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National title for Girls Basketball team

The Opunake High School Girls have again won the National Secondary Schools Girls A Basketball title.

Opunake got off to a rocky start, dropping their opening match against Te Aroha College going down 67-59.

"We just weren't mentally ready to play. But credit to Te Aroha, they played well all tournament," Opunake coach Angelo Hill said.

After that loss, they had to win all their other pool games just to get a crossover match and set a goal of just focusing on the next game. They came up with game plans for each team and executed them to perfection. They targeted a key player on the opposing teams while the rest of the team played zone. The players who were responsible for guarding that one player did a great job in every game and while that won't show up in the statistics, they know how valuable that defensive effort was for the team's success.

The toughest game was against Stratford, as they had played Opunake so many times this season and had a way of playing well against them. The game was very close until the fourth quarter when Opunake started to pull away and get the win. After that game Iritana had to attend a NZ trial for her 7s rugby.

Next, the semi-final game against Kokiri. Opunake had to dig deep and were behind for most of the game, not getting the lead until the



Opunake High School 2017 National Small Schools Champions
OHS sports Co-Ordinator Sharon Quinnell, Manager Catherine Cook, Isabelle Cook, Olivia Bright, Hayley Quinnell, Alyscia Laing, Coach Angelo Hill.
Tenaeya Sutcliffe, Jessica Roach, Captain Simone Cook, Krysten Johnson, Iritana Hohaia

fourth quarter. This was a great team effort and everyone stepped up in one way or another to get through to the finals. Opunake showed a lot of heart and determination in the second half of the game. Kokiri played really well and once Sally fouled out for them it made our lives a lot easier. Getting several

of their players in foul trouble really played dividends for us in the last quarter.

The final game was going to be a very hard fought affair. Manakura had improved so much from the regionals and we knew we had to play well in order to repeat as champions.

With Manakura locking

down sharpshooter Simone Cook, the bulk of the scoring fell to point guard Iritana Hohaia and forward Isabelle Cook, as Opunake claimed a 58-56 win.

"Isabelle and Iritana really stepped up and without them we wouldn't have won. Isabelle played the whole fourth quarter with four fouls and managed not to pick up that last one," Angelo said." The

leadership of our big three Simone, Iritana and Isabelle was outstanding. It shows what leadership can do for a team.

"Everyone played well in the tournament. They accepted their roles and we got great production from the starters and the bench."

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Letters to the Editor

Cancer a challenge to new government

Cancer touches all New Zealanders in some way and the number of cancer diagnoses is on the rise, with one in three of us likely to be diagnosed in our lifetime. Giving hope in the fight to beat cancer new immunotherapy medicines are emerging with better survival data than we’ve seen before. Yet, because of New Zealand’s strict system for funding, many of these essential new medicines are not currently available to all who need them.

As New Zealanders, we should be challenging the new Government to ensure cancer is seen as a priority, not only in terms of faster access to specialists and treatment; but also faster access to the most effective medicines. Patients may be getting diagnosed more quickly, but in many

cases they are being given treatments which have been superseded in most other countries.

Medsafe is one of the best agencies in the world at registering new medicines. Medsafe’s appraisal and approval timelines are consistent with other global regulators such as the European and Australian agencies.

However, New Zealand is the only OECD country with a capped pharmaceutical budget and while PHARMAC does its best within the existing budget, the trade-off is lack of access to new medicines. A study by Professor Frank Lichtenberg noted that between 2006 and 2010 about 12 per cent of deaths from cancer within five years from diagnosis would have been avoided if cancer survival in New Zealand was the same as Australia.

Every new tumour type must go through the same time consuming application, committee review, potential re-application, ranking and

negotiation process. This leads to long delays and no guarantee of eventual funding. Currently, the average wait time for PHARMAC funding is over three years.

Things are very different overseas, for example in Germany medicines are funded immediately upon registration followed by a formal reimbursement process that is concluded within one year. Other countries in Europe have recognised immunotherapies’ significant potential to treat multiple cancers and have taken specific steps to ensure timely access for their citizens.

Closer to home, the Australian Health Minister Greg Hunt announced recently that he had asked the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (Australia’s PHARMAC equivalent) to “find a way” to assess cancer medicines that treat multiple tumours, to help ensure timely patient access.

During the election campaign the New Zealand First Party included a policy to conduct a review of the efficiency and efficacy of PHARMAC’s operations and of the adequacy of pharmaceutical funding. The Labour Party pledged to immediately begin work on an early access to medicines scheme that will give patients access to innovative life-saving new medicines. The National Party has increased the funding to PHARMAC over its term in government. It appears that all parties have in some way recognised that there is work to be done to improve access to medicines. A boost to the PHARMAC budget of just \$40 per person and the introduction of a mechanism for rapid access to breakthrough new medicines would mean we truly would have a world class system for medicines funding in New Zealand.

Paul Smith, Merck Sharp & Dohme (New Zealand) Limited NZ Director

EDITORIAL

Winston’s call

When all is said and done the General Election was close – although it didn’t seem so on Election Night. National ended up with 44.4% - just 1.2% ahead of the Labour/Greens bloc (36.9% and 6.3% respectively). By the time this newspaper comes out we’ll know which way Mr Peters has gone. In the past he has sided with the party with the most votes, to form a coalition government (One a National-led coalition and one a Labour-led coalition). Time will tell.

The biggest swing was to Labour, but it needed to be given their recent dismal electoral record. Now, for the first time in ages, they are within 10% of National.

Jacinda Adern’s leadership has had a definite impact.

The biggest losers are the Green Party and the Maori Party. The fall-out from Ms Turei’s admission have cost them dearly – 50% of their electoral support.

The Maori Party are gone from Parliament. Their own analysis seem to miss the main reason for this fall from electoral favour - that they were seen (by their voters) as increasingly too close to National. In effect, a wing of the National Party, with their voting record reportedly around 90% in accordance with National’s. Will they make a comeback? Time will tell and their new leader, when chosen, will be important.

More Opunake & Coastal News out there

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Note to readers and contributors

When people leave messages on the answerphone could they kindly repeat their name and also their phone number or else speak very clearly and slowly.

We quite often can’t hear phone numbers in particular.

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Readers take note!
Many thanks.

Editor



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Adelphos

We all know that sometimes bad things happen to good people and we wonder why. Why all the senseless terrorist killing of innocent men, women and children around the world? Global warming and the increasing subsequent floods and hurricanes like Harvey and Irma are wreaking devastation and loss of life all over planet earth. No wonder the Tshirt “Shit Happens” is still popular. Yet some people are able to turn such organic matter into emotional compost and

Coming out the other end

grow in resiliency so that they come out the other end of the losses and tragedies that all of us will eventually experience in this life. It’s not denying the loss or grief. It’s just learning how to live in life’s new landscape. Sometimes coming out the other end is a matter of confidence in our ability to recover. That self-confidence is a quality you can develop and use if it is worked at for long before the inevitable losses that each of us will eventually experience. It’s hard though if others have

beaten that confidence out of us while we were young. Sometimes our friends or our community can rally around us with emotional support/practical help. Or we can turn to our God in faith and hope: the God who created and loves each one us. This kind of faith has been defined as “... being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we cannot see”(Heb. 11:1). Whether it’s developing self-confidence or having friendships and mates or trusting in God in faith

and hope to see us through, it has to be worked on and nurtured so that we have those supports when we really need it. It’s no use practicing a lifeboat drill for the first time in the middle of a storm. Wasn’t it great to see how Kiwis, the government and the New Zealand Navy supported Kaikoura after the earthquake? I guess the best way to come out the other end is to roll up our sleeves and say, “let’s do this together.” Kiwis are good at that, eh?

Adelphos

Mt Taranaki in one of top NIWA photos

A 2am photo of Mt Taranaki at 2am is among the runners up in a competition organised by NIWA every year of photos taken by its scientists in the field. Winter came for Mt Taranaki was taken by Ayushi Kachhara.

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RIGHT:
A starlit mountain.

Bryan fondly farewelled by surfers



Bryan Wallbutton.



Fellow surfers farewell their mate.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (September 29) Bryan Wallbutton passed away after collapsing while at work in Opunake. Bryan (62) had made Opunake his home after shifting here from Auckland 16 years ago. In that time he had become a much liked and respected member of the community

he called home, as shown by the number of surfers and kneelo riders who headed out to sea to

scatter his ashes beyond the breakers in the bay that he loved.

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Remembering a good man

This past week has seen the passing of a very good New Zealander. We so often look back at the contributions of older New Zealanders but every so often a relatively young man of 65 comes to the fore.

I refer to the passing of Mike

Horgan who may well be unheard of by many younger folk in our area.

Mike was born and bred in Te Kiri and made a very big contribution to our local area before moving down to the South Island as one of the pioneers converting sheep



CLEM COXHEAD

country into dairy.

Like so many local folk who do a lot for a community they are not often appreciated at the time and it is not until they move on or sadly pass away that we look back to recognise what they have done.

I had the privilege of growing up with Mike in Te Kiri. He was full on and always striving for more. I remember him running the hockey training. He would set a target of 100 push ups and more often than not increase it to 110 half way through. We would often go for runs after milking and meet up on one of the roads to talk about Ford cars, mainly as the tractor topic

was tricky as he and the Ardern boys liked Fergies and we liked Fordsons. Later on he saw the merit in John Deere and Shane Ardern went with Fords. Neville on the other hand stuck with Fergies. Eric moved to John Deere if I remember correctly.

One evening we met up outside the Horgan family home as the sun was going down. The conversation turned to his meeting a young lady called Maree. He had seen her at church no doubt for years, but now she was to be his future. I recall looking at him and realising that these two people together were going to play a big role in not only a future family, but would have a positive role in any community they chose to live.

This has proved to be correct. Mike and Maree have really made a mark during their married life from Mike being a member of the Rabo Bank master class in 2014 in Australia where they discussed how we plan to feed

7 billion people in 2050, to being nominated as New Zealander of the year.

The thing I remember most is the young man who longed for a big family. We always think it is nice when women speak fondly and proudly of their partners and children but it is really really nice to hear men express those feelings about their wives and children. Thank you Mike for sharing those feelings with me in days gone by, as it was always an inspiration.

I guess we can all learn from life's experiences but it depends on what we do in practical terms with the lesson. We are presently working on long term plans at council which is more than setting rates. Where are we at as South Taranaki District council now and what will be our community in the next ten years? We do know that many baby boomers will pass on and yet many of us could live past 100. However the major thoughts should be with the youngsters aged around ten

at present. In five years time they will be deciding to move on to study or stay and find work or hopefully apprenticeships.

It is not only time for us to ensure a strong future for them to stay, but also their parents who may find that without children around our area doesn't hold the same appeal.

The other issue is to create ownership for young people to know how important it is for them to vote and participate in the decisions that affect us all. Sadly we no longer have organisations such as Jaycees (training young people to be leaders of the future through voluntary work).

Maybe it is time for some people like me to set up such a group in our area to not only do great community things but to learn the skills of leadership to ensure we always move forward and care about each other.

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Community Board by-election underway

Voting packs for the Hawera - Normanby Subdivision of the Hawera-Tangahoe Community Board by-election are being delivered by post to electors. A by-election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the recent passing of Craig Hornby.

Candidates standing for the one vacancy are Raymond Buckland, Dee Cleaver and Roydon Collingwood.

Voting documents can be returned by post or hand

delivered to the South Taranaki District Council's Administration Building, 105-111 Albion St, Hawera between October 11 and November 2. during normal office hours, and on Friday November 3 until noon.

Voting will close at noon, Friday November 3.

A person can apply to enrol as either a residential or ratepayer elector up to and including Thursday November 2 – the day before the close of voting.



Craig Hornby who sadly passed away recently.

Manaia WI

The Manaia Women's Institute held their October meeting on Tuesday October 3.

Members reported on recent events they had attended, the Regional Day at Bushy Park Wanganui and the Co-ord lunch at Touchpoint, Eltham.

In September members had met to make up toiletry packs to be handed to patients who had been suddenly admitted to Hawera Hospital without

personal items.

Our speaker was Katherine Pollard – South Taranaki District Council tenancy support officer who spoke about her work with pensioner housing in the district.

The competition results were: Shrub. 1. Joy Brogden.

2. Phyllis Malcolm. 3. Ann Chisnall. Any other Stem. 1. Joy Brogden. 2. Phyllis Malcolm. 3. Daphne Ashley.

Handcraft – Pot Plant. 1. Phyllis Malcolm. 2. Joy Brogden. The wondering coin was won by Phyllis Malcolm

On this month in history Mohandas Gandhi was born

On October 2, 1869 Mohandas Gandhi was born in Porbandar, India - he is generally referred to as Mahatma Gandhi. He was trained as a lawyer. He made his name working in South Africa for the rights of people discriminated against because of their ethnic origins.

Later, he worked for the rights of Indians, including the right to run their country free of their British rulers. He was imprisoned many times. His methods of protest were always peaceful.

He was eventually assassinated.

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On this month in history

Germany united

On October 3, 1990 two countries united to become the Federal Republic of Germany. Germany had been divided into two countries since 1949, the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) and the German Democratic Republic (Communist East Germany).

Berlin had been divided into four zones American, British, French and Soviet. The demarcation line was formalised between the West and East in 1949 and a wall built (under orders from Russian leader Khrushchev). Many people were shot dead by East German guards for the 'crime' of fleeing to the West Berlin side.

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Community space idea on hold for now

The idea of having a town centre at the intersections of Napier and Tasman Streets appears to have been given the cold shoulder.

The proposal to close off a section of Napier Street and convert it to an open space suitable for market days, outdoor dining and public and social events had been mooted at the Gap Filler Workshop which the Egmont Plains Community Board hosted on February 24.

There were positive comments when the board met on March 8 and it was suggested the plan could possibly be trialled in summer with the area being closed off every weekend.

Since then South Taranaki District Council roading manager Vincent Lim, community development advisor Glenn Hansen and community board deputy chairman



There appears to have been little enthusiasm for plans to trial a town centre at the intersection of Napier and Tasman Streets.

Andy Whitehead had met to discuss the idea.

To close the road off every

weekend would mean having to have a separate traffic management plan each time

the road was closed off, Glenn told the community board at their October meeting. There

would have to be a six week notification every time the street was closed.

“It’s a great idea but costing traffic management plans can be tremendously expensive,” he said. “It’s better to investigate what parts of Opunake might be more available for a town centre.”

There did not appear to be support from nearby businesses for closing off Napier Street and community groups had not been able to commit to holding events there at that time.

Andy Whitehead said he was disappointed the Napier Street idea had been turned down but knew that for this to work it would have to be community driven.

“We will keep looking. It’s only a matter of time before we can get a community space,” he said. “Look at CoastalCare, it’s been a great success. From an old building, they have made something new.”

On this month in history Keri Hulme wins the Booker Prize

On October 31, 1985 Keri Hulme won the top British literary prize the Booker Prize, the first New Zealander to do so. Her winning book was ‘The Bone People’, which was published by Hodder and Stoughton.

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Status quo not an option

The next local body elections in South Taranaki could be quite different from the last even if there’s little change in candidates or issues at stake.

Every six years the South Taranaki District Council is required by law to review the way it carries out its elections. This means looking at such matters as community boards, ward boundaries, whether there are even wards at all and how our representatives are elected.

Coral Hair and Gordon Campbell from the South

Taranaki District Council were at the Egmont Plains Community Board’s October meeting to talk about some of the issues which may be involved in the review. In determining ward boundaries factors to be considered included communities of interest, iwi boundaries, and making sure councillors represented a similar number of electors give or take a margin of 10 per cent.

Population changes in the last six years had meant that the 10 per cent margin could no longer be maintained with

the ward’s existing boundaries Gordon told the board.

“The status quo is not an option,” he said. “We can’t stay with what we’ve got. We’d have trouble going to the Local Government Commission and arguing for it.”

It would still be possible to tweak the existing boundaries by extending the Patea boundary northwards, but that could create new problems by taking in areas whose community of interest were closer to Hawera than they were to Patea.

A number of options had

been suggested which the review had been working their way through. These ranged from having multiple wards to having one super ward, or having one based around Hawera-Manaia and the other covering the rest of the district.

At present the Egmont Plains Community Board takes in the Egmont Plains Ward, but were the ward to be broken up, the Community Board could still end up covering the same area as before.

Community Board chairman Craig Dingle said the

review may ask if the Egmont Plains name was outdated and something new could be considered. Gordon said this would be exactly the time to do this.

Ngaruahine to host biennial event

The population of Manaia is set to treble over Labour weekend. This year Ngaruahine Iwi which covers Manaia and surrounding areas will be hosting the Taranaki Tu Mai 2017 event. First held in 2009 this is a biennial event

bringing together the eight iwi of Taranaki.

Starting on October 20 and finishing on October 22, the event will be based at the Manaia Sports Complex with

14 sporting/activity events for everyone aged 2-80. The weekend is alcohol-free and smoke-free and also includes debating competitions, an educational seminar and a full

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Contrary to common belief I haven't left Okato but have spent the best part of two months relieving in New Plymouth due to staff shortages there but have been back on deck as of mid-September. Have to say it is good being back in the community and it is eye opening how busy the boys and girls in New Plymouth get from time to time.

Calf and Lamb Day is nearly upon us for most schools and I hope that all of the school students are prepping their animals for the big day coming up. This leads me to talk about the security of these animals. While it hasn't happened in our area (touch wood), I am aware of school lambs being stolen from other parts of Taranaki and further afield from time to time. This is usually due to the friendly nature of the animals and the fact that they are kept in road paddocks and easy access to nasty thieves. They don't care that they are pets, they only care that they can get their hands on some free meat. Be vigilant and try and keep your pet lambs away from roadside paddocks if you can.

The amount of bad weather we have had over the last few months has certainly been astonishing and while we haven't been free from accidents we certainly haven't



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had an increase which I would just about expect for the period of bad weather. So you guys as drivers have to take a lot of credit for that. It would appear that the majority of us have been modifying our driving to suit the conditions which has been pleasing. Don't rest on your laurels though as we aren't out of the woods yet and the approach of Christmas usually brings alcohol into the equation, but I must give credit where credit is due, so keep up the good work.

The slow vehicle lane between Okato and Oakura is still causing grief and confusion so I will reiterate what I mentioned in here when it was first put in.

1 You do not have to go into the left hand lane as a matter of course, it is not a passing lane.

2 If you do go into this lane it is because you are holding traffic up due to you travelling below the speed limit and there is a line of cars behind you (usually reserved for trucks, buses, Cars with

trailers etc...)Hint....It is in the title – Slow Vehicle Lane
3 It is not the responsibility of the car in the right hand lane to have to speed up to pass you if you move into this lane, it is your responsibility to slow right down (e.g.30 kms/hr) to allow all the cars to pass you

I hope that this clears any confusion up, feel free to ring me if there are any questions around this. I just recently spent a weekend in Tauranga and on State Highway 29 there are numerous slow vehicle lanes and from what I saw they were used properly by the motorists up there and it worked well and helped with the traffic flow.

Just before the school holi-

days the students at Coastal Taranaki School as part of the SADD (Students against Drunk Driving) programme simulated a crash on Carthew Street. This involved the participation of our local and New Plymouth Fire Brigade, Police and our local Ambulance First Responder. The students adopted Students Against Distracted Driving instead of Drunk Driving and focused on our young drivers and the distractions they face while driving and also the merits and rules around our graduated driving programme. It was refreshing to see the senior students take the lead on this issue and really understand why we have Learner and Restricted

Class of licences. I think that they could teach a lot of our adults about this issue as a lot of us are still driving on our graduated licences when we shouldn't be.

On the subject of irresponsible drivers, on Monday night (October 2) some clown in a light coloured Nissan Skyline did a burn out on the corner of Curtis and Oxford Road. They must have got a hell of a fright to see me running out of my office and hopping into my Police Car as they sped off at a ridiculous speed. This driver put a lot of road users at risk with their driving while they fled from Police to try and avoid being pulled over. Due to the speed they were going and the risk

to the public Police made the decision to stop chasing them. I would be interested if anyone saw this vehicle and can give me some sort of description as I would dearly love to have a wee chat with this person and introduce them to our local tow truck driver and car wreckers.

Good to see Taranaki claiming the Ranfurly Shield over the weekend and by the time this is published we will hopefully have it tucked away for the rest of the year and the focus will be on claiming our second championship.

Have a good week

Rhys

Rhys Connell

Constable RCZ519

Okato

Community mourns

RIGHT:
A woman stands in remembrance after laying flowers at the corner of Miro and Rata Streets in Inglewood where an 8-year-old cyclist died recently.

Seconds earlier, the little girl had been cycling home from school on the footpath when she was hit by a truck turning out of Miro Street.

The accident happened on Wednesday September 27.

Shortly after a young man also laid a bouquet of flowers at the site.



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OPUNAKE FIRE SERVICE

Our globetrotting fire fighters do it again

Opunake's two globe-trotting fire-fighting ambassadors, Jana and Jozien, were in the air again heading for two more tower climbs. The first, on September 2 was in Melbourne where they scaled a 48 storey building to raise money for the "Post Trauma Stress Disorder" Foundation. From there they travelled to New Orleans and climbed a 110 storey tower on September 9. This climb was to commemorate the Twin Towers tragedy and the other incidents that happened on 9/11. During the climb, there were seven "moments of silence" where the entire event came to a stand-still to show their respect for the people who lost their lives. These stops were at the precise times when the various incidents took place on that fateful day. By that I mean when the first plane hit tower 1, the second plane hitting tower 2, the first tower toppling and so on.



Our two globe-trotting ambassadors, Jack and Ike Van der Sar's grand-daughters, Jana and Jozien have recently returned from climbs in Melbourne and New Orleans.

After the climbs, the girls parted company and headed in different directions. Jozien, along with her husband and a few other climbers travelled to Port Neches, about an hour and a half out of Houston to help with the clean-up after the hurricanes went through. The town's folk were extremely grateful for the assistance and support that was given by the crew. Out of this wonderful gesture of kindness the clean-up team had shown, they came away with a great deal of satisfaction, as well as

life-long friendships.

On Jana's journey back to New Zealand, an announcement came over the Air Hawaiian plane intercom asking for someone with a medical background to help out with an incident on board. After the message was repeated, Jana went forward and helped with a situation involving an elderly gentleman who was having a heart attack. With limited equipment and her fire service first aid training, she managed to stabilise him until they were met by

paramedics at the Auckland airport. Well done Jana. When it came time for Jana to go through the airport declaration area, a customs dog with a very sensitive nose, sniffed out a banana that Jana had put in her fire-fighting pants pocket after the New Orleans climb and had forgotten about. The dog found the squashed, rotten banana and received a treat for doing so. Jana received a \$400 fine for not declaring it. She was soon over the moon because word got to the customs booth re-

garding her life saving work on board the plane. The fine was waived and another very successful journey was over. Our helmets come off to you Jana and Jozien for the marvellous effort you both put in, and the fundraising you do for the various causes you climb for. The Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade is fast becoming world renowned through your unselfish deeds.

This column has often mentioned how good our first aid training is and our willingness to help out our

locals should the St John Ambulance be tied up on another call. This column has also mentioned how a lot of the skills and knowledge we are taught are so useful in everyday life. So if anyone is thinking about joining the Opunake or Rahuu fire brigade and you have a desire to find out more about becoming a volunteer, give the station a call, or rock up, on Monday evenings from 7 onwards. If you live in the Kaponga area, nip along at the same time to their practice on Tuesdays.

We were out of bed in the early hours of Wednesday 27th when the siren sounded at 2:00 am. Two vehicles had crashed into each other on the main street outside the Surf Inn but by the time we got there, they had both disappeared. I take it that neither of them wanted to talk to us or the boys in blue, who were also called, so they high tailed it.

We had another early call out on Sunday October 1 when we were out of bed at 4:45 in the morning, to answer a private fire alarm (PFA) at the Club Hotel. Two fire appliances responded to find a sprinkler inside a walk-in chiller in the kitchen had sprung a leak and sprayed water about. We got to work with a couple of brooms and squeegees and were soon heading home. These early call outs are sure having an effect on Gordy's beauty sleep.

I thought Sunday was supposed to be a day of rest. Apparently not because we were sent out on our second call on October 1 when the sole Opunake St John ambulance officer arrived at an Opua Road address and realised that he needed an extra pair of hands...to drive the ambulance. He determined that the patient would require a good deal of attention for the journey ahead so we were called to help out. One of our very capable fire-fighting ladies volunteered to jump in the driver's seat and aim the ambulance in the direction of the New Plymouth Base Hospital. The rest of us went back home again in time to watch another very depressing weather forecast on the telly.

Our next call came in exactly a week after the last one. Someone smelt burning rubber coming from a garage on Tennyson Street on the afternoon of Sunday 8th. That afternoon just happened to coincide with a famous car race at Bathurst and someone had decided to do a burn out in the shed to celebrate. What can you do or say? So it was back in the trucks and home again to watch the remainder of the race.

Don't forget the Safety Day Expo at Sandford's Event Centre on Saturday 14th from 10 until 2.

The Pulpy Plantain

New face at Wild for Taranaki

Wild for Taranaki, the region's biodiversity umbrella group, has entered a new era with the appointment of an Operations Manager to guide the roll-out of its first major initiative.

Taranaki-born Kirstin Foley, who has a strong business background, is settling into the new role and preparing for the launch of Restore Taranaki, an ambitious multi-pronged programme building on its members' work to ensure the region's native plants and wildlife can thrive. Kirstin says she's excited to be taking on the challenge. "Taranaki's unique biodiversity and culture have always been special to me, and I'm looking forward to working with our members and the community to restore the region's plants and wildlife."

Wild for Taranaki Trust Chairman Mike Weren has welcomed Kirstin's appointment, calling it a milestone for the organisation. "We see the Restore Taranaki initiative as vital, and Kirstin has the experience



Wild for Taranaki operations manager Kirstin Foley and trust chairman Mike Weren.

and expertise to tie it all together."

Kirstin has a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Political Science, Bachelor of Commerce and Administration, majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Accounting.

She began her career with Landrigan Waite (now BDO New Zealand) in Taranaki. She has also worked for KPMG in Hamilton, spent

time working in various financial and management roles overseas and prior to this appointment was part of the team at Staples Rodway in New Plymouth.

Wild for Taranaki is an alliance of more than 40 agencies and organisations involved in biodiversity protection and enhancement in the region. The Taranaki Regional Council is a core funder as part of its work to support livelihoods and

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New Zealand General Election official results

The Electoral Commission has declared the official results for the 2017 General Election.

The number of seats in Parliament will be 120.

The National Party has 56 seats compared with 58 on election night.

The Labour Party has 46 seats compared with 45 on election night.

The Green Party has 8 seats compared with 7 on election night.

There are no changes to the number of seats held by New Zealand First and ACT New Zealand which remain at 9 and 1 respectively.

All electorate candidates leading on election night have been confirmed as winning their seats.

The total number of votes cast is 2,630,173. 47% of votes were cast in advance.

The turnout as a percentage of enrolled electors is 79.8% (2014 – 77.9%). This is the highest turnout since 2005 (80.9%).

The final enrolment rate is 92.4% (2014 – 92.6%).

Details of the official results are available from www.electionresults.govt.nz (from 2.00pm).

Background

The official results for the

General Election held on 23 September 2017 have been determined in accordance with the requirements of the electoral legislation.

The scrutiny of the rolls has been completed and the master roll for each electorate has been prepared. All votes counted on election

night have been recounted and balanced and special votes have been checked for eligibility before being counted. This has been done in the presence of Justices of the Peace and any scrutineers appointed by candidates. Comprehensive audit checks have also been completed at

the national level to ensure the results are accurate.

The results are subject to any applications for judicial recounts.

The results are calculated using the Sainte-Lagué formula.

Successful Candidates (electorate and list)

Detailed results for each electorate are available from www.electionresults.govt.nz.

Turnout and Special Votes
The number of voters as a percentage of enrolled voters was 79.8%.

Special votes cast totalled 446,287 or 17% of total

votes cast. That includes 61,524 overseas votes.

Declaration and Judicial Recounts

The official results were declared by Gazette Notice today. Any applications for a judicial recount must be filed with a District Court no later than Wednesday 11 October 2017.

Next Steps for the Parliamentary Election

If there have been no applications for recounts, on Thursday 12 October 2017 the Electoral Commission will return the writ to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, allocate list seats in the presence of party scrutineers and declare by Gazette Notice the election of list members of Parliament.

If there are applications for judicial recounts the return of the writ and the election of list members will be delayed until any recounts are complete.

Detailed information including allocation of list seats, voting place information and special vote statistics, is expected to be available, subject to recounts, by Friday 20 October 2017 at www.electionresults.org.nz

Overall Results – 2017 General Election

	Total votes cast 2,630,173*				
	Party Votes	% of Votes	Electorate Seats	List Seats	Total seats
National Party	1,152,075	44.4	41	15	56
Labour Party	956,184	36.9	29	17	46
New Zealand First Party	186,706	7.2	-	9	9
Green Party	162,443	6.3	-	8	8
ACT New Zealand	13,075	0.5	1	-	1
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	63,261	2.4	-	-	-
Māori Party	30,580	1.2	-	-	-
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	8,075	0.3	-	-	-
Conservative	6,253	0.2	-	-	-
MANA	3,642	0.1	-	-	-
Ban1080	3,005	0.1	-	-	-
New Zealand People's Party	1,890	0.1	-	-	-
United Future	1,782	0.1	-	-	-
NZ Outdoors Party	1,620	0.1	-	-	-
Democrats for Social Credit	806	0.0	-	-	-
Internet Party	499	0.0	-	-	-
Total	2,591,896		71	49	120

Mandolin a versatile stringed instrument

The mandolin has made its way into every corner of the music spectrum, even here in Opunake. It's played in a variety of music around the world, from bluegrass to jazz, classical to rock. Commonly four metal strings doubled (eight strings), plucked with a plectrum in a tremolo style, and a relatively easy instrument to learn. The mandolin is a relatively

unexplored musical instrument when compared to other instruments like the guitar, the piano, and the violin. That being said, the mandolin is growing in popularity, and is becoming more accepted in a variety of musical genres.

At the last Tuesday evening music workshop we were joined by a travelling mandolin player who has previously played



A travelling mandolin player

continental music. This is looking for a suitable artistic and musical soul house to buy, or a section a permanent home. Is it Opunake?

Perhaps you'll get to experience not only the mandolin, but the friendly atmosphere when you visit us at the next Opunake Music Workshop meeting at 7:30pm, Tuesday October 17th at CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake (opposite Opunake & Coastal News). Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust. All musicians, singers, dancers and other talents are welcome.
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Spotted when driving around the Mountain last week

It's not smart to tough it out on your own

It's Mental Health Week and the theme is "Nature is Key - Unlock Your Wellbeing". The idea is to escaping stressful or 'same old rut' work and home environments to eat your lunch in a park or at the beach, to take the family for a weekend bush walk, etc. It can lift spirits, put you back in touch with Nature, and get you thinking about your health, your priorities - and whether you may need to reach out for help or advice. Federated Farmers President Katie Milne welcomes the focus on mental health and talking through issues and feelings with others. "Our great outdoors can also be a wonderful tonic." But for rural folk, Mother Nature can also be a source of considerable stress. Storms, floods, ailing livestock, droughts, etc., can ratchet up financial woes, relationship strains and the feeling 'it's all too much'. "We revel in our lifestyle in rural New Zealand - its beauty, and our role putting top quality food on family tables here and around the world. But if you let it, farming can be a lonely job too," Katie said. "The real message of Mental Health Week is that if the stress is getting too much, it's not smart to tough it out

on your own. Talk to your partner, a friend, a neighbour or reach out to one of the professional and confidential help agencies." Figures released recently by Chief Coroner Judge Deborah Marshall show (provisional statistics) 606 Kiwis took their own life in 2016/17, up from 579 the year before. Men are dying by a suicide at a rate of three men to one woman. Other research shows the suicide rate in New Zealand's rural sector was 20-50 per cent higher than in urban areas. The Mental Health Foundation, sourcing Ministry of Health data, reports that mental disorders are the third-leading cause of health loss for New Zealanders (11.1% of all health loss), behind cancers (17.5%) and vascular and blood disorders (17.5%). "For something so common among us, it's a huge shame that talking about mental wellbeing is still regarded as a bit taboo, or somehow weak. We've got to get rid of that sort of nonsense attitude," Katie said. "We can't solve every challenge by ourselves. Your loved ones will feel devastated if you never gave them the chance to understand how you were

really feeling." Katie, who is on the Council of Rural Health Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand, also has a message for the incoming Government: "It's past time the inequalities of access to health services for the 600,000 people living in rural New Zealand were addressed." - There is a wealth of useful information at www.mentalhealth.org.nz, <http://farmstrong.co.nz/> and at <https://depression.org.nz/> Lifeline - 0800 543 354 or (09) 522 2999, - Youthline - 0800 376 633, - Samaritans - 0800 726 666.

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The next issue of the Opunake and Coastal News comes out on October 27.

People speak to submissions at EPA Shell hearing

Shell Taranaki Ltd. (formerly STOS) has applied to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for consents to use a jack-up rig for drilling at the Maui gas field and to discharge harmful chemicals at sea.

At the public hearings in New Plymouth, Climate Justice Taranaki, Te Korowai O Ngāruahine Trust and several other submitters asked that the applications be declined.

“South Taranaki Bight is a global diversity hotspot for marine mammals, one of the two richest such places on earth. As a party to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UN-CBD), New Zealand has a clear international obligation to protect these species. Yet we are not treating the area with the respect it deserves, more like a sacrificial zone,” added Dr Lyndon DeVantier, marine scientist and member of Climate Justice Taranaki.

There are at least seven threatened marine mammal species in South Taranaki Bight, six of which are endangered, including the Maui dolphin and blue whales. These are increasingly impacted by a wide array of human activities there, from fishing to maritime traffic, oil and gas seismic surveys, drilling and waste discharge. Almost the entire Bight is already under mining, exploration and prospecting permits for petroleum and minerals, and now EPA has also decided to allow seabed mining.

“All this is on top of the rapid changes to the ecosystem being driven by climate



Opunake’s Dave Auld (pictured) comments, “We are now under full spectrum attack from the Government. The ocean, which not only serves as a rubbish tip, is now becoming part of a mining operation and it will be destroyed unless these people think in terms other than money.”

change, causing increasing sea temperatures, ocean acidification and related impacts on productivity. The science tells us that these will all get worse in coming decades, not better, and any additional impacts, including from what Shell proposes, could push these already threatened species over the edge. It certainly won’t help them to recover, which is what we are supposed to be doing,” Dr DeVantier continued.

“Shell has not done any proper assessment of the cumulative effects on the environment and viability of threatened species, should the proposals get approved. Shell’s analysis has been far too narrow. It is naïve to say that the impacts will be temporary and localised, the

harmful discharges will be rapidly dispersed and diluted to effectively become harmless. And if there are any permanent impacts, they will only be so small compared to the entire area of similar depths or habitats in the region, that they will be negligible and of no consequence. The natural world is far more complicated than that. It is full of unexpected consequences. Reputable scientists would always recognise their lack of knowledge and data, and err on the side of caution,” said Catherine Cheung, researcher of Climate Justice Taranaki.

Submitter Emily Bailey

made the point, “when we’re looking at the ecological significance and sensitive area, we often only look at European history. Or not even that, we look at 20 years of history. But if we go back to how the environment was in a stable situation, we’re looking at 83% biomass loss. It’s massive. This is a very sensitive area that’s already under great pressures.”

“So every time we have applications like Trans-Tasman Resources, like the Māui operation, it carves out pieces of our environment that can be used for our economic benefit. It impacts on the surrounding areas, and it

doesn’t do that on a case-by-case basis. It does it on a cumulative basis. That impact is felt in the homes of our whanau and our communities and it restricts our ability to exercise what are the rights given or recognised under Te Tiriti,” said Ms Cassandra Cowley of Te Korowai O Ngāruahine Trust. Submitter Urs Signer stressed, “there are principles, there is a Treaty that guarantees rights to those taonga, and I submit that the atmosphere is such a taonga and we need to stop interfering with the carbon cycle in the way that we are doing, by cutting down forests, by extracting fossil fuels, by turning fossil fuels into fertilisers that then grow grass, that then feed cows, that then emit, again, methane to the atmosphere. It has got to stop and it has got to stop now.”

“We are at the tipping point of a major climate catastrophe, yet the EEZ Act and the RMA do not allow the consideration of climate change in decision making. This is absurd,” said Catherine Cheung.

Not only that, the EEZ Act explicitly requires that ‘the economic benefit’ of allowing the application must be considered. Yet economic analyses on the fossil fuel industry have never been done fairly, as they ignore the substantial government subsidies and economic incentives offered to companies, already amounting to some

\$80 million a year, and not including an estimated \$800 million for oil companies to decommission their aging offshore rigs and structure. They also fail to account for the environmental costs.

“Two months ago, MBIE put out a call for tender for technical service, to assess the integrity and risks of onshore wells, as there are no plugging and abandonment records for some of these wells. Who will pay for such risk assessments and remediation? Proper decommissioning is obviously critical, and will be more difficult and costly offshore. Shell should be saving up for the full cost of decommissioning now, rather than making taxpayers pay. Major businesses like super funds and banks are ditching their carbon-intensive investments. Union organisers are calling for a just transition to protect workers’ jobs and livelihoods when economies are shifting to sustainable production,” continued Catherine Cheung.

Dr Will Edwards of Te Korowai O Ngāruahine Trust referred to the Taranaki Regional Economic Development Strategy, “Within that strategy, there are a number work areas or threads. One of them is called Energy Futures and it’s no secret that one of the main focuses of that is a post-carbon economy. That, I contend, is in line with where our region needs to go.”

Pharmacies charge up to twice as much as others for antihistamines

Allergy sufferers can slash their antihistamine bill in half by shopping around, a Consumer NZ investigation has found. While one Christchurch pharmacy sold a 90-pack of Razene (the antihistamine cetirizine) for \$66.90, across town another pharmacy charged just \$37.99. A Wellington pharmacy charged its customers \$30 for Razene 90s. “We were surprised to see such extreme differences in price for the same product, sometimes at outlets belonging to the same chain. This demonstrates how impor-

tant it is for consumers buying antihistamines to shop around,” Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin says. As allergy season approached, Consumer NZ compared prices at 30 pharmacies in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch for seven commonly stocked antihistamine products. Of the seven, four were “generics”, with the same active ingredient and effect on the body as big name brands, such as Claratyne (loratadine), Telfast (fexofenadine) and Zyrtec (cetirizine). Across all 30 pharmacies, the cheapest packet of 30

pills of Telfast 180mg was \$44.99. The most expensive was \$22 more (\$66.99). There was a similar price variation for Claratyne 30s – the lowest-priced packet in the survey cost \$23.50 and the highest-priced \$44.90. “We found the cheapest price

for five of our seven surveyed products were offered by an online-only pharmacy, even after delivery fees were factored in. Buying online is a good way to cut the cost of your antihistamine bill,” Ms Chetwin says.

On this month in history United Nations established

On October 24, 1945 the United Nations officially came into being when its Charter was ratified by signatories including China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States. The Charter principles pledged to uphold the preservation of peace,

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‘DeLady’ - gig great success

In our last issue we advertised the live music with ‘DeLady’ in the Club Hotel. And, we can say, it was a great success.

“More than 300 people came,” beams Rahul Tyagi, proud new owner of the Club Hotel in Opunake, “Everybody had a great time, people were dancing and singing all night long to the tunes of the singer from The Bay of Plenty’s Tauranga”.

It was the celebration party of the beginning of the Club Hotel, and “it couldn’t have been better,” the father of one cute little daughter smiles. Even staff from the competing Surf Inn were helping out at the bar. So it was like one big family. --

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RIGHT: Tired but happy singer DeLady at the Club Hotel.



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No dogs - no excuses

Taranaki’s Department of Conservation is cracking down on dog owners who bring their dogs into Egmont National Park, with owners potentially facing fines of up to \$100,000 under the National Parks Act. The number of people bringing their dogs into the park has been steadily increasing over the past few years, says Dave Rogers, DOC Senior Ranger Recreation/Historic. “People have been using excuses that they haven’t seen the No Dogs sign at the park entrance, or think that the sign doesn’t apply to them and their dog. Dogs big or small, ugly or cute, are a danger to kiwi and other native wildlife in the National Park. We’re not going to

take excuses any longer.” While a fine of up-to \$100,000 may seem extreme – the life of a kiwi or blue duck/whio is priceless, says Mr Rogers. “There’s estimated to be just 3000 who left in the world. We’ve got around 100 of them here in our park. Imagine if someone’s dog killed a whio – how devastating that would be to the whio population.”

Dogs have been known to escape their owners. Even docile dogs can be predatory animals and a threat to native wildlife. A dog can sniff out a kiwi or whio with ease. Large ‘No Dog’ signs have been installed on Egmont Road leading up to North

Egmont road end. The signage is very clear – no dogs – not even in peoples’ cars. “People think it’s ok to leave their dog in the car while they go for a walk or have a coffee – not only is it not allowed – it’s dangerous for the dog as it could overheat in a hot car.” DOC rangers will be monitoring tracks and carparks over summer to check compliance.

Anyone seen with a dog in the National Park may face prosecution. One hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money so dog owners please heed this last warning from the Department of Conservation.

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Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated Europe

This issue we continue of a letter written by John McLean(Jock) Kirk, father of well known Taranaki artist Graham Kirk, who towards the end of World War II was a driver for a New Zealand officer tasked with making contact with liberated New Zealand POWs. As the Americans and British were making their way westward across coming to meet them from the other direction were their Russian allies. This week Jock comes face to face with the Russian ally. READ ON.

It was an awfully bad road back, the Boss decided to take another of his short cuts, it was a sand road and we had to keep going almost flat out on third gear, it would have been no trouble in the truck as it has nine inch tyres but the tyres on the Mercedes are quite narrow and when we came to a place in the road where another car was stuck I could see that we were in for a bit of trouble, I tried to get past it but there was not enough room, however the Boss just buckled on his gun and walked across the fields to where there were some

Jerries and made them push us out. A few miles further on we came to a bridge that was "out." We crossed it just the same, it was only half a mile after that. One of our Officers from Luneberg had seen our car and decided that he would like one the same so he sent two of his men down to get one, by this time most of the best ones had been taken but I managed to find him a little Opel, he was quite happy about it, it would not have suited me after the Mercedes.

We left Hagenow and went to Luneberg on the western side of the Elbe in the British sector, we stayed a night then headed for Brunswick again, a short trip of about 30 miles, we stayed the night there then set out for Leipzig, a trip of little over a hundred miles, south east. Here we met another N.Z Officer doing the same job. The XPOWs come to Halle a city about 20 miles from here as a rule and are then taken to the airfield at Merseberg, from there they fly to the French or Belgian coast where they usually stay long

enough to get outfitted and then are flown to England. Almost every day the same thing happens, if it is not British and American, it is Poles or French, yesterday we took 2000 Poles from a place called Grimm to the Leipzig railway station and packed them off on the train to Poland. Tomorrow I think there is going to be about 4000 Russians, though I don't think we will be there. While at the airfield at Merseberg one day we met a kiwi Official Photographer who arrived on a plane that had come to take the ex POWs away, luckily there were a few Kiwis waiting to go on the planes so he took a few movie shots of them, he wanted to go to a place called Hildershiem about 135 miles away, the Boss told me I could take him if I liked, I knew where the place was as I had been there before so we set out in the truck, I would have taken the Mercedes but we never had a serial number on it and not being an Officer I would have been stopped by the M.Ps, it has still got the Jerry Camouflage on and although I have been on to the Boss he just cant be bothered getting it fixed up officially.



John McLean(Jock) Kirk

I think we have settled down in Leipzig, we have been here a week now and I would not surprised if we stayed here until the job is finished. We have good billets and the best mess we have ever had, we have German waitresses and we have a bar where until a few days ago we could get free beer. We pay for it now but the price is almost nil., we have German waiters running around after us all the time.

This is a big building we are in, the basement has been full of all sorts of junk, I have done quite a lot of looting down there, I got a hang of a lot of useful stuff there including this typewriter, it does make a lot of mistakes

left the next morning, I just took my time going back, I had a meal on the road, I placed a tin of meat and vegetables on the manifold of the truck and after about



British ex POWs boarding a Dakota at Merseberg.

We made good time on the road as we did not bother about short cuts and arrived at Hildershiem just before dark. We have a Kiwi Officer in that area too, he is a bit of a lad, he was away liberating some German wine when we arrived, I stayed the night there and

half an hour's running it was as hot as the dickens, I made a brew of tea on the primus and had quite a meal. It was about 3 o'clock before I got back. I passed the Boss in the Mercedes a few miles out of town.

but I guess one can't expect much else from a Jerry machine. I have a Jerry bed, sheets, towels, including several dozen hand towels which I am throwing away
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Soldier recounts experiences driving through liberated Europe

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when they get dirty. I have a pair of Jerry shoes, two lovely eiderdowns for my bed, a suit case, five bottles of apple cider, and a dozen jars of preserved fruit, to say nothing of a marvelous set of tools for my truck.

I have been taking the fruit out to the airfield and feeding it out to the Kiwis while they are waiting for the planes. I always make them a brew of tea too, I have a job to get the makings but I usually have enough for each day, they appreciate it after they have been without it for so long.

27/5/45. We have now been here about a fortnight. I don't think we are going to do much more shifting from place to place as this seems a good place to work from and there is plenty to do here, we have handled many thousands of XPOWs, only a small percentage of them were kiwis but they were certainly glad to see us and all think it a fine thing that the N.Z. Government should have sent teams of Kiwis into Germany to look for them and look after them.



German civilian workers packing up after Allied occupation at Hagenow.

A few days ago we had to go into the Russian Zone with a convoy of Russians to exchange for a convoy of British, there had been a hold up in the exchange of prisoners and this was to be the day of the official exchange, the heads having got their heads together the day before and made all the arrangements. At the deadline of the Russian and American zones the Russians had rigged up flags and archways of flags and had

their band playing to greet the Russian XPOWs, I have never seen so much colour for years., the Russians evidently like this sort of thing, they had even rigged up an avenue of young trees for us to drive through, these trees were about five feet high and were not there the day before, they were young trees and branches of larger ones just stuck in the ground for the occasion, they looked quite nice all the same. A few miles further on we had

to stop for some more flags and archways but we got going after half an hour or so.

At Riesa the town we were going to we had the same thing all over again, there was a field of long grass with avenues cut all over the place and there were thousands of British and American soldiers all waiting to be picked up and taken to Halle where they would be taken by plane to Belgium or France and from

there to England.

We got rid of the Russians in good time and it looked as though we were going to get home in good time. The band which looked as though it had been through the siege of Stalingrad with the players never stopped playing all the time we were there, there were huge pictures of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin all over the place and every second Russian seemed to be a General at least, we got the XPOWs away in good time and then found that we were to pick up another two thousand or so at another camp so away we went,

they too were picked up in good time and just as we were going to move off we were told by a very fierce looking Russian Colonel that we could not leave until the General had arrived, we waited about half an hour and by then were getting a bit fed up as the boys were packed fifty to a truck and were very uncomfortable.

The boss decided that we should go without the General and just as we were about to move off the Russian Colonel appeared looking more fierce than ever and ordered us to stop.

To be continued

Mediation protects our children

Children often suffer most in a separation and divorce. They must confront uncertainty and frequently they express anger and fear.

In the last few years the New Zealand Parliament has established new laws to help children when parents separate. It is well understood that the costs of separation fall mainly on children and ultimately on the New Zealand taxpayer.

The law tries to address three major problems: parental conflict which

can damage a child: the security and stability of the child's living space; and the maintenance of the child's relationships and culture. All of these things depend on the parents agreeing to work together to support their children.

The law requires that the government funds parent education programmes and provides a mechanism for parents to settle their differences in the interests of the children. Research

shows that the worst way to settle parenting disputes is through the courts. The courts are slow, uncertain, stressful and not well placed to assess the true intentions of people or the desires of children. The alternative is to combine counselling with a mediated settlement.

The advantage of mediation is that it involves both parents agreeing on how they will care for their children. Frequently, agreement looks unlikely when partners are hurt and

angry. However, counselling can help people to put their emotions and pain on one side in the interests of their children.

The courts, counsellors and mediators are still developing this system. It works well in many cases but it could be better. In particular more work needs to be done on methods to ascertain the views of children.

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Suicide anxiety

The people left behind when a young person commits suicide often need help. Many become our clients at Family Works Taranaki. Some are parents of the young person, siblings or cousins. Many are friends or even just casual acquaintances.

The sense of loss can linger for years. It comes and goes, particularly if other events generate stress. The recent publicity given to suicide has caused many to fear for

themselves. They worry that a mild depression may develop further. They seek help, often by contacting their doctor. When doctors refer people for counselling it is often a free service, at least initially. George came to Family Works because he had two bouts of depression which made him unable to move. He became anxious about his work. Before those sudden events, George was outgoing, active and confident. His doctor placed

him on tablets and sent him for counselling.

To his counsellor, George described the two episodes as being "like falling into a deep black hole unable to move and very frightening." One terrible thought for George was whether he was going to commit suicide. Was the depression the beginning of the end for him? Actually, George had none of the indicators of potential suicide.

When people with

concerns come to us they are assigned a counsellor. Some people ask for a male or a female counsellor and we are usually able to oblige. It is usual to find that they have a mix of problems- some recent and some long-term. Often people begin with seven counselling sessions and find that is sufficient for them to learn some new things about themselves and develop their confidence.

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Big bulls go for fair prices

Five hundred and seventeen bulls went out the gate at what is believed to be Taranaki's only unreserved bull sale. Washer & Co's annual bull sale has become a regular fixture on the Taranaki farming calendar. This year it drew around 60 people to the corner of Main and Koru roads in Oakura for the 32nd annual sale.

"The sale went real well and 517 bulls also found

and their farm advisors are demanding quality over quantity, which is good," John says.

There have also been changes in the drinking habits of people coming to the sales.

"Farmers drink less and less today. They drink less alcohol and more soft drink, as the drink driving rules make them more responsible," John says.

He said he was grateful to the work "Mary and her helpers" had done on the catering, as well as Farmlands for providing the barbecue.

"We couldn't run this business without the support of the coast," John says.

"The agents have to put



Bryan Goodin NZ Farmers Livestock rep and John Washer at the Washer & Co Bull Sale.

homes," John Washer said. "We could sell a lot more but we have to get them through in four hours."

"Sean Crowley (the bull manager) does a fantastic job and had the bulls presented immaculately for this season.

He and his team presented the bulls outstandingly for the conditions we have had."

Most bulls stay in Taranaki but some end up travelling further afield.

John says prices were 10 per cent up on what they were last year, although 20 per cent short on the record prices of 4-5 years ago when there was a shortage of bulls. This year prices were on



The bulls all sold at strong prices.

a par with those attained in comparable sales.

"Everybody got big bulls at fair prices," John says.

When the sale started 32 years ago there would have

been about 150 bulls on sale. This year John said he had been speaking to somebody who told him he had bought bulls from him back then.

"The standards have got higher and higher. Farmers

their integrity on the line and do a fantastic job. The yardsmen from all the companies do a fantastic job. Nine of them poke through about two or three bulls in a minute. We couldn't run the sale without them."

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Boosting skills ahead of competition anniversary



Nick Brown shows Tara Miller and Georgia Milne how to conduct a tractor pre-start check.

Stratford accountant Tracy Kivell can now add operating a chainsaw and measuring pasture to her growing list of skills.

The 25-year-old was one of a dozen women who took part in a special Skills Day at Toko on Saturday.

They learnt how to fence, manoeuvre a quad bike and trailer through a narrow opening, assemble and operate a chainsaw, measure and allocate grass to cows and conduct pre-start checks on a tractor.

"I'd never used a chainsaw or a plate meter before," said Tracy Kivell, who lives on a Midhirst dairy farm, but works at accountancy firm CMK.

"So, it was great to be able to give them a go, without large crowds of people watching,"

The day was organised by Central Taranaki Young Farmers in the lead-up to qualifying events for the FMG Young Farmer of the Year.

The contest will mark its 50th anniversary next July.

"A lot of people are often too nervous to have a crack," said CTYF chairman Nick Brown.

"Our goal was to give them the chance to try a few common modules in a more friendly, supportive and relaxed environment."

He hoped the event would help boost the number of women competing.

Kelsi Bayly lives on a dairy farm at Cardiff, but

works in town.

"Usually, I wouldn't know where to start with a chainsaw, but today I

cut up a log," said Kelsi enthusiastically.

"It's such a good skill to have, even if you don't use it



Jessie Waite uses a chainsaw to chop up a log.

every day."

Her team mate Jessie Waite said the Skills Day had given the pair the confidence to enter a district competition.

"I'm always the one that's encouraging others to enter. But I think I should put my money where my mouth is and give it a go," Jessie

laughed.

District contests will be held in Urenui on November 4 and Hawera on November 18.

The top two contestants at each event will secure a place in the FMG Young Farmer of the Year regional final.

Brad Markham

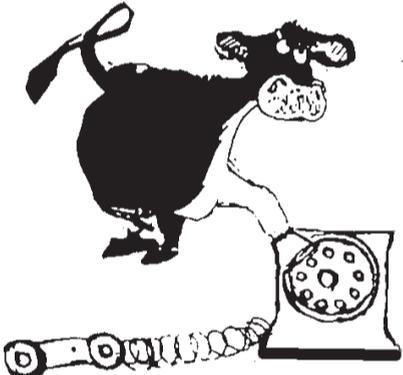


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Andrew Darke
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National title for Girls Basketball team

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Hill said he felt like he had two MVPs in his squad and praised Hohaia's play.

"It's been very disappointing for Iritana all season. I think she was the best player in Taranaki but she didn't get an All-Star selection or anything like that. I was so happy with how she played in the tournament. She was phenomenal." Final: beat Manukura 58-56 (Iritana

Hohaia 23 points 13 rebounds 6 assists, Isabelle Cook 22 points 14 rebounds) I Final: beat Manakura 58-56. Semifinal: beat Te Kura Kokiri 73-60. Quarterfinal: beat Stratford high School Girls' 54-35

Pool play: lost to Te Aroha College 67-59; beat Buller High School 75-51; beat Te Wharekura o Mauao 77-39; beat Aquinas 74-46.

In a double for Taranaki, Stratford High School took the Boys title.



The girls check the clock for time left in the game



Krysten Johnson on defence



Tournament MVP Isabelle Cook looks to shoot her freethrows



Top Scorer Iritana Hohaia shoots a freethrow



Iritana Hohaia fierce on defence

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Busy times at Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

In the group cards at the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club on September 25 John McGill was continuing to improve, shooting a 95 and 96 while Craig McGill shot a 99 and 100. Richard Armond shot three respectable 100 group cards, Henry Armond shot two 100 group cards followed by a 89.1 on a full card. Boston Taylor shot a 95 group card and a 71.1 full card.

Top scorer for the night was Garry Rowlands with 99.8 and 98.6, followed by Bob Bramley with 98.4, 91.2 and 87.0, Clare Bramley 96.4 and 94.2; Don Litchfield 94.1 and 90.1; Dave McGregor 85.1 and 93.3; Brian Hicks 92.1

and 89.1; Alan Drake 90.0; Murray Chinery 88.1 and 86.0

On September 29, the top scorer for the evening was Paul Tidswell with the only 'possible.' A possible is scoring 100 on a full card, where each target scores 10 or 10.1, with the highest score able to be shot 100.10. Paul scored 100.5, 97.4 and a double of 192.9. A double is shooting two cards one after the other in the same sitting. Garry Rowlands came in second with 99.5 and 196.9; Clare Bramley 97.3 and 195.7; Pau Longstaff 98.4, 97.4 and 95.4; Bob Bramley 92.2, 97.2 and 96.5. Dave McGregor had a very consistent night shooting 92.3, 92.1 and 92.4. Katie

McGregor 78.0, 73.0, 100 group card. Karel and Kevin Van Loo continued their rivalry with Karel shooting 92.0 and 91.3 while Kevin shot 88.2 and 80.1. Murray Chinery 88.1 and 87.0; Stephen Hicks 87.1, 82.0 and 79.1.

On October 2, Clare Bramley shot her second 'possible', two days outside the shooting season and top scored for the night with 100.5 and 97.5; Paul Tidswell shot two doubles 196.12 and 196.9; Paul Longstaff 98.3, 194.7; Garry Rowlands 192.7; Bob Bramley 91.0, 96.5, 95.2; Don Litchfield 96.2, 93.3; Dave Hartley 92.2, 95.3; Murray Chinery 91.0, 90.0; Alan Drake 182.5.

Dave McGregor had an outstanding night shooting is his personal best with a 97.7, followed by 83.1; Katie McGregor 84.1, 88.1 and a 100 group card. Boston Taylor shot three very good group cards 96, 100 and 100.

It was a very busy night on October 6 with several family groups competing. The Cooper/Carter clan continues to compete well with each other. Kade Cooper surprised even himself shooting a 94.3 as well as a 100 group card and a 79.0; Tylah Cooper shot group cards of 99 and 96

followed by a 77.0; Frances Cooper 83.0, 78.0; Richard Carter 100 group card and 84.0; Kody Carter (no relation) shot three group cards 93, 93 and 96.

The McGregor family also shot well with Dave continuing his progress 96.3, 92.5 and 95.2; Marie McGregor 92.2, 89.1 and 93.2; Katie McGregor 89.0, 87.1 and 83.1.

Paul Tidswell again shot the only 'possible' 100.7, 98.4 and a double of 197.11; Garry Rowlands 98.4; Bob Bramley 98.4, 96.5 and

188.6; Paul Longstaff 97.5 and 190.6; Clare Bramley 96.3; Brian Hicks 94.2 and 89.1. Henry Armond group cards 99 and 100 and a full card 84.0. Murray Chinery 89.2.

Finally, it is with deep sadness that the Eltham Smallbore Club pays tribute to Steve Smith who passed away Tuesday morning. Our thoughts are with his family and close friends and he will be missed by many.

Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

Nearly a thousand head across country

On September 27, the Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Champs were held in perfect conditions with 984 children competing

Girls. 9 years-old. 2km. 1. Marley Sampson(Ngaere). 2. Madison Metcalf(Mangorei). 3. Lexi Kowalewski (Midhirst). Winning team Rahotu. Kaitlin Tippett, Jasmin Kemsley, Lara Smith, Scarlet Helms.

Boys. 9 years old. 2km. 1. Hadley Thompson(Fitzroy). 2. Zavier Brown (Central). 3. Harry Fielding (Central). Winning team Fitzroy. Hadley Thompson, Jai Hann, Ben Sinclair, Chris Callebaut.

Girls. 10 years old. 2km. 1. MacKenzie Caskey (Toko). 2. Sarah Johnson(Fitzroy). 3. Mahalia Costar (Spotswood). Winning team Woodleigh. Lily Freeman, Maddie Curd, Porsche Morresey, Farideh

McHugh. Boys. 10 years old. 2km. 1. Brock Ironside (Central). 2. Liam Davis(Lepperton). 3. Conrad Cleaver(Woodleigh). Winning team St Bosco. Bede Colbourne, Isaac Steenson, Leo Vincent, Alex Osten.

Girls. 11 years-old. 3km. 1. Pascoe Wells(Toko). 2. Heidi Sextus(Toko). 3. Skylar McFetridge(Oakura). Winning team. Auroa. Bethany Cook, Paige Taylor, Caro Olliver, Ebony Kalin.

Boys 11 years old. 3km. 1. Dylan Kowalewski (Midhirst). 2. Sam Parker (Mangorei). 3. Jacques Piebenga (Mangorei). Winning team Hawera Intermediate. Jacob Pick, Flynn Cooper, Thomas Cudby, Troy LeQuesne.

Girls 12 years old 3km. 1. Emma Stone(SHGC). 2. Grace Foreman(Highlands). 3. Campbell Smith (Bell

Block). Winning team SHGC. Emma Shotter, Keighley Simpson, Harriet Healion, Lucy Monckton.

Boys 12 years old. 3km. 1. Scott Manning(Mangorei). 2. Drew Sutherland (Highlands). 3. Albie Francis(FDMC). Winning team Highlands. Drew Sutherland, Kalani Louis, Chester Oldfield, Kace Ormsby.

Girls 13 years old. 3km. 1. Emma North (Highlands). 2. Meg Baldock (Toko). 3. Millie Wisnewski(Toko). Winning team Highlands. Emma North, Caitlyn Sewell-Monod, Aitana Dingle, Nikita Salisbury-McInnes.

Boys 13 years old. 3km. 1. Josh Thorburn(Highlands). 2. Harry Looney(Oakura). 3. Tane Leatherby (Hawera Intermediate). Winning team. Hawera Intermediate. Tane Leatherby, Ben Savage, Josh Murphy, Frikkie Du Preez.

Manaia Golf results

End of month tournament. 1. John Oliver (40). 2. Carolyn Koch (39). 3. Phil Elliott (38). Twos. C. Koch 9th.

Men's Stableford. September 30. 1. Jim Ngere. 2. John Oliver. 3. Caleb Symes.



Olivia Bright and Isabelle Cook listen to instructions at the NZ Secondary School National Basketball Championships

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Rugby pros feel the pain later in life

Elite rugby players are a pretty fit and healthy bunch, but new research suggests the strain of top-level rugby can take its toll on the body later in life.

A new University of Oxford study published in Scientific Reports finds that retired elite rugby players are more likely to suffer from osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, joint replacement, and site-specific joint replacement at the hip and knee, compared to average people of the same age. The authors also found that rugby players were twice as likely to report problems related to mobility and pain or discomfort.

The research is based on a health survey of over 250 retired elite UK rugby players, with the results

compared to survey data from the general population. While the increased pain and joint problems is a concern, it's not all negative; the authors also noted rugby players were less likely than the general population to suffer diabetes or high blood pressure.

The researchers recommend providing targeted osteoarthritis education and advice to retiring elite players. They also say more research is needed to understand exactly how playing high-level rugby contributes to later joint and bone problems – and how to prevent them.

The study was based on players in the UK, but the findings line up with data from New Zealand. The NZ Rugby Health study

conducted in 2015 also found that ex-professional rugby players had far higher rates of arthritis than people of the same age who played non-contact sports like cricket or hockey. Thirty-six percent of elite rugby players in the study reported they had arthritis, while only five percent of people who played non-contact sports suffered arthritis (the baseline rate for New Zealanders of a similar age is between 13 and 25 percent).

In light of the new Oxford study, the Science Media Centre put some questions to the lead researcher of the NZ Rugby Health Study, Professor Patria Hume from the AUT School of Sport & Recreation:

Are these health issues linked to the high-impact nature of rugby?

“We do not know. The cross-sectional study design does not allow researchers to state any cause and effect relationship in either the NZ Rugby Health study or the UK study.”

Are there ways to mitigate the harm?

“High loads to joints may result in joint tissue damage which theoretically could progress to osteoarthritis.



Elite Rugby players often suffer pain or discomfort in later life

However, there is no cause and effect evidence for sport leading to osteoarthritis to date. Longitudinal studies taking into account the multiple factors that might influence arthritis (e.g. diet, access to medical treatment, load intensity and volume) have not been conducted.”

Given the increased incidence of painful physical conditions in older age, you might think the retired rugby players carried a

sense of regret about their involvement in the sport. That's not the case, the UK paper reports:

Rugby participants were asked whether considering the risks and benefits of their previous participation in rugby, they would do the same again, and 94% of rugby participants either agreed, or strongly agreed.

Likewise in the 2015 New Zealand study:

As part of the research,

retired players were asked – given what they know now about their health and the risks involved in their sport – whether they would choose to do it all over again if they could travel back in time to the beginning of their sports career. The answer was absolutely. The average rating was 4.6 ±1.1, using a rating scale of 1=no way and 5=absolutely.

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“Our daughter would never have had the opportunity to go to a World Championship in sport, if we would have stayed in Rotorua”, Ian Phillips, father of Julia Phillips, who is right now in Spain for the ‘Cantabria Kneeboard World Championship 2017’ beams. His family moved to Opunake from Rotorua a few years ago.

Julia Phillips is one of six contestants from Taranaki who went to the World Championship in Spain about two weeks ago. She is not the only one from Opunake, there are two more contestants: Murray Weir and his son Kelvin. Murray is not only competing, but he is also the coach of the NZ national kneeboarding team. And as the coastal town knows, he is also a teacher and the Dean of Opunake High School.

“My husband brought Julia to kneeboarding,” Deanne Weir explains. “They have this very unique system at school, called ‘academy’, where pupils go every second week in the year for one hour to a course of

their own choice. That can be anything from sport, art, languages, you name it.” For Julia it was kneeboarding, which she took up about a bit more than a year ago. And the 18 year old is already good enough to go to a World Championship.

“This academy-system supports the real patience of the kids,” Deanne underlines, “so they really can get very good at it.”

So far, Murray Weir got second in his age group at the World Championship in Somo, Spain. His son Kelvin got fourth. Julia had to compete against older, and so more experienced women, so she didn’t yet get under the first ones.

“But it is all about experience and the amazing opportunity”, her father smiles. “She meets so many people in Spain from so many different countries and cultures. We are so proud she has the possibility to represent her own country New Zealand,” he muses, “and that is a great chance, especially at such a young age.”

Also in the NZ team, are three ‘Nakis’ from New

Plymouth: Casey Stevens, Lachie Stevens and Eloise Stevens, who has actually moved to France. Lachie got 3rd in his age group and Eloise 4th in the Open Women category.

“It’s all about the big sports most of the time,” Ian Phillips knows. “It’s great, if the not-so-known sports get better recognition.” Now, as the team is coming back this week, they will be so full of energy that they can’t wait for the next World Champs to come up. The next World Champs in Kneeboarding will actually be in Dunedin, so it’s going to be a home game. Then the New Zealand Team can welcome the contestants of so many different countries in their own country. In Spain, there are about 12 different countries competing.

Now, for those, who are not that familiar with the sport: There are different categories of surfing: There is kneesurfing, where you knee with both your legs on the surf board. Then, there is standup surfing, where you stand straight up on the surfboard and paddle. Then there is buggie surfing, when



Surfers and supporters in Spain. Team members. Second from right standing. Casey Stevens. Third from right standing Lachie Stevens. First from left kneeling at front Eloise Stevens. In middle Murray Weir, the coach of the team, behind Murray to the left is Kelvin Weir. On Murray’s right wearing a cap is Julia Phillips.

you lie with your tummy on the surf-buggie-board, and then there is the biggest surf-category so far, where you stand and surf all the waves, hopefully going through big waves as though you are going through a tunnel.

“We have to think of surfing also as a big tourist thing here in Taranaki,” the father of Julia Phillips

continues. “We can take the chance to introduce tourists to kneeboarding, standup-surfing, buggie-surfing, well and surfing. That would be a great opportunity for Opunake, where three of the contestants are coming from, but also the whole of Taranaki with especially New Plymouth where the other three members of the

kneeboarding Team NZ are coming from.”

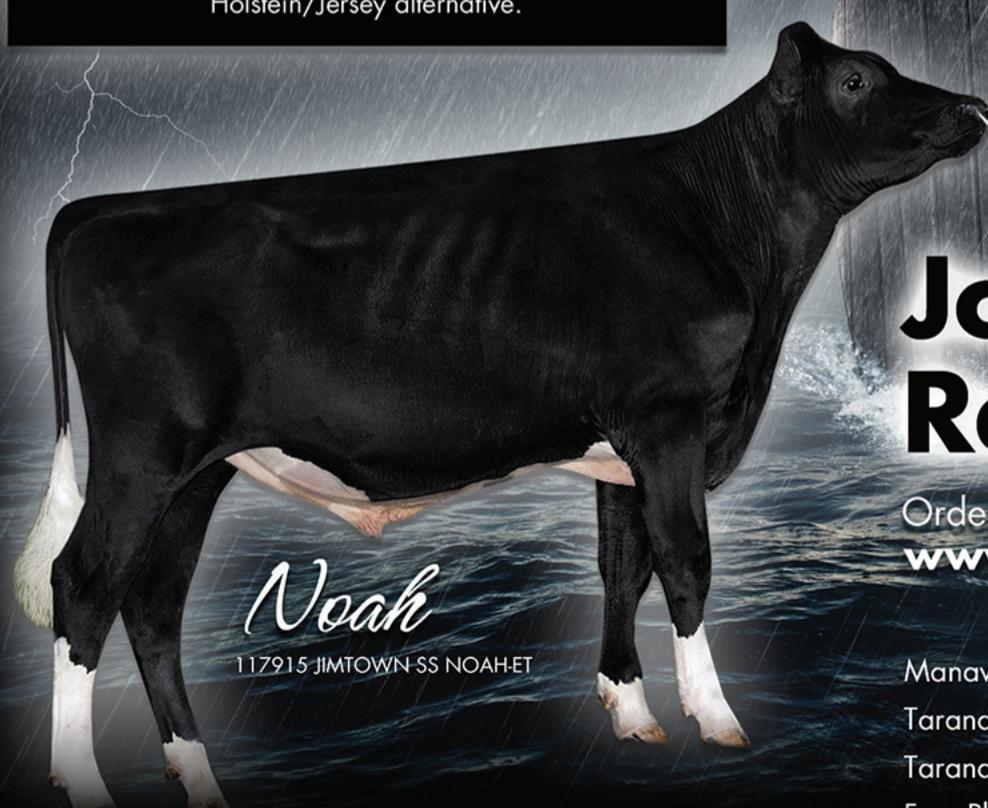
And for sure, the man, who has Dove Takeaways in Opunake is right. There are a lot of opportunities, which can result from participation in such a World event. The surf clubs in the Kiwi coastal towns will for sure profit. -

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New courts built on solid foundations



A moment of satisfaction at Pihama's new tennis courts. From left club members Sheryl Campbell, Dianne Campbell, Bernadette Bourke, Janet Fleming, Macey Luttrell, Linda Campbell, Bernadette Gopperth, Megan Symons.

Tennis has been played at Pihama for well over 70 years but nobody seems exactly sure for how long.

The Pihama School centenary book mentions tennis being played on grass courts in the 1920s, but again nobody seems exactly sure where.

What is known is that the current tennis club opened in 1947 with two concrete courts and a pavilion which in an earlier life was the single men's accommodation from the nearby Pihama dairy factory. As the club grew, two extra courts were added in 1993.

The more recent courts are still there, as is the pavilion, but last week two new courts were opened by South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop where the two original courts once were.

"Three years ago we decided to do something with the two courts that were 70 years old," the Pihama Tennis Club's outgoing president Bernadette Bourke said. "We had lots of meetings and decided to uplift the courts and start from scratch again as

the foundations were only sand."

What followed was a raft of fund raising which included a garden party as well as the traditional culled cows, bobby and slink calf collections as well as a lot of voluntary labour and a number of working bees.

Pihama now has two new courts built not on shallow sand, but on solid rock.

Mr Dunlop spoke of the Stevenson-Kissick connection and the way Pihama has always been known for its tennis playing prowess.

"I used to play tennis and I was always a bit wary of coming around the coast and being beaten by those great teams like Manaia and Pihama," he said.

There are now 80 people involved in the club at various levels, with roadhouse tennis played in the summer months. There are three mid week ladies teams, and last year for the first time in a long time Pihama had a Soffe Cup team.

Junior tennis was particularly strong when Pihama had a school which produced a number



Mayor Ross Dunlop cuts the ribbon while Sienna and Fergus Bourke look on.

of Taranaki champions. Bernadette recalls times when 20 young players would go away for weekends playing tennis. Junior tennis waned for a time after the school closed but things have picked up again in recent years. Junior co-ordinator Megan Symons says they have 30 children playing this year.

"We have got kids who are good enough to play

in tournaments and get a bit more competitive," she says. "We might get to run a tournament here some time."

The club's incoming president Paddy Stevenson says he first started playing tennis at Pihama as a five year-old and describes himself as part of the Stevenson-Kissick connection Mayor Dunlop earlier referred to.

"It's a fantastic legacy Bernadette and Macey (secretary-treasurer Macey Luttrell) have left us," he says. "It's fantastic what you can do with a bit of community support. Most of the credit goes to Paul and Bernadette Bourke who drove the programme all the way through. Tennis has always been a big part of Pihama and it's up to us to carry on the legacy of what they set up going forward."

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From left – Derin Thompson (Opunake), Tumehe Rongonui (Opunake), Shay O’Carroll (Waitara), Gerry Waiwiri (Rahotu). Photos supplied

Live Music in Opunake’s Surf Inn

There just was live music in Opunake’s Club Hotel with singing lady ‘Delady’ who came from Tauranga. Now there is another live

gig in town. This time it’s in the Surf Inn, the other pub in town. ‘Shady Rudy’ is coming into town on Friday, October

20. They start at 9 pm, and for sure it will go until late. The hardcore band is excited to come to the Surf Highway.

“We will deliver music to please people of all ages, ranging from old school to new and all genres,” Derin Thompson, leader of the

A great day’s fishing for the kids

Children will have a great opportunity to catch a good-sized rainbow trout during the Opunake kids’ trout fishing day at Opunake Lake on Saturday October 28.

The event is being run by the Opunake Surfcasting & Angling Club in conjunction with Fish & Game NZ, Elite Farm Solutions, RD1/Farm

Source, More FM, 4square45 and Collins Sports Centre Opunake. At least 250 trout will be corralled within a holding net at the top end of Opunake Lake (through the gate off Aytoun Street) and children will be able to fish for them with the help of local experts. Opunake Hydro will ensure that the

lake level is held steady for the event, which will run from 9.30am to 1.45pm on the Saturday with all fishing gear supplied. To reduce waiting times, anglers should book a 15-minute time slot at Collins Sports in Opunake. The angling club is requesting a donation of \$2 per child, with the proceeds going towards spot prizes for the event.

While everyone needs a licence to fish for trout, Fish & Game NZ will issue a permit allowing children to fish for free during the kids’ fishing event. At the event’s conclusion the net will be removed and the remaining rainbow trout will be available to anglers who hold a current trout fishing licence. Licences are free to under 12-year-olds and a season licence for those under 18 on 1st October 2017

costs just \$25. A day (24 hour) licence for this age group costs only \$5. Fish and Game NZ is a non-profit organisation and all licence fees go back into the management of the resource.

Allen Stancliff
Fish and Game Officer



Take a kid Trout Fishing at Opunake Lake.

group underlines, smiling.

The man, who is a supervisor at Fonterra during the day lives in Opunake. So does his band mate Tumehe Rongonui. Shay O’Carroll is from Waitara and Gerry Waiwiri comes from Rahotu. So it definitely is a Taranaki band, home grown and a pretty young one too.

Tumehe has just rejoined the band lately, so they are happy to play as a four piece band again.

They even have an opening singing act: Young Kaiya

D’Mel - she is just 17 years old from Waitara and performs with her guitar before Shady Rudy starts. She is actually Derin’s niece.

“She has a very sweet naturally gifted voice”, Derin beams, “She is an upcoming artist and is very captivating and soulful.” He knows.

It all looks and sounds very exciting, and the Surf Inn team can’t wait to welcome the band and lots of visitors.

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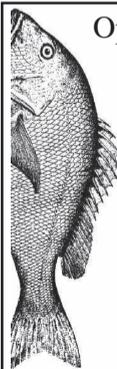
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Agenda

. Opening

. Apologies

. Minutes of the previous AGM

Matters arising previous AGM

. Chairmans Report

. Annual Accounts

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Garden events

this month



SUN 1 OCT **PUKEITI**
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3-6 OCT **PUKEITI**
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SUN 15 OCT **PUKEITI**
Guided walk Pukeiti - 10am to 12pm
 A guided garden walk to view the new developments at Pukeiti. Founders Café is open for coffee and lunch.

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Meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

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First Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

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OPUNAKE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

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The Village Gallery. September 25 to October 20

TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL GARDEN EVENTS

Refer advert

OPUNAKE AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT

12th and 17th October. Refer advert

TARANAKI NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT SAFETY DAY

October 14, Sandfords Event Centre. Refer advert for details

TARANAKI IRISH SOCIAL CLUB GOLDEN JUBILEE DINNER

October 14. Contact Louise 027 330 8510

PIHAMA LAVENDAR MARKET DAY

October 15. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE SURF INN

Friday October 20. Shady Rudy playing live. ID required. Refer advert

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ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL AG DAY

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Saturday October 28. Contact Collins Sports Centre. Refer advert for details

PIHAMA HALL GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

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OPUNAKE SURFCASTING & ANGLING CLUB AGM

October 28 at Opunake Boat and Dive Club. Refer advert.

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Saturday October 28. Contact Ali to book a stall. Ph 06 761 8478. Refer advert.

OAKURA ARTS TRAIL

Come and visit 16 artists in their studios. October 28/29 and November 4/5. Refer advert.

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November 1 to November 11. Refer advert for full details.

OPUNAKE PLAYERS PRESENT 'LAST DANCE'

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Dance instruction for the blind

Well-known and highly respected dance tutor Maria Cashmore is intending lessons for tutees who are legally blind. Her dance group is called South Taranaki Partner Dance Community. She was formerly the principal of Modern Jivers, who were

known for their success at competitions, such as the 2015 Kiwi Dance Classic where her team won an amazing nine sections and took out a further 21 placings - surely a record. Maria's credentials are, therefore well-established, and she describes dancing as

"my passion" (she has been dancing since the age of seven), which she wants to share with others, in this case enthusiasts, who happen to be blind. She was trained by the very best in both New Zealand and Australia, such as Tina Heynen - West Coast Swing Expert and Giancarlo Johansson, Salsa World Champion.

She intends no charge for her tuition for the blind classes at the Hawera Presbyterian Centre, 37 Argyle Street every Tuesday and at the Stratford Senior Citizens Hall, 53 Fenton Street, every Thursday, which will run from 5.30pm



Maria Cashmore, who will be conducting dance lessons for blind people in the near future, free of charge.

to 6.30pm, November 7 until December 14. The Community Dance Classes (offered at a low cost) will follow from 6.30 - 9.30pm.

Maria will be teaching a range of dancing styles including West Coast Swing, Zouk, Bachata, Salsa - to mention just a selection. She already has several keen participants who have contacted her, but welcomes more tutees who would describe themselves as 'legally blind'.

Why are blind people of interest to Maria? She explains, "If you lose one of the senses others take over, in this case hearing and

touch. Partner dancing is led, with the tapping out of touch and movement in time to the music. It will lead to fun and greater self-confidence."

You can contact Maria by phoning 027 727 1749. Although she is grateful that both venues are offered at a discount there are still costs to be dealt with, so any donations would be welcome. People can learn more about Maria and her dance group by looking up www.taranakidance.co.nz

The pictures of happy budding dancers reveal that enjoyment and fun are integral ingredients of Maria's expert tuition.

PIHAMA
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Oakura arts trail
Visit our 16 artists in their studios
open event weekends
October 28th & 29th
November 4th & 5th
10am - 4pm
www.oakuraarts.co.nz

Celebrating Christmas with Soul

It's that time of the year again and Soul Kitchen are rolling up sleeves; celebrating not only Christmas, but their fourth year of providing top-notch food and a welcoming venue.

The highlights for Belinda and Todd from the previous years have definitely been getting to know their customers and tailoring their service to what they know they love. Coming a close second is having a close-knit team that makes coming to work not just work, but fun too. There have been many moments of staff dances

behind the screens when the bands are playing a good tune.

"It was such a good move to leave Auckland - we love this little town, the people in it and what it offers" says Belinda. "The schools have been so good for our kids and the business and faith communities are pretty special, too"

And so to how Soul Kitchen are marking the coming festive season... Once again, Dinnie from DMan Entertainment will be creating his magic on the dance floor.

"Last year he did such a great job of entertaining the crowd it seemed crazy not to get him back" commented Todd.

They're looking forward to 'sparkling' up the room, decking the halls, trimming the tree and putting on a darn good feed. Belinda mentions that it's not just for businesses either, the

Christmas party is the perfect opportunity for any community group to get their special people together and enjoy a night off close to home.

And what does the next season hold for Todd and Belinda? Watch this space. There's gourmet burgers coming, fresh summer salads and of course all the other menu regulars that Opunake has grown to love.



Karla Tito celebrating Christmas with Soul last year.



A great venue for a Christmas party.

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Opunake Players to stage world premiere

"Last Dance" is a scorching hot musical play featuring the hits of Disco Queen Donna Summer, and it is being presented by the Opunake Players for the first time anywhere, ever.

Written by award-winning playwright April Phillips, who wrote the Players' recent production of "Blue Eyes," Last Dance combines the grit and sex appeal of "Cabaret," the criminal intrigue of "Chicago" and the drama of "Blood Brothers" with an upbeat score of top 1980s disco hits.

Great songs like "She works hard for the Money," "Bad Girls" and "Last Dance" feature, all performed live by local talent.

Set in Los Angeles, the play successfully blends the brightness and energy of the music with the edgy

and grittier themes of the storyline. Director Mike Smith says that the play was written for a large stage, so The Players have had to "adjust" it slightly to make it workable in the Lakeside Playhouse.

"It is a huge job, and we thought about it for 18 months before making the decision to produce it," says Mike. "A number of societies had looked at the script and decided it was too big and busy for them - it would be fabulous in a venue like the TSB Showplace, but our talented local cast and crew will make it just as fabulous in Opunake."

The show introduces some bright new talent now resident in the Opunake area, and has attracted some familiar faces from further afield.

"Some of the cast travel



Honey-Rose Hutchins, Chloe Danz and Debbie Coombe are Hot Stuff in Last Dance.

thirty minutes each way for rehearsals, and I really appreciate their commitment," says Mike. "I hope the community takes the opportunity to absolutely enjoy the result of the dedication of our team of set builders, artists, performers and crew by giving us full houses every night."

As an aside, The Lakeside Playhouse now boasts a new suite of audience seating, so book your new seat now at Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration in Opunake.

The season runs from November 4-15 with an afternoon show on Sunday November 12.

From Tawa to Hawera

A classic Kiwi is heading to South Taranaki to make people feel better about themselves.

Reverse role model Ginette McDonald is delivering *From Tawa to Hawera (and everything in between)* as part of the 30th Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular's event programme.

McDonald, best known for her role of Lyn of Tawa, created in 1968, has worked as an actress, writer, TV producer, debater, broadcaster, facilitator and MC.

She has won numerous awards for acting, producing and public speaking and, in 2007, was awarded an ONZM for services to entertainment.



Ginette McDonald.

McDonald to be full of her achievements - she enjoys making fun of herself. "I'm a reverse role model. I just make other people feel better about their own existence,"

she says.

Her warm and intimate address is being held on the opening evening of the festival, which runs from October 27 to November 5.

Also, part of the events programme is festival stalwart Jenny Oakley, who is holding four workshops as part of the Gardena garden speaker series.

The Oakley garden at Manaia has been in the festival since the beginning and, with a Bachelor of Amenity Horticulture, the gardener has deep-rooted knowledge to share with others.

She will be doing two of her famous hanging basket demonstrations and two other workshops covering propagation and plant

combinations.

The other three speakers in the series will cover native gardens, simple garden floristry and lifestyle planting.

Another event that ventures south is the house and garden tour, which takes in the Dunlop Garden in Hawera, Boxwood at Opunake and Hirst Cottage in New Plymouth. This event sold out last year and is expected to do so again.

It begins in New Plymouth and enables people to visit homes and chat with the owners. As part of the tour bus travel is provided and so are canapes and matching wine.

Events beyond South Taranaki include the Chapman-Taylor bus tour, led by enthusiasts Chris Herlihy, the Mitre 10 Frida Floral Fiesta at the Snug Lounge and the landscape design project, Radiant Garden, created by Tim Gruchy. This projected artwork, supported by the TSB Community Trust, will illuminate the TAFE building in New Plymouth every evening during the festival.

Ginette McDonald says she's a reverse role model.

POWERCO TARANAKI

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Opunake Players Inc Present

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Safety Day too important to miss

Mark this date in your diaries and wall charts - Saturday October 14. This event, Safety Day will be held at Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake from 10am to 2pm. The event is organised by Wendy Foreman, Development Co-ordinator of South Taranaki Neighbourhood Watch, with input from many organisations dedicated to making our communities safer. Wendy is also keen for people to become more aware

of her organisation (Neighbourhood Support) and what it has to offer. Come along and meet the Neighbourhood Support team on the day and join, so that you can receive information about what is happening in your area.

Entry is free and there is something to entertain the youngsters including a Bouncy Castle. Also, from the businesses attending, "There is a one off special on offer," says Wendy. She is tight-



Wendy Foreman who is organising the Safety Day.

lipped as to exactly what it is, so make sure you come along and don't miss out.

Here are just some of the organisations which will be committed to making the event a success and enhance the awareness of safety in every sense of the word; the NZ Police, Fire & Emergency NZ, Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade, St John Ambulance, Fonterra, Farm Source (Opunake), Rural Support, DVS (air circulation systems), Opunake Surf Lifesaving, Lisa Keen Audiology, Taranaki Deaf Foundation and Life Unlimited.

Soul Kitchen, who is based at the Sandford Event Centre, will keep everyone well fed with their delicious foods and beverages.

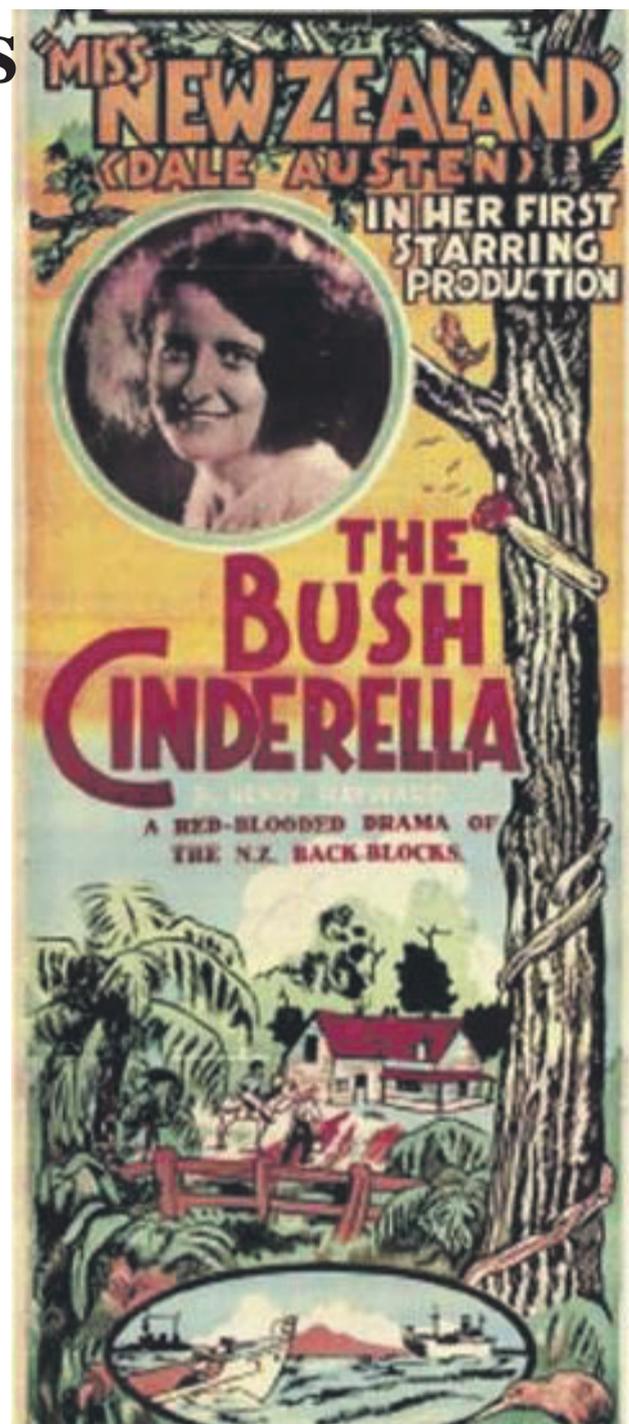
Wendy is delighted because, "Support from the Opunake business community has been 100%."

Some of the activities to be seen (and even experienced) include how to deal with a fire in the kitchen, such as a pan of cooking oil ablaze. (The most dangerous thing

you can do is throw water on it). The NZ Police Booze Bus will make an appearance with some of the special glasses which simulate what you see (and your disrupted sense of balance) when you've had one alcoholic drink too many. There will be some important tips on how to back a car without colliding with a youngster (often a toddler). This is a serious problem in NZ, with many children losing their lives by drivers backing their cars with fatal consequences. There will be a St John Ambulance demonstration of how they deal with people injured in a car accident (using a smashed up car).

There will be much more but we don't want to spoil your anticipation by telling you too much at this stage. Just make sure you come along and learn about safety and have some fun.

If you'd like to know more, you can contact Wendy Foreman on 027 426 2010 or southtaranaki.nsg@outlook.co.nz



RIGHT: Linda Barbour with one of her ceramic works.

Linda will be exhibiting as part of the Oakura Arts Trail.

In our next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News we will be featuring the garden festivals and other things happening round the Mountain. Let us know what you want everyone else to know.



SOUTH TARANAKI NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT
invite you to their

SAFETY DAY

14 October 2017
10 - 4pm
Sandfords Events Centre
Opunake
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South Taranaki Neighbourhood Support
Rural Support - St John Ambulance
Soul Kitchen @ Sandfords Events
DVS

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A Kiwi classic love story for Everybody

During the Everybodys NZ Film Festival there is only one showing of The Bush Cinderella on Saturday October 28 at 10.30am. The Bush Cinderella is an iconic

movie as it was considered the first block buster movie from New Zealand. This is a silent movie starring Dale Austin who was the second Miss New Zealand. Filmed

in and around Auckland this silent movie tells the tale of the trials and tribulations of a poor family in the back blocks of New Zealand set around 1900. The film

had its world premiere at the Strand Auckland on 28 August 1928.

Audiences of the 1920s were known to always respond to tried and true

story lines. And, according to actor Tom McDermott, this one was no exception. The mixture of melodrama and the antics of comedian Al Mack as the lovelorn Sammy made it sure fire box-office. Local newspapers agreed with The Sun reporting "The Bush Cinderella is the most outstanding, in originality

and theme and merit of any produced in New Zealand," concluding that it could be "sent abroad without a qualm."

This will be accompanied with live piano by Taranaki's very own Cameron.S. Curd Tickets can be booked online at Eventfinder

Oakura Arts Trail open studios

Once again this year the artists of the Oakura Arts Trail will open their studios to the public. This very popular arts trail coincides with the Taranaki Powerco Garden Festival and is held on the weekends of the 28th and 29th of October and the 4th and 5th of November. Many of the artists are also involved in the Fringe Festival which means their studios will be open during the week as well. Open hours are from 10 to 4pm.

There are fifteen artists on the trail this year, these being Richard Landers, Deborah Hoare, Fay Looney, Linda McFetridge, Margaret Scott, Jill Shearer, Linda Barbour, Rosie Moyes, Sally Laing, Rob Wright, Suzanne Bloch-Jorgensen, Susan Imhasley,

Brenda Cash, and Steve Molloy. Sarah Smither will also open her home as a Place of Interest with recent prints to view of her father's MD Smither..

Many of the artists are prepared to demonstrate techniques or are working while visitors pass through their studios. The experience of visiting artists in their own work environment is unique, and leaves a lasting impression on people, who return to buy work or bring other visitors to see the art. The trail provides a nice balance of types of art to view with sculptures, glass art, pottery, jewellery, printmaking, felting and painting being some of the variety that can be seen.

This year has seen a return

to the trail of three of our ex members and it is good to see these numbers continuing to increase. One of our members Linda Barbour has spent last year completing a Diploma in Ceramic Art through Otago Polytechnic. For her final project she used the flax flower and pod as her inspiration to create a body of work. She said she has always admired the flax plant with its long arching flower stems and it is a plant that has a lot of purpose and history. The Tui, (a bird native to New Zealand) also features in this work. Linda started pottery about 8 years ago and feels really grateful she has found something that is creative, technically challenging and knows there will always be

so much to learn in the future about ceramics.

An exhibition of all the artist's work will be held at the Molloy Gallery, 5 minutes west of Oakura village at Tataraimaka where all participating artists will have work on display. This is a good place to start the trail and help you plan your experience.

Brochures for the trail can be found at all studios, the Information Centre, the Crafty Fox and on the notice board next to the chemist. Look out for the large yellow and blue flags which will help to guide you to the artist studios. For details on the artist and the location of their studios, go to www.oakuraartstrail or join us on Facebook.

Collage exhibition to run next year

The new exhibition is now online. It's The Agenbite of Inwit - the pain of inward-looking. Paintings by Paul Hutchinson and assemblages by Dale Copeland are on The Virtual Tart website at www.tart.co.nz

Do have a look. It's a small sample from an exhibition we've just had in the Wallace Gallery in Morrinsville - a lovely gallery.

The Ice19 show, the 19th

International Collage Exhibition/Exchange, is now on its permanent home, on outofsight.co.nz/Ice19 All the exchange packages have been sent, life has returned to what passes as normal.

I have been persuaded to run one more. Ice20. In August 2018. Details for taking part are on outofsight.co.nz/Dale/collage.htm (and the first package has already arrived).

Thank you for being there.
Dale Copeland

Opunake Music Workshop

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Coastal Care would like to welcome Jonathon Young MP

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These clinics are designed as an informal drop in session for members of the community to touch base with their representative and discuss any issues/concerns or just drop in to say 'hi'.

Coastal Care Health and Community Centre

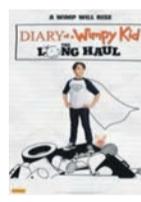
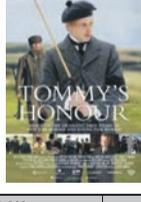
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OCTOBER 2017

Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee & Tea For Sale		Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-Pos		
	EMOJI Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family, 1hr 26min PG The Emoji Movie unlocks the never-before-seen secret world inside our smartphones. Hidden within the messaging app is Textopolis, a bustling city where emojis live, hoping to be selected by the phone's user. Fri 13th Oct 1pm		VALERIAN Action, Adventure, Science Fiction 2hrs 17mins M: Fantasy Violence Valerian embark on a mission to the astonishing city of Alpha-an ever-expanding metropolis where species from all over the universe have converged over centuries to share knowledge, intelligence and cultures Fri 13th Oct 7pm Sun 15th Oct 7pm	
	LEGO NINJAGO Action, Adventure, Animated, Comedy 1hr 40mins PG Six teens are high school students by day and ninjas defending their homeland or Ninjago by night in this CGI martial arts comedy. Sat 14th Oct 1pm		DIARY OF A WIMPY KID Comedy, Kids, Family 1hr 31 mins PG: Course Language Greg convinces his family to take a road trip to attend his great grandmother's 90th birthday as a cover for what he really wants: attend a nearby gamer convention. Things do not go according to plan. Sat 14th Oct 7pm	
	VICTORIA AND ABDUL Drama 1hr 51mins PG Queen Victoria (Judi Dench) strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk in this period drama. When Abdul a young clerk, travels from India to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee, he is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. Wed 18th Oct 1pm Sat 21st Oct 7pm		GIRLS TRIP Comedy 2 hr 2 mins R16 Coarse language, drug use and sexual material When four lifelong friends travel to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival, sisterhoods are rekindled, wild sides are rediscovered, and there's enough dancing, drinking, brawling and romancing to make the Big Easy blush. Wed 18th Oct 7pm Fri 20th Oct 7pm Sun 22nd Oct 7pm	
	CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS Action, Animated, Comedy, Kids & Family 1hr 28mins G Two mischievous kids hypnotise their mean high school principal and turn him into their comic book creation, the kind-hearted and elastic-banded Captain Underpants. Sat 21st Oct 1pm Wed 25th Oct 1pm		TOMMY'S HONOUR Drama 1 hr 52 mins M The pride of a father. The love of a wife. The soul of a rebel. The heart of a champion. Period drama depicting the lives and careers of pioneering Scottish golfing champions Old Tom Morris and his son Tom. Wed 25th Oct 7pm	
MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		13 Emoji 1pm Valerian 7pm	14 Lego Ninjago 1pm Diary of a Wimpy Kid 7pm	15 Valerian 7pm
	18 Victoria and Abdul 1pm Girls Trip R16 7pm	20 Girls Trip R16 7pm	21 Captain Underpants 1pm Victoria and Abdul 7pm	22 Girls Trip R16 7pm
	25 Captain underpants 1pm Tommy's Honour 7pm	27 10.30 Mahana 1pm The Worlds fastest Indian 7pm The Dark Horse	28 10.30am Bush Cindrella 1pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople Boy 7pm	29 10.30 Kiwi Flyer 1pm Mahana 7pm My Year with Helen

Midlife Crisis still performing

Midlife Crisis with John Paki Paki and Ray Hopkinson on vocals and Owen Richardson as sound director was formed seven years ago.

John and Ray go back to the days of public dances, cabarets, private functions and the Westown Motor Hotel when the bands they fronted were extremely popular throughout the province.

John was lead vocalist with popular group "Kount 5 + 2" and Ray fronted the "Nitelites" and the "Nevadas" Bands during the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

"Midlife Crisis" was formed from out of the blue. Owen Richardson who had a love for music and specialised equipment, contacted John.

Ray was asked to join the group and it soon got around that the boys were up and running again.



Midlife Crisis play at The Fitz first Birthday Celebrations October 27th

Seven years have gone by and the boys are still performing, having a hell of a lot of fun and meeting up with many of the people who frequented the good days

when the entertainment scene around Taranaki was vibrant, when up to a thousand people would attend the dances and pack out venues like the Queens Hall in New Plym-

outh, the Stratford Memorial Hall and local hotels. You can catch up with the boys when they play at The Fitz on Friday 27th of October to celebrate their first Birthday.



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Dance instruction for the blind

Well-known and highly respected dance tutor Maria Cashmore is intending lessons for tutees who are legally blind.

Her dance group is called South Taranaki Partner Dance Community. She was formerly the principal of Modern Jivers, who were known for their success at competitions, such as the 2015 Kiwi Dance Classic where her team won an amazing nine sections and took out a further 21 placings - surely a record.

Maria's credentials are, therefore well-established, and she describes dancing as "my passion" (she has been dancing since the age of seven), which she wants to share with others, in this case enthusiasts, who happen to be blind.

She was trained by the very best in both New Zealand and Australia, such as Tina Heynen - West Coast Swing Expert and Giancarlo Johansson, Salsa World Champion.

She intends no charge

for her tuition for the blind classes at the Hawera Presbyterian Centre, 37 Argyle Street every Tuesday and at the Stratford Senior Citizens Hall, 53 Fenton Street, every Thursday, which will run from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, November 7 until December 14. The Community Dance Classes (offered at a low cost) will follow from 6.30 - 9.30pm.

Maria will be teaching a range of dancing styles including West Coast Swing, Zouk, Bachata, Salsa - to mention just a selection. She already has several keen participants who have contacted her, but welcomes more tutees who would describe themselves as 'legally blind'.

Why are blind people of interest to Maria? She explains, "If you lose one of the senses others take over, in this case hearing and touch. Partner dancing is led, with the tapping out of touch and movement in time to the music. It will lead to fun and greater self-confidence."

You can contact Maria by



Maria Cashmore, who will be conducting dance lessons for blind people in the near future, free of charge

phoning 027 727 1749. Although she is grateful that both venues are offered at a discount there are still costs to be dealt with, so any donations would be welcome. People can learn more about Maria and her dance group by looking up www.taranakidance.co.nz. The pictures of happy budding dancers reveal that enjoyment and fun are, integral ingredients of Maria's expert tuition.



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Featuring

- The World's Fastest Indian
- Hunt for the Wilderpeople
- The Reel People of NZ
- Peter Snell-Unveiling
- One Night Two Cars
- The Bush Cinderella
- My Year with Helen
- Heartland Opunake
- The Dark Horse
- Footrot Flats
- Kiwi Flyer
- Spookers
- Tama Tu Mahana
- Boy

NZ Film Festival

27 October - 5 November 2017 Screenings 10.30 - 1pm & 7pm

Check out our website for screening times

\$10 adults - \$8 child/seniors

To order our Cheese Platters check out our website. \$20 for 2 people.



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NZ Film Festival Timetable

Friday 27 October	Saturday 28 October	Sunday 29 October	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 31 October
10.30am Mahana 1pm The World's Fastest Indian 7pm The Dark Horse	10.30am The Bush Cinderella 1pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople 7pm Boy	10.30am Kiwi Flyer 1pm Mahana 7pm My Year with Helen	10.30am My Year with Helen 1pm Footrot Flats 7pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople	10.30am Footrot Flats 1pm The Dark Horse 7pm Spookers
Wed 1 November	Thur 2 November	Friday 3 November	Sat 4 November	Sunday 5 November
10.30am Shorts 1pm Boy 7pm The World's Fastest Indian	10.30am The Dark Horse 1pm My Year with Helen 7pm Mahana	10.30am Hunt for the Wilderpeople 1pm Shorts 7pm Spookers	10.30am Boy 1pm Kiwi Flyer 7pm Footrot Flats	10.30am The World's Fastest Indian 1pm Kiwi Flyer 7pm The Lost City of Z

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