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A big night for Labour all round

It was Labour's night as both New Plymouth and Whanganui gained new electorate Members of Parliament.

Glen Bennett took the New Plymouth electorate displacing Jonathan Young who has held the seat for 12 years while in Whanganui Steph Lewis standing in the Whanganui electorate for Labour won the seat off National's Harete Hipango. Angela Roberts who stood for Labour unsuccessfully against Barbara Kuriger in the Taranaki-King Country electorate enters Parliament on the list.

An ecstatic crowd of supporters at the Labour Party function in New Plymouth on election night greeted the announcement of the new Member of Parliament for New Plymouth Glen Bennett with jubilation.

It was quite a night as the results came in, momentum gathering when it became apparent that Glen Bennett would be swept into Parliament in the tide of Labour's biggest election victory for 50 years.

The raucous celebration was interrupted only when New Plymouth's Member of Parliament Jonathan Young arrived to concede the seat he's held for 12 years. Glen Bennett overturned a 7733 majority to claim the New Plymouth seat.

The crowd clapped Jonathan as he came in and listened respectfully as the MP graciously passed



Elation and disbelief. Glen Bennett gets a hug from Marie Ardern.

on his congratulations to Glen who he said "ran a very good campaign" and wished him well. "For 12 years I have found it a real

privilege to serve New Plymouth," Jonathan said even managing a few jokes. He also added "I think the most wonderful thing about

New Plymouth is its people. "I see friends in this room," he said. The affable Jonathan has served the region well. In introducing him, Glen

Bennett paid tribute to his leadership and service. It was a touching moment.

Former Member of Parliament Harry Duynhoven who held the seat for a total of 18 years was also among the well wishers.

Among the most jubilant perhaps was Marie Ardern, aunt of Jacinda Ardern who has campaigned hard for Labour for many years in New Plymouth. It was Marie who first suggested Glen contest the New Plymouth seat.

She said Glen had a great team of Labour people behind him and said it was the best campaign she'd ever worked on.



The moment Labour is predicted to win the General Election.

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Steph Lewis on election night.

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We apologise for an error in a public notice relating to registration for the start of Twilight Bowls. The Public Notice stated they would be taking place on Friday November 16. This was incorrect and should have read October 16. Twilight Bowls is thus now up and running. If anyone wants further information on Twilight Bowls they can contact Chris on 027 838 5654. Also in the story on Brighton

Feedbarn in the last issue, there were several errors. The feed company where the feed was sourced was Feed Me Milling not Millers, Brighton Feedbarn has only been open 3 months (not 8), the historic saws came from Cindy's daughter in law's parents and when open, the flag that flies at the gate of the farmlet just south of Omata says 'Open' not 'For sale.' Again, our apologies for these errors.
Editor

Letters to the Editor

Lake Dive Hut

It has been two weeks now since the Department of Conservation Lake Dive Hut in the Egmont National Park, was burnt to the ground (Sunday/Monday 27/28 September).

We are hoping the Department of Conservation staff and the police will find out how the fire started and perhaps by who?

When I spoke to the local Department of Conservation staff they did not know whether the Department of Conservation and police staff had walked in to investigate the reason for the fire. The question to the Department of Conservation is when will the Lake Dive Hut be replaced?

Lake Dive Hut held a lot of great memories for people who stayed there.

*Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth*

Speaking to Dave Rogers, Senior Ranger Recreation and Historic Assets, police are still conducting their investigation.

It appears thus far that the source of the fire was the fire place and a sole individual who was staying there at the time was helping with the investigation.

*Added Dave, re replacing the hut, the intent is to replace the hut and there had been a couple of meetings about it but it will come down to planning and finances. "It's sounding positive."
*Editor**



Lake Dive Hut.



All that remains after the fire that destroyed the hut.

Well worth the walk

Wilkie Pools, at Dawson Falls is a well-kept secret of beautiful Taranaki, which before the Covid-19 came along was covered in tourists, yet locals didn't know.

Over my guiding years, I guided hundreds of people of all ages to Wilkie Pools, and many saying and taking photos of the beautiful Goblin Forest vegetation found there. Sadly I have never come across a goblin. Many of these people took the opportunity to take the cool dip and natural water slide there. Very cool. These days the Department of Conservation has had a barrier-free board-walkway to it, with a large swing-bridge across the Kapuni Stream.

Yep, well worth the short walk, in our national park.

*Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth*

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*Tiny Austin
Headstones Taranaki*



Wilkie Pools.

Relook at terrorist law

After reading Geoff Downey (Opunake and coastal News September 24), I really do believe he is absolutely correct.

I vividly remember former PM John Key stating on TV that our country has no fear whatsoever of being subjected to any terrorist attacks, yet how wrong was he? Prior to this, a delegation of Moslems met with him, telling him about the number of threats of violence they had against them. Even the police got numerous reports of suspicious activity going on prior to this attack, and didn't do anything about them, thinking they were just stupid pranks or just a joke. Yet if they had investigated these reports, they could, or may have stopped this utterly despicable Islamophobic terrorist attack actually happening.

I do believe the time has come that our Commonwealth law reform counsel should seriously look at the law once again. Now maybe some people may agree or disagree, but I do believe that those regardless of gender, or any terrorist group is caught and charged with terrorism, their punishment should be death, and their accomplices also, like those who helped Brenton Tarrant.

Now, each and every one of us should and must respect each other religions and faiths, whether we like it or not, as this crime should never have happened at all, but unfortunately it did. Maybe it could be a good lesson for our police force not to treat like this as a joke, or even a prank. Also remember, terrorism and many other crimes we have today went on well before the birth of Christ, as in some countries today they have the death penalty.

To the survivors and families of those who died, I really admire them all, when they faced the person who took away their loved ones from them. Now how long will he last in prison?

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth*

Correction

In our report on the Rahotu Hall receiving funding from the Provincial Growth Fund (Opunake and Coastal News October 8), it should have been reported that the current Rahotu Hall Society committee comprises Murray Horo (chair), Karen Wallace (treasurer) and Leanne Horo (secretary). We apologise for this error.

ADELPHOS Comfort in times of Covid

Jesus sometimes said some seemingly strange stuff: Even His twelve apostles couldn't understand many things He taught. Then, at His Good Friday crucifixion, their confusion temporarily plummeted into despair. There was no comfort for The Twelve, until the amazing joy of seeing and eating with the resurrected Jesus.

But what is comfort? The Latin word "confortare" means to greatly strengthen: "com" plus "fortis" or to make strong. Comfort has been defined and experienced as, "... a state of physical calm or a lessening of feelings of grief or distress." A wonderful example is a coastal friend of mine awaiting a post-bowel cancer examination and testing and then being informed that he was cancer free. He expressed thankfulness, utter relief and hope, along with family and friends who co-celebrated those feelings. Feelings of comfort can strengthen, console, encourage, give hope or bring relief and assurance.

As many of us know, either from personal experience or through someone we

know, the journey through life includes times of grief and sometimes distress. And these times of Covid-19 have intensified and triggered greater needs for comfort in some people. But each of us can experience comfort in different ways.

So what are some of the ways we can comfort ourselves and others? Firstly, it's always good to stay physically active. Exercise reduces stress. Reconnect with nature and go walking. Keep a diary to write about what's on your mind, use adult colouring activities, crosswords, singing or listening to music that makes you feel better (music can work both ways). You might call or text a friend, family member or counselling service (Lifeline). Meditation, mindfulness and doing acts of kindness for yourself and others can be helpful. Distraction activities such as gardening, cards, woodwork, arts and crafts and internet games may also help. And don't forget to treat yourself to some dark chocolate.

Our faith is often challenged in times of distress, but it can become a dangerous opportu-

nity to grow. History is filled with countless faith testimonies about the comforting power of prayer during times of tragedy and turmoil. After Jesus' resurrection, these words of comfort echo down through the centuries until now and the end of time, "And surely [I am with you always], to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Remember that God is described as "...the Father of compassion and [the God of all comfort], who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4). God wants to give the same comfort to you. Just ask.

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A big night for Labour all round

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“Glen will go so, so far in Parliament,” predicted Marie adding he will be a great voice for New Plymouth. “I wish him all the luck in the world.” As the new Member of Parliament thanked the large crowd of well wishers they broke into a spontaneous rendition of We are the Champions pumping the air with their fists. Glen Bennett’s proud mother was also at the

election party and his aunt. In his speech Glen paid tribute to his mother and family and also to his proud partner John, a primary school teacher, to whom he is engaged. He has also been a foster parent for the last 20 years and he spoke movingly of his foster children. He also spoke about how he came to stand in the electorate. He first met Marie when he was doing a video. Impressed, Marie asked him if he would consider

standing for Labour in New Plymouth. He immediately declined. After several further refusals he was eventually persuaded to stand by John, his new partner in his life. As his speech ended singer Kim Carr and John broke into a rousing waiata, Porea Nei. The partying then resumed. Glen who gave up his job to fully campaign has been a frequent presence in Opunake for some months holding regular clinics.



Newly elected Glen Bennett giving his acceptance speech on election night.

Aunt introduced PM to politics

Marie, who is the sister of Jacinda Ardern’s father, credits herself as introducing her niece to politics.

Her first election campaign was for Helen Clark in Piako, as a 23 year old, recalled Marie. Jacinda would have been too young to join her aunt on the hustings but in later elections Marie would take her niece when campaigning. “I taught her to door knock,” said Marie. She was a champion debater at Morrinsville High School Marie recalls.

“She’s still the same down to earth girl she always was,” commented Marie’s son in law Matt Vinsen. who was also at the election party. As Marie Ardern watched



Marie Ardern on election night in New Plymouth.

her niece preside over one of the biggest swings in New Zealand’s electoral history in 80 years, she excitedly

commented “I’m so happy that people voted for her,” adding that she had lead us through such a dire situation.

Election endorses Covid response

It was a huge night for the Labour Government and a massive endorsement of their leader Jacinda Ardern who has steered the country through the world wide pandemic that has figuratively turned the world on his axis for much of 2020. Though special votes are still to be counted, the National Party has lost in the order of around 20 members of Parliament.

It was also a big night for ACT with the leader David Seymour bringing in another 9 members of Parliament. The Greens also did well with 10 members of parliament and winning only their second electorate seat in the party’s history when Chloe Swarbrick clinched Auckland Central.



Glen Bennett and his partner Jon O'Neill celebrating on election night among wellwishers.



More hugs and congratulations at the Labour Election Night party in New Plymouth.

Regional General Election results at the time of going to print

They do not include special votes (estimated to be at 480,000 – 17% of total votes) which will be released on November 6.

New Plymouth
Glen Bennett 1519
Jonathan Young
2017 majority 7733

Taranaki King Country
Barbara Kuriger 16,281
Angela Roberts 12,649
Barbara Kuriger
2017 majority 15,259

Te Tai Hauauru
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1039 majority 2017

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Board backs summer events

With summer a matter of months away, the Taranaki Coastal Community Board has voted funding for two iconic Opunake summer events.

At their October meeting

the Board voted on funding applications for the Opunake Beach Carnival and the Opunake Christmas Parade.

The Opunake Beach Carnival Committee was asking for \$1200 for the

running of the annual carnival which is held in January.

The committee represented a collaboration of clubs in the community like the two Lions Clubs and the Surf Lifesaving Club, as well as interested individuals, committee chair Kay Pointon told the board.

“Our priority is to deliver an event that’s a really good fun day for the community. If it’s a sunny day, it’s a fun day, bearing in mind that we don’t always get a sunny day, so we have to plan accordingly.”

She said that in recent years they have had to face additional costs, such as coming up with traffic plans, as well as such things as hiring portaloos and dealing with rubbish.

Everything was volunteered and they didn’t aim to make a profit.

“If we do make some money our goal is for it to go into the beach carnival, or into a beach project,” she said. One project they are looking at is to beautify the picnic area.

The issue of rubbish was also discussed. Kay Pointon said they had looked at having separate bins for both recycling and normal rubbish, but in the end it was felt that it was too much to ask people to properly separate items.

She said they were conscious of the need to not leave a lot of rubbish behind, so there was always a big cleanup at the end of the

carnival.

In granting the full amount asked for, board members commented that they believed this was the first time the Carnival had come to them asking for money.

The Community Board also voted \$1500 to the Opunake and District Business Association for the running of the annual Opunake Christmas Parade, which is held every year on Christmas Eve.

“The Opunake Christmas Parade is an iconic Taranaki event attracting people from all over the region to attend and/or to be a part of,” the Association said in its funding application.

Business Association

treasurer Aretha Lemon said she believed theirs is the best Christmas Parade in Taranaki.

Community Board member Bonita Bigham said she was happy to move the Board grant the full amount being asked for.

“This year the community has as much reason as possible to get together to celebrate, given what’s happened this year,” she said.

Mention was made in discussion of Christmas parades in other parts of the Taranaki Coastal ward, including Manaia and Okaiawa. The Okaiawa parade which is held every two years, is due to be held in 2020.

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Funding for hall serving two communities

A hole in the roof is proving to be a problem at the Pihame Hall.

At this month’s Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting, held at the Otakeho Hall, the Pihama Hall Society were asking for \$2000 to go towards replacing two small roofs at the back of the hall. A leak in the roof is causing the stage ceiling to fall apart, Pihama Hall Society secretary/treasurer Trish Stevenson told the board.

COVID-19 had meant events that had been booked had to be cancelled, and there had been no indoor bowls

held at the hall.

The Hall Society is intending to ask the community for help with getting a box to house a defibrillator, as well as new toilets and new furniture.

“The leaking roof needs to be repaired asap,” their funding application read.

The hall is the only public gathering place for the Pihama and Oeo communities and is used for 21st birthday parties, post funeral gatherings, district functions and other occasions.

She said the TSB are no longer accepting applications for grants for projects not related to COVID-19.

Community Board chairman Andy Whitehead who is also chairman of the Oaonui Hall committee said Oaonui had been fortunate in getting a grant from there before the country went into lockdown.

“For many communities, the hall is the only thing left,” he said. “The schools have gone. The factories are gone. The hall is the only thing that’s a neutral venue for anybody, regardless of race, colour or creed.”

During the open forum part of the meeting there had been some discussion about the Otakeho Hall where the

meeting was being held, with plans for a paint job in time for the hall’s 125th anniversary in two years’ time.

South District mayor Phil Nixon advised hall committees to put in submissions for the next Long Term Plan.

“The squeaky wheel gets the oil,” he said. “If we don’t hear from you, we think nothing’s any different.”

The board voted in favour of granting the money asked for.

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Beach Road antics pose a risk to public safety

Police are asking for information about hoons whose dangerous driving has targeted the road leading to Opunake Beach. Constable Kylie Brophy of the Opunake police and South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach point to wheel marks up a bank near where Beach Road turns into the beach camp.

“Some people see this as a four wheel drive bank. They’ve been doing this for months,” says Cr Roach. “If this damage continues, all the ratepayers are going to pay to fix this up, so ultimately everybody pays.”

Cr Roach and Constable Brophy say the drivers’ antics endanger public safety.

“This is a public area and people camp here,” says Cr Roach. “People walk down the road, and mothers with push chairs use the road.”

Constable Brophy says visibility on the part of the road used by the drivers is



Cr Bryan Roach and Constable Kylie Brophy and the wheel marks raising safety concerns at Opunake Beach.

near corners which make visibility limited from either direction.

The damage has already affected some of the plans for

the annual beach carnival. The site which has been targeted is the same place children slide down the bank with their cardboard slides.

Now that area is unusable for this purpose.

Constable Brophy said the offending had been going on for several months and takes

place at any time of day or night.

He says more than one person is involved, and police are asking members of the public for information, which can be done by phoning the 105 number.

“All we need is a licence plate number. We’ve got one already,” he says. One person is currently being dealt with by the police.

This problem is not new to Opunake, nor has it been restricted to the beach. There

have been issues with skid marks on the verges around town, including around Ihaia Road, and Opunake High School.

“This is the worst one,” says Constable Brophy.

Cr Roach says there had been similar problems at the north end of the beach.

“They used to climb up the hill at the other end of the beach, but then we put rocks in to stop them from driving up,” he says.

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Port worker tests positive for Covid

A man who works on ships that have been at the Ports of Auckland and Port Taranaki, returned a positive COVID-19 test result on Saturday.

Professor Michael Baker, Professor of Public Health, University of Otago, Wellington says

“This newly identified COVID-19 case in a port worker is important as it appears to be the first New Zealand case linked to a seaport and shipping.

“It is also continuing a pattern we are seeing of occasional cases and outbreaks linked to breaches in border biosecurity. Since the large Auckland August

cluster, we have seen three small ‘outbreaks’ linked to MIQ facilities, two in Auckland and one from Christchurch, and now this case linked to a seaport. Given the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing to intensify globally, we can expect to see a continuing risk of these kinds of breaches.

“The first priority is of course to investigate and control this potential outbreak as quickly as possible. But we also need to thoroughly investigate this case to identify how they became infected so that we can avoid this error happening again.

“Seaports have received less attention than airports, but are obviously areas of vulnerability for NZ, as this case appears to show.

“The rapid identification and management of this case suggests that all of the testing and contact tracing systems are working well in NZ.

“This case also did all the right things in terms of seeking testing as soon as he developed symptoms.

“It is still too early to know if any of his contacts were infected. However, the information available at this stage suggests that this outbreak should be contained very effectively.

“The risk of COVID-19 outbreaks from shore leave by shipping crews was assessed in a recently published modelling study which also shows how this virus can be imported through ports.”

On this month in history President Johnson visits New Zealand

On October 19, 1966 President Lyndon Johnson visited Ohakea Air Force Base for a two day visit. He was the first incumbent US president to visit New Zealand.

The purpose of the visit was to encourage support

of American (and Allies like NZ and Australia) involvement in the Vietnam War; NZ had agreed to send troops the year before. Underpinning this was the so called Domino theory – stop the Communists there or they will, one by one, take

over other countries until they reach our shores

Johnson and his wife ‘Lady Bird’ were greeted by protesters, but also many people in favour of the visit.

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David Clark receiving his Fire Fighting helmet, from CFO Craig Dingle, after passing his 7 day course.

out and become dusty.

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*Craig Dingle
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Kia Ora Koutou,

I hope we are all starting to enjoy the longer sunshine hours and warmer weather. Just a reminder to those riding bicycles that helmets need to be worn by both young and old.

With warmer weather, it brings more barbeques and more drinks, which should be enjoyed. Can I ask that we



CONSTABLE MATT STONE

are responsible when it comes

to driving after drinking. Always have a sober driver prepared.

It's unfortunate that I have to report a couple of Quad Bike burglaries over recent weeks in our Coastal area. I believe that the offenders live within our area. Please continue to be vigilant around your farm security and report any suspicious behaviour, no matter how insignificant you

think it might be.

Lastly, on a more positive note, I have had a blast over recent weeks visiting schools, play groups and kindergartens in the area. Thank you for allowing me to visit and interact with the Tamariki.

Until next time,
*Matt Stone
Okato Police
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Never leave cooking unattended

Kitchen fire prompts reminder to never leave cooking unattended

A Tawa resident had a close call when their house filled with smoke after a pot caught fire when it was left unattended on the stove.

Volunteer firefighters rescued the resident and

assisted them out of the house to safety.

Area Manager Dave Key says this is a timely reminder to make sure you never leave cooking unattended - even briefly.

"Fire is quick and can totally consume a room in just three minutes. If you need to leave

the stove when cooking for any reason - to go bathroom, take a phone call or deal with the kids - make sure you switch it off until you get back," says Dave Key.

The fire also shows the importance of having working smoke alarms. "The occupant was lucky

their neighbour heard the smoke alarms and called 111 before the fire spread any further through the house," says Dave Key.

"It's a simple fact that working smoke alarms save lives. So make sure you press the button and check yours."

On this month in history Keri Hulme wins Booker Prize

On October 31 1985 Keri Hulme became the first New Zealander to win the British-based Booker Prize for literature. Her winning book The Bone People had been published the year previously

by Spiral Collective having been turned down by several publishers.

The short list for the Booker included such noted writers as Doris Lessing (The Good Terrorist) and Iris Murdoch

(The Good Apprentice), as well as three others.

Keri Hulme has poetry, novels and short stories published. One short story Hooks and Feelers was made into a film starring Bridgitte

Allen.

She also won the Katherine Mansfield Memorial Award in 1975 and was the Robert Burns Fellow in 1977.

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Community groups get to know each other

On Christmas Eve last year the Opunake Loop Trail was complete, so Claire Hunn decided to go for a walk along it. To her surprise she counted 15 others who seemed to have the same idea, she told a meeting held at the Sandfords Event Centre last week.

The purpose of the meeting was to help groups build relationships with each other, and with the Council, Andy Whitehead, chair of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board which was hosting the meeting said.

As well as long well known and long established groups like the Cape Egmont Boat Club, Pihama Hall Society and Opunake Surf Club there were groups like the Opunake Storytelling Ohu, Taranaki Clay Club and Bowen Crescent Playground redevelopment whose names are not as well known.

South Taranaki District Council economic development and tourism manager Phil Waite said this was the third time a meeting like this had been held in Opunake.

“We had a small group in the first year, but we’ve got more groups coming on now,” he said.

Kapoi Mathieson of the TSB Community Trust said because of the COVID lockdown, they had decided to stop funding capital developments, but that policy had changed, and as from that day, they would be accepting capital applications.

Fran Davey of the Opunake Storytelling Ohu said their group met every two months and was about hapu and iwi coming together to tell their stories.

Laura Buchanan of the Taranaki Clay Club said she is a ceramic artist new to the area and wanted to encourage others “to give clay a go.”

Jane Haste of the Mountain Bike Track Group said they had a goal of transforming currently unused Council



Jane Beynon talks about the development of the Bowen Crescent playground.

Claire Hunn was there representing both the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club and the Opunake Loop Trail committee.

The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club is planning for its centenary celebrations in 2023. Opunake is now the only patrolled beach between Whanganui and Oakura. In recent years there had been an increase in non-English speaking tourists coming to the area, many unfamiliar with New Zealand beach conditions.

“They don’t understand our beaches. They think it’s like the Mediterranean,” she said.

long been one of the driving forces for the Opunake Loop Trail was there representing the Taranaki Trails Trust which aims to let people know where the trails in Opunake are located.

Jane Beynon spoke about the

Bowen Crescent Playground redevelopment, and Trish Stevenson of the Pihama Hall Society said local halls such as the one at Pihama had become the hubs of their communities and needed to be used.



Community members listening to Jane at the meeting.

land into a recreational space for biers.

“We’re a group of enthusiastic young people and their parents,” she said. “What we need is pretty much everything.”

Cape Egmont Boat Club commodore Richard Van der Fits said his group had been formed in 1961 and had 280 members from New Plymouth to Patea. They enjoy a good relationship with the Parihaka Papakainga Trust, and with the loss of community services in the nearby settlements of Pungarehu and Warea, the Boat club facilities had

become something of a hub for these communities. The Lighthouse Museum was proving a popular tourist drawcard, with 4000 names in the visitor book in the last year. The Club is looking at buying some land as a parking space for the ever increasing number of campervans visiting the area.

“With baby boomers reaching retirement, we will see more and more campervans. Let’s welcome them to our coast and leave them with happy memories they won’t forget,” said Richard.

The Opunake Loop Trail had its origins as an Opunake Lions Club project and had moved on from there. Other groups like the Pihama WI and Opunake Lakeside Lions have got on board and they are in the process of setting up a charitable trust.

“I’ve lived in the area my whole life, and it just blows me away there are places I didn’t know existed.” Ian Armstrong, who has

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Outgoing parliamentarian says thank you

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JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

issues, it has been an honour to serve. 2020 has been a difficult year for us all and the extended election campaign was certainly rigorously contested. There are many ideas and projects I have been working on in this previous term of Parliament and I hope to continue to support our local

businesses and communities to see our incredible region continue to grow from strength to strength.

I often reflect on how resilience and a can-do attitude has traditionally been a key component of Taranaki's success. Let's continue to press forward with a positive outlook

through these uncertain times and remember that we are fortunate to live in such a special place.

Jonathan Young

It has been a real pleasure dealing with Jonathan, who has been an excellent MP for New Plymouth. We have

also greatly appreciated his regular informative columns.

We wish you all the best for the future, Jonathan, in whatever you put your considerable talents to.

You'll be missed by us all at the Opunake and Coastal News.

Jacinda Adern has a plan to end hen caging

Animal rights organisation SAFE say they have big expectations around colony cages for the next Labour government.

SAFE CEO Debra Ashton said with a majority of the

seats in Parliament, Labour can make quick progress on animal welfare.

"Labour can really get things done now, like fulfilling some broken promises on animal welfare. They should start

with banning colony cages."

The Labour Party had promised to end the caging of hens in 2014 and 2017, yet hens are still confined to colony cages, say SAFE.

At SAFE's Political

Panel for Animals in July, Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor had said he wouldn't be investing in colony cages, and no other smart person should be either.

"A 2020 Colmar Brunton

Poll showed 76% of people oppose the use of colony cages. Jacinda Adern has a clear mandate to phase out the caging of hens."

"This is an issue that Kiwis care about, and with

a majority of a house of representatives, one that Labour can quickly act on."

Local legends recognised in citizen's awards

Three local legends who have fostered more than 300 children between them are among 11 people to receive NPDC Citizens' Awards.

These heroes were honoured for their outstanding and often unsung work across the District in helping mums

and dads deal with loss and addiction, preserving heritage, and charity work, at a function on October 8.

New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom praised the contribution the Citizens' Award recipients make.

"It's one of the perks of the role as Mayor to meet



Back row, from left: Captain Laura Ewing, Judith Moorhead, Suellen Roy, Mayor Neil Holdom, Kathryn Smale, Judith Jolly, and Major Michael Fabish.

Front row, from left: Sue Philipson, Simon Moseley, June Moseley, John Pickering, Mavis Bridgeman, Dale Spurdle and Cameron Gillbanks.

and honour these local legends who do so much to make our Lifestyle Capital hum. All of the award winners thoroughly deserve

recognition for going above and beyond and making a massive difference to the lives of so many people."

Mavis Bridgeman and June and Simon Moseley between

them have decades of caring for vulnerable youngsters, providing a much-needed and loving home for foster children.

Mavis has cared for

more than 250 children, sometimes for just a night in an emergency while others stayed for longer until they found a permanent home. She's looked after children with intellectual disabilities and also been a caregiver for the Open Home Foundation Taranaki, giving respite care to children whose families were under stress.

June and Simon have also volunteered with the Open Home Foundation, caring for about 50 youngsters over a decade. Their nomination says the couple 'embody caring and compassion for Taranaki'.

The full list of the 2020 Citizens' Awards is: Mavis Bridgeman, Cameron Gillbanks, Judith Jolly, Judith Moorhead, June and Simon Moseley, Sue Philipson, John Pickering, Suellen Roy, Kathryn Smale, and Dale Spurdle.

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Sexual abuse is all too common

Singer Stan Walker has recently opened up about a past which has included being abused.

John (not his real name) came into the Opunake & Coastal News wanted to give his story, says that for every celebrity like Stan Walker who goes public with his story, there are many more, like himself whose stories do not get told.

“They keep doing the story on Stan Walker because he’s famous. What about the other people like me who aren’t Stan Walkers?” he says.

For John it all began when he was 13 and he was introduced to a man he was told was a friend of the family. Outwardly this Jekyll and Hyde character was charming, but he was also a predator who John later found out was already known to the police as a paedophile. He would take John to the stock cars and take him out to stay on his farm.

“He used to sit on my bed and ply me with alcohol and drugs. After he started touching me I didn’t know how to handle it,” says John. Confused, John started getting into trouble with the

law, shoplifting, taking a car, and shooting out street lights.

At this stage the man responsible for John’s confused state offered to take him under his wing and look after him. Despite his previous record with the police this was agreed to, and the abuse and offending continued.

“This guy plied himself as a social worker,” says John. “I hold the police and Department of Social Welfare responsible. They should have done a background check.”

In the years since then John has been in prison six times for various offences.

“When I was introduced to him I hadn’t done shoplifting or anything,” says John. He says a sympathetic police officer later told him that if he hadn’t been put under that man’s care he never would have gone to prison.

John says when he heard that a nephew had received similar treatment from the same man he knew it was time to do something.

The offender’s past caught up and he was put on trial for what he did to John and others. He is now serving a term of preventative detention. It rankles with

John that when the man came up for a parole hearing he was not told about it, because under the system that operated back then, he was not classified as a victim.

John says he has received compensation, but was never given any guidance in how to handle the money.

“If I had my time over I would have been able to afford a house in Opunake,” he says.

As well as the time spent in prison he has battled with problems with alcohol and drug addiction in the years since.

“I looked in the mirror one day, and I didn’t like what I looked at,” he says. “My niece said to me we love you, but we don’t like what you’re turning into.”

He recalls waking up at five o’clock in the morning and

wanting a drink so that he can wipe the memories out. He has also had addictions to marijuana and heroin, which he says are not linked to each other.

While the past can’t be expunged, it’s still possible to mould the future, he says.

He would like this future to include completing a social sciences degree he had previously started.

“My dream job would be to work in a youth prison,” he says. “What have I got to offer? I’ve got life experience. I’ve been there.

Don’t hide behind the drugs. Don’t hold behind the alcohol. I would die a very happy man if I could help just one or two people, and they would help one or two people and it would grow from there.”

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Coastal Taranaki School hold their Pet Day

Coastal Taranaki School Pet Day was held on Friday October 16. This year we were delighted to welcome back calves into the Pet event for judging along with lambs, chickens, rabbits, cats, a rooster and an Emperor Gum Moth - winner of the Junior Most Unexpected Pet.

Congratulations to all the winners in the Calves, Lambs and other pets and also the amazing classroom exhibit categories.

There were a lot of different activities going on to keep everyone entertained, stalls, coffee, raffles, magic carpet ride, zorb balls, pony rides, face painting, hair styling

and much more.

A huge thanks to the Friends of Coastal Taranaki School organising committee and all the staff, students, parents and community members who volunteered and business that sponsored the day.

Kirsty Koboski

Our next issue is published on Thursday November 5. We welcome your contributions.



Jessica Sulzberger with her pet rabbit which placed first in the Junior Best Decorated Box/Cage.



LEFT: Jacob Barron and his Reserve Champion of Champions Lamb.

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Coastal Taranaki School hold their Pet Day



ABOVE: Lilly and Darcy Julian with pet lambs Foxy Lamborghini and Chocolate Beetlejuice.



LEFT: Josh Bermeister's calf won Reserve Champion of Champions and Junior Champion Calf.

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Meet the Chief Executive

Changes bring opportunities and challenges to Taranaki

It's an exciting time to step into this new role in Taranaki, and all because of a word starting with C. But it's not Covid. It's change.

We're already seeing changes to the rulebook as a result of the Government's Essential Freshwater package, with more on the way. This Council and the community are hard at work to determine how they'll

be implemented and what this means on the ground. It's challenging stuff in part. It reminds us that when it comes to the environment, community expectations are only going to grow and outside scrutiny is only going to become more intense.

Our District Council colleagues, meanwhile, face a major upheaval aimed at more efficient delivery of 'Three Waters' services – drinking water, stormwater and waste water.

But changes won't stop there and they'll reach far wider than water. Whatever the new Government looks like (I write this pre-election), New Zealand's whole resource



management framework is about to undergo a significant shake-up. However the details play out, it's clear that the aim will be a more streamlined system with greater standardisation and centralisation. This is already obvious in a number of areas including the RMA, Three Waters and the way central government agencies are working with local communities.

So in five years or so, local government will look very different from what it is today. And Councils need to look beyond existing programmes and ways of working to consider different roles, in partnership with other agencies and, most importantly, with the community. And the main driver for change must be improving the overall well-being of the communities we serve.

The exciting bit for me is that Taranaki is well-placed to rise to these challenges. There are already successful Council-community collaborations and partnerships that are getting great results. Two outstanding examples are riparian fencing

and planting, and Towards Predator-Free Taranaki. But a lot of other stuff is happening as well, at district level as well as region-wide.

So all the changes, here and on the horizon, bring an opportunity for us to build on these successes and look at how else we can all work together to make the region a better place. I'm sure some of the answers will surprise us!

A bit about myself: After the past six years as Chief Executive of Southland District Council, coming to Taranaki is something of a homecoming for myself and my family – our roots are in the central North Island.

Previously I led the Kaipara and Thames-Coromandel District Councils, and I also have management and governance experience across the wider public sector including justice, health and tertiary education. So I know how public administrative systems work and how they can be made to work. Community engagement and partnership is also critical to the way in which we might work in the future, and I look forward to being part of big conversations in Taranaki.

Around & about the region



Bee on the bus in Taranaki!

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Backyard Biodiversity tops poll

A national poll has given 'top of the pops' honours to a home-grown Taranaki video series encouraging families to engage with the environment during the Covid-19 lockdown. Backyard Biodiversity – Taiaoa Taiepa Ki Tua, an impromptu 11-video series, was judged People's Choice in a national vote by local government information management specialists. The videos were a joint effort between the Council and Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, and encourage youngsters to find out what bugs, birds, lizards, and plants live in their gardens, with tips on how to protect and enhance backyard habitats for native species.

➔ www.trc.govt.nz/backyard-biodiversity

Improving lifestyles

Pukeiti treehouse adventure comes with te reo option

Pukeiti's popular Kids Treehouse Trail is a journey of discovery in more ways than one, with a new Māori language option aimed at te reo speakers and non-speakers alike.

Activity satchels for trail users are now available in both English and te reo versions. The aim of the latter is to encourage families to learn the names of native creatures and plants, and there are advanced options for more fluent speakers.

The Kids Treehouse Trail was launched in 2017 and has become a popular family activity. It offers fascinating information and loads of fun as youngsters follow a 'secret trail' between treehouses and find out about the creatures that inhabit Pukeiti. The activity satchels can be picked up and

Video: www.trc.govt.nz/treehouse



dropped off at the Rainforest Centre. There is no charge.

Always something happening

Now's a great time to visit Pukeiti, Tūpare or Hollard Gardens – they're ablaze with spring colour and open all day, every day. Entry is free. They're perfect for picnics, or

check out one of these upcoming activities:

Garden market – 10am to 2pm on Saturday 14 November at Hollard Gardens, 1686 Upper Manaia Road, Kaponga. Free.

Guided walk in garden and bush – 10am to 11.30am on Sunday 15 November at Pukeiti, 2290 Carrington Road, New Plymouth District. Free.

Christmas carols in the garden – 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday 22 December at Tūpare, 487 Mangorei Road, New Plymouth. Free.

The gardens are also hosting workshops for those wanting to start their own nature journal, make cheeses or make a wooden go-kart. Charges apply. For details of all events, see www.trc.govt.nz/whats-on/

Supporting livelihoods

Government's new freshwater rules essential reading

The Government has introduced new regulations under its Essential Freshwater package that widen the range of activities requiring resource consents and tighten existing rules for many activities.

If your farm or business is undertaking or planning operational changes or developments involving any aspect of fresh water or waterways, you should check if the

new rules apply. Even if you haven't needed a resource consent for such work in the past, it's important to talk to Council staff.

Changes particularly relevant to Taranaki are outlined in a summary at www.trc.govt.nz/freshwater-quality, along with FAQs on winter grazing, stock exclusion, wetlands, structures in waterways and synthetic nitrogen fertiliser. The page

will be updated as new material comes to hand.

Meanwhile, the TRC Requirements for Good Farm Management in Taranaki booklet and guidance sheets are being updated and should not currently be relied upon. Contact the Council directly with any questions. Email info@trc.govt.nz with 'Freshwater inquiry' in the subject line.

Camtiki Country Lodge for superb accommodation

A scenic setting complements Camtiki Country Lodge, where excellent accommodation has been provided by local farmers Mike and Colleen Starsmore. The lodge location is at 692 Patiki Road, RD32, Opunake. It is just 6.92 km from State Highway 45, turning off from Pihama, or 2km from Eltham Road, Te Kiri.

The beautifully cared for sheltered garden, has been chosen for the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival (number 47 in the handbook).

The lodge is mostly open plan, carpeted throughout and can cater for as many as nine guests. Large windows ensure the building has plenty of light as well as a great view of the lovely environment, including a great view of Mount Taranaki.

There is also a 5 berth caravan available for groups larger than 9+ (by arrangement).



The nicely appointed lounge is both spacious and comfortable.

kit, CO2 Monitor, a fire extinguisher, fire blanket and a HRV system ensures the accommodation is free of excess moisture.

The spacious lounge has a good-sized woodburner and there is a huge supply of firewood in the woodshed, which is in close proximity to the lodge. There is even a piano for those who enjoy playing some music. The 50 inch television has Freeview.

accessed using a portable step system, which is usually not needed. However, when it is required it has two single beds and an outstanding view of the countryside. A skylight ensures plenty of natural light.

The bathroom has underfloor heating, greatly appreciated on cold mornings, a shower, a bath, tiled floor and toilet, as well as a stylish vanity unit.

folder.

We'll leave the last word to a couple of the many happy guests:

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The master bedroom is most appealing.

Quality linen and towels are supplied and are included in your stay (ie no extra charge).

The modern kitchen is well-equipped with plenty of cupboards. All appliances run on electricity. There is a gas barbecue for those guests who like cooking outside. Basic food items can be supplied, on request, and there is a cleaning service at the end of your stay, if needed.

Safety features include smoke alarms, first aid

The master bedroom has a Super King Bed, inbuilt wardrobe, huge windows and interesting pictures by outstanding artist Margaret Scott; one is even an original!

Nearby is an equally well-appointed bedroom with a super-king-sized bed, which can be separated, if required.

A third bedroom has a double/single bunk bed, which is often a hit with the kids.

There is a fourth bedroom (attic), which can be

A second toilet and shower is adjacent to the laundry, which has a nonslip floor and lots of cupboards.

Outside is a multi-car garage with a remote to ensure complete security.

Finally, there is a small office area with a very good selection of pamphlets highlighting scenic places of interest and an impressive library of books for guests to read while sitting out on the veranda enjoying the sun and scenery. There is also an informative Information

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Apple spice cake

I'm very sorry but somehow the eggs got left out of the recipe which we published in the last edition of the Opunake & Coastal News. So not the vegan version quipped an amused male member of staff here (Bryan) when told of the omission. The error was alerted to us by a number of phone calls from women wanting to make the cake inquiring about the number of eggs (eggs were mentioned in the method), including one today who phoned up a second time to say she'd since baked the cake and that it had lived



Doesn't this look delicious.

up to expectation. It was delicious and now a family favourite.

The recipe is always a hit when I make it.

It's been christened Bernice's Apple Spice Cake but there are variations of the recipe everywhere I've since discovered.

The moist cake is so easy to make and this is a no fail recipe I guarantee.

So here it is.

250g butter
3-4 apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
2 cups sugar
2 eggs, beaten

2 and a half cups of flour
1 tsp baking powder
2 tsp baking soda
3 tsp cinnamon (I usually add a couple more teaspoons to spike it up)
1 cup sultanas (I usually use sultanas) or raisins
Icing sugar, to dust

Preheat oven to 150C. Grease the sides of a 26cm-diameter cake tin and line the base with baking paper. Melt butter in a large pot.

Remove from heat and mix in apples and sugar, then eggs. Stir in flour, baking powder, baking

soda, cinnamon, sultanas or raisins, and stirring just enough to blend evenly. The batter will be quite runny. Spread into prepared tin and bake until it is risen and golden and the top bounces back when pressed (about 1 hour, 20 minutes).

Allow to cool for 15 minutes before turning out of the tin. Dust with icing sugar before serving.

Editor

Before taking the property plunge do your homework

Real estate regulator reminds Kiwis to do their homework before taking the property plunge

With a growing number of New Zealanders racing to

buy property right now, the real estate industry regulator is reminding home buyers to do their homework before making an offer. Belinda Moffat, Chief Executive of the Real Estate Authority

(REA), says it's more important than ever for house hunters to make well-informed decisions.

"Buying and selling property is one of the biggest investment decisions New

Zealanders make. There are many risks, and when issues occur with a real estate transaction, the financial and emotional impact can be significant and long-lasting. In a competitive market, it's still essential to do your research before you buy a home," Belinda urges. "Don't let your fear of missing out impact your decision-making."

"We're warning house hunters to take care in this high-pressure environment and make sure they've gathered all the information they need before making a big real estate decision. Doing your homework on a property, researching the transaction process, and getting sound legal advice are all valuable steps that potential buyers can take to make sure they're setting themselves up for success," she says.

In the three months to 30 September, REA has seen an increase in calls and complaint enquiries. Last quarter REA handled 5844 calls, up 20 per cent on the same period in 2019.

Complaint enquiries were up 22 per cent.

"Buying a home, particularly your first home, is already a pretty stressful process. You add to that the stress of COVID-19 and it makes sense that some buyers might be feeling overwhelmed, or feeling like they're poorly-equipped to tackle big financial decisions right now. With homes selling so quickly in some parts of the country, we understand that for some buyers it might feel like a race to the finish line, but it's important to take your time and do it right," Belinda explains.

"Get a property inspection report, get a council LIM, get your finances in order and get legal advice before you commit," she recommends. "REA's settled.govt.nz website has independent information for buyers, and helpful tools like open home checklists and a report generator that breaks down potential risks and issues to watch out for at a particular property."

Equally, real estate licensees are reminded of their obligations under the professional conduct and client care rules for real estate work. These rules

are critical for guiding licensees in dealing fairly with consumers who are buying or selling property, especially in a high-pressure environment.

"We're reminding real estate agents to maintain high levels of professionalism and compassion as they work to support consumers who are navigating a real estate transaction at this time. Agents should remain mindful of the personal situation of the buyers or sellers they're engaging with," Belinda says. "Individuals who have been personally affected by the economic impact of COVID-19 may be particularly vulnerable at this time."

REA, the government agency that regulates the New Zealand real estate industry, oversees real estate agent behaviour and works to maintain high standards of professionalism across the industry.

People who have problems or issues with a real estate agent can contact the Real Estate Authority (REA) – visit rea.govt.nz or call 0800 376 732.

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Brand new display for Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights kicks off in just over two months and the first sneak peak of the 16 all-new dazzling displays can be revealed by NPDC.

The new light installations include many making their world debut at the Pukekura Park festival and New Plymouth will also shine bright over the festive season with a light projection situated in the central city for the first time.

The 19 December to 31 January festival in Pukekura Park features free entertainment from fantastic home-grown talent as well as events for kids and seniors and food trucks and is set for a bumper season as Kiwis enjoy a staycation



Eight tentacle drums activate a unique display of colour and light, animating Octopoda's musical mind.

in Aotearoa because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

NPDC Group Manager Community and Customer Services Teresa Turner says this summer's event has gone two better than the 14 all-new installations at the 2019/2020 season with 16 new displays, created by artists and companies in New Zealand and from around the world.

"I can't wait to see these wonderful creations in the stunning setting of our Pukekura Park. It's going

to be a special season and will bring some joy to locals and visitors to the New Plymouth District after the tumultuous year we've all been through because of Covid-19," says Ms Turner.

"We smashed records last year with about 150,000 visitors attending the festival and this pumped millions into the Taranaki region. We hope to see a similar number this season, keeping the tills ringing as people enjoy our Lifestyle Capital."

Te Kiri WI donate to Riding for Disabled

The meeting of the Te Kiri Woman's Institute was held in the Te Kiri Hall on October 8. There were 12 members present with five apologies.

The Aspirations were read and President Sue opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

The usual format was followed with minutes, correspondence, finance and general business. Members voted to donate to the Riding for Disabled Hawera branch to support this worthy cause.

President Sue thanked the members who served the afternoon teas in place of those rostered who were unable to do this on the day.

Discussion arose on what to post to our link Institute in England for Christmas, it has to be light weight and unbreakable. It was decided to get a South Taranaki calendar, picturesque scenic cards or photos of New Zealand and maybe a decorated plastic souvenir plate to go with a letter of our happenings.

There is to be a Fun and Friendship Day at the Kapuni Hall on October 19. Two members will attend this to represent Te Kiri WI. We have sold our allocated raffle books, so let's hope the winner is a Te Kiri WI member.

Turkey is to be celebrated on our International Day with a shared meal at the Turkish café in Hawera on November 9. This is a chance to sample a taste of Turkey with their food and culture.

We decided to have our Christmas function at the Coffee Mania café on Glover Road in Hawera on December 10 this year. Everyone is looking forward to a delicious meal from this exciting café, then we will go to Sue's home for our meeting and guess what? Afternoon tea.

It was a shame the Ballantynes Fashion was cancelled twice this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Members were looking forward to this outing. It is pencilled in for May next

year, so fingers crossed.

Our motto for this month was "make it a rule to say nothing unless it is something positive."

Our roll call was "someone I admire and why" This generated a lot of discussion on men and women who have done great things in and for New Zealand, as well as the Queen for her tireless efforts over all of these years for the Commonwealth.

Members birthdays were celebrated, the raffle was won by Merle and our next meeting is on the November 12 at the Te Kiri Hall at 1.30pm. Call Daphne Holley on 761 7556 if you are interested in coming along to share fun, laughter and fellowship with a friendly

group of women. Not to mention that we always enjoy a yummy afternoon tea, we have some very good cooks in Te Kiri WI.

Daphne Holley.

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STUDENT SUCCESS



Rangimarie Rio-Hori, Antonia Karipa & Ella Griggs were on the winning Gayle Broughton South Taranaki U15 Girls team, in the inaugural Kendra Cocksedge Cup



Caleb Feek, Year 12 did his Gateway work placement at Mark Frost Electrical, in Hawera. He has left school to work full-time for MFE & has been offered an apprenticeship there.



Daragh Hamilton-Davis made history twice by being the first male to play in a Taranaki Premier final, and then also being named as MVP of that final as his Naumai team overcame SHGC.



Cody Doherty at Carac, in Eltham where he is employed full-time & starting his apprenticeship after doing his Gateway work placement there this year.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT, WORLDLY FOCUS

Getting involved in and being active participants in events around the Opunake community is really important to Opunake High School. Our students can gain valuable insight, skills and self-confidence and those who they help out with often get to see our students in a whole new light.

Since the start of this term, our students have been involved with continuing work on the Opunake Loop Track, including establishing our Trapping team. The Art Academy spent a morning at Opunake Playcentre plotting out a mural, and starting prep work on that (there might have been a few extra big kids at kindy that morning) and Pink Shirt Day featured nearly double the student participation from previous years, with students prepared to wear pink for one day as an alternative to regular school uniform in supporting this cause.

Growing in popularity year after year, Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships.

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new Year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink.

We think of Opunake as an anti-bullying school so it was awesome to see students and staff get involved with this cause. It would be outstanding to have 100% of students and staff wearing pink in 2021.



Students of Artist Toolbox (Academy) helping with playcentre (L) and doing the preparation work for a mural.



Super-Joe - coming to a Pink Shirt Day near you!

Principals Address



Nga mihi o te wa ki a koe me to whanau
Greetings to you and your family

We are now into the fourth term of this year, and senior students have only three weeks left before embarking on study leave for exams. It has been a difficult year, however I have been impressed with how many students have risen above the challenges that disruptions have caused and continued to pursue their academic goals. Students continue to access teacher support for their NCEA assessments which demonstrates we are still living our motto of "Growing Good People for a Rapidly Changing World".

This term will see more work with our building renovations including starting work on the potential wharekura building with recladding and new doors and decking followed by the hall (after exams). The Gym and the Administration block have been completed with all students being able to access our gym facilities this term.

The community spirit shown by students is fantastic especially with the loop track, pink shirt day and its anti-bullying message, sporting success with our sports teams. The academy programme will continue with the wide array of options offered to students that meet their passions. Junior students are currently choosing their junior camp options and we look forward to hearing about their experiences. We recently had two students selected to attend Outward Bound on scholarships and this scholarship programme has been extended into 2021. Both students have said they had an amazing experience and recommend this scholarship to other students.

Finally the Board of Trustees would like to notify whanau that for the 2021 year Opunake High School has made the decision to join the Ministry of Education donations scheme. This means as a school we will not be charging fees for the 2021 year. More information around this will be provided to whanau about this.

Enjoy the longer daylight hours with daylight savings and the warmer weather. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.

Noho ora mai ano
Peter O'Leary - Principal

FREE LUNCHES AT OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL

We are really excited to let you know that Opunake High School will be joining the Government free lunch programme from April 2021. All parents want to provide their children with a lunch every day. We know that some of our community have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their rangatahi. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme.

Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs and will be available to all of our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are. Providing lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's own lunch if you wish.

Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school's needs. The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated whilst it is running. If you have any further questions about this please contact our school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS OPUNAKE HIGH

Senior Prizegiving - Nov. 4th	Junior Prizegiving - Dec. 4th
TSSSA Modified Sports - Week 5	Junior Camps - Week 9
Y13 Grad. Dinner - Dec. 11th	End of School year - Dec. 10th

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Wednesday 4th November

11am start.

Light refreshments available for seniors & whanau at the conclusion.

Celebrating Okato Community with a fortnightly market

The community of Okato celebrated the first of many markets recently. Wonderful local produce was on offer, ranging from freshly grown

vegetables, farmhouse cheeses, eggs, bread, honey - the list goes on. Healthy strong plants trees were also available.

The fortnightly market (Wednesdays 4.30 to 6.30) not only brings produce, but allows a friendly catch up with the neighbours,

a sharing of skills and knowledge.

It has a special corner for face painting, storytelling, music and all in all fun.

Summer evenings enable this to be a twilight market.

Bring family friends to experience Okato Community Spirit at its best.

If you have a community project you are fundraising for then you may like to book a space amongst the current 13 stalls. Contact Rachael:

rachealruakere@gmail.com or text 0275555034.

Location:

Outside old Post Office Carthew Street Okato (by Ben Lilly workshop, old Fox store).

Wednesday 4.30.-6.30pm next market 28th October 2020.

Some feedback from Brighton Feedbarn story



Cindy Lee Baldwin's 1816 George III coin.



A mint coin from the reign of George III.

Cindy Lee Baldwin, the owner of Brighton Feedbarn at Omata said she has had some feedback on the story

we did relating to the history of their historic property originally called Brighton Place. A descendent of Rev

Gilbert who once lived in the property "has made contact and is going to come around for a chat one day soon,"

says Cindy.

Also the head on the 1816 coin they found on the property is King George III. George III's fourth son, Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathearn, fathered the eventual queen, Victoria.

Opunake street names

Havelock Street
Named for Sir Henry Havelock (1795-1857) He was an English soldier, who entered the army in 1815, and went to India with the 13th Foot eight years later. He served in the Burmese War (1824-6) and was aide-de-camp to Sir Willoughby Cotton in the Afghan War of 1839. During the next years he rose steadily in his profession, and saw much active service. In the Indian Mutiny, during the last year of his life, he won world-wide renown. He captured Cawnpore in July, and was promoted major-general; and in the next few months effected the relief of Lucknow. A few days later he died. He had in September been made K.C.B., and, before

his death was known in Great Britain, was created a baronet and granted a pension.

N.B. There was also a Lieutenant Col. Sir Henry Havelock V.C. who fought in the Waikato War (1864) and was in command at Waiari when Major Heaphy won his V.C.

Napier Street

Was probably named after Lord Robert Cornelis Napier of Magdala (1st Baron). He was born in Colombo, Ceylon in 1810 and died in 1890. As a British Soldier he served with distinction through the two Sikh wars, was present at the relief of Lucknow, and afterwards defeated Tantia Topi on the plains of Jaora Alipur. In 1868 he was put in

command of the Abyssinian expedition, and on account of his success at the storming of Magdala was created a peer. Subsequently he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces of India (1870), Governor of Gibraltar (1876-82) and Constable of the Tower (1886). He was made Field-Marshal in 1883.

Longfellow Street

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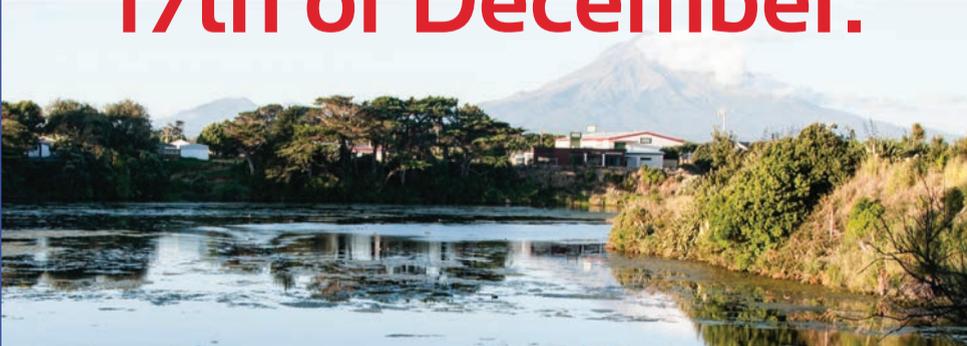
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Lloyd Thomas

left to build up at the bottom of the pond or storage tank.

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As for spreading, a low pressure spreader such as a slurry tanker with RainWave™, drag hose

system, or travelling irrigator is generally recommended. A slurry tanker can be particularly useful here, as they not only can help with sucking up sludge and thicker slurries for spreading, but they create less mess, allow you to spread when and where needed, and are more accurate than some other spreading methods.

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Dairy farmers rise to the challenge

A new campaign, Rise and Shine, shares what makes Kiwi dairy farmers tick – and why.

DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle says the Rise and Shine campaign launched this week shares the story of New Zealand dairy farmers as they lead the world in sustainable farming.

“New Zealand dairy has a great story to tell and we are seeing that realised through public sentiment, with 73 percent of people recently surveyed being favourable toward dairy farmers,” said Dr Mackle. “This is tremendous

recognition for farmers playing a key role right now – dually supporting our economic recovery post-Covid while shifting how their day-to-day business operates to further deliver for environment, animals and people.”

Survey results also show a marked increase in overall positivity in the last six months – with 62 percent of the public feeling positive toward New Zealand’s dairy sector.

“Overall, research is telling us the public are feeling good about dairy – our farmers are inspiring young Kiwis, contributing

to communities and are an attractive career option. This is great recognition.”

Dr Mackle said New Zealand’s dairy farmers have made great strides in environmental initiatives and it’s important to champion them as they commit to do even more.

“The emissions created from every glass of New Zealand milk are less than half the global average. Our farmers are shifting toward increasingly sustainable systems. It’s a big challenge – securing farm systems which are profitable, while minimising footprint,” says Dr Mackle.

“Right now, DairyNZ’s Step Change programme is underway to support farmers with climate change and water quality goals. It will help farmers reduce greenhouse gases, improve water and maintain profitable businesses.

“The world is changing and dairy is moving with it. Our farmers are on the journey, but we want to continue raising the bar to maintain our position as world leading farmers,” said Dr Mackle.

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Keeping those troughs clean

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All good farmers are aware of the relationship between animal production and water intake. It's not just about volume. Cows are fussy creatures. They like their water to taste nice, but troughs which are never cleaned won't serve up palatable water. Cow drool, half-chewed grass, dust, fertiliser residues and residues from common

trough treatments form a thick, smelly sludge on the bottom. Trough walls become coated in slimy algae. Given these conditions, are your girls likely to be drinking enough to meet your production needs?

You need to clean those troughs. But when? There

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Call for independent agency for animal welfare

A Waihi dairy farming couple have been fined over \$7,500 for serious animal welfare charges.

Between 2018 and 2019, three cows had to be euthanised to end their suffering, and 30 cows required urgent remedial treatment due to significant underfeeding.

SAFE spokesperson Paris Waterworth said the Ministry for Primary Industries should not have allowed animals to suffer for over a year.

"MPI knew about the

suffering of those animals as early as July 2018 and did nothing to materially improve their welfare," said Waterworth.

The couple were fined \$7,500 and ordered to pay veterinarian costs of \$3,273.40. The maximum penalty for wilful ill-treatment of animals under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 is a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both.

"One animal left to suffer

is one too many. The penalty does not fit the seriousness of this crime."

Waterworth said the Government needs to strip MPI of its animal welfare responsibilities and establish an independent Crown agency for animal welfare.

"We have independent Government agencies that ensure children's wellbeing, ensure that people are safe at work, and ensure that those who break the law and pollute our natural environment are prosecuted."

"It is clear that we need better monitoring and enforcement of animal welfare in New Zealand and MPI is not up to this task."

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As Regenerative Agriculture gains traction, farming practices that are not so commonly used are being explored. One such practice is Free Choice Mineral Supplementation which is based on the concept that if given the opportunity then animals will self-medicate to provide themselves with the required nutrition.

Rather than “instinctively” knowing what they need, the ability of animals to self-medicate is based on post-ingestive feedback (how they feel after eating the substance or food) and learnt behaviours. If a particular food, or in this case mineral

this compound will increase. In this way the animal seeks to maintain homeostasis



Emily House.

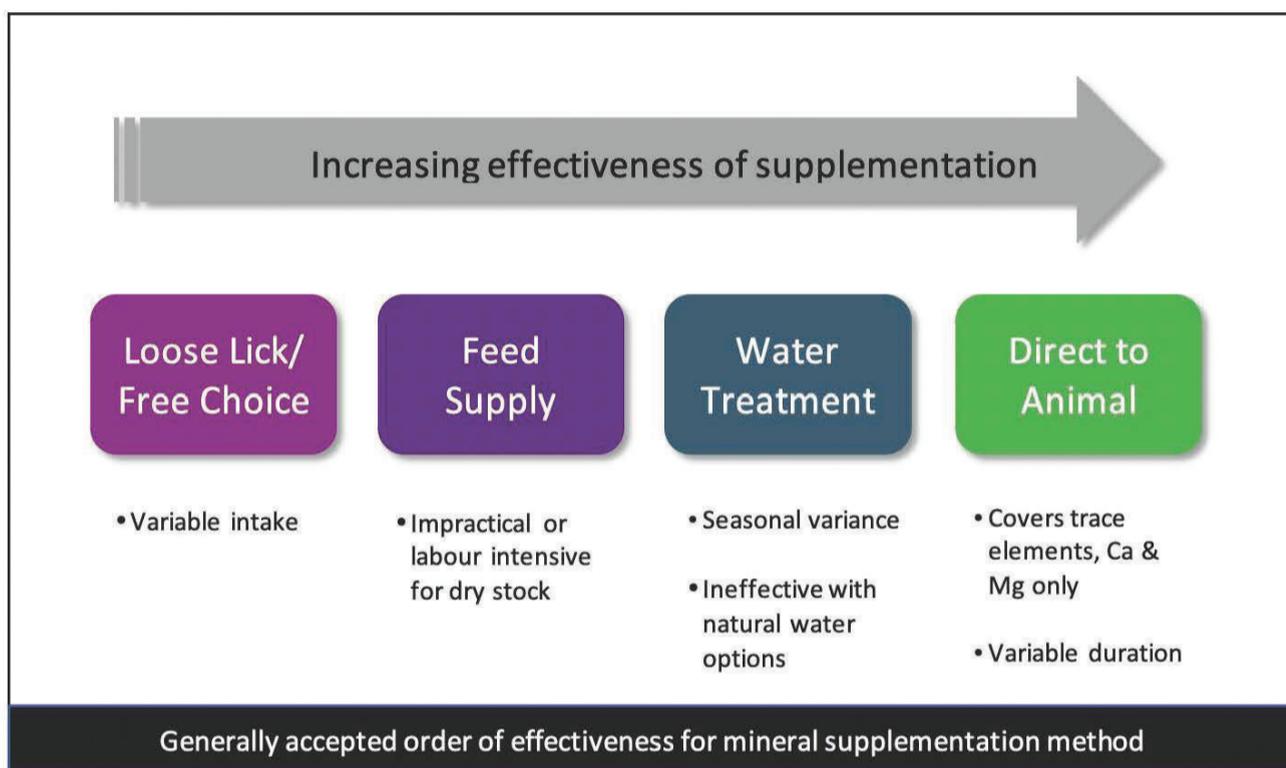
through a feedback system. One of the biggest proponents of self-

levels. Firstly, the notion that animals have choice has been hypothesised to drive wellbeing, which definitely has a feel-good factor. It's also a whole lot less labour intensive compared to some other methods. Offer a loose lick or individual minerals in a cafeteria style setup and let the animals help themselves.

The complexities of why the free choice method may, or may not work, are beyond the scope of this article but the crux of it comes down to the concept of mineral insufficiency versus clinical deficiency. Many herds we deal with are operating in the insufficient zone rather

and production (eg. growth rates).

Pasture sampling and analysis is a great way of identifying insufficiencies and excesses of minerals in the diet (provided an experienced person can analyse and interpret the results). By calculating what your herd actually requires, you can ensure the supplementation is better matched to requirements, regardless of administration method. Even if you prefer to go down the Free Choice route, it's still worth your while knowing which minerals are actually required as you



supplement provides chemicals that are required by the animal, the animal will associate the flavour of that mineral with a benefit to the body, and the preference for

medication is the US based professor, Dr Fred Provenza, who has dedicated his career to understanding foraging behaviour in ruminants and exploring the concept of self-medication. Dr Provenza has led numerous studies in grazing ruminants proving that stock will self-medicate to correct a mineral deficiency. On the other hand, there are also many studies that have concluded that this is not a successful way to supplement production animals.

This idea of free choice supplementation is appealing on a number or

than at a clinical deficiency, so by all intent and purposes they seem healthy but not performing as well as they should be.

Marginal mineral status (particularly trace element status) does not typically result in clinical symptoms and the animal will not “feel” sick. Therefore, there will be no post-ingestive feedback (the animal will not “feel better”) to drive correction of this insufficiency through self-selection. Yet this marginal mineral status may be impacting negatively on reproduction (eg. heat expression, conception)

can potentially save yourself money in otherwise wasted product.

Before you set down this road it's worth asking yourself what you are trying to achieve? Are you looking for generally improved animal health and welfare, in which case the free-choice method may be appropriate? Or are you looking for measurable reproductive and production gains? If it's the latter, in our experience free choice supplementation is unlikely to achieve the outcomes you are expecting.

Emily House
5th Business Agri.

Warming climate changing the country

The Our atmosphere and climate 2020 report estimates that New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions will decrease in the coming decades, but not at a fast enough rate to meet our 2030 Paris Agreement goals.

GNS radiocarbon science leader Dr Jocelyn Turnbull welcomes the report's outlining of how individuals can make a difference to emissions - by ending their love affair with cars.

“While road transport accounts for around

20% of New Zealand's overall emissions, for most households transport makes up around 90% of their personal emissions.”

But Niwa climate scientist Gregor Macara, who supplied data for the report, highlighted the risk of rising temperatures in Aotearoa. For each spot that saw a near-record low monthly temperature, twelve locations saw near-record highs, according to data since 2013.

“January 2018 was

exceptionally warm and it gave us a taste of what a ‘normal’ January may look like in future.”

That heat leaves more of New Zealand becoming vulnerable to wildfires, said Victoria University climate scientist Dr James Renwick, who was also involved in the report.

“The real hotspots at the moment are in the Gisborne region, and central Canterbury... those real risk areas are spreading out over time.”



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Primary Industries NZ Awards finalists named

Judges faced tough decisions choosing finalists for the 2020 Primary Industries New Zealand Awards, with no shortage of contenders.

The six independent judges deliberated over 40 nominations across the six award categories for the second annual PINZ awards, which are to be held at Te Papa Tongarewa in Wellington on November 23.

sector to be innovative and enterprising.” Federated Farmers Chief Executive Terry Copeland says.

“For our farmers, growers, foresters and fishers to continue to be at the top of their game as producers of quality goods exported to the world, we need suppliers and support agencies of the calibre of these finalists who can help us with cutting-edge technology and back-up.”

The finalists are:
Primary Industry Team Award

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Leadership nominee Bernadette Hunt.

- Emma Boase and Team at NZ Apples & Pears Inc and Massey Business School, for International Horticultural Immersion Programme
 - Hamish Hodgson and Team at DairyNZ, Beef+Lamb NZ, for Compensation Assistance Team
 - Robin Congdon and Team at NZ Dairy Industry Awards, for NZ Dairy Industry Awards Primary Industry Science & Research Award
 - Institute of Environmental Science & Research, for Woodchip Denitrification Wall Technology
 - Livestock Improvement Corporate, for SPACE Satellite Pasture and Cover Evaluation
 - Plant & Food Research, for FOPS The Future Orchard Planting System Primary Industry Innovation & Collaboration Project Award
 - Avian Empire, Bioforce, Tegel Foods, for Poultry Mite Control
 - Ballance Agri Nutrients, for MitAgator
 - Plant & Food Research, for Modular Harvesting System
 - Robotics Plus, ISO Limited, for Robotic Scaling Machine (RSM)
 - Primary Industry Leadership Award -
 - Bernadette Hunt, Hunt Agriculture
 - Zach Mounsey, Arcadia Dairies Ltd
- There are no finalists for the Outstanding Contribution award, nor the Industry Champion Award. Winners for both categories will be announced at the awards evening.
- The Primary Industries New Zealand Summit & Awards are held at Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington. November 23-24.

A champion calf



Taj Neha-Simons and his calf named Six. Awarded the Champion of Champion Calf Trophy at the Coastal Taranaki School Pet Day.



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Handy to Okato, this 58.29 hectare (144 acre) dairy farm is currently milking approximately 170 cows through a tidy 18 ASHB cowshed. With plenty of mowable contour, being well fenced, with tidy race systems and a reliable water supply, this farm has been growing around 6 Ha of Maize and Chicory annually which has allowed for plenty of regrassing in recent years. There is a lovely large brick 4-bedroom plus office family home with a detached double garage that sits proudly on an elevated site with panoramic views of the sea and mountain. As a first farm, a runoff or supplement block, you would be wise to consider this property, the location and the options available here. So, after 40 years milking cows, the time has come for the vendors to hang up their aprons and pursue other interests.

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Colts title the highlight of Coastal Rugby prizegiving

coached by Ross Sinclair and Kelvin Weir, backed up by Ryan Hoskins and Deb Davies, the excellent

managers. "It was a champion
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From left, Sandy Olliver (manager Farm Source Premiers), Janet Fleming (chairperson), Mark Davis (coach Farm Source Premiers) and Brian Olliver (manager Farm Source Premiers).

Coastal Rugby's well-attended Prizegiving was held at their clubrooms in Rahotu on Friday October 9.

The MC for the evening was the chairperson Janet Fleming and she was aided by several others such as Peter 'Skippy' Burnnand

and Brent Davies.

A special guest was the patron Margaret Fleming, who helped with the

presentation of trophies.

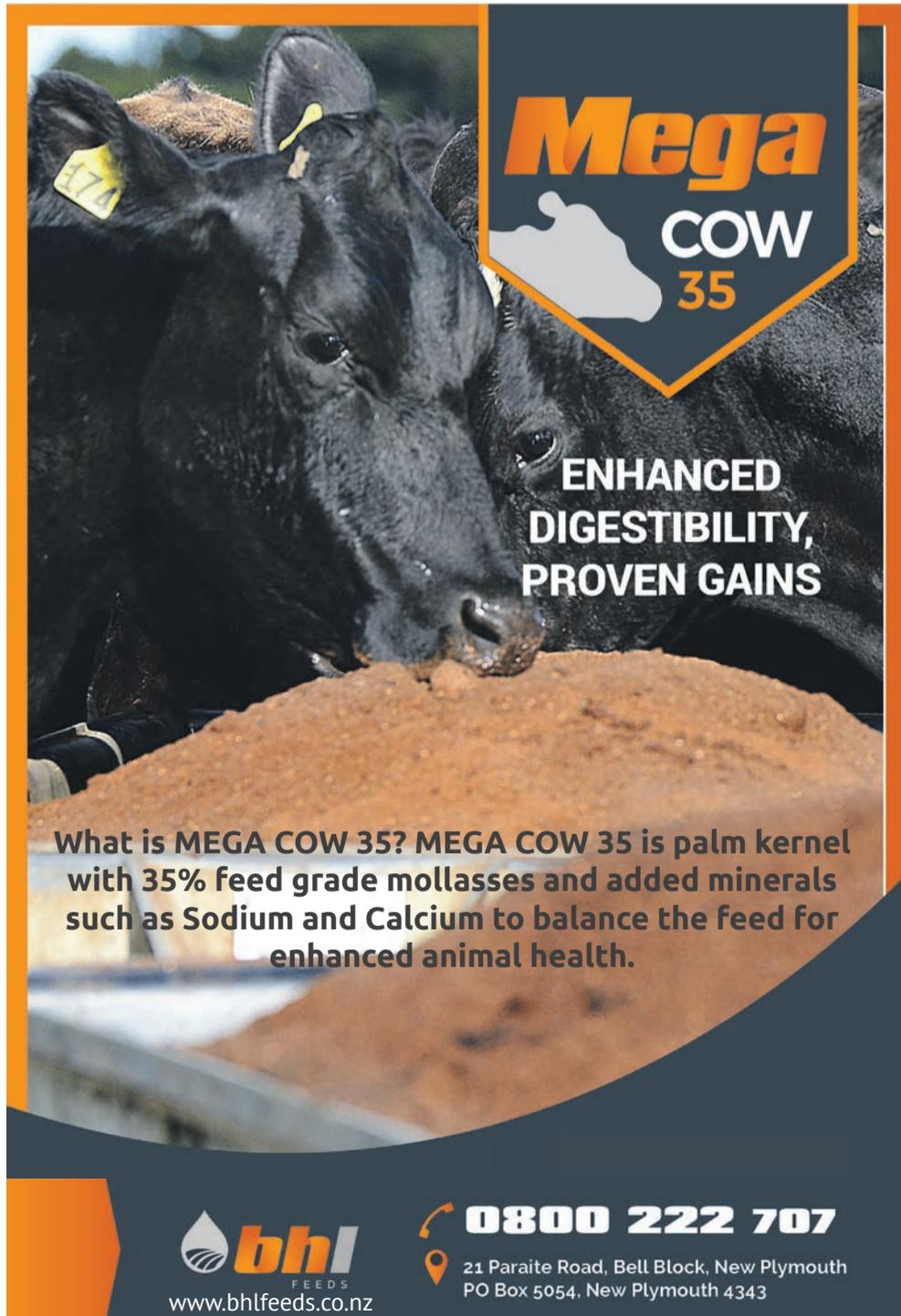
The highlight was the Corkill Systems Colts winning their championship. The Colts were expertly



Colts captain Callum Grayling with patron Margaret Fleming.



Harry Forman, patron Margaret Fleming, and Kobe Sinclair.



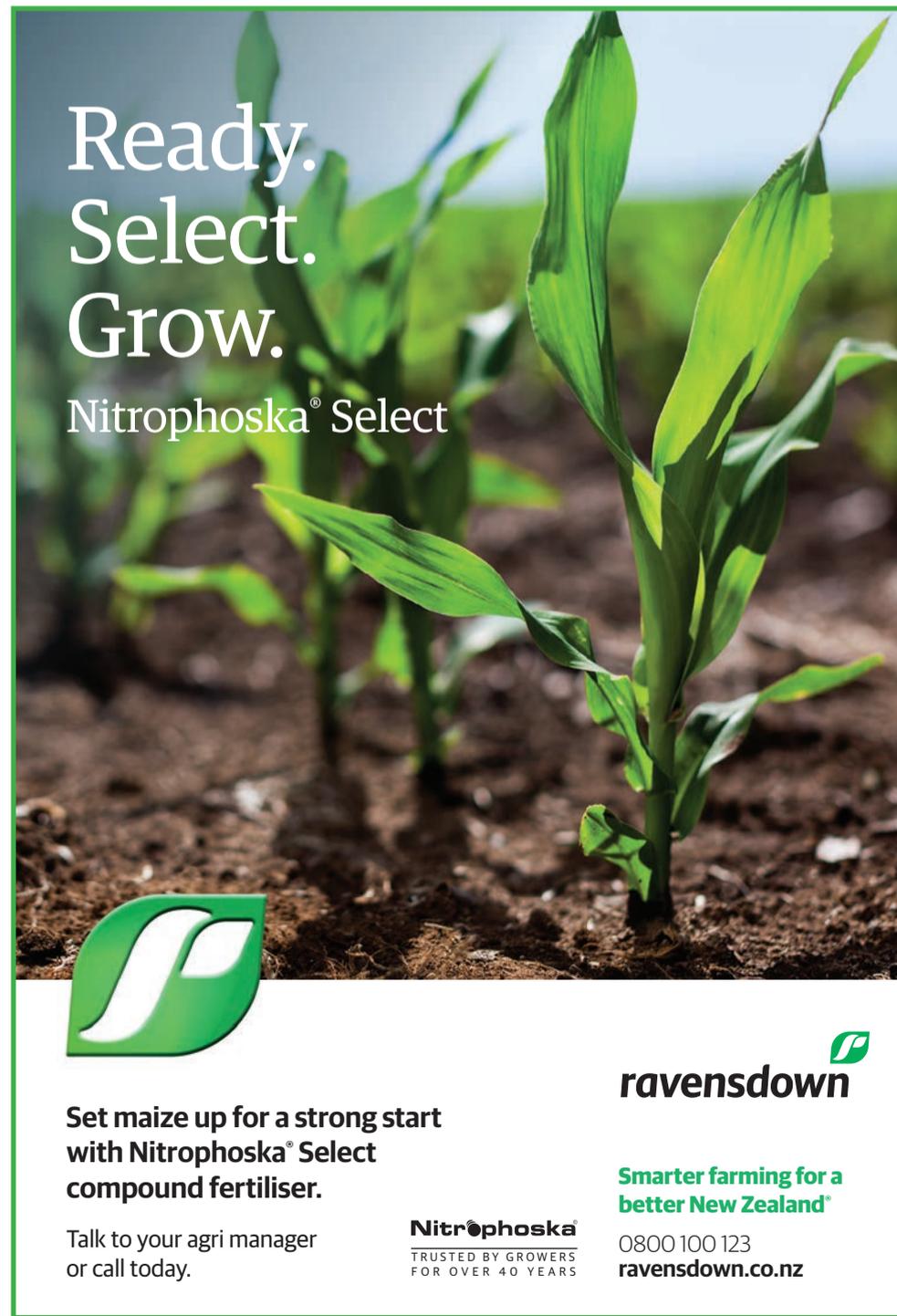
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Colts title the highlight of Coastal Rugby prizegiving

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winning team who did an awesome job," commented Ross Sinclair. He added, "They were an excellent bunch of players."

Unfortunately, the Farm Source Premiers, FBT Division 1, Goodin Ag Division 2 and the Women's team did not make the semi-finals this season.

A special presentation was made to Brian and Sandy Olliver who are leaving after nine years as managers of the Premiers. "They were an outstanding part of the Coastal Rugby family and whanau. They were hugely respected by the coaches, players and management," commented Janet Fleming. Their input will be greatly missed.

Also leaving was stalwart in Ivan Tuuta who was described as the "absolute backbone" of Coastal Rugby for 20 years. "You've been absolutely fantastic," enthused life member Ray Barron. "You're a legend."

Anderson Pies and Catering were caterers for the evening and did the Club proud with their delicious food. "The food was yummy with

plenty of second helpings," commented Janet.

A great time was had by all. Well done to the trophy winners and the coaches, managers and the many others who help to make Coastal Rugby a force to be reckoned with.

Congratulations to all.



Ivan Tuuta, legend and patron Margaret Fleming.

Coastal Rugby Prizegiving 2020

Corkill Systems Colts

Coach:

Manager:

1. Des Corbett Trophy
2. Gavin Gopperth Trophy
3. Max Meyer Trophy

Goodin Ag Division 2

Coach

Manager

1. R J Bingham Trophy
2. Norm & Sybil Anderson Trophy
3. BD & KM Wright Trophy
4. Stirrer Award
5. Steve Gordon Memorial Trophy

FBT Division 1

Coaches:

Manager:

1. TP O'Sullivan Trophy
2. Tom Goodin Trophy
3. Tommy Barrett Memorial Trophy
4. Ray Hayward Trophy

Farm Source Premiers

Coach:

Manager:

1. Michelob Trophy
2. Eddie Carey Trophy
3. Peter & Maureen Nielson Trophy
4. Olliver Cup

Womens

Coach

Manager

- BTW Company Cup
- Butlers Reef Cup
- Weir Family Cup

Club Trophies:

1. Pat Richardson Rangi Ngaia Trophy
2. McCarthy Memorial Trophy
3. Okato Tavern Trophy
4. Rahotu Junior Team Trophy
5. Simon Feaver Trophy
6. Coastal Rugby Club
7. C & N Riordan Trophy
8. Burnnand Trophy
- Brent & Debs Davies

Ross Sinclair

Ryan Hoskins

Best Team Player

Most outstanding

Top Try Scorer

Jimmy Quay

Mark Harrop

Best Team Player

Most Outstanding

Top Try Scorer

Last Man Standing

Best Supporter Div 2

Craig Hammersley

Makere Hook

Best Team Player

Most Outstanding

Top Try Scorer

Most Improved

Kane Barrett

Brian Olliver/ Sandy Olliver

Best Team Player

Most Outstanding

Top Try Scorer

Players Player

Alan Crowley

Deb Davies

Most Valuable

Most Dedicated

Players Player

Most Outstanding Team

Top Club Points Scorer

Most Honest Player

Most Promising Junior

Most Promising Senior

Outstanding Sportsmanship

Most Enthusiastic Supporter

Best Club Member

Outstanding Team Off Field

Kelvin Weir

Deb Davies

Callum Grayling

Luka Cassidy

Harry Remnant

Keiran Young

Liam Kupe

Justin Tito

Shane Stevenson

Jamie Kape

Bryan Goodin

Shae Fleming

Trent Brophy

Richard Beckett/Ben Brophy

Daniel Doyle

Finnley Binsbergen

Mark Davis

Daniel Crowley

Rawiri Naniseni

Jacob Gopperth

Jeremy Newell

Brylee Gee

Kate Parkinson

Jalana Smith

Colts

Harry Remnant

Josh Thompson

Harry Forman/Kobe Sinclair

Rawiri Naniseni

Ben Burmeister

Tim Hurley

Debs Davies

Div 2

On this month in history

Denny Hulme dies

On October 4, 1992 he'd entered 112 Grand Prix events, winning 8 races.

Denis Clive Hulme (known as Denny), died at the Bathurst 1000 event in Australia while driving a BMW M3 on the Mount Panorama track. He didn't crash, but had suffered a heart attack. Born in 1934, he was just 56.

He is also well known for his success in the Can-Am (Canadian-American Challenge Cup) driving Group 7 Sports Cars for the McLaren team from 1967 to 1971. The McLaren team won the team championship each of the five years, whilst Hulme won the individual title twice (and was runner up four times).

He is best known for winning the 1967 Formula One World Championship, racing for the Brabham team. From his debut in 1965 at Monaco to his final race in 1974 in the USA event,

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TET Taranaki Masters Games to be held in 2021

The TET Taranaki Masters Games (TMG) organising committee are full of enthusiasm and in full swing planning the 2021 TMG which are scheduled to run from March 11-14. Currently they are busy sourcing items for the complimentary 'goodie bag' which competitors receive when they enter.

The 2020 TMG attracted 986 entries and there is no reason to believe the entry numbers for the 2021 TET TMG will be any different. There has to be something for everyone with 22 confirmed sports on the programme!

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Line hockey at the Masters Games.

these games simply would not happen. The funding means the registration fee can be kept to a minimum, making the games affordable for all.

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Scott Barrett recommits to Bulls

All Blacks lock Scott Barrett has re-committed to the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls for a further three years.

The 26-year-old has already signed on with New Zealand Rugby and Crusaders for the same period of time.

"While injury and

representative commitments have stopped Scott appearing for the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls, we are always hopeful that will change in the future," Taranaki Rugby chief executive Laurence Corlett said.

"Our rugby landscape continues to change, and

we still do not know exactly what the calendar will look like in the future, so we are hopeful Scott will get to fulfil a long held desire to pull on the amber and black hoops at some point."

Barrett, who was this year named captain of the champion Crusaders, would

have played alongside brothers Beauden and Jordie this season had he not been recovering from foot surgery.

The former Francis Douglas Memorial College student made his All Black test debut against Ireland in 2016.

Venture Taranaki launch tourism campaign

This week, Venture Taranaki launched its domestic campaign, designed to attract visitation to the region. The digital campaign 'Taranaki - Just around the corner' is set to encourage out-of-town visitation to support the region's COVID-19 recovery and

promote Taranaki's vibrant arts, events and outdoor attractions this spring and summer.

The 'Taranaki - Just around the corner' digital campaign will run in bursts of activity over the next two months, targeting the 50-plus age group. Key flight

and drive-journey markets have been targeted, such as Auckland, Wellington, Bay of Plenty and Manawatu-Whanganui.

Tourism has faced significant challenges in recent months due to lockdowns and border restrictions as a result of COVID-19.

"Our goal is to return or exceed pre-COVID-19 visitation and domestic tourism spend levels," says Venture Taranaki CE Justine Gilliland.

Tourism spend within Taranaki totalled \$380 million in the year ending August 2020, of which 80% came from domestic tourism.

"Almost 80 per cent of visitors to Taranaki are from New Zealand; we are set up for domestic visitors. Our tourism, accommodation and hospitality operators are ready and waiting to welcome New Zealanders to the region with open arms," Justine continues.

The campaign highlights Taranaki's stunning landscapes, range of outdoor adventure and activities, vibrant arts and dining scene, and a jam-packed spring and summer event line-up. The region's experiences will showcase across a digital and social media campaign, print and editorial and partnership activity.

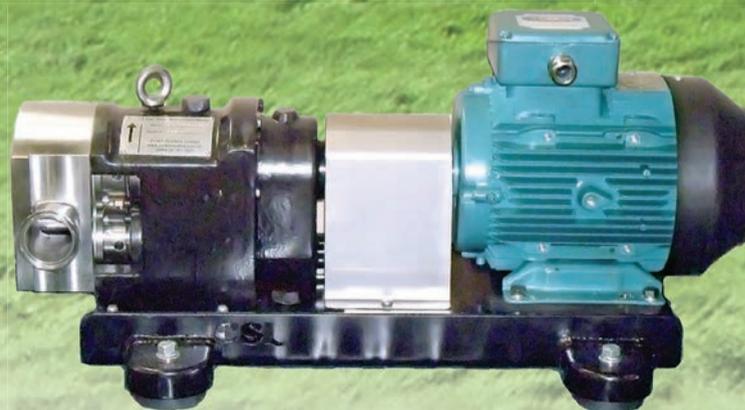
The campaign shows locations throughout the region including scenes from Stratford, New Plymouth, and South Taranaki.

"It was great to see Taranaki locals giving up their time to feature in the campaign that will help attract visitation to the region," states Venture Taranaki General Manager - Destination Vicki Fairley.

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Opunake Surf Life Saving Club look to summer

As we all start wanting to be out in the sun and at the beach, here is some key information for visitors to Opunake Beach.

Always swim at the Surf Life Saving Club end of the beach. There are no swimming signs at the other end, but still people swim there. There is much more chance of a rip forming at the southern end of the beach.

Club Registration Day is Sunday November 1 from 10-12 pm. All new members and returning members welcome.

There is a lot of off-season training happening by our club members, both kids and lifeguards at the moment. The water is warming up and we are gearing up for a busy season ahead. Patrols start the last weekend in November and continue



Lifeguards in planning mode for a big day ahead.

through to early March by the volunteer patrollers on Saturday and Sunday. During school holidays we have a full time set of paid regional guards on patrol. Always ring 111 if you

see someone in trouble - the police have a direct line to our rescue call out squad.

Be safe, never swim alone and stay within your ability.

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club



Training over the winter.

Men's competition win for OHS team



Opunake High School Senior Boys winners of the Opunake Basketball Association A Grade Men's Competition. Ben Sinclair, Caleb Feek, Cameron Quinnell, Scott Quinnell, Jackson Henere, Liam Kidd, Aarun Langton (coach), Glenn Abad and Pero Brophy

Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

October 10. Saturday Men. Stableford. 1. Phil Elliott. 2. John Oliver. 3. Grant Gopperth. 4. Nathan Ngere. 5. Gary Dowdle.

Junior. 1. Jaxon Symes Simpson. 2. Kobi Symes Simpson. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Carter Symes. 3. Hannah Symes.

Four Manaia junior

travelled to Taupo to take part in the Junior and Mini Masters Tournament.

Under-15s 1st Nett Liam Campbell. Under-11s. 4th Nett Oliva Symes. 5th Nett Carter Symes. Mini Masters 9 Holes 3. Hannah Symes.

Thanks to the Manaia District Lions Club and the Symes family for their kind donations.

October 17. Saturday Men. 1. Noddy Symes. 2. Grant Gopperth. 3. Matthew Laing. 4. Denis Hurcomb.

Juniors. 1. Kobi Symes Simpson. 2. Tyler Thomas and Jaxon Symes Simpson. 1. Jaden Siciliano. 2. Lian Campbell. 1. Payton Siciliano. Oliva Symes and Luke Norris all square.



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Taranaki Garden & Arts Festival

A lot to see at Koru 2020



Koru on Koru Sculpture garden and gallery.

Koru Galleries are celebrating the Taranaki Garden Festivals and Art Trails

With a large selection of contemporary art at both galleries.

Opening Labour Weekend at Koru Road Oakura "Koru on Koru" Sculpture Garden welcomes visitors with a grand roadside display of Chris Wells distinctive colourful ponga sculptures..

Jack Marsden Mayer's driftwood Velocoraptor guards the home gate at Koru, while Ricks Terstappen's flying Gannets stand tall above the green of the garden. All works are for sale.

Koru garden is one of the oldest in the area. Our Nikau stands tall and is indicative of the age of much of the small garden.

Maria Brockhill's ceramics fill garden spaces, and the gallery celebrates Te Henui cemetery's volunteers' work with Fay Looney's large images on brushed aluminium. Lester Earl's organic paintings, often created in the back paddock at Koru, Sally Maguire's (Waipawa) original oil

painting, and a selection of beautiful reproductions on wooden blocks.

Off road parking and free coffee available.

"Koru on Devon" Koru galleries city-based contemporary gallery is incredibly proud to host Tony Rumball's new exhibition, "About 40 new Paintings."

Tony's work always brings an audience of dedicated followers and buyers, this time 40 works on display is a fabulous menu to choose from.

"Masina Atoa" Theresa Tongi Artist. A very exciting body of work

richly illustrates Theresa's Samoan culture. A full moon features in this body of work. Coincidentally on the night of the opening a full blue moon is scheduled to rise on our horizon.

Portraits by "Harry Moores" have proven to be a popular feature for the gallery.

Koru on Devon not for profit gallery collaboration is made up of more than 35 Taranaki artists and a number of visiting New Zealand artists including Napier based Simon Kerr, Titirangi artist



Chris Wells - Punga Sculptor.

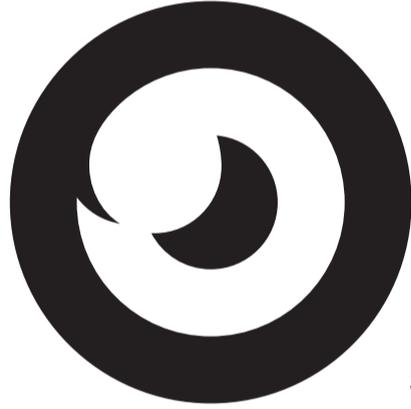


Koru on Koru resident rural artist. Lester Earl creating his oil and acrylic organic canvases.

Delecia Sampero, and Levin Devon, and you will be surprised.

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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 held on the weekends of October 31-November 1 and November 7-8 of the next weekend coincides with the Powerco and Fringe Garden Festivals which are happening at the same time in Taranaki. Open hours are from 10 to 4pm.

There are ten artists on the trail this year, these being Richard Landers, Kris White, Margaret Scott, Rose Petterson, Sally Laing, Brian Clark, Jill Shearer, Lizzie McNaught, Jeff Salisbury, and Ross Bennett. We have four new artists this year. Rose Petterson works with steel, wood and 3D printed soft plastic. She is also an abstract painter. Brian Clark produces strong colourful paintings in a diversity of media and also has prints and sculptures. Lizzie McNaught produces hand drawn and painted art on a diversity of furniture, surfboards and home décor, with an array of gifts as well. Ross Bennett paints striking paintings exploring varied styles and



Brian Clark beside the painting he is working on for the Oakura Arts Trail.

The other Place of Interest is The Vineyard Bistro, Okurukuru. An exhibition of all the artists work will be held here, and all participating artists will have work on display. There will also be a few works displayed by young talented Oakura artists who had work accepted and displayed at the Percy Thomson Gallery Emergence Award for Young

Taranaki artists, one of these being an award winner. This is a good place to start the trail and to help you plan your experience.

The opening of this exhibition will be on October 28 at 6pm at Okurukuru and this is a great celebration for all our artists with the general public invited.

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Tataraimaka studios open for Arts Trail

Lumen Studios & Gallery is an artist-run space based at the old cheese factory in Tataraimaka. Founded in 2019, LUMEN hosts exhibitions showcasing artists from the Taranaki region and runs workshops and holiday programmes.

Resident artists Alice Cowdrey and Teresa Goodin will be opening their art studios to the public during the upcoming Taranaki Arts Trail and exhibiting new work in the gallery during the month of November. The Arts Trail is a great opportunity for visitors to step inside the artists' studios and learn more about how they create their work.



Alice Cowdrey and Teresa Goodin from LUMEN will be hosting a series of workshops and events during November.

Alice, who specialises in needle felting, looks to nature, animals and folk art for inspiration. She uses a range of fibres and textiles to create brooches and larger works of art. Teresa creates complex handcrafted collages inspired by the Western Mysteries, Eastern Philosophy, Indigenous Wisdom and the beauty of the natural world.

LUMEN is an evolving space with a focus on creativity and wellbeing. As well as hosting exhibitions and workshops, the space is home to natural health practitioners Teresa Goodin who offers flower essence remedies and consultations, and Corryn Baxter-Pryce who offers traditional healing, massage and herbal medicine.



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A park fit for a king

With the garden festivals due to start, King Edward Park in Hawera is gearing up for visitors from near and far.

Other events on the horizon include Arts in the Park, the Scale Ship Regatta and Sounds in the Park. King Edward Park also remains a popular wedding venue.

“We like to think of the park as a 365 day a year park, but from here on it gets to be most stunning,” says South Taranaki District Council parks curator David Bruce. “The azaleas and rhododendrons are looking at their peak. Over there is a frangipani, and by the time we have Arts in the Park it will be in full flower and come down and hit you like a perfume.”

The park has several entrances, so it’s always difficult knowing how many visitors come through, but he estimates about 1500 would have come in during last year’s festival season. Horticultural team leader Scott Mills says he is noticing the influx of visitors already.

“Everyone’s doing their staycation now because of COVID,” he says. “We’ve been battered around a bit by the wind, but everything seems quite lush. We’ve had quite a bit of rain lately, and it’s been a real good year for



Scott Mills by the entrance to the Chinese Garden in King Edward Park.

planting.”

Scott has been with the South Taranaki District Council for five years, and been team leader for the past year. Before then he worked in gardens in

the United Kingdom for 15 years which included seven years landscaping in London, around places like Kensington and Chelsea.

“I like to say whenever I’m having a pep talk with

the team that nobody leaves here unhappy, unless they’re having a breakup,” he says.

The Hawera Brass Band will play at the park on the first Sunday of the Festival, and Friends of the

Park, decked out in green fluorocarbon jackets will be on hand during the festival season to take visitors around the park and answer questions.

It will be a chance to see

some of the new additions to the park, like the sound mirrors, as well as the more familiar favourites. The park also includes the VC Garden and statues commemorating the town’s two Victoria Cross heroes of World War I, John Grant and Harry Laurent.

Scott says an ongoing source of disappointment is vandalism in the park.

“It’s tough for our guys who take it quite personally. People need to care for the community they live in, and keep an eye out for anything strange going on.”

On a brighter note he says more and more young people are getting interested in horticulture.

“From Hawera High School we have a young lad who volunteers with us on Monday mornings,” says Scott.

Three years ago, King Edward Park was awarded a Green Flag, an internationally recognised award for parks and green spaces, and is awaiting assessment for being awarded one next year.

David says the assessment process is one that comes with benefits to the park.

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Charmaine Kelly, her husband Will and two young children have taken on the challenge to open a cafe in the old building, renaming it Stony River House.

Charmaine was born and bred in Eltham, moving to Tauranga 10 years ago, then moving back to Taranaki and settling in Okato to start her family. She has spent 20 years in hospitality including managing a busy beachside cafe at Mount Maunganui. Charmaine is excited to bring her experience and passion to the village while 'doing what she loves'.

Charmaine wanted to make it her own by changing the name to Stony River House "I liked the name house as it gave the place a welcoming,

homely feel."

Charmaine and Will, along with friends and family, have spent many hours painting and polishing the old wooden floors in the dining room. "I wanted to give the cafe a country comfort feel and I truly think I have done

just that," Charmaine says.

Stony River House cafe is open Wednesday-Sunday 8.30am-3.30pm during the week and 8.30am-4pm during the weekend. The cafe offers a brunch menu available until 2pm each day, including some tempting

homemade crumpets and a big Farmers brekkie with black pudding, which was Will's input, and venison sausages made by a local butcher.

The cabinet is full of tasty sweet treats and delicious savoury morsels. Everything

is freshly homemade. Plenty of selection for the gluten and dairy free too.

There is also a wide range of drinks available, offering Allpress coffee for that caffeine fix. Specialized Maitea teas are also an interest. If you are feeling like something cold, fresh fruit smoothies, iced coffee/chocolate and milkshakes are available to quench your thirst.

The 'bar' room to the side is now a kid friendly room with a couch to relax in. The room also offers space for larger groups/private functions or business meetings where the door can be closed and the room can be your own.

Stony River House is also offering 7 rooms accommodation. All rooms have their own self-contained ensuite, TV and heater. There is a disability friendly double room downstairs for those who find the stairs a challenge. There are 2 family rooms, three more double rooms and also a twin room with 2 single beds.

All patrons who stay will get special discounted rates on all purchases at the cafe. If interested in booking a room contact Stony River House via their Facebook page, phone 06 752 4968 or email stonyriverhouse@gmail.



Charmaine from the Stony River House.

com. It is also available on Booking.com.

Charmaine is 'super excited' about what's to come in the future and thanks all of the locals for their amazing support.

Place of rejoicing makes festival debut

Jabulani is a Zulu word that means "place of rejoicing." It is also the name of Neda and Greg Howes' Okaiawa garden which is making its first appearance in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival.

Jabulani was a property which featured in one of Wilbur Smith's books, and they liked the name, said Neda.

It is also a salute to Greg's South African heritage. He



Even the Stump from a dead cabbage tree can bring forth new life.

arrived in New Zealand with his family as a two year-old.

Neda and Greg have lived in Okaiawa for the last five years. Before then they had been landscaping in Papakura, and Neda had managed a wholesale tree company in Takanini for 18 years.

With Greg's mother Ursula having settled in Stratford, a shift to Taranaki seemed a good idea, said Greg.

"We were always going back and forth to see Mum, and Auckland was getting crowded, so we decided to come here," says Greg. "It

was probably one of the best decisions we've made."

Ursula has since passed on, but her name lives on in a memorial garden and summer house.

Neda and Greg's garden takes up an acre on the west side of the Okaiawa village, and they have been working on it for the last four years.

"When we first came here, there were no gardens, just trees," says Neda.

Neda's father was a Croatian bricklayer and stonemason, and Neda helped him in his work while growing

up. Her continuing interest in stonework can be seen in some of the structures around the garden.

Neda's Croatian heritage can be seen in the sign reading Zidotinja Palaca, or Animal Palace, leading to the paddock which is home to her goats and a cow she milks in a nearby shed.

From their lounge there is a panoramic view of Mount Taranaki, aided by the excision of a branch of one of the cabbage trees. Another cabbage tree, which has died has been put to good use, with

the stump transformed into a home for new plant life.

A section of the lawn has been dug out to provide an outdoor entertainment area. In keeping with their recycling policy, Greg and Neda have used the extracted soil to build up mounded gardens.

Jabulani includes several projects still in development. Some will be ready in time for the festival. For others, the completed project will have to wait until a later date.

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Festival newcomer combines function and beauty

Jennie McNaught and her husband Brian were already keen garden festival goers when they decided to make Taranaki their home. In Dannevirke they had been keen gardeners and for nine years they had been coming to Taranaki for the garden festivals. Three years ago they bought a Manaia Road property near Kapuni, which already had an established garden, and built on from that.

Earlier this year their garden, Camellia Cottage was nominated to enter the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival. Then, during Level 4 Covid lockdown, Brian who had been battling leukaemia, passed away. Jennie decided to go ahead with putting the garden into the festival, with funds raised going to Hospice Taranaki, something which Brian had always wanted to see happen.

“It’s an English cottage garden, but it’s a working garden too,” says Jennie. She says it’s possible to combine function and beauty, and if she thinks a certain plant will do better in a different place, she is happy to put it there.

“I like to mix flowers and vegetables together. I don’t see why you can’t do that,” she says.

She appreciates the local climate.



A mix of plants and flowers at Camellia Cottage.

“There’s not a lot that won’t grow here. I’ve even got a pepino in my garden. You wouldn’t think that would grow in Taranaki, but it does.”

“I really love roses, I grow lots of fuschias and geraniums. Hydrangeas I am very keen on. They do well here, and cottage plants and irises.”

She says she has always grown her own vegetables and has always been

interested in fruit trees. There are pear trees on her property which she estimates as being 70-80 years old and still producing fruit.

Jennie doesn’t spray, is a great believer in mulching and wants to bring back the insect and bird life.

She says the people from the Taranaki Fringe Garden Trust have always been encouraging, and since coming to Taranaki, she has also developed a friendship

with the property’s former owners, Hector and Judith Bell.

“Neither of them have ever hesitated to help us,” she says.

Jennie also pays tribute to her late husband Brian.

“It’s his garden as much as mine. He was very much into structures, and building trellises and archways. He loved it here, and he loved this property. He loved Manaia. He loved South Taranaki.”



A Wedding Cake Tree.

Cliff Top Garden Wins Award



At Right Mayor Phil Nixon Congratulates volunteers of the Cliff Top Garden for winning a South Taranaki Distric Council Community Award.

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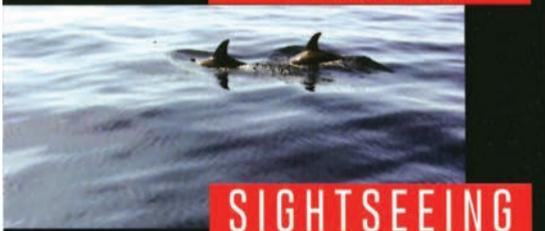
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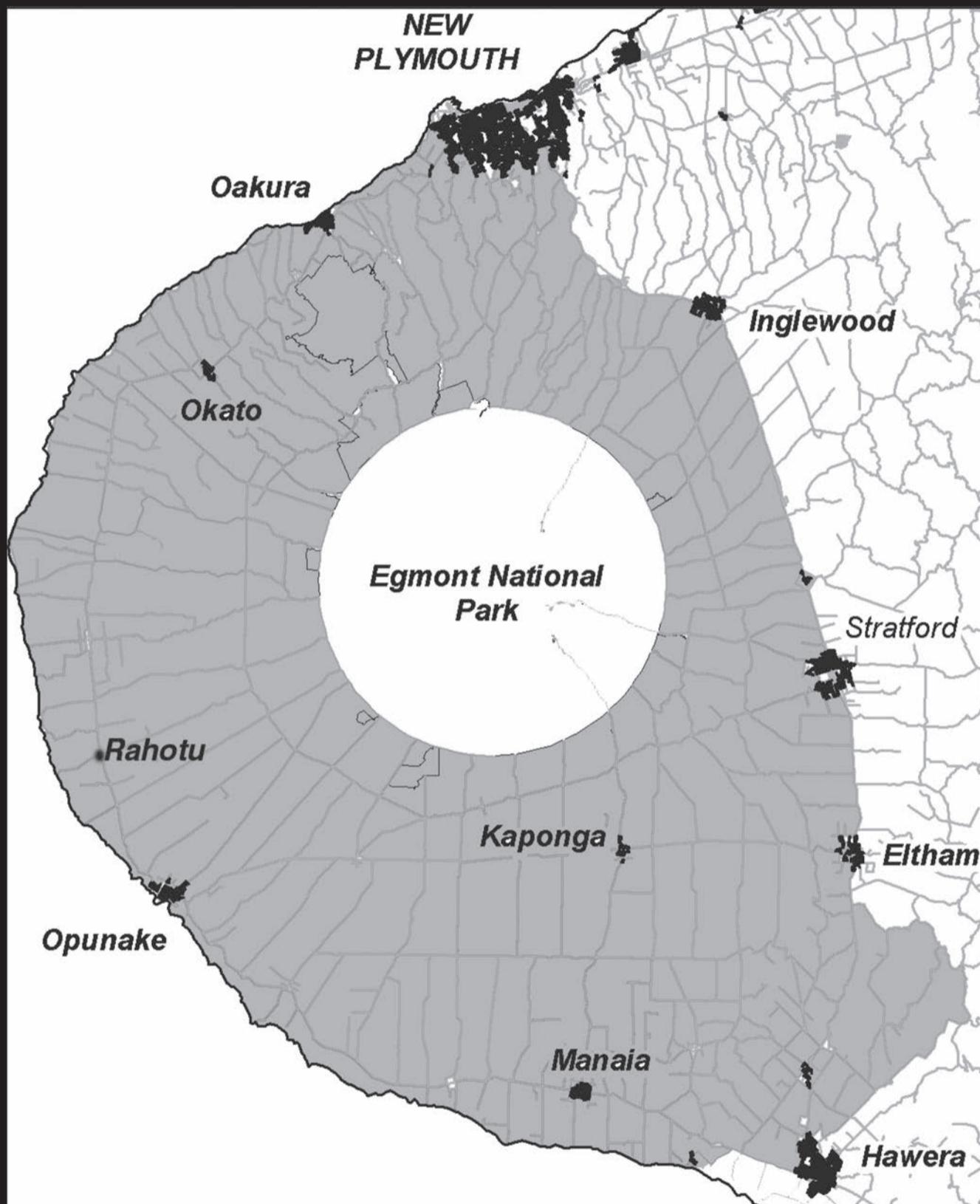
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Camtiki Country Lodge an impressive newcomer

Mike and Colleen Starsmore's Camtiki Country Lodge is a welcome addition to the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, which runs from October 30 until November 8. This intriguing garden is listed in the *Oakura Okato Opunake* section of the programme booklet as number 47. The address is 692 Patiki Road, RD32, Opunake. The garden is 6.92km from SH45; you turn off at Pihama, or 2km from Eltham Road, Te Kiri.

The impeccably maintained garden is well-sheltered by a huge koro/banksia hedge and is marked by a swinging sign on the right side of the road.

When Colleen was asked why she and Mike chose to enter the garden festival this year she replied, "It's such a beautiful garden so it is nice to open it up to share with others."

She also paid tribute to Opunake gardener Tammy Marshall of Greenscape Gardening, who is the main person who cares for the garden and keeping it presented so appealingly. "She does an amazing job," enthused Colleen.

The garden will be open during the Festival from 9am until 3pm. There is plenty of parking, toilet facilities and is mostly wheelchair friendly. Also on offer are refreshments provided by Opunake Lions between 10am and 2pm daily. No eftpos.

One interesting feature is a garden summerhouse, with a



Mike and Colleen Starsmore in their enchanting garden in Patiki Road.

plaque within which reads: *The Campbell Farm and Garden, 1981-2017. Much loved home of Geoff, Sheryl, Janelle, Toni, Sarah and*

Logan. Mike and Colleen bought the property from the Campbell family three years ago.

There is plethora of trees

and shrubs of many varieties, exotic and natives – such as kowhai and rimu. The camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas in full flower

are especially eye-catching. There is a proliferation of colourful flowers everywhere, including roses, cinerarias, foxgloves and

daffodils. Native birds such as kereru (native pigeons) and tuis also enjoy the garden.

The orchard has such trees as lemons, apples and oranges, with a passionfruit encircling the nearby raised vegetable garden. Pathways meander everywhere allowing easy access to all parts of the garden, including the dainty pond where goldfish swim.

Make sure you find time during the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival to visit this outstanding garden at 692 Patiki Road.

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LEFT: Mike and Colleen with their Camtiki Country Lodge accommodation.

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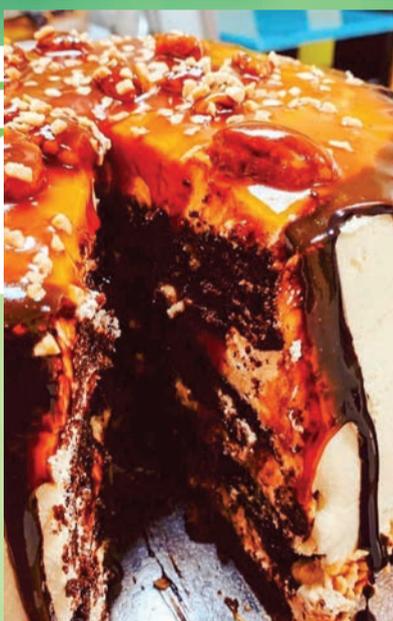
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Yarn Bomb into its fourth year



Peter Snell gets dressed for the Yarn Bomb.

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A lot of work goes on behind the scenes of the

Yarn Bomb. At the end of each year it needs repairs, washing, drying, sorting and storage. Also a plan of where items are to go on display needs to be done. Lots of hard work, but well worth it when we see the smiles on people's faces.

It is very exciting when community members drop off items and pieces that they have created. We certainly appreciate all the work that people do so others can enjoy it.

The Opunake Lakeside Lions are proud to host this event for the community.



Brightly bombed bins.

It is a wonderful way to promote our town, and our Club. Members hope you enjoy looking at everyone's creations. Please remember a lot of time, effort and love have gone into these pieces, so please look with your eyes, not your hands, show

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We hope you enjoy the fourth Opunake Lakeside Lions Great Opunake Yarn Bomb.

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Opunake is the place to be at the end of October/start of November. There are so many events; stunning gardens to visit, amazing Art pieces produced by talented artists at The Taranaki National Art Awards, the Opunake Business Association Market Day

on Saturday 31 October 9.30am-1pm, artist galleries/studios open, performances and movies at Everybody's Theatre, and of course, the Opunake Lakeside Lions Great Opunake Yarn Bomb.

For the fourth year running, Opunake will be transformed by bright, colourful creations

The Emporium Gallery and Gifts is simply superb



Michaela Niederberger owner of The Emporium.

An exciting new venture has recently appeared in Opunake. Emporium Gallery & Gifts sells quality art created by well-known artists, but also has a wide range of craft on offer, as well as a studio at the rear of the shop where studio painter Rhonda Crawford can be seen creatively at work some of the time, especially in the weekend.

The Emporium at 86 Tasman Street, Opunake, which is both spacious and impeccably set out, is owned by Michaela Niederberger and is open Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. On Sunday it is open 10am to 3pm.

The art on display is created by such talented artists as

Marianne Muggeridge, Roger Morris (Remo), Dale Copeland, Paul Hutchinson, Shawn Crawford, Kirsty Meynell, Rebecca Beyer, Fern Parmentier, Joshua Wilson, as well as Rhonda Crawford. As well as paintings, there are sculptures, carvings, prints, rubber woodblock prints, etchings, Kiwiana art, and even a stone carving.

Some of the craft on sale includes jewellery, scented soaps and candles, felt bags, coat hangers, clothing, books and crocheted items. "We want to have something for everyone," comments Michaela.

The Emporium is also the venue for Life Drawing classes each Tuesday night from 7pm to 9pm. Such excellent

artists as Roger Morris, Marianne Muggeridge, Paul Hutchinson, Liz Sinclair, Clair Jensen and Rhonda Crawford will be on hand to give direction where needed.

The Emporium Gallery & Gifts is a positive asset to Opunake and well worth a visit as there is such an impressive display of craft and art created by highly talented local people.

Call in for a visit on your travels around the open Gardens and Art Studios during the Festivals.

Rhonda Crawford will be working in her studio at the back of the Emporium Gallery during the festivals. Enjoy the local talent.

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It's a fun, free activity for everyone to do, with prizes up for grabs for those who play.

Simply pick up a trail map from Stratford i-SITE, Stratford Library or Council's Service Centre on Miranda Street from 30 October. Fill out the form with as many scarecrows as

you can find to be in to win prizes. Entry forms must be returned by 4pm Wednesday 18 November.

There are also prizes available for those who entered a scarecrow and these will be announced while the trail is open.

This is the fourth year the

event has been run alongside the region's garden festivals, and organisers have loved seeing how creative the community can be with their scarecrows.

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- **Opunake Market Day** - 31 October 9.30am – 1pm – main street Opunake
- **Taranaki National Art Awards** – 31 October – 7 November 10am – 4pm \$2 entry fee – Sandford Event Centre Tasman St, Opunake
- **The Lakeside Lions Great Opunake Yarn Bomb** 31 October – 9 November all over Opunake
- **Everybody's Theatre Opunake** – Boutique Night - I am Woman 1 November 7pm, tickets on eventpronto
- **Everybody's Theatre Opunake** – Cringe Worthy – Live Show 5 November 7.30pm, tickets on event finder
- **Taranaki Garden Festival** - 30 October – 8 November various locations look for the brochure
- **Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival** - 30 October – 8 November various locations look for the brochure
- **Taranaki Arts Trail** - 30 October – 1 November 9.30am – 4.30pm various locations look for the brochure
- **Arts Fest South Taranaki** – 28 October – 7 November various locations look for the brochure

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Still Potting

Every year since 2010 Donna Hitchcock (Stratford), Margaret Foley (Midhirst) and Robyn Smaller (Stratford) have held an annual exhibition of their colourful and imaginative pottery and mixed media works. Their tenth exhibition has just been installed at the Village Gallery, Eltham.

Each of the ten posters that were produced to publicise the exhibitions is now on display along with the latest creations from the three potters. Over the years there have been several other artists involved with the trio, and the name *Shed Sheilas* may be remembered by regular visitors to the popular annual event.

To appeal to the many gardening visitors during the Taranaki Garden Festivals, the exhibition features a number of works suitable for the garden – quirky planters, sculptures and decorative items – as well as unique pieces for the home.

Still Potting! runs from 19 October until 13 November, and the Gallery is open every day except Sundays from 10.00 am



Pottery by Margaret Foley.

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Major artistic pastime showing at Percy Thomson

Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford is bulging at the seams with wonderfully creative fibrework to coincide with the Taranaki Garden Festival.

This important exhibition marks the 50th anniversary of the Creative Fibre group in Taranaki. The talented and innovative group covers a wide array of disciplines; weaving, knitting, spinning, felting and dyeing. Many of the artists hold national awards and are experts in manipulating texture and form.

Each piece has been judged and prizes awarded across several categories which range from design expertise to the use of colour and specific fibres such as silk, alpaca, flax, wool, linen and cotton including a recycled category.

There is also an award for a first-time entrant to encourage new members, and another award for the most creative use of New Zealand design or materials, with particular reference to Taranaki.

Gallery director Rhonda Bunyan says fibre art is one of this country's major artistic pastimes but has, sadly, been

relegated to a 'less than art' back pocket for many of the country's galleries.

"There is still a perception of grannies sitting around knitting and spinning. Whilst there are, indeed, many grannies (and a grandfather or two) undertaking these time-honoured crafts, the work that is being created is an essence of art. People have to open up their eyes and hearts to fibre art, and everything it encompasses, from the traditional to the magical and contemporary. The visitor numbers to fibre, textile, quilting and embroidery exhibitions are

testament to the popularity of these fields.

"Here I borrow a quote from Wikipedia: 'Fibre art refers to fine art whose material consists of natural or synthetic fibre and other components, such as fabric or yarn. It focuses on the materials and on the manual labour on the part of the artist as part of the works' significance, and prioritizes aesthetic value over utility.'"

Experienced craftspeople will be on hand for visitors to speak to.

The exhibition runs until November 15.



A funky doorstop by New Plymouth artist Beth Pottinger-Hockings

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Film review

Pop Up Exhibition at Opunake Library Plus

I am Woman

Boutique night at Everybody's Theatre - Sunday November 1st at 7pm
 Starring: Tilda Cobham-Hervey, Danielle Macdonald, Evan Peters.
 Director: Unjoo Moon.
 Writer: Emma Jensen

I Am Woman, hear me roar. And roar she does. When Helen Reddy (Tilda Cobham-Hervey) lets lose you really get to hear her full potential. The titular song has been the unofficial anthem for International Women's Day since the United Nations declared 1975 International Women's Year. The 70s was definitely Helen's decade with several solid gold hits. In 1973 she swiped a Grammy out from under Barbara Streisand, Aretha Franklin and Roberta Flack. Stiff competition to say the least. This 1972 number one hit was Helen's career springboard into fame and fortune. Unfortunately, husband/manager Jeffery Wald (Evan Peters) didn't have the business side of things going quite so well. His habits eventually led to

Aotea Utanganui have a pop-up exhibition at Opunake Library Plus running until November 7.

the demise of their finances, and their marriage. You know things have hit rock bottom when you're snorting cocaine out of the carpet.

Helen embodied the story she sang. Emotional scarring goes a long way, though it did put her in an ironic situation. Musical ambassador for women's empowerment, and a domestic arrangement suggesting a large degree of control and narcissism. Yes, Jeff did help her get a foot in the door, but only when pushed. He must have been pretty good though, as he also managed Sylvester Stallone, Marvin Gaye and Crosby Stills and Nash to name a few. The storyline was heavily weighted with marital content. It'd be interesting to know why writer Emma Jensen went down this path with her well written script. I felt it tinged Helen with a compromising hue.

On arriving in New

The exhibition showcases the museum's collection of photographs of Opunake from 1880s-2000s and

York, a 24-year-old single mother, Helen befriends fellow Australian Lillian Roxon, played by Danielle Macdonald. Macdonald is a lovely actress; she rounds out her characters with such depth that you feel like you really know them by the end of the movie. Another poignant moment is felt when Helen's actions, imbued by her husband's psychopathic segregation, grievously impact Lillian and eventually Helen.

Lillian is iconic in her own right. She was a journalist known as 'the mother of rock', said to have a major influence in the music and pop world of the 60s and 70s. I love how *I Am Woman* slips in these amazingly famous people without blinking an eye, leaving the audience to do a double take - what, who... Lynda who? Oh, of course, that Lynda - huge crush on Paul McCartney. I also loved the reference to the kind hearted David Bowie who sends flowers to an unwell Lillian.

Look out for the young singer in an early bar scene with Lillian and Helen in the audience. She sings 'Revolution' beautifully, and is Helen Reddy's granddaughter in real-life. Hopefully (real-life) Helen was able to experience what must have been a very special moment. Helen passed over on September 29th of this year.

So, book your tickets, enjoy a yummy Boutique platter and dessert, you won't be disappointed. *I Am Woman* has the perfect balance of just enough music to satisfy the die-hard fans, and just enough to tolerate if you're not. I was in the latter camp, but after watching this movie I think I've jumped the fence.

Jane Forkert

invites visitors to replicate these images through their own lens with a photographic competition. The exhibition has a great selection of prizes, all supported by our local businesses. Prizegiving is at 3.30pm, Wednesday and Bluetooth speakers - November 4.



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Skullduggery at the Playhouse

What's On Listings



The cast of "Rinse The Blood Off My Toga" indulge in a spot of bloodless toga wearing. From left; Wendy Smith, John McCarty, Paul Kuriger, Brian Gasson, Terry Simpson, Diane Baldie, Andreas Danz.

You'll laugh, you'll squirm, you'll get a cup of tea. Yes, they're back. Opunake Players have put Covid behind them and are proud to announce the resurrection of their production "Murder And Mayhem," two one act plays and a bit of music. Tickets will be available at Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration from Tuesday October 27. "Night Of The Dolls" is a murder-

ous thriller which will send chills down your spine and has a cast of several women. It tells the story of a young reporter and an older woman who...

-well, let's leave it at that for now. "Rinse The Blood Off My Toga" is an even more murderous riot, and would you believe it, has a cast of mainly men, with a couple of ladies to add decorum (or is that decoration? - never learned Latin

at school). It is a somewhat irreverent look at the assassination of Julius Caesar and takes us back to Rome in the year 44BC.

The show will run on 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th and 21st of November. Listen out for an amusing telephone call and a musical interlude from Opunake's latest singing sensations, The Halfway Singers. An added bonus is that The Players have some new blood on stage (get it -

ONGOING

Jonathan Young: Need to chat with your local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

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

SUNDAYS:

Open Mic at the Rahotu Tavern: Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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

TUESDAYS

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

Life Drawing Group: Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake at 7pm. \$10 to pay for the model.

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

Opunake Bowling Club Twilight Bowls: 5.30pm at the Club.

WEEKENDS

The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea. **SEPTEMBER 26 2020 TO FEBRUARY 8 2021**

'Home Work' Taranaki Art 2020 Exhibition: At Puke Ariki Museum, New Plymouth.

SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 24

'Social Print' Exhibition: At Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 7

Popup Museum, Opunake: At Library Plus Opunake. Refer ad and article.

OCTOBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 15

'Fibreworks 2020' 50th Anniversary Exhibition: At the Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford. Refer ad.

OCTOBER 19 TO NOVEMBER 13

'Still Potting' Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer ad.

OCTOBER 24

Ngati Haupoto 106 Marae Reservation - Pokimi Marae AGM At te Potaka Marae, Oaonui, 3pm.

OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 7

God of Carnage: Repertory House, Hawera. Refer ad.

OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 8

Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival: Happening in gardens around Taranaki.

OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 13

Stratford Scarecrow Trail: Stratford. Refer advert and article.

OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 1

Oakura Arts Trail: Oakura. Refer to guide.

NOVEMBER 1

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club Registration Day: At the Clubrooms. 10am to 12pm.

NOVEMBER 2

Opunake Boat & Underwater Club AGM: At the Clubrooms. 7.30pm.

NOVEMBER 5 TO 15

RESET 2020 - A festival for Aotearoa: Events around Taranaki.

NOVEMBER 7 TO NOVEMBER 8

Oakura Arts Trail: Oakura. Refer to guide.

NOVEMBER 8

Home Sewn 2020: 10am to 2pm at Hampton Hall, Okato.

NOVEMBER 12, 13 & 14

Opunake Players present 'Murder and Mayhem': Refer advert for more details..

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Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES

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Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St
9.30am every Sunday and the
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Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Opunake Catholic Church

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th
Sundays of the month
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
Other areas
Maniaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm
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Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
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Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

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