluff, Nebraska.

The scholarship to study general studies is for two years as a preparation for senior college.

"It's an opportunity not many people can say they have been given," she says.

Eva is the daughter of Aaron and Stephen Langton. She says she has been playing basketball since she was about five, and been playing at representative level every year since she was 12.

Along the way she has played for St Joseph's School in Opunake, St Mary's Diocesan School in Stratford, and the Opunake Basketball Association. She was part of the Taranaki Thunders Women's team that finished second in the nationals in Christchurch, and was named in the tournament team at the Under-19 nationals.

A versatile player who can play anywhere, she will be looking to be a post player when she goes to the United States.

She's been to the United States twice before.

When she was a Year 10 student at St Marys, she was in Las Vegas with about 50 or 60 others from the New Zealand Basketball

Academy at the time that Stephen Adams had signed up with Adidas, so they performed a haka in his honour. Eva says Stephen asked the members of her team where in New Zealand they came from and he was surprised to hear that five out of 10 team members came from Opunake.

With a population of around 15,000, Scott's Bluff will be a lot different from Las Vegas or Opunake.

The journey began when she attended a seminar in New Plymouth put on by American sports recruiting company CCR. She put together an application which included a profile and film and ended up getting four offers from the United States.

Having finished at St Mary's last year she was looking to study PE at Otago but decided on Western Nebraska instead.

"Otago is always going to be there, but this opportunity isn't," she said.

She credits Angelo Hill, Chook Hohaia and Trent Adams with helping her in her basketball career. She will be only three hours from Caspar where Angelo coached basketball and where Angelo's son Nico currently attends High School. The fact that Angelo, who coaches basketball and teaches in Opunake knew the place where Eva will be staying was a major factor in deciding to go to Scott's Bluff rather than any of the other places she had been offered. Another factor was



Eva in action at the National Championships.

that she was still unsure of her longer term career plans, so taking general studies

meant being able to keep her options open.

There will be things to

get used to, including the altitude and the temperature.

While it snows in winter, she

will be going into a summer where temperatures can reach 40 degrees.

Opunake First XV into Semi Finals

Opunake High School 1st XV have wrapped up the first round of the Taranaki RFU's Premier grade, going through undefeated with a 26-13 win over Waitara (at Waitara). Michael Jones and Mark David have moulded this team into a cohesive unit, with their mobility and team structures having developed as the season has progressed. The team would appreciate as much support as possible this Saturday, with their semi-final here at Opunake High School at 1pm against Waitara High School.. The U15's would also appreciate your support. They are playing FDMC at the High School at 10am with a win guaranteeing a place in the finals the following week



Morpheus Nuku hitting it up, supported by Tane Jones, Jacob Whakatutu, Harley Loveridge-Seymour and Brody Symes.

Henselite Singles bowls results

Taranaki Indoor Bowls hosted the open Henselite singles at the Kapuni Hall on Friday 21 July.

Twelve players entered and, after section play, four players qualified.

In the semifinals Don

Semple defeated Gordon Hamley on an extra end 10-9 and Sue Bourne defeated Nigel Berry 13-4.

In the final Sue played accurate precision draw bowls and proved too good to defeat Don in the final 14-5.

Sue will now travel to Nelson on September 9 to represent Taranaki at the New Zealand finals of this event. Good luck Sue.

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Manaia golfer Sam Jones had never competed in the long drive before he won the New Zealand Long Drive Championship in May. He had only come back from North America where he is on a golfing scholarship at the University of West Georgia the morning before he took out the North Island title at Papamoa. He went on to take the national title by defeating the South Island champion in Christchurch. At the end of this month he will be competing in the World Long Drive Championships in Oklahoma.

Three days before he was due to fly out to the United States, South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop presented him with a book about South Taranaki at a celebratory morning tea held in his honour.

The world championship will be held over six days with 96 golfers taking part.



Sam Jones (left) is congratulated by Ross Dunlop.

Also representing New Zealand will be Phillis Meti, who last month beat the women's long drive world record.

As well as the world championship, Sam will also be looking towards being part of the New Zealand team to play Australia at Stone Cutter's Ridge, the home of the New South Wales Open.

Sam who began playing golf at the Manaia Golf Club said he first started taking golf seriously when he was

about 15.

Mr Dunlop said the South Taranaki Sporting Hall of Fame had been opened at the Hub the previous week and he looked forward to the day Sam's name could be included there. He noted that South Taranaki had already produced US Open winner Michael Campbell.

Sam is studying finance at West Georgia. When he returns there he will be accompanied by younger brother Ethan, also on a golfing scholarship.

Whitebait season is coming again

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is responsible for managing New Zealand's whitebait fisheries.

In all parts of New Zealand except the west Coast of the South Island and the Chatham Islands, the whitebait season lasts from August 15 to November 30. Fishing is permitted from 5am-8pm, or 6am-9pm during daylight saving.

Whitebait nets need to have a mouth no wider than 4.5 metres (measured around the inside of the net frame) and framing material no wider than 120mm. Drag nets must be no taller than 1 metre in height and be flat when laid on a flat surface. A drag net is any net, or any rope, material or device used in conjunction with a net that is (a) weighted on the bottom edge and (b) operated by surrounding any whitebait and being drawn through any water.

Both whitebait nets and drag nets must be no more than 3.5 metres long.

Fishing gear includes all nets, screens, lines or other devices used or capable of being used to take whitebait, and must not exceed one third of the water channel width, or be used in conjunction with another person's gear to exceed one third of the channel width, or exceed 6 metres in total length.

No one shall use more than one whitebait net at any time, and everyone using a net must remain within 10 metres of that net.

Fishing gear must be removed at the end of the day or at the end of fishing, whichever is earlier.

Unlawfully taken fish must be returned to the water from which they were obtained, taking care to ensure their survival.

No fish shall be discarded or dumped on shore when fishing for whitebait.

No person shall fish for whitebait within 20 metres of any tide gate, flood gate, confluence or culvert, or from any bridge or vessel.

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Looking back on a great season

On July 21, Coastal Rugby celebrated the end of the season and handed out the year's prizes. Supporters turned up en masse for the club prizegiving held at Coastal's clubrooms at Rahotu.

It had been a good season for Coastal. Less than a week earlier the Club had taken the top club in Taranaki award. Their Colts, Division 1, Division 2 and Premiers teams had all made the semifinals. All these matches were played at home, making this the first time Coastal had hosted four semifinals. Only the Colts had not proceeded on to the finals played at Yarrow Stadium the previous weekend.

The Division 1 and Division 2 teams had brushed aside Spotswood United and Patea respectively and the Premiers were leading by four points against Tukapa when a converted try to Tukapa in extra time robbed them of victory.

"It was a brilliant finals day," club president Brent Davies said. "We all know the result of the Premiers game, but for 84 minutes our guys were the better team. Stick to it guys, next year is your year."

He said there was a good



Division 1 captain Richard Beckett was one of the big winners at the Club's prizegiving, pictured with Peter Burnnand.

culture in the club and a good relationship between its various teams.

The evening began with an acknowledgement to the club's Ross Brown representatives Liam Drought, Samuel Drought, Peter Grayling, Teague

Mullin, Tayne Clark and Liam Doherty by Taranaki player Logan Crowley.

Tom Brophy who had coached the winning Division 1 team with Alan Crowley said the Coastal team had been "winners from the start."

The team had been "relatively injury-free" all season. They had gone through the first round unbeaten, drawing against eventual finals opponent Spotswood.

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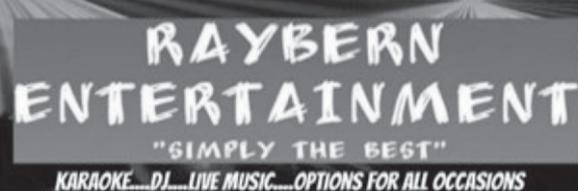


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to be big to win, just have a big heart," he said.

The team's captain Richard Beckett had been one of the big winners on the night, picking up a number of awards.

"I'm stoked to be part of a club where everyone wants to put on the Coastal jersey. That's what keeps this club strong."

A special award was made to Arron Gopperth who had been a player for 20 years. In that time he had played 50 games for the Premiers before moving down to Division 1 and then Division 2. Along the way he was part of eight or nine title winning teams.

"The reason I've stayed is the memories you make," he said. "This club has a good culture and attracts guys you want to be around."

Results. Corkill Systems Colts. Des Corbett Trophy for best team player Cody Rothwell. Gavin Gopperth Trophy for most outstanding Jared Hunt. Max Meyer Trophy for top try scorer Jared Hunt.

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Arron Gopperth who was given a special award for dedication to the club.

Terry Adams. Stirrer Award to Sheldon Keech. Steve Gordon Memorial Trophy for best supporter Division 2 Sandra Hammersley. FBT Division 1. T.P.O'Sullivan Trophy for best team palyer Luke

Doyle. Tom Goodin Trophy for most outstanding Richard Beckett. Tommy Barrett Memorial Trophy for to ptry scorer Richard Beckett. Ray Hayward Trophy for most improved Andrew Buhler. Farm Source Premiers.

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From left, Logan Crowley with Ross Brown representatives Liam Doherty, Peter Grayling, Teague Mullin, Samuel Drought and Liam Drought.



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Andrew Trolove receives his award.

Club trophies. Pat Richardson Ngaia Trophy for most outstanding team Division 1. McCarthy Memorial Trophy for top club points scorer Nathan Potter. Okato Tavern Trophy for most honest player Richard Beckett. Rahotu Junior Team Trophy for most promising junior Mitch Fleming. Simon Fever Trophy for most promising senior Logan Crowley. Coastal Rugby Club outstanding sportsmanship Andrew Trolove. C and N. Riordan Trophy for most enthusiastic supporter Craig and Kate McLean. Burnnand Trophy for best club member Mark and Vicky Trolove. Brent and Debs Davies award for outstanding team off the field to the Premiers.

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Part of the psyche of growing up.

There were more than just prizes and certificates being handed out at the Opunake Junior Rugby prizegiving on Friday.

Ray Barron of the Taranaki Rugby Community Trust turned up at the Sandfords Event Centre to present a

cheque for \$1747.26.

The Trust was set up by the Taranaki Rugby Football Union in 2008 and leases a farm near the Kupe site east of Manaia, which last season produced 200,000kgMS.

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“I believe team sports are part of the psyche of growing up,” Ray said when handing over the cheque.



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Looking back on a great season



Coastal Opunake Under 7 Team.

he has held for the last five years, although he has been involved with junior rugby for much longer.

“My oldest is now 18, and I started when he was four,” he said. “I’ve really enjoyed it, and I’ve always done it for the kids.

I’ve got a lot of satisfaction out of it. It’s a great game, not only on the field, but off it.”



Coastal Opunake Under 8 Team.



Coastal Opunake Under 10 Team.

Opunake Junior Rugby convenor Mike Grayling said player numbers this year have been down but he was pleased to see new players registering.

“We rely on parents and people in the community to get their kids here,” he said.

This year’s prizegiving was different from previous years in that the 11-13 year old players are now playing with the Coastal Rugby Club, a change which Mike said was a plus.

Prizes and certificates were presented to the Under 6, Under 7, Under 8 and Under 10 players.

It was noted that the standard of play from the Under 10s improved through the season. Under Sevens coach Paddy Stevenson said his team was a pleasure to coach.

“While we didn’t keep score, I’m pretty sure they were on top for most if not all of their games,” he said.

This is Mike Grayling’s last year as convenor, a position

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Kim Beaumont would love to get hold of any photos and stories from 1950 -1970 of her Grandparents. Please if you can help , bring them into the Opunake & Coastal News so that they can be passed on to her.



Opunake Lions Club Casualty Calf Collection

starts Tuesday July 11.

Pickups every second day through until early October.

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THE NEWSPAPER TARANAKI LIKES BEST



Pukeiti's secret trail



Exploring at Pukeiti gardens.

Fun and adventure will be on offer at Pukeiti on Sunday with a day of children's activities centred on a new 'secret trail' network linking the iconic garden's popular treehouses.

Games, quizzes and trail-finding will be in the mix for the launch of Pukeiti's new Explorer Treehouse Trail, which combines established and specially developed pathways.

Explorer Day activities will run from 10.30am to 2pm at Pukeiti, 2290 Carrington Road, New Plymouth. They're part of a schedule of regular free public events at Pukeiti, Tupare and Hollard Gardens, the three heritage properties owned and managed by the Taranaki Regional Council on behalf of the people of the region. Fun on the Pukeiti Explorer Treehouse Trail.

On this month in history Robin Hyde dies

On August 23, 1939 NZ novelist, journalist and poet Robin Hyde (born Iris Wilkinson) died, at just 33 in London. She was born in South Africa to an Indian father and Australian mother. The family emigrated to NZ and she published a collection of poems called 'The Desolate Star' at the age of 23. She

worked as a journalist. She was one of the many literary personalities who visited Frank Sargeson 'the father of NZ literature' at his Takapuna (Auckland) home. The best known of her novels is probably 'The Godwits Fly'. Another novel was published posthumously - 'Houses By the Sea' in 1952.

An exhibition of woodblock prints

Alby Carter is a modern user of the ancient art of woodblock printing, using a

press he made himself. Do have a look at his work, on the Virtual Tart website.

ICE19 the 19th annual International Collage Exhibition/Exchange.

The exhibition will be online, and in the Percy Thomson gallery in Stratford, New Zealand from August 25. The earlier date than usual is caused because Paul and I have to take our exhibition up to the Wallace

Gallery in Morrinsville. It's all a bit hectic. So the collages have started to rush in. There are 40 packages so far. Some super collage work. Cheers, and thanks for being there. Dale Copeland

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Bull calf fundraiser helps next generation of farmers

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NZ Young Farmers has overhauled its annual bull calf competition, which now has a \$10,000 prize pool.

It's a major fundraiser for the 13 NZ Young Farmers clubs in the Taranaki/Manawatu region.

Sophie Brown, who lives on a sheep and beef farm at Toko, has already entered.

"This is my first season rearing calves, so I'm keen to put my skills to the test," Sophie said.

"It's a fantastic way to support the next generation of farmers."

Kate Appert, who manages a 200-cow dairy farm at

Okato, is also giving it a go.

"This is a great opportunity for the girls to show the blokes who does a better job at calf rearing," Kate laughed.

"The calf has to be born between August 1st and August 20th this year," said competition manager Blair Briscoe.

"We're hoping to have around 50 calves donated."



Kate Appert.

a single buyer on contract," he said.

The Rural Support Trust is also set to benefit from the competition.

"A quarter of the profits raised will be donated to the Rural Support Trusts in Taranaki and Manawatu," Blair said.

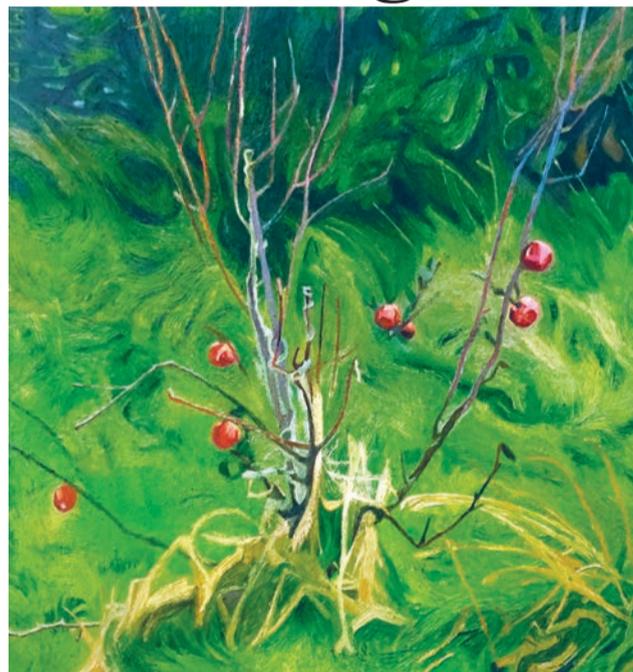
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Something down to earth



Apple tree by Marianne Muggeridge.

Down to Earth is an exhibition curated by Percy Thomson Gallery Director, Rhonda Bunyan, and will run at Percy Thomson Gallery from July 28 - August 20.

It is an exhibition that explores the human relationship with the earth; processes, elements, form and philosophy.

With over 30 artists involved, mostly from Taranaki, it will showcase a wide and diverse range of work including painting, pottery, sculpture and textiles.

The artworks embody the 'Down to Earth' theme, where a relationship with the natural world exists, or a partnership where the earth provides inspiration and shares sustainable resources.

Director Bunyan is excited about the exhibition and the opportunity to curate this exhibition.

"It started with a germ of an idea, then grew, and the response from artists has been enthusiastic and supportive.

I always enjoy bringing a group of artists together to explore a common theme. Interpretations of the subject vary, not only because of different medium used, but because of the artist's life experience, spirituality and world view.

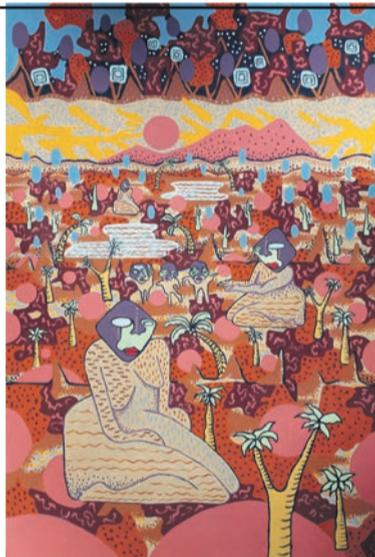
"Visitors won't be disappointed. The eclectic mix and interpretation of 'Down To Earth' will provide visitors with an exhibition that interests and enthuses, and may even give you a new perspective to mull over."

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Piano man from Holland

A professional musician with an impressive musical history graced our presence at the Opunake Music Workshop on Tuesday July 25. Tom Main effortlessly accompanied singers and musicians on keyboard, as if it were an extension of himself. It was obvious to everyone present he's a master of this instrument. Introduced to the group by a regular member, it's amazing; you just never know who will walk through the door each fortnight.

A multi-talented musician, equally comfortable perched up on the drummer's stool, it was a treat to listen to him play percussion as well. On Tuesday evening at CoastalCare community lounge, he listened intently to the music, then couldn't resist the temptation to verbalise some constructive criticism toward the chordal arrangements. His piano skills revealed he knew what he was talking about - a talented musician.

Tom has been developing his craft from the age of eight years. Drawn to the piano in a concert hall in Breda, Holland, where he was born, Tom says, "I noticed a large, shiny, grand piano on stage. I lifted the keyboard lid, and



Tom Main.

came face to face with the black and white keys."

After playing the piano, he was transfixed on the instrument.

"My feet could not reach the pedals, because I was too small. When my mother came over, she was amazed. I was actually making melodic and harmonic sense." It seems, this raw talent was evident in such a young boy.

Steeped in a musical upbringing, his mother, a talented singer, performed professionally in concert halls. Tom's parents also encouraged him to learn the piano accordion.

"I seemed to master it very

quickly," said Tom, who went on to play the electronic organ, and by the time he was 18, he was playing the electric guitar, banjo, ukulele, blues harp, drums and flute."

In the 1960's and 70's, he was captivated by the sound of the Hammond Tonewheel organ.

"It wasn't long before I bought myself one - the L-100. These instruments opened up my creative side, and lead me into studio work."

After joining the band 'Prelude', he began playing in Mojos, The London Bar, Do Ray Me, The Commercial, and a string of other venues.

Tom even had the pleasure of playing with British/New Zealand musician, and well-known actor, Bruno Lawrence. Advancing to synthesizers, Tom performed musical pieces for Radio New Zealand, and the sound track for a promotional film for ARC in the early 1980's.

His technical savvy lead him into an engineering career, which involved engineering analogue sound patches, followed by digital synthesizers. Tom says, "In the 1990's I toured the USA playing in clubs and taverns, and enjoyed it." An American

lady swept him off his feet, and hauled him back to the USA. It was there he met Steve Lalor from the band The Daily Flash, and was introduced to Barry Curtis and Steve Peterson from the Kingsmen of Louie, Louie fame.

"I worked with them for several years, and I also played with Ruby Delicious, Phaze 5, Nancy Griffith, The Daily Flash, and Alice Stewart", said Tom.

In the early 2000's, he returned to New Zealand, performing at venues around the country, and in the USA, including working with classical ensembles, such as; Autuer Amis and Osipov State. Tom says, "I've been priviledged to play pipe organ in the Wellington Town Hall, and

the Auckland Cathedral." He has also studied Renaissance and Baroque music, giving him a very wide genre base.

Very proud of his keyboard core rig, Tom reveals, he now has a recording studio/computer for composing his own music. Currently working on the sound track for a documentary by Eye On You Productions, his work can be viewed on YouTube.

All musicians, singers, dancers and other talents are welcome at the next Opunake Music Workshop meeting at 7:30pm, Tuesday August 8 at CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake (opposite Opunake and Coastal News). Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust.

Anne Montgomery

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CoastalCare – AGM and the last year in review



On Monday 17th July, Coastal Taranaki Health Trust held their AGM – Thank you to those who took the time to attend. We are very pleased to report that all office holders have agreed to hold their positions for another year and we were also pleased to officially welcome Bob Clark on as a new Trustee. The Trust now consists of, Dan Holmes (Chairperson) Adrienne Hickey (Secretary), Steve Corkill (Treasurer), Lynda Corkill, David Tamatea, Paul Bourke and Bob Clark. The Chairman noted the accomplishments of the Trust this year

including; 25 different services available from our facility, present negotiations for Optometry and skin clinic services. The Trust have developed a Strategic plan and annual plans for the next 2 years focusing on finances, services, key relationships, facility maintenance and Trustee succession planning.

We were very proud to be finalists for several categories in the TSB Business Excellence awards and also to be invited to Parliament to receive a letter of recognition from Hon Jonathan Coleman in the Volunteer Health Awards for the Trustees work in creating CoastalCare.

We have chosen to present publicly our financial situation – below we show the last two years Operating income and expenses, showing a net operating loss of \$69,000 this year which is \$10,000 better than last year due to the increase in services leasing rooms within the building. This shortfall is addressed via business sponsorship and successful grant applications as can also be seen below. Our long-term aim is to be fully self-sustaining and to address this we have a sub-committee working on a long term fundraising plan and will be seeking further corporate sponsors this coming year. We would like to thank Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) for their continued sponsorship and TSB Trust, Egmont Plains Community Board, Community Organisation Grants (COGs), Pub Charity and Rural Communities Trust.

For further information on CoastalCare you can watch our video on www.biznessimpressions.com/coastalcare you can also contact the Facility Manager on 06 7618488 or info@coastalcare.co.nz

	2017	2016
Operating Revenue		
Revenue from providing goods or services	110,887	92,226
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	497	3,332
Total Operating Revenue	111,384	95,558
Operating Expenses		
Costs related to providing goods or services	180,389	175,163
Total Operating Expenses	180,389	175,163
Net Operating surplus/ (deficit) for the year	(69,005)	(79,605)
Plus Other Income		
Donations and fundraising and other similar revenue	108,200	121,422
Other revenue	2,000	2,000
Total Other Income	110,200	123,422



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AUGUST 2017

<p>Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale</p> <p>SPIDERMAN: HOMECOMING Action, Adventure, Science Fiction 2 hr 13 mins PG Coarse language Peter tries to fall back into his normal daily routine –but when the Vulture (Michael Keaton) emerges as a new villain, everything that Peter holds most important will be threatened.</p> <p>Friday 4th August 7pm Sunday 13th August 7pm</p>	<p>Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-Pos</p> <p>DESPICABLE ME 3 Action, Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family, Science Fiction 1hr 36mins PG Gru faces off against Balthazar Bratt, a former child star who grows up to become obsessed with the character he played in the '80s, and gets into some sibling rivalry when he meets his long lost twin brother.</p> <p>Saturday August 5th 1pm Saturday August 19th 1pm</p>
<p>McLAREN Documentary, Sport 92min G Documentary tell the story of Bruce McLaren, the kiwi founder of the McLaren Motor Racing Team. From the director of Worlds Fastest Indian.</p> <p>BOUTIQUE Sunday 6th August 7pm Wednesday 9th August 1pm Friday 11th August 7pm</p>	<p>THE JOURNEY Drama 94mins M Content may disturb Timothy Spall and Colm Meaney star in this drama chronicling the events preceding the 2006 St. Andrews Agreement, which brought peace to Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Wednesday 9th August 7pm Saturday 12th August 7pm</p>
<p>CARS 3 Adventure, Comedy, Family, Animation 1hr 49mins G Blindsided by a new generation of blazing-fast racers, the legendary McQueen is suddenly pushed out of the sport he loves. Proving that #95 isn't through yet will test the heart of a champion on Piston Cup Racing's biggest stage!</p> <p>Saturday 12th August 1 pm</p>	<p>DUNKIRK Action,Thriller,War, Historial 106mins M Violence and Offensive Chronicles the fierce Battle of Dunkirk (May 26-June 4, 1940) Hundreds of thousands of Allied troops are surrounded by enemy forces - trapped on the beach, their backs to the sea, facing an impossible situation as the enemy closes in.</p> <p>Wednesday 16th August 1pm Sunday 20th August 7pm</p>
<p>BABY DRIVER Action, Comedy, Crime 112mins R13 Strong violence and offensive language A young getaway driver (Ansel Elgort, The Fault in Our Stars) finds himself taking part in a heist doomed to fail in this musical crime comedy from Edgar Wright (Hot Fuzz) Co-stars Lily James, Kevin Spacey, Jamie Foxx and Jon Hamm</p> <p>Friday 18th August 7pm Saturday 19th August 7pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dont Miss our Boutique Night McLaren Sunday 6 August 7pm Tickets at Sinclair Electrical or contact 027 383 7926 Adults \$25 - Kids \$15 Includes 1 beer, wine or non alcoholic drink, Snacks, nibble and half time dessert! Regular movie attendance also available.</p>

	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		4 Spiderman 7pm	5 Despicable Me 3 1pm Spiderman 7pm	6 *Boutique* McLaren 7pm
9	McLaren 1pm The Journey 7pm	11 McLaren 7pm	12 Cars 3 1pm The Journey 7pm	13 Spiderman 7pm
16	Dunkirk 1pm Spiderman 7pm	18 Baby Driver 7pm	19 Despicable Me 3 1pm Baby Driver 7pm	20 Dunkirk 7pm

Shashkeen Reel at The FITZ

Five dollar movie event for South Taranaki



Shashkeen Reel are playing at the Fitz on Friday 4th August come along and enjoy some fantastic Irish music.

South Taranaki's 'Family Fun at the Movies' returns this year to both Opunake and Hawera.

South Taranaki District Council events co-ordinator Jody Bloor says 'Family Fun at the Movies' is an awesome event, giving people the opportunity to see films at a much discounted price of \$5.

'Family Fun at the Movies' will be held at Everybody's Theatre in Opunake on Sunday August 13 with the movie Beauty and the Beast

(PG) in 2D. The Hawera Cinemas event will be on Sunday August 27 with two movie screenings, Beauty and the Beast (PG) and Spider-Man Homecoming (M), both in 2D.

"The local theatres are always so supportive of this event and sponsor it by offering us cheaper ticket prices," she says. "Hawera Cinemas has been getting behind this for several years and it's great to have Everybody's Theatre on board too."

Tickets for the Opunake event are available from Opunake LibraryPlus and tickets for the Hawera event are on sale from TSB Hub.

Pihama Lavender ready for August market



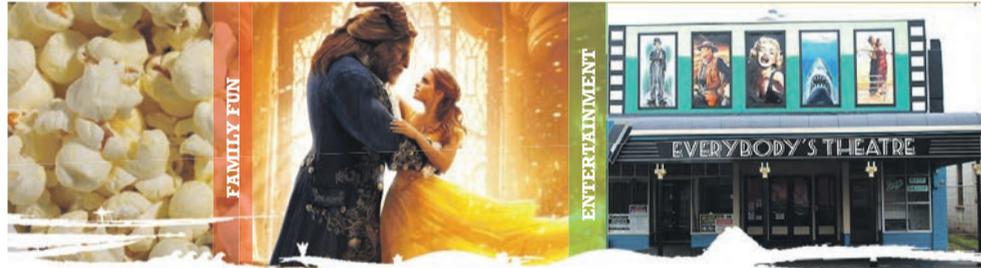
Pihama Factory location of Pihama Lavender

Pihama Lavender is hosting its popular market again on August 20 after the disappointing cancellation in July. All the tree work is completed so the property is ready and waiting for stall holders and customers on the 20th.

bespoke solid soap. We also have lip gloss back in stock. At the end of August Liz is travelling to Auckland with several other artists to showcase the stunning array of artwork available in Taranaki. The exhibition and sale of art will take place at Michael Park School, Ellerslie over the weekend of August 26-7. Pihama Lavender is also looking forward to hosting the American Blues musician Big Daddy Wilson on Thursday October 26. More details will be available soon.



Market day stallholder at Pihama Lavender.



Family Fun at the Movies

Sunday 13 August 2017
Everybody's Theatre, Opunake



12noon
Tickets \$5 per person
General Admission and 2D only. PG movie.

Tickets on sale now at Opunake LibraryPlus or TSB Hub, Hawera.

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SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 10am - 2pm



Big Daddy Wilson

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