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# New principal at St Joseph's continues a family tradition

St Joseph's School, Opunake has a new principal in Ryan Fleming.

This appointment continues a family tradition at the school; Ryan was student there from 1990 to 1998, but earlier his mother Maree attended in the 1960s, as well as his grandfather Stan Barrett in the 1930s. Ryan recalls the two principals during his time were Peter McDonald and later Judi Maindonald.

Ryan has been in his new position for just over a fortnight so it is early days, but so far is enjoying his new challenge.

He greatly appreciates the smaller class sizes and the "incredible space compared to town schools." He mentions the two full sized basketball courts and spacious rugby fields at St Joseph's as great assets.

When Ryan learned of his first appointment as a principal he was, "Rapt. It was a chance to give back to a school which had served me well as a student."

Ryan has varied experience as a teacher including working for a former principal of St Joseph's Dee Luckin at St Bosco School in New Plymouth for over five years.

He has also taught at Frankley School. Most of his teaching has been in the Year 3 to Year 6 range, but with emphasis on Year 5/6.

He also has had overseas teaching experience at Notting Hill Prep School in London for two years.

Ryan has a solid sporting background. While studying for his degree at Otago University he was selected for the Otago Rugby League team as a fullback.

He has also represented



Ryan Fleming, the new principal of St Joseph's School, Opunake.

Taranaki in cricket as a batsman and has even captained the team. He played over 50 times for the province. At an earlier age he was very involved in age group cricket.

Ryan has played cricket with or against some of the greats of New Zealand cricket, including Ross Taylor, Lochie Fergusson and BJ Watling. Later, he played professional cricket for the Chorleywood team in England.

Needless to say, sport will be one important focus at

the school.

He is interested in educational theory and practice, with Canadian educationalist Lane Clark one expert who has inspired him. "She speaks sense to me," he comments. He is interested in "evidence informed" practices. Subjects such as reading, writing and mathematics should be taught in concert with what we know about the cognitive side of learning.

As principal Ryan intends to ensure that the school roll is increased: "The roll needs

to climb" and he is keen to promote technology "to allow students to accelerate their learning."

At this early stage of his principalship he intends to take a watchful position "I'll be looking, listening and slow to judge."

When not at work Ryan's young family takes much of his and wife Sarah's attention. However, he hopes he finds some time for reading such authors as Malcolm Gladwell who writes about the human condition.

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## Human rights records

There's been a fair bit of talk about China's human rights record around recently, especially by our neighbours across the ditch. It's a bit rich considering the genocidal history that they have still not recognised or acknowledged as a people, and the fact they spend millions running offshore

detention camps for genuine refugees. The other partners in the so call "Five Eyes" have a checkered history too. I think studying other nations' human rights records is a bit like navel gazing, it's ok to study your own but you run into trouble if you study some else's for too long.

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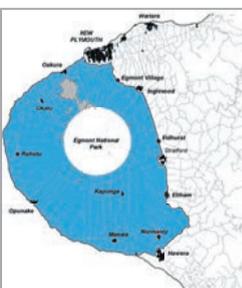
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## Not in my back yard

Questions need to be asked. What is the right place? And in Taranaki with the government cleaning up to shut down gas admissions, there has been very limited additions to wind generated wind farms except at Waverley Wind farm. Question. Why it is, like most development projects, there are always protests from someone or groups stating "Don't put it in our backdoor"?

It is either an environmental issue, it's a land ownership issue or it's a culture issue. It would be interesting where we would be if we did no progress projects in the past, still living in caves popping out babies.

It's simple, for developers just to stay stationary, like many projects in the past. Wind farms, offshore sand mining or the State Highway Three Mt Messenger highway to name a few, the list goes on. I guess if the offshore sand mining company changed tack and developers decided to bring the project onshore there would be more protests. Mmm.

Ian McAlpine  
New Plymouth

## Shortening to Naki

People have often been around shortening the name of Taranaki to Naki, I agree that if a person chooses to shorten Taranaki to Naki, it's not good.

Naki can have different meanings. Naki means weeping in Japanese. In Maori naki means glide. Daunaki in Welsh can mean deadbeat. From Indiana, USA, Naki means first born daughter/girl.

So people shouldn't be so quick to judge the meaning intended, and chill.

Ian McAlpine  
New Plymouth,

## Has the world gone mad?

To me, the world has gone mad.

We had a so called pandemic which changed everyone's lives in one way or another.

While the lockdowns seemed unnecessary to me, most of the New Zealand public seemed to agree that the moves were necessary and did as they were instructed. It affected so many, and a large number of businesses had to completely shut down, from Air New Zealand to sole traders, many to never open for



## Letters to the Editor

business again.

In retrospect, the small number of deaths and hospitalisations were even less than a normal influenza year. What had just happened? What had our beautiful little country just experienced?

Next we have a nationwide rollout of a so called vaccine which has never been proven to be safe because the timespan is so short between the apparent development of the 'jab', and the worldwide production. Normally there is no room for rushing such a thing. Was someone paranoid?

Under New Zealand Law, this vax rollout was actually illegal.

So when Lawyer Sue Grey from Nelson, with the help of many concerned New Zealanders began proceedings against the present Government to attempt to stop the rollout of the Pfizer jab, the Labour government immediately moved to change the law.

Now I don't mind admitting, I was a National Party supporter, even to the point of donating to the party's funds. I was flabbergasted when I discovered that all of the National Party MP's voted to change the law to allow the vaccine rollout to continue unabated. Even Act's David Seymour and co did the same apparently!

If I had been an opposition MP, I would have been right

behind Sue Grey and her attempts to stifle the illegal rollout of the jab. A golden opportunity missed to take the Government to task.

National were apparently taking their advice from 'the Doc'. The latest Deputy leader of the National Party is Dr Shane Reti, who must be an expert on safe vaccinations, or is he just another New Zealand doctor who has not spoken out about the possible harmful under researched effects of this jab? Another scenario is that he may be an infiltrator from Jacinda's side, who has convinced his National Party colleagues to listen to him and take his advice.

Either way I have lost faith in the present tribe of MP's from all sides. An unfortunate development.

Alan Murray,  
Ohawe.

## Aotearoa being hikareti free in 2025

Kaore, I don't think it's going to happen. And why should it? People should have the choice to decide for themselves, whether they want to smoke, gamble, or drink.

Society is regulated enough as it is. Let our 'iwi' decide for themselves if they want to partake.

Yvonne Wara Ward  
Opunake

## ADELPHOS

# Seasons

Not so long ago, this March in fact, the band Crowded House played at the TSB Bowl of Brooklands in New Plymouth and for all intents and purposes, the house was very crowded. I didn't get to see them: I wasn't one of the 12,000 people who attended the concert. But

everyone I talked to about the epic "To the Island" tour stop in Taranaki had rave statements to describe their experiences. Funny how Covid-19 has some positive spin-offs eh? It had been almost thirty years since Crowded House had played in New Plymouth on

April 11, 1992. Who knows how much longer it might have been if it was not for Covid-19? Crowded House played their famous iconic Kiwi meteorological song 'Four Seasons in One Day' fourth on that particular concert setlist. On the most recent concert last month it

was twelfth.

We've all had times in which we experience four seasons in a day. Here in Taranaki those days remind us that weather can be unpredictable at times: around the coastal areas are no exception. Our maunga (mountain) makes our Taranaki weather interesting and varied within the region. For example: the average temperature in Opunake is 13.9 degrees Celsius, whereas the average temperature of Stratford is 12.1 degrees Celsius. And how we experience the seasons varies around the maunga: what we can grow in our gardens, when we plant and harvest, as well as how many layers we need to wear. Nevertheless, the seasonal changes are a constant in our lives.

There is a book in the Bible called Ecclesiastes (3: 1-8); it tells us about seasons. Peter Seager used some of the words when he wrote

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# Nurses march rouses Hawera



The recent nurses' march, which was pictured in High Street, Hawera.

Around midday on Wednesday June 9 Hawera's residents witnessed a rousing march of about twenty nurses as they marched up High Street. The nurses, resplendent in their purple uniforms, were led by an organiser using a loud hailer to prompt slogans which were boldly shouted. The placards held aloft summed up their concerns; Safe Staffing Saves Lives, Recognise our Value and

We Care About Your Health and Our Health System. Another one stated: NZSO members standing strong – Good health needs valued midwives. One placard exhorted passing drivers to Toot. There were a number of purple flags held aloft with the NZSO logo.

The strike action, which has led to marches all over the nation, represents nurses, midwives, health care assistants in public hospitals and District Health Board facilities. The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZSO), which represents about 30,000 members, has recently declined the Government's latest offer, which involved a lump sum and an increase to base pay rates. The nurses' union was reputedly requesting an increase of about 17%.

The Minister of Health the Hon Andrew Little has urged the parties to get back to the negotiation table as soon

as possible to endeavour mutually acceptable. to arrive at an offer that is

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# Power cut in Opunake



Part of the Opunake business district was without power on Wednesday night June 9. The power went off at 4:15pm and was not restored till later that evening. The problem was an errant wire in a power pole at the corner of Tasman Street and Haia Road, which took some time to fix. Linesmen (above) fixing the problem shortly after the outage occurred.

## On this month in history David Bain found not guilty

On June 5, 2009 David Bain was found not guilty by a jury in the High Court in Christchurch of the murder of his entire family at their Every Street, Dunedin home in June 1994. Those who died included his parents, his two sisters and his younger brother.

His retrial had been ordered by Solicitor-General David Collins after the Privy Council (in London) ordered (in May 2007) that his conviction on the five murder counts be quashed.

Former All Black Joseph Karam was the most prominent of his supporters who fought to clear his name.



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# Seasons

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'Turn! Turn! Turn!' It was a hit album for the Byrds in 1969. "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven." It goes through the different seasons, or times, for things to happen: a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant

and a time to sprout, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance". We are reminded by the writer of Ecclesiastes that there is a right time for everything. These

words may seem empty in the echoing postmodern Covid-19 world we live in at the present time, but they speak about some of the certainties in our lives. And we are reminded that just as the seasons are constant, so is God's love. Manaakitanga  
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# Good things take time



STEFFY MACKAY

project between Eltham Community Development Group, Eltham Lions and South Taranaki District Council. Although the road has been long, to see the end in sight is hugely satisfying and proof that good things take time.

Secondly we have the

installation of the Innovating Streets Project safety treatments happening on our main street (SH3). This is being 90% funded by Waka Kotahi NZTA, and our Council funding the remainder of 10%.

A raised safety platform on our pedestrian crossing outside Four Square is just one of many initiatives being trialled to slow down the traffic and create safer crossing points.

Our Community has been asking for something to be done about the safety of our pedestrians for a very long time. The journey to get here so far has included consulting the community and working with a consultant and Waka Kotahi

safety engineers to develop the plans that are in place. Whether the treatments are installed permanently or not will be dependent on public feedback, as well as the data received through the monitoring / evaluations to see if the treatments are effective in achieving our safety objectives. So although we still have a few boxes to tick, crossing of ts and dotting of is, it's okay because good things take time.

And lastly, In the very near future we will be holding public meetings for feedback / ideas on our Town Revitalisation Plans. We need to think seriously about "What's the best way we can utilise the \$2m

funds that will be set aside for this project in our next LTP to ensure our town is revitalized?"

The decisions we make today affect the town's future residents.

So although the processes of making things happen seem tedious at times, we want to make sure we get it right the first time.

Likened to : "Measure twice, Cut once."

So please ensure you have your say and be a part of the journey of revitalizing our town. It won't happen overnight but it will happen eventually.

Because you guessed it "Good Things Take Time."

Kia Kaha

Cr Steffy Mackay

It's all systems go in Eltham at the moment!

After untold meetings, consultations with our community, endless planning and then overcoming unforeseen obstacles, we are finally seeing various projects get

underway.

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## Board gives a green light to Blue Light

The Taranaki Coastal Community Board has voted to grant \$5000 from the board's discretionary fund to a youth driver licensing programme organised by Blue Light

The Blue Light Te Ara Tika Driver Licensing programme is a programme aiming to help disadvantaged youth get their drivers licences.

Sergeant Kayanna Holley who is chair of South Taranaki Blue Light and Marion Webby of Roadsafes Taranaki were at the board's June meeting speaking in support of the application for \$5000 from the discretionary fund.

Te Ara Tika could be translated as the correct pathway through life, and getting a drivers licence could help to this end, said Sergeant Holley

A high proportion of people in the programme had been able to find their way into employment, she said.

"We pride ourselves on taking the hard ones and sticking with them. These young people get let down a lot. We have stuck with them where others have walked away."

Sergeant Holley said Blue Light often took a pastoral



Roaming dogs are still an issue in South Taranaki.

role towards the youth in the programme. Some have been with them for three years, and Blue Light are continuing to stick with them, she said.

"We want to give an equitable service across all the Taranaki areas, particularly Opunake and Patea," she said.

Also speaking in the open forum part of the meeting, John Smith said the potential for hemp growing needed to be looked at. He said he had been to a hemp conference in Rotorua which had been attended by 200 people. There is only one licence

to grow hemp in Taranaki he said, while in Canterbury there are over 300.

"I personally think Taranaki is missing out."

During the formal part of the meeting, South Taranaki District Council Environmental Services group manager Liam Dagg said that with dog registration coming up it was "time for a bit of a campaign" to get people to register their dogs. There had not been a decline in the reported numbers of roaming dogs in the South Taranaki District. Opunake was second only to Hawera

in the reported numbers of both roaming dogs and dogs rushing or threatening, he said.

Community board member Liz Sinclair asked if this was mainly an urban or a rural problem.

"Without generalising, it's mainly an urban problem," said Mr Dagg. "There are issues around some of these public spaces."

South Taranaki District councillor Aaron Langton said this raised concerns with the growing popularity of the Opunake Walkway.

"It's time for some education of the public," he said.

Mr Dagg said "on a positive note" prosecutions which the Council has been working through over dog attacks had led to guilty pleas and guilty verdicts.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the state of Opunake Lake and the need to bring the various parties involved together, as well as whether to have a combined community facility for Manaia, or to look at upgrading the town hall and the sports facility so that they meet earthquake standards. Board chairman Andy Whitehead said the board could have a role as "being part of the discussion" which could include hosting a community meeting similar to one they had recently held in Okaiawa.

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# Coach Legacy Fund launched



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“Our larger-than-life husband and father, Steve “Coach” McKean was an instrumental and avid supporter of budding Taranaki sportspeople. In his memory we encourage those who are able to donate to The “Coach” McKean Fund which will support promising young athletes.”

Coach was the Patron for Basketball Taranaki, a role that saw him work closely with the Board, Coaches, Players and Administrators. friend and Basketball

Taranaki board member, Kevin Fenwick says:

“Coach loved basketball and he loved opening doors for our youth to be involved in sport. I can’t think of a more wonderful tribute to ensure his legacy lives on for generations to come”.

The specific purpose of this fund will be to help support young Taranaki sportspeople reach their sporting goals through the “Future Champions” Programme, at Sport Taranaki and by supporting promising young elite athletes in the broader community.

Sport Taranaki CEO Michael Carr said ‘Coach’ was at the heart of Taranaki sport for decades, encouraging and inspiring young people across the region as a mentor, secondary school sports co-ordinator and regional

sports director, as well as a high-profile basketball coach. His commitment to Taranaki sport still burned bright in recent times and he remained an influential figure in Taranaki.

“He brought so much energy and passion with him. He was ‘basketball man’ who went well beyond basketball and was relevant across all codes. He was respected wherever he went

and still carried on inspiring people after decades in the community.”

“The Taranaki Foundation is honoured that Rachel and Naomi McKean have chosen to work with the Foundation

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From left, Rachel McKean, Byron Vaetoe and Naomi McKean. Byron was a personal friend of Steve’s who was also a mentor. He is a previous BP Bears player in the 1990s as well as a former Tall Black captain. The photo was taken at the Taranaki Steelformers Mountainairs Tribute game on Saturday May 29 for Steve ‘Coach’ McKean.

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Winter is officially here and with that came the great migration of farm workers as they all move around the area to the next venture.

Unfortunately, at this time of year we receive a spike in residential and rural thefts / burglaries. This is when our community is its own best

security. Neighbours can keep an eye on each other's property. Most of you know the people who frequent our area and the vehicles they drive. If anyone or anything looks out of place please take note of them and their cars as placing someone in the right area at the right time can sometimes be the

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# Spike in residential and rural thefts



CONSTABLE KYLIE BROPHY

final nail in the coffin as far as evidence goes to catch

them. Police are currently looking into the brazen daylight theft of diesel from a local farmer's tank. We have been provided quality security image of the vehicle and its sole occupant. Please keep an eye out for the vehicle in the attached image.

A local male is to appear in the Hawera Court on Drink Driving and doing burnouts in his vehicle at about 4:30am on June 5.

Another male, currently bailed to an address in Eltham, is currently before the Court for Assaulting his partner and other historical matters.

There have been reports suspicious behaviour in and around the Hector Place / Dieffenbach Street area where a male has been observed attempting to break into a vehicle outside an address. Police understand

the suspect has been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

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

Constable Kylie Brophy  
Opunake

## OKATO

As the wintery season keeps in, I note that Police are attending more vehicle crashes on the road. It's a timely reminder to make sure that you adjust your driving to the conditions. At this same time I want to reiterate my concern around driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. In terms of alcohol, if you are planning on drinking, first plan the end of your night so that you don't have the temptation to drive. With respect to drugs, Police are putting more resources into this growing concern, please do not drive under the influence of drugs.

# Adjust your driving to the wintery conditions



CONSTABLE MATT STONE

I have noticed a growing number of youths roaming the streets in Okato in the past 6 months. Although it's great seeing them outside, in the environment rather than

in front of a screen, it has led to some issues. There is minor damage occurring, youths knocking randomly on doors and windows, and interfering with traffic. If you are allowing your child to walk around the streets, please advise them of the need to respect our community.

Lastly, as I have reported before, there is a large amount of online trading fraud occurring. This is prevalent through the Trade Me and Facebook

Marketplace. Some advice would be to collect the item you buy and pay on collection. If this is not possible, I encourage you to search up the Facebook and Trade Me profiles of the people selling the items, prior to purchase. If they have limited information to their profiles, it's likely a recently set up profile, with the purpose of scamming. Until next time. Take care.

Constable Matt Stone  
Okato

# Prepare to slow down in Eltham and Waverley main streets

People travelling through Eltham and Waverley will soon notice some changes to their main streets.

Courtesy crossings in Waverley and a raised safety platform in Eltham are being trialled to slow down the traffic and create safer crossing points. The Innovating Streets projects are funded 90% by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency with the South Taranaki District Council funding 10 percent. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon said the communities

have been crying out for the traffic to slow down through the towns which are both on State Highways.

The raised safety platform in Eltham will be installed where the existing crossing is sited between the Four Square and Starks Park. The aim is to slow the traffic down and to help pedestrians feel safe. At the same time there will be improvements to the surrounding area to make people more aware of the crossing and to the pedestrian crossing near the Eltham Primary School. In Waverley three new crossing points will be installed with the one

between the LibraryPlus and the Baptist Church having a refuge in the centre of the road.

Community co-design teams have been working with a consultant and Waka Kotahi safety engineers to develop the plans which have gone through a safety audit process with Waka Kotahi. Waka Kotahi is keen to trial the raised features with the possibility of these being rolled out into other towns if they achieve their objective. Waka Kotahi System Manager Ross L'Anson says "Waka Kotahi is delighted to be working with South Taranaki and the local community on making their

town centres safer and more people-friendly. We look forward to seeing the results of the pilot which will help inform next steps in the future."

Whether the treatments are installed permanently will be dependent on public feedback and monitoring and evaluation to see whether they are successfully alleviating the issues which were identified during the development of Town Masterplans in 2019.

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make sure you and your whānau stay safe while keeping warm this winter," he says. "Keep anything flammable at least one metre from the heater - any closer and you risk it catching fire." "Don't over-plug your multi-board. Make sure there is no more than one heater plugged in so it doesn't overload."

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# It is discrimination against the elderly

This comment, made by an employee who was working in a service station, sums up the attitude of many people concerning the discontinuation of cheques, a move taken without any public consultation whatsoever. Coupled with this, is the feeling that little has been put in place by banks and other organisations, such as ACC and Inland Revenue to help the elderly to cope with the new requirements. "The phasing out (of cheques) will have a major impact on older people and I am concerned how seniors will transition," comments a spokesperson for Age Concern Hanny Naus. Stroke Central New Zealand CEO Lee Pownall also questions where the transitional input from major banks and other organisations is. The ASB is at least one organisation which has tried to address the problem by providing workshops (phone 0 0800 272 119). Lee Pownall raises another concern: the adverse effect this discontinuation will have on charities that rely on donations. She refers to the move as 'The Big Bounce' and points out that



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the over 65 age group is the one which supplies the most donations, with 80% of these historically coming as cheques. With computer scams rife at present, how many will risk supplying their bank number to a caller claiming to be representing a particular charity. There have been suggestions that a trusted family member can help out with elderly or disabled people. However, the abuse of Power of Attorney is rife with many elderly people being relieved of their money and assets.

The use of a phone to set up and use payment systems, can be problematic as hearing acuity tends to diminish with age; most people over the age of 70 have hearing aids. However, there are other organisations which have been disadvantaged by the discontinuation of cheques. The service organisation Lions rely on cheques in carrying out their good works in communities. Also,

monetary prizes that are provided by organisations. The organiser of the Lysaght Watt Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards is still uncertain as to how the prizes for finalists will be delivered, now that cheques are history. An editor of a major publication was likely voicing the concerns of many publication leaders when she said, "What a great nuisance" the cheque removal was. Her job has just got more difficult. Kevin Bromell of Mobility & More in Hawera is very concerned for his clients who have disabilities of one kind or another. "The discontinuation of cheques is a problem for a lot of our customers, because we deal with mostly older people, many who don't use computers." He cited the case of one client who wanted to pay by cheque, but Kevin had to point out that he could not now accept this form of payment. "He had to go to the bank with my bank number to get the bank to transfer money." The time consuming visit for

this disabled person incurred additional bank fees. Another Hawera businessman summed up the cheque discontinuation thus, "It's not fair to the elderly. Many people in their 70s and 80s can't use a computer."

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# The primary sector is leading New Zealand's economic recovery

New Zealand's success in fighting COVID-19, protecting lives and livelihoods, took a team of five million – but it's the primary sector that's at the forefront of our economic recovery. Through hard work and resilience, economic prospects for the sector are bright despite the challenges from the pandemic. The kiwifruit harvest is expected to reach a record volume. Fonterra for the first time

ever is forecasting a midpoint pay-out of \$8. Our forestry exports are bouncing back with strong demand for New Zealand logs. And, for only the second time ever, monthly red meat exports topped the billion-dollar mark in March 2021. This strong performance is a testament to the sector's ability to adapt in a changing world. Our farmers, growers, fishers, foresters and others in the sector should be immensely proud of their

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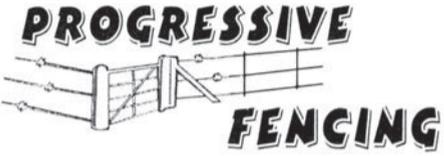


Alongside this, we've prioritised 2,400 RSE workers to come through MIQ into next year – the largest border exception given to any industry. Last week we responded to calls from the Dairy sector by providing 200 border exceptions for 200 dairy workers to enter the country. These steps will help to ease pressure on the primary sector as businesses continue to adjust to the realities of COVID-19.

We've made great progress in working with farmers toward eradicating Mycoplasma bovis – something which people around the world said couldn't be achieved. Around the country we've ramped up other biosecurity programmes to control pests like wallabies and wilding pines, keeping costs down for farmers. When a flood, drought, or severe storms hits, our farmers are among the worst affected. We've rolled out more than \$19 million to support communities affected by severe weather events, investing in animal feed coordination services as well as mental health and wellbeing support. We also supported around 42,000 jobs in agriculture, forestry and fishing through our Wage Subsidy scheme. We're also continuing to

invest in our country's heartland to support rural communities like ours here in Taranaki to thrive. We're working to create stronger health and mental health services. We're upgrading schools to make sure our kids are learning in environments that are fit for purpose. We're investing in improving regional roads to keep New Zealanders safe and connected. And we're extending rural broadband and mobile coverage, because we know that connectivity is crucial for kick-starting economic activity in rural areas. We're proud of the work this Government is doing to support rural New Zealand, but more importantly, we're proud of our primary industries. You've kept us fed, kept export revenue coming in, and kept many in our communities employed. For all this, and more we say, thank you. To further show our support for our rural communities, we will be joining Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, and many other Labour Party MPs and ministers at this year's Fieldays on Friday 18 June at Mystery Creek.

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efforts. Their hard work has kept us all out of harder times. We believe treating the pandemic as a health response first has put us in the best possible position. By keeping COVID out, we've enabled our sectors ticking along and the export revenue flowing in. As we get around Taranaki talking with farmers and growers, it's clear that our food and fibre sector is making big strides in reducing the environmental impacts of their production, while boosting productivity. To further support these efforts, we're investing significantly to accelerate the delivery of a national integrated farm planning framework. This framework will help to streamline compliance, boost

productivity, and improve environmental outcomes. We will deliver 100 more people with the skills to provide advice to farmers and growers with aspects of planning. There's no shortage of talented people in our rural communities and we have a significant programme of work underway to boost New Zealand's food and fibre workforce. Our Opportunity Grows Here campaign has seen 5,200 Kiwis enter jobs in the sector since spring last year. Our recent immigration policy changes are also addressing labour needs, and our free trades training is enabling Kiwis to upskill for a career in the primary industries. Already, over 24,000 trades training places have been taken up in sector.

## Biting the hand

"Be careful." That's the response by National's Rural Communities spokesperson Barbara Kuriger to Sunday's unveiling of the Government's electric vehicle rebate scheme.



BARBARA KURIGER MP

Under the new Clean Car package scheme, rebates of \$8625 will be given to buyers of imported new

electric and plug-in hybrids from July 1. Used EV buyers will receive \$3450. The discounts only apply to vehicles costing \$80,000 or less, with a minimum 3-star safety rating. Meanwhile buyers of higher emission vehicles like utes will be taxed from January. "To round out a week of news headlines dominated by climate change, this tax joins the growing line of initiatives failing to take into account the effects on rural New Zealanders," she says. "From the reaction I'm seeing and receiving to it,

it might just be that step too far, and I am expecting the backlash to be even greater, by the time I get to National Agricultural Fieldays." Mrs Kuriger says the strong communities built around food production across the country will only tolerate so much. "Protests and petitions are already being called for. "The Government needs to treat its rural communities with respect and be careful not to bite the hands that feed us all. Or our usual

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# Biting the hand

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resilience, this country relies on, may turn to resistance.

“Farmers have brought their protests to the steps of Parliament before,” she says.

“Should that happen again, they’ll be in the good company of other ute users like growers, tradies, forestry, transport and civil construction sectors, to name just some of the many industries and livelihoods

affected.”

Mrs Kuriger says once again the Government is putting the cart before the horse with the aspirational but not yet achievable goals.

“Recently, Toyota made a public statement that it won’t be bringing in electric utes in the foreseeable future, in reply to the wishful thinking of the Prime Minister. A statement backed up

by the Motor Industry Association.

“Farmer groups also had to defend themselves yesterday saying utes are not status symbols but necessary for the work they do. So I’ll repeat myself — what world is the Government living in?”

She says National will repeal the scheme.

“This is simply another

move to tax hard working Kiwis which I, for the life of me, cannot understand.

“We have far better ways to incentivise the use of EVs without penalising hard working Kiwis in the process.”

*Barbara Kuriger MP  
Taranaki-King Country*

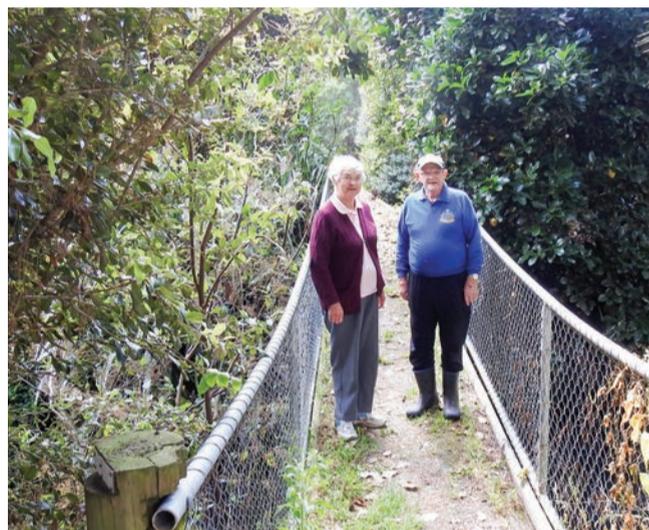
# Levy funds for walkway and popular beach

Long-time Manaia Walkway volunteer Gordon Chisnall was among those fronting up at this month’s meeting of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board. Gordon and his wife Anne have both received South Taranaki District Council citizens awards for their volunteer work on the Walkway.

On June 1 he was representing the Manaia Community Services Group asking for \$1242 from the Waimate Plains Development Levy, a fund dedicated to projects in the area that was administered by the Waimate Plains District Council before it was amalgamated with other councils into the South Taranaki District.

Gordon said the money would go towards cutting back a hedge line which is getting overgrown and shading some of the newer plants. This job was something which volunteers who are getting older did not have the expertise to handle, he said. There had been two quotes given for how much the work would cost and the amount of money being asked for was to cover the less expensive option.

Gordon said a lot of progress is being made on the Walkway.



**Gordon Chisnall and his wife Anne, Manaia Walkway volunteers.**

“Some of us are getting a bit older, but we’ve got a couple of younger ones here now,” he said.

There are more than 40 different types of native plants growing on the Walkway, and native birds like the wood pigeon, tui and morepork are coming back. Among the Walkway’s points of interest is the Lone Pine Grove, with three young pines descended from the Lone Pine which gave its name to the battle of that name fought on the Gallipoli peninsula in World War I. Gordon said there had been 12 seedlings available for RSAs throughout the country. The Manaia RSA had decided to apply for three of them, and this was

what they ended up getting. South Taranaki District councillor Aaron Langton said the issue of maintaining walkways is something that is always coming up.

“I get that from my father saying, what are you going to do when we aren’t here to keep it going?”

Also applying for money from the Waimate Plains Development Levy was the Kaipokonui and Districts Beach Society.

The total amount of money available from the Levy in the current round was \$3400. The Community Board voted to grant the Manaia Community Services group what they were asking for, while the remainder would go to the Kaipokonui and

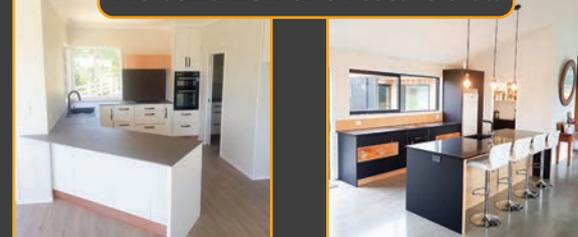
Districts Beach Society.

Board chairman Andy Whitehead said there had been positive comments about Kaipokonui Beach.

“It’s a well-liked and well used place, but like other small places, it struggles to meet the costs,” he said.

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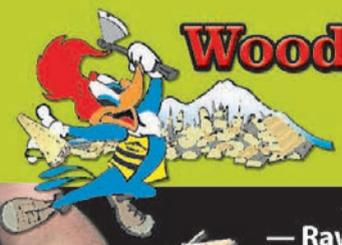
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# Opunake Primary School wins biodiversity prize

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The monetary prize of \$250, kindly donated by the Lions, will go towards buying more sports gear such as balls, as well as buying native plants.

The biodiversity project was co-organised by Daniel Sefton and Daniel Barr the classroom teachers



From left, Becky Drayson, Lydia Harman, Chloe Bennet, Sienna McLachlan and Essina Smith.

who also helped.

"I was so relieved a prize

was won because the kids put a lot of time into it, especially the editing of the film," said Daniel Sefton.

"I was quite excited that we'd won," commented Daniel Barr.

There was a lot of planning which preceded the walk itself which focused on plants, insects and spiders. During the walk a lot of bees were spotted, which is

a very good sign. Back in the classroom there were many activities generated such as poems, stories, pictures, and diagrams. Looking back over the project, Daniel Sefton said, "The kids had such a great time."

The two teachers look forward to a similar project in the future, which is likely to involve another walk to establish more planting on the Loop Track. Some of the prize money will be used to buy native trees.

Congratulations to everyone involved with this biodiversity project and we look forward to what else is planned for the future.



Arnold Harman.

of Sahara 1 and Sahara 2, respectively. About 50 students participated in the project which was centred on Opunake's Loop Track and the project was carried out during the last school term. As well as the students and teachers, credit must be given to the eight parents



Phoenix Ranapia.

## On this month in history Captain Robert Falcon Scott sets off for Antarctica

On June 15, 1910 Robert Falcon Scott set off from Cardiff, Wales in his ship the Terra Nova – bound for Antarctica. One of his aims

was to be first to reach the geographical South Pole, as well as to conduct much scientific research.

Captain Scott and his polar party did reach the South Pole, but discovered that Captain Roald Amundsen of Norway had preceded him by about six weeks.

As the polar party approached the South Pole they were disappointed to see a tent pitched and the Norwegian flag flying. Inside the tent was a letter Amundsen wanted Captain Scott to bring back and send to King Haakon of Norway.

Sadly, Captain Scott and his polar party did not make it back to their hut at Cape Evans.

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## Nutrients in rivers pose a question

Top New Zealand freshwater scientists have answered the question of how much nutrients should be permitted in our rivers to maintain ecosystem health.

Lead scientist and report author Dr Adam Canning (now based at James Cook University in Queensland) undertook an extensive analysis of data looking at macroinvertebrate (aquatic bugs) diversity in New Zealand waters that have differing nutrient levels.

Recently appearing in an international peer-reviewed scientific journal, the paper is seen as definitive research to set appropriate nutrient levels for nitrogen and phosphorus in our rivers to ensure good environmental outcomes.

Fish & Game New Zealand Chairperson Ray Grubb says the ground-breaking report provides a strong basis to further develop public policy on freshwater.

"Having been internationally peer-

reviewed provides confidence that these figures are the right ones to use when implementing the National Policy Statement (NPS) Freshwater Management 2020 over the next couple of years," Grubb says.

The limits established in the study by Dr Canning and his fellow researchers - Dr Mike Joy and Professor Russell Death - also reinforce other suggested thresholds for nutrient guidelines established by the Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council and other international analysis.

Mr Grubb says having these unequivocal baselines will be particularly useful when it comes to improving degraded waterways.

"It provides clear guidance for nutrient concentrations for nitrogen and phosphorus to support macroinvertebrate targets - a key indicator of ecosystem and waterway health.

"If a river or lake is above

the threshold, intervention will be necessary to meet targets so that the aquatic insect populations, and subsequently water quality, can improve."

A key element of the NPSFM 2020 is giving effect to the principles of Te Mana o te Wai which guide freshwater management to ensure the health and well-being of the water is protected, and human health needs are provided for before enabling other uses of water.

"Te Mana o te Wai establishes a hierarchy of obligations prioritising the health and well-being of water first, then ensuring health needs of people (such as drinking water) and then the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-being," Grubb says.

"This does not mean the water needs to be restored to a pristine state but it ensures the environmental bottom

lines are clearly identified.

"This scientific paper is an important summary of knowledge on how nutrients affect ecosystem health in New Zealand and is going to be invaluable for defining the environmental requirements for our rivers."

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# Further improvements to Forgotten Highway

Work to build a new two-lane bridge over the damaged Manawawiri Stream culvert at Toko, east of Stratford, is underway.

Transport Agency Director of Regional Relationships Linda Stewart says the project is part of a \$23m package of improvements funded through the regional allocation of the NZ

Waka Kotahi NZ



Representatives from local iwi, Stratford District Council, consultants WSP and Emmetts Civil Construction, along with local residents attended a blessing at the Manawawiri Stream recently.

Upgrade Programme and the Provincial Growth Fund.

“Waka Kotahi has been working closely with its iwi partners and Stratford District Council to progress improvements for the iconic highway and was fortunate to have local iwi undertake a blessing at the Manawawiri Stream site ahead of construction recently.

“We are grateful for the invaluable input, guidance and support we are receiving from mana whenua as we progress projects across the Forgotten World Highway. We look forward to strengthening our

partnerships as we continue to work together in coming years,” says Ms Stewart.

Ngāti Maru General Manager Anaru Marshall says Ngāti Maru is pleased with the increased development being carried out by Waka Kotahi on State Highway 43 between Stratford and Taumarunui.

“It’s an important, but often overlooked, thoroughfare into Taranaki and more and more people are using it and enjoying its uniqueness. Ensuring that those people are safe and secure as they travel through our rohe is paramount to us as mana

whenua,” says Mr Marshall. Stratford District Council Mayor Neil Volzke is also happy to see work on the highway progressing.

“This project is part of a larger package that will significantly improve the safety and driver experience along the SH43 route. We’re excited to see this work begin,” says Mayor Volzke. The new bridge over Manawawiri Stream is expected to take six months to complete.

Towards the end of the month a temporary one-lane Bailey bridge will be installed alongside the

existing bridge for traffic to use while the new bridge is built. The Bailey bridge will be suitable for all vehicles.

Traffic management, including a 30km/h speed limit and traffic lights, will be in place.

Other improvements planned for the Forgotten World Highway include sealing the 12km of unsealed road through Tangarakau Gorge, safety improvements, a new bridge at the Kahouri Stream and passing and wayfinding opportunities.

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## House prices continue to climb

For the first time since July last year the QV House Price Index has shown a reduction in quarterly value growth from the previous month. The average value increased 8.8% nationally over the past three-month period to the end of May, down slightly from the 8.9% quarterly growth we saw in April, with the national average value now sitting at \$931,928. This represents an increase of 23.7% year-on-year, up from 21.4% last month.

QV general manager David Nagel said: “This small

reduction is particularly significant considering the QV House Price Index is a rolling average measure, which includes transactions from some of the most buoyant months earlier in the quarter. We can expect to see further reductions in the rate of growth as the impacts of the recent tax changes for investors and credit availability start to take effect.”

In Taranaki, house prices continue to push skyward at a rapid rate in New Plymouth, despite a slight drop in monthly value

growth – from 9% in April to 8% in May.

Registered valuer Danny Grace commented: “As we head into the winter months now we traditionally see less properties listed for sale on the market and this trend is evident again this year. Demand is continuing to outstrip supply, and we are continuing to see low levels of stock on the market.

“Anecdotal evidence from investors indicates that the recent announcements by the Government have detracted from the appeal

of property investment. Anecdotal evidence from agents also indicates that first-home buyers are now being a little more cautious as a result of the announcements – though they are still very much present in the market right now.”

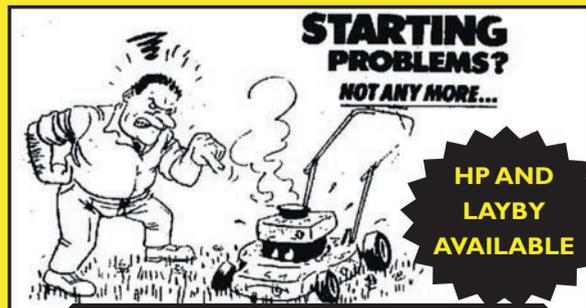
Meanwhile, house prices in the neighbouring districts of Stratford (\$444,572) and South Taranaki (\$399,153) have increased by 22.6% and 29.2% respectively over the past 12 months.

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# Making NZ's current vehicles greener critical to emissions goals

Achieving the future targets for reducing transport emissions released by the Climate Change Commission will need more focus on what New Zealand can do in the present, says the Automobile Association.

"There are plenty of good initiatives that the AA supports in what has been proposed by the Climate Change Commission but we believe there are some key pieces of the puzzle that should be greater priorities," says AA Policy and Research Manager Simon Douglas.

"Having many more electric and low-emissions vehicles on our roads will obviously be a major part of reducing the country's greenhouse gases, and introducing a feebate to incentivise people buying cleaner cars as well as setting emis-

sions standards for vehicle imports will also help with this," says Simon.

"But those actions are going to take time to make a noticeable impact and from the AA's knowledge of the car industry we think it will be very unlikely that New Zealand will access or afford EVs in the numbers hoped for this decade."

That means we also need to focus on what can be done to make the biggest difference with the cars in our current fleet and the AA believes biofuels are a much more important part of the answer.

"It is good that using biofuels is part of the plan that has been released but we should be aiming much higher than a 5% target by 2035," says Simon.

"New Zealand generally has about 300,000 vehicles enter our fleet every year,

compared to about 4.6 million vehicles on our roads already so there is huge potential to reduce emissions by greening the fuel current vehicles run on.

"Motorists are collectively paying at the pump more than \$500m a year into the Government's coffers right now as a price for emissions through the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS).

"The AA has been calling for that money collected from motorists to offset their emissions to be dedicated to actions that do just that and those funds need to be immediately committed to rapidly developing our own biofuel production plants at the scale necessary."

"Cars (either ICE, hybrid or electric powered) will remain the major method of transport for most New Zealanders for the foreseeable

future and the majority of people buy vehicles for less than \$10,000.

"It will be many years before there are large-scale volumes of EVs available for New Zealanders to buy at affordable prices. A new EV is currently around twice the price of its equivalent petrol

or diesel fuelled alternative.

"We need to make sure that we don't make changes that penalise ordinary New Zealanders who would like a lower-emissions vehicle but can't afford one.

"The AA is concerned that rising prices for vehicles will result in people hanging onto

older vehicles even longer than they currently do and that wouldn't be good for emissions or road safety.

"We need a balanced approach that ensures it doesn't become unaffordable for people to upgrade their vehicles."

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## Enzymes...a simple way to improve your health

*Your digestive tract is not designed to handle the modern diet of cooked and processed food. Nature intended it to take advantage of the enzymes present in all raw foods.*

### Enzymes...the Key to Digestion

Your body uses enzymes to digest the food you eat. Two ways you get enzymes to perform this task are externally from the food you eat (food enzymes) and internally from your digestive organs (digestive enzymes).

But when your food is cooked or processed at temperatures greater than 118°F, the enzymes in the food are destroyed.

To compensate for these lost food enzymes, your body must work harder and create more digestive enzymes to fully digest your food. If you've ever felt sleepy after a meal, it's because your body is working harder than it should to digest the food you've eaten.

And when your body has to work harder at digestion, it doesn't have as much energy to devote to other functions, like protecting itself against foreign invaders (immune function) and making new cells and tissues. When your body compensates for lost enzymes, your health suffers.

### Enzymes...Supplementing Digestion

By taking an enzyme supplement with each meal or snack, you'll replace some of the enzymes lost when food is cooked or processed. You'll get more nutrition out of your food, allowing your digestive organs to spend less effort on digestion and more energy on keeping your body healthy.

Because each of us has a different diet and a different digestive system, it is important to take the right blend of enzymes to help with digestion and meet your specific health needs.

### Enzymes...Easing Digestive Concerns

If you have problems with indigestion, gas, bloating, constipation or reflux, a digestive enzyme supplement can help your body break down the foods you eat. When food is broken down more thoroughly, fewer digestive complaints occur.

Most medications taken for digestive discomfort merely mask symptoms without correcting the under-lying cause. If you're currently taking any over-the-counter or prescription medications, consider switching to digestive enzyme supplements, the natural solution for digestive problems.

### Enzymes...the Many Health Benefits

By taking the proper blend of supplemental enzymes, you will:

- Increase the nutrients you absorb from your diet to improve overall nutrition
- Decrease or eliminate indigestion, gas, bloating and reflux
- Reduce fatigue and increase your energy
- Address the underlying cause of digestive complaints rather than temporarily masking the symptoms
- Ease stress on digestive organs, especially the pancreas, by reducing their workload
- Enhance the body's digestive efficiency, leaving energy to focus on other functions, like strengthening the immune system and regenerating cells and tissues
- Improve general health and quality of life



### Enzymes at Work

Bananas arrive in the store green and ripen over time – this is an example of enzymes at work. Natural enzymes turn that bitter green banana into a sweet yellow banana and eventually a soft black banana.

When you eat a banana its enzymes will help digest the banana as it passes through your digestive tract.

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# Solving problems creatively at Matapu School

There's a lot going on at Matapu Primary School. A recently completed building programme has brought in more flexible and brighter learning areas for the senior school, with the junior school due to follow suit later on. This is in addition to what else has been going on at the six class country school with a roll of 150. These include a curriculum with a localised focus that emphasises using



Senior students at Matapu School now learn in custom-made flexible learning spaces where large windows let in the light and classrooms can be separated off to enable different things to go on at the same time.

creative and practical skills to solve problems. "Our students still use pens and books but they also use robotics and ipads," says principal James Willson. "It's also important for them to get creative with their hands, take things apart, find out what's wrong and put them together again." Thanks to the completed building programme they now have new flexible learning spaces where all this can happen. Sections of classrooms can be separated off to enable different

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# Solving problems creatively at Matapu School

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things to go on at the same time. What were once dark storerooms have been opened up with windows and new doors so they can now be used for school activities.

James came on board as principal in late 2019. Planning for the building programme had already begun in the previous year. Eltham School had earlier taken a similar path so Matapu looked at what they had done and used the same architect to put something together. It was hoped that everything would be completed around November 2020 but Covid and lockdown put a dampener on that. Three weeks before the end of 2020, the three senior classes shifted to the nearby Matapu Community Hall and classes were held there until they returned to the school after Taranaki Anniversary Weekend, with the new learning spaces waiting for them.

Something similar is planned for the Junior School classrooms in the next five year cycle.

At about the time this was all happening the school's board of trustees was looking at redoing the school charter. A survey went out and 98 of



Matapu School principal James Willson opens up the case full of building materials Matapu School students use in their lessons to solve problems and tell stories.

the 103 families represented at the school responded.

"That was a strong mandate to include their voice in our charter," says James.

The message that came through from the survey was for an emphasis on using practical skills to solve problems. The community was also keen to see a localised curriculum based on local landscapes like the

mountain, the river and the sea, which fitted in well with the government's priority on teaching New Zealand history, said James.

"At the beginning of the year we had a teacher-only day and all the teaching staff jumped into the school van, and John Hooker joined us. He showed us sites that are significant to Nga Ruahine, and we went up the

mountain and he showed us a few sites that are sacred to them there."

James says the school has a strong relationship with Nga Ruahine and regular visits are made to the Aotearoa Marae.

He shows the Opunake and Coastal News reporter

around the school.

"This used to be an art room which was pretty dark and dingy. We put in a three metre stack of doors and it really opened it up," he says pointing out one of the new learning spaces.

The Aumangea Tāima, or Creative Time is an important part of what goes on at the school. James opens up a large case filled with assorted building materials.

"We often give our students a prompt or a problem to look at and they use a variety of materials to solve it," he says.

It's a fine day and outside a class is taking part in organised outdoor activities.

Next door to the school is the Matapu Pre-school, and a path leads from there around the primary school's northern perimeter.

From here there is a view of a maize paddock and Mt Taranaki, with wood donated by a local farmer being put to good use for a resting place from which to enjoy the scene. The school's enviro group has been active here and plants they placed in August and September of last year are progressing well.

By this time the Year 7-8 students have helped themselves to the building materials and are busy putting together something based on what John Hooker had spoken to them about on an earlier visit.

Cooper White is using flexo for a depiction of the story of the Battle of the Mountains.

"I'm building reinforced plates so they don't break," he says.

Molly Fletcher and Bethan Mulliss are using strawbies to depict a story from Nga Ruahine about the Battle of the Mountains. In this account Taranaki is female and is in love with Tongariro, but loses out to Pihanga and decides to leave, now commonly known as Fantham's Peak.

The school has a buddy system where senior students mentor the juniors. This is also reflected in the school's relationship with the pre-school next door, where pre-schoolers spend time with the students at the school, which in turn makes an easier transition when it's time to make the step up to primary school.



Students help themselves to building materials.



Molly Fletcher and Bethan Mulliss use strawbies to depict how Taranaki ended up in its current location.

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# Message clear: get on with Bell Block-Waitara safety project

Taranaki speaks with one voice in seeking urgent action on long-awaited safety improvements on the Bell Block-Waitara corridor, says the head of the Regional Transport Committee.

The Committee has confirmed the improvements as the top transport priority for the region, after hearing submissions on its Regional Land Transport Plan for Taranaki 2021-2027.

"Submitters endorsed the project's top-priority status by a margin of more than three to one over the next priority, highway safety improvements between New Plymouth and Hāwera," says Committee Chairman and Taranaki Regional

Councillor Matthew McDonald.

"Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency should be well aware of the depth of the community's feeling on this. We urge them to do everything they can to implement these improvements as soon as possible."

Public consultation on the Plan drew a record 55 submissions. "Many good points were made and we appreciate people taking the time to help us in our decision-making," says Cr McDonald.

Many submissions raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists negotiating SH3 through

Inglewood.

Other submissions focused on the level of investment in roading projects, the needs of pedestrians and cyclists, the need for low-emission public transport options and greater use of rail for freight and passengers. There was also good support for the Taranaki Trails Trust's '2050 vision' for bike trails, which was included as an appendix in the Draft Plan, noting that individual projects would be led by district councils and/or community groups.

The Regional Land Transport Plan is intended to guide the long-term development of transport infrastructure, setting a broad vision and strategic

framework and ranking transport priorities for the coming 10 years. Individual projects discussed in the Plan are proposed, managed, implemented and funded by Waka Kotahi, the Taranaki Regional Council and district councils.

The Plan agreed to by the Committee will go to a meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council for formal adoption, then submitted to the Government for inclusion in its national land transport plan.

**The next issue of the Opunake and Coastal News comes out on July 1.**

## Graduation day for Stella



**Stella-May Collins BSc**

Stella-May Collins daughter of Andy Collins and Jenny Humphries graduated from Otago University on May 8 with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Human Nutrition. Stella attended Awatuna and Districts Playcentre, Opunake Communities Kindergarten, Opunake Primary School and Nga Tawa Diocesan School. Stella is currently working on her Masters of Applied Science in Advanced Nutrition Practice at Otago University.

## Hawera AA Centre closing

After serving the Hāwera community since the 1950s for their AA Membership, insurance, vehicle registration, and driver licensing needs, the Hāwera AA Centre will be closing on June 30.

AA National Manager Government Contracts Sheelah Ranson says, "This

does not mean the AA is leaving Hāwera – we are partnering with the South Taranaki District Council to establish a Hāwera AA Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, which will open on July 5.

"The new Agency will offer driver licensing, motor vehicle registration, RealMe

and IRD verification services following the Centre closure. The agency will be located at the i-Site, 55 High Street, Hāwera."

AA Centres in nearby New Plymouth and Whanganui will continue to operate services as normal, offering the full range of AA products.

Sheelah says that this is in no way a sign of the AA withdrawing its services from the regions.

"Our Agency network has already expanded greatly over the past year, as we have added Agencies in Paeroa, Kawerau, Opotiki, Hokitika and Wairoa."



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# Beautifying the Otahi Flax Mill Dam for all to enjoy

In July 2020 the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club with the support of the Pihama Women's Institute began their journey to develop a garden showcasing the historic Flax mill dam site. The garden runs alongside the Otahi River and is part of the Opunake Loop Trail. Flax Milling was an important part of South Taranaki's economic development from 1869 to the turn of the century. The Otahi Dam fed the Opunake Flax Mill, one of three owned by the Rutherford family and it was a major employer of the time.

At the garden's concept creation stage a few important principles were established. Planting would be kept low growing, so that the dam could be seen from the highway. Native plants would feature prominently, and as a community project anyone willing to wield a trough would be welcome to get involved. So the hard work began. With spades and rakes in hand a group of Lions and Institute ladies descended on the site and toiled to remove the heavy growth of cutty grass, nasturtium, convolvulus and just about every other nasty weed imaginable.



The Otahi Flax Mill Dam. A place of tranquility on the Opunake Loop Trail.

At last the area was plantable and the donations came very quickly. Hebes

propagated by the Opunake High School, manuka, coprosma, carex, flax and

no end of little beauties from the gardens of club and community members. A real

feature was a seat provided by the Pihama Women's Institute, sporting parts of

old age telegraph poles. This now sits pride of place in front of the dam, a place for visitors to enjoy a moment of peace and tranquility. Just as the garden was starting to take shape two storms set it back. The river rose and parts of the garden suffered wash out. Not to be disheartened more working bees tied it up again and with some strategic planting, good weather and time for plants to get established, hopefully this won't happen again. As any gardener knows a garden is never finished and the Flax Mill Dam garden is no exception. Already it has been extended, and the aim is to take it all the way along the riverside from the Dam to the highway. Now cemented as a feature along the Opunake Loop Trail it's not uncommon as you drive over the Otahi Bridge to see people doing a quick weed or popping in a few cuttings. It's also extremely satisfying to have visitors on the Loop Trail stop by to enjoy a moment or two and learn a little about the history of the Dam. Opunake Lakeside Lions - Serving our Community and our Environment

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# Slurry Tanker or Umbilical System?

When choosing between a slurry tanker and an umbilical system, there's quite a few things to consider. Often the decision simply comes down to the dairy farm's situational needs, but we do find there are a few misconceptions about both slurry tanker and drag hose spreading systems which can get in the way of making the best decision. So what should you be considering when deciding between a slurry tanker and umbilical system?



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a slurry tanker looks like a larger investment, with the umbilical system, there's the cost of the applicator, pump, hose and hose reeler to take into account...and these add up.

### Soil Compaction/Damage To Paddocks

A common misconception with slurry tankers is that they will cause damage to paddocks due to their size/weight. In most cases this is not true, in fact they cause less damage than your typical tractor. However, if you have fragile soil, like peat, that can't take the weight of a slurry tanker, then an umbilical system would be the logical choice.

### Labour

Cutting straight to the chase, slurry tankers are a 1 man (or lady), 1 machine operation, where a drag hose umbilical system typically involves 2 or 3 tractors and



A few things to consider when deciding between a a slurry tanker and an umbilical system.

### Application

Typically an umbilical system is thought to have a dropper boom/dribble bar applicator, however the range of applicators for umbilical drag hose systems is much the same as slurry tankers. With either system, we typically recommend a RainWave™ applicator due to their speed, low pressure & volatilisation, minimal wind drift, high nutrient impact and they're lightweight. For a thorough review of the most common applicator options click here.

### Cost

You may be surprised to know that in comparing a slurry tanker and umbilical system with the same applicator, the costs will be much the same. Although

more than one person to operate. So your labour costs are definitely less with a slurry tanker.

### Speed/Time

Providing you have a big pond (a few million litres) and large paddocks, an umbilical system will be faster because it provides continuous pumping.

However, a drag hose system requires more planning, often requiring a few days to be set aside to complete the job all at once. So this system is ideal for farmers wanting to empty their pond and spread large quantities fast.

On the other hand, provided you have a good applicator,

a slurry tanker is by no means slow. In fact farmers who previously only used travelling irrigators are often surprised at how fast the operation is - just read the success stories of Bruce & Lyn Baggot, or Paul Bavin. Slurry tankers involve very little set up time, so they are ideal for farmers who need

more flexibility to spread when time is available. Slurry tankers allow farmers to follow cow rotation and keep up with effluent availability.

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## Advice remains big ask for farmers

The Independent Climate Change Commission's final advice to Government has kept the 2030 methane reduction target at 10 percent, but the job ahead remains a big ask for dairy farmers, according to DairyNZ.

"It is now up to the Government to deliver a credible emissions reduction plan for New Zealand - and the investment in tools and support required to achieve it," said DairyNZ chief executive, Dr Tim Mackle.

"A 10 percent reduction for biogenic methane will be incredibly challenging for farmers, but we are committed to playing our part and reducing emissions alongside the rest of the economy.

"We are pleased the goalposts haven't shifted from the Zero Carbon Act and farmers now have the certainty they need to



Dr Tim Mackle.

make long-term investment decisions.

"We agree with the Commission that New Zealand urgently needs a long-term plan for R&D investment from industry and government, to help us rise to the challenge.

"Investment in rural digital connectivity is also required to enable farmers to have better reporting and rapid uptake of new technologies to drive down emissions.

"Farm system improvements are needed for further integration of our dairy and beef sectors, and a look at all the options in the toolkit including review of regulatory barriers to adoption of new science."

Dr Mackle said farmers are committed to doing their fair share and playing their part alongside the rest of the economy - but the work needs to be fairly spread.

"We do remain concerned agriculture may be asked to do the heavy lifting if we don't see urgent action to reduce CO2 emissions. We are all in this together and we must have a fair and balanced plan that requires our communities to contribute equally."

Dr Mackle said Kiwi dairy farmers are world leaders at producing sustainable and emissions efficient dairy products.

"Independent research

shows our milk has the lowest carbon footprint in the world. On top of this, we have a credible plan in He Waka Eke Noa to manage, reduce and price agricultural emissions. We will be the only country in the world charging farmers to do this - elsewhere farmers are often paid to," said Dr Mackle.

"Dairy currently makes up 34 percent of our total exports at \$20b and we employ over 50,000 people. We're looking to produce the same, or more, with fewer emissions and that is a big target for us to hit.

"We want to maintain our economic contribution to Kiwi communities and our position as the world's most emissions efficient producer of milk. That means we need pragmatic targets and new technologies to support our farmers to keep up the good work."



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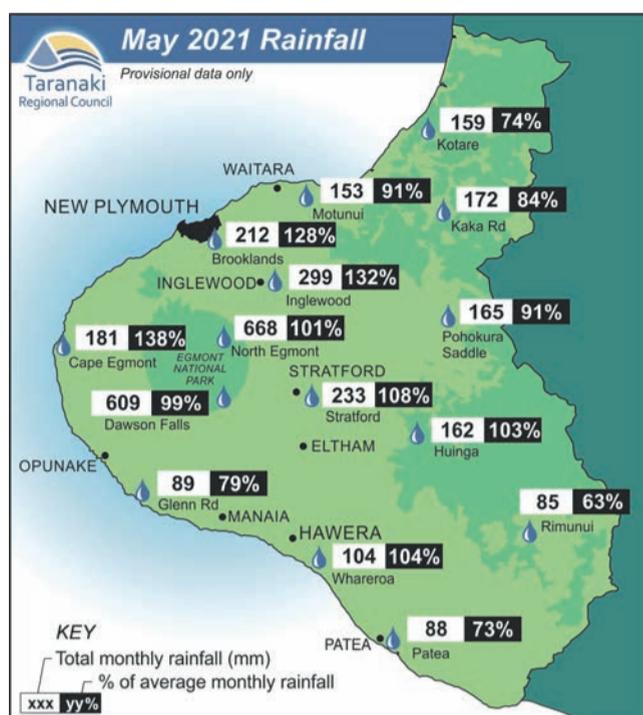
# Mixed bag weatherwise around the province

Rainfall for May was varied, with recorded rainfall amounts between 63% and 158% of normal, with an average of 103%, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Below normal rainfall was recorded in the Eastern Hill Country and from Opunake and south to Waitotara, while central Taranaki through to New Plymouth recorded above normal. Te Maunga rainfall sites recorded near or above normal by between 99% and 113%.

The rainfall sites at Everett Park and Mangorei bush line recorded new maximum May rainfall totals on record with 303.5 mm and 457.5 mm respectively.

While the Waitotara at Coast site recorded a new minimum May rainfall total on record with only 73.4mm.

Year to date rainfall is ranging between 69% and 124% of normal, with an average of 99%. North



Egmont, the Eastern Hill Country and South Taranaki are all below normal to date with rainfall totals ranging between 69% and 99% of normal.

River flows were mixed for the month with three sites, the Waingongoro

River, Punehu Stream and Whenuakura River, recording below normal for the month.

The other six sites of Waitara River, Manganui Stream, Waiwhakaiho River, Waiongana Stream, Kapoiaia Stream and

Tawhiti Stream all recorded flows above normal.

Water temperatures for the month were above normal by between 0.01°C and 0.30°C for all sites except the Kapoiaia and Mangaoraka Streams. These sites recorded below normal for the month by 0.12°C and 0.19°C respectively.

The average air temperature for the month (excluding Te Maunga) was 12.64°C, which was 0.29°C cooler than the long term May average of 12.93°C. Inglewood, Okato and Waitotara Coast all recorded new May maximum air temperatures on record with 22.58°C, 20.90°C

and 22.28°C respectively. Inglewood also recorded the highest air temperature for the month at 22.58 °C, while Whareroa recorded the coolest at -2.37°C. Cape Egmont and Manaia recorded new minimum May air temperatures on record with 2.49°C and 0.43°C respectively.

The average soil moisture for the month was 31.15%, which was slightly above the long term average of 30.95%.

The average soil temperature for the month was 13.22°C, which was slightly higher than the long term May average of 13.19°C. Cape Egmont

and Te Kiri recorded new maximum soil temperatures on record with 18.01°C and 16.90°C respectively.

Rainfall for the three months of March, April and May saw totals ranging between 72% and 139% of normal, with an average of 106%. Rainfall sites from Opunake and south to Waitotara, recorded below normal rainfall by between 72% and 95%, except Whareroa (Duffys Farm) which recorded 102% of normal.

Central and North Taranaki as well as Te Maunga recorded above normal rainfall by between 100% and 139%.

## Government recognises dairy workforce shortfall

Federated Farmers and DairyNZ say they are extremely relieved the government has recognised the crippling shortage of workers in the dairy industry by approving 200 skilled people to cross the border.

This exception process will help some of the workers stuck overseas to return to their jobs on Kiwi farms.

Federated Farmer immigration spokesperson Chris Lewis says now the job of working through the details with DairyNZ, Immigration NZ and the Ministry for Primary Industries will begin, to see how these 200 spaces can be fairly allocated across the country.

Since the closure of the border, farmers have been crying out for dairy farm staff, with almost 50 percent of farmers surveyed reporting vacancies on

farms., he says.

“I have taken many, many calls from people who are struggling to cope without their farm managers and skilled staff. It has been a desperate time for many dairy farming families,” says Chris.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle said this is a step in the right direction.

“This is positive news for farmers who will be encouraged that government have heard our concerns and responded,” said Dr Mackle.

“We will be ensuring farmers understand the detail of the class exception to be able to make an informed decision.”

“It has also proved very challenging to get Kiwis interested in dairy farming careers, but both Federated Farmers and DairyNZ continue to run programmes designed to encourage people to give farming a go.

This includes the relaunch of GoDairy..

“A recent DairyNZ and Federated Farmers survey showed that 87 percent of farmers surveyed had made changes to make their business more attractive to staff.

“These changes included improved rosters to give more time off (42 percent), reduced hours of work (34 percent), flexible milking schedule (23 percent), increased salaries and wages (65 percent) and upskilling and training (36 percent).

“Despite these efforts to attract New Zealanders to work on farm, the desperate need for overseas workers in some parts of the country continues.

“This exception process will offer some farmers some respite for the coming season, but unfortunately it will not solve the long-term labour solution that so many industries are facing”.

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# Kale is Kale is Kale – Right?

Kale is a common winter feed crop for many dairy farmers. Grown and fed either on farm as part of a pasture replenishment program, on a run-off, or at graziers, it has some real benefits. Kale holds some significant advantages over fodder beet such as a much higher calcium content which replenishes reserves lost over the season, and good levels of phosphorus which commonly requires supplementation with beet. However, it doesn't come without risks, some of which we will explore in this article.

So Kale is Kale is Kale - Right? Actually, not all kale is equal. The importance of feed analysis is highlighted by the huge variation we see between kale samples, not just between farms but also between farms and runoffs with the same soil types.

Kale is a crop with a commonly accepted nutritional mineral profile. Nevertheless we commonly see some major variations from these "average" mineral levels, particularly when it comes to sulphur

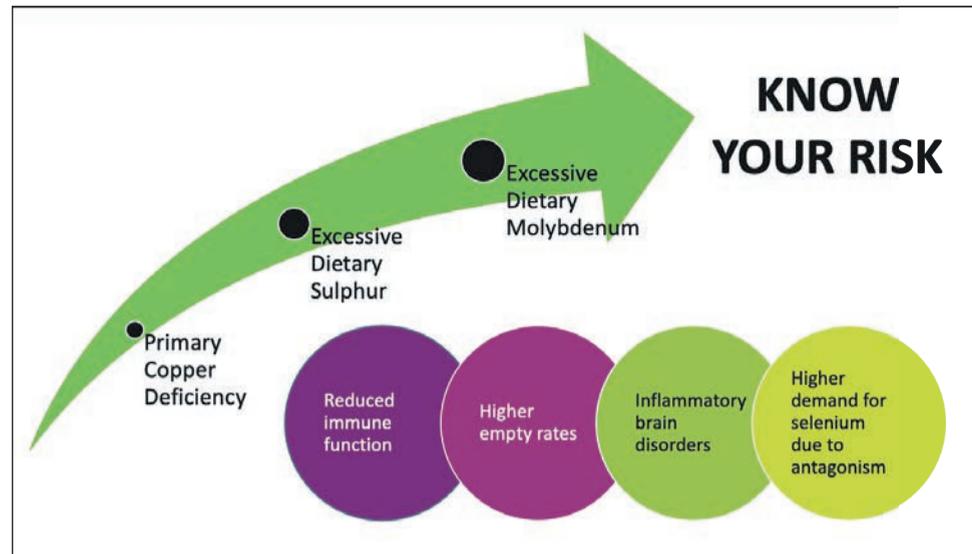


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and molybdenum. Copper is commonly primarily deficient in Kale. However when both sulphur and molybdenum levels are excessive this increases the risk of poor animal performance if left unsupported.

The arrow in the diagram shows the issues with most common on the left to least common on the right, but when all three occur, the additive effect depicts the highest risk with some of the consequences listed underneath.

While much focus is given to the issue of copper deficiency from high dietary molybdenum, the issue of sulphur-molybdenum complexes themselves is



often ignored. Yes these are involved in further reduction of an already deficient copper intake, but importantly are toxic in their own right and if left unsupported can cause significant brain damage (polioencephalomalacia, also known as thiamine deficiency) with signs of staggering or aimless walking, downer cow and blindness.

But a lack of clinical signs does not mean there's no impact on your herd. For so many disorders the real

cost is not with those seen but in the sub-clinical cases – those with non-specific symptoms or just sub-optimal performance. Most commonly we're talking about a higher empty rate than desired, expected or typically found.

When grazing monocultures over the dry period, getting the mineral supplementation right is really important. This ensures calving goes as smoothly as possible and more importantly, mating

is not negatively affected. What's exciting is that we are finding multiple benefits to grazing more diverse winter crop mixtures.

So how do we avoid these undesirable outcomes? The

only way to know for sure is to analyse the kale on your farm. To sample we take at least six stem and leaf samples throughout the paddock/s which will give you a representative sample that can then be analysed for mineral levels. The mineral analysis will give you a clear picture about the risk and antagonisms between copper, sulphur and molybdenum.

"Average is a failing formula", Grant Cardone. Although they might seem like subtle differences, knowing the unique mineral profile of your kale versus the "average" helps you make better decisions for the wellbeing of your animals.

Emily House  
5th Business Agri

## Branch closures add to farmers' bank concerns

Concern about branch closures can be added to the continued slide in farmers' satisfaction with their banks, the latest Federated Farmers Banking Survey shows.

More than 1,100 farmers responded to the May survey and 71% of them said they were concerned about bank branch closures. Of those who were concerned, 42% said they needed branches to

carry out their business and 56% were worried about the impact of closures on their local communities.

"Provincial towns are under all sorts of pressures, with workforce gaps, farms jobs disappearing as productive land is planted out in pines for carbon credits, competition from on-line sales trends that all traditional retailers face, to

name some of the factors," Federated Farmers President and commerce spokesperson Andrew Hoggard says.

"Bank branch closures are just another hit on confidence, making doing business in rural areas that much harder, and another reason for young people to look to cities for their future when agriculture is the main way New Zealand earns its

living in the world."

The May survey also threw in a question about banks phasing out cheques. Five percent of respondents said they use cheques and don't have easy access to alternatives; "I would suspect a reflection of poor internet connectivity in their locality," Andrew said.

Another 61% said they don't use cheques but are concerned about people who don't have easy alternatives; 34% are 'not concerned'.

The six-monthly survey found 62% of farmers are satisfied with their bank relationship, down 4 points on November and a continuation of steady erosion in satisfaction over the past five years, when it was over 80%. Meat and wool and arable farms are the most satisfied, 'other industry groups' least satisfied.

"Just on 18% of farmers said they'd been feeling under pressure from their banks - down half a point on six months ago. Arable farmers are feeling the most pressure, when in earlier surveys of late it has been dairy farmers," Andrew said.

Some 58% of farmers said communication with their bank has been good or very good, down 4 points on November. As with overall relationship satisfaction, that sentiment has been eroding steadily over recent years.

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# A breed apart

The New Zealand Purebred Jersey Breeders Society has 70 members, and 60 of them were in Taranaki for their national conference last week.

“There’s been a great turnout for everything, and it’s been well supported through the whole conference,” Taranaki Club president Nicola Ashley said at the barbecue at Lyndon and Amy Muggeridge’s farm between Kaponga and Mangatoki which concluded the conference.

National president John Schnuriger agrees, “It’s been a great conference. It’s good to see this enthusiasm. Taranaki and Waikato are the two main areas where our breeders are farming, and there’s a sprinkling from the South Island. It’s the main event of the year for all of us.”

The Taranaki Club was due to host the conference last year but Covid and lockdown meant it had to be held off until 2021.

The conference lasted three days and included the AGM, award presentations and visits to the farms of local breeders Paul and Christine Vanner on the Rowan Road and Garry and Kathy Rowlands on Ngawhini Road near Hawera.

The Society’s patron Graham Haddock of Mercer was made a life member, and three local breeders received



New Zealand Purebred Jersey Breeders president John Schnuriger(left) with Distinguished Members award winners Kathy and Garry Rowlands and Graham Johnson.

Distinguished Member awards. Graham Johnson is a third generation farmer and breeder at Mangatoki, while Garry and Kathy Rowlands also received awards. Garry and Kathy set up their Tyndale Jersey Stud in 1980. Kathy is secretary/ treasurer of the Taranaki Club, while Garry is vice president, and has been a judge and classifier for the Purebred Jersey Club.

Garry says he’s always looking to “breed to a line”

and “achieve something a bit better.” He is particularly proud of the success of his bull Lynleigh Lord Cochrane.

“To date there have been 75 VHC daughters averaging 91 points which is outstanding. We’ve had such confidence in him that we’ve used him heavily and we’re now using his sons.”

Among other Taranaki members to receive awards were brother and sister junior members Ross and

Linda Morgan from Norfolk.

One of those who travelled the greatest distance to get to the conference was Murray Skedgewell from Tuatapere in West Southland, although he originally hails from much closer.

“We were farming on the Duthie Road just up the road from here,” he says. “I started helping Malcolm McDonald at the Stratford Show when I was at Primary School, and I got the love of the Jersey there.”

He later bought heifers and cows from the Beledene stud and was showing at A & P shows in Hawera and Stratford and at the Jersey shows.

He took 100 cows when he shifted to the South Island and combined them with those of his wife Linsey who had a pedigree herd of her own. They now have 350 herd stud cows.

“Linsey can trace her stud

back 70 years, and so can I,” he says. “We’ve been in the Jersey world all our lives, and some great value friendships have been made. They are such a friendly bunch of people and such a great society to be in.”

Their two daughters are also keen on pedigrees and have studs of their own.

National president John Schnuriger has always been interested in pedigree cattle, although he originally had Holsteins on his family farm 7 km out of Hamilton before switching to Jerseys.

“The easy management of the Jersey cow is a great asset,” he said. “It’s been great to see the quality in the cows in the two herds we have visited. I’d like to encourage young and new breeders to take up the challenge of breeding quality cattle.”



A farm visit during the Purebred Jersey conference.

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# Indoor bowlers compete for Champion of Champions

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre has played their Champion of Champions Triples with five teams taking part. Two of these teams achieved three wins, and a playoff was needed between Cardiff and Turuturu which was

won by the Cardiff team of Trevor Bourne (Skip) Kevin Davidson and Barry Hancock 13 – 4. This win gave Trevor Bourne his fifth Centre title which earned him his Gold Star – Well done Trevor.

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre also played their Champion of Champions Fours with five clubs taking part. The event was won by the Otakeho Team of Paul Midgley (Skip) Jamie Taylor, Lesley Landers and Ross Rodgers who won all their games defeating

Turuturu 16 – 4, Cardiff 13 – 5, Normanby 11 – 5 and Turi 9 – 3.

The Taranaki Representative team of: K. Hughes, E. Smailes, B. Schrader, R. Finlay, R. Morris, W. Finlay, R. Fredrickson, J. Muggeridge,

S. Bourne, C. Reed, A. Berry, S. Vince, T. Bourne, R. Ratahi, K. Bird and B. Chapman recently played Manawatu, but were beaten 111 points to 33. Top scorer for Taranaki was Sue Bourne.

The Bankhart Trophy was recently contested between our associations and was won by Central with 15 points, South 11 points and Waimate 10 points.

*Jenny Hamley  
Publicity Officer*

# Opunake club of the year for Taranaki

Among the winners at this year's Surf Life Saving Taranaki Awards of Excellence was the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club. The club picked up the Club of the Year award, and Michael Debique was named Volunteer of the Year. His roles in the club include being the lifeguard manager, patrol auditor, head instructor, junior surf coach, First Aid auditor, Maintenance-man, Event Lifeguard, as well as sitting on the lifeguard committee and being a member of the emergency rescue squad



**Michael Debique was awarded Volunteer of the Year at this year's Surf Life Saving Taranaki Awards of Excellence.**

The Opunake Club had last won the title several years ago, said the club's president Trent Olliver, who himself picked up the Michael Taylor Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to somebody for their contribution to surf life saving in the region..

The Club of the Year award is judged on the general overall look of the club, rather than on any specific thing, says Trent..

"We are probably the smallest club in Taranaki, but we have had a lot of growth in the last three years. We have a very strong

committee and a great group of 36 active life guards. We're the only patrolled beach between Whanganui and Oakura and we are very conscious of that."

Last year the life guards put in 2000 volunteer hours, which was a 250 hour increase on the previous year, which in turn had seen an increase on the year before that.

He says the lifeguards do a good job letting the public know what they need to, so much so that last year they didn't have to carry out any

rescues.

"If the lifeguards have finished their time on the beach, they don't leave if there's still somebody out there," says Trent. "They know that dairy farmers are likely to come out after milking. Even after hours they understand that someone has to be down on the beach."

Trent pays tribute to the club's own Volunteer of the Year.

"Michael just epitomises what being a volunteer is. He is one of those people for

who nothing is a problem. When he's committed to something he's committed 110 per cent. He's involved in all areas of the club. Every club needs a Michael Debique."

Other clubs in the Taranaki region are Wanganui, New Plymouth Old Boys, Fitzroy and East End. Alex Fraser (Fizroy) was Life Guard of the Year. Joe Collins (Fitzroy) was this year's Sportsperson of the Year. Scott Nelson (East End) was Coach of the Year.

## Surf Life Saving Awards for Opunake

Opunake SLS Club wins Taranaki/Whanganui Surf Life Saving club of the Year!

- And not only that, massive congratulations to
- \* President Trent Olliver - Taylor Trophy
- \* Michael DeBique

- Volunteer of the Year
- \* Jessica Roach Finalist
- Lifeguard of the Year
- \* Holly and Macy - u19 IRB Female Team
- \* Will Perrett 1st Taranaki u13 male
- \* JC Goodman 2nd Taranaki u11 male

- \* Harpa Olliver 1st Taranaki U9 female!!
- \* Rescue Squad - including Michael - rescue of the year
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June 5. Saturday Men. 1. Denis Hurcombe. 2. Gary Wallis. 3. Greg Marsh.  
Juniors. 1. Olive Symes. 2. Conner Thomas. 3. Anise Borrie.

June 12. Saturday Men. 1. Craig Jones. 2. Sam Jones and Phil Elliott. 3. Joshua Symes. 4. Ralph Symes. Winner Nett Eagles. Logan Symes.

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## Close game for Jubilee weekend

With the coastal club celebrating 25 years jubilee the Premiers knew it was a big week for all involved against a strong Stratford Eltham team.

The earlier games for the new jubilee trophy contested by the two clubs had gone one a piece Stratford taking the Under 20s and Coastal taking Div 1, so it was all on the main game in front of a very large crowd who had gathered from Northland to Southland and one from Melbourne to celebrate the club's jubilee.

The game started well with both sides feeling each other out in a real arm wrestle before Stratford turned the ball over and broke through some flimsy defence, and bouncing the ball under the uprights for a 7 pointer.

Then a Stratford penalty took the score to 10-0 before 25 minutes, and Coastal lit up and started to play with renewed energy. After numerous phases Liam Hurley crashed over to open our scoring followed shortly after by a much deserved Daniel Crowley try to make the halftime score 10-10, but we had to play into the wind in the second half.

In the second half we carried our momentum, and



**A Daniel Crowley try to make the halftime score 10-10.**

after captain Jeremy Newell scored and Logan Crowley scored after a sniping run, we were leading 24-10 and playing as well as we had all season.

With 10 minutes to play and a big moment in the game, a penalty kick to the sideline from halfway bounced four inches inside the line in the in goal and was deemed to have gone out on the sideline. Unfortunately the only two people in the ground who saw the opposite were the AR and the ref but that's rugby I suppose, and the rest was history Stratford scored off the lineout drive and then came straight back down our end and scored again to make it 24-24. The next play the ball was out was full time but we were awarded a

penalty under our own posts and the boys decided to go for the win after a series of rucks. Stratford got awarded a penalty from 40 out for a ruck infringement and kicked an excellent goal to sink us 27-24, a bitter pill to swallow but a great game of rugby.

Once again a huge team effort from all the boys Daniel Crowley had another great game for us on defence and attack, followed closely by Dylan Shuler. Scrum was a weapon for us again and only when Stratford shuffled the reserves did they fix that problem midway through the second half.

Our MVP was Andrew Trolove who played an outstanding heap of good carries plus strong

scrummaging, and with our whole eight is making sure we are respected in the competition.

Thanks to Stratford Eltham for making it a great day with huge support and an entertaining match.

Also thank you to the Coastal Jubilee Committee and club and people who turned up from far away for making it a memorable weekend and one the boys will always remember.

It takes a lot time and effort to organise and run these events and it is greatly appreciated by all players.

The ground the clubrooms and the events over the weekend were enjoyed by all and it's great to see our coastal rural community in such good heart.

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**Premiers avenge first round defeat**

After the previous week's disappointing loss we headed to Vogelstown Park on a beautiful sunny still day to take on NPOB who had beaten us in the first round, so a big effort was needed to turn things around.

Like normal we came out of the blocks hard but couldn't get on the scoreboard and after 10 minutes we were going OK.

Then things went downhill after a couple of simple defensive efforts and some good play from the hosts meant we were down 16-0 after 35 minutes and had our Goodin Ag sponsored no 10 in the bin. Things were looking a little shaky but all of a sudden we came to life again and Blake Barrett made a big defensive read and turned the ball over after a series of phases and drives. Blake managed to score 10 to the left of the uprights and take us into halftime at 16-7 down.

Whatever was said at halftime needs bottling as we were a different team in the second half. Our scrum was a huge weapon again and with our big boys going forward and Logan directing play, well we were causing some havoc.

A heap of pride in the jersey came to the fore as the boys worked out what



Captain Jeremy Newell scoring against Stratford on Jubilee weekend.

was going well for us and we stuck to our plan, and after another try to Jeremy Newell and then a penalty try to our scrum we finally levelled at 19-19.

Straight from the kickoff OB hit the lead again 22-19, but after that after many phases captain Newell went in for his second and Jackson Sinclair adding the conversion to make the final score of 26-22 a hard fought win like all our games.

Troy Stevenson was our only injury and suffered a huge gash to his lip but luckily won't be serious

enough to keep him off the pitch for too long, so a good day on the injury front.

Player of the Day was Blake Barrett. He led the way followed closely by Jeremy Newell (2 points) and Chris Gawler (1 point), but it wasn't as easy job to pick as plenty of guys put there put their hands up.

It was very pleasing to beat a quality side like NPOB who have been our toughest opponent over the club's 25 years, and will be a tough team to beat if they get six or seven super players back. We still have a heap of

work to do with home game next week at Rahotu vs Spotswood United and then an away game against Southern and Tukapa. No game is easy in this competition and anyone can beat anyone.

Thanks to our supporters who are the best in the province. They turn up week in and out. The boys really appreciate it and make our club the envy of a few others.

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# Coastal Rugby 25 Years Jubilee Report

It was great to hear the banter and laughter, and see the warm handshakes and hugs Friday night as long-time friendships were reignited. High school grades entertained the spectators watching girls and boys secondary school rugby outside, while inside the

clubrooms many shades of black, white and green gathered, many sporting the colours of the club they represented pre the merger of the Okato, Rahoitu and Opunake Rugby clubs in 1995.

We welcomed clear skies

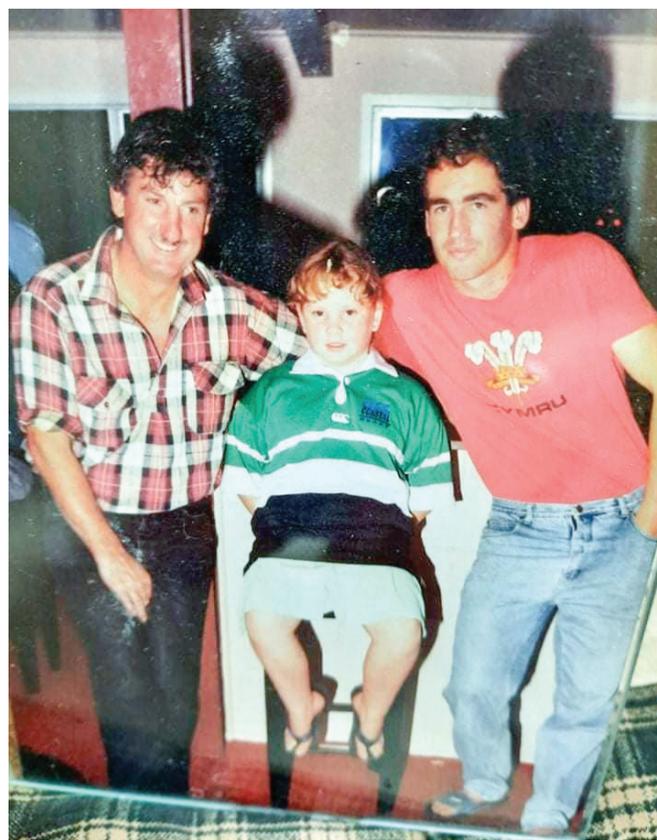
Saturday morning for a day full of rugby starting at 9.30 am, with all junior and senior grade teams playing at home for the jubilee. Thanks to Paddy and Jordy Mullin for opening their paddock opposite the Coastal Rugby grounds for parking, as this, both sides of Rahoitu Road and the grounds were at capacity.

Those registered for the formal jubilee luncheon were seated soon after 12, when we shared a moments silence for those who are no longer with us today but were a part of the formation of the Coastal Rugby Club back in 1995 either as a player, member or spectator.

Coastal Rugby has many reasons to be proud of the vision created by the founders of our club, and also of those members who have continued to foster and grow that vision, to what we have here today, a club that is the envy of other clubs in Taranaki and throughout NZ.

NZ Rugby CEO Mark Robinson was gutted that due to NZRU commitments he was unable to be there but passed on the following message;

“Apologies I cannot make it down for the celebrations this weekend – I’ve some other commitments to tend to. I’m very disappointed to be absent as any opportunity to wander down amnesia cul de sac nowadays should be gleefully taken where possible...I imagine there will be many stories told... Grylls lying about the time he reckons he made a tackle in a game, Smiley trying to convince anyone who will listen that it wasn’t him who should’ve been penalised for any number of indiscretions during most games and the general tone from everyone there that the older we get the better we were...especially those fellas from the senior thirds!! And I guess that is the beauty of our great game – it connects people in communities all around the country and provides fantastic opportunities to share life-long friendships and memories. The Coastal Rugby Club is one of the very best at doing this and so



**Colene McBride Original Jersey Design winner. March 1995 the original was taken.....Graham Mourie, Colene with Coastal Club stalwart Brent Davies & since the jersey still fits & Graham Mourie was the guest speaker at the Coastal Rugby 25th Jubilee celebrations Queens Birthday weekend, Colene decided that it was a good opportunity to recreate a bit of history!!**

**For those who dont know the back story, there was a “design the jersey” competition when the clubs amalgamated, which Colene won, & the jersey in the pic was made especially for her**



**2021 - Graham, Colene and Brent Davies.**

the Coastal Rugby Legacy Fund – a fund that current or former players and members or their families can apply to for support when injured or facing hardship. Your contribution does not replace or is it linked to your membership – it is a monthly or annual donation made that will be invested and discreetly paid out to those in need. Flyers were on the tables and at the bar with details on how to contribute to this fund, or supporters of Coastal Rugby can get in touch with any committee member for details.

Coastal Rugby has been built on friendship and trusted relationships, one of which is the goodwill and collaboration between the Coastal Rugby committee and the Rahoitu Domain Board, the land on which we stand today. Back in 1995 the Chairs of those committees were Bernie Fleming from Coastal and Norm Anderson, Chair of the Domain Board.

We were fortunate to have present several people who have been involved with Coastal Rugby since it was founded in 1995, including two original committee members who are still on and actively involved in today’s committee. Those two legends are Brent Davies and Ray Barron. Brent was Coastal Rugby’s first Club Captain, played for Coastal and since then has covered most roles in the club, including seven years as Chair.

Ray played all of his rugby for the Rahoitu Club before retiring when he got married in 1972. Ray continued his involvement in the game without the injuries through governance, serving as Chair of Coastal Rugby from 2000-2003, on the Taranaki Rugby Football Union from 2004-2016, was the inaugural Chair of the Taranaki Community Rugby Trust from 2004-2014 and remains an active member of this Trust today. Ray Barron as the 1st guest speaker recounted the history of the formation of Coastal Rugby, the personalities involved, how the purchase of the Coastal Rugby farm evolved from an initial discussion about buying the Rahoitu Tavern, and the stellar job that Bernie Fleming did as the first Chair of Coastal Rugby to unite the former members of the Okato, Rahoitu and Opunake communities.

Next speaker was Graham Mourie, a man known to everybody in the room, a man who we are very proud to tell others is one of our own.

Graham grew up in Opunake, attending Opunake High School where he made the 1st XV before

as well as ensuring you all have a wonderful time you should all reflect incredibly proudly about what has been created around the Coast and your individual roles in helping the Club achieve what it has.

Go well, enjoy the weekend and all the best – Robbo”

Rugby, farming and life have seen many changes over the past 25 years, but Coastal Rugby has always been a club that has supported and cared about it’s community, and the current committee felt that the jubilee was the ideal opportunity to launch

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Lacey Harvey making a break down the sideline for a Coastal junior team.

moving to NPBHS where he was also named in the 1st XV.

Graham played a total of 61 matches for the All Blacks (57 as captain), captaining the All Blacks on their historic Grand Slam tour of Britain and Ireland in 1978. He was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 1981 Queens Birthday Honours.

Between 1985 and 1987 he was involved with marketing the first Rugby World Cup and was a director of the New Zealand Rugby Union and the International Rugby Board where he chaired the Rugby Committee.

Graham was the inaugural coach of the 1995 Coastal Senior Team, many of whom were there for the jubilee, a role he held from 1995-97. Graham entertained us with stories of his playing days for Opunake after returning to Taranaki to farm, and the Coastal Team he coached, praising Philip Barrett for the respect he had leading the first combined team. It was great to have Wayne Chapman present at the luncheon, and Graham echoed the thoughts of all present that it was a very sad day for Coastal Rugby when Wayne was injured, but we are all so proud of the way he has continued to live life, and be a role model for us all.

We were honoured to have the Bolger brothers join us for the luncheon – John, Jim and Paddy played rugby for Rahotu, and Jim Bolger was the Prime Minister of NZ when Coastal was formed in 1995, with Jim being the guest speaker at the 1st Coastal Rugby prizegiving in 1996. Jim spoke about the fun he had playing rugby and recalled the names of locals he had played with. After ten years in the USA he is now based in Wellington, and was filmed speaking as part of a series to tell the story of Parihaka.

The speeches were followed by Patron Margaret Fleming cutting the jubilee



Coastal Women defeated Inglewood 64-10

cake, assisted by Claude Riordan representing Okato, Wayne Chapman representing Rahotu and Peter (Skippy) Burnand representing Opunake.

Formalities over, it was time to enjoy the food and camaraderie and watch the afternoons senior rugby.

The old-school jerseys played in by the Prens team that day were auctioned following match day speeches, and highly sought

after judging by the bidding and prices paid. Thanks to auctioneer and Prens captain Jeremy Newell for his skills that kept the crowd laughing.

Good food and music kept everyone entertained until buses headed north and south.

A tug of war competition and the drawing of the \$100 raffle drew another big crowd on Sunday, with all ages and stages socialising

together. Huge thanks to the team involved in organising the jubilee, and all that came along – if it takes a village

to raise a child, it takes a community to keep a club running!! Majority consensus is that we can't wait another 25

years to do this again.

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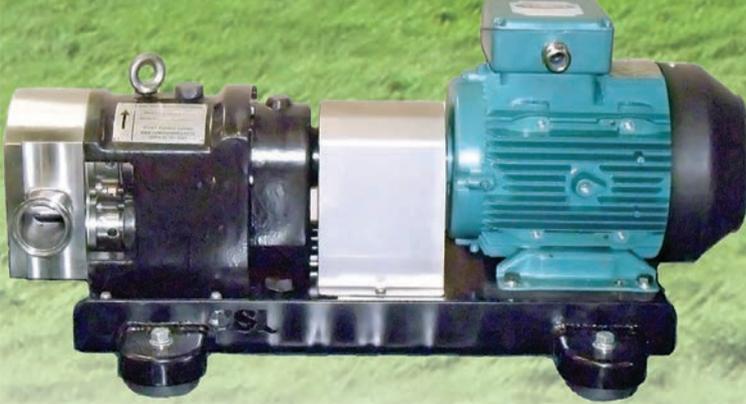
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# Opunake Players: Our Next Two Productions

First up *A Great Face For Radio*, and rehearsals are in full swing. Written by Amanda Stone and directed by Lynelle Kuriger, it opens on Thursday July 15th at the Lakeside Playhouse, Layard Street with other playing dates being 16,17, 18 then Wednesday 21st to Saturday July 24th. Tickets are \$30, available from Sinclair Electrical from July 1st.

So, I hear you ask, what is *A Great Face For Radio*? In two words; a variety show. But there's more to it than that. It's sort of *Radio Times* meets *I'm Sorry, I Haven't A Clue* sort of visual radio type 'day in the life' of Radio 2OP (Where Everything's Real!) show. Probably best to quote director Lynelle.

*A Great Face For Radio* is a ridiculous show that's lost the plot! Gary the announcer can't stop gushing, His sidekick Cynthia can't stop being a pain, and Miss



*A Great Face For Radio* presenters Gary Gusher (John Smith) and Cynthia Payne (Sam Allison) get ready to spin the discs, interview interesting characters and oversee mayhem.

Taihape has great tips! Thank goodness for the tea ladies at break time! If the

Radio 2OP crew concern you, you'll feel right at home with the Hamiltons, catch up

with the Southlanders and we've got songs and dances to round out the variety of

entertainment for you." Clear now? Basically it's a load of fun. Some of the humour is a bit earthy so probably not suitable for the kids.

Just to prove that Opunake Players doesn't rest on it's laurels, our November production is being organised now. Lisa Benyon will be directing the panto *Peter Pan*. Auditions are being held at the Lakeside Playhouse on Friday 25th June and Saturday 26th, both at 6.30pm. Open to all ages so if you want to act, sing, dance, work backstage or any combination of, contact Lisa on 021 058 3103. (See ad in this issue.)

Meanwhile the revamp of the auditorium continues apace. If you were impressed with the squeak-free floor, wait until you see the re-modeled and repainted walls. This ongoing project is driven by Diane Baldie with

help from Players members who know how to use power tools. She even trusted this writer to use a sander and all survived. Thanks Diane and crew!

We always welcome new members, so if you wish to be involved on or off stage contact Lynelle Kuriger on 027 337 8899 or Lisa Beynon and become part of *Peter Pan*.

Dates to remember: Friday June 25th, Saturday 26th- Auditions for *Peter Pan*. 6.30pm Lakeside Playhouse, Layard Street.

1st July - Bookings open for *A Great Face For Radio*. \$30 from Sinclair Electrical, cash only, no eftpos.

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November- dates tbd- *Peter Pan*.

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# Historic painting found in Tongaporutu

A painting with a history almost as intriguing as Christopher Aubrey himself has been unearthed in the tiny North Taranaki settlement of Tongaporutu.

The nomadic 19th century watercolourist eventually vanished from New Zealand without a trace, but was known to be in Taranaki during 1896, with his work from that time the focus of an exhibition in NPDC's Puke Ariki Museum.

After hearing about the exhibition, Tongaporutu's O'Sullivan family stepped forward to let Puke Ariki researchers know they were in possession of an Aubrey work, depicting the Tongaporutu Ferry House in 1896.

The painting has been proudly on display at the site of the old boarding establishment, which was a popular stop for drovers and travellers from the north when their journeys were still determined by the tides at the Tongaporutu River crossing.

Puke Ariki pictorial curator Chanelle Carrick was delighted to be contacted by Emma O'Sullivan, whose family has been connected to the region more than 130 years.

She says the Aubrey painting was lucky to survive a fire which destroyed the



**Siblings Jono and Emma O'Sullivan with the Christopher Aubrey painting of the Tongaporutu Ferry House.**

original Ferry House in 1937.

"For some reason it was taken down from the house and given to a family down the road for safe keeping. We're not entirely sure why that happened but very thankful it was," she says.

O'Sullivan's great-grandfather, James McKoy established the boarding

house with his wife Mary Jane and while the area was meant to be alcohol-free at the time of provincial prohibition, there has been plenty of evidence to suggest the law was bent a little at the elbow.

"When some of the nearby paddocks were excavated they found hundreds if not thousands of whisky bottles

buried in underground trenches," Jono O'Sullivan says.

"Whether or not that had something to do with why the painting was put in safe keeping, we can only speculate."

While the painting has been touched up and re-framed in New Plymouth at the now closed Wayne's

Gallery, it shows a lot of the features Aubrey used in his other work depicting scenes around the district as he headed north.

"The two figures he has used in this are almost identical in the painting we have of him in Inglewood," Carrick says.

She remains hopeful other people will come forward with knowledge of other Aubrey paintings as the exhibition, titled 1896: Christopher Aubrey's Taranaki, runs through until August 15 in Puke Ariki's Lane Gallery.

As well as seven of the nomadic painter's artworks, the exhibition also features a number of interactive elements which are proving popular with visitors.

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### JUNE 20

**Rahotu Bowling Club AGM:** At the Clubrooms, 10am.

### JUNE 25/26

**Auditions for the production of Peter Pan:** At the Lakeside Playhouse, Opunake from 6.30pm.

### JUNE 26

**Kaponga Fishing Club AGM:** At the Kaponga Hotel, 6pm.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**OPUNAKE BEACH CARNIVAL A.G.M**

7pm  
Tuesday June 29  
Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake  
Election of officers  
General Business  
Any inquiries contact Diane Forsyth, Secretary Ph. 06 761 7231

**NOTICE OF AGM Pungarehu Community Society Inc.**

To be held @ Pungarehu Hall @ 11am Sunday 18th July 2021  
Nomination of committee members must be in writing and received by the secretary before 5pm 14th July 2021.  
Secretary: moana.pedersen@gmail.com



**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Opunake Co-operating Parish**

Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday  
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

**Okato/Oakura Co-operating Parish**

Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays each month  
Oakura - St James - 9am Bible Reading, Prayer and Reflection every Tuesday  
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays each month  
Okato - St Pauls - 10.30am Fellowship time 3rd Thursday of each month  
Okato - St Pauls - 6.30pm Silent Prayer and Reflection 3rd Thursday of each month

**Opunake Catholic Church**

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
Other areas  
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
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**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

**The Wave**

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Women's Group 10am Tuesday  
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday  
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**St. Barnabas Anglican Church**

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Sunday Services 10am  
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