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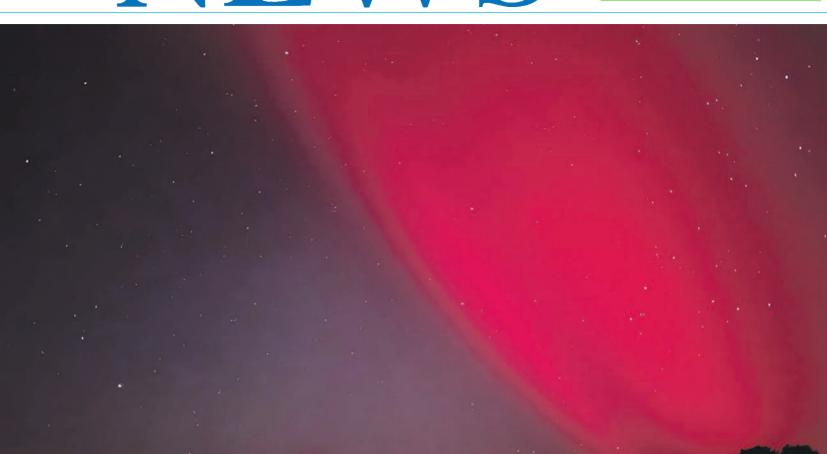


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This stunning photo of the Aurora last Saturday night was taken by Staci Holmes from Opunake. Beautiful!

Town meeting puts green space under spotlight

A proposed green space in the Opunake CBD got a public airing last week. The proposal which would see part of Napier Street closed off to provide a pedestrian-only community green space had come out of feedback on the Opunake town revitalisation plan.

The area closed off would include the Peter Snell statue, Opunake Library Plus and the recently closed Opunake TSB branch.

A local co-design team was set up in 2023 which included representatives of local businesses, hapū, youth and community to gather ideas for the town revitalisation plan. On May 8 a town meeting was held at Sinclair Electric and Refrigeration Event Centre to talk about progress on the project and encourage people to come up with their own ideas.

Ellen Young and architect Brad Dobson from the design team spoke and took questions before people at the meeting got together to draw up their own suggestions on what they wanted to see in the

community space.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said the revitalisation programme for the five smaller towns in

the district, Patea, Waverley, Eltham, Manaia and Opunake is being funded from the Long Term Investment Fund, so there would be no effect on rates or council debt.

At this stage Opunake was further ahead than the other towns, while Manaia, with the town hall and sports complex failing to meet earthquake

strengthening standards was a "little further back" he said. There was some discussion around the community space

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Concept design Opunake Green Space. Image. Brad Dobson, Blac Ltd.



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Great appointment

To me it's really great to see that Hayden Wano has been appointed the chair of the Taranaki Maori Business Network which to me he really deserves his top position, as over the years he has been involved governance many positions and was also awarded the Companion of the Queens Service Order for his contribution to Maori Health, so he's the extremely excellent choice for this business network.

He will be supported by the Kaupapa Maori businesses within our region as this network was formed in 2020 as it's really grown since then. Hayden himself not only has many connections within Taranaki but also outside our province.

I really do like that Hayden stated the prospect of us to contribute in a positive manner and ways economically and environmentally is sitting right there and he wants to be part of it as I also believe that Hayden will do an extremely great job.

Tom Stephens New Plymouth

Gaza

We now understand how to 'manage' live-streaming a Genocide.

1(a) Ensure that it isn't called one.

1(b) Ensure the Palestinians resisting an occupation army for 75 years, are called terrorists.

1(c) Ensure those fiercely militant european-zionist survivors of the Hitlerian holocaust, ethnically

cleansing Palestine post 1945 to gain political advantage - ensure they are framed as 'heroic defenders of enlightenment and democracy'.

- 2. That, any sympathy for the Palestinian people is described as 'sympathy for terrorism'.
- 3. Slander the students who are in revolution against the obvious Genocide in Gaza, as 'anti-semitic holocaust deniers' and 'Nazi'.
- 4. Describe all judgments by any world Court bold enough to confront the anglozionist war-crimes (UN, ICC, ICJ etc), as an expression of 'anti-semitic' 'racism', and 'Hate-crimes against Israel'.
- 5. Being 'anti-zionist' or arguing against Israel in any meaningful way, is anti-semitic.
- 6. Reduce every proof of Genocide, against October

"To be or not to be that is..."

7th, as 'the worst attack against the Jews since the Holocaust.' A conflation beyond reasoned possibility.

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However, 'impossibility' is the name of the propaganda game. Black is white. Up is down. War is Peace. Genocide is 'selfdefence' by 'the most moral army in the world' while live-streaming the murder of 34,000 innocent people. 25,000 of whom are women and children. Destroying all of besieged Gaza. The targeted killing of journalists and medical/aid workers by the hundreds, their bodies now found bound, tortured, shot and buried alongside their mothers and fathers and sons and daughters in the mass-graves of Gaza.

Mostly, you get away with live-steaming Genocide, by silence.

Roger Morris. Oeo

ADELPHOS

I immediately think of Shakespeare when driving in Stratford and seeing their impressive Glockenspiel Clock Tower. I wonder how many of us have actually read the plays As You Like It, Hamlet or Julius Caesar? Often classic literary works are beautifully bound and occupy decorative space on bookshelves. They are admired but not widely read. Perhaps because they're often about a different culture or use unfamiliar vocabulary and expressions?

Language experts say that the Bible is arguably the single most influential piece of world literature. It's estimated that there's currently 6 billion copies in circulation. But then I wondered and questioned how widely it's actually read here in New Zealand. A 2022/23 "Bible Engagement Survey" by the New Zealand Bible Society reported the following Bible reading habits of New Zealanders aged 13-65 plus: "53% of New Zealanders own a Bible." That's a steep decline from their 1986 survey when 85% owned one. And "56% of New Zealanders do not read the Bible at all." The survey has a 2.8% margin of error with a 95% confidence in statistical reliability. There are of

course variations within age

and ethnic categories.

The Bible is highly praised yet very much maligned. It contains songs, poetry, rules, miracles, sacrifices to forgive sins, resurrections, battle scenes, prophecies, healings, personal letters and gospels filled with parables. These reflect foreign Eastern cultures that are unfamiliar to everyday life in New Zealand's Western culture. Language experts that this is probably why classics like the Bible and Shakespeare are not such popular reading.

Both the Bible and Shakespeare's works have profound moral insights and commonalities. But the

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If you don't have a Bible, there's usually an abundant supply of donated ones at a hospice shop for \$3-\$5. Bible apps can also be downloaded on your phone. If you have one on your bookshelf, why not randomly open it and see what God has to say to you?

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Country gone backwards

according Now Whanganui's National MP Carl Bates his great coalition government remains committed to getting New Zealand back on track. Well that's a huge joke as it always was on track, never once off the track at any stage. As a country we were all moving forwards until this coalition government took over, and now it's actually beginning to go backwards like it was when John Key was our PM. Mr Bates has stated this government has our backs. Since when? This to me is a complete and utter load of smelly rubbish.

We're now seeing many upon many people beginning to lose their jobs fairly

quickly. Our unemployment figures are rising rapidly, and should this keep on happening, eventually I can see the whole country coming to a sudden stop., then what will this so-called three stooge government do? Anything or just nothing as per usual?

If it does happen, before too long I can see the whole country will be calling for a snap election, maybe next year or even sooner, then we'll see Luxon, Seymour and Peters properly and finally ousted out of parliament for good, and having the return of the Labour Government who actually warned us all about what this government was going to do, but people in this country didn't listen at all, so now we're all paying for it dearly.

Tom Stephens New Plymouth

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Mass medication is unacceptable

We have two cases of Mass medication of New Zealanders, both dubious science used as the reasoning behind the mandates, and both fully mandated under the watch of a questionable individual, Dr Ashley Bloomfield. Also, suspiciously, this was done last thing on his way out the door. This individual is now near the head of the WHO, an unelected bunch of psychopaths attempting take over the World by scaremongering about viruses and pandemics.

Fluoride added to potable drinking water is the first and probably the most dangerous mandate. I remember as a water treatment operator many years ago, mixing the sodium fluoride for addition to all treated water for

South Taranaki, specifically Hawera and surrounding areas. When I eventually learned the reasoning behind the addition of fluoride and the source of the fluoride, I was shocked.

Dentists had been fooled, and still are, into assuming what they told about fluoride and developing teeth in children was true and correct. This is incorrect. The real reason behind the propaganda of fluoride was to create a market for a by-product of the fertiliser and aluminium production which would otherwise have needed expensive methodology to dispose of the toxic waste.

There were never proper independent peer reviewed research studies done that proved that the addition of fluoride was necessary. It became a mass medication effort, so children, who lived in areas where there was no fluoride added to the water, were encouraged to take fluoride tablets.

Recent studies in the USA have proven that the IQ of children is noticeably and

poorly affected by adding fluoride to the drinking water of children. Adults certainly do not require this item in their diets as their teeth are fully developed, even if there was a proven benefit for tooth development.

The problem for adults is further complicated because the unnecessary fluoride apparently accumulates in the pineal gland, dumbing down the imagination and who knows what else. There are suspicions that the alarming rise in dementia and Alzheimer's in the aging population is due fully or partially to the accumulation of fluoride in the brain.

I have no problem with those parents who have done their own research and decide to add fluoride tablets to their children(s) diets, as long as they have had full disclosure of the real facts. To mandate mass medication however is outside any legal jurisdiction that our central Government might believe it has, and if fault is proven in the long term they must stand to be legally attacked.

So Bloomfield has managed to have fluoride mandated to councils across New Zealand with a toxin that is now going down the drain every time the toilet is flushed; is added to gardens; every water requirement from the potable supply chain has fluoride in it. An absolutely ridiculous and I suggest an illegal development.

Folic acid is a man-made chemical related to Folate. Folate is an essential component of pre-natal vitamins, and which may certainly help women who are pregnant avoid certain defects in their babies.

The approach the previous Labour Government took was to mass medicate the whole of society once again. This approach I again claim is criminal on the government's behalf.

I certainly agree that pregnant women be helped avoid complications with the development of their unborn babies, but to mass medicate the whole of society by forcing any flour intended for breadmaking to have this man-made chemical included is again ridiculous and I suggest illegal.

Alan Murray

Town meeting puts green space under spotlight

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being a place to showcase what makes Opunake unique, including its stories and heritage. Pihama farmer Peter Bourke who was wearing a swanndri, which he said had been "made up the road here," said the area is rich in history which included electricity generation, schools, brickworks, water schemes, the cottage hospital, energy exploration, as well as floods and droughts.

Tapakione Skinner spoke about Wiremu Kingi Moki te Matakatea who she said as well as being known for repulsing the Waikato invaders was "a person of mana and a lot of wairua."

Ellen Young said there would be space for local art and for mana whenua art. There would also be a lighting design which would light up the area at night and

make it a safer place to be. The effects on traffic flow and the availability of car parks were discussed.

Opunake businessman Bernie Karam said that while there had been traffic counts done, these had been done along Napier Street rather than along Tasman Street, where parked vehicles at times extended for some distance along the street, particularly in the summer months. Tasman Street is part of the Surf Highway.

"The counts were done in the wrong place and at the wrong time," he said. Mayor Phil Nixon said the

Council carried out traffic counts on all their roads at different times and for different reasons, although they did not do these on state highways, as they are a Waka Kotahi responsibility.

He said Opunake was small enough that having to park further away from where



People were encouraged to brainstorm with their own ideas at the meeting.

you want to go would be less of a problem than for larger centres.

"I think some of it is perception. If you can't park outside where you want to go it's a problem.'

Ellen said there were proven health benefits from walking longer distances and connecting with people on the way. The parking problem would also be lessened when the new Four Square supermarket and carpark

There were concerns about shifting the bus stop from the Napier Street intersection to the police station.

Rhonda Crawford of the codesign team said they wanted people to stop on their way through town.

"We're the jewel of South Taranaki. To bring people here we need them to stop here. We can't afford to lose car parks at all, particularly in

the business district.'

That was why it was better to have the bus stop on the edge of the business area, near the police station, she

After the meeting, Opunake resident John Smith said, "I love what they are doing, the concept looks great," but he had reservations about the cost and the time it was taking.

"The stone wall in the square was put up by a volunteer. The Opunake community could have put this up in a weekend," he said. "This is the most expensive quarter acre in Opunake, and it's not even a quarter of an acre, it's 750 square metres."

South Taranaki District Council business manager Scott Willson said the project would be good for Opunake.

"The town revitalisation project which is happening throughout the district

including Opunake is an

exciting project and as

great opportunity for the community," he said. "I'm really looking forward to the benefits it can bring."

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It is encouraging to note

that there have been about 230 submissions received.

Council will be holding a Long-Term Plan hearing on May 20, where those who have expressed interest in discussing their submissions will have the chance to do

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submission and we take the chance to speak out about the issues that we feel are concerning us, and our communities. We know that councillors will listen and consider our comments and that this is our chance to be heard.

Being on Community Board has provided me with insights into how things operate and something that I have noticed is that not everyone is aware of how their town fits into the wards. There are six wards across South Taranaki, including two Māori wards. The two Māori wards, Te Kūrae and Te Tai Tonga, are represented by a councillor each.

The wards covered Boards Community by are Eltham-Kaponga, Taranaki Coastal, Te

Eltham-Kaponga ward covers Auroa and Riverlea, Eltham and Kaponga over to Mangamingi and Rāwhitiroa, including Te Roti.

Taranaki Coastal ward includes Manaia up Ōpunakē, Rāhotu, Pungarehu and Warea.

Te Hāwera ward includes Ōkaiawa, Normanby, Hāwera and across to Meremere and Whakamara

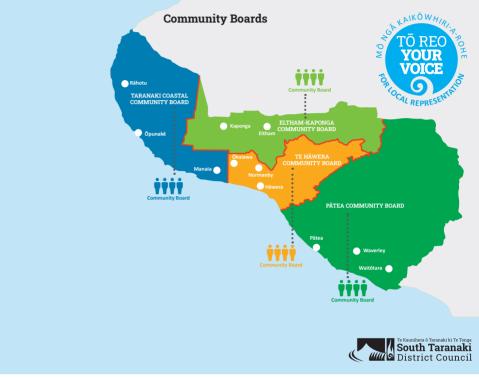
in the east.

Pātea ward covers Kākaramea, Hurleyville, Alton, Pātea, Waverley and down to Waitotara.

It is quite a large area as you can see by the map. However, if you live in South Taranaki you are covered by one of the ward areas with a Community Board and councillors.

Living in South Taranaki means being part of a community where your voice matters, with Community Boards and councillors working hard to represent you and your concerns to make South Taranaki an even better place to live, work, and thrive.

Karen Cave Eltham Kaponga Community Board Chairperson



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The 10-year plan for the region has been adopted, \$4.04m including funding additional

freshwater monitoring and developing a new Land and Freshwater Plan, \$915,000 improving climate science, \$440,000 for the Council to coordinate biodiversity work across the region and \$540,000 improve resource management by creating a spatial plan to guide

development. "We're looking to the future with this Plan and how we can address the challenges many our amazing region is facing," says Council Chair Charlotte Littlewood.

"There's funding for our

key environmental work programmes to ensure we build on the Council's freshwater and biodiversity mahi and we've responded to our community's feedback on responding to the threat from climate change."

The Plan includes an overall rates increase of 16.3% for 2024/2025. While in percentage terms this is higher than previous years, for most Taranaki ratepayers the financial impact will be measured in tens of dollars over the course of a year. The overall rates rise for year two of the Plan is 13.23% and is 10.19% in the third year.

"We got an excellent response to our community conversation with nearly 340 people giving their feedback and we heard some passionate and knowledgeable submitters at the hearing last week too. A huge thank you to all those took the time to have their

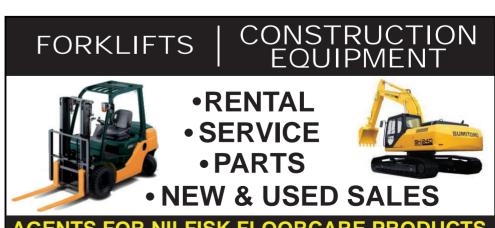
"This feedback was vital to shaping a Plan we can be proud of and which we hope will make a tangible difference to our communities and improve how we care for Taranaki and our environment."



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Freedom camping under review

The remote Rukumoana Reserve on the banks of the Patea River can be accessed by a dirt road off Rawhitiroa Road. Under the South Taranaki District Council Freedom Camping bylaw camping here in a self-contained vehicle is permitted but not for much longer if recommendations by Council officers reviewing the current bylaw are carried out. One reason given is that the site is better suited for planting trees as part of the Environmental Council's Sustainability Plan. Other reasons given include the site being remote and difficult to monitor as well as a lack of available space.

The requirements of the Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 mean the South Taranaki District Council is reviewing their Freedom Camping bylaw. They have decided to review their Freedom Camping sites at the same time as it's been seven years since the last review.

Council officers have prepared a report containing recommendations which will later be discussed by the Council and may or not be presented for consultation as part of the bylaw review.

The default position under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 is that freedom camping on all local authority land is permitted in self-contained vehicles.

In the Opunake and Coastal News circulation area, while no changes are recommended for most freedom camping sites on Council land there are several sites where



A long way for a wee for freedom campers at Halse Place.

more restrictions are being recommended.

At the Eltham Library Carpark where camping by self-contained vehicles are currently allowed it is recommended that freedom camping be prohibited here. Reasons given include the carpark being primarily for library users and the difficulty in supporting large vehicles on the site despite it being tar sealed. The report also noted that although there are public toilets nearby they are not open 24/7 and library staff staff have reported and cleaned up human faeces around the library on three separate occasions in the last 12 months.

"Although the site requires freedom campers to be in self-contained vehicles, it is assumed that freedom campers have defecated at this site as the toilets are locked," the report reads.

The availability of public toilets has been among the reasons given for a recommended change at Halse Place in Opunake. Under the current bylaw freedom camping is prohibited at the northern end where the grassed area has been bouldered off, but permitted at the southern for self-contained end vehicles, non self-contained vehicles and tents. The nearby public toilets are located down a 84-step staircase which is uncovered and unlit, so would be less likely to be used at night, the report states, so it was recommended that freedom camping be permitted only for self-contained vehicles.

The Opunake Recreation Ground is also recommended for a change. The report notes that there are public toilets in the recreation grounds which are more than 100 metres away, which is seen as a "bit of a trek," so the report recommends a change from permitting both non self-contained and self-contained vehicles to permitting only self-contained vehicles

Tenting would no longer be permitted at Middleton's Bay because of concerns about eroding cliffs.

The Southern Headland at the end of Layard Street in Opunake is part of the Crown Settlement with Taranaki Iwi, so it is land-banked and no longer Council land, so it is recommended that this be removed from the Freedom Camping bylaw.

It is also recommended that the Arawhata Road Carpark be removed from the freedom camping bylaw.

This portion of road had been constructed around 2010 and is still in the farmer's ownership, so it was unsure what rights the Council had regarding freedom camping.



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Remote Rukumoana Reserve could be no longer open to freedom campers.



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lilk tanker stolen

A reward or bounty is being offered for information leading to the recovery of a stolen minitanker.

Farmer and livestock agent Kane Barrett says the stainless steel tank mounted on a tandem trailer was taken from the corner of the Eltham and Waiteika Roads at around 5pm on Monday April 29.

"It was opportunistic I believe," says Kane. "I've offered a \$2000 reward or bounty to anyone with information leading to the return of the milk tanker."

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There is a metal pit nearby and Kane had his tanker and trailer parked by the side of the road for about three hours. When he returned at around 5.15pm it was gone.

There were sightings of the trailer and tanker still being there as late as 4.45pm.

At around 5pm there were four separate sightings of the tanker travelling north along the Waiteika Road in the direction of Waiteika Road on the back of a silvery grey coloured SUV-type vehicle.

Kane says a vehicle of this description had been seen

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lingering near the scene of the theft at around 4.30-4.45pm.

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He says the tanker and were no further sightings trailer is very distinctive and the fact that there

after Waiteika Road could indicate that it did not travel

A police spokesperson said inquiries are ongoing.

More on the mystery pennant



Opunake pennant.

Waiwhakaiho **New Plymouth** 06 757 5064

The Opunake and Coastal News (April 4) recently

resident was wanting information about a pennant which she uncovered some time ago. The pennant had an image of a woman carrying a surfboard and bore the words "Opunake Beach. Surfers Paradise."

The Opunake and Coastal News asked surfing historian Murray Baylis, author of Surfing the Unruly Coast: A History of Surfing in and around Opunake if he could cast any light of when and where the pennant could have come from.

"I would say it would be early to mid 50s," says Murray. "The surfboard she is holding is an example of the only type that were around then. They are made from a flat piece of wood, probably rimu and were about 4-5 foot long with a rounded nose and an inwardly curved tail that

one's tummy would fit into. There were no attached fins. As a child I remember there still being a few around. I never saw anyone stand up on one. They seemed to be used more as a body board. The riders would push off into the wave just as it started to breaIf anyone has further information on where the pennant mayhave come from please feel free to contact us.



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Directed by Lynelle Kuriger those gathered include the excitable Mrs Peacock, the unassuming butler, Professor Plum, Mrs White, Mr Green, the glamorous Miss Scarlet and Colonel Mustard, none of whom on the face of it potential murderers.

With bodies mounting a detective joins the throng to investigate only to become himself one of the victims. With each of the suspects increasingly nervous as another blood curling scream heralds yet another demise, tensions mount.

The sultry Ms Scarlet was brilliantly carried off by Alexandra MacBeth. The excitable, nervy Mrs Peacock played by Christine Cameron was also well done.

The unflappable butler (played commendably by Monica Willson) comes to the fore towards the end beginning, with clever choreography, the reversing of action and the successive denouements by those who

The rest of the cast complement the action and include the haughty Mrs White well played by Chloe Danz, the bumbling Colonel Mustard (Jason Bloor), the eccentric Professor Plum (John Mccarty), Mr Green (Brian Gasson). Lisa Beynon as Yvette played a convincing, rather coquettish maid and Diane Baldie a cook (and victim) were among the more minor parts as did Daniel Harvey who plays a passing motorist and is also a cop. Ella Danz had a brief appearance as a singing telegram before becoming another victim. Dave Rohe as Chief of Police was also good. All did a great job, each in their own style contributing to the

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Access denied Taranaki:

Government must fund online access to public records

Residents of Taranaki will lose out on easy access to more than four million records held by Archives New Zealand, unless they want to pay for costly

Archives is shutting down its digitisation programme because of lack of funding. The programme has made more than one million records available online, and those will remain available. But more than four million records will now remain offline indefinitely.

About 100 people gathered at a PSA-organised protest in Wellington today, calling on the Government to reinstate funding.

"Accessible public records are not a 'nice to have', they're a fundamental part of our democratic society,' said Fleur Fitzsimons, Assistant Secretary for the Public Service Association Te Pūkenga Here Tikanga Mahi. "Public records help keep our government transparent, and accessing records enables us to claim our rights."

records help Archives' people navigate complex legal processes. People use



Protesters calling for ongoing Government funding for digital records outside the National Library.

divorce files in the archives for citizenship, people use to prove marital status when remarrying, applying for a pension, or filing for probate. When applying

school admissions registers to prove how long they've lived in New Zealand.

"Without digitisation, if you

want to view a physical record, you must visit the Archives repository that holds it. There are four reading rooms where

you can access records in: Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. The lack of digitisation will make it much more

difficult for those who live in Taranaki to access records," Fitzsimons said.

But even for residents of the four main centres, if their city's archive does not hold the records they too would need to travel to another city to access it.

"And if people don't have the time or money to travel the country to view records? Access denied.

and can't access the records physically? Access denied. people

"If people have a disability

immunocompromised? Access denied," Fitzsimons

This move also slows down other government processes that we rely on. Courts, Police, and other parts of the government their information from our archives. Without digitisation, they're already spending more time and money accessing physical records.

"The digitisation programme was making it easier to access our history and heritage, and easier to make sure our rights are fulfilled," Fitzsimons. Government must make sure the programme continues."

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Unemployment data shows need for Government to act now

workers. The unemployment

NZCTU Economist Craig said new data released by Statistics New Zealand shows the need for Government to act now, with unemployment rising from 3.4% to 4.3%.

"There are now an additional 31,000 people unemployed since this time last year. Unemployment rose more quickly for women, kaimahi Māori, and for Pacific The number peoples. of young people not in education, employment or training jumped 17%. This is a tough time for working people," said Renney.

"Unemployment is a lagging indicator, meaning changes in the economy take time to be fed through to labour market. The weakness in the

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rate rose in 10 out of 12 regions of New Zealand. 119,000 Kiwi workers wanted more hours but couldn't get them – a rise of nearly 30% from a year ago. "This information should be a wake-up call to the Government. Unemployment is rising, but there is no plan to deal with the increase in those who will need help. Cuts to public services that would have helped the newly unemployed will likely make this situation worse.

"Workers' wages are also showing signs of strain, with the increase in average hourly earnings (5.2%) rising at the slowest rate since March 2022. The Labour economy is catching up with Cost Index is showing its lowest rate of increase since December 2022 at 4.1% almost the same as inflation which is at 4%. Workers' wages are barely keeping up with inflation.

NZCTU doesn't "The accept that job losses and families being thrown into poverty are the right way to manage the economy. Add to this real term cuts to the minimum wage, and cuts to welfare payments, and there are all the ingredients needed for worker exploitation and increasing child poverty.

"The Government has a chance to act now before unemployment rises further and help make sure that workers and their whānau don't bear the costs of their changes," said Renney.



Horticultural Society brings back flowering tradition

Chrysanthemums have been grown for 2000 years or more but only arrived in Europe in the 18th century. From there they made their way to the "colonies" like New Zealand. On May 4-5 something of what New Zealand breeders have been able to achieve with this ancient flower could be seen at the Hawera Horticultural Autumn Chrysanthemum and Flower Show.

"It's a plant that's been shaped by people a lot," says Hawera Horticultural president Paul Society Lander. "They are interesting plants to grow and there's quite a skill to growing the larger ones."

"They were originally cultivated by the Chinese and for most of their history that's where they were grown, in China and in Japan, where it's the national flower."

Most of the chrysanthemums on show had come from growers in Whanganui and Manawatu.

"Hawera used to have a big number of chrysanthemum growers once upon a time," says Paul.

He said the Whanganui Show had been held the week before and some of the flowers that had appeared



Chrysanthemums are an ancient and popular flower.

at that show were at the Hawera show.

Growing conditions had been good this year, he said. "The weather is always a bit out for autumn and you never know what you're going to get, but the summer

weather we've been having has been good for growing flowers.

"Wind is one of the enemies of chrysanthemums but it's been pretty good this year," says Paul.

The Hawera Horticultural Society runs annual Summer and Spring Flower Shows and last year decided to bring back the Autumn Show which had last run in

"I'm really happy with the show," says Paul. "It's bigger than last autumn and the quality's really good."

This had meant having to allocate more space for the chrysanthemums.

"The rest of the show has been really nice as well," says Paul. "There's the

The Hawera Horticultural Society has been going for 80 years and at one time had around 600 members. Paul said membership has been growing though says it's unlikely to reach that peak

Among those visiting the show were Cherrie Ranford and Charlotte Cottle from Clive in Hawkes Bay. They heard about the show while house sitting in Whanganui and thought they would have

"It's very nice. I've never been to a chrysanthemum show before, and then to see all these other flowers," said

Cherrie. "There's some beautiful blooms," says Charlotte. She liked what she saw of the Children's section.

"A lot of hard work has gone into that," she said.



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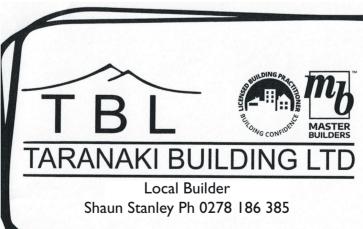


Snakes fake their deaths

Dice snakes, which are found across Europe and into Asia, fake their own deaths to avoid predators, and now researchers have found that by including some convincing dramatic effects such as smearing themselves with poo and oozing blood from their mouths, they can spend less time faking their deaths than their less convincing

cousins. Of 263 dice snakes, 124 made the display more convincing by smearing themselves with musk or faeces, and 28 secreted blood from their mouths. The snakes that used these extra dramatic flourishes spent approximately two seconds less time faking their own deaths.

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Jerusalem pastor visits New Zealand

"Two million Arab Israelis live in Israel alongside seven million Jews. And we don't want to think that everyone is suspicious but we have to have a way to defend ourselves." As a result, more gun licences have been issued because families want to protect themselves.

Israeli Pastor Joshua Simon was spealing at St. Presbyterian Andrew's Church, Stratford on April 30, 2024 as part of their whirlwind speaking tour of New Zealand. Their three delightful young children endeared an audience of 65 people with their spontaneous hugs, cuddles and coloured picture presents for mum and dad while they were speaking.

He began the service with an introduction by Mark Tuuta who arranged the visit with the permission of the Rev. John Mattock to use St. Andrew's Church as a venue. There was uplifting worship music and community singing followed by our National Anthem and then the Israeli National anthem, beautifully sung a capella in Hebrew by Linoy and Joshua. They both shared their personal life journeys as the meeting progressed.

The couple have a small congregation called the "Voice in the Wilderness" ministry in Jerusalem that does humanitarian work in Bethlehem and work with the Christchurch Mercy

Fund Jerusalem, a nonprofit organisation in the old city of Jerusalem that supplies food baskets, hot meals, medication, clothing, emotional therapy and spiritual support.

Linoy commented, "We give socio-legal and humanitarian aid in Jerusalem, East Jerusalem and the West Bank. We bring Messianic Jews and Arab Christians together to assist people of all faiths and ethnicities. That's what we do. Show God's love to anyone God brings to our path, no matter if Jew or Muslim and assist people of all faiths."

Pastor Joshua spoke of the suffering of the October 7 Hamas attack in Israel, the loss of innocent lives and psychological trauma that remains. As a father with three young children Joshua said he was shocked at some of the action and brutality.

He commented on the constant fear and possible further threats in Israel. He contrasted the daily terrors to the safety he feels in New Zealand expressing surprise

. "People here don't lock their doors. Wow." He mentioned that Israeli people park their cars differently than New Zealanders. They park so they don't have to reverse out so they can drive quickly away in the event of an attack or a stabbing situation.

As the meeting came to a close Joshua spoke of how this October 7 trauma can birth the hope of Israel's spiritual transformation through the Lord Jesus Christ as their Messiah. He encouraged our gathering to wholeheartedly pray. "Don't stop praying that our people will believe."

It was an unforgettable evening with the Simon family. They shared their ministry of compassion in the midst of horrific physical suffering and psychological trauma. Their practical and spiritual mission is to lessen the suffering of Jews, Muslims and all people and offer hope and salvation through Yeshua as the Messiah and Saviour of all peoples.

peoples.

The Simon family left Stratford the next day to speak in Dunedin, Christchurch and its neighbouring small towns and then catch a flight to Melbourne. then Singapore where they will continue to share their ministry before returning to their congregation in Jerusalem.

Shabbat Shalom.

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Participatory philanthropy is set to expand across the region with more communities deciding how funding is allocated.



Placing affected communities at the center of grant-making by giving them the power to decide who and what to fund.

TE AHO POUTIAKI is a Toi Foundation funding initiative focused on leadership development, cultural preservation, and community empowerment, trialled last year in South Taranaki with great impact and success. Not only because of the funding distributed across the community, but a 10-strong group of taiohi (youth) worked in partnership with Toi Foundation, learning important governance, professionalism, leadership, community engagement and communication skills throughout a 12-month period.

Te Aho Poutiaki, the name gifted to this programme means – the guardians of the threads that connect us all, linking us to the land and our tūpuna (ancestors).

PARTICIPATORY PHILANTHROPY EXPLAINED

A community-led approach to grant-making and social impact that; actively involves the community in the decision-making processes on how resources are allocated and utilised, is responsive to the needs of that community, nurtures and develops the potential of taiohi, addresses inequity in accessing funding, and promotes inclusive, equitable, and sustainable approaches to social change.

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A 10-strong group of taiohi, ranging from 15 to 21 years of age, was established in Pātea to distribute funding into the community. All taiohi involved had a connection to the area and an innate knowledge of the needs of their community.

PROGRAMME VALUES

WHĀNAUNGATANGA Unity and belonging

RANGATIRATANGA Leadership

MANAAKITANGA Respect and kindness

MATATIKA Being accountable

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

An independent review of the programme in action in Pātea, identified Te Aho Poutiaki as having a significantly positive impact on the community, particularly for youth. It was community driven, responsive, and had a strong cultural foundation.















"Community at the core' is paramount for Te Aho Poutiaki and inherent in the values that it perpetuates." (PARTICIPANT)

• Succession planning & pathways

"The initiative stands as a beacon of hope, fostering leadership and cultural preservation." (PARTICIPANT)

"This experience has taught me the power of community-driven initiatives and the importance of preserving cultural heritage. These lessons are invaluable and can be applied to other aspects of life." (PARTICIPANT)

"Te Aho Poutiaki is building our future leaders." (PARTICIPANT)

NEXT STEPS

Toi Foundation continues to explore and learn the benefits of placing underserved communities at the centre of grant-making. As we focus our efforts and support on areas of greatest need, we're collaborating, empowering and celebrating the positive changes and long-term impact this approach is achieving for Taranaki.

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With a view to sustain and extend participatory philanthropy across our rohe, Toi Foundation have committed to continue Te Aho Poutiaki in Pātea, and also grow the initiative, bringing **Opunake** and Mania communities into the fold. Keep an eye out for when the funding rounds open in July this year.



NPDC committed to preserving historic cathedral with heritage funding extension

Earthquake strengthening work on Aotearoa's oldest stone church has paused due to a cash shortfall, but NPDC funding for the historic building has been guaranteed for the long-haul.

Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary/Mere Tapu last year received \$150,000, the largest ever single grant from NPDC's Built, Cultural Heritage Protection Fund, to contribute to the \$20 million project.

Normally a grant is valid for a year, but with an \$8.5m shortfall announced in April, work was paused while more funds are raised, so NPDC stepped up and guaranteed its funding for the project until 29 February 2028.

"We're aiming to restart work in another 24 months, so this extension of the NPDC heritage building grant is a welcome boost and we're hoping it will encourage other contributors to come forward and help too," said Taranaki Cathedral Dean Jay Ruka.

"The Cathedral has been closed since 2016 and it's been great to see our community swing behind the project to help preserve a building that's been a part of our shared heritage since 1846.

NPDC Manager Strategic Planning Renee Davies said



Taranaki Cathedral Dean Jay Ruka.





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it was important to show a commitment to protecting our history.

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ANZAC Day at Okato attracts big turnout

On 25 April 2024, Okato and Hempton Hall bore witness to a poignant commemoration of Anzac Day, honoring the sacrifices of those who served their country with unwavering courage and dedication. The day began with a parade down the Main street led by piper Steve Cochran, a procession of remembrance attended by over 160 including individuals, representatives from the Oakura and Okato volunteer fire brigades and the Cape Egmont Sea and Rescue Trust.

As the community gathered in Hempton Hall for the service following the parade, the atmosphere was imbued with reverence and respect. Among the attendees were students from Coastal Taranaki Area School, embracing the spirit of remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices made by previous generations.

Leslie Dowding led the service, setting the tone for a ceremony filled with reflection and gratitude. She spoke of the meaning of the Last Post and the speeches and rituals that are often included in the ANZAC celebrations, helping the younger members of the audience to better understand the history and stories woven into the service.

Rural health checks

The Glob Caravan is coming to Okato on May 24. The Glob is a caravan that visits rural communities allowing farmers and rural people to get their health checked.

A doctor is on board along with two nurses.

The Caravan is supported by Lions Clubs and was gifted from Agri HQ.

This is the first time The Glob has come to Okato. The nurses and Doctor will check Blood Pressure, Cholesterol Levels, Blood Sugar, Pulse, Lung Capacity along etc.

If needed then you can be referred to the appropriate health professional.

At the Glob Caravan as part of the screening process there is a questionnaire, a nurse does a clinical assessment, the GP reviews the data and has a one on one talk with the farmer.

Approx 25% of people need to be referred to a health professional.

The Caravan will be outside Hempton Hall, Okato on the 24th May from 10.30am until about 2pm.

The guest speaker, Craig Taylor, a veteran who has served overseas, delivered a stirring address, emphasizing the importance of acknowledging and sharing the stories of those who have served. He urged the community to encourage conversations about service, fostering a culture of storytelling and support for service men and women in the community.

The service included Head Boy Zac Faugere and Deputy Head Boy Thomas Moffit of Coastal Taranaki Area School, who recited the haunting verses of "In Flanders Fields," a timeless tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Thomas followed, reading aloud the names of the brave service people lost in the Great War and the Second World War, ensuring that their memory lives on in the hearts of the community.

Following the heartfelt and uplifting service, the community came together for a delicious, traditional New Zealand country morning tea, fostering connections and shared memories. The aroma of freshly brewed tea and

homemade treats filled the air, creating an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie.

Amidst the chatter and laughter, Okato's oldest resident, Mr. Darcy Julian, 93, stood as a living testament to the village's rich history. With a twinkle in his eye, he shared anecdotes of days gone by, offering glimpses into a bygone era and imparting wisdom garnered from a lifetime spent in the embrace of this close-knit community.

Mike Corbett, representing a family deeply ingrained in supporting the school and the broader community, added to the tapestry of shared experiences. His presence served as a reminder of the enduring bonds that tie Okato together, weaving a tapestry of support and solidarity that transcends generations.

As the morning tea drew to a close, the echoes of laughter and conversation lingered, a testament to the enduring spirit of the Okato community and their commitment to honouring the past while forging a brighter future together. A huge gratitude to all involved.



Ashley Brown (left) was among those at the Dawn Parade in Opunake. He served in the South African Army for a total of 14 years from 1977 to 1991 - three years full time and the remainder in the territorials. Born in Zambia, he was initially conscripted into the military for two years into the South African defence Force "as were all young fellows," he says. His 8 medals he explained were 4 service medals and 4 combat medals.

Cobus Blom who was parade marshall at the Opunake dawn parade spent 30 years in the South African Defence Force.

He lost one of his best friends, a fellow soldier in South Africa, Cobus said adding

he also was involved in the same conflict. "It's the reason I want to be involved in the RSA," he said adding joining the RSA was in remembrance of his friend who was 34. Cobus was recently elected Vice President of the Opunake RSA at their AGM. Rodney Woods was elected president.

Apology

We would like to apologise for an error in the caption in the article in the last issue of the Opunake & Coastal

News regarding the Anzac Day service at Eltham.

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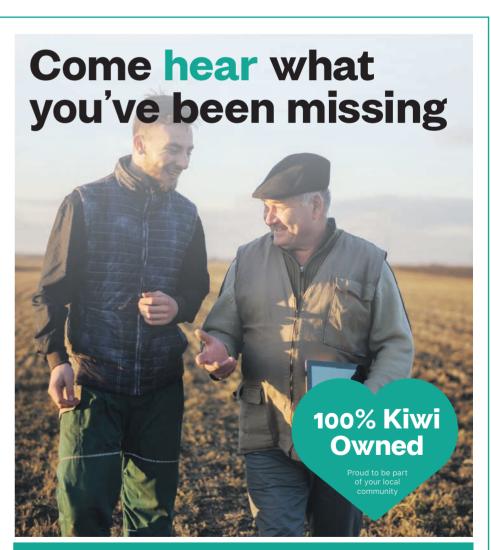
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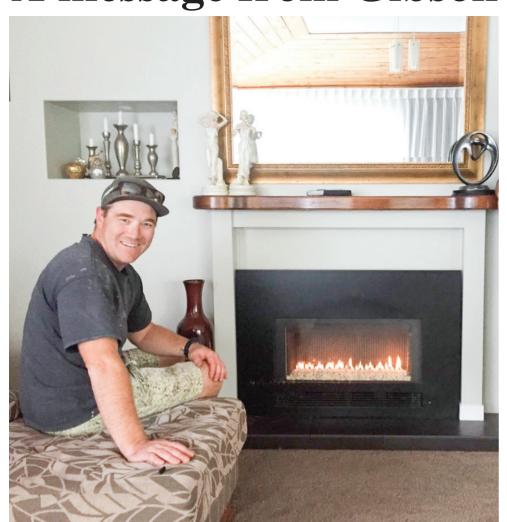




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Gas scarcity starting to bite - solutions urgently needed

A frosty windless morning has seen electricity prices soar up to five thousand dollars a megawatt hour reflecting the urgent energy security problem New Zealand is facing.

The Government also acknowledged this announcing the formation of a group to have a grown-up conversation about gas scarcity and energy security.

Energy Resources

Aotearoa Chief Executive John Carnegie commented, "That schools, hospitals and tertiary institutions need the assistance of this group to ensure they can keep facilities warm and lit is an indictment on the previous Government's hasty and ill-informed ban on exploration in the gas sector."

Energy Resources our energy security highlight
Aotearoa say they welcome
the Government's growing
recognition of the vital our energy system that

role natural gas has in our energy system, and the need to encourage further investment in the sector.

High overnight energy prices, due to cold weather and no wind, and the news that because of gas scarcity Genesis is looking to import more foreign coal to underpin our energy security highlight the importance of having a clear, well thought out plan for our energy system that

supports our economic and social health and wellbeing. This perverse result of the previous Government's policy is we are having to use a higher emitting fuel to keep the lights on and people warm and dry." Says Mr Carnegie

New Zealand has abundant natural resources like natural gas that can be harnessed to ensure we have a thriving economy and secure, affordable energy for all New Zealanders.

"While we welcome the Government's public acknowledgement of the serious of the problems, and the establishment of this Government-led group, we urge the Government to progress to solutions with urgency to allow natural gas to contribute to our energy resilience and affordability." Says Mr Carnegie

Energy Resources
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Forgotten World Highway bridge officially blessed

The new two-lane bridge on State Highway 43 east of Stratford has now been officially blessed.

Construction on the new bridge began in June last year and the project is part of the wider SH43 improvements project which includes current sealing work through Tāngarakau Gorge.

The project also includes new signage and side barriers on other parts of the iconic highway.

Stratford District Council Mayor Neil Volzke joined NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi staff, local iwi representatives from Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru and contractors at a blessing to mark the completion of the bridge.

NZTA Principal Project Manager Chris Nally says the current one-lane bridge, built in 1908, remains structurally sound, and will be retained for people to walk and cycle across.

"The new bridge will provide safer access for vehicles. Both lanes will be 3.5 metres wide with a one metre verge on each side the new bridge will better accommodate increased traffic volumes in the area and create a safer, more



Stratford's new gateway to the Forgotten Highway.

accessible route for trucks our favourite tourist hotspots and the travelling public.

- it's iconic for the region "This highway is one of and the current work aims to make sure the highway is a safer, more resilient way for people to connect with Taranaki," says Mr Nally.

Mayor Volzke is excited the opportunities the bridge and the SH43 improvements

"The construction of this new bridge is a significant milestone for the Stratford district and plays a major part in the wider safety improvement project across State Highway 43. The upgraded connection across the Kahouri Stream at the entrance of Kopuatama Cemetery will enable better traffic flow, removing the delays that come with the existing single lane bridge, while also providing a safer travel route for all road users."

Chris Nally says the support from motorists has made the project that much easier.

"Motorists have been incredibly understanding during the construction period and we're grateful for their support. I also want to thank engineers WSP and contractor Emmetts for their work on the project.

"Adding to the project, local iwi Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru have collaborated on cultural artwork which has been sandblasted into the

Duck shooting footage prompts call for shooting ban

New video footage from the opening day of this season's duck shooting has been obtained by SAFE, the brutal highlighting reality faced by Aotearoa's

The video, taken on the morning of Saturday 4 May, captures a grievously wounded bird, shot by a hunter and unable to fly, struggling to escape as a hunter's dog persistently tries to retrieve it. Ultimately, the hunter picks up the bird and gruesomely spins the animal to break their neck.

SAFE Head Will Investigations, Appelbe, says the footage confirms that countless birds are likely being shot and wounded every year.

"Every year, we see the consequences of duck shooting. Rescues are filled with birds that are maimed and left to suffer.'

"This is not just an isolated incident; it's a widespread issue that demands immediate attention,"

Appelbe.

International studies suggest that wounding rates during duck shooting can be as high as 40 percent.

Such injuries can lead to severe pain, distress, and often a prolonged death from starvation, dehydration, or infection if the birds are not

Notably, bird shooting has been prohibited in regions such as Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory due to its inherent cruelty.

"We urge New Zealand to follow the lead of these Australian states

territories and put an end to bird shooting, thereby preventing the needless suffering of thousands of birds annually," says

"A ban on duck shooting is the only way to protect these incredible animals."

Call for ban of unflued gas heaters

As winter approaches and Kiwis gear up to combat the cold, health experts are sounding the alarm on a silent killer lurking in many New Zealand homes.

Unflued gas heaters, commonly purchased due to their affordability and convenience, harbour poisonous gases that can cause serious lung problems

As such, Asthma and Respiratory Foundation NZ is calling for a complete ban on all unflued gas heaters in New Zealand.

Unlike vented gas heaters, unflued gas heaters lack proper ventilation systems leading to the build-up of poisonous gases in homes.

Dr Lucy Telfar-Barnard, a member of the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board

Department of Public Health at the University of Otago in Wellington, says there is overwhelming evidence that unflued gas heaters pose serious health risks.

"Unflued gas heaters have no redeeming qualities - they pose multiple health hazards.

"Whether you suffer from respiratory conditions or not, use of these heaters remains detrimental."

Harding says we always see a spike in hospitalisations in winter, and unflued gas heaters can only worsen the situation.

"It's time for New Zealand to follow the lead of other nations and ban these dangerous appliances."

The heaters have been banned in Canada, some US states and parts of Australia due to health and safety

In response to mounting pressure, many retailers have ceased selling unflued gas heaters, however, the second-hand market remains a significant issue, Ms Harding says.

"While it's encouraging to see some retailers taking responsible action by discontinuing sales of unflued heaters, we cannot

threat posed by the secondhand market."

"Addressing this is crucial to our efforts in safeguarding the well-being of our communities," she says.

"While these heaters might be cheap to buy, the cost to your respiratory health could be high."

Bowel cancer affects people of all ages

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of bowel cancer in the world. More than 3,000 people are diagnosed with bowel cancer each year and over 1,200 will die from the disease.

Being aware of the symptoms is the first step you can take to prevent

bowel cancer. Symptoms may come and go so don't wait if you have any of these concerns, no matter what age you are.

Symptoms may include: bleeding from the bottom (rectal bleeding), change of bowel motions/habits

that come and go over several weeks, anaemia, severe persistent or periodic abdominal pain, a lump or mass in the abdomen, or tiredness and loss of weight for no obvious reason

If you have any of these symptoms, or you are concerned about your bowel health, see your GP right away.

Bowel cancer is the second highest cause of cancer death in New Zealand, second only to lung cancer

The incidence of bowel cancer in New Zealand is one of the highest in the

Over 3,000 New Zealanders are diagnosed with bowel cancer every year

More than 1,200 die from bowel cancer each year

Over 350 people under 50 are diagnosed with bowel cancer each year

It is estimated that one in every 18 New Zealanders

will develop bowel cancer in their lifetime

Men are at increased risk of bowel cancer than women. The most recent NZ data shows men 44.8 per 100,000 with females 35.2

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The suspension bridge over the Manganui Gorge is now open.

Bridge marks new chapter for Taranaki Crossing

A karakia and blessing by Ngāti Ruanui has marked the formal opening of the suspension bridge over the Manganui Gorge, one of the most striking features of the Taranaki Crossing project on Taranaki Maunga.

The Taranaki Crossing is a partnership between Ngā Iwi o Taranaki, DOC and Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit that has been in place from project feasibility through to delivery.

Construction the 100-metre suspension bridge began in November 2023. The build culminated with the formal opening

attended by more than 100 guests including iwi representatives, contractors, and staff from central and local government agencies.

The bridge, within Egmont National Park/Te Papakura o Taranaki, has been designed for a lifespan of 100 years, and to withstand the subalpine Manganui Gorge's winds, weather conditions and a one in 250-year Mt Taranaki Avalanche. Supported by two massive masts at either end, the bridge sits 49.5m above the floor of the gorge and features artwork contributed by Ngāti Ruanui.

This has been a

challenging build in an attimes hostile environment - with plenty of reminders of why safety was one of the key drivers for this part of the project," says DOC's Hauraki-Waikato-Taranaki Regional Director Tinaka

"We knew from the outset this would be an impressive structure once finished, and so we're delighted an eyecatching and important part of the Taranaki Crossing visitor experience completed."

Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust Deputy Tumu W'akaae Ngapari Nui says the bridge marked a new era including

of co-governance for our Maunga.

"We have worked alongside DOC from design to construction, including the gifting of taonga. That makes this bridge a destination in itself," he

"The bridge's stunning visual appearance fits well into the mountain landscape and is a unique part of the cultural interface Ngāti Ruanui brought to this project.

"The bridge will become key tourist attraction, along with the experience Ngāti Ruanui has crafted,

renowned Mountain House restaurant accommodation complex," says Ngapari.

"Taranaki's regional economic development strategy Tapuae the Taranaki identified Crossing as a priority project. This will attract more visitors, boost local businesses and create jobs and other opportunities," says Bridget Sullivan, Principal Regional Advisor for Kānoa, the Government's Regional Economic Development & Investment

"The original \$13.4 million grant from the Provincial

Growth Fund has resulted in a lot of other funders coming on board to support the entire Taranaki Crossing project," she said. "The grant includes funding for this stunning new bridge which has cost about \$1.2 million."

bridge significantly improve access through this part of the mountain environment and improve visitor safety by replacing the existing track which descends through the bottom of the gorge. The existing track is prone to washouts and closure due to avalanche risk.

Bowel cancer affects people of all ages

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per 100,000

While bowel cancer is more common in the 50 years + age group, it affects people of all ages. If you did see your GP about bowel

symptoms and were told, 'You are too young to have bowel cancer,' do not accept this as an explanation. Seek a second opinion from another doctor, or ask your GP to refer you to a specialist for further investigation..

There are two ways to begin the process of checking for bowel cancer:

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Walking for transport has benefits

Walking for transport at least once a week may help some older people live longer

Older adults who walked

for transport instead of

taking a car, at least once

a week, lived longer than

those who didn't, Monash University-led research has found.

Published in BMJ Public Health, the observational study looked at transportrelated walking, which is walking for a specific purpose, such as to a medical appointment or to shop, instead of using motorised transport.

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Dairy Woman of the Year 2024 announced

Herd health veterinarian Katrina Roberts is the 2024 Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year.

The award was announced at the Dairy Women's

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Katrina was recognised for her outstanding passion and advocacy for the dairy industry.

DWN Trustee Donna Smit says Katrina has raised the bar for the industry and personifies enthusiasm and the values of the Dairy Women's Network.

"We are thrilled to award Katrina the 2024 Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year. Her commitment and passion to helping farmers and advocate for her industry and her team is outstanding. Her



Katrina Roberts.

research and development has changed the way many farmers operate their business for the betterment of the whole industry. She has already achieved so much in a short space of time and will continue to add huge value to the agriculture industry in governance, advocacy, and leadership well into the future," she says.

Based in the Waikato, Katrina is a herd health veterinarian for Anexa Veterinary Services. For the past 20 years she has provided farm consultancy, and has been involved in the redevelopment many DairyNZ programmes including InCalf, FeedRight, and body condition score accreditation. Her expertise is often called upon by farmers and vets across the

country in both a research and project management role and keynote speaking.

She is also heavily involved in the community, volunteering with Cambridge Riding for the Disabled and is an active member of the Walton School Board of Trustees, netball and hockey coaching, and Matamata Pony Club.

Fonterra CEO Miles Hurrell says the Co-op is proud to have sponsored the award since its inception.

"It's important to shine a light on women who are making outstanding contributions to the dairy industry and helping pave the way for the next generation to succeed. We're honoured to play a part in that by sponsoring this award and supporting the Dairy Women's Network in the

work they're doing across the country. Congratulations to all of the finalists and to Katrina in particular for being named Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year. Katrina has worked closely with many of Fonterra's On-Farm Excellence team who describe her as a tireless advocate for farmers, holding our industry to high, evidencebased standards and offering practical solutions that deliver real value on-farm. Through her impressive list of achievements, it's clear to see how passionate she is about animal wellbeing and building a better future

Katrina was one of four finalists, who Donna says, were all exemplary in their

for farmers, her fellow vets

and the dairy industry as a

whole.

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own right.

"Our judges had their work cut for them this year as we had such a large number of high calibre entries. The other finalists, Myfanwy Alexander, Amber Carpenter, and Michelle Ruddell are amazing women who bring a huge amount of passion, knowledge and leadership to the sector and embody our conference theme: Enhance, Elevate, Evolve. We are fortunate to have women of their calibre working in the dairy industry," she says.

Katrina will receive a scholarship to be part of the Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme. The scholarship covers the programme fee, travel, and accommodation, mentoring and access to DWN & Fonterra platforms to share research.



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Dairy Awards winners share positive future focus

The 2024 New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards winners have a lot in common, including farming, passion for innovation and positive change.

DairyNZ chief executive Campbell Parker says the winners are all forwardthinking and contribute strongly to a positive future for New Zealand dairy farming.

"It's fantastic to see the awards acknowledging top Kiwi dairy farmers and their hard work and dedication at the heart of their communities," Campbell says.

"These farmers are future proofing their businesses to remain resilient while continuing to produce sustainable and competitive milk."

The Share Farmers of

the Year are Will Hinton and Kali Rangiawha from Manawatū, and the Dairy Manager of the Year Northland's Kieran McCahon. Kirwyn Ellis from Waikato is the Dairy Trainee of the Year, and James and Debbie Stewart from Manawatū received

Dairying Award and the John Wilson Memorial Trophy.

DairyNZ is an industry partner in the awards, providing judging expertise and facilitating field days. Contract milkers Paul and Sarah Koopal from Central Plateau received the DairyNZ People and Culture merit award and placed third in the Share Farmer category. Judges described them as well-rounded farmers, using all the tools and technology available to them.

Ben Purua was awarded

the Fonterra Responsible the DairyNZ People and Leadership merit award in the Dairy Manager category. DairyNZ judge Janine Swansson says Ben is a leader of young people joining the sector and makes a significant difference to communities and other people's lives. He promotes dairy farming as a great place to work.

> Isabella Panettiere from Manawatū took out the DairyNZ Practical Skills merit award for her strong practical skills and knowledge. She also placed third in the Dairy Trainee category. As herd manager for Fonterra's Longburn farm, she is new to the sector and farming life. Head judge Mark Laurence from DairyNZ says Isabella's enthusiasm, skills and knowledge are impressive.

As Share Farmers of the Year, Will and Kali impressed the judges with the strength of their partnership, and how they apply technical knowledge to be more efficient. They are closely involved in their community. Will organised a fundraiser when a school bus was needed, and Kali trained as an AI technician when she realised there wasn't one in their area.

As Dairy Manager of the Year, Kieran McCahon

from Northland stood out as an authentic and welleducated farmer, passionate about adding value to the sector. He took the judges on a journey into practical farming and how he has addressed challenges in his first season. Kieran was a DairyNZ scholar, achieving his Master's degree, and previously worked DairyNZ as a developer before returning to his home in Northland.

Dairy Trainee of the Year Kirwyn Ellis is described as a strong team player and clear communicator, with community at his heart. Head judge Mark Laurence from DairyNZ says he will represent the sector very well with his new title. Kirwyn is also a great role model for work life balance, with many hobbies including biking, rugby and other outdoor activities.

As Fonterra Responsible Dairying Award and John Wilson Memorial Trophy recipients, James and Debbie Stewart were selected for their commitment to people and community, finance. environment and animal care. The judges were left with one big question -'what more could anyone do to demonstrate responsible dairying'?

The judges including DairyNZGM Farm Solutions and Policy Dr David Burger were impressed by the understanding Stewarts' of the sector's importance to New Zealand, and the importance of building their own story and brand.

Third placing for Taranaki Dairy Manager



Taranaki region Dairy Manager of the Year and third in New Zealand Sarah Avery.

Sarah Avery from Taranaki placed third in the Dairy Manager category at the National Dairy Industry Awards and won almost \$6,000 in prizes. She is farm manager for Carl and Shey Kowalewski on their 130ha property, milking 300 cows at Midhurst.

The judges believed Sarah is a great young leader who is passionate about cows and pasture. "She's extremely driven, and already has finance sorted for her next step in the dairy industry and a job offer on the table."

"It was refreshing to meet someone who was focused

on learning the basics and getting them right," says judge Janine Swansson. "She has a very supportive current employer who has helped her grow and she is really enjoying the journey."

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Avian flu in US dairy cows

Avian influenza (H5N1) has decimated wild birds and poultry populations worldwide, and spilled over into a number of mammal species. It was recently detected in dairy cattle in the United States.

Scientists believe the virus might be passing from cow to cow in US dairy farms, and one case of a human contracting the disease after contact with infected cattle has been confirmed.

H5N1 has not yet been detected in New Zealand, Australia or the Pacific Islands.

Professor Richard Webby, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, comments:

"The WHO held an EPI-WIN meeting on Monday Geneva time. The purpose was to provide a general update on the situation and provide some details on WHO activities specifically as it relates to this event and the threat from influenza viruses in general. Updates were given from the epidemiology and also food safety aspects with an active Q&A session following.

"The WHO, and also US



Scientists believe Avian Influenza may be passing from cow to cow in US dairy herds.

CDC, consider the virus to pose a low risk to human health. The infection of cows does, however, increase the exposure of humans to the virus and also provides an opportunity for the virus to evolve through replication in a mammal host. Only one confirmed human case has

been detected with the cow infections. The individual worked on a dairy farm and showed symptoms of conjunctivitis.

"The message was also reassuring in regard to food safety with pasteurization successful in limiting virus in consumer milk and milk products despite genetic material of the virus (but not infectious virus) being found in 20-40% of supermarket milk samples in the US. There are large amounts of infectious virus in the milk of heavily infected cows

and the finding of remnants of the virus in pasteurized products isn't too surprising.

"WHO reiterated the activities it has been doing in response to the outbreak including assessment of readiness in terms of

candidate vaccine viruses. There are two candidate vaccine viruses, the viruses that manufacturers use in conventional flu vaccine manufacture, that are well matched to the bovine viruses. The WHO members also reiterated the fact that although much focus is currently on cows in the US, the threat of these avian flu viruses is wider.

"From a New Zealand perspective, the larger threat of the H5 virus getting to its shores is through migrating birds, either from Antarctica up or from the North down. The risk to cows in New Zealand right now is very very low. If the virus did ever turn up in New Zealand cows, there is a lot to learn from the US experiences. Having a unified response across sectors (human, environmental, and animal health) is critical as is the honest flow of information. The virus can likely be slowed in its spread, but this requires testing and limiting of animal movement across the country."

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The real Paleo diet was largely plant-based

Fad diet fans may be disappointed to hear that the real 'Paleo diet' was a far cry from the meat-heavy version touted by celebrities and influencers because it was mainly plant-based, at least in North Africa, according to international

researchers. They analysed animal and human remains dating back to the Later Stone Age from Morocco to investigate the proportions of meat, fish and plants in these hunter-gatherers' diets at the time. They found that although they did eat some meat, they mainly ate

plants, probably starchy nuts and cereals, which the researchers speculate may have been stored to ensure food supplies during leaner times.

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Genomic testing breeds better bulls



Glen Kaycee Sherlock JG.

New Zealand's number one bull in the Ranking of Active Sires (RAS) shows how genomic testing breeds better bulls faster, says CRV Grass-Fed Genetics Manager, Peter

Elzakker.

Accelerate

Glen Kaycee Sherlock JG, a CRV Jersey bull bred by the Tucker family from Northland, is New Zealand's top bull across all breeds in the latest RAS.

"Our proven bulls on the RAS are testament to the strength of our breeding programme that uses genomics to deliver superior genetics to New Zealand dairy farmers," says Peter, who recently visited South Taranaki as part of CRV's Better Herds tour.

"Using a small tissue sample for genomic testing is an increasingly accurate method of predicting the

genetic potential of an animal and provides clearer insights.

"It allows us to take a deeper dive into the animal's DNA and find the genes that are responsible for expression of the known traits within an animal," says Peter. "Genomics gives us more accurate insights into a bull's potential at a much younger age.

"Genomic testing super breeding charges our programme by allowing us to make more informed decisions. By selecting bulls with complementary genetic profiles, we can strategically combine desirable traits and minimise the transmission of undesirable genetic factors.

That means we can improve the overall quality of the bull's progeny."

Sherlock and his sire Walker were bred through a joint venture between CRV and Jersey NZ called JerseyGenome - a programme designed to identify elite yearling heifers using genomic selection and customised matings.

"The Tucker family are long standing participants in the Jersey Genome programme and season make all replacement heifers available for genomic testing," says Peter.

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125 years of rolling up for bowls at Pihama

Among those rolling up for the Pihama Bowling Club 125th anniversary celebrations was 88 year-old Gordon Symes. He and twin brother Jim are the club's oldest members.

"Unfortunately, Jim is recovering from recent surgery so is unable to be here with me today," Gordon told everybody at the celebrations after play that afternoon.

The two brothers trace their involvement with the club back to their primary school days.

"In 1948, when we were in

Form 2, the Pihama School Principal, Barney Heather, would walk us across the field to the green to play bowls during our lunch hour," recalls Gordon. "We began honing our skills with wooden bowls."

He recalls helping his father out when the green was extended from four rinks to eight.

The club celebrated their milestone on May 4 with a men's fours bowling tournament with 32 teams from around the province playing games at Pihama and Manaia. The two clubs go back a long way. The



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Manaia Club celebrated their 125th anniversary earlier this year and back in 1899, Willie and Robert

Lambie had looked at the idea of joining Manaia before deciding to set up a club at Pihama.



Pihama Bowling Club life members Gordon Symes

Club president Chris Oliver said he was pleased with the way the celebrations were going. A life member of the club he has been president since 2003.

"The day's going exceedingly well and the weather has certainly helped," he said. "It's good to have the two greens full and the camaraderie has been excellent."

jubilee Chairing the committee was another life member Peter White who has been with the club since the Auroa Club folded in 1988.

"We had about 40 members and got close to 50," recalls Peter. "I ended up with the secretary's job for 25 years. I used to live on the Skeet Road, then I sold the farm and moved to New Plymouth, but I wasn't going to shift my club. Sometimes I travel down here twice a week but I love it. I enjoy playing at this club and hopefully I'll enjoy a lot more time here.

"The club's holding its own with about 12 members. It's such a friendly club and everyone pitches in and eases the pressure on everybody."

Among those pitching in is life member Terry Mullin who has been treasurer for 30 years, greenkeeper for 20 years as well as being bar manager.

Peter also acknowledged the club's longstanding patron Pauline Gopperth who passed away six days before the celebration.

A ladies' club was formed in 1953, but this has since folded through a drop in members. The Pihama Club has four tournaments a year, as well as a mixed tournament, the Jim Thwaites Memorial which it took over after the Otakeho Club folded.

Also at the celebrations Taranaki Bowls president Grant Hassall.

"Pihama has had a rich history in Taranaki bowls





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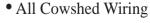
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125 years of rolling up for bowls at Pihama



Rolling up at the Pihama Bowling Club.

and that's why the Taranaki Bowls Centre is here to celebrate the occasion," he

The Pihama Club was there when the Taranaki Open was first held in Easter 1906 and apart from the World War II years have been there ever since, winning the Open Fours in 1909, 1914, 1916 and 1928.

Grant says the game of bowls was being played locally "in some form" before the club was founded in 1899, and families like the Forsyths, the Lambies and the Titos played a big part in developing the game in

Pihama has contributed a number of interesting characters to the game. Fred Mason who taught at Pihama School for 35 years and was dubbed "Father Mason" won

the Taranaki Open six times as a skip.

"He ranks as one of Taranaki's greatest bowlers in the history of the Taranaki Open," says Grant.

Also prominent in the club were brothers Robert and Willie Lambie, whose

brother James played rugby for New Zealand in 1893-4. Willie won the first Taranaki Singles championship in 1915. In 1934 another bowler from Pihama, Frank Julian won the same title while in his 70s.

Pihama has also provided administrators like Peter White who was Taranaki Bowls President from 2016-

Patty Symes, a three-time Taranaki title winner went on to be president and then patron of Taranaki Bowls.

"You had the Lambies, the Forsyths, the Titos and Father Mason. They were all the glue of the club," says Grant. "Now you have the likes of Terry Mullin and Chris Oliver who are the modern day Father Masons.'

Coastal Secondary Schools Rugby are very excited to announce a four year naming rights sponsorship deal with Mills Albert Rock Farm.

Mills Albert Rock Farm is a division of the Mills Albert company. Mills Albert are specialists in excavation, drainage, landscaping, roading, general contracting, forestry and rock supply/placing across the North Island. If it involves moving earth in an efficient environmentally conscious manner, Mills Albert has it covered and are the right people for the

Mills Albert has a strong and established whanau/ family business in the Wellington/ Kapiti area. In 2023, Mills Albert won the Electra Business and Innovation Award in the Kapiti Coast area business awards.

Mills Albert Rock Farm is a new business to the local area, however they have already developed positive working relationships with local farmers and Iwi, and are looking forward to building a strong relationship with Coastal Secondary School Rugby as Naming Rights Sponsors.

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the North Island, for many different applications. As a proud Māori business, originally from Whanganui, Mills Albert have purchased a local farm on the Wiremu Road, just south of the

Ōpunakē township. They are still running the farm as a dairy unit, while efficiently harvesting the rock. In doing this, the paddocks become higher yielding grazing and cropping land.

Mills Albert have a wide of sponsorship relationships with several charities and organisations. These include the premier sponsors of the Wellington Saints and Commercial partners of Wellington Lions and Pride teams and NOW Mills Albert are involved with COASTAL SECONDARY SCHOOL RUGBY.

For 2024 onwards the Coastal 1st XV will be known as the Mills Albert Rock Farm Coastal 1st XV.

Sponsorship of this nature will allow the COASTAL SECONDARY SCHOOL RUGBY to reduce the barriers to students playing Rugby – be it transport to our local townships after training and to games

across the province, playing uniforms and helps towards the aim to deliver ZERO FEES Rugby!!

2024 Coastal Secondary School Rugby 1st XV Captain Harry Gibson and Vice Captain Luke Forsyth are excited about the upcoming season, with three preseason wins already. Both young men would like to thank Mills Albert Rock Farm for their generous support as our NEW Premier sponsor for the next 4 years. They recognise that It takes a team on and off the field to make a successful season, players, coaches, supporters and sponsors.

David and Lisa, along with the rest of the Mills Albert whanau, are excited to become part of the business community in Taranaki. They realise that businesses have a valuable role to play in the community, not only in employment and the services they offer, but also with the support they can give to groups. Along with their generous four year commitment to Coastal Secondary School Rugby, Mills Albert Rock Farm are the Major Sponsor of the Opunake High School Japan Sports and Cultural Tour for

We are so excited to partner up with Mills Albert Rock Farm and look forward to growing the relationship over years to come.

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Coastal Secondary School Rugby (CSSR) Ōpunakē HS

Öpunakē High School



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Above: 2024 Coastal Secondary School Rugby 1st XV Captain Harry Gibson (left) and Vice Captain Luke Forsyth (right) would like to thank Mills Albert Rock Farm for their generous support as our NEW Premier sponsor for the next 4 years.

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April 28 Junior. Champion Putting contest. Sturgeon Cup. Sam Gut. Junior Stroke Play contest.

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April 21. Chipping 1. Lennox Finnigan. 2. Marlin Severn.

April 14. Chipping. 1. Ruby Edwards. 2. Marlin Severn. 3. Micah Gut. 4. Sam Gut.



Vinyl is back

Another record fair is coming to Everybodys Theatre on Friday 31st May. 2pm to 5pm with some returning vendors and a couple of new ones.

Brian Wafer has been holding record fairs all over the North Island. Last year he visited Opunake, and at the end of the month he's back.

"Expect a selection of good, bad and otherwise records, tapes and CDs

from these people who indulge in rescuing musical history while feeding their own habits," he says.

"There has been a renewed interest in records over the last 10-15 years," says Brian. "There is no noticeable age barrier to preferring music on physical formats, just the desire to be surrounded by your favourite sounds and artwork. Record cover art is an essential part of the love of these things."

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Ōpunake	Bus stop, Napier St	6.55	1.30
Rahotu	Plunket Rooms	7.08	1.43
Pungarehu	Opposite Town Hall	7.13	1.48
Okato	Carthew St. (opp. Sinclair's)	7.25	2.00
Oākura	Oākura Hall	7.35	2.10
New Plymouth	Spotswood College*	7.50	2.25
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New Plymouth	Spotswood College*	11.40	5.18	New Plymouth	NPBHS	4.55
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Okato	Sinclair Electrical, Carthew St.	12.00	5.30	New Plymouth	Liardet Street	5.08
Pungarehu	Town Hall	12.10	5.40	New Plymouth	Spotswood College (pick-up only)	5.18
Rahotu	Four Square	12.15	5.45	Oākura	Oākura Hall	5.20
Ōpunake	Dreamtime	12.28	5.58	Okato	Sinclair Electrical, Carthew St.	5.30
Ōpunake	Bus stop, Napier St	12.30	6.00	Pungarehu	Town Hall	5.40
			Rahotu	Four Square	5.45	
*Spotswood College - AM drop off only & PM pick-up only		Ōpunake	Dreamtime	5.58		
				Ōpunake	Bus stop, Napier St	6.00













Te Kitenga o Hina – 16 May

Ariki's interactive exhibition, Te Kitenga o Hina as it shares the sacred seasons of Aotearoa: (Winter), Takurua Kōanga (Spring), Raumati (Summer), and Ngahuru (Autumn). Discover the significance of the maramataka, the revered Māori lunar calendar, as it guides māra kai and Māori agricultural practices.

In Taranaki, initiatives are underway to revive ancient food preservation customs.

Be captivated by Puke Ariki's interactive behind the revitalisation, and witness how the significance of Hina as it shares the acred seasons of Aotearoa:

Explore local communities behind the revitalisation, and witness how the significance of māra kai is being passed down to future generations.

Enter Te Kitenga o Hina through a tunnel where you can look up into the night sky and immerse yourself in the celestial world. Be mesmerised by the beauty of the moon and its different phases, complemented by stunning star constellations that determine planting, harvesting, and seed saving.

Step into the four seasons and engage with interactive

experiences. Through "A Journey to Sustainable Food" explore how the principles of the māramataka and sustainable food practices intertwine. Scan produce for information on its origin, cultivation, process, and harvest timeline, as well as receiving tips on how to grow sustainably.

This exhibition is developed in collaboration with the local community and showcases taonga Māori from Puke Ariki's rich collection of tools used in māra kai.

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The Committee presently



Te Kitenga o Hina Exhibition at Puke Ariki.

Support your community at Pungarehu

Kia Ora Coastal Residents.
An open invitation is hereby extended to all, to

hereby extended to all, to attend this year's Annual General Meeting of the Pungarehu Community Incorporated Society. The meeting will be held on Sunday, 26 May 2024, 11.00a.m. at the Pungarehu Hall.

The Society's responsibilities are to manage the Pungarehu Community swimming pools, the Pungarehu Hall and the Pungarehu Domain. The present Committee would be pleased to have new members join them to share the varied tasks involved.

The pools have had another successful summer season with some 87 families enjoying access to this treasured community asset. The pools were accessible from 16 December until 16 March with positive feedback from swimmers and holidaymakers. A key for the season cost \$60, great value for the freedom to swim whenever you want. For those of you who have



The Pungarehu Community swimming pools.

never visited this taonga, it is one of the biggest swimming pools in Taranaki, set in a natural amphitheatre with attractive plantings that encourage happy family times. The pool was gifted to the community in 1950 in memory of the fallen soldiers in World Wars I and II. Over the years it has boasted a healthy swimming club and was used for school swimming as well.

As the community dynamic changed due to the school and factory closing, interest has somewhat has nine members, and we meet once a month in the Pungarehu Hall. The monthly meeting would be your only commitment should you decide to join, apart from those tasks you may choose to be involved in.

Many Coastal residents have memories of occasions at the Pungarehu Hall, weddings, dances, recitals, bowling, birthday parties and the like. The Hall needs innovative and solid plans to bring it back into being considered a popular venue. A work in progress, always.

Being reliant on community funding to support the maintenance, and running of the pool. It

would be great to see you at the AGM on Sunday 26 Diana Hall (Chairperson) May.

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Te Kitenga o Hina

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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

Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)

St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga

2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month Mass at 6pm. However during winter the time will be 5pm i.e. Saturday 10th June, 24th June and 8th July. After this date the time will revert back to 6pm.

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 8.45am.

Thursday Mass 9.30am (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

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Worship Service Thursday: Study Group at 2 pm at 96b Brecon Rd., Stratford.

Contact Rev. John Mattock 027 2039799

Veronica Tee at The Village Gallery



Autumn Colours.

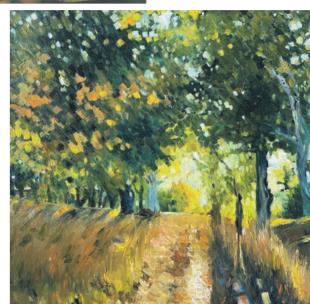
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colourful work all in one place. Her exhibition runs from 8 May to 1 June, at The Village Gallery, so mark

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who appreciates art and the natural world. Veronica was born in Malaysia. She is a landscape artist with a hand in a variety of different mediums, inspired by the

gift of nature, its ever-

changing faces and vibrant

personality.

It's a must-see for anyone

Her art journey has taken her many places, starting at the Malaysia Institute of Art, and founding a mural company with her four best friends.

Eventually, life led her to New Zealand, where she became an art tutor. In 2018, she became a member of PANZ (Pastel Artists NZ) where she went on to earn a Merit award in the Purely Pastel National Exhibition in 2019 and her artwork being accepted in several national and international art shows.

She now resides in New Plymouth, using the weather, seasons, and views that Taranaki provides as her muse.

Don't this miss opportunity to see this collection of Veronica's

these dates in your diary. You won't be disappointed.

MIND MATTERS

So, she is going to have a baby. I always smile to myself when I hear this sort of news. She will birth a baby, but the real event is different: THE BABY IS GOING TO HAVE HER.

The English doctor, Donald Winnicott was the first person to figure out what goes on when a child is born. He wrote over 6,000 case studies to record his observations of mothers and their babies. He gave radio talks on the BBC and wrote 14 books. His radio talks were destroyed by the BBC, which was their policy at the time. However, some organization in New Zealand had asked for a copy of the audiotapes, and it is possible that their copy still survives.

What is the most important issue for our country? Climate change, housing, poverty, racism? No, it is how mothers raise their babies. Winnicott said this, and I agree with him. So many of our human problems have their origin in early experiences. childhoodExperiences accumulate in the unconscious mind and make you what you become. Today, MIND MATTERS is

to help us think about babies



DR. ROBERT SHAW

and mothers. Notice I do not say "mothers and babies." even though it sounds much more natural. Adults, by instinct, put themselves first. We feel we are in charge of ourselves and the helpless baby. This is an expression of our healthy narcissism (as you might remember from the last MIND MATTERS on mental health). Baby has other ideas about what is important.

Plenty of people have given advice to mothers. Some families still adhere to the old idea that you must be consistent and get the baby into a routine. The clock enables this. Set strict feeding times and stick to them. Wash, change and

The ordinary devoted mother and her baby

weigh. There is play time and there is sleep time. In strict families, being a baby might feel a bit like being in the army.

Sir Frederic Truby King CMG, generally known as Truby King, was born in New Plymouth in 1858 (Truby King Street is in the suburb of Merrilands). He trained and worked in Scotland, and eventually became our Director of Child Welfare. He is best known as the founder of the Plunket Society. Less well known is his influence on childrearing practices in Aotearoa and abroad. King's methods emphasized regularity of feeding, sleeping and bowel movements, within a strict regimen supposed to build character by avoiding cuddles and attention. Now we know that his harsh methods caused problems for children and distress for mothers.

The ordinary devoted mother and her baby" the headline for today's MIND MATTERS - is the name of Winnicott's famous BBC radio talks. According to Winnicott, there are two things we must always remember about babies. First, the newborn is vulnerable, psychologically fragile. The baby does not understand itself or know where it is. It cannot know where the next feed will come from, or if it will come at all. It cannot communicate with itself or others. Baby is terrified. Second, everyone around the infant must adapt to the infant.

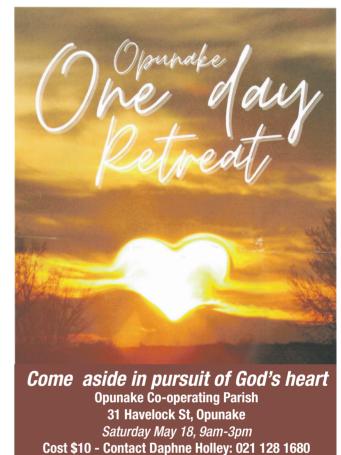
Today, most parents work hard to try to figure out what their child needs. There is violence and hate in a healthy infant. It is natural for the child to feel in danger and sometimes show violent rage. If the baby is in a rage and everyone around him remains calm and unconcerned, the baby feels comfort and support. Slowly, baby comes to realize that what he feels inside is not necessarily real. He learns tolerance. Selfcontrol develops.

Winnicott wanted us to be "good enough parents" not perfect parents. When the child grows a bit older, it begins to follow rules - how pleased the parents are, they are proud to have a "good" child. Winnicott worried "good" children about they are the children of parents who cannot tolerate "bad" behaviour. If parents demand compliance are always strict, their child may develop a "false self" (outwardly compliant and "good"). Unfortunately, this forces the child to suppress its natural instincts and inclinations. When you meet an adult who is not creative in any way and perhaps feels a little "dead inside," they sometimes turn out to be the children of very strict parents. Some adults project a "false front" and long to feel more genuine, confident and related. "Just be yourself" say their friends, which is exactly what they cannot be. They have to stay on guard, in case a parent or a teacher, a boss or a friend criticizes them.

Dr Benjamin Spock's ideas

on baby-care swept through Western countries, including Aotearoa. His book, "Baby Child Care" was published in 1946. He told mothers "you know more than you think you do" and thereby helped to boost their confidence. Spock was the first paediatrician to study psychoanalysis in an effort to understand children's needs and family dynamics. He encouraged parents to be more flexible and affectionate with their children and to treat them as individuals. This is often a challenge when your child becomes an adolescent.

Dr Robert Shaw Registered Psychotherapist opunake@mail.com



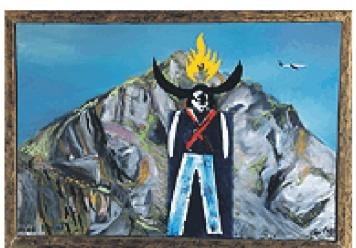
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Do have a look at the exhibition on the Virtual Tart website at www.tart.co.nz

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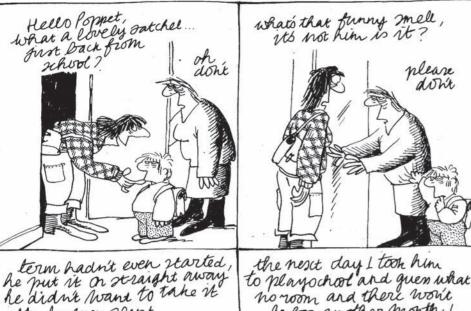
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What's On Listings

ONGOING

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

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

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: Teeoff between 4.30 & 6.30pm.

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth: Last Friday of the month at Little Theatyre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm.

AT THE CLUB HOTEL THIS WEEK:

Monday: Burger special \$15, Happy Hours 3pm- 6pm; Tuesday: Pork ribs \$20, Pool Tournament 7pm; Wednesday: Pizza night 2 for \$24, Poker night \$30 buy in; Thursday:

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NOW TO OCTOBER 13

Te Kitenga o Hina Exhibition: Puke Ariki Museum, New Plymouth MAY 8 TO JUNE 1

Taranaki: A Painter's Perspective Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham. **MAY 18**

Opunake One Day Retreat: Opunake Co-operating Parish, 9am-3pm. **Kiwiana Ball:** At the Warea Hall.

MAY 18 & 19 Hawera Genealogy Group's Pre-Winter Book Fair: Hawera Genealogy Building 48 Union St. Hawera, 9.30am - 4.30pm.

Taranaki 2 Ball Best Ball Golfing: At Kaitake Golf Club. See ad for details.

Grey Power South Taranaki General Meeting: Senior Citizens Hall, Hawera, 10am. **MAY 21**

Machinery Sale: Mid Kahui Rd, Rahotu. 11am. **MAY 26**

Pungarehu Community Society Inc. AGM: Pungarehu Community Hall, 11am.. Opunake Lions Club Pink Ribbon Afternoon Tea: 716 Watino Road, Opunake, 1.30pm.

Ngati Haupoto Marae AGM: Otutekura, Ngariki Rd, Rahotu. 11am. **JUNE 23**

135th Celebration. St Andrew Presbyterian Church: 10am.



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FOURTH RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the fourth instalment of rates for 2023/2024 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 29 May 2024.

FM Aitken **Chief Executive**

135[™] CELEBRATION

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

June 23, 2024

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General Meeting 20th May, 10am Senior Citizens Hall 81 Victoria St. Hawera Speaker: Jude Scorige From Diabetes Clinic Ngati Ruanui All Welcome



Auroa School

734 Auroa Road, RD 28, Auroa, 4678 office@auroa.school.nz

Applications for Out of Zone Pupils

Auroa School is a decile 8 full Primary School (includes year 7/8 students) located in South Taranaki. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board has determined that there will be 10 vacancies for year 1-8 for Term 3, 2024.

Applications can be made by applying in writing to the school by either post or email and by visiting the school office.

The deadline for applications is 3pm, Tuesday 4th June 2024.

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

Claire Gargan, Board of Trustees

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PUBLIC NOTICES

AGM

Ngati Haupoto 106 Marae Reservation (Pokimi) 10.00 am Saturday 8 June 2024

Otutekura (Waiwiri Homestead), Ngariki Road, Rahotu

AGENDA

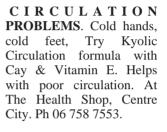
Opening Karakia **Apologies** Previous Minutes Chair's Report Financial Report Election of Trustees General Business

Pungarehu Community Society Incorporated AGM

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- Agenda: Election of officers
- Table yearly financial report

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