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## “People need a hand up not a handout” says candidate



Harete Hipango in Sugar Juice two days after being selected as the National Party candidate for Whanganui.

People need a hand up not a handout, says Harete Hipango adding that this philosophy is what motivated her to put her name forward for selection for the Whanganui seat for the National Party. “The National Party’s values align with the values with which I was raised, to work hard, have a sense of community, aspire to self sufficiency and seek opportunity.”

The lawyer who faced a rigorous selection process heading off four other nominees that included Warwick Fleming from Pihama and Andy Jarden, the manager of APN Print will represent National in the General Election. She replaces Chester Borrowes who is retiring from politics.

Just two days later the successful candidate was in Opunake explaining why she decided to stand for Parliament though felt it was too early yet to comment on specific issues such as housing, unemployment, revitalising rural towns and other issues raised.

She had been approached last year to stand.

Harete grew up in Whanganui - where she still resides - spending her childhood on a farm and says her parents never publicly declared any party affiliation.

Growing up she says she was particularly influenced by the elders and especially her grandfather who was of “rangatira influence”, and “very much a land baron”. He was a civic and tribal community leader.

“In the 70s and 80s our Maori leaders were not about Government dependency. It was about striving for self determination.” It was also all about the community, she adds.

“They instilled in the belief to strive for education and from that comes other successes.”

Looking back she reflects “my father and grandfather and the old people groomed me” for the role she is about to take on.

She defines her career as “helping people” and has spent the last 30 years in family law which she says touches on a lot of issues including family, mental health, criminal and youth justice.

Harete has been on the Whanganui District Health Board.

She says she doesn't come from a background of privilege though acknowledges the opportunity of a good education. She attended Sacred Heart College in Whanganui. Her background was however “rich in a sense of family and nurturing and coming together”.

Harete and husband Dean have three adult children and Harete refers to her husband as “my biggest support”.

She says she “loves meeting people” and adds “It's all about people and community”.



Corie Haddock who is standing for Labour in the New Plymouth electorate.

## Time for a change

Corie Haddock, the Labour candidate for New Plymouth, believes it's time for a change and sees the New Plymouth seat as “very winnable”. Corie Haddock who spent some of his childhood in Okato and Rahotu where his father worked as a mechanic, has returned to Taranaki after living in Auckland for some years and now lives at Egmont Village with his wife and 10 year old daughter. He stood against John Key in Helensville in the last election. He has an interest in mental health and has worked in a soup kitchen and night

shelter and has an interesting take on the experience. “Early on we worked out we were part of the problem, not part of the solution. We closed the soup kitchen and opened a café where people paid a small amount. It changed the dynamic in the relationship. It gave people a choice,” says Corie. Instead they addressed the issues behind the people ending up at a soup kitchen. Addiction, mental illness, the situation of being homeless, domestic violence.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks from the Cliff Top Garden Group

Rose and Les, and Jenny and Peter would like to put out a big thank you to Malcolm and John at the Opunake Timber Mill for their kind donation of our seats. They are greatly appreciated by all our visitors from far and wide. Many thanks also to all the locals, who have kindly donated plants over the last four or so years. Visitor comments are amazing, even from the younger generation.

Anyone with a spare hour or so is more than welcome to help out by doing weeding, dead heading whenever they have time.

Could dog walkers please take their doggie dos with them, there is a bin in the car park.

Thanks to the person or persons who has been removing plants for their own use. A very kind lady grew these for us over a period of two years. She has since moved away, but I keep in touch and she has been informed and was not impressed.

We are not the only garden plants are going missing from, so be aware. Lovely to see all the painted stones in the garden, and all the little hunters looking for them, and then hiding them again. Carry on Kids, we enjoy finding them as well.

Thanks to all the appreciators. Any weeders always welcome.

Rose Ratahi  
Opunake

### Computer scam

Just reading your last issue's editorial where you mention computer scams. I love the man's 'account'.

I did something like that years ago (in the 80s) when I received a message (maybe a letter or similar) to let me know I'd won several or many thousand dollars. I phoned the number to claim my prize. The call was answered by a lackadaisical sounding male voice, but when I said why I was phoning, I had the distinct impression the man on the other end while putting on his most interested, enthusiastic voice was perturbed. After about 20 minutes of having him and someone else on (this second person was the one who would be taking the information so I could receive the funds), I eventually told this second man the call was being traced and he would be in big trouble for false pretences (or similar things). It took him just a moment or two to realise he was being had and then I laughed at him.

It was great fun and good for me. It helped me get rid of my anger at this sort of thing. I'd been receiving notices from Readers' Digest for some years, telling me I had won big amounts of money. I think I wrote to them in a similar vein. I never received any more notices from them.

Anne Hardman,  
Wellington

### Retired teachers can still teach

When attending primary and secondary school myself, it was always rather sad to actually see one's favourite teachers retire. But it was their own choice to do so, which still happens today.

In our province, we still see young teenagers, who for some unknown reason fall by the wayside in their educational learning. The worst scenario is that not only can they not read, write or spell, but they end up in prison, then wonder why they can't get a job.

We still have many good teachers retiring, and they still have a great capacity to teach these types of teenagers, as well as some adults. This brings me to the point of the story. Is there a possibility of setting up some type of facility for these teenagers, and employing our retired teachers in towns like Hawera, Stratford, Eltham, Inglewood, New Plymouth and Waitara, and bringing the surrounding small towns in together.

I believe that by doing this, we would really keep our teenagers out of jail, still earning their unemployment benefit, then maybe someone within the community may hire them on a permanent basis.

Not all teenagers are bad. It's the environment they are born into.

Tom Stephens,  
New Plymouth

### Theft of beehives

Rural Taranaki over the years has been somewhat subjected to cattle rustling. The latest problem nationwide has been a spate of beehives being stolen. At Puniwhakau inland of Stratford, 16 hives were stolen and 13 recovered.

Five years ago, there were 400,000 registered hives. Now there are 800,000. As it now seems this type of farming has become very popular, the police and Apiculture NZ have discussed setting up a database, which is a brilliant idea. Why can't our cattle and sheep farmers do the same thing? Time after time our rural police have told farmers to regularly check their properties, either with a member of the family or another farmer, as both could help each other out.

I believe our young farmer organisations could also be on the lookout for anything, or anyone acting suspiciously, like hanging around, or even driving around our rural roads. Take notes. Remember, thieves are extremely well organised, whether they live in our cities or around our farms.

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other. They are not wild and are semi-friendly but we are unsure if they are after an extra feed or are actually lost. Can you help? Give us a bell on 06 752 4377.

If they are not claimed they need a new home as we already have two cats.



Blackie and Mr Popin (right).

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# Andrew and Jacinda hit town

It was standing room, only as people craned their necks to hear the Labour Party's new Deputy leader Jacinda Adern in her first political speech in New Plymouth, as well as Labour leader Andrew Little. The event was held at Our Place, 75 Devon Street on Friday March 31. The aim of the public meeting was to deliver a special state of New Plymouth address and share Labour's plan for the region as well as for the nation. Former MP and Mayor for New Plymouth Harry Duynhoven was one of the notable people at the meeting.

Also present was Corie Haddock, the Labour candidate contesting the New Plymouth electorate at this year's General Election (September 23). Of Mr Haddock Mr Little commented, "He has a real chance of becoming the new MP."

Andrew Little spoke first after a brief introduction by Adrian Rurawhe, MP for Te Tai Hauauru. Mr Little got his biggest cheers when he outlined his plan to build many more houses. "We'll build 100,000 affordable houses over ten years for first home buyers."

"We might have got a new prime minister at the end of last year, but we haven't got leadership," he also claimed. Jacinda spoke of her political introduction as a 17-year-old, which was working for Harry Duynhoven. "He was an incredible campaigner," she shared. She added, "Coming back to New Plymouth feels like a political homecoming."

She also spoke of her appreciation of sharing a nationwide tour with Andrew Little. She said she enjoyed his humour and, "I'm proud to have him as my boss because I've



**Andrew Little, Leader of the Opposition and Labour Deputy Leader Jacinda Adern.**

seen how hard he works." To cheers she concluded, "I welcome the next prime minister of New Zealand" to resounding cheers.

In his wide-ranging speech Mr Little spoke about many issues. "Part of my passion is to stand up for people and make sure everyone gets a fair deal."

Early on in his speech Mr Little spoke of his battle with prostate cancer, about seven years ago and the adverse effect on his wife and son. It's given me a new perspective on life and to those closest and those I love," he said.

He decried the fact that there have been cuts in the Health Budget and compared NZ unfavourably with other countries - with treatment for melanoma an example. He claimed that too many people were told, "We can't afford to see you." He spoke of a man with bowel cancer made to wait too late until his disease was terminal. "If

only we'd seen you sooner," he was told at the hospital.

He was especially concerned about mental health issues. "How is it in such a great country as ours we have one of the highest teen suicide rates in the world?" He continued, "Things can change and will under the next Labour-led Government."

The high prices of houses in places such as Auckland worried him and meant that some school couldn't employ enough teachers. "Schools are struggling to employ teachers because people can't afford to live there. He said something similar was also the case with businesses.

He was shocked at the lack of houses claiming, "Forty one thousand people don't have a roof over their head." Others were living in overcrowded houses.

This situation impacted on education, meaning many children ended up going

to an excessive number of schools. Too many children had their learning disrupted by "going to seven or eight schools." He concluded, "It is a crisis."

There was progressively less money to spend for most people. "Sixty per cent of households went backwards last year." This was caused by such expenses as high mortgages and rents. "One in five salary earners pay more than half their income on either mortgage or rent. The establishment of an Affordable Housing Authority will be set up to correct this situation," he stated.

Mr Little was upset about the lack of jobs, especially for young people. Seventy thousand young people aged 18-24 are not in work - or education. And the situation is worsening with another soon 20,000 soon to be in this predicament. "And they are doing nothing about it," he thundered.

He bemoaned the fact that 65 billion extra debt had been run up while the National-led Government has been in office. "We will repay debt," he promised.

He also promised to restart Government payment to the NZ Super fund. "If it had been kept up we would be 20 billion dollars better off." Near the end Mr Little commended Jacinda for her election to the Mt Roskill electorate in the recent by-election in a result, "Which exceeded expectations."

He poured scorn on the Government plan to fix the rivers. How? He asked rhetorically. "They want to increase the amount of pollutants allowable."

He concluded by saying, "On September 23 we have to change the Government and to do that we need as much help as we can get."

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# Time for a change

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The Labour candidate comes from "a wide and varied background" initially leaving school at 16 to train as a sheet metal fabricator and was employed in that trade for a while. Through "a good Labour policy" which Corie says allowed him to go to university, he eventually ended up working in mental health and was part of a group in early 2000 to take people out of residential care and put them in community care. "It was reasonably controversial at the time," he says. Reflecting on his time working with the underprivileged the Labour candidate says "I was given the

opportunity to be the best person I can be and I believe everyone should have that opportunity". He believes the four key foundations on which to build a prosperous foundation are housing, education, employment and health. "This is the primary reason I'm involved in the Labour Party and why I'm standing in New Plymouth." He was first approached to stand by Jacinda Ardern who he has known for some time and with whom he frequently came into contact in his work with the homeless in Auckland. His grandfather Allan Shotter who lived in Okato was a wharfie and a union man and Corie thinks he perhaps inherited his fight and sense of fairness from him.

Corie is the Facility Manager at Chalmers Resthome.



## Correction

This art at Village Gallery's current exhibition is by Frances Busby and is entitled 'My Feelings Quilt'.

It was wrongly attributed to another artist in our last issue. Our sincere apologies.

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## COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

# What to do about voter apathy?

Six months into this term of Council, Central Government is undertaking a review of the 2016 election process and the apparent apathy of voters.

Apathy among voters is not exclusive to New Zealand local authorities. Look at America. 48 per cent put Donald Trump in as President, but that is only one country with a minority in power.

All local authorities in New Zealand are being governed by representatives elected by the minority. In the case of South Taranaki, 44 per cent of eligible residents exercised their democratic right.

Further to the apathy to vote is also I believe a reluctance or non interest by residents to stand.

How do we get people to vote. Postal voting is indeed the simplest. Ballot papers are posted to all eligible



Cr Gordon Lawson

voters, but I believe the voting period is too long and should be reduced to a minimum of one week. Should we return to the one day Polling Booth still retained for Central Government which yields better than 55%? Now the cry is go electronic and use technology to involve the young, the generation that don't vote. Now this could disadvantage the older residents who do exercise their democratic right.

Any combination of the above will make elections complicated for those conducting them, but to involve all residents in the election process change is required.

1989 saw the major reorganisation of Local Government. Thirty years on heading into the 2019 elections, soon to be subject to review, is it time to look outside of the square? Do we still require a mayor elected at large, plus 12 councillors elected from four wards (being the old local council districts and Tangahoe retained from the Hawera County)

Amalgamation of farms now sees properties crossing ward boundaries, along with residential subdivision and development has changed the character of some wards, especially Tangahoe.

Thirty years on the marriage into one district

appears to be consummated and perhaps we need to look at STV (single transferrable vote) with election at large, say for a Mayor and 10 Councillors. But this supposedly puts the smaller centres of Eltham, Patea, Mania and Opunake at a disadvantage as Hawera with the largest population base could dominate Council. With a change to ward boundaries, the retention of Community Boards with some extended delegation could allay this fear.

Which raises the question, would such be any different than now with only 44 per cent of resident voting in a minority Council.

Thought for the day. You will never cross the ocean by starting at the sea, and if you are doing things the way you did them last year, you are in a rut and will be left behind

**Councillor Gordon Lawson**

## Mania WI and Craft Group help school



Mania WI members with cushions for Mania School.

The April meeting of Mania WI was held in the

St Cuthberts Lounge on Tuesday April 4.

During the month members joined with members of the Mania craft group to make twenty five big cushions for the Mania School.

Three members had attended the Riverlea Womens Institute "Ladies night out": Members of the Grandmothers circle had enjoyed lunch at Kaponga for their March meeting.

One of our members, Diane Wineera demonstrated cooking with "Thermomix" making bread and pumpkin soup which we were all able to enjoy with our lunch.

The wondering coin was won by Joy Brogden.

Competition results: Shrub. Phyllis Malcolm 1st, Joy Brogden 2nd, Daphne Ashley 3rd

Any Other Stem. Phyllis Malcolm 1st, Daphne Ashley 2nd, Joy Brogden 3rd.

Homecraft - Hokey Pokey Biscuits. Ann Chisnall 1st,

Daphne Ashley 2nd Nicola Ashley 3rd.

Handcraft - A Garden Photo. Phyllis Malcolm 1st, Edith Hicks 2nd

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Leo Hickey at his Opunake home.

Apart from a few years in Wellington, Leo Hickey has lived on the same site all his life. He is the third generation of his family to live in Opunake, and a house his grandfather built in King Street back in the 19th century is still among the oldest in town. On April 28, Leo will turn 80.

He attended Opunake Convent School and St Patrick's Silverstream, and then headed back to Opunake to work on the farm.

After a couple of years he returned to Wellington where he worked at a woolstore and at the wharf.

"I saved a bit of money and bought a motorbike for 330 pounds. You couldn't do that now," says Leo.

In 1958 he returned to Opunake for good. Leo says his Wellington experience stood him in good stead when he served on the Taranaki Harbour Board in the 1990s.

"Having worked for the Harbour Board in Wellington, I could see the workers' point of view."

When Leo returned to the farm, the Hickeys milked 58 cows in a walk through shed and milk was taken to the Opunake dairy factory by horse and dray.

The farm has expanded since then, and is still run by the Hickey family, with 900 cows being milked in a rotary shed.

By 1967, he was married to Ann and they had four children. They were eventually to have five. At the time the Opunake Play Centre was having accommodation issues, so Leo and the Julians got together to see if the Play Centre could have a permanent base. He even

put up his farm as guarantor to the BNZ so finances could be raised, and led the construction, which was done mainly by volunteers.

"The Education Board came in behind us and we managed to get the land from them," says Leo. When the new play centre was opened by Education minister Brian Talboys it was the first play centre in New Zealand to be built on Education Department land.

Leo went on to be president of the Opunake Primary School Committee, where he led the construction of the school baths, again using mainly volunteer labour.

He was chairman of the Egmont Dairy Company when they amalgamated with Moa-Nui, and made sure the associated vet group's building and money would stay locally owned, with the money being used for grants to help local people with their tertiary education.

When Everybody's cinema closed, Leo and Mac Calvert called the public meeting which was attended by 600 people, where it was decided that the local people would take over the theatre themselves. In a manner of

weeks the money was raised through issuing debentures, and Leo agreed to manage the theatre for six months. Eighteen years later he retired.

During this time, all his family, including his mother pitched in to help. All this was done while running the family agricultural contracting business at the same time.

"Machinery has always been my life, even if I didn't always know it," said Leo.

Leo ran the contracting business for 15 years, mainly baling hay and working around the summer school holidays. He says it helped finance his children's education, as well as being an opportunity to give summer work to local high school students.

When fire ravaged Opunake High School, Leo was also on hand to help out, donating the metal to level the site.

"On Monday when (Education minister) Merv Wellington got back to work and said he would send people to clean up, (school principal) Ron Burrow rang back and said the job had already been done," Leo

says.

Leo has also been involved with Lions, and in 1999, was awarded life membership. Among his highlights was back in 1985 when the Lions got the contract to dismantle the old Yep building where Opunake Library Plus and the TSB Bank are now located. The Lions shared the contract with the Coastal Riders, and between them everything was done in a weekend, finishing with a get together at the Coastal Riders club room.

"The co-operation we got from the police and the public was really good," Leo says. "We cleared that site in 36 hours. We started on Saturday morning, and on Sunday it was a clear site. People in Opunake who went away for the weekend would have come back to find it completely bare."

In similar vein, he also got the contracts for dismantling the saleyards, where Farmlands are now located, and pulling down the Taranaki Farmers store, this time enlisting the help of the Surf Club. This site is now home to Farm Source.



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# We all live in a small community

Unfortunately the recent bad weather has not done much to slow down things on the crime front. We have been busy of late with domestic assaults, thefts and mindless wilful damage by a few younger people in the community who have no respect for our town or the property of anyone who lives in it.

If you see or hear something going on that shouldn't be happening, call

111 and give us a fighting chance to catch them in the act. All too often recently we have heard two or three days later about incidents where someone has seen something happening and not called 111 as they did not think it was serious enough. Please call and report what you have seen. I know that we are not always able to attend immediately but if you don't call, these people just get to cruise around town and

cause havoc as they please.

The second matter is a delicate one. We all live in a small community where most people know each other or know of each other; the problem with this is that some people are reluctant to talk with us when they know someone has been doing something illegal. However you must consider that by not coming forward, you are only allowing the behaviour to continue, and as with most things the more they get away with the more they do. Next time it might be your property damaged or stolen.

Recently I was forwarded a small article for a school project written by a Taranaki student in regards to the effects on students of cyberbullying in schools. I thought it was appropriate to submit it to make parents and those of the younger generation aware of this matter.

"Cyberbullying is when people attack other people using social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.



Constable Kylie Brophy

Cyberbullying is serious and can cause the victims to suffer serious harm in some cases. This harm may be anxiety, self-harm and in the worst-case suicide.

Netsafe tells us that the following behaviours are Cyberbullying:

- Trying to get someone to hurt themselves
- Sharing intimate images without consent
- Anything most people would find offensive
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Putting someone down because of who they are, where they come from or what they believe in

• Being indecent or obscene

• Threatening to hurt somebody or damage their property

• Trying to make someone expose themselves with sexual suggestions online

I am aware cyberbullying takes place among people in many of our schools. This includes both female and male students.

An indication shows that a high percentage of females are likely to be affected by or are known to be bullies. I believe that just as many males are, and are affected by bullying at school.

I know this to be the case as I too have used social media to abuse a fellow student.

I regret what I have done and the pain and anxiety that I caused that person. At the time I can only say that I was filled with anger after finding out that the student I

bullied had taken advantage of the kindness of one of my friends. I now realise that this was not the right way to approach this incident, and that I should have spoken to a teacher or adult to help me resolve the problem rather than turning to social media as a way of threatening the person.

Should this situation occur again I would think twice about how to get the best result of the people involved rather than using cyberbullying to harass someone.

Something that I now understand is that I wouldn't like it if I was treated the same way. I believe that you should treat everybody the way that you expect to be treated yourself."

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any information for us give us a call we are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800555111 with all anonymous information.

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## Being part of the world's biggest family

We had the foot to the floor responding to a "code purple" call out on Wednesday 29th. A code purple call means someone has either had a heart - attack, is having serious breathing issues or for whatever reason, is barely holding on and requires immediate first aid. In a situation like this if the St. John control desk thinks we can beat the ambulance to the address, we are both dispatched. This was the case on Havelock Street the other day. We arrived in a good time and were greeted with great news. The patient had come around, was coherent, and speaking to her family members. The Opunake St. John was soon at the door, so after a quick chat with them regarding the patient, we took a more leisurely path back to the station.

The big wet got us on the road at around 10pm on Tuesday night when a house on Gisborne Terrace was

experiencing water issues. The roof was leaking and water was running down a light bulb onto the carpet in the hallway. We pitched a ladder onto a lean-to roof but we were unable to spot anything obvious. As the roofing iron hadn't been lifted, there wasn't a lot we could do other than pull the fuse at the meter board and assure the residents that "electrically" all would be fine. We then grabbed our ladder and headed back to the station.

The following day we were called to the Allied Service Station on Tasman Street because there was a strong smell of petrol on the forecourt. The service station staff had jumped into action and shut off the pumps before we arrived and had the situation under control, so we turned the Rahotu brigade back as they, and ourselves weren't required. It was good to

see the service station staff had implemented their emergency plan and dealt with the issue themselves.

Thursday 6th was an extremely busy day for our crew. It started at 1 o'clock in the morning with someone phoning in from Wilson Road saying there was "nuisance smoke" in the air. We were unable to track the source down, so we headed back to the station. No sooner had we arrived at the station when another call came through, so we were back on the truck heading towards Opourapa Road, Rahotu where power lines leading from the pole into the house were sparking. Luckily we were only backing up the Rahotu brigade because on the way we came across some fallen trees on Surf Highway 45 near the Ngariki Road so we never made it to the original call. Instead we spent about an hour with a local farmer

cutting and pulling the trees to the side of the road. Once that was sorted it was back to bed until 7 o'clock when we were dispatched to "wires down" just south of Opunake. Then it was on to the Namu Road with a similar situation, and then a false alarm when someone thought the flapping flag pole rope at the Orimipiko Marae was a power wire and dialled us up.

As you would imagine, we have had enough of the rain and wind, and have come to the conclusion that the only Cyclone Debbie we want to see again is the one that is the driving force behind our wonderful Everybody's Theatre, Debbie Campbell. Two of our members have just returned from an amazing "tower climbing" trip to the USA. Jana and Jozien Hannah (Jack and

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# Being part of the world's biggest family

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Eelkje Van Der Sar's grand - daughters) went to Seattle to climb the 69 floors of the Columbia Tower. Now that was 1356 agonising steps in a full fire - fighting uniform with a B.A. cylinder on your back. They weren't alone as 1900 other fire fighters from around the world were there to raise funds for the Leukaemia and Lymphoma Society. To help with the fundraising effort, the girls went to Pike Place markets where they rattled their fire buckets and collected donations from the locals. The second climb the girls took part in was the New York City Memorial climb in honour of the 343 FDNY (Fire Department New York) fire fighters who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks. The climb took place up the 72 levels of the 4 World Trade Center, and once again in full fire - fighting gear.



**Jana and Jozien Hannah.**

had been overlooked by the organizers and weren't taken up on the climb. So in true Kiwi spirit, the girls volunteered to take the names with them on a second climb to the top of the tower. I would imagine after climbing 144 floors in one day, a drink or two

would have been in order to calm the leg muscles down. Jana and Jozien said both the Seattle and the Trade Center climbs were amazing events to be part of, with the added bonus of meeting a bunch of wonderful, like -minded people who were happy to share their stories.

They always say that " fire fighters belong to the biggest family in the world," and I think the girls have found out how true that statement really is. Congratulation girls for waving the Fire Service flag at such a special place and for being such great ambassadors for the Opunake Brigade.

*Sore Muscles*

## Green ribbon awards open

Jonathan Young, National MP for New Plymouth, welcomes the opening of nominations for the 27th annual Green Ribbon Awards. "These prestigious awards recognise outstanding work to protect and enhance the environment; by individuals, communities and organisations," Jonathan Young says. "They are a great way to showcase an impressive array of initiatives making a

difference to our natural assets and wildlife. "The 10 categories include biodiversity, resilience to climate change, waste minimisation, caring for fresh water, coastal and ocean protection, leadership, philanthropy and partnerships, and the supreme winner category. "There will also be an additional award for outstanding contributions to the protection of our unique flora and fauna.

"The finalists will be invited to an awards banquet night at Parliament. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate conservation achievements and enable people to network with others who share their enthusiasm for protecting our nature. "This is a great chance to raise the profile of environmental initiatives and honour our environmental leaders. Entries close on May 10 with the finalists to be announced at Parliament on June 8.

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# Govt with a plan can fix housing crisis

Recently, I uncovered some shocking news. Buried in a report to Bill English was a statement from Treasury officials that New Zealand has a shortage of 60,000 houses, and this shortage is growing by over 1,000 a month.

This basic shortage of houses is at the root of the housing crisis. The results are all around us – out of control prices, speculators snapping up houses hoping to make a quick buck, skyrocketing rents. It means families missing out on the Kiwi dream of owning your own place. It means overcrowded, over-priced rentals. It means families ending up homeless, living in motels, garages, and cars.

Last year, the average family's pay rise was entirely eaten by rising housing costs. When you take into account other rising costs, family budgets are shrinking in real terms. Bill English calls that a 'problem of success'. I call it a failure of leadership.

National's tinkering around the edges isn't working. The number of houses being consented is now falling, when it needs to be rising.

So, what do we do about it? The simple answer is build houses.

Leaving it up to private developers doesn't work. Their



Andrew Little MP

profit is in building big, high-spec, expensive houses. The average house built today is nearly 200 square metres and costs \$400,000 without even counting the land. You can't blame the private developers for going where the cash is; their job is to make a profit.

But the Government can build affordable houses. Its job isn't to make a profit. Its job is to ensure the Kiwi dream of owning your own place is in reach for young families. Its job is to ensure all our kids have a decent place to live.

New Zealand has had housing crises before and we've always solved them the same way: the Government steps up to the plate and gets tens of thousands of affordable homes built.

We've done it before, and it created the home owning society we want. Let's do it again, and save the Kiwi dream.

How? Here's the plan, we call it KiwiBuild:

First, the Government puts up some working capital into KiwiBuild, which works with private builders to build affordably priced, modern starter houses and apartments. The kind of place you can raise a family.

KiwiBuild then sells the homes, at cost, to first homebuyers. Because these are starter houses and they're being built at scale, they will cost less than the average house today.

The money KiwiBuild gets from the sales goes into building the next round of houses and the cycle repeats. At the end of the programme, the money from the final sales is returned to the Government.

Labour's KiwiBuild will help stabilise house prices and increase the homeownership rate.

To make it happen, we're going to need more builders and more capacity in the construction sector. That's why Labour will subsidise builders who take on apprenticeships, make getting a tertiary qualification easier

with three years fees free, and help set up a pre-fab housing factory in Gisborne.

We'll also need to speed up the development of new land, which is why we'll create an Affordable Housing Authority to cut through the red tape.

At the same time, Labour will lock the speculators out of the market to help first homebuyers get a look in. We'll do that by banning foreign speculators from buying existing houses altogether and making speculators who flip houses within five years pay tax on their profits.

This is all common sense, practical stuff. It just takes some leadership and vision. Unfortunately, those things are in short supply in the current Government run by Bill English and Nick Smith. They simply refuse to realise the Government needs to get off the side-lines and start building affordable houses even though homeownership has plunged to its lowest level in 66 years.

That's why housing will be the big election issue this year. Labour has the plan to end the housing crisis. National won't even acknowledge it exists. To fix the housing crisis, we need to change the government.

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# River, a mountain and a new perspective

"Knocking the big ones off" is not a parallel with the statement of Sir Ed but in terms of Waitangi Treaty Settlements it seems to me that NZ is, in fact, conquering Everest. We have seen the memorandum of understanding signed between the Crown and eight Taranaki iwi including Ngā Rauru whose rohe extends down to Whanganui. But we have also seen the Te Awa Tupua Bill which deals with the Whanganui River settlement. The River Bill will include creating a legal personality for the river in the same way many trusts and companies who have legal personalities are described. This means trustees can be appointed with a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of the river.

Decisions can't be made without consultation with these two trustees known as 'pou' and nothing is removed from Resource Management legislation affecting the responsibilities of the Horizons Regional Council for keeping the river running within its



Hon Chester Borrows

banks and enforcing laws relating to consents, permitting and pollution of the river. A healthy river is a healthy people in respect of the mighty Whanganui and for centuries it has carried the economy on its back when it comes to the early days of agriculture by iwi and later colonial pioneers. Carrying the economy on its back is also proven by the fact that it allows the back country of the Whanganui and Taranaki region to drain effectively. Without this the land would

be even less stable, and navigation of roadways and tracks impossible.

It is ironic that the legal personhood is seen as a clever and novel response to the tense issues around ownership and kaitiakitanga and yet in Māori terms the river has always had a personality and the European legal construct of the creation only serves to reinforce the tikanga of generations of tangata whenua. The same applies to forests and mountains and so not such a novel idea for Māori who are pleased pākehā politicians have finally come around to their point of view.

Removing the aggravations of big sections of our communities, Māori and pākehā, has removed the roadblock to progress as unified people and we can only hope that with more and more history of co-governance the fears of 'getting one over the other' will dissipate. The fact that there was a huge scrap over the resolution to Motua/Pakaitore which has been stable and without issue for nearly

20 years is almost laughable. Similarly the furore over the renaming recognising Taranaki as a legitimate alternative to Egmont is hard to fathom. Nobody in my circles calls the mountain Egmont any longer, and inclusion of an 'h' in Whanganui is fast fading as an issue at all.

On Waitangi Day the Prime Minister acknowledged, with thanks, those who had protested at Bastion Point. He made the point that although they challenged some and frightened many by threatening the peaceful calm we all believed we lived under; such occupations were the catharsis for a rethink of race relations. Over time these events have led to a far fairer and more harmonious land for us all.

No formal event starts without a mihi or karakia. The National Anthem will forever be sung with the first verse in te reo. Buildings are opened with a blessing. Meetings and conferences are usually closed again with karakia.

Big concessions have not been made to the way we have traditionally done things in comparison to the understanding we have all gained in this cultural dimension, unique to our shores, and adding to the peace we all enjoy. Though a long way to go, we have come too far to stop here.

Well done to all those involved: iwi, pākehā, Crown. We are fast becoming the standard for the settlement of these issues internationally with the UN now looking to use similar legislation to take account of natural taonga too precious to keep abusing.

Chester Borrows  
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# All the fun of the fair at Hollard's Gardens

A steady stream of people made their way through Hollard's Gardens on Sunday for the fifth annual Country Fair.

They came from all over Taranaki, from Hawera, Stratford, Opunake, Inglewood and New Plymouth.

Hollard's Gardens, near Kaponga is one of three regional gardens run by the Taranaki Regional Council and is also used for events like gardening workshops.

"It's a significant place to come to and we want to share it with the people of Taranaki," TRC regional gardens events facilitator Clare Mewse said.

The annual Country Fair builds on the age-old tradition of autumn celebrations to mark the end of the growing season.

"It's bringing families to the gardens to enjoy our beautiful Taranaki weather," Clare said.

Michael Self acted as MC and there was something for the whole family, including face painting, pony rides and a range of competitions.

It was also a chance for community groups like the WI, Rural Woman and



Morris dancers performing at Sunday's Country Fair.



Michael Self was MC.

Club orchestra and Alpine Sounds provided musical entertainment.

Hollard's Gardens manager Sandy Powell said a lot of work had gone in to making the Gardens ready for the fair, including removing a tree which had blown down, a casualty of last week's strong winds.

One feature of the gardens which seemed to be attracting a lot of interest was the children's play area known as the Family Corner. It was set up in 2008

and been expanded since then, with features such as the slide which used to be at Pukekura Park, and had been donated by the New Plymouth District Council.

Other features include the Fred Flintstone car, and Bernie's Armchair, a salute to Bernie Hollard, the man who gave his name to Hollards Gardens.

"The chair replicates the armchair where he would go and read his gardening books," Sandy said.

Kaponga Lions, who did the sausage sizzle to do some fund raising, as well as an opportunity for crafts people to show off their wares.

In keeping with the harvest theme, the Phoenix Morris Dancers performed, and the Taranaki Swiss

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Using anyone other than a registered licensed electrician for electrical work could lead to major problems around safety, insurance and selling your home, warns Master Electricians New Zealand.

Last year saw several prosecutions, both of unlicensed individuals and of a company which hired an unlicensed person to do electrical work. In a number of instances this work was found to be unsafe, including work carried out at a school.

Master Electricians Chief Executive Neville Simpson said while someone may imply they are a licensed electrician, it is essential to check before agreeing to any work.

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"Always check in advance

of any work that certification will be provided. If the person is unwilling to do so, that should ring alarm bells."

Mr Simpson said such illegal electrical work could lead to expensive problems at a later date.

"The most important issue at stake is safety. However, it can also lead to insurance claims being invalidated and cause problems when you try to sell a property.

"On the other hand, having evidence that your home has been checked by a licensed professional, or that work was carried out and tested to required standards, may be seen as a positive."

Prosecutions in 2016 included a renovation company which was engaged to carry out renovation work at an Auckland property and hired an overseas backpacker to do the work - which was later found to be unsafe.

In October an unlicensed person, who carried out electrical work at a school in the Wellington region, was also fined after an inspector found it was "deficient and possibly dangerous".

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You can also report those carrying out unauthorised or unsatisfactory electrical

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**Remembering ANZACs**

For Dee Bakewell of Otakeho, ANZAC Day is a special time, with her maternal grandfather having served in the First World War, and her father in the Second. She wears her father's medals at ANZAC ceremonies and wrote a poem in 1999 in memory of the fallen.

"I think back to what the men of this country have done. If not for the likes of them, where would be

today? That's what inspired me to write this poem," she said.

Her grandfather William Claude Horscroft never applied for the medals to which he would have been entitled., but his name is on the cenotaph at the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

He left New Zealand for Suez in 1916, and was one of six boys in the family. He and two of his brothers, Clarrie and Raymond went



**Dee Bakewell with a poem she penned in 1999 honouring the ANZACs.**

**Anzacs forever remembered**

Today's children cannot comprehend  
 Of the brave men and women who fought and died  
 Way back then.

Yet, if it weren't for their gallant ways,  
 The very least of us may never have lived to share in these days.

Brave soldiers all, who lie in battles killing fields,  
 Today we salute you when the church bell peels.  
 So few of your comrades still stand proud with medals  
 Displayed.

The bugle's last post has come to call them away.

Long may our young learn from the ravages of war.  
 We all, each one yearn for peace to reign once more.

But lo, somewhere far away in a distant land,  
 Battles are today being fought-with no preservation of man.

Dear soldiers we cry 'You did not die in vain'  
 So long as a poppy grows for each one to proclaim  
 Lay in peace where you rest on a far distant shore.  
 Your kin are today remembering for whom you fought for.

The poppies we wear on our "Remembrance Day"  
 Shows a stem that's both strong and straight  
 Akin to the belief of of our soldiers as they advanced in  
 Victories  
 Faith.

The petals are coloured by the blood that they shed  
 And impact our motto-'Lest we Forget.'

D.A.Harrison. 1999

overseas during World War I. Clarrie did not come back. After the war, William worked for the Auckland Transport Board and later the Auckland Regional Authority as a chauffeur. He died in 1964 of emphysema, which Dee said her grandfather had blamed on a smoking habit dating back to being issued with army issue cigarettes during World War I. Before then he had never smoked.

Dee has fond memories of a grandfather she remembers as a kind man.

"I was only 13 when he died, and because he wasn't well I would go and sit with him and he would often

tell me about things, but he was very reserved about the more intricate details that went on, and it clearly impacted him."

Dee's father, Vernon Harrison who served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force at Guadalcanal during the Second World War had a similar reluctance to applying for the medals for which he would have been entitled. Dee says her father didn't apply for them until towards the end of his life. He wore them for the first and only time at an ANZAC ceremony two years before his death in 2008. Now Dee wears them every ANZAC Day.

**Mother who lost three sons featured in World War 1 stamps**

New Zealand Post tells the story of mother of 10 Ellen Knight, who lost three sons during the war, in its latest series of stamps commemorating the First World War. '1917 The Darkest Hour' is the fourth instalment of a five-year WW1 stamp and coin programme. The ten commemorative stamps to be released on 5 April 2017 look at the effects of war

both at home and abroad. "By 1917 New Zealanders were growing weary of this great war that seemed to have no end in sight," said Simon Allison, Head of Stamps and Coins at New Zealand Post. "As the situation intensified on the Western Front, New Zealand would experience the deadliest day in its military history when 845 lives were lost at the Belgian town of Passchendaele on 12 October 1917. "Ellen Knight's heartbreaking story of losing three sons to the First World War would have been repeated many times with families across New Zealand who also lost loved ones,"

"One hundred years on, New Zealand Post is paying tribute to the sacrifice and grief experienced by the families waiting at home." The Knight family have been closely involved in the development of the stamps, and her granddaughter says it has been an emotional journey to discover Ellen's story. "The loss of my uncles Herbert, George and Douglas, had a huge effect



**Ellen Knight 2017 WW1 10 stamp sheetlet.**



**Ellen Knight 2017 The Darkest Hour Silver and Gold.**

not only on my grandmother but also on the rest of the family," says granddaughter Nancy Croad.

"Ellen always thought of her boys as being heroes, so hopefully the acknowledgment they will get through these

stamps is giving them some of this fulfilment." The '1917 The Darkest Hour' story is told in a special commemorative booklet, which contains further information about the war as well as 12 unique miniature stamp sheets

# Their names are still remembered

So many names appear on war memorials but we learn little of who these men who died really were.

Megan Symons (nee Symes) brought in this contribution from her father Gordon Symes now living in Tauranga who thought it could be of interest to readers.

It is a poignant tale. The last letter home by John Crofsky was reproduced in The Opunake Times of 1917. Twelve days later he was killed in action. The sad missive sent to his bereaved family was also published underneath.

This fascinating glimpse into history helps puts a face to one of those who died a hundred years ago in the First World War.

Writes Gordon Symes: While visiting Colleen's sister and husband Trish

and Brian Peart in Katikati last May I had an interesting experience with their neighbour. While I was there Trish invited the neighbours Len and Anne Crofskey for dinner. We learned that he was an ex-Opunake resident. Len worked for Phil Walsh and other farmers in the Opunake and Pihama areas for a number of years. We enjoyed an evening of talk and sharing stories of people we knew, and of the changes in the community over the years. Len has many connections with past and present residents in the area so I thought this might be of local interest.

The next morning before I left Len came over and shared an old newspaper article with me. It reports on his uncle in World War 1. I recognised some of the names so he gave me a copy of the article. After the



John Crofsky's name on the Opunake Cenotaph. His name also appears on the war memorial at Pihama Cemetery.

War my father Jim Symes worked for Bob Stevenson on his Watino Road farm and eventually bought the farm from him. It is now in its third generation of Symes' family ownership. All the other men mentioned in the article were killed in action and their names are engraved on the cenotaphs

on the Opunake Beach clifftop and at the Lizzie Bell cemetery.

Gordon Symes.

Len and Ann Crofsky are intending to travel to Belgium in June this year to find the grave as a tribute to their relative who died 100 years ago.

## LETTERS FROM FRANCE

The following letter was received by Mr Crofskey, of Pihama, from his son Private J Crofskey, who has since writing this letter, made the supreme sacrifice, in France.

France, June 11  
Just a few lines to let you know that I managed to get through this "push" alright, for which I have to thank God, as there were a lot of our poor fellows knocked out. I expect the papers will be full of this affair and you will have seen how we got on. We expected to see the result in the Home papers but they hardly mentioned the New Zealanders and Australians at all. They gave all the credit to the Irish although we stood the brunt of the battle. I believe the Imperial troops have "got it down on us" because they know our men are better than them. So far we have held every inch of ground we have taken and that is more than the Tommies can say they have done.

Joe Walker and his brother Fred have been wounded. Bob Stevenson is away in England wounded and will probably not come back to the front again. Joe Prout, Bert Prout, and Alec Campbell are all here in this company.

### AN APPRECIATION

Belgium, 24 June

Mr J Crofskey,  
Pihama, Taranaki  
Dear Sir—On behalf of the Officers, N. C. O's and men of Taranaki Coy., and W.I.B. I beg to express to you our sincere sympathy in the loss of your son L/Cpl J Crofskey, who was killed on the morning of the 23rd inst.

He was killed in action while out with a large fighting patrol and his loss is great to his company.

It may be consoling for you to know that your son had a high sense of duty and had earned the highest respect and good-will of all his companions.

Again expressing my deepest sympathy, I am etc.,  
D. S. Columbe, Capt. O.C.



John Crofskey who was Killed in Action on June 23 1917.

LEFT: At the top is the letter from John Crofskey to his family printed in the Opunake Times posthumously on Friday August 31, 1917.

Below this is the letter informing his parents of his death on the battlefields of Europe.

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# Good governance the way ahead for farming

Farmers can no longer rely on New Zealand's reputation alone in the international market. Instead, they're being urged to think strategically if they want to grow. Institute of Directors General Manager Kirsten Ralph says the solution is good governance. "It's about providing farmers with the big picture where good decisions can be made. The best governance is not about putting the brakes on. It's about knowing where you want to be and how you're going to get there." The Institute of Directors (IoD) is already well known for its Company Directors' Course (CDC). Those who have completed it, list it amongst the most valuable courses they've attended. This May, Hawera will, for the first time, host the

IoDs Rural Governance Essentials course. The IoD's Rural Governance Essentials course was designed specifically for rural business. It launched in Invercargill in late 2015, to give rural businesses insight into the benefits a board can bring, and the fundamental responsibilities of a board and its directors. It provides practical tools that can be immediately applied to the running of a farming business, focusing on strategy and managing risks, as well as giving attendees the opportunity to network with others in the rural and agribusiness sectors. Demand from agribusinesses across the country has prompted the IoD to offer it in Hawera on May 17, the first time the IoD has offered a course in Hawera.

Directors must be able to challenge ideas, ask hard questions, and offer a different perspective at the board table. They need a broad mix of skills and a particularly strong grasp of strategy, risk, finance, and compliance, and these two offerings can help Waikato agribusiness, Ms Ralph says. "Governance is critical, as it fundamentally forces owners of businesses managing large amounts of capital to step away from the day-to-day of the business – to work on it rather than in it." "Without governance, businesses will operate

as they always have, but the reality is that they're already going backwards. I don't believe farming is any different in that regard." Whether owners face structural changes, price volatility, or are dealing with compliance to new regulations, good governance prepares rural businesses for the future, and allows the farm to do what it does best. "Our agricultural industry is critical to the nation's future economy, and governance is a good way of identifying and removing roadblocks to ensure the farm's future success," Ms Ralph says.



Institute of Directors General Manager Kirsten Ralph.

## High demand for skilled staff in dairy sector

The dairy sector is calling for more people, particularly school-leavers, to consider a career in dairy given a shortage of skilled staff.

DairyNZ education facilitator Susan Stokes says the number of young people undertaking formal training is nowhere near demand. "We have a real shortage of young people for both on-farm positions and rural professional roles. Just about every graduate

has multiple job offers as demand far exceeds supply," says Ms Stokes.

To help attract more young talent into the dairy sector, which has an aging demographic, DairyNZ has created a careers booklet outlining the variety of roles available, and answering questions they may have. "We want to open people's eyes to the opportunities available to them in the dairy sector. Milking

cows is, of course, the foundation, and there are many other roles too, from working on-farm through to agri-business or agri-science positions," she says. DairyNZ's Sally Peel grew up in Auckland and has found her niche in dairy. She works alongside farmers, scientists, rural consultants, agricultural retailers and DairyNZ colleagues developing resources, such as feed budget templates, for use by farmers.

"I have the best of both worlds. Some days I get out onto farms, other days I'm in the office not far from Hamilton city shops and cafes," Miss Peel says. Her advice to young people considering a role in the dairy sector?

"Give it a go, and try something new. Studying agriculture-related subjects can open a lot of doors, both on and off-farm, and in the other primary industries."

## Eltham smallbore season off with a bang

The Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club season has started with a bang. In the weeks leading up to April 1, members have been putting in some very respectable scores. Brian Hicks shot his first possible with a 100.5 and the cake he brought the following week was delicious. Clare Bramley also shot an almost

with a 99.4 and Murray Chinery with a 97.6, foiled by his last shot scoring a 7. Eltham's Club night is Mondays, with a practice night on Fridays. Paul Tidswell has the season's first possible with scores of 98.4, 98.7 and 100.5. Garry Rowlands was hot on his heels with 98.5, 97.5 and 97.4. Paul Longstaff is also

shooting well, with 98.5, 96.1 and 98.4. Alan Drake 92.2, 94.2. Bob Bramley 94.1, 95.4, 94.3, 94.2, 90.0, 94.4; Don Litchfield 97.5, 94.4; Murray Chinery 91.1, 90.2; Stephan Hicks 85.0; Clare Bramley 95.1, 97.3; Brian Hicks 97.5, 97.3. Off the rest shooters did well, including visitor Ella Stuart scoring 89.1 and 90.3; Karel

Van Loo 78.1, 84.1. Group card shooters. Angie Harris 95, 100, 100; Carola Van Loo 100; Amber Johnson took the family honours this week with scores of 94, 98, 99; Ryan Johnson 93, 93, 95; Travis Johnson 92, 95, 95. New shooter Alex Gilling also shot two group cards and did well for his first time scoring 96 and 93.

## GDP drop bucks national trend

Taranaki's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has declined 4.3 per cent in the years 2011-16. This bucks the national trend with a national increase of 23.8 per cent in the same period, according to nominal figures, unadjusted for inflation issued by Statistics NZ.

Taranaki's contribution to the GDP fell from 4.3 percent to 3.3 percent during this time. The decline was driven by forestry, fishing, and mining, which is the largest industry in Taranaki (accounting for 29.4 percent of the region's economy in 2015),

and agriculture, the fourth largest industry. Together, production from these industries has fallen close to \$1.6 billion since 2011. However, the falls were softened by increases in many other industries in the region, notably manufacturing, which rose by more than \$529 million, and transport, postal, and storage, which rose by \$134 million. In 2014, Taranaki's GDP rose 5.3 percent. This was driven by a 49.0 percent increase in agriculture (mainly dairy cattle farming),

along with a 14.7 percent increase in manufacturing more than offsetting the fall in fishing, forestry, and mining. In 2015, Taranaki's economy decreased 1.5 percent as the agriculture industry (mainly dairy cattle farming) declined 50.2 percent, in spite of substantial increases in manufacturing and fishing, forestry, and mining. In 2016, Taranaki's GDP decreased 8.5 percent. Fishing, forestry, and mining experienced a significant contraction, reflecting the impact of lower international commodity prices.



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# Te Radar to host Young Farmers' contest

Comedian Te Radar will be in Hawera this month to host the regional final of the FMG Young Farmer of the Year. Eight finalists are vying to represent the Taranaki/Manawatu region at the grand final in Fielding in July. Their knowledge and practical skills will be tested by judges over 24 hours of gruelling competition at the TSB Hub. "It can be quite daunting if you haven't done it before and there are a few first-timers this year," said 2016 Taranaki/Manawatu FMG Young Farmer of the Year Pete Fitz-Herbert. "The best thing about the contest is that it can test anything." Modules include everything from an exam challenging their business skills, to the fiercely competitive agri-sports.

"That'll see the eight finalists lined up side by side and they'll have to work their way through about a dozen tasks," said Pete. "It could be anything from putting tyres on a quad bike to building a Taranaki gate. "It's effectively a race. Contestants are marked on the time it takes to finish the tasks and on the quality of the job they do." Te Radar reckons it's a mind-boggling event. «It's not just about physical requirements; they have to be strong mentally and have excellent time management skills," he said. The regional final culminates with a dinner and the competition's iconic quiz on Saturday night (April 22). "I have these childhood memories of watching it on telly - thinking I could answer the quiz

questions, but never getting them right," Te Radar said. "I never thought that one day I'd be the one asking those questions!" Taranaki will be represented by Okato dairy farmers James Lawn and Blair Briscoe, and Toko sheep and beef farmer Nick Brown. It will be Nick's second attempt at being named the Taranaki/Manawatu FMG Young Farmer of the Year. "Knowing the pitfalls and things to watch out for will be an advantage. My main weakness last year was the exam," Nick said. "It'll be great competing in Taranaki, but it won't take any of the pressure off. It'll still be a tough competition." The Taranaki trio will be up against Isabel Tait, Michael McCombs, Will Taylor, Nigel Will

and Kieran McCahon. before the grand final. The Hawera competition is the last regional final who'll be the last finalist,

as the field is looking pretty competitive for the grand final in July," said Te Radar.



Te Radar with finalists in Northland.

# Addressing rural communities' health and wellbeing

New research on farm-related suicide and the factors behind it is a progressive step and will enable a more concerted focus on reducing rates, says Federated Farmers. The study by Dr Annette Beautrais was conducted on behalf of the Rural Health Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand and funded by AgResearch. As inaugural members of RHANZ, Federated Farmers has advocated for many years for an increased awareness on addressing issues related to rural health and wellbeing. In her findings, Dr Beautrais reveals that general farm workers and males are the most vulnerable and more likely to take their own life. The research, which is world-leading in terms of methodology, reaffirms the modern trend of less

social engagement in rural areas and the apparent loss of community. "Dr Beautrais' findings show there's definitely a need to revitalise our rural communities by encouraging the community to come together and engage with one another, along with ensuring adequate funding for rural health services," said Katie Milne, a Council member and Federated Farmers' wellbeing spokesperson. "The reality is New Zealand has become more urbanised and that notion of civic engagement has diminished. We need to make sure that our rural communities build neighbourly spirit and share activities outside work," she said. The research also dispelled a society perception that

farm suicides were a homogeneous group. Dr Beautrais identified 'six risk profiles', with people in three of those groups being already diagnosed or showing associated signs of mental health issues. "This is the first time it has been done before anywhere. It is something we can use and move forward with to reduce the incidence rates and better manage those who are most vulnerable. "It also indicates that there needs to be more medical and psychosocial resource available for rural communities - long wait times for help is just not acceptable," said Katie. Provisional data for 2015/16 reveals there were 17 farm occupational related self-inflicted deaths. From 2007-2015 there was 185

deaths based on the Coroners' records. In forty percent of cases a firearm was used. "It goes without saying firearms are more accessible in rural areas than in urban areas. Farmers, farm workers and rural people generally consider hunting as a way to

enjoy the great outdoors and to enhance the rural lifestyle. "It may be as simple as encouraging people to look at new, or old socialising opportunities. Like starting a gym in someone's garage, card night over winter, mixed netball, cricket,

touch rugby or whatever at a non-serious level. "Otherwise, through current and future initiatives we hope the incidence continues to decline -as it has since the Coroner started disclosing reports in 2007," Katie said.



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# Back to the mountains for adventurers

Namaste from Craig and Harrison. It's been four months since our adventure to Everest Base Camp and we have been hiking and climbing on Mt Taranaki a lot. We've also been working and saving hard for our next adventure expedition to the Himalayas.

We are planning to trek the Annapurna circuit in September which is considered to be one of the world's classic treks, Mt Annapurna is the second most dangerous mountain to climb after K2. We plan to trek to Base Camp and cross the 5416m Thorung La high pass to Jomsom which could take us up to 25 days.

Last weekend we decided to do our annual climb up the south side of Mt Taranaki, staying at Syme Hut on Fanthams Peak for Saturday night and summiting Sunday

morning. Four of us headed off from Dawsons Falls carpark at midday and slogged it up to the Hillary seat for a breather. I love this spot - stunning views of Fanthams Peak and the summit. To me it says 'Yes, come and climb me.' It's easy to see why the location is dedicated to Sir Edmund Hillary, it's awe inspiring.

Next we pump it up to the Konini Lodge sign post. We're all feeling good and warmed up for the steep stuff. Our new mate Tom is 24 and super fit, a good man to have on board. Over the years Harrison (11) and I have attempted the south summit five times, making it to the top on three occasions. This is Tom's first time so he's excited and Harrison's mate Alex (12) is also with us. This is his second summit climb from this side. Regardless of how many times we do it we

consider it a tough physical and mental challenge.

Right let's go, up the 565 steps through the tussock, it's a beautiful day. From the top of the steps we ascend up to what we call the knob, a steep bluff of scree and moss. On top of the knob we can see for miles. We are now faced with 10 rugby fields of 40-45 degree loose scree. Over the years we've named certain rocks and sticks. At the half way mark we get to 'square rock'. We now look up to 'white stick' and it's a long way. From white stick the hard rock is close and it feels good to be off the scree, climbing on firm ground. This goes on for a while and eventually we are over the ledge and it's less than 10 minutes to Syme Hut. A steep drop to the right is the Kapuni Gorge which is to be avoided. We grovel up one last steep scree slope and on to Fanthams. It's an easy



Tom, Alex and Harrison embark from Dawson Falls.

walk from here and it feels like another world in this moonscape environment.

On arrival it's busier than we've ever experienced. There's at least 20 of us and it's only a 10 person hut, but after a friendly chat we secure two mattresses for the four of us. Some of the other people have tents. Everybody's chilled and we share what space we have. It's 3.30pm and the summit peak looks insane - perfect conditions to climb. I had plans for us to sleep on the summit but the boys are not keen. Tom's got itchy feet and decides to head up to the summit by himself. We give him a walkie talkie and he's off. A group of us

sit on a ridge close to the hut and watch Tom as he ascends the south summit. It's like a mountain on a mountain. One of our new friends is Fanny Fantham's great granddaughter. Her great grandmother was the first woman to climb to Fantham's Peak over 120 years ago. We keep in touch with Tom via walkie talkie as we watch him progress.

At the three quarter mark he's a tiny dot and sounding positive. He traverses to the hard rock lava flow which requires concentration and caution. It's not a place to make a mistake. Soon he calls back and is happy to make the crater rim. I imagine this

is what Everest Base Camp would be like, keeping in touch with mates going for the summit of Everest, but in reality this really doesn't come anywhere close.

Strangely someone else joins the walkie talkie conversation, It's a guy from Pungarehu on his CB who has tapped onto our frequency. We talk and he's cool, he lets us know that at 9pm he'll call and flash his floodlight at Fanthams. Sweet as. Over and out.

Twenty minutes later Tom has made it to the top of the final summit peak. It's 5 o'clock and he sounds like a happy man. He stays up there for an hour, awesome. Fanthams base camp settles down, we have tea and share stories. It's getting cold and Tom's half way down. Harrison and Alex race off to meet him. We are really looking forward to our summit climb in the morning. A lot of us hang outside in the cold together for the sunset which is insanely beautiful and we get some great photos. I love it, new people, like-minded, easy going. At 9pm we get a call on the walkie talkie and as we look out towards the coast we see three bright flashes about 20 km away.

Next morning we're up at 6.30 to watch the sunrise over Ruapehu. We pack and store most of our stuff in the hut taking only one small pack - it's game on. There's lots of cloud below us with bright blue sky and sunshine above. We descend to Rangitoto flats and start the south summit slog up to '10 ton rock'. It's about half way, huff and puff. Reaching this huge boulder is a good start. Twenty minutes on the scree gets thinner and traction is difficult. We decide on the traverse. It's only 10 metres and not a

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Craig, Alex and Harrison take the summit of Taranaki.

# Back to the mountains for adventurers

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place to make a mistake. A friendly couple are with us, and together we carefully traverse to the hard rock.

We now have a 40 to 50 degree rock climb to the crater rim which takes 20 minutes. I guess this is what East Ridge would feel like. It feels so good to be here, we are close. There's more ice in the crater than I have ever seen for this time of year. We go for the normal ascent point to climb the final summit peak and approach from a different angle. It's very steep but we reach the summit, Tom for his second time in 16 hours.

We get some great summit photos. One of my walking sticks is a golf club and it feels good to crack a ball off the summit aiming for Rahotu. After half an hour on top we descend back into the crater. We had planned to do the Shark's Tooth but it's too icy. We check out a route for the western summit approach which we almost made last year off track. It looks exciting. We head back to the crater rim and start our descent, Syme Hut looks like a tiny matchbox. Decision time, go the steep hard rock or go scree and slide on our bums on the bad bit? We choose the scree and 20 minutes later there is no scree so we bumslide for seven metres over rock

and it's all good. It's still awesomely beautiful but I'm feeling tired and want to eat. We should make Syme Hut by 2.30, slog, slog,

slog. Make the hut, stuffed. Drink a litre of water, wash my face, Wow. After a good feed we descend, job done. Half way down jet fighters

fly overhead and we freak out and dive for cover -it's the Okahea air show today. Back to the car park for 6pm. That was a good one.

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## Winds force school closure



Reroofing work at Opunake High School was laid bare after strong winds last week.

Strong winds which buffeted the Taranaki coast

led to school being closed for a day at Opunake High

School. The winds which cut off

power to properties between Opunake and Manaia early on the morning of April 6 also destroyed shrink wrapping protecting reroofing work on the school's main building.

The repair work had been about half way completed when the winds hit, Opunake High School principal Simon Fuller said.

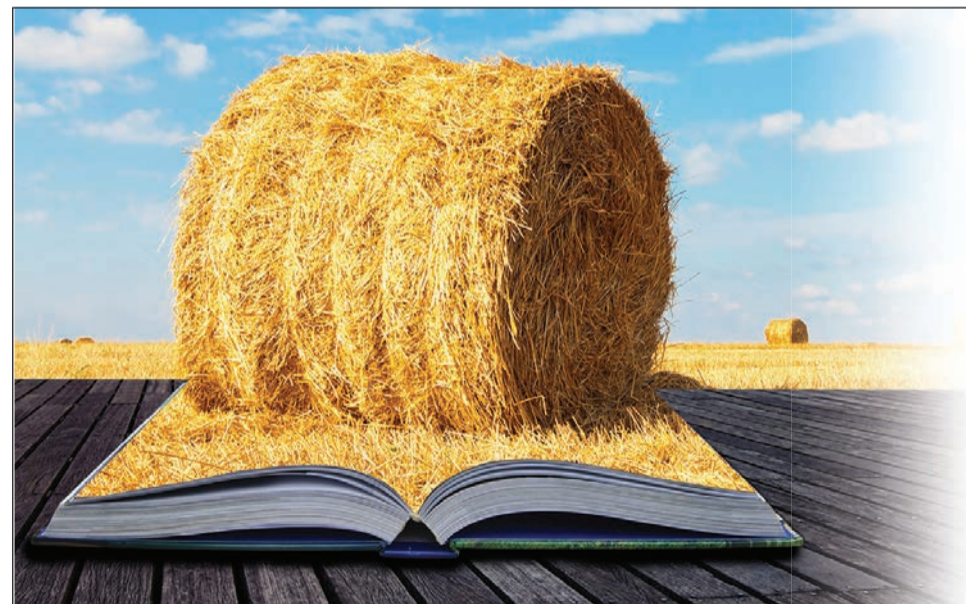
At around 7.15am that morning, he decided to close the school for the day.

"We wanted to make sure of the safety of students and

staff transitioning between classes so we decided to close the school for a day as a precaution," he said.

"The shrink wrapping was there to protect the building, and there were a few leaks we needed to clean up. Some of the safety fences had been knocked over, and the scaffolding has to be checked to make sure it's secure."

Mr Fuller said he had been around the school, and there had been no physical damage to the site."



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**In the pink**

Coastal have started the season with two wins from two games. Week 1 saw Coastal take on N.P.O.B in Rahotu on Saturday April 1. Both teams scored two tries in a close first half with the difference at the break being two conversions kicked by NPOB.

A strong start to the second half had Coastal score three converted tries in 12 minutes to take a 31 - 14 lead. Old Boys scored a late try to take the score to 31 - 19, but Coastal had the last say with a penalty in the 39th minute. Final score was 34 - 19.

Tries to Emmett Hurley,

Brett Goodin, Blake Barrett, Liam Hurley and Liam Parker. Three conversions by Thys Vanderpoel and a penalty by Brett Goodin. MVP Cal Davies.

Round 2 saw Coastal host Stratford-Eltham in Rahotu on Saturday April 8. Coastal took their opportunities in the first half and scored four tries, two converted to take a 24-3 lead at half time. Stratford-Eltham came back in the second half but disciplined defence limited the damage and Coastal came away with a 24 - 15 win. Tries to Kelvin Weir, Cal Davies, Mike Summeral

and Dylan Juffermans. Vanderpoel. MVP Liam Parker. Two Conversions by Thys Parker.

**Playing for a good cause**

On Saturday April 8 Coastal had the honour of promoting the Mellowpuff Trust. The boys in the 1pm games played in the pink socks of the Trust and the Prems played in the pink jerseys. Following the game we auctioned a jersey, had a darts night and some live music, all in the name of the trust. The object of the day was to both promote the trust and raise some money and we achieved both. For those who don't know the Trust was established in memory of Melissa Long who passed away at just 17. Beneficiaries must be living in Taranaki, be 19 years of age and under and have endured some type of adversity. The Trust has helped numerous families by reminding children that they are special no matter what their circumstances may be, and we couldn't think of a better organisation to be involved with. For those who want to know more or even donate visit [www.mellowpufftrust.co.nz](http://www.mellowpufftrust.co.nz). Thanks to Kelvin Weir for his efforts organising this and Terry Long for his time.



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## Division 1 start with maximum points

Coastal Div 1 have started the season well with two wins and maximum points putting us at the top of the table. The first game against NPOB at home was played in perfect conditions and the team, with new combinations, showed real dominance all round. An early try to birthday boy Laurent Giucal, playing his first game for Coastal, set the platform. A strong forward display led to a try by captain Richard Beckitt showing

how good set pieces can wear down the opposition. Although NPOB led 8-7 at the break, we were dominant in all areas in the second half with Jared Davey showing some individual brilliance scoring two tries, and was deservedly given Player of the Day. Other standout performances were Trent van der Poel with some slick footwork and a tireless effort by Daniel Doyle at lock. The final score was 31-8. Our second game against

the newly formed Stratford/Eltham club played at Rahotu started off with us putting constant pressure on their goal line. This resulted in a penalty try. Stratford/Eltham, playing with a strong breeze behind them, scored two quick tries as our boys struggled to show the composure and skill they had shown the previous week. An individual breakout from inside our 22 by David Hughes saw him score in the corner to

put some confidence back into the boys. We went into the break 21-12 down. A few stern words at half time by the coaches, Alan Crowley and Tom Brophy, and playing with the wind eventually wore down the opposition. Tries to Matt Sim and David White saw us escape with a 24-21 win. Player of the Day was Luke Doyle. Gerard Kalin (manager)



Coastal stalwart Phil Barron shows he still has form for the Goodin Ag Div 2 team.

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Davies stood up to ref the first half until a referee turned up for the second.

Brent did a good job. Thank you Brent for doing it. The boys played well, finding space out wide causing havoc in the backs,

while the forwards toiled away up front doing the hard yards. When Stratford/Eltham came back in second half, the boys fronted up on defence and kept them out. The boys were lead well up front by captain

Jackson Wright and player of the day Samuel Hughson, while in the backs, Scott Chadwick created plenty of opportunities and Alex Bell showed off his pace scoring two tries. The next game is against Clifton at Tikorangi



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# Scott Barrett signs with Port Taranaki Bulls

Exciting young All Blacks lock Scott Barrett is coming home – signing with the Port Taranaki Bulls for the next two seasons.

Barrett, who was born and bred in Taranaki but has been studying and playing rugby in Canterbury, has signed with the union for the 2017 and 2018 Mitre 10 Cup seasons and will join brothers Beauden and Jordie in pulling on the amber and black jersey. Beauden re-committed to Taranaki rugby last August, and Jordie signed from Canterbury in December.

“I’m really excited at the prospect of playing for Taranaki – it’s something I’ve always wanted to do,” Scott Barrett said. “I have strong family connections with Taranaki rugby and grew up watching dad [Kevin] play for the province so it’s very special – we’re proud Taranaki people.”

Raised in Pungarehu, Barrett (23) was a star player for the Francis Douglas Memorial College First XV before moving south to Canterbury to attend Lincoln University. The 2013 New Zealand under-20 player of the year, Barrett made his debut for Canterbury in 2014 and has played a key role in the red and blacks’ back-to-back Mitre 10 Cup championship victories. Now in his third season with the Crusaders in Super Rugby, he has amassed 28 caps and is proving an integral and influential member of the team as they have gone unbeaten to start the 2017 season.

An impressive 2016 for both the Crusaders and Canterbury saw the 1.98m Barrett selected for the All Blacks’ end-of-year tour, during which he made his debut against Ireland in Chicago. He has now been capped four times for the All Blacks.

Barrett is to graduate with a Bachelor of Agriculture and said with his studies now complete and with



Scott Barrett helped out with the Collins Sports Centre, Opunake ‘Take a Kid fishing’ prizegiving earlier this year at Opunake Beach.

both Beauden and Jordie committing to Taranaki, the timing was right to move north.

“But it’s been a really hard decision to make as I’ve made strong connections with Canterbury. I’ve really enjoyed it here and have made good mates, so it took me a long time to make this decision.

“I’m happy with the progress I’ve made on the field with my rugby development at the same time as getting a university degree under my belt. I really appreciate the people who have supported me to make this possible,” Barrett said.

While Beauden’s All Blacks commitments make it unlikely he will play for Taranaki this season, Scott Barrett said he was excited at the chance to play alongside Jordie in Taranaki colours.

“It would be that extra bit special. It will also be great being around the team and being able to help out,” he said.

Taranaki Rugby Football

Union chief executive Michael Collins said he was thrilled the union was able to bring another top Taranaki player home. All Blacks apprentice Jordie has signed with Taranaki for two years, and World Rugby’s player of the year Beauden, has signed on with the province through to the end of 2019.

“Scott is a very talented player and has achieved a lot while playing in Canterbury, so we’re delighted he has agreed to come home and join the Port Taranaki Bulls,” Collins said.

“Having Beauden, Jordie and now Scott – three current or up-and-coming international stars of the

game want to be a part of Taranaki rugby is really exciting for the union, fans and sponsors. We consider it hugely important for the success and growth of the game that local talent plays for Taranaki.”

Port Taranaki Bulls coach Colin Cooper said Barrett’s inclusion would be a huge confidence boost for the team and was a positive sign that Taranaki, the 2014 championship winners and semi-finalists of the past two years, could attract high quality players.

“As an All Black he’s a player who could go anywhere,

so for him to choose to come home and play for Taranaki is immense. The confidence and positivity he’ll bring to the group will be massive and he’ll be able to assist and guide our young players.”

Cooper said Barrett, who has played at both lock and loose forward for the All Blacks, Crusaders and Canterbury, was a highly talented player with a great skill set.

“He does his core role of kick-offs, lineouts and scrummaging very well, and he is also very athletic and has good ball skills. He is used in the key first receiver role so his catch and pass skills are very good. He has a very big future ahead of him.”

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Refreshments will follow the service at the Gibson Hall.

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- 9.00 am - Walk from the Opunake Cenotaph
- 10.00 am - Service at Opunake's St. Barnabas Church

**ORIMUPIKO MARAE AGM**

13TH MAY 2017 10.30am ELTHAM RD OPUNAKE

**AGENDA**

- Apologies
- Previous minutes
- Matters Arising
- Reports;
  1. Finances
  2. Orimupiko 1 [Land Block]
  3. Orimupiko Pa Sec 32 Blk 1X [Urupa]
  4. Orimupiko Pt12 [Marae]
- General , Other Business

Secretary J Jones

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**PERCY THOMSON GALLERY**

Connections 2017, March 31 - April 30.

**PIHAMA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ANNUAL WALK FOR CANCER**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 3645 Surf Highway 45, Fonterra No 42242. Refer advert for full details.

**TARANAKI HOME AND LIFESTYLE EXPO**

TSB Stadium 21-23 April. Refer advert for full details.

**PIHAMA LAVENDER**

Market Day/Music Jam, 23rd April 2017. Refer advert.

**TARANAKI EYE CENTRE & GLAUCOMA NZ**

Free information presentation by Dr Kevin Taylor, Saturday 29 April, 10am - 11.30am at the Quality Hotel Plymouth International. Refer advert.

**TARANAKI TOA TRIATHLON**

Opunake - 22 April. Contact Alf Robson. 021 220 9484. [www.taranakitoea.co.nz](http://www.taranakitoea.co.nz)

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Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the Plymouth Hotel.

**OPEN MIC TAKE 3**

Saturday May 13, 3.30pm - 6.00pm at Everybody's Theatre. Refer Advert.

**ORIMUPIKO MARAE AGM**

13th May 2017 10.30am, Eltham Rd, Opunake

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Lee ann, Poppy Le Prou (2 years 4 months), Donna, Keira Julian (15 months), Quinn Stanley (1 year 9 months), Charlotte Campbell (2 years 5 months), Isla Brown (2 years 5 months), Quinn Fuller (15 months), and Leonie are saying goodbye to Jadyn Taylor who is moving on to the Maunga Room.

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## Opunake Kindergarten Enviro School - Composting

Our Enviro-school focus this term is Composting/Wairākau and the tamariki have been learning all about it. Investigating what lives in the compost, learning what can go into the compost and what can't and how the compost cycle works.

The micro-organisms that recycle leaves and other plant parts need an even mix of brown stuff and green stuff to munch on.

They also need air and water to live and work. Put all this together and in time you will have compost!

The tiny micro-organisms (that you cannot see without a microscope) go to work breaking down the organic matter into compost. Later, as the compost cools down, you can find larger organisms such as millipedes, pill bugs, worms and others. Compost is teeming with living things.

Through this focus our tamariki will develop working theories about the living world as well as a perception of themselves as explorers – competent confident learners who ask questions and make discoveries.

Key Facts:

- Compost feeds the soil so that plants can get the nutrients they need to flourish.
- Compost is made up of things you already have in your home.
- Composting helps the environment and reduces the rubbish we send to the landfills.

## Healthy Eating:

Did you know that Taranaki is the second worst province for child obesity in the country?

Opunake Kindy teachers are advocates for all children's health and well-being by providing parents/whānau with information about healthy eating.

The "Food for Fuel" display board is about how much SUGAR is in each item of food.

We received some awesome comments from both tamariki and whanau, such as:

- "Frightening! Scary! A great visual".
- "Wow, does it have that much sugar in coke?"
- "That is why we don't drink coke"
- "Water has no sugar in it"
- "Water, it's the best, brain juice"
- "Weetbix is better for you"
- "Didn't know that yogurt had so much sugar in it".



OPUNAKE COMMUNITIES KINDERGARTEN

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 24th May 2017 at the Surf Inn

7pm for drinks - 7.30pm meeting - All welcome



Lennon 4, came across a large cluster of worms in the compost bin and tells Savanna 3, and Lorelei 4, "the worms are having a party".



# Rich, adventurous and multi-faceted exhibitions excite at Percy Thomson Gallery

At the official opening of Percy Thomson Gallery's latest exhibition on March 31 entitled 'Connections 2017' curator Rhonda Bunyan welcomed the assembled patrons to "two very rich adventurous and multi-faceted exhibitions. In these exhibitions we connect and we light up your life." The Stratford exhibition continues until April 30.

Connections 2017 commemorates the work of five Taranaki artists who are celebrating the fifth anniversary of their group, who first came together in 2012 to celebrate attaining fine art degrees.

In the Community Gallery is Paul Burgham's 'Illumination'—an exhibition of eight remarkable lamps.

The five female artists include Dorothy Andrews, Jenny Bielawski, Viv Davy, Antonio O'Mahony and Juliet Chell.

English-born Dorothy Andrew lives in Inglewood and has spent most of her adult life in Taranaki. She is greatly influenced by Art Nouveau, Surrealism and

Crewel embroidery. "I use these influences to create works which express my love of the natural environment and my concern that very little of it is truly natural anymore." She is concerned that profit is being put before care for the environment. "Even the beautiful, green hills of Taranaki have dark, oily secrets hiding behind them."

Jenny Bielawski has worked primarily as a fibre artist. Knitting has been a major part of her life and she has promoted its place in the arena of fine arts over the past six years. "Stitch patterns fascinate me and I love the history and the development of the stitch designs from all over the world." She concludes, "In this exhibition I am concentrating more on actual stitches that help me represent trees for the work 'White Forest'.

Opunake-based Viv Davy has spent many years studying and creating in Canada - part of "an enriched adventurous life." The coast and mountains

have stimulated in her a strong feeling of connection with the natural landscape, which is reflected in Viv's palette of natural pigments and a natural materiality. Her works challenge our perceptions of life and require close inspection to read the detailed layered meanings. "The narratives are complex and interwoven, being informed by personal reflection on global considerations. In this exhibition "...Viv reflects the disruption to the world of people with current global political climates, while also reflecting the collapse of the natural world under the pressures of climate change. In a period of profound upheaval and uncertainty both physically and socially, Viv's symbolic creation explores these changes and their inter-connectedness through effective observations."

Antonio O'Mahony's creativity mostly involves etching and drawing, but lately she has been experimenting in other areas. "For Connections 17



Paul Burgham with one of his lamps entitled 'E-town'. This is made from a Jarrah base, stained glass and copper roof.

she exhibits work created in her home studio in the past year in both printmaking and other materials." She is currently studying for a Master of Fine Arts.

"Juliet Chell is a multi-disciplinary artist working across sculpture, drawing, painting and printmaking. Her work is informed by cultural and social issues, including information technology and the influence it has on our lives."

Paul Burgham. Paul's love of nature is reflected in his work. His lamps feature such things as kowhai, paua, fern and even volcanoes. His love of nature goes back to his mother's influence and later on Art

Nouveau, Art Deco and the Arts & Craft Movement.

He is painstaking in the execution of his glass-based art, which he blends with such diverse materials as (for example) greenstone, natural rock, Jarrah wood, marble, copper and Hebel block, "I average two stained glass lights per year. It is a lengthy process by the time you design, break the glass, soak the wood and make bases." The last 17 years have seen him engaged in his passion for stained glass windows. Water glass is a favourite medium.

The Eltham artist has a varied background including draughting and during stints overseas he worked on

the restoration of historic buildings in England and Germany. He also is proficient in the art of photography.

Paul leads a busy life with commissions, repair jobs as well as time in the woodwork department at Stratford High School.

Recently, Paul completed a huge commission for the design, fabrication and installation of new stained glass windows for the Mary Phelan Chapel at Sacred Hearts College, New Plymouth. This took 18 months to complete.

Make sure you find time to see Percy Thomson's latest - and highly unique - artistic feast, which ends on April 30.



Viv Davy with one of her exhibits - 'Grounded' which is made from mixed fibres, cabbage tree leaves and papers.



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The four Opunake churches will again be combining this Good Friday (April 14) with a Walk of Witness. There will be a breakfast at St Paul's at 8am followed by a walk with the cross to the cenotaph. At 9am the march proceeds from here through Opunake to St Barnabas for the combined Good Friday service at 10am. Having remembered Christ's crucifixion on Friday, Opunake's churches will be holding their own services on Sunday to celebrate his resurrection. Leaders from the four churches give their thoughts on the Easter message.



## Kingdom of God a present reality

The Easter events impact all our lives, irrespective of our personal opinions.

One does not have to be a rocket scientist to discern that our world is in somewhat of a mess. The weather seems out of control, political forces seem out of control, people are fighting for justice and peace. Why do we fight for justice and peace? Is that not nonsense?

Into the midst of this a little song from the Taize community, in

France, comes to mind. The words of the song are this:

"The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open to us the gates of your kingdom." It seems to me that these words sum up the desire of most people, perhaps even all people, even those who are killing one another to achieve justice and peace in their world. We each really want to be in that place of justice, peace and joy.

The Kingdom of God or of Heaven is a present reality and Easter is the time when we celebrate the Coronation of its King.

Good Friday is the day of the momentous battle between the King and all the forces of Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday is the evidence that King Jesus Christ, not only defeated the Evil One, but also, was enthroned as King.

The song affirms the reality that justice, peace and joy are available, now, to those

who would enter God's Kingdom here on this earth at this time and choose to follow King Jesus.

We have to make a choice. The choice is simple. It is a life and death choice. Life leads to justice, peace and joy in the now. Death results in a joyless life of Injustice with no peace. Choose life.

Rev'd Ian Sargent  
St Barnabas Anglican Parish

## Dishwashers and God On holiday

We stayed a couple of days with my cousin in Ohope. While chatting about life one day she commented that while she believed in God she didn't need him in her life. She was doing OK as she was. I thought about my new dishwasher and, while it's not a great analogy, it made me think. For years people coming to our house would comment - as

they helped us with the dishes after tea - you should get a dishwasher. Having never had one, I would say things like - I love doing the dishes, it gives us the opportunity to interact and commune whilst washing and drying them. I would say - you've got to rinse them before you put them in, you'd always be looking for stuff that was waiting in the dishwasher.

Someone still has to unload the thing. I said no - i'll never get one. They said once you've had one you'll never be without one. I said - Yeah Right! Well, when we did up the kitchen last year my wife suggested we get a dishwasher. The double drawer dishwasher. I objected for a while, but you know the saying, a happy wife - a happy life. So we got one.

Well, Praise the Lord, I love it. Didn't think I would. The glassware is so clean - you'd think they'd been washed in Angel Dust. The wife and I both smile when we use it, and now I don't think I'd like to be without one. I reckon it's the same with God. Once you've met Him, you wouldn't want to be without him. Have a great Easter.

Pastor Murray McEwan

## Reflecting on the Lord's presence

I wish every members of our local community a Holy season and Easter blessing. Forty days and forty nights Jesus went up to pray into the desert, for strength and courage to face death on the cross, and Lent is a very special and a wonderful time for all the believers to correct our old way of life by prayer, fasting and by our Christian charitable work. Therefore, we must respond with a life of holiness to his call as worthy servants. His suffering and death on the wood of the cross is a sure sign of our hope and

salvation, and rising after the third day offers us new life. Yes friends, this is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of recognising the Lord's presence in our life and into the lives of others in our community. We encounter the Risen Lord amidst us where we live by supporting one another. We do this though our care for family and sharing our gifts from our garden and baking and socialising. There we see the face of Risen Christ. May the peace of Risen Christ be with us all.

Fr. Vijay Dung dung

## Celebrating what God has done

To me Easter is a special time to celebrate what God has done for us. The cross reminds us of the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus. The path he took was not easy but he did it for us that we may have a new life, a life filled with forgiveness, love, mercy and purpose. The empty tomb reminds us that he rose from the dead and is alive and active today ready to help us as we journey through our lives.

So as we celebrate with our families, hunt for Easter

eggs with our children and have time off, may we remember that God goes before us, and his presence is with us. He has a life for us to live, a plan for us to follow and a purpose for us to fulfil. He has allowed us to be here at this time in history to celebrate and pass this great news on to this next generation.

Happy Easter.

Jennie McCullough  
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# Concert at Pihama Lavender 23rd April



**Band practise in New Plymouth**

We envisaged vibrant attractions and entertainment in Opunake. Well now is the time to support and grow that opportunity. The Opunake Music Workshop, started in October 2015, a dedicated group of talented artists and musicians willing to perform and nurture the passion they love. Since the workshop started they have been practicing regularly with each other in Opunake and at other venues. They recently played on the steps of the old Opunake Post Office as the Americarna cars thundered into the town. This successful collaboration with each other has resulted in the next step - have our own concert. Where?, Pihama Lavender

(the old dairy factory), about 8 Minutes drive south of Opunake. An ideal setting for a concert, located on 5 acres, amidst botanical gardens. The name? We're calling it 'Pihama Music Jam'. Buzzing with excitement about playing, this event will highlight talented musicians and vocalists from around Taranaki and as far as Cambridge. Be prepared to enjoy a surprising line up of talented locals who could hold their own, entertaining anywhere in the country and will include, rock and roll, jazz, blues, regga, folk, folk rock, gypsy jazz style, country, contemporary bands and oodles of sweet musical sounds in this little piece

of paradise called 'Pihama Lavender'. If you miss this you may be sorry, because the 23rd of April won't come again. The concert is taking place outdoors and the beauty of this venue is that there's an indoor undercover area available in the case of bad weather.

Formerly from the duo K 2 The Power, guest artist, Kieran Callaghan, is now based in New Plymouth, and returns to Pihama Lavender by popular demand, this being his 2nd performance at the venue. Familiar with the local area, he grew up in Rahotu, attending the local primary school. He was tutored in piano and theory

by Elva Symons, a well respected pianist in Opunake. As a teenager he travelled with the World Chorale, singing in the New Zealand secondary students choir. He says, "My staple music diet is New Plymouth Open Mic nights and Singer/Songwriters Co-operative, and for the past five years I've travelled around New Zealand with the Gypsy Extravaganza Fair, where I sang and entertained audiences of up to 15,000". Last month he decided to embark on his own busking tour around NZ. He lives and travels in his house truck with fiancé Heather, who is also a musician and plays bass guitar. Gillian Southern was instrumental in his vocal training, and his primary tutors were John Psthas and Flora Edwards. He attended the New Zealand school of music, and developed many talents; juggling, clowning and teaching music students on the road. Grounded in folk and folk rock, and gypsy jazz styles, he also has a very broad range of musical interests, from Cat Stevens and Paul Simon to Dave Dobbyn and The Red Hot Chilly Peppers. He has a background in Theatre Productions and takes real life situations and turns them into songs. For a sneak preview of his original music, check out online on sound.cloud.

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Concert

## 'Pihama Music Jam'

### Sunday 23rd April 2017

**Venue: Pihama Lavender, 3510, South Road, Opunake.**

Time 2:00pm - 8:00pm after the growers & makers market. Enjoy a family fun-filled day of music & entertainment. Bring a picnic rug - food and drink on site, or BYO. Bring the kids, bring everyone - come and enjoy. Entry \$5 per person, children 10 and under **free**. Tickets available online from Event Finder. See next issue of Opunake & Coastal News for more details.

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CoastalCare offers for hire, quiet, private, well-appointed room's for meetings, training opportunities & social gatherings. This will seat up to 60 people or it has the flexibility to be divided into two smaller rooms. The facilities include a lounge area & kitchenette for self-service of coffees and tea

*Some of the regular services we currently have running are:*

### LISA KEEN - AUDIOLOGY

Every 2nd Wednesday hearing evaluation, hearing aid assessment, ACC hearing evaluation and complimentary hearing checks.

### TAYLOR DENTAL PRACTICE

Offering full dental services every Thursday.

### ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC

every Thursday afternoon

### SURFSIDE MIDWIFERY - JO LOCKTON

supporting you from conception until baby is 6wks old - home visits & clinics as needed

### TAI CHI - NIGEL CLIFFE

every Thursday, 9am-10am, low impact exercise all welcome, gold coin donation.

### FOODBANK

Tuesday's and Wednesday's 10am - 2pm, providing basic food parcels for those in need.

### BUDGET ADVICE

advice and assistance with budgets and finances, every second Wednesday.

### TARANAKI PODIATRY

every 3rd Tuesday - specialised foot care for all ages in clinics

### TUI ORA

\* Haumiri massage koha based - every third Friday

\* Alcohol and Drug Counselling - weekly one to one counselling

### SIAS HOFFMAN

one to one counselling, specialising in anxiety, depression, and relationship therapy.

### DAIRY NZ

once a month course - delivers industry training to those in the Dairy Industry

### PRIMARY ITO - MILK QUALITY COURSES

one day course looking at how to get the best quality milk production.

### COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - WEEKLY

supporting offenders addressing their offending & gain skills that will help them lead a crime free life

**Also permanently residing in the building are:**

- OPUNAKE PHARMACY, COASTAL PRINTERS,
- OPUNAKE MEDICAL CENTRE
- ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE - PLUNKET
- HEALTH BOARD SERVICES.

**CONTACT: ARETHA, MANAGER, on 761 8488**



## EVERYBODY'S THEATRE

**Opunake - MOVIES - BOUTIQUE THEATRE - HIRE**  
For information email: [everybodystheatre@gmail.com](mailto:everybodystheatre@gmail.com) or check facebook- Everybody's Theatre  
**APRIL 2017**

<p>Lollies, Popcorn, Ice-creams, Chocolate bars, Coffee &amp; Tea For Sale</p> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>GARY OF THE PACIFIC</b> Comedy   1hr 58 mins   M - contains violence offensive language, sexual reference &amp; nudity. N Z &amp; Pacific</p> <p>Wednesday 12 April 1pm Saturday 15 April 7pm</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>LOGAN</b> Action, Science Fiction   2hrs 17mins   R16 Graphic violence, offensive language &amp; cruelty</p> <p>Sunday 16 April 7pm</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>FENCES</b> Drama, Historical, Festival &amp; Independent   2hrs 18mins   PG Coarse language and sexual references</p> <p>Wednesday 12 April 7pm</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>POWER RANGERS</b> Action, Adventure, Fantasy, Science Fiction   M   2hrs 4 mins</p> <p>Friday 14 April 7pm Saturday 15 April 1pm Monday 17 April 1pm Sunday 23 April 7pm</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>LOVING</b> Drama, True Story &amp; Biography, Romance, Historical   2hrs 3mins   PG: Coarse language</p> <p>Based on a true story, this love story sees a white man and a black woman deeply in love in 1967 Virginia.</p> <p>Wednesday 19 April 7pm Friday 21 April 7pm Saturday 22 April 7pm      Sunday 30 April 7pm</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE</b> Adventure, Animated, Comedy, Kids &amp; Family, Fantasy, Blockbuster   1hr 30mins   G</p> <p>Smurfs adventure sees the little blue fellows on the search for the Forbidden Forest.</p> <p>Saturday 22 April 1pm Monday 24 April 1pm Wednesday 26 April 1pm      Saturday 29 April 1pm</p> </div> </div>	<p><b>Adults \$10, Students 4-16yrs \$8, Under 4 free Senior Citizens \$8. No Eft-Pos</b></p>																				
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# Concert at Pihama Lavender 23rd April

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com/kierancallaghan and theaudience.co.nz/kierancallaghan. Among the talented artists performing, accomplished soloist Jacob Symons, and electric guitarist Sam Mc Neil, both from Opunake High school. Jacob will also be busking at the Pihama Farmers Market in the morning. Mary Hobby guitarist, bodhran drummer and

vocalist, singer/songwriters Mike Anderson, Noel Gillie and Crystal Starr, will sing a selection of their own originals plus covers. From Eltham - Vic Almao, mother and daughter duo Maree Wheeler and Shamika, composer and keyboard player Bernice McKellar, and for Elvis fans, Ricki Marr singing Elvis music. From New Plymouth - vocalist/guitarist Lance Matthews, Trombone player Tom Roberts, singer/

songwriter/guitarist Rick Riccitelli, drummers Ralph Arnold and Mike Terrill, and popular New Plymouth rock band 'Half Cut' will do a set with powerful vocals from lead singer Greer Thomas. All are welcome to come along to our first mini concert at Pihama Lavender, 3510 South Road, Opunake on Sunday April 23rd from 2:00pm until 8:00pm. Why not make it a fun-filled entertaining family day and enjoy the Pihama Farmers Market from 10:00am until 2:00pm, and then stay for the concert. Bring a picnic rug, there'll be food and drinks on site, or BYO. Support Kieran Callaghan, Opunake Music group members and other talented musicians and singers at the 'Pihama Music Jam'.

Entry to the morning market is free. Entry to the 'Pihama Music Jam' is only \$5.00 per person, children 10 and under - free. Tickets are available online from Eventfinder, Pastimes, and Sinclair Electrical in Opunake, and limited gate sales on the day at Pihama Lavender. For more information phone Liz at Pihama Lavender on 06-215 8169 or check on Facebook. All budding performers, please join us at the next Opunake Music Workshop 7:30pm on Tuesday April 18th at the Catholic Church lounge, 33 Whitcombe Rd, Opunake.

Anne Montgomery

# Taranaki Bride of the Year

Saturday May 20. 7:30pm, TSB Showplace, New Plymouth. The Gilbert-Smith Dance Trust and CACI New Plymouth are proud to present the Taranaki Bride of the Year 2017.

If you have been to the Taranaki Bride of the Year before you will have experienced the slick sophisticated non-stop production. If this is to be your first time, you are in for a treat - see the gowns close-up and vote for your favourite bride. Book a corporate table for you and your friends and enjoy wine, nibbles and a goodie bag. Then just sit back and enjoy.

Entries are now open for brides married between January 2016 to May 2017 and the categories are; Brides, bride and groom, bridesmaids, mothers of the bride or groom, flowergirls and pageboys and "Rock the Frock" for brides married prior to 2007.

Tickets are available now from the TSB Showplace or [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz). Adult \$38, Child \$20, Corporate Table \$50 ea or \$350 for 8 people. Entries are open now for all categories, from our website (no charge to enter)

[www.taranakibrideoftheyear.nz](http://www.taranakibrideoftheyear.nz) and any email enquiries to [info@taranakibrideoftheyear.nz](mailto:info@taranakibrideoftheyear.nz) or contact Rebecca Askin 021 726 044. Facebook us on Taranaki Bride of the Year.



Taranaki Bride of the Year is being held on Saturday May 20.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

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The Gilbert-Smith Dance Trust and CACI New Plymouth presents

TARANAKI *Bride of the Year* 2017

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Mother, flower girl, pageboy  
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# Expo celebrates all things Taranaki

The theme of Celebrating our Taranaki Lifestyle means our local home and lifestyle heroes will be celebrated, instead of having to bring in industry celebrities from outside the province.

As well as repeat exhibitors, there will be over 30 new brands to discover.

Held in the school holidays, it's a great way to spend time with the family. Come for

With over 130 stands and 100 exhibitors, the Taranaki Home and Lifestyle Expo will be at the TSB Stadium from April 21-3.

With an indoor foyer and outdoor stands, exhibitors will be showing the latest products, services and designs in building, renovating and home and garden improvement as well as lifestyle trends.

the day then relax in town, visiting New Plymouth's museums, shops and restaurants.

Open Friday and Saturday 10am-5pm. Sunday 10am-4pm.

Tickets. \$7.50 adults. \$5.00 Gold Card holders. Children Under 16 free. Two for one on Friday.

# A dose of upbeat funky folk coming to Opunake

Too funky for folk and too folky for funk - that's Sonic Delusion's Latin-infused, pop-laced, funky, electroacoustic folk. He is on an album release tour and will be coming to play at the Sugar Juice Cafe in Opunake on Saturday April 22.

The vibrant, high-energy live performer, Sonic Delusion (Andre Manella) blends dynamic layers of rhythm, tones, bass lines and vocals, carving out "his own unapologetically ambitious and intriguingly experimental sound" (NZ Musician).

The New Zealand-based Swiss-Kiwi is one of the original one man banders. He has been looping for over ten years and still digs the challenge of building up a song in front of a live audience. He loves to exploit dynamics in a live scenario, stoking the groove with funky bass or beats to really get the audience going. Sonic Delusion's uniquely upbeat, funky folk is full of irresistible atmospheric joy; even scorching Aussie temperatures of 47 degrees couldn't keep people from dancing.

Sonic Delusion kicked off his touring career in 2013 with an epic 9-month, 70-venue tour of New Zealand, and now has over



Sonic Delusion coming to Opunake.

500 gigs in New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland and Germany, and several international festivals under his belt. He's also known for his unorthodox gig venues, having played concerts from a purpose-built stage on the roof of his family's housebus, a shop roof, a lake, and at auctioned gigs in lounges around the country. There are limited tickets available

from the Sugar Juice Cafe for \$20 and the gig starts at 7pm. "The last album launch gig was a full house, so it's a good idea to get your tickets early," says Andre.

*This Material World* is Sonic Delusion's fourth album and will be followed by a nationwide album release tour throughout April, May and June and Europe in September. 2017.

TARANAKI HOME & LIFESTYLE EXPO

Ticket Prices:  
 ■ Adults: \$7.50 per person  
 ■ Gold Card Holders: \$5 per person  
 ■ Children under 16 years are free  
 ■ Two for one entry on Friday

Tickets available via [Ticketek.co.nz](http://Ticketek.co.nz) (service fees apply) or at the door.

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