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Clem Coxhead throws his hat in the ring



Mayoral candidate Clem Coxhead pictured recently at his Opunake business.

Opunake's Clem Coxhead is standing for the mayoralty of South Taranaki. He says his decision is a recent one, based on things he sees that are not as they should be.

Clem brings a wealth of experience into his candidacy. He has experience in local government as an elected councillor, has active business experience and has been the chairperson of the Opunake and Districts Business Association. He has a compassionate social conscience and deeply about issues.

In particular Clem is concerned about the increase in local body rates, "which have gone through the roof."

That pensioners are obliged to pay in excess of 20% of their earnings on paying their rates bill worries him.

"How do pensioners survive?" rhetorically.

He concludes, "I can't see how interest rates are around 4%, yet rates inceases are as high as 9%." Clem doesn't claim to have all the answers, so would like to spend time really studying the situation, as all its implications, in order to become more knowledgeable therefore, effective.

More generally, the youth of our community need more focus. "I'm really concerned how young people don't have sound direction and identity." He would like to develop more opportunities for young people to help in this respect.

Lost opportunities employment is another issue. With the globalisation of recent decades, the trend

to buy cheap goods from overseas was shortsighted and ultimately harmful to New Zealanders with the concomitant loss of jobs. He cites the example of a 'shirt,' which might cost \$25 in New Zealand. Instead of it being manufactured here overseas manufacturers make it for a dollar, but it still ends up here with a \$25 price tag. Who makes the considerable profit, he asks? The end result is the closing down of clothing factories, he regrets. We should be utilising local production, he insists.

Clem is saddened by the slipping of ethical and moral values, in recent times, and its impact on the young who are not too sure where they stand on issues. Our communities must improve this situation as it pertains to schools, churches and towns.

Ironically, even when goods and services are marked as 'New Zealand made' the actual owner is often overseas in places such as Malaysia and New York, he explains.

As a policy initiative, Clem would like to see one or two people assigned to each community to ensure

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Mining the seabed of the Taranaki Bight? Absolutely not Australian mining Trans-Tasman be horrific. The question has to be

company Resources (TTR) seeks to vacuum up to 50 million tonnes of seabed sediment for 35 years to extract iron, vanadium and titanium for export. They are seeking the approval via the Fasttrack process (Fast-track Approvals Act) to gain approval to go ahead.

One issue environmentally sensitive; million tonnes of unwanted sediment would (if they gain resource consent) be pumped back into the ocean. The environmental impact of this process has not been currently accounted for (or researched), but, based on previous such projects overseas, is likely to

asked: as Australia has a much larger coastline and more extensive coastal waters, why is TTR not carrying out this dubious mining operation there? For those old enough, recall the atmospheric nuclear tests carried out by the French in Polynesia (Mururoa Atoll), why is it not carried out in their own backyard? The reason has certain similarities, of an

environmental nature, in both cases.

Thirty-five years is a long time, with the prospect inflicting adverse environmental consequences on, in many cases, New Zealanders yet to be born, as well as the very young of today.

Also, why are the major organisations and iwi opposition being ignored. All eight iwi groups in Taranaki have expressed their strong opposition and consider that they have not been adequately consulted. Rachel Arnott of Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust said,

fit them all in.

"The Government's fasttrack legislation excluded from iwi and hapu engagement meaningful process. with the The failed Government has comprehensively to consult tangata whenua, ignored the Supreme Court, and are failing to apply the principles of Te Tiriti." (Taranaki Daily News, June 26, page 30).

In addition many local bodies are also opposed. These include the Whanganui, South Taranaki and New Plymouth District Councils.

dissent

While we welcome free speech, the views expressed in the Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect

those of the Opunake & Coastal News. Please limit letters to 350 words as we sometimes struggle for space to

stop there. Also opposed fishers, are commercial Greenpeace and Kiwis Mining Against Seabed (KASM).

political Even the Opposition party (Labour) is against the proposed mining. "We are certainly opposed to seabed mining,' Chis Hipkins said (Taranaki Daily News, May 2, page 1).

Rachel Brooking MP, the former Minister of Oceans and Fisheries commented, "The proposed seabed mining was an example of the major flaws with the Fast-Track Act and its development; the fact that

projects that have already been declined can now be approved under this process."

What has happened to democracy and listening to the people in this instance especially when it is us who live in this vicinity?

should applaud We outstanding public figures such as Dinnie Moehu and Amanda Clinton-Gohdes for taking a positive stance potential against this environmental nightmare.

Rolland McKellar



Letters to the Editor

Shane Jones meeting

I went along to see Shane Jones speak at the Novotel New Plymouth on Friday 18 July. It was the first NZ political rally or speech I had been to since a David Lange rally in Taupo in the early 1980s. Jones has become a master presenter and speaker in much the same vein as Lange himself.

He is also a realist who sees

New Zealand is at a pivotal point in our history. Jones was speaking to an adoring

we are also living in an era of uncertainty nationally and

crowd of over 200 elderly people. Another 200 or so waited patiently for a second speech as the conference couldn't fit all the attendees who arrived for the 1pm He says that whilst New Zealand is "sitting in an oasis of economic opportunity"

stating baldly that executives are overpaid and that he is internationally. committed to bringing the "CEO's to heel." 'Let's create your business growth "How can you develop a nation with these ridiculous strategy together"

> style" tactics?" Jones is right. New Zealand, with our current power prices is facing a very bleak future and despite his obvious enthusiasm to reinvigorate the oil and gas industry, even though there have been significant finds off the East Coast off Wairarapa and the South Island, all his efforts have so far been without significant

Hon Shane Jones MP.

He is critical of how

our State- owned power

companies have been run,

power prices and "Mafia-

attracting progress in corporate investment, wary, as they deservedly are of the NZ electorate.

He assured the crowd that Huntly will again burn high grade NZ coal but no date has been set for that either.

He painted a picture of a nation stricken with a virus that instinctively says no to developing the resources in our backyard that are our "birthright" and that nothing should trump security. He praised Taranaki's "can do" spirit and dairy industry, but fairly blamed the last government for its assault on the energy industry.

Whilst his speech was full of fun and laughter for us oldies attending, including the line, "My rhetoric would suggest I'm almost the prime minister." Many in the crowd plainly hoped it were true as he does at least outline a philosophical road the nation as a whole might travel.

He is clearly hopeful and has a lot of political capital tied up in the TTR offshore mining venture.

That proposal sits in the hands of the Environmental Protection Authority.

David Hancock

Congratulations

I want to congratulate the Opunake Coastal News; you do a great job for the entire coastal community.

For keeping the community together and up-to-date, as well as giving us an outlet for our needs, our rants, and whatever we are feeling strongly about.

When newspapers are lost, and we are left with just the online generic 'news' which differs according to who is doing the telling, then we have suffered a big loss; gaining little more than a choice of rabbit holes of manipulated beliefs.

So congratulations, and thank you.

Dale Copeland

Lodge development

I write after reading 'Nga Rere Lodge development nears completion' article in 17 July paper, the question is why is there no official comments from Te Rere o Kapuni Limited regarding the opening of the building at Dawson Falls, either from the iwi or the Operation Manager of the Department Conservation Garth Hopkins for the Te-Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki or the iwi who is building the building?

> Ian McAlpine New Plymouth

Well done **Stratford** and South Taranaki

The three Taranaki district councils met recently to decide on the future ownership of their respective

Nga Rere

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Clem Coxhead throws his hat in the ring

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that everything is kept shipshape and clean. Clem mentions such examples as clearing gutters along street frontages, keeping the community litter-free, rubbish collection and rest room hygiene.

If elected Clem will ensure waste collection is localised. He will be keen to promote repairs to water collection systems and reticulation. He will strive to enhance opportunities for young people, including vocations. "I hate to see young men without a job, yet with a wife and children to care for. It's just not right." If elected he will be a

surprised if I pop in and say

'hands on' mayor. "Don't be

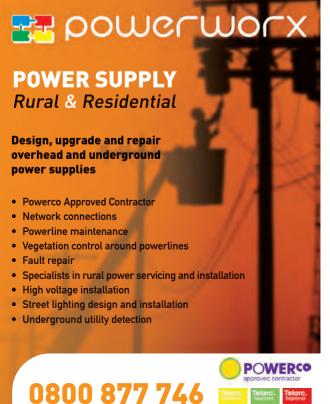
hello."

"I will make decisions based on truth and the facts.'

He concludes, "I feel a deep responsibility to leave the world in a a better place for future generations. It is no good if we do not do our best." He intends to work hard. "It's a busy person who gets things done," he quips with a smile.

As to his chances of election he states, "I'm pretty confident." He adds, "We need to make some changes. we can't just keep on spending more."

If you'd like to know more about Clem's mayoral campaign, and intentions if elected, please feel free to phone him on 027 422 3890 or email greencow62@ gmail.com



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in the community," he said.

"I think of that wonderful

TSB Hub. A hell of a lot of

people in this community

said the Council had this

wrong and were spending

a hell of a lot of money for

something that would never

Long wait for Manaia coming to an end

The end is in sight for a controversy that has dogged Manaia and left the town without a community facility. On Monday the South Taranaki District Council Policy and Strategy Committee unanimously voted in favour of a twostorey facility able to accommodate indoor sport and recreational activities being built on the site of the Manaia Sports Complex. The Manaia District War Memorial Hall in the town's main street would be demolished.

The matter will now go before a full Council meeting on August 18 to be approved.

The Hall and the Sports Complex were closed in 2016 and 2018 respectively for failing to meet earthquake strengthening standards. They have remained closed ever since.

It is a situation which mayor Phil Nixon said had been going on for too long. Cr Steffy McKay agreed.

"It's important we make the decision today. It's dragged on for a long time,

and it's time we put a stake in the ground, or in this case a shovel."

At a community meeting held at the Manaia Golf Club in 2018 opinions were divided on the most appropriate community facility for the town. After this, Council staff were working on plans for a community facility, when another public meeting held at the Waiokura Marae showed support for developing the existing facilities instead.

Meanwhile Te Korowai o Ngaruahine were looking at setting up a base in Manaia, and the possibility was raised of the South Taranaki District Council working in with them to develop a



The Manaia Sports Complex will make way for a new community facility.



The Manaia War Memorial Hall will be demolished.

cease work on a shared Iwi/ Council facility because of difficulties in transferring land ownership. Council officers were instructed to move quickly on developing a plan for a standalone community facility.

At Monday's meeting, chaired by deputy mayor Rob Northcott, South Taranaki District Council community services group manager Rob Haveswood presented a report outlining four options.

storey-option which was cited as the preferred choice, the other options

to have a singlestorey facility similar to the existing complex, a smaller building which would still need development at the hall location, or strengthening and refurbishing the existing building.

Rob said the decision the councillors made would have implications on options available at the town hall.

Money from the Town Revitalisation project could be used to fund the project. Rob said they would also be in a strong position to seek grants from other funding organisations.

Mayor Phil Nixon said a decision had to be made that

"It doesn't matter what option we decide upon, it's not going to please everyone be used. You don't hear much of that now."

Cr Brian Rook said halls are an important part of life in smaller centres.

people "Some underestimate importance of a hall for smaller centres. These halls are so important for smaller communities. It's fine in a bigger place where there are options, but if you are in a town like Manaia, Normanby, Patea, Waverley or Alton, if you want to commemorate something you don't go somewhere else, you do it right there."

Cr Diana Reid asked if there were any plans for the space that would be left after the War Memorial Hall was demolished. Rob Haveswood said there were no plans at present.

Cr Bryan Roach said he would be prepared to move that the Council adopt "Option 2," (the doublestorey facility) but with the rider that the floor of the War Memorial Hall be salvaged. Council chief executive Fiona Aitken said matters like that would be decided at the full Council meeting.

The Council voted to adopt Option 2, and to approve the use of funding from the Town Revitalisation Programme.

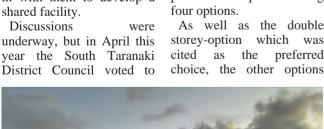
Manaia resident Mary Moore who was at the meeting said she was pleased with the outcome.

"I think the report presented was very thorough and very thoroughly considered. I think the choice made was the best one for them and for the community. I'm just excited that we're moving ahead after 10 years."

John Meads who was also at the meeting said he had a long involvement with both the hall and the Sports Complex and believed the decision would be good for Manaia.



The South Taranaki District Council met to decide the future of the Manaia Community Facility.



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water and sewerage assets. required They were to consult with their communities about ceding control to a conglomerate organisation or retaining council ownership.

In South Taranaki 92% of the submitters and in Stratford, a clear majority of submitters convinced their councils to retain control of these essential assets.

South Taranaki council decided on Monday (21 July) to retain control over their assets.

Plymouth's New citizens hardly showed an

interest, most probably because they were being distracted by their council executives' ineptitude to correctly calculate rates and fundamental financial projections, or to manage major cost over-runs at their wastewater treatment facilities, etc.

Who would want to join with New Plymouth when their councillors are being provided with rubbish for decision making? Now Department

Internal Affairs bureaucrats are threatening our councils' decisions with previously government undisclosed criteria with an intention force joint council

participation for areas with combined water customers totalling less than 50,000, which means Taranaki beware.

Well done Stratford and South Taranaki. Don't be put off by Wellington DIA bureaucrats waving the "bigstick."

Remember that our TSB held out against a forced takeover and became remarkably successful.

> Jeff Ward Normanby

Thursday, July 31, 2025

Indelible mark left by Dennis

When reading about the death of Dennis Latimer aged 79 who passed away at his home at his home at Coopers Beach, Northland, I was really stunned.

I first met Dennis when I joined the New Plymouth Social Credit political party and attended Social Credit conferences as he was a true-blue Social Crediter and maintained that Social Credit could become this country's government, but the problem was that many people, like today didn't listen to what either Social Credit or Labour were saying about National if they ever became the government.

I know Dennis was trained as a commercial signwriter and he was brilliant at it, then it seems he began to paint huge murals that were done in Opunake. In 2012 he won the Resene Masterpieces Mural National Award for the best community mural.

People like Dennis Latimer are extremely hard to find, and he has left a great legacy

in Opunake.

Tom Stephens New Plymouth

Almost unanimous vote against this project

I was among the many who attended when the New Plymouth District Council rejected the seabed mining project almost unanimously. I must congratulate those students from Opunake High School, helped by their schoolteacher and many other speakers from other community groups within our province again speaking against this project, plus having Te Pati Maori leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer in attendance, as I am myself totally against this project 100 per cent.

voting con.

We all knew it was in 2021 Trans-Tasman Resources(TTR) mining bid was thrown out by the Supreme Court, yet they are still telling lies all about how good it would be for our province, yet they are still trying to use the extremely dangerous and controversial Fast Track project policy which will and can attract all community voices by putting economics ahead of everything else, which is typical of this Mickey Mouse Three Stooges coalition government. Before the last general election their slogan was Make New Zealand better again, well what a load of utter rubbish and a

> Tom Stephens New Plymouth

Whanganui locals join Global Call to Stop Seabed Mining This global "paddle out & community activation" KASM, Boardriders, and considered "the common have a responsibility to communities also organising heritage of humankind". heritage of humankind". Taranaki V

It was a stunning winter's day in Ōpunakē, around 50 local ocean lovers gathered at Ōpunakē Beach to send a powerful message: "No seabed mining - Protect Our Moana." Spelling it out in large lettering across the beach.

The event, held on Sunday 20 July, was part of a global day of action involving over 25 countries, 30 + events and hundreds gathering world-wide, calling for a ban and moratorium on seabed The Ōpunakē mining. gathering was with more low key promotions this time round from previous events and again brought together a diverse community all caring to make their message clear seabed mining has no place in our oceans. Not here, not anywhere.

emerged from the Paddle Out event in Ōpunakē on April 26th, where more than 300 gathered at the beach, 130+ paddled out and more than 500 attended the weekend of events aimed to grow awareness and support a community voice and awareness of the need to protect our oceans from seabed mining. This was followed June 8th on World Oceans Day with a large paddle out event at East End Beach in Ngāmotu New Plymouth, with other activations and paddles outs in solidarity up and down the West Coast and in Tahiti. Initiated by local grassroots community group Protect Our Moana -Faranaki with mana whenua,

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the successful synched up events.

The call for the Global Paddle Out on July 20th was led in part by Phil McCabe of the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition and former chair of KASM (Kiwis Against Seabed Mining) who was part of the Opunake event. This international action was timed as the International Seabed Authority (ISA) met in Jamaica to make decisions on the highly controversial deep sea mining in global waters up to 4 to 5km deep,

The highly controversial seabed mining is related to the shallow seabed mining off the South Taranaki coast that threatens to dredge the seabed in waters just 19 to 42 metres deep, around 22 to 36 kilometres off the Pātea coast.

Both have never been done commercially, both would be experimental and irreversible harm beyond measure. In no way is it worth the risk and loss that would impact many generations to come. We more harm.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead.

Fiona Young



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J. K. Rowling, Orwell, Stephen J.R.R. Tolkien, Shakespeare, Ronald Hugh Morrieson and Agatha Christie. They are a few fiction writers that are familiar to many of us. These authors masterfully crafted their words to create a mental picture through our five senses. Everyday things

seem to sing on their pages. Currently, historical fiction books are surging in popularity: Authors are trying to reimagine what life was like centuries ago. A popular example is Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code novel and movie which at times includes real historical art, figures and locations. However, many readers believe that this intriguing conspiracy-detectivefiction novel is a more accurate picture of the New Testament's teachings than its 5,800 historical Greek fragments.

Today, sixty-one or about 1% of the above MSS are early second, third and fourth century New Testament manuscripts that have a 99.5% textual consistency when comparing them to each other; the rest of the 5,800 documents are smaller fragments of the "same" copied early 2nd to 4th century MSS texts. No ancient literature is more documented than the New Testament. However, textual

critics agree that 4.5% of

Great authors

the above 99.5% accuracy figure had textual variants (differences) in misspelling, grammar and word order, not affecting the textual consistency or meaning. lighting Poor hearing, and eyesight problems probably accounted (They differences these should have gone Only Specsavers, eh!). one half of 1% of these contained textual variants in the actual meaning. These differences had no influence on Jesus' teachings or core Christian doctrines. stated above, that's a 99.5%

> The dating of these earliest documents, used in modern translations, is determined by radiocarbon-14 testing paleography-

consistency.

Testament textual

examining the type of writing script, style, lettering and materials written on-fragile papyrus, calf or sheep skin. The clichéd argument "Chinese whispers' gradually changing the eyewitnesses' firsthand accounts over 2,000 years is scientifically uninformed in light of these earliest textually accurate second, third and fourth century Greek manuscripts (Codex Alexandrinus ,Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus). These are displayed in the British Library in London, the Vatican Library and the Chester Beatty and Bodmer Libraries.

Satan sowed the first seeds of doubt about the truth of God's Word in Genesis 3:3-4. Today, some continue to doubt the New Testament's legitimacy as truths for us. Yet, The Bible remains the world's best-selling book. is because the scientific, historical and scholarly scrutiny of the earliest evidence manuscript demonstrates New Testament's

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larry Duynhoven - calling it a day, sort of

commanded the biggest personal parliamentary majority in New Zealand, was a Member of Parliament for six terms, mayor of New Plymouth and also a councillor in Local Government.

Wrapping up his long career in both parliamentary and local politics, Harry has however decided it's time to retire.

Harry's many years of public service began in 1986 when he successfully stood for the Labour Party in New Plymouth beating National's Tony Friedlander.

By 1990 however the tide had turned and Labour was swept out of office with John Armstrong, standing for National, taking the seat.

defeated The Harry however was undaunted. "I began campaigning straight away," he says determined to regain the seat in the 1993 election.

He reclaimed the seat in 1993 with "a good majority despite the boundary changes going against Labour." He kept the seat over subsequent elections and by 2002 his personal vote had swelled to over 12,000, the largest in the country. In 2008 he lost to National's Jonathan Young by just 105 votes, the smallest margin in the general election. "The boundary changed when 4000 rural votes were added to the electorate. New Plymouth was growing," says Harry. He also wasn't well at the time having suffered a spontaneous detachment. couldn't drive," he said. He acknowledged though that the tide was running against

Labour. Harry went on to become mayor of New Plymouth, and latterly a councillor.

He was appointed a Companion of the Queen's Service Order in the 2012 New Year Honours for services as a Member of Parliament.

Born in New Plymouth, Harry left school aged 16 and trained as an electrician. He went on to become a technical teacher at collegiate and polytechnic level.

Reflecting



Harry Duynhoven at the Opunake & Coastal News office reflecting on his long career in politics.

successful long parliamentary career - he estimates he knocked on nearly 8000 doors in 16 weeks in the first election - he said, "People vote for who they know." He also would visit workplaces, schools and kindergartens and said he made sure he knew what was happening in the area. A pattern he would continue.

One of his more challenging experiences was "working against the less scrupulous car importers" when he received death threats. It was a lot of hard work which included going to Japan. Importing cars was hugely profitable. "There was a lot of winding back of speedos," said Harry adding around sixty percent of cars coming across the wharf were wound back. "It was a

very ugly business.' Known for his love of cars, Harry says defence and transport "had always been my thing," along with

energy. "At one stage I was the only tradesperson in parliament." He was always trying to push lots of trades courses, but says his fellow parliamentarians "were just not interested."

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He says New Zealand is too small to make our own cars, but we certainly have the ability to assemble them.

He also believes we could be making our own railway carriages, even locomotives, as well as big and heavy machinery.

He also comments we all subsidise the roads, which rail has struggled to compete against and, remarking on the amount of long distant trucks on the road, "We should be using rail for long

In many cases the roads follow the railway line. It's just nuts."

The former MP, who clearly relished being in parliament, admits that his subsequent career in local government has been "frustrating at times."

While people who stand for local government and swear on oath to act in the best interests of ratepayers, most are populist and support cutting the rates when the long-term plan involves spending.

He refers to the proposal he put as part of the 2012 New Plymouth District Plan which was to add one percent to the rate bill for a 10 year period – this was

when the annual rates were 5% and not 12% - and invest it, the interest of which would generate money for a major project every 5 years without borrowing money from the Investment fund. "It was a bit too far for the council at the time," said Harry adding "I couldn't get it over the line." The proposal that failed at the time is now however gaining some currency. "Even some of the less adventurous councillors can see it has some merit."

Of his time as mayor Harry's particularly proud of the fundraising he spearheaded for the Len Lye Centre, which raised in the

region of \$10M to \$12M. There have disappointments though.

Such as street lighting when one of the world's commercial lighting manufacturers had approached the council as they wanted a small city on which to demonstrate the new LED technology which was being used in Asia. An option to try it out for free

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was rejected. "Some of our senior people wouldn't even look at it. In a private council meeting it was dumped." Added Harry, "It would have saved \$7M on changing our street lighting." Eventually a small city in Australia who had also been approached took up the offer.

Warm and always approachable Harry's kindness and helpfulness

which has endeared him to so many was evident when he stopped one of the staff at the Opunake & Coastal News driving north of Oakura who was unaware they had a flat tyre. He kept flashing his lights and in the fading light the employee eventually stopped. Getting to work, and refusing an offer to help, Harry had the wheel off and the spare tyre on within minutes.

Looking back describes his career in politics has been "completely accidental" and "I would do it all again with just a few changes." He said he's had fantastic staff. "The thing I get so much satisfaction out of is the people that helped me achieve what we achieved and the people that me and my staff have helped." Every week he gets approached by someone that he's helped along the way, sometime years ago.

It's certainly been a long stellar career.

As to the future Harry says, "I'm not going anywhere," and hopes to keep in contact with counsellors and give advice or the benefit of his experience if needed. "I'm still involved with a couple of charities and other things with which I'm still involved."

Harry is also no doubt looking forward to having more time to relax with wife Margaret and their three adult children. He will be missed.





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Our brigade membership

currently sits at 26, which consists of 15 firefighters of various rank, six recruit firefighters, who are at various stages of on boarding and training, and a team of five Operational Support. Our Op Support unit perform a very important role in our brigade, especially at road accidents.

They provide us with scene protection lighting and traffic control and other duties. Even with big red trucks with flashing lights, some drivers don't slow down at accident scenes and think it's fine to go speeding through.

Sometimes long after we have gone, our Op Support crew are still there, waiting for tow trucks to clear the road.

The Op Support unit have also been going around town checking and clearing hydrants, as these can sometimes be hard to find, especially at night. If you have a hydrant outside your house, having it clear of grass and rubbish will certainly help us find it quicker when we need it.

> Andrew Pentelow Chief Fire Officer Opunake.



Taranaki firefighters thank community for support

Taranaki firefighters wish to extend their thanks to the community for their support

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Manager David Utumapu says tragic events such as these have a big impact on the people involved, firefighters and the wider community.

"We know there is a lot of emotion for everyone at the moment and my heartfelt condolences go out to the whānau and friends of those who have lost their loved ones in recent fatal fires," he

"It's an incredibly difficult time but I want to thank the community for rallying around each other and our firefighters.

important people "It's support each other at a time like this."

Utumapu David investigations will find the circumstances that led to recent fatal fires, but there are some key safety measures people can take to stay fire safe in their homes.

working smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways and living areas - including caravans and sleep outs.

"When you hear smoke alarms go off get out and stay out. Make sure your family has a three-step escape plan, which is at least two clear

paths out of the house and a safe meeting space," he says. It is important to keep flammable materials, such as clothing or bedding, at least one metre from the heater or

"As well as this check all electrical equipment is in good working order," David Utumapu says.

"If you use an electric blanket check for hotspots by turning it on high for 15 minutes, then switching it off and running your hand over the blanket. Make sure to turn your blanket off before you go to sleep."





The scene of a fatal house fire in New Plymouth.

Substance use implicated in most adult bath-related drownings

Substance use was implicated in more than half of all adult drownings in baths or hot tubs in the last 10 years, according to an Australianfirst study published in Drug and Alcohol Review, with sedative-hypnotics (or 'sleeping tablets') and alcohol the most frequently

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Grassroots rugby the winner at Manaia

The Taranaki Bulls have comfortably retained the Ranfurly Shield, dispatching the Thames Valley Swamp Foxes 97-0.

Taranaki put on a 15 try-blitz to defeat the current Meads Cup champions in front of an estimated 3000-strong crowd at the Manaia Domain on July 19.

The Taranaki team included hometown Manaia favourites, Meihana Grindlay, who was one of the try scorers, and Jesse Parete.

The game comes two years after the Yarrows Centenary Match played between Taranaki and Wellington on the same ground. On both occasions the Taranaki team wore the blue and black colours of Manaia's Waimate Rugby Club.

This time the match, which was brought by the Taranaki Rugby Football Union, the South Taranaki District Council and longtime sponsors Yarrows Bakers commemorated two longstanding Yarrows personalities who are retiring in 1996 when Taranaki from the business. General manager Russell Guckert is retiring after 48 years, and Australian sales rep Robbie Vels is retiring after 28 years. Russell is a life member and longstanding treasurer of the Southern Club which was made up from the merger of South Taranaki clubs including Waimate. The main stand was renamed The Russell Guckert Stand for the

day in his honour. "I'm overwhelmed and very proud, and grateful to the Yarrow family and Taranaki Rugby Union for arranging this and making it happen,"

he said. Yarrows been sponsoring Taranaki



Taranaki captain Josh Lord (in blue and black) gets a lift.

went to Auckland and lifted the Shield in a match nobody gave them a chance of winning. Another was winning the NPC final two vears ago.

"We won the NPC final at what was then called Yarrow Stadium. Taranaki destroyed Hawkes Bay in the final scrum and part of that was due to Michael Bent, or Benty, a stalwart of the Southern Rugby Club."

Among the Thames Valley supporters there to cheer on their team was Ted McVerry whose son Conner was playing lock for the Swamp

"We don't miss very many games during the season." Rugby since 1992. Asked he says. "Quite a few" had for highlights of that time made the trip and there Russell mentions the time had been a "lot of interest " in the game. The last time Thames Valley had challenged for the Shield was back in 2019 when they performed creditably to go down 41-21 to Otago. There are 12 teams in the Meads Cup competition, and there's "not a lot of difference between the top eight."

"If you win the Cup the target gets bigger on your back," said Ted.

This was his first visit to Manaia. "This looks like a good

rugby place. The fields are in good nick and been well prepped," he commented. Members of the Opunake Lions Club were providing security, Ferdinand was working the crowds, and the Log 'o Wood was on the display with members

of the public stopping to have their photos taken with the Shield.

Mike Morresey was there for his 25th season as the official Taranaki flag bearer. It will also, he says be his last season. He is having a tilt for the New Plymouth District Council at the local body elections in October.

Match referee Stu Curran from Palmerston North was looking forward to the

"It should be a good game," he said. "It will be a great opportunity for the region to have it in a rural setting."

The curtain raiser was a Division 2 game with the North team made up of players from Clifton, Bell Block, Tukapa and Toko taking on the South team of players from the Okaiawa,

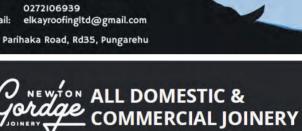
Kaponga Southern clubs. The South team won 56-12.

There was soon little doubt as to how the main match would go, with Logan Crowley dotting down five minutes after kickoff. When Michael Loft went over at halftime the score was already 43-0. The Bulls' recent signing, winger Taniela Rakuro from the Fijian Drua made five tries

on his Taranaki debut. Perhaps the spirit of the day was best summed up by a Waimate jersey wearing supporter after the match.

"This is what New Zealand rugby is all about," he said. "It's these Thames Valley supporters driving six hours to be here knowing their team is unlikely to win. It's not about paying for a corporate box at Eden Park."







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Shane Jones backs seabed mining

A New Zealand First public meeting was held on Friday 18 July at Novatel New Plymouth, with the Hon Shane Jones as the keynote speaker. He is the Associate Minister of Energy and Resources. The first packed meeting was held at 1pm, but public interest led to a second meeting at 2.30pm. Although the main issue raised, seabed mining is controversial, there appeared to be no dissent voiced at the meeting and Mr Jones got an enthusiastic hearing.

Despite opposition being voiced by all eight iwi, several local bodies including the Whanganui,



The Hon Shane Jones MP speaking in New Plymouth on July 18 Novatel, New Plymouth.

South Taranaki and New

Plymouth District Councils,

as well as Kiwis Against

Seabed Mining (KASM),

and commercial fishing

interests, Mr Jones is fully

supportive. In particular

he claims it will lead to

many jobs and the raising

of considerable revenue.

"You are in the midst of an

economic opportunity," he

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bight. The mining firm is seeking approval via the Fast-track procedure (Fasttrack Approval Act), which the National-led coalition Government has introduced. Mr Jones started his speech by pointing out that it was the anniversary of the formation of his political party; it was funded on 18 July, 1993. He added that 70.000 people had voted for New Zealand First. He said that his party emphasized security - military, social and economic. He shared that he strongly

area of the South Taranaki

He shared that he strongly supported the Fast-track procedure, to get things achieved, without undue delay. "We must snap out of complacency," he commented.

The current structure to do with electricity he feels needs restructuring. "The current structure of the power sector should be off to the knackers yard" he suggested because, as things stand, "Our power prices are going up and up."

The dangers of climate change have been emphasized too much, he considered. He denounced the "shrill, moral hysteria" of those who considered it very serious.

He opined that nothing we

can do here will affect the weather in Africa. He posed the rhetorical question: Do you know how much climate change initiatives have cost? Finally, he commented, "Please don't tell me you have to close down the economy to stop flooding." He said he despised, "Green unicorn kissing fools."

In passing he poured scorn on Te Pati Maori, the Greens Aotearoa and Labour. Former leader Jacinda Ardern was singled out for various criticisms, such as closing down the energy (oil and gas) initiatives in Taranaki. (Dr. Megan Woods was also criticized). Securing New Zealand's energy independence would be boosted by reversing the oil and gas ban in Taranaki.

Mr Jones said that his party intended building infrastructure by the establishment of a 1.2 Billion Regional Fund.

A brief question session was held, with questions read out by one of the organisers. How can we stop the heresy that there is no place for oil and gas, was one question. Mr Jones referred to the damage Jacinda Ardern has caused in this context. "This approach has no future," he claimed.

One question made reference to the closing down of the Marsden Point Refinery, which Mr Jones considered a serious mistake. He suggested that Jacinda Ardern and Dr Woods thought, erroneously, it would help combat global warming.

Mr Jones spoke very well, with humorous asides which kept his mostly captive audience fully engaged.



A huge turnout were present to hear Mr Jones speak in New Plymouth.

Petition of over 90,000 people backing pay equity delivered to MPs

Women representing the more than 300,000 workers in female-dominated industries affected by the Government's gutting of Aotearoa New Zealand's pay equity system have today delivered a petition of 93,924 people to opposition MPs at Parliament.

"The Government has made it virtually impossible for people in female-dominated industries to be paid fairly, but this petition shows that women will not be deterred in our fight to achieve pay equity for all," said PSA National Secretary Fleur Fitzsimons.

"The workers who are

affected by the cancellation of claims keep this country running with the essential work they do to support education, health, families and communities," said Fitzsimons.

"Overnight the Government reversed decades of progress to correct pay rates for women, but we are heartened that tens of thousands of New Zealanders are supporting us," said secondary school teacher and PPTA Executive Member Clare Preston.

"We are demanding that the Government undo the Equal

Pay Act changes, reverse the claim cancellations, and deliver pay equity for all workers," said Preston.

"The pay equity changes were a huge slap in the face for women and have a massive impact on the families and communities we care for, but we will continue to rise up," said care and support worker and E tū delegate Jo-Chanelle Pouwhare.

"We will not stop fighting until the Government listens to us," said Jo-Chanelle Pouwhare.



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LIST MP

This Government is cutting

hundreds of jobs and shutting down courses across the country. At least 600 people in the polytechnic sector will lose their jobs and regional places like Taranaki will be hit hardest. That means fewer training options, fewer skilled workers and fewer opportunities for people right here in our community. WITT is part of Te Pūkenga, which brought all the country's polytechs together to work as one system. It's only been running a short time and instead of fixing what's not working or giving it a proper chance, the Government is tearing it apart.

Labour's spokesperson for tertiary education, Shanan Halbert, has been clear these cuts won't save money in the long run and they're definitely not helping students or local employers. The Prime Minister says he wants more people in work

and training. But you don't get there by closing the doors on education.

Taranaki has a big future. We're full of potential in clean energy, food, manufacturing and farming tech. But we need skilled workers to get there. That's what WITT provides, local people, learning local skills, to build a better future for our region.

Undermining WITT doesn't just hurt students, it hurts our whole community. It takes away hope and opportunity. And it shows just how out of touch this Government is with real people and real life. WITT is our community college. It's a place where people can shift careers, retrain and adapt as the world and workforce

rapidly change. I'll keep standing up for WITT and for Taranaki, because we can't build our future without an equipped

and trained workforce.

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Government engaging in anti-democratic voter suppression

New Zealand Council of is unequivocally opposed Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi President Richard Wagstaff has said the union movement is appalled by the Government's proposed electoral law changes, which include the removal of sameday enrolments.

"As the largest democratic organisation in Aotearoa New Zealand, the NZCTU

to electoral law changes that are designed to prevent people from participating in the democratic process,' said Mr Wagstaff.

"The Prime Minister is ignoring his own Attorney-General who advised the changes are in breach of the Bill of Rights Act and may disenfranchise up to 100,000 people. She noted that young people, Māori, Asian and Pasifika communities, are likely to be worst affected.

"Luxon and his government are engaging in outright voter suppression as they probably think it will benefit their electoral prospects to prevent large sections of the public from voting in the first place, especially as the groups most affected disproportionately

negatively impacted by the Government's policies.

"The system should be designed to make it as easy as possible for people to vote. Setting up barriers to political participation is a fundamental breach of human rights and has no place in our democracy." said Mr Wagstaff.

Greenpeace queries NZ First Support for Seymour's Overseas Investment Bill

Greenpeace is asking New Zealand First leader the Rt Hon Winston Peters what the heck his party is doing supporting an amendment Bill which could lead to greater corporate control of Aotearoa New Zealand.

New Zealand First has supported ACT leader the Hon David Seymour's amendment Bill to the Overseas Investment Act, through its first reading. Submissions on the Bill

closed this week. Greenpeace spokesperson Gen Toop says: "ACT is trying to change the Overseas Investment law to make it easier for multinational corporations to buy up and exploit conservation land,

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tapu sites and other sensitive land across Aotearoa New Zealand."

"Shockingly, ACT even trying to remove the mandatory requirement that the Government check whether a corporation has been involved in serious criminal activity before giving them access to New Zealand's sensitive land and natural resources."

The Act currently mandates that the Government apply the Benefit to New Zealand test and Investor Test before giving consent to the sale of land that is classified as "sensitive" and allows them to decline consent if either of these tests are failed.

Sensitive land is outlined in the Act and includes conservation areas, lake beds, marine and coastal zones, offshore islands, wāhi tapu and other culturally significant sites, as well as land adjoining these areas.

The Bill proposes that instead of applying a public benefit and investor test, Government applies narrower "national interest" which test Greenpeace says completely fails to guarantee any meaningful consideration of environmental, cultural, or public interest values.

Zealand "New First currently supports a Bill that would make it easier for multinational corporations to loot and destroy Aotearoa and funnel the profits to offshore shareholders leaving New Zealanders to deal with the mess - polluted rivers, drained aquifers and degraded ecosystems," Gen Toop says.

The Bill also scraps the requirement that water quality and sustainability be assessed before allowing overseas interests to extract, bottle and sell New Zealand's freshwater.

"New Zealand First claims to put New Zealand first. But this ACT party Bill firmly puts offshore corporations first and New Zealanders last. Winston Peters should withdraw his party's support for the Bill before it's too

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Activists hit Gore's iconic brown trout statue

Greenpeace activists have targeted Gore's brown trout statue and Welcome to Gore sign after Gore residents were issued with a do-notdrink notice after the town water supply exceeded the legal limit of 11.3 mg/L of nitrate. The notice has since been lifted.

The statue was given cartoon-style crosses for eyes, and the sign has been rebranded to read 'Welcome to Gore - where dirty dairy wrecked the water'.

Greenpeace spokesperson Will Appelbe says "The dirty dairy industry has wrecked Gore's drinking water, putting people's health at risk due to nitrate contamination. It is unacceptable that this community is increasingly unable to drink the water coming out of their kitchen taps. Gore's giant brown trout statue is now a beacon of the industry's pollution of drinking water.'

Federated Farmers have called for Greenpeace to be stripped of its charitable status.

"Last night's vandalism of the world-famous trout statue in Gore reinforces why these activists need to lose their status as a charity. I think it's a total abuse of charitable status," says Southland Federated Farmers president Jason Herrick.

"These activists are total cowards who are slinking around in the shadows vandalising property under the cover of darkness," Herrick says.

"There's a reason they've done this at night. They knew it was dodgy behaviour - and that they'd never get away with it in Gore during daylight hours.

"We're a tight-knit community down here in Southland. Farming plays a huge role in not only our local economy, but in our social fabric too."

Will Appelbe says, "Two years ago, we offered



Gore's trout statue and welcome sign would are the scene of a spat between Greenpeace and Federated Farmers.

free nitrate tests to Gore residents, and found that 45% of the samples we tested from the town supply

were above 4 mg/L of nitrate. Since then, levels of nitrate contamination have more than doubled, to above

10 mg/L.

"This problem isn't going to go away simply by diluting the water - for many rural communities, nitrate contamination will get worse unless action is taken to address the source of the pollution: the intensive dairy industry, led by Fonterra.

"There are too many cows and the industry is using too much synthetic nitrogen fertiliser. Nitrate contamination across the country is increasing as a result, particularly in rural

"We need regional councils and the Government to action now. But instead of protecting people's drinking water, Luxon's Government is attempting weaken freshwater protections. proposed removing the cap on synthetic nitrogen fertiliser, which will enable dairy expansion. That means more cows, more fertiliser, and ultimately more contaminated drinking water."

Unprecedented ocean heatwaves may signal climate tipping point

Global marine heatwaves in 2023 were unprecedented in their intensity, persistence, and scale, according to new Chinese research.

The research found that drivers varied across the ocean heatwaves covered 96% of the global marine area in 2023 and lasted 120 days on average. Their

Pacific, the heatwave that system encompassed parts of the Tasman Sea off Australia's

coast was primarily driven globe, but in the Southwest by a strong high-pressure disrupted that prevailing westerlies, and a reduction in cloud cover,

which further amplified the ocean warming.

The authors say these ocean heatwaves indicate an early signal of a tipping point in Earth's climate system.

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Regional entity dead in the water

The South Taranaki District Council have rejected joining a proposed regional water entity which would have controlled water services for the New Plymouth, South Taranaki and Stratford Districts.

At an extraordinary meeting held on July 21 the Council unanimously voted to have an in-house business unit control their freshwater and wastewater services as their Local Water Done Well option.

Local Water Done Well is the government programme to replace the previous government's Three Waters scheme. The Council has until September 3 to submit a water services delivery plan. They had identified two options. Option A which the Council had earlier voted as their preferred option would see South Taranaki forming a Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with the New Plymouth and Stratford district councils to manage freshwater and wastewater, while Option B would see South Taranaki continuing to manage these on their own. All councils would continue to manage their own stormwater systems.

The South Taranaki District Council had called for submissions. Of the 726 received, 92.7 per cent had opposed joining the regional entity.

South Taranaki District Council chief executive Fiona Greenhill said that a three Council model was no longer an option as the Stratford District Council had voted in favour of an inhouse business unit. Cr Andy Beccard said the District Council had a good record in maintaining their water services.

"We've been managing this for 100-120 years. It's not broken so why should we fix it?"

Cr Diana Reid asked about the ability to handle extreme weather events.

"We've had weather events in the past and handled them well as a Council, but we've also handled it as a region as well," South Taranaki District Council infrastructure group manager Herbert Denton said. "If we had to stand up for South Taranaki we've always been able to rely on our neighbours and I don't see that changing."

Deputy mayor Rob Northcott noted the large number of submissions



Mayor Phil Nixon and chief executive Fiona Aitken at the Council meeting.

against joining the entity.

"It would be hypocritical of me not to listen. One of the reasons I first stood for Council was that there was an issue where the Council went against what the community were saying."

Similar sentiments were voiced by Cr Bryan Roach.

"Ninety two per cent of submitters said they didn't want it and that's a big no. Only one person of those who spoke was for it, and that's a big no. Are we big enough to handle it on our own? Absolutely. Are we big enough to procure?

Absolutely."

Mayor Phil Nixon said he had originally voted for

Option A.

"I was looking out for the future and felt it was the way to go, but when you go to the community and find 93 per cent against you've got to listen"

There was applause from the members of the public who were present when the result was announced.

"The time will come when it's all water under the bridge," quipped Mayor Nixon.

The Council water delivery plan still needs to be approved by the Department of Internal Affairs.

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Kaponga WI

President Dene welcomed us all to the home of Wayne Collins, the husband of our past member Fiona at our July meeting.

Before our meeting, a rose called "Love Always" was presented to Wayne as a token of our remembrance of Fiona by Dene. After planting of the rose in a hole that Wayne had prepared we all ventured inside for our meeting.

President Dene opened the meeting and thanked the members present for attending. The WI Aspirations was recited by all.

The thought of the month"To succeed in life you need
three bones, a wish bone, a
back bone and a funny bone"
- was read out by Raylene
McDonald who was our host
for the day.

Our roll call was - "Have you ever changed a tyre?" Most of the members are AA members and only participated by looking on, just in case they had to change a tyre one day. How ever Rayleen said that she assisted other Federation



President Dene presenting Wayne with the rose from the Kaponga WI.

members to change a tyre, and Dorothy Hughes had a very wise father who never let her or her siblings get their license unless they could change a tyre.

Secret friends were thanked from members who remembered special occasions.

No competitions were held, the raffle was won by Caroline Nicholas and the Silver Dish was presented to Dorothy Hughes for celebrating a significant birthday.

After the meeting was finished, we all enjoyed a finger food lunch supplied by members, and lots of catching up with one another was done. Another enjoyable day was had by all.

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Crystal-clear in Waterford

production in Waterford date back to 1783, when George Penrose and his nephew William Penrose started their business, the Waterford Glassworks. It produced extremely fine flint glass that became worldrenowned. That firm closed in June 1851, with the loss of 53 to 100 jobs.

Bernard Fitzpatrick visited Charles Bacik shortly after World War II ended, in January 1946, and secured special permits to visit again in May. Bacik accepted Fitzpatrick's proposal to restart glassmaking Waterford.

By the early 1950s, it had been taken over as a subsidiary of the Irish Glass Bottle Company.

In 1970, John Aynsley and Sons was taken over by Waterford and renamed Aynsley China Ltd.

peak operations, Waterford employed 3,000 staff in a city of 46,000.

On 11 May 2015, in a deal that closed in July 2015, Fiskars Corporation, a Finnish maker of home



Waterford crystal as seen at Cecilia's on Tasman.

100% of the holdings of the acquisition of Waterford products, agreed to buy Waterford. On 2 July 2015, by Fiskars Corporation

was completed, including brands Waterford, Wedgwood, Royal Doulton, Royal Albert and Rogaška. acquisition approved by the US antitrust authorities.

Waterford Crystal is an Irish manufacturer of crystal glassware, especially cut glass products. It is named after the city of Waterford in Ireland. In January 2009. the main Waterford Crystal manufacturing base on the edge of Waterford was closed due to the insolvency of Waterford Wedgwood plc, and in June 2010, Waterford Crystal relocated almost back to the roots of glassmaking in the city centre. The Mall location holds both a manufacturing facility that melts over 750 tonnes of crystal a year - although most Waterford Crystal is now produced outside Ireland - and a visitor centre with the world's largest collection of Waterford Crystal. Since 2015, the brand has been owned by Fiskars Corporation..

Waterford crystal remains a very collectible brand and being able to distinguish it is a valuable skill in the crystal business.

Residential ratepayers get a credit



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Residential ratepayers in the New Plymouth District will get a credit of

approximately \$102 (some will get more, some less) applied to their rates bill

This decision made at a Council meeting (22 July) was required following the discovery of an incorrect assumption about average land value used in the rating model, which would have seen these rates increase to 12.8 per cent on average versus a publicly shared average residential rate of 9.9 per cent. Legal advice indicates the rates are legally valid.

Another error was also fixed with a minute corrected to include the correct wording relating to the restricted water flow charge.

These changes follow an urgent independent review called for by Mayor Neil Holdom combined with an internal review, following another administrative error relating to GST found in May.

NPDC Chief Executive Gareth Green apologises for the errors.

"On behalf of the NPDC organisation, I wish to offer my sincere apologies to the Mayor and Councillors, and our entire community, for the failing of our systems and processes that led to these errors."

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From left, Kat Dau (Mint Lunches) and Sarah McLennan (Drifters).

Drifters is a coffee and

retail shop with cabinet food and fresh baking supplied by

Mint Lunches. It is located

at 64 Carthew Street, in

Okato. The Drifters, run

by Sarah McLennan, is a

new enterprise - opening

their doors the week after

Easter. The shop is popular and thriving. "Everybody

is happy. We're doing very

well," enthuses Kat Dau with a smile. She runs Mint

Lunches out of the kitchen.

At Drifters on offer are

lunches, sweet and savoury

treats - there is something

for everyone. Some of their

most popular items are the

slow cooked beef burrito,

buckwheat

gluten-free

quiche, homemade sour dough buns, unrefined snicker slice and cinnamon

As summer approaches there will be nourishing salad bowls available and these can currently be preordered.

Mint Lunches offer lunch delivery between Okato and New Plymouth, as well as catering, which can be ordered on line. www. mintlunches.com

The café is very relaxing with plants, lots of light and art work. Outside there is plenty of seating in a peaceful garden. There is even a sandpit with toys to keep the youngsters happy and occupied.

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I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past.

As this whakatauki suggests here at Ōpunakē High School we have been focusing on academic success in the present whilst pathway planning for the future. Our Year 10s and 11s have just gained the results from their first attempt this year at the NCEA Level 1 Common Assessment Activity (literacy/numeracy test). The results have been pleasing for many and a wake up call for the few. The key to success in these areas is to put down the phone and pick up a book. Napoleon Bonaparte put it succinctly: "Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world."

We have had a heavy focus on career and pathway planning with visitors from Auckland University, Why Ora, Health and Safety, alongside our Head of Faculties delivering information around their subject areas and the careers these subjects underpin. These presentations will support students to make solid, well grounded choices for the future

As the year progresses our focus on next year's leaders also comes into the spotlight, with leadership courses to grow our 2026 kaiarahi taking place. The topics covered were heavily grounded in personal development, and removal of negative thoughts. With tips to identify assumed personal constraints and how to define these then flip them to the positive, great learnings for our students, and also us adults!

We are not only developing our future student leaders but concurrently seeking the future members of our Board. Our Board nominations for parent representatives will be open until 6th August. Our Board has always been exceptional, trailblazing and compassionate made up of a wonderful group of individuals. If you are interested in being involved in our kura at a governance level we would love to have your

So with our eyes on our past traditions and values, we continue to grow good people for a rapidly changing world.

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Sport is a big part of the fabric of the Coastal community, and of course for the students at at Ōpunakē High School. We'd like to acknowledge the support of the New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) for the generous funding of our sports teams.





- The sun was out long enough for some lunchtime volleyball.
- Boys Soccer were big winners over Stratford High School recently.





We'd also like to thank Nick and the team at Shoe Clinic (New Plymouth) for the ongoing donations of trainers and sports shoes for our students.





Tickets for sale (\$15 each) available from the office. Donations of vegetables and butter gratefully accepted.



For more information, contact: Stephenie Langton sl@opunake.school.nz

New manager at Stratford Mountain House

A fresh face is at the helm of the popular Stratford Mountain House, as Jeff Ferguson officially steps into the role of manager.

Jeff arrives at the Mountain House following a successful tenure as the general manager of the Panmure Historic Hotel for the Mt Wellington Licensing

Before that, his career included hospitality and marketing, as well as helming Bay of Plenty's luxury Te Kaha Resort.

"I'm incredibly excited to join the Mountain House team and contribute to its rich legacy.

This lodge holds a special place for so many, and I'm eager to build upon its reputation for exceptional hospitality while exploring new ways to enhance the guest experience.

am committed ensuring that we, as a team,

Powhiri at Ngāti Ruanui Stratford Mountain House for Jeff Ferguson, right, as the new manager of the iconic facility.

deliver outstanding service and create unforgettable experiences for our guests."

Nestled in the nape of Maunga Taranaki, the luxurious

Stratford, will also prove to be an inspiration for Jeff's other passion, photography.

Jeff weathered the tourism drought brought on by Covid 19 by crafting his passion

Sweet dreams aren't made of cheese

Cheese dreams are real, according to international researchers, who say the delicious dairy products could give you nightmares. The team investigated links between diet, sleep problems, and cultural beliefs about diet and sleep with an online survey of over 1,000 people. They found healthier eating habits seemed to

be linked to a better sleep and better recall of dreams, and that consuming dairy products was linked with nightmares. They think the nightmares might be due to lactose intolerance causing overnight tummy upsets, which then affect people's dreams.

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Award for Goodins



Christine and Steak Goodin.

Local Taranaki champions Christine and Steak Goodin have been recognised for their lifetime contribution to the wellbeing of young people, receiving the Life Education Trust's Trevor Grice Award.

This award, named after the late Trevor Grice, founder of Life Education Trust, celebrates individuals or groups who embody his unwavering spirit and lifelong commitment to tamariki uplifting and rangatahi.

Christine and Steak's with Life connection Education spans 28 years. Steak was a founding trustee of the Taranaki trust and led a \$300,000 fundraising effort to launch the region's first mobile classroom in 1997. He later served as chair for 12 years.

Their passion and drive are contagious together, the Goodins are tireless champions for Life Ed fuelled by passion, generosity, and a deep connection in their community. From hosting garden tours and sewing Harold mascot costumes, to rallying support from every

corner of their networks, they are known for "doing a lot" and doing it with heart.

Their efforts have helped expand the Trust's reach in the region including securing a second mobile classroom. They've also served on the Life Education National Board. Their legacy is now a family affair, with two sons and a daughter-in-law continuing the mission.

The award is not your everyday cup. Trevor's wife Judith and the family have gifted Trevor's "tokotoko" walking stick for the award as a symbol of the strength and support the Goodins have brought to the Trust over nearly three decades.

"Christine and Steak are the heartbeat of our community—always giving, always uplifting, always there," says Mark Weatherall, Chief Executive of Life Education Trust. "Their generosity passion have not only shaped the Taranaki region but have inspired others across Aotearoa. They are the kind of people Trevor would have envisaged to carry his legacy

forward."



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Giant step forward in Kaponga

together in a complementary fashion are Hollard Engineering Ltd and New Plymouth's Central Auto Parts & Equipment. It's a marriage of sorts, starting in 2024, and a brand new sign, three metres high and 2.4 metres wide, celebrates the fact. Giant is the name of the oil and lubricants which are supplied by the New Plymouth firm.

Rob Plunkett, the Territory Manager for Central Auto Parts & Equipment is pleased that he is able to supply his firm's products so that Kaponga residents don't have to travel all the way to New Plymouth, for items which are now available



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Megan and Rob are pictured with the new Giant sign.

Here's just a few words about these two reputable

Hollard Engineering, 16 Victoria Street, Kaponga was bought from Richard Bartley in 2014 by Sandra and Michael Clark. The name was kept as it is, with just the word 'Ltd' added. Currently, Megan Nolly handles the admin side as Office Manager and Phil Pretty is Chief Engineer. The firm manufactures stainless steel kernel troughs, trailers of all sizes, as well as all general repairs to farm machinery.

They are also the Eltham Veterinary Department for all vet supplies, as well as Ravensdown supplying urea, new tyres and carrying out tyre repairs.

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Central Auto Parts & Equipment, home of Giant Oil and Lubricants, is a kiwioperated auto parts supplier,

which was originally established in 2003 in the Feilding area. The firm has extended to three branches, with its distribution centre now based in Palmerston North, which supplies the two branches in Feilding and New Plymouth, as well as wholesaling throughout New Zealand from Cape Reinga to Bluff.

The New Plymouth branch is at 7 Hurlstone Drive and it has been servicing Taranaki since 2011. Rob is enjoying the challenge of supplying Hollard Engineering Ltd with the entire Giant range.

Hollard Engineering Ltd. 16 Victoria Street is situated just as you reach Kaponga (before the bridge). Make sure you call by for friendly, expert service at competitive prices for the Giant range, as well as everything else. "All we need is your licence plate," says Megan.



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Harvard University have spent over 87 years studying happiness, and it turns out your friends matter more than your mortgage.

What's the secret happiness? If you said winning Lotto, moving to Queenstown, and living off flat whites and craft beer, Harvard says... not quite. While we've been busy arguing about whether pineapple belongs on pizza (spoiler: it does, and so does tinned beetroot on a burger), Harvard's researchers have been quietly running the longest known happiness study in history - since 1938.

Eight decades later, after tracking thousands of lives, the verdict is in: the key to happiness isn't money, status, or owning a bach at Ōākura. It's something much simpler, and a lot more Kiwi.

What is this Harvard Study anyway?

The Harvard Study of Adult Development started just before World War II, with 724 blokes, about 40% were Harvard students, and the rest were from rough Boston inner city streets. Researchers followed them for life, asking questions about health, family, work,



Richard Hall

and what makes a good life. Over time, they expanded the study to include women and children, making it a three-generation saga, sort of like Shortland Street, but with more medical exams and fewer dramatic car crashes.

Now, after 87 years, it's clear: the happiest people weren't the richest or the most famous, they were the ones who had strong, warm relationships. Yep, happiness is less about what's in your bank account and more about who's around your BBQ table.

Money, Status, and the Kiwi Dream

Before you shout, "But what about Lotto?" yes, money does help... to a point. If you're struggling to pay for Weet-Bix and petrol for the ute, cash matters. But

beyond that, Harvard says more dollars don't equal more joy. In other words, upgrading from a Hilux to a Lamborghini might impress (or depress) the neighbours, but it won't make you sleep better at night (especially when you see the insurance

Same goes for status. Being the big boss at work might feel good for a while, but it won't keep you healthy if you're eating lunch alone at your desk every day. Some of the loneliest people in the study were the most "successful."

Why relationships matter so much

The happiest, healthiest people had strong social ties, family, friends, community. Relationships act like a safety net for life's ups and downs. Got someone to vent to when the All Blacks lose? Someone to check in on you when you're sick? That connection can literally add years to your life.

And here's a scary stat: risk wise, loneliness is as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Let that sink in next time you cancel on mates for "me time." Isolation isn't just sad, it can be deadly.

The good news? You don't

need 1,000 Facebook friends or to join every committee from the rugby club to the school gala. A handful of close, reliable relationships is enough. And yes, your dog probably counts - Harvard didn't officially measure that, but we all know the truth.

What if people are hard work?

Let's be honest: people can be annoying. They borrow your lawnmower and never return it. They talk through the cricket. They post endless pictures of smashed avo on Instagram. But building good relationships is still worth the effort.

Harvard's advice?

- 1. Invest in people, not things. Your boat won't visit you in hospital. Your friends will (and they might bring snacks).
- 2. Stay in touch. Call your mum. Text your cousin. Go have a yarn with that buddy you've been "meaning to catch up with."
- through Work disagreements. Even the happiest couples argue about who makes the tea, what show to binge, whether the Warriors will ever win the NRL. But they keep talking, they respect each other, and they make up.

The Kiwi context

Here in Aotearoa, we've got some unique challenges. We live in a stunning country, but that beauty can come with isolation, especially in rural areas. It's easy to spend weekends on the farm or doing housework and forget the importance of social ties. The Harvard study is always a good reminder: community matters.

So, whether it's joining a netball team, heading to the marae, or just having a cuppa with the neighbours, connection is everything. Even our health system would thank us - strong social networks mean fewer doctor visits, less stress, and lower risk of mental health struggles.

So, how do we apply this in NZ life?

Here's your happiness action plan - Harvardapproved, Kiwi-style:

- Look at your life balance - and prioritise your partner, family and kids if you have
- Ring a friend today. Don't just like their Facebook photos of Taranaki Maunga. Actually call. • Say yes to the BBQ invite.
- Even if it means bringing a salad. • Join a club. Golf, bowls,

- waka ama whatever floats your boat.
- Show up. Go to the school fundraiser, the local footy game, or your cousin's garage gig.
- Be there for others. Because what goes around comes around - and no one wants to age alone with just the cat for company.

The Takeaway

After nearly 90 years, Harvard's big message remains simple relationships keep us happier and healthier than anything else. So next time you're tempted to buy that new SUV you don't need, maybe take the family on holiday and create some wonderful lifetime memories. Because at the end of the day, even if you can afford it, the bach, the boat, the flash toys, they're all great - but they won't laugh with you, share a barby or hāngī, or sit with you when life gets rough.

The good life, Harvard says, is built on relationships and connection. And let's face it - your family and friends are way more fun than a mortgage anyway.

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Drooling in your sleep can be quite embarrassing and troublesome too. It sometimes means you do not have the right kind of salt in your body or you are dehydrating.



Funding boost for Awatuna Catchment

The Awatuna Catchment can severely disrupt these in Taranaki, an ecologically important area within a central dairy farming region, has received a \$10,000 grant through the 2025 Westpac Water Care Project, via Catchment Taranaki Communities, to enhance fish passage and restore freshwater ecosystems.

The catchment plays a critical role in supporting biodiversity, including native fish species such as īnanga (common galaxias), which rely on unobstructed waterway access to migrate and complete their life cycle. However, physical barriers like culverts and weirs

journeys.

With support from Westpac and NZ Landcare Trust, the catchment group will focus on identifying and mitigating these barriers to create seamless migration routes for native species. The project will involve surveying key stream areas, engaging local landowners and residents, installing fish friendly culverts and bypass channels, and monitoring ecological progress using eDNA testing and water flow meters. Funding will also support riparian restoration through the planting of native vegetation.

Awatuna is one of six community led groups across Aotearoa awarded a \$10,000 grant this year as part of the Westpac Water Care Project, partnership between NZ Landcare Trust and Westpac NZ that empowers local groups to deliver practical improvements to biodiversity, water quality and ecosystem resilience.

NZ Landcare Trust CEO Dr Nick Edgar says it has been inspiring to see the diversity of projects supported since the programme launched in 2022. "Catchment groups have used their grants to achieve some meaningful environmental outcomes



At a recent NIWA Fish Passage Assessment Tool training session local Awatuna farmers learnt how to use the app to capture barriers to fish migrating upstream. Photo Awatuna/Auroa Catchment Coordinator, Nicola Bryant

their regions," Dr Edgar says. "The aims of the different projects are diverse, meaning we've seen a fantastic range of initiatives undertaken. Over the past year, grants have enabled catchment groups to do everything from expand predator control, improve biodiversity and protect rare wetland birds, to provide community access to wetlands. We're looking forward to seeing the 2025 grant recipients embark on their projects."

Westpac NZ Head of Agribusiness, Richard Anderson, says the bank is proud to continue supporting grassroots environmental action. "Farmers and rural communities have long been at the forefront of enhancing and protecting the natural environment. Our partnership with NZ Landcare Trust is proud to support this important grassroots work through our grants programme. Our network of Agri bankers also directly support many of our farmers to enhance their farms through our Sustainable Farm Loan, which provides benefits for the whole catchment area," he says.

He adds that Westpac's of their land and waterways.

own people are personally invested too. "All of Westpac's 5,000 plus employees receive two volunteer leave days each year, and we'll once again be encouraging our staff to get their hands dirty alongside other passionate locals on these projects. I am getting the gumboots on and using my volunteer days to do some planting in the next couple of months.'

The Awatuna fish passage project demonstrates how collaborative, community led action can provide long term benefits for freshwater ecosystems and the species that call them home, while empowering local people to protect and restore the health



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In a first for the dairy sector DairyNZ, Fonterra, and LIC have combined the data from around 8,000 farms to investigate the link between physical farm performance measures and profitability.

The Emissions Profitability Project used the three anonymised datasets to identify what distinguishes high-profit farms with lower emissions intensity and what the opportunities are for farmers.

DairyNZ Head of Data Science and Modelling Mark Neal says combining the data from the three partners was unprecedented. "This is a first for New

Zealand and shows our shared vision and commitment for a productive and profitable sector," he says.

"Our farmers are among most emissionsefficient in the world, and research to develop ways of reducing emissions is key to helping them maintain that position.'

DairyNZ Chair Tracy Brown says the project found that the key to high profit and low emission intensity is using low footprint feed to achieve good milk production.

"Importantly for farmers, it shows that all farms have



DairyNZ Chair Tracy Brown.

opportunities to lower their emission intensity, without compromising profitability," she says.

Fonterra Strategic Advisor Malcolm Ellis says the data showed farmers with high profits and lower environmental impacts used their resources much more efficiently.

efficient "The profitable operations were not necessarily on farms that were smaller, square, simple or on the best soil type in the region either. Even farms with comparatively lower pasture growth potential could be low emissions and high profit," says Malcolm, who is a fourth-generation farmer who spent more than a decade at LIC before joining Fonterra in 2023.

"The project clearly identified the significant benefits of feed utilisation

and the key drivers of farm efficiency. It showed that working smarter with what you have can help farms be both more profitable and better achieve environmental goals."

LIC Chief Executive David Chin says the project demonstrates what can be achieved for farmers through collaboration between industry groups.

"Achieving the right balance between productivity and better environmental outcomes is important for our sector today and for the future. This collaboration is a great example of the industry coming together to give farmers useful insights to help them achieve that balance."

The research found a few different ways farmers could increase profitability while reducing emissions intensity, including:

Understanding their farm's data, and where their next opportunity is to increase profit and reduce environmental footprint.

Growing and using more homegrown feed eaten per hectare.

Optimising performance through better reproduction, cow quality and herd structure.

Using imported feed smartly, to boost output, not

The research is the first stage of the project with the next phase looking

improve liveweight estimates and deepen the sector's understanding of the drivers between profit, production, and environmental footprint.

DairyNZ, Fonterra and LIC are working together to share the insights and takeaways with farmers as well as with the rural professionals who advise them. This includes through webinars, podcasts, articles, and other direct-tofarmer channels.

Women celebrate centenary Rural

For 100 years RWNZ, originally Women's Division of the Farmers Union, has been a force to reckon with, sometimes quietly and humbly, and sometimes with an audacious display of courage and lateral thinking.

Always though, for the benefit of rural women and rural communities right Aotearoa. across New Zealand.

As it marks 100 years of existence this year, and celebrates its Centennial, it will be stepping up its work to meet the needs of the next generation of rural women.

It will be there to advocate; for health access and services, for connectivity, for safer rural roads, for education for rural students,

those areas rural women and their communities are not as well served as their urban counterparts.

Without the contribution RWNZ the environment would look vastly different today.

Not long after forming in 1925 the lack of access to health for rural communities led to the development of a programme where Bush Nurses on horseprovided care to remote areas. The organisation went on to create incredible health programmes through the decades. A legacy can be seen in the likes of Access Community Health, still providing services across the country today.

In the 1940s members wanted to support the war effort. Within a month they'd raised 5,000 pounds to buy a Spitfire, the equivalent of around \$630,000 in today's money. That energy and innovation is a recurring theme.

In the early 80's members took to the streets and to the steps of Parliament protest government

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Opening up agricultural land for housing development

proposing to open up some of the country's most highly productive agricultural land to make it available for housing development. Proposals to change the RMA national direction include the country's most productive agricultural areas, which are classed according to how versatile they are for primary production. According to the proposal, Land Use Capacity 3 land would no longer be protected in the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL), which restricts the rezoning, subdivision, and use of Highly Productive Land. Emeritus Professor David J. Lowe, University of Waikato, comments:

"It is proposed that the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land is emended to remove land use capability (LUC) class 3 soils from their current protection 'from inappropriate land use and development'. The proposal is poorly considered and, if it goes through, would be an irreversible blunder of intergenerational scale multiple reasons. "Future generations of New Zealanders are being robbed of the potential productivity

with a vested interest. The Luxon-led coalition government has an ethical, moral, and legal obligation to provide for future as well as current generations.

"Contrary to popular myth, New Zealand does not have large areas highly productive soils. Rather, such soils, encompassing LUC classes 1 and 2 along with most class 3 soils, make up only 14% of New Zealand's soils. Class 1 (0.7%) and 2 (4.5%), the most versatile soils, amount to a mere 5.2%, with class 3 soils another 9.2 %. Removing class 3 soils from protection would leave just 5% of New Zealand's soils to sustain the entire nation in perpetuity.

"Many of the highlyproductive (versatile) soils typically have taken around 10,000 to 20,000 years, some 50,000 years and even longer (several hundred thousand years in Pukekohe area), to develop and hence are irreplaceable."

Pierre Roudier, President, New Zealand Society of Soil Science. comments: "Land classified as Land Use Capability class 3 (LUC3) represents the backbone of New Zealand's food and fibre production and high-value exports. It makes currently protected under the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) and supports a wide range of primary production, ranging from dairy and arable farming to viticulture and horticulture. In Taranaki, 80% of LUC3 land is used for high-value dairy exports, while in

of versatile soils by people up two-thirds of the land Marlborough and Tasman, around 30% supports horticulture, intensive including vineyards. LUC3 land is characteristically highly extensive and productive, supporting largescale farming and a wide range of crops across New Zealand's varied climates. If the protection of LUC3 land were removed entirely,

New Zealand would risk losing large, connected and versatile areas of land that are essential for both domestic food supply and high-value export industries. Once this land is built on, it's lost from food production forever. "Blanket removal protections of LUC3 land from the NPS-HPL is not required to achieve

the housing goals Government has Exceptions to the current NPS-HPL already exist that allow councils to approve urban development on LUC 1-3 land when justified Meanwhile, blanket removal of LUC3 protections risks large-scale rural residential subdivision, which is an inefficient use of our best land. Research shows that the most pressing issue on HPL is residential lifestyle development, significantly more so than edge-ofcity expansion. This type of development breaks up productive farmland into smaller, disconnected parcels, which not only makes the land harder to farm efficiently but also introduces new pressures because of 'reverse sensitivity' (when new residents in rural areas object to normal farming activities, leading restrictions on farms). These impacts reduce the overall productivity and versatility of the land.

Rural residential blocks on LUC class 3 land now take up an area equivalent to nearly 60% of all the land in New Zealand used to grow vegetables highlighting the scale of land lost to low-density residential development.'



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DCANZ welcome end of dispute

Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) dairy exporters will benefit from the settlement of New Zealand's CPTPP quota dispute with Canada.

They have congratulated the Government for settling long-running that has been costing New Zealand because of quotas that couldn't be fully used. DCANZ also acknowledges the work of the previous Government in initiating the dispute process.

"The heart of the issue has been Canada limiting the use of the 16 small quotas that facilitate CPTPP dairy access by allocating the majority of import licenses to its own processors, which mostly don't use them," DCANZ have said in a media statement. "This practice, along with quota hand-back-andlicence reallocation happening late in the quota year and no penalties for under-use, has limited other importers with a stronger interest in New Zealand products from using



DCANZ Executive Director Kimberly Crewther

the agreed access. Other administrative processes have also added cost and slowed trade when it does occur.

"In 2023, a panel of trade law experts ruled that Canada's approach did not comply with the CPTPP agreement requirements to administer the quotas in a manner that provides importers the opportunity to utilise the volumes fully. New Zealand was forced to trigger the mandatory negotiations allowed for under the CPTPP's rules when Canada didn't comply While with this ruling. not achieving the preferred

immediate move to a simpler on-demand system so that quota licences only go to importers who want to use them, DCANZ agrees that adequate improvements have been made to settle the dispute."

DCANZ Executive Director Kimberly Crewther says she looks forward to New Zealand exporters enjoying an easier time trading into the 16 CPTPP dairy tariff rate quotas from 1 January 2026.

"The improved administrative provision that will result from this agreement will make the quotas commercially more usable and valuable for our exporters.

"Under the agreement, Canada will bring forward the dates for return and reallocation of quota licences that the initial recipients will not use and introduce penalties for recipients who either do not use their allocation or transfer it on to importers who want to use it.

"This has been a long time coming and we believe it will make a positive difference.

"We will be watching

implementation Significantly, changes don't work, there is also provision that quota allocation could move to our first preference of an ondemand system."

In the meantime, Crewther DCANZ remains concerned that Canadian subsidised exports are continuing to harm New Zealand exporters' interests in global markets for dairy protein products.

"Canada needs to be held equally to account for this, via the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

"Earlier this year, DCANZ joined United States and Australian dairy industry representatives in calling for government action to stop Canada from dumping artificially low-priced dairy protein exports on world markets.

milk "Its pricing mechanisms are enabling their dairy processors to access milk proteins at below the cost of production and so distort its export of a range of products.

"This practice is at odds with Canada's international trade obligations and must be addressed as a matter of urgency under the WTO's rules."

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Government delivers lifeline for flood-affected farmers

Federated Farmers welcoming announcement Government \$600,000 support package to help flood-affected farmers in the Nelson Tasman region get back on their feet.

"This funding is desperately needed to support recovery efforts on the ground and will make a real difference for farming families," says Federated Farmers president Wayne Langford.

"We're incredibly grateful that the Government have recognised this need early and taken practical steps that will allow clean-up work to get underway immediately."

The Government package includes \$50,000 for the Farmers Adverse Events

established Federated Farmers, and will be matched dollar-for-dollar by donations from other

Langford has visited many impacted farmers surveying the damage and assessing what further support might be needed.

"Each farm is completely different. Some have only had minor damage that they will be able to fix themselves, but others will definitely need some significant help, Langford says.

"That's where Federated Farmers are going to be focusing most of our efforts. We need to prioritise those who have been hit hardest and then work our way out from there.

"What this \$50,000 from the Government means is that we can start work almost immediately with diggers, bulldozers and fencers.'

"That's the kind of support these farmers need the most right now. They need boots on the ground, shovels in the dirt, and heavy machinery starting to roll in."

Langford says Federated Farmers will be playing a key role in coordinating this work but more donations will still be required to fund recovery efforts over the coming weeks.

"We really need New Zealanders to get in behind these farmers with donations. It doesn't matter if they're large or small, every dollar counts and will make a difference."

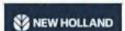






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Coastal Under 15 Squad with the Shield.

The weather and the punters came to the party for the Coastal Junior Rugby Day on Saturday (July 26) at the Opunake High School grounds.

Beginning at 9am there involving Primary

were seven games played grades and High School teams.

Kieran Bourke and Michael Griggs co-ordinated the day and the sponsors turned up. It was a great format for youth rugby and a celebration of club rugby in the community.

The Taranaki Rugby Football Union brought along the Log'o'Wood for the day giving the opportunity for anyone to have their photos taken with the Ranfurly Shield.

All of the players were given a feed, with Coastal Rugby supplying sausages and longtime Taranaki rugby sponsors Yarrows the Bakers supplying the bread.

All credit to Dave Hughes and Harry James for having the fields in pristine condition on a beautiful day on the coast under the mountain.



Jahrese Tamatea.



Above: Victor Gibson. Above right: Jock

At right: Nico Severn. Spinna Photography







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Christian Moeahu presenting sponsor David Mills with a birthday present after the 1st XV game. (It was Licorice).

Two more sporting greats for Hall of Fame

A Taranaki rugby icon and a double Olympic gold medallist are the latest inductees into the South Taranaki Sporting Hall of

Kieran Crowley played 200 games for Taranaki scoring 1723 points and was All Black Number 848 playing 36 matches, including 19 tests.

Simon Dickie was a 17 year-old high school student when he coxed for the gold medal winning fours at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. He reprised this success with the gold medal winning eights at Munich four years later and got bronze with them at Montreal in 1976.

Crowley and Dickie are the eighth and ninth inductees into the Hall of Fame which is based at the TSB Hub in Hawera. The Hall of Fame honours sportspeople from South Taranaki who have made significant contributions to their chosen sports. Other inductees have been Roger Cox (shearing), Adine Wilson (netball), James Hunter (rugby), Graham Mourie (rugby), Stan Lay (javelin), Graeme West (rugby league) and Michael Campbell (golf).

The Sporting Hall of Fame began as a partnership between the South Taranaki District Council and the Hawera Rotary Club. The Rotary Club continued to be the sponsor until the club went into recess. This year the Normanby and Districts Lions Club have come on board as sponsors.

South Taranaki District



Pictured (left to right) Barry Smith (Nominator of Kieran), Kieran Crowley, Sue Crowley (Kieran's wife), Othmar Hebler (Lions President), Clementine Dickie (Simon's Daughter), South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon, Adi Walker (Simon's partner), Richard Bourne (Nominator of Simon) and Chloe Dickie (Simon's daughter).

Council mayor Phil Nixon welcomed everybody to the induction ceremony at the Hub on July 22, with Kieran Crowley there to accept the award and unveil his portrait which will be joining the others, including that of Simon Dickie, in the Hall of Fame. Simon Dickie passed away in 2017.

Mayor Nixon paid tribute to the contribution made by the Hawera Rotary Club to the Sporting Hall of Fame. Normanby Lions president Othmar Hebler spoke.

"We are here to celebrate not just our two inductees but also the strength and pride of our local community," he

Kieran Crowley had been nominated by South Taranaki farming identity Barry Smith.

"I've been following the All Blacks since 1949, and with Kieran being local, and with his record he's someone who should be in the Hall of Fame," said Barry.

Kieran spoke about growing up in Kaponga where he developed his interest in sport, which he says had started with his parents, siblings and family.

"The people who mould you may never get any recognition," he said.

His sporting interests extended beyond rugby, and he represented Taranaki and Central Districts in cricket.

Kieran scored 316 points for the All Blacks and was part of the World Cup winning squad in 1987, as well as the 1991 World Cup

He was Taranaki's highest points scorer and was made a life member of the Taranaki Rugby Football Union. After his playing days ended, he coached Taranaki from 1998-2007. He was later head

coach of both Canada and Italy. He says he still takes an interest in the game in Canada, a country where the development of rugby has been hindered by the lack of a professional structure and the long distance players have to travel.

He still has a farm in Kaponga and these days coaches for the MIE Honda Heat in Japan.

Richard Bourne who had nominated Simon Dickie spoke about Dickie's life and sporting achievements.

Simon Dickie grew up on the family farm at Waverley and attended Wanganui Collegiate. He coxed three collegiate teams to victory from 1966-8.

When Alan Boykett was killed in a rowing accident Dickie was brought in to replace him as coxswain for the New Zealand Eights team at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

had come along Dickie had been reassigned to the fours and coxed them to gold. He was still a student at Wanganui Collegiate.

"Simon arrived back at School with his Gold Medal and a huge Mexican sombrero," said Richard.

Four years later he was cox for the eights at the Munich Olympics.

out-classed a "They quality field to win by three seconds from the East Germans and Americans,' said Richard. IOC president Avery Brundage presented the medals in a ceremony in which God Defend New Zealand, rather than God



Kieran Crowley with his portrait.

"Not easy for a 17-year-old to step into an established New Zealand crew of men and take that pivotal role, but Simon relished the challenge and he was smart enough to not only take advice but to also seek it out," said Richard.

By the time the Olympics

Save the Queen was played for a New Zealand Olympic gold medal winning team for the first time.

Four years later he was persuaded to come back to help defend the eights Olympic title at the Montreal games. They ended up with bronze.

Coastal Rugby prize giving

Deb Davies was made a life member when the Coastal Rugby Club recently held their annual prizegiving.

Deb has been manager for the Women's, Colts and Div 1 teams. She served on the committee from 2010-23, and although no longer on the committee she can often be seen helping out around the club.

The MC for the evening Crowley, was Daniel while younger sister Anna Crowley spoke about her journey to becoming a New Zealand representative for the women's hockey team,

the Blacksticks.

Corkill Colts Awards: Best Team Player: Thomas Fisher. Most Outstanding: Jackson Pari. Top Try Scorer: Tomai Collins-Taiapo Most Promising: Patrick Bradley

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Awards: Outstanding Team: Colts. Top Club Points Scorer: Jackson Sinclair. Most Honest Player: Loveridge-Seymour. Most Promising Junior: Jerram Sinclair. Most Promising Ropata Taylor. Senior: Outstanding Sportsmanship: Jeremy Newell. Enthusiastic Supporter: Michael Espiner. Best Club Member: Darryl Henwood (Hoon). Outstanding Team Off Field: Premier Men. Jordy Adams Memorial Cup – A Good Coastal Lad: Thomas Fisher. Service Award -25 Years: Ryan



Deb Davies with children Jacob and Nicole and husband Brent.

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Photo Andy Jackson.

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

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Okato Co-operating Parish

Okato - St. Paul's - Sunday Service every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 10.00am 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 St Francis de Sales, Waverley - 2nd Sunday of month; 11.00am

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Sunday Mass 8.45am. Thursday Mass 10.00am (subject to change).

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Singer Songwriters coming to Hawera

Hawera will hold a Singer evening of Songwriters at the Lysaght Watt Gallery in Hawera's new library, arts and culture centre on Friday August 1.

Comments organiser Andre Manella, last year they decided to take the event which has been held in New Plymouth for 20 years to the regions and such was the interest they're doing it again this year.

He invites people to "Join us for an unforgettable

storytelling, melody, and community spirit at this debut event. "

The Singer Songwriters night is a cherished gathering that spotlights the art of songwriting and the power of live performance, continued Andre.

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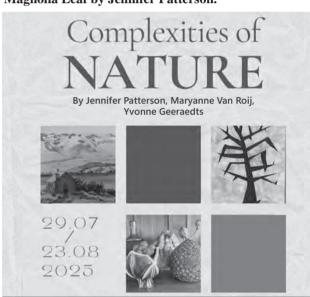
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Beginners Social Dance Classes: Central School Hall, New Plymouth, 7pm.

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.

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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.

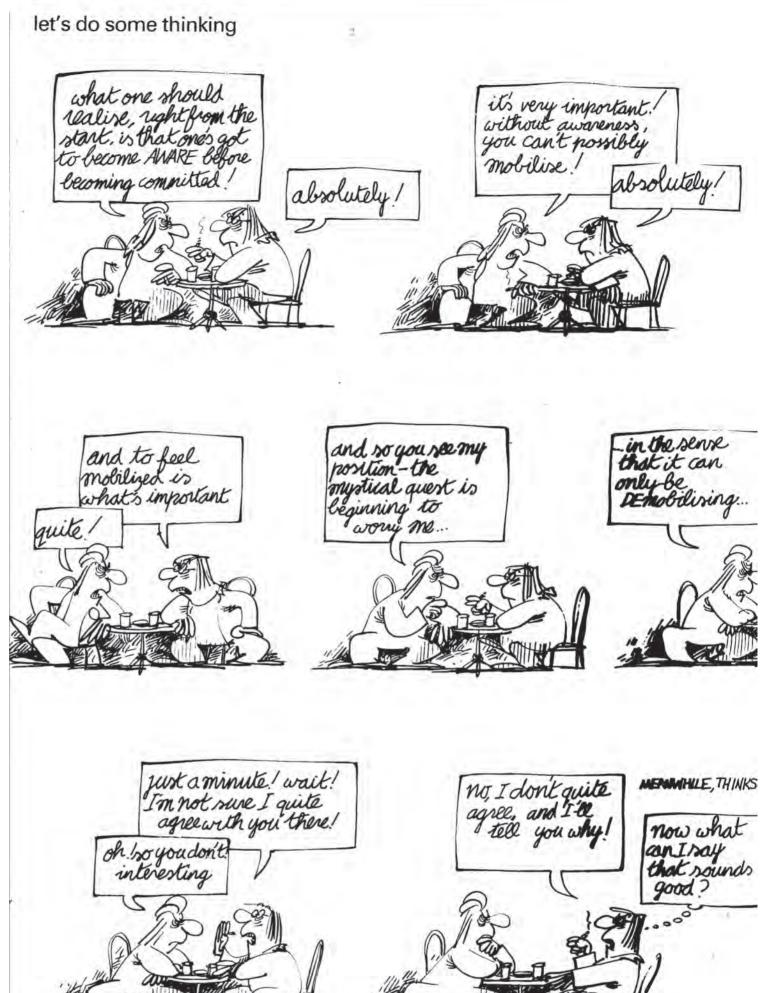
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Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4pm to5 .30pm.

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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.

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Beginners Social Dance Classes: Oakura Hall, 6.15pm..

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Hawera Singer Songwriters: Lysaght Watt Gallerry, Hawera. 7.30pm start. AUGUST 9, 10, 16 & 17

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AUGUST 26

Opunake Districts Rest Home Trust AGM: Coastal Care Meeting Room, Opunake. 5.30pm.

AGENDA

Apologies

Karakia - Mihi

Financial Report

General business

PUBLIC NOTICES

2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations are open for the election of parent representatives to the school boards of each of the schools named below.

COMBINED NOTICE

All eligible voters have received a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You also received a nomination cover letter calling for nominations.

Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There is also a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Ōpunakē High School, Te Kura Tuarua o Ōpunakē

Nominations are open for the election of five parent representatives.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Signed Stephenie Langton

Returning Officer

Ph 06 761 8723 / sl@opunake.school.nz

Rahotu School

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Signed Leanne Wiringi

Returning Officer

Ph 06 763 8658 / admin@rahotu.school.nz

Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tamarongo

Nominations are open for the election of <u>five</u> parent representatives.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

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Signed Sharlee Mareikura

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NORMANBY SCHOOL 150TH JUBILEE

Taranaki Anniversary Weekend 2026 Friday 6th - Saturday 7th March

Oraukawa & Otukōrewa Māori Reservation Trusts

Hui ā Tau (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

Saturday 22nd August 2025, 11.00am

Minutes from previous meeting

Election/ Removal of Trustees

Karakia - Whakamutunga

Contact: Lisa Ison (Trustee)

Matters arising from previous meeting

0274466471 or isonlisam@gmail.com

OPUNAKE

& DISTRICT
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting is on

Monday August 11, 2025

at 5.30pm

"We would like to extend an invite to anyone that has an interest

in getting involved with the business community, meeting other

business owners and learning what the ODBA does"

Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the

Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake

(opposite the Coastal Care Medical Centre)

OPUNAKE DISTRICTS

REST HOME TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 26th August, 5.30 pm

Coastal Care meeting room

All welcome to attend

Meeting will resume at the conclusion of the AGM

at Te Potaka Pa (5350 South Road Oaonui)

Register on Facebook - Normanby School 150th Jubilee or email

jubilee2026registrations@normanby.school.nz for more information

NGATI HAUPOTO 106 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
2nd August 2025
has been Postponed.

The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is due out on August 14, 2025.
Contact us on 06 761 7016.

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DEATH NOTICE

BIXLEY, Wilfred, 'John'

John Bixley passed peacefully on Friday the 25th July 2025 in the Arvida Oakwoods retirement home, Richmond, Tasman. Brother of Max and Paul, Husband of late Lynne and Father of Dale, Matthew and Simon.

Fond memories will be treasured by all.

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