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Couple renew vows forty years on

On August 17 1984, having originally met on a blind date, Ken Donald and Joyce McMillan were married at their home in Okato. Forty years later to the day they renewed their vows at the Jean Sandel Retirement Village where they have been living for the last 15 years.

"We are lucky that we have still got one another," says Joyce. "We still fight," she adds.

For both Ken (93) and Joyce (85) it's been their second time around. They both have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of their own who were there to celebrate their big day in the dining area and lounge of the Jean Sandel main building. There was also an added surprise, the announcement that Joyce's first great great grandchild is on its way.

"We had family from the Waikato and one of them said it's great to come down here without having to come to a funeral, and to have a few beers and stuff," says Ken.

Ken has long been a well-known figure on the coast as a farmer and with his involvement in groups such as the Cape Egmont Boat Club, Cape Egmont Coast Guard, Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust and Lions. He has also been instrumental in getting the war memorial plaques transferred from the Warea and Pungarehu schools to a new war memorial facing out to sea at the Cape Egmont Boat Club. In the years since this has been the focus of annual ANZAC Day commemorations.

In 2018 Ken received the Queens Service Medal for services to marine search and



Joyce and Ken read their vows while celebrant Jade Dix looks on.

Photo Shelley Fevre.

rescue and the community.

Joyce spent the first four years of her life in Opunake before moving to New Plymouth. She has always been known for her prodigious memory and remembers playing with a young Peter Snell.

"He was the same age as me. We lived in Fox Street, and he lived around the corner."

Her father was a bridge builder and was in business with his brother based at the site now occupied by Opunake Concrete. His last project before he died in 1960 were two bridges at Whangamomona.

Joyce remembers taking the tram to Fitzroy School. For Ken his schooltime

memories are slightly different.

"I went to Warea School on a horse," he said.

Ken and Joyce were among the first to move into Jean Sandel. They say they have enjoyed their time here and have appreciated the efforts and commitment of management and staff. They have also enjoyed meeting up with the many Coastal Taranaki people who have moved into the village. These have included Pihama identity, the late John Poole who at Jean Sandel was their friend and neighbour. Ken and John worked together at the Hospice workshop.

"We fixed stuff until Covid

came along and they shut the workshop," said Ken. "John was doing all the woodwork and I was doing all the metalwork, fixing lawnmowers and that sort of stuff."

Ken says their ceremony was a first for Jean Sandel, and they asked Jade Dix who works in the office to be their celebrant. As this was something she had never done before she was initially reluctant to do this. Ken and Joyce said they were pleased with the result and say she should think about doing it again.

"I told her that's a road she should walk down, and she's considering it," says Ken.

Adorning the top of the cake was a fisherman ornament which Joyce had saved from their wedding cake 40 years ago. Flanking the cake were the McMillan and MacDonald (Donald) family crests.

About 50 guests were there, and the bride was piped in to the strains of Flower of Scotland. The ceremony was followed by afternoon tea with the bar open as well.

"We just can't thank management and staff enough for setting up the venue," says Ken.

"Not many couples could do what we've done. We are like two ships on this journey."



100 years later descendants congregate in Opunake.



Verge damage riles councillor and residents. See page 7.



Invisible hearing aids come to Taranaki. See page 10.



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Joyce and Ken at home at Jean Sandel Retirement Village.



Cutting the wedding cake.

Photo Shelley Fevre.




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A response to Tom Stephens

Grey Power Associations do not affiliate to any political party. We lobby government on behalf of the elderly, whoever is in parliament.

I stand by my support for Amanda and Bali, for the work they are doing around the “Wellbeing and Welfare of our elderly. But I understand the ratepayers of New Plymouth are funding the new build, and I think, if I’m not wrong, it is the seat that David MacLeod holds, are they not the majority of your district?

I also believe that the Labour Minister for Housing promised in 2017 to reinstate all councils as providers of pensioner housing and that he would fund it through central government at a very low rate. But I guess he had no plan and filed it in the too

hard basket. Approximately one million retirees including our 50+ age group are looking to the party that’s in power for assurances that their wellbeing and welfare will be cared for across the board, such as housing and health being paramount. Hope you are keeping well Tom
 All the best.

Grey Power South Taranaki.

Longer shellfish ban

Let’s revisit and see if we can make some logic out of this with more facts.

1. As this is a public ban all meetings should be advertised in the paper and open to all.
2. Shellfish have been gathered on the coast for

over 100 years and have never run out.

3. No base research was done so you have nothing to base any figures on whatsoever.

4. Poaching is still rife and has been for the two years.

5. Permits are still being given out so we have a rule for some and more rules for others.

6. Crayfish to be added to ban. Did someone ask Mr Google if they are down in numbers? How do you know?

7. Someone has been whitebaiting for ah out of season. How come your so-called guardians haven’t potted him? Oh, they aren’t shellfish. Just an endangered species.

8. The iwi have some of their own living in caravans and/or unfit houses, a marae that has been out of action for ten years and you see fit to spend settlement

money on wages.

9. If you really believe what you are doing is 100% right then you would be doing it for nothing, not lining pockets.

Summary
 There are two lots out here that are not happy.

One is the iwi that you have not included in your findings.

Two. The people that are born and bred Kiwis that have been excluded from anything and have just as much right as anyone.

Maybe a public vote would be in order.

1. Get rid of the ban and get more Fisheries officers.
2. Keep the ban

Low Tide. Opunake

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ADELPHOS

They say laughter is the best medicine. Most people seem to enjoy the occasional laugh. Some shyly giggle. Others burst into bubbly and almost musical laughter. And some might even throw in a weird sounding nasal snort. Laughter often provides a temporary relief from the crises that life seems to drop into our laps.

Laughter, happiness and joy often get muddled when stirred in the same pot. Generally speaking, laughter is a physical reaction to something funny. Happiness is emotional, often short lived and can result from a special event like getting married or a dream job

promotion. But joy reflects a more lasting contentment, satisfaction and hope in life. Joy brings meaning into life. It can transform catastrophic times into blessings. There are innumerable accounts of persecuted and martyred Christians in church history who had an inner joy and peace in the face of suffering and death (Foxe’s Book of Martyrs).

Today, North Korea is one such example. Open Doors International aid workers report that North Korea is the most dangerous country in the world for Christians. Yet they continue to secretly worship together. Through secret networks in China,

Joy

Open Doors offers medicine, clothes, food, bibles and Christian materials to 90,000 North Korean Christians who escaped to China across the Tumen and Yalu Rivers. Aid workers risk their lives smuggling bibles into North Korea.

At present, approximately 30,000 underground North Korean Christians and their extended families are today imprisoned, beaten with metal rods and disappear if they are reported talking about Jesus, owning a bible, singing hymns or praying. Sentences can be up to 15 years in 12 hour-a-day labour camps. Teachers question young children to

discover if their parents read a “special book” or look like they “bow their heads and close their eyes.”

I’m not sure if these prisoners are happy, laughing or telling jokes in their bittersweet existence. Nevertheless, Open Door aid workers report that they experienced the joy of the Lord in the midst of horrific suffering. Jesus predicted that believers would experience persecution because of His name, but will be greatly rewarded (Matthew 5:10-12).

All around our mountain and Taranaki coast we are so blessed to be able to choose to publicly worship and read our Bibles. Please. If you believe, will you pray for our imprisoned North Korean brothers, sisters, children and their extended families?

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4, NIV).

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Silence on Gaza

In 1948, while the UN was forging a Universal Declaration of Human Rights from the embers of World War II, the first Zionist NAKBA was underway in Palestine, sweeping 750,000 Palestinians from their land. In the very year the Declaration found "...disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind...", those same 'barbarous acts,' suffered by the Jewish people in Nazi Europe were being visited upon the peoples of Palestine by European 'settler' Zionists.

One matter is certain. If the people trapped inside Gaza, starved and bombed homeless, forced like cattle from one destroyed part to the next to be bombed again in their tents, hospitals, schools; water and waste treatment systems smashed, at least 200,000 already murdered maimed and missing, blocked of medical supplies, food and water, prisoners tortured and raped to death in more and more cases, properties stolen with no consequence and being paraded in front of a global audience suffering disgusting acts - if these were the Jewish people suffering thus, we would know exactly what to call it. Fascism. Naziism. Genocide.

But, we don't. On Day 329 of the genocide, our government and its airwaves remain more-or-less silent. Bound to a world order protecting Israel and USA's key role arming the Zionist project. Normalising anti-Palestinian racism.

We could, as a moral and ethical nation, boycott, divest

and sanction Israel. We could recognise Palestinian statehood and we could expel Israeli representation from Aotearoa NZ until it ceases fire. We could back the ICC and ICJ and UN against the war criminal Netanyahu. But we don't. We make condemnatory noises and that's it. Nothing more. Nothing to see here.

If anyone ever wondered how the Nazi managed genocide in Europe; this is how.

Roger Morris
Oeo

Dog signage being ignored

It was with interest and welcome, more signage down at Buller Street Carpark lately regarding dogs at the carpark and Coastal Walkway alerting and reminding dog owners they are required to have the dogs on leashes. There are new Department of Conservation signs placed about the area alerting dog owners about protecting birdlife and there is long standing signage from the New Plymouth District Council regarding rules of the area and the Coastal Walkway, and also on their website. 'Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a lead/leash.'

This also comes after a young child was bitten and frightened by a dog down there. She will never trust a dog again.

As a person who has for many years been going there, there is no-one/staff, either from the council or DoC out there policing dog safety for the community and dog safety, either during work hours or during volunteer hours.

Dogs run free everywhere.

Ian McAlpine,
New Plymouth.

Information

needed

Mr Ian McAlpine. Thank you so much for your expertise on mountains, especially our maunga, as I'm fully aware that it's only when mountains erupt that they become dangerous., plus the day will come when White Island itself will not only erupt, which will be extremely dramatic, but will split in half then disappear into the sea for good.

Maybe mountains are not dangerous, but our extremely experienced climbers all love a challenge. Climb them regardless of their challenges, which also applies to our underwater explorers, like Jacques Cousteau along with his diving team. In both cases these people all put their lives at risk by venturing into unforeseen, uncharted and unknown territories, return and then speak about their different experiences.

Our biggest problem we have in today's world is there's too many people who are not only inexperienced but still think they know about climbing any mountain like our maunga and end up by having serious accidents, hospitalised or being killed simply because they didn't do their home work first and get proper inside knowledge beforehand, as this is the reason why I've stated there should be a place to go to, knowing Mr McAlpine you have a website, but does everyone know this? Most probably not.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.

Media bias

We look to the South Island where Ngai Tahu claimed over \$100 million from Meridian and Genesis in November 2023 for "disturbing the mana" of the Waitaki in the latest hydro project. That is not the only example of outright extortion that has been levelled against the taxpayers of this nation.

How does that advantage ordinary Māori? They struggle with power bills just like the rest of us.

And we don't hear about

it because our government funding that we all pay for has guidelines set by NZ on Air that dictate media only say positive stuff about Māori.

NZ On Air only adopted the Treaty of Waitangi as a guiding principle in its funding of media in 2020. By incorporating the Treaty as a guiding principle, NZ On Air committed to ensuring that its funding decisions promote and protect the rights, interests, and cultural values of Māori, in line with the principles of partnership, participation, and protection that the Treaty represents.

But those adoptions contravene the very nature of democracy in the country if it means we only hear nice stuff about Maori and the Multi-million dollar trusts run by elites.

New Zealand is lurching towards a Fascist, Orwellian future. New Zealanders live as mushrooms as a result of the biased media funding terms set by NZ on Air that advantage a select few of our population.

David & Maria Hancock
Eltham

Bright future

I can remember two years ago when Tom Tito-Green was selected by New Plymouth Labour MP Glen Bennett as New Plymouth's Youth MP. He was also on Opunake High School's Board of Trustees, plus was the High School's head prefect.

Now at Otago University studying law, former president of Holland College, a local hero medallist for the New Zealander of the Year Awards, an inaugural member of South Taranaki's

Empower Youth, and now a UNICEF Aotearoa Young Ambassador for a year, along with other inductees.

To me, young Tom has an extremely bright future ahead of him, not only becoming a top lawyer, but maybe one day as an MP,

even to go further through his lifetime, as this should inspire all young Maori and Polynesian youths, both boys and girls to become another Tom. So I do wish him well in the near future.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

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Munro reunion

About 40 descendants of the Opunake "branch" of the Munro family gathered for a reunion last weekend.

The reunion was timed to mark the 100th anniversary of the wedding of James and Mary Munro, who were married in the Opunake Catholic Church on 3 September, 1924. They lived virtually all of their married life in Layard St, Opunake.

Mary died in 1965, James in 1969.

Their eldest child, Brian Munro, is well remembered locally for being the Opunake dentist for 40 years, until 1993. Another son, Jim, was a teacher at Opunake Primary School and later Opunake High School, and was also a school bus driver and senior rugby referee.

Two other children, Ray and Marie, lived elsewhere in the North Island after their marriages in 1953 and 1957 respectively. However Marie and her family returned for a few years in the 1960s when she and her husband, Peter Walmsley, took up teaching jobs in Opunake.

Three generations of James and Mary's descendants - grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, plus their spouses and partners - had a reunion lunch at the Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre on Saturday. It was an opportunity to share family memories, pore over old photographs and reminisce about their days living in, or visiting, Opunake.

"It was a great catch-up," said Mike Munro, son of Brian Munro. "While a couple of my siblings and a number of my Munro cousins are living in Taranaki, a lot of us are spread about the country, or in Australia, so it was wonderful to come together and hear about what people have been up to down the years.

"And of course to meet the new generation of littlies.

"My grandparents (James and Mary Munro) were part



James and Mary Munro who were married a century ago in Opunake.

of families with deep roots in the Opunake district's pioneering past, so this area is very special to us."

James Munro was born at Te Kiri in 1894 and lived his early years on the Awatuna family farm that his father, Hector Munro, had acquired in the 1880s after moving to Taranaki from his birthplace, Clevedon.

Mary Munro was born Mary Magdalene Crowskey in Midhirst in 1902. Her father, Johan - later to be known as Jack or John - was born in Poland and was aged two when his family sailed into Wellington on the emigrant ship Fritz Reuter in 1876. They initially settled on the South Island's West Coast but were living in Taranaki by 1884.

MUNRO--CROFSKEY.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Opunake Catholic Church on Wednesday last when James Ferguson, second son of Mr Hector Munro and the late Mrs Munro, of Opunake, and Mary Crowskey, third daughter of Mrs J Crowskey and the late Mr J Crowskey, of Pihama, were married by the Rev. Father J. I. Kennedy. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was neatly attired in a dainty frock of creme crepe de chene, finished with radiant lace and trimmed with pearls. She wore the orthodox wreath and veil and carried a bouquet of fresias and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaid was Miss Rose Crowskey (sister of the bride) who was becomingly attired in blue charmeuse and black picture hat. Miss Tessie Crowskey, as flower girl, looked sweet in a dainty frock of pink silk and a wreath of rosebuds. Mr Wm. Munro acted as best man. After the wedding a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, the usual toasts being honored and best wishes extended the newly-married couple for their future happiness. Mr and Mrs Munro's future home will be in Opunake.

The report of the wedding which appeared in the Opunake Times on September 5 1924.

The Fritz Reuter was carrying a number of other Polish families who, like the Crowskeys, subsequently settled in Taranaki. Johan's family "anglicised" their name after arrival on these shores, changing it from Kurowski to Crowskey.

A desire not to be mistaken for being German was said to be a motivation for doing so. It was a time of increasing German nationalism in central Europe and discrimination against Poles was rife.

James Munro, after leaving Te Kiri School, became an Egmont County road worker, at a time when the first bitumen roads were being laid down in coastal Taranaki. But World War 1 soon intervened. In 1915, aged 21, he enlisted with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and voyaged to Europe to serve as an army bombardier.

He was arguably one of the fortunate ones in a ghastly war that claimed 18,000 New Zealanders' lives and left another 40,000 wounded. But James Munro's war experience had its hardships.

On three occasions he was hospitalised for sickness - infectious diseases and the ill-effects of gas attacks were so common that field hospitals struggled to cope with the workload. He was also sentenced to three days 'Field Punishment No 2' after riding on the canvas cover of an army vehicle and damaging it. Field Punishment No 2 was a callous form of military discipline which saw wrongdoers being bound at the wrists and ankles while they went about their daily routines, like marching.

The most infamous case involved the conscientious objector Archibald Baxter - the father of poet James K. Baxter - whose pacifist ideals saw him forced aboard a troop ship and taken to France, where he was subjected to Field Punishment No 1. It was essentially a form of torture, the victims being strapped to a post in the open for several hours a day, whatever the weather, with their hands bound tightly behind their back, and knees and feet bound.

James Munro returned to New Zealand in 1919 and met his future wife, Mary Crowskey, during the grim post-war years when the country was reeling from the human cost of war and the Influenza Pandemic.

(Incidentally, just over 30 years later, James' second eldest son Ray would also go to war, enlisting for service in the 1950-53 Korean conflict. One wonders how troubling that would have been for his mother, Mary,

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The descendants of James and Mary Munro at the reunion in Opunake.

whose eldest brother, John Crofskey, had been killed during the Battle of the Somme in 1917 and whose husband, James Munro, had the psychological scars from nearly three years on the Western Front in 1916-18.)

But let's return to 1919.

When James came home from World War 1, Mary's family was by then farming on Skeet Road, near Pihama. Mary was one of 13 children and had become an accomplished seamstress, no doubt making clothes for her throng of brothers and sisters.

James and Mary married in 1924, with the then local newspaper, the Opunake Times, describing it as a "pretty wedding." The bride was "neatly attired in a dainty frock of cr me crepe de chene, finished with radiant lace and trimmed with pearls."

Apart from three years in the mid-1930s, when they lived in Inglewood while James worked as a roading surfaceman with the local Council, James and Mary spent their married years living at 23 Layard St, Opunake.

Their son Jim, who in 1993 at age 63 married Carroll Feaver, lived most of his life in the same little weatherboard house.

Brian Munro and his family – wife Kathleen, and children Christine, Paul, Mike, Helen, Tim and Clare – were living around the corner in Fox St. All six children, with their own children and grandchildren in tow, attended the reunion at the weekend.

Ray Munro's eldest child Peter, who with wife Steph now lives in Opunake, also attended the reunion along with siblings Charmaine, Joanne and John, and their



From left Liz Munro, Mike Munro, Paul Munro, Matt Munro and Sinead Munro.



ABOVE Oliver Mau (a grandson of Mike Munro) and Jess Roche.



Helen Paton (Munro) and Brett Paton.



From left David Munro, Ingrid Schoenfeld, Matthew Munro, Paul Sutorius and Christine Munro

families. Ditto for Marie Walmsley's sons, David and Simon.

It was a day that Opunake hadn't seen Munro offspring in such numbers for many years.

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All volunteers are looked after really well by FENZ (Fire and Emergency New Zealand). All costs to attend courses are covered. This includes travel,



accommodation, meals, loss of pay reimbursements and an away from home allowance.

If you have ever thought about giving back to the community and joining a great bunch of people, phone Andrew on 027 417 3319,

or come to the station on a Monday night from 7.00 pm. Year to date we have had 30 callouts, which is well down on last year. This trend isn't just in Opunake, for some reason it is a trend nationally. This is pleasing to see, but while we are

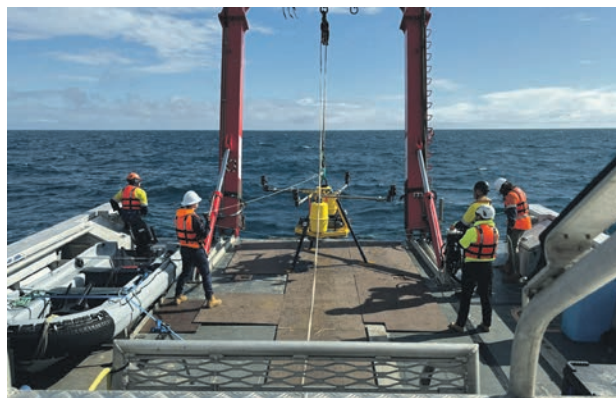
down in some areas MVAs (vehicle accidents) are up. Be careful on the roads out there, especially in the wet weather.

Andrew Pentelow (CFO)

Pioneering marine mammal study

Taranaki Offshore Partnership (TOP) is pleased to begin a new study to investigate the presence of marine mammals in the South Taranaki Bight, as part of its wider investigations into the feasibility of developing an offshore wind farm. With offshore wind being new to New Zealand, the study is the first of its kind to be undertaken here and reinforces the urgency around developing the consenting framework for offshore wind, which will dictate the environmental parameters developers will ultimately need to meet.

The study involves deploying three underwater microphones on the seabed in the South Taranaki Bight for a year, which will record ambient noise to monitor the presence and migration patterns of marine mammals.



An underwater microphone being deployed.

This will provide baseline data to form the basis of future environmental impact assessments. TOP's Giacomo Caleffi says that the international experience of its joint venture partners puts TOP in a unique position as an offshore wind developer in New Zealand, well-positioned to move forward on a number of fronts in

parallel with government's development of the regulatory framework. "With JV partner Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners having a portfolio of 20 operational, under construction and in-development offshore windfarms around the globe, we have a clear line-of-sight around marine-related environmental considerations that will need

to form part of feasibility assessments for offshore wind, while we wait for the regulatory framework to be put in place.

"That said, there is some urgency around the parallel development of that regulatory framework so that New Zealand can seize the opportunity to relatively rapidly deliver renewable energy generation at scale, especially given the potential for pressure on supply chains with other countries prioritising offshore wind," says Mr Caleffi.

The significant regional economic development opportunities from developing an offshore wind industry in New Zealand are also demonstrated by this marine mammal study, with TOP having worked with local manufacturing company, Coastal Services

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Delinquent drivers “flipping finger at community”

Skids, wheelies, donuts and burnouts are causing headaches for locals in towns throughout South Taranaki and Opunake is no exception.

South Taranaki district councillor Bryan Roach surveys an open space where Longfellow Road, Halse Place and Dieffenbach Street connect. The rain sodden ground has been ripped apart with skid marks and resembles a no man’s land scene from a World War I movie.

“This is fresh today,” he comments. “I’d say they’ve been out here again. This is the second or third time they’ve been down here. Someone must have heard them do it.”

It is however not a problem unique to Opunake.

“There’s vandalism in all our towns,” he says. “In most of our towns there is some sort of disruptive behaviour by people in cars doing wheelies on Council land. This comes at a cost of us fixing up the damage.”

“It’s been going on for the last four weeks or so down here, but it’s also been going on around the recce ground, and the top of the High School is another favourite place, as well as the top of Ihaia Road.”

The issue of delinquent driving was covered in the Opunake and Coastal News police column (August 22).

“As always we are asking that you report any and all anti-social and dangerous driving behaviour,” Constable Bradley Coad of the Opunake Police said. “Not only are there risks posed to the public due to the behaviour of certain individuals, there are often



“All ratepayers are going to have to pay,” says Cr Bryan Roach surveying recently churned up sodden ground.

damages to property too as recently sighted on grass verges around Opunake.

“We can only act on what we know is happening and can’t be everywhere at once, so if you witness this behaviour call 111 if it’s happening at the time, or 105 if it’s already happened or if you have information you could provide which may assist us.”

As reported in this paper (July 25) Rahotu residents had also taken up the issue of dangerous driving in Rahotu at a meeting of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board. At Halse Place in Opunake stones now line the coastal side of the street after residents got frustrated with similar activity going on across the road from them.

“In some places we’ve put stones or bollards to stop vehicle access but you can’t do that for every street in the district,” says Cr Roach. “All

ratepayers are going to pay to fix up any vandalism on our grounds and our sports facilities. We don’t really want to put rocks around all the bits of land that people are doing skids around. It makes the place look fenced in.

“The Council needs the ratepayers to help catch these people. Many people in Opunake tell us they hear these cars at night but nobody thinks to report them to the police. If you hear any skidding you must ring 111 and get the police involved. There’s legislation under the Boy Racers Act to sort out criminal behaviour like this.”

An Opunake resident who doesn’t want to be named expresses similar sentiments. “Unfortunately we tend to get a little desensitised to it as a community, and it’s the wrong thing to do,” he says. “As a community we need to start reporting this sort of stuff and stamp it out.

“It’s just blatant vandalism at the end of the day. It’s a disrespectful culture. It’s like flipping the finger up at the community and saying we don’t care what the community are doing.” He worries about what could happen.

“There only needs to be a slip and somebody’s gone.” He wants to see more CCTV cameras around town.

“CCTV cameras in public spaces need to be reviewed. A lot of people go no, no, no we don’t want them, but if we don’t instal systems like that you’re going to get worse behaviour. Offenders are not going to stop when they get a slap with a wet bus ticket.”

Cr Roach says the Council does have some portable CCTV cameras which are put around the district when they want to catch people in the act.

“So we’re letting everybody know that we do have some cameras,” he says.

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to build key components of the underwater microphones in New Plymouth, as well as working with Taranaki-based vessels and crew to deploy them.

“Working with local companies and the local community on our

feasibility studies is key to ensuring that we have a strong understanding of what our proposed offshore wind farm would mean for the region as well as for the country. We look forward to working with them further as Taranaki leads the way in creating an offshore wind industry in New Zealand,” says Mr Caleffi.

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Building reliable and efficient roading for Taranaki

A record \$808 million for transport investment in Taranaki through the 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) will support economic growth and productivity, Transport Minister Simeon Brown says.

“Taranaki’s roads carry a high volume of freight from primary industries and it’s critical we maintain efficient connections across the region to keep goods moving to markets, across

the country and abroad.

“The Government is committed to making sure that every transport dollar is spent wisely on the projects and services that Kiwis need. For Taranaki, this means building and maintaining roads to a high standard, and that is exactly what we are delivering.

“We are delivering on our commitment to tackle and prevent potholes on state highways and local roads throughout the region by



Transport minister Simeon Brown

investing over \$350 million on maintenance and pothole

prevention. This includes resealing and rehabilitation works on 319 kilometres of state highway to prevent pesky potholes from forming in the first place.

“The people of Taranaki want potholes fixed and their roads properly maintained, and this record investment in maintenance and pothole prevention will enable roading contractors to have a clear pipeline of work that delivers real results across

the region.

“Major works to completely seal the length of the Forgotten Highway SH43, which is New Zealand’s oldest heritage trail and attracts tourists to the region, will also continue to improve safety along the route and support the Taranaki’s economic development.

“Our Government will progress work on the Mt Messenger Bypass during the next three years to

remove a steep, narrow, and winding section of SH3, and on the Waitara to Bell Block section of SH3 to make this critical highway safer and unlock housing growth.

“We will also undertake an end-of-life replacement for SH3 Mangapepeki No.2 Culvert and are continuing to invest across the region to strengthen the network so that people and freight can get to where they want to go, quickly and safely.”

Search launched for Taranaki’s environmental superheroes

Do you know an environmental superhero? Someone who goes above and beyond to make and keep our place special?

It’s now time to recognise their mahi and thank them for making a positive contribution to enhancing and protecting the region with the launch of the 31st Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards.

A wide range of categories enable the public to nominate everyone from all walks of life including young environmental leaders, those making a difference in communities, farmers demonstrating environmental leadership, teachers and staff at schools and early learning centres and climate action

campaigners.

Council Chair Charlotte Littlewood says the quality of entries each year shows that there are so many unsung heroes across the region who are devoting their time and energy to improving the environment and the awards are a fantastic way of spotlighting this work.

“Our mission is to work with our community and care for Taranaki and we’re always delighted to see the award nominations which show that there are so many people and organisations doing their bit to make the region a better place to live,” says Mrs Littlewood.

“We can’t wait to see who is nominated this year and find out what people have been doing around the Maunga to

protect native biodiversity and our many waterways or mahi to build sustainable communities and reduce climate change.

“If you know a local environmental hero who you think is making a difference in your community, please let us know as we’d love to find out what they’re doing and recognise their work.” Last year’s winners saw a high number of high calibre projects and work celebrated including efforts to protect biodiversity in the eastern hill country, a solar power farm in Kapuni, an initiative to protect shellfish along 70km of coastline and mahi by a farming group to protect freshwater across Taranaki. The Council revamped the award categories in 2023

to simplify the process and align the categories with its environmental objectives which include effectively managing and protecting freshwater, safeguarding biodiversity and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The seven award categories are: Environmental Action in Education, Environmental Action in Biodiversity, Environmental Leadership in Climate Action, Environmental Action in Water Quality Improvement, Youth Environmental Leader, Environmental Leadership in Farming, and Environmental Action in the Community.

Nominations close on 23 September, with the awards presented at a formal event in November.

Carbon negative power stations possible in NZ

A new modelling study shows that retrofitting a geothermal power station could allow carbon capture from other sources like forestry residue and bring in more money.

Ngāwhā power station in Northland is already carbon-

neutral, capturing and re-injecting the carbon dioxide from the geothermal waters it uses to make electricity. Researchers calculated the potential impact of a retrofit that could capture extra carbon dioxide from burning forestry slash.

There were three income streams for the modified station - geothermal electricity, carbon capture and sequestration, and capturing high-purity food-grade carbon dioxide - of

which food-grade carbon dioxide would be the biggest money-maker.

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Kiingi Tūheitia a legacy of unity

This week, our nation mourns the loss of a great leader, Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII. On Wednesday morning, I had the privilege of paying my respects alongside my Labour Party colleagues. The experience was deeply moving, reminding us all of the impact Kiingi Tūheitia had on our country.



GLEN BENNETT MP

(Māori King's coronation anniversary celebrations), Kiingi Tūheitia called for unity, emphasising the importance of kotahitanga - a concept of unity and togetherness. His words, "we need to focus on getting in the waka and working together," speak to all of us, regardless of our background. It's a simple yet powerful message

about pulling together for the common good.

Recently, Kiingi Tūheitia made history as the first Māori monarch to attend the Olympic Games in Paris. This wasn't just about representing Māori culture; it was about showcasing New Zealand's unique heritage on the world stage. He was there to support all our athletes, a gesture that embodied his commitment to national unity.

As we remember Kiingi Tūheitia, we also think of his family and those close to him. Their loss reminds us of the human side of leadership - that behind every public figure is a loved one and a family member.

Labour Leader Chris Hipkins described Kiingi Tūheitia as "a fierce and staunch advocate, voice and leader, not only

for Māoridom but for a better and more inclusive Aotearoa New Zealand." This inclusivity was at the heart of Kiingi Tūheitia's vision - a place where everyone, regardless of their background, can feel valued, contribute, and call New Zealand home.

As we bid farewell to Kiingi Tūheitia, let's honour his vision of unity. We don't all need to agree on everything, but we can all work together for the betterment of our communities and our country. That's what Kiingi Tūheitia stood for, and it's a legacy we can all be part of, regardless of our cultural backgrounds.

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"My husband Richard and I will treasure our memories of the time we spent with Kiingi Tūheitia and Te Makau Ariki, at Waitangi and at the Coronation of King Charles III in London.

"On behalf of all New Zealanders, I extend sincere condolences to Te Makau Ariki, Whatumoana, Korotangi and Ngā Wai Hono I Te Po."

In a statement, the Public Service Association Te Pūkenga Here Tikanga Mahi said Kiingi Tūheitia has been instrumental in advocating for Māori in uniting people through kotahitanga.

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Kiingi Tūheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII (1955-2024)

Tributes have been made on the passing of the Maori King Kiingi Tūheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII who passed away last week (August 30). The eldest son of the Maori Queen Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu, he became king following her death in 2006.

In January he hosted a hui promoting Maori unity. Last year he attended the coronation of King Charles III.

"It was with great sorrow that I received the news of the death of Kiingi Tūheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero VII," said Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro. "All Waikato-Tainui and Kingitanga will be mourning the passing of their leader, and his loss will be felt across Māoridom and the wider Pacific.

"Kiingi Tūheitia built on the mahi of his forebears, advocating for Waikato-Tainui and promoting peace

"The PSA, including its 11,000 Māori members, acknowledge with gratitude the leadership role played by Kiingi Tūheitia in providing a voice of reason and unity at time when these attributes were sorely needed," PSA Te Kaihautū Māori Janice Panoho said. "Aotearoa has lost a great and wise leader," Janice said.

PSA Vice President Māori Lesley Dixon said: "It is a sad time for Māoridom as we acknowledge the loss of one of our great leaders."

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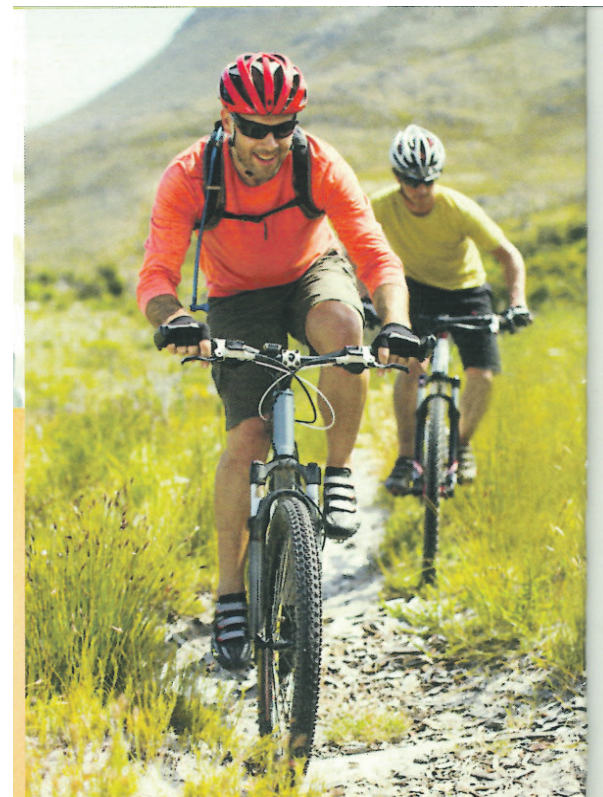


The invisible hearing aids fit inside the ear canal.

the ear naturally, by using the outer part of the ear and the ear canal to direct sound toward the hearing aid. In addition, the microphone and speaker are surrounded by soft conformable seals that do not allow sound to escape back out towards the microphone and therefore reduces feedback and occlusion.

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All systems go for green space

Construction work will start on the Opunake Green Space next year the Taranaki Coastal Community Board was told when they met in Opunake on August 21.

South Taranaki District Council community development manager David Pentz said the Council had endorsed the plan to close part of Napier Street and set up a community green space in the square occupied by the

town's Library Plus, the Te Kahui o Taranaki offices and the statue of Peter Snell.

He said anybody wanting to oppose the decision had until September 5 to appeal to the Environment Court and at that stage none had been received.

He said the Council have gone out to survey companies to get quotes and are going to "push hard" to get this done by Christmas so the construction stage

can start in the next calendar year.

South Taranaki District councillor Aaron Langton commended the contribution that the local people involved in the co-design group had made to the project.

South Taranaki District Council group manager community services Rob Haveswood said this showed that the small towns are a valid part of the district and there was a need to assist

them to grow.

"There's a pot of money that's set aside for town revitalization, not the beach, not the lake. I'm confident we're going to get the project delivered."

Community board chair Andy Whitehead said he was pleased with the result.

"The opportunity has been presented to us and the result we're going to get is pretty impressive," he said.



An artist's impression of the Greenspace.

Board backs heritage and gardens

Two groups hoping to draw visitors to draw springtime visitors to Taranaki were among those applying for funding from the Taranaki Coastal Community Board at their August meeting.

Heritage Taranaki and the Centuria Garden Festival were seeking funding from the four South Taranaki District community boards. This was the first funding round where organisations with projects which could have district-wide impacts could apply for funding from the community boards. The Mayor and Chairs Forum would discuss the

applications and make recommendations for the meetings of the Te Hawera, Patea, Taranaki-Coastal and Eltham-Kaponga board meetings the following week.

Heritage Taranaki were asking for \$5000 from the Community Boards to go towards Taranaki Heritage Month which will run from October 4 to November 6. Taranaki Coastal Community Board chair Andy Whitehead said the recommendation had been that each board contribute up to \$1000. He said this event had been run for three years in a row.

"It ends with an overlap with the garden festivals, so it could overlap with those wanting to do a bit of both."

South Taranaki district councillor Aaron Langton asked if there was a gold coin donation.

"You don't travel anywhere around the world and get in for free," he said.

"My understanding is that this is a one month opportunity to market to the rest of the New Zealand," said Andy Whitehead. The board voted to grant \$1000.

The Centuria Garden Festival which runs from November 1-10 was also seeking funding. Andy

Whitehead said that with the Te Hawera Ward having eight gardens in the festival, Taranaki Coastal and Patea having three each and Eltham-Kaponga having one, it had been recommended that Te Hawera give up to \$5000, Taranaki-Coastal and Patea up to \$2500 each and Eltham-Kaponga up to \$1500.

"While there might be only three events in this area, the Fringe Garden Festival piggy-backs on to this," he said.

Board deputy chair Sharlee Mariekura said local art galleries also benefitted from the influx of visitors.

The board voted to fund the \$2500 being asked for.

In other district-wide applications, the board voted to grant \$2500 to the SPCA and \$1000 to Neighbourhood Support.

As well as the district-wide applications, the Community Board considered a funding application for \$4060 from the Opunake Beach Carnival committee.

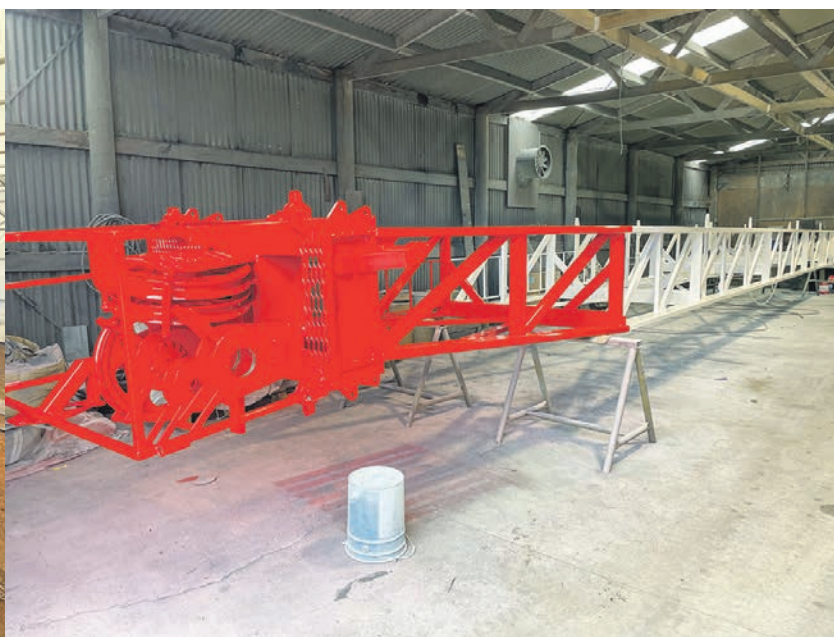
Shelley Harkness told the board the carnival had been going for over 50 years, usually on the first Saturday in January, but they are struggling "voluntarily-wise" to keep it running.

They were applying for funding to cover costs, and because they are a purely voluntary group they can't apply elsewhere.

The costs of running the festival included closing off the road to the beach and having a traffic management plan which was likely to be more costly than in previous years.

Andy Whitehead declared an interest so did not take place in the board's vote. As board members Liz Sinclair and Monica Willson were apologies there wasn't a quorum, so the application was deferred to a later date.

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Search your forever home

By Kathryn Mary Stanley

A forever holiday home is often beyond the dreams of many folk. But the world's your oyster when you take the Coastal South Road to Opunake.

Turn down Hickey Place and look for number 34. This is a dark Hardiplank house with a Colour Steel roof which echoes the strong outcrops of rocks above Opunake Beach and Middleton Bay.

Modern design

This is a newly built home which holds many modern design surprises. The architects drew up a plan to please one generation after another. Look to the future when you stand on the front deck. Cast your eyes to the sky and breathe in the healthy intoxication of the salty sea breezes. This is an invigorating climate both summer and winter. The heat of the summer sun sears away the stresses of life. In winter visitors can wrap up warmly and stride into more blustery winds. On the Coast, Mother Nature and the elements soothe and revive the soul.

Big section

The house stands on a generous 829 square metre section

On the front lawn, around the large collection of rocks, there is plenty of room for a campervan or visitors tents over the holidays. The 'born to surf' generation would say this is half way to paradise. Coastal Taranaki is well known for its surfing



The large front lawn with ornamental rocks and there is plenty of space for visitors cars or a campervan or tents.

havens, like the Arawhata or The Dump. When the waves flatten down, surfers can treat themselves to a delicious breakfast at The Sugar Juice Café in Tasman Street. This long-established cafe even has a tempting menu of scrumptious food named after these surfing venues.

Cafe treats

Further along Tasman Street there is Arty Tarts Café, famous for its pies and strong coffee. On a day spent sightseeing, folk can stop at Arty Tarts which is popular for its cakes and savoury snacks.

Club Hotel

Next door is the Club Hotel, a well-known "watering hole" selling food and drinks for over 100 years. The stories are legendary about the fishermen who have gathered here after a day trying to catch the snapper that got away.

The wood fire burns brightly in the main bar and everywhere there is welcoming talk from the locals. Visitors are soon invited to be nodding acquaintances and later friends in Opunake.

Surf Inn

The Surf Inn Hotel at the southern end of Tasman Street attracts the young surfing crowd who want to eat at the bar or have a cold beer when the sunsets glow. The hotel ghosts whisper over 100 years of early days in Opunake. True, the modern amenities have been introduced to the dining room. But there is still a flow of warmth and days gone by when visitors enter the bar and restaurant. Opunake has its own time and this is a relaxing ticking clock to know.

Dramatic lines

This house has been designed on stark and dramatic lines. It looks strong and ready to stand the test of time. Enter the front door and the open plan lounge looks out onto the garden through a double-glazed ranch slider. The colour schemes are soft creams, rich slate grey on the

carpet and bare "wooden" floors. These hues create an easy to live in ambiance.

Keen cooks will relish the thought of whipping up their favourite dishes in the kitchen with its ample benchtop space. There is plenty of pantry storage and cupboards, as well as an electric cooktop, double sinks, and seating to eat at the kitchen counter.

The laundry is screened behind doors opposite the kitchen. There is ample space for tucking away a household vacuum cleaner next to the washing machine and large tub. In the hall there is a roomy linen cupboard for sheets and towels.

Sleeping in the master bedroom guarantees a good night's sleep. The gentle sounds of surf waves breaking are sure to soothe the body and soul. The bedroom opens out onto a deck through the sliding doors. This is a large room with huge wardrobes and room for bedside furniture.

On the other side of the hall is the second bedroom which is large enough for a queen size bed. This room is light and airy.

A shared bathroom is cool to look at with its white, oyster grey walls and white vanity unit. The wooden-



A scenic view of popular Opunake Beach with the featured house indicated by the red flag.

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look flooring is practical and easy-care. There is a choice of a deep bath or a shower to enjoy after a day at Opunake Beach.

Third bedroom?

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The flooring would be enhanced by choosing carpet. On one side a good cupboard space could be made into a wardrobe for clothing storage.

The "young fry" can settle into their bedroom.

Man Cave

Dad could have a whale of a time in the man cave which is huge and boasts plenty of space for fishing gear, a small boat, lawn mower, and even a whitebait net.

This is a well-kept secret why it is possible to catch whitebait at Namu River. And there are other fishing streams nearby where folk can scoop up this liquid gold in the season. It is important

to become friendly with the local fishing tackle shop. Then listen to the old hardy characters who are brave in all weathers.

Serious learning can be found at the Opunake Primary, Te Kura, St Joseph's Convent School, and Opunake High School.

There is a busy Opunake Medical Centre which has doctors, a dentist, pharmacy, and many other facilities.

Heartlands Hub is another popular community centre catering for a wide range of health and social needs.

The South Taranaki District Council Library is the centre for all ages and the staff are always delighted to help at the Information Centre

The St Paul's Church Op Shop is a happy hunting place for donated clothes, books, and kitchen china. Across the street, the historic picture theatre is run by a trust and there is always an excellent selection of films.

The Soul Kitchen offers catering food in the home and there are gift shops, a large supermarket, and two hairdresser's salons. The art gallery is another place for visitors to while away their time.

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It's a job he loves. His territory covers from Te Kuiti to Waitotara, he sells construction equipment and material handling equipment.

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Grant who grew up on a dairy farm in Kaimata and



Grant Stachurski enjoys providing solutions to customers.

has “been around machinery for most of my life” and in sales for 25-30 years, particularly enjoys providing solutions to customers who are not always sure what they want. Or what they need.

“It's important to listen to them and understand what job they are doing to ensure you are providing the best machine to suit their line of work.

“I like meeting new people and building relationships,”

he says. There are two things he feels are important and the secret to succeeding in sales. “Do what you say you're going to do”, and “remember the customer is number one.” He prides himself on looking after his clients, providing a backup service, and keeping in touch with the client after a sale to ensure they are happy.

“Give them the service that they want, understand their needs and deliver on it,” says Grant who when not out on the road selling enjoys the outdoors.

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Vandalism costing Council time and ratepayer money

A recent spate in vandalism means South Taranaki District Council staff are having to spend more time fixing damage rather than working on new projects and maintaining community spaces.

The noticeable increase in incidences of vandalism ranges from graffiti, damage to facilities (especially public toilets), fields being ripped up by vehicles, and destruction of bush and planting within the District parks.

STDC Places and Spaces Volunteer Coordinator Alice Arnold says it is destructive and pointless behaviour.

“The Council Horticultural team work tirelessly around the district to maintain our

parks, gardens and open spaces and we also have dedicated volunteers who work extremely hard to give back to the communities they live in,” says Alice.

“After all this effort, to return to find such mindless vandalism, is disheartening and frustrating for all involved.”

Parks are a common target says Alice, with Naumai Park often showing evidence of bush being hacked away, holes dug, and plants ripped out, as well as grassed areas ripped up by motor bikes. King Edward Park has also become a target for vandals with recurring damage to the public toilets, observatory and sculptures.

“It makes those visiting and working in these areas feel unsafe. Not to mention

the unnecessary staff time and financial costs of repairs needed to fix the damage. It all adds up and its ratepayers footing the bill,” says Alice.

Additional measures have already had to be taken, with security cameras installed

after repeated incidences of vandalism at King Edward Park.

Alice encourages anyone who witnesses antisocial behaviour and vandalism happening in a public area to report it to Police.



STDC staff paint over graffiti at King Edward Park.

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Tuia Taitonga ki Tai Southlink Coastal



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

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

Manaia facility takes another step forward

The development of project Tūkau, a shared Iwi/community multi-purpose space in Manaia, took another step forward when the board of Te Korowai o Ngāruahine and the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) agreed to move to the final phase of due diligence following the completion of the initial business case stage. The final phase involves progressing agreements related to capital and operational structuring. Both STDC and Te Korowai also agreed that the preferred location is the area around the current Manaia Memorial Hall. STDC chief executive Fiona Aitken says that while the sports complex at the Manaia Domain has been ruled out as the location for this multi-use facility, council officers have been asked to develop options for fixing or replacing the sports complex as a separate project to be worked on at the same time. "As part of this decision, Council reaffirmed its commitment to undertaking work on both facilities," she says. Aitken admits, like any other project, there are a number of complex issues to be resolved, including the need to get

government approval due to the hall being a war memorial and on reserve land. "Completing the business case will be a major milestone and it's at this point when both parties will need to make the final decision to commit to the project," she says. Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Pouwhakarae (Chair), Emma Gardiner says that Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Board was satisfied that the business case aligned strongly with the outcomes framework that was developed with their hapū, whānau, uri, kaimahi and the Manaia community. Gardiner says, "It's heartening to see traction on this kaupapa, which has progressed over two board terms. Now it was about structuring it in a way that is feasible and sustainable for both parties. This is a landmark project and will exemplify the value of council – iwi partnerships to both our uri and South Taranaki community." In its recently adopted Long Term Plan, STDC budgeted \$3 million for work on the Manaia town hall and town centre revitalisation.

Upcoming meetings (September - December)

- Ordinary Council, Monday 16 September, 4pm
- Extraordinary Council – to deliberate on the Freedom Camping Bylaw, Wednesday 25 September, 10am
- Taranaki Coastal Community Board, Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre, 156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē, Wednesday 2 October, 2.30pm
- Policy and Strategy Committee, Monday 14 October, 1pm
- Ordinary Council, Wednesday 30 October, 4pm
- Taranaki Coastal Community Board, Tumahu Hall, 2417 Wiremu Road, Newall, Wednesday 6 November, 2.30pm
- Policy and Strategy Committee, Monday 25 November, 1pm
- Ordinary Council, Monday 9 December, 4pm



Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Administration Building, Albion Street, Hāwera.

Out for consultation

Underpass Policy, Cemeteries and Livestock Control Bylaws

Consultation is now open for the Council's new Cemeteries Bylaw and the review of its Livestock Control Bylaw and Underpass Policy.

We're proposing six changes to the Cemeteries Bylaw:

- Burial hours – needed to match the new cemeteries maintenance contract.
- A maximum of 3 ashes burials per plot.
- Animal remains or ashes can be buried with a human body or ashes.
- Making it clear that the purchase of a burial plot expires after 60 years if the plot has not been used.
- Provision for an area for natural burials – bodies not embalmed, shallower burial depth.
- Separate religious denominational areas in existing cemeteries.

We'd like to know what you think about these changes, and whether you think any other changes are needed. We think the Livestock Control Bylaw and the Underpass Policy work well in practice, so no changes are proposed, but we'd like to know what you think.



You can make a submission on either, or both, of the bylaws and the policy by going to www.southtaranaki.com/consultation or pick up paper copies at your nearest LibraryPlus or the Hāwera Administration Building. Submissions close on Monday 23 September.



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Auto Mobile celebrates 21 years

Kelvin Jordan, the owner of Auto Mobile at Rahotu has just celebrated 21 years in business and has recently added a showroom to his thriving business.

Auto Mobile Mechanical Services operates from what was the original Rahotu Service Station in the Main South Road in Rahotu.

The newly opened showroom next door to the workshop stocks oils, tractor parts and batteries. Hardware items are coming says Kelvin.

They've also added another workshop behind the showroom to expand their working area.

Auto Mobile currently have three staff. This includes Jacqui, the office manager who will be moving into the showroom which she'll run. "We need more mechanics," says Kelvin, a qualified mechanic who started working for himself in 2001.

Cars and all things mechanical are clearly in

Kelvin's blood.

His father Roger was also a mechanic and founded Roger Jordan Motors at Burgess Park. "My father purchased the business the day I was born," says Kelvin of the garage where he grew up. They later expanded into selling Iseki and Belarus tractors and general farm equipment. He still services some of the tractors he sold, says Kelvin who remembers his father building a fully flyable replica of a World War II Focke Wulf plane at the garage. Kelvin used to help and says with a grin he learnt important skills like how to hold a torch.

Aged just 15, Kelvin moved to Wellington where he had several different jobs before moving back to New Plymouth where he secured his apprenticeship at Gray and Inch Toyota (now Tasman Toyota) then owned by Kevin Gray and Alan Inch. Kelvin was friends with Alan's son



Kelvin Jordan in the new showroom.

which is how he came to do his apprenticeship there.

Kelvin then continued his apprenticeship at Wellington at Andrew Spinks Toyota and

then Rutherford and Bond Toyota before returning "home" to Taranaki.

The building is over a hundred years old, says

Kelvin of their main workshop where they've operated for 21 years.

Parked outside the showroom next door is

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"We're working in together," says Kelvin.

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Kelvin's father Roger with the plane he built and flew. It was a replica of a Focke Wulf 190 and he used to fly it around the country in air shows.

RIGHT Kelvin's infatuation with cars had been lifelong. Here he is in his first car.



The Rahotu Garage, the car outside dates the photo!



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And together as a kura we have had some amazing successes recently. Our undefeated Mills Albert Rock Farm Coastal Secondary School First XV team had an outstanding season which was topped off by winning the Senior Boys Premier League a title not attained since 2017. We are so proud of our young tane (men), and the mana and good sportsmanship they exhibited throughout the season. We would also like to acknowledge the huge amount of time, energy and aroha their coaches and manager: Kylie Symes, Glen Rankin, Pelo Rangī and Tammy Symes volunteered to make this happen.

As well as punching above our weight in the sporting arena we have been gaining accolades in the Science space. At the recent Taranaki Science Fair Ryker Neil gained a Merit in Journalism and Environmentalism. Whilst Gerald Torres was a shining light gaining a third in Scientific Investigation, a 2nd in Science Drawing, and a third in Journalism. Jaw dropping achievements for these young Scientists.

Alongside these achievements an awesome group of Year 9 and 10 Māori students had the opportunity of going to the Pūtaiao exposition hosted by Whyora in New Plymouth. All the other Taranaki schools were present and the Opunake High School were particularly engaged and demonstrated the DREAMS values at all times. The activities included: a PKW activity on river water, how AI is being used to track native fauna, psychology, virtual reality and a Physics interactive demonstration on electricity generation. Hopefully this will help ākonga make science part of their education as they move into year 11 and beyond, as it not only opens up career opportunities but provides a critical lens to help you see the world through.

We are also developing our Mathematicians, and English experts representing in both the Methanex Maths Quiz and Literary Challenge.

Not forgetting our focus on Vocational Pathways with this year's Tiny Home build being completed and moved on to the new site. Well done to the Tiny Homes team for creating such a quality product.

A whole school focus on hauora and growing good people had all our ākonga having CPR lessons, a great skill for anyone to have, and we thank St Johns for their time and support with this. Students also demonstrated care for our rohe (community) by volunteering their time picking up litter in our wonderful wee town.

We are most definitely, 'all in this together'.

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CENTENARY CELEBRATION UPDATE:

With less than 200 days to go, planning is starting to ramp up we will provide regular updates about the 2025 Centenary on this page. A lot of our information can be found online, but we want to ensure we reach out to as many former students as possible.

KEY DATES:

12th November 2024: Registration opens via Eventbrite
 Merch on sale, via online portal

7-9th March 2025: Opunake High School Centenary Celebration

INFORMATION:

For information and updates, look for the Centenary Event page on Facebook (go to the Opunake High School page, search up events)

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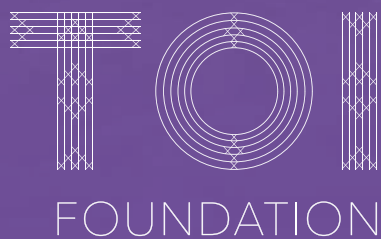
There is a Centennial Page on our school website as well, along with an FAQ which is updated regularly.

We have an amazing Event Co-ordinator, former student Tara Fevre (nee Potter). For help with registration and information, or if you'd like to contribute to the event, Tara can be contacted via email: centenary2025@opunake.school.nz

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The Okato under new ownership trialling opening seven days a week

The Okato has new owners Zara McGregor and Hamish Andrews.

While there are no plans to change the name of the historic hotel or the décor, the young couple have extended the opening hours of the dining room from 7am till late and. The accommodation side of the

business has also reopened, with bed and breakfast packages available.

They opened for business on Monday August 26 and gauging by the steady stream of people at lunchtime on Thursday it looks like the locals are pleased to see the popular eating house back open for business.

It's been "busy as," said Hamish.

The dining area is now open 7 days a week from 7am when coffee and cabinet food will be available. The lunch service will start at 12 noon and the restaurant will not close "till late" says Hamish adding that in addition to sit down meals they also offer bar meals such as beer and chips.

Licensed from 11am they are also in the process of converting what was previously the morning room into a bar which should please locals still lamenting the loss of their popular watering hole when the Stony River Hotel as it was then known closed some years ago. The bar will open soon.

For Hamish, an electrician by trade and raised in New Plymouth, venturing into the hospitality business is a new experience. Zara, originally from Dunedin however, has worked in bars including previously at Opunake Surf Inn. Her work history also includes working for TBI Health and attending local markets selling her candles and diffusers.

Both are fully committed

in the business and share equally in the running of the business.

"We're want create a community hub here where all our welcome,"

said Hamish adding they were open to any ideas from the public. "We are welcoming local input and are really keen to hear their suggestions."

Both Hamish and Zara are keen on the outdoors and in their spare time can be found out hunting and fishing and travelling around wining and dining.

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Pine tree report reads like horror story for farmers

Federated Farmers say the 'Why Pines?' report released by the Our Land and Water National Science Challenge should serve as a major wake-up call for the Government.

"It may have been published as a report, but it reads more like a horror story for New Zealand's farmers and rural communities," says Federated Farmers Meat and Wool chair Toby Williams.

"The study makes it very clear that under the current policy settings we will continue to see millions of hectares of productive farmland plastered in plantation pine trees.

"Planting pine trees as far as the eye can see may well help reduce emissions or improve water quality, but somebody has to ask the question - at what cost?"

"I can tell you; it will come at the expense of rural communities, food production, the economy, and our native biodiversity. There simply has to be a better way."

The Our Land and Water National Science Challenge report shows that meeting the current freshwater bottom lines will require widespread land use change from farming to forestry.

"One of the studies found that even if there was no carbon price, one fifth of sheep and beef country would still need to be converted to pine forest

to meet freshwater goals," Williams says. "This must be of huge concern to the Government, who scrapped the failed He Waka Eke Noa pricing programme because it was going to have the exact same effect."

Fixing New Zealand's freshwater rules and rethinking ETS forestry settings were both included in Federated Farmers' list of policy priorities for restoring farmer confidence.

"While the Government has done lots of good things to restore farmer confidence, unfortunately the Labour Government's freshwater bottom lines remain on the books," Williams says.

"These rules are completely unrealistic and unworkable. Federated Farmers have

consistently called for them to be scrapped, with a new focus put on replacing the broken RMA system.

"If the Government want farmers to increase the value of our exports and adapt to changing conditions, we need to be able to change our land use as opportunities pop up.

"Unfortunately, under the current system, every time a farmer tries to do something different on their land they're met with nothing but red tape and expensive consenting costs.

"Our current environmental policy framework is completely broken. The Government needs to work at pace to urgently repeal unworkable freshwater bottom lines and replace the RMA."

Support our hardworking honey bees this September

If you think you're busy, spare a thought for our humble Kiwi honey bees. Worker bees never sleep. They only live four to eight weeks but during that time they fly up to 800km (the flight distance from Wellington to Bluff).

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This September beekeepers are calling on bee-lovers across New Zealand to learn more about this incredible species and their contribution to our environment, food chain and economy.

Apiculture New Zealand Chief Executive Karin Kos is asking New Zealanders to support our hard-working bees.

"One third of the food we eat comes from pollination due to honey bees. To put it simply, it is about one in every three bites of food," says Ms Kos.

"We have a healthy bee population in New Zealand, but we can't be complacent. Bees need our help to stay healthy and Bee Aware Month is all about encouraging people to do those small, but vital things, that make a real difference."

These steps can be as simple as planting bee-friendly plants like wildflowers, providing clean water for bee rehydration, choosing bee-friendly pesticides and spraying safely.



A honey bee on a daisy. On one flight from the hive to collect honey, a worker bee will visit between 50 and 100 flowers. Photo credit: Cryn Russell (ApiNZ Photo Competition 2023 Supreme Award winner)

Bees also provide the much-loved natural sweet treat, honey, and Bee Aware Month is also an opportunity to celebrate the wide range of delicious and unique honeys produced here in New Zealand.

Bee Aware Month is a national educational campaign initiated and co-ordinated by Apiculture NZ. Beekeeping clubs and supporters around the country will be visiting schools and running events.

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Arable sector names its Farmer of the Year

Simon Nitschke, who achieves consistently high crop yields and willingly shares his agronomic experience with other growers, is the 2024 Arable Farmer of the Year.

The Manawatū farmer was also presented with the Maize Farmer of the Year Award as the industry celebrated its achievers and innovators at the Arable Industry Awards in Christchurch.

Federated Farmers arable chair David Birkett said he was hugely impressed by the calibre and commitment of this year's winners of awards in seven categories.

"Arable is a sector that tends to fly under the radar

a bit in New Zealand, but it punches above its weight.

"Our growers are pivotal to domestic food staples, seed export markets and supplying the grass seed and animal grain that the bigger dairy, meat and wool sectors rely on.

"In what's been a tough season, the resilience and innovation of our growers has shone through," Birkett says.

Nitschke grows up to 200ha of maize grain, and 100ha each of wheat and barley, on his farm at Marton.

The awards judging panel said his yields are "extremely high by industry standards" thanks to careful



2024 Arable Farmer of the Year Simon Nitschke, left, with Federated Farmers president Wayne Langford.

principle on his farm as opposed to a 'nice to have'.

They note his "genuine engagement with iwi", and his continuous efforts to find solutions that work, such as developing an anaerobic system for chicken manure to reduce volatilisation.

Innovation Award winner Dr Soonie Chng, of the NZ Institute for Plant and Food Research, is dedicated to understanding arable crop diseases and finding solutions for growers, such as sustainable management of ramularia leaf spots in barley crops.

The Canterbury-based Liquid Injection Arable Growth Group, a group of 10 farmers who have accelerated their production progress through farm trials and sharing knowledge, took home the Working Together Award.

Judges said the collaboration has given farmers in the group the encouragement and support to try new things and get out of their comfort zones.

Agronomist of the Year David Weith is a 30-year industry veteran from Timaru.

He shared knowledge to help achieve two world wheat yield records and a world barley record.

Weith is also very involved in training the new generation of young agronomists and farmers.

Judges were very impressed by the way Cereal Grower of the Year Peter Hewson manages his water loss on low dryland cropping in Timaru, thanks to good tilling practices, drilling dates and careful planning.

The Seed Grower of the Year is Scott Rome, who farms near Gore with his parents Steven and Helen.

Judges noted Rome's adaption of the farming operation to one prioritising seed production over a "very short time and steep learning curve".

He's heavily involved in a local catchment group and recently stepped up to be the Southland representative on the Federated Farmers Herbage Seed group.

cultivar selection, effective management of soil fertility and optimised use of resources.

His Arable Solutions business has invested in state-of-the-art grain-drying facilities and also offers a package of contracting services.

Nitschke's industry and community credentials include involvement in the Foundation for Arable Research (FAR) Arable Research Group and the Growers Leading Change

programme.

"He can be described as an 'all-rounder' and a very worthy winner of the Arable Farmer of the Year Award," judges said.

Another highlight of the evening saw Mid-Canterbury farmer Syd Worsfold inducted into the newly formed NZ Arable Hall of Fame.

A 40-year veteran of the industry, Worsfold holds the record as the longest-serving United Wheat Growers director and was

an inaugural member of the FAR board.

Worsfold was hailed as a willing supporter and mentor for any grower who needed help or advice.

Tributes made at the awards ceremony included that he "balances strong opinions with an open mind" and has spent many hours every year assessing frost damage claims, when he should have been concentrating on his own farm.

Worsfold joins Dr Phil Rolston, who received the Achievement Award at the inaugural Arable Awards in 2002, in the new Hall of Fame.

Waikato farmer Daniel Finlayson took out the Positive Environmental Impact Award.

Judges said Finlayson treats strong environmental stewardship as a foundation

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Sustainable Vegetable Systems Project launched

Potatoes New Zealand is delighted to announce the launch of the Sustainable Vegetable Systems (SVS) Tool, an innovative solution designed to enhance sustainability practices within the vegetable farming industry. The SVS Tool was officially launched by Minister Nicola Grigg at a ceremony at Plant & Food Research in Lincoln.

The SVS Tool is a nitrogen budgeting tool developed in collaboration with leading agricultural experts, environmental scientists and industry partners. The tool aims to provide growers with comprehensive evidence-based decision support to optimise their nitrogen management practices. By utilising this tool, growers can reduce environmental impact, increase efficiency, and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

The Sustainable Vegetable Systems project began in 2019, arising from the scarcity of data on vegetable nitrogen flows, particularly in crop rotation systems and a need to sustainably support growers. Over a three-year period, nitrogen flow data rates using varieties of fertiliser was measured through a selection of representative vegetable crop rotations at Plant & Food Research sites in Lincoln and Hawke's Bay. This work and data produced laid the foundation for the SVS tool. These experiments were reproduced regionally

across New Zealand with increasing engagement with growers to provide valuable insights into vegetable nitrogen optimisation. The project consolidated data from various sources and stakeholders with key inputs from Plant & Food Research modellers, plant and soil scientists. The SVS model was built to help support growers' nitrogen use decision making through scientific knowledge, databased decision systems and practical support.

Key industry players included Potatoes New Zealand, Vegetables Research and Innovation, Vegetables New Zealand, Process Vegetables NZ, NZ Buttercup Squash Council, Onions New Zealand, Horticulture New Zealand, Plant & Food Research, and the Ministry for Primary Industries provided government investment.

Minister Nicola Grigg stated, "it was wonderful to officially launch the SVS tool and celebrate the hard work of many through the development of this technology. I see the opportunities and benefits of this tool as a remarkable example of what may be achieved through collaboration, innovation and science. Congratulations to everyone involved."

Kate Truffitt, CEO of Potatoes New Zealand says, "the Sustainable Vegetable Systems Tool represents a significant advancement



Kate Truffitt, Andrew Barber and Nicola Grigg.

in our efforts to promote sustainable farming practices. By equipping our growers with cutting-edge technology and actionable insights, we are taking a major step towards a more sustainable and resilient agricultural future."

Andrew Barber, SVS Programme Manager says, "the SVS Tool integrates nitrogen planning with soil testing, progressively overriding modelled predictions with measured

results. The real time data and personalised guidance will help make more informed decisions, ultimately improving performance and reducing environmental impact."

Miriam Hall, Plant & Food Research Business Manager of the programme says, "the SVS tool is world leading modelling. Creating data-based decision modelling tools from collaboration with a variety of stakeholders is critical to support growers.

Plant & Food Research are proud of being part of this project to help shape the

New Zealand vegetable industry to a sustainable future."

Bigger bumblebees fly faster-older fly further

German researchers have found that larger bumblebees fly faster when foraging, but that middle-aged bees fly longer and further. Bees at one, two, and three weeks

old were attached to a 'flight mill' to fly in circles, with the distance, duration, and speeds of their flights measured. Their speeds were influenced more by

body size than by age, but the flight distances and durations correlated to age. One week-old bees tended to have the shortest flights, typically less than 100 m,

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Upgrade at Okato Pool

NPDC's Okato Pool is now more accessible following an upgrade of the facilities.

The new dual unisex toilet block is fully accessible, with the cubicles big enough to double as changing rooms.

NPDC Aquatics Manager Mike Roberts says the block will make it easier for those with limited mobility, in wheelchairs, or with baby buggies, to use the pool in summer.

"The existing toilets will remain, so we've been able to increase the number of loos available while also providing more accessibility for anyone who has trouble with stairs," he says.

"Okato's actually the second site that we've made

more accessible for users. We added an accessible toilet to Fitzroy Pool in 2022, and during the next two years we'll be upgrading the toilets for Waitara and Inglewood pools too."

The upgrade is just the start of a refreshed look at Okato Pool, as a future development will see the entrance altered to make it more accessible too.

"We're really looking forward to seeing kids and adults enjoying the pool and its facilities this summer," says Mike.

The community pools at Okato, Waitara and Inglewood open from mid-November to late March every year.



A new toilet block at Okato Pool will make it easier for those with limited mobility.

Sports concussions in non athletes not linked to long-term cognitive effects

The impact of concussion while playing sport is different in those who don't play professionally, according to new research.

In fact, study participants who had experienced a sports-related concussion had better cognitive performance in some areas than those who had never suffered a

concussion, pointing to potential protective effects of sports participation.

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry

Taranaki Indoor Bowls

That's a wrap for the top 16 of Taranaki Indoor Bowls. It's time for them to rest up and get ready to rumble for the 2025 season.

What a year we had says Trevor Bourne. Trevor is very pleased how everyone has performed throughout the season, which made the top 8 a very hard decision to

make. Well folks Trevor's sleepless nights are over and the top 8 is picked and practising hard on their techniques and skills ready to play the Inter-Provincial on Friday the 13th 7.00pm sharp through to Sunday the 15th September 2024 down in Wellington. The top 8 teams are as follows: Rodney Morris(sk), Sue

Bourne, Andrea Berry and Daniel Shepherd. Martin Harding(sk), Chris Reed, Trevor Bourne and Neil Vince. Reserve Win Finlay. Manager Stephen Vince. Well done to all these bowlers making it through. It is a huge achievement and we wish them well throughout the tournament.

Taranaki Indoor Bowls

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

August 4. Magpies. 1. Archie Schumacher. 2. Marla Severn. 3. Ruby Edwards. 4. Ramyn Tupuse. Pee Wees. 1. Nikau Severn.

Under-17 Tournament held at Manaia. August 11. Four Manaia players took out top prizes. Oliva Symes 2nd gross. Jack Hopkins 9th Stableford in First Division. Carter Symes 1st and

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Unlost Village coming to New Plymouth

Rolling for its second season, The Unlost Village Travelling Market starts its 2024/2025 tour at East End Reserve, New Plymouth on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September. Local community group Ghostly Govett will be joining for the weekend to fundraise for their annual free Halloween event. As well, special guest Karlos Gypsy will be bringing his exquisitely handcrafted troubadour stage, adding to the market's eclectic vibe with live music, and an opportunity for performers and jamming.

Following a successful first season, the Unlost Village is growing in popularity, boasting beautiful travelling vehicles and a range of artisan and fair trade stalls including silver, leather, hats and bags, ceramics, crystals, clothing including upcycled sari creations, tie dye, soaps,



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herbs and healing products, custom T-shirts, upcycled silver cutlery and pallet wood art, plus dreads and hair wraps, coffee, wood fired pizza, sausage sizzle and more.

Brainchild of ex Gypsy Fair marketeers Charlotte Keenan and Sue Thorby (also musician/stage manager), and joined by many seasoned and experienced ex Fair folk,

The Unlost Village's point of difference provides the opportunity to be part of a monthly travelling market without the rigours of a full time circuit. Non travelling and local marketeers also

are invited to join for one or some and experience a taste of being part of an iconic lifestyle.

As well as free entry, there are free toys and activities for the kids, big and little. Great music and vibe, it promises to be a great weekend for Taranaki locals and visitors.

The Unlost Market travels throughout the lower/mid North Island, September 2024 to April 2025.

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Dimphy and Arno at The Village Gallery

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The August 28th to September 21st exhibition is a joint one by Dimphy and Arno de Vaan titled "Art by Dimphy & Arno"

This exhibition is showing an eclectic collection of art created by Arno and Dimphy de Vaan.

Arno creates by planning, measuring and precision work, while Dimphy plans a starting point and then lets intuition direct her creative practices.

There will be handpulled original prints, some even created with a chainsaw, sculptures from andesite as well as clay, and other artforms on show.

In August, Dimphy received the handbuilding merit award at the yearly New Plymouth Potters Exhibition 2024

Arno and Dimphy have both been selected for the Puke Ariki - Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024 exhibition, which is on at Puke Ariki till November 10 2024.

Arno is the creator of the Rock Chair on the New Plymouth foreshore.

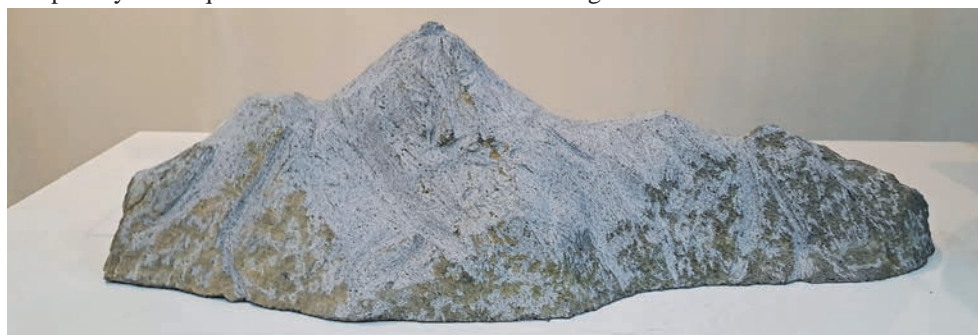
Come to the Gallery and meet the Artist

Dimphy will be in The Village Gallery on Saturday September 7 demonstrating her pottery techniques.

On Saturday September 21 she will be in the Gallery again and this time she will be demonstrating her

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2024 Taranaki Floral Art Designer of the Year

Floral designers across Taranaki have been challenged and inspired by the Titles for interpretation across six classes for the 2024 Taranaki Floral Art Designer of the Year event to be held on Saturday and Sunday September 21-22 at the Stratford War Memorial Centre. Vanita Patel and Melissa Peterson from Auckland will judge the many entries that will fill the Centre with stunning

and colourful floral art. The designers have four hours on Friday morning (September 20) to complete their 'floral art' entries on site with judging undertaken in the afternoon. All placings and awards will be announced at a special Dinner and Awards Presentation that evening at the TET Stadium Bar & Bistro. The designer awarded the prestigious title 'Taranaki



'Delicately Poised' designed by Judy Williams.

Designer of the Year 2024' will then have the opportunity to compete against other regional winning designers at the FASNZ Diamond Anniversary AGM and Conference to be held in May 2025 in Wellington. An additional section, the Children's pre-done class, calls for 'A Stick Creature' - a wonderful opportunity for youngsters to use their wildest imagination and create, with all manner of plant material, perhaps a Space-stick, Dinosaur-stick, Gnarly Bug-stick or

eye-catching stick creature. There are two age groups in this class - 9 years and under and 10 to 15 years. Reflecting the overall theme 'What's My Line?' this special floral art event, open from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday, promises to be an inspirational display with all manner of fabulous plant material and flowers designed to reflect titles such as Layers & Lines, Elevated to Cascade, Creative Curves, Low Lines, Flight 'n Fancy and Line Them Up. (Entry \$5)

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A year in the life of Coastal Taranaki artist



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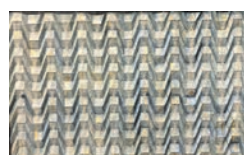


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Disabled community calls for support

Taranaki Disability Action has rallied together disabled people, carers and allies to bring awareness to the strife they're facing as a result of recent government policy changes.

The crowd will gather at Puke Ariki Landing at 11am on Friday September 6 and walk/roll down to MP David MacLeod's office on 37 Gill Street, to share stories over a PA and hand a message to MacLeod.

"We call for an immediate halt to all further policy changes that will affect the lives of disabled people and their carers, until adequate consultation with the disability community has been made," says EJ Barrett of Taranaki Disability Action. "These new policies are a threat to our lives and our livelihoods. We have been repeatedly kept out of conversations and decision-making that directly affect us."

Victoria Coleman, mother to a young disabled child and founding member of Taranaki Disability Action has a succinct demand: "Nothing about us without us."

"Enabling Good Lives Taranaki is frustrated that these announcements do little in the way of honouring the EGL principles, or for the mana of the disability



Minister for Disability Issues Penny Simmonds.

community," says Craig Nielson from Enabling Good Lives.

On March 18, changes to individualised funding were made by Minister for Disability Issues Penny Simmonds without notice. This immediately affected people's access to food, support and care, and put vulnerable people at risk. Simmonds was subsequently relieved of her ministerial role.

On August 12, Minister for Social Development Louise Upston announced changes to benefit sanctions, such as reduced benefits for beneficiaries who do not meet their obligations to look

for work. These sanctions could apply to those on a JobSeeker Support- Health And Disability benefit.

On August 15, a restructure of Whaikaha- Ministry For Disabled People was announced. Whaikaha will lose responsibility for delivering support services, and the move to the Enabling Good Lives approach will

be put on hold. The EGL approach was developed through co-design with government and community, and enables the disability community to have more choice and control over their lives and supports.

On Tuesday August 24, a document was leaked that showed possible intent to reduce access to residential care for elderly and disabled people. This reduction would include group homes, live alone arrangements, high and complex forensic care, rest home care, hospital level care, residential rehabilitation, and facility-based respite.

EGL Taranaki are holding a hui in New Plymouth on Monday, September 9, at the Plymouth Hotel for members of the disability community, their families and providers.

This hui will bring people together and hear stories about how these changes have affected the community, then share this information back to the relevant Ministers.

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Answer: _____

Q6: Any other comments ?



Answer: _____

Toi on Tour – Creative Taranaki hui series

The organisation established to support and grow Taranaki's creative sector is travelling around the Mouna in September to present its strategic plan and seek input into its work programme.

The Creative Taranaki hui series will deliver events in Patea, Hawera, Stratford, Opunake, Urenui and New Plymouth and is a chance to connect with Arts

Coordinator Megan Symons and the board's trustees.

Megan started in the role in mid-January and has spent the months since meeting with local creatives and providing them with information, resources and opportunities. She says "There is a wealth of talent in our province that spans every type of creative practice, and it has been an awesome learning curve to



Megan Symons

discover the diversity and passion in the sector."

At each event Megan will explain her role in more detail, and the Trust will outline its vision and discuss ways in which the creative community can

contribute to aspects of its agenda. The tour builds on existing relationships with the region's practitioners and seeks to strengthen its entire ecosystem across all disciplines, ensuring Taranaki is the best place

in Aotearoa to thrive as a creative.

Catherine Anderson Rhodes has been on the Trust for almost 12 months and became Chair at the beginning of this year.

"We have some exciting initiatives planned that will make a meaningful and tangible difference to our region's creatives, and we look forward to sharing these and seeking assistance with them. The gatherings will be informative, fun and hands-on."

There will also be ample opportunity for attendees to share their thoughts and feedback, and to socialise over light refreshments.

The hui series starts in Patea on Tuesday 10 September and runs through consecutive Tuesdays until the final hui in New Plymouth on the 24th, with both daytime and evening sessions available. They are free to attend and all interested parties are welcome, with RSVPs appreciated for catering purposes: megan@creativetaranaki.org

South Taranaki. Tuesday 10 September. Patea: Hunter Shaw Building, 29 Victoria Street, 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Hawera: Community Centre

Hall Lounge, 66 Albion Street, 5pm - 7pm

Central and Coastal Taranaki. Tuesday 17 September. Stratford: TSB Chambers, War Memorial Centre, 55 Miranda Street, 12.30pm - 2.30pm. Opunake: Everybody's Theatre, 72 Tasman Street, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

North Taranaki. Tuesday 24 September. Urenui: Urenui Community Centre, 13 Takiroa Street, 12.30pm - 2.30pm. New Plymouth: Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey Street, 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Established in 2021, Creative Taranaki is an independent charitable trust funded by New Plymouth District Council. Governed by a board of trustees and employing a part-time Arts Coordinator, it

advocates for the creative community, offers practical assistance through capability-building workshops, and is a connection point and conduit for the whole arts ecosystem in Taranaki.

For further information please contact Megan Symons, Arts Coordinator: megan@creativetaranaki.org or Catherine Anderson Rhodes, Chair: trust@creativetaranaki.org

CHURCH NOTICES



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

Opunake Co-operating Parish

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

Okato Co-operating Parish

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

Opunake Catholic Church

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

Other areas

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

St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga

2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month Mass at 6pm.
Sunday Mass 8.45am.
Thursday Mass 10.00am (subject to change).

St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - weekly

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Women's Group 10am Tuesday
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St. Barnabas Anglican Church

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

Okato Community Church

Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.
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St John's Community Church. Kaponga

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MIND MATTERS

Our government lacks a strategy to improve our social circumstances. When confronted with the social challenges seen in most Western countries, they flounder. Public schools, hospitals, courts and prisons are failing.

Those with financial means will be fine – they can afford private education for their children, healthcare for their families, secure their properties, and even pay for justice if needed. The rest of us face rationing, long queues, and subpar services.

There is no credible plan to develop the healthcare workforce. When I inquired, using the Official Information Act, about the number of psychotherapists graduating annually in Aotearoa, I discovered that this information is not held. This brought to mind the old adage, "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it".

This **MIND WORKS** introduces the global debate about how to make our communities safer and more harmonious. The short answer is to adopt policies which improve the mental health of everyone. The acute challenges are in two areas: neglect and violence which damages children, and the way we deal with crime.

Several issues of **MIND WORKS** have considered the lifelong effects of neglect and violence on children. This issue considers how we deal with criminals.

I first contemplated these issues in 1974 during a post-graduate course taught by Richard Stanley Peters. He was from England and spent a semester at the University of Auckland,



DR. ROBERT SHAW

primarily visiting Aotearoa because his brother lived here, not specifically to lecture us. Peters had been a youth worker in impoverished suburbs in England. This gave him a deep understanding of people's lives before he became a distinguished professor of educational philosophy at the University of London. I still remember his assessment of my class: "They are bright enough, but they lack background." Evidently, we had an insufficient knowledge of philosophy.

Peters said that there were, historically, three reasons why society puts people in jail: to punish the lawbreaker (make him suffer), to keep society safe (lock them up and throw away the key), and to reform people (provide education and thus change the person).

While working in the Ministry of Justice's non-violence programme a few years ago, I took the opportunity to reflect on the backgrounds of those caught up in the court system. The old adage, "there but for the grace of God go I," often came to mind.

We now know that those in

jail are largely the products of childhood neglect or abuse, inadequate schooling, and poor mental health. Poverty really does impact on children. At present, one in four Kiwis experience a mental health condition every year. Most criminals do not begin life as immoral people, they are made immoral and then criminal by their circumstances.

The expression "sackcloth and ashes" refers to the ancient Hebrew custom of demonstrating humility before God by wearing coarse cloth, possibly made from sacking, and dusting oneself with ashes. This term appeared in William Tyndale's 1526 English translation of the Bible (Matthew 11:21): "They (the cities Tyre and Sidon) had repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." Thus, the expression "sackcloth" represents repentance and reform. It contrasts with "punishment". "Sackcloth" has been the approach to wrongdoing of churches for many hundreds of years. Punishment is a relatively new approach developed a few hundred years ago through English law, by the same people who thought husbands owned their wives.

In our country, we use the justice system (police, courts, prisons) to manage lawbreakers. We process those involved in family violence using the same basic mechanisms that are used in other areas of the lawbreaking. We quickly label one person the victim and the other the violent perpetrator. It is easier that way. In most of the cases I

Sackcloth for the sinner or punishment for the crime?

encounter, both are victims and neither are entirely innocent. New Zealand needs to think again about the purpose of the courts and the prisons. It is obvious that what we are doing now exacerbates our problems.

Some countries are increasingly shifting the responsibility for addressing family violence to the health care system. This approach views perpetrators of violence in all its forms as individuals with mental health issues rather than as emerging criminals. The legal system, often a blunt instrument, tends to drive families apart. Instead, supporting the family as a whole, without pitting one member against another, is a more constructive approach.

Lawyers, policymakers, academics, and frontline staff who handle domestic incidents have long sought better ways for society to address family violence. In our current context, without overhauling society entirely, the emerging field of "Therapeutic Jurisprudence" offers a promising solution. Essentially, this approach aims for improved mental health as the primary goal for judges and lawyers working in family law.

Therapeutic jurisprudence examines how the law

affects emotional life and psychological well-being. It seeks to foster legal processes that improve the well-being of all individuals involved in the legal system, including victims, offenders, and other stakeholders. This approach recognizes that assigning blame in domestic disputes is often unhelpful.

The International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence (ISTJ) can be found at intljt.com. This professional society unites those aiming to reform the legal system with a focus on mental health.

Globally, there are numerous innovations. In Florida, for instance, there is a "Mental Health Court." Judge Lerner-Wren describes its philosophy: "Therapeutic jurisprudence is a revolutionary and global law reform philosophy, developed by two visionary mental health and disability law professors, David B. Wexler and Bruce J. Winick, who had a shared belief and vision that courts could act as therapeutic agents."

In Aotearoa, many small steps are being taken, the most significant being the movement for restorative justice. The influence of Māori concepts of justice, healing, and need has a very positive impact on society

as a whole. The recent refocusing of the work of the Lawyer for the Child is also very positive.

However, our country still lags behind. The Ministry of Justice's website states about strengthening family violence laws: "The changes will improve how we respond to family violence to keep victims safe and stop perpetrators using violence. The reforms span the civil and criminal law and are designed to ensure the law is forward-looking." These are popular words. The State/government will keep you safe. You will be safe when you are alone. Stopping perpetrators of violence (by using violence) is not the same as pursuing mental health. Too often, the process leaves children fatherless and perpetuates intergenerational violence. There is a glimmer of hope. The discussion document preceding the review of family violence legislation in 2015 mentioned that the review could "include principles emphasizing developments in the understanding of family violence." This remains the kind of step we need.

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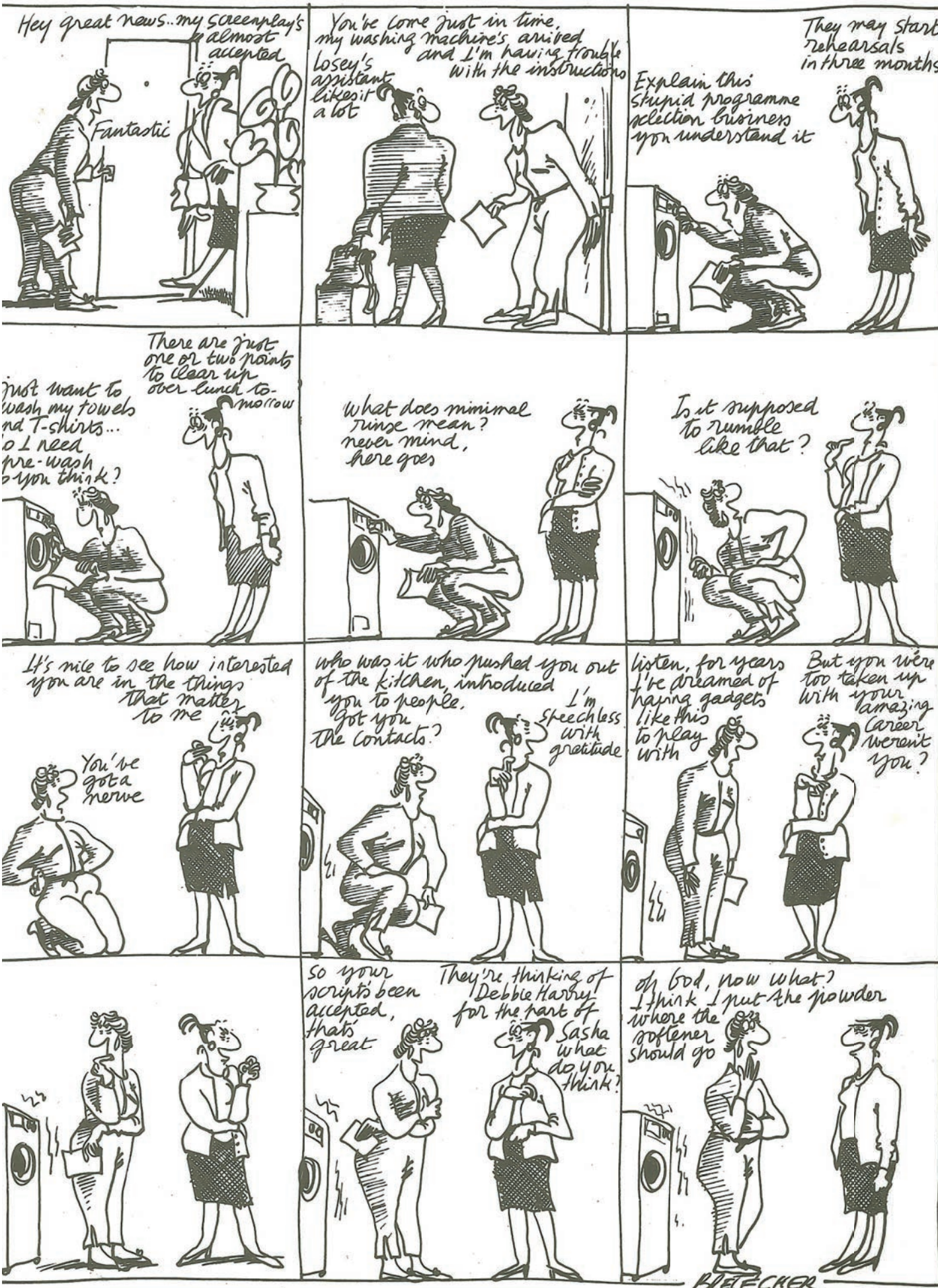


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Opunake Walking Group: Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.
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Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.
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Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4pm to 5.30pm.
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THURSDAYS
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FRIDAYS
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SEPTEMBER 17
Creative Taranaki Hui: At the War Memorial Centre, Stratford 12.30-2.30pm. Everybody's Theatre, Opunake, 6-8pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICES



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

The deadline for applications is 3pm, Friday 20th September 2024.

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When? Tuesday 17th September

Where? TSB Chambers at the War Memorial Centre, Stratford, 12.30 - 2.30pm

Everybody's Theatre, Opunake, 6 - 8pm

Light refreshments and drinks provided.

Please contact megan@creativetaranaki.org to register your attendance.

CREATIVE TARANAKI Toi on Tour - Central & Coastal Hui

Calling all creatives, makers, performers, arts advocates and appreciators. We're coming to your community to connect, listen and share. Come and contribute to the conversation about our regional arts sector.

When? Tuesday 17th September

Where? TSB Chambers, The War Memorial Centre, Stratford, 12.30 - 2.30pm

Everybody's Theatre, Opunake, 5.30 - 7.30pm

Light nibbles & refreshments provided. Please register your attendance for planning & catering purposes.

Contact megan@creativetaranaki.org

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