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Opunake High School student Iritana Hohaia will represent New Zealand in rugby in Argentina in October.

She has helped Opunake High School win a national Girls Basketball title two years in a row. Last month she was in the Coastal Women's rugby team which beat Clifton 10-5 in the Taranaki final, scoring a try along the way.

In October she will be a member of New Zealand's first Under-18 Women's sevens rugby team to take part in the Youth Olympics, which this year will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

When she was younger, she played age group rugby, but has also represented Taranaki in rugby league and played touch as well as basketball.

Last year she was selected for the Taranaki Sevens team. She made her way through the Go for Gold development programme before being selected for New Zealand.

To get to Argentina, the women's rugby team had to get through the Oceania group to qualify. Iritana was in the team which made their way past Fiji and Australia earlier this year, scoring a try against the Australians in the final.

Her basketball credentials have included being an integral part of the Opunake High School senior girls basketball team which has won the national secondary schools A basketball competition. She is a member of the Taranaki Women's basketball team, the Taranaki Thunder, but going to Argentina has meant she has had to put her basketball on hold as she focuses her preparation on rugby.

Also in the 12-strong wom-



Iritana Hohaia (left) of Opunake and Tiana Davison of Sacred Heart College will be representing New Zealand in Rugby Sevens at the Youth Olympics

en's rugby squad is fellow Taranaki player Tiana Davison from Sacred Heart College who like Iritana also took part in the Oceania qualifying round.

The Youth Olympics are being held on October 6-20, with the women's rugby competition being played on October 13-15.

Global warming: Methane and carbon dioxide different

A study published in npj Climate and Atmospheric Science argues against treating all greenhouse gases as "CO2-equivalent", instead adjusting the global warming effect to account for differences between short- and long-lived gases.

Victoria University of Wellington's Professor Dave Frame, a co-author on the study says the way methane was currently accounted for exaggerated the long-term effects of methane on the climate.

Methane has a vigorous heating effect, but is short-lived, while CO2 has a weaker but near-permanent effect on temperatures. "If we make trade-offs that favour reductions in agricultural methane instead of fossil carbon, then we will be making a mistake from a climate change perspective," Prof Frame says.

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Freedom camping

That was an amazing, mind-boggling and entertaining letter on freedom camping in the last issue where freedom campers must (1.) visit the local Opunake police station, (2.) have our police station contact other police stations, (3.) be told where they can and cannot go and (4.) give their registration number. These regulations must be set down, "...otherwise it could become one horrible unforgiving total mess which must not happen at all." The writer must have forgotten finger printing, mug shots, implanting chips in freedom campers' necks or a trial by an impartial local Opunake jury.

*A concerned resident
 New Plymouth*

New boundaries a brilliant idea

Four wards for If the South Taranaki District Council



Letters to the Editor

council is wanting submissions from all the people in the South Taranaki areas about this idea, which again I feel is great.

*Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth*

Healthy Oceanz in action

As part of the Young Enterprise Scheme 2018 business plan it seems the Opunake High School has already formed Healthy Oceanz which is about caring for our coastal shorelines and beaches, which is a brilliant idea.

Overall our Taranaki coastlines are still seemingly being clogged and littered with more and more unwanted rubbish left by people who don't really care about beaches and the environment, which to me is very sad.

It seems that already the Healthy Oceanz group is planning and pushing multiple beach cleanups around our Coastal Taranaki area which is really truly awesome.

Maybe Opunake High School could challenge other high schools in Taranaki not only for cleaning up our beaches, but also cleaning up our towns, cities and villages which I believe would spark many councils to help out also, then it could overflow to other parts of the country, as it's high time we as the people of New Zealand start to realise we have got to clean up our country also.

I've always believed our world's environment, land and sea is very precious and sacred to the whole world. It might take some time, but I do strongly believe it will eventually happen, so I do hope Opunake High school win a prize for their awesome idea.

*Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth*

ADELPHOS

Remember, in our last article, how poor ole Humpty Dumpty discovered gravity the hard way. Humpty was too young to know about Sir Isaac Newton's apple falling from his tree. Nowadays evolution is often seen as a belief as unquestionable as gravity itself. God's supernatural ability to create an historic space-time Adam and Eve is generally viewed today as a Humpty Dumpty type fairytale or myth by atheistic evolutionists.

Christians, increasingly in the last century, have been intellectually criticised and even scorned because they adhere to the millennia held belief that God created an historic Adam and Eve in space-time — just as the Jewish Old Testament and Jesus stated. Christians have changed their belief and now label their safer defensive belief "theistic evolution." In a nutshell this means that many Christians now accept that God used Darwinian techniques to somehow change a bacterium into a thinking person over millions of years. Biologically, for theistic evolutionary Christians, Adam and Eve now become the result of a random and chance "planned" evolution by God. Do the words planned, chance and random seem contradictory? The celebrity evolutionary biologist Dr. Richard Dawkins (*The God Delusion*) declared that Jesus never performed miracles and regularly tells atheists "to mock religion with contempt." As a result of scathing personal

I Love Fairytales — Part 2

and intellectual attacks by other well known You Tube and media atheists, such as the late Christopher Hitchens, the mass media have subtly influenced many Christian churches to dethrone God as the supernatural Creator of an historical and space-time Adam and Eve. Dr. Dawkins, Hitchens and others mercilessly mock Christian belief — particularly theistic evolutionary Christians as inconsistent with their own beliefs in God's otherwise supernatural ability.

Atheistic evolutionists will almost unanimously tell you that evolution cannot explain how the very first origins of life or the universe came to exist. Darwin never pretended that he had a clue about the origin of life as he writes, "In what manner the mental powers of the lowest organism first developed is as hopeless an enquiry as to how life itself first developed. These are problems for the distant future" (*The Descent of Man*, 1871, p. 100). However the mass media gives the public the popular "scientific" impression that the origins of life and the universe can be clearly demonstrated in museum exhibits, Facebook, school science textbooks etc... The title of Darwin's book *The Origin of Species* seems misleading.

Today, paleontologists are still engaged in Darwin's "hopeless enquiry" to find the missing link. The most famous and questionably constructed example was the Lucy discovery in Africa in 1974 (inspired by the Beatle's 1967 song *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds*). However, poor ole 12 year old "missing link Lucy" was missing many bones and most notably feet. Scientists simply added "another" foot, which looked human to some scientists, but it didn't match the fossil metatarsals from any known ape. A mass media frenzy portrayed missing link Lucy as unquestionable scientific proof for evolution.

In the third and last article in this series we'll look at how the millions and millions of years story gave birth to Darwin's theory of evolution.

Adelphos

Ps. Oh yes, this Sunday let God be God and come back to worship your intelligent Creator God at your local Opunake and Coastal News readership churches.

Apology

We published a story in our June 7 issue (page 5) about a dog being rescued by the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade. The dog had fallen into Opunake Lake. The owner of the dog had stated that she wanted no photo of herself or the dog to be published. The reporter's camera had malfunctioned at the time before he spoke to the owner (so we took no photo), but a photo was sent to us very late when we were compiling the issue. We had not realised that the owner was one of the several people in the photo.

We apologise to the owner of the dog for our error in this matter, which can possibly be partly attributed to fatigue as we were working until after 1am.

Editor

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EDITORIAL

Community newspapers alive and well

Community newspapers are alive and well – particularly the independents – was the mood at the annual New Zealand Community Newspapers Conference, held this year at Rotorua, which the staff at the Opunake & Coastal News have just attended.

The two day conference, attended by over 100 delegates from independently owned community newspapers from throughout New Zealand, had a range of speakers who addressed a range of topics including the current obsession with digital media.

The topics included marketing, designing effective adverts and gathering news. Mike Fletcher, a former Head of the Journalists Training Organisation, had perhaps the best sage advice:

Concentrate on newspapers. Continue to channel your energy into them. Make them as good as you can.

As one attender who puts out a highly regarded newspaper stated, she had yet to find a newspaper that had made any money from digital media.

While there were those endeavouring to embrace social

media most of those at the conference were putting out healthy, newsy newspapers that continued to occupy a special place in the heart of their community - promoting local business and encouraging people to shop local. Community news sourced from your local paper is unique to your community. This is their strength.

People still like to read printed books. Research has shown that reading a book on a computer via e-readers such as Kindle has not really caught on. And people still like to read printed matter in the form of newspapers.

“It was good to get together with others from around the country who are getting on with the business of putting out their papers and not letting what the big boys are doing define what they do,” commented Bryan.

“It was an excellent conference – the best I’ve attended and well run; well done Simon Ellis and helpers. The input from Mike Fletcher was memorable - the highlight,” remarked Rolland.

We apologise for the office being unattended so we could all go to the conference.

On this month in history

James Carroll knighted

On June 19, 1911 James Carroll MP was knighted, the first Maori to be accorded this honour. Sir James was also the first Maori to win a general seat in the House of Representatives when he was elected MP for Waiapu in 1893. He held the seat for 25 years.

He was a member of the Cabinet (eg Native Minister 1899 to 1912) in the Liberal Government and was Acting Prime Minister at times between 1909 and 1911.

Sir James was leader of Ngati Kahungunu.

Sir James was knighted as part of King George IV’s Coronation Honours.

He died in 1926.

Listener first published

On June 30 1939 the first issue of the Listener was published, which was owned by the Government. The magazine was intended to take advantage of the increased importance of radio broadcasting.

The first Editor was Oliver Duff and the circulation was

380,000.

The magazine had exclusive rights to publish radio programmes and later on television programmes.

The first issue featured the ‘Golden Days of NZ Rugby’ and an article entitled ‘NZ Greets the King’, but ironically, he didn’t come.

The Listener used to feature short stories on a regular basis. Dame Joy Cowley originally specialised in short stories before her fame as a children’s writer. However, she had to put up with over 50 short stories being rejected before her first one was accepted for publication, by Monte Holcroft, who was Editor by this time.



Daniel Barr with Paula McKellar at St Pauls Co-operating Church in Opunake before leaving for the States . PHOTO: Jenny McCullough

Great to have such community support says youth leader

It’s been great to have such a great community support, says Daniel Barr. He heads back to the States after an interesting year but he’ll be back in October.

From Sarahsvelle, a tiny town of just 165 in The States, Daniel first came to New Zealand to take up an

internship in Christian leadership and mission based at Knox Church in Waitara where he satyed with Jenny McCullough. Part of the role included assisting in running Alethia 45, a youth leadership programme for 13 to 18 year olds run by St Pauls Co-operating Church in Opunake.

In May last year he began to help out at Dynamite Bay, a Friday night programme for young people aged 5 to 12 run by St Pauls. He returned to the States briefly to visit family then went to Germany to work at The World Communion of Reformed Churches. In July he returned to Opunake where he has been staying at St Paul’s manse, again

working on Dynamite Bay and helping at the two primary schools in Opunake. He was also involved in running a youth group, mentoring some of the boys in the community and leading a family night once a week.

He also stayed again for part of the week with Jenny McCullough from Knox Church.

“It’s been lovely to work with kids,” says Daniel.

When he returns to the States Daniel will also be introducing his family to his New Zealand fiancé Tania who he met through Knox Church in Waitara. They became engaged on December 29.

Daniel recounts that when

he got engaged one of the girls in Dynamite Bay got so excited. “You’d better treat her just like God,” the eight year old instructed. He laughingly responded, “Maybe not exactly like God but we’ll treat each other very well.”

When he returns to New Zealand Daniel hopes to go to Waikato University to do a post graduate teaching qualification at Waikato University and eventually teach in Coastal Taranaki.

And what’s the main difference between the States and New Zealand. “They don’t have meat pies in the States.” Coming from a rural community though Daniel says he finds it’s “not much different”.

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COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

Representation arrangements under review



CRAIG DINGLE

a look at the Opunake Library for the concept drawings. The Council is currently reviewing the District's electoral and representation arrangements for the upcoming 2019 local government elections and is seeking public input on its proposal. This is only done every six years and includes things like the number of elected members and wards we have, where the boundaries lie and what the names of the wards and community boards should be.

In the proposal, the boundaries of three South Taranaki wards have been redrawn (except for the current Patea Ward). The main change is the amalgamation of the Hawera-Normanby and Tangahoe Wards. The western part of the Tangahoe Ward is included in the proposed Opunake-Manaia Ward and the rest is joined to the current Hāwera-Normanby Ward creating a new Hawera-Tangahoe Ward. The proposal also sees that

the District's 12 Councillors and four Community Boards are kept and the Mayor will continue to be elected across the whole District. The Council is also considering the names of its four wards, which in the proposal are; Opunake-Manaia (currently Egmont Plains), Eltham-Kaponga (currently Eltham), Hawera-Tangahoe (currently Hawera-Normanby and Tangahoe Wards) and Patea (the same). Essentially the proposal

keeps the same number of councillors and community board members as now and there's little change for most people. We will put in a submission from the Community Board and if you would like to make one go to the Council's website www.south-taranaki.com/Council/Consultation/ or drop into your nearest LibraryPlus facility. Our Community Board is also planning on holding another Community

Networking evening similar to the one we held last year. This is simply an opportunity to get the various community groups together so we can share ideas about what we are all doing and work together where appropriate. Once we have set a date we will let you know, so keep an eye out in the paper.

*Craig Dingle
Chairman Egmont Plains
Community Board*

The Egmont Plains Board have funded a drinking fountain to be installed at the Opunake Skate Park. The Opunake beach play ground is due for replacement so have

Not all roads lead to Opunake



CLEM COXHEAD

South Taranaki District Council staff under the guidance of Vincent Lim recently solved a problem on the five road intersection at Te Kiri where tourists and other folk became very confused when travelling from Stratford to Opunake. Their electronic map readers told them they were going the wrong way just after the intersection.

We had a situation where camper vans were trying to turn around on a narrow road and getting stuck, or worse, facing a large truck. When they finally turned around to go down the Opunake Road they discovered that it is only suitable for local use. At the end of the road they did not know where to go and stopped in the middle of the road, lost and confused, blocking the road to locals.

Councillor Clem Coxhead approached Mr Lim for help and Vincent designed and produced a sign that tells them the road ahead gets them to Opunake, and that

the map the map reader says is a local road is shown as a small unsuitable road. They will know by the map that it is wise and safe to travel on the Wiremu Road to Opunake or



Which way?!

New Plymouth. This problem has had a lot of local residents very concerned for some time with some having to pull vehicles out of the bog in the early hours of the morning.

Cr Coxhead has been receiving calls of gratitude and thought it appropriate to acknowledge the work of Mr Lim, staff and contractors.

Cr Clem Coxhead

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Hon Nanaia Mahuta speaks at environmental-iwi forum

A two day forum was held over two days including Wednesday 6 June and Thursday 7 June. The Taranaki Regional Iwi Environmental Forum was held at the Copthorne Hotel, Powderham Street, New Plymouth. The delegates of many iwi interest groups attended environmental protection workshops to plan greater co-operative endeavours with the Government in the areas of marine, engagement, freshwater and resource management.

Along with iwi representatives there were also delegates representing the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), the Department of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Department of Conservation, Ministry for the Environment.

Apart from Hon Nanaia Mahuta, the Hon Eugenie Sage MP, Chief Executive (Ministry for the Environment) Vicky Robertson and James Walker (Deputy Secretary, Partnerships & Customers) also attended.

The ultimate aim of the forum was to develop an action plan to progress solutions for the issues raised by iwi. The Forum provided an opportunity for the Government to partner with Waitangi Treaty partners at a regional level to understand and respond to their environmental concerns and to strengthen the Crown/

Maori relationship.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta MP, who is the Minister for Maori Development, Local Government and Associate Minister for the Environment, delivered a wide-ranging keynote speech as an introduction to the Forum. "Thank you for the opportunity to attend and to meet with you today at the first Ministry for the Environment co-ordinated Environmental Forum of the Taranaki region." She welcomed development from the negotiating table to true partnership in seeking ways forward. The Forum should be a step forward to Maori co-designing solutions to environmental issues, she explained.

The Minister outlined environmental priorities for the Government which faces significant challenges as regards water quality, climate change and population growth with action needed "from all sectors and on all fronts." With regard to fresh water management and water quality she said that Environment Minister David Parker and other Ministers were in discussion "about Maori rights and interests." "No decisions have been yet been made," but eventually some amendments to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) were expected, as well as other regulations such as those



The Hon Nanaia Mahuta MP speaking at the Taranaki Regional Iwi Environmental Forum in New Plymouth recently.

relating to stock exclusion. Feedback has been received from Fish and Game, Regional Councils and the Land & Water Forum. Hon Mahuta concluded, "Over this forum we will be in listening mode (and) ... take your views back to Wellington ..."

Regarding climate change the goal is net zero by 2050 which is in line with the Paris Agreement, she asserted. "The Zero Carbon Bill puts in place the core building blocks

to give New Zealanders long-term certainty about the path we are on..." - ensuring - "a fair and just transition."

The Minister turned her attention to the Oil and Gas transition. She reiterated the announcement that no new off shore petroleum permits would be issued. "This decision supports a just transition to a low carbon economy for NZ and we will work with iwi, industry and key partners to ensure this occurs."

However, she promised, "The rights of existing permit holders will be honoured."

She explained that MBIE have been commissioned to establish a Just Transition Unit. "This is to ensure that

workers in the petroleum and related industries are supported and existing operator's rights are respected."

New jobs would be created as the result of the "hundreds of millions of dollars" invested in clean energy projects and the new infrastructure, as the transition away from fossil fuels proceeds.

The Hon Nanaia Mahuta concluded by stressing the importance of working closely with Maori. "... We are not going to achieve any of our ambitious environmental priorities without building a strong and enduring relationship with iwi/Maori."

On this month in history Charles Blondin crosses Niagara Falls blindfolded

On June 30 1959 a huge crowd of 25,000 watched in shock as 35-year-old Frenchman Charles Blondin crossed the Niagara Falls on a tight-rope. This took about five minutes.

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to the spot and set alight. If anyone spotted a car in the condition I mentioned, or one being towed at around 10 pm on Sunday night, I'm sure the boys in blue would like to hear.

In the last edition I said we hadn't had one call out for the fortnight. I emailed our report to this paper on

Tuesday night (my cut-off time) and the following morning, you guessed it, a call to rescue a small dog at the lake. The editor reported on the incident in that edition so I didn't feel too bad.

Tuesday June 12 will be a date that all of our brigade members will always remember. It was the day

that David "Rang" Fleming took his last ride on a fire appliance. After many years of suffering, Rang gave up the fight. His brother was having serious kidney issues so Rang donated one of his. This gesture may have been the main reason for Rang's premature departure, but he wouldn't have wanted it any

other way. He extended his brother's life by a number of years and Rang was extremely proud of this fact.

Another proud fact Rang had, was his 40 Years of service for the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade, the township and the surrounding district. Rang had worked his way up through the ranks

until he reached the top...the Chief Fire Officer. He held this position for five years until he decided to travel. He re-joined our brigade in 2010 where he was a member of the Fire Support unit until his death, RIP Rang.

Secretary Beau.

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New era for Taranaki Civil Defence

Taranaki Civil Defence is putting down deeper roots to help the region prepare for, withstand and recover from the impacts of threats and hazards whose dangers are increasingly evident regionally, nationally and

globally.

Civil Defence has boosted staff numbers to deepen its reach into districts and communities, and has adopted a new five-year Group Plan to take it into its new era.

"We're in a process of transformation," says the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group Chair, Tom Cloke. "The aim is to work more effectively with communities to make them better able to prepare, to cope and to recover."

The CDEM Group is made up of the region's three district mayors as well as Mr Cloke, a Taranaki Regional Councillor. It decided last year to invest in more staff and to establish emergency

operations centres at District Council level to respond to local emergencies.

"We're reminded on the TV news just about every night that geological, climatic and technological events, or pandemics can and do have an enormous impact," says Mr Cloke. "Our region is not immune. We've seen for ourselves yet again this year how storms can cause major disruptions. And the volcanic eruptions in Guatemala, Hawaii and Vanuatu highlight how important it is for us to plan for an eruption here – it's a top priority in the new Group Plan."

The new Group Plan focuses on the 'four Rs' of Civil Defence – risk reduction, readiness, response and recovery. It also takes into

account the organisational changes to take effect from July 1.

These include: District Councils identifying key staff to be local controllers and local recovery managers, bringing highly localised knowledge to response and recovery, continued regional coordination of emergencies, with the oversight of a regional group controller, transferring the provision of services such as IT and building management from the Taranaki Regional Council to the New Plymouth District Council, because the CDEM group office is in New Plymouth, and overall governance of and statutory responsibility for the CDEM Group remaining with the Taranaki Regional Council.

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OBITUARY David 'Rang' Roger Fleming

1951 - 2018

The members of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade had mixed emotions when they saw the Eltham Fire Brigades 1938 Ford fire engine on Tuesday June 12. On one hand they recognised an appliance that had been beautifully and lovingly restored, the pride and joy of the Eltham Brigade. On the other hand, they knew that it was here to take a well-respected fire fighter on his last journey through the streets of Opunake, the town that he had helped protect for the past forty years.

That fire fighter was ex Chief Fire Officer David "Rang" Fleming. Rang was born in New Plymouth on July 3 1951 and was the second child of John and Eunice Fleming. Growing up on the Kahui Road, Rahoitu meant that he had plenty of cousins to mix with. Rangs family were known as the JRs, his uncle Jacks family were the RJs and his Uncle Bernie's were somewhere in between.

Most Sundays were spent at church, followed by a family lunch, either at their house or at one of the relatives. Inevitably, the conversations revolved around horses. On his mother's side of the family, the horse talk would be about hunts and eventing. On his father's side, it was about thoroughbreds and racing. Later in life Rang dabbled in horse ownership with brothers Nuts and Boof, but his real passion was to be with "iron horses."

His early schooling was at the Newall Road School, and from there he went to Okato College and then on to Francis Douglas Memorial College. It was here that he gained a good understanding of being a team member and a member of a team. His trait was cemented in Rang's philosophy, and it was drawn on throughout the rest of his life.

As with quite a few young Coastal men of that era, school work was not a high priority



David 'Rang' Fleming.

so Rang decided to leave school and find employment. Rang didn't fancy a life of milking cows so he took a job in the Rahoitu dairy factory. The money was great, the parties were fantastic, and life-long friendships were formed. He played senior rugby for the Rahoitu Club in the position of hooker, and due to his size, would often be seen popping out of the side of a ruck with the ball in hand.

The large weekly pay pack, courtesy of the Rahoitu factory, enabled Rang to purchase a Mini Cooper S. He followed this with a Mark 2, and then a 3 Ford Zephyr. After his factory employment, he worked with Cecil Rampton and Phillip Lykals driving a bulldozer. It was here that Rang learnt the value of hard work, long hours, and machinery maintenance. These informative years in the contracting game, gave him the confidence to buy his own bulldozer and start his own pilgrimage to "flatten the Coast."

This led to a partnership with Brian "Fats" Hobson trucking basically anything a farmer required. From picking up hay, carting bulk

and bagged fertilizer, to transporting anything that would keep the wolf from the door. Somewhere along the line Rang and Fats purchased Coastal Transport but when the transport industry was deregulated, they decided to end their partnership and go their separate ways.

It wasn't all work and no play because in 1978, he married Colleen Davis. Lisa was born in the following year and Crockett the year after that.

Rang bought another bulldozer and giant discs, and set about taming some of Taranaki's wild country. With the advent of effluent ponds, Rang realised that if he made them, someone would have to clean them out at some point. So he set himself up to do this unpleasant task and the family contracting business is still doing it today.

At this stage of his life he teamed up with Tommy Redin to form a successful partnership in rowing and picking up stones. Tommy had a digger and a stone rower and Rang owned a dozer and a stone picker. Between them they could transform a paddock in no time.

Rang branched out and

worked on the Cold Creek water scheme as well as other projects in the Hawkes Bay and in the South Island.

Around the age of 20, Rang decided to apply for a passport, and was greeted with a huge surprise. He had always celebrated his birthday on July 4, but it was discovered that his birthday was actually on July 3. A number of people said that's the reason he was a great contractor.... he was always a day late, even for his own birthday.

All this talk about work, one could be excused for thinking that all he did was work. He did however have another interest and that was in the fire brigade. While Rang was in his final days in hospital, he was presented with a certificate commemorating 40 years of service with the Fire Service. This was a very special moment for Rang and those that were present. This is an outstanding achievement when you think of the hours and hours of commitment and dedication he had given.

Rang started his fire brigade life in Rahoitu. He moved to the Opunake Brigade in 1972, and worked his way up the ranks, becoming our Chief Fire Officer in 2000. He was a straight talking leader that took no nonsense. He may not have said too much, but when he did, you listened. His practical approach came to the fore on the fire ground as he could look at what could potentially be a problem and sort it out before it became an issue. In the early days, the Opunake brigade had a Coventry portable pump, and it was a beast to fire up. Rang was our saviour on many occasions as he was always able to start it after others had failed.

The thing that sets this man apart from the others is this. On February 21 1981 he gave his brother one of his kidneys. This life saving gesture possibly shortened Rang's own life but he wouldn't have had it any other way. After

a few years, it was realised that Rang was having serious kidney issues of his own and he would require dialysis. He unfortunately became a diabetic, and his heart was having trouble coping.

Even with the onset of full blown diabetes, and subsequently learning to regulate his blood sugars and his insulin intake, the regular trips to the Waikato Hospital, as well as to the Base Hospital, the countless hours in A&E, and in the Intensive Care Ward, Rang took it all in his stride and boxed on.

To Rang this was just another hill to knock off or another gully to fill in. He

would say "I'll get through. I've beaten worse than this." Unfortunately, this hill was a little too high and the gully too deep. Rang passed away on June 7 2018 surrounded by his loving family.

Rang's funeral service took place at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Tuesday June 14. On leaving the church for Rang's final journey, it was evident just how respected he was in the Fire Service. Over fifty fire fighters from around Taranaki had formed a guard of honour as he was led to the fire appliance.

Rest in peace Rang.

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Towards a brighter future

Sadly, it's become all too easy to put the boot in while the Ardern Peters government bumbles from one mess to the next. Examples of hypocrisy, infighting and inability pile up almost daily, threatening to drown us in a sea of negativity.

So what is National doing? The job of the Opposition party is to hold the Government to account. But beyond trying to make sense of the Ardern Peters policy mess, National Party



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Led by Simon Bridges, our MPs are getting out and about around the country hearing

the concerns of local people and distilling them into robust policy. You'll have another chance to meet Simon when he returns to the region on July the 9th to hold public meetings in Hawera and New Plymouth.

Environment Spokesperson Scott Simpson had a very successful day here on Monday, meeting with the Regional Council, Sustainable Taranaki, Environmental Groups, and investigating the New

Plymouth District Council's Zero Waste Initiative. I'm always proud to show visiting MPs what our local people are achieving, and Scott appreciated the opportunity to experience the dedication and passion of Taranaki environmentalists.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the area's two new school Principals, Peter O'Leary at Opunake High and Scott Walden at Coastal Taranaki School. I look forward to

catching up with you soon. As your local MP, your concerns, ideas and viewpoint are important to me. I have regular clinics in Opunake and am always keen to hear from you. Call my office on 759 1363 to make an appointment, or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

*Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth*

Ministers propose forestry improvements

Forestry Minister Shane Jones and Climate Change Minister James Shaw have released a consultation paper proposing 12 improvements to forestry regulations in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZETS).

"Expanding the forestry industry's capacity is essential to the success of the One Billion Trees programme, and ensuring the ETS works better is an integral part of

this," Shane Jones said. "We have listened to the sector and these improvements are another step towards making investment and participation in forestry easier and cheaper," Shane Jones said.

"Increased forestry is a vital aspect of New Zealand doing its bit to address climate change," James Shaw said.

"We're hoping to make some straight-forward, practical changes soon to improve

the ETS for people who plant trees.

"The proposals take into account feedback from the 2015/16 NZ ETS Review, along with insights from the submission of mandatory emissions returns from the 2,300 forestry participants in the scheme.

"We will be coming back to the sector to get their input on more improvements to the ETS later this year, as the Government is very aware

we need to address issues that are currently seen as blocks to participation in the scheme," James Shaw said.

There are 12 proposals being consulted on, including: Forest owners with 100 hectares or more in the scheme only needing to update their lookup tables once every five years, providing more flexibility regarding waivers for owners of over 100 ha around the collection of field data near the end of

the five-yearly mandatory emissions returns, and closing an unanticipated loophole related to the deforestation of post-1989 forest, and its subsequent replanting and re-entry into the scheme.

The other nine proposals correct or improve technical issues, or address areas where the regulations aren't working as intended.

Submissions on the consultation document are open until July 3. Ministers will

consider final proposals arising from the documents later in 2018, and any new or amended regulations would come into force in early 2019.

Other changes to the NZETS affecting forestry are also being developed, but these would require amendments to the primary legislation (the Climate Change Response Act).

Jacinda Ardern should copy Donald Trump

Strong economic growth remains the most surefire way of lifting wellbeing and living standards for everyone. Higher employment levels and rising incomes give more opportunities to get ahead and enjoy life. More tax revenue gives the Government a greater ability to fund social spending and meet the needs of vulnerable families and communities.

Unfortunately, so far, the Government is failing to deliver an environment

capable of producing ambitious improvements in economic wellbeing.

Large minimum wage hikes, changes to employment law, national and regional fuel taxes, and the ban on oil and gas exploration have sent business confidence tumbling.

It was reported last week that for every business in Auckland expecting the economy to improve through the rest of 2018, three thought it would deteriorate.



Joe Ascroft

According to ANZ, a net 27% of firms are pessimistic about business conditions in the next 12 months.

Across the Pacific, in the United States, it is a completely different story.

Small business confidence has reached its highest level since the 1980s. Unemployment has fallen to 3.8% and job openings are forecast to exceed unemployment for the first time on record in just a

few months. In short, the economy is growing very strongly in the United States, and business is confident about the future.

If the Government wants to substantially improve economic wellbeing it should look to the United States for inspiration.

The American economic boom has largely been a product of an ambitious package of tax reform. Personal income tax cuts were combined with a 40% cut in the headline company tax rate. Additionally, there were some technical changes to how investment is taxed, encouraging firms to bring forward planned expansion.

Those opposed to company tax cuts often argue that only big corporates benefit, but that ignores the evidence coming out of the United States. Small businesses are flourishing and wages are growing. Our strategy for economic growth is odd in comparison. The Government is taxing

businesses that desperately want to grow and invest so they can plant one billion trees and give a free year of study to 18-year olds that were probably going to university anyway. The Prime Minister has assembled a Tax Working Group, but it appears the group is too concerned about 'fairness' to offer up any meaningful reforms that would encourage an American-style boom.

Improved economic wellbeing requires businesses

to expand and invest. The Government should examine the evidence and – inspired by the United States' success – enact substantial cuts to company tax rates.

Ardern might feel uncomfortable copying Trump, but higher incomes should win out.

Joe Ascroft is an economist at the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union. www.taxpayers.org.nz

On this month in history Antarctic Treaty established

On June 23, 1961 the Antarctic Treaty came into effect. Originally, it was called the Antarctic Treaty System and NZ was one of the eleven original signatories when it was agreed on 1959 that Antarctica was to be

a scientific preserve. The treaty established freedom of scientific investigation, but banned military activity.

Since then over 30 other nations have signed the Treaty.

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Thirteenth whale found on South Taranaki coast

Another sperm whale found stranded on Ngati Ruanui Hapotiki hapu in less than two weeks will be honoured with unique traditional processes.

“This is the 13th whale, one of an unprecedented amount of young male sperm whale stranding along our coast in South Taranaki,” said Ngati Ruanui rangatira Rukutai watene.

“We can’t determine what’s happening out in the ocean but we can learn to manage these losses in a way that brings to life cultural practices that honour and pay respect.

“We have invited Hori Parata and experts of Ngati Wai to educate and lead through this process.”

Ngati Wai are experienced in this role, having managed about 500 whale and dolphin rites throughout Aotearoa.

Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Kaiarataki Debbie Ngarewa-Packer said part of this journey would be returning to the past in order to understand the present.

“It is highly unusual and there is concern about a young healthy male pod washing up in these numbers.

“As it is the first in many of our lifetimes, the time is right to learn through this process, allowing traditions



Yet another whale discovered on the South Taranaki coast..

to continue with future generations and to understand more of what’s happening out there.”

Ngarewa-Packer said thanks to the support received from Ngati Wai and Nga Ruahine, Ngati Ruanui would work together caring for both the Tohora (whale) and each other.

“This is an intense process which we undertake with careful consideration. It takes many people to respectfully receive this precious gift named Utungia.”

The 11 metre-long male sperm whale was found on Friday June 8 at a remote location accessed on foot along the Waihi Beach coastline.

As the whale has chosen to rest on a rugged and often inaccessible section of Ngati Ruanui beach “Koutu” along the Waihi-Tangahoe coastline, Ngati Ruanui will be managing limited access.

The danger involved means only approved persons will have knowledge of the exact site. Ngati Ruanui will openly provide all communication throughout this process.

Last month, twelve sperm whales had washed up near the mouth of the Kaipokonui River.

South Taranaki reviews electoral arrangements

The Egmont Plains Ward may soon become the Opunake-Manaia Ward, losing Kapuni but picking up Okaiawa.

Public consultation on the South Taranaki District Council’s (STDC) Representation Review Proposal for next year’s local body elections has begun, and runs until July 16.

The proposal sees the boundaries of three South Taranaki wards being redrawn, while the current Patea ward would remain unchanged. The Tangahoe Ward would disappear altogether, with the western side going into the Opunake-Manaia Ward, and the rest going into a new Hawera-Tangahoe Ward. (except for the current Patea Ward). The main change is the

amalgamation of the Hawera-Normanby and Tangahoe Wards. The current Eltham Ward would be renamed Eltham-Kaponga.

Cr Bonita Bigham who represents the Egmont Plains Ward says she has reservations about both the name and the boundaries of the proposed Opunake-Manaia Ward.

“It’s too much to expect Okaiawa to have much community of interest with Pungarehu,” she said at last week’s Egmont Plains Community Board meeting held at Pungarehu. “I have an issue with ward names that are specific to towns. They don’t do justice to the other communities in the area. You are potentially telling people in Okaiawa that they are on the fringes,” she said. Deputy Community Board

chairman Andy Whitehead said the same issue could arise in the Patea Ward.

“There must be areas that don’t associate with Patea, so naming the ward Patea is not reflective of these other communities,” he said.

The Council has to review its representation every six years to consider things like the number of elected members and wards, where the boundaries lie and what the names of the wards and community boards should be, says STDC corporate services manager Phillipa Wilson.

“When reviewing the District’s representation, the Council has a number of rules which it must be guided by. For example,

the Council has to consider how to best represent the ‘communities of interest’ in the District and the number of councillors per ward must represent approximately the same number of people,” says Mrs Wilson.

She says the advantage of the proposal is that it is familiar, it keeps the same number of councillors and community board members as now and there’s little change for most

people. “The Council sees this as a ‘best fit’ for meeting effective representation of communities of interest of the District while also recognising the needs of geographically distinct communities,” says Mrs Wilson. “It also means three wards would comply with the guidelines with the Patea Ward being the only one which wouldn’t fit the population plus/minus 10% requirement,” she says.

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Sari is a skilled practitioner of Deep Medical Massage (DMM)

comes from this source. Here are a few quotes from satisfied clients:

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had the worst sciatica and through sessions with her it disappeared.....She is very very good at what she does and is a really nice person that makes you feel

very comfortable.” Sessions last from a minimum, of one hour to as much as three. Sari’s clients range in age from early 20s up to a ninety-year-old.

Relaxing music is usually played during the sessions ranging from classical flute to popular songs. One of the aromatic lotions she uses include Bees Ease which is a blend of bees wax with chamomile, sweet almond and rosemary. One client insists on Tahitian Orchid Massage Oil. “My client loves the smell,” Sari explains. Colourful towels feature – Sari finds the white ones a bit bland.

Sessions usually conclude with a cup of herbal tea with chamomile often favoured.

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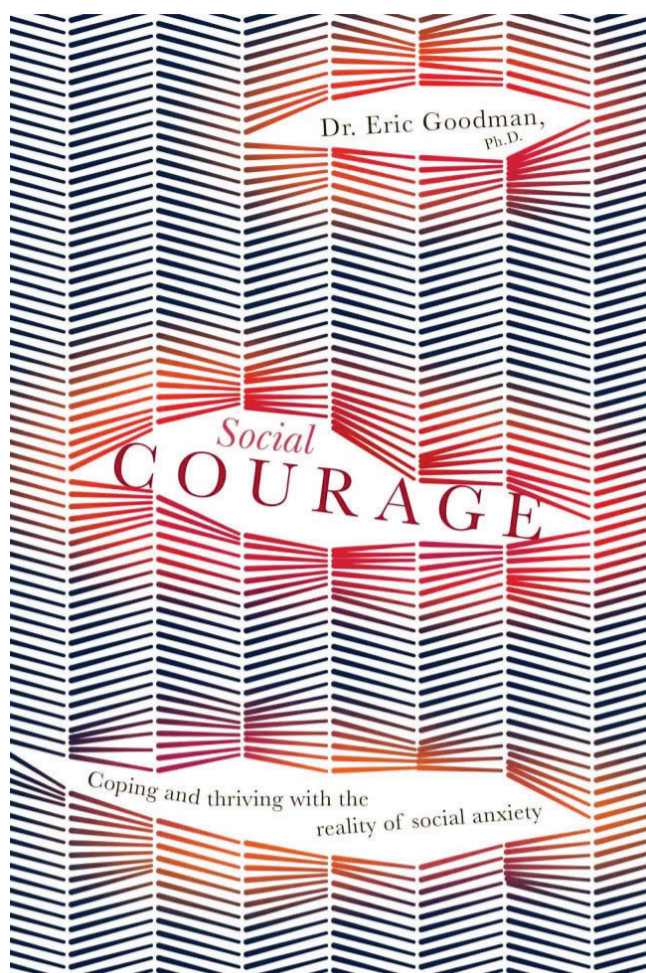
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Tools to handle social anxiety

Courage is not a lack of fear. Courage, as that old cowboy John Wayne once said is being afraid and saddling up anyway. Social anxiety is part of what makes us human. We all want to belong, and social anxiety helps us to moderate our behaviour so we remember to leave the house with our pants on. Some level of social anxiety is helpful, but how do we know when our worries about making a social gaffe have become a problem? Dr Eric Goodman specialises in helping those with debilitating levels of social anxiety. He knows that many people are walking around with a secret: they experience social anxiety. At the same time, they are bombarded by messages from books, articles and gurus that lead them to believe that social anxiety



is a disease that needs to be cured. Consequently, along with social anxiety, they carry shame — believing that there is something wrong with them that must be fixed before they can live a ‘normal’ life. Often, they are waiting for the magical day when their social anxiety vanishes forever before pursuing their social goals, such as increasing friendships, finding a romantic partner, or advancing in their career. The problem is that social anxiety is normal and, to some degree, it will remain a lifelong companion. *Social Courage* presents a step-by-step, structured program for minimising suffering in the face of social anxiety while giving readers the tools to boldly go towards their social goals. It combines strategies from cognitive behaviour therapy,

acceptance and commitment therapy, and compassion-focused therapy to form ‘CBT 2.0’, to help readers cope and thrive with anxious thoughts and emotions using practical exercises and case studies. Whether readers are struggling with social anxiety of phobic proportions or are just held back when it comes to public speaking or meeting a specific social goal, *Social Courage* presents a path forward while minimising suffering along the way.

Eric Goodman, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist, author and speaker who specialises in helping people face their social fears and anxiety disorders. He has been a lecturer at Northeastern University and California Polytechnic State University. In addition to his private practice in San Luis Obispo, California, he runs Social Courage groups and retreats. When he is not busy ‘scaring’ his clients, he can be found scaring his three kids and patient wife.

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Upcycling with Manaia WI



Manaia Primary School students with their finished upcycled bags.

The June meeting of the Manaia Women’s Institute was held on Tuesday June 5. Members met at Olive’s Pantry in Hawera for lunch to celebrate the 64th birthday of Women’s Institute in Manaia.

Four members attended the Women’s Institute National AGM in Petone in May, where Phyllis Malcolm – President, was presented with a Gold Honours badge (the highest honour in WI). This year’s National

project for the Women’s Institute is share a skill. Several members of the Manaia Women’s Institute went for three weeks to the Manaia Primary School to teach the children sewing skills.

They learnt how to do drawn thread work, make a patch and sew on buttons. They were delighted with their efforts, and couldn’t wait to show their parents their upcycled bag.

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The sun shines for Grant and Kathryn



RIGHT:

In November 2012 Grant Baylis and Kathryn Hobbs met. Kathryn has lived and worked in a New Plymouth resthome as a caregiver, while Grant has been living in Te Kiri, milking his 200 cows. On Friday June 1, they married and celebrated Kathryn's 50th at Te Kiri Hall with family and friends attending from near and far. Grant's three children Benn, Ellen and April, and Kathryn's two children Rachel and Callum were a huge part of the celebration. The weather on the day had the sun shining and the mountain out in all its Opunake

Saint Nicholas comes to town



ABOVE:

Jack and Elke Van der Saar celebrated their Dutch heritage with Margaret Ockhuysen at the Opunake Cottage Rest Home. Jack wore the St Nicholas costume and he explained its history to the residents. Together the threesome sang the Dutch national anthem.



ABOVE:
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Dad inspired music proves a winner

Hungry Violets from New Plymouth Girls' High School, Francis Douglas Memorial College and Spotswood College took out first place at this year's Taranaki Smokefree Rockquest regional final at the TSB Showplace on Saturday.

Guitarist Sian Fenwick, of the Year 13 alternative/indie band, said the band's sound derived from 80s bands that their dads listen to; and she said it was 'the biggest buzz' being on stage.

"It feels like we are showing a piece of art, so it's a really vulnerable experience. When it really settled in that we got to play our music in front of such a big crowd of people it all became such a massive rush," she said. "The win was so satisfying and so much more exciting knowing that there are more steps in the competition. It makes everything we've been doing worthwhile. We have so much camaraderie and friendship as a band, and I think that really came across on stage."

The other members of Hungry Violets are Jess Hockey (vocals, bass), Dylan Bines (drums), and Yoon Seo Shin (keys). Sian Fenwick won the MAINZ Musicianship Award.

Second place in the band category went to Don't Be A Menace from New Plymouth Boys' High School.

The solo-duo winner for Taranaki was Laura Griffiths from Sacred Heart Girls' College. The singer-songwriter said that her second win at Smokefree Rockquest was exciting and as her last Smokefree Rockquest she wanted to 'really give it my all'.

"It was quite nerve-



The Hungry Violets smoked out the competition in this year's Taranaki Smokefree Rockquest.

wracking interacting with the audience because I played early on in the night and I really wanted to get the crowd having some fun," she said. "I enjoyed my time on stage and was so surprised with the win - I was ecstatic and over the moon! I genuinely thought it was going to go to someone else...there was so much cool new talent."

Second place went to Naya Dial from New Plymouth Girls' High School.

These four acts have the opportunity to gain selection for the national final in September.

The Tangata Beats Award went to Ellie Rose from New Plymouth Girls' High School, who now goes into the selection process for the national finals of that event, which celebrates Maori and Pacifica themes in a contemporary music setting. Ellie Rose also won the People's Choice Award.

Smokefree Rockquest founder and director Glenn

Common says there are more bands than ever reaching the high standard required from national finalists.

"This means that real dedication is required to achieve the 'stand out quality' that the judges will be looking for," he said. "They have to capture 15 minutes of their original material on video for selection as national finalists. It's a process that demands creativity and musical ability, being able to work together as a group and

having good organisational skills. What separates them out is perseverance - industry success seldom happens overnight."

The top regional bands and solo/duos submit footage for selection as finalists to play off at the Smokefree Rockquest national final on Saturday September 22 at the Dorothy Winstone Centre in Auckland, preceded by the Smokefree Tangata Beats national final on Friday September 21.

The full list of awards for Taranaki is:

Band 1: Hungry Violets, New Plymouth Girls' High School, Francis Douglas Memorial College, Spotswood College. Band 2: Don't Be A Menace, New Plymouth Boys' High School. Band 3: The Slates, New Plymouth Girls' High School. Solo/Duo 1: Laura Griffiths, Sacred Heart Girls' College. Solo/Duo 2: Naya Dial, New Plymouth Girls' High School. Tangata Beats Award: Ellie Rose, New Plymouth Girls' High School. People's Choice: *Continued page 15.*

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Popular road in need of attention

Bayly Road between Warea and Pungarehu is proving a popular destination in its own right. The road which branches off Surf Highway and makes its way towards the coast and the Cape Egmont Boat Club and the Historic Cape Light and Museum is getting increasing traffic, the Egmont Plains Community Board was told last week.

“Bayly Road is at the northern end of South Taranaki District, so let’s make a good impression for people coming through,” Richard Van der Fits of the Cape Egmont Boat Club told the board during the open forum part of the meeting held at Pungarehu last week.

He said Bayly Road attracted a lot of traffic from tourists including freedom campers and visitors to the Cape Lighthouse and Museum. While the condition of the first half of the road branching off from the State Highway was good, the road narrowed as it got further towards the coast. This made it harder for visitors and Boat Club members towing boats who had to negotiate their way past tanker track entrances with little room to pull over. Problems did not end

there. Richard said eight months ago at the end of Bayly Road, a big swell had produced tides which had strewn rubbish across the road and eroded to within two metres of the road used by milk tankers and school buses.

“Why not fix the problem before the next spring tides?” Richard said. “Do something before you lose your public road.”

South Taranaki District Council development engineer Tracey Mitchell says the Council are aware of the damage to the coastal rock wall which extends from the Bayly Road intersection.

“We’re aware of the damage to this structure and we are going to work with the locals and the Cape Egmont Boat club to make repairs over the coming months.”

The road’s increasing popularity coincided with the Cape Egmont Boat Club needing to do new tar sealing work. Richard said the existing tar sealing is 25-30 years old and in need of repair and maintenance. The club are seeking quotes and hope to get on to in the next six months. They had consulted with local iwi



The Historic Cape Light and Museum is one of the reasons people make the trip along Bayly Road.

who they lease part of their property off. They would be applying for council funding at a later date.

As well as being used for club activities, their club rooms have hosted other functions like ANZAC Day commemorations. Richard said this year, the club rooms were full with about 120 people turning up.

The nearby Historic Cape Light and Museum has also continued to prove a popular drawcard bringing more traffic along Bayly Road. From June 2017 to June 2018 there were 3500 signatures in the lighthouse visitor book. Richard says this would probably represent only a quarter of the people who came to see the lighthouse in that time.

Built in 2007, the Historic Cape Light and Museum serves as a memory of bygone days when wrecks off the Taranaki coast were not uncommon.

In 2015, lighthouse trustee Len Pentelow told the Opunake and Coastal News that the idea of putting up the lighthouse had started with a newspaper photo of an engineer dismantling the old light from the Cape Egmont lighthouse and

replacing it with a more modern New Zealand-made Vega replacement. The original light was placed on permanent loan to the South Taranaki District Council, a trust set up and replica lighthouse built to house the light.

The Bayly Road lighthouse has similar dimensions to the one at Cape Egmont, but is only two thirds the height. Whereas the Cape Egmont lighthouse is made of cast iron, the one at Bayly Road is made of steel and reinforced concrete.

In 2015, Len said that with improved signage on the corner of Bayly Road and Surf Highway, he had noticed an increase in visitor numbers.

Dad inspired music

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Ellie Rose, New Plymouth Girls’ High School. Best Vocals: The Six, Stratford High School. Musicianship: Sian Fenwick (Hungry Violets), Spotswood College. Best Song: Mamas Boyz, Hawera High School. Style Award: The Zak, Stratford High School Lyric Writers’ Award: Hannah-Leigh, New Plymouth Girls’ High School.



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Free manuka seedling offer oversubscribed

The offer of 1.8 million free mānuka seedlings by Te Uru Rākau (Forestry New Zealand) in partnership with Mānuka Farming New Zealand has proved hugely popular with applications totaling 5.2 million seedlings.

Mānuka Farming New Zealand (MFNZ) General Manager Stephen Lee says they were overwhelmed by the huge interest for the seedlings. The initiative contributes to the Government's One Billion Trees Programme.

"We had 1.8 million mānuka trees available, which would cover about 1,635 hectares in plantings across New Zealand. Within a week we had 70 applications, totaling 3.6 million seedlings, and covering around 2,841 hectares.

"We now have a big huge task ahead of assessing potential plantations from Northland to Te Anau."

Mr Lee said the first step is to assess the applications, followed by a series of site assessments to those selected based on size, suitability for planting, and availability of suitable mānuka stock for that location.

Te Uru Rākau has

contracted MFNZ to assess the suitability of sites for mānuka to be planted this winter, and to organise the delivery of seedlings to landowners. MFNZ can also help landowners in the establishment of their mānuka plantations.

Although there was no maximum limit on the size of potential plantation sites, ideally larger sites are more suitable as they produce higher quality mānuka honey. The largest land parcel application was 480 hectares with the smallest at 0.5 hectares.

Mr Lee said a condition of the offer is landowners must be ready and committed to planting the mānuka seedlings in 2018.

"Ideally the land is already free of weeds and pests as this will enable planting to take place between July and September," Mr Lee said.

Although the seedlings are free, landowners are required to cover the costs of packing and dispatching the seedlings from the nursery, site preparation, including pest and weed control, fencing if required, planting costs and ongoing post-plant monitoring.

"MFNZ will be available to provide wrap-around

services, including advice, co-ordination and management of planting to ensure greater growing success," Mr Lee said.

"We have a large range of developed, tested and trialed high performance mānuka varieties designed and tailored for specific regions, as well as e-sourced varieties suitable for planting at or near their source."

Mr Lee said the final decisions on which landowners will be offered mānuka will take a couple of weeks.

Those that miss out will get the opportunity to purchase high grade mānuka seedlings for planting in 2019. The sale season for orders is now open and closes at the end of August.

Landowners not participating in this initiative can apply for funding

through MPI programmes such as the Erosion Control Funding Programme.

MFNZ will also work with relevant councils and government agencies to help facilitate investment that could be available to landowners for planting.

Julie Collins, Head of Te Uru Rākau, says the offer 1.8 million mānuka seedlings has been a huge success in identifying new plantation potential across New Zealand.

"We are thrilled with the strong interest by landowners keen to plant mānuka," says Ms Collins.

"We now want to ensure we all get the very best possible outcomes, by ensuring the right mānuka seedlings are matched to the land. MFNZ has experience and expertise in this area."

MFNZ was formed in 2011 as a result of a Primary

Growth Partnership (PGP) programme called High-Performance Mānuka Plantations. Through a seven year programme of research and pilot plantations, new knowledge has been developed about how to establish and manage high performing mānuka plantations for the production of medical grade mānuka honey. MFNZ was established to make that knowledge available to landowners.

MFNZ contains shareholding representing strong primary sector and apiary interests, including Comvita NZ Limited; Hawke's Bay Regional Council, DC and CY Tweeddale Partnership; Nukuhau Carbon Limited; Landcorp Farming Limited and Te Tumu Paeroa.

The partnership has 15 mānuka a trial sites on 400ha

across New Zealand. These sites have been monitored for mānuka survival, growth, floral density and nectar quantity and production, stocking rates, pest and weed issues, nectar production and honey production.

MFNZ provides consultancy services on the establishment of mānuka plantations, including initial assessment, site visits, development of master plans on plantation and apiary establishment and management, and financial forecasting, plantation and apiary establishment, monitoring and honey harvesting.

MFNZ has delivered some positive results from its trial plantations. It is now working with many landowners around New Zealand predominantly in the North Island.

Beekeeping Club mark their first year



Lester Bulmer cuts the cake.

The Hawera Beekeeping club held its first birthday celebration with about twenty members present. The club holds regular meetings on a Saturday starting with a cup of tea or coffee, then have a discussion time talking about what should be done around the hives at the present time. If it is fine we will then open up a few hives to give beekeepers some experience on what to look for within the hive.

Lester Bulmer is the organiser of the club and meetings are held at his place about once a month. Lester started the club to help other hobbyist beekeepers keep bees successfully. Some members don't have hives yet but come for the experience before buying a hive.

Lester Bulmer

A wet May and a wet autumn

This year autumn was wetter than normal across Taranaki according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. In the months March-May the average across the region for these three months was 144% of normal.

Rainfall for May was above normal throughout the region by between 116 % and 205 %, with an average of 143 %. Kotare (Tongaporutu) recorded more than twice its normal May rainfall with 412.0 mm. MetService issued eight weather events for the month, with five of these being for thunderstorm watches, two for rain watches and one rain warning. For a majority of the sites, rainfall was recorded on every day from May 11-28.

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Young Farmers welcome newcomers

Chandra Garrod-Harvey now has a major incentive to join Central Taranaki Young Farmers.

in the dairy sector who'd moved into the district at the start of the month."

The Opunake vet nurse won a NZ Young Farmers membership at the club's annual BBQ to welcome new people to the district.

Several of Taranaki's five NZ Young Farmers clubs hold special social events in June to help new arrivals make friends.

"It was a great night. I had heaps of fun," said Chandra, who works at Coastal Vets.

"I've found it really hard to meet other young people in Opunake," said Chandra.

About 40 people attended the event at the Pembroke Hall last week.

"This has been a good event to make me get out and socialise. I'm so glad I came."

"It was fantastic to see lots of new faces," said the chairman of Central Taranaki Young Farmers Nick Brown.

Also there was Brandon Holdt, who's just moved back to Taranaki.

"Many of them were young people working

"I've been down in Foxton where I was a senior farm assistant on an 1800-cow



Nick Brown and Chandra Garrod-Harvey.

dairy farm with an 80 bale rotary milking shed," he said.

"It was a massive operation."

Brandon now works as a second-in-charge for James Holgate and Tracy Kivell who contract milk 350 cows at Midhurst.

"It was great coming along and meeting new people and catching up with a couple of former schoolmates," said Brandon.

Central Taranaki Young Farmers holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at the Toko Tavern.

Brad Markham

A message of reassurance on semen and M.bovis

The US auditing organisation for the dairy semen collection and processing industry has issued a statement reassuring New Zealand dairy farmers of the safety of CSS 'health certified semen' from Mycoplasma bovis.

welcomed the reassurance saying it provided an objective science-based perspective which farmers could trust.

The general manager of World Wide Sires New Zealand, whose parent body Select Sires is a member of the US National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB)

"In contrast with New Zealand, where genetics companies apply their own standards to the collection and processing of bovine semen, the United States has an autonomous scientific body which provides an objective auditing service for semen and sire health

and identification," Hank Lina said.

The statement from CSS was released on 15 June and reads as follows:

"Certified Semen Services, Inc. (CSS) sympathizes with the plight of New Zealand's dairy producers as the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) acts to protect biosecurity by posting restricted notices on farms that have tested positive for Mycoplasma

bovis (M.bovis). The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) does not list M. bovis nor does it recommend testing for this organism in either the semen or donor bull for safe international trade. Nonetheless, utilizing thorough research and testing methods, CSS instituted semen processing requirements that are effective in controlling M. bovis (and other specified potential semen borne

microbes) in each breeding unit of semen. Over the past 35 years the track record demonstrates there have been no reports of M. bovis being cultured from frozen semen that has been processed according to these CSS Minimum Requirements. This historical testament to safety should provide New Zealand's dairy producers complete confidence in using CSS "Health Certified Semen" in their herds."

Hank Lina said Kiwi farmers will welcome the reassurance.

"Until now, many of the messages about the safety of product have been driven by commercial imperatives. This reassurance, from an autonomous science based organization provides the level of objectivity and reassurance that farmers need as they consider the upcoming dairy breeding season."

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Young Farmers boss takes helm at Feds

The man who helped transform NZ Young Farmers has been appointed to lead the country's most influential rural lobby group.

Terry Copeland, 50, has been named the next chief executive of Federated Farmers. He replaces Graham Smith.

Mr Copeland has been the chief executive of NZ Young Farmers since 2013 and is looking forward to a

new challenge.

"I feel the time is right to take the step up to Federated Farmers during a period when the wider industry needs renewed leadership," he said.

Federated Farmers' president Katie Milne described Mr Copeland as a strategic thinker who understands young people.

"Terry's done an amazing job lifting the profile of NZ

Young Farmers, building its membership base and increasing member participation," she said.

"We need to get more young farmers engaged in the important work our organisation does. We're confident Terry can help do that."

During his time at NZ Young Farmers, Mr Copeland has spearheaded



Terry Copeland (left) as Young Farmers CEO at the launch of the South Taranaki Young Farmers Club last year, with club chair Amanda Nichol and vice chairman

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"I'm really proud of our results across education engagement, membership, the FMG Young Farmer of the Year and the development of the Donald Pearson Farm in Auckland," said Mr Copeland.

"It's a great time to pass on

the mantle as chief executive of NZ Young Farmers.

"Many of our NZ Young Farmers members join Federated Farmers when they 'age out'. It's a natural progression. So the irony of my latest career move isn't lost on me," he laughed.

NZ Young Farmers Board chairman Jason Te Brake said Mr Copeland's departure will be a big loss.

"Terry has helped transform our organisation and put it on a more sustainable footing," he said.

"He also cares deeply about

the wellbeing of members and has been a passionate advocate of tackling suicide in rural communities."

Prior to joining NZ Young Farmers Terry Copeland had more than 20 years' experience in the wine industry. He's also an international wine judge.

Mr Copeland will finish up at the organisation in mid July after the 50th FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final in Invercargill.

M. bovis spurs updated sharemilker contracts

Federated Farmers contracts are being updated to include provisions for sharemilkers and sharemilker farm owners to develop a farm biosecurity plan.

A viable sharemilking industry has long been a key part of the vibrancy and innovation of the dairy industry. With the Mycoplasma bovis incursion, and the decision to try and eradicate the disease, "an extra challenge has been put in front of us," the Federation's

Sharemilker Farm Owners Chairperson Tony Wilding says.

A biosecurity plan has in the past been sensible business practice under the sharemilker/farm owner model, now it's an imperative, Tony says.

Federated Farmers Sharemilkers Chairperson Richard McIntyre says there is plenty of advice on the Dairy NZ website including the kinds of questions that need to be asked if new stock is coming onto the farm.

"But there should also be discussion about how the farm will function in the medium and longer term from a biosecurity perspective.

"Even relatively simple stuff should be in the plan. For example, if you or a neighbour intends grazing stock in paddocks where

there is a boundary fence, you could send them a text. One of you can then put up a break fence to keep herds from direct contact.

"Another example - there should be agreement about service bulls. Will the farm be all AI or will it get service bulls from a farm that fits 'x' and 'y' biosecurity requirements, such as a closed Hereford breeding operation, or an operation that does not bring in dairy beef? Or do the two parties agree that's not particularly important?"

The advice on the DairyNZ page can be used as a conversation starter and checklist.

"Good due diligence by both parties, and a robust biosecurity plan, will underpin a continuing, viable sharemilking industry," Richard says.

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Lilly is people's choice at Mystery Creek

Lilly Newton says she entered the Rural Catch at last week's Mystery Creek Fielddays because she wanted to network and make new friends. She did all this and much more, taking out the People's Choice Award. The award was decided by a number of things including a voting poll on facebook and crowd interaction.

In previous years the Rural Catch had been the Rural Bachelor and only males could enter. This year the event was rebranded as the Rural Catch, meaning the field was open to female contestants. Eight vied for the award, with Lilly being one of three contestants from Taranaki, the others were Berny Hall of New Plymouth and Sam Hughson of Hawera.

"I saw it on Facebook and thought it would be a cool event to get me out of my comfort zone, network and make new friends," Lilly said.

Lilly now works fulltime as a helicopter loadmaster for the family business, Precision Helicopters, while finishing off her pilot's licence.

She has been working on her licence for the last couple of years and hopes to get it completed by summer. "I've been in helicopters since I was born," she says. She has met many



The People's Choice Lilly Newton (right) with Rural Catch winner Mairi Whittle of Taihape.

interesting people along the way including movie star Tom Cruise, himself a helicopter pilot. Her father flew Cruise around when he was filming The Last Samurai near Uruti.

More recently they met again when Cruise was in Queenstown filming the latest Mission Impossible movie. Lilly said she enjoyed watching him do the stunts for the movie and is looking forward to training with Cruise's helicopter instructor Simon Spencer-Bower of Wanaka Helicopters.

Future helicopter ambitions include mustering in Australia and being involved in tourism.

She has also worked on a local sheep and beef farm focussed on fattening lambs, dairy grazers and Angus breeding.

Her family goes to Mystery Creek every year, but for Lilly, this year's experience was different from previous ones.

"I've met lots of wonderful people who have done great things in their lives and given me the inspiration to push forward," she says.

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Brett Goodin marks milestone with win



Brett Goodin chalked up 200 games for Coastal Prens against Tukapa. A remarkable feat equaled by James Murphy but a few games to go to catch James Langton on 231 and Phil Barron at 267.

On Saturday June 9, the Farmsource Coastal Premiers hosted Southern in Rahotu.

Three first half tries by the hosts had Coastal leading 17-7 at the break. An early try in the second half seemed to make the game safe, but as in all games this season, the job was far from done. Southern scored a second try to make the score 22 - 14 with 22 minutes to play. Coastal scored a fifth try after 25 minutes to make the game safe, but it was a very tough battle. Try scorers were Andrew Lane, Logan Crowley, Sam Lawn, Trent Van Der Poel and Liam Parker. Rick McKenna added a conversion for a final score of 27-14. Man of the match was Sam Lawn.

A week later on June 16, the team headed to New Plymouth to take on Tukapa. It was first versus second and to make it more special, it was also Brett Goodin's 200th game for Coastal.

Three first half tries had Coastal leading 25 - 10 at half time. Tukapa totally dominated possession during the second half and it was only very solid defence that held the hosts out. The only points of the second half came from two quick tries by Tukapa in the last few minutes. Coastal held on to take the match 25 - 24. Tries were scored by Tevita Fa'ukafa, Emmett Hurley and Lisiate Folau. Rick McKenna kicked two conversions and two penalties. Man of the match

was Logan Crowley.

There are only two games remaining of round robin play, and a win next week against Spotswood will

cement a home semi-final spot. The final game before semis is against NPOBs on Saturday June 30.

Brian Oliver



Andrew "Laney" Lane find himself in space and puts the afterburners on.

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Coastal Div 1 looking towards title defence



Heinrich Fourie helps his team to a 36 31 win over Tukapa.

On Saturday, June 9, the FBT Coastal Div.1 team played Southern at Rahotu. The team put on their best performance of the season so far.

It was hard to pick a player of the day as everyone contributed to a good team performance. Jared Davey capped off a very good display at halfback with two tries, with one try to Heinrich Fourie and Thomas Bell, along with a penalty try, and another outstanding 100 per cent kicking display

from Jamie Fevre saw Coastal win 35 - 17. Our hard working forward pack gave our backline a constant supply of good front foot ball. This allowed us to play a good open running style of rugby which was enjoyable to watch. The win keeps FBT Coastal at the top of the table.

On Saturday, June 16, FBT Coastal travelled to New Plymouth to take on Tukapa. Looking to back up last week's solid performance was the aim of

this game. The team came up against a very good and determined Tukapa side and had to battle hard for the full 80 minutes. In a game that saw two teams playing good positive rugby, the score was always going to be close. FBT Coastal score in the first five minutes. From then on both teams had periods of dominance.

At the end of the day our defence was the stronger and Coastal won a very good match 32-27. Bryn Chard scored two tries in a

very strong game, along with tries to Beauden Fleming, Heinrich Fourie and Thomas Bell, while Jamie Fevre kicked two conversions and one penalty. Player of the day went to Hamish Kape after another solid performance.

The challenge now is for the FBT Coastal boys to finish the second round with good performances over the next two weeks, to show that we are good enough to defend the title we won last season.

Alan Crowley



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Taranaki Thunder lose to Breeze but take the Dream



From left: Aarun Langton (Assistant Coach), Isabelle Cook, Raquel Sampson, Zoe Ebbitt, Rosalia Samia, Nicole Cutler, Lyndi Laborn, Eva Langton, Angelo Hill (Coach)
 Front Row: Vanessa Weir, Tara Clement, Simone Cook, Caitlin O'Connell, Maia Watling.

Photo by Michelle Hill

The Taranaki Thunder women's basketball team split their home game results with a 90-69 loss against the Harbour Breeze and a 62-49 victory over the Auckland Dream.

The Harbour Breeze travelled to Opunake and played the Thunder at the Sandford's Event Centre on Sunday June 10. A fast paced game ensued with the Thunder quickly racing to a 12-4 lead. The Breeze however, soon settled into their game, and at the end of the first quarter the scores were tied up at 23-23.

In the second quarter things unraveled for the Thunder. Defensive lapses and unforced errors resulted in the Breeze storming ahead to a 21-point lead at the half time buzzer.

The Thunder regained their confidence and although they were unable to gain on the Breeze, the 21 point difference, held until the end of the game.

One hundred and seventy two patrons came through the door, and were certainly

treated to a high quality display from talented basketball players. Penina Davidson, recent graduate from the University of Berkeley, California,

clocked up an impressive 34 points and nine rebounds. She was ably supported by Tayla Dalton, (NZ Sporting Legend Tania Dalton's daughter), who scored 21 points (shooting 8/11 from the field) and Brooke Blair with 18 points, (shooting 6/10 from beyond the arc).

The Thunder's best statistics came from import player Lyndi Laborn, 16 points, 12 rebounds and four assists. Vanessa Weir had a good showing with 12 points and seven rebounds, and Isabelle Cook and Caitlin O'Connell provided a nice punch with eight points and seven points respectively.

The Harbour Breeze

commented on the quality of facilities in Opunake, the warm welcome they received and the excellent crowd support. The icing on the cake for both teams was when they were treated to a sublime after match meal at Soul Kitchen prepared by Belinda and her able team.

"With hosting like this we will definitely return to Opunake to play again," commented Justine Reed, assistant coach of the Harbour.

Saturday June 16 saw the Auckland Dream arrive in New Plymouth to face the Thunder in their second and final home game.

The Dream made their presence known with five triples in the opening stanza carving out a 15-point advantage at the first break. Shauna Povey, bound for the U17 World Cup in Belarus

next month, and teammate to Thunder's Isabelle Cook, scored three out of the five triple point shots.

The Thunder, needing a win, was prompted into action. Tara Clement took the lead of the offence in the second quarter and scored a quick nine points. Lyndi Laborn took defensive control of the third, encouraging her team to play assertive defence, leading the charge with six massive blocks receiving cheers of elation from the supportive and vocal crowd. Laborn also scored a further five points to add to her consistent scoring in the first half of the match.

A Simone Cook three pointer at the end of the third changed the momentum of the game and the Thunder went into the last period with a four point advantage.

The Thunder put the throttle to the floor with Simone hitting two more shots from beyond the arc, and Lyndi storming home, gathering a further seven points to her tally. The final score was 62-49 to the Thunder.

Final Stats: Lyndi Laborn (22 points, 14 rebounds, six

blocks); Tara Clement (nine points, two blocks); Simone Cook (nine points), Raquel Sampson (seven points).

The Thunder team head off on their South Island rumble this coming weekend to take on the Allofold Canterbury Wildcats and the Otago Gold Rush.

Manaia Golf

June 9. Men's. 1. Rod Le Fleming. 2. John Oliver. 3. Gary Dowdle.

Junior Girls. 1. Jayda Sharp. 2. Hannah Symes. Junior Hackers. 1. Kieran Taylor. 2nd equal. Oliva Symes and Lucas Symes.

The Two Hobos. Ashton Sharp, Carter Symes.

June 16. Men. 1. Jim

Ngere. 2. John Oliver. 3. Robert Snowden.

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Winners of Taranaki surf lifeguard awards

A total of 13 awards have been given to surf lifeguards from around Taranaki, who have been commended for their remarkable efforts in both lifesaving at local beaches and as sport competitors at this year's local Awards of Excellence.

Clubs from right around the region took home awards including Fitzroy, New Plymouth Old Boys, East End and Opunake.

Fitzroy took home seven of the local awards including the lifeguard of the year and volunteer of the year along with a plethora of sports awards.

The Volunteer of the Year award was won by Adam Fraser from Fitzroy Surf Life Saving Club for his unwavering dedication to surf lifesaving. As a volunteer, Adam made a valuable contribution to all facets of surf lifesaving; from doing patrols and keeping to the public safe, to being a senior instructor at the National Lifeguarding School, to managing the Taranaki callout squad, and everything in between.

He also became the Chairman of the National Lifesaving Committee and



Junior Surf members Kayleigh Fleming, Alika Hunn, Maddy Drought competing at the NPOB (New Plymouth Old Boys) Carnival December 2017.

completed multiple New Zealand Search and Rescue qualifications during the past season.

Meanwhile, Lifeguard of the Year was awarded to Todd Velvin from the same club. He did a total

of 72 hours on patrol, while instructing 30 new IRB crewmen, two IRB drivers, and countless mentoring and help for lifeguards getting their qualifications.

Opunake took home the patrol of the year award

for their high standard of patrols, which were the highest in the region. Club of the year was awarded to East End who took home the prize for all encompassing excellence in lifeguarding, sport and education.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand Taranaki Club Support Officer, Joel Meuli said it was a great opportunity to celebrate and thank all the lifeguards and club members for their "invaluable contribution" to their communities.

"We are so proud to hear all the stories and successes of everyone from Taranaki at these awards, from our lifeguards to coaches, sports people and everyone in between. To put flags up at the beaches takes a lot of time, effort and passion from a whole bunch of people, and it's nice to acknowledge the people who help make that happen, even if they're not out on the beach patrolling. "Everyone plays a vital role on our beaches here in Taranaki and it's great being able to pass on our thanks. Plus, we have some amazing winners who have every chance of winning a national award, which would be great for the region."

Every year, regional Awards of Excellence ceremonies are held around the country to officially recognise members for their hard work and dedication to Surf Life Saving in New

Zealand before culminating at the National Awards of Excellence held this year in Auckland.

Taranaki Awards of Excellence winners: Instructor of the Year: Casey Stevens, New Plymouth Old Boys. Lifeguard of the Year: Todd Cations-Velvin, Fitzroy. U19 Sportswoman of the Year: Hannah Baker, East End.

U19 Sportsman of the Year: Zac Reid, Fitzroy. Sports Man of the Year: Javon McCallum, Fitzroy.

U19 Sports Team of the Year: East End Ski Relay team, East End. Sports Team of the Year: NPOB IRB team, New Plymouth Old Boys. Overall Sportsperson of the Year: Zac Reid, Fitzroy. Coach of the Year: Byron Reid, Fitzroy. Surf Official of the Year: Brian Velvin, Fitzroy. Volunteer of the Year: Adam Fraser, Fitzroy. Michael Taylor Award (awarded to the person who best embodies the "spirit of surf lifesaving"): Liam Cole, East End. Club Patrol of the Year: Opunake SLSC. Club of the Year: East End SLSC

Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club news

There were some 'nearlys' shot on Monday May 28 with Paul Tidswell and Garry Rowlands each getting some. Paul scored 99.6, 99.5 and 97.5 while Garry managed a 99.6 and 95.3. Coming in close behind them was Alan Drake recording two 97.5 scores. Also in the 97-club were Clare Bramley (97.4), Brian Hicks 97.3 and 96.3,

and Murray Chinery with 97.3 and 90.1. Bob Bramley shot very well with scores of 96.1, 95.3 and 93.0 as did Don Litchfield with 95.2 and 96.4.

The junior shooters are continuing their improvements each week with Boston taking it out, scoring 96.3, 91.1 and 89.1; Henry Armond 93.1

and 94.3; Keely Burnell followed her 100 group card with 84.1, 92.4 and 89.2.

On Friday June 1, a battle of the 98s arose between Murray Chinery and Clare Bramley. Murray's shooting has been getting better and better throughout the season. His scores were 94.3 and 98.7. Clare

then shot an equalling 98.7 followed by 98.8. Once again there was a 97-club with Paul Longstaff shooting two consistent 97.4s and a 95.4, while Bob Bramley shot 97.3 and 95.1. Alan Drake 95.4, 93.2; Stephen Hicks 92.3; Eddie Hagenars 91.0.

Junior shooters are showing much improved

consistency following some training earlier in the week by NZ Development coach, Jono Phillips. Keely Burnell 100 group card, 92.1, 94.1, 94.2; Henry Armond 94.2, 92.1; Boston Taylor 91.2, 92.2.

Queen's Birthday weekend is also the annual competition shoot at Awahuri, which this

year was held at Colyton. A small contingent of Eltham shooters went to this shoot and Bob Bramley placed second in C-grade while Boston Taylor was only just pipped out of third place in D-grade by just two points. Well done both to all who travelled to the shoot and did their best.

Clare Bramley

Taranaki Indoor Bowls

The Bankart trophy was played at the Kapuni Hall on Friday June 8. This is an inter-association competition between South Central and Waimate.

Four teams of triples represented each association and three rounds of eight ends were played with no time limit. Paterson players were not able to participate.

After two rounds the scores were close with South on 10 points, Waimate on 8 points and Central on 6 points. In the final round the South teams were dominant and won all four games to win the Bankart trophy with 18 points. Second on 10 points were Waimate on 10 points and third Central on 8 points.

On Saturday May 26 the Taranaki Champion of Champions Fours playoffs

were played at the Otakeho Hall. There were four games of ten ends and the outright winners with four wins were Paul Midgley's team from the Otakeho club. Paul Midgley skipped the team. Leslie Landers was third, Sam Landers was the second and Raywyn Frerickson the lead. This gave Paul his 29th Taranaki Centre title.

On Sunday May 27 the Taranaki Champion of Champion Singles playoffs were played at the Otakeho Hall once again and Paul Midgley's domination continued.

He won the title with four wins and this gave him his fifth Taranaki Centre Champion of Champions singles title and Paul now has 30 Taranaki Centre titles. Well done Paul.

Safety first at Yarrow Stadium

A safety-first approach is behind the decision to make Yarrow Stadium in New Plymouth unavailable as the Mitre 10 Cup home base for the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls in 2018.

The stadium owner, the Taranaki Stadium Trust, says geotechnical testing on the stadium's West Stand

showed the ground stability of the bank beneath it was a significant earthquake risk. Reports into the West Stand were commissioned after a November report found the stadium's East Stand was earthquake-prone.

"It's a real blow and we apologise to everyone involved. The Trust informed key partners,

including the TRFU, of the report's findings yesterday," says TST trustee, Mike Nield.

Mr Nield said it was too early to speculate on the future of the stadium but the TST would continue investigating the next steps.

"This is a blow but we remain committed to having

a facility in Taranaki capable of hosting top-flight sporting events. We'll be looking at our options and while the loss of Yarrow for 2018 is a setback, it gives us opportunities to look at some of the different choices available to us," Mr Nield said.

Yarrow Stadium is owned by the Taranaki Stadium Trust. It is operated by the NPDC, who is offering its support to its partners.

"This is hugely disappointing for players and fans who will be inconvenienced but safety comes first. We take public and staff safety very seriously and have taken a proactive approach ever since issues were first discovered," says Kelvin Wright, Chief Operating Officer for NPDC, as the operator of the venue.



Yarrow Stadium under threat.



Talking Taranaki

Chairman's chat

Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki - it's a journey for us all

Kia ora tātou katoa, greetings to you all. Taranaki is facing one of its biggest challenges - to become the first predator-free region in the country.

And I believe we can do it - but only if everyone in the region plays their part.

Taranaki Taku Tūranga - Our Place, Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki is starting from a solid foundation, thanks to all the work by farmers in the Council's Self-Help Possum Control Scheme and thanks to the iconic, well-supported and inspirational conservation programmes on the Mouna and all around the region.

But now we need to lift this work to the next level and enlist the whole region in the campaign to reach the ultimate goal.



Rats, mustelids (ferrets, weasels, stoats) and possums kill millions of native birds, lizards and invertebrates every year, pushing many species to the brink of extinction. And possums and ferrets, in particular, carry animal diseases which threaten our economically vital agricultural sector.

So ridding the region of these predators is as much an opportunity as it is a challenge.

It will be taking Taranaki forward - but its ultimate success is in the hands of you, the people of the region.

We'll be reaching out to schools, community groups, farmers and residents in different areas in the coming months as we enter new phases of the project.

I've been pleased to see an enthusiastic response since the launch of Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki a couple of weeks ago. So come on, join the campaign. Check out the video for an outline of the project, and head to www.trc.govt.nz/pf-taranaki2050 to see how and where you can play your part.

Be a part of it as once again, Taranaki blazes a trail for the rest of the country to follow. And imagine how proud you'd feel if you could tell your grandchildren that you were part of making Taranaki predator-free!

David MacLeod, Chairman



Around & about the region

Centre of attention



All eyes were on Pukeiti where Conservation Minister Hon Eugenie Sage announced that Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki would get \$11.7 million in support from Predator-Free 2050 Ltd, a Crown company. Local body leaders, iwi and other stakeholders were on hand for the announcement, which was covered by national news crews. Here the Minister, right, is pictured with Taranaki Regional Council Chairman David MacLeod, centre, and Predator-Free 2050 Ltd's Jane Taylor and Ed Chignell.

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Building a better future



The Taranaki Regional Council has formally adopted its Long-Term Plan for 2018/2028, taking a business-as-planned approach to all of its activities but also aiming to lift two key programmes to new levels of achievement. In **biodiversity protection** it aims to give Taranaki a leadership role in making a reality of New Zealand's aspiration to be predator-free by 2050. In **recreation and culture**, it aims to build on recent exciting developments to further cement Pukeiti's status as a visitor destination with wide international appeal. The rating impact amounts to just cents per week for most residential ratepayers in the region.

www.trc.govt.nz/building-a-better-future

Supporting livelihoods

NIWA study highlights value of Taranaki's riparian efforts

A new scientific study of data from Taranaki has concluded that the region has been taking effective steps to improve the health of its rivers and streams.

The independent study by NIWA found that Taranaki Regional Council's long-running riparian (streamside) protection programme is not only strongly associated with improved ecological health in the region's waterways, but has also reduced E. coli levels.

Guided by solid previous research, improving the ecological health of streams has been the major goal of the Council's long-running and voluntary riparian fencing and planting programme. The NIWA report endorses and validates this approach, with reduced bacterial (E. coli) contamination being an additional benefit.

The report notes that because the Council's riparian programme has been running so long and at such a scale, it provides a rare opportunity for leading-edge research available nowhere else in the world.

A notable finding is that ecological health is improving even where nitrogen levels are increasing, suggesting that the relationship between nutrient levels and stream health is not as simplistic and

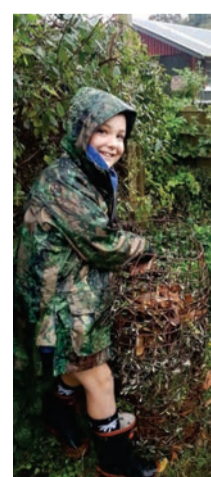


straightforward as often suggested. The study also raises questions about New Zealand's new swimmability regime.

According to NIWA's assessment, Taranaki's rivers and streams are well above minimum European standards for recreational water quality, but they do not meet this country's new 'swimmability' criteria.

Details: www.bit.ly/RiverReport2018

Improving lifestyles



Blooming good venues for education and fun

Teachers and children from Kaponga School had a whale of a time at Hollard Gardens recently when the Council's gardeners and Education Officer taught them all about composting, and how to identify creepy crawlies.

All three of the Council's iconic heritage properties - Pukeiti and Tūpare as well as Hollard Gardens - can double as outdoor classrooms. The Council has developed educational activities tailored to the unique history and environment of each. The Pukeiti Rainforest School, Tūpare Riverside School and Hollard Gardens Woodlands School offer nine to 16 activities ranging from guided walks to animal, bird

and river studies in stimulating and natural environments. Schools typically spend a day at the venue, and as you can see from the big smile in this photo, the excursions are enjoyed by the children, as well as teachers and parents. But schools need to book months in advance! See www.bit.ly/GardenSchools for details.

And of course, there's always something for grown-ups. The gardens are worth a visit at any time of the year, and are also the venues for regular free workshops and other public events. Check out the web pages at www.trc.govt.nz/gardens and www.trc.govt.nz/whats-on

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2018 Trustee Election**

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) is the PSGE entity established to receive and manage the Treaty settlement assets of Taranaki Iwi. It replaces the former Taranaki Iwi Trust.

The trust is governed by seven trustees who are elected on a rotational basis. There are two vacancies for this year's elections; Dennis Ngawhare must retire by rotation and is eligible to stand for re-election if he chooses and David Tamatea who passed away during this last term.

The Trust now invites nominations to fill these two positions. Nominations must be made on an official nomination form and close at 5pm on Thursday 19 July 2018. If more than two valid nominations are received, elections will be held by postal and internet voting with both voting periods closing at 5pm on Friday 14 September 2018.

Membership Registration

The Trust also takes this opportunity to invite all adults of Taranaki Iwi descent who have not already registered, to do so by completing a registration form. Registration forms and nomination papers can be sourced from the following:

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A feast of Mozart and Beethoven in New Plymouth with the NZSO

Two great works by two of the giants of classical music will be performed by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra in New Plymouth on June 30.

Mozart and Beethoven will feature NZSO Section Principal Bassoon Robert Weeks playing Mozart's Bassoon Concerto, the most famous work ever written for the instrument.

Mozart wrote the concerto when he was 18 years old, "but it is no juvenile jaunt" says Weeks.

"For me this piece is a delight to perform – full of energy and light. Yet it is also relentlessly demanding in the technical sense.

"As orchestral bassoonists we spend most of our time blending and matching at the back of the stage, so it will be great to get out front to publicise this lesser-known instrument. If you like Mozart, or want to hear a bassoon up close and out front, this concert is for you."

Acclaimed conductor Miguel Harth-Bedoya will



Robert Weeks

also lead the Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's sublime Symphony No.8, considered the most joyous of the composer's nine symphonies

Grammy-nominated and Emmy Award-winning Harth-Bedoya last conducted the NZSO in 2016, delighting audiences and critics.

On this tour he will continue to introduce his Peruvian

culture and heritage to New Zealand audiences with the inclusion of Jimmy Lopez's mesmerising *Fiesta!* following performances of Lopez's *Perú Negro* in 2015.

Critics have highlighted Lopez's adventurous style and he has won numerous prizes for his works. *Fiesta!*, commissioned by Harth-Bedoya to mark the centenary of the Lima Philharmonic Society in 2007, is Lopez's

most widely-performed orchestral piece. Its influences include western art music, Latin-American music, Afro-Peruvian music and mainstream pop.

Harth-Bedoya regularly conducts leading American orchestras, including the Chicago, Boston, Atlanta and Baltimore symphonies and the New York Philharmonic, and has conducted the National Orchestra of Spain, Helsinki Philharmonic, Sydney Symphony, London Philharmonic and Japan's NHK Symphony. He is in his 18th season as music director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in Texas and is also chief conductor of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra.

"A conductor has to be like a chef," he told a Fort Worth newspaper. "You have to have a taste for sound, like a taste for flavours."

Mozart & Beethoven will also feature the world premiere of New Zealand composer Gareth Farr's *He iwi tahi fātou*. It is one of



Miguel Harth-Bedoya

three works by New Zealand composers commissioned this year by the NZSO to commemorate the 250th anniversary in 2019 of Captain James Cook's arrival in New Zealand and his encounters with Māori.

More specifically, Farr's piece is inspired by Governor William Hobson's greeting to the Māori chiefs as they came forward to sign the Treaty of Waitangi - "He iwi tahi tātou" - "we are all one people".

Volunteers are the hearts of our communities

Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Peeni Henare, is calling for Kiwis to be involved in the 2018 Te Wiki Tūao a Motu, National Volunteer Week, from June 17-23.

"National Volunteer Week celebrates the millions of Kiwis who give their time, skills and knowledge to help

others. This year's theme Heart of our Communities captures the true essence of what volunteering is all about," Peeni Henare said.

Recent figures suggest that each year about 1.2 million Kiwis volunteer.

"I've had the pleasure of meeting some of those volunteers from a range of



Opunake volunteer firefighter Beau Le Prou.

different organisations, like Auckland, to community and helping out in the Koha Kai kitchen in Invercargill.

I have seen first-hand the significant contribution they make to our communities.

"Volunteering is an integral part of our Kiwi culture, something I'm really proud of.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the aroha to do something for their communities and whānau. In return, volunteers benefit by growing their skills, giving back, networking, and gaining new experiences," Peeni Henare said.

This week Minister Henare is set to host Volunteering New Zealand to celebrate the contribution of volunteers and to launch "The State of Volunteering" report. This report aims to provide insights about trends and challenges faced by volunteer organisations in the last year.



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Me'n'Gus: Family Matters

Family has become something of a theme for Opunake Players latest production "Me'n'Gus". Based on the novel "Gus Tomlins" by Frank S. Anthony, it tells the fictionalized story of Mr Anthony and his neighbour's effort to farm marginal land near Stratford after World War One, all the while trying to woo two local women.

This is where family comes in. The women in question are sisters, Violet and Rosie Alpine, played by Georgie Graham and Chloe Danz respectively. Their father, Farmer Dan, is played by Paul Andersen-Gardiner. Mark, the Me in Me'n'Gus, is played by Michael McCarty while Gus is shared between Terry Simpson and Cheval Graham. Cheval and Georgie are a husband and wife team. This is handy when learning lines, but amusing when seeing the friction between the characters on stage.

The concept of family has been used by director Lynelle Kuriger as a directing device.

"I needed a focus for the chorus while they were on stage," explains Lynelle. "With several young people in the cast, the idea of dividing them into family groups seemed a good idea."

The fact that the "on stage" families don't always match up to "off stage" families has led to some good natured ribbing amongst the cast.

Family is also a feature of the cast itself with no less than seven families having at least two members involved. In one case, an entire family is making an appearance.

"I know it's a cliché", says Lynelle, "but rehearsals are going so well, we sometimes feel like a big family".

The character "Gus" is based on Frank S. Anthony's neighbour. Nearly one hundred years later, his family is still on the farm. It has been confirmed that they will be guests of honour on opening night. Which, incidentally, is July 14 at the Lakeside Playhouse in Layard Street. There are ten performances until July 28. Bookings will soon be available at Sinclairs. Book early for a good night's



Cast members moving props at the Opunake Playhouse.

New arrivals at Stoney Oaks



Among the latest arrivals at Stoney Oaks are a litter of mini lop eared bay rabbits born during the weekend. Also new to Stoney Oaks are two gorgeous miniature White Galloway heifers. They are so short as you can see in photo the goats are taller than them. Enjoy. We are open Sundays 11am to 4pm No Eftpos and then daily during the School holidays.



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Full house at Ronald Hugh Morrieson workshops

For the first time both Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards workshops were fully attended – each workshop had a limit of 25. The workshops were held on Saturday June 9 at the Hawera Community Centre in Albion Street.

The workshops were introduced by Pamela Jones (Children's and Young Adult's Librarian), who is the organiser of the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards and associated events. Her efforts are meritorious and the heightened interest in the workshops a reflection of this.

The first workshop (*poetry*) was held from 9am to midday and was tutored by Dr Airini Beutrais, a prize-winning writer from Whanganui. She was originally a secondary school science teacher for several years. She studied ecological science at Victoria University and also creative writing (MA in 2005). She completed a Ph D in 2016.

Dr Beutrais has written four books of poetry. These include 'Secret Heart' (2006), which won the Best First Book of Poetry at the Montana NZ Book Awards. Her other books include 'Western Line' (2011), 'Dear Neil



Mary-Anne Scott mentoring at the short story workshop.

Roberts' (2014) and 'Flow: Whanganui River poems' (2017). She is published in literary journals such as Overland and Penduline. She also won the 2016 Landfall Essay Competition.

The session covered the many poetic terms such as imagery, couplets, cadence and rhythm. A number of poems in sheet form were handed around for discussion and there were

several intriguing exercises. Participants read out their poems that resulted from these exercises. The session was most worthwhile and enlightening.

The second workshop (*short*

story and drama script) was tutored by award-winning Mary-Anne Scott, which was held from 1pm to 4pm and this was also very informative. The Hawkes Bay writer has written several

books including 'Snakes and Ladders' (2012), 'Coming home to Roost' (2016) and 'Sticking With Pigs (2018), which is a finalist in this year's NZ book awards. 'Snakes and Ladders' won the Teenage Category of Children's Choice and was shortlisted for the LIANZA awards.' 'Coming Home to Roost' won the Storylines Notable Book Award.

As well as introducing interesting exercises, Ms Scott spoke about a number of issues including the various methods of publishing, editing, and the important elements of a good short story. A good short story should include a character who wants something with a passion, but the writer must introduce an obstacle. She mentioned that the writer must sort out if the story is to be told in the first, second or third person and shared that the latter was her favourite. "I love the distance," she commented.

The workshops were both great value. The deadline for participating in the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards is August 15. For more information access www.rhморrieson.com

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Dr Arini Beutrais mentoring at the poetry workshop.



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Rural health must be integral in health services review

The New Zealand Rural General Practice Network has welcomed an announcement of a comprehensive review of health services in New Zealand.

The NZRGPN is the national network representing the staff of rural medical practices across New Zealand.

“A comprehensive review of the delivery of health and disability services is timely,” said NZRGPN Chief Executive Dalton Kelly. “This review must be comprehensive and wide-ranging, taking into account the full range of communities and health service providers across New Zealand.”

“We welcome the Review and will look to participate fully in it on behalf of the medical professionals who are delivering outstanding health services to rural communities, often under



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increasingly difficult conditions.”

Dalton Kelly said the NZRGPN would be looking to ensure core rural health issues were well-represented in the review, including adequate training of sufficient volumes of rural doctors and nurses, adequate funding of rural emergency first responder services, and the

provision of palliative care in rural communities. “It’s easy for people to forget that rural communities are struggling to access equitable health care services relative to urban centres. It’s harder to attract doctors and nurses to rural communities, doctors on average are closer to retirement age than doctors in urban centres and they are

generally working longer and increasing hours.

“The boom in tourism is also something which absolutely must be reflected in the review. While a great thing for the New Zealand economy, it is projected that five million tourists per annum will visit in New Zealand by the middle of next decade with up to half visiting

a national park.

“The classic New Zealand tourism experience is accessed through rural New Zealand and already booming tourism numbers are placing great strain on already stretched rural health services,” he said. “This Review is a very positive development that we fully support. It has started to

feel as though the country’s health needs, particularly in a rural context, were in competition with each other.

A comprehensive review should deliver clarity around the health services all New Zealanders need, including in the engine room of the New Zealand economy – rural New Zealand.”

Opportunity knocks for Coastal Community Transport

Coastal Community Trust chairman Mike Williams says his group are very pleased and thankful to have received a \$1000 donation from the St Paul’s Op Shop.

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transport from Coastal Taranaki to medical appointments whether it be to New Plymouth, Hawera, Stratford or Eltham.

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appointment. One of the volunteer drivers will then be contacted to make the trip.

“People must really appreciate what we do, because we are still busy,” says Mike who as well as being CCT chairperson is also a volunteer driver.

St Pauls Op Shop convenor

Ann Smith says the donation is part of their outreach to the local community.

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A journey to Narnia with Hawera Repertory

Hawera Repertory's latest production, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* is set to open on Friday June 22 and you won't believe what we have behind the curtain for you.

The family favourite written by C.S.Lewis and adapted by Glyn Robbins, is being directed by the very capable Samantha Turner. If you have read the book why not come along and let us bring your memories to life, or if you haven't read the book let us do the work for you and transport you to the winter land of Narnia.

Once again the Hawera Repertory family of cast, set builders, painters, sound, lighting and back stage crew have been extremely busy working to bring you a top rate theatre experience right here in Hawera. This play promises to be a great show and will



Wander through the wardrobe.

suit a first-time theatre goer or a well-seasoned theatre buff.

The season for the show has nine performances and this includes three matinees

to cater for the many children who will enjoy this show. In true Turner style

the show will have some never seen before set and props. This includes the

previously covered Aslan the lion story. Aslan has been hand built by local engineer extraordinaire Bobby Logan. The story required a lion and Turner has not shied away from the challenge.

To enjoy a show you want to be pulled into the story. The set for this show is stunning and with the help of the well-rehearsed cast we can promise to take you on a magical journey full of heroes, villains and any amount of quirky woodland characters.

Tickets can be purchased from TicketDirect online or from the Hawera I-Site. The show will be playing on the amazing Hawera Memorial Theatre stage. We are very fortunate to have such a theatre in Hawera. So treat yourself and the family and friends to a great two hours of live entertainment, you'll be glad you did.

Ben Thomas

AdLibbing can be fun

A touch of wizardry is coming to New Plymouth as NPDC's Puke Ariki holds its first ever literary festival, AdLib.

The festival features a magic-themed escape room,

marking the 21st anniversary of the publication of JK Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, as well as singer-songwriters, poets and award-winning authors.

These include local author

Elizabeth Smither, winner of the 2018 Okham NZ Book Awards, for her collection of poetry, *Night Horse*.

"It's a three-day celebration of books, writers and local literary excellence," says Puke Ariki Manager Kelvin

Day.


AdLib has a huge amount of events packed into the festival schedule from June 22-4 including developing creative writing skills, a 'zine making' workshop, tips on how to write a book and get it

published, creating your own comic strip with local artist and author of the comic book *Moa* James Davidson, and getting hands on help with repairing old books.

AdLib events are at Puke

Ariki, community libraries and local bookstores.

Full details can be found at pukeariki.com or in the printed programme which are available from any of Puke Ariki's Libraries.


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James Davidson signing a copy of his Comic Book *Moa*

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