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The closure of Opunake the TSB continues to infuriate locals. The Chair of the Opunake Business Association Raewyn Cornford was also later interviewed on National Radio over the proposed closure of Opunake's sole remaining bank.

## Bank closure sparks protest

On August 30, local people staged a protest outside the Opunake branch of the TSB which has been earmarked for closure. The TSB has cited a greater use of online banking as the reason for its closure. Locals have said it is some distance to other banks in Hawera, Stratford and New Plymouth, and not everyone is familiar with internet banking. The land on which the bank has been built had been donated to the Opunake community by the Yep family. "I know the land was sold by the South Taranaki

District Council in 1992, but I don't know for how much," said Opunake Business Association chair Raewyn Cornford who had organised the protest. "They told us the TSB ATM is going to stay, but if the building is going to be sold, is the person buying the building going to keep the ATM? I now don't have confidence in anything they say." Murray Baylis said he had rung up to see if he would be able to speak at the general business part of the Toi Foundation Annual Public Meeting at Waitara on

August 29. He had been told by a woman that he would be able to do so. "Four of us were all ready to go, then just two kilometres out of town this guy rang to say they only wanted to speak about the Toi Foundation and didn't want to talk about any bank closures. So we turned around and came home. I didn't want to drive for an hour and a half without being able to speak. "I'm not happy at all. I think they're just putting profits before the community. Their mission statement is about supporting communities but

everything they've done is going against what their mission statement is all about." Another man, who said he had been with the TSB "forever and a day" cited the travelling distances to other banks. "It's 30 minutes to Hawera and 40 minutes to New Plymouth. They're keeping Inglewood open. I don't know why. It's only 10 minutes from there to New Plymouth." For Jarrah Edge who co-owns Sugar Juice Café, the bank's closure was an

outrage. "There's 31 businesses that need change," he said in Opunake. "What are we going to do because we can't get to the bank." He added they were also worried for their safety and said they were vulnerable to theft and ram raids. He said that people come into the café all the time many tourists staying at the caravan park. "They all come in with cash." He added that he has been a customer of the TSB for 22 years. "We didn't even get told," he said.

## TSB CEO and Toi Foundation comment

The Acting CEO of the TSB and also the Chair of the Toi Foundation Chris Ussher have responded to questions by the Opunake & Coastal News regarding the closure of the Opunake and Eltham branches of the TSB. The Acting CEO of the TSB is Gordon Davidson who took over from the former CEO Donna Cooper following her abrupt resignation in July. Asked whether people in the community were consulted about the closure of the TSB branch in Opunake he responded that the closure of the bank (s) was "a

commercial decision based on meeting our customers changing needs, with a significant shift digital service usage that has accelerated post Covid. We have data on the transactions and usage of the branch and the reality is that 92% of people now bank online and only 8% of customers even go into a branch at all." He also added they had "written and or called all our customers that are affected and the overwhelming majority have told us they already bank online or were happy after we helped set

them up." On September 13 they were running a session at Opunake branch as an opportunity for customers to ensure they have eftpos, debit card or internet access, he added. Asked about the cost of running the Opunake branch of the TSB and the Eltham branch Mr Davidson said they could not reveal this as this was commercially sensitive information. The TSB has reported a 48% decline in profit in the year ending March 2023 when compared to the previous year ending March 2022. Asked

whether this was behind the decision to close branches, Mr Davidson said, "The cost increase in March 23 was not the rationale for closing the branch but was due to customers changing needs." As to how many people bank with the TSB in Taranaki the CEO again replied "Sorry this is commercially sensitive information." Another question regarding how much the TSB paid in sponsorship for naming rights for the Festival of Lights annually also received the same response that this was "commercially sensitive

information." The TSB withdrew their sponsorship of the Festival of Lights on August 12 only to do a u turn a week later and sign on for another three years. As for the ATM machines in Opunake and Eltham, and whether they will stay indefinitely, the response was, "We have no plans to remove them currently." The Chair of the Toi Foundation Board of Directors Chris Ussher was asked whether the

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# Letters to the Editor

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While we welcome free speech, the views expressed in the Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of the Opunake & Coastal News. Please limit letters to 350 words as we sometimes struggle for space to fit them all in.

## Help police cut down on crime

I am beginning to feel really sorry for our Opunake police who have been repeatedly asking people around the coast to keep their eyes wide open for anyone doing anything suspicious and take notes and ring the police or 0800 555 if they want to remain anonymous. Again it seems there's been an increase in rural burglaries, dishonesty and driving offences. So what does this tell our people around the coast? Do they want to become victims to any type of crime? Maybe there's coming a time when a proper Coastal Community Crime Watch group will be formed to help our police. Also remember that the Coast area covers a vastly huge area of distance, making our police having to travel several miles to investigate any misdoings.

So everyone around the coast must keep on reporting. Today's criminals are getting more and more clever every day. Now if everyone begins to work together I do believe it will cut down the number of crimes happening around the coast, so I am asking again, does anyone want to become a victim of any type of crime?

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

## The Opunake T.S.B

I'd really, really like to thank Our last surviving local bank For showing us what callous means And proving there's no in-betweens Twixt corporate bank impunity And the needs of our

community In a deal that was underhand You inveigled our donated land Which now you're selling for a profit To which I say "yeah na, get off it" What I refer to is no mystery It's in "our" Council's history Our "Trust" in you is truly blown Now we know we're on our own You say "So sorry, but it's the end of it" Be honest, you just don't give a s...!

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## Don't upstage another candidate

I was really astounded when ACT candidate Andrew Hoggard who is extremely

well-known throughout the farming sector stated "stop cuddling our criminals". Does he actually think that everyone is somewhat stupid and naïve to do such an utterly callous thing? Then came Mark Cameron, ACT's spokesperson for Primary Industry speaking about the increase in adult and youth gangs. The public know this is happening, so my question to Mr Cameron is how is National and ACT going to stop them? They are always recruiting new members, yet why didn't ACT spokesperson Nicola McKee speak on this instead of saying too many cultures have been subject to our law. Look if they didn't commit any type of crime and get themselves a job they wouldn't be getting into trouble which goes for all cultures. So maybe Messrs Cameron and Hoggard should stick to their given

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## ADELPHOS

Sometimes we get so caught up in living our lives and the daily routines that we forget to think about them. The other day I came across some old photos, taken in my younger years. And there's nothing quite like an old photo to transport us back to another time. So, while there is no time travel yet (apart from on Star Trek and Dr Who), we are transported back in our mind and bodily experiences to the time when the photo was taken. Well, there are exceptions for people who have various forms of amnesia,

Alzheimer's disease or other brain dysfunction. Memory is another facet of life that we don't think about very often: except when we forget something we need to remember. Then it's a universal frustration. The definition of memory is, "The ability to store information when people need it." Generally, there are four main types of memory with various subtypes. They are sensory, short-term, working and long-term memory. The latter has two types: implicit (unconscious) and explicit (conscious).

## A moment in time

When something notable occurs, it gets recorded in our brain like a video. We remember the location, time and event sequence. It is called episodic memory and is a form of long-term memory. Interestingly, it's the type that helps us find our parked car. It also helps us remember the old photo. Of course, photos are not the only visual aid we have to help us remember. Objects, plants, food recipes, geographic locations, movies and books also serve in the same way. For Christians, the symbol of the cross helps to remind us of the sacrifice

Jesus made for all humans. His death on the cross was a moment in time. A moment that inarguably changed the history of the earth. And when celebrating the Lord's Supper, or Eucharist, Christians the world over remember the sacrifice Jesus made for the forgiveness of all humanity's sins. As Jesus asked us to remember His death and resurrection we enter into His sacrifice. Making that moment in time become now.

Maanakitanga  
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.

We do appreciate your contributions, so thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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### Opunake TSB to close

portfolios and not try to steal on a fellow candidate's subject. I don't think that Mr Hoggard and Mr Cameron would like to be upstaged by another candidate

Tom Stephens  
New Plymouth

'Record \$23m handed out by the Toi foundation' (Taranaki Daily News 30-8-23).

The Toi Foundation is the 100% owner of the TSB bank. The \$23m was made

up of over 1000 grants to many worthwhile causes. While I have no problem with that I am gutted by the news that the TSB bank is Opunake is due to close on the 29th of December.

This decision to close our bank is a huge blow. Opunake is one hour from New Plymouth and 40 minutes from Hawera and our isolation makes it vital that we retain a working bank. Businesses need a facility to get change (you don't get any change under a \$20 note from a ATM), and

to bank their takings. This is also true for clubs doing fundraising, market days, garden festivals etc.

Even if these facilities were made available at the Hub in the library it has no security set up like a bank has. The TSB has large glass panels that would prevent anyone jumping over the counter with a weapon demanding money.

The TSB bosses have also conveniently left the elderly out of the debate. The fact is most elderly don't do online banking, some won't

even use eftpos and many don't drive, so for all these reasons most of our elderly are completely dependent on a local bank.

Why continue to give multi-millions in grants to South Taranaki while heartlessly closing a much needed bank in a thriving coastal town?

Our bank was built on land donated by an Opunake business family and has been supported very well by the locals over the years. I know that internet banking has slowed the foot traffic

to the bank but does an organisation that makes millions in profits every year just wash its hands and walk away?

I would like to remind the Toi Foundation of the first sentence of its mission statement. 'To support our communities to build a thriving, inclusive and equitable Taranaki.' Is that just words or will you back it up?

Murray Baylis  
Opunake

# TSB CEO and Toi Foundation comment

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Foundation wanting to increase the return on their investment. Also whether the Toi Foundation felt any responsibility to its loyal TSB customers to keep

branches open, especially those living in remote areas with no other banks close by.

The response: "As the shareholder in TSB, the Toi Foundation's focus is at a strategic level. Decisions regarding the branch network are detailed operational

matters that sit with the bank." He also added "The Toi Foundation is not privy to the commercial or operational detail that underpins this decision, however we understand from recent public comments made by the bank's CEO that it was a

carefully considered choice."

He continued: "We appreciate the impact that decisions like this can have on a community, and we empathise with people who might be affected by the changes at this branch."

As regards the recent Toi

Foundation's AGM, Chris Ussher replied "The floor was open for guests to ask questions at our AGM," but that "we could only speak to Toi Foundation matters, not operational banking matters which would be for the bank to speak on."

He also said there were no plans to sell their stake in the TSB and that they had full confidence in all the directors who are working hard to help navigate the challenging banking environment in New Zealand."

# Eltham to lose its bank

The Eltham branch of the Taranaki Savings Bank is set to close. The branch which occupies a strategic position on High Street, near the intersection with Bridge Street, the first street in New Zealand to be tar sealed is one of seven branches which the TSB has announced it will close.

TSB has cited an increasing use of online banking meaning there is less business for bricks and mortar branches like Eltham. It is also only 11km to the nearest TSB branch in Stratford.

Most local people approached by the Opunake and Coastal News were not happy with the decision, citing the loss of another amenity as well as the difficulties that would be faced by those who had become dependent on having a bank in town. Others questioned whether with the bank gone the ATM would follow.

"It is really sad and disappointing," says Barbara

Andrew. "I know people in wheelchairs and what are they going to do?"

Lindsay Maindonald says he wants the TSB to reverse their decision and is encouraging local people to make their voices heard.

"Come on TSB. Be loyal to Taranaki which has been loyal to you," he says. "When the TSB started off we left our other banks to support them. They stood up to the other banks and said we are not going to be like them. Nobody thought they would survive, but they kept looking for business and for people to join them. They got a lot of business from people who said they were going to be there to support them. We stayed with them and supported them all these years.

"They say it's only so far up the road to Stratford but there are people who can't drive and don't have anybody to take them there. The Toi Foundation which owns the TSB gave away \$24 million in grants, so why can't they keep these banks



Eltham's TSB.

open?"

"They're lacking some moral fibre," says Mark Bellringer. "The TSB said they were the People's Bank but now they're acting like everyone else. I can see and understand that it's a sign of the times. We're probably lucky to have had it as long as we have. Just so long as they retain the money machine, and hopefully Stratford will stay open."

One woman said the town still needed the bank. "It's

only open two days a week, but the last time I was in there I had to wait for three people ahead of me. Thinking back Eltham had all the banks. Now we have none. I'm worried about there being another empty building in town."

David Gleason also noted the loss of another amenity.

"When I first came to Eltham there were two butcher shops and three banks. Now there's nothing."

He points to the Eltham

branch of the TSB.

"How much did it cost to build that? It was a waste of money building it. They should have left it around the corner where the foodbank now is, but they had to be on the main street."

One businessman asked what would happen to the money machine now that the TSB is going.

"You've got to stop and think is there going to be an ATM? If the bank gets sold and somebody buys it for a bar/café, who wants a money machine outside their door?"

"It's closed three times a week. They say it's a community bank, but it's no longer a community bank. It's not even an agency the way they are running it now."

Sharon Stewart said the branch should stay open, if only for a short time.

"I think the bank should be of service to the people that need it, even if it's only open one day a week," she says.

Natasha Williams agrees.

"I'm thinking about the elderly people. Some use cash and don't use the money machine."

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# Board defers funding application

The Taranaki Coastal Community Board has again deferred making a decision on whether to fund repairs to the Rahotu Youth Hall. As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (July 27) St Pauls Co-Operating Church in Opunake had applied for a \$10,000 grant from the board's discretionary fund to replace and paint rotten

boards in the Egmont Youth Camp Hall at Rahotu. At their July 12 meeting at Te Kiri the board voted to defer the application to the next funding round, saying they needed more information before a decision could be made. At their next meeting on August 23 at Warea the Community Board again

considered the application from St Pauls Church. Daphne Holley, representing St Pauls Church said they had previously replaced the church roof, but discovered dry rot had set into the north wall due to recent flooding in Rahotu. She said they now faced the added problem of having to meet the requirement of installing toilets, something which in the past had not been seen as an issue with there being public toilets nearby.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon asked how often the camp was used. Mrs Holley said the camp would be used 4-5 times a year. It had been used less often because of COVID, and the lack of toilets meant schools were less willing to

use it. Monica Willson asked if the other entities coming under the ambit of St Pauls Church would be prepared to provide funding. Mrs Holley said there was work that needed doing on the St Pauls Church hall as well as providing for the school's Dynamite Bay after-school programme. She said the parish council had previously been reluctant to fund the hall due to doubts about its viability, but that they were now fully on board with it.

Mrs Willson said Community Board funding is something that's always seen as a last resort and she wasn't convinced that this was the case in this situation. Mayor Nixon said Rahotu appeared to be a

place that was growing, but the \$10,000 being asked for was double that being recommended for funding applications to the board's discretionary fund.

South Taranaki District councillor Aaron Langton moved that the matter be deferred to the next funding round. This was carried.

Also at the open forum part of the meeting was South Taranaki District Council planner Gordon Campbell who spoke about the reviews of the Council's Easter Sunday Trading, Gambling Venues and TAB Venues policies. The Council has to have a policy on gambling venues and TAB venues which must be reviewed every three years. The Easter Sunday Trading Policy which allows trading

throughout the district must be reviewed every five years. The Gaming Venues policy currently only allows gaming machines where another activity is carried on with a limit of 121 gambling machines throughout the district, while the TAB Venues policy does not allow any new stand-alone TAB venues.

South Taranaki District Council group manager community services Rob Haveswood encouraged people to make submissions on the Council's Waste Minimisation Plan which must be reviewed every six years. Up to 60 per cent of what's currently in waste bins could be recycled or composted, he said.



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# Fridtjof Hanson dies

On September 15, 2021 Fridtjof Hanson passed away in New Plymouth after a long battle with cancer.

Born in 1942, he was a committed Quaker, his guiding light being inspired by George Fox "Walk cheerfully answering that of God in everyone."

This exceptional man is remembered as a kind, gentle talented person, who was well read, talented and highly intelligent.

He was a vascular and general surgeon in New Plymouth, until 2001 when he retired and pursued his interest in sculpting. His best known sculpture is probably Olympian Sir Peter Snell in Opunake. However, others include surveyor Carrington in the New Plymouth CBD, Colonel Malone in Stratford, and an unknown

soldier in commemoration of Armistice day, who is looking over the Tasman Sea from the New Plymouth foreshore. However, Fridtjof also sculpted animals, including a heroic dog in Manaia, another dog called Harawene and his final creation the horse Kiwi who won the Melbourne Cup on jockey Jimmy Cassidy. This sculpture he gifted to the Waverley community.

An animal lover he carried out a campaign for bit-free bridles for horses and even designed his own version based on those of the Bedouins.

With his strong feelings about the futility of war he wanted to complete a sculpture of famous conscientious objector Archibald Baxter (World War I), but was unable to do so. Archibald was the father of arguably our greatest poet James K Baxter.

Fridtjof's wife Johanna (also a doctor), daughter Kersti, son Christian and brothers Nils and Derek survive him, as well as two grandchildren.



The Peter Snell statue in Opunake was one of Fridtjof Hansen's creations.

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# OBITUARY David William Self

## 23 July 1933 - 17 August 2023

David Self was an orphan at 9, trained to be a dairyfarmer, but made his mark as a nurseryman and Anglican priest. The man who had a 70-year association with the town of Manaia passed away on August 17 aged 90.

“He was part of an amazing group of young men that did a lot of the things we have seen built in Manaia,” son Michael said at his father’s funeral which was held at St Joseph’s Church Hawera on August 22.

David William Self was born in Norfolk, England. After the deaths of their parents he and his brother were looked after by different members of their family, before David as a 17 year-old left for New Zealand as part of the child migrant scheme and arrived in Nelson where he stayed with other family members. He learned about farming at Flockhouse and arrived in Taranaki in 1953 where he got a job on the Waimate West Demonstration Farm. It was here he got his driver’s licence and met a nurse called Mary who he would go on to marry. After studying at Lincoln he returned to Manaia and sharemilked on

the Normanby Road before taking another change in direction.

“He did the mad English thing and set up a nursery instead of buying a farm,” said Michael. “He was into regenerative agriculture and horticulture long before the word was even thought of.”

The Selfs were invited to attend the Anglican Church in Manaia and soon became actively involved.

He was on the building committee of the new St Cuthberts Anglican Church which was dedicated in 1960. When the church was deconsecrated in 2021 he was the last surviving member of the original committee.

“I was one of three young guys in our 20s,” David told the Opunake and Coastal News shortly before the church closed. “There was Keith Bloor, Nigel MacLeod and myself. The others were the older people,”

It was those three who pressed for the use of Hinuera stone in the building.

David recalled the vicar at the time was Pat Gourdie who would milk 12 cows in a cowshed next to the church.



**David Self in 2021 at the time of the deconsecration of St Cuthberts Church Manaia.**

An ex-military chaplain who had been at Monte Cassino, he later returned there in 1994 to lead a service.

“He inspired me,” says David. “I thought I would like to be like him. He liked his wife, his family, his church and his people, and I tried to follow him.”

David was getting more involved in the church, as Sunday School teacher, Bible Class leader and lay reader.

“My mind felt I would like to go a bit further, but I felt I had no qualifications apart from knowing something about farming.”

A turning point came in 1967 when the Rev Keith Elliott who had won the Victoria Cross in World War II before becoming an Anglican minister took a service at St Aidan’s in Okaiawa.

“I went along to hear him. He was a man who knew his own mind. He had won the VC for bravery, had the call to become a priest, and was ordained without any exams.”

David was ordained a deacon in 1970, and a priest in 1971.

Back then St Cuthberts was the centre of the Parochial District of Manaia, which included churches at Otakeho and Okaiawa, with monthly services at Auroa.

“The vicar of Manaia was quite busy, and they had a good congregation then,” said David.

Another interest was the Manaia and Districts RSA. Technical Sergeant David Self of the First Wellington West Coast Taranaki Regiment did his military training at Burnham and joined the Manaia RSA in 1976. He was president from 2000-7 and was made

a life member in 2011. As padre he continued to be a familiar presence at the town’s ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day commemorations.

His wife Mary was also active in the local community, serving on the Education and Hospital boards. She died in 2011.

David later shifted into Hawera and continued his love of all things horticultural, being a familiar sight selling plants at the Saturday Hawera markets. He was also a familiar sight at the Hawera Horticultural Society Flower Shows.

“I used to have a stall in the market next to David for years,” recalls Society president Paul Lander. “His depth of knowledge was amazing. I’m really going to miss him when I have questions to ask. He was one of those people who could be a friend to anybody. He was quite impressive as a person as well as being a minister.”

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The risks of social media

Kia Ora Koutou  
I have been busy of late dealing with complaints with respect to youths' behaviour around social media.

It's become evident that children are using social media as a gratification tool. Posts are being created involving them often behaving in a manner that is either morally or criminally unacceptable.

The purpose for the posts is to receive likes and comments from friends/followers.

I suggest some boundaries around your child's phone, if you relate to these problems. Some examples may include:



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- your child leaving their phone at home if they are meeting friends during the day. Give them a time to be home, know where they are going.

- regularly checking your child's phone for content, if they don't allow you to then they don't deserve a phone.

- make some rules about how long they can be on their phones

- no phones in bedrooms.

You have paid for the phone I'm sure, so then the boundaries you make are a compromise for the use of the phone.

Unfortunately, with living costs increasing it has increased the stress on our daily lives.

I want to offer my support should anyone need advice or knowledge around services available.

Reach out if you or someone you know needs some assistance. I can make referrals to agency or simply give advice where needed.

Lastly, if there is any community event on and you would like a speaker or Police attendance, I'm more than happy to assist where time permits.

I enjoyed attending the Okato Playcentre the other day and seeing the smiles on the kids' faces was awesome.

Until next time.  
Nga Mihi,

Constable Matthew Stone

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Let's continue to be vigilant

Kia Ora everyone.  
As we welcome spring and look forward to longer, warmer days I want to remind everyone to continue to be vigilant around security involving their properties and their vehicles.

While Police are committed to actively investigating burglaries and thefts and holding offenders to account, we are seeking the help of everyone to make



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their vehicles and properties less attractive for theft.

Ensure vehicles are left locked, parked off the road, out of sight, or in secure car parking where possible. Consider a vehicle alarm or installing a vehicle immobiliser and remember to remove valuables and credit cards from vehicles. We also need to take the same precautions with our homes, keeping them secure while we are not present and not leaving valuables in the open and easily accessible. Home security camera systems are becoming more affordable and accessible and are a great option to have.

By making your vehicle and property more challenging to steal or access, opportunistic thieves will be more likely to leave it alone. If you notice suspicious or concerning activity around, please contact Police on 111

if it is happening and 105 after the fact.

As I investigate an assortment of offences happening around our communities I hear a lot of people saying, 'everyone knows who they are', 'everyone knows who's done that' or 'everyone knows what happens at that address.' Everyone may know but no one's telling us, which is what we need to be able to do anything about it. If we know certain people or specific addresses are engaging in unlawful behaviour, we need people to let us know so we can go and do some proactive work at those addresses, talking to people and putting some pressure on them.

Despite many residents coming to me saying there are "massive problems" and "all sorts going on," we as police receive very few complaints. Police use evidence-based deployment to beat the demand, which means to get support from neighbouring stations we need evidence of the demand which comes in the form of everyone reporting crime and suspicious activity.

I understand it can be frustrating, time consuming or difficult to report issues within a small town which is why I will continue to

encourage people to report things anonymously using CRIMESTOPPERS.

The more information we receive will directly result in us having more of an idea of what is happening in our area and what we can do to reduce harm and create safer communities for everyone.

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# Winston Peters holds crowd in palm of his hand



New Zealand First leader Winston Peters speaking to a large responsive crowd at the Devon Hotel in New Plymouth recently.

New Zealand First leader Winston Peters spoke to a packed ballroom at the Devon Hotel, New Plymouth on Sunday August 27. The audience of about 250 were responsive to his wide-ranging speech, peppered with jokes.

His theme was Lets Take Back Our Country, which was emblazoned on several screens at the front of the room.

He was introduced by Stu Husband MP as a former Cabinet Minister (Maori Affairs, Treasurer), twice Acting Prime Minister, "who has represented New Zealand with distinction on foreign shores."

In a rather jocular fashion Mr Peters opened with the announcement (the same day), that Prime Minister Hipkins had stated that he would not work with Mr Peters - presumably meaning he would not enter a coalition agreement with New Zealand First,

assuming he was in a position to do so. Mr Peters pointed out that the statement was irrelevant because on July 25 he had already ruled out Labour as a coalition partner. "Mr Hipkins is in a time warp," he commented.

He continued, "Labour lied to me. We ruled out working with this cabal."

This election New Zealand First is not standing a candidate in the New Plymouth electorate, held by Glen Bennett (Labour), so is seeking the party vote. Opinion polls indicate that New Zealand First is on about 4% and needs to lift to the 5% threshold to gain List parliamentarians (Unless they win at least one electorate).

Special treatment for Maori was not supported, all votes should have equal value he argued. "We would not rubber stamp one side of our DNA and rubbish the other half."

Mr Peters focused on

several issues pertaining to Taranaki, notably energy and dairying; he expressed concern that so many dairy factories had closed and that milk powder was being exported in large quantities to China. "All eggs in the one basket," he lamented, further pointing out that China has a suspect economy.

He considered that undue emphasis on climate change was risking the primary industry. He mentioned the 2015 Paris Climate Accord. He pointed out that New Zealand contributes to greenhouse gas (eg. carbon dioxide, methane) emissions much less than the major culprits, such as the United States and China. "We contribute just 0.17% of carbon dioxide emissions."

He poured scorn on the Three Waters proposal and said if enacted the legislation would be repealed. "Don't pee down my back and tell me it's raining," he quipped to laughter.

The closing down of the

organisations, he stated. More police were needed on the beat, not stuck in offices.

Signs and organisations should be in English, not Maori he stated. He used Waka Kotahi as an example; "Boat on the road," he mused. This step would make for more clarity he felt.

The slip in educational standards was exemplified by our lowering standings amongst the OECD nations, with respect to maths/science and reading. He considered that a stronger emphasis on reversing truancy would be essential. "Education is an amazing utility. The sky is the limit."

One surprise; Mr Peters

had an earlier career as a teacher (primary and secondary) before he became a lawyer and then a politician.

He mentioned in passing two notable Maori dignitaries we should admire including politician Apirana Ngata and Urenui-born medical practitioner Sir Peter Buck.

A question session ended the speech. Asked about his banning from parliament for attending an anti-mandate protest in the vicinity by (then) Speaker Trevor Mallard Mr Peters responded, "I took him to Court and won." He added "And now he's Ambassador to Ireland - it's a disgrace."

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# Election 2023 and Science

Ahead of the 2023 General Election, scheduled to be held on 14 October, the Science Media Centre asked political parties 10 science-related policy questions.

Full responses are available on our website. Responses to two questions related to our research sector are also below.

The Science Media Centre asked Labour, National, ACT, Green, Te Pāti Māori,

New Zealand First, and The Opportunities Party (TOP) for their policies on the following topics: Research sector, Climate, Drinking water, Conservation, Genetic technologies, COVID-19, Technology

Responses are listed in order of the number of seats in the current parliament. Te Pāti Māori has declined the invitation and suggested we reference policies already

posted on their website. NZ First did not respond by the deadline. We will update our website with any further responses received.

**Research sector**  
*What are your intentions for the Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways overhaul of the research, science, and innovation system?*

**Labour:** Last year, Labour launched the Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways,

a multi-year programme focused on the future of New Zealand's research, science, and innovation system. We are building a modern, future focused research system for New Zealand to meet the challenges and make the most of the opportunities ahead of us.

- Such a system should reflect New Zealand's unique opportunities and challenges. It will embed Te Tiriti across the design attributes of the system, and enable opportunities for mātauranga Māori

- It will also recognise that research is a global undertaking and seek to stand alongside the best systems in the world

- The Future Pathways programme looks to better understand and resolve these issues and create a research, science and innovation system that continues to be critical for New Zealand's success

The programme has framed potential responses in 6 main areas:

- Exploring the role that whole-of-system priorities could play in focusing research activities and concentrating resources towards achieving national goals

- Exploring how the research system can best honour Te Tiriti obligation and opportunities, give life to Māori research aspirations and enable mātauranga Māori

- Exploring potential ways to reshape the RSI funding system for the future. It covers how funding can be used to give effect to national priorities, reduce unproductive competition, and ensure our institutions can respond to emerging opportunities

- Re-examining how we design and shape public research institutions (focusing on CRIs and Callaghan) to enable them

to give effect to national priorities, encourage greater connectivity, and be adaptable in a fast changing world

- Exploring how we best develop our workforce, ensure the RSI workforce is connected, diverse and dynamic and they are offered attractive and flexible careers and career pathways
- Exploring effective funding, governance and ownership arrangements for national research infrastructures and how we should support sustainable, efficient and enabling investment in research infrastructure

**National:** The government lost an opportunity to look at growing the research, science, and innovation system and bring positive change to enhance New Zealand economy. National does not support Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways.

**ACT:** ACT will withdraw Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways science vision and replace it with a simpler and clearer set of priorities focussed on funding internationally-credible scientific research for productivity and public good science.

**Green:** The Green Party acknowledges the need for an overhaul of the research, science, and innovation system. We largely support and would act on the reforms included in Te Ara Paerangi. In particular, we support its commitment to:

- Focus RSI on improving environmental sustainability and individual and collective wellbeing
- Advance Māori aspirations and priorities
- Invest in mātauranga Māori
- Establish long-term funding for public good science services
- Promote transdisciplinary research

**TOP:** The Opportunities Party supports the general direction of Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways, and we support the overhaul of the current system. Significantly increasing funding into RSI up to 2% of GDP is an important goal that we also support. The structure of that funding needs to change to better support early career researchers and build a stable science career pathway. The

move towards honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi is to be applauded.

*How will your party respond to funding pressures and widespread job cuts in the university and tertiary education sector?*

**Labour:** Labour knows that a strong tertiary education sector is a core pillar of our research, science and innovation sector. Labour is committed to supporting the sector, which is why we've provided the most significant funding increase in 20 years. This includes the \$128 million investment announced in June, in addition to increased funding in Budget 2023.

We understand that the sector needs to be sustainable in the long term. For this reason we've announced a review into the higher education funding system, with a decision to be taken by the end of 2023.

**National:** The tertiary education sector is struggling with rising costs, low international student numbers, declining domestic student numbers, and lower retention.

The main job for the next government will be to get inflation under control to reduce cost pressures and accelerate the return of international students, which help to keep costs down for domestic students.

National will also undo the disastrous polytechnic mega-merger and return control to institutions and local communities, while implementing a funding model that provides stability and accountability.

**ACT:** ACT intends to retain overall levels of funding for university and vocational training, but deliver funding to universities through per student basis (rather than through "fees free"). ACT will disestablish the failed Te Pukenga experiment and return to regional polytechs and industry-governed industry training organisations.

**Green:** It is well-past time for Government to develop a sustainable funding model for tertiary education. Green engagement across staff, students and universities throughout Aotearoa has

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# National's pledge card should sort out dodgy tax scheme says Grant Robertson

National's pledge card should focus on sorting out the widely discredited tax scheme, which is misleading and simply does not add up, Grant Robertson Labour Finance Spokesperson said.

"If Christopher Luxon wants to make some real pledges, then he needs to tell New Zealanders how he will pay for the gaping holes that have been identified in almost every aspect of the plan," Grant Robertson said.

"Experts and commentators across the board have pointed out that National's housing tax simply will not work. The assumptions around how many houses will need to be purchased to generate the money they need is more than heroic, they're misleading.

"On top of that our international tax and trade agreements detail in black and white that many of the countries they would need to even get close to paying



**Grant Robertson.**

for it are excluded. They are hundreds of millions of dollars short, just in one aspect of their policy.

"The costings for the whole

scheme are dodgy. That means even more cuts to services if National press ahead.

"Sky City appear to have

given National the numbers for the gambling tax which experts have said simply does not add up. On top of that billions of dollars of public services need to be cut to try to make it add up. This includes cutting cheaper public transport, climate action spending, early childhood education funding and free prescriptions.

"So, to be helpful we have come up with a pledge card plan for National to try dig themselves out of their tax scheme hole," Grant Robertson said.

1. Go back and properly cost tax scheme
2. Release the costings (if Sky City say its ok)
3. Rule out increasing GST to pay for holes in tax scheme
4. Apologise to New Zealanders for dodgy costings
5. Buy new calculator

National need to ditch their discredited tax scheme and start again. It does not add up, and it is based on damaging cuts to the very measures that Labour has put in place to ease cost of living

pressures and support Kiwi families and households. "National's plan to reward offshore property speculators and millionaires will take New Zealand backwards," Grant Robertson said.

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found clear consensus that the status quo is unsustainable, failing to meet the needs of learners, educators, our communities and country. We will continue to work constructively with

staff and students to ensure we invest in education as the public good that it is.

TOP: The Opportunities Party would work collaboratively across the political spectrum to stabilise the tertiary education sector.

We recognise the difficult position that the tertiary sector currently faces with chronic underfunding and rapidly inflating costs.

The Opportunities Party would seek to work with all parties to find a viable long

term funding model that would support Te Pūkenga. It would be a colossal waste to attempt to undo that change now, but serious action is needed to move forward.

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## Unsettled rest

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

The dawn of 1916 sees Arthur back in Egypt, having survived winter battle at Gallipoli. He writes in a guarded manner, unsure of what he can reveal about the troops' movements to his father back in Manaia. His first Christmas away from home had been marked with a Christmas dinner which "wasn't up to the usual standard," but was appreciated nonetheless.

In the Egyptian desert a dust storm has raged for two days, and the huts the soldiers have built for themselves out of reed matting and a few sticks are not providing much shelter. Somehow Arthur has stayed fit and healthy, while others have not fared so well. His remarkable ability to highlight good experiences persists - ever enthusiastic about swimming, he adds that they have had a lovely swim in a salt water lake.

Egypt  
3rd January 1916

My dear Father,  
Well, we are back here again much sooner than we expected. I left the Peninsula on the 14th of Dec, stayed a little over a week at Lemnos and arrived at Alexandria on Dec 27th. I don't think I am allowed to state where we are just now, anyhow it isn't very far from Suez and is on the railway line and near the Canal.

There is a fair size village near here but on account of some of the troops creating disturbances all the restaurants etc are closed at 2 p.m. when we get leave, so the show isn't worth visiting.

One can't get anything to eat after walking about two miles to get there so I think my one visit to the village will be enough for some time.

I haven't seen Boyd since we left Lemnos the first time for the Peninsula neither have I seen Bill Auton since



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

we were last in Egypt. I have made enquiries about Boyd, & am told that he is quite well. I myself, have not had a day's sickness and am very fit just now. We are on the desert here but there is vegetation about half a mile away; so the place isn't bad, anyhow, there is no shrapnel bursting and no stray bullets flying around.

Our reinforcements didn't have a bad time on the Peninsula, there were no attacks while we were there so we got off quite lightly. I am not going into detail just now because I don't know what restrictions the censor is placing on us; anyhow next time I write I will try to describe something of our stay on the Peninsula & something of the departure.

We left Lemnos on Christmas Day and had bully-beef and plum pudding for dinner; the latter wasn't up to the usual standard but appreciated by everybody.

We are being fed well here, plenty of bread, fresh meat & vegetables. We can buy plenty of oranges & tomatoes so are not faring badly.

Close at hand is a canteen and there we can get fried eggs & a cup of tea, also tinned fruit, chocolate etc.

I don't know how long we will be here; the 7th and 8th are both in Egypt but haven't joined us yet; the Trents [?] are also here somewhere but we haven't seen them yet.

I have received letters, papers and parcels date as late as November 18th, but there is an earlier mail which has followed us about since we left the Peninsula.

It is in Cairo first now so we should get it very soon. I expect three large cakes in that mail, the one you sent from home, one from Kittie & one from Sylvia. Thanks very much for all the parcels; the cigarettes & tobacco are very much superior to the ones issued to us. The novels are also decent.

Please don't enclose writing paper & envelopes, I have got plenty. You can send chocolate if you like. I either lost my pay book or had it stolen the other day which means that I lose about £3 which was due to me. They won't pay in such a case any money owing but go on paying again from the day the matter is reported.

If you like you can post me five longish notes and take it from my deferred pay. It is always handy to have some money in hand to buy extras. Our 14/- per week doesn't go very far.

Stuart Craig & Gilligan should soon be with us &

Chick [?] should soon follow. I saw Charlie Winters the other day & he is looking fit again. Jack Connel is here under the name of Harrison.

I saw Dave Stewart & he is well, Malcolm is away in hospital but Dave says there is nothing the matter with him.

Please tell Lawson, Kittie & Miss McEwan that I have received letters & papers from them & will answer soon. I got the cable alright on New Year's day, it was sent on Dec 15th I think. I haven't got the means of sending one just now or I would reply & I don't know anything of the arrangements for sending one. Well I must close just now, hoping you are all well.

I remain,  
Your affectionate son,  
Arthur (Gilmour)

P.S.  
The last two days have been rather unpleasant, we have had a dust storm on - don't get very much shelter from the dust in the little huts we have built for ourselves out of reed matting & a few sticks. We had a lovely swim the other day in a salt water lake adjoining the Canal.

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# Second community meeting presents valuable feedback

Following on from the first community meeting, held on June 15 (Refer to OCN issue June 15, page 1), the well-attended (about 60 people) follow up meeting was held on Thursday July 27 (at 7pm). It was also held at the Opunake Bowling Club and was chaired by Ian Armstrong. Robyn Davey opened the meeting with a karakia.

Lorraine Williamson, the main organizer (the event is sponsored by Opunake Primary School), appreciated the hard background work and feedback that has yielded a Draft Vision, "We just have to step up the momentum and develop some concrete direction," she explained.

The Draft Vision is as follows:

*As we embrace the spirit of collaboration, we work hand in hand with our young people, recognising their unique perspectives and involving them in the decision-making process. Together, we create an atmosphere of trust and open communication, ensuring that their voices are heard and their ideas are given the platform they deserve.*

*Ultimately, our vision is to provide our youth population with, not just something to do, but a multitude of meaningful opportunities that enrich their lives, instill a sense of belonging and contribute to the collective betterment of our vibrant community. In a nutshell: "Cultivating a thriving and safe local community in collaboration with our children and youth."*

Ian Armstrong praised the positivity of the first meeting with some projects receiving support. Examples included pump track/skateboard initiatives, with STDC's Fran Levings (Community Development Adviser) carrying out a survey.

Ebony Kalin, chairperson



Community meeting addresses issues.

of newly created STDC Youth Council (Empower Youth) is keen to be involved.

St Paul's Co-operating Church has offered the use of a van. The various suggested initiatives need to be organised and progressed further.

Constable Brad Coad of Opunake Police, spoke about the value of an Opunake Community Patrol, but pointed out that it needs a steering committee (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer). Sheets were circulated so volunteers could record their details. Brad mentioned Patea as a town which has an effective system in place.

This proposal was accordingly resolved and carried (Moved Deanne Cook, Seconded Andrea Hooper Carr).

There several key themes which arose from the June meeting, which Stephanie McKellar outlined, supported by two handouts. Firstly, an Outcomes Summary mentioned Agencies which could support Opunake, with respect to Current Indoor Activities, Possible Outdoor activities, Possible Indoor Activities, as well as Innovative Ideas and Funding Solutions.

The input of the South Taranaki District Council was mentioned as The Big Picture. In this context Rob Haveswood, Community Services Group Manager, engages collaboratively with Liz Sinclair, Monica Willson

and Sharlee Mareikura from the Taranaki Coastal Community Board, which meets every six weeks. Funding applications are part of their business.

Under the STDC auspices Ebony Kalin, a student at Te Paepae o Aotea formed Empower Youth back in May to create a platform for young people to express their opinions, collaborate on ideas and actively contribute to the growth of their district. There are twelve members of this group each representing a different area. Rob Haveswood and Cr Racquel Cleaver-Pittams are providing guidance.

Apart from Ebony the other members of Empower Youth at the meeting included Kairo Garrett, Marama Mohi and Kymani Parata.

There has been considerable survey-based feedback from students from Opunake High School, Opunake Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School, which was reported on by Andrea Hooper Carr, Lorraine Williamson and Bianca Aldridge, respectively. The many ideas included, for example, fruit and vegetable gardens, a drop-in centre to play arcade games, table tennis, playstations, xbox, basketball hoop with bean bags and couches and an outside/inside gymnasium. A pump track was also popular.

Robyn Davey, Te Kura Kaupapa o Tamarongo said she has spoken to her

tamariki about aspirations for Opunake. Initiatives need to be Maori driven. She favours more local history written and portrayed around the town.

Adam Ellis of MB3 outlined the need for a vision for the future to enhance youth opportunities. He pointed out the negative effect of COVID in Rotorua, with 23% of students failing to return to school. He is keen to install fast internet into the homes of families and kaupapa. Discussion revealed that there are problems with internet service in the farming areas in Opunake and Waverley.

**Discussion**  
Group discussion of 15 minutes duration followed so the information could be examined and assimilated. This was followed by open floor discussion with the focus on practical

suggestions to implement in Opunake. Ideas included engaging more services for young people, being clear about community goals to ensure funding applications are successful, ways to represent age groups effectively and how to consult young people optimally. Maybe young people should be invited to meeting like this one. Empower Youth could be used as a conduit to a cross-section of youth.

Ian Armstrong commented that Opunake Lions Club would support suitable projects with funding.

Cr Bryan Roach expressed a willingness to help with obtaining finance for community projects. However, some thought has to be given to legal identity in such cases. Projects should be considered as part of the Council's Ten year Plan. There was considerable further in-depth discussion on this issue

CCTV Cameras in Opunake are monitored by Graham Lynch Security and are checked every three months. Cr Roach said a Council review of security camera is planned. The Opunake and Districts Business Association and representatives of the Opunake Community Meeting are investigating the cost of more security

cameras. Constable Coad explained that the police did not want to be involved in obtaining and monitoring cameras, but the Community Patrol Group could undertake this.

It was resolved that the Opunake Community supports Opunake High School in their venture to establish an all weather court at the front of the school. This school facility would be available to the youth and young people of Opunake as an additional facility. The Opunake community also support the Opunake High School in their quest to apply for funding from various agencies and organisations for this school's project (Moved Lorraine Williamson, seconded Kelly Ogle. Carried).

Lorraine Williamson indicated that a deadline of three months (to the end of October) would be set to allow people (who've volunteered) to investigate the feasibility of the various projects raised. They need to locate as much information as possible and report back to Lorraine of ask for more support. Dinnie Moeahu, a New Plymouth District Councillor will chair the next meeting.

A poroporaki, conducted by Robyn Davey, closed the meeting, which concluded with refreshments.

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# New Plymouth wins Palmers Garden Centre of the year

Palmers New Plymouth is 2023 Palmers Garden Centre store of the year. General manager Steve Salmon announced the 2023 winner saying that Palmers New Plymouth recorded the highest growth based on sales and margin and through outstanding customer service, owners Martin Thompson and Debra Simes ensured that their New Plymouth garden centre retained existing customers and attracted new customers.

'Palmers New Plymouth proves that retailing, based on quality and value,



resonates with customers who seek expert advice, attentive service, quality products and value-for-money'. Palmers has been at the forefront of garden centre retailing since 1912 with a New Plymouth store

**Left: Martin Thompson and Debra Simes from the Palmers New Plymouth Garden Centre.**

since 1991. Owner Martin Thompson explained that Palmers New Plymouth is a garden centre. 'Customers visit primarily to buy plants' said Mr Thompson. 'They also enjoy refreshments at in-store Café Botannix, shop for plant-care products and gifts. We select a wide range of the best quality plants and other products present them for sale in a welcoming and attractive shopping

environment supported by friendly, professional staff'. An experienced team, excellent supplier relationships including with Taranaki nurseries, a prime state highway location and ample free carparking contribute to the store's success.

'Palmers Store of the Year is also a win for New Plymouth and Taranaki gardeners' said Mr Thompson.

'Taranaki is known worldwide for its outstanding gardens and gardeners. These gardeners seek only the best and we are pleased to support them as they develop and grow their gardens'.

# Hawera shows continue to bloom

The Hawera Horticultural Society completed its round of flower shows for the year with its summer show held at the Hawera Community Centre on September 2-3.

In recent years the Society has held a summer and a spring show every year, both lasting two days. It is a format Society president Paul Lander says works well for them.

"I think it gives the public longer to look around," he says.

He said he was pleased with the way the show was going.

"I'm really happy with the standard. I think they're brilliant. We're a bit low on daffodils but I'm fairly happy."

This year they did something different and revived the Autumn Flower Show. Paul says it worked well, even though earlier hopes of being able to host



**Spud Brogden with his prize winning freesia.**

the National Chrysanthemum Show alongside this show didn't eventuate.

"Having a third show worked really well. We had good numbers through the door, and we plan to do that again next year," he said.

On a sadder note this year's Spring Show was without two people who had always been regular attenders. Joy

Brogden, who with her husband Spud had been the Society's joint patron passed away in February, while long-time nurseryman and plant expert David Self, formerly of Manaia passed away last month.

"I really miss Joy and David," says Paul. "They were both fixtures at our shows and close friends of

mine." Spud Brogden has made a name for himself as an expert on daffodils, but this year he was extending his repertoire to freesias.

"Freesias were Joy's specialty," says Spud. "I probably wouldn't have put any in, but she loved them so much I had to put some of them in to support her memory."

He points to his winning freesia and expresses surprise when told his white tulip had won the cut flower section.

And what kind of season has it been for his favourite, the daffodil?

"They were mostly early.

Some were just coming through good, and others were blooming, but probably this cold snap will slow them up again a wee bit."

He says at one time flower shows were held in places like Stratford, Eltham and Midhirst, but now Hawera and New Plymouth are the only ones being held in Taranaki.

Spud says he is now in his 90th year. His father was in his 99th year when he died, and his sister is nearly 100."

Phylis Malcolm who was judging the cut flower section said the freesias were good quality this year. "The last couple of weeks has nice for flowers and the quality

South Taranaki growers. There had been a South Taranaki branch formed in 1958, two years before its North Taranaki counterpart, but that had since folded.

Like Spud Brogden on daffodils he says this has been an unusual season for his favourite flower.

"All the camellias started flowering early then we had that cold spell so they stopped. We just had a week of fine weather, so we had enough good ones to put on display."

Tony says he has an interest in heritage camellias of which there are "quite a few" around Taranaki.

He said they had recently



**Daffodils on display.**

It's been a very unusual season for everything really.

of most of the blooms is very good. The irises always look pretty good this time of year and the magnolias look beautiful."

Also at the show was Oakura camellia grower Tony Barnes of the North Taranaki branch of the New Zealand Camellia Society who has just stepped down from 14 years as editor of their national bulletin.

"A group of us come down because they put on such good shows," he said.

His branch does have a strong representation of

had three international experts from Belgium, Germany and Australia at the National Show which they had hosted in New Plymouth.

"They were blown away with the camellias we have here," he said. In New Plymouth they even had a camellia that had been bred in Belgium in the 1850s, but which was no longer available in its country of origin, so they had been able to pass on some clippings to their Belgian visitor to take home.

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# Alcohol bill step in right direction to reduce harm

Health Coalition Aotearoa (HCA) has welcomed the Government's passing of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Community Participation) Amendment Bill.

HCA say while there is still much more to be done to reduce alcohol harm in this country, this is a step in the right direction, and the bill will facilitate better engagement by

local communities in Local Alcohol Policies (LAPs) to stem the torrent of health, social and criminal outcomes from alcohol.

"For too long people have had no way to make their communities healthier by reducing the number of cheap alcohol outlets which are swamping many disadvantaged neighbourhoods," HCA co-chair Professor Boyd

Swinburn said.

LAPs were intended to give more control to communities over alcohol availability, to reduce immense harm from drinking as successive governments failed to implement wider, protective measures.

But the government that passed the current alcohol legislation handed control over the LAP process to the alcohol industry via the

appeal process, enabling those who profit from alcohol harm to stall or stop their development.

"It was virtually impossible for Councils to adopt the Local Alcohol Policy that they had developed with their communities because of the need to fight appeals from the alcohol industry," HCA Rōpū Apārangi Waipiro (Alcohol expert panel) member Professor

Jennie Connor said.

"Now that avenue has been closed and Local Alcohol Policies will be able to reflect the needs of the people affected."

Dr Karen Wright, Rōpū Apaarangi Waipiro co-chair says "125 submissions on the Bill raised concern about the absence of Te Tiriti in alcohol legislation. It is critical for Te Tiriti o Waitangi to be embedded

in alcohol legislation, not just in its objectives but in all its processes, to ensure that legislation provides appropriate authority and protection for Māori whānau, hapū, iwi and hapori."

Connor says "we need to act to reduce the affordability of alcohol and alcohol marketing which also push up the level of consumption in Aotearoa as recommended by the World Health Organisation."

## Marilyn at Back Beach



By Graham Kirk.

## Student entrepreneurs create acne treatment

Kiri Wai ora is a small up and coming local business founded by Emma Goodin and Dusty Baldwin who are in year eleven at Spotswood College, New Plymouth.

Dusty and Emma realised that there were very few natural treatments for acne available on the market, and that most of the products contained harsh chemical ingredients to treat skin acne.

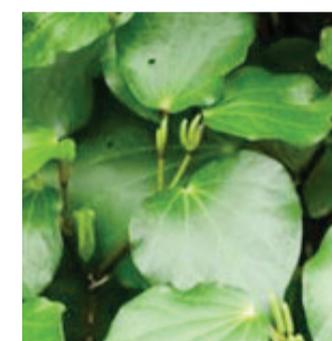
Having an interest in homemade skin care products after purchasing natural deodorants, moisturisers and face oils Emma quickly realised she wanted to try making her own.

When researching products

to treat acne they came across the many indigenous medicinal benefits of the humble kawakawa plant. Realising this was readily available in their home environments they wanted to test this out and incorporate it into their product range.

They then set about developing an acne balm that was easy to use and apply to the skin. The product is made in sustainable compostable cardboard tubes that can be carried and applied when necessary. To be used as a whole face moisturiser or as spot application. This has been tested by a range of

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# NPDC celebrates local legends celebrated by NPDC and region at large



Back row. From left. Lieutenant Murray Christensen, Lynn Fitzsimmons, Mark Leuthard, Kerry Austin, New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom, Kevin Nielsen, Nigel Williams and Major Michael Fabish. Front: Neil Evetts, Hoani Eriwata, Hone Tipene, Elaine Schreiber, Val Deakin, Gordon Hudson and Angela McGregor on behalf of Robert McGregor.

A revered historian, tikanga and cultural adviser; a legend of dance, a mental health advocate and numerous community stalwarts and volunteers are among a group of local legends recognised with a NPDC Citizens' Award.

The 12 recipients were announced at an event hosted by New Plymouth

District Mayor Neil Holdom last night, recognising the contributions some of our residents make to the district.

Established in 1979, the annual awards recognise the contributions of residents in our district. Nominated by members of the public, recipients are then selected by the Mayor and councillors.

"These local legends have made a tremendous difference helping others and improving the lives of many around them in the New Plymouth District," says Mayor Holdom.

"They are the ones who do the hard yards and often quietly go above and beyond to make a difference to this awesome place we call home. A huge thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication to our District."

Holdom also thanked those who took time to nominate people for the awards.

Kerry Austin (or "Doc") is a long-time supporter of many Inglewood community projects, including the Taranaki Community Stadium Trust, the TET Stadium, the Lions Mini Putt and Inglewood United RFC.

Dance legend Val Deakin

counts some of New Zealand's dance stars among thousands of former students and has been a champion for the environment and women's rights.

Educator, historian, tikanga and cultural adviser Hoani Eriwata has been a key figure at iwi, hapū, corporate, local government, community and school events across North Taranaki.

Neil Evetts has brought his compassion, leadership and organisation skills to a range of projects and groups in sport, education and other fields.

As one of the Taranaki Volunteer Coastguard team, Lynn Fitzsimmons has been one of the unsung heroes of many sea rescues, either on the water or in the background.

Gordon Hudson has been a staunch advocate of mental health services and support for decades and a distinguished volunteer for a long list of organisations and served them with distinction.

Mark Leuthard is synonymous with the success of the New Plymouth Operatic Society, contributing both on and off stage, and has helped bring the Christmas at the

Bowl show to the Bowl of Brooklands.

Robert McGregor's work has helped shape Taranaki's great outdoors lifestyle for decades from building huts and tracks to helping control predators.

Kevin Nielsen loves a challenge, especially when it benefits the community, and he's helped support those living with disabilities through New Plymouth Riding for the Disabled and other groups.

Piano teacher Elaine Schreiber is still going strong at 81 and she plays for the enjoyment of it with choirs, churches and rest homes and other events.

Hone Tipene started the Tuarā Group of civil construction companies with the kaupapa of reconnecting Māori with their mana motuhake and Māoritanga and to provide young Māori with the pūkenga (skills) to grow and flourish.

Nigel Williams has been bringing smiles to children across Taranaki for more than two decades with Variety - The Children's Charity and helping with the transport for community and sports groups.

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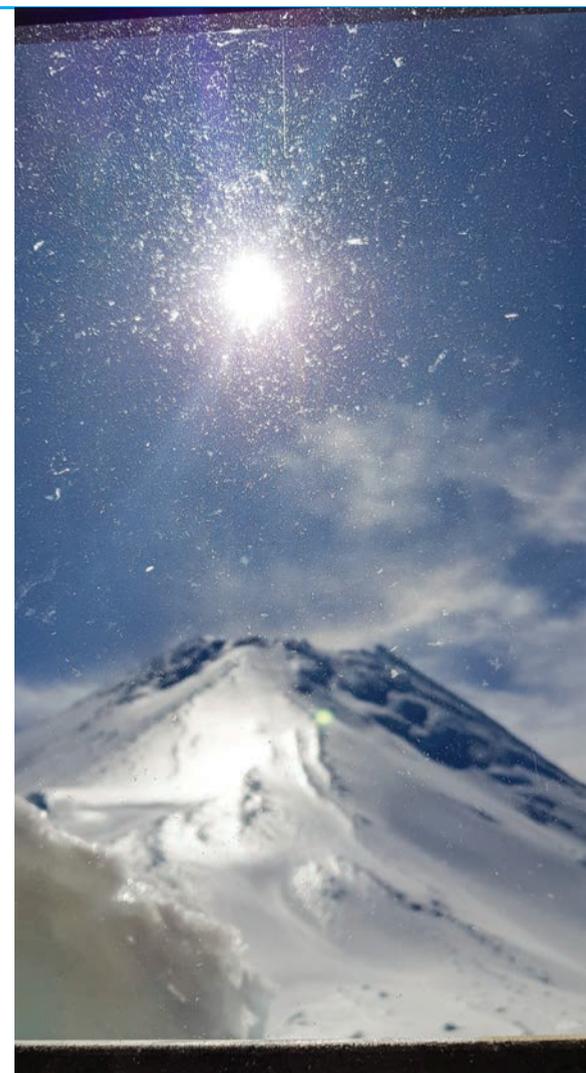
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Syme Hut at right partly obscured by snow and likewise the loo at left. Lindsay Maindonald trekked up to Fanthams Peak several days ago and was rewarded with some amazing photos. He apparently was able to get into the hut..



Mountain peak from Syme Hut. Looking through window of Syme hut, sun taken around midday above the mountain. "Because of the ice particles plastered onto the outside of the window it gave that shattered starburst effect. I've never taken a picture like that before," comments Lindsay Maindonald.

## A warning from FENZ

Fire and Emergency is urging people to start preparing for the risk of wildfire early as hotter drier weather is forecast this summer.

Service Delivery Wildfire Manager Tim Mitchell says the forecast higher temperatures, reduced rainfall and windier El Niño weather pattern predicted for this summer is likely to cause higher levels of fire

danger on the east coasts of both islands.

"Given this year's flood events and wet conditions, people will likely find it difficult to understand the wildfire risk New Zealand could be facing soon," he says.

"But a spell of hot dry windy weather will quickly dry out the grass and vegetation that has grown and will likely grow over the coming months, due to

the moist soils and return to warmer weather. This will become a fire risk if not managed.

"Ninety-eight per cent of New Zealand wildfires are caused by people and people can do a great deal to prevent wildfires occurring and to help protect themselves and their property," Tim Mitchell says.

Fire and Emergency is encouraging people living in rural and semi-rural areas to

prepare their properties by:

- keeping the grass short, particularly around their house and other structures
- moving firewood and other flammable materials well away from their house
- clearing the gutters so hot embers can't lodge in them
- clearing accessways and making sure rapid address numbers are visible, and
- having a plan of action if they are involved in a vegetation fire

## Best approach to climate safety is cutting climate pollution now

Greenpeace say they welcome the Green Party's Climate-Safe Communities plan, but the best way to keep communities safe from the climate crisis is to stop it from escalating. The Green Party announced a policy to provide a new \$750 million urban nature fund, alongside a wide range of measures to support more resilient cities.

"This policy is strong, but ultimately climate safety is dependent on our willingness to cut climate pollution now," says Greenpeace spokesperson Christine Rose.

"We're seeing the impacts of the climate crisis

worldwide, from Cyclone Gabrielle here in Aotearoa, to the devastating fires in Maui, Hawai'i. But we still have the chance to stop this crisis from getting worse.

"It's time to talk about the cow in the room. We need action on Big Dairy, New Zealand's worst climate polluter. The industry has been allowed to pollute unchecked, pushing predatory denial and delay that has captured successive Governments. It's long past time for that to change.

"Investments in climate-safe communities need to be supported by reducing climate pollution from New

Zealand's most polluting industries - agriculture, transport, and energy - to address the cause, not just the symptoms, of climate change," says Rose.

"We're glad to see a commitment to walkable, cyclable cities, making room for urban streams, tree protection and urban jobs for nature included in this policy announcement, but there is much more to do.

"We need urgent action now to cut climate pollution, and that's why this year's election must be a climate election. The Greens must commit to prioritising climate, by making both emissions reductions and climate-safe communities bottom lines in post-election negotiations, and take on New Zealand's worst

climate polluter - intensive dairy."

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# No time to waste – have your say now

To reduce waste going to landfill and minimise future cost increases, the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) is asking residents what they think about a proposal to change the size of their kerbside wheelie bins, move to a fortnightly collection and introduce a food waste collection bin.

STDC infrastructure services group manager Herbert Denton says the proposal is part of the Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) which is currently out for public feedback.

"Managing our waste is not cheap. Last year it cost \$5.5 million to run our waste management services and over the next six years it's only going to get more expensive, due to increases on the Government waste levy and rising costs for the

kerbside collection service for things such as fuel and new collection vehicles."

Denton says the \$50 Government levy for each tonne of waste sent to landfill rises to \$60 on 1 July 2024. South Taranaki currently sends 13,639 tonnes of waste to landfill which means the Council would have to pay the Government almost \$820,000 in waste levies alone.

The good news is that we can do something about this and save money if we act now, says Denton.

"We know that up to 60% of what people put in their general waste bins could be recycled or composted. If we could divert that amount from the 3,632 tonnes of waste collected from the kerbside, we could save \$130,000 on the cost of Government levies alone," he says.

Currently South Taranaki residents send around 120kg of waste to landfill per person each year, which is 30kg more than New Plymouth residents who only send 90kg of waste to landfill. Denton says part of the reason for this is that New Plymouth's waste is only collected

fortnightly compared to South Taranaki's weekly collection, and they also collect food waste.

"The benefits of Council's proposal are twofold - to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and to keep cost increases to a minimum. By moving to a fortnightly collection

and sending less waste to landfill, we can significantly reduce our emissions footprint and reduce the amount of Government waste levies and kerbside collection rates we will have to pay. This will reduce future cost increases on the annual kerbside rubbish and recycling targeted rate by

around \$75," he says. "Ultimately the amount of waste we currently generate and send to landfill is no longer environmentally or economically sustainable and we must change what we do."

Consultation closes on 11 October.



## Young vapers at higher risk of bronchitis and shortness of breath

Young people who vape are more likely to develop bronchitis or experience shortness of breath, independently of whether they also smoke cigarettes or cannabis, according to international research. The team recruited a group of school students to complete surveys over a four-year period, detailing their smoking and vaping habits as well as any respiratory issues. The researchers say that even after accounting for the influence of smoking cigarettes or cannabis in addition to vaping, vaping alone was associated with a higher risk of respiratory symptoms.

## Now where shall I sit...

Colin Tyler from Okato Lions Club sent in this photo of his two dogs. The black Labrador apparently has no objection to the younger boxer parking himself on him.

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# No Time



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# The attractions of ham radio

So perhaps you have memories of an uncle or relative talking on ham radio and thinking one day "I would like to do that". Or perhaps you used to be on CB in its hey days but then the fun fizzed out. You investigated upgrading to an Amateur Radio license but it all looked all too hard. With the theory you had to know plus the regulations and with

the morse requirement - don't even go there. Or perhaps you have no knowledge of ham radio but you know there must be something more than chatting with your friends on Facebook or watching Netflix. There is, and what if I told you in two days you could become a "ham." Keep reading.

Don't know what ham radio is? According to



Ham Radio courses available in Stratford in November.

Wikipedia ham radio, also known as amateur radio, is the use of the radio frequency spectrum for purposes of non-commercial exchange of messages, wireless experimentation, self-training, private recreation, radio sport, contesting, and emergency communications. The term "amateur" is used to specify "a duly authorized person interested in radio electric practice with a purely personal aim and without pecuniary interest." In reality us "hams" do many varied activities. Some of us have daily or weekly "skeds" where we catch up with friends on HF or 2 metre repeaters. Others

chase "DX" (long distance) around the world or within New Zealand depending on the frequency. Some even bounce signals off the moon or passing aeroplanes. In fact a late member of our club still holds the 2M record for Earth - Moon - Earth to Spain - a distance of 19553 kms. By the way 2M signals on a good day without repeaters will go say 100km. You see, we are way different to CB where the equipment is licensed, the frequencies are channelised, the modes are restricted but more importantly, the power is restrictive. Ham radio operators have a wide range

of frequencies over a wide choice of frequencies using a wide choice of modes - add digital and slow scan tv to the mix - and vastly increased power. Plus we can build and modify legally our own gear and antenna because it is us that is licensed. Somebody say licensed? And in two days? You bet. Our branch of NZART (NZ Association of Radio Transmitters) Branch 87 is holding, in conjunction with our sister club Branch 27 in New Plymouth a two day "HamCram" in Stratford on the weekend of 18th/19th of November. We are even "importing" the best instructor we have in our

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# Shane puts hand up for DairyNZ

Te Kiri farmer and former MP Shane Ardern has his eyes set on a seat on the board of DairyNZ.

“I had been lobbied by a number of prominent people in science and farming in the last couple of years who have said have you ever considered this, so I finally relented,” he says.

DairyNZ’s board consists of five farmer-elected directors and three board-appointed directors. This year, Colin Glass and Jim

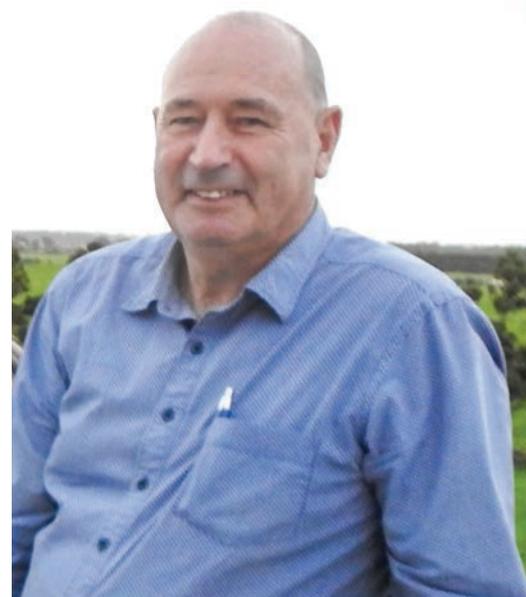
van der Poel are retiring by rotation with Glass not standing for re-election. From September 11, levy-paying dairy farmers will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidates. Shane is one of 13 candidates standing for the two positions and the only one from Taranaki.

Shane was elected to Parliament as MP for Taranaki-King Country in a 1997 by-election following the resignation of former

Prime minister Jim Bolger. Prior to being an MP he was Mr Bolger’s electorate chair.

In his time in Parliament Shane was chair of the Primary Production Select Committee. He was involved in the legislation and debates when both Fonterra and DairyNZ were set up, so his ties with the organisation whose board he now wants to sit on go back a long way.

He retired from parliament in 2014 and is now a fulltime farmer.



Shane Ardern.

“As we speak I’m driving a tractor,” he told the Opunake and Coastal News. “I’ve been busy feeding calves and milking cows in the last two weeks.”

He says he is surprised by the amount of interest shown in this year’s DairyNZ election.

“There are 13 candidates which is unprecedented. I thought there might be four or five. That might show that our democracy is alive and well. It could also mean there’s a large level of

concern or interest.

“Right at the moment we are in a slump and there are a whole lot of people who are not farming-based who have strong views on the dairy industry, some of this is ideological, some of this is based on ignorance and the only way to counter this is with strong science-based arguments. We are world leaders but this doesn’t seem good enough.”

He says DairyNZ is well-placed to produce the research to back up these

arguments.

“If not Dairy NZ to do the research, then who? Are you going to sit on the fence and throw rocks or are you going to do something about it? DairyNZ needs to show what a world class food producing farm will produce in the next 15 years.”

He says he has demonstrated on his own farm the kinds of things that need to be done like his rotary cowshed, which is arguably the fastest in the country, as well as a state of the art effluent system and the use of fenceless farming.

“We are not trying to look backwards. We are innovative and forward looking and we want to make the industry as sustainable and forward looking as it can be.”

The candidates are Bryan Pedersen (Foxton), Shane Ardern (Opunake), Gray Baldwin (Putāruru), Paul Manion (Morrinsville), Jim van der Poel (Ōhaupō), 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).

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

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# How often should an effluent pond be stirred?



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**Why It's Important to stir effluent**

Stirring your effluent pond storage thoroughly allows for everything to stay in suspension. This keeps solids from crusting on the top and developing weed growth, or creating a hard layer at the bottom that can become almost impossible to break up. It is especially important to stir thoroughly if your effluent system includes a bladder or an above-ground storage tanks or a HDPE lined pond. This is because you cannot easily dig them out.

**Maximizes storage capacity**

Stirring effluent efficiently allows for you to maximise your storage holding capacity. This makes sure that the effluent stays in suspension and up off the bottom of the storage floor to maintain the full capacity of your overall storage.

**Provides even distribution of nutrients**

Properly mixing your effluent storage gives you the ability to have an even spread of nutrients across your paddocks. With more guarantee for even distribution, you can make sure you yield better returns.

**Increases effluent pump longevity**

Keeping your pond stirred removes the issue of sand and grit building up that can prematurely cause your effluent pump to degrade. By ensuring the longevity of equipment, you can keep operations running without downtime.

**How often should I be stirring?**

There is no straightforward rule for how often you should be stirring your effluent pond storage. In general, we recommend weekly. During the winter months when you are not irrigating, then you can manage stirring fortnightly if you have a powerful enough stirrer that can manage the size of your pond storage. Not all stirrers are built the same, which is why it is important to check

that your stirrer is specified to suit the size and type of your effluent storage.

**Do I need a pond stirrer if I already have a solid separator?**

If you are using a weeping wall or other solid separator method, fine particles still settle and can cause issues later on. Even with solid separation, we recommend having a stirrer.

**How long should I be stirring my effluent pond storage?**

We recommend stirring every week for 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the size of the pond and power of the stirrer. Start your Nevada electric stirrer or PTO pond stirrer up 30 minutes prior to irrigating. If you have a stirrer that is less powerful, you may have to stir for longer prior to sucking any effluent out of the pond.

If you are unable to run the stirrer and pump at the same time due to lack of power capacity, our recommendation is to have an effective stirrer that you can turn on first before switching to pumping. Having a correctly specified Nevada pond mixer allows for faster more efficient stirring, rather than running an inefficient stirrer all the time. The horizontal thrust of the Nevada Typhoon® propeller provides the most efficient and effective result.

The length of time you

need to stir the effluent is different for each situation. For small concrete inground tanks, it may take only 15 minutes with a highly effective submersible stirrer. However, if the effluent storage has not been stirred for several months, it will take a greater amount of time.

**Should I be worried about erosion with a pond stirrer?**

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# Taranaki Cricket reappoints senior coaches

The head coaches of the Taranaki men's and women's senior representative teams have been announced. Chris Coombe will keep hold of the reins of the Taranaki men's side, after third placed finishes in both the Furlong Cup and Chapple Cup tournaments in 2023. He will continue working with assistant coach Gary Cunningham.

Doug Proffitt is set to get his first full season in control of the Taranaki women. Proffitt took over from the departing Debu Banik in December last year, and with two late wins guided the side to a second consecutive runners-up finish in the Mike Shrimpton Trophy. The men's side kicks off its Furlong Cup campaign in late-October, while the

women are underway from early November. Taranaki Cricket Association General Manager Ryan Evans said he and the TCA board had conducted a thorough review of the teams' 2022-23 campaigns at the conclusion of last summer and were confident the coaching mix was right to keep building on the work done last year.

"If you take a look at the Furlong Cup, our men's team were right in the hunt going into the final day's play of the competition and while we ultimately came unstuck we saw big strides in what the team were doing last year. "Chris and Gary did a great job creating a positive environment and foundations to set us up in years to come," Evans said. "With the women, Doug had some big shoes to fill when Debs left for Northern Districts and by the end of the season we felt he had started to find his feet. "We felt he deserved a chance to have a full season with a team likely to feature a number of promising up and coming players and see how he can get them going." Coombe said he was very excited at the chance to again work with his team and to hopefully end up a couple of

places higher in the finishing orders this season. "We've got a great group of guys and an awesome camaraderie in the team," Coombe said. "We're already working hard to make sure we're in good shape for the season to come and I can't wait for October to put what we're working on out on the field. "With each game last year, we witnessed gradual emergence of their grit and character, a testament to their determination."

Proffitt said he was pleased and proud to have been given the opportunity to have a full season in charge of the women's team. "There was definitely a bit of disruption last season with the changes to the coaching staff," he said. "We definitely went through a couple of hiccups on the field as a team but I thought that at the end we knuckled down and on our trip to Nelson showed what we were really capable of as a side."

# Opunake Surf Life Saving Club hold their AGM

The Opunake Surf Life Saving held their 101st AGM in August. Trent Olliver, Anne Gibson and Wendy Vanner were awarded life membership of the club. Patron Mike Gibbs. Committee. President - Trent Olliver. Secretary - Trish Rankin. Treasurer - Piki Sinclair. Committee. Claire Hunn, Michael DeBique, Nathan Smith, Tracey Jury. "One hundred years of Opunake SLSC is a great

achievement for the club and the community," Club President Trent Olliver said. "100 years is something most clubs don't get to celebrate and the fact we did is because of all the voluntary hours people from our community have put in. "Our group of current lifeguards have once again done a great job of making Opunake beach the best and safest to swim at. Every year we challenge them and ask more of them. If we worked out their average age and the voluntary hours they put in I truly think some people would be stunned."

"This year we had some great success across the board. None more so than having Jerram Sinclair and Jordan Grylls making the NZ high performance squad with Jordan heading away in a couple of weeks to compete for New Zealand. We are creating depth in sand events and IRBs which is great and I think it won't be long before we are right back of the top of New Zealand again."

He said the building project had been in action for two years. "What has been achieved looks fantastic and I look forward to when downstairs is complete. For people looking from the outside it is probably a little frustrating that the project is not complete. There is plenty of stuff happening in the background and we are hoping to have a resolution in the very near future.

"Every year our kids are getting better and better when it comes to competition. Their results were nothing short of outstanding both locally and at oceans. This year every kid that went to oceans made a final. Five years ago we were lucky to have any make it out of the heats. "We have a great committee that are prepared to put in the work every season. It is one of those things that people don't necessary get to see what is involved. Let me put it this way we wouldn't be here without them."

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The New Plymouth Women's Lifestyle Expo will bring together over 120 of the best lifestyle companies under one roof on 16 & 17 September at TSB Stadium.

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range of artisan craft and giftware, after a bit of pampering for yourself, or need to stock up on your eco-friendly essentials, you can be sure you'll find what you need.

If you've never been before, you're in for a treat, but you do need a few hours up your sleeve. There are some incredible companies exhibiting this year, such

as sustainable beauty brand Dust & Glow, The Book Shoppe, a book subscription giftbox, and Sweat Sisters & Co, New Zealand's home of activewear that celebrates body positivity and self-confidence.

Appreciating that shopping, pampering, trying and testing can be hard work, the expo Taste Zone (a mini food show) will be

on hand to offer pick-me-ups, tasty treats and bites to keep you going.

The expo is happening on Saturday 16 September (10am to 5pm) and Sunday 17 September (10am to 4pm) at TSB Stadium in New Plymouth. Earlybird tickets start from \$7, and door sales are \$13 across the weekend. Find out more and buy tickets at [womenslifestyleexpo.co.nz](http://womenslifestyleexpo.co.nz)



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**THE HITS**

# Search to find Taranaki environmental heroes

Nominations are now open for the 30th Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards, which feature revamped categories that better reflect what matters to people across the region. The annual awards aim to honour super-powered initiatives within the region that contribute significantly to protecting and enhancing the Taranaki environment. Changes include the addition of new categories such as Youth Environmental Leader, Environmental Action in Water Quality Improvement

and Environmental Action in Biodiversity, as well as the realignment of others, such as Environmental Leadership in Farming.

Council Communications and Engagement Manager Jose Reader says it is fitting that for the 30th anniversary of the awards tweaks were made to simplify the process and align the categories with the Council's environmental objectives for the region.

"We're thrilled to unveil the updated award categories, which provide space to recognise the environmental

champions driving vital change in areas like climate action and improving water quality," she says.

The 2022 awards saw a number of high-calibre initiatives celebrated, including the ongoing restoration of the Waiwhakaiho Awa, zero waste events, wool water filters and a project to prevent the decline in kiwi numbers in Taranaki – among others.

Council Chair Charlotte Littlewood says that each year the Council receives innovative and inspiring

entries from all around the region and it is always exciting to acknowledge and celebrate the selfless achievements of a diverse range of entrants.

"The awards are pivotal in recognising those who are ground-breaking in their efforts to build sustainable communities, reduce carbon emissions, improve native biodiversity and protect our precious waterways.

We're excited to celebrate these environmental heroes and all their hard mahi."

Nominations close on 10

September, with the awards presented at a formal event in November.

The awards now have seven categories: Environmental Action in the Community, Environmental Action in Education, Youth Environmental Leader, Environmental Leadership in Farming, Environmental Leadership in Climate Action, Environmental Action in Water Quality Improvement; and Environmental Action in Biodiversity.

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## Get ready to Rock the Bowl this summer

Great news for music fans with NPDC's Bowl of Brooklands announcing ROCK THE BOWL on 29 December as its second concert for the 2023/2024 summer.

The concert boasts epic line-up of Kiwi and international acts for an eclectic mix of musical talent performing together in Taranaki's biggest and most iconic concert venue.

The impressive line-up includes New Zealand icons Shapeshifter, Californian ska-punk legends Sublime with Rome who will be on their first major tour in New



The Rock the Bowl concert is on in December this year.

Zealand, and Australian alternative psychedelic rock band Ocean Alley. Band of brothers Coterie will be performing, and event goers will also experience the award-winning Ladyhawke,

Melbourne raconteurs The Grogans, and Raglan indie-groove band Masaya.

"We love bringing shows to the Bowl; it's such a beautiful venue to work with," says Rock The

Bowl's promotor, Toby Burrows. "And the surf city of Taranaki is the perfect fit."

NPDC's Acting Group Manager Customer and Community Helena Williams says the timing for the concert couldn't be better with people in holiday mode.

"As well as locals, people visiting friends and family will have the opportunity to enjoy Rock The Bowl and the TSB Festival of Lights which is on at the same time.

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# Movie to celebrate International Day of the Older Person

A 'Movie Morning' event is being held on Thursday 28 September to celebrate International Day of the Older Person and will be an opportunity to connect with and show appreciation of elderly people within our communities says South Taranaki District Council community development manager, Ella Borrows.

The free event, which is being organised by the Council's community development unit, will be screening The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith.

"This is a popular movie - heartwarming, fun, quirky and sure to be a hoot. Tickets are limited so if you are interested in attending, get in and register early," says Ella.

The Movie Morning runs from 9.30am until 12noon at Everybody's Theatre in Ōpunakē. A hot cuppa will be offered followed by an ice-cream and lollies.

You can register for the Movie Morning by contacting the South Taranaki District Council on 0800 111 323 or by emailing CDUnit@stdc.govt.nz before 21 September 2023

# Something to celebrate 80 years

I have turned 80. Never thought I'd last so long.

But now, looking at the assemblages I've been making for so long, I realise I've always been looking at the realities, age, death, and the joys in between.

I've gathered images of the assemblages I've been making for so long, gathering the ones that fit the 'Water Under the Bridge' ethic. It's a big exhibition, so it will be on for two months instead of 1. Indulge me in my self-indulgence.

Cheers, and thank you for your indulgence over the years.

Dale Copeland



Water Under the Bridge. Dale Copeland.

## CHURCH SERVICES



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

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

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

**Opunake Catholic Church**  
 St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month  
 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
 Other areas  
 Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)

**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.  
 Thursday Mass 9.30am (subject to change).

**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**  
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

**The Wave**  
 Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake  
 Sunday Services 10.30am  
 Women's Group 10am Tuesday  
 Men's Group 7pm Wednesday  
 Come along or contact Belinda Philp 027 935 6191

**St. Barnabas Anglican Church**  
 141 Tasman St, Opunake  
 Sunday Services 10am  
 Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday  
 Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday  
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**Okato Community Church**  
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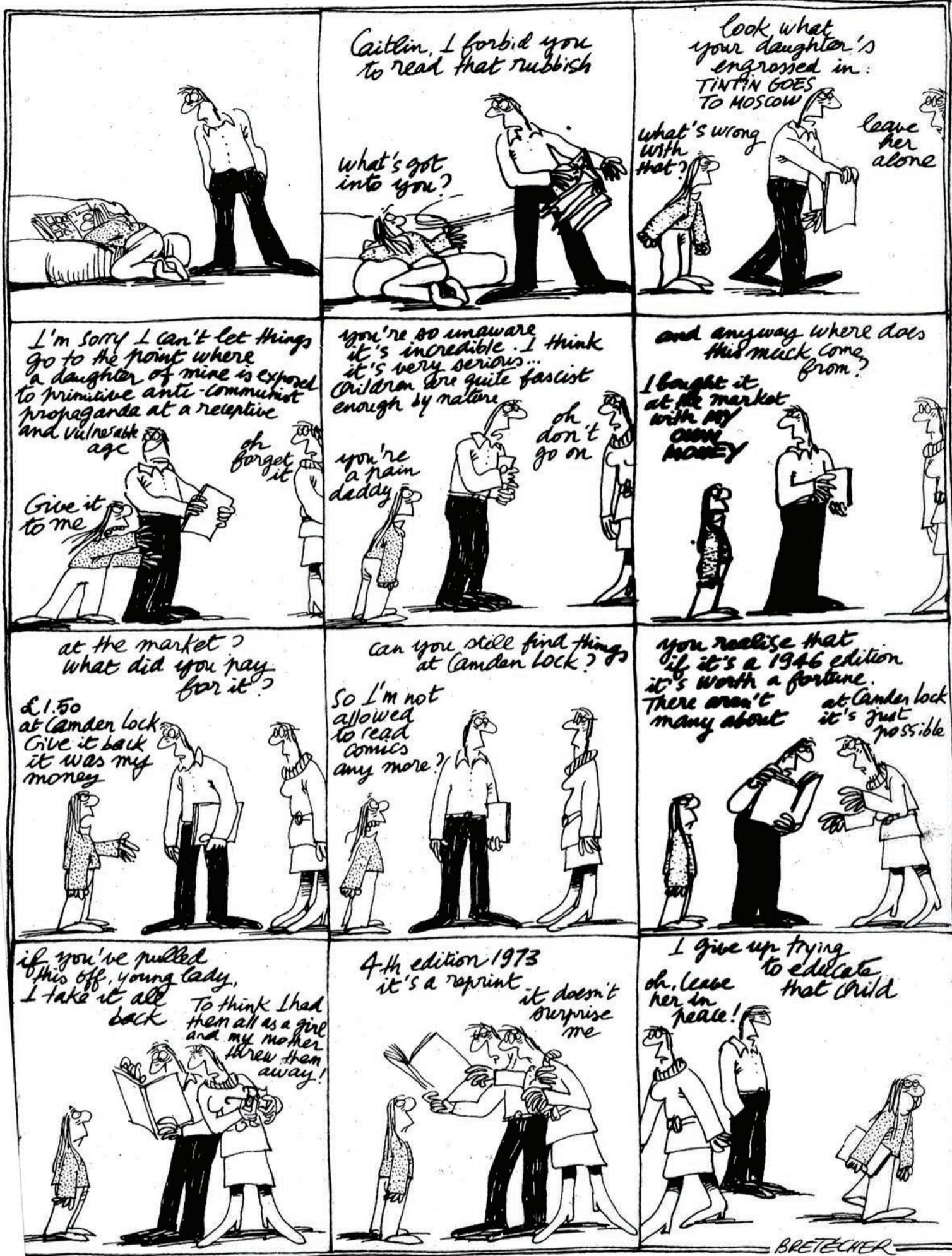
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<b>Jules</b> 1hr 27mins   M Sun 10 Sep 1PM	<b>The Miracle Club</b> 1hr 30mins   PG Sun 10 Sep 7PM
<b>The Equalizer 3</b> 1hr 49mins   R16 Thu 14 Sep 7PM	<b>Haunted Mansion</b> 2hr 3mins   PG Fri 15 Sep 7PM   Thu 21 Sep 7PM   Sun 24 Sep 7PM
<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem</b> 1hr 39mins   PG Sat 16 Sep 1PM   Sun 24 Sep 1PM	<b>My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3</b> 1hr 32mins   PG Sat 16 Sep 7PM
<b>River of freedom</b> 2hr 34mins   E Sun 17 Sep 1PM	<b>Theater Camp</b> 1hr 34mins   M Sun 17 Sep 7PM   Sat 23 Sep 7PM
<b>Blue Beetle</b> 2hr 7mins   M Fri 22 Sep 7PM	<b>PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie</b> 1hr 28mins   G Sat 23 Sep 1PM

<b>Jules</b> Offensive language   1hr 27mins   Rated: M Sun 10 Sep 1PM	<b>The Miracle Club</b> Coarse language   1hr 30mins   Rated: PG Sun 10 Sep 7PM
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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.

Egmont Euchre Club: Every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club. Inquiries, 06 761 8277 or 06 761 8337

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

**FRIDAYS**

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

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

**APRIL 7 TO NOVEMBER 6**

State of Nature exhibition: PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth.

**AT THE CLUB HOTEL THIS WEEK:**

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**Wednesday:** Pizza night- 2 for \$20;

**Thursday:** Pensioners Lunch,

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**AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 2**

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- SEPTEMBER 10**  
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- SEPTEMBER 11**  
Opunake & District Business Association: Monthly meeting at Opunake Business Centre.
- SEPTEMBER 14**  
Coastal Community Transport AGM: Coastal Care Community Lounge, 10am.
- SEPTEMBER 16**  
Extreme Raceday: At the New Plymouth Raceway.
- SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**  
Women's Lifestyle Expo: At the TSB Stadium, New Plymouth.
- 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.
- OCTOBER 5 TO 15**  
Cirque Olio: 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**  
Taranaki Garden Festival: Around Taranaki
- Taranaki National Art Awards: At Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre, Opunake.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust**

**2023 Trustee Election**

Nominations for the three vacancies on the Trust were received from Jaqualine (Jacqui) King, Vanessa Sidney-Richmond, Jamie Tuuta and Hayden Wano.

As there were more nominations received than vacancies, an election will be held by postal and internet voting to determine the Trustees. Voting papers will be posted to adult registered members of the Trust from Monday 11 September 2023. Postal and internet voting will close at 5pm on Wednesday 11 October 2023.

Anthony Morton  
Returning Officer  
PO Box 3138, Christchurch  
Election Helpline Ph 0800 666 924 or email [iro@electionz.com](mailto:iro@electionz.com)



**Notice of 2023 Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will be held on Saturday 14 October 2023 at Puniho Pā – Tarawainuku Marae, 7199 South Rd, Warea, Taranaki commencing at 10.00am.2023.

**AGENDA**

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Karakia                             | 5. Audited Financial Reports          |
| 2. Apologies                           | 6. Appointment of Auditor             |
| 3. Confirmation of 2022 AGM minutes    | 7. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust Election |
| 4. Chairperson Reports                 | 8. Annual Goals                       |
| (a) Taranaki Iwi Charitable Trust      | 9. General Business                   |
| (b) Taranaki Iwi Holdings LP           |                                       |
| (c) Taranaki Iwi Fisheries Ltd         |                                       |
| (d) Taranaki Iwi Claims Management Ltd |                                       |

This year's Annual General Meeting will be livestreamed. If you wish to participate via the livestream you will need to register so a link can be sent to you. To register for the livestream link or for further information including copies of documents to be presented at the AGM please contact Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust office, 1 Young Street, New Plymouth, Ph (06) 751 4285 / 0800 83 52484 or via email: [admin@taranaki.iwi.nz](mailto:admin@taranaki.iwi.nz).

Jacqui King  
Chairperson  
[www.taranaki.iwi.nz](http://www.taranaki.iwi.nz)

**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



Next Meeting is on  
Monday September 11, 2023  
at 5.30pm

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