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A young Leopard seal made its way to Opunake Beach last week and left as unobtrusively as it came in.

A surprise visitor to Opunake Beach

Among recent visitors to Opunake Beach was a young leopard seal which was found there on Wednesday morning last week.

Opunake Beach Camp lessee Shelley Harkness said she came across the seal at about 7.30am while doing her rounds.

"I would call it an infant as opposed to a baby," she said.

This was the first time she had seen a leopard seal come on to the beach so she contacted DOC who told her it was a natural thing for seals to come ashore

this time of year. Unless the animal was injured it was not their policy to intervene, she was told.

Sue says the seal may have been weaned from its mother and come ashore to take a rest from swimming.

DOC senior ranger Callum Lilley said leopard seals occasionally visit Taranaki and a young leopard seal was seen at Ohawe Beach last month.

"They often hang around for a few days to a couple of weeks but there are reports

of some seals hanging around for much longer.

"Leopard seals primarily inhabit the Antarctic icepack but some animals, particularly the younger ones, tend to disperse through the southern ocean in autumn and winter. Sometimes they visit the Sub Antarctic Islands and southern parts of New Zealand, but we also appear to be seeing them more frequently around most of New Zealand."

"This is likely a juvenile, they are a metre long or 30kg when first born. They stay

with their mums for about a month before heading off on their own."

He expressed a note of caution for anybody coming near one of these animals. "Leopard seals are predators with large teeth. They may be aggressive and they will defend themselves if they feel threatened.

They can seriously injure dogs or people. We recommend people staying at least 20 metres away and keeping dogs under control

on a leash. Please don't feed them.

The seal had gone back to sea by nightfall.

A population estimate in 1977 put the total number at 222,000-440,000 worldwide.

It is unknown how many individuals visit or inhabit New Zealand waters.

Leopard seals are protected under the Wildlife Act 1953 and the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978.

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Crayfish wars

Kia ora.
As somebody who has recreationally fished/ dived my whole life I tend to support any movement that is pro sustainability of a fishery or area, but I have to say the article "Crayfish Wars?" made me a little embarrassed to be lumped in the same category as the author. This article was so glaringly biased it had no credibility. You state that the CRA9 area extends from Bruce Bay to Kaipara and that you want the commercial fishers to spread their take and not hammer "our coast." What is the total number of cray boats that actually fish in Taranaki? 1 percent? 70 percent? We have nowhere the same amount of pressure here in Taranaki as CRA2 and it appears you are simply scaremongering by suggesting as much. I have followed the interactions about this boat on Facebook and the threats and name-calling coming from us toward the fisher are mortifying. You display the tracks of the boat and suggest that because they have now turned this off they will no doubt be delving into "sensitive

areas." What do you mean? Marine Reserves? Surely if you feel they are doing something illegal you will talk to a fishery officer? In fact the tracking system is also used as a safety feature and by turning it off they are compromising their own safety while at sea. Then you, the author of the article say, "The Arrow claims to have had some floats cut off. Neither of our clubs encourage this practice but..." As soon as you use that word "but," everything you said before it becomes invalid. This ultimately smacks of a NIMBY witch hunt. Please provide actual facts and figures instead of assumptions and suggestions that are designed to make the public suspicious. You will have a much more legitimate argument by doing so.

Embarrassed associate.
The story in last week's issue had been supplied by the Opunake Boat and Underwater Club. Unfortunately in the paste up process the last paragraph which included the attribution to the club was left off. We apologise for the error.

Pity about the Iceberg

Dearest Opunake.
Thanks again for the great weekend visit. The mountain looked beautiful, the Anderson's pies were hot and the new gallery is fantastic.

I was disappointed to see you are still plagued by that hideous iceberg. I hope it thaws before my next visit.
Yours truly,
A friend and regular visitor

More Opunake & Coastal News' out

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The Health Shop on the ground floor at Centre City.
Westside Grille, Tukapa Street, Westtown.

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Outside the North Taranaki Community House Trust, 67 McLean Street.
Stratford
Perera's Paper Power, 234A Broadway, Stratford

Hawera
Outside First National on the corner of Victoria and High Streets, Hawera.

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Pastimes in Opunake

The Rahotu Pub

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Tim's Barbershop, Moturoa

Okato Takeaways



Letters to the Editor

Absolute rubbish

"Because of the gale force winds swirling and causing havoc in our cul-de-sac, for the last couple of weeks I've elected not to put my roadside bins out for the rubbish collection.

Not so for other households, which saw their bins topple, spill and spread.

The mass mess, driven by a sou'eastly, tumbled towards the end of the cul-de-sac, swept down my drive and became tangled around plants, trees and fences.

I captured a fair amount

A great bus service

Pickering Motors is a name that's been synonymous with Opunake for 80 years and rightly so..

As one of the many people who use the connector bus service every so often, they deserve their new buses. If it wasn't for this wonderful bus service I wouldn't be able to visit my auntie at the Annie Brydon Rest Home. I must really thank this brilliant and wonderful bus service.

There are many people who don't have any transport themselves, so they have caught this bus service to visit towns like Inglewood, Stratford, Eltham and Hawera then return to New Plymouth on the same day and vice versa.

Their bus drivers, whether

of the trash which filled my bin, but I was altogether too slow.

Plastic bottles, bubble wrap, real estate pamphlets and tins danced over the fence, flew down the embankment to finally hit the river, which tracks its way to the ocean.

But hey, it's all good. It will eventually end up on some beach further down or up the coast depending on the tides..."

Not Bothered?
Heather Jensen
Opunake

part time or full time all do an extremely great job as they endure some extremely stupid motorists, as some don't know their right hands from their left hands while sometimes forgetting to indicate, plus all those huge trucks, with logs, milk tankers etc., even road works, yet they all still carry on doing their jobs as per usual.

So to our Taranaki Regional Council, please don't take this excellent bus service off the road, as it does a wonderful service between Opunake and new Plymouth, plus one meets some wonderful people on this wonderful bus service.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Supporting James Langton

Wow. What is it going to take for the Opunake Sports and Recreation Trust to realise that James Langton deserves to have his photo on the Honours Board alongside the rest of these sports people.

It seems the board had offered a space in their sporting cabinet, which to me is absolutely ludicrous. My question is why on earth can't James have his photo alongside those other sports people? Did the rest of them go through the same scenario James is going through right now? I can bet my bottom dollar they all didn't.

Has any other coastal boxer had the same impressive CV James has? Of course not.

Do they pick and choose who they have on their honours board? Both James and his wife have done a lot of good work for and within the Opunake town and area.

I am supporting James seeking legal advice, which I believe should go to a lower court hearing over this issue. Should he win, the Trust will be forced to have his photo alongside the other top sports people.

This issue has cropped up once again, and like I said before, the Trust committee should either change their minds or resign, otherwise this issue will go on forever.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Anyone seeking work

At the suggestion of a regular advertiser, the Opunake & Coastal News is considering starting a Work Wanted column in the classified section of the paper which will be free.

This is partly to fill a gap in the media.
Another newspaper used to

run such a column.
Anyone seeking work is invited to submit their details to the paper.

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EDITORIAL

Forgotten victor remembered 150 years on

It was a battle that sent shivers through the New Zealand government. On September 7 1868 Titokowaru and his 70 followers routed a 360-strong government force at Te Ngutu-o-te-manu near Okaiawa.

European settlement in much of South Taranaki became untenable. There was talk that perhaps the settlement of Wanganui might have to be evacuated. There were fears that Titokowaru could link up with Te Kooti on the East Coast and the Maori King movement to the north. Perhaps the Northland tribes who had last fought the pakeha back in the 1840s might even join in. In short, the entire North Island could be shaky for European settlement.

Titokowaru won another victory at Moturoa near Waverley and then for reasons which still remain unclear gave up the fight, and the once vanquished set off in pursuit of their still undefeated opponent. Unable to find him, they eventually let him be, and Titokowaru eventually made peace with the pakeha. He died in 1888.

In the years since a collective amnesia appears to have settled over the names Titokowaru and Te Ngutu-o-te-manu. Histories of New Zealand have referred to the less successful Te Kooti on the East Coast, but not to Titokowaru.

On September 6, the day before the commemoration of that battle at Te Ngutu-o-te-manu, John Hooker and Wharehoka Wano were at Hawera Library Plus giving a talk on Titokowaru and his place in history.

“Why did our historians not want to talk about him? Why did our government not want to talk about him?” said Wharehoka. “I loved history at school. I knew all about the Victorian era, the origins of World War I and the American Civil War, but



From left. Wharehoka Wano, John Hooker, Amanda Bublitz (Ngati Tupaea).at Hawera Library Plus

I didn't know in a formal sense about what happened in our backyard.”

The battle site has since become a much visited reserve and picnic area. John, who grew up in nearby Okaiawa and Wharehoka say that as children they would go there for their annual school picnic without being aware of the battle that had taken place many years before.

John said Kui Te Wharemamaku Te Kaho who had raised his grandfather, and died in 1957 could recall as an eight year-old being carried away from the battle on her mother's back.

Despite his military successes, John and Wharehoka described Titokowaru as someone who for most of his life was a man of peace.

Born in the early 1820s, he had been baptised by missionary John Skevington who had seen his potential and sent him to Auckland to be a Methodist preacher.

A census in the 1850s listed him as a preacher in the Patea area.

He had fought the Pakeha at Sentry Hill where he lost an eye, but a year after British troops had brought their scorched earth policy to South Taranaki he was advocating peace and proclaimed 1867 as the Year of the Lamb.

“When it looked as though



peace was going to be unsustainable, he changed his strategy,” said John.

After the fighting was over, he ended his days at Parihaka. As well as a military leader he was also

a prophet, seen as being as significant as Te Whiti and Tohu.

“He was probably like one of those all-round sportsmen you see today who are good at everything,” says Wharehoka.

Among the Pakeha fallen at Te Ngutu-o-te-manu was the Polish adventurer Gustavus von Tempsky who had achieved fame as leader of the Forest Rangers while fighting the Maori in the Waikato.

“Von Tempsky was quite a swashbuckling gentleman and had a bit of panache about him in the field,” said John. “After that battle, Titokowaru would not allow any desecration of the body of Von Tempsky, and then he cremated him. Such was the extent of respect he had for him as a fighter.”

The talk was part of a week-long commemoration of events to mark the 150th anniversary of the battle of Te Ngutu-o-te-manu as well as other 19th century conflicts in South Taranaki.

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Tena koutou katoa ki runga i te kaupapa o te wiki o te reo Maori. Kia kaha ki te korero!

As the sun shines a little more and the temperatures warm slightly, it's always a good time to reflect on upcoming projects that

we've saved for 'better weather,' especially the outside jobs. We South Taranaki people love our gardens and as we know, the warmer weather coupled with our fertile soil means lots of growth and weeds, so greenwaste becomes a relevant topic at this time of the year.

Council offers a fortnightly greenwaste collection service, with registrations coming up for renewal again in October, so if you are a subscriber make sure you stay current or if you need the service contact Council to sign up. Gold Card holders get a discount, so be sure to mention if you have one.

There are many ways to save on Council fees and charges. Paying rates on time gets you a discount and rates rebates may be available for people on low incomes if you meet the criteria. There are also discounts for dog



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registrations if your canines are spayed or neutered or you are a proven and eligible responsible owner, so it pays to find out if you qualify.

The Warmer Homes Scheme continues to assist homeowners to improve living standards in their own homes and rental properties, offering the opportunity to have insulation or EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) approved heat smart products installed. In these instances

Council initially carries the cost of all or a portion of instillation, then collects repayments alongside rates payments over the following nine years, which makes it a very affordable option. Again, savings can be made if the home occupier has a Community Services Card.

It's also really important that owners of rental properties remember that by law, all rentals must have insulation installed by 1 July 2019, so don't leave it till the last minute to sort out or you may miss the deadline.

There are other funding opportunities available through Council, all designed to make a difference at the grassroots level, directly within our communities. There is funding for things like the arts, rural travel, iwi/marae projects and the more widely-known funding through Community Boards. There is also support for

painting business frontages in our towns and the protection of indigenous vegetation through establishing Significant Natural Areas (SNAs). Information on these, and others is available on the Council website and while funds may be contestable everyone sitting on those funding bodies do their best to ensure grants are fairly distributed around the district.

All these things are part of Council's everyday business and support the fabric of our district. We, as your councillors, try as hard as we can to ensure opportunities such as these continue to be available to everyone who lives, works and plays in South Taranaki. Kia kaha tatou! Mouri ora.

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Council comes to the party

The issue of how a new boundary fence should be paid for appears to have been resolved.

The fence which runs along the northern end of the Opunake Fire Station borders an access way and

vacant lot owned by the South Taranaki District Council.

"I understand it was built in 1986 when the fire station was built, and I understand it was built by brigade members,"

Fire and Emergency NZ volunteer support officer John Nicholls told the Egmont Plains Community Board last week. "There has been no maintenance and I understand the fence is falling down."

"The fence is not secure for the station. I couldn't put my hand on heart and say it's dangerous for our people, but it's beyond repair."

A brigade member Brian Vincent had agreed to organise workers to dismantle the fence.

John said the cost of repair would be \$6000 and he had approached the Council about sharing this between them, and initially they had shown some interest, although they were now saying there was nothing currently in the budget to make this happen.

South Taranaki District Council corporate services

group manager Phillippa Wilson says it had been an issue of timing.

"The Council were working with the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade to have the fence replaced in the 2017/18 year, however Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) deferred the work to the new financial year. Unfortunately the Council's budgets had already been set and did not include monies set aside for the fence (which we didn't know about at the time). Consequently, the Council Property Manager needed to seek special approval to spend unbudgeted money."

After the Community board meeting sought approval for \$2952.13 to replace the fence.

"Because it was for the Fire Brigade this has been granted," Phillippa said.

John Nicholls says this has been "a great outcome."

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Corbin Mills (left) holding his trophy on the awards night with proud employer Brian Hill.

Apprentice wins regional award

Corbin Mills who works for Okato based Brian Hill Building has headed off candidates from Taranaki Whanganui and Manawatu to take out the Top Apprentice award in carpentry in the Central Region. He was presented with the award at a special awards ceremony held at Palmerston North.

Corbin, 22, said he was very surprised to hear his name read out and hadn't prepared an acceptance speech. Indeed when they read out the place getters in reverse order and his name hadn't come up he was relieved and said to himself "Oh sweet, I won't be getting a prize."

His proud employer Brian Hill who was at the awards ceremony said he was "thrilled" and "very honoured" that Corbin took out the top prize.

Corbin's reliability and enthusiasm have been a constant during Corbin's four year apprenticeship, commented Brian who added that he also had "excellent communication skills" and "excellent time management". As well he

was active in voluntary work in the rural community.

The judging was a rigorous process admits Corbin who said they initially had to submit a job they were working on along with references from his employer and his training advisor. Then they had to take part in a two hour practical at Whanganui which involved making a toy box.

With the contestants now whittled down to the top ten in the region, next they had to do a written submission on their work history before being interviewed by a panel of judges which included a member of the Master Builders Association and the Building Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO). Finally there was an onsite interview testing his understanding of building, building materials and building codes.

Corbin who has now completed his apprenticeship says he enjoys particularly "the range of things that we do" which includes new houses, cowsheds, alterations and rural buildings.

Recently they've been engaged in a lot of residential

work and he says he's "learning all the time".

During his apprenticeship BCITO would visit him on site every three months to ensure he's getting an all round education in building.

Now promoted to project manager, Corbin is involved in organising work teams, material and contractors.

"It's a challenge," he says and enjoys the fact that he's learning all the time.

Corbin, whose parents are dairy farmers at Warea, first came to Brian Hill for work experience while still at high school via the Gateway programme. He was subsequently taken on as an apprentice.

Brian Hill who has had his own building business since 1987 which, with his wife Linda, he runs from Hempton Road, Okato says he's always had apprentices and believes it's important that builders take on apprentices in order to secure trained people in the building industry. "There's a shortage of skilled tradespeople" he says.

Over the years has trained around 15-20 apprentices "a lot of whom approached me," says Brian. "We prefer to take

on boys from local families," he says as he knows the families.

As part of his prize as a regional winner Corbin received a trophy and a certificate, \$2000 in cash, a two week outward bound course and a range of tools.

Corbin will go on to compete in the New Zealand Top Apprentice Award in Auckland in November.

We'll keep you posted.

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New equipment for Opunake Brigade



The new set of battery powered scene lights.

since our last posting.

While this is a good sign as it shows that our community are keeping themselves safe, this doesn't mean the brigade hasn't been busy.

The Opunake brigade has recently purchased, with funds donated to it from the local community, a new set of battery powered scene lights. These replace an old set of lights that required the use of a portable generator to provide the power source. The advantage of these lights is they are extremely portable so can be used almost anywhere. They can be extended to provide light over a wide area and are

waterproof. The brigade is extremely appreciative of the donations from the community that have allowed us to buy this equipment.

We also now have a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC). This is some of the latest technology provided by Fire and Emergency New Zealand to brigades to assist them with identifying hot spots in ceilings or behind walls etc that can't normally be seen by the naked eye. In heavily smoked logged buildings it helps crews find the seat of a fire. This saves our crew's time and also reduces the amount of damage done. On Monday night the



Our new Thermal Imaging Camera.

Opunake crews were provided with a new set of airbags to replace the existing ones which have passed their use by date. Airbags are used

for lifting heavy objects, and as the name suggests require compressed air to inflate them. With all this new equipment coming on board the brigade members have been busy learning how to operate all this new equipment.

If you would like to be part of the team that operates all this equipment contact your local fire brigade, they would be pleased to have you on board.

One of most common causes of fires in residential properties in NZ is unattended cooking. Remember "Keep Looking When You're Cooking."

Extra bus to meet demand for popular service



Connector drivers Noeline Davis-Naniseni, Daphne Phillips-Maher and Tracey Jury welcome the arrival of the new bus.

A brand-new bus has entered service as the Hāwera-New Plymouth Connector, making four return trips each weekday with extensions from and to Opunake on the first and final trips respectively.

As well as more seats (for 45 passengers, up from the current 41), the new vehicle has more locker space (for prams, pushchairs and even bikes), easier boarding, seats with extra leg room, air suspension at the rear for

a smoother ride, electronic destination board and closed-circuit TV. And its exterior signwriting leaves no one in any doubt about the region it serves.

The Connector is operated by Pickering Motors Ltd under contract to the Taranaki Regional Council.

"We're delighted Pickering's have invested in a new vehicle for what has proved to be an important addition to the region's public transport network," says the Council's Transport Services Manager, Chris Clarke. "Since the Connector service started in 2014, passenger numbers have consistently exceeded

predictions. Initially we thought we'd need a 19-seater - now we're well over double that, and with an extra bus to cater for morning and afternoon peaks."

The Connector is particularly popular with WITT students, as it allows them to attend classes without the expense and disruption of having to move to New Plymouth. Under an arrangement with WITT, its students travel for free if they have appropriate ID.

The service is also used by the Taranaki District Health Board to bring people to New Plymouth for outpatient appointments or to visit

relatives in Base Hospital. "People's ability to access health services is a priority for us and the Connector bus plays an important role in enabling this," says Steve Chapman of the TDHB.

The Taranaki Regional Council-administered public transport network also includes New Plymouth Citylink commuter and school bus services, and once-a-week Southlink services serving smaller communities in South Taranaki.

The Council also administers Total Mobility, a scheme offering fare subsidies for those unable to use public transport.

The winter blast that we have all been experiencing lately seems to have put a damper on the Opunake Brigade's call outs with no calls having been received

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Bryce is back

A familiar face is back at the Opunake Police Station. Senior Constable Bryce Allison who was based at Opunake from 2003-6 is back in town, meaning that the Opunake Station is once more fully staffed.

“This is a great place and a great spot so I decided to come back here,” he said.

In between he was in Tokoroa for seven years and Rotorua for four.

After leaving school he worked as a glazier for 12 years before deciding to join the police.

“I have family in the police and there’s different opportunities coming up in policing,” he says.

He began his 20 year-long police career at Counties-Manukau, before serving in Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and is now back to Taranaki again.

“I have been here before



Senior Constable Bryce Allison back in Opunake.

and know the area quite well,” says Bryce. “It’s easier when you know the people. There’s a more relaxed lifestyle here with the surf and the mountain,” says Bryce. “It’s different to working in a city environment where it’s quite busy and hectic, compared to here where you get kids waving from cars and tanker drivers waving.”

When asked about frustrations of his job he says people not reporting crime.

“If people don’t report, we don’t know what’s happening, whether it’s thefts, burglaries,

intimidation, violence or family harm. We have zero tolerance towards these behaviours and we encourage people to contact us and report anything suspicious or unusual.”

He sees the station now being back to having three police officers as being good for the people of Opunake.

Away from work he enjoys sport and is a keen cyclist. He is also a keen darts followers and has recently been selected for the New Zealand Police Darts team.

It’s good to be back

Kia ora Opunake,

My name is Bryce Allison. I am a Senior Constable now stationed in Opunake. I transferred here last month. Some of you may remember me from my previous time working in Hawera and Opunake. I worked in Hawera for two and a half years and in Opunake for four years from 2003 -2006.

For the past 10 years I have worked in Tokoroa and Rotorua which is part of the Bay of Plenty policing district. I have chosen to return to Opunake as I enjoy working in South Taranaki. I also met some great people in my previous time working in Opunake.

There is now a full complement of Police staff in Opunake. Hopefully with

this we will be out and about more and the station will be open during the week should you need to pop in.

Remember if the matter is urgent where there is a risk to persons or property please phone 111. You will reach our Central Communications Call Centre and they will be able to dispatch a unit. This is by far the best way to reach us in an emergency.

After driving around for the last few weeks I see lot of damage to the grass berms and plenty of tyre marks left on the road from persons doing burnouts. Remember it’s not if you’re caught, but when. When you are caught your car will be impounded for 28 days and you could lose your licence for six months.

Some of you may be aware of the phrase “Safer Communities Together”. This is because the Police need the support of their communities. You are the eyes and ears of the Police. So that we can keep our community safe and the communities throughout Taranaki, I ask you to please report anything unusual or suspicious to the Police.

Please report family harm incidents (domestic violence), thefts of vehicles, thefts from vehicle, burglaries dangerous driving, drug cultivation and selling, assaults and any gang activity. Criminals thrive on the community’s fear not to report things due to fear of reprisal. If we know what’s happening in

our community we can target the correct areas in order to prevent further incidents


It is coming up to cannabis growing season soon so there will be people attempting to grow cannabis at home, on farms and in bush areas. They may be buying such things as bags of potting mix and plant fertilizer. Please keep a look out for these people.

Phone the Police if you have any information on drug use in your communities. If you are concerned about anything in your communities then you can report anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Take care and I will see you out and about.

Nga mihi,
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A dance for Taranaki



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Energy transition needs innovation not blanket bans

Last week's Productivity Commission report on how to transition to a low-emissions economy makes a key recommendation that appears lost on the Government – technological advances will be critical to success.



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

The report underlines how existing energy sources such as hydrocarbons have an important place in both the transition process and beyond through the adoption of technologies such as carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Similar technology is already in use at sites in Taranaki and CCS offers even greater opportunities for New Zealand. Carbon capture involves isolating, purifying and compressing carbon

dioxide to a supercritical state, where it behaves like a liquid that can be sequestered in geological formations deep underground.

It is technology that is within reach today but instead of innovating, this Government chose to ban new offshore exploration for oil and gas.

That short-sighted decision doesn't take into account the contribution natural gas makes in reducing emissions as a substitute for fuels such as coal, heavily used in Asia, and the huge contribution gas plays in the world's food production.

It is estimated that without nitrogen fertiliser, produced mainly from natural gas, world food production would be 40 - 60 per cent lower. It's naïve to think the global agricultural system can function without nitrogen fertiliser.

The Commission recommends new legislation be prepared to regulate CCS activities and the emissions trading scheme be amended to allow CCS to earn credits.

Energy Minister Megan Woods has told us we have to stop using gas if we want to achieve a low-emissions economy, but this report is saying that is not the case.

New Zealand produces fertiliser at Kapuni and we use fertiliser in all our agricultural sectors - CCS could be the technology that allows us to continue to produce and use nitrogen fertiliser.

CCS is not a solution in all cases – it is hard to capture the carbon from a tail pipe – but in the case of big sources of emissions like urea production at Kapuni, CCS may be needed to allow the world to continue to enjoy the quality of life we do today.

It is notable the Commission's comments don't mention the Government's ban on new offshore exploration as a recommendation to reduce emissions. Bans stifle innovation, rather than encourage it.

The Government banned new exploration without consultation or analysis to meet political objectives. It needs to take on board the message that innovation and technological advances are the way forward for New Zealand and the globe.

Jonathan Young

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Johnathan Young at a recent meeting for Opunake residents over the age of 65 with Opunake Lakeside Lions President Rachel Norgate.

Transport investment for Taranaki

The Transport minister has announced a \$302 million transport investment for Taranaki to deliver a safer, better connected and more resilient transport system.

The NZ Transport Agency has published details of the planned investment in Taranaki's transport system over the next three years as part of a \$16.9 billion investment in New Zealand's transport system set out in the 2018/21 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

The NLTP comprises \$12.9b from the National Land Transport Fund, generated through fuel excise, road user charges, and other revenue sources; \$3.4b from local government, generated through rates and Auckland's Regional Fuel Tax; and \$547m in other Crown investments.

Phil Twyford said the \$302 million investment planned for Taranaki over the next three years marks a 26% increase compared

to the previous three yearly 2015/18 NLTP, and a 50% per cent increase from 2012/15.

"Safety is a top priority for the Government. \$64 million will be invested in programmes and projects in Taranaki that will save lives. This will include revamping intersections to stop collisions, installing median barriers in high-risk areas, and increasing road policing.

"The significant \$171 million investment in state highways reflects the Government's continued commitment to this vital part of our transport system. We're supporting significant improvements to SH3, including progressing the Mt Messenger Bypass to improve the safety, resilience and reliability of this key transport route.

"To help keep the region moving, \$11 million is being invested in public transport and walking and cycling projects, including funding for cycleways in

New Plymouth, as well as \$117 million for local roads," said Phil Twyford.

Investment through the NLTP will contribute to a land transport system for Taranaki that will be safer and easier for people to use, supporting the safe movement of freight and keeping communities connected.

Meanwhile, Brake, the road safety charity is welcoming the announcement of a \$4.3 billion investment in road safety programmes as part of the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme.

Caroline Perry, Brake's NZ director said: "We're pleased to see this increase in investment for road safety. People are being killed and seriously injured on our roads every day. Investment in proven safety features, and more roads policing and enforcement will help to save lives. The consequences of crashes are horrific, and we urgently need to reverse the increase in deaths and injuries on our roads that we've seen

over the last few years.

The NLTP also includes more funding going to the regions and an increase in investment for sustainable and active travel modes such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Ms Perry said: "Our regions experience some significant road safety issues, and a large proportion of deaths and serious injuries occur on our open roads, so increased investment in these areas is greatly needed. We're also pleased to see an increase in investment for walking, cycling and public transport."

However, Brake also noted the challenges ahead in addressing road safety and reducing deaths and injuries.

"This investment is a good start over the next three years, but we're going to need more investment in the long-term if we are to increasingly and significantly reduce the trauma on our roads, and ensure a lasting reduction in deaths and serious injuries for all road users", Ms Perry added.

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Training promises benefit for customers



Debbie Cooksley holding Maurice Kain fabrics from their Scandi collection.

Last week Debbie Cooksley and Alysha Trethewey from Sinclairs Colour Plus in Opunake were in Christchurch for two days intensive training on curtains and blinds.

They attended a seminar run by Colour Plus which covered

fabrics, colour schemes and anything to do with custom-made curtains.

Now they are eager to share what they've learned with anyone coming into Sinclair Colour Plus' curtain and blind sale from September 11.

"I think it's given me confidence to sell a good product, and given me a deeper understanding and knowledge of fabrics, knowing what to recommend to people in terms of warmth and room by room selection of what to put where," says

Debbie. She says they have a beautiful range which is being constantly updated.

"We can do custom-made tracks, shutters, venetian blinds, and we can pre-measure for people in their own homes."

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Cost of power leaves many in the cold

Consumer NZ say the Electricity Price Review's initial report backs up their research showing rising power prices are leaving many households struggling to pay their bills.. Consumer NZ head of research Jessica Wilson said access to affordable power was a basic consumer right, but the electricity system wasn't delivering this. The Electricity Price Review's report showed consumers had faced

significant increases in power costs since 1990. Residential prices had risen 79 percent, while commercial prices had dropped 24 percent. Ms Wilson said the rapid rise in residential prices had had a major impact on low-income consumers.

"While the number of electricity retailers had increased, households finding it difficult to meet costs often had limited choice of retailer. They also paid more because they missed out on

prompt payment discounts or were forced to change to a pre-pay meter," she said. Consumers on pre-pay meters pay for power in advance and incur fees each time they top up. Consumer NZ's survey research shows close to one in five consumers experienced financial difficulties paying for power in the past year. It also found 14 percent were charged overdue fees, 13 percent borrowed from family or friends to pay their

bill, and 8 percent took out a loan to pay their bill.

The impact of rising prices can also be seen in disconnections for non-payment of bills. Last year, 25,317 people had their power disconnected because of unpaid bills, up from 19,106 in 2015. Ms Wilson said the Electricity Price Review's final report, in May 2019, needed to recommend changes to ensure consumers could get power at a fair price.

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Charging station comes to Opunake

Two weeks ago an electric car charging station was installed outside the Opunake and Coastal News offices on Napier Street.

in Stratford and Patea/Waverley area along SH 3 (between the chargers in New Plymouth and Whanganui).

This project is a joint venture between the South Taranaki District Council, Stratford District Council, Chargenet, which supplies the chargers and the Government's Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund provided by EECA., says South Taranaki District Council senior roading engineer Carolyn Copeland.

Council chose the smaller centres as they would be less likely to have private parties installing chargers - like the installations by PakNSave and The Warehouse in Hawera, says Carolyn.

In early 2017 Council decided to apply for funding to install rapid chargers to encourage EVs to travel throughout the region with a charger on SH 45 in Opunake, and chargers

Six sites were seriously considered for the charger in Opunake. The site needed to have easy access to shops and public toilets for the travelling public. The Napier Street location had the benefit of not only being the least costly of the sites, but the parking bays could be easily reconfigured. In October, two parking bays change to 120 minute-



Opunake's new electric charging station.

restricted electric vehicles charging parking only, but two car parks will be added in the same street block to make up for it.

The parking restrictions for electric vehicle chargers had gone out for public consultation in February and were adopted by Council in April 2018 for addition to the Parking and Traffic Control Bylaw.

"Electric vehicles can vary widely in the amount of distance travelled and

the amount of time it takes to charge," says Carolyn. "Virtually all EV owners charge overnight at home, as this is the cheapest and most convenient option. Generally rapid chargers, like we have installed, are only used for long regional or national journeys. Currently the national EV Fleet size is 9646 with 123 registered in Taranaki."

She says there are a lot of differences between vehicles in terms of how much charge

the vehicle can accept (which alters the amount of time to fill the battery) and how far the EV can travel, determined by the size of the battery, efficiency of the driver and car. In general the more recent cars have bigger batteries for more range and faster charging availability.

A 2015 Nissan Leaf (24kWh) with an EPA range of 135km would take 30 minutes to rapid charge from 0 to 80%. A 2018 Nissan

Leaf(40kWh) with an EPA range of 243km would take 40 minutes to rapid charge. A 2018 Hyundai Kona(64kWh) with a WLTP range of 480km would take 50 minutes to rapid charge from 0% to 80%. A 2018 Kia Niro EV(64kWh) with a WLTP range of 480km would take 45 minutes, and a 2018 Kia Niro EV (39kWh) with a WLTP range of 240km would take 40 minutes to rapid charge to 80%.

Incentives needed to achieve EV uptake goals

Most electric vehicle owners think that increased financial incentives will be needed if New Zealand is to achieve its long-term goals for low emission transport., according to a recent survey.

Three quarters (79%) of the 542 EV owners who participated in the latest Flip the Fleet survey either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' that financial incentives will be needed if more than half of new vehicle registrations are to be electric by 2025.

"EV owners are in a good

position to know what stops others from switching" said Professor Emeritus Henrik Moller from the University of Otago's Centre for Sustainability. Professor Moller is a co-founder of Flip the Fleet, a citizen science collaboration of EV owners from across New Zealand.

"We are constantly fielding questions about costs and the practicality of EVs. The higher cost of buying an EV puts many people off, even though their running costs are a lot lower than for a combustion vehicle of about the same size and power".

"Finding a way to subsidise the initial purchase and further reduce EV running costs would be a game changer in New Zealand" says Moller.

According to the survey, subsidisation of new EVs is the main way that New Zealand can secure enough supply of high quality of EVs to meet rapidly escalating demand.

"There will be huge scramble for the EVs around the world in the coming decade, so our relatively small market is unlikely to compete unless we subsidise

the manufacturers, dealers and purchasers to buy electric vehicles."

So far New Zealand has built its EV fleet mainly by importing second hand cars from Japan and UK, the only readily available sources of left-hand drive EVs. New Zealanders have thereby indirectly benefitted from subsidies paid to the original owners by the Japanese and UK governments.

"Reliance on second-hand EVs means we get the new EV technology late and the manufacturer's warranty is voided when it is exported from its country of origin." "We are soon going to have to pay our own way by subsidising purchase of new EVs for sale in New Zealand if we are to secure an adequate supply of the latest high quality EVs with full manufacturers support," says Moller.

The most favoured financial intervention suggested by the EV owners was a system of 'feebates' where highly emitting combustion vehicles are penalised by having to pay higher registration fees. This additional fee is then transferred and distributed

across the lower emitting vehicles like hybrids and electric vehicles.

"It's just another form of the polluter pays principle. Feebates could be set to be fiscally neutral, so the tax payer is not subsidising uptake. Instead, those choosing bigger and less fuel-efficient cars are subsidising others that choose low emission vehicles" said Moller.

Other proposed interventions included a revision of the Fringe Benefit Tax rules, higher depreciation rates for tax write-offs of EVs, removal of GST on new EVs, reduced or even free electricity at off-peak times, low interest loans for buying EVs, lower insurance costs, more stringent Warrant of Fitness checks for emissions, and increasing road user charges on the higher emitting vehicles.

"Some of our members think this survey put the cart before the horse" said Moller. "A rethink of the government's current EV target, to have 64,000 EVs registered by 2021, is needed

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Supermarket is part of the community

Murray Gray is proud of the fact that he runs a locally owned supermarket where profits stay in the local community. His business has therefore been able to support a wide range of organisations in town, including the Surf Club, football, rugby league, bowling and swimming clubs along with the High School rugby program.

He took over Opunake Four Square 45 five years ago. He and his partner have bought a house in Opunake and they have no plans of moving. "We are looking to stay around for a while yet," he says.

When the post office closed he took over the BNZ ATM and the lotto franchise so these services could remain in Opunake. So far they have sold a number of second division Lotto winning tickets, and are still waiting to have their first ever First Division winner.

He has a message for anybody who may feel tempted by the lure of cheaper out-of-town groceries in the likes of New Plymouth or Hawera.

"I would like people to compare their dockets. They would find the difference is not as big as they are expecting," he says. "If you throw in the \$25 it's going to cost in petrol in pretty much every modern car, and excluding the wear and tear on your vehicle, you will find the grocery bill is pretty similar."



Opunake Four Square 45 owner Murray Gray.

The store is open every day from 7am-9pm and employs 15 people. These include a sous chef running the bakery and their own qualified butcher, Debbie Summers, one of the first female butchers in New Zealand. The meat prices are very competitive says Murray and they can do special cuts if people want them. And only A-grade produce is good enough for the fruit and vegetable department he says.

Originally from Upper Hutt, his experience with Foodstuffs, which encompasses Four Square, New World and Pak'n Save, began in their IT department. This gave him a familiarity with all their supermarkets in the Wellington region which extended from Wellington north to Taranaki and Hawke's Bay.

He decided he wanted his own supermarket so he bought what was at the time the fourth worst trading store

in the Four Square trading group.

"It was a rundown dairy in Hawke's Bay and we breathed life into it and converted it into a fully fledged supermarket," he said.

After four years there he was looking for a new challenge. He knew Gerard and Tina Kennedy who had Four Square 45 in Opunake, and was looking at buying their store, but a delay in selling his Hawkes Bay store and having to take a year's break in Wellington for cancer treatment meant this opportunity had to be put on hold.

Since coming to Opunake he has brought in a number

of changes, not all of which he says maybe immediately apparent to customers. These include installing new Till Systems, LED lighting,

addition freezer storage space, along with new retail freezers and meat cabinets on order now. They have also installed a large generator, so that if the store is without power they can keep running for two and a half days on a diesel tank without having to top up. The generator has already been put to good use allowing the supermarket to stay open when the coast was hammered by former cyclone Gita earlier this year.

In January plastic bags will be gone. From then on customers will need to bring their own bags with them or carry their groceries out themselves. New regulations and compliance costs have prompted other changes. He has bought an adjoining shop which is being converted into a new bakery and butchery preparation room.

"It will give us a bit more elbow room," he says.

He is looking to widen the range of groceries available and would like to see more parking available in town.

He says he is always open to hearing from customers about any ideas they may have for the supermarket.

Incentives needed to achieve EV uptake goals

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first." "We don't know what that target was based on, nor whether it will be enough to put us on track to deliver

New Zealand's zero carbon economy ambitions and meet our international obligations for combating climate change."

"Once a meaningful target is established, a thorough

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A good year and a good day for daffodils

When Normanby Lions Club members arrived at Hawera's Union Street Square at 9.30am on Daffodil Day they brought 600 daffodils with them. An hour and a half later they had all been sold.

The Cancer Society's Daffodil Day has been held every year since 1990 and the Normanby and Districts Lions Club have been on board since 1996. Back then brothers and club members Trevor and Edgar Smith agreed to take over when Bob Murch who had been organising Daffodil Day in Hawera shifted to New Plymouth.

In the years since the Lions have been growing daffodils for Daffodil Day at sites in Te Roti and Ohangai. Three years ago another site at Nowell's Lake east of



From left Normanby Lions David McNair, Trevor Smith, Edgar Smith and Tony Madgwick handing daffodil to Julia Ord.

Hawera was added.

What they thought would be a short term commitment has continued and Trevor, Edgar and the Normanby Lions were in Hawera selling daffodils as they have been doing every year since 1996.

This year the Lions had picked 19,270 said Trevor. Of these 9400 had been sold in New Plymouth, although proceeds from these sales came back to South Taranaki. Others had been sold earlier in the week when the Lions had gone around Hawera selling them to local businesses.

The brothers are pleased with this year's crop, with some having been ready to pick as early as late July.

"The daffodils have been tall this year," says Trevor.

Fewer houses available for sale in Taranaki

August 2018 has been a month of record highs and record lows since realestate.co.nz started collecting data more than 11 years ago, says realestate.co.nz spokesperson Vanessa Taylor.

Real-time statistics from realestate.co.nz show nearly two thirds (11) of the country's 19 regions hit record high average asking prices in August, while half of the regions (9) registered all-time lows in the number of houses listed for sale.

In August, the Taranaki

region's average asking price was \$431,690 (0.7 per cent higher when compared to the previous month). The number of new listings fell by 8.1 per cent to 533.

Of the 8,739 new property listings across the country during August, almost half (4,343) were located in either the Auckland or Canterbury regions.

The increase in property asking prices was led by the Central Otago/Lakes District which tipped over the one-million-dollar milestone, with the average asking

price sitting at \$1,019,094. *

While Central Otago-Lakes led the charge with a significant lift in asking prices, there were 10 other regions which recorded record highs in asking prices last month. These regions registered more modest gains and were equally balanced across the North and South Islands.

Northland registered a 1.8 per cent increase in asking price to \$635,112, Central North Island up 4.5 per cent to \$488,420, Hawke's Bay up 3.7 per cent to \$521,138,

Manawatu-Wanganui up 3.7 per cent to \$370,597, Wairarapa up 6.6 per cent to \$520,127 and Wellington up 1.7 per cent to \$639,553.

Nelson & Bay's asking prices increased 4.4 per cent to \$650,293, Marlborough was up 4.6 per cent to \$520,852, Canterbury up 1.6 per cent to \$507,992 and Otago was up 6.6 per cent to \$401,499.

A fall in housing stock levels nationally has led to a tightening of options. This particularly impacts home buyers in nine regions,

including Taranaki, all of which registered all-time lows in the number of homes available for sale since 2007 when realestate.co.nz started collecting data.

Nationally, total stock levels in August stood at 21,207 which is down 1.6 per cent on August 2017.

"While this seems on the face of it a modest decline, for the regions with all-time stock lows there's not a lot of options and homes are being snapped up," says Vanessa.

Coromandel registered a 9.2 per cent decrease to

433 listings, Central North Island down 18.6 per cent to 336 listings, Taranaki fell by 8.1 per cent to 533 listings, Manawatu-Wanganui saw a 28.2 per cent decrease to 649 total listings and the Wairarapa dropped 7.6 per cent to 204 listings.

Marlborough registered a drop of 4.0 per cent to 245 listings, West Coast decreased to 16.1 per cent to 482 listings, Otago fell by 17.9 per cent to 430 listings and finally the Southland region fell by 23.6 per cent with 403 listings.

Access free-for-all grates with farmers

Common courtesy and sound workplace and biosecurity safety practice is thrown out the window with proposed new employment laws reported back to Parliament this week, Federated Farmers says.

"There's been little or no

fuss with current laws that enable union representatives to enter a farm or any other workplace to talk to workers after liaising with the owner or manager about a suitable time," Feds employment spokesman Chris Lewis says.

"But under the Employment Relations Amendment Bill, union representatives can just bowl into a busy shearing or milking shed when they feel like it, with no need to give notice or seek permission. Not only is that discourteous and a

recipe for friction, but it can be dangerous when staff are flat tacked with machinery and animals."

The Bill also removes the 90-day trial arrangements for businesses employing more than 20 people, which will be a barrier to

employers willing to take a punt on a job applicant with a chequered work history or limited qualifications.

"It's the access without notice or permission clauses which will really grate with farmers," Chris says.

"It's a non-fix for a non-existent problem."

"Willy-nilly access to farm properties, which are generally also the owning

family's home, seems to be a flavour of the moment. Whether it's Fish & Game people taking a weekend off from running down our sector to access waterways, visitors to the high country treating private farmland as the national estate and now MPI inspectors not even needing a warrant or reason to search and seize, farming families' quiet enjoyment of their land appears to be up for grabs."

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The things I used to say...

Someone once said to me that Maoris are lazy, they fill our jails, they can't manage settlement money and end up buying rugby league teams and flash cars. Maoris are tribal by nature, that's why they're drawn to be in gangs. Their language is dead. Maoris are lucky they got saved by the English, and these never-ending settlements are just one long gravy train for the Maori elite while the rest just want social welfare handouts. We need to move on from the past – we're all one now, anyway.

Do you know who said this to me? I said this to me. My name is Andrew Judd and I'm a recovering racist.

Thus begins the chapter entitled *The things I used to say* by former New Plymouth mayor Andrew Judd in *The Journal of Urgent Writing* recently published through Massey University Press.

The former local body politician was invited to submit an article to the book which is about the issues that face us today. All the contributions in the book are by New Zealanders.

Andrew Judd who rose to national prominence when he proposed introducing Maori wards during his term as mayor said it was difficult to condense his journey into just 5000 words.

He laughs and says he'd got to 6000 words before he was even elected.

Andrew Judd's chapter in

the book is an interesting read.

As mayor of New Plymouth he was bound by legislation and says he was merely following the legal requirements of office.

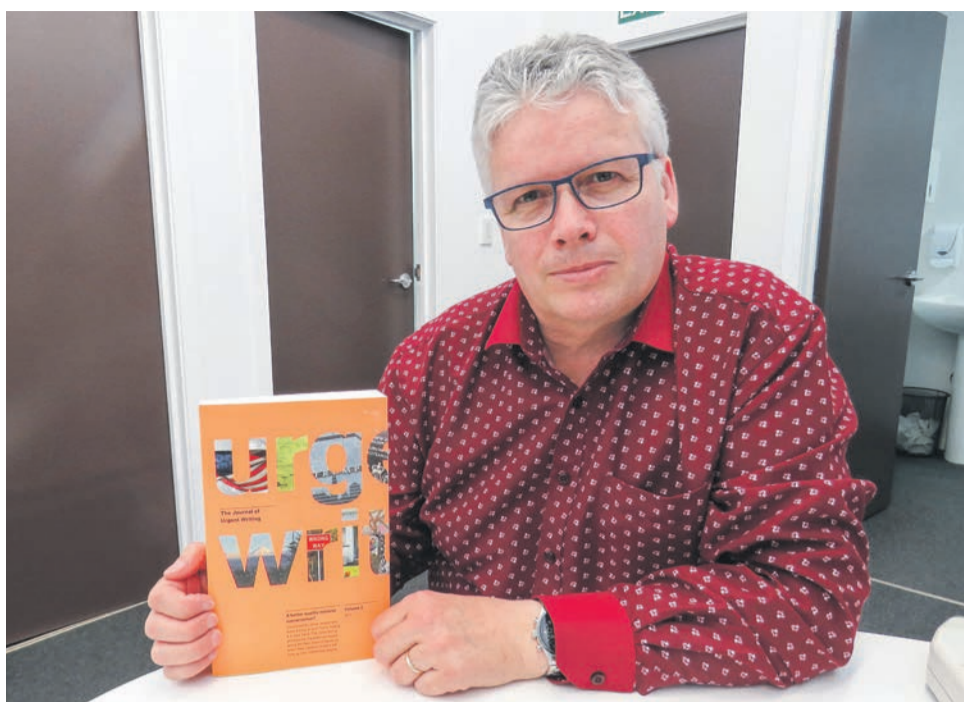
"Every six years the council is required to review its systems to ensure the council is representative of the population it represents. All councils must do it."

Andrew Judd had previously served two terms as a councillor on the New Plymouth District Council when, in 2013, he decided to stand for mayor with the campaign slogan 'Let's bring honesty back to local politics'. He won easily beating his closest rival by 9201 votes.

It was a heady start for the new mayor but it wasn't long before he faced an unexpected challenge.

When he tried to fulfil the legal local government requirement to do a government representative review

for local government intended to improve its efficiency which gave mayors a greater ability to lead councils, he did not receive his council's full support. He presented the option of iwi participation on standing committees which would have increased Maori engagement and input in council decisions "for the betterment of all in the community" for debate by the full council. The motion to include Maori on council standing committees was de-



Andrew Judd with a copy of the book *Urgent Writing* which has a chapter devoted to his crusade.

feated by one vote.

The result was controversial with Andrew personally receiving flak from the public for taking such an idea to the Council in the first place councillors not supporting the motion arguing that supporting non-elected positions was undemocratic. He also though received support.

The experience clearly had a big impact on him.

For the first time running parallel to his council work Andrew says he began to engage in Maori in ways he formally hadn't. Prior to becoming mayor he'd never set foot in a marae. "I was

starting to experience the Maori world," says Andrew. "The lovely inclusive people with whom I was engaging, particularly in a Maori environment, were not at all the stereotypes that had indoctrinated my mind and my unconscious sense of self." He also began to observe the emotion and pain caused by past government's actions to Maori, "actions that had real consequences to this day." Previously he says he would have argued "get over it... we're all one...we need to move on."

A few days after the vote the policy for council representation was due for re-

view. This comes up every 6 years.

One of the first decisions to be made was to decide whether to have a Maori ward. Such a Maori ward, once established, would much like happens with the Maori Parliamentary seats, mean candidates were voted for.

By just one vote the New Plymouth District Council decided to support a Maori ward being established for the 2016 election s. He recalls as he called the result, one of the councillors resigned on the spot to applause from the public gallery.

Again by taking the Maori option forward Andrew knew it would be controversial and he was risking his chances of re-election. It could have been postponed to the next review cycle.

A petition organised by Grey Power gathered momentum reaching the 5% required to force a referendum.

Eighty three percent of those who voted in the referendum rejected a Maori ward with only 17% in favour. (Maori make up 15% of Taranaki's population). The result mirrored other councils who had been subject to the same referenda.

Andrew Judd served just one term as mayor preferring to not stand again.

He continues to advocate for the representation of Maori in local body level drawing analogies with national politics where Maori have Maori seats which guarantee representation at a national level. The benefits of Maori wards and the councils legal obligations to Maori are comply with the Local Electoral Act 2001 and are 'Treaty based' he insists.

The chapter on how one man attempted to give what he deemed as fair representation of its people and the flak and support he received for taking such a stand is well worth reading.

The book *Urgent Writing* is available online for \$39

PEPANZ welcomes Productivity Commission report

The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) has welcomed the Productivity Commission's report into a low emissions economy, but say the focus needs to be on lowering net emissions rather than favouring certain energy sources.

"It also shows there are potentially very large costs to New Zealanders which reinforces the need to carefully weigh up the costs and benefits of policies, and who will bear those costs," says PEPANZ CEO Cameron Madgwick.

"The report warns that moving away from natural

gas for the electricity system could see 'greatly increasing wholesale electricity prices'.

"However, we disagree that the move to a low emissions economy will require a complete shift away from oil and gas. Not all fossil fuels are the same, and natural gas will have an important ongoing role by replacing coal around the world.

"Not all oil and gas products are burnt, and new technologies are being developed to greatly reduce or even eliminate the emissions from natural gas-fired power plants. This is why the International Energy Agency predicts that natural

gas will grow 45% by 2040 to become potentially the world's largest single energy source.

"We support the inclusion of agriculture in the ETS, the need to plant many more new trees and that carbon capture and storage (CCS) has great potential. We also strongly support the calls for political consensus and long-term transparency so that businesses and households can plan for the future with certainty.

"It's very telling that once again, in nearly 600 pages there is no mention of ending offshore exploration for oil and gas as having any impact on emissions."

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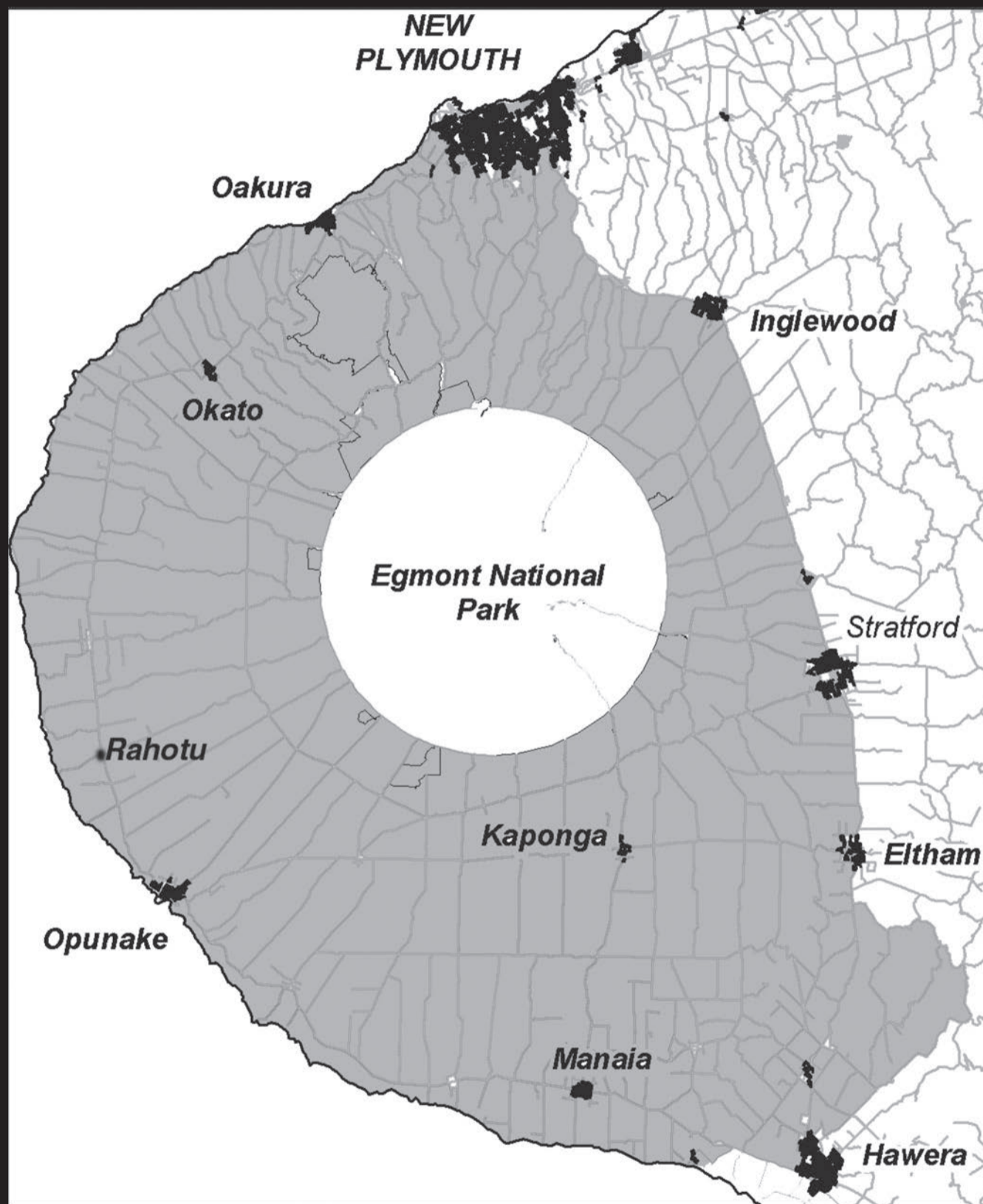
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Popular parade gets community board grant

Last week the Opunake and District Business Association put its case to the Egmont Plains Community Board for funding of its annual Christmas Parade.

Last year the parade which is always run on Christmas Eve attracted over 1600 people, Business Association chairman Bob Clark told the board.

“This year we suspect there will be a lot more depending on the weather,” he said.

Bob said local MP Jonathan Young had described the Opunake parade as “the best in Taranaki.”

With the parade being held on Christmas Eve every year, it came at a time when there were already lots of people visiting the town, including tourists.

The cost of running the

2017 parade was \$2716, and on that occasion the Community Board contributed \$500. That was the first time the Association had received any Council contribution towards running the parade, Bob said.

He said he appreciated resources were limited and that they were unlikely to get the \$2716 asked for, but he would still like to get more than the \$500 granted last

year. Community Board chairman Craig Dingle said Community Board funding is a backstop, so it would be good if some way of self funding the event every year could be found.

Bob said the parade came after a busy time which included Market Day, the Art Awards and the Festival season.

“There are lots of demands

on people’s money. We are not a rich area as far as the actual town is concerned,” he said.

Board member Brian Vincent and South Taranaki District councillor Clem Coxhead said the logistics of financing a parade had changed over the years.

“In the early days closing off roads cost nothing. You just put up a couple of barrels

on the road. Then health and safety came along and put the kybosh on all that,” said Brian.

“We used to have 80 retailers in town. Now we’ve not got so big a base,” said Clem.

The board voted to grant \$1000 towards the costs of running the parade.

A glimpse of Opunake’s past



This photos was sent by an “avid reader of the Opunake and Coastal News.” The men on the cart for an Opunake Parade.

From left: Syd Hohaia, Ron Riley, Phillip Corrigan(standing) and Buster Williams.

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Good yarns for farmer mental health

NZ Young Farmers is ramping up its efforts to get young people talking about mental health.

The organisation has announced it will facilitate a further five GoodYarn workshops across the country.

They will be held in the Taranaki/Manawatu, Tasman, Aorangi and East Coast regions during October. The Taranaki workshop is being held in Stratford on October 25.

The workshops are designed to equip people with the tools to identify the signs of mental illness and seek appropriate support.

"It is important people have the skills to recognise if a family member,

neighbouring farmer or customer is struggling," said Megan Bates from NZ Young Farmers.

Figures released by the Chief Coroner reveal New Zealand's suicide rate has risen for the fourth year in a row. The provisional statistics show 668 people took their own lives in the 2017/18 year. The highest number of suicides were recorded in 20-24 age group.

"These figures are a tragedy. We need to keep educating people to spot the signs that someone close to them may want to take their own life," said Megan.

NZ Young Farmers facilitated 10 GoodYarn workshops from Whangarei to Gore last November



Megan Bates

following a challenging spring.

Latest figures show the number of suicides has increased in Southland, Canterbury, Hawke's Bay and Gisborne regions.

NZ Young Farmers has a network of almost 80 clubs across the country.

"Members hold monthly meetings, organise regular social events and take part in contests and competitions," said Megan. "The aim of all of those things is to get people who often work in isolated jobs off farm and socialising."

NZ Young Farmers is working to secure funding to run further workshops next year.

Brad Markham

One month until new animal welfare regulations come in

New animal welfare regulations will come into effect on October 1.

Ministry for Primary Industries Director for Animal Health and Welfare, Dr Chris Rodwell, says the 45 new regulations cover a range of species and activities from stock transport and farm husbandry procedures to companion and working

animals like dogs and horses.

"With under a month to go until these new regulations come into effect, we want to encourage people, who are responsible for any type of animal, to check they are up to date in how they are looking after them," says Dr Rodwell.

"Our team has been working with industry and sector

groups to raise awareness of the regulations and ensure people understand and can meet their responsibilities.

"Most New Zealanders already care for their animals well, so if you're already doing the right thing, you won't see a lot of change.

"The majority of the regulations reflect existing standards, but there are a

few that do set new rules and requirements, such as prohibiting the tail docking of cows and dogs.

"Even if you already think you are doing the right thing, it's best to check and make sure you are."

One of the main changes is that the new regulations will make it easier for MPI and the SPCA to take action

against animal mistreatment.


"These regulations will allow us to better respond to lower levels of offending, and target specific behaviours that need to change.

"For example, if people allow their animal's horns to become ingrown, they can be fined \$500. We will continue to prosecute the

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OBITUARY Alfred William Henry Lovell

A fortnight after Malcolm Muggeridge's passing, the Taranaki Purebred Jersey Club has lost another of its members. Alf Lovell of Tongaporotu died on August 27 aged 92. Alf farmed his Derwin Jersey stud on the Hutuwai Rd, Tongaporotu for most of his life. It wasn't the easiest to farm as it got flooded many times.

A past patron of the Taranaki Purebred Jersey Club, he rarely missed a meeting and would voice his opinion whenever he had something on his mind, which was always respected by his peers.

Living halfway between Taranaki and Waikato he was a regular visitor to A & P shows. In 1993 he received the Distinguished Members Award from the NZ Purebred Jersey Society for his services. At his dispersal sale in 1993 his top cows fetched \$4000 and went to breeders throughout New Zealand. Many breeders purchased his Derwin cattle. I purchased Derwin Lu's Letty VHCCP. She had two outstanding daughters that were both prize winners, Allan Glen Royal Leila VHC (a 5000 litre cow, 350kg fat) and Allan Glen Revel's Letty VHC (203kg fat).

The late Malcolm Muggeridge purchased Derwin Greek Locket (the dam of the noted prize winner, Truday Cam's Lovely VHC) as well as



Alf Lovell

Derwin Bright Joy VHC which won champion Jersey Cow at the 1999 Taranaki A & P Show.

Garry and Kath Rowlands showed Derwin Lu's Ruth VHC at the Egmont Centennial A & P Show in 1983 and won second prize for the four year-olds in a class of 25. These are a few of the success stories of Derwin cattle in other studs.

Alf Lovell had cow families that traced back to the legendary Jenny, the first Jersey cow to arrive in Taranaki, back in 1876.

Alf's Derwin Jersey stud

was always at the top in his area for protein, which Alf was proud of.

His house was chocker-filled with Jersey memorabilia. I don't know how his wife Olive put up

with all the sale catalogues. His office was more like a library, as he had catalogues of sales held in New Zealand carefully retained going back to the 1920s.

Alf was a very knowledgeable man when it came to Jersey history and I always found him interesting to talk to because of his knowledge of the Jersey cow.

Alf's Derwin Stud had a fine herd of Jerseys enhanced by the use of sires such as Tarnhowe Fairy Kingdom, Ferdon Harvest Luther and the home-bred sire Derwin Revel's Freman.

Alf and Olive would spend hours whitebaiting on the Tongaporotu river.

I will finish with something Alf said.

"I am very grateful for my choice of following the Jersey breed. It led me to a better way of life where I made many fine friendships along the journey."

Rest in Peace Alf. Our sympathies to Alf's family.

Allan Jenkins.

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“Fat has been a low value milk component but has seen a steady rise in recent seasons due to consumer-driven market value,” DairyNZ Strategy and Investment Leader Dr Bruce Thorrold says. “That’s a welcome change for New Zealand dairy farmers who are set to receive a strong 2018/19 milk price, buoyed by the value of milk fat.”

Milk price and the relative value of fat and protein are the biggest factors in the Breeding Worth (BW) of dairy cattle.

“The changes in fat price have produced large shifts in BW both between and within breeds. Of the top 200 bulls by BW in 2019 (BW2019), 70% are Jersey, 5% Holstein-Friesian and 25% Cross-Bred (Jersey

and Holstein Friesian),” Dr Thorrold says.

“On average, Jersey bulls are increasing by \$23 BW while Holstein-Friesian decrease by \$28 BW. Cross-bred and Ayrshire bulls are

relatively unchanged (-\$4 and -\$3 BW). Within breeds, individual bulls will shift up or down by as much as \$40 BW relative to their breed average shift.”

New Zealand Animal

Evaluation (NZAEL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of DairyNZ, administers a BW index, which is used to rank cows and bulls according to their ability to meet the national breeding objective

of breeding dairy cows that will be the most efficient converters of feed into profit for farmers.

NZAEL has recently finalised the economic factors that will be used to calculate BW from February 2019.

“Due to the sizeable shift in fat and protein value, BW2019 is being published early for all sires enrolled with NZAEL. This will give farmers insights into which bulls can add the most value to their breeding programme in a market where fat is a high value component. The calves that are born in spring 2019 will have the BW2019 values,” Dr Thorrold says.

The economic values for fat and protein are calculated by partitioning the milksolids price into a value for fat and protein, and then accounting for the cost of producing each component. The value of fat relative to protein has been increasing for the past three seasons and this trend is forecast to continue.

New Zealand is uniquely positioned to take full advantage of strong demand

for fat-based milk products due to the strong influence of Jersey genes in the national herd. There is high genetic variation in the trait in New Zealand dairy cattle which enables farmers to respond quickly to market signals.

Dr Thorrold says the shift in consumer demand for fat and the consequent change in BW are big changes for dairy farmers.

“The milk price values we use in BW lag behind the market price because we look to smooth out short term changes – for breeding the national herd we need a long-term view. If current fat prices are maintained, then the shift in favour of high fat bulls will continue next year.

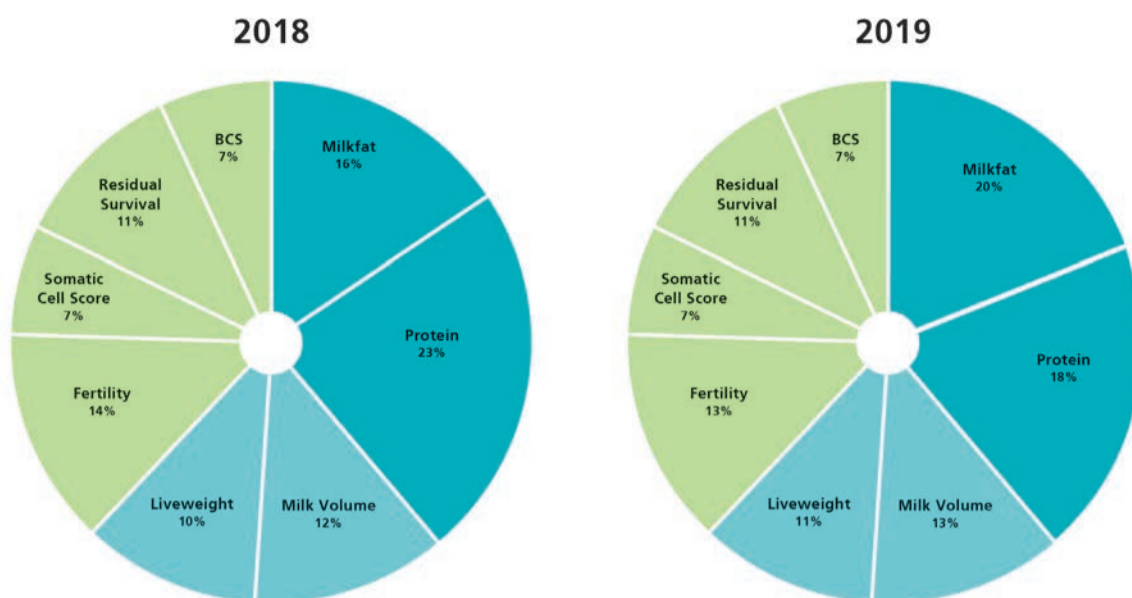
“Breeding high BW cows is vital for farm profit, so given these shifts in BW all farmers need to be thinking about their breed choice as well as individual bulls. Farmers can be confident that BW is identifying the most profitable genetics for New Zealand grazing systems, whether they are looking for the best bull team or best bull within a breed.”

Dairy farmers will need to think about their breeding choices to ensure they have a herd capable of producing milk with higher fat content to get the best returns. Many farmers use semen from bull teams selected by breeding companies to help them breed the next generation of milking cows. The breeding companies are aware of these changes and are using them to help select the bulls they use in their teams.

DairyNZ is encouraging farmers to talk with their breeding company to see if the product they have ordered is still meeting their needs.

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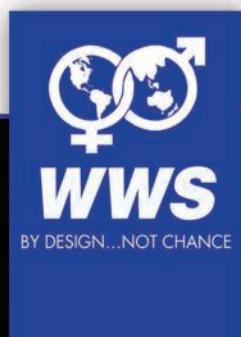
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Overhaul for Young Farmer contest

New Zealand's longest-running agricultural contest the FMG Young Farmer of the Year is set to undergo a major overhaul.

The revamp is designed to entice more women to enter the iconic contest and to help showcase the country's food story.

As part of the significant changes, the TeenAg competition will be rebranded the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year.

"We've just celebrated our 50th anniversary, which is an amazing achievement," said Hinds dairy farmer and NZ Young Farmers Contest Board member Cole Groves.

"However, if we don't make some major changes now, this contest won't be relevant in another 50 years."

The changes are outlined in a new strategy unveiled this month.

"There will still be a strong practical side to the contest, but our modules and challenges need to utilise technology more," said Dannevirke banker and NZ Young Farmers Contest Board chair Rebecca Brown.

"In future contestants might have to use GPS technology to mark out and erect a fence around riparian planting."

Contest organisers are keen to tap into innovation and technology being used and developed by sponsors.

"We'd like to inject a bit of excitement and unpredictability into the contest through the use of

BW shifts reflect increase in value of fat

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Michelle Burgess, a member of the NZAEL farmer advisory panel, and for whom genetics have been a lifetime passion, has welcomed the news, saying she and her husband Bill are stoked that the value of fat has saved New Zealand's milk price.

"Not so long ago we had a few hard years with very low payouts, and what's also improved is the positivity around fat-based products as consumers become better educated on healthy eating."

"As we see the current value of fat and protein flow through into BW, it reiterates our goal to breed cows that produce high amounts of both fat and protein. Bill and I like to select bulls that we believe will be profitable in any given year, and I am certain that such bulls exist in all the breeds and crosses. The 2019 BW will help us identify which bulls and cows will increase our milk payouts now and in the future."



2018 Young Farmer of the Year Logan Wallace.

innovation," said Cole.

Awards for the highest-scoring competitor in each of the five challenges – from agri-business to agri-skills – are being scrapped.

They'll be replaced with new awards assessing contestants' skills and knowledge across innovation, food, people, environment and technology.

"We're hoping the changes encourage more women to give the contest a go," said Cole.

"We want to expand contestants' knowledge beyond just fencing and identifying different types of fertiliser."

The NZ Young Farmers Contest Board hopes the much-needed strategy will instil some passion in the hard-working volunteers who organise the contest.

"This gives us a clear direction, which I think has been lacking until now. The changes won't happen overnight at regional level, but we've set the ball rolling," said Rebecca.

The contest will also be used to better tell New Zealand's paddock to plate food story.

"I think that can often get

forgotten. There is a huge amount of public pressure on the primary industries at the moment. We're all food producers and showcasing what we do is vital," said Cole.

The two competitions designed to get school students excited about opportunities in the agri-food sector are also changing.

The TeenAg competition will be renamed the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year.

"When this was suggested to the Contest Board we thought, why has this not been done before?" said Cole.

"The AgriKidsNZ and TeenAg competitors idolise the FMG Young Farmer of the Year contestants."

"Having AgriKidsNZ, the FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year and FMG Young Farmer of the Year all part of the same event will help lift the prestige of the students' contests," said Cole.

Napier Boys' High School student Matthew Halford was named the TeenAg Competitor of the Year in July. He's stoked with the changes.

"This is awesome

news. Learning the skills required to operate and use technology to its full potential is vital for the future of our industry," said Matthew. "But the practical modules are a highlight for many TeenAg members, so it's important there's a good mix between them and the theoretical challenges."

TeenAg competitors will still compete in teams of two. The changes will start rolling out at regional finals across the country early next year. The 2019 FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final is being held in Hawke's Bay in July.

Brad Markham.

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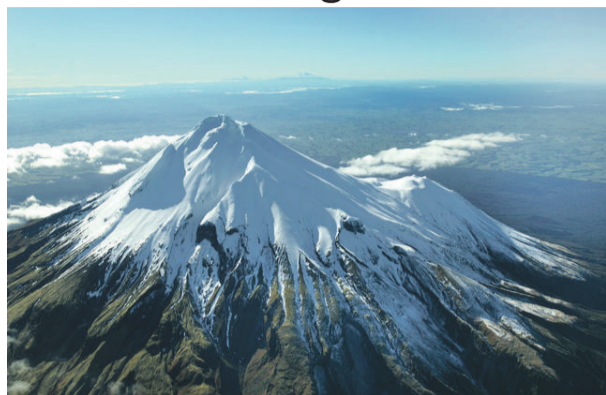
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The man with the perfect scores

In Smallbore rifle shooting, the perfect score is 100.10 and it isn't a score that is achieved very often – sometimes shooters only ever score it once in their shooting career. Paul Tidswell scored his fourth on Friday night at the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club. He uses the smallbore in the winter to train for his fullbore shooting which is a summer sport.

Paul has been shooting for about nine years and in those few years has achieved a lot, including being selected to represent the North Island in smallbore and New Zealand in fullbore. He is currently training for the fullbore world long range champs which are held every four years (like the Olympics). He was first selected in the New Zealand team and participated in 2015 world champs in Ohio, USA. This year, he has again been selected for the NZ Palma rifle team, which was the culmination of three years of trialling. Paul will be competing in the NZ team of 16 shooters, including two reserves, four 'wind coaches' and a master

coach. The job of the wind coaches is to watch the wind flags down the range and are connected by head set to communicate with each other and it is Paul's job to fire the perfect shot when the wind is deemed 'optimum'.

In 2019 the World Champs are being held in New Zealand at the Trentham range, starting

January 26 and finishing February 10 alongside the National Champs. Shooters will compete each day at different range lengths. The grand finale is the World Palma team champs match which is shot over two days. The distances are 800, 900, and 1000 yards. The shooters use .308 calibre rifles with aperture sights

(not scopes). Competitors from Australia, UK, USA, Germany, Sth Africa, Japan and Kenya as well as all over New Zealand will be competing in Trentham for various trophies, including the Ballinger Belt which is the oldest sporting trophy in New Zealand.

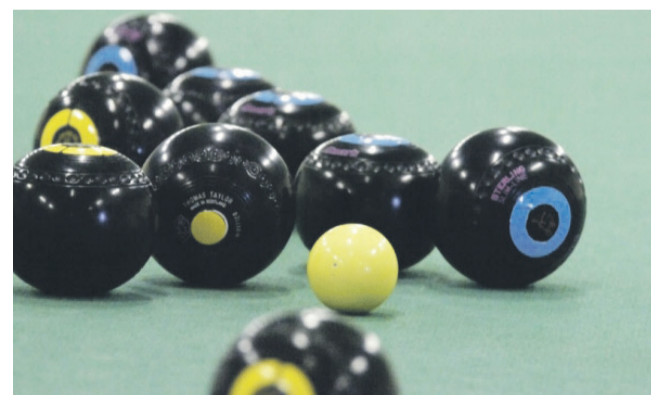
Clare Bramley.



Paul Tidswell with his smallbore rifle and perfect 100.10 card

Taranaki Indoor Bowls

The Open umpires Pairs tournament was played at the Kapuni Hall on Wednesday September 5. After four rounds Karl Hughes (skip) and Andrea Berry (lead) had won four games and Paul Midgley (skip) and Jane Augustine (lead) had also won four games. Karl and Andrea won more ends so they were the tournament winners.



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New Plymouth to host Breakers game

Sport Taranaki have confirmed the hosting of the SKYCITY Breakers vs Cairns Taipans game at TSB Stadium, New Plymouth, on January 24.

Taking the NBL competition to wider New Zealand has always been an ambition of the Breakers, and general manager Dillon Boucher is thrilled to be able to bring a season game of basketball to his home region of Taranaki.

“The basketball community is very strong in Taranaki so it was an obvious choice when deciding who would host this date” says Boucher.

“New Plymouth is my home town and the place where I first started playing basketball. I can remember idolising the players in the NZNBL and wanting to play at that level, so to now have the opportunity to bring the SKYCITY Breakers to town



and hopefully inspire the next generation of players is something very special.”

Sport Taranaki has supported two previous pre-season games in New Plymouth and are thrilled to now be bringing an actual NBL season game here.

“To say Sport Taranaki is excited to bring a sporting fixture of this calibre to the region is an understatement. This is a passionate basketball region and the sport is growing at unprecedented rates,” says Sport Taranaki commercial manager Therese Campbell.

Coach McKean, former Tall Blacks coach was an integral part of the equation initiating talks with Boucher, while Sport Taranaki’s Terry Long and Therese Campbell set about making it happen. It has been touch and go in

Tom Abercrombie New Zealand Breaker and Tall Black Basketball player.

the last few weeks with major hurdles around basketball equipment at the TSB stadium not meeting NBL standards. Fortunately negotiations with Rotorua City Council have enabled New Plymouth to secure a hire arrangement for the equipment to make the game possible.

“The Sport Taranaki Board has taken a leap of faith to make this happen. Sport Taranaki is confident with the encouragement we have received from our Board, TSB Stadium management, Venture Taranaki, NPDC, TSB Community Trust and sponsors to date that we can do this. Come January we need basketball fans from not only Taranaki but the rest of New Zealand to pack out the TSB Stadium and make the SKYCITY Breakers game a huge success!” says Campbell.

Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club (OSLSC) News



Participants at board training for our junior club members.

Welcome to the first update for your local Surf Lifesaving Club. We are pleased to be able to keep you, our community up to date with what’s happening.

Over the winter we have been busy with some board training for our junior club members. These dedicated youngsters were out upskilling with our Junior

Club coach Casey on three chilly Sundays.

Our lifeguards are busy over the winter training in first aid, patrol captain course, IRB (inflatable rescue boat) maintenance and of course getting the beach clubrooms all sorted out for the coming summer season. Unfortunately, we had to spend time and money removing graffiti

off the downstairs wall in August. We hope that whoever did it, realises that we are all volunteers here to help our community and don’t appreciate having to spend hours scrubbing walls.

Coming up...

Our rookie lifeguards attend a camp from October 6-10 to achieve their lifeguard award. If you are rookie age and keen to look

at becoming a lifeguard, get in touch with us.

We have a working bee on Sunday October 14, starting at 10am. This is where we spring clean our clubrooms. Many hands make light work.

Junior SLS (Surf Lifesaving) Open Day is October 28 at 10am. This is a growing area of our club – over 100 kids attended last

season (under 14yrs). Sign them up for Sundays 10-12pm. Subs (due December) were set at \$100 family, \$60 senior, \$20 Under 9s, \$40 9 years and over. Ages as at 30 September.

Three final things...

Early 2019 we will be calling for a centenary committee to be formed for our 100 year celebration coming up in 2020.

Our clubroom building requires major renovation downstairs to strengthen the building. More info will be coming out about this. But watch this space.

Lifeguard Patrols (volunteers) start Saturday November 24. We always

need more lifeguards so if you would like to find out more, contact us.

Until we start patrolling, if you are at our beach, please swim between the Norfolk pines on the hill (at the north of the beach). Please don’t swim in front of the tail race/south end of the beach due to unexpected and fast flowing rips. Always swim with someone, and if you see anyone in trouble remember to dial 111.

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

Opunake Business Association: Usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

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Club Hotel Pool: Tuesday Nights. New players welcome.

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Schnitzel Night: Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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THURSDAYS

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 25 TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Fireworks 2018 Exhibition - an exhibition of fashion and fibre art: At Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda St, Stratford. Refer advert for details.

MONDAY AUGUST 27 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Texture and Form - an exhibition of pottery and fibre art: At The Village Gallery Eltham. Artists: Kathryn Gates, Barbara Nicholls, Janette Theobald and Maree Liddington. Refer advert for details.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

Legends of Conservation Mountain Adventure Race: At Dawson Falls, Road End. Refer advert for contact details.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17

Megaw Family Annual On Farm Service Bull Sale: At 190 Foreman rd, Tikorangi. 12pm start. See advert for details.

Dr Libby - The Hormone Factor: In New Plymouth. Refer advert and website for booking.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

The Bull Shop Bull Sale: At the Bull Shop, Cnr Koru & Main Roads, Oakura. 11am start. See advert for details.

Cold Creek Community Water Scheme AGM: At Te Kiri Hall, 7.30pm. Refer advert.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20

22nd Mangaotea Farm Bull Sale: At Mangaotea Rd, Tariki. 12pm start. See advert for details.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Big Plant Sale: Taranaki Hospital Fundraiser at St Andrews Church, Liardet St, NP. From 10am to 2pm. Refer article in What's On.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust AGM: 10am at Toroanui Marae, Parihaka Pa. Refer advert for details.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Pennylane 25th Annual Bull Sale: At 1167 Croydon Rd, Midhurst, 11.30am start. Refer advert for details.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

St Marys Diocesan School Open Day: At 61 Broadway, Stratford. 10am-2pm. Refer advert for details.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

The Bull Shop 33rd Annual Unreserved Bull Sale: At the Bull Shop, Cnr Koru & Main Roads, Oakura. 10.30am start. See advert for details.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

The Warratahs 'Drivin' Wheel' 30th Anniversay Tour Show: At the Eltham Town Hall. Doors open 6.30pm. Brought to you by the Friends of the Eltham Town Hall. Refer advert for details.

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Everybodys Theatre NZ Film Festival 2018: At Everybodys Theatre. Refer article.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27

Opunake Business Association Market Day: In the Opunake CBD from 9am to 1pm. Refer advert and article.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 TO SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11

The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb 2018: In the Opunake CBD. Refer article.

Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy to hold fundraiser



The VCAs (Volunteer Assistant Chaplains) pictured in this photo are only 60% of our enthusiastic and fully dedicated team.

While hospital medical staff look after how you are, we look after who you are. The New Plymouth Hospital Chaplaincy is planning an Awareness and Fundraiser Campaign. We need your community's help to be able to continue this valuable service in the hospitals of Taranaki. This year the fundraising effort will be a hands on grassroots one so get ready to "dig deep" for Chaplaincy. Some future programmes can involve support initiatives for hospital staff, Family Violence, and Youth Suicide prevention.

On Saturday, September 22 from 10:00-2:00 pm there is a BIG PLANT SALE at St. Andrews Church on Liardet St. in New Plymouth. There will also be a stall in the Hawera Markets. So get your plants ready now! Besides your green thumbs, we need those famous coastal baked goodies, things to raffle and auction, cookbooks in good condition or just

your time. And, oops, of course there's the traditional sausage sizzle. Any other "outside the envelope" ways to contribute financially are most welcome.

There are 31 trained VCAs (Volunteers Chaplain Assistants) in the New Plymouth Hospital and 3 in Hawera Hospital who each day assist our Lead Chaplain, Joe Gray, to fulfill the ongoing pastoral needs of so many patients. It is a huge job for any one person and our team efforts to provide 24/7 cover needs your community support to let people know that they matter and we're there for them.

Base hospital is part of the ICHC (Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy) which is cross denominational. It's not about religion or denominations; chaplaincy work is an inclusive caring effort for all patients and families, often in a time of a major health crisis or the loss of a loved one. Our annual

chaplaincy statistics not only indicate our support to patients, but staff, whanau, assisting in educational activities, funerals, room blessings, worship services and referrals. We need your help for this very worthy community cause. I trust that this chance to help others will be a blessing to you. We'll get back to you and let you know our successful results in The Opunake and Coastal News and New Plymouth papers.

You can drop off items the day before on Friday at St. Andrews or before the sale starts at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday. If you have any queries feel free to contact Bob (021-171-9099) or Joe Gray (027-455-6090). What's the most important thing, people, people, people.

Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy



SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT AT THE GOOD HOME, NEW PLYMOUTH

Friday August 31 - Dj Hazza from 10pm.

Saturday September 1 - Soul Rebel (from 9pm) followed by Dj Ash (from 12am).

Friday September 7 - BB from 10pm.

Saturday September 8 - Ash & Aidan/Dj Ash from 10pm.

Friday September 14 - Dj Hazza from 10pm.

Saturday September 15 - Day Breakers from 10pm.

Friday September 21 - Ash & Aidan/Dj Ash from 10pm.

Saturday September 22 - BB from 10pm.

Friday September 28 - Dj Hazza from 10pm.

Saturday September 29 - Soul Rebel (from 9pm) followed by Dj Hazza (from 12am).

The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb 2018

The Bomb is going to go off again in Opunake this year. Once again, members of the Opunake Lakeside Lions and the community have spent much of autumn and winter preparing for the 2018 Great Opunake Yarn Bomb. Thanks to generous funding from STDC Creative Communities, Opunake Lakeside Lions have coordinated five Community Crafting Times at Opunake Library Plus and two Felting workshops. Items produced at these events will be on display during the Yarn Bomb.

The CBD of Opunake will be covered in items made from yarn, as well as parts of The Secret Garden and Sandfords Event Centre.

"The community and Opunake Lakeside Lions Club members have been working on some very special pieces," says Monique Sinclair, one of the coordinators. "The end of October and beginning of November is a busy time on the Coast. We have two Garden Festivals, the Taranaki National Art Awards, NZ Film Festival at Everybody's Theatre and the Opunake Market Day on Saturday 27 October. It's a fantastic time to promote



Opunake as a vibrant community with loads of pride. We are wanting people not to just drive through our Town, we want them to stop and take the time to enjoy it."

The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb will be installed from Wednesday October 24 to Friday October 26. It will then be on display from Saturday October 27 until Sunday November 11.

Thanks to support from

the STDC it will stay up an extra week to entice people to call in on their way home from the Garden Festivals. It will be taken down Monday November 12.

The Opunake Lakeside Lions have been thrilled with the enthusiasm and support from the local community. They have received funding and encouragement from the Opunake Business Association, Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd, Tainui Community Group and Sandford

Carriers. People have been very generous with donating items to display and yarn for others to use.

If you have any items that you have been working on and would like displayed, please take them to Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd in Opunake by October 16.

If you are able to assist with installing/dismantling the Great Opunake Yarn Bomb then please let Monique know at sinclairlect@xtra.co.nz.



Top left, Top right and above: Scenes from the Opunake CBD during last year's Great Opunake Yarn Bomb. The 2018 Great Opunake Yarn Bomb will start on October 27 and finish on November 11.



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Motorcycles come out of hibernation

As summer approaches, motorcycles are getting back on the road. In 2017, 45 motorcyclists lost their life on the road and 7,372 motorcyclists received treatment and support from ACC. The total cost of those motorcycle-related claims amounted to \$94 million, but the real cost is to the rider, their families and friends.

September is Motorcycle Awareness Month, an initiative to help all road users be aware of how they can help to keep motorcyclists safe. The symbol of this awareness campaign is a bright yellow helmet, which helps create visibility and reminds all road users that 'Bikes Are Back!'

The campaign message - whether you ride or drive, everyone plays a part in motorcycle safety.

Ride Forever Programme Manager David Keilty says spring is an excellent time for riders to fine-tune their skills.

"We'd encourage riders to refresh their skills by taking advantage of Ride Forever coaching, so they can enjoy



riding right throughout the warmer months. The good news is that riders who complete a Ride Forever course are 27% less likely to submit a claim with ACC when compared to riders who haven't completed a course. In fact, research shows that riders who completed a course in the past year were 45% less likely to submit a claim," says Mr Keilty.

Drivers can play their part by turning their head to check their blind spot, especially before changing lanes, and always looking

twice at intersections.

"It's about being aware of that you might not see motorcyclists at a first glance. Looking twice can make all the difference," Mr Keilty says.

AA Driving School general manager, Roger Venn, said the AA was fully behind motorcycle awareness month.

"We understand that bikers are vulnerable in any kind of interaction with other road users. We encourage all drivers and riders to look out for each other, to be

courteous, to show respect for one another. Remember we are all human and we all make mistakes - safety is improved if we expect and accept that," Mr Venn says.

Carey Griffiths of the Institute of Advanced Motorists says riders need to accept that drivers don't often see them for a variety of reasons, many of which are unintentional.

"We can blame other drivers or hope that one day they do see us, or we can take the initiative to take advantage of any training opportunity we can. This means improving our skills of hazard prediction and awareness, and riding in a way that maximises our chances of being seen. While we can't control the actions of others, training helps us reduce our chances of being in a crash," Mr Griffiths says.

Motorcycle Awareness Month is supported by local councils, the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council, and ACC's Safer Journeys partners.

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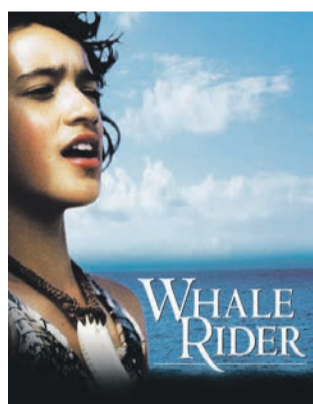
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Everybody's Theatre Film Festival

Last year Everybody's Theatre held their first NZ Film Festival, and Halloween spooky house. Both events were very popular and such a success Everybody's Theatre are again opening their doors.

This year the Films are: Piano, A Little Chaos, Once were Warriors, Whale Rider, Love Birds, Second Hand Wedding, Came a Hot Friday, Gardening with Soul and a new release movie Born Racer; Scott Dixon.



Great NZ movies at this year's Film Festival.

These have all been requested by various people from our last NZ Film Festival, and we are looking forward to another successful Film Festival, said Kim Gatenby, Everybody's Theatre, Chairperson.

The Film Festival runs from Friday October 26-Sunday November 4 with a family fun spooky house on Halloween October 31.

Watch this space for further information about these events.

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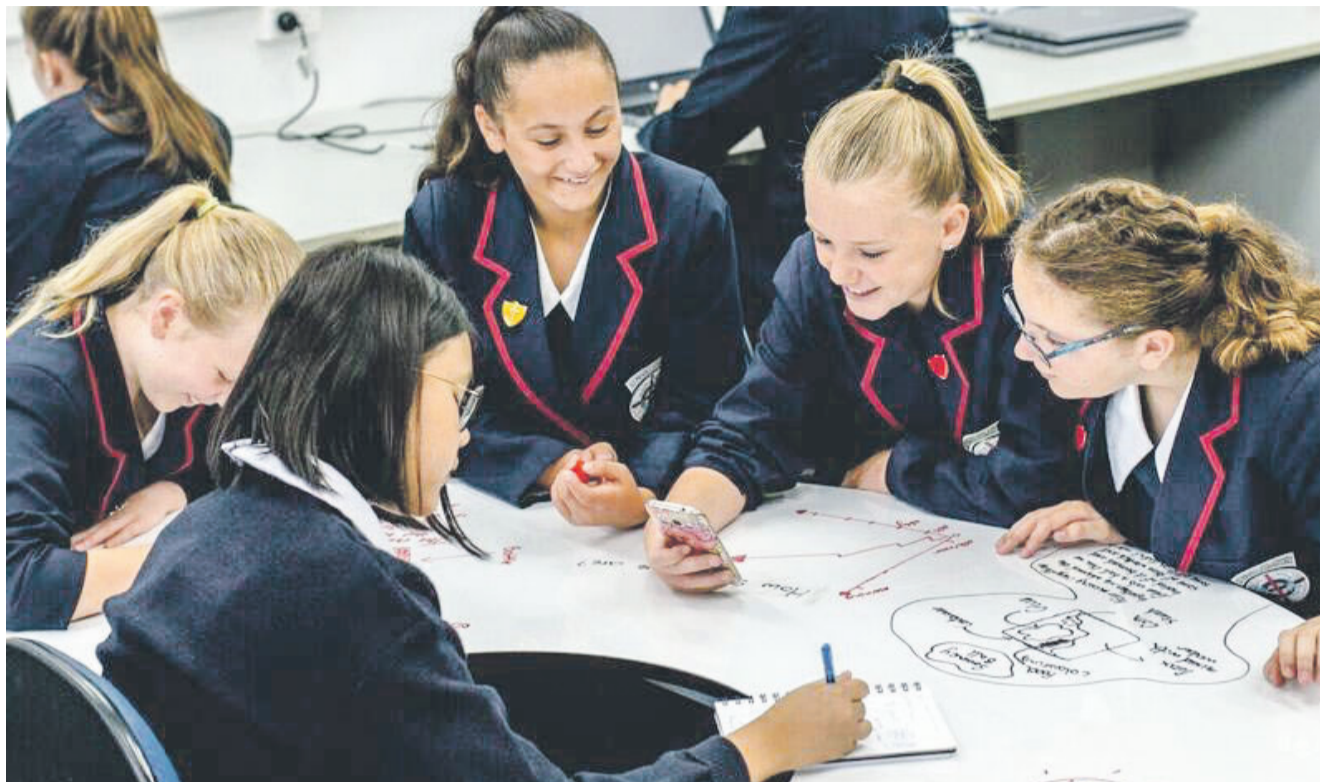
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CoastalCare responds to Blood Drive request

CoastalCare have responded to a public request to run a blood drive.

They can hold one in Opunake at the end of November if they can get 80 eligible donors.

Any eligible person who is keen can contact CoastalCare and put their name on the prospective list. Check out their facebook page for updates.

Once Coastal Care have

at least 80 people they can book this in.

Contact CoastalCare by phone on 06 761 8488, by email at info@coastalcare.co.nz or by messaging them from their facebook page.

Earthquake -prone priority buildings policy

The Opunake Business Association is proud to be hosting the South Taranaki District Council's public meeting to make a presentation and answer questions around the new policy they are required to have for Earthquake prone priority buildings. This is the business community's chance to have any questions answered. Any submissions must be made by September 24.

The public Meeting will be at 5.30pm on September 19 at CoastalCare's meeting rooms. Refreshments provided.



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Opunake Business Association Market Day 2018

Once again the Opunake Business Association is coordinating their Annual Market day.

It will take place on Saturday 27 October 9am-1pm in the main street of Opunake.

This is a Market Day with a difference. It is primarily for schools, early childhood centres, sports clubs and teams, community organisations, churches, marae etc to fundraise.

It costs \$10 for a stall and there are loads of ways that groups can raise funds. Think outside the square-Gumboot Throw, Lucky Dips, Fudge and Cake Stall, Raffles, Produce and Plants, Face Painting, Steak and Onion Sandwiches.

All food stalls are to be registered with the STDC. This can be done either online or at Opunake Library Plus.

The Opunake Business Association is looking forward to this year's Market Day. They hope it will be

busy with lots of visitors to town. There will be loads of activities to attract people to the day, such as, The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb, two Garden Festivals, The Taranaki National Art Awards and the NZ Film Festival at Everybody's Theatre.

Visitors will also be able to travel to Dawson Falls and the renowned Cape Egmont Lighthouse.

If you are part of a club or community organisation that wants to raise funds, then call into Pastimes and see Rosie or email pastimes@xtra.co.nz Keep up to date with information by liking the Opunake Facebook page as well.

Save the date and the pennies to show your support for local community groups and organisations- Saturday October 27.



OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Opunake Business Association Market Day

Saturday October 27, 9am-1pm

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The Affordables fundraising for CoastalCare

Dave Ritchie Smith and Andy Bassett have both had very successful Album launches this year and are ready to get it out there.

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This is a fundraiser for Coastal Care Opunake to help them get an emergency generator - \$10 tickets.

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Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free		Senior Citizens \$8. ID required for all R movies	
	<p>THE SPY WHO DUMPED ME Action, Comedy 1hr 57mins R16: Violence, offensive language and nudity Audrey and Morgan are best friends who unwittingly become entangled in an international conspiracy when one of the women discovers the boyfriend who dumped her was actually a spy. Wed 26th Sep 1pm Fri 28th Sep 7pm</p>		<p>LUIS AND THE ALIENS Adventure, Animated, Comedy 1hr 36mins PG An 11-year-old boy makes friends with three lovable aliens who crash their ship into his house. In return for Luis's help using the home-shopping network, they save him from boarding school and head off on an adventure together. Sat 29th Sep 1pm</p>
	<p>BLACKKLANSMAN Drama, Crime, True Story 2hrs 15mins R13: Violence, Language & Sexual References It's the early 1970s, and Ron Stallworth is the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, Stallworth bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. Fri 21st Sep 7pm Sun 23rd Sep 7pm Sat 29th Sep 7pm</p>		<p>FUNNY COW **Arthouse** Drama, Comedy 1hr 43mins R16: Domestic Violence, Sexual Material & Offensive language. An aspiring female comedian standing up to the sexist Northern England club circuit., ill-treatment by men is something our heroine is grimly used to, from childhood beatings to an abusive husband. A film about the power of laughter and how to transform pain into humour. Wed 26th Sep 7pm Sun 30th Sep 7pm</p>
	<p>THE WIFE Drama 1hr 40mins M After spending forty years sacrificing her dreams for her husband Joe and his career, fed-up wife Joan decides to end their relationship. Interweaving the story of the couple's youthful passion with a portrait of a marriage, thirty-plus years later—a lifetime's shared compromises, secrets, betrayals, and mutual love. Sun 16th Sep 7pm</p>		<p>MARY SHELLEY Drama, Historical 2hrs PG Mary Shelley, her step sister, and the poet Percy leave London to travel, drink, and shag their way around Europe, with the trio ending up at Lord Byron's Swiss holiday mansion. There, the reading of ghost stories turns into a challenge for the group to each write one themselves and thus Frankenstein is born. Wed 19th Sep 1pm</p>
	<p>OVERBOARD Comedy, Romance 1hr 52mins M Kate is a single mother of three who's hired to clean a luxury yacht that belongs to Leonardo -- a selfish, Mexican playboy. After firing Kate, Leonardo falls off the boat and wakes up with no memory of who he is. To get payback, Kate shows up at the hospital and pretends that they're married. Fri 14th Sep 7pm Wed 19th Sep 7pm Sat 22nd Sep 7pm</p>		<p>SPITFIRE Documentary 1hr 39mins TBC They say she was beautiful. A dream. But for all her good looks, she was also a killer. Spitfire is an epic, sweeping tale of determination, vision and courage. It is the story of an aeroplane that was forged in competition, shaped as the war clouds gathered, and refined in the white heat of combat – going on to become the most famous fighter plane ever made. Sat 15th Sep 7pm</p>
	<p>Wed 14 Overboard 7pm</p>	<p>Sat 15 Show Dogs 1pm Spitfire 7pm</p>	<p>Sun 16 The Wife 7pm</p>
<p>19 Mary Shelley 1pm Overboard 7pm</p>	<p>21 BlackkKlansman 7pm</p>	<p>22 Hotel Transylvania 3 1pm Overboard 7pm</p>	<p>23 BlackkKlansman 7pm</p>
<p>26 !!ARTHOUSE!! The Spy Who Dumped Me 1pm Funny Cow 7pm</p>	<p>28 The Spy Who Dumped Me 7pm</p>	<p>29 Luis and the Aliens 1pm BlackkKlansman 7pm</p>	<p>30 Funny Cow 7pm</p>

Dr Libby embarks on National Tour of New Zealand

How Hormones affect our emotions, ageing and beauty
 Acclaimed nutritional biochemist, 11 times best-selling author and international speaker, Dr Libby

Weaver has announced her 2018 national tour, *The Hormone Factor*, which will see her visit 16

centres across New Zealand following the release of her latest book, *The Beauty Guide*. The 12th title from one of New Zealand's most popular authors will be available from August 22.

Hormones play a powerful role in how we feel and how our bodies function, says Dr Libby. They

influence everything from how we grow, sleep and age, whether we store fat or burn it, the quality of our skin, our blood pressure, immune system and appetite regulation—even our brain chemicals.

“Our bodies rely on the delicate balance and seamless communication of over 50 different hormones. Each have their own remarkable abilities to cause havoc or harmony to our inner and outer world, depending on whether they are in or out of balance, and being produced in optimal quantities.”



Dr. Libby will be in New Plymouth September 17.

“My aim is to help women identify the signs of hormonal imbalance and offer insight as to how hormones impact our beauty, the way we age, our emotions and how we perceive ourselves. I will also share practical solutions on how to best support our bodies and the various biochemical pathways that govern the way we look and feel,” says Dr Libby.

During her inspiring two-hour live event, Dr Libby will explain:

- Why women experience hot flushes and insomnia with menopause
- The nutrients your hormones need to offer you great hair, skin and nails

- How to spot the hormone disrupting substances in your beauty products

- Steps you and your partner can take to cultivate great fertility and preconception care

- How the pill works and its effects on the body

- How to reduce the impact of the stress of modern day living on your hormonal balance

- What to do if you're experiencing thyroid imbalances such as hypothyroidism

- How stress hormones impact sex hormones during each life stage

- The role hormones play in adrenal fatigue

- How to tap into your own hormonal intelligence and

the master switch of your hormonal world

- How to go about rectifying a hormonal imbalance naturally

- How emotions impact different hormones and vice versa

- Ways to support hormonal imbalances that contribute to PMS, painful periods, irregular periods, food cravings, acne and PCOS

Dr Libby will be speaking in: Hamilton – 22 August. Christchurch – 23 August. New Plymouth – 17 September. Palmerston North – 18 September. Hawkes Bay – 19 September. Whangarei – 24 September. Tauranga – 25 September. Auckland – 26 September. Auckland – 1 October. Invercargill – 2 October. Dunedin – 3 October. Oamaru – 4 October. Wellington – 8 October. Nelson – 9 October. Blenheim – 10 October. Ashburton – 16 October. Christchurch – 17 October.

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The *Beauty Guide* can be purchased from www.drlibby.com and leading booksellers from August 22. RRP \$39.95.

Dr Libby Weaver (PhD) is one of Australasia's leading nutritional biochemists, an author, a speaker and founder of the plant-based supplement range, *Bio Blends*.

Armed with an abundance of knowledge, scientific research and a true desire to help people regain their energy and vitality, Dr Libby empowers and inspires people to take charge of their health and happiness through her books, live events and nutritional support range. Having sold over 350,000 books across New Zealand and Australia, she is an eleven-times bestselling

author and published internationally including in UK, US, Canada, France, Germany, Russia and Italy.

A respected global speaker, Dr Libby's expertise in nutritional biochemistry has led her to share the stage with Marianne Williamson, Sir Richard Branson, Tony Robbins and Dr Oz.

Dr Libby is regularly called on as an authoritative figure in the health and wellness industry and has been featured in numerous media publications including *The Times*, *The Huffington Post*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *the Australian Women's Weekly* and appears regularly on breakfast radio and television. With a natural ability to break even the most complex of concepts into layman's terms, Dr Libby's health messages embrace her unique three-pillared approach that explore the interplay between nutrition, emotions and the biochemistry of the body. It's no surprise that when it comes to achieving and maintaining ultimate health and wellbeing, Hollywood stars, Deborra-lee Furness and Hugh Jackman, describe her as a “one stop shop in achieving and maintaining ultimate health and wellbeing.”

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