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Getting ready to start. From left Grey Power Secretary Jackie Morrow, Marion Sanson (Greens), Grey Power President Fred Kumeroa, Carl Bates (National), Steph Lewis (Labour).

Grey Power grilling for candidates

Whanganui candidates face up at Grey Power meeting. Subjects as diverse as potholes, tax, railways and health services were bandied about at a Meet the Candidates meeting in Hawera on Monday. With the election less than four weeks away Whanganui electorate candidates fronted up to a Meet the Candidates meeting at the Hawera Senior Citizens Hall organised by South Taranaki Grey Power. Present were sitting MP Steph Lewis (Labour), Carl Bates (National) and Marion Sanson (Greens), while William Arnold (New Zealand First) and Craig Dredge (ACT) were apologies.

Each candidate gave an opening speech before the meeting was opened up for questions. The first to speak was Marion Sanson. She said per capita Aotearoa-New Zealand is a high energy nation with agriculture accounting for half the carbon emissions. She said the Green Party is committing to supporting farmers to farm in more regenerative ways. The Greens had recently announced their free dental care policy. "It's a political decision not to fund dental treatment publicly," said Marion. "It's estimated that 40 per cent of New Zealanders are missing out on the dental care they need." She said this could be funded by a wealth tax. "I urge you to have future

generations in mind when you cast your vote. Those who are five years-old now have a right to a sustainable planet." Steph Lewis said there had been a number of gains for the area during the six years of the Labour Government. She said three years ago, before she became an MP she had written to then Education Minister Chris Hipkins asking what progress was being made on community consultation about the school which would take over from the Hawera High and Intermediate Schools. "Now in the space of three years community consultation has been completed, the new school has been set up and the doors have opened," she said. "I have visited Te Paepae o Aotea a number of times and they are doing very well." Other gains included connectivity and health services. She is also chair of the Parliamentary Primary Industry Select Committee and the Labour Party Rural Caucus. She said she was pleased to see the development of local farming initiatives like sheep dairying and hemp growing. Carl Bates said he had grown up in a family that believed in "waste not, want not." "The Government is spending money as though spending money solves problems," he said. "In New Zealand we have First World expectations of health and social services but we don't have the economy

to pay for it." He said National believed that decisions are best made by the people on the ground rather than politicians in Wellington who lack the experience and knowledge of having run anything. There were several lively exchanges during question time. One man said he had noted the number of potholes on State Highway 3 on the road from Whanganui and that they tended to be in the left, rather than the passing lanes, suggesting that larger trucks carrying freight maybe responsible. He noted how few trains he saw on the railway tracks and asked the candidates' views on carrying freight by rail. "I'm a big fan of rail as well," said Marion Sanson. "Once upon a time we had quite a comprehensive rail network. We need to get back to incentivising rail to

carry these goods." Steph Lewis said "somewhere along the line" somebody had decided that rail should be run like a business. "Sometimes when you run it like a business you don't run it to the outcomes we would like to achieve." Carl Bates said it was easy to talk about what could have been done 10 years ago rather than what has been done in the last six years. The issue of tax cuts and a wealth tax attracted some of the liveliest exchanges. Marion Sanson whose party advocates a wealth tax said Norway which has higher tax rates is still regarded as a socially progressive society. Carl Bates said there had been an exodus of wealthy people to Switzerland when Norway had brought in higher taxes. Norway also had a sovereign wealth fund which had been built up from

its oil reserves, something which the Greens opposed. Steph Lewis said in this country there is still oil exploration, but no new licences are being given. She said there had been no significant finds since the early 2000s. She said inflation needs to come down, and this wouldn't be helped by the "sugar hits" of tax cuts proposed by National. She said National had not yet said how they would fund the cuts, which raised the question of whether social services would be cut. "Something has got to give." Carl Bates said the benefits of National's tax cuts wouldn't be limited to those on higher incomes. Under National somebody on the minimum wage currently paying 30 cents in the dollar would under National pay 17.5 cents in the dollar.



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New supermarket for Opunake

Look it really makes good sense to demolish the old Opunake supermarket to be having a brand-new supermarket built in the same spot, as instead of having people hopping in and out of different shops, everything will be altogether under the same umbrella building which will no doubt lift Opunake’s profile more and more.

I am fairly positive it will stop people shopping at Hawera, Stratford or New

Plymouth. They will all be attracted to this newly-built supermarket. I can see it becoming the in place to shop for all coastal people as well as the local farmers.

I do know that Opunake’s population has grown somewhat over the years, as this supermarket will really and truly host Opunake, plus I see opportunities for younger school leavers who don’t make it to university to learn how supermarkets really work and maybe show promise for future promotions.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

TSB closures

When finding out that the TSB branches in Opunake and Eltham are both about to be closed I was not very happy at all, plus not only am I supporting Opunake Business Association president Raewyn Cornford, but all the business people in Opunake and Eltham, and their elderly people who are used to going to the bank with their pensions and chatting to the bank tellers. I can remember when our former National Party PM John Key stated that when the technology comes into

our country there will be no problems, well how wrong was he? Yes big time. He was warned about people being scammed big time. Again he stated it would never happen in our country. Well once again he was utterly wrong. Now not only is technology starting to affect the whole world, but also its starting to affect our farming industry in many ways, so we all have to somehow adjust to this new concept of life and how we all live our lives, so my question is, is modernisation good for us or not?

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.

ADELPHOS

Living in the land of opposites

High and low, black and white, hot and cold and day and night. Do you remember those colourful children’s books teaching about opposite words? They were written to teach little children how to make sense in a grownup’s world. Children under five live in two worlds: their little world and the adult world.

Jesus taught His followers they’ll face similar challenges living in two different worlds: The kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world. Both kingdoms have always presented opposite sets of values. This tension will continue until the Lord returns. We’ll see in this article that Christianity has never been for the faint-hearted.

But let’s first examine two cornerstone examples of opposite values and how

Christians can victoriously live in two worlds. The first one is forgiveness vs. unforgiveness. Have you noticed how high profile people who make comments considered to be offensive/racist in the media rarely have their apologies accepted? Despite repeated pleadings for forgiveness, their employers are pressurised into firing and blackballing their careers. The opposite of this unforgiving vengeance is the kingdom value of forgiveness: It frees people from the self-poisoning retribution that separates them from God and others.

The second cornerstone example of opposite values is morality vs. immorality. The apostle Paul paints a picture of a foul boiling cauldron of immorality, “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity,

debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like...” (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV). In the next two verses he lists some life-giving kingdom value and virtues to replace them: “... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.... Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.” Kingdom Christianity is certainly not for the faint-hearted. But it involves courageously “crucifying” one’s own sinful nature.

C.S. Lewis’ book and TV production, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, is about such courage. Aslan (the great kingly Lion) supported Lucy,

Edmund, Susan and Peter. Only through their courage and faith in Him did they finally defeat the evil Queen of Narnia in battle. Aslan was always there but they couldn’t always see Him. A victorious life in a new Narnia awaits them now that Aslan will forever have their backs.

So friends, the great news is this, “...Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” In 2023 Jesus still promises to have the backs of those who live by the gospel’s kingdom principles and not by the world’s opposite values and practices. Because He still loves, cares and died for everyone in the land of opposites. No reira, kia kaha. Kia kaha. Kia kaha! Be strong!

Pax et Caritas
Adelphos

Deadlines for copy

We find we are working very late on a Tuesday night to put the paper together for it to be at the printers first thing Wednesday morning.

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

We continue to receive a lot of material on Tuesday and are struggling to process it all as well as put together the paper.

If you have trouble meeting this deadline can you let us know.

This deadline does not apply to the Cops and Fire Service columns where incidents can occur on the Monday and Tuesday.

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Request that property on donated land be returned to the community

Following the TSB announcement that the Opunake (and Eltham) branches will close at the end of the month there are moves by the local Opunake community to request that the South Taranaki District Council buy back the TSB facility for the use of the community.

The land on which the TSB was built was generously donated to the community by the Yep family who for a long time had a general store on the land which is at the centre of the town where community events are often held.



The plaque beside the TSB.

It is felt that the land which was sold to the TSB by the council should be returned to the community.

The 290 square metre area was subdivided and sold to the TSB Bank Limited in 1985.

A letter addressed the mayor of the South Taranaki District Council drafted by Bob Clark from the Opunake Business Association says that despite protest against the action and publicity by various media the bank has made it clear that a decision to close the bank has been made.

A search of the title discloses that the property that was given by the Yep family for community use was vested eventually in the name of the South Taranaki District Council.

On July 9 1985 a 290 square metre area was subdivided

and sold to the TSB Bank Limited for \$37,000. In 1992 an easement was granted for a party-wall when the library and bank were built.

This suggests that the sale was to allow a community service (banking) to be provided. Since the property is to no longer to be used as a community service, it is proposed in the letter that the land be returned to the community.

The letter also points out that the site is a strategic community location, that it is integral to the Town Revitalisation Plan and that it was given to the

community.

“It is imperative that this strategic corner site remains in the community by way of the South Taranaki District Council.”

The capital value of the property is \$350,000 comprising land valued at \$120,000 and buildings \$230,000.

The letter ends: “It is the Association’s belief that the STDC buy back the property for the long term benefit of Opunake and seek to mitigate the value recognising the original ethos of the original owners of the property.”

EDITORIAL

Town loses its last bank

With the TSB’s refusal to reverse the decision to close its Opunake branch leaving the town’s nearest bank 40 kilometres away, focus has now shifted to trying to retain the TSB bank as a community asset.

The TSB building which sits in the centre of the town alongside a statue of Opunake’s most famous son judged Sportsman of the Century, Peter Snell in an area, locally known as the TSB Square has always been the focus of community events.

It’s a sad consolation prize in a way for the community which come the end of September will no longer have a bank.

Protests by the community who had embraced their local ‘community’ bank have fallen on deaf ears, the word community now supplanted by ‘commercial’ as emphasised by those who made the decision. Indeed it is.

Questions directed to the TSB and the Toi Foundation regarding the decision remain largely unanswered but it’s hard to not make a link between the 39% increase in operational costs (and the attendant 48% decline in profit) in running the Bank in the year ending March 2023 when compared to the previous year.



The ATM machine used all hours day and night.

The New Plymouth Savings Bank was established in 1850. In 1921 it became the TSB Savings Bank.

In the early 1980s the TSB Bank, fiercely independent, stood aside from the merger of 11 other trustee banks across New Zealand. In 1989 it became the TSB Bank Ltd. For a time it also had a real estate agency TSB Realty but this was bought out by Bayleys in October 2020.

Rewarded for its independence and presence in rural towns, locals embraced the plucky little bank which stood out as a point of difference from the big overseas owned banks whose huge profits going offshore are currently under investigation by the Government.

The lack of a New Zealand

owned bank sparked the forming of the only other New Zealand bank, KiwiBank, by the late Jim Anderton who fought so hard in the 80s against the sale of New Zealand’s assets.

The reason for the closure of Opunake’s TSB has not really been adequately answered by the two entities, one stating that people are not using the bank, the other, founded to distribute its profits to the community, distancing itself from the decision.

Questions as to how much it cost to run the Opunake branch (from the Chairperson of the Opunake Business Association) and how much it cost the bank to sponsor the Festival of Lights in New Plymouth (from the Editor) received the reply

from the Acting CEO of the TSB that these were “commercially sensitive”.

As to how long the TSB ATM will remain in the town which has 24 hour access is an open question.

It is used frequently and of course has 24 hour access.

I for one will miss the personal professional friendly service from the Opunake bank. To be able to phone your local branch, speak to a person not an answerphone who knew you by name. To periodically be rung by someone from the staff over various things, the TSB was a comforting and reassuring presence in the increasingly anonymous world that tiresome technology is thrusting on us all.

Technology which incidentally has huge pitfalls.

Fraud and scamming continues to grow which is why the banks have recently announced a decision to combine their forces to deal with this mounting problem. Once access to

your funds in the bank was via a trusted authorised bank teller either directly or via cheques (which is still in use in the USA). Now we all have direct access to our accounts but this has created enormous problems because of the growth in fraud.

The TSB has stated that one of the causes of the increase in operational costs was due

to increase compliance costs to combat fraud. (The TSB were fined \$3.1M in the last financial year for failing to properly implement these).

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Minimising on waste

Council is currently relooking at their Waste Management and Minimisation plan and asking you what you think about the proposed changes to the urban kerbside collection, including the addition of a food scraps bin and potential fortnightly



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collections, which aim to reduce waste, promote recycling, minimise costs and lower environmental impacts.

The costs for dealing with our waste are going up - mainly due to Government levies being placed on all waste sent to landfill and increased costs for the kerbside collection service (for things like fuel, new collection vehicles etc). However, by moving to a fortnightly collection and sending less waste to landfill, we can reduce the amount of

Government waste levies we pay and minimise the costs for the kerbside collection service and reduce our emissions footprint at the same time. Did you know that for every tonne of waste we send to landfill we have to pay the Government a \$50 levy? Next year that levy increases to \$60 a tonne. At that rate we would be paying the Government almost \$820,000 in waste levies alone. The good news is we can do something about it.

After surveying what is put into our general waste bins, it was found that up to 60% could be recycled or composted. By decreasing the amount sent to landfill, we can significantly reduce our emissions footprint and minimise costs at the same time. In South Taranaki we send around 120kg of waste to landfill per person each year, which is 30kg more than New Plymouth residents.

Part of the reason for this is that New Plymouth's waste is only collected fortnightly compared to our weekly collection, and they also collect food waste.

Personally, I think introducing a food scrap bin is an excellent idea. It allows for the separate collection and composting of organic waste, which can significantly reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill. This promotes a more sustainable approach to waste management.

Two options are offered. Option 1: Council's preferred choice is to increase the size of our kerbside recycling bin to 240 litres, increase the size of our general waste bin to 140 litres, move to fortnightly collections and introduce a food waste collection bin collected weekly. Estimated to cost around \$325 per property per annum from

July 2024.

Option 2: Keep the weekly kerbside collection for general waste and recycling services as is and introduce a 25-litre food waste bin with weekly collection. Estimated to cost around \$400 per property per annum from July 2024.

There is also a part on the form where you can add your own thoughts and comments. You have until October 11 to have your say. You can use the online submission form at www.southtaranaki.com/trashtalk or you can pick up a hard copy at your local LibraryPlus or the Hāwera Administration Building. This will affect you, so please take a few moments to read the short information brochure and have your say.

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Taranaki public to have say on managing speeds

Taranaki people are being urged to have their say on the future of transport in the region including changes to speed limits on local roads and public transport improvements such as a proposed new bus to New Plymouth Airport.

Feedback is being sought by the four Taranaki councils as part of their 'The Road Ahead' community conversation running from 18 September to 29 October, with the public's views set to shape key transport strategies.

An interactive map will show all the proposed speed limit changes as New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council consult on their Speed Management Plans.

Meanwhile, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) is seeking views on a new Better Travel Choices for Taranaki strategy which

looks at how to get more people walking or cycling and what improvements to the bus network could be made including proposals for an airport bus service and a boost for bus links to Taranaki Base Hospital.

"We know more people want to get active and use our buses from previous feedback so now we need to nail down what improvements we can make to make this happen," says TRC Chair Charlotte Littlewood.

"We want as many people as possible to get involved as your feedback will be vital in shaping these policies and how we fund road transport over the next decade. For Taranaki Regional Council, your views on active and sustainable travel will help us to shape a strategy that will get more people on our buses and plan how we can improve access to walking and cycling for everyone."

Neil Volzke, Chair of the Taranaki Mayoral Forum and Stratford District Mayor, says Waka Kotahi

requires councils, as road controlling authorities, to develop speed management plans every three years, and that it's important people have their say on what's being proposed in Taranaki.

"The proposals to lower some speed limits across the region will have a huge impact on everybody, from our residents to our organisations and businesses. It's vital that we get the balance right between safety and road user convenience, and I encourage everyone in Taranaki to take part in the discussion."

Following the community conversation, the feedback will be used to finalise the Better Travel Choices for Taranaki strategy and the three Speed Management Plans. TRC will then use these as building blocks when the next Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) for Taranaki is developed and there will be a chance for the public to have their say on that plan in early 2024.

The RLTP will be a key strategic document for the

region as it will set out land transport objectives, policies, and measures for at least 10 financial years and will be signed off by Waka Kotahi in mid-2024.

The road ahead: Putting together a plan for transport in Taranaki

- March-April 2023: Feedback was gathered on public transport, cycling and walking, the long-term vision for transport and road safety and speed management

- 18 September to 29 October 2023: Public consultation on district councils' speed management plans and Better Travel Choices for Taranaki strategy.

- 16 February-15 March 2024: Public consultation on Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP).

- 18 April 2024: Hearings to finalise RLTP.

- 30 April 2024: RLTP submitted for approval by Waka Kotahi.

- 1 July 2024: RLTP comes into effect.

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What would influence your vote?

Nominations have closed and it's less than three weeks to election day. The Opunake and Coastal News circulation area includes voters from the New Plymouth, Whanganui, Taranaki-King Country and Te Tai Hauauru electorates.

So what are the voters thinking?
The Opunake and Coastal

News asked people what would influence your decision on how you voted?

"I just want to see the back of Labour but I don't know if National is much better," said Sarah Good in Eltham.

Mark Aish of Kaponga said he was noticing the increases in the price of meat and vegetables.

"I'm just getting by on the

pension and I only get that once a fortnight."

He said he would be sticking with the status quo.

"I'm quite happy the way things are. Why change what's not broken? National makes all these promises but where are they going to get the money from?" he said.

A woman in Hawera liked what she was hearing from another party.

"The only party whose policy I like is New Zealand Loyal, but they are never going to get in" she said.

One Hawera businessman said he was in no doubt about who he was voting for.

"I made up my mind a long time ago. Time's up. It's time for a change of government. Hopefully it will be National-ACT," he said.

Another Hawera businessman said he wanted to see "a government that looks after the working person as opposed to the non-working person. Labour is handing out left, right and centre to people who can't get off their arses."

A Hawera businesswoman said she believed those in the middle of the spectrum were

being overlooked.

"It would be nice if they recognised the middle class working person. The lower class gets looked after and the higher class gets looked after with perks like benefits for the lower classes and tax cuts for the higher classes. Just remember us middle class working people."

Bee Aware

Associate Agriculture Minister, Hon Jo Luxton, has officially launched Bee Aware Month 2023, an annual nation-wide celebration of bees and their importance to our ecosystem, food chain and economy.

Minister Luxton inspected the Te Aro School beehives in Wellington to mark the beginning of Bee Aware Month. She told young beekeepers from Te Aro School that bees were one of the most important insects in the world and needed our protection.

"Bees are the unsung heroes of nature but also of our thriving agriculture economy. They are hard workers, performing the crucial job of pollinating

our country's crops. They deserve praise because without bees we wouldn't have much of the food we eat and export," Jo Luxton said.

Bee Aware Month is coordinated by Apiculture New Zealand, and the theme this year is 'Love Our Bees' with a focus on the importance of pollination to our environment and food chain. New Zealanders are being asked to show their love by taking some simple steps to improve bee health such as planting bee-friendly plants, especially at times of

pollen dearth such as autumn and spring when bees need extra sustenance and avoiding spraying pesticides when plants are flowering.

Apiculture New Zealand chief executive Karin Kos is asking New Zealanders to support our hard-working bees. "We are lucky to 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."

Our next issue is due out October 5.
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Inspecting the beehives at Te Aro School, Wellington. From left. Associate Agriculture Minister Hon Jo Luxton, Wellington Beekeeper Association's Eva Durrant, Te Aro School student Kala Banas and Apiculture NZ Board Chair Nathan Guy. Photo Simon Edwards.

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Tree's demise a nasty birthday surprise

On the day she should have been celebrating her birthday Clare Prestidge was lamenting the demise of a much-loved neighbourhood puriri.

The puriri which was located in the northeast corner of the McDonalds Family Restaurant site in Hawera was one she and her neighbours had campaigned to protect. The resource consent allowing McDonalds to set up the restaurant states that the tree is to stay.

She recalls hearing the sound of chainsaws at around 9.30am on August 22. Cones had been placed to close off the footpath and men in a scissor lift were cutting the puriri tree at the corner of the McDonalds property. She asked one of them if they were trimming the tree. He told her it was coming down. "I informed him that it can't be cut down, the tree is protected by resource consent. He replied it is coming down as it is a safety issue as it's too close to power lines," says Clare. She rejects this argument as trees in their neighbourhood are regularly trimmed to take care of that.

McDonalds spokesperson Simon Kenny says the tree was not protected in the district plan. They had received expert advice and the tree was becoming a hazard to the power lines, he said. Clare says she spoke to the McDonalds duty manager who said they had consent



McDonalds in Hawera. In an empty space in the northeast corner is a space where a much-loved puriri tree once stood.

to take the tree down. She also contacted the Council to put her case, and eventually spoke to somebody who told her that she was correct and that the tree had a life ban. To make things worse that day also happened to be her birthday.

"I found myself holding my breath in sadness as the last trunk fell on Tuesday the 22nd of August on my Birthday. What a present," she recalls.

One of her neighbours is also outraged at what happened. "They just can't get away with doing that," she says. "There was a contract, then hello, with no warning there were men chopping it down. They didn't care."

It's not the first dispute Clare and her neighbours have had with McDonalds over the future of the tree. She says she had been one of a group of neighbours opposing McDonalds setting up near them.

Most of their arguments were rejected, though they did end

up with a couple of victories, a traffic island at the Fairfield Road intersection and the tree being retained. Protecting the puriri had been something which Leo Nicholls who lived in Caplen Street, and who has since passed away, had pushed for, says Clare.

"He admired that tree. From his place he could look directly at it. When it was in flower it was beautiful. He said we want the tree to remain as it's a native puriri."

Clare says there are a couple of puriri in King Edward Park and a couple in Naumai Park. There is also one at the Hawera Courthouse which has a plaque and is protected. Clare wonders why the one at McDonalds wasn't tagged.

"They are not that common. We've been here 27 years and it was well established when we moved here." Clare recalls when construction on the new restaurant got underway and she and her neighbours made a stand to protect the tree.

"At 4am on a cold morning we were all woken by the

sound of trucks and men yelling. In an array of nightwear we stood our ground in front of that puriri as they roughly removed the house on site breaking limbs and gouging bark.

We were abused with all sorts of names but I was most proud to be called a tree hugger by a young man. "On that occasion the tree's wounds were treated and it survived.

Now the tree is gone. She has since received a letter from South Taranaki District Mayor Phil Nixon in which he apologises for the Council's processes not working as intended in respect of the tree's protection. He said Council officers would be considering what should be done to remediate matters.

"I really think McDonalds should be fined for what they did," says Clare. "Why aren't they being held accountable? If you or I were to take out a native you would get a massive fine."

Simon Kenny responds. "Our McDonald's Hawera franchisees opened the

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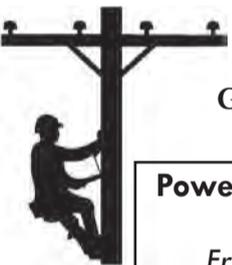
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Have your say on speed limits in South Taranaki

South Taranaki residents are being urged to have their say on road speeds across the District as part of the Council's 2024 – 2034 Speed Management Plan. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says Waka Kotahi/NZ Transport Agency requires councils, as road controlling authorities, to develop 10-year speed management plans every three years and that it's important people have their say on what's being proposed in South Taranaki. "Over the last 12 months we reduced speed limits outside our schools. Over the next three years we'd like to focus on delivering safe and appropriate speed limits

around marae, the Hāwera CBD, beach communities and on some of our 70km per hour roads," he says. Mayor Nixon says speed management is about achieving safe and appropriate speeds on roads that reflect the road's function, design, safety and use. "As a Road Controlling Authority we want to everyone to be able to get home safely every time and to feel comfortable choosing from a range of travel options be it driving, walking, biking or scootering," he says. Because the Plan has a 10-year horizon, the Council is also required to consider reducing speed limits

beyond 2027. While our Speed Management Plan will be reviewed before 2027, we are still required to consider reducing speeds limits on our rural roads and townships over the 10-year period. So, to start the conversation we are also asking people what they think of speeds on some of our rural roads and in our townships post 2027 too," says Nixon. "The proposals to lower some speed limits across the district will have an impact on everybody, from our residents to our organisations and businesses. So, it's vital that we get the balance right between safety and road user convenience, and I

encourage everyone in South Taranaki to take part in the discussion," says Nixon. Consultation runs until 29 October 2023.

Key proposals 2024 - 2027

- 60km/h outside all marae
- 30km/h in Hāwera CBD

- 30km/h in beach communities like Ohawe/Wainuu
- Reducing 70km/h roads to 60km/h

Progress on lodge with altitude



Work is proceeding on the former Dawson Falls Mountain Lodge. The owners Te Rere o Kapuni Ltd, a subsidiary of Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust are looking to open in mid-2024.

Tree's demise a nasty birthday surprise

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restaurant 15 years ago, and are proud of their contribution to the local community. The puriri tree that was on the site when the restaurant was built has been maintained since the restaurant opened, but over that time has increasingly

become a hazard to nearby power lines. Our franchisee consulted with experts, who in turn discussed options with the Council's parks curator. This included a check on the status of the tree, which confirmed it is not protected by the District Plan. Based on this advice, and cognisant of his responsibility as the

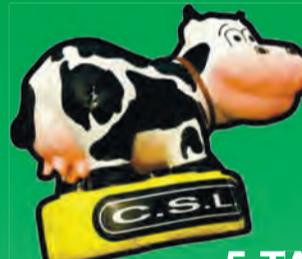
business owner, the decision was made to remove the tree. Clare Prestidge opposed the opening of the restaurant and, while we understand her personal preference to keep the tree, we refute any suggestion that the franchisee acted inappropriately."



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Willis' resignation call means only one thing - \$2 billion more cuts

Massive cuts to public service are on the cards as Nicola Willis has promised to resign if she doesn't deliver tax cuts but is refusing to make the same commitment if she doesn't raise enough income from her bungled foreign buyer's tax, says Labour Finance spokesperson Grant Robertson.

This clearly shows that any tax cuts from National will have to be funded by deep cuts to the services New Zealanders rely on.

"Not even Nicola Willis is prepared to back her dodgy costings for the foreign buyer tax which means the \$2 billion shortfall will have to come from even deeper cuts to public services," Grant Robertson said.

"The scale of these cuts is massive. The \$2 billion



Grant Robertson.

dollar hole in National's costings is the equivalent of paying for about 3800 senior nurses, 4000 teachers or 2700 police every year.

"National have already said they will cut 6.5 percent from many government programmes, these further cuts will see services that New Zealanders rely on under threat.

"Nicola Willis' commitment to cuts by Christmas should be deeply worrying to everyone, particularly given her coalition partner ACT promising to slash 15,000 jobs.

"Taking that many jobs out of the New Zealand economy is both destabilising and dangerous at a time when we are turning the corner into higher growth.

"Those 15,000 jobs will affect 15,000 households

and families. It is staggering that David Seymour simply doesn't care about those people.

"If elected the National / ACT / New Zealand First Coalition of Cuts would be a slash and burn Government, immediately throwing 15,000 jobs on the scrap heap to pay for their ropery tax cut plan.

"Nicola Willis and Christopher Luxon's economic credibility is shot. They are constantly saying they are "rock solid" in their costings, but none of it adds up - their rock-solid rhetoric is turning to rubble. They need to front up and be honest with New Zealanders about their policies, and which public services will be slashed," Grant Robertson said.

Poll predicts close race for Te Tai Hauauru

Labour's grip on the Māori electorates is under siege with a neck and neck race emerging in Te Tai Hauāuru.

A Whakaata Māori exclusive poll has revealed there is only a five-point difference between Labour's

Soraya Peke-Mason and Te Pāti Māori co-leader, Debbie Ngarewa-Packer.

The poll, conducted by

Curia Market Research, was completed last week and shows Peke-Mason at 34% with Ngarewa-Packer in close pursuit on 29%.

The field was flung open when incumbent Labour MP and Speaker of the House, Adrian Rurawhe, opted to go list-only.

Four wāhine are now vying for the crown of the western electorate, including National's Harete Hipango - the first National candidate to stand in a Māori seat in more than two decades.

Hipango's arrival has captured 12% of the candidate vote in Te Tai Hauāuru and with 16% of voters still undecided, could be a fatal bite for the two main leads. Paris Winiata of Vision NZ is yet to make the leaderboard.

The battle for Te Tai



First 7% and the Greens on 6%.

Chris Hipkins was the preferred prime minister on 32%, Winston Peters 12% and Debbie Ngarewa-Packer on 7% - ahead of Christopher Luxon on 6%.

Cost of Living is the single biggest issue for voters in Te Tai Hauāuru at 27%, well ahead of the economy 9%, housing 8% taxes and health both on 7%.

Among voters under the age of 40, however, honouring the Te Tiriti o Waitangi hits the leaderboard at 11% after Cost of Living and taxes.

A total of 500 registered voters in each electorate are polled by Curia Market Research by landline, mobile and online with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percent.

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Three Waters “Gone by Christmas”

In the dying days of the 53rd Parliament Labour passed, under urgency, the final legislation to enable their Three Waters plan to centralise water management. National opposed this rushed legislation, and the

party’s Local Government spokesman Simon Watts spearheaded that opposition. I recently hosted Simon for a public meeting in Whanganui, where he was very well received. When I mentioned to him that we really needed to get him to

speak to people in South Taranaki and Stratford, he generously promised to check his diary and make a plan. Simon will be visiting the northern half of the electorate next Thursday, 28th September. He will

speak in Stratford at 2.30pm in the Catholic Parish Hall, Miranda Street, then at the West Lounge of the TSB Hub in Hawera at 5pm. Simon Watts intends to repeal all Three Waters legislation before Christmas, should National become the government. Replacement legislation is being developed. This will ensure that local water assets remain in local ownership

and control. National’s replacement legislation makes no provision for co-governance, and both Simon Watts and Christopher Luxon have been emphatic; National opposes any co-governance of public services. National is keen to build strong relationships with local governments right around the country. Rates rises have been a significant

concern, which adds impetus to National’s plan to rebuild the New Zealand economy, tackle inflation and get Wellington out of farming and business, allowing our farmers and businesspeople to do what they do best.

*Carl Bates
National Party candidate
for the Whanganui
electorate*



Carl and Simon at Simon’s recent Whanganui visit.

Candidate and party lists released

Nominations have closed and a total of 19 registered political parties are contesting the election, with 17 parties submitting a party list. A total of 567 candidates will be contesting the 2023 General Election.

. In 2020, 17 registered political parties contested the general election.

A total of 567 candidates (electorate and list) are standing in this year’s election. This compares with 677 candidates in the 2020 election. It is similar to the number of candidates in previous elections □ 534 in 2017, 554 in 2014, and 544 in 2011.

Enrolments received before the rolls closed for printing on 10 September (writ day) have been processed and

3,480,699 people are now on the electoral roll, which is 89.9% of estimated eligible voters.

Candidates for New Plymouth. Bennett, Glen (Labour Party), Macleod, David (National Party), McGechan, Bruce (ACT New Zealand), Robinson, Greg (New Nation Party), Watkins, Hamish (Animal Justice Party), Willetts, Warren (New Zealand Loyal).

Candidates for Whanganui. Arnold, William (New Zealand First Party), Bates, Carl (National Party), Dredge, Craig (ACT New Zealand), Kyle, Sandra (Animal Justice Party), Lewis, Steph (Labour Party), Sanson, Marion (Green Party).

Candidates for Taranaki-King Country. Burr, Bill (Independent), Kuriger, Barbara (National Party), Raison, Daryl (Vision New Zealand), Roberts, Angela (Labour Party).

Candidates for Te Tai Hauauru. Hipango, Harete (National Party), Ngarewa-Packer, Debbie (Te Pāti Māori), Peke-Mason Soraya (Labour Party), Winiata, Paris (Vision New Zealand).

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Manaia's wayward weka rehomed, but mystery remains

The curious story of Manaia's wayward weka is wrapping up as the birds fly to a new home at a South Island wildlife reserve.

The two weka, thought to be illegally released in the South Taranaki township, flew via Air New Zealand from New Plymouth to Christchurch where they were welcomed to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. Representatives from Ngāruahine Iwi supported a karakia to acknowledge their departure from Taranaki.

In December 2022, Manaia local Peter Andreoli caught a weka in the small town. A second weka was caught nearby by Jenny and Guy Oakley in April.

Although weka are relatively common in the South Island, they've not been sighted in Taranaki for decades. DOC rangers were concerned the birds had been illegally released, potentially harming local native wildlife.

DOC's investigations into how the birds got to Manaia are ongoing.

Both birds were cared for off-display by staff at New Plymouth District Council's Brooklands Zoo while tests were undertaken, and a decision made on where they would be rehomed.

DNA testing by staff at Massey University showed the birds likely came from the upper South Island.

Releasing them into the wild wasn't an option says

Taranaki DOC Community Ranger Gabriel Field.

"Since a precise location for the bird's origins could not be determined, we did not want to risk transmission of disease to our existing wild populations, or the potential muddling of weka genes that would not have mixed naturally."

The birds were offered a permanent home at Willowbank Wildlife Reserve in Christchurch.

"Being able to rehome them at Willowbank, and working with conservation partners to achieve that, is a good outcome and brings a nice end to what has been a puzzling little story," says Gabriel.

"We appreciate all the care taken in looking after



One of the Weka at Brooklands Zoo.

the weka by the team at Brooklands Zoo and want to also thank Willowbank Wildlife Reserve for offering them a permanent home."

Brooklands Zoo Team Lead Eve Cozzi says the keepers enjoy rehabilitating native wildlife but they found that looking after the two weka was a particularly special experience.

"They're a new species for us and they're charismatic birds. Both have very

different personalities – one is very confident around humans and they each have their own food preferences, love a good bath and investigating (tearing apart) bird-friendly enrichment items.

"We will miss their distinctive and beautiful calls, but we're really pleased they're going to another great facility to be with other weka," says Eve. Willowbank Community

and Conservation Engagement Manager Shaun Horan says: "Willowbank is delighted to be able to welcome these cheeky native icons back to the mainland of Te Waipounamu, where they will be on display for the public to see".

"Weka have been a 'larger than life' member of the Willowbank family for many years and we are excited to be able to provide a home for these birds here at the reserve."

Records show weka were in Taranaki in 1918 but reported to be gone from the region by 1938. An attempt at reintroducing weka to Mt Taranaki in the 1970s was deemed unsuccessful, with one weka turning up at Port Taranaki and no other confirmed sightings.

Unconfirmed sightings of weka were reported on the south side of Mt Taranaki in the early 2000s

Kaponga WI enjoys singing

Members gathered at the home of Jo Berquist in Stratford for their September meeting of Kaponga WI. President Jo Ellis welcomed members and thanked Jo for hosting us. A large collection of toiletries were collected to go to the upcoming Fun and Friendship day in Riverlea. These items are to be sorted and packaged for people who have an emergency admission to hospital.

Two members are to attend the birthday celebrations at Rawhitiroa for their 90th celebrations.

Dorothy Hughes recently was placed first in her section at the recent horticultural show in New Plymouth for an exquisite framed cross stitch embroidery of a unicorn. So proud of you Dorothy.

Members will receive three sunflower seeds at the next meeting to plant and nurture until flowering when they will be judged. They were reminded that the seeds will not grow if left in the envelope, not mentioning any names.

Kaponga WI will celebrate

their birthday month with mini golf in Inglewood and lunch at Tawa Glenn. This is a birthday month event each year and the trophy will be presented for the player with the most points.

Diane West won the raffle. After a sumptuous lunch together and catch up we were entertained by Jo and Lindsay Berquist singing and Lindsay on his guitar. Bringing a lovely casual cosy day to an end.

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Another kind of summer

The World War I letters of Corporal Arthur J. Gilmour of Manaia, Taranaki

By Natasha McKinney
The hot February days in Ismailia, Egypt, had Arthur reminiscing about summers at home in South Taranaki. Writing to his sister Mabel in early 1916, he wistfully hopes to be back for the "usual Mountain party" next year.

It is in this letter that he describes the perilous evacuation from Gallipoli. In a withdrawal widely regarded as successful, Arthur's account is a testament to the fact that casualties and wounds continued to be inflicted by the Turkish even as the ships moved off in the water. These were the last of the Allied operations in the Suvla and Anzac areas before troops were returned to Lemnos, then southwards to Alexandria and on to Ismailia in Egypt, near the Suez Canal.

*Ismailia
12th February 1916
My dear Mabel,
How are you all getting on in Manaia? Plenty of tennis & picnics during the summer months I suppose & the usual Mountain party; I hope we will be back for the old party next year. We are having summer weather here now although it is winter time. The days are about as hot as the summer days are in N.Z. We are having a fairly good time here too in a quiet way. We are separated from the rest of the world but are a happy crowd. We have recently got a new colonel in our Battalion & our food has been much better since he came. To-night for tea we had boiled leg of beef & rice boiled with raisins, a little condensed milk added to the latter made a very decent dish.*

Our training lately has been solid. Last night we were out from 9.30 p.m till 4 a.m practising the night attack & we were very tired when we got home. The pace coming home was a "cracker" & we were all pretty much exhausted by the



Arthur J. Gilmour of Manaia. PAColl-9454-01, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, N.Z.

time we got to bed. I wrote to Lawson yesterday & he will show you the letter. Yesterday morning we had a lovely swim in the Salt Lake & did nothing in the afternoon. To-day also was a holiday & I had the best lay in that I have had since joining the army. I was in bed from 4 a.m. till 4 this afternoon & did nothing but eat my meals, sleep & read the two Auckland Weeklies which I received yesterday.

We expect a letter mail to-morrow & I hope to get several letters. To-day just seems like a Sunday but fortunately it is Saturday & we will have another rest to-morrow.

(We were scouts out front) Last night I was next to Genders Foden [?] in the attack. I happened to be on the left of our battalion & he was on the right of the Wgton battalion so we were fortunate in getting together. He is now with his brother & got a transfer from the Canterbury battalion.

Hal Don [?] filled seven teeth for me last Thursday afternoon & I am to be his patient again next Friday. He has put on a lot of weight since leaving the Peninsula. He was there from the

time of the landing till the evacuation.

Claude Rollett is now in our battalion, he came in the sevenths & was an old Nelson College mate of mine. He was in Australia for eighteen months farming with Nixon, another old Nelson boy. Nixon's father was in the Customs. I am now going to tell you a little about the evacuation as far as in concerned us. We were in the trenches for the second time & on the Monday afternoon a Colonel came through the trenches & told us that we had to be packed by four & ready to leave the trenches. He said that we were going to Imbros Island for a month's holiday. We were all rather disappointed at the idea of going to Imbros as we would rather have had the spell a month later when the winter would be at its worst.

We marched down to our rest gully & then to the beach only to find that we could not get on to the transports that night so we were marched back to Waterfalls Gully & arrived there at seven in the morning. We had had the packs on our backs for ten hours & were awfully tired, in fact I had never been so tired before. We would get blocked in the narrow saps along the beach & would sit down for a few minutes & go off to sleep. Then we had to struggle to our feet again with the packs on & this went on all night.

When we arrived at Waterfalls Gully we boiled a cup of cocoa & had a few biscuits & I spread out my blankets at 10 a.m & got a couple of hours sleep. On the way down to the beach one of our men was shot in the back and died a few minutes after.

On the next night (Tuesday 14th Dec) we were all packed on a lighter - packed

like sardines - & got on a transport. One man was hit by a stray bullet in the leg while on the lighter. He was sitting about a yard away from me & I heard the thud of the bullet quite distinctly as it hit him. Three Indians were wounded on our transport as we lay off Anzac. We got to Mudross Harbour on the morning of the fifteenth Dec & then spent ten days on Lemnos before setting out for Alexandria.

For several days the troops came pouring into Lemnos and there were some great meetings. Everybody wanted to know how everyone else had fared during the evacuation & there were many stories to tell. The last men to leave the Peninsula had set all sorts of traps to deceive the Turks. They had set rifles in the trenches to go off every quarter of an hour by means of water dropping into a can tied to the trigger of the rifle; [CENSORED LINES] pulled the dummies to pieces. We spent ten days at Lemnos & left on Xmas day on board the "Deep Flinger" [?], a boat captured with half a million of bullion on board.

I will be able to tell you all much more when I get back to N.Z. Please show this to Lawson & any other friends you wish, it may interest them. I must close now & get off to bed. Haven't heard anything of Charlie for quite a long time.

*Good-bye just now.
Your affectionate brother,
Arthur.
[Censor's mark, dated 20-4-1916]*

Laughing gas no laughing matter

Nitrous oxide (N2O), sometimes known as laughing gas, nangs, or nossys recreationally, is an inexpensive and easily obtainable quick high, but Canadian researchers say

its chronic use can result in long-term health issues. The N2O could cause a functional B12 deficiency in users' bodies, say the researchers, who add that the issues often present with damage to the spinal cord, damage to the nerves - affecting strength and sensation - and abnormal behaviour.
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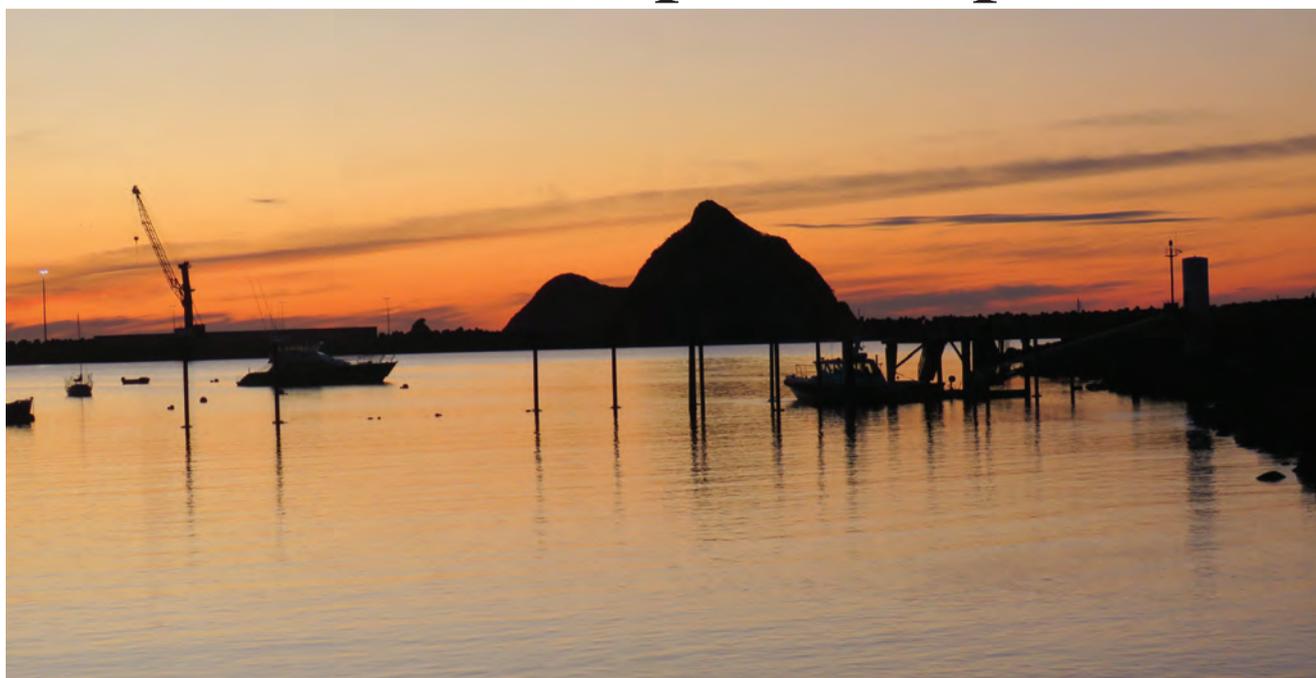
TRC ready for future as Annual report adopted

Welcoming back fans to Yarrow Stadium, a 28% per cent rise in bus passengers and securing \$2.5m in Towards Predator-Free Taranaki funding were among the notable success stories for Taranaki Regional Council in the last financial year.

The 2022/2023 Annual Report shows the Council has invested to deliver a major increase in work programmes resulting from the introduction of a raft of regulatory changes by the Government including how freshwater is managed.

“There has been an unprecedented level of change stemming from Government reforms of the areas we look after which has meant we’ve had to ensure we have the right people in place to manage expanding and new work programmes right across the Council,” says Chair Charlotte Littlewood.

Many of the regulatory reforms have started to come into effect following the introduction of the Government’s Essential Freshwater package in 2020. To meet the requirements



Sunset last week at Breakater Bay New Plymouth.

around protecting waterways, the Council has ramped up work on creating a new Natural Resources Plan for Taranaki.

“The Government is also replacing the Resource Management Act that contained all our rules and regulations for the last 30 years so we’re working out how we will operate in a new environment while continuing to support livelihoods, take our region forward and deliver value-for-money services for our community.”

The budget deficit of \$1.35m was \$400,000 behind the \$0.95m deficit forecast in the 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan as the Council faced lower fees and some cost pressures.

Prudent use of the Dividend Equalisation

Reserve, grown through the Council’s long-standing ownership of Port Taranaki Ltd, enabled the Council to keep the budget deficit at a lower level while funding additional resourcing amid the transformation of the regulatory landscape.

Figures show the Council’s work in caring for Taranaki and working with communities continued at pace with the doubling of the Zero Possum project as part of the Towards Predator-Free Taranaki initiative after securing \$2.5m of Government funding while 300,000 riparian plants were provided to landowners.

The completion of work on Yarrow Stadium’s West Stand saw fans return to the New Plymouth venue in September 2022 and the three regional gardens – Pukeiti, Hollard Gardens and Tūpare – were enjoyed by more than 123,000 visitors. Public transport continued to rebound after Covid-19 with a 27.6% increase in passengers from the previous year to nearly 700,000 bus users.

Two community conversations were held including the ‘Let’s Kōrero’ engagement on the future of freshwater and the proposed creation of Freshwater

Bernice McKellar

Management Units while ‘The Road Ahead’ conversation asked for views about public transport, road safety and speed and how to get people cycling and walking more.

Elections in October also saw a change at the Council with Mrs Littlewood named as Chair, following the decision by former Chair David MacLeod not to re-stand for election. Neil Walker was chosen as Deputy Chair. Bonita Bigham was elected to the Taranaki Māori Constituency in the first election since this constituency was created.

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Talking Taranaki

The next steps for our freshwater

Taranaki Regional Council manages the region's freshwater on behalf of our community. Our work is guided by national policies and what we hear from you about how we should be caring for the precious resource.

We heard from you last year on your vision and values for freshwater and creating six Freshwater Management Units (FMUs) for the region. We're now seeking feedback on environmental goals in those FMUs as we plan how to look after freshwater now and for the future.

The six proposed FMUs are the Volcanic Ring Plain, Waitara Catchment, Northern Hill Country, Patea Catchment, Coastal Terraces and Southern Hill Country.

We want your views on the long-term vision and environmental outcomes for each FMU as well as establishing principles for how we set targets for things like bacteria levels and how we can give effect to Te Mana o Te Wai (the mana of the water) for the region.

We know how important freshwater is to our community so we've been talking with you about how to manage it for a number of years and the current Next Steps for Our Freshwater community conversation is another opportunity to have a say as we work towards creating a new Natural Resources Plan for the region next year.

There'll be a chance to provide feedback on specific targets and limits in a new community conversation in February 2024.



To provide feedback, head to trc.govt.nz/freshwater where there are surveys on all the FMUs. There is a \$200 Prezzy Card on offer to one participant who takes part from 25 September to 23 October.

Head to trc.govt.nz/freshwater today to join the conversation about managing our freshwater.



Ready for Festival

Pukeiti gardener Stephan Reijmer, his workmates and our teams at Hollard Gardens and Tūpare work all-year round to keep our regional gardens in top-notch shape. They've been especially busy in the last few weeks as they prepare for the Centuria Taranaki Garden Festival. The free gardens are three of 42 regional attractions taking part from Friday 27 October to Sunday 5 November. For more details check out trc.govt.nz/gardens

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Better Travel Choices

We're looking at how we can make it easier to switch from cars to the bus, bike or walking and to do that we need views from people across the region.

The Council is developing a brand new strategy called Better Travel Choices with the aim of making public transport or active travel (things like cycling, scootering) everyone's first travel option.

By getting people to switch their commute or change how they pop out to the shops or beach, we can make our roads safer, cut carbon emissions, boost low-cost travel options and help improve people's physical and mental health well-being.

We heard from you earlier this year on the Road Ahead for transport in Taranaki. Now we're seeking feedback on the Better Travel Choices strategy as we develop what specific changes can be made to make it easier for people to change how they travel in our rural and urban areas.

This includes seeking views on specific bus routes and whether you want to see a link service from the airport to New Plymouth or more public transport to Taranaki Base Hospital.



Head to trc.govt.nz/transport before 29 October. There's a chance to win a \$100 Prezzy Card by filling out the survey.

Coastal Plan



Taranaki's iconic surf breaks are now legally protected with the signing off of the Council's Coastal Plan. The signing of the Plan by Minister of Conservation Willow-Jean Prime means it is now operative and brings an end to a four-year review process where public feedback has helped shape the rules around using and protecting the region's coastal marine area. For more, see trc.govt.nz/coastalplan

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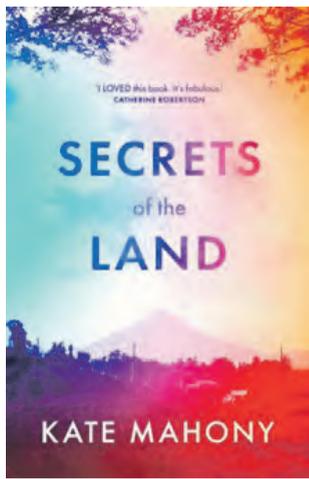
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BOOK REVIEW

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Secrets of the Land by Kate Mahoney.

A debut novel from New Zealand writer Kate Mahony combines historical fact with vibrant fiction to create an engrossing read.

Imogen Maguire is bewildered when she's accosted in a Melbourne Street by a mysterious stranger who says her grandfather in New Zealand needs her help. But her grandfather is dead, isn't he? A former journalist, Imogen decides to investigate and travels to Taranaki where she finds that her grandfather is very much alive, and someone is trying to frighten the old man off his farm.

A long shadow hangs over her grandfather's land stretching from 1864, when two young Irishmen join the British army in its fight against the Taranaki Māori, to 1975, when Imogen's

grandparents arrive fleeing trouble in Ireland. Their daughter Aoife, Imogen's mother, hates the new country her parents have brought her to, yet she knows it is impossible to return to Ireland. The Irish man she encounters sheltering in a hedge is as lost as she is. And why does Matiu, her one friend, warn her off exploring the swamp?

Ghosts from the past haunt

the present, and the land holds its secrets close. But some secrets won't stay hidden.

What seems to be a novel about generations of a family swiftly becomes much deeper and more intriguing. Kate Mahony deftly weaves past and present, reality and the supernatural into a richly textured story of the effect of colonisation and war on communities, families and individual identity. An engrossing, wonderful read.

– Catherine Robertson
Secrets of the Land draws parallels between the domination of Ireland by the English in the 19th century and colonialism in Taranaki, New Zealand. The stories range from 1864 to 2018 through characters who fight over farming rights, past hurts and secrets, and those who try to make peace with the present. Kate Mahony is a skilled writer and blends well-researched historical facts with vibrant, believable fiction to create

an engrossing novel. – Sandra Arnold



Kate Mahoney

Author note:

'The novel began long ago as a short story in which the central character was a young Irish girl whose family had fled to New Zealand to escape the trouble her father had got into in Ireland in the 1970s. Later I began writing the novel based on the same characters but then set the

story in three different time periods on the same piece of land. The character of the 1860s period was inspired by a real soldier. He was an Irishman who was the brother of my maternal great grandmother and had been in the Taranaki Militia during the New Zealand Wars.

Once the story began to unfold I researched the history of the New Zealand Wars in Taranaki, along with that of Ireland twenty years on from the start of the Great Famine. Throughout the novel, I also went back and forth to many sources – from stories I heard in Ireland to Te Ao Māori experts and farmers I know.

The major themes of the novel are secrets (as in the title), finding family, history, guilt, and reparation and redemption. In some respects, the farm is another character.'

About the author:

Kate Mahoney grew up on a farm in Hawera, South Taranaki, one of nine

children. She worked as a journalist in London in her 20s, and when she returned to New Zealand, she worked for the Wellington Evening Post now known as The Post. Later on, Kate tutored in media studies and journalism at Victoria University.

She is a long-time writer of short stories with an MA in Creative Writing from the International Institute of Modern Letters at Victoria University of Wellington. Her work has been published in anthologies and literary journals internationally and in New Zealand. Most recently, her short story Respect was longlisted for the 2022 Commonwealth short story award.

Secrets of the Land is her debut novel. Kate lives in Wellington with her husband. They have two adult daughters, and two grandchildren.

The book was launched recently at Poppy's Booksytore, New Plymouth.

Improving the state of general practice in New Zealand

General practice plays a vital role in Aotearoa New Zealand's health system, but we clearly have a problem,

argue a team of GPs in a recent editorial piece. The system hasn't delivered equitable outcomes,

especially for Māori and Pasifika communities. The workforce is under-resourced and increasingly



burnt out. Traditional 15-minute consultations are no longer adequate.

So what's the solution? For general practice, the authors say the way forward

involves rebuilding staffing levels with a workforce that reflects Aotearoa New Zealand society. This workforce would have the capability and connections to deliver accessible, high-quality care in partnership both with communities and with the wider health and social care systems.

New Zealand Medical Journal

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One exceptional member of our team is Partner Deb Burmeister. She's an integral part of our success and is one of two staff members that reside in Okato, deeply connected with our regional clients. Born in Ahititi with her parents as three generation sheep and beef farmers, their family made the move to Rahotu to become dairy farmers, which began Deb's journey.

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Principal's Address



◀ In celebration of Mental Health awareness week, our staff at OHS have been starting the day with this beautiful karakia. Our students have been involved in all sorts of activities from skipping & baking, to colouring in and walking the loop track. All with the aim of keeping our rangatahi both mentally, and physically fit, along with focusing on aroha, and the power of giving to others.

Another busy term on the academic and sports front. All our basketball teams represented at Regionals, and both senior teams have qualified for Nationals, taking place during the holidays. Our senior girls team also won the Hipp Accounting Taranaki Secondary schools league, with Beth Cook gaining MVP of the game and Arna Bright being named one of the All Star Five. Thank you to all of you who bought hangi to help support our young athletes with these tournaments.

We are incredibly thankful to the community for the love of our hangi, as we have raised money not only for sports codes, but also for our Te Haumoana ropu, and end of year camps for those most at risk. So keep eating our kai, as everyone is a winner!!!

Our benchmark exams have come to an end, and I would like to acknowledge all of those students who have put in the mahi and gained success as a result. Academic success is not easy, and comes down to 10% inspiration, but 90% perspiration. From these results students are now able to make informed choices for their future. There has been lots of energy put into preparing students for these life changing decisions both during Manaakitanga time, course selection evenings, and Individual Development plan days. We trust our ākonga are now equipped to make informed decisions based on their passions, skills and their learning strengths.

On a personal note I would like to thank the rohe/community for all the support my whanau and I have been given in the last couple of weeks. Opunake is truly a unique place, where whanaungatanga, aroha and a sense of community runs deep.

Arohamai,
Andrea Hooper Carr
Principal



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Centenary Celebration



Mangatoki WI

Our August 2nd meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall when 14 members attended. Four apologies were received.

President Robyn Roberts welcomed us and opened the meeting. Secretary Denise Carter read the minutes and all the correspondence, including a "Thank You" letter from Judy Barr and The South Taranaki Federation Newsletter.

There was a short discussion on the structure of the WI as a whole. The Financial Statement was read by Treasurer Cathy White. Bev Marx and Robyn Roberts visited the New Plymouth Hospice and were shown the plaque which had been placed in the grounds. Our WI have been donating to Hospice for 13 years.

Monies donated at this meeting, "for the value of a cake" would go to Medical Research. The list of national competitions was read out.



Members at the Eltham Heritage and Historical Society Building.

A number of members took something unusual and asked if anyone knew what the object was. This proved very interesting.

Competitions: Flower – 1. Lucy Moger, 2. Karen Joblin, 3. Kathy Cameron. Shrub – 1. Charmaine Robbertze,

2. Robyn Roberts, 3. Cathy White. The Raffle was won by Karen Joblin. The sick visiting was done.

We then had a lovely soup and bun lunch. The soup has been made by the two hostesses, Denise Carter and Kathy Cameron, followed

by some lovely sweet slices, made by Cathy White. After lunch we had our speaker, Meredith Pick, director of McCallum and Dallas Accountants of Hawera, who gave us a very interesting talk, covering many subjects of accounting. She was thanked by President Robyn and given a gift.

On September 6, 15 members met at Touch Point in Eltham for a walk in the town. Our first stop was at the Old Post Office building where Maria and David welcomed us. They gave us a brief account of what they had done in the few years that they had been there, then we were split into two groups. The first were taken to rooms which had been beautifully renovated and decorated for paying guests. Then on to their kitchen and upstairs to their bathroom and bedroom, all beautifully decorated and furnished as the guest rooms. Back downstairs to the living

room, while the other group followed behind the first group, while David talked about how he had done the renovations, Maria told us about the furnishings, etc. From here we walked down to the Old Westpac Bank where we were welcomed by two members of the Eltham District Heritage and Historical Society. We were shown a number of photos of Mangatoki School Anniversaries and some of Mangatoki WI dating back to the 1920s. Also, we were shown the archive room, where a lot of the Daily News Newspapers are kept. All very interesting. Next off across the road to Mike Coil's and his old machinery. He had a number of stories about some of the items he had there, also interesting.

By now it was lunch time, so back to Touch Point for our fish and chips lunch and teas, coffees, etc., put on by Olwyn Duthie.

After lunch, we had a shortened business meeting presided over by President Robyn Roberts, minutes read by Secretary Denise Carter, and the Financial Report read by Cathy White. Correspondence was read which included an invite to Rawhitiroa's WI Birthday and The STF of WI Newsletter. Numbers were taken for the November Mystery Bus Trip and the church gardens at the Pioneer Village to be cleaned up, followed by morning tea at the café. A number of members did baking for the Eltham Daffodil Day Bake Stall on Daffodil Day, and some members attended the lunch on the same day in Stratford at the War Memorial Hall. The raffle was won by Denise Carter. Over \$1000 was raised by baking sold on Daffodil Day, from the Eltham Bake Stall.

*Lucy Moger
Mangatoki WI Reporter*

Greyhound euthanised following horrific injuries while racing on Friday

The greyhound Lolly Rapper couldn't survive horrific injuries when she fell during a race on Friday 8 September 2023. She suffered a compound fracture where bones broke through her skin. She was subsequently euthanised.

Animal rights organisation SAFE is urging any future Government to take immediate action to ban greyhound racing.

SAFE Campaign Manager Anna de Roo says injuries

and deaths will continue so long as the industry operates.

"Injuries are common and even if they survive, many greyhounds suffer from lifelong health complications as a result," says de Roo.

"Last season, 40 per cent of greyhounds that raced were injured. And since September 2021 when the Government warned the industry it was 'on notice', there have been over 1900

injuries and 184 broken bones."

The Racing Integrity Board's recently completed reviews of the industry found that injuries were continuing to "trend upwards", and that the industry had a slow response to track safety issues. It also stated, "Many of the concerns are as relevant today as they were 10 years ago."

"We have seen four separate reviews in the last decade, all uncovering

significant animal welfare concerns," says de Roo.

"The solution has been obvious for some time now. New Zealanders support a ban on greyhound racing. In fact, an independent poll showed that 74% of people confirmed they would vote to ban greyhound racing if it went to a referendum."

"Governments of all stripes have kicked the can down the road too many times, and any future Government must take immediate action."

Lead exposure likely responsible for loss of millions of lives and IQ points

US researchers say lead exposure is likely to blame for 5.5 million adult deaths from heart disease, and the loss of 765 million IQ points in kids under five, across the globe in 2019. The team says up to 95% of these effects were in low- and middle-income countries, with the affected kids losing an average of 5.9 IQ points before they hit five. They say these health effects are similar to the dangers

of both outdoor and indoor air pollution combined, and three times worse than the effects of drinking unsafe water, having poor sanitation, and incorrect handwashing. Additionally, they estimated that the global cost of lead exposure in 2019 could have reached over AU\$9.3 trillion - the equivalent of 7% of global GDP.

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A Nevada on farm case study with Alan Coburn

Down on the coast of Waverley, Alan Coburn is making significant strides in his operations across 180 effective hectares. With a 380 cow dairy farm, Alan runs a 70% split calf in autumn and 30% in spring with two other full-time staff.

Previously, Alan's effluent management operated on a straight pump to paddock system with an irrigator that needed to be moved twice a day due to the lack of storage facility available. Whether the southerly was



Alan Coburn's electric stirrer and pump-lined pond.

into positive solutions. Nevada was able to deliver a complete package that included design of the whole system, the supply of equipment, and full installation. As soon as the design was finalised, a digging crew was sent out. Within a week the 1.3 million litre pond was dug out and fully lined with High-density polyethylene plastic (HDPE pond liner). In that time, Alan and his staff were able to focus on what they do best without any concern around the management or installation of the project. To further streamline operations, Alan opted for a 9m Nevada Electric Stirrer with 2690 Progressive Cavity Pump for the main pond and a 2.2kW submersible stirrer with a 1.5kW submersible transfer pump for the sump.

To spread effluent further down the farm, Alan decided on a Nevada 12,800L

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blowing or the rain was pouring down, Alan and his staff were out working to move the irrigator twice a day and checking on

the pump to ensure it was working properly.

The biggest concern for him in modernising operations was how to place a pond

and keep the embankment secure without issues of erosion over time. When Alan contacted Nevada, all those concerns were flipped

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Study shows dairy farm work helping improve water quality

New scientific data highlights the success of dairy farmer and wider sector efforts to improve surface water quality across five New Zealand catchments.

As part of an Our Land and Water study to analyse historical data, DairyNZ's



Dr David Burger.

water quality science team, in collaboration with AgResearch and Lincoln University, has revisited dairy farms in the Waiokura (South Taranaki), Toenepi (Waikato), Waikakahi (Canterbury), Bog Burn (Southland) and Inchbonnie (West Coast) catchments to assess whether on-farm actions have helped improve water quality over time.

The five catchments are dairy farming areas that were part of the 2001-2010 Best Practice Dairy Catchments project, which monitored water quality and environmental work on-farm. Monitoring of

water quality and changes to farm practices continued from 2011-2020, as part of national long-term data collection.

Researchers found that, over the 20-year monitoring period, including post-extension, 70 percent of in-stream water quality trend directions were improving or showed no change. The median levels of most contaminants in water have also decreased, due to farmers implementing good management practices (GMPs) such as improved effluent management and stock exclusion.

The study found in-stream concentrations of phosphorus and suspended sediment decreased the most in response to on-farm work.

Overall, the research shows the implementation of GMPs on-farm does improve water quality.

DairyNZ general manager sustainable dairy Dr David Burger says the analysis shows the good outcomes achieved by improving

management practices on dairy farms. "The mitigation options dairy farmers can take to reduce footprint are widely known, but analysis of the positive impacts of these over time is less available. So it's good to see this dataset showing extension efforts to help farmers improve their management practices have led to water quality improvement."

Research lead and Our Land and Water National Science Challenge chief scientist Professor Rich McDowell says the findings are positive but also show continued action is needed in key catchments to maintain the momentum.

"The data shows that, over the 20-year period, many trends were improving or showed no change. However, we know nitrogen levels increased in many catchments due to development on other dairy farms over the same period.

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Feds call for independent inquiry into rural banking

Federated Farmers are calling on whoever forms the next Government to commission an independent inquiry into rural banking.

“Farmers are doing it tough right now with rising costs, bad weather and falling payouts. The last thing they want to be worrying about is whether they’re getting a fair deal from their bank,” Federated Farmers Domestic Commerce and Competition spokesperson Richard McIntyre says.

The Commerce Commission are currently carrying out a market study into personal banking, looking at the levels of competition, what is or isn’t working well and how things could be improved, but the terms of reference exclude rural business banking.

“Farmers and rural communities deserve to have the same assurances that their banking systems are operating in a fair and proper way, so Federated Farmers are calling for the Government to support an independent inquiry into rural banking.”

Federated Farmers’ latest Banking Survey, carried out in May 2023, showed a noticeable upswing in the number of farmers who felt they had come under undue



Richard McIntyre.

pressure from their bank.

Numbers were up from 17% in November 2022 to 24% in May 2023. This is the highest level since the surveys began in 2015.

The survey also indicated that farm interest rates had increased sharply, with an average interest rate of

7.84% in May 2023, up 4% from a low of 3.79% in May 2021.

The average overdraft interest rate was 10.07% in May 2023, up 3.79% from a low 6.28% in November 2021.

“Those numbers will only have increased since May as

interest rates have continued to climb, economic conditions have quickly deteriorated, and many farmers have rolled off their fixed rates,” McIntyre said.

“Kiwi farmers are currently carrying around \$63 billion of debt, so a 4% increase in interest rates means there will be \$2.5 billion fewer dollars circulating in our rural economy.

“Farmers are also noticing that banks charge much higher interest rates for farm lending than home loans, but there seems to be no clear explanation why that’s the case.

“We want to know if higher interest rates for farmers are increasing banks’ profitability or cross-subsidising a much

Photo Merrin Easton.

more competitive market for home loans. We also want to understand what role regulation plays in the higher interest rates farmers are paying.”

Even if agricultural lending rates were only 1% higher than they ought to be compared to residential home loans, that’s still over \$600 million being taken directly off farmers bottom lines, McIntyre said.

Other emerging issues that an inquiry could look into include branch closures and new bank environmental requirements.

“Branch closures in rural communities really impact a farmer’s ability to access the services they need from their bank.

“Farmers are running large

and complex businesses and will often need to speak to their local bank manager face-to-face, particularly in the tough times we are currently farming through. A strong relationship and access to working capital is absolutely critical.”

Feds also have significant concerns about whether New Zealand banks’ participation in sustainability initiatives like the Net-Zero Banking Alliance are reducing competition in agricultural banking.

Under this alliance, banks have collectively agreed lending strategies including setting 2030 targets for reducing the level of emissions associated with lending.

The BNZ is the first bank to announce a target in New Zealand, stating they aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from dairy farming by 11 per cent in the next six years.

“This banking alliance raises some very serious questions about whether our banks are acting in a truly competitive manner, or if the joint commitment is effectively banks collaborating on a joint lending strategy,” McIntyre said.

“Individual companies are free to put in place whatever requirements they like, but we have a real issue when the main competitors are collectively setting requirements that leave farmers without choices.

“There is potential for the Commerce Commission to consider what pre-competitive commitments banks in New Zealand can make before consumers rights to a competitive market place are compromised,” McIntyre concluded.

Study shows dairy farm work helping improve water quality

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“This means there is still more to do in some areas to lower nitrogen and E.coli concentrations. In some catchments, more than good management practice may be required, such as land-use change, to meet water quality expectations,” he says.

DairyNZ continues to work with farmers to develop on-farm practices, provide a scientific evidence base to help inform practical and fair regulations and demonstrate the positive results of the actions farmers

are taking to improve the health of waterways.

Farm environment plans identify actions to improve water quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase biodiversity, and are tailored to individual farms. Currently, more than 70 percent of New Zealand dairy farms have farm environment plans and 45 percent have greenhouse gas farm plans. By 2025 all farms will have both plans.

“The dairy sector is committed to sustainable dairying and farming within environmental limits,” Dr Burger says. “Through the

Dairy Tomorrow Strategy and other work, DairyNZ, dairy companies, sector partners and research organisations are reinforcing the value of GMPs and supporting farmers as they continue to improve their systems to achieve environmental outcomes.”

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Make your vote count in DairyNZ's board election

Voting is open for DairyNZ's Board of Director election, with farmers encouraged to have their say in who will join the board this year.

Levy-paying dairy farmers can vote for two farmer candidates to join DairyNZ's board, with 13 farmer candidates up for election.

Electionz.com returning officer Anthony Morton says he is encouraged by the large pool of candidates for

this year's DairyNZ board election.

"Over the course of the voting period, there will be opportunities to engage with candidates, including meet the candidates webinars hosted by Federated Farmers, in late September. Where possible, take up these opportunities, so you understand who you are voting for, what is important to them and the impact they may have on the board,"

says Anthony.

"It's key to make an informed decision on who you think will contribute well to the board, and the direction of both dairy farming and DairyNZ."

DairyNZ levy payers will receive a vote pack and can vote online or by post.

Dairy farmer levy payers have until 12 noon Tuesday, October 10, to cast their votes.

The candidates are Bryan

Pedersen (Foxton), Shane Ardern (Opunake), Gray Baldwin (Putaruru), Paul Manion (Morrinsville), Jim van der Poel (Ohaupo), Seamus Barden (Auckland), Jeremy Savage (Ashburton), Cameron Henderson (Swannanoa), Jessie Chan (Rakaia), Stu Muir (Aka Aka), James Barron (Te Poi), Conall Buchanan (Paeroa) and Jason Herrick (Lumsden).

"I encourage farmers to understand who they are voting for, including reading the profiles in their voting pack or on the DairyNZ website. If necessary, contact candidates to better understand their policies or reasons for standing," says Anthony.

"This will help farmers consider who will best represent their views and make the best contribution

to the DairyNZ board."

DairyNZ's board consists of five farmer-elected directors and three board-appointed directors. This year, Colin Glass and Jim van der Poel are retiring by rotation. Colin Glass is not standing for re-election.

Successful candidates will be announced at DairyNZ's annual general meeting on October 11 in Te Awamutu

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Exhibition well worth a look

A new one person show at Lysaght Watt Gallery in Hawera is featuring works by Deb Williams is well worth a look.

Lysaght Watt's curator Libby Hogg said she saw some of the artist's work a year ago and "was taken with them" and offered Deb a solo show.

The self-taught artist who has been painting for 20 years moved to Taranaki from a Canterbury farm two years ago.

The exhibition entitled 'Are we there yet?', includes waterfalls, cows and landscapes done in an impressionist style.

It is clear that the artist has an eye for colour and this is particularly evident in some of her studies of cows which



Deb Williams with one of her waterfall paintings.

are beautifully executed and include some vibrant colours.

Her waterfalls too which she confesses to being obsessed with are based on photos but again are impressionistic. Standing before them you could almost feel the water splashing on you.

Several of her moody landscapes are more delicate, atmospheric and evocative.

There were also a lot of tiny works in mixed media, priced accordingly in the budget of most people.

At the opening Deb described painting as "A huge, huge job for me - magnificent and all encompassing." She added "It's some thing I have to do," and comments "I was thrilled when I was contacted to do it a year ago."

Though she does work from photos she says "I take things out of context and I change the perspective." The result bears little resemblance to the photos.

Of the waterfall series, she said "flowing water,

the noise of the water and also the serenity" has always captivated her. Also "Waterfalls have a deep spiritual memory to me." Another love is cows. "The cows are my starting point because I love them."

She describes her body of works in the exhibition as "a journey through New Zealand."

Most of the exhibits are in acrylic but she also works in oil and encaustic media.

She loves bold colour and energy, both of which are evident in her works.

Describing herself as "a colourist" she used a lot of texture and paint on her canvases. She likes acrylic because she can add layers

as they dry quickly. 'Are we there yet?' runs till October 14 at the Lysaght Watt Gallery at 4-6 Union Street, Hawera.

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Messie Bessie, one of the exhibits on show at Lysaght Watt Gallery.



Oh! The Wild Sky.

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Dale Copeland's **Water Under the Bridge** exhibition of assemblages is showing online on the Virtual Tart website at www.tart.co.nz until the end of October.

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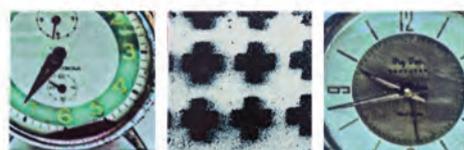


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Locals helping in the recovery effort



At work digging out the silt from one of the houses.

Barbara Olsen-Henderson has just spent two weeks with husband Alan helping in the clean up effort in Hawkes Bay.

The region is still very affected by cyclone Gabrielle which swept

through the region in March leaving devastation in its wake.

“Terrible” replies Barbara when asked how things are now.

They were in the Esk Valley Road area between

Napier and Taupo and heard some harrowing stories.

One person died in one of the houses where they were working. “A container had hit the house and destroyed it,” says Barbara. Two

people were housesitting for

the owners of the citrus and avocado orchard who were overseas. One of the pair tragically lost their life. “The force of the water uprooted many of the trees.”

In another case involving a new house just a year old,

the entire house, concrete foundations included, was transported way down the road. The owner, seeing the rising flood water, had fortunately already driven his wife and children to safety with friends. Then returned to the house and rescued his 80 year old neighbour across the road eventually getting him safely onto the roof of a house.

Much of the cleanup effort involves shovelling silt from

houses that were full of silt, some, two metres deep inside the houses, said Barbara. Adding “You can’t see what’s under the silt.” She refers to someone wanting to find their teak dining table. “It was in a completely different room.”

Some houses have to be demolished, others can be brought back to a

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Clean up alert.

HAPPENING HOLIDAYS

MON 25 SEP

TARANAKI TENNIS*
TSB Hub, Hāwera, 10am - 11.30am
5 - 15 years, \$5
Have a go at tennis or enhance the skills you already have.

TARANAKI RUGBY FERDIE SKILLS
Hicks Park, Hāwera, 1 - 3pm
Year 8 and under, free!

MOVIE MAGIC*
Animated Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
Hāwera Cinemas, afternoon session
\$11.50 per person

TUES 26 SEP

ROLLER SKATING
TSB Hub, Hāwera, 10am - 12noon
\$5 - cash only on entry.

DAYDREAM JOURNALS
Hāwera LibraryPlus, 2pm
5 - 12 years, free
Make your own Daydream Journal

MOVIE MAGIC*
Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken
Hāwera Cinemas, afternoon session
\$11.50 per person

WED 27 SEP

IMAGINATION LAND
• Ōpunakē LibraryPlus, 10.30am
• Manaia LibraryPlus, 2pm
5 - 12 years, free
Create a cardboard city at the library

FANTASY MAPS
• Pātea LibraryPlus, 10.30am
• Waverley LibraryPlus, 2pm
5 - 12 years, free
Create your own fantasy/ pirate/treasure map

THURS 28 SEP

ROLLER SKATING
TSB Hub, Hāwera, 10am - 12noon
\$5 - cash only on entry.

IMAGINATION LAND
• Eltham LibraryPlus - 10.30am
• Kaponga LibraryPlus - 2pm
5 - 12 years, free
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THE IMAGINATION CHALLENGE
Hāwera LibraryPlus, 10.30am
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Create gooey sensory food, try a marshmallow and toothpick STEM challenge and what can you make with a mystery LEGO pack?

FRI 29 SEP

MOVIE MAGIC*
Paw Patrol: the Mighty Movie
Hāwera Cinemas, morning session
\$11.50 per person

FUN WITH CLAY*
South Taranaki Parent Centre, Fairfield Road, Hāwera, 1 - 3pm, \$10 entry

MON 2 OCT

MOVIE MAGIC*
Animated Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
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THURS 5 OCT

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TSB Hub, Hāwera, 10am - 12noon
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Eltham LibraryPlus, 10.30am
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Create your own flying machines

CHALK ART
Kaponga LibraryPlus, 2pm
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Create designs and decorate with chalk pastels

IMAGINATION LAND
Hāwera LibraryPlus, 10.30am
5 - 12 years old, free
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FRI 6 OCT

MOVIE MAGIC*
Paw Patrol: the Mighty Movie (G)
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Locals helping in the recovery effort

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liveable standard. "In the case of houses destined for demolition they try and salvage anything that could be reused such as windows, Batts, wiring and roofing iron," says Barbara.

She and Alan decided to help the clean up operation after reading about a couple from the Motorhome Association to which they belong who had volunteered their services.

Said Barbara there was a steady number of volunteers in their region co-ordinated by Martha Taunui who came down from Northland in March to help for three weeks and was still there. "People ring up and say could you help me with my house."

Volunteers – anything



Right: Some of the items salvaged.

from 6 to 30 on any day - came from all walks of life. The Ulysees Motorcycle Club arrived for a week. As well as individuals, others have included Lions Clubs and church groups. Even the Mongrel Mob came to pitch in to help. They were all ages, with a preponderance of older people during the week joined by a lot of young people at the weekends.

Barbara who owns Lemonwood Café at Okato, ended up running the mobile café to feed the volunteers.

"I got into a nice rhythm for whoever followed me," said Barbara now back in Taranaki running her own café.

If anyone would like to help they can contact 'The Hawkes Bay Clean Up Machine'.

They're looking for more volunteers "all the time", says Barbara.

The government is subsidising the accommodation where people stay. Barbara and Alan stayed at the Bayview Hotel and Holiday Park, the owner of whom were "terrific". Food to feed the volunteers is donated.

The work was hard but we did enjoy the camaraderie

and the deep satisfaction in helping." It's been an experience she describes as "very rewarding". She adds,

there's still a lot of work to do, and says "People are hugely grateful".



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Higher and drier - the cost of raising homes

New research shows that in some cases, lifting houses may be a cost-effective way to reduce intermittent flooding risk.

Construction cost experts WT Partnership were commissioned by NIWA to provide cost estimates for different types of building. They found that for buildings of timber and pile construction, lifting them by 2m would be more cost effective than constructing new builds. However, this method would not be financially viable for buildings of concrete construction.

NIWA coastal and estuarine physical processes scientist Dr Christo Rautenbach led the study. He says it will provide another option for homeowners who live in coastal lowlands who wish to stay in their property as long as possible.

"We know that the impacts of flooding have been felt by

many, and the risk isn't going away. Communities must adapt, but certain solutions like relocation inland can be unpopular and seen as a last resort, so it's important to assess alternative coastal adaptation options.

"These initial findings indicate that some property owners may be able to stay put for longer, even taking into account future exacerbation from climate change, albeit with extensive modifications," says Dr Rautenbach.

This work is part of the NIWA Future Coasts Aotearoa (FCA) programme. FCA is investigating how rural lowland communities can prepare and adapt to the impacts of accelerating sea level rise, which is projected to be upwards of 0.3m by 2040 and 1m by 2100.

However, Dr Rautenbach cautions that the study highlighted the complicated nature of such preparations

- there are a limited number of specialised houses lifting contractors in New Zealand and although raised homes remain dry, surrounding land and services will still be affected.

"The study also did not include hidden expenses, such as temporary accommodation, storage costs, and the development of supporting community infrastructure such as roads, water and wastewater services.

"With storms intensifying, rainfall increasing and sea levels rising, we must get creative with how we adapt our coastal communities. Transformation requires developing the right tools and it will be a multifaceted approach, and this study contributes one more piece to this complex adaptation puzzle, spanning over the social, economic, environmental and cultural landscapes."



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displays, food, and stuff for the kids to do.

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vehicles. Kevin Walsh and some of the team will be at the show over the weekend displaying finished vehicles and work in progress. Owners of vehicles which are on display will be looked after over the weekend visiting various attractions throughout Taranaki such as the Hillsborough Holden Museum, Tawhiti Museum, and the Elvis Presley Museum in Hawera.

was formed in 1972 and celebrated 50 years last year. With 100 club members from all over the region they will be kept busy over the weekend ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Throughout the weekend various car clubs will be visiting the show so expect to see a lot of cars travelling the roads to Hawera over the weekend. Show hours are Saturday 9am-8pm and Sunday 9am-4pm. It's shaping up to be a good one.

At left and below: The National Hot Rod Show is returning to the TSB Hub in Hawera. A scene from when it was last held here in 2012.



South Taranaki is going to come alive with the sight of gleaming Hot Rods over the weekend of September 30-October 1. Stratford-based Egmont Rod & Custom Club are excited to be holding the Custom Street Rides 2023 National Hot Rod Show at the TSB Hub Complex in Hawera, having previously held it in 2011 at the same venue. Vehicles from all over New Zealand will be polished up and competing for the 34 trophies on offer. Over 6000 people attended the show in 2011 and the club is aiming

to beat that number this time around.

Show Manager Grant Stables says "Coming out of winter and after years of Covid restrictions the timing is perfect for an event people of all ages can enjoy. The club was going to hold the show in 2021 but seven weeks out from the show date the country went into Covid lock down, so it had to be put on hold until the country went back to normal. We know money is tight at the moment so have kept the entry cost down to

\$10 per adult and kids under 15 free. There are not many National events that families can attend for only \$20. Taranaki is blessed to have such a great venue like the TSB Hub complex and the council have been excellent to deal with once again. Locals always get behind events like this and it's a fun day out."

With hot rods, street machines, dragsters and even a cool 60s themed chopper, there is something for everyone on display. Also available will be trade

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Mid-week open church - Okato - St. Paul's - Pew for You, every 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4.30pm-6.00pm

Opunake Catholic Church

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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
Other areas

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St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga

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

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

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St John's Community Church, Kaponga

Cnr West and Egmont Streets.
Sunday Services 10.30am followed by morning tea

Manaia Union Fellowship

Terou St, Manaia.

Meet 10am every 3rd Sunday of the month with communion

Fibre artists learn new skills



Members Maree Liddington, Marilyn Bellamy and Maureen McPhillips at the Puppet workshop.

Spinning wheels, looms, and knitting needles have been busy in the Central and South Taranaki area this year as Creative Fibre members prepare for their biannual exhibition at The Village Gallery. But at the same time, new avenues of fibre art have been explored.



Claire Francis with her Scarf puppet creation.



Needle felted lanterns.

The groups have had several mini workshops through the year and needle felting, wet felting and decoupage work have featured in the programme.

This flurry of activity will culminate in the Fibre Fantasy exhibition to be held at the gallery from September 25 - October 20.

Visitors can expect to see not only the traditional forms of woolcraft, but also needle felted creatures, toys and novelty items. The gallery will be open from 10am - 3pm Tuesday - Saturday.

There are two groups meeting in the area; the Hawera Fibre group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Presbyterian Centre supper room. 10am - 3pm, and Creative Fibre Yarn Weavers meet at Wharehuia Community Centre, Beaconsfield Road, Stratford on the third Saturday of the month, same time.

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- All cows in-milk, milked twice daily in rotary shed.
- Herd Tested 18th September 2023 with information available soon after.
- Strict selection policy all young cows mainly 2-4 year olds, including a CRL top Friesian Heifers DNA Profiled and A2 Verified.

AUCTIONEERS NOTES:

Due to a very robust selection process, this 8th annual offering will be one of the highest that has been presented. All cows personally guaranteed by our vendors offering 1-Week soundness trial. Cows are milked to supply calf milk then offered for auction. Young and all sound these cows will come forward in good condition ready for mating. We totally recommend these cows. Annual buyers have commented on the high standard of cows been offered previously.

PAYMENT TERMS:

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OUR VENDORS:

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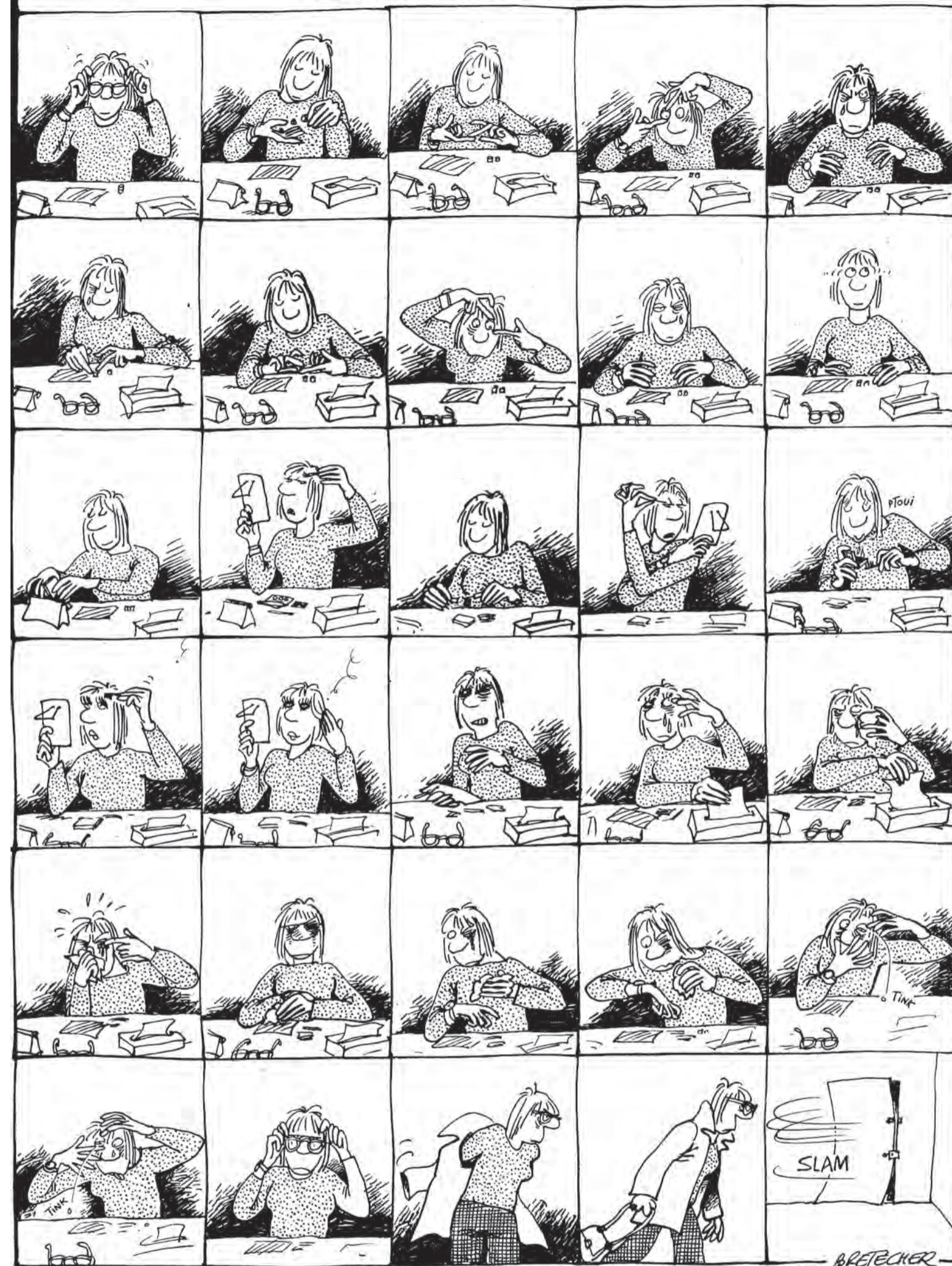
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What's On Listings

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ONGOING

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4pm to 5.30pm.

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

THURSDAYS

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

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FRIDAYS

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

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

AT THE CLUB HOTEL THIS WEEK:

Monday: Pizza - 2 for \$20; **Tuesday:** Order online for 30% off; **Wednesday:** Pizza night- 2 for \$20;

Thursday: Pensioners Lunch, \$15, Steak Night for \$20; **Friday:** Pensioners Lunch, \$15, Fish & Chips \$20. **Saturday:** Chicken Schnitzel \$20. Club Hotel Pairs Cup; **Sunday:** Roast Night with complimentary dessert for dine-in customers.

APRIL 7 TO NOVEMBER 6

State of Nature exhibition: PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth.

SEPTEMBER 18 TO OCTOBER 14

Are We There Yet? A solo show by Deb Williams: At Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

SEPTEMBER 28, 29 & 30

Hawera Genealogy Annual Book Fair: Thurs & Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5pm. New venue - Storage 4U Building, 48 Union St, Hawera. **SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1**

Custom Street Rides 2023 National Hot Rod Show At TSB Hub, Hawera. Opens at 9am on both days.

OCTOBER 5 TO 15

Cirque Olivo: At the TSB Showplace.

OCTOBER 8

Toroanui Marae Komiti Parihaka Trust AGM: Toroanui Marae, 10am.

OCTOBER 14

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust AGM: Puniho Pa, Tarawainuku Marae, Warea. 10am.

OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 5

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Taranaki National Art Awards: At Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre, Opunake.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Annual General Meeting

Toroānui Marae Komiti Parihaka Trust

Sunday 08 October, 10:00am

Toroānui Marae, Te Raanui

AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Chairperson's report
- Financial report
- Election of Trustees (min 5 max 7)
- Appoint 2 representatives to PPT
- General business
- Whakakapi



We wish to thank Bernice and her team from the Opunake Coastal News for supporting, and reporting, regarding the closure of our Taranaki Saving Bank.

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