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Fighting McCook's legacy at Gallipoli Commemorations



Corporal Blane McCook (right) as part of the Catafalque Guard at the Chunuk Bair service at this year's ANZAC commemorations at Gallipoli..

Taranaki's Blane McCook says this year's Anzac Day was a special one for him as he was able to stand where his family members fought and were wounded on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Corporal McCook, a 24-year-old ammunition technician based at Waiouru Military Camp, recently returned from a once-in-a-lifetime experience: serving as a Catafalque Guard at the 2025 Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli.

Originally from Hawera and a former student of Francis Douglas Memorial College, Corporal McCook said participating in the Gallipoli ceremonies was both a

professional milestone and a deeply personal experience.

"Standing guard at Anzac Cove, where so many made the ultimate sacrifice, was incredibly humbling.

"It was an honour to be there in uniform, representing New Zealand and my family."

Corporal McCook's connection to Gallipoli runs deep. His great-great uncle, Sergeant William McCook, was one of four brothers known as the "Fighting McCooks". He fought and was wounded at Gallipoli.

"Being able to stand on the same ground where my relatives fought brought

an extra layer of meaning to the day," Corporal McCook said.

Corporal McCook fulfilled a long-held ambition when he joined the Army in February 2020.

Since then he has participated in major exercises such as Exercise Cartwheel 2023 in Fiji and Exercise Diamond Run 2024 in Brisbane, where he supported ammunition transport and logistics.

His willingness to volunteer for ceremonial duties at Waiouru led to his selection in the Gallipoli contingent.

"I've always put my hand up for parades and ceremonial duties. Being selected for Gallipoli felt

like recognition of that commitment."

Adding to the significance of the occasion, Corporal McCook's parents travelled to Türkiye to also attend the Gallipoli service.

"It made the experience even more special to share it with them," he said.

Corporal McCook said the friendships and experiences had been highlights of his military career so far.

"Being out in the bush with my fellow soldiers and now standing on historic battlefields like Gallipoli — it's moments like these that make it all worthwhile."

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Princess Anne lays a wreath in honour of New Zealand soldiers at Gallipoli. Corporal Blane McCook at her left.



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New library building

There is a very impressive new building situated in the centre of Hawera, which is only identified by the name of Te Ramanui Ruaputahanga. Even for persons fluent in TeReo, that name does not bear any relationship to what services are provided within its tinted glazed walls. There is no large English language signage on or about the building’s exterior advising of its purposes.

If you are a visitor or a tourist to Hawera district you will very likely wish to obtain information from the “I Site”, need AA services, or even browse the library or the Maori displays within. But as you walk or drive past you have no idea that the services you are looking for are actually housed within that Maori named building.

So you move on to the next town where they care about informing their citizens and visitors.

Jeff Ward
Normanby.

Name changes

Name changes or replacing their original names, are somewhat confusing. I am of European descent and don’t speak Te Reo Maori language.

On 3 April 2025, in the Taranaki Daily News, Public notices the New Zealand Geographic Board placed a note which advised the general name changes in the local national park now called Te- Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki in which 19 official place names were identified.

I have made efforts to know why for several of the official names both Maori words and English words are used in the same places.

Why are some places such as Bells Falls named Te-Rere-o-Tahurangi-Falls? Falls used rather than Horowai, Te Henui Stream, Stream used rather than Awa and Oakuramatapu River, River used rather than Awa. I would have thought this is mixing languages. Correct or not?

Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth

Gaza

Israel knows what it is doing when it drops 2000lb fragmentation bombs on tent cities. On civilians huddled in the ruins of Gaza. At 3am. In the rain. Munitions designed to fragment at ground level and slice every single living thing in its path, to pieces. “Mowing the lawn” as the grotesque, indicted war-criminal, Bibi Netanyahu brazens it.

But to then purposefully not allow medications or food or water or material comfort into that smashed desolation takes a special kind of man. A special kind of sadism that thousands of children have to bear, having limbs amputated without anaesthetic. Consider that Limb amputation. Without anaesthetic. On children.

We can argue point-of-view forever. But not intent. Not the intent of that weapon. It is made to mass slaughter. It is intended to kill and mutilate as many human beings as possible in one single moment of indiscriminate horror. And in criminal law, intent - intention - is everything.

The world’s courts call Gaza ‘most likely’ a genocide, but certainly a war crime, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,

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ADELPHOS

These days, there seems to be a never-ending stream of books written on wide-ranging and varied subjects. One book goes out of print and many more replace it. Of course, some of those are on devices such as Kindle that are great for reading at night with the light off (although purists probably wouldn’t agree).

Last year I was given a thin booklet, first published as a very lengthy essay in 1841, entitled *Self Reliance* by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Simply put, Emerson wrote about individualism and the belief that people must take care of themselves; every person should be unique and self-reliant. People should have confidence

in their own intuition and reject opinions imposed by others trying to conform them to the limitations of the world. He also believed that government should not over-regulate an individual’s thinking and personal affairs.

Compared to thirty years ago, I’ve noticed that more people are independent and resistant to being supported by others: Not everyone, but rather a trend and not so much around our coast but more in big cities. Is this trend related to the present neo-liberal political climate that has influenced New Zealand since Rogernomics in the 1980s—when we started moving out of the long-established welfare state?

Far-reaching

Self-reliance

economic and social changes have occurred in Aotearoa as a result of this monumental policy shift: the biggest one being the increased demand for personal responsibility for our own welfare. A sad downside of self-reliance is the increasing homelessness we see on the central streets of New Plymouth.

Jesus didn’t use the terms self-reliance or individualism. But He clearly spoke about individual accountability for our actions. Because actions reflect both our love and obedience towards God (Matthew 22:37-38) and love towards our neighbour (verse 39). Jesus saw these two responses as inseparable. Both serve

as the bedrock for the Ten Commandments, His Great Commission to make disciples and The Golden Rule: “...do to others what you would have them do to you.”

In a nutshell, Jesus’ teaching is encouraging us to balance our self-reliant concerns and loving obedience towards God with a practical and selfless love toward others suffering in our own neighbourhood. We may not be able to change the world overnight, but....

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Any of us having doubt about this, please read the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East

Jerusalem, and Israel : <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/sessions-regular/session58/a-hrc-58-crp-6.pdf>

Roger Morris.
Oeo

A fascinating glimpse into the past



Some fascinating photos depicting evidence of early hikers who carved their signatures into rocks for posterity has been sent to the Opunake & Coastal News.

Ian MacAlpine who recently sent in some photos of old bottles and old coins he found in Mt Taranaki’s crater, discovered the names carved into a rock on the mountain on the Mangorei Track, 3.8 kilometers up the track from the Pouakai car park.

Some of their descendants may well be around. We’d love to hear from anyone who may be related to those who carved their names into the rocks.





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Becoming other than we have been

In 1986 when government call-centre employee Naida Pou replied to an incoming call with the words: “Kia ora”, there was uproar around the nation.

15 years later Hinemohi Wehi would sing: “E Ihowa Atua” at the start of a rugby Test.

And a similar uproar followed.

Looking back at these two outstanding national moments it is as if, having slept very badly for a long time, Kiwis were gradually waking up.

In a poem called: “The Māori Jesus” poet and prophet James Baxter describes this long colonial darkness in terms of a cultural void.

It was the 1960s and seeing no hint of dawn Baxter concludes that poem saying: “...the darkness of the Void. Mountainous mile deep, civilized darkness, sat on the earth from then till now”.

However, there is no longer uproar when conservative media like radio-Rhema welcome the dawn with the heavenly voice of Taranaki musician Cindy Ruakere singing:

“E Ihowa Atua...God of Nations...”

Now test matches wouldn’t be played without Thomas Bracken’s national anthem sung in both languages.

Curiously it wasn’t until the 1986 that the All Blacks first performed a haka when playing a test at home; yet this had first been performed overseas by an all-Māori representative team bringing their culture to the world - almost 100 years earlier.

History can bring clarity and understanding, enabling us to see things in hindsight. But how long does it take to gain clarity? For example, is it too soon to look back on our parliament last year when MPs were asked to indicate if they supported the Treaty Principles Bill and a number responded with a haka?

An uproar similar to those already mentioned occurred again, when our parliamentary status quo was threatened - as it clearly was that day.

If the status quo is disturbed, attempts to

undermine a change in national consciousness often follow.

Remember the 2006 “Iwi/Kiwi” billboard from a party seeking electoral advantage? The designers of that billboard knew that those of us whose forebears came here within the last 200 years were more likely to identify ourselves as Kiwi.

In other words, the name “Kiwi” on that billboard was meant as an appeal to Pākehā New Zealanders.

This name “Kiwi” is said to have appeared first on colonial military regalia here, not long after the end of New Zealand’s Land Wars; and well before it became an emblem of New Zealand’s Anzac soldiers serving overseas.

Recently, another day has begun to be commemorated along with Anzac, enabling a conscious link to be made between wars fought here and elsewhere.

For several years now, a commemoration has been occurring at dawn on 17th March, where those with ancestors who died on both sides of the New Zealand Land Wars, will hear their names recalled. Preparations for these events have been made with the RSA, especially in relation to some of the battle sites and monuments.

In future, each March 17th and April 25th may both become solemn days, when we rise early to gather and remember all our forebears.

For now, the name Kiwi is associated too closely with colonial history and is therefore vulnerable. Perhaps our history can be re-imagined, so we dream a different Kiwi Dream, in which we find greater faith in one another and learn to recognise stunts such as the Iwi/Kiwi billboards, as desperate attempts to shore up and consolidate old divisions.

Large numbers of our citizens now have both Māori and Pākehā ancestry. This weaving of our ancestries has been happening for over two centuries; and surely anticipates a special honour for those who are descended from both sides.

For who better to personify peace and goodwill in this land?

Wherever we choose to be on 25th April and March 17th in future, may we all play our part in cultural reconciliation, ensuring ever greater peace in Aotearoa / New Zealand.

Rob Ritchie.

Fighting McCook’s legacy at Gallipoli



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Blane McCook with proud parents Hamish and Tracey at Gallipoli. Blane is the grandson of Jim and Glenys Forsyth and Wayne McCook and Lynda Lowery.



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Rates are set budgets are done, long term plan done. It’s become very difficult to keep costs in check, with roading increasing 29%. Insurance is also up there. What this means is less work will be done on the roads and council is looking at self insuring the smaller

stuff to keep the costs down. Also council has deferred some projects into the next financial year to help keep rates down.

The Kaponga library meeting was well attended by the local community. The councillors heard loud and clear that there is no way that the library can use the supper room in the town hall. Looking forward to reading your submissions and hearing from you all at the next meeting.

Opunake Rest Home is moving forward with its building extensions and self-contained units. Congratulations to Opunake Coastal Care celebrating

10 years of service to the community. Submissions are open on the 1st May for the 2 Waters known as Local Water Done Well and just drinking and wastewater. In simple terms (A) stay as we are with some small changes or (B) join New Plymouth and Stratford run by a new combined three Council Organisation. Please have your say. This is the biggest decision to be made by your Council ever. Please come and have your say at the meeting. Go to the STDC website (southtaranaki.com). To the thief that stole the road closed signs and the road cones that were across the closed section of Eltham

Road, you have deliberately endangered everyone’s lives. The cost of replacing these was around a thousand dollars. The cost could have been higher if someone had crashed into the open trench across the road. Don’t do anything that stupid again.

To my fellow farmers, another devastating drought severely affecting coastal farms with a big increase in costs to buy in meal and haylage just to get through, it’s all about making changes early. Some farmers were running out of water, having to buy in water or get some water from a friendly neighbour very stressful for all. Sending all their young

stock out grazing at a huge price just to get through the drought.

Thanks to the rapid relief team that were in Hawera at the Egmont Show Grounds on Friday 2 May with donated two ton of meal per farm. They also put on breakfast, lunch and coffee. This event was organised and run extremely well. Congratulations to all who made this possible. It was great to catch up with a lot of the coastal farmers that attended.

Looking forward to normal grass growth.

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Dementia-friendly group connect people through literature

People in the early stages of dementia are connecting with their memories and experiences through an innovative reading group at NPDC’s Puke Ariki Library. The group for people with early-onset dementia and other neurogenerative conditions uses an approach which sees librarians reading aloud selected passages, poems and short stories, followed by thoughtful discussion guided by librarians Louanne Rielly and Sarah Ede.

“It’s loosely termed a book group,” says Puke Ariki Librarian Louanne Rielly. “The essence of the group is about engaging with literature, no matter your capabilities.”

“We pick a topic and find mini short stories, poems, or articles off the internet or from magazines and put them together,” explains Louanne. “The point is to connect members with stories from their lives or experiences they can share, to encourage participation and engagement with the group verbally.”

Research published in the New Zealand Library & Information Management Journal in 2017 has found that reading offers significant benefits for people with neurological conditions.

Dr. Sally Rimkeit’s study



Librarians Sarah Ede (left) and Louanne Rielly say that nostalgia, such as *The 1960s Scrapbook* prompts a lot of discussion at the Dementia-friendly Book Club.

revealed that reading “may improve the health and wellbeing for people with dementia. Not only did lone and shared reading evoke memories, but reading facilitated social connection, self-expression and feelings of personhood.”

The group has evolved since its inception in 2020, with librarians Louanne, Sarah, and Linley Wellington developing specialised materials around central themes like poetry, travel, gardens, food, and nostalgia. “Whatever it is that we’re

reading, we can stop after a few paragraphs and talk about something relative to what we’ve just read,” says Louanne. “Everyone is different, and you don’t have to read anything to be there. We are reading together, but there’s no pressure.”

Alzheimer’s Taranaki supported the creation of the group with community advisors encouraging members from their day respite programmes to attend. The collaboration is a great example of the benefits of community organisations

working together to create inclusive spaces for people with a diverse variety of needs.

The dementia-friendly book group is one of many book groups hosted at Puke Ariki and its community libraries each month, reflecting the library’s commitment to making literature accessible to all members of the community. Sessions are held regularly in a comfortable, accessible space in the library on Ariki Street. No prior reading or participation is required to participate.

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Kaponga Library.

Following a public meeting in Kaponga (Opunake and Coastal News 10 April 2025) the South Taranaki District Council is now prepared to consider other options regarding the town’s library services.

At a meeting attended by about 40 local people South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon and group manager community services Rob

Haveswood had laid out two options for library services in Kaponga after leakage problems developed in the building which currently houses the Kaponga Library Plus.

Option A involved shifting the library to the supper room of the War Memorial Hall while Option B would keep the library where it is and fix it up. At the meeting concerns were raised as to how Option A would affect the use of the hall for larger events as well as the prospect of there being another empty building in town.

“We heard loud and clear that the community wanted a large number of options,” Rob Haveswood told the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board last week.

The initial two options will be expanded to six and these will be laid out in the agenda for the full Council meeting on May 26 he said.

Mayor Phil Nixon said that contrary to what some might think the Council did take note of what people in their local communities were saying.

At the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting which was held on the same

day there was an update on the future of the Manaia community facility.

At the Council meeting on 14 April Council agreed to cease work on further development of a shared facility in Manaia with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust and commence planning for a standalone facility. Work will now start to develop plans for the War Memorial Hall site and the Sports Complex.

“This is disappointing as we were hoping to get to a good outcome but this wasn’t feasible,” said Mayor Nixon. “There’s still an opportunity we could work with Te Korowai in the future but we were not able to move forward due to issues with the ownership of the land.”



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Doing local water well

Regardless of what plan is decided on for supplying freshwater and wastewater services, water metering for everybody is on its way.

This was revealed in a presentation South Taranaki District Council group manager community services Rob Haveswood made at community board meetings held last week.

The South Taranaki District Council has begun consultation on how to meet the government’s Local Water Done Well (LWDW) strategy to tackle New Zealand’s water infrastructure issues.

Rob said two “genuinely good options” would be going out for consultation at a series of meetings to be held around the district.

Option 1 would see South Taranaki go into a Council-controlled organisation with the New Plymouth District and Stratford District Councils while Option 2 would see South Taranaki keep control of water in house.

While Option 1 dealt with freshwater and wastewater services, all the councils would keep control of their own stormwater services.

Donna Cram who was at the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting asked if the other councils had maintained their water infrastructure as well as South Taranaki had maintained theirs.

“In some periods of time South Taranaki will be the beneficiary. Some times they will be a contributor,”

The Eltham-Kaponga Community Board watch a presentation on the Council’s options for Local Water Done Well.

He said over half the water which the South Taranaki District Council currently supplies is already metered because of the number of large water users in the district. Businesses and schools are metered, and any new water reticulation installations have had manifolds put on them so that meters can be clipped on to them.

He said water metering would encourage people to fix any existing leaks or look for other sources of water.

An example was what the Council had done with Te Ramanui o Te Ruaputahanga by collecting rainwater for flushing toilets.

Mayor Phil Nixon said work needed to be done on wastewater in South Taranaki.

Rob said prices would be harmonised across the district with everyone paying the same price per cubic metre for the same service.

The greatest impact would be felt by those on the Waimate West and Inaha water schemes.

Mayor Nixon told the Taranaki Coastal Community Board that



The Eltham-Kaponga Community Board watch a presentation on the Council’s options for Local Water Done Well.



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The Mullin /Mullan Reunion

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The cake was cut by the three older members, twins Mary and John, and 92-year-old Hugh Boyle.

was the ideal choice as the coast is where most settled, and it proved the perfect

place with a large grass area for kids (and there were many), a quiet area away from the noise to display photo boards, a bar and an overhead screen showing family photos all day long. We want to say a big thank you to management and staff at the Centre, who we found so easy to work with, and with no fuss, produced lovely food and plenty of it for our celebrations. It started at 1pm on the Saturday with a mix and mingle, nibbles, photos were taken and this was followed by dinner at 6pm. An overhead projector displayed photos, many stories were told and photos shared. A small window of entertainment with Irish singers and dancing was well received. The cake that had had been made by Janice was cut by the three older members, twins Mary and John, along with 92-year-old Hugh Boyle. There were also some thoughts and stories from the heart, regarding the gratitude these immigrants felt for

the love and support and spiritual guidance shown by the coastal residents on their arrival. Our family members helped with both family and generational photos and name tags for everyone. Thanks to Rod and Gus for their expertise and Jordi

who carefully manoeuvred the drone for us. A service of thanksgiving held at Our Lady star of the Sea on the Sunday saw the church full. A luncheon back at the Event Centre concluded the weekend celebration. A big thank you to all

family members who from near and far made the effort to attend, supplied photos, and completed photo boards to help make the weekend a huge success, one that will be talked about for many years to come.



Bridget and Arthur Mullin.



Back row. Charlie, Hugh, Pat, Frank. Front row. Cassie, Roseanne, Lily.

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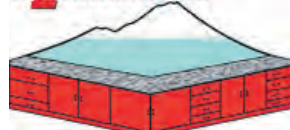
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came over followed five years later by Arthur, Hugh, and another sister Cassie and husband Jim Boyle. After saying their goodbyes to their parents, they were never to see them again and, communication being what it was, probably never spoke a lot again to them later either.

Only one ventured home again. The siblings came to better themselves and to leave the troubles of Ireland behind them. They came to the coast to take up farming jobs and, eventually after hard work and saving their money, they bought their own properties. Later, in 1955 Roseanne

Mullin another sister and her husband Jim Mckernon and their children came out after being helped by Cath and Arthur Mullin. One brother Mick chose to stay back in Ireland. He never ventured to New Zealand. The youngest brother Charlie who was widowed

was the last to arrive in June 1957 having decided to bring his young family of three, Arthur, Bridget, and Paddy to New Zealand to join the rest of his family after sadly losing his wife and their mum at an early age. These Mullin boys worked for a period for Pat Burns on the Wiremu Rd, Jim Brophy

and for sharemilker Mr Vanner, Alex Kalin, Mr WR Wright and Jim Fleming. Several also moved south to Kavanaghs Lake Rd Hawera. Two brothers Hugh and Arthur formed a partnership and share milked for Alex Stevenson in Pihama.

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Cuts to public services will be opposed

Finance Minister Nicola Willis has made it clear that austerity is on the horizon for health and other public services with little new money being made available in this month's Budget, say the PSA.

In a pre-Budget speech the Finance Minister announced that the operating allowance, which funds new operating spending, will be halved to \$1.3 billion.

"This is an irresponsible recipe for failure in health and public services which are already in desperate need of additional investment after reckless cuts and the failure to invest," said Fleur Fitzsimons, National Secretary for the Public Service Association for Te Pūkenga Here Tikanga Mahi.

"Budget 2025 should be about investing in the services New Zealanders need, particularly health with rising costs of care and an ageing population.

"But this government remains hell bent on its reckless ideological crusade to downsize our public health system regardless of the consequences.

"It made a clear choice in last year's Budget to cut taxes and now the chickens are coming home to roost with the Government's finances more constrained than they should be.

"Nicola Willis talks about 'limited fiscal means' forcing cuts to the operating allowance - well, she is the author of those, and it is a choice that she made.

"The PSA will strongly resist any further threats to the jobs of public service or health workers.

"This is a recipe for austerity which history tells us does not work, it just creates more misery, and New Zealanders will pay that price from this approach.

"Budget 2025 will be a sad indictment of the Government's economic management."

Wonderwoman in Taranaki



LEFT:
Wonderwoman in Taranaki is amongst the latest works from Coastal Taranaki artist Graeme Kirk.

Unions launch campaign to ban engineered stone

The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi has launched a campaign to ban the import, supply, and use of engineered stone in Aotearoa New Zealand.

"We are urging the Government to do the right thing and save workers' lives by banning engineered stone, an extremely dangerous product that causes the fatal lung disease silicosis," said NZCTU President Richard Wagstaff.

"Engineered stone is the asbestos of our times. It is not an essential product and there are many safe alternatives already in the market.

"Silicosis is a debilitating disease that cannot be cured. The evidence is clear that the only solution is to stop workers from being required to process engineered stone, which exposes them to the dangerous silica dust.

"Brooke van Velden has the power to save workers' lives. All she needs to do is follow Australia's example and implement a total ban.

"There is broad support for this campaign. Last year the CTU joined with 18 other organisations, including public health experts and health and safety specialists, and called on the Minister to act.

"Aotearoa has a terrible record when it comes to work-associated deaths. The Government has the opportunity to help turn that around by banning engineered stone. It's time they stepped up on behalf of Kiwi workers," said Wagstaff.

The NZCTU have launched a public petition calling on the Minister to implement a full ban on the import, supply, and use of engineered stone.

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Anzac tradition strong in Kaponga

Kaponga turned out in force for Anzac Day. The town's War Memorial Hall was full for the remembrance service which followed the parade which began at the town library and included pipers, military vehicles and 25 personnel from the Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles.

The Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles have been a regular feature of Anzac Day in Kaponga for a number of years now.

"We seem to have a rapport with them," says Kaponga RSA president Alistair Abbott. "We're spoilt I think with the military personnel we have had, and it adds to the atmosphere of the day."

He has a family connection to this regiment of the New Zealand Army. In World War II his father served with them in North Africa and Italy.

Leading the Mounted Rifles and acting as parade marshal was Warrant Officer Ewan Vanner. He hails from Kaponga and first joined the Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles 19 years ago. The



Warrant Officer Ewan Vanner takes the Kaponga Anzac Day Parade through their paces.

regiment was originally raised in Taranaki and has continued its association with the province ever since. The regiment's stable colours are amber and black and its original badge included the Pohutukawa and Mt Taranaki. As well as Kaponga, they were also taking part in other Anzac commemorations around the maunga.

After the parade everyone filed into the hall for the remembrance service, where messages from the Prime minister and Governor general were read, and both the New Zealand and Australian national anthems were sung.

Whanganui MP Carl Bates who was guest speaker, said it would be difficult to imagine

what was going through the minds of those about to go into battle at Gallipoli.

"Tragically 2779 lost their lives during the Gallipoli campaign," he said. "We know now that 16,697 New Zealanders died in battle during World War I along with 1500 more who died in training, or from their wounds within five years of the war

ending. Unquantified are those who came home with memories and experiences that could not heal nor be explained or shared with their families. For a country of barely a million people at the time, these were horrific losses. Rural and provincial communities were especially hard hit, and it was up to those left behind, many of them women to run the farms and factories that kept the country solvent."

The Rev Paul Bowers-Mason who led the service spoke about the varied experiences of his uncles during World War II. One who had been dux at Hawera Technical School was killed on his first bombing mission. Another who had been ruled medically unfit to serve stayed behind to look after the farm and would receive white feathers in his mailbox.

Playing the piano as she has done for many other Anzac services was Joy Eliason. She first started playing the piano at the Kaponga services back in 1957, and except for Covid

and the birth of one of her children she has been doing it every year since then.

She is now 88. In the early years her husband Bill would be in charge of the sound system.

"We were always here together and then the kids came along in their prams," she says.

Although she has been living in Inglewood for the last 13 years, she still comes back to Kaponga every Anzac Day.

"To me it's a very special occasion, and when I look down there, I think this is Kaponga. As long as I can walk up these steps I'll be here."

After the service it was back outside for the laying of wreaths with members of the Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles standing rigidly to attention.

The formalities over, Warrant Officer Vanner then barked the order to disperse to the supper room for "coffee and rum."

Manaia reflects on changing nature of Anzac Day



A solemn occasion was the Manaia Anzac Day service.

In World War II Ted Salisbury registered as a conscientious objector but ended up seeing more action than his brothers who were in uniform.

"He was a conscientious objector but wanted to help out on the good side of life so he joined the Red Cross," his nephew Bruce Salisbury of Manaia said after the Manaia dawn parade. "He was torpedoed three times in the North Sea and survived."

Manaia RSA president Barry Smith told the gathering at the Manaia band rotunda that the nature of ANZAC Day has evolved since that

day back in 1915 when New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli.

"New Zealanders have marked the landings at Gallipoli since news of the event first reached our shores," he said. "Over time there have been changes in the way that Anzac Day is commemorated, reflecting the changing features and concerns of New Zealand society."

"As time has passed the meaning of Anzac has changed too. Once used solely to refer to those who fought as part of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, today the term represents

the characteristics that are seen as important to New Zealanders and those serving in the New Zealand Defence Forces, including courage, commitment, comradeship and integrity."

He acknowledged Sir Bom Gillies, the last surviving member of the 28th (Maori) Battalion who passed away on November 8 last year.

A letter was read out from Whanganui MP Carl Bates who noted that Parliament had unanimously passed the First Reading of the Anzac Day Amendment Bill which enables all those who served New Zealand in an overseas

conflict to be recognised on Anzac Day.

"The bill also enables those who served in a civilian capacity to be acknowledged as well and includes the Home Guard, the Merchant Navy and members of the New Zealand civilian surgical team who served in the

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Reflections on changing nature of Anzac Day

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Vietnam conflict,” the letter read. Veteran Affairs minister Chris Penk will soon be introducing legislation that will broaden the legal definition of the term “veteran.” South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach read a letter from prime minister Christopher Luxon.

“This year I want to give

special acknowledgement to the remaining veterans of the Second World War,” the letter read. “Much attention worldwide will soon be on the 80th anniversaries of the end of that devastating conflict, and on the gruelling campaigns in which many New Zealanders took part, such as the air war over Europe, the Battle of the Atlantic, the Italian campaign, and the war against Japan in

Asia and the Pacific.” As well as the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II this year also marks the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, as well as the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Manaia RSA. Barry Smith says they are looking at celebrating this latter anniversary later in the year. The parade began at the Manaia Bowling Club, illuminated by a fire from a brazier supplied by RSA

member Doug Fowell and led for the third year in a row by a 1973 ex Canadian army Scorpion tank supplied by Phil Sandford

At the band rotunda there were presentations from Carly Gargan and Caden Phillips of Auroa School and Zoe Reader and Aionee Nuku from Opunake High School. The Rev Phil Woodmass noted the proximity to Easter. “We are fresh from

celebrating Easter when the Son of God Jesus Christ sacrificed his life for our sins, which is an old-fashioned word for muck-ups.

Today we remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy. The Ode was recited in English and Te Reo. There was an address from Kaumatua John Hooker of Ngaruahine,

and soon afterwards it was back to the bowling club for refreshments. South Taranaki Anzac commemorations in South Taranaki had begun the previous evening when a gathering of about 40 people assembled at the Otakeho War Memorial for a short evening service. Mayor Phil Nixon noted that at one point during World War II the Otakeho Home Guard was 80-strong.

Opunake Dawn Parade bigger than usual

Opunake’s Dawn Parade attracted the usual large crowd who, led by the Stratford Pipe Band, marched solemnly down from the Town Hall to the



The dawn service at the cenotaph overlooking Opunake Beach.

cenotaph. The traditional service which followed as dawn broke, included the raising of the New Zealand, Australian and Turkish flags and the always moving Last Post.

The procession then returned to the Opunake Town Hall for various speeches. “It’s great to see so many young people,” remarked Jim Dodunski who usually attends the Dawn Parade, noting the diversity of ages among those attending which included toddlers and babies being wheeled by parents. He added that the attendance seemed to be bigger than usual. This year marks 110

years since the landing by New Zealand and Australian troops on the Gallipoli peninsula in the beach now known as Anzac Cove. Fearsome fighting ensued by the allied troops, brought in as reinforcements to help the allied troops. By evening, of the 16,000 who landed, 2000 were either killed or wounded. For many it was their first experience of combat. The landing was intended

as a diversionary tactic in an endeavour to enable the British to secure and control the Dardanelles, a major waterway for supply routes. Eight long months of fighting were to follow in harsh conditions as the Australian and New Zealand troops joined those from Britain, France and Newfoundland troops to subdue the Turks fighting desperately to protect their homeland. When the allied troops withdrew at the end of the 8 months, 130,000 had died including 87,000 Ottoman troops and 44,000 Allied troops. Around a fifth of the New Zealanders who landed on the peninsula died. This year also marks 80 years since the ending of the Second World War. Among the various speeches marking these historic events was a message from the Prime Minister Christopher Luxon which was read out by Aaron Langton and also a message from the Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro was conveyed by Monica Willson from the Taranaki Coastal Community Board. Both messages acknowledged the significance of ANZAC Day and Gallipoli as well as the 80 year anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. Daphne led a prayer and then spoke of the horror of war and concern about present conflicts and the value of prayer in keeping world peace. Opunake High School Head Pupils Ella Danz and Benjamin Gasson also gave speeches. Brian Gasson, whose father Maurice was a former student of Stratford High School, who trained as a teacher and went on to serve in the Korean War, also spoke. Brian and his son Ben, read out a moving poem written by Brian’s father, Ben’s grandfather, each reading alternate



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Opunake Dawn Parade bigger than usual

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verses. The poem (*Memories of Kapyong*) recounted the famous battle of Kapyong where the New Zealanders, British, Australian and Canadian troops, managed to hold the line for 4-5 days. Eventually they were vastly overwhelmed by a superior Chinese and North Korean force. “Dad never really talked about it,” said Brian afterwards and added that there were no victors in the Korean War which seemed to be “a senseless waste of life.” On the 50th anniversary of the battle he travelled with his father to Kapyong where the South Koreans treated them with such appreciation and “How it had changed their life.” It was a touching sequel to what had seemed a futile battle. When they returned to New Zealand his father, at Brian’s suggestion, penned the poem. Brian Vincent, who was among those at the commemorations, recalled doing compulsory military training at Waiouru during the days of the Vietnam War recalled their practising on 25 pounder field gun when it blew up and two were killed. Reverend Ian Sargeant then led a prayer of thanks “for this day” and for the food we were about to receive in the usual breakfast that traditionally follows the Dawn Service in Opunake.

See the Opunake High School page for the words of *Memories of Kapyong*

A flyover a feature of Cape Egmont ANZAC Day



The Taranaki Caledonian Pipe Band were in full cry at the Cape Egmont ANZAC Day commemoration.

The Cape Egmont Boat Club commemorated ANZAC Day in their usual style with a flyover at the culmination of the formal service outside the clubrooms. A big crowd packed the Boat Club to hear speeches from South Taranaki mayor Phil Nixon whose father spent four years in a Prisoner of War Camp in Italy during the Second World War. Noting that it was 110 years since the landing at Gallipoli and 80 years since the end of the Second World War the mayor said “there was still conflict going on.” Unfortunately too many did not return, he said. Those that did never talked about it. He also reflected on the Home Guard “who stayed at home to defend our shores.” It must have been a social time with rugby teams, parties, tugs of war. In Taranaki however it must have been a bit of a worry with ships coming via Australia he said referring to the Turakina, on route from England to New Zealand via



The Turakina was sunk by a German raider on August 29, 1940, 250 kilometres off off the Taranaki coast. The captain and 34 of the crew lost their lives.

Australia, which was sunk 50 kilometres off the New Zealand Coast by The Orion, a German raider, right at the beginning of the war. Of the ship’s 56 crew, 34 were killed including the captain. The President of the New Plymouth RSA Graham Chard himself a military veteran, then spoke remembering “all those involved not just in WW1 but every conflict since”. He also acknowledged those who stayed behind and

“had to fill their boots.” Having spent 40 odd years in the military “It does my heart good” when I see young people honouring those who died. “There are no WW1 veterans and very few WW2 veterans who survive along with a diminishing number of Vietnam War veterans but there are hundreds and hundreds of young people

showing their respect for their grandfathers,” he said. “On behalf of all those who have served and all those on who as a military veteran on whose shoulders I stand we will never forget.” After a short march to the cenotaph nearby those gathered listened to the Last Post beautifully played on the bugles, the singing of the national anthems of

New Zealand and Australia and the laying of wreaths two planes in convey flew overhead, several times. Two swallows which joined the air display added further poignancy to the moving ceremony.

Among those attending were Ken Donald QSM. Also present was a former Okato resident. Ted Dore (94), who was in the Royal New Zealand Navy and saw service in Malaya and the far East. He recalled “chasing Japanese up and down the coast” in the Rotoiki in 1959. Ted recently moved to Taranaki from Levin.



LEFT: The flyover had everyone captivated.

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Our Senior Drama class wowed audiences in Stratford with their interpretation of Macbeth, bringing Shakespeare to life with a stunning and hilarious performance by Ashton Hendrix as Macbeth, in the form of Donald Trump. He was supported by an amazing cast: Milla Caldwell, Tyla Grindlay-Nicholls, Natasha Heke-Foote, Shyan Kahui, Lorelei Mullin and Maddy Parata, who received accolades of laughter and applause which raised the roof.

Our Year 12s and 13s have been gaining their Learner licenses at the kura with the support and sponsorship of Blue Light This removes the barriers of a rural, remote community enabling our seniors to start upon their career pathways, and not be limited by transportation issues.

Senior Art students have also visited Govett Brewster to give them exposure to local and world wide artists to support with inspiration for their portfolios. Whilst our Te Haumoana group has spent a noho marae (weekend at the marae) where our roopu (group) are working with Stratford to hone their kapa haka skills. The combined group is called: Te Kotahaitanga o Te Hiko rangatahi.

Thanks to funding from Tu Manawa we have been able to hold lunchtime volleyball sessions to help grow volleyball at OHS, and we are looking forward to hosting social volleyball for students and community during the winter weekends. Watch this space for updates.

Our Year 13 Prefects represented the kura with mana and grace at the Opunakē and Manaia ANZAC dawn ceremonies. Our Head students: Ben Gasson and Ella Danz, along with Zoe Reader and Aionee Nuku gave moving, heartfelt speeches in remembrance of those who have gone before us. Ben and his father Brian read a stirring poem written by Ben's grandfather called Memories of Kapyong.

As the winter chills us to the bone, we look to learning to stay warm: Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

Ngā mihi
Andrea Hooper Carr
Principal

Memories of Kapyong

I am standing in my garden, in the early morning haze,
Looking up towards the hillside where the quiet cattle graze,
And the fog which night has gathered on the swamp which lies between,
Forms a blanket which enhances this, my early morning scene.

But now further up the valley, from the quarry neath the hills,
Comes the sound of early blasting which my peaceful scene dispels
For the sound I hear recalls to me the echo of a gun,
In a valley in Korea in the spring of fiftyone.

And the fog which shrouds the swamp land, now assumes a deeper hue
Like the gunsmoke on the paddi, in that valley that I knew,
I smell the cordite once again, and as the daylight comes,
I see spread across the valley floor, that regiment of guns.

The Middlesex ahead of us, Australians to the right,
And to the left Canadians have held on through the night.
With target after target from our O.P. on the crest,
The gunners feed the guns, their bodies crying out for rest.

For the guns, now like an orchestra, the targets they engage,
With a symphony of anger, a cacophony of rage.
And from the hill above me, just beyond the nearest crest,
Comes the stutter of the bren guns from the infantry hard pressed

From the road which lies behind us come the Army Service Corps,
Dump their load of ammunition and then speed back off for more.
I see walking wounded moving through our lines, while overhead,
Fly the choppers which are lifting out the dying and the dead.

And now at last, the foe repelled, the storm and fury done,
Each weary gunner lays him down and sleeps beside his gun.

Now I hear a pheasant calling, and a stirring in the trees,
And I feel the cool caresses of an early morning breeze
I feel a hand upon my arm, a voice beside me say,
"What are you thinking of my love? You seem so far away"

My aging eyes refocus on the farmlet that we share,
The orchard with the apple trees, the peach, the plum, the pear,
The sun is up, the mist is gone, the cattle on the hill,
Are back to grazing peacefully, and all is calm and still.

You sometimes smile and tell me of the things that I forget,
People's names and missed appointments, little things like that, and yet
Despite the years that lie between, my mind can still recall,
How we held the line that April, on the road that led to Seoul.

Maurice Gasson
16th Field Regiment, 161 battery, RNZA, Korea



Prefects Alex Moss, Rhiana Jane & Ben Gasson on ANZAC Day



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meals, board games, building and sports. They are encouraged to do things that are of little or no cost with many of the activities being simple things that the mentor has enjoyed doing previously and may well be totally new to the young person. Big Brothers Big Sisters has three types of matches; School-based: These matches meet on School grounds, during school hours and only during the school terms. The pair meet for an hour each week and do a range of activities, with the support of additional resources provided. Often School-based volunteer mentors are supported by their employer and are given an hour each week away from their business role to mentor the young person. Community-based: These matches meet outside of school hours (after school or on weekends) and hang out together in the community. This is the most popular mentoring option making up over 90% of matches. Couple-based match: This option is available where two

volunteers are wanting to mentor together. The young person in this match then has two mentors and can spend time with them together, as a trio, or separately in a community-based match. The volunteer mentors (Bigs) spend time each week with their Littles, building strength and creating hope. Mentoring is a proven model that enhances and develops resilience, reduces risk factors, builds confidence and provides young people with perspectives and opportunities for a better future. With a waitlist of young people ready to be matched, BBBS are always looking for more volunteers who are willing to offer up one hour, once a week and do something incredibly rewarding within their own community. BBBS are keen to talk to business owners and staff members who would like to know more about making a difference and becoming a mentor. For more information, please contact us at taranaki@bbbs.nz we would love to chat. Big Brothers Big Sisters



Companionship is the icing on the cake.

Road work uncovers piece of home guard history

A piece of Taranaki's Second World War history has recently been uncovered during work on Te Ara Tūtuhu: SH3 Waitara to Bell Block. Two Home Guard rifle pits were found to the north of the intersection of State Highway 3 (SH3) and De Havilland Drive in Bell Block. It's likely they were constructed between 1941 and 1942 as a defensive position to protect the Bell Block Aerodrome on Te Arei Road, which was being used as a Royal New Zealand Air Force training base, from a potential invasion by Japanese forces. The Home Guard was formed in 1940 in response to the potential threat posed by the Empire of Japan during the Second World War. Membership was initially voluntary but

became compulsory from 1942 for men aged 35-50. "These are textbook Home Guard pits," says project archaeologist Daniel McCurdy. "These are so textbook, that in fact one of them conforms exactly (within a few inches) to the standard set out for the Home Guard. However, instead of an optional drainage trench at the base, the men chose to place timbers instead, likely reclaimed from the local farm."

There have been a number of archaeological finds on Te Ara Tūtuhu since physical works began in 2023. The project works closely with archaeologists and cultural monitors in these instances. Depending on what is found, the find may be removed or documented and left in place. "The area we are working in is historically significant.



What was probably a rifle pit used by the local Home Guard to ward off an anticipated Japanese attack on the Bell Block aerodrome has recently been uncovered.



The British Home Guard was immortalised in the BBC sitcom Dad's Army (pictured). During World War II New Zealand had its own Home Guard which was raised in the event of a possible attack from Japan.

It's important that whenever we come across a potential archaeological find in the course of our work that we take the time necessary to investigate." "I know that I, and many

of us working on Te Ara Tūtuhu, have learnt a lot about the history of this area through our work on the project," says Te Ara Tūtuhu project manager Calvin Rorke.

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Quintessential autumn flower to fore for autumn show



Whanganui visitors Margaret Gibbard and Diana Loader at the Hawera Horticultural Society Flower Show.

Recent bad weather has failed to put a dampener on things for organisers of the Hawera Horticultural Society Autumn Flower Show.

“It’s looking good. We’ve got a good number of chrysanthemums which is great,” Society president Paul Lander said at the show which was held in Hawera on the weekend. “The chrysanthemum is the quintessential autumn flower and I’m really impressed with the quality.”

As well as the chrysanthemums there were the usual pot plants and fruit and vegetables.

“Quite a few of the blooms have been in the Flower Show at Whanganui as well, so I’ve judged them twice,” said Paul. “The champion bloom from Whanganui is here, but it didn’t get champion here.”

He acknowledges the number of entries have been down, “with the rough weather we’ve had in the last week.”

“It’s been a tough year for growing plants in general. It’s been quite dry and the temperature has been up and down a bit as well.”

Similar sentiments were voiced by Society member and Eltham grower Mervyn Hawkes.

“The weather’s not been too good but you’ve got to be happy with what we’ve got,” he says. “Like any show the weather dictates a lot. The chrysanthemums filled the benches this year, the pot plants are looking reasonably good, but the roses are down.”

He was pleased with the interest being shown in the sales table where plants had been donated by Society members. Shortly after the show opened at midday on Saturday a number of plants had already been sold.

Paul says a number of people had come from Whanganui to see the show. Among these were Margaret Gibbard and Diana Loader.

“I would never be a judge. I hate finding fault with flowers,” says Diana. “I love coming out to Hawera, and I love this show. What a team they’ve got.”

She is no stranger to these parts. Her parents were Spud and Nina Spurdle.



Chrysanthemum the quintessential autumn flower.



The Hawera Horticultural Society Autumn Flower Show continues to be popular with chrysanthemum growers.

Nina ran a private hospital in Hawera, which was later bought out by Annie Brydon. Diana was dux of Hawera High School and her sister was the inimitable Coastal identity Gabrielle

Barr, well known in speech and drama circles.

“I’ve lived in Whanganui for 63 years, but if you ask me where I come from, I say Taranaki,” says Diana

New Board chair and life member for Taranaki Chamber of Commerce

Jessica Parker has been elected as the new Chair of the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Board at its Annual General Meeting.

She takes over the role from Daniel Fleming who has retired from the board after 11 years. Ms Parker’s first act in her new position was to announce that Fleming was being honoured with Life Membership.

Parker has been a Board Member since 2023 and Deputy Chair for the past 12 months.

She has extensive local and international experience in event management, marketing, and governance. This included over seven years as Event Manager for the Chamber, and she now manages the Centuria Taranaki Garden Festival for the Taranaki Arts Festival Trust (TAFT).

Parker is also the Co-Chair of the Taranaki Culinary

Advisory Trust, overseeing the Festival events here in Taranaki, and has previously served as a Trustee for the Taranaki Air Ambulance Trust.

Parker lives in New Plymouth with her husband, Mike, and sons, Jasper and Theo.

Mr Fleming is a Co-owner and the General Manager of the King and Queen Hotel Suites. He joined the Chamber Board in 2014, became Deputy Chair in 2018 and was then appointed Chair in 2019. Fleming was

also on the New Zealand Chambers of Commerce and Industry Board from 2021 to 2024. He also sits on numerous other committees and boards of various organisations.

Newly elected Kerry Boiella (TSB) and Justin Peterson (Wells), along with the re-elected Grace Wesolowska (GW Consulting), join the current board – Shane Devlin, Priyaanka Khatri, Rebecca Johnson, Sam Tyson and Andrew Pepper.

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Southlink Coastal



He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Welcome to this special quarterly edition of Southlink for Ōpunakē and Coastal News readers.

Local Water

Done Well

Have your say on the future delivery of water and wastewater services in South Taranaki

Taranaki councils seek public input on options to deliver future water services

Public consultation started on 30 April on a proposal by the South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth district councils to join a Taranaki regional water entity for delivering water and wastewater services over the next 30 plus years, as part of the Government’s Local Water Done Well reforms. For South Taranaki the alternative option is to keep water services within the South Taranaki District Council in an inhouse business unit. Local Water Done Well (LWDW) is the Government’s plan to address New Zealand’s long-standing water infrastructure challenges which include the rising costs associated with replacing ageing infrastructure, meeting new environmental and health standards and higher consumer expectations. It replaces the previous government’s Three Waters reforms and provides local councils with the choice of how they will provide reliable and safe water services to their communities over the next 30 plus years. Under LWDW Councils can choose to deliver water services either by themselves or with other councils as long as they meet all relevant standards, can provide the infrastructure investment

required and are financially sustainable. South Taranaki District Mayor, Phil Nixon says the Councils have been looking at several different delivery options for water services since March last year (2024), including delivering water independently, as well as working together. “Our investigations showed that for South Taranaki a council-controlled organisation on its own was not financially sustainable, which left us with two remaining options, an STDC in-house business unit and a regional water services council-controlled organisation,” says Nixon. “Both options have their advantages and disadvantages, but collectively we recognise that working together should be the best way to achieve the greatest efficiencies and deliver better services while meeting new legislative requirements,” he says. “This is a complex and incredibly important decision, probably one of the biggest that we have faced in many years which is why it will be important to hear from our community on what they believe is the best long-term option.”

What's being proposed?

After considerable investigation and independent advice, the three Taranaki district councils are proposing the best way to deliver safe, reliable and affordable water services for the next 30 plus years is through:



The establishment of a water services council-controlled organisation jointly owned by the South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth district councils;



with the alternative option being to;

Keep the delivery of water services within South Taranaki District Council (also known as an in-house business unit, or status quo option).

It's easy to have your say

This is a complex issue and there is a lot to take in. Each option has its own advantages, disadvantages and impacts. Understanding the views of our diverse communities is always an important part of our decision-making process, so we encourage you to read our consultation document to help with forming your view.

Find the consultation document on our website at www.southtaranaki.com/water or pick one up at your local LibraryPlus.



Upcoming Council meetings

(June - September)

Taranaki Coastal Community Board, Wednesday 11 June, 2.30pm, Ōpunakē Town Hall

Extraordinary Council Local Water Done Well Hearings - Monday 16 June, 9am

Policy and Strategy Committee Monday 16 June, 3pm

Extraordinary Council to Adopt Annual Report and Consider the Divestment of the Nukumarū Water Scheme Monday 23 June, 4pm

Ordinary Council - Monday 7 July, 4pm

Taranaki Coastal Community Board, Wednesday 23 July, 2.30pm, Pihama Hall, 3271 Surf Highway, Pihama

Policy and Strategy Committee Monday 28 July, 1pm

Extraordinary Council – Purpose to adopt option for Water Services Delivery Plan, Wednesday 30 July, 1pm

Ordinary Council Monday 18 August, 4pm



All are welcome to attend. Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Hāwera Tuesday 13 May, 5.30 - 6.30pm Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub

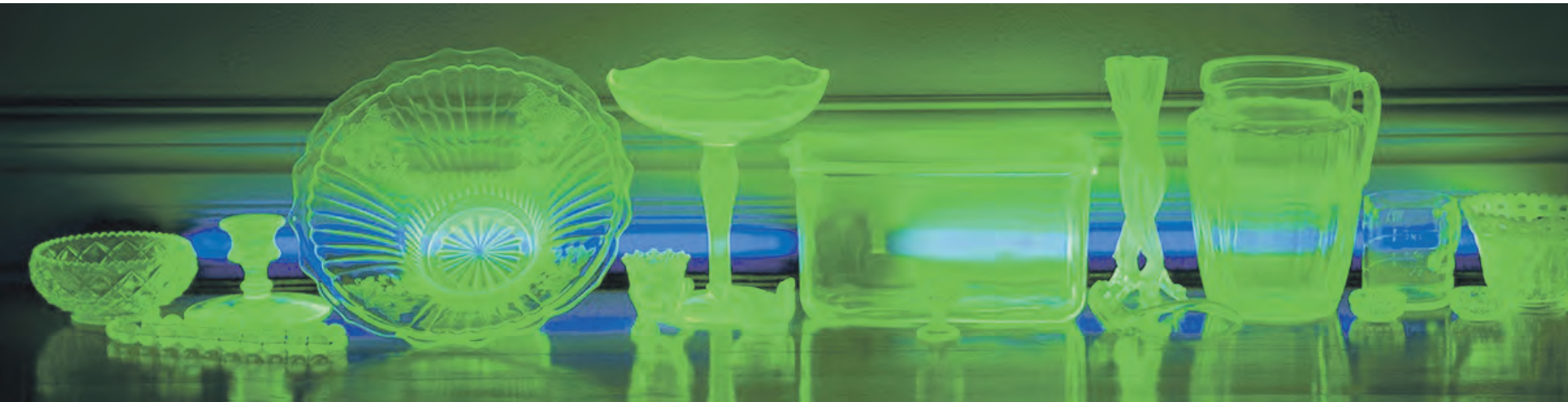
Ōpunakē Wednesday 14 May, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre, 156 Tasman St

Kāpuni Thursday 15 May, 7 - 8pm War Memorial Hall, Manaia Rd

Pātea Monday 19 May, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Hunter Shaw Building, Egmont St

Webinar Tuesday 20 May, 5.30 - 6.30pm Visit www.southtaranaki.com/water for details

Eltham Wednesday 21 May, 5.30 - 6.30pm, Eltham Town Hall



Collectors show off their uranium glass under UV light as it glows.

At Cecelia’s in Opunake

First identified in 1789 by German chemist Martin Heinrich Klaproth, uranium was soon being added to decorative glass for its fluorescent effect. Uranium glass became popular in the late-19th and early-20th centuries, with its period of greatest popularity being from the 1880s to the 1920s. At the end of the 19th century, glassmakers discovered that uranium glass with certain mineral additions could be tempered at high temperatures, inducing varying degrees of micro-crystallization. This produced a range of increasingly opaque glasses from the traditional transparent yellow or yellow-green to an opaque white. During the Depression years, more iron oxide was added to the mixture to match popular preferences for a greener glass. This material, technically a glass-ceramic, acquired the name “vaseline glass” because of its supposedly similar appearance to petroleum jelly. U.S. production of uranium glasses ceased in the middle years of World War II because of the government’s confiscation of uranium supplies for the Manhattan Project from 1942 to 1958. After the restrictions in the

United States were eased, several firms resumed production of uranium glass, including Fenton and Mosser; though uranium was still regulated as a strategic material. Following the Cold War, restrictions on uranium glass were completely lifted. During this time many older pieces entered the free market and new pieces continued to be produced in small quantities into the 2000s. Manufacturers soon realised its sales potential and uranium glass was produced across Europe and later in Ohio. Uranium glass was made into tableware and

household items but fell out of widespread use when the availability of uranium to most industries was sharply curtailed during the Cold War in the 1940s to 1990s, with the vast majority of the world’s uranium supply being utilised as a strategic material for use in nuclear weapons or nuclear power. Most uranium glass is now considered to be antiques or retro-era collectables, although there has been a minor revival in art glassware. Otherwise, modern uranium glass is now mainly limited to small objects like beads or marbles as scientific or decorative novelties.

Teens with mental health conditions report almost an hour more social media use daily

Teenagers diagnosed with a mental health condition report spending around 50 minutes extra each day on social media compared to their peers, according to UK research. The team

looked at self-reported social media use among over 3,000 teens, 16% of whom had at least one diagnosed mental health condition. Those with depression or anxiety disorders reported

comparing themselves to others on social media more often, being less happy with their numbers of friends or followers, and that their mood is more affected by how

many likes, shares and comments they get. The researchers note this study can’t show why this link between mental health and social media use exists.

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The Temporary Visitor Centre

Temporary closure for North Taranaki Visitor Centre

DOC’s North Taranaki Visitor Centre will temporarily close in late April while demolition on the aging visitor centre building begins.

DOC’s Acting Taranaki Operations Manager Phil Melgren says the visitor centre building was identified as needing replacement several years ago, due to its age and condition. Through an agreement between DOC and Te Atiawa, the iwi will lead on demolition

of the existing building and construction of the new facility.

Phil says the current visitor centre will close at 3.30pm on 27 April 2025 - at the end of the current school holidays.

The temporary visitor centre building is on site and is being readied to be opened on 2 May. It is in the upper carpark along with new visitor toilets. The temporary visitor centre and toilets have been designed with ramps to be fully accessible.

Phil says the temporary visitor centre is expected to operate for two years while the new facility is constructed. It will have the same opening hours - 8.30am to 3.30pm seven days a week - with the same services for information, hut tickets and some retail

offering, particularly gear to help visitors keep safe and warm on the maunga

Demolition of the old visitor centre will start in the middle of May. The first thing visitors will see is some vegetation clearing and fencing going in place.



The new Pouakai Hut soon to open. Photo: Lindsay Maindonald.

Changes will gut the Equal Pay Act and lock in discrimination

The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi is slamming the Government’s proposed changes to the Equal Pay Act, announced by Brooke van Velden, as an attack on working women and their rights to pay equity.

“It is shameful that the Government is cancelling pay equity for hundreds of thousands of working women in order to balance the budget,” said NZCTU Secretary Melissa Ansell-Bridges.

“These changes will gut the Equal Pay Act and lock in gender discrimination and inequity for years to come.

“Pay equity is an issue of justice, not penny pinching. There is no excuse to ignore injustice, especially when employers’ business models have been predicated on the exploitation of women. The coalition is prioritising tax cuts for the rich over justice for poorly paid women.

“This is not just about cancelling current claims, which would be bad enough, but the changes will also retrospectively rip up existing settlements by removing the review clauses. This will mean that those workers will soon lose the value of their claims.

“This Government seems determined to undo all

the progress that working women have made on achieving equal pay. They disestablished the Pay Equity Taskforce, pulled funding for settlements, and are now gutting the Act.

“It is totally unacceptable that Brooke van Velden is intending to push these changes through Parliament in two days under urgency, bypassing democratic scrutiny and due process.

“This Minister is once again demonstrating her contempt for working people and a total disregard for workers’ rights, fair pay and good work,” said Ansell-Bridges.



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Locals put 44Magnum to the test

When the Eltham Farm Supplies team say that they bring big brands to a small town to support the local people, they do exactly that. Not that this is always an easy task. But due to co-owner Joe Menzies’ persistence and determination, Eltham Farm Supplies are now able to provide Taranaki farmers with Fertco’s bulk fertilisers.

While securing a supply of quality fertiliser products for locals was always on Joe’s list, he went the extra mile by arranging a sponsorship deal between Fertco and Eltham Farm Supplies so that local farmers could test the fertiliser for themselves. Seven farmers with various



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soil types and farming operations from Central and Southern Taranaki took up the challenge.

And so on the 20th and 21st November 2024, 44Magnum, one of Fertco’s controlled-release nitrogen products was applied at 150kg per ha to the properties by Lloyd Gernhoefer

Contracting. The application costs were covered by Eltham Farm Supplies and in return, the participating farmers donated \$300 to their school of choice.

So what did the farmers find?

At a BBQ and feedback session hosted by Joe and team in March, the trial farmers reported stronger and longer-lasting growth on the areas where the 44Magnum was applied, even though many had been in dry to drought conditions very soon after application. One farmer was surprised that the grass was still growing and that the new

pasture was thicker.

Fertco’s National Sales Manager Arthur Payze, who also attended the BBQ, explained that some of the 44Magnum pellets were probably still present. When it rained again, moisture would move into the pellet through the polymer coating. The urea in the pellet would be dissolved, then released slowly back out into the soil.

Quentin Maindonald had the 44Magnum applied to 5ha of his 35ha run-off. He said that his “runoff wasn’t topped or mowed for silage, and where treated, the grass has thicker leaves and didn’t go to head like the rest of the

block.”

Quentin also said that he has “now used 44Magnum over the whole block.” Another four farmers said that they had already used the product again or intended using it.

Fertco have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and passion shown by everyone at Eltham Farm Supplies that they have appointed them as agent for the Taranaki region with team member Barts (Garath Bartley) as a commission representative to service the local farming community.

Vaccine linked to lower heart disease risk:

A study involving more than a million people suggests that getting a live vaccine for shingles reduces risks of heart problems for up to 8 years. South Korean researchers compared rates of cardiovascular conditions among vaccinated and unvaccinated people aged

50+ without a history of cardiovascular problems. The live vaccine was linked to lower rates of events like strokes and heart failure, especially 2-3 years afterwards, with people from low income or rural households among those experiencing a greater

drop in risk. The authors say the live zoster vaccine could be an important public health tool to reduce cardiovascular disease and health disparities.

European Heart Journal



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The bristling issue that keeps coming back

The invasive weed Yellow Bristle Grass is again raising concerns on the Taranaki coast.

At the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting in Oaonui last week Community Board chair Andy Whitehead said there had been reports of an influx of Yellow Bristle Grass on the Taranaki coast. “It’s rapidly spreading through our rohe,” he said. “The Taranaki Regional Council has said it’s too difficult to manage. Maybe there’s an opportunity we can make a management plan separate from the rest of Taranaki.”

He said it’s a weed which clones itself. “From Manaia to Okato it’s still controllable. In Waikato I’ve seen paddocks where it smothers everything.” This is not the first time Yellow Bristle Grass has been a topic for discussion at the Taranaki Coastal Community Board. In its March 14 2019 issue the Opunake and Coastal News reported Oaonui farmer Chris Harvey bringing the



Immature Yellow Bristle Grass. Photo DairyNZ

matter before the board. “If it gets into the pastures, the cows won’t eat it, so it affects production,” he said. “Being an annual plant it grows prolifically and it’s aggressive.” The plant reproduces only by seed, which can be dispersed by water, soil movement, animals, machinery and as

contaminants of crop seed and hay. A single plant can have up to 60 seed heads. It can quickly colonize areas, particularly along roadsides and in damaged pastures. “Yellow bristle grass is widespread across Taranaki and it is not feasible to manage it on a regional scale,” says

Taranaki Regional Council environment services manager Steve Ellis. “However it is possible to protect pastures and contain spread within certain areas. Spraying at the right time of year is crucial and we have previously brought in experts to advise district councils and roading contractors. Farmers should

always check all machinery coming on and off their farms. Our team is happy to provide advice on managing yellow bristle grass or other pest plants.” At last week’s community board meeting South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said they recently held a workshop “just to get our heads around it,” and it appeared that what the Council had been doing was only adding to the problem. “Obviously what we’ve been doing is exasperating it,” he said. The weed could be spread by mowers, but spraying also created bare ground making it possible for it to flourish. The seed drops out in January which was different to other plants and that is the time when it spreads. Mayor Nixon said the Council had been working on timelines so it could be

sprayed at the right time. In the Waikato it often spread from cropping when seeds would remain in the trailer or truck following the harvester, or be carried by vehicles driving out to other farms. “It’s certainly not all the Council, but we are a guilty party. Farmers will have to be careful, but the Council will have to do their bit,” said Mayor Nixon. Te Kiri farmer and former MP Shane Ardern who was also at the meeting said Yellow Bristle Grass had got away in Tikorangi through there having been concerns about the effects on other plants. Taranaki regional councillor Donna Cram said education is needed. “This has been going on for a while. I think we can still get rid of it. I will be following up on that,” she said.

Screening for hepatitis and linked cancers practical and lifesaving

The key factor behind a common type of cancer with a low survival rate is liver disease from chronic hepatitis B or C viral infections—but screening initiatives in Aotearoa could eliminate it within a

generation, according to health experts. Seventy percent of hepatocellular carcinoma cases in Māori and 50% of cases in non-Māori are linked with hepatitis B or C.

Over two-thirds of such cases in Aotearoa are caught when it’s too late to cure. However, the authors of a new review paper say we already have testing and treatment capabilities that, through their proposed

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Dairy Woman of the Year

Waikato farmer, and Owl Farm Demonstration Manager, Jo Sheridan, has been announced as the 2025 Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year.

The award was announced at the Dairy Women's Network 2025 Conference "Success through Inspiration" in Hamilton (1 May 2025).

The thirteenth Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year award celebrates women who demonstrate leadership and a commitment to the dairy industry. Jo was recognised for her outstanding passion and advocacy for the dairy sector.

DWN trustee and lead judge Jenna Smith says Jo brings unstoppable energy, big-picture thinking, and a fierce commitment to making things better — for people, for animals, and for the future of farming.

"She doesn't just talk about change; she rolls up her sleeves and makes it happen. Jo is tackling complex industry challenges while passionately championing and empowering young people and innovation.



Dairy Woman of the Year Jo Sheridan.

"For those that know her showcasing courage, clarity, — and a lot of people do and heart," says Smith. - they know that she is a Jo, who is based in Pirongia humble and generous leader, is a passionate advocate for

inspiring young people into the dairy sector. She oversees a 140-hectare dairy farm (Owl Farm), a commercial venture at St Peter's School where young people can walk straight onto the farm and see firsthand the joy of farming. The farm also opens regularly for visitor days, bringing dairy farming to the whole community.

Growing up on a dairy farm in South Taranaki, she developed a deep appreciation for agriculture, later earning a Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in Soil Science from Massey University.

With over 24 years of experience, Jo has worked in various roles at DairyNZ, served as an independent industry consultant, and before becoming the Demonstration Manager at Owl Farm.

Beyond farming, Jo is active in governance, serving on school boards and industry committees. Her leadership, innovation, and mentorship make her a transformative force in New Zealand's dairy sector.

Top award for farmgrass discovery

The top gong at the Prime Minister's Science Prizes goes to a research team who developed a new ryegrass microbe now used by 80% of New Zealand farmers. Dr Linda Johnson and the Endophyte Discovery Team

at AgResearch found the microbe, which improves the health of farm animals that graze on ryegrass and is expected to be worth \$3.6 billion in productivity gains over 20 years.

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Herding dogs' genetic pawprint

New overseas research reports genomic evidence behind herding dogs' unique blend of smarts, instinct, and fine motor skills compared to other good boys.

Research published in Science Advances looked at whole-genome sequences of 12 herding breeds, such as border collies and German shepherds, and compared them to those of 91 non-herding breeds. In border collies, the authors identified adaptations in eight genes tied to memory retention, motor learning, social interaction, and

spatial memory. The team says selective breeding has shaped the genetic architecture of herding dogs, which may relate to their skills in various tasks related to controlling a herd.

Professor Matt Littlejohn, Professor in Animal Genetics, Massey University, comments:

"High-performance farm dogs show exceptional abilities that set them apart from the average pooch, and this study gives some insight into genetic factors that may contribute to that. The study used genome

sequence data to ask the question 'what DNA regions do working breeds tend to have in common?' This analysis identified some commonalities across these breeds, and the genes highlighted were known to have roles in brain function. Since working ability is largely behavioural, this finding makes sense and suggests their approach is detecting real associations.

"The study is significant because identifying genes underlying behavioural traits has been notoriously

difficult — in both dog and human genetics. By the same measure, these results will need to be validated. Breakthroughs in behavioural genetics have been hard won because the traits are complex, so while the study highlights one gene in particular with a likely role in working behaviour, the next step will be to test the gene in bigger populations and confirm that role."

Prof Littlejohn is currently researching the genetics of working farm dogs in New Zealand

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CSP Technician Ross Gray at the Woodchip Bioreactor installation, Ohawe. January 2025.

Could a woodchip bioreactor work for your farm?

There is increasing interest in the use of edge-of-field methods for reducing the loss of contaminants from farms and improving water quality. These techniques, which include amongst other things; controlled drainage, wetlands, woodchip bioreactors, and drainage water recycling can be relatively inexpensive and very effective.

The Catchment Solutions Project (CSP), is a large three-year investigation into edge-of-field mitigations conducted by staff in the School of Agriculture and Environment at Massey University. The CSP team have been collaborating with the Waingongoro Catchment Group. Working together, water quality was monitored on a number of farms in the catchment.

At a workshop with catchment farmers, the water quality data was discussed, and nitrate was identified as the major contaminant. On this basis, a woodchip bioreactor was selected as the most appropriate mitigation.

See Bulls defend Shield

The Yarrows Taranaki Bulls will defend the Ranfurly Shield at the fully reopened Stadium Taranaki on 11 June – and fans can attend the match for free.

Taranaki Regional Council says the game will be a perfect showcase for the public to check out the new-look venue and it will mark the official opening of the stadium after its six-year redevelopment.

Free buses have been arranged to bring residents from south, coastal and central Taranaki to the match, which will see the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls take on King Country at 6pm.

Council Chair Craig Williamson says the game will be a milestone occasion and he hopes to see a huge crowd enjoy what will be the first of many big nights and events at the New Plymouth venue, previously known as Yarrow Stadium.

“Our mission when we kicked-off the redevelopment in 2019 was to build the best regional stadium in the country. We’ve now achieved that with a fantastic facility that the people of Taranaki can be rightly proud of” says Mr Williamson.

“This free event is a way for the Taranaki public to come along and see the venue for themselves. We’re putting on buses too to help those who live further afield who want to watch the Amber and Blacks defend the Shield and see the completed stadium.

“It’s certainly the biggest infrastructure project Taranaki Regional Council has ever undertaken and we’re delighted to have created a multi-purpose facility capable of hosting local, regional and international sport and entertainment events and a venue that can be used by the whole community.”

Taranaki Rugby Football Union Chief Executive Jimmy Fastier said Stadium Taranaki is one of the best sports venues in the country, and a brand-new East Stand will only add to that.

“Every Amber and Black Ranfurly Shield defence is significant but Taranaki Rugby’s first fixture at a fully refurbished spiritual home makes for an extra special occasion on Wednesday June 11.

“We look forward to welcoming our Yarrows Taranaki Bulls fans, the local community and traveling King Country Rams supporters.”

NPDC Manager Venue and Events Chade Julie says: “This event officially kicks off a new era for Stadium Taranaki, making it a destination for everything from grassroots sports to major events and concerts.

“Having the first large event being a TRFU Ranfurly Shield defence is great for our local and wider Taranaki Communities. We encourage everyone to come experience the new stadium and join us in celebrating this milestone.”

Mr Williamson thanked the public for their support during the redevelopment project which was undertaken after the East and West Stand were found to be earthquake-prone in 2017 and 2018. Funding of \$30m was received from the Government’s Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG) fund for the renovations.

“This project has been all about collaboration and we’re grateful for the continued support from Ngāti te Whiti whose contributions have been vital in giving the new East Stand its identity. Our relationship with Ngāti te Whiti has been strengthened by this project.”

Buses will be running from or stopping at Patea, Ōpunake, Waitara, Urenui, Bell Block, Inglewood, Ōakura, Ōkato, Stratford, Eltham and Hāwera.

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Protecting our oceans from seabed mining: a call to action

The recent ‘Protecting Our Oceans - No Seabed Mining’ events in Ōpunakē were a huge success, drawing nearly 500 attendees over ANZAC weekend and reaching many more through social media, word of mouth, and news reporting. Despite concerns over the threat of seabed mining, the atmosphere was inspiring and uplifting, as communities came together to understand the issue and unite in solidarity and care to protect our oceans and local coast.

The events kicked off on the Friday night with the first of two well-attended film screenings of Deep Rising (executive produced and narrated by Jason Mamoa), which grew understanding of the controversial deep-sea mining being proposed in the Pacific. Guest speakers Phil McCabe of the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition and KASM, alongside Te Aorangi Dillion of Ngāruahine, enriched people’s understanding with local and global perspectives.



Opunake Beach on Saturday during the paddle-out.

This film was very timely, given Trump’s new, highly controversial executive order, announced days later, aimed at accelerating deep-sea mining activities in both U.S. and international waters, bypassing international regulations. The locally proposed mining, 22-36km off Pātea’s coast, is considered shallow seabed mining (at depths of 20-42m) and is close to diverse and vibrant reefs. In the proposed area of 66 square kms, 50 million tonnes of seabed would be mined annually, 180,000 tonnes daily. Beyond the destruction to the seabed, the significant sediment plume and ongoing sound pollution are causes for significant concern, impacting everything from the smallest phytoplankton at the base of the marine food web to the largest blue whales. Locally and globally, it’s all connected as a new, dangerous, and experimental extractive industry. Ōpunakē beach welcomed around 320 people throughout the Saturday, with hundreds of all ages circling up around “No Seabed Mining” spelled out on the beach with surfboards. A powerful sight and community activation. As gentle rain fell, around 130 people paddled out in solidarity for the protection of our oceans, forming a

circle on the water with intention. In the afternoon the sun was warm and bright. The event was a catalyst for many to brush up on their surf confidence and get out in the moana. Thirty rangatahi (youth) from Te Ūkaipō, Ngāruahine demonstrated their commitment with engaged attendance, this included practicing their surfing skills the day before with Ōpunakē Boardriders. Others renewed their connection with the moana. “It was invigorating. A deeply meaningful experience. Something very special to be part of,” said one participant, a sentiment echoed by many in attendance. The beach event and weekend weren’t just about being more informed and standing together to protect our oceans from seabed mining - it was about celebrating the diversity of people who care for our oceans. Farmers, fishers, iwi, hapū, whānau, surfers, business owners, community members, and visitors of all ages, had presence on land and in the water. The community’s spirit of collaboration and shared values was evident, as local community and businesses provided kai, with food donations from Parihaka Maara, Roebuck Farm, and Kaitake Farm, along with the Coastal Supermarket,

4-Square, and local families who contributed. Novotel Executive Chef Richard Ponder, his wife and children, teamed up with local caterer Jayne Niwa and her daughter Aroha Healion (who was part of the core team organising the weekend events). Together they served up delicious, gourmet meals with ‘kai for a cause,’ welcoming people to pay what they felt and were able to contribute - all fundraising to cover costs associated with the weekend. A Zero Waste/Parakore initiative was also a key focus, with Sustainable Taranaki providing a professional presence guiding attendees on sorting compost, recycling, and rubbish. Live music at the Ōpunakē Town Hall added to the weekend’s vibrant energy, with over 200 people enjoying a great night out with music from talented local artists, including Johnny Wright, Tihikura Hohaia, Moemoeā, Dr Reknaw, and the legendary 11-piece reggae band, Roots Provider, who travelled from Whanganui. It was an incredible night and a great way to finish a very special weekend of events. The weekend brought a boost to local businesses, with some noting record sales. The Coastal Supermarket served over 55

burgers on Saturday night alone, showcasing how community action can bring economic benefits while supporting important causes. The Issue of Seabed Mining This gathering focused on uniting our communities with shared care for our oceans and opposing seabed mining. There’s concern over its impact on fishing, the environment, and the dangerous precedent it could set for Taranaki, the West Coast, and internationally. Our oceans provide 50-70% of the oxygen we breathe and are already under strain. Launching a new extractive industry in our oceans, which need protection and healing, not more harm, is short-sighted and irresponsible. With Prime Minister Luxon stating “no apologies” for including TTR’s seabed mining in the fast-track approvals, despite being thrown out already by the Supreme Court, lacks connection. Luxon emphasised the importance of extractive industries and critical minerals for New Zealand’s economic growth and transition to clean energy. However, there is nothing clean about experimental extractive industries in our oceans. We urge voters, especially National supporters, to voice opposition or concerns now, or risk complicity. Chris Hipkins states that Labour opposes seabed mining - we need to keep our politicians accountable. The fast track is moving quickly, and it’s crucial for MPs, councils, iwi, hapū, and communities to unite in opposition to stop this from happening off our coast. Luxon’s refusal to listen to local communities sets another dangerous precedent for global corporations and central government making decisions that are disconnected from people and place. The South Taranaki District Council, along with the Whanganui District Council, Ngati Ruanui and Ngāruahine, publicly oppose the project, stating that the economic benefits don’t outweigh environmental and cultural harm. With the government’s fast-track process, the urgency is critical. We’re stronger together, and a united Taranaki, Whanganui, and Manawatu response opposing seabed mining will help send a powerful message to prevent this shortsighted and harmful industry from causing havoc in our marine environments. Call to Action: If you are concerned or oppose seabed mining:

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Escapist entertainment and a fun night

Agatha Crusty & The Village Hall Murders, the latest offering at New Plymouth's Little Theatre, is a humorous take on the traditional whodunnit by that iconic English crime writer Agatha Christie.

As one by one members of the large cast die in various ways it is clear there is a murderer afoot.

The number of suspects however reduce as the play progresses and members of the large cast successively meet their demise.

As the bumbling inspector assembles the diminishing cast his attempts to gather evidence to determine the murderer, he loses the confidence of the remaining cast who attempt their own investigation.

Who is the murderer continues to confound with each of the surviving cast appearing to have motives, even the reverend as there is reputed to be buried treasure on the church grounds.

From the straight laced unmarried Eleanour clearly sweet on the unmarried vicar and wants no rivals through to the gun wielding gamekeeper Oliver I had no idea who was the murderer until Agatha Crusty in the final scene reveals their identity.

I particularly enjoyed the interplay between the prudish Eleanour and her attempts to engage the vicar who seems incognisant of her subtle advances. Her extreme prudishness and anxiety reaches a climax when she hustles off a



Eleanor (Stephanie McKellar) being interviewed by Detective Inspector Twigg (Jor-El Shaman).



Who is the murderer? From left, PC Lockett (Andrew Beale), DI Twigg (Jor-El Shaman) and Agatha Crusty (April Krijger).

female model who is to pose nude for a live art class in the village hall.

The role was beautifully played by Stephanie McKellar with the mild mannered vicar (Chris Morrison) a a nice foil apparently indifferent to her attentions. The gamekeeper (Morris West) brandishing his gun at every opportunity was also humorously played. Morris West had dual roles as the female character Olivia. Despite the wig, there was nothing remotely feminine in his depiction as he sat astride on stage which made his depiction even funier. Andrew Beale who also played two roles, the cloth-capped working man Harry and the amiable PC Lockett pulled off both characters convincingly. It was only when I looked at the programme I realised both roles were played by the same actor.

Jor-El Shaman as the ineffective Detective Inspector Twigg certainly played the part and Chere Stevenson was a credible Alice. As Agatha Crusty, April Krijger in her final denouement when the murderer is revealed portrayed the part of the analytical crime solver with aplomb. It was quite a long scene and with assembled cast seated was a contrast to the dramatic action that had preceded it.

Stella McCallun as Isabella, Gillian Gibbon as the cleaning woman Maisie and Rhiannon McCrane as Mandy complemented the talented cast.

The play was written by British playwright Derek Webb and was directed by Mary Barron who has directed and acted in a number of fine plays at the New Plymouth Little Theatre.

Humour and murder don't usually reside alongside each other but the two were cleverly entwined. In all a nice bit of escapism and great fun and there's still time to see it.

Agatha Crusty & The Village Hall Murders continues its run at the New Plymouth Little Theatre in New Plymouth till May 10.

Editor

Broken Pieces opening soon

Opunake Players latest production is a musical drama based on the 733 Polish children who arrived in New Zealand in 1944 as refugees from World War Two. Called "Broken Pieces" its main character is Basia, a fictional character representative of the children. The story is set in New Zealand and Poland during the early 1960s with flashbacks to World War Two.

Basia has married a New Zealander and they have a daughter. Her life is moving smoothly until a letter arrives from Poland which forces her to evaluate her life in New Zealand and her sense of belonging.

"Broken Pieces" is written by Opunake writer Paul Andersen-Gardiner with music by Eltham resident Vivienne Genet and is directed by Lynelle Kuriger.

"I was attracted to "Broken Pieces" because it's a fascinating insight into a little-known part of New Zealand history," says Lynelle. "The story is a very personal emotional

journey that is aching to be told. I dare you not to fall in love with Basia, our feisty heroine."

"Broken Pieces" plays at Opunake Lakeside Playhouse May 15,16, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are \$30 on sale at Sinclair Electrical. Call in or phone 06761 8084.



Broken Pieces

From a child in Poland, via war to New Zealand. A musical drama about the search for belonging.

Directed by Lynelle Kuriger

Book: Paul Andersen-Gardiner
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The cast of "Broken Pieces" during the finale of a recent, without costumes, rehearsal.

What's On Listings

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

MONDAYS: The Barnabas Centre - S Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am 12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618081 or Glenys 6558025

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care Opunake: Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 551 676

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

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

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

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

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FRIDAYS

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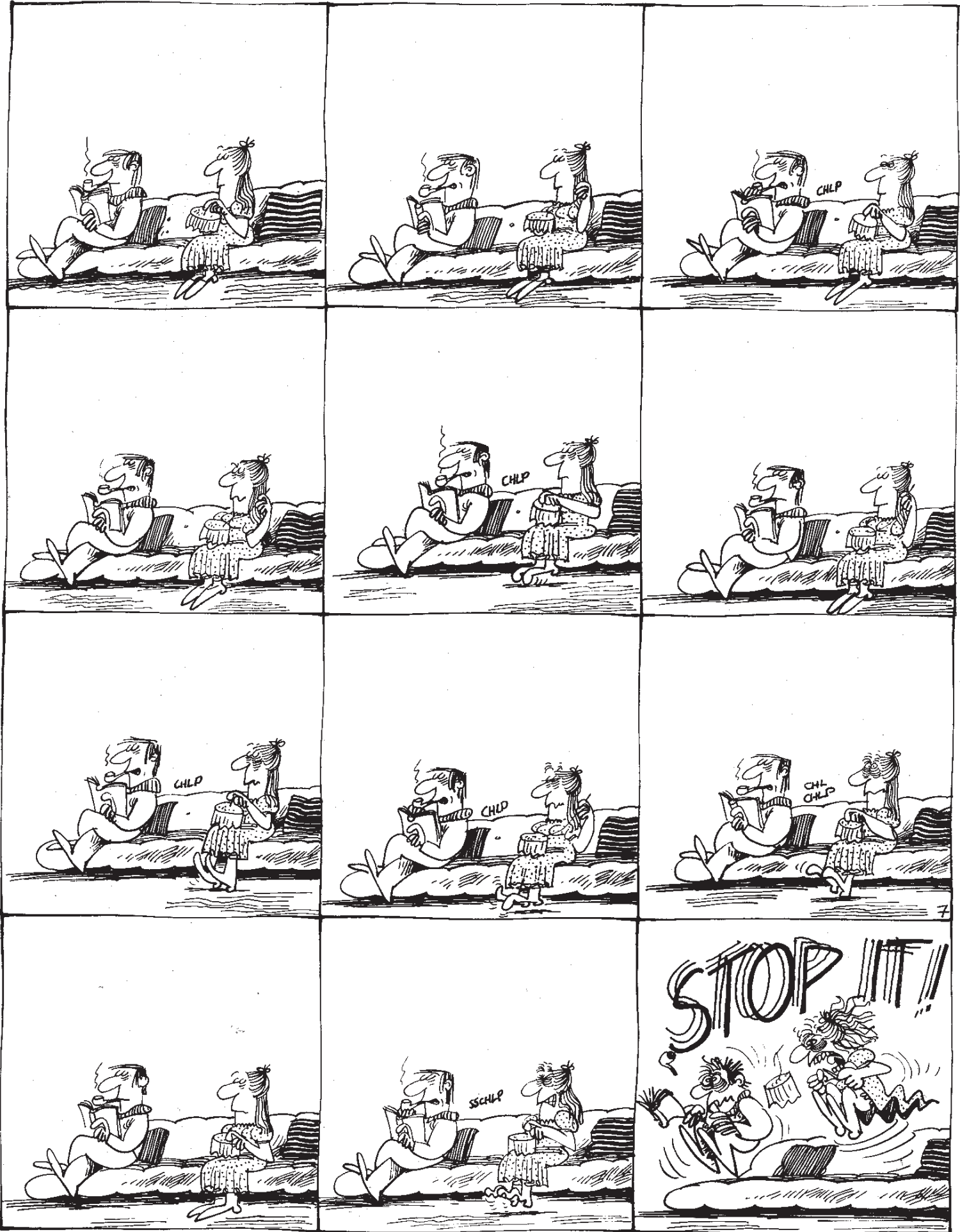
Beginners Social Dance Classes: Oakura Hall, 6.15pm.

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MAY 8 TO JUNE 16

Heartstones & Creative Baskets - Tanya Doty Exhibition: At from out of the blue



studio gallery, Halse Place, Opunake.

MAY 10

Men's FGBMF Breakfast: Te Popo Gardens, 636 Stanley Rd, Midhurst, 9am. Speaker - Vaughan Morrissey. Bookings essential by May 8. Contact Les 027 277 5061 or Barry 027 3725147..

MAY 12

Opunake & District Business Association monthly meeting: Opunake Business Centre, 5.30pm.

Opunake Beach Carnival AGM: At Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Events Centre, 7pm.

MAY 14

Comedy Hypnosis Show: Hawera Memorial Theatre, 7pm.

MAY 15

Tui Ora Drop In Clinic: Heartlands Hub, Opunake, 11am-2.30pm.

MAY 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 24 & 25

Broken Piecess A production by Opunake Players. At the Lakeside Playhouse.

MAY 17 & 18

Taranaki 2 Ball Best Ball Tournament: At the Kaitake Golf Club.

MAY 19

Grey Power South Taranaki members meeting: Senior Citizens Hall, Hawera. 10am.

MAY 24

Oaonui Community Hall Gumboot Ball: At Oaonui Community Hall, 8pm.

MAY 27

Lizzie Bell Pihama Cemetery Board AGM: A90 Puketapu Rd, Pihaama, 7pm.

JUNE 7

Otukaia Reserve Trust Oaonui Hall, 11am.

JUNE 16

Opunake & District Business Association AGM: Surf Inn, Opunake, 5.30pm.

If it weren't for your gumboots



With the trophies. From left. Andy Whitehead, Tricia MacKenzie, Chris Lemain.

Staging some support for the Gumboot Ball following last week’s Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting. Back. From left. Lisa Ison, Sara Dymond, Sharlee Mariekura, Mayor Phil Nixon, Community board chair Andy Whitehead, Chris Lemain, Monica Willson, Liz Sinclair, Debi Whitehead, Christina Stieller, Rob Haveswood. Front. Tricia MacKenzie.

It’s not every day you get the chance to bid for gloves worn by one of the country’s top boxers. This is what will be happening at the Oaonui Community Hall Gumboot Ball on May 24. The set of gloves donated by Tricia MacKenzie who is the current New Zealand Number One Lightweight female boxer will be among the items of interest to go under the hammer at the Ball which is a fundraiser for the Oaonui Community Hall. The Opunake boxer who has her own gym in New Plymouth is busy training

for an upcoming fight with the Number Two boxer Hannah Walker who wants to take Tricia’s Number One title off her. Also up for grabs at the ball will be a picture of Tricia. “I could be world champion one day,” she says. The Gumboot Ball is something that Young Farmers got going in the 2000s. Now sponsored by Coastal Vets, the local communities of Pihama, Te Kiri and Oaonui take turns at hosting it. There will be prizes for best dressed male, best dressed female and best

dressed couple. At stake will be the trophy first awarded back in 2007. It has been awarded four times. Oaonui Community Hall committee chair Andy Whitehead says the last time Oaonui hosted it was back in 2018. Since then there had also been the intervention of Covid. “The Gumboot Ball is back after six years and we’ve got a really cool band Thoze Guyz,” he says. There will be raffles and spot prizes during the night as well as the auctions. Bring your own refreshments. A courtesy van

is available and supper is provided. Up to 150 are expected. Tickets are \$30 and selling strongly with interest being shown along the coast from New Plymouth to Hawera. When the Oaonui Hall played host to the Taranaki Coastal Community Board last week, board members and Council representatives were only too happy to don their gumboots in support.



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CHURCH NOTICES



Church Services - Manaia, Kaponga, Opunake, Pungarehu, Okata, Oakura

Opunake Co-operating Parish

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

Okato Co-operating Parish

Okato – St. Paul’s – Sunday Service every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 10.00am
Oakura – St. James – Sunday Service every 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 10.00am
Mid-week open church – Okato – St. Paul’s – Pew for You, every 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4.30pm-6.00pm

Opunake Catholic Church

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

Other areas

Sacred Heart, Manaia - Temporarily closed - No Masses
St Joseph's, Hawera - Every Sat at 5pm; Every Sun at 9am
St Patrick's, Patea - 4th Sunday of month; 11.00am
St Francis de Sales, Waverley - 2nd Sunday of month; 11.00am

St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga

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

St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - weekly

The Wave

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10.30am
Women's Group 10am Tuesday
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
Come along or contact
Belinda Philp
027 935 6191

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

141 Tasman St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10am
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service

Okato Community Church

Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.
Everyone welcome

St John's Community Church. Kaponga

Cnr West and Egmont Streets.
Sunday Services 10.30am followed by morning tea

Manaia Union Fellowship

Terou St. Manaia.
Meet 10am every 3rd Sunday of the month with communion

Friend & Fellowship Group

Thursdays @ Manaia
Support our Faith and support each other with Prayer and Bible study
Encouraging interactive discussion and Praise
All are welcome
We would love it if you could come
Rodney & Val 274 8550 or 0272384187

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

90 Regan St., Stratford,
9:00am Sunday: Breakfast and Study
10:30am: Breakfast is followed by "Coming Together Worship Service"
Thursday: Study Group at 2 pm at 96b Brecon Rd., Stratford.
Contact Rev. John Mattock 027 2039799

Protecting our oceans from seabed mining: a call to action



The message spelled out on Opunake beach with surfboards.

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involved: ‘Like’ and ‘Follow’ Protect Our Moana - Taranaki for event updates, news, and opportunities to get involved or contact us on tiakimoana8@gmail.com

- Contact your local MPs, councils, iwi, hapū, and demand action against seabed mining.
- Sign the seabed mining

petition for ‘concerned communities’ on ActionStation.

- Attend a screening of Sir David Attenborough’s new film launching this week on his 99th birthday, ‘Oceans’, and heed his call of the urgent need to protect our oceans.
- Join us in celebrating World Oceans Day on June 8, and be part of the global movement to protect our oceans.

It’s up to all of us to speak out and ensure that our oceans remain protected for future generations.

Say “No” to seabed mining and the destruction it would cause.


Fiona Young.

Hawera Art Club at The Village Gallery

Hāwera Art Club is pleased to present a vibrant exhibition to merrily celebrate the month of May. South Taranaki artists showcase a range of media, from oils, pastels, acrylic and watercolour paintings to incredibly lifelike marionettes. These creations are sure to delight and inspire.

Myron Bent, club president and winner of the Taranaki Artist of the Year 2024 award at the National Art Awards in Opunake is our featured artist. Her winning work, “The White Baiters” will be on display. Members of the art club recognise that artists are a tribe and that they want to be with other people like them. New members are very welcome. The club has recently run a series of watercolour lessons to help others find the joy and satisfaction that creating art brings.

The Village Art Gallery



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The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is due out on May 22, 2025

Brushstrokes

BY HAWERA ART CLUB

Exhibition



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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FOURTH RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2024/2025 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 28 May 2025.
FM Aitken
Chief Executive



Next Meeting is on
Monday May 12, 2025
at 5.30pm
Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the
Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake
(opposite the Coastal Care Medical Centre)

RAFFLE RESULTS



RAFFLE RESULTS
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3rd Prize; tkt no. 574
4th Prize; tkt no. 140
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GARAGE SALES

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PUBLIC NOTICES



GREY POWER
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Members' Meeting
19th May, 10am
Senior Citizens Hall
81 Victoria St, Hawera
Speaker: Julie from Fire &
Emergency Services
All welcome
Jackie Morrow, Secretary

“LIZZIE BELL”
PIHAMA CEMETERY BOARD
AGM

TUESDAY 27th MAY, 2025, 7pm
90 Puketapu Road, Pihama
New Committee Members welcome
Diane Campbell, Secretary
Ph 027 444 6934



AGM
Monday June 16, 2025, 5.30pm
Opunake Surf Inn,
Tasman Street, Opunake

TENDERS

PIHAMA CEMETERY BOARD TENDER

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