

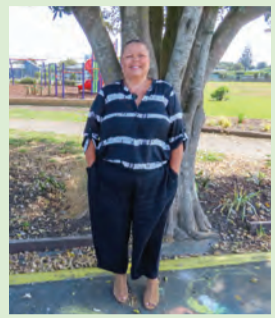


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Head prefects named for centenary year

This year's head prefects are role models who draw their values into everything they do, says Opunake High School principal Andrea Hooper-Carr.

Ben Gasson from Opunake and Ella Danz from Auroa are head prefects in a year in which Opunake High School celebrates its centenary.

"They are proactive and well organised. They are quiet leaders," says Andrea. "Real leadership is about service."

Ben is studying scholarship chemistry, engineering, calculus, statistics and physics and wants to go to university but says he is still undecided on what he wants to study. Ella is studying physics, statistics, history, P.E and English and plans to study criminal law at Auckland University next year. She has played hockey and soccer for the school and she may be a familiar face to many through her involvement with Opunake Players. She has done "quite a few shows" with them and is their student representative.

Both Ben and Ella have been involved with the Literacy Challenge, an inter-school challenge where teams read books and are asked questions about them.

Ben has played social volleyball and been involved in trying to get funding to get the sport going at the school. The school was able to put together a team for the Kuranui Challenge, but currently they don't have any volleyball teams. The aim is for the school to have both a competitive and a social team. "We're trying to get coaching and new equipment, as most of the balls we've got have their grip coming off," says Ben. He says they have also been conducting surveys to gauge interest.

Ella says she would like to see students involved in charity events like Relay for Life



Dawn opening for Opunake High School which celebrates its centenary this year.

and the Colour Run which had once been popular events at the school but because of factors like COVID had gone by the board in recent years.

She recalls the Fun Run being held "a couple of years back."

"It was a really cool event and it would be cool to have it again. It's good to get the students involved with the cause and why they're raising funds for it."

She would also like to see another Diversity Day.

"It's really cool to see everyone dressed up representing who they are and where they came from while spending time together."

Another big focus this year will be the High School Centennial celebrations which will include prefects leading tours of the school. So if you are planning to be at the centenary don't be surprised to have Ben or Ella showing you around.



Head pupils for 2025 Ben Gasson from Opunake and Ella Danz.



The dawn opening of Opunake High School for 2025 was attended by a large crowd which included teachers, students and members of the public.



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Can anyone help

I came across an interesting old sign in the Egmont National Park!

The sign reads ‘Ram Stream to Waiwhakaiho River’.

I recovered it while walking a pest control track.

It’s not clear where the sign went from or to. It seems that back in the day many park-user guests stayed at the old mountain house and The Camphouse. Some did guided summit trips while others preferred bush walks and in this case there was a tramping route cut from

the Camphouse through to the Waiwhakaiho River for a picnic or a swim perhaps.

On looking at past maps of the area none show a track being there, but the age appears to be prior to the 1940s. Perhaps it was where one of the early guides, Harry Peters operated.

I would be very interested in finding more information on signs such as this and the track it was from.

Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth



The historic sign that Ian McAlpine discovered up the mountain.

If anyone can supply further information about it Ian would love to know more about it.



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Did you know that one in fourteen people globally suffer from unhealthy anxiety (World Health Organisation, 2022). Although it is normal to experience anxiety about family, health or money issues, anxiety overload can lead to heightened physical reactions in our body’s normal response to perceived danger. However, there’s good news. In our information age most anxieties can be self-managed.

Various anxieties are rooted in our unconscious (what we’re not aware of). They are often a response to feeling afraid or threatened and focus on the past or future. Now this may surprise you: psychologists tell us that most of our brain’s activity is unconscious and only a surprisingly small proportion is conscious. The unconscious is the “unseen” iceberg factor” in anxiety.

Our unconscious often controls how we think and react. Our body carries the overall score of unconscious

experiences through previously established neural pathways running from the vagus nerve starting in our brain down to our gut. It often functions like a programmed “automatic” part of the parasympathetic nervous system. We might experience “butterflies” in our stomach, heart palpitations, shortness of breath or sleeplessness. However, humans are resourceful and more than merely programmed chemical reactions.

The vagus nerve has two primary functions. The first, as explained above, involves activation responses. The second is related to deactivation: returning the body to a calm state after being triggered. The activation part was helpful when dinosaurs roamed the earth, or when we needed to escape danger. But modern living causes some people to perceive danger when in reality there is none. In beginning to self-manage anxiety, it is vital to

Anxiety Blues

develop the self-awareness of connecting the triggering anxious thought to your body’s physical reaction.

Here are three easy-to-remember steps in anxiety self-management. The first is to Catch the thought. They often flit in and out of our mind very quickly. Notice how your body is responding. Second, Challenge that thought. Is that thought a fact? Is it true? What are the exceptions? Take some time to think things over. Write the answers down if that helps. Then, thirdly, Change the thought so that it is no longer representing a negative or false perception. Many of my former clients have built up newly established neural pathways with the ability to calm their vagal nerve after three weeks.

Here’s a tool box of ways to further calm and deactivate your vagus nerve: exercise and activity like taking a brisk walk, prayer, singing, drinking cold water, talking to someone you trust,

writing, artistic activities, meditation, massage and laughter. These practices will make you feel better and more in control of your life. The movies ‘Inside Out’ (2015 and 2024) are great for explaining it all. Techniques to put on your “vagal brake” can lessen the effects of stress on your heart, digestion, breathing and decrease stress hormones such as adrenaline and cortisol that can cause wear and tear on your body. Seeing a counsellor/therapist, to discuss worries and fears, can also assist you to create new neural pathways for a less anxious and more enjoyable life.

Jesus, The Prince of Peace, reminds us, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (Matthew 6:34).

Te Rangimarie,
Adelphos

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Opinion

A double-bill assault

[This opinion-piece follows: "An assault on our nation's soul", published: 30/1/25]

In the first part of this essay, reflections were made on 50 years of Treaty history, bringing us to 19th November 2024 and the Toitu te Tiriti hiko through Wellington.

On that spectacular day, celebrations of our founding document were seen in the mood and magnitude of the crowd, as marchers gathered at Wellington's Waitangi Park.

The 50th anniversary of the Great Land March to Wellington will occur this year. It began at the far North village of Te Hapua, led by Whina Cooper and Te Rōpū Matakite [those with foresight]. Their declared goal was: "Herea te Tāngata ki te Whenua" [join the people to the land]. With a petition of 60,000 signatures; they arrived at parliament on 13th October 1975.

Fifty years later another petition of over 200,000 signatures declared the start of a unified Aotearoa. On November 19th our little group of Pākeha from Taranaki felt immensely grateful to be able to support this goal of unity. Feeling such warmth among the flags and the sunshine we took up the gentle pace, set by those arriving from the South and far North.

Largely unspoken, we were all feeling that connection -to the land and each other. We were there to oppose the Treaty Principles Bill and its direct, serious assault on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, showing a bicultural harmony which has grown since that Land March of 1975.

If passed, the Treaty Principles bill would destroy the Treaty guarantee of Tino Rangatiratanga - which is what its authors clearly intend - and then we will all lose.

For example, we'd lose 50



Rob Ritchie.

years of Treaty legislation and the collaboration between the Crown and its Treaty partners; and with it a promise of healing our nation's collective soul.

Marching through the capital last year the assault on Te Tiriti o Waitangi was set to be even more ferocious than we knew. We had yet to learn of the Regulatory Standards Bill, missed by most media as it waited unnoticed for final drafting before a Select Committee convenes.

Supporters of both these bills seem convinced about the benefits they will bring - with the leader of ACT recently using the counselling expression 'self-actualization' to describe the individual opportunities which will open up for us all, should either of these bills pass.

That expression [of 'self-actualization'] speaks to ACT's belief that we are all

self-interested; and moreover, this can be good for everyone when we're all free to pursue our own goals.

The idea of self-actualization was developed by the American psychologist Abraham Maslow in the 1940s, who described it as the pinnacle achievement of individual human sovereignty.

While this made sense to Maslow [and other male, middle-class Europeans] it did not resonate with indigenous people, women and those with a sense of collective identity, in which individuals gain wider collective sovereignty: through our connections to ancestry, descendants and environment along with a connection to other creatures.

Supporters of ACT's double-bill-attack on Tino Rangatiratanga appear to assume that individual rights are of greater importance than

those collective rights.

This is not new, having dominated colonial legislation for decades, and enjoying a revival here during the 1980s. Interestingly, privatizing legislation enabling individual wealth and privilege was occurring at precisely the same time as awareness of the foundational importance to us all of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, was also on the rise.

There is no doubt the Treaty Principles Bill is gaining the attention of citizens, misinformed about what is at stake for us all. Some, no doubt would support a citizens' referendum.

But we must consider carefully whether these two bills are simply a shell-game: where the first bill distracts us from seeing the blunt-edged privatizing wedge of the second.

Unlike the high-profile Treaty Principles bill, its companion Regulatory Standards bill is sure to become law through a Coalition agreement. And this bill boldly proposes deregulation and privatization of public assets, hoping to persuade us to ignore both the collective traditions of our ancestors along with the well-being of our own descendants.

Neither the Regulatory Standards nor the Treaty Principles bills would benefit our collective future or our nation's soul. Instead, ACT is seeking to entice voters to enter their moral vacuum, where we would risk the future of our home, land and sea which is Aotearoa.

Rob Ritchie.
Opunake

Rob says he would like to apologise for the absence of macrons in this and the first part of the essay which the current software do not recognise.

Slow down

Some enterprising primary school students have got together and created some signs at Lower Pitone Road to encourage vehicles to slow down.

Ruben Cardenas is the father of two of the girls involved in the project.

The young people, all pupils of Oakura and Omata schools who live in the lower Pitone Road area, wanted to make motorists aware of the fact that there were children

in the region.

"Sometimes they play on the road," said Ruben who added that there was a number of local attractions. The beach is one of the free camping areas. Nearby is Tataraimaka Pa and also Fort St George which is an historic site.

"Children are often around there," said Ruben.

Two wedding venues nearby can also add to the traffic said Ruben who has

noted more cars in the region recently.

"People need to slow down."

The children made the signs from scratch at one of the houses in Lower Pitone Road, said Ruben.

The students involved in making the signs were Lola and Lara Cardenas, Charlie and Oli Stringer, Tahu and Ane Patene and Nissa Pillay



Some of the signs in Lower Pitone Road.



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Board backs pools



Taranaki Coastal Community Board grant helps community pool.

The Opunake Community Pools are better off to the tune of \$5000.00 thanks to a grant from the Taranaki Coastal Community Board.

Debbie Hohaia and Abbey Wakeling of the Opunake Community Baths incorporated Society were at the board's January 29 meeting putting their case for \$10,000 from the board's discretionary fund.

The previous year had been a tough one financially, Abbey said, with operational costs increasing significantly. Sales were just covering

wages. There had been a big increase in numbers coming to the pools, not including the aquatots or people taking part in learn to swim classes. As a result they were having to switch shifts around.

Heating costs were eating into their funds.

"We've been using gas which has been costing an arm and a leg."

They had been looking at quotes for solar panels, which would also mean having to get the roof replaced.

"There's no use putting solar panels on to an old roof," Abbey said.

She said they had been looking at other outlets for funding.

"Historically we've had no trouble funding for capital projects, but these are for operating costs."

They were asked about shortening the season or doing something about the water temperature. Abbey said they tried to keep the pools open as often as they could, and if the water was too cold people didn't want to come back.

Board member Monica Willson and South Taranaki District Council representative Aarun

Langton declared an interest and did not take part in the vote.

Board member Liz Sinclair noted the amount being asked for and the \$18,000 the board had available in their discretionary fund.

"I wish we could give \$10,000," she said. As the money being asked for was for operating costs, she said the money didn't need to be used all at once.

"Maybe we could give them \$5000 to get them out of hot water for the rest of the season," she said.

This was carried.

Hospitalisation spike likely during back-to-school period

A spike in asthma-related hospitalisations is expected as children flock through school gates for the start of a new year.

The Asthma and Respiratory Foundation NZ is encouraging everyone to be aware of the symptoms of an asthma attack and how to respond, with hospitalisations from attacks at their highest during week 3 of Term 1.

Symptoms of an asthma attack are a worsening cough, persistent wheezing, shortness of breath and/or feeling tight in the chest.

Chief Executive Ms Letitia Harding says the back-to-school period is always a

vulnerable time for the one in eight Kiwi children with asthma.

"The 'back-to-school effect' is greater than the 'winter effect' when it comes to children's respiratory disease with the risk of hospitalisation two and a half times higher on the peak day in the third week of term 1 than on the first day of term."

International studies have shown that various factors are associated with the increase, including a change of environment and exposure to different allergens, changes in emotions such as stress or anxiety, and exposure to more viruses

from being around more people, Ms Harding says.

To keep children safe through the return-to-school period, parents and caregivers should ensure that their child has an Asthma Action Plan which is shared with their school and their teacher, Ms Harding says.

"Make sure your child is taking their preventer medication as prescribed and bringing their reliever inhaler to school, and check that it's not empty or out of date."

Asthma is a common illness in New Zealand, affecting one in eight children and one in eight adults. About 96 people die from asthma

each year - that's nearly two people per week.

In addition, one-third of all respiratory-related hospital admissions are children and it is estimated that more than 360,000 school days are lost each year due to asthma-related symptoms in children.

For most children, going back to school is an exciting time, Ms Harding says.

"But unfortunately, for many, this period can lead to severe reactions - putting children at risk.

"That's why investing in educating children about asthma is a huge focus for us," she says.

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New principal for Opunake Primary School

Anna Stockman says that when she was at school she was tossing up whether to be a chef or a teacher. She's been able to do both, and this year takes over as principal of Opunake Primary School.

She admits her new principal position is a lot different from the one she comes from. At Marco School in Eastern Taranaki she was teacher principal at a school with a roll of 20 students. At Opunake Primary School the roll is 154.

She takes over as principal from Lorraine Williamson.

Is there anything she would like to achieve in her time as principal?

"My passion is Te Reo Maori and I would like to continue to build that capacity within the school," she says. "I think Lorraine's left the school in good standing and left pretty big shoes to fill. I'll take a year to sit back and observe and make decisions after that."

Her parents were farming near Kaponga until Anna was eight years old and then they took over a motor camp at Omokoroa in the Bay of Plenty.

I went from gumboots to jandals," says Anna.

Anna's grandmother had been a teacher at Toko, and



New Principal at Opunake Primary "The mountain always draws you back."

at school Anna had tossed up between teaching and cheffing as future career options. Initially cheffing won out, before she decided to switch to teaching.

"I was looking for a change in career path. I wanted something that would be a bit more challenging and a bit more exciting."

She says that as a chef she was doing the same thing every day.

"I thought teaching would be quite different as it's something different every day. There are never two days the same."

She has been teaching for 20 years. Her first position as principal was at Marco.

"Six years ago I decided to come back and see the mountain and settle here," she says. "The mountain always draws you back."

She enjoyed her time at Marco.

"I learned to do odd jobs and fixing things and how to look after a swimming pool. I was caretaker, teacher, gardener, all sorts out there."

Her parents live with her. Away from work she likes cooking and gardening and spending time with her border collie.

"I love her and I love taking her for a walk. I love family time."



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We seem to be still dealing with a number of scam and fraud type matters, which are more often than not preventable.

If something seems too good to be true online, it often is.

If you're unsure about an online matter or a suspicious



CONSTABLE BRADLEY COAD call, check the resources provided by Netsafe or simply ask what someone else thinks.

Driving offending is another ongoing issue where reporting what you see could make all the difference.

Dangerous driving, driving under the influence and boy racer type activity and burnouts all pose a risk on our roads, not only to those committing the offending but to other unassuming road users - our friends and whanau.

Thank you for your time as always and stay safe.

Constable Bradley Coad
Opunake police.

Tunnelling begins at site of Mt Messenger Bypass

Tunnelling has begun at the Te Ara o Te Ata - Mt Messenger Bypass project in North Taranaki.

Following an early morning blessing from mana whenua and iwi partner Ngāti Tama, the first cut was made by a 110-tonne road header machine that will excavate the project's 235-metre tunnel.

Road headers have boom-mounted telescopic cutting heads, making them ideal for diverse geological conditions. A shovel plate at the front of the road header collects the excavated rock and soil, which is then conveyed via a belt to dump trucks at the back of the machine.

The 235-metre tunnel will be an important part of the Bypass project, contributing to a much more resilient stretch of State Highway 3.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Project Manager Caleb Perry says having the road header onsite is really exciting for the project.

"We'll start to see some progress with the road header excavating up to 3 metres every day.

"The tunnel will be cut in two stages, with the upper portion (top heading) first, followed by the bottom section (bench). At regular intervals, excavation will be paused and 'shotcrete' - a sprayed-on concrete - will be applied to the crown and

walls to line and support the structure.

"The design and construction of the tunnel are similar to the Northern Gateway Tunnel in Auckland and the tunnel will be large enough to accommodate loads up to and including house removals - this isn't something that can currently be accommodated on the steep, narrow winding stretch of SH3."

At this stage, the excavation is expected to be completed later this year.

"The Mt Messenger Bypass will make this stretch of SH3 much more resilient, and safer for all motorists, providing a secure connection through North

Taranaki, especially for freight.

"The finished tunnel will incorporate cultural elements acknowledging Ngāti Tama tūpuna, the traditional guardians of the northern gateway to Taranaki."

The Mt Messenger project has named this road header 'Hinētūparimaunga' - the atua of mountains and cliffs.

A design on the side of the roadheader depicts Hinētūparimaunga with outstretched limbs supporting the roof, walls and floor of the underground space.

A yellow background represents the light that will flood into the tunnel upon its completion.



The roadheader at work.

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South Taranaki community boards have thrown their support behind a project to commemorate an icon of the district's history. The Patea Freezing Works was owned by the British Vestey Group when it closed its doors for the final time in 1982. At its peak the works employed nearly 1000 workers during the peak season. Now Hawera identity Russ Standing is putting together a history of the freezing works and was applying for \$8050 from the District's four community boards to go towards proofing and editing to make the book, to be published by the Patea Historical Society print-ready. The Te Hawera

Community Board voted \$6000, Patea \$1050, while Eltham-Kaponga and Taranaki Coastal each voted \$500. At the Eltham-Kaponga meeting, South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said Russ Standing would receive no financial benefit as the money would be handed over to the Patea Historical Society and that there would be no other requests for funding. Board member Lindsay Maindonald said getting the book published would be of benefit to all South Taranaki. "I'll definitely be lining up to get the book," he said. Cr Steffy McKay voiced similar sentiments. "The book is part of the

district's history and I bet there are some constituents of our ward who would have worked there." Mayor Nixon said his first job as a qualified electrician was at the Patea Freezing Works. At the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting Liz Sinclair said the book would contribute to the richness of the history of the district which attracts visitors to the area. The application from Russ Standing was one of three district-wide applications being made to the four community boards. An application by the Taranaki Garden Trust for \$10,000 from the community boards got mixed reviews. The Te Hawera board voted \$2500 and Patea voted \$1000, while Eltham-Kaponga declined and Taranaki-Coastal invited them to submit their application closer to the event. At the Eltham-Kaponga meeting Cr Steffy McKay said the Trust had kept the admission prices at the same level for the past 10 years. "They're not prepared to do anything to increase their

own revenue but still come here with their hands out." The board's deputy chair Sonya Douds moved that the board decline the application and invite them to apply for the next festival with consideration to looking at the entry fee and providing information on the impact on the ward. At the Taranaki Coastal meeting board member Monica Willson moved that the Trust be asked to make the application closer to the date as the board had other applications they wanted to focus on. Also applying for funding was Zeal Taranaki who were seeking \$4888 from each of the community boards to run two youth events in their wards. Te Hawera voted the full amount being asked for to run two events while the other boards voted half the amount to hold one event. The Taranaki-Coastal and Eltham-Kaponga boards voted the money subject to the stipulation that the money be spent in their ward.



Funding has been approved for a history book on the Patea Freezing works to be compiled by Russ Standing.

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Of new markets, new opportunities, and rain

Last week I met a group of farmers at Te Kiri, towards the western boundary of the Whanganui Electorate. Whilst they were heartened by recent increases in dairy and meat prices, their immediate concern was rain, or more to the point, the lack of rain.

South Taranaki is very dry - NIWA's prediction

of significant rain in late January/early February has yet to happen and the Taranaki Vet Centre recently released advice to farmers on their Farm Facebook page on preparing for an impending drought.

The advice from the Vet Centre was a reminder that this is the second dry summer in a row and



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WHANGABUI

included a reminder of the importance of maintaining social connectedness and getting off the farm from time to time.

Those farmers facing real trouble or feeling lost were advised to contact the Taranaki Rural Support Trust who have the skills and resources to get you through this event. Call

them on 0800-787-254, then select option #2, followed by option #1. The coalition Government increased funding to Rural Support Trusts in Budget 2024 in recognition of the vital support they provide to farmers, especially in tough times.

In the meantime, I continue to be in regular contact with farmers and rural sector leaders as we hope that rain will fall and get to the places it is needed most.

In mid-January Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Trade Minister Todd McClay signed the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between New Zealand and the United Arab Emirates.

Under the terms of the

CEPA, duties on 98.5% of our exports to the UAE will be eliminated as soon as the agreement comes into force. Two-way trade between New Zealand and the UAE is currently valued at \$1.3 billion, which Minister McClay is keen to increase.

The UAE is keen to increase its imports of quality produce, and we know that New Zealand produces some of the best meat and dairy products in the world. There are other opportunities there as well. For example, a berry farmer from Whanganui recently sent a shipment of quality strawberries to the UAE, the first time he has exported locally grown produce to that market.

The coalition Government has adopted a strategy for economic growth for 2025

which it will pursue with vigour. In addition to a focus on export growth the Prime Minister recently announced that Hon. Todd McClay will lead a new agency, Invest New Zealand, the objective of which is to increase capital investment across a range of critical sectors - like banking and fintech, key infrastructure like transport and energy, manufacturing, and innovation.

Whilst there is plenty to be optimistic about, the lack of any significant rain remains a major concern. A few wet days will do wonders for our depleted soil moisture levels, our livestock, and for the mood of our farmers too.

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Latest climate target as useful as a screen door on a submarine

Greenpeace has slammed the Luxon Government for failing to protect future generations after releasing New Zealand's latest climate target of a 1-5% additional reduction in emissions by 2035, saying it's "about as useful as a screen door on a submarine."

Greenpeace spokesperson Amanda Larsson says, "This target is an absolute joke, yet the climate crisis is no laughing matter."

"Against the backdrop of Luxon's war on nature, not only is this target too weak to protect our kids and grandkids from a disastrous future but there is no plan to

achieve even the targets we already have."

Under the Paris Agreement on climate change, nations are required to submit a so-called nationally determined contribution (NDC) every four years. Each NDC must represent an increase in ambition on the last, which was submitted in 2021.

"Every parent and grandparent wants to pass on a safe and stable world to our kids. That requires brave and visionary leadership, both of which Luxon is lacking," says Larsson.

"Luxon's vision for New Zealand seems to be a landscape ripped open by

coal mines, a coastline dotted with oil rigs and fields crammed with cows, knee deep in mud and effluent." Greenpeace say the Luxon Government overturned the 2018 ban on offshore oil and gas exploration, despite advice from MFAT that this is likely to breach our recent free trade agreements with the EU and UK. Coal mines are included in the list for fast-tracking, overriding community will and environmental laws. Luxon has also exempted New Zealand's most polluting industry - dairying - from paying for its emissions through the Emissions

Trading Scheme.

"Our country is doing worse on climate change than it was ten years ago," says Larsson. "This is what happens when you let polluters write the policy."

"The increasingly rampant wildfires, floods and cyclones we're witnessing around us are a sign that our planet is sick. If governments won't stand up to polluters to protect our kids and grandkids, as Luxon has shown he will not, then people will use the courts, protest and other means to save their children from climate disaster," says Larsson.

2024 was first year above 1.5°C warming

1.5°C of global warming above pre-industrial thresholds is likely already underway, according to two international modelling studies. Both papers investigated what average temperatures in 2024 -

which exceeded 1.5°C of warming for the first time - mean for the Paris Agreement target of keeping warming below that level long-term. Researchers used historical climate data and modelling

to see whether exceptionally hot years could indicate the passing of the threshold long-term. The two papers concluded that having spent 12 months in a row above the threshold indicates that the Paris Agreement

target is likely to have been crossed already, and that we are in the first 20-year period of warming over the 1.5°C threshold.

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Government plans to double mineral exports by 2035

New Zealand's new mining strategy has a goal of doubling the value of our mineral exports by 2035. The announcement also included the release of the final critical minerals list with 37 minerals including gold and coal. Dr Hamish Rennie, Associate Professor of Planning and Environmental Management, Lincoln University, comments: "It's great to see the Minister recognises both the importance of the environment and the interests of tangata whenua in his foreword to the

Minerals Strategy. Mining is an important contributor to the global economy, and to the transition to a sustainable future. There have been significant advances in rehabilitation of mining sites and mining has significantly contributed to our heritage tourism industry (e.g. the Otago Goldfields). "But it's really important that the regulatory environment is robust and can ensure that the footprint from mining is indeed "light." The drive for efficient consenting processes cannot be at the expense of effective protection for

the environment, tangata whenua interests, highly productive land and the wellbeing of communities. "To achieve the Minister's goal of a light environmental footprint he may need heavy handed regulation. That might be incompatible with the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill and proposed fast track consenting legislation." Dr Martin Brook, Professor of Applied Geology, University of Auckland, comments: "Our way of life and average life expectancy are underpinned by what we,

as the human race produce from minerals (and crude oil). The vast majority of our products are derived from minerals overseas, our expectation being that other countries should dig up their minerals to provide us with technology, electricity and materials we demand. In New Zealand we then claim to be "clean and green". Given this context, Shane Jones' speech launching the new minerals strategy and critical minerals list in the core shed of OceanaGold's Waihi mine was bombastic. "However, scratching beneath and beyond the rhetoric, and talking to mine engineers from overseas who also attended the launch, there is much to be positive about. Indeed, while New Zealand sits astride a plate boundary, putting us at risk of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis, plate tectonics also blesses us with a rich mineral wealth, much of which is outlined in the critical minerals list. "As I heard from overseas visitors, New Zealand is a parliamentary democracy, has a respected court system, and quality universities. If any country globally can extract minerals effectively with as little environmental

footprint as possible, it is New Zealand. Mines take up tiny footprints, compared with the 1.6 million hectares of New Zealand natural habitat currently destroyed by exotic radiata pine plantations. Mining jobs are very well paid and require a range of skillsets, providing opportunities from administration, finance, to heavy vehicle engineering, environmental science, and geology etc. "We have an opportunity now to reap the economic benefits and slow the rate of young, skilled people crossing the ditch. I welcome the government's attempt to promote mining opportunities. We can feed more minerals into global supply chains, rather than our arrogant attitudes toward other countries, many of whom are undergoing civil wars over conflict minerals." Dr. Phaedra Upton, Land and Marine Geoscience Theme Leader, GNS Science, comments: "GNS Science welcomes the Government's announcement confirming a Critical Minerals List for New Zealand. Establishing this list aligns New Zealand with other advanced economies and provides a

framework for identifying the minerals essential to securing a sustainable energy future. "We are particularly pleased to see the inclusion of aggregates as a critical mineral. Our recent work with the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission has highlighted the importance of efficiently managing aggregate resources to support infrastructure development while minimizing extraction and transport costs. "As you will see in our submission on the MBIE website, we recommended the exclusion of coal from the list, which would align us with Australia's list and our Government's commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. "GNS Science remains committed to working alongside MBIE and industry to explore commercial opportunities that support mineral exploration and development for the energy transition. Through Government-funded research, where available, we will investigate minerals essential for the energy transition and assess supply security for New Zealand."

Workers sound alarm as cuts impact services

The Government's austerity measures are taking a toll on public servants' wellbeing and their ability to deliver effective public services, a new PSA survey has found. More than 4,000 workers in public services, health, the state sector, local government, and community services responded to the survey. - Over half of respondents have too much work to do everything well. - More than 90% have been affected by restructuring. More than 40% regularly work longer hours without pay. 70% respond to work calls and messages outside of work hours. Over half are worried about losing their job. Workers say the Government's sweeping funding cuts are undermining their ability to do a good job. One health professional said it feels "like you are doing a

disservice to people in our community as we cannot deliver the health care that they need with our waitlist and restricted service provision." A respondent at a community organisation that's had its funding significantly cut by the Government said they now spend more time chasing funding and less time providing services to the community. "It's obvious now that the Government's claim that 'no front-line services will be affected' is a lie," said Duane Leo, National Secretary for the Public Service Association Te Pūkenga Here Tikanga Mahi. "No amount of spin will stop the public from seeing that the Government is deliberately underfunding their public services and setting the table for private shareholders to enrich themselves from

people's needs." The survey also shows that, like most of the country, public sector, health and community workers are struggling with cost-of-living pressures. More than half are worried about becoming unemployed and not being able to find a job, as the Government signals cuts will continue. "Public, health, and community services - and the workers that provide them - are part of a future that works for everyone in Aotearoa," said Leo. "To get that, they need certainty, resources, leadership, and a vision for effective, universal services. This survey shows the Government isn't providing any of this. It's part of a mountain of evidence that this Government wants a country for the wealthy few, rather than the many."

Sewer installation a thumping-great project

Installation of a new sewer line by NPDC is underway in the New Plymouth suburb of Frankleigh Park, starting with massive piles being thudded into place in Sutherland Park. The 1.1km-long pipeline will connect houses in the new Patterson Road development, off Frankley Road, to the city's sewerage network. NPDC Infrastructure Project Manager Steve Chamberlain says the pipeline requires large piles to support it because the soil at the park is very soft. "We've got a pile-driver

and an auger, which drills holes for the piles, working away. It looks pretty impressive, especially when the pile-driver is thumping the piles into place, and we get people stopping to watch them at work." The pipeline is scheduled to be finished by September,



weather permitting. NPDC will also be building a drinking water connection to the Patterson Road area from Shelter Grove. The sewage pipe will provide a route for a new shared pathway. "It's how all of our inland walkways, like Te Henui and Huatoki, have been created: a sewer main goes down and above it is a pathway for leisure and community connection," says Steve.



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An iconic Opunake business has changed owners but the name stays the same.

New Plymouth brothers Ben and Cameron Miller are the new owners of Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration. They are adamant the name will remain, as will the professional service and commitment to the community built up by previous owners Brian and Monique Sinclair.

“Brian and Monique have done an incredible job over the last 23 years and we want to continue the legacy they started,” says Cameron.

Ben comes with over 20 years of experience in the trade. He started his apprenticeship with Obertech in 2002 and became a qualified electrician in 2006. He worked in the mines in Western Australia and recently finished up as the Commercial and Engineering Manager at Entec where he had been based for the past 12 years.

Cameron comes from a Human Resources background, including the last nine years running his own recruitment company.

They say the opportunity to take on Sinclair Electrical was too good an opportunity to pass over.

“A good friend from Schurr Ireland Chartered Accountants gave me a call and said you should take a look at this,” recalls Cameron. “When we met Brian and Monique, we knew they had something special going on out there and it all happened pretty quickly after that”.

Ben says having his own business was something that was always at the back of



The new owners and two of their team at Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration. From left. Trish Anderson (office manager), new owners Cameron Miller and Ben Miller with Aleisha Field.

his mind.

“I was happy in my last job but when this opportunity came around it was too good to pass by. The timing in my career couldn’t have been any better. I’d just turned 41 with plenty of experience and still a lot left in the tank.”

Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration comes with two Betta Electrical stores in Opunake and Stratford with another workshop in Okato.

They have customers from all around the Maunga.

“We’ve thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Brian, and we’re grateful about how welcoming he and the rest of the team have been,” says Cameron. “The staff have been absolutely brilliant.”

He says Sinclair’s has always been known for their support of the local community through

sponsorships and other means, and this is something they want to continue.

Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration has a long history of training some of the best Electrical Apprentices in the country due to the varied nature of their project work. Ben and Cameron plan to continue this partnership with local schools in the area.

Brian Sinclair is still going

to be involved in the business in an advisory capacity, particularly in the Solar and Energy Storage space.

“Brian is a big believer in where Solar is heading and the impact it will have on the rural community,” says Cam.

It is something Cameron and Ben are keen to push.

“The price of power is having a heavy impact on the agricultural industry, and

if farmers can secure their own source of energy at a fraction of the cost, it adds to both the resilience and bottom line of the farm,” says Cameron.

Last week Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration was accredited with the Sustainable Electrical Association of New Zealand (SEANZ). This means the majority of their customers can now access 1% green loans from all major banks when installing solar systems.

They are also accredited appliance servicing technicians for all the major brands through their Betta Electrical retail stores in Stratford and Opunake.

Another thing they will be pushing is servicing appliances, particularly at their Stratford store.

“We love the idea of extending the life of appliances and not sending them straight to the landfill,” says Cameron.

Both Ben and Cam have young families and have been enjoying the scenic drive along Surf Highway between New Plymouth and Opunake as part of their daily routine.

As keen golfers, both Ben and Cameron have joined Opunake Golf Club where they are thoroughly enjoying the world class greens and hospitality.

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Accolades galore for Premier Park



A green flag for another year.

Hāwera’s King Edward Park maintained its 5-star status from New Zealand Gardens Trust (NZGT) as a Garden of National Significance, and has again been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award.

South Taranaki District Council Places and Spaces Volunteer Co-ordinator Alice Arnold says it has been a combined effort to have the Park presented to such a high standard as it continues to evolve.

“Retaining these awards reaffirms that the Park truly is a treasure to our community as well as for visitors to our district,” says Alice. “Having a dedicated Horticulture team, as well as acknowledging the role the community has made both contributed to maintaining the Park to a high standard.” Community involvement has been through groups such as The Friends of Hāwera Parks Inc, Te Paepae o

Aotea students and Waimahi youth employment skills programme.

It is not the first time the South Taranaki District Council’s Premier Park has received such an award.

In 2017 the Park received the first of a series of accolades that recognised the quality of the Park and its standard of presentation. Reviewed for the first time by NZGT, an organisation established to promote the best in New Zealand gardens and horticulture, the Park was awarded a four-star rating to be registered as a Garden of Regional Significance.

In late 2018 a further assessment by the NZGT acknowledged the ongoing development of the Park with the award of a fifth star. Receiving the award for 2024 endorses King Edward Park as a Garden of National Significance through until 2028.

The Green Flag Award is

internationally recognised as an award that acknowledges well managed parks, green spaces and recreational outdoor facilities. King Edward Park won its first Green Flag Award in 2018. Assessed across 27 criteria including horticultural standards, cleanliness,

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The Park has continued to receive its Green Flag status since 2018.

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He waka eke noa - all in this waka together

A short, but action packed start to the 2025 school year. New beginnings for all. The prefects and Year 13 students organised some fabulous orientation activities during their overnight camp for our new Year 9s, where tuakana teina was evident in everything from the beach flags to the team challenges.

The dawn opening of our Ko Te Wharekura Te Wharenuī signified the consolidation of māori culture into our bricks and mortar. We are already at the forefront of cultural responsiveness, and teaching māori as māori (check out our results). But the opening of Ko Te Wharekura Te Wharenuī is a milestone that has been 30 years in the making, and it is auspicious to see it open in the same year as our Centenary celebration. It was heartwarming to have staff past & present, students and hapori (community), at the dawn opening on Monday, and hear their memories of what was once the sewing room!

We are very excited to have such a vibrant group of year 9s joining our kura, and it was our pleasure to welcome that at our Powhiri. We also welcomed on Olivia Bright (PE support), Sara Bishop Lister (Transitions support), and Maddison Trousselot (Art Teacher).

Ka mua, ka muri, (walking backwards into the future), to set ourselves up for success this year we also need to reflect on last year. To this end we celebrated our absolutely fantastic NCEA results, and endorsements at our DREAMS iwi. Looking forward to another year of study, success and also a centenary celebration together.

Arohanui

Andrea Hooper Carr
Principal



Principal Andrea Hooper-Carr sharing the merits of our DREAMS values.



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2025 NCEA ACHIEVEMENT

	Opunakē High School	National Average
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Level 2	90%	73%
Level 3	76%	68%

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Jayden Poole
Chloe Muggerridge
Toby Smith
Joshua Ramos
Niko Watt
Alicia Hurly

NCEA Level 2 Merit:

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Katie O'Connor
Camille Cruz

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Sahan Larsen
Gerald Torres

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Ella Danz
Maddison Hunt
Bailey Cole
Ben Gasson

NCEA Level 3 Excellence:

Caleb Neil
Charlie Carr

NEW BEGINNINGS



Staff, prefects and guests gathered at dawn to bless and officially open Ko Te Wharekura Te Wharenuī



Whaea Wynita Katene waiting with our new Year 9's to receive our powhiri and welcome into the Opunakē High School whanau.



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There are a number of free events across the weekend. The Opening Powhiri on Friday 7th, Centennial Gala on Saturday 8th, 10am-2pm, and our closing ceremony on Sunday 9th.

INFORMATION:

For information and updates, look for the Centenary Event page on Facebook (go to the Opunake High School page, search up events)

Connect with our Alumni page on Facebook, currently with over 2800 members, this is another good place to stay up-to-date on whats happening.

There is a Centennial Page on our school website as well, along with an FAQ which is updated regularly.

We have an amazing Event Co-ordinator, former student Tara Fevre (nee Potter). For help with registration and information, or if you'd like to contribute to the event, Tara can be contacted via email: centenary2025@opunake.school.nz

Event Schedule

Ticketed events unless specified

Friday 7th March

1pm | **Powhiri**
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1.45pm - 4.30pm | **Centenary Check in**
Sinclair Events Centre
4.30pm | **Connections Drinks**
Sinclair Events Centre
6.30pm | **Connections Dinner**
Sinclair Events Centre

Saturday 8th March

10am - 2pm | **Centennial School Gala**
Opunakē High School grounds - Free event

7pm | **Celebration Event**
Sinclair Events Centre

Sunday 9th March

11am | **Centenary Closing**
Opunakē High School Hall - Free event

Decision hour approaches for library



Council plans to decide library's future by winter.

The South Taranaki District Council will be talking to the people of Kaponga about what should be done about their library.

"We don't want to do another winter in that library in the state that it's in," South Taranaki District Council group manager community services Rob Haveswood said at Eltham-Kaponga Community Board meeting held in Kaponga on January 29.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (14 November 2024) he had told the Community Board that the roof on the north side of the building leaked and there were times the electrics had to be turned off. A report has been presented to the Council Policy and Strategy Committee listing three possible options for library services in Kaponga, the status quo, permanently moving to the supper room of the War Memorial Hall, or

a hybrid service that would see a reduction in library services for Kaponga. Mr Haveswood had said the preferred option was moving to the Memorial Hall.

This would not be the first time the hall would have been used as the town library.

Eight years ago the building in which the current library is based on the corner of Egmont and Victoria Streets was

closed temporarily when it failed to meet earthquake standards. Everything was shifted to the War Memorial Hall supper room until the original building was ready for use.

Mr Haveswood said the

Council Policy and Strategy Committee will be meeting at the end of March. Before then they will be looking to hold a town meeting some time in February to see what people want. There will be a mail drop before then to

promote the meeting and ask people to submit their views.

Mr Haveswood said nothing has been decided on the future of the library and the decision would be up to the Council.

More Taranaki travel options with extended Connector bus service

Travelling between Hāwera and New Plymouth is now easier than ever, with the Connector bus service expanding to six return trips per day, Monday to Friday.

The service expansion follows public consultation in 2024, where the community voiced strong support for more frequent bus services. Taranaki Regional Council Transport Engagement Manager Cheryl Gazley says the feedback was instrumental in shaping this change.

"The Connector service was a frequent topic in our discussions with the public. People wanted more services and greater flexibility to travel between

Hāwera and New Plymouth. We're thrilled to deliver this improvement for commuters, students and those with appointments who rely on the service to stay connected."

Launched in February 2014, the Connector has grown steadily in popularity, averaging 68,000 passenger trips per year. From Monday, 10 February, the expanded timetable will introduce two additional return trips, bringing the total to six per week day.

The new timetable also includes extra stops, making travel even more convenient.

A further enhancement is on the horizon, with a fully accessible bus joining

the fleet in March. Ms Gazley says this is a key step in improving transport accessibility, particularly for people needing to travel to Hāwera or Taranaki Base hospitals

"This new bus will feature low floors and wheelchair access, ensuring a more inclusive service for all passengers. This is a significant step forward in making public transport more accessible and user-friendly."

Ms Gazley encourages locals to leave the car at home and give the Connector a go the next time they're travelling between districts.

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Annual show attracts new exhibitors

Hawera Horticultural Society president Paul Lander says he was pleasantly surprised with the number and quality of the exhibits at the Society's Summer Flower Show.

"It surprised me as I thought we might have had a few less with the weather we've had," he said. "It's been an interesting growing season. We had cold nights in early summer which is unusual. It's been a bit dry, a bit windy. It's been challenging but the quality of the flowers we've got is pretty good."

He says the rain that came earlier in the week would have helped.

The show was held at the Hawera Community Centre Memorial Hall on February 1-2.

"I'm very happy with the

show. We've got a good number of entries, just above 400, and some new exhibitors as well," says Paul. "The biggest exhibitors are the dahlias. We're in the middle of the dahlia season now. They're pretty hardy and we've got really nice exhibits on display. I'm very impressed with the begonias as well."

Most of the exhibitors are from Taranaki although there are some from further afield, with most of the gladiolis coming from around Whanganui.

Among the first time exhibitors was Venice Dent of Rahotu with her dyed harakeke flowers and bouquets.

She says it's something she's been doing for the last couple of years and she



Lochlan and Melissa Parkinson with their carnivorous friends.

credits her friend and "great teacher" Florence Smith with getting her interested. She had been selling these at the Hawera markets and fellow stall holder Graham Walker encouraged her to think about entering the Flower Show, as did Paul Lander.

At first she was sceptical. "Horticulture to me is live plants, so I didn't think my harakeke qualified, but Paul said that's natural flax, so that's how I got in," she said.

Also there for the first

time were Leonie and Stuart MacPherson of Bird Rescue Taranaki.

"We bring in and rehome pit birds, anything from finches all the way up to cockatiels," says Stuart. They don't do native or wild birds.

They've been doing this in Taranaki for a year and their area can cover anywhere from Mokau to Wellington. Recent projects have included rehoming an elderly man's bird collection.

So far this year they have rescued and rehomed 25-30 birds.

"We're getting another five today," says Leonie who is a trained vet nurse.

They vet anybody wanting to rehouse any of their birds.



Stuart and Leonie MacPherson and friend.

"A beginner person couldn't get a big parrot. We would suggest a budgie or a cockatiel for their first bird," says Leonie.

"Some birds live over 30 years so they wouldn't be adopted to people in their 70s."

Another first time exhibitor was Brian Parkinson and his Fanged Flora collection of carnivorous plants.

He has been collecting these since he was 14 and now has a collection of 188 species, both pure and hybrid.

He was out at work when the Opunake and Coastal News were at the show, so wife Melissa and son Lochlan were there fronting up to the public.

Brian says he started off with a Venus Fly Trap, the carnivorous plant with which most people are familiar before moving on to American pitcher plants.



Venice Dent and her harakeke.

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Brian says that although they are native to North America they grow well here.

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In 1882 the SS Dunedin was the first ship to carry refrigerated meat from New Zealand to the United Kingdom.

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Minister of Agriculture Todd McClay hosted a Lamb barbecue to mark National Lamb Day (15 February 2025) for farmers, industry representatives, MPs and media at Parliament.

“As we celebrate National Lamb Day, parliament honours the legacy of early sector pioneers and acknowledges the hard work and resilience of our farmers, processors, and exporters -- your dedication ensures that New Zealand’s red meat sector remains world leading and ready to grow,” Mr McClay says.

“Agriculture is the backbone of New Zealand’s economy, with sheep and beef farmers alone contributing over \$10 billion in exports to the economy last year. This is equal to \$3,300 in income for every Kiwi household.

“The sector isn’t just crucial to our goal of doubling exports by value in

ten years -- it also supports 76,000 jobs across New Zealand and is leading the way in sustainable farming.

The Government’s agricultural team of Agriculture Minister Todd McClay, Biosecurity Minister Andrew Hoggard, Rural Communities Minister Mark Patterson and Associate Minister of Agriculture Nicola Grigg are laser focused on getting costs down and returning more value to the farm gate.

Farmers have done it tough over the last few years with significant weather events and challenging commodity prices, but as farmer confidence rises there are real signs of green shoots ahead including:

- A lift in sheepmeat prices over recent months, with December lamb prices exceeding the five-year average,
- Record high cattle prices, and

• Rising demand from key red meat markets.

“Looking ahead, we are focused on new growth opportunities for lamb and red meat, particularly in the Middle East. The recent trade agreements with the United Arab of Emirates (UAE) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will eliminate 99 per cent of all tariffs over time.

“Kiwi farmers are the best in the world, and we are committed to supporting a future where New Zealand lamb continues to be celebrated and enjoyed on tables world-wide.”

Lamb day commemorates the pioneering spirit behind New Zealand’s first frozen lamb export in 1882, which launched a world-leading red meat sector known for high-quality, safe food in global demand.

Government signs NZ up to a decade’s more pine planting

The Government’s announcement of a 2035 climate target of a 51-55% emissions reduction has signed New Zealand up for a decade more of planting pine on productive land, Federated Farmers meat and wool chair Toby Williams says.

“In the past, New Zealand has signed up to Paris Agreement targets that are achievable only by either paying billions of dollars for international units or planting large areas of New Zealand in carbon forestry.

“The 2030 target of a 50% reduction in all greenhouse gas emissions in just the next five years is already completely beyond reach. “Even by 2035, as half of

New Zealand’s emissions are from agriculture, a target of 51-55% is still not feasible.

“All the target does is commit us to 10 more years of planting pines, because that’s the only way for our country to achieve such a steep reduction.”

Williams says New Zealand’s options for achieving the climate targets are simple.

“We can’t reduce our emissions to the extent required without trade-offs that would see New Zealand worse off.

“Treasury has estimated that the 2030 target, if we were to meet it, would cost up to \$24 billion. The Prime

Minister, when interviewed on Q+A with Jack Tame late last year, couldn’t commit to hitting the target, as he said it was very challenging.

“So, our only other options are to send billions of dollars overseas to buy offshore credits, or plant pine trees, destroying our iconic and world-famous landscapes.”

Last year, the Climate Commission suggested keeping an all-gases target and at least a 50% reduction, which would mean another 850,000 hectares of land converted to forestry.

“To paint a clear picture: that’s an area five times the size of our country’s

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Farmers welcome Kāinga Ora back-track on wool



Chris Bishop welcomes decision.

Federated Farmers have welcomed Kāinga Ora's decision to give wool carpet providers the chance to tender for supply of carpet and underlay in its homes.

A previous request for proposals (RFP) confined bids to synthetic carpets, not even allowing wool to compete. "This decision is cause for

celebration for all strong-wool farmers," Federated Farmers meat and wool chair Toby Williams says.

"The change of stance by Kāinga Ora has come about because of relentless pressure from the sheep and wool sector, with Federated Farmers and Campaign for Wool leading the charge.

"Kāinga Ora's previous tender process pulled the rug out from under the nation's farmers and didn't even give the sector a chance to put its best foot forward.

"Now it's up to wool carpet providers to make sure their proposals are competitive and highlight all the factors that make the natural product superior to synthetics."

Wool provides better insulation and warmth, it's moisture wicking, and it's a natural fire retardant, Williams says.

"It's also hypoallergenic, and better for those with asthma."

Kāinga Ora says the new RFP is for supplying floor coverings for 2,650 new homes and 3000 renovations between now and June 2026.

The decision has also been welcomed by Housing Minister Chris Bishop and Associate Agriculture Minister Mark Patterson.

"In 2024 Kāinga Ora issued requests for tender (RFTs) seeking bids from suppliers to carpet their properties," Mr Bishop said.

"As part of this process, Kāinga Ora specifically excluded woollen carpets from the tender's scope. While they did so in an effort to be fiscally responsible,

unfortunately this meant that suppliers of carpets using New Zealand wool did not have the opportunity to put their best foot forward as a cost-effective option.

"Although flooring choices for Kāinga Ora properties are operational decisions for the agency, I was disappointed to see woollen carpets ruled out unequivocally. The coalition Government is proudly pro-wool. It's a fantastic fibre, and we support our wool farmers.

"I welcome Kāinga Ora's decision to go back out to market to seek bids from all

carpet suppliers, including woollen carpets. While it remains essential that Kāinga Ora delivers homes as cost-effectively as possible, it's only fair that wool products are given the chance to compete for government contracts on an equal footing with nylon carpet suppliers.

"There is a commitment under the National-New Zealand First coalition agreement to direct government agencies to prefer wool where practical and appropriate. The Government is currently working through the finer

details of this and once decisions have been made there will be more to say."

"I welcome Kāinga Ora's decision to change its tender approach. This is a great step toward ensuring wool, a sustainable and high-quality product, is given the fair consideration it deserves. It creates a level playing field supports the wool industry and honours the coalition agreement," Mr Patterson says.

"We encourage suppliers of wool carpets to consider participating in Kāinga Ora's tender process."

Government signs NZ up to a decade's more pine planting

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treasured Molesworth Station," Williams says.

"That would be devastating, forever changing the face of New Zealand.

"There is a very real risk that we could become the great pine plantation of the South Pacific - hardly something to be proud of."

Williams says the Government needs to be setting climate targets that are realistic and achievable.

"Mr Luxon is right now facing an unachievable target for 2030 left to him by the previous Government.

"Signing up to an even more ambitious target for 2035 has simply created the same headache for a future Prime Minister."

Parliament agreed in 2019 to set 'split-gas' targets for greenhouse gas reductions domestically. This means short-lived methane is treated differently to long-lived carbon dioxide.

Taking this split-gas approach to our international targets would see New Zealand in a position to set more achievable targets.

"Federated Farmers wrote to Climate Change Minister Simon Watts in October last year asking for a meeting to discuss a split-gas approach to an emissions target, but

we didn't get a reply," Williams says.

"That's extremely disappointing. It seems he doesn't even want to hear our concerns for rural New Zealand, let alone understand them. It's wilful blindness.

"We really need the Government to start setting achievable targets that don't require huge levels of forestry, and we need the Government to use the most up-to-date science on the warming impact of methane."

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Watching brief as dry conditions continue

Dry conditions in South Taranaki caused by the current La Nina weather pattern could mean further restrictions on how much water can be taken from rivers, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) has warned.

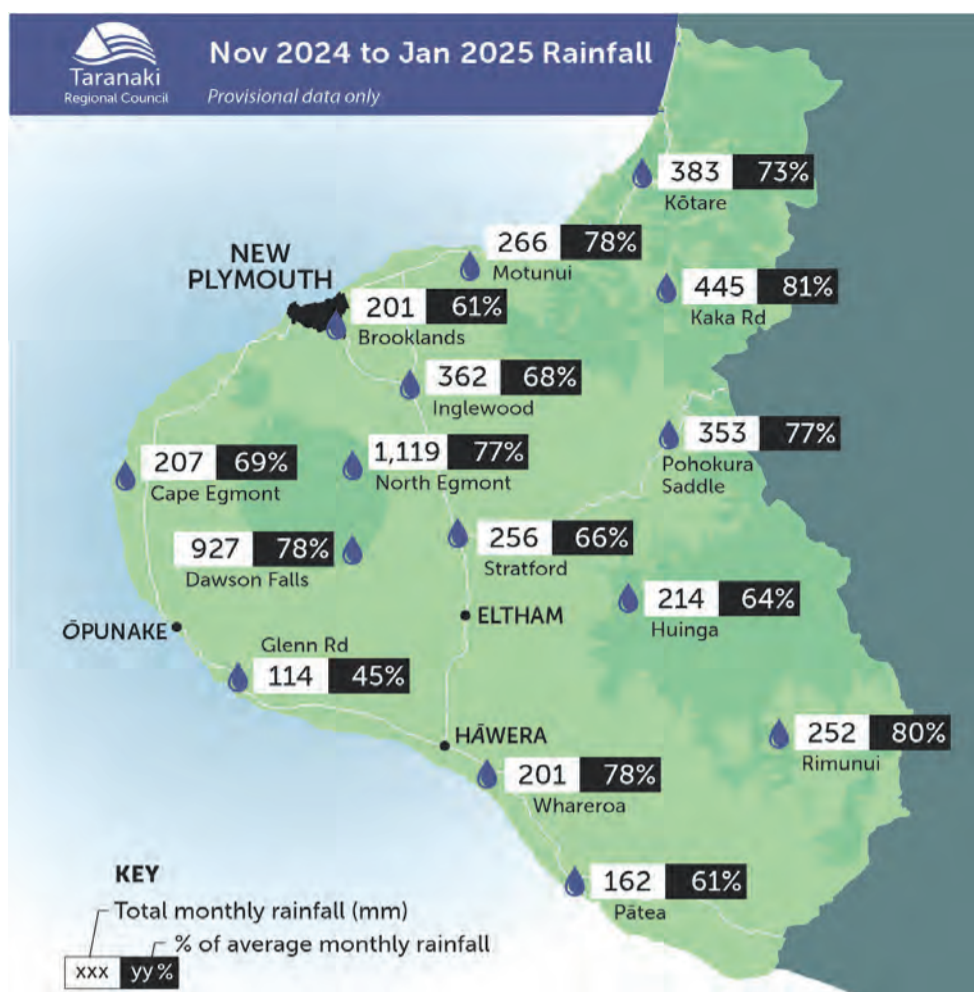
The TRC is keeping a close eye on rainfall levels, soil moisture, river flows and climate across the region, with most of the Council's monitoring sites recording less rain than usual over the last three months.

Council data for the lowest rainfall sites shows Patea recorded 61% of typical rainfall between 1 November and 31 January

while the monitoring site at Glenn Road in Kaupokonui was even less with just 45% of the usual amount of rain.

Over the last three months, rainfall in the region was 13% less than usual in November, 34% down on normal in December and also 34% less than usual in January and the dry conditions are similar to those the district experienced in November 2017 to January 2018.

Drinking water suppliers, farmers, industry and householders are being urged to keep a watching brief on the situation and be prepared for restrictions if the dry conditions continue



or get worse.

Fred McLay, the Council's Director - Resource Management, says a combination of the La Nina weather system which emerged at the end of last year and the impacts of climate change, which is

altering rainfall patterns, means restrictions may be needed on how much water can be safely taken from rivers and streams.

"We're keeping a close eye on rivers and streams in the region, particularly in South Taranaki, as we have to ensure there is enough

water to protect ecosystems in waterways," says Mr McLay.

"The lack of rain over a prolonged period means waterways are reaching the point where abstraction needs to be carefully managed. "If the low rainfall continues then further measures may be needed."

The warning by the Council comes amid the introduction of partial water restrictions by South Taranaki District Council on 18 January. STDC has brought in the odds and evens water use system and it urged its residents to limit non-essential water use wherever possible. New Plymouth District Council has similar restrictions in place. Most pasture irrigation has ceased.

Mr McLay urged farmers, who aren't yet in the riparian planting scheme, to get in touch as planting riparian areas can be extremely beneficial.

"Waterways with riparian planting are much better at coping with the impacts low flows and increased water temperatures, so please give us a call and we can talk through how to get involved."

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Feds call to double QE Trust funding

Federated Farmers is calling on the Government to double its funding for the QEII National Trust to ensure it can continue to meet demand from farmers.

"The QEII Trust has a stellar track record of working with landowners to permanently protect special areas of bush, wetland and biodiversity," Federated Farmers vice president Colin Hurst says.

"It's an utter disgrace that QEII's base government funding has remained unchanged at \$4.3 million for a decade, despite rising demand for its help.

"In real terms, that's a huge cut in funding."

The QEII National Trust was established in 1977, with Federated Farmers dairy chair (the late) Gordon Stephenson a key instigator.

Its core function is to encourage protection of natural and cultural features on private land. The trust partners with landowners who voluntarily protect their land without selling or donating it.

Covenants ensure threatened species and special areas of bush and wetland are protected for future generations, in perpetuity. Subsequent landowners can't alter this protection.

Covenants now cover

187,774 hectares - the vast majority on farms. That is an area of land over double the size of Tongariro National Park.

The QEII Trust celebrated its 4000th covenant in 2014/15. Now, nearly 10 years later, it has 5,200 covenants to be managed and monitored - a 28% increase in demand, with no change in government base funding.

For comparison, the Department of Conservation's funding went from \$470m to \$718m over that same 10-year period.

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Managing the summer dry

NIWA has predicted that the number of hot days with temperatures above 25 degrees could climb to about 60 a year Charlotte Lawrence of DairyNZ told a meeting of farmers at Pungarehu.

“A hot day for a cow is about 21 degrees,” she said. There may have been a smattering of rain the previous day, but an earlier than usual dry spell was foremost on farmers’ minds at the January 31 meeting where speakers from several organisations talked about strategies of managing the summer dry.

Facilitator Charlotte Lawrence said there had been similar meetings in South Taranaki. Nathan Clough had then suggested having one at the property in Pungarehu where he milks 250 cows on 92 effective hectares.

This is his fifth season on the property.

“This is the driest start to the season we have had. Usually it would be like this in February-March, not January,” says Nathan. “It’s been a season of struggle. In September-October it was quite wet for us here. Now we’re into summer and the taps got turned off in December.”

Jun Odchigue who is in his first season milking 230 cows on Parihaka Road says he “really needs the next rain.”

“It’s getting drier and drier each day. We still have enough at the moment, but we’re worried about the next 15 days.”



Fiona Jansma of the Taranaki Regional Council addresses a Managing the Summer Dry meeting at Pungarehu.

He says he’s had to adjust his grazing round, moving from 25 to 35 days.

Daryl Gibson from Fonterra told the meeting he had farmed in Okato for 20 years and there had been some “brutal summers” including the 2017-18 event “which scarred us mentally.”

“Surround yourself with positive mindsets even if you don’t have one yourself,” said Daryl.

Anyone considering drying off early would need to consider that they may not have any money coming through until August, he said.

Fiona Jansma from the Taranaki Regional Council said last year Okato received

the third lowest rainfall since records were kept. From early December there had been no rainfall higher than 15mls.

“This area got another 10ml yesterday. It was good steady rain to soften the soil. It might look green but I don’t know how much nutrition there is in that grass.”

“In Manaia they are really struggling,” she said.

Matt Thomas from Coastal Vets said farmers have to consider increasing supplement or decreasing demand through culling.

“There’s more opportunity now to cull off cows and maybe get a bit of money,” he said.

Times like this are always busy for farmers but they still need to keep an eye on facial eczema and get a full dose of zinc into the troughs. Charlotte warned against overgrazing. Consistent overgrazing runs the risk of damaging the root structure she said.

“Over grazing in summer could be as bad as pugging in winter.”

She said it was a time for people to keep in touch.

“Don’t be afraid to ask if you see a neighbour or anyone else struggling. Don’t be afraid to pick up the phone and ask.”

Marcia Paurani of Taranaki Rural Support Trust said it was important that feedback on how things are going on the farm be made available in

the event of an adverse event being declared, in which case additional assistance would be made available.

Among those at the meeting was Mike Tizzard, a visiting dairy farmer from Dorset, England. He says farmers in Britain face similar

challenges but notices some differences.

“I think people are a bit more open here to talking about their business and sharing information,” he said.



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“With that big hike in the amount of covenanted land, there is clearly huge buy-in from farmers,” Hurst says.

“Voluntary initiatives like the QEII Trust have huge support in rural communities and are a far better approach than heavy-handed and impractical SNA rules.”

The trust leverages outside funding and bequests and works with district and regional councils. In 2021 it also secured \$8m of Jobs for Nature funding, spread over

four years.

But that runs out in June this year and the trust is warning it will have to scale back the number of new covenants it can support.

A 2017 study by Waikato University’s Institute for Business Research found that covenanting landowners together spend an estimated \$25 million of their own money every year to protect native species and special areas in their QEII covenants

Loss of potential income from other alternative uses of land under covenant was

estimated to be between \$443-\$638 million between 1977 and 2017.

Farmers and other landowners pitch in with environmentalists, volunteers and council staff to carry out planting, pest control, fencing and other work on covenanted sites.

“It represents farmer commitment, and great bang for buck, on conservation.

“The Government needs to step up its contribution to keep up the pace,” Hurst says.

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Taranaki win Hawke Cup

The Taranaki Men's Cricket team have defeated Hawkes Bay and won the Hawke Cup for the first time since 2007.

Their captain Sam Fastier now joins skippers C Kingstone who led the 1926/27 side, C Lash (1933/34), Bryan Bayley (1970/71), Ian Snook (1987/88), Rodney Brown (1993/94) and Matthew Broadmore (2006/07), who led their teams to victories.

Taranaki hit the first real punch having HB 59-7 at lunch on day 1.

Wicket-keeper Rupert Young led the way pouching three of the six catches taken, and Ben Frewin bowled nine overs and took four wickets for 12 runs.

Hawkes Bay declared their first innings closed at 59-7.

Taranaki were six wickets down and still hadn't passed the 59 runs to gain a first innings lead.

Up stepped Frewin and fellow speedster Ryan



The Taranaki Men's Cricket Team.

Watson, Frewin ending with a polished 40 not out and Watson with 38.

With assistance from Liam Carr, the Taranaki total headed off to 157 and a lead of 98.

By now the pitch had worked its way into behaving normally, meaning the bounce was more predictable and the ball was coming on to the bat with more pace. In a short space

of time Hawkes Bay had lost three wickets for 30 runs.

Watson had uprooted Johnathon Whiteley's stumps on ball five, which was backed-up with diving Dean Robinson and Young taking sharp catches.

Soon after HB had lost the talented Brad Schmulian and Bradley Wiggins.

Finally, Hawkes Bay put a partnership together. Skipper Dominic Thompson

and all-rounder Sam Cassidy played carefully, never looked under too much pressure, and edged the total further and further beyond Taranaki's.

Just as it seemed they would end the day at five down and 60 to 70 ahead, Taranaki left arm spinner, Liam Carr, won the day. His flight was too tempting for Cassidy who was lured to his demise.

On Sunday a nervy Taranaki started poorly. By the time the new ball arrived the powerful Todd Watson and Thompson had added 20 in four overs, and both were set at the crease.

Ryan Watson and Frewin kept racing in and bowling with a fierce desire and pace. Frewin struck Thompson on the pad and the umpire raised his finger.

Hawkes Bay were not done yet though. Watson hit a powerful 51 before Bailey Wisnewski took a high catch deep on the boundary and number ten batsman Liam McCarthy hit 37 from 35 balls before he was last out, caught and bowled by Watson.

Watson bowled a mammoth 23.4 overs for his 4-60, making it 37.4 overs and 6 wickets in the match. Frewin's 17 overs for 2 wickets added to his first innings tally saw him bowl 26 overs for six wickets. Fellow quick bowler Jordan

Gard had match figures of 32 overs 3-82. They all did what they were asked to do, and did it well.

The spinners Carr, Thomas and Trent McGrath totalled 31 overs for their two wickets with all playing their part.

By late morning Hawkes Bay were 170 runs ahead. The game was still in the balance.

Taranaki openers Wisnewski and Robinson, as well as Fastier, with a hard fought 21, were back in the pavilion.

Young and Liam Muggeridge batted with composure and assuredness.

With 48 not out scored from 171 balls by Young, and 42 not out from 154 balls by Muggeridge, both players combined for a partnership of 77, finally convincing Hawkes Bay it was time to shake hands and call it a day. Taranaki's first innings advantage would win the cup.

Yarrow Stadium naming rights agreement comes to an end

Yarrow and NPDC have announced the conclusion of the naming rights of Yarrow Stadium, bringing to an end a partnership that has spanned more than two decades.

Yarrows the Bakers have held naming rights to the stadium from 2002 to 2025, as well as Noel and Melva Yarrow naming rights to the West Stand from 2004 to 2022.

When the agreement ends on 8 March, the venue will be known as Stadium Taranaki.

New Plymouth District

Mayor Neil Holdom has paid tribute to the Yarrow family, and its long-standing contribution to this and other community facilities.

"Their support has been unwavering for over 20 years. This is an unprecedented partnership with the city of Ngāmotu-New Plymouth and Taranaki."

"Private sector investment is increasingly vital to sustain the scope and quality of our community assets. The depth and quality of our public/private sector partnerships, modelled



Yarrow Stadium is to be renamed Stadium Taranaki.

by the Yarrow-NPDC relationship, is what makes this possible," says Mayor Holdom.

More than just a rugby ground, the venue is Taranaki's premier outdoor sporting arena, which has hosted a range of major events including Rugby World Cup games, All Blacks fixtures, FIFA U20 World Cup matches and Nitro Circus. The stadium is also the home ground for the Taranaki Bulls provincial rugby side.

"It's been a rewarding

20-year partnership with the NPDC, with many great memories along the way," says Philip Yarrow.

"I know that Noel and Melva Yarrow would be particularly happy to know his great grandchildren were able to be involved with events at the stadium. From a commercial lens, the naming rights provided credibility to our brand and helped strengthen relationships both domestically and across the Tasman.

"It was certainly a difficult decision to end the partnership, and we wish NPDC team all best in the next chapter."

NPDC Manager Venues and Events Chade Julie says while sad at what is the end of an era and important working relationship, it opens the doors for an exciting future.

"We've really enjoyed and appreciated working alongside the Yarrow team so are obviously disappointed to see that come to an end, but this change comes at an exciting new chapter with the completion of the redevelopment project and the opening of the new East Stand this year."

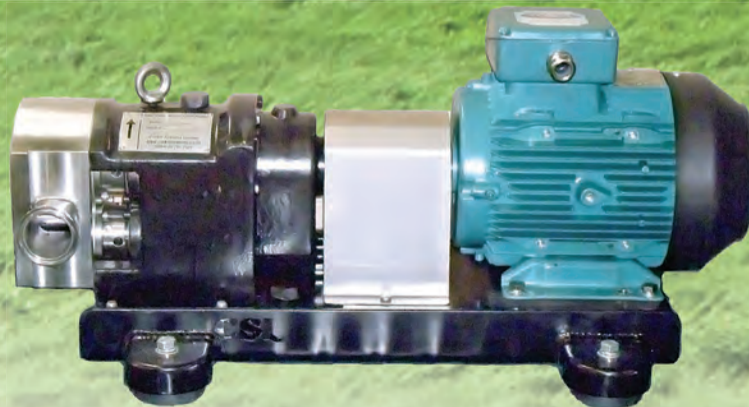
Director-Corporate Services Mike Nield says: "The Yarrow family have championed the stadium for more than two decades and we would like to say a huge thank you for their support, particularly over the last five years during the redevelopment work."

NPDC are preparing future naming rights opportunities for the stadium, including stands and suites, which will be available shortly.

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Stormers win teams event

There was good old fashioned Stockcar teams racing at Five Star Liquor Stratford Speedway on Saturday night (February 1) when the Sentry Hill Motel West Coast Stockcar Teams Champs was run.

The event attracted six teams with drivers from Huntly, Auckland, Tauranga and Stratford competing over nine races to find the winner.

In the first round of racing, Waikato Raiders Yellow beat the Auckland Alleycats, Stratford Stormers Yellow beat the Baypark Bulldogs, Stratford Stormers Black beat Waikato Raiders Red. Round two saw Waikato Raiders Yellow take another win, this time against the Baypark Bulldogs. Stratford Stormers Black beat the Auckland Alleycats and Stratford Stormers Yellow beat Waikato Raiders Red.

The final match ups were set when all the points were tallied with Waikato Red and Baypark racing for fifth and sixth place. After a brutal race Waikato took the win with Jayden Dreadon-Manning crossing the finish line first ahead of teammates Samuel Murray and Larry Henderson. Bryce Carter was the only Baypark car to finish the race, in fourth place.



Stratford Stormers Black driver Haydin Barker (#84) and Todd Duthie (#32) battle with Waikato Raider Red driver Samuel Murray. The Stormers Black team went on to win the Sentry Hill Motel sponsored event.

The race for third and fourth saw Stratford Stormers Yellow take on the Auckland Alleycats. Another action-packed race that saw Stormers driver Josh Houghton spectacularly roll Auckland team member Max Walton in turn two. The Alleycats eventually crossed the finish line first, but officials penalised the race winner for passing two cars over the pole line which reversed the result and gave the Stratford Stormers Yellow third place.

In the final between Stratford Stormers Black and Waikato Raiders Yellow the Stormers dominated the race from start to finish with

drivers looking after their lead cars, giving them a clean run by blocking Waikato's runners and hindering their block cars. Todd Duthie was the Stratford driver to cross the finish line first ensuring the local team would take to top step of the podium.

Eighteen Superstocks rocked up to race for the Repco Taranaki Champs that saw fast paced action all night. Wayne Moss won the first race from grid five. Scott Williams won race two from grid five and William Hughes won race three from grid three. It was Hughes' night though and his stellar drive in the first race to finish second from

a grid seventeen start and fifth in race two combined with his race three result saw him win the Taranaki title by a six point margin from his nearest rivals - Wayne Moss and Logan Sharpe who were tied on points. The fastest lap time was used to determine the final two positions with Moss being slightly quicker and so taking second over Sharpe in third.

The Zodiac Signs Taranaki Minisprint champs was a hotly contested affair between the twelve competitors. After the three races, former New Zealand Champion Duane Hickman and current New Zealand

Champion Karl Uhlenberg were tied on points. A four lap runoff was utilised to find the winner. Uhlenberg elected to start on the outside and romped away to take the win. Erin Uhlenberg was third overall.

Adult Ministock raced for their Best Pairs trophy with the girl power duo of Katelyn Symes and Lukah Phillips showing the boys how to do it and winning the event after solid races from the pair. Brayden Shaw and Rhyan Dobson were second and Kurt Gardiner/David Beynon third.

Jarrold MacBeth

Photos courtesy of Cookies Motorsport Photography.



Karl Uhlenberg (#1NZ) seen here racing with Daniel Nickel and Erin Uhlenberg (#85), won the Zodiac Signs Taranaki Minisprint Champs.



William Hughes won the Repco Taranaki Superstock Champs.

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Challenge all about giving it a go

This year's Summer Series Interclub Challenge was boosted by the addition of Opunake as one of the pools taking part.

The series organised by Swimming Taranaki encourages young swimmers 14 years-old and younger who have never swum competitively before to give it a go.

The series kicked off at the Okato Pool on February 1 followed by the Opunake Community Pool a week later. Waitara will host the event on February 22 and Inglewood on March 1. The various clubs taking part accumulate points along the way which go towards the awarding of the Taranaki Inter Club Challenge Trophy later in the year.

Opunake Community Pools committee chair Debbie Hohaia said she had not been able to find out the



The Summer series Interclub Challenge is on now.

last time that Opunake had hosted the event.

Swimming Taranaki regional chair Louisa Parker welcomed the addition of the Opunake Pool.

"This one's great," she said. "All the other ones are outdoor pools while

this one's covered, so it's guaranteed to take place regardless of the weather."

"It's just a free event for the everyone and the local community gets behind it."

There are spot prizes and the hosts run barbecues and raffles to support their clubs.

Monica Willson welcomed everyone to the Opunake event.

"It's about trying your hardest and doing your best," she said. She encouraged everyone to partake of the barbecue the club were running.

"We're a community-owned committee-run pool, so every little bit helps to keep us open."

There was a strong Saturday morning turnout of both swimmers and their adult supporters with racing getting underway at 10am.

There were freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke races for 8 years and under, 9-10 years, 11-12 years and 13-14 years as well as freestyle relays for 10 years and under and 11 years and over.

Louisa Parker says they had been getting around 60 competitors to each of the events.

"Some have never done any racing like this while some are ready for competitive racing, so there's a big mix. It's exercise for the kids and it's healthy. It gets them

into a sport they can do for the rest of their lives."

The Challenge is open to swimmers who have not competed outside of Taranaki and not suited for swimmers who have previously swum at several club meets.

Among those watching was Terry Kennedy one of the coaches from the Inglewood Club.

"This is give it a go where all the kids get a start and hopefully it inspires them to do more training," he said.

"We're a small club and we've got good support from a group of parents who make it all possible." Terry said that from here the next steps are the competitive carnivals and championships. Through taking part in the series last year they had 4-5 members move on to the next level of competition, he said.

Barnes signs up for another year

Neil Barnes has recommitted to Taranaki Rugby and will lead the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls for the 2025 Bunnings NPC season. "I am very grateful for the opportunity to lead another Yarrows Taranaki Bulls campaign in 2025."

"The prospect of defending the Ranfurly Shield in a newly completed and packed-out Yarrow Stadium, excites me greatly. The goal will be to create a dynasty and keep the Shield for the whole season."

"On top of that, I want to grow more talent from within our province, with the help of a now experienced and top-quality management team. This is something



Neil Barnes.

that gives me an enormous amount of satisfaction. If we get this part right, I'd like to think that we will be in the

mix at the end of the season to contest the playoffs, not just this season, but in seasons to come."

In his first season in 2021 he led his side to an unbeaten 10-0 season before claiming the national provincial championship in 2023 and the Ranfurly Shield over Tasman last season.

Taranaki Rugby Chief Executive Officer Jimmy Fastier is pleased to see Barnes extend his tenure.

"It is great to have Neil re-commit to Taranaki Rugby. Neil bleeds Amber & Black and brings a wealth of experience, strong values and innovation to

the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls environment. His coaching record speaks for itself."

"Barnsey is hugely connected to our province, he is passionate about making Taranaki proud and bringing our fans, commercial partners, rugby clubs and the rural community on the journey with him and the team."

Barnes will lead a settled 2025 management group with Jarrad Hoeata the forwards coach, Brad Cooper the backs coach

and Aaron Moore the team manager.

The father of three, kick started his coaching career at the grassroots level in Taranaki. He secured seven titles with New Plymouth Old Boys (1993-1998 and 2002). The 1993 title was the first Senior A Championship title for the NPOB club since 1957. Barnes also represented Taranaki as a lock in 1986 and was the assistant coach from 2003 to 2007 and in 2009

Free concerts at The Hideaway



FREE concert welcomes all locals and friends from afar!
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The Ministrels.

Ministrels sing Seekers

Lovers of music by The Seekers back in the 1960s will certainly enjoy the concert this Sunday afternoon at St Barnabas' Anglican Church Opunake. Paul and Wynne Bowers-Mason are Anglican ministers from Eltham who as a duo play easy listening music out in the community, including country music clubs and rest homes. Paul is also one half of the Mason Brothers alongside his brother Wayne Mason, and

they have performed all over the North Island, including at the Sandford Event Centre Opunake back in 2020.

Wynne and Paul have already done this one-hour Seekers show as a public performance in Inglewood, Stratford, Eltham and Hastings. The recent show in Inglewood prompted them to give their duo a proper name, so they came up with "Ministrels", a combination of ministers and minstrels.

With their two voices and

one guitar they will bring some of those sweet Seekers sounds back to life at St Barnabas' Anglican Church which on this occasion will double as a really nice acoustic music venue. The audience will also get the chance to sing along. Koha entry is for Foodbank.

Ministrels sing The Seekers, 3.30pm Sunday 16 February, St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Tasman St, Opunake. Koha entry.

AmeriCARna 2025

Americarna draws participants and spectators to revel in American car culture, scenic convoys, vibrant street events, and family-friendly fun, for the 17th year. Whether you're showcasing your prized car or cheering from the sidelines, Americarna 2025 is an unmissable experience. New naming rights sponsor, Supercheap Auto will add some new and exciting elements to the event. Americarna is more than a car show, it's a community-driven event where American car enthusiasts from New Zealand and abroad come together to share their passion. The weeklong event features convoys, public displays, and celebratory gatherings across Taranaki. From classic muscle cars to hot-rods, trucks and motorcycles, the event highlights the diversity and craftsmanship of American vehicles. They head to different towns around the Taranaki region – Opunake, Waitara, Inglewood, Stratford, Hawera and New Plymouth. All stops will include public vehicle displays and celebrations.

San Francisco hot-rod legend Roy Brizio is attending Supercheap Auto Americarna 2025 and will select his pick and present a one-off trophy at the farewell dinner. There are many other trophies and prizes to present too.

Charlie Bailey is bringing his Smokey and the Bandit truck. Charlie spent his childhood riding shotgun with his dad driving Kenworths around New Zealand. This sparked him to buy a 1985 W925 Kenworth in Melbourne in 2023, import it to New Zealand and started his dream of recreating the "Smokey and the Bandit Truck and Trailer." The truck will be out on the Americarna cruise routes and then at the static truck display at Americarnival on Saturday 22 February.

On Wednesday 19 February, AmeriCARna heads to Opunakē Beach arriving at 11.30am. Come along to check out the cars as there will be live music by local Sonic Delusion, food from local vendors and community fundraisers, and the beach shop will also be open. The cars depart at 2pm.

On Friday 21 February, the cars will head to Hāwera from Stratford (via Kaponga and Manaia along State Highway 45) and line Hāwera's CBD for the afternoon. The town square will be filled with live music from 'Nana & Petal' and 'Nikki Rei' and be busy with the usual market day through High Street as well as a free memory/photo booth organised by Bizlink



Road closures during the AmeriCARna events:

- On Wednesday 19 February, Beach Road in Opunakē will be closed to all vehicles (except AmeriCARna cars). We recommend that spectators park on a side street and walk down to the beach.
- On Friday 21 February, cars will be parked on High Street (from Argyle St to Caledonia Street), Regent Street (from High Street to Little Regent Street), Union Street (for 80m from High Street) and in the Community Centre carpark. Albion Street (from High Street to Rowe Street) will also be closed for the Acceleration event.

AmeriCARna Opunakē Beach, Wednesday 19 February 11.30am–2.30pm.

AmeriCARna Hāwera CBD, Friday 21 February, 1.15pm–5.15pm.

Hāwera. Cars will start arriving in town as early as 1.15pm and depart at 5.15pm.

There are close to 700 cars registered this year.

The Acceleration event will once again be held on Albion Street from 2.30pm, with cars being timed over an 80-metre sprint to the finish line. Spectators are reminded to be cautious and

listen to all directions given from volunteers, staff, and respect surrounding local businesses.

AmeriCARnival, one of the highlights of Americarna's festivities is on Saturday 22 February, 10am to 3pm. The streets of New Plymouth's CBD will come alive with stunning vehicle displays, where attendees can marvel

at everything from vintage classics to custom creations, with the bonus of a truck display this year. This free event welcomes car enthusiasts and families alike to experience the passion and creativity of American car culture. Puke Ariki Landing transforms into a hub of activity, offering free kids' entertainment including a rock wall, bouncy castles,

inflatable soccer, and face painting. The exciting Waimanako Duck Race will see 3000 rubber ducks race down the Huatoki Stream at 2pm. A remote-control car course will be hosted by the Taranaki Radio Control Car Club on Ariki Street. Nine barbecues will be up for sale in a silent auction, raising money for Building Wellness Taranaki. Live

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Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

Okato Co-operating Parish

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Oakura – St. James – Sunday Service every 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 10.00am
Mid-week open church – Okato – St. Paul's – Pew for You, every 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4.30pm-6.00pm

Opunake Catholic Church

St Martins, Pungarehu: Temporarily closed - no Masses
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday

Other areas

Sacred Heart, Manaia - Temporarily closed - No Masses
St Joseph's, Hawera - Every Sat at 5pm; Every Sun at 9am
St Patrick's, Patea - 4th Sunday of month; 11.00am
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Date: 22nd - 23rd February 2025

Location: Egmont A&P Showgrounds, Hawera

Time: Saturday 22nd 10am - 6pm, Sunday 23rd 10am - 4pm

Welcome to the Egmont A&P Show 2025!

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Turner exhibition comes to Stratford



he has won and his work has been selected for a number of travelling exhibitions. Over the years he has tutored in many workshops, both oil and watercolour. In 1986, Merv achieved his lifelong ambition to become a full time painter. Prior to

that he was a primary school teacher in the Taupo area. His exhibition Turner Round the Mountain appeared at Lysaght Watt Gallery in Hawera in April 2023.

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Merv Turner at his Turner Round the Mountain exhibition at Lysaght-Watt Gallery in 2023.

Opunake artist Merv Turner's latest exhibition will be on show Monday-Friday for three weeks until March 7 at 201 Broadway in Stratford. Merv has a Diploma in Fine Arts (Painting and Drawing) from Elam College, Auckland. His talent is reflected in the many regional and national awards

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Lunarscape. Roslyn Cambridge.

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What's On Listings

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ONGOING

Movies at Everybodys Theatre in Opunake: Playing several days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper.

MONDAYS: The Barnabas Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4pm to 5.30pm.

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

Beginners Social Dance Classes: Oakura Hall, 6.15pm.

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NOVEMBER 2 - MAY 11, 2025

Lalaga Exhibition: At the Govett Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth.

FEBRUARY 13 - MARCH 24

Journeys - Our Way Exhibition: At the from out of the blue studio gallery, Halse Plac4e, Opunake.

FEBRUARY 15

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FEBRUARY 17

Grey Power South Taranaki General Meeting: Senior Citizens Hall, Hawera. 10am.

FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 7

Paintings by Merv Taylor Exhibition: 201 Broadway, Stratford. 8am-5pm.

FEBRUARY 19 -22

Americarna: 2Various locations around Taranaki. See ad for details.

MARCH 17

Grey Power South Taranaki Annual General Meeting: Senior Citizens Hall, Hawera. 10am.

FEBRUARY 22-23

Egmont A&P Show: At Egmont Showgrounds, Hawera. 10am start each day.

MARCH 29

Cancer Society Relay for Life: TET Stadium & Events Centre, Inglewood. 10.30am-10.30pm

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Application forms can be requested by emailing hos.charitabletrust@gmail.com.

Please return all Application forms to: The Trustees, Hawera Orchestral Society Charitable Trust, C/- Mr C Pittams, 5 Morrissey Street, HAWERA 4610

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