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Hundreds witness historic moment

Hundreds were at Aotearoa Marae, Okaiawa last week as Crown and Iwi representatives initialled a deed which would give Taranaki Maunga the status of a legal person, similar to that of the Whanganui River.

The deed of redress Te Ruruku Putakerongo was initialled by Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations Minister Andrew Little and Conservation Minister Willow-Jean Prime along with leaders of Nga Iwi o Taranaki representing the eight Taranaki iwi- Ngati Tama, Ngati Mutunga, Taranaki Iwi, Ngati Maru, Ngaruahine, Ngati Ruanui and Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi.

"Today we are here for our maunga and we work together," said Wharehoka Wano.

The deed creates a legal personality for Taranaki Maunga and the peaks Kaitake and Pouakai, as well as a historical account, Crown acknowledgement and apology.

The National Park including Taranaki Maunga and surrounding peaks will be vested in a legal person named Te Kahui Tupua and will effectively own itself. A representative entity made up of Crown and Iwi representatives will act as the voice of Te Kahui Tupua.

The National Park will continue to be managed by the Department of Conservation, but will be renamed Te Papa-Kura-o-Taranaki.

Having been initialled there will be a number of hui around the country and online before iwi members vote on whether to ratify the deed. Lead negotiator Jamie Tuuta said he believed the deed was the best they could have negotiated and recommended iwi members vote to ratify.

The official party which included MPs from both sides of the house was welcomed



Andrew Little and Willow-Jean Prime at the initialling ceremony with Nga Iwi o Taranaki representatives.

on to the marae, and once seated inside there were a number of speeches.

Andrew Little said James Cook had given the name Mt Egmont to the maunga as he sailed past in 1770, naming it after someone who like Cook had never set foot in Taranaki. He said that while Maori welcomed the first Europeans to arrive at Paritutu, "the trickle of settlers soon became a wave." In 1860 the Crown fired the first shots of the land wars of the 1860s.

"In 1865 the Crown committed one of the most grievous breaches of the treaty when it confiscated 1.2 million acres of Taranaki land including the maunga and did that to punish those who had taken up arms to protect their lands. The Crown failed not only to recognise the rangatiratanga of Iwi, but they treated it with disdain."

In 1978 the Mount Egmont Vesting Act returned the mountain to the Taranaki Mountain Trust Board before it was given back to the government as a "gift to the nation." A 1996 Waitangi Tribunal report said there was little evidence that Taranaki iwi had supported this. There was applause when Andrew Little said this Act would be repealed.

He paid tribute to his predecessor as negotiations minister Chris Finlayson and

Ngaruahine negotiator Daisy Noble. He said it was fitting that they were meeting at the Aotearoa Marae where her tangihanga had begun. Last year the settlement had been made with Ngati Maru, the last of the eight Taranaki Iwi to reach a settlement with the Crown.

Willow-Jean Prime said that for the first time the country will have a National Park with a completely Te Reo name and as Conservation

minister she looked forward to working with iwi into the future.

"The imposing presence of these peaks have an influence well beyond the physical and are recognised worldwide," she said.

Jamie Tuuta paid tribute to those who in years past had advocated for iwi. Many had faced abuse, and even death threats.

"From 1870 our people submitted more than 260

petitions and they fell on deaf ears."

He noted that it was almost six years to the day since terms of Negotiation were signed between Ngā Iwi o Taranaki and the Crown on 14 March 2017.

"These arrangements confirm in law what we have always known, that our maunga are tupuna. Our maunga will have its own identity, not as a mere possession but as ancestors to be treasured," he said.



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Car fire

After seeing on the front page of this great newspaper (March 9) featuring that colourful photo of that stolen Toyota being burned and a 21 year-old being arrested. The fire was extremely close to the Kapuni War Memorial Hall. This hall was extremely lucky not to be completely burned down. Credit must go to those bystanders who tried to put out the car fire until the Manaia Fire Brigade arrived.

There were many other incidents between the 19th and 28th of February, so I'm now wondering if any coastal people saw anything suspicious or anybody doing anything suspicious or anything extremely unusual.

Maybe now is a good reminder to our coastal people to keep their eyes wide open and take notes as it will help your rural police. So this is what your rural police have been constantly talking about. Incidents like this could easily happen again, but with more serious consequences, so vigilance is the only answer to stop crime, regardless of what it is.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.

Absurd Outcomes

Mark Chapman wrote the book and John Lennon's passing made the book semi-famous. It concerns how a man, Chapman, entered wilfully into an occult process. He trained his mind over a period of weeks, to see only certain things and not other things. Then when he judged his mind was ready, he went galloping into darkness. John Lennon was dead. It was December, 1980. Mark Chapman had murdered someone he loved. He would pay for it, but he could not bring back John Lennon from death.

Taking moral responsibility and avoiding occult process in decision-making work should go hand-in-hand, and yet. To begin with, it was just the New Mathematics. The year was 1969 and a certain excellence in mathematics education was being ordered out. No more would the education system hold to age-old purposes for an education in mathematics. In a way, the mathematics teachers in New Zealand worked as doctrinal mouthpieces from then on.

After the mathematics teachers in 1969 there have been too many other roles to appear in the mould of a honey-supplier's navy. It would appear the situation has now reached a height of absurdity with the naming of certain prominent "outcomes" in the Natural and Built Environment Bill, the legislation proposed to replace the Resource Management Act shortly.

We cannot write a licence for occult process into the law of New Zealand unless we wish to be stupid like Mark Chapman. Full-bore galloping-into-darkness anyone? We should not be taking it lying down, that for example New Zealand intends to seal a death warrant on the applied mathematics of temperature. This is not a New Zealand acting cogently. The Labour Party is sickening-up on roots and none of the other political parties have got the poison noted. We could rue the day we let a sick parliament commit us even more deeply to an occult system.

Looking back to the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, there is evidence that rank-and-file Maori were pleased to be cutting free of upper-stalk occultism. The law of England was built on aspirations to high standards in logic and applied mathematics. There was a

more profound knowledge being introduced, then coming to the rescue of rank-and-file plebians, artisans, hunters and slaves. If we now return to upper-stalk occultism, is this to celebrate, or rather to defile our heritage in the Treaty? One could take the view that facsimiles to a tortured-mind process, reminding one of Mark Chapman and other cases of poetry killers, are not consistent with our government as it was intended by the founding fathers.

Nor really is the Natural and Built Environment Bill consistent with itself. It is even a little seditious. It could be angling for a fight, as in constitutional legal proceedings.

(For those readers who did not catch my earlier letters, please note: New Zealand has signed a joke into law with the Weights and Measures Regulations, 2019, concerning the unit standard in temperature. It is wrapped up with a chicanery by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures. Refer the 9th edition of the SI Brochure for further information. Wisely understood, the chicanery may be pointing a way out of our global warming problems.)

Russell Christensen
Eltham

Apology

In the report in the March 23 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News "Big game revives memories of battling Manaia Club" (page 24) it stated that the Taranaki rugby match would be held on July 2. That is incorrect. The match will be held on July 29. The Opunake and Coastal News apologises for the error.

ADELPHOS

Unspeakable

If you were to meet Shakespeare you might be moved by his eloquence. If you were to meet Socrates you might be fascinated by his philosophical brilliance. If you met Confucius you may be impressed by his practical wisdom. If you were to meet Buddha you would probably be aware of his sense of complete peace.

Blaise Pascal the brilliant French mathematician said, "Knowing God without knowing our own wretchedness makes for pride. Knowing our own wretchedness without knowing God makes for despair. Knowing Jesus Christ strikes the balance

because he shows us both God and our wretchedness."

Christianity isn't based on a mystical experience; it's based on historical fact. God didn't simply write us a letter. He didn't just speak His laws from a mountain. He became one of us. The infinite became an infant. The eternal became temporal. The abstract became concrete.

God came into our space-time history that first Christmas and revealed Himself in human flesh. He walked on water, made the blind to see, made the lame walk, stilled a raging sea, made a sinful prostitute pure and changed the heart of a

murderer. He transformed a sinner into a saint, turned hate into love and brought hope to the hopeless. He fed 5,000 with five loaves of bread and 2 fish, lived a blameless life and died a terrible death. He showed us the meaning of love, destroyed the finality of death and victoriously rose again from the grave. And He "offers" that victory to all who call on His name and follow Him.

Jesus' impact on human history is amazing. Being born in a humble village He worked as a carpenter until He was thirty. He preached a world-changing message but never wrote a

book; yet the libraries of the world are filled with books about Him. Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50 years and Aristotle for 40 years. Altogether they spent 130 years teaching. Jesus spent only three years yet His impact on the world is arguably far greater than these men.

There is no limit to His power. There is no end to His loving mercy. Who can be compared to His glory? In Jesus the Saviour we are offered a love so great it can hardly be spoken in words.

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Our theme picture for Lent at St Barnabas is the 'Girl with a Red Balloon' (Banksi) with the caption 'When the Power of Love, overcomes the Love of Power, The World will Know Peace' (Jimi Hendrix).

We live in very troubled times. Jimi Hendrix' statement and the phrase from our Lord's Prayer have never been more relevant, ".....Your Kingdom Come on Earth as in Heaven". We so look forward to Peace, Justice and Mercy. To God's space (Heaven) joining our space (Earth). Easter is the celebration of that very thing. We join with God and have our eyes opened to the futility of the Love of Power and furthermore we have been given a vision of The Power of Love.

May we all grasp the vision and journey toward Knowing Peace.

Rev. Ian Sargent:
St Barnabas

As Easter approaches and the busyness of celebrations let us take time to remember the real reason we celebrate - that the God who loves our world so much gave his one and only, unique son 'Jesus' as a gift.

So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life. Sometimes we question if God truly loves our world with so much heartache and tragedy around us - it is a mystery. However, his promise is to give us peace in our hearts as we seek him in our daily lives, as we navigate the challenges of living in a broken world and as we love and are loved by our family, friends, and neighbours.

May you experience this peace, along with his love and restoring power this Easter.

Jennie McCullough
Mission Enabler
Opunake Cooperating Church

Jesus, Gods only son came into this world when most people's hearts were far from God and sin was just about as black as could be. As he lived among men, he loved, healed and shared Gods message with those who were open to him and those who were not. The religious leaders of the day however, rejected him and his message and one day he was led up Calvary's mountain where he was nailed to a cross.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected he bore the weight of the world's sin upon himself so that we could be justified freely forever. His death on a cross conquered death and hell forever for those

who believe. The grave could not hold him and when they rolled the stone away from the door, they did not understand that he had already risen.

When he appeared again to his followers and spent time with them their eyes and hearts were opened as to the magnitude as to what had happened, and before he ascended he left them with the message that one day he would come again. From that time on his followers began to spread the message about what happened and how everyone could be made right in God's eyes through what his son had done.

The same message continues to be told today throughout the earth. The free gift of salvation is available to us all. Will we receive it or reject it?

Murray Baylis
The Wave Church

An Easter Reflection

Jesus helps us to open our eyes, see more clearly and look from our hearts.

He gives us clarity to see clearly the world around us. Reveals to us the needs of the vulnerable people in our community networks in the coming weeks over the Easter period.

Lord may everything we do begin with your inspiration.

Take away our blindness so that we can look into the hearts of others and help them find the help and support they need.

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Letters to the Editor

Another rural doctor

It's really good to see that South Taranaki Rural Health general practice has another nurse practitioner (NP) in Lisa Thompson who now joins up with Dr Tom Dawson, as South Taranaki Rural Health interim manager Stephanie

Besseling is extremely glad to have her on board.

To me our rural people are as important as our town and city folk. At the same time every one of us should know a bit about first aid plus having a first aid kit available at all times. And know how to contact our GPs or rural GPs.

Remember also that our

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rural doctors are just as important as our rural police as both of these organisations or services are having to travel miles into huge surrounding areas where there are many farms so knowledge of first aid is extremely important and helping our police is extremely essential.

Many times I have stated

that our rural people should be helping each other out and when their children's school holidays come up, take time out and enjoy time with them as they won't forget it plus it will also help our farmers relax and do something different as their farm work will keep for some other time.

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.*

Shooter incident in Stratford has peaceful ending



The Achilles Street house in Stratford, marked by police tape, where the accused retreated to. The scene is guarded by a sole policeman beside his parked police car. This picture was taken the day after the incident.

At 3pm Tuesday 28 March police arrested a man in Achilles Street, Stratford, thus ending a 24 hour stand-off with police. A 33-year-old man, described as a farmer from Whanganui, faces several charges including unlawful possession of a firearm, using a firearm against police and driving while suspended. He was remanded in custody. The accused appeared in the New Plymouth District Court on Wednesday March 29. On Tuesday April 4 he appeared in the Hawera District Court.

On Monday March 29 the accused allegedly refused to stop for police, when requested to, and consequently his car tyres were spiked in Stratford, around 10.30am. The man allegedly fired the rifle at police, although no one was injured. Eventually, he made his way to 4 Achilles Street where he hid. Police,

with the aid of a dog, tracked him to this location. More shots were fired at police and several windows were shattered in the house.

Woken by gunfire around 1am on Tuesday, the family next door were evacuated, as dawn broke, under police supervision. The family included two adults and seven children aged 3 to 11 years. The family exited from a back bedroom, over two fences, ending up in

Ajax Street. The police used the house as an operations base for the duration of the incident.

The family spoke highly of police, as did others who were caught up in the incident.

As a precaution two schools went into lockdown, at Police request and Avon School sent their students home for the day.

State Highway 3 was closed and there were

codons in Celia Street.

One Celia Street resident spoke of, "A commotion, shouting, yelling and banging. It just sounded like fireworks." This started around 11pm on Monday evening.

Another resident, who lived in Achilles Street itself said, "We heard shots - at least half a dozen." He concluded, "We're just happy it ended with no one hurt."

Puncture

Zooming along the road from our home in Okato towards New Plymouth to see a film, my wife Stephanie noticed that a white haired man in the following car was trying to get our attention. He was flashing his lights and also honking his horn. Maybe he was in a big hurry and needs to get past, or perhaps just impatient.

We pulled over and the man said, "You've got a flat tyre, I'll fix it for you. I've changed a good few tyres in my time, but this car had never had a

flat before and I wasn't sure where everything was, I must admit.

He had the tyre changed in short order and waved aside any offers of help. Despite being in our age category, a pensioner, he was all bustle and action. However, he wasn't a stranger; our knight in shining armour was Harry Duynhoven, who was Member of Parliament for about twenty years and in this capacity, at different times, Associate Minister of Transport,

Minister for Transport Safety and Associate Minister of Energy. After his parliamentary career Mr Duynhoven was elected mayor of New Plymouth in 2010 and was currently a councillor, who obviously took his pledge to be of service to his constituents literally.

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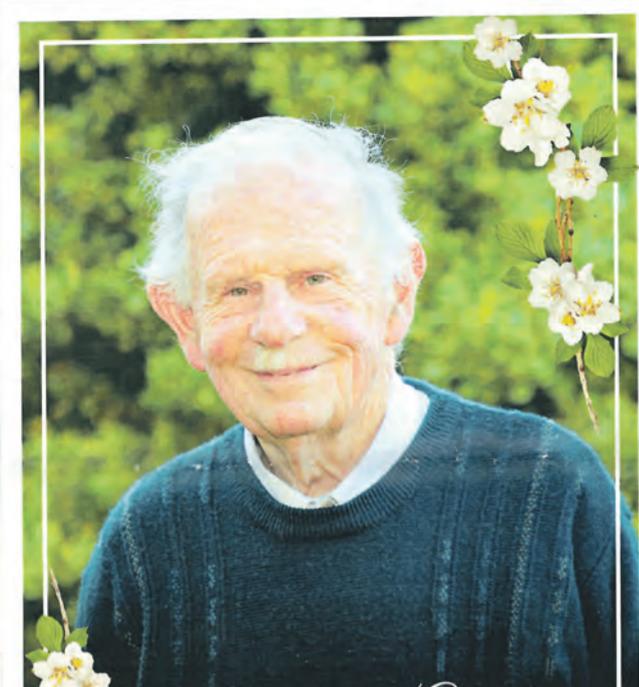
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Grant Cavaney so fondly remembered



Grant Cavaney was born in his parent's bedroom at 66 Gisborne terrace, Opunake on March 30 1933, the eldest son of Jessie and George Cavaney.

Educated initially at Opunake High School and then New Plymouth Boys High School where he boarded, he excelled both academically and also in sport and was a gifted middle distance runner.

After leaving school, Grant, like his father George, trained as a pharmacist moving to Napier and later returning to Opunake when his father's health began to fail to run Cavaneys Pharmacy established by his father, till 2009.

Grant's diverse interests included a passion for photography and a life long fascination with machinery and how things work.

Music was another love and he had a fine singing voice.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge rising to the position of Master twice.

Though Grant owned several businesses money was never the goal. He was far too generous for that.

As the local pharmacist he worked closely with our mother when a doctor in Opunake and became a fond friend of us all. There were funny stories that we would laugh about.

Like the time I wanted to

buy a particular bottle of perfume for my mother. When he realised he had just sold the last bottle to a customer and seeing my disappointment he said, wait a minute I'll go and get it. He disappeared down the street and shortly came back bearing the perfume. How the customer surrendered the perfume she'd just bought we often wondered.

Wise and perceptive, he always had time for people and I have many fond memories of sitting in the tearoom out the back of the pharmacy and latterly the

Soap factory – now gone but a photo of it exists in the Someday Café in Hawera I noticed recently – chewing the fat over a cup of tea. He always had good advice.

Generous, passionate, kind hearted and charming, that was Grant.

Married three times he leaves 4 children 10 grandchildren and his devoted third wife Jenny.

His legacy will live on in all who were privileged to have had him in their life.

Commented Jenny, Grant was one of a kind. He was indeed.

Compiled by the editor and Grant's family.

Grant Cavaney. March 30, 1933 - March 15, 2023

Known for his kindness and a true community man who actively practised his faith, Opunake's former pharmacist Grant Cavaney was farewelled at a packed St Barnabas Church in Opunake where he worshipped for many years.

A man of diverse talents and interests, as well as owning Cavaneys Pharmacy for many years, Grant founded two other businesses in Opunake, The Soap Factory and The Print Shoppe.

A scientist who bore a passing resemblance to Einstein, he combined his academic interests with a very human side, a warmth and a love of people which shone through in all his endeavours.

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Brad Coad joins the Opunake police

In March Constable Bradley Coad joined the Opunake Police, transferring from Hawera Police. However, it should be mentioned that Brad also relieved in Opunake for five months in 2022.

Although he is originally from Tauranga, Brad and his young family have lived in Opunake for several years, so he is familiar with the township and its environs. Brad's wife Constable Chloe Ashton has written greatly appreciated columns for the Opunake & Coastal News. She is a member of the Hawera Police force.

Brad is enthusiastic about policing "I love it," but he earlier attended university with the intention of becoming a medical practitioner, but left after the second year "I just



Constable Bradley Coad of the Opunake Police.

didn't enjoy it," he explains. He has been a policeman for five years.

He explains that his work in Opunake is somewhat different (from Hawera), as there is quite a lot of rural crime such as burglaries, traffic infringements – notably speeding and anti-social driving, as well as family harm and mental health issues to be dealt with. Brad's overall focus is "To bridge the gap between the Police and the community." In this endeavour, he hopes to promote different, more positive ways of thinking.

Although family life and his job keeps him very busy, he still finds time to play soccer with the Kaponga team, as a forward.

We wish you all the best Brad in your new Police posting.

Nicky Moran Inglewood Gospel Concert



Nicky Moran spiritual performer.

Nicky Moran's performance at Inglewood Town Hall on Sunday, March 19 surprised me. At the start she mentioned that we were going to get her "prison tour" performance. She must have thought that we looked a rough lot. For the last six years Nicky has toured New Zealand performing 450 gospel shows both inside

male and female prisons. She's the only female artist to do this. I heard a few gasps.

That wasn't what I expected. After introducing herself to about 80 people from Inglewood and coastal districts, she began with Bob Dylan's song, "Serve Somebody." The people I spoke with expected a more "spiritually" religious starter song from one of her popular 10 Christian gospel albums, which earned a ranking as a finalist in the New Zealand Country Music

MLT Songwriters award in June, 2021.

Next up was "Spirit in the Sky" another popular 1969 hit by Norman Greenbaum. Her energy and the live looping with her own accompanying background voice and instrumentation sounded like she had a backup band. Between each of her 16 songs was a heartfelt inspirational word and her healing testimony encouraging others to find hope, peace and purpose in life through faith in God. So it was no

wonder that Johnny Cash's own prison tour songs came up, "Personal Jesus" and "Ain't No Grave."

Nicky's rendition of U2's "When Love Comes to Town" showed her stylistic blending of rock, country and gospel genres. Then Nicky announced, "Now some of you may think this next song is sacrilegious" as she performed "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses. She transformed a hard rock glam metal sound into a soul filled gospel style. By that time our coastal audience began rhythmically clapping along with the tempo. Her vocal range was amazing. Of course Nicky's interpretation of Joe Cocker's "Unchain My Heart" was about God doing that very thing for people. It was a profoundly emotional and soul filled performance.

There was a koha collection at half-time. We were so blessed with a concert from a world class gospel singer-songwriter in Inglewood Town Hall. On her facebook page Nicky was struck by the audience's warmth and friendliness and that she would love to return to Taranaki. Nicky will soon be performing overseas.



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Maddog Quinn recognised at international film festivals

Southland conceived-and-made short film, *The Ballad of Maddog Quinn*, is currently taking the creative talents of Southlanders - Filmmaker Matt Inns and Production

Designer Steve Woller - to the world as it clocks up a number of key selections and screenings on the international film festival circuit.

Since Mr Inns' sci-fi western screened at the prestigious Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival (Spain) in October last year, the film has gone on to screen at other festivals. The latest of these is Madeira Fantastic Film Fest (Portugal) where the film took away three awards on March 18. Best International Short Film; Best Visual Effects - Frank Reuter; and Best Production Design - Steve Woller.

"Although Madeira is a smaller festival on the circuit, we're really grateful to be recognised for the work," said Mr Inns.

Of note, the film was selected for the well-known Tampere Film Festival, which took place March 8-12. The Finnish event is in the top three short film festivals in Europe, screening to tens of thousands of people and well supported by the film industry.

Screening in a new category, Generation XYZ, from the 465 films submitted, *Maddog* was one of 20 successful films selected from 17 countries.

The film has also been selected for The Landshut Short Film Festival in Germany, March 23-27, Les Intergalactiques, a French sci-fi festival in April, and it will also be screening at The Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival (BIFFF) April 11 - 23, which usually hosts more than 50,000 attendees each year. "It's one of the bigger genre festivals after Sitges, so a really good festival for us," said Mr Inns. The latest selection announced this week is the Fantaspia International Fantastic Film Festival of Porto Alegre (Brazil), April 13 - 30, the biggest genre festival in Latin America.

While inclusion at the larger festivals was important, there were also smaller festivals, well-respected in their own right, the film would be screened at. "We've recently had a couple more key selections we have yet to announce publicly," Mr Inns added.

With the film clocking up the number of notable festival selections it had, Mr Inns said of his movies *Maddog* had certainly done the best in this area, "which carries a bit more street cred in the industry".

Maddog Production

Designer, Steve Woller, described working on the film as "pretty good fun". The brief they were given was 'Mad Max on horseback'. The western has a post-apocalyptic, desolate wasteland look - filmed in the Mackenzie Country - with steam punk elements. "It's the most responsibility I have had on a film project and was a pretty massive undertaking," he said.

Mr Woller said the icing on the cake of what had been a really great experience, was receiving recognition for his work. "I was quite excited, pretty chuffed to be honest ... a little bit distracted at work today. It's good to have other people appreciate your work," he added.

"Sitges is a top-tier film festival. Once you get into one of those [festivals] it can get the ball rolling," Mr Woller said. The awards and screening of the film at numerous festivals may produce new opportunities. "People take you a little more seriously. Fingers crossed there's more recognition, more funding as the word gets out."

Wellington-based VFX (visual effects) supervisor, Frank Reuter, who runs VFX company OHUfx, rounded out the trio of awards from the Madeira event for Best Visual Effects.

Mr Inns described him as "very experienced and incredibly supportive of indie filmmakers ... he was a key part of *Maddog* from early on."

Taking several years to make, the film was shot in Tekapo and Southland, involving many skilled people from throughout NZ, with some key roles going to Southlanders: Mr



Steve Woller, former Opunake student.

Inns (Director/Writer), Steve Woller (Production Designer), Maggie Pirie (Lead Actress), and Melbourne-based Terzann Elliott (Costume Designer).

Mr Woller is the distance learning Programme Operations Manager for Creative Media at Southern Institute of Technology - Business Division of Te Pūkenga, and has been working with Mr Inns and local filmmakers for fifteen years.

Steve Woller attended Opunake High School and is the son of Bill (dec) and Marion Woller of Opunake. Some of Steven's earliest work can be found in a funny clip on You Tube filmed as an English project at school called The Opunake video.

Mr Inns first got behind

a camera in his childhood. Recognised for his filmmaking abilities as a teenager, he completed a Bachelor of Digital Media at SIT, graduating in 2010. Alongside his filmmaking, he works for SIT Productions.

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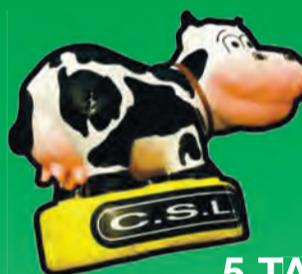
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Lifting incomes to support people in South Taranaki

Congratulations to the nominees and winners of the Taranaki Ballance Farm Environment Awards held on Tuesday 28 March.

I felt honoured to be at the awards event in my MP role, and to be able to personally congratulate the regional supreme award recipients Jacques and Vanessa Le Prou - who received six other awards on the night. I was also able to congratulate Richard and Jenni Brewer who farm in our electorate and received multiple awards too.

The winners demonstrated their commitment to sustainable and environmentally friendly



STEPH LEWIS
MP FOR WHANGANUI

farm practices, including protecting waterways through extensive riparian planting and generous setbacks, and to protecting and restoring the biodiversity and native vegetation on their farms. They have great knowledge of the soil types on their farms and ensure that each

soil type on their farms is appropriately stocked and planted. They also showed their dedication to animal welfare, and to the wellbeing of their employees.

I know that there are many more farmers across our electorate who share the same level of commitment to protecting the environment and maintaining productivity. We have an incredible story to share about life here in Taranaki, particularly the success of our primary industries.

On the 1st of April our Government brought in a suite of changes that will see more than a million people receive a bit more in their pocket to help with the cost of living.

These changes will give families, caregivers, seniors, and students – among others – an income boost.

Through increases to Working for Families and the Best Start payment, we're providing more support for whānau. We're also making childcare more affordable for many low and middle income families by expanding childcare assistance income thresholds. On top of that, main benefits will increase by the rate of inflation, meaning a family on a benefit with children will receive an extra \$40.86 a week and a sole parent will receive an extra \$31.83 a week.

Tertiary students receiving student allowance or student

loan living cost payments will see around \$20 extra each payment. Thanks to our minimum wage boost full-time minimum wage workers will now earn an extra \$60 a week too.

Seniors will also benefit from this week's changes. Single people on Superannuation will receive an extra \$66.86 each payment and a couple who are both aged over 65 will receive \$102.84 more in total a fortnight. In addition, from 1 May, the Winter Energy Payment will kick in again, to assist more than a million New Zealanders with heating bills through the colder months.

This package of support builds on the recent steps

we've taken to help smaller budgets stretch further, including extending the fuel tax cut and public transport subsidies so it's cheaper to get around, as well as the work we've done since 2017 to lift incomes and make everyday life more affordable.

While these measures won't fix everything, and we still have more work to do to bring down inflation and the cost of living, they will make a difference for many in South Taranaki – and right now, I know every bit counts when making ends meet.

Steph Lewis
MP Whanganui

Priorities and practicalities

Taking up a new portfolio in the world of politics means getting up to speed as quickly as possible.

Since January, in between listening to weeks of submissions on two of the bills replacing the Resource Management Act, I've been busy as National's new Spokesperson for Conservation meeting with stakeholders.

This includes groups like

Forest and Bird Aotearoa, one of New Zealand's independent conservation organisations and Fish & Game NZ, which manages, maintains and enhances sports fish and game birds, and their habitats.

As keen trumper I've long been aware of the work these organisations and others do, but meetings with them plus others, have been very enlightening.

So too, have the



BARBARA KURIGER MP
TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

submissions received for the proposed Natural and

Built Environment Bill and Spatial Planning Bill.

As an Environment Select Committee member, I already have the first detailed reports from the hearings to go through with officials, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all submitters for their input.

Meeting stakeholders, receiving public feedback and ideas, are crucial in the development of policy and make for better legislation all-round.

As 2023 is an election year, policies are naturally at the top of the agenda.

Thanks to the feedback I receive, and our recent round of Taranaki-King Country annual meetings, National supporters are wanting more as we head toward Election Day on October 14.

Should we become the Government, we already have five immediate priorities with plans under each, of how these priorities will be achieved.

In the No 1 spot is reducing the cost of living, quickly followed by lifting incomes; building a resilient infrastructure; restoring law and order and delivering better health and education

services.

The detail of these is available on our website — www.national.org.nz/ priorities

But it includes FamilyBoost a tax rebate of up to \$75 a week toward household childcare costs for families earning up to \$180,000 so parents can afford to work; our Combatting Youth Offending Plan targeting serious offenders; Backing Police/Tackling Gangs plan with greater powers for Police, our Welfare that Works policy and, last but not least, unlocking economic growth.

We've also been clear about what we won't do like taking water assets from communities, under Labour's flawed Three Waters policy.

Our Local Water Done Well policy keeps drinking, storm and wastewater control where it belongs — local — rather than under four co-governed mega entities.

And while we're cleaning house, we'll get rid of Auckland's Regional Fuel Tax and the Clean Car Discount Scheme (ute tax). In the first part of our national education policy, Teaching

the Basics Brilliantly, we intend to rewrite the New Zealand Curriculum to detail non-negotiable knowledge and skills primary and secondary schools must cover in reading, writing, mathematics and science.

Once world leaders in education, our current state is alarming, with a NCEA pilot revealing two-thirds of students are unable to meet minimum standards in reading, writing and maths. But these are just a start, there's a lot more to come. I think many Kiwis would agree — we've been subjected to a government which has for the better part of six years, made plenty of announcements with little to nothing to show for them — apart from the colossal price tag.

Above all else, that staggering spending needs to stop — our first priority if National becomes the next Government.

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I'm a proud Taranaki local. Growing up in Manaia, I trained as an electrician before owning and operating my own electrical business. After 15 years as Chair of the Taranaki Regional Council, I'm standing as the National Party 2023 candidate for New Plymouth.

Alongside my Council role, I have also served as Chair of Predator Free 2050, a director of Port Taranaki, and a director of Fonterra. My wife Leasa and I live in New Plymouth and are very proud of our three young adult children.

I'm standing as your National Party Candidate because I care deeply about our region. It matters to me that Taranaki thrives and ALL of us have the opportunity to achieve success.

I look at the direction of New Zealand and I see so many areas where I think 'this is just not right'. New Zealanders are squeezed by the cost of everything and being left behind with worsening health, education, and economic outcomes. New Zealand is heading in the wrong direction.

"I care deeply about Taranaki and want to see its people be successful. After several years running a local business and serving our community, I have the skills to deliver for New Plymouth as part of a Christopher Luxon-led National team."

We need pragmatic and realistic solutions that make a tangible difference. A National Government will be laser-focused on addressing the issues that really matter to Kiwis in our region.

New Plymouth deserves a strong local MP who understands the issues our region faces and WILL deliver. I'm going to work incredibly hard to meet as many people as I can and earn the right to advocate for you as your next MP. I look forward to catching up with you soon.

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A tribute to Chester Borrows

List MP Harete Hipango is reflecting on the passing of her predecessor, Chester Borrows who held the Whanganui seat for National for 12 years from 2005. The former MP died, surrounded by his family at his Hawera home late last month. He was 65.

Harete Hipango said the turnout of almost 1000 people to farewell him at Hawera's TSB Hub was

clear evidence that Chester was a *taonga*, a real treasure who worked hard for the region not only in his four terms as MP, but also as local policeman at Patea in the 1980s and when rising to the rank of Detective Sergeant in Taranaki, during his 24-year police career.

"It was gratifying to see so many sectors represented at the huge celebration of his life – schools, churches,



Flashback to 2017. Hon Chester Borrows on the campaign trail with National's Harete Hipango.

kohanga reo, police, local mayors and councillors as well as a big cohort of his National MP colleagues and staff, in fact MPs from right across the political spectrum," she said.

"Chester Borrows will live long in the hearts and minds of Whanganui and South Taranaki people and I am hoping that the communities will see fit to remember, in some appropriate way,

the man who was always prepared to go into bat for any of us."

Ms Hipango is expected to take the nomination to stand for National in the Te Tai

Hauauru seat which covers nine general electorates and a huge geographical area of the North Island between Porirua and South Waikato.

Greenpeace welcomes National's renewable energy policy but fossil fuel exploration of concern

Greenpeace is welcoming the National Party's new renewable energy policy - 'Electrify NZ' - with its focus on increasing renewable electricity generation to replace coal, gas and petrol-fuelled transport.

But the organisation is calling on National to abandon its oil exploration policy and also tackle the bigger climate problem - agriculture.

"After many many years of lobbying the National Party I am pleased that they have finally accepted the need to decarbonise the energy system," says Dr Russel Norman, Greenpeace Aotearoa Executive Director.

"The direction of travel outlined by National to increase generation of electricity from wind, solar, and geothermal is a real step

forward for the party after years of foot dragging.

"However, the new policy is starkly at odds with National's promotion of oil and gas exploration. National cannot simultaneously have policies to cut fossil fuel use and increase fossil fuel exploration.

"And when it comes to our emissions, the cow in the corner is agribusiness. The agriculture industry is still responsible for half of New Zealand's emissions and the dairy industry is our biggest polluter," said Norman.

"We are waiting to see if National is willing to tackle Fonterra and produce policy to deintensify the dairy industry, cut synthetic nitrogen fertiliser, and support a transition to ecological farming."

While we are pleased that National has headed in the renewable direction there are a lot of outstanding

questions about the policy: Will National invest more in public transport, walking and cycling given that they have a huge impact on cutting emissions; Whether one year consenting limits will be sufficient with complex renewable projects; policy stop big gentailers squatting on resource consents for renewables without building them; The biodiversity impacts of new hydro generation from dams are extreme - which rivers are they proposing to dam, and is it even necessary given all the wind and solar options; How much will the government pay to increase transmission infrastructure; Whether National has a full solution to the dry year risk problem; How the policy will address the lack of proper competition in the electricity 'market' which is controlled by a handful of gentailers.

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Michael Craig wins Taranaki's NZCB Annual Apprentice Challenge

Apprentice Michael Craig has claimed the title of Taranaki's champion at the regional heats of the annual New Zealand Certified Builders Apprentice Challenge (NZCB) sponsored by ITM, after competing against five other apprentices on 1 April and coming out on top.

The apprentices were put through their paces, given just eight hours to build a fort that followed specific design plans and met minimum safety standards.

The forts were assessed by a panel of expert judges who looked at technical aspects such as the quality of workmanship, measuring, cutting and assembly, as well as other essential skills while working against the clock, including their ability to follow a detailed plan and safe working technique, with Michael receiving the top score overall.

Michael, aged 19, is currently undertaking their building apprenticeship at Adan Larsen Builders. As well as winning the title of regional champion, Michael also won a \$500 ITM gift voucher to redeem on trade tools and earned a place in the national final representing Taranaki.

There he will compete against 19 other regional winners from across New Zealand for the Ken Read Memorial Trophy and \$25,000 worth of prizes. The national final will be held at the NZCB National Conference and Expo in Christchurch in May.

NZCB Industry Pathways and Apprenticeship Manager, Nick Matthews, said the competition demonstrated the outstanding quality and diversity of apprentices currently training in the industry.

"Nationwide we're seeing increasing diversity among apprentices entering the building trade, with a record number of female apprentices competing this year.

"The regional competitions have set the bar high ahead of the national final, and



these events are a great opportunity for communities around New Zealand to get an insight into building apprenticeship training and to celebrate those apprentices that are excelling in their field," says Nick.

NZCB actively encourages member builders to take on apprentices as part of its commitment to fostering the next generation of skilled builders.

"The future of New Zealand's building industry depends on a strong pipeline of trade-qualified, highly capable builders, and the NZCB Apprentice Challenge is one way we support that on a national level," says Nick.

The forts built will be auctioned off via TradeMe from Monday 3 April, with all proceeds going to KidsCan and Cyclone Gabrielle Relief. Given the recent devastation from Cyclone Gabrielle, several forts will be donated to play centres in affected areas.

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Venture Taranaki calling for landowners to Branch Out in Growing Trials

Te Puna Umanga / Venture Taranaki, the regional development agency, has put a call out to Taranaki landowners to apply to participate in their Branching Out growing trials, kicking off in Spring 2023.

The agency's Branching Out project, now in its second phase, aims to foster an environment that allows value chain diversification opportunities to be investigated, adopted, and to flourish, in Taranaki.

"We have reached an exciting milestone of the project where we'll narrow our focus to a select range of crops that have been identified as having high potential to succeed in Taranaki. A vital component in this next phase is growing trials where we look to prove that diversification is possible and that landowners can benefit economically, environmentally, and socially," says Michelle Bauer, Branching Out Project Lead.

The list of crops identified includes, angelica (gin botanicals), ashwagandha (medicinal plants), echinacea (medicinal plants), hemp for fibre production, hops, liquorice (gin botanicals),

and sustainable crop rotation: high value grains, legumes, and vegetables.

Opunake through to Waitōtara has been identified as having favourable growing conditions for many of the shortlisted crops.

"We are seeking to work with growers and landowners from around the region to test recommendations and methods relating to growing, harvesting, and processing. Through the trials we'll also document the challenges, benefits and opportunities, and lessons learned as the growers and grower groups in Taranaki prepare to commercialise their efforts," continues Bauer.

For the trials to be successful there needs to be a minimum of three trial sites for each crop and the trial duration must be across at least two growing cycles. Venture Taranaki has engaged with experts to ensure the trials follow industry best practice and on-the-ground guidance

will be provided by a Field Agronomist who will collate trial results and undertake analysis of performance.

"We need up to 30 trial sites from around the region and while we've had several interested parties, we still need more sites to get involved. Landowners and growers who participate will only need to commit to one growing cycle and will benefit from derisked knowledge and experience from growing high value crops on their land, potential profit from successful trial yields and the option to continue growing

commercially beyond trials," explains Bauer.

The Branching Out project is guided by a Steering Group, who will be involved in the final selection of sites. Geographic location will be an important determinant of selection, as a good 'spread' of sites across the region will be required.

For more information and to apply to participate visit www.venture.org.nz/projects/branching-out/.

Or email branchingout@venture.org.nz for direct queries. Submissions will close on the 19 April 2023.



Michelle Bauer, Branching Out Project Lead picking Hops at a Tarata farm.

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The evocative avocado

Growing avocados is not too difficult, given the right conditions. Avocado trees are generally self-fertile but cross-pollination can help with fruit set.

If you grow Hass or Reed, varieties then planting a variety such as, Bacon, Fuerte, or Hashimoto can help with cross-pollination and provides a longer supply of fruit.

Site selection is critical to success, as avocados grow best in a sunny spot with well-drained soil and protection from strong winds and frosts, especially when they're young.

Larger varieties can grow up to 12m high and 6m. If space is limited and you only have room for one tree,

"Hass" is the best variety for Taranaki.

If your garden is smaller again the variety "Cleopatra" is ideal for a smaller space growing to 3m x 3m. Due to its small size Cleopatra is also ideal for container

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A kitchen with Soul



The Soul Kitchen team. From left. Wendy Tamatea, Aimee Adams, Alice Martin, Todd Philp, Belinda Philp. Absent. Xanthe Philp, Jack Fryer.

The place may be different, but the service stays the same.

“We’ve shifted from the Event Centre to brand new premises but we’re still carrying on our great out-catering and providing our school lunches,” says Belinda Philp of Soul Kitchen which has moved into the space on Tasman Street previously occupied by Dove Takeaways. Their last day at the Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre was March 31.

“The only difference is that we don’t have a venue where people can come in and sit down,” says Belinda.

Soul Kitchen will continue to be there for people wanting someone to cater for their events.

Belinda is looking to add new services like frozen takeaway meals. These could come in either individual or family size, and she would be looking at bringing these in some time after the Easter school holidays.

“It would be something new, something different,” she says. “People can come in and pick up a dish, drive home and pop it in the oven.

It will be nutritious and they can have a catered meal with the economies of a takeaway meal but without the grease factor.”

The meals would likely be of the conventional home cooking type like a chicken casserole, although she says she would quite like to add something like a beef rendang to the mix.

There are other things she

would like to do further into the future.

“A few years ago I had the idea to teach people how to cook the basics, and it popped into my head the other day that this would be the perfect kitchen to teach people how to cook an economical meal.”

She says the school lunches program has been “a bit of a learning curve” with a “few



On the floor at the Soul Kitchen, Opunake.

hiccups” along the way but they are pleased with the way it has been going. Soul Kitchen got into school lunches two and a half years ago as part of the Ministry of Education funded lunches for schools programme. Every day they make school lunches for students at Opunake High School, Opunake Primary School and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Tamarongo- 300 on Mondays and Tuesdays and 500 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

There are a team of seven working at Soul Kitchen, including Belinda’s husband Todd. The head chef is Aimee Adams, a long-time friend of Belinda’s going back to their days cooking together at Willow Park Christian Holiday Park in Auckland.

“It’s a fabulous team and I’ve got absolute winners,” says Belinda. “They’re magic.”

Belinda started Soul Kitchen 12 years ago and her first gig was cooking meals for the Egmont Boat Club on a Friday night. Leigh Brown later asked her if she would be interested in being the caterer at the Opunake Event Centre, and Soul Kitchen was there for 11 years.

They took on the school lunches when Peter O’Leary

who was then the Opunake High School principal told Belinda the government was extending its lunches to schools program to places like Opunake and encouraged her to register as a supplier, paving the way for Soul Kitchen to select them to provide the lunches. “Without Peter O’Leary I wouldn’t have known it was

even possible,” said Belinda.

She is now enjoying the move closer into town.

“Todd thought that when we left the Event Centre we would be getting out of the community, but it’s been quite cool being on the main street, waving to people on their way past and being able to stop and have a natter.”

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Ōpunakē Communities Kindergarten - Ngā mihi o te tau hou

We have had such a great start to the year at Kindy. The tamariki were so keen to be back exploring, playing and learning alongside their friends and peers. We have continued to enjoy our new kitchen with the tamariki and whanau have been supporting us with our current focus. As an Enviroschool we are always looking at ways to be more sustainable and spreading our knowledge within our community. We have been exploring "Litterless Lunchboxes" and have been supporting whaanau to be as sustainable as they can as they prepare their child's lunch. We have sourced kai carriers and have been supplying whaanau these at cost. Kai carriers are reusable receptacles which can be used over and over again. They are great for almost anything - sandwiches, cut fruit, yoghurts, crackers, nuts and seeds, leftovers..... Reusable containers are also great for this too. We have been talking about litterless lunchboxes for a while and the tamariki have really got on board with the concept and have been helping to prepare sustainable lunchboxes at home. Some tamariki have lunchboxes which have lots of compartments which minimises or eliminates waste.

To support our focus the kaiako have been asking tamariki and whaanau for recipes for food whaanau put in their child's lunch. Sharing ideas and recipes helps us all reflect on what other yummy healthy alternatives are out there which we could add to our diet. Recipes have been flowing in and we have shared these with the whaanau and tamariki on our display which the tamariki and whaanau can take away and try at home. Better yet, we have been making these in the kitchen with the tamariki and whaanau have come in to share their recipes by leading / supporting the culinary experience. The tamariki can then try out these new recipes at afternoon tea time and decide whether or not they too would like to make them at home with their whaanau and add them to their lunchboxes. It is always exciting to try new food and explore the options which are out there.

Sharing recipes is also sharing our culture, which is something we do all the time here at Kindy. Sharing our culture with one another helps us to gain an insight into how others live and how we live ourselves. We may share the same passions, ideals, interests, routines, rituals..... We have been highlighting how we have been sharing our culture with one another and why it is so important to us as individuals and as a collective. Tamariki are able to bring in photos to share with others what they have been up to in their spare time or what their whaanau have been doing. This enables us to make connections between ourselves and others and explore our culture further. For example: we may have some tamariki which love fishing - do they fish the same - off rocks? In a boat? Off the shore? Where do they go fishing locally? What fish do they catch and which fish do they love to eat? Culture is embedded in everything that we do and it shapes our interactions with others and the outlook that we have on life experiences. Exploring our culture and that of others in depth, enables us to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of ourselves and others and this is why it is such an important part of our curriculum. It is embedded in all five strands of Te Whariki - Wellbeing, Belonging, Contribution, Communication and Exploration.



Left: Maddy and Paula (mum) brought in their favourite savoury muffin recipe. Maddy led the baking in the kitchen with the tamariki and Maddy and Paula did a taste test together at afternoon tea time. Maddy confirmed they were delicious!

Right: The savoury muffins were the first items of food to be devoured at afternoon tea time. Here Lacey, Caleb, Tommy, Ellie, Eleanor and Ethan agreed they were "YUMMY!"



Left: Lana and April-Maree enjoy making and drinking smoothies at home using nutritious fruit and vegetables. Here Lana and April-Maree take the lead in creating fruit smoothies with the tamariki and we enjoyed them at afternoon tea time alongside some pickled cucumber (cucumber from our mara kai) we had made a few weeks prior.



Right: April-Maree and Lana (mum) have a look at the recipes for lunchbox ideas as well as photos of the cooking experience

Lana supported with the tamariki - Fruit Smoothies! So nutritious and refreshing.



Below: Having visual aids helps us to identify how we can connect to others (shared culture).



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Above: Meera and Ethan sharing their culture with the tamariki from the Maunga and Moana Rooms - cornflake crunch - a special recipe that has been passed down from Meera's mum and made at home with lots of love with her whaanau. Food can have a special significance for individuals and sharing this food is an extension of their aroha and culture.



Left: Maddy sharing with Paula and Cody (mum and dad) her photos of her camping holiday. Through sharing photos they discovered Floyd and Eddie love camping too!

Below: Enviroschool Board



Charlotte Taylor and Cyrus Smith sharing their leaves, learning more about one another - sharing culture and interests. All the tamariki create leaves so that that they

can share their culture and whaanau with everyone here at Kindy. It supports the tamariki to make connections between people, places and things in their world. The tamariki know that they have a special place in our Kindy whaanau as they are affirmed as valued individuals who have lots to contribute.

Klassic fun at Kaponga

There was a lot to see at Klassics at Kaponga held at the Kaponga rugby grounds on March 19.

The charity fund raiser was hosted by the Kaponga Lions Club and featured vintage ,classics ,hotrods, motorbikes ,even a currently operating hearse ,as well as mini train rides for children, crafts, food and merchandise

stalls. There was something there for all the family.

Anybody wanting to show off their car paid an entry fee of \$10, bikes \$5, while members of the public wanting to see what was on offer paid a gold coin.

This is the third time the Kaponga Lions Club have run this annual charity fundraiser, although Covid restrictions meant it wasn't

held last year.

“A couple of us in the club who have classic and vintage cars came up with the idea and we kind of went from there,” says Kerry Bailey of the Kaponga Lions Club. “This is a classic show, not just British or American or Mustang. We have everything from an Anglia to a Zephyr and everything in between. From 1928 to



A Corvette Stingray was among the 145 entries on show at the Lions Club fund raiser.



The Kaponga Fire Brigade to the rescue.

the modern day and the new Holdens and Camaros.”

He said that while they had their usual regulars it was good to see some new entries turn up. He noted a lawn tractor as among the more interesting vehicles on show.

This year money raised went towards an ultra-sound unit at the Hawera Hospital Emergency Department, and to the Kaponga Volunteer

Fire Brigade, who got into the act on the day demonstrating how they use the jaws of life to rescue the occupant of a wrecked BMW.

“They are our first responders so we want them to be as well equipped as they can possibly be,” says Kerry.

There were 145 entries this year. The compere was Roger Tonkin, and Lindsay

Maindonald from the Eltham Kaponga Community board thanked, each group involved for making it a successful show and holding it at Kaponga. Lindsay had come along in his own Triumph 1972 Stag.

In previous years fund raised have gone towards the Rescue Helicopter and St John.



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So another term of learning, leadership, and sporting legends comes to an end. As we respond to our students' diverse learning needs, so we are creating opportunities in events management, tech coding, science scholarships, first aid, alongside robust targeted literacy supports.

Our student kaiako/leaders have had opportunities this term to develop these leadership skills through the Student Against Drink Driving leadership courses, prefect camps, sustainability elective, event planning, marshalling, and Why Ora experiences. These opportunities give our ākonga the confidence and knowledge to certainly grow into good people, for this rapidly changing world.

We have seen our students give of their time and energy to a significant number of hāpori (community) events: from refereeing community sports games, coaching sport and supporting primary school swim sports, supporting board riders with surf lessons, weeding and planting the loop track to marshalling for the Oxfam trailwalk. All of these experiences give back to a community which in turn supports our kura. It is this reciprocal kindness that makes Opunakē the best kept secret in Aotearoa! Also, it is incredibly important for us as a school to not only grow the minds of our students, but also their aroha/hearts.

Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.

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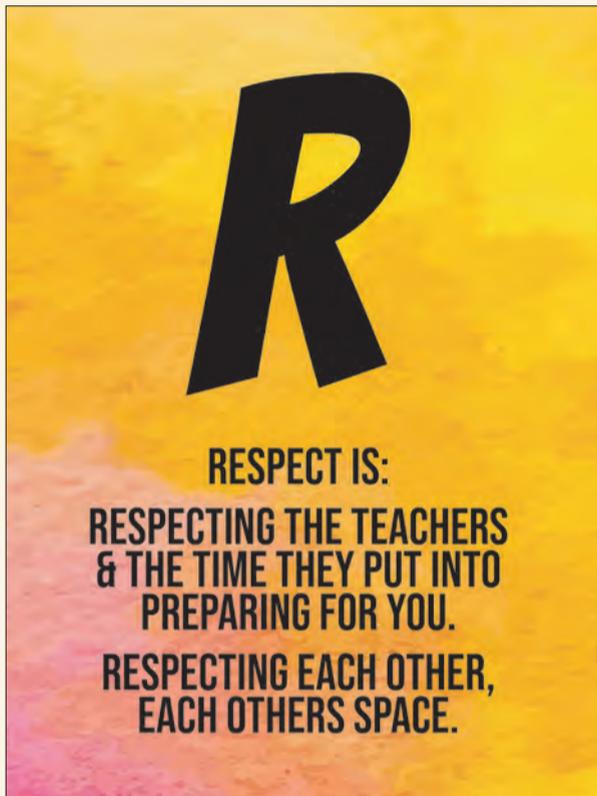
On the sporting front we have had a very wet but wildly, wonderful sports day, and a swimming sports day that showcased some amazing swimmers, alongside some very talented 'manu' jumpers! Again affording another opportunity for our young kairaihi/leaders to step up and, encourage and empower their hapu.

A huge thank you to Mitre 10 Mega for supporting our Sea 45 project. Their donation has enabled us to continue to develop this entrepreneurial experience for our Whare Atawhai students; Brody and Jason, giving them the chance to continue to grow a sustainable business.

It is with such sweet sorrow we farewell our pou tiaki, kaiako, colleague and friend Matua Paora Laurence, who is moving on to New Plymouth Boys High School. Our students and staff will miss his huge heart, his kindness and his wealth of knowledge of matauranga maori. We also say haere ra to our dynamic and diligent sports coordinator; Miss Maria Spurdle, who is going to pursue a career in tennis coaching. We wish these two taonga (treasures) all the best in their future endeavours.

Nga mihi

Andrea Hooper Carr
Principal



Matua Paora Laurence with AE Tutor Pelo Rangī.

Athletics and Swimming Sports

We've had a busy term of events competing for the Pohutukawa Trophy. Athletics got underway in conditions better suited for ducks as some very heavy rain threatened to wash things out. As the clouds parted, we all dried out and got to running, leaping and throwing, concluding with some interhapu relay events, and the glamour 100m races.

Rimu took first place as top Hapu extending its dominance on the track, Totara second, Awhina third and Karo fourth.

Individual Champions:

Zaire Rupapera & Milly Elsmore (Juniors), Jayden Poole & Charlie Carr (Intermediate) and Jaree Summerfield & Beth Cook (Seniors)

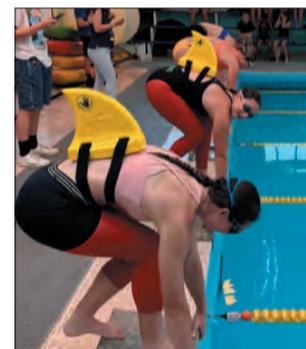


Hot on the heels of Athletics, was our swimming carnival. More serious competitors leapt into the pool during the morning with the fun Hapu events taking place in the afternoon, those events preceded by the resurrection of our Hapu chants, with Awhina taking the win in that but unfortunately not doing enough to win overall.

Karo were as dominant in the pool as Rimu on the track, Karo first, Rimu second, Totara third and Awhina fourth.

Individual Champions:

Charlie Field & Milly Elsmore (Juniors), Kymani Parata & Eden Lark (Intermediate) and Cayden Marsh & Arna Bright (Seniors)



We were very proud to send a team of young wahine to the Waka Ama nationals this year. These girls trained hard over Term 1, and received a massive amount of community support to get them there. Thanks to everyone who provided assistance!

Pictured: (Back L-R) Sakhyla Graham, Brenae Evans, Dallas Tapsell, Alyssa Smith, Tahlia Smith. (Front) Samantha Robinson-Green, Aionee Nuku. (Absent) Paimarie Gardener-Waipuka, Whaea Donna Aitken (Driver)



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Manaiia Community Service Group steps up for Relay for Life



Two teams from the Manaiia Community Services Group participated in this year's Relay for Life fundraiser for the Taranaki Cancer Society.

While there were not as many teams as usual the day was fine except for a little bit of scotch mist in the evening.

The day was well organized by the Taranaki Cancer Society with the Lap of Honour to start the day off and later a free lunch.

The two teams from the Manaiia Community Services Group raised \$3,100 for the Cancer Society.

Members absent from the photo were Janice Walsh, Brenda and Morgan Meldrum

Road noise makes blood pressure rise

Does the sound of roaring engines, honking horns, and wailing sirens outside your windows make your blood boil? Well, you're not alone, say Chinese

and UK researchers. They found living near busy streets increases your blood pressure, and in turn, heightens your risk of hypertension. Previous

similar studies suggested that air pollution could have a part to play, but these researchers say their data from over 240,000 people suggests otherwise. They followed up on these people, who at the start of the study did not have hypertension, after 8.1 years, and found not only were they being exposed to road traffic noise linked to hypertension, but the risk increased in tandem with the noise 'dose'

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Health inequities an embarrassment

The wealth gap in Aotearoa New Zealand is leading to unnecessary health disadvantages for Māori and Pacific people, writes Sir Collin Tukuitonga in an editorial for the latest NZ Medical Journal. Despite multiple plans and strategies to improve Pasifika health over the past two decades, Sir Collin writes that it

appears that the health status of Pasifika people has instead deteriorated. He calls for investment to double the capacity of Pasifika providers, including "free" access to GP and nursing services, as well as training more Pasifika healthcare workers.

NZMJ

Higher dose of magnesium keeps dementia at bay

More magnesium in our daily diet leads to better brain health as we age, according to scientists from the Neuroimaging and Brain Lab at The Australian National University (ANU). The researchers say increased

intake of magnesium-rich foods such as spinach and nuts could also help reduce the risk of dementia, which is the second leading cause of death in Australia and the seventh biggest killer globally.

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Bladder tanks see increased popularity with farmers

The demand for effluent bladder tanks is on the rise and it's not hard to see why. Crazy, unpredictable weather, increased fertiliser costs, council compliance rules and pressure to be environmentally friendly and reduce gas emissions are leading farmers to look for alternative effluent storage solutions.



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Why are farmers choosing bladder tanks for effluent storage?

Aside from the typical benefits of easy installation, portability and safety, here's some of the common reasons farmers are choosing bladder tanks for effluent storage:

Additional sump storage
Lots of farmers have a pumping system with a sump that handles most of the effluent storage but need additional storage to handle rainy periods when effluent can't be spread, or just to tick the box for council compliance.

Retention of nitrogen

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Nitrogen is a valuable fertiliser and proactive dairy farmers are investigating ways to maximise the free stuff they already deal with. Effluent stored in bladder tanks is more nutrient rich since it is not getting diluted by rainwater or evaporated into the atmosphere.

Reduced workload

Farmers in high rainfall areas, or with high water tables know the pain of large fluctuations in effluent storage levels due to rain. Of course after heavy rainfall, you're unlikely to be able to



There are many advantages in using a bladder tank.

spread until the ground dries up, leaving more and more effluent to manage.

This is where a bladder tank can be handy. Being closed storage, the effluent is not getting the rainwater added to it, leaving a lot less to manage.

Aesthetics

There are various reasons why an effluent pond or above ground tank may not provide the look you're after, especially when looking at additional storage. For example, the ideal placement

may be in direct sight from the house.

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Cost and tax advantages

Bladder tanks between 300-500m² hit the sweet spot when it comes to value, costing no more than installing a pond while having all the benefits of closed storage. What's more, tax wise bladder tanks depreciate on your books, so

after around five years you can write them off.

Multi-Location Storage

Farmers with large or multiple farms have found that using bladder tanks to store effluent in multiple locations can greatly increase spreading costs and efficiency. Slurry tankers can fill up from each location rather than needing to travel long distances to re-fill the tank and back again to spread around outer paddocks. It also means less disruption to cow flow and

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Colony loss numbers plateau

New Zealand beekeepers once again reported that the Varroa destructor mite is the most common reason for overwintering hive losses, according to the recently released New Zealand Colony Loss Survey.

The overall colony loss rate during winter 2022 was 13.5 per cent: almost identical to the loss rate in winter 2021. While loss rates have levelled off, they have levelled off near the highest recorded rates since the survey began in 2015, and the rate of suspected varroa-related losses continues to increase.

The survey estimates that 6.4 per cent of all living colonies (nearly half of all colony losses) were lost to suspected varroa and related complications over the 2022 winter. This is a 20 per cent increase from the 2021 rate of 5.3 per cent. In contrast, losses attributed to queen problems, wasps and suspected starvation in 2022 were close to their long-term averages.

Varroa management rates amongst respondents improved considerably. 4.4 per cent of beekeepers said they didn't treat for varroa in the 2020-21 season, while the latest survey shows that number dropped to only 1.5 per cent of beekeepers that didn't do any varroa management in the 2021-22 season. In contrast to 2021, every beekeeper with more than 50 colonies treated for varroa in 2022.

In the survey beekeepers who lost colonies to varroa were asked what they thought went wrong. The most common answer was 're-invasion'. More than 38 per cent of survey respondents said that they treated for varroa more than once during autumn.

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Taranaki Dairy Industry Awards winners announced

First-time entrants Hayden and Bridget Goble were named the region's Share Farmers of the Year at the Taranaki Dairy Industry Awards dinner held in Hawera. Blake Cameron was named the 2023 Taranaki Dairy Manager of the Year and Jacinta Kete the 2023 Taranaki Dairy Trainee of the Year.

Hayden graduated from Telford in 2005 with a Diploma in Agriculture and Bridget is a doctor, with a specialty in Emergency Medicine.

The couple are 20% VO equity partners together with Bridget Mooney, Kevin Goble and Diane Goble on their 200ha, 565-cow Tataraimaka property.

The Gobles cite combining their busy careers as a challenge, alongside a challenging employment environment over the last three seasons and recent inflation in farm working expenses and interest rates.

"The dairy industry has many challenges ahead and needs to be adaptable to thrive," says Hayden. "We're looking forward to seeing the technological changes and advances as we adapt to the compliance and regulatory changes."

They say they are proud to be in a strong financial position to achieve their goal of full farm ownership. "We'd like to develop a business with sustainability, to allow opportunity for future generations – either our children or staff," says Bridget.

The couple believe that having their business set up as a company stands them in good stead moving forward and has many benefits.

Runner-up was Jack Roper who is contract milking 420 cows on Damian and Jane Roper's 158ha Patea farm. The first-time entrant grew up on a dairy farm and, after completing a Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture) at Lincoln University in 2016, worked in Texas and Western Australia before



From left. Dairy Trainee winner Jacinta Kete, Share Farmer winners Hayden and Bridget Goble, Dairy Manager winner Blake Cameron.

returning to his parents' farm in 2018.

Future farming goals include 50/50 sharemilking with an ultimate goal of farm ownership. "I'd also like to grow my drilling business and grow my hive numbers and sell honey locally."

Third placegetter was Gabriel Churi who is contract milking for PKW Parininihi Ki Waitotara Farms, on the 143.54ha, 415-cow Hawera farm.

The winner of the 2023 Taranaki Dairy Manager of the Year category was Blake Cameron, who placed third in the same category last year.

Blake is farm manager for Hugh and Christine Cameron on their 73ha property, milking 240 cows at Okaiawa.

The 27-year-old aims to be part of the success in the dairy industry. "Innovation is exciting and so many people want to see dairy do well."

"I hope I can help the next generation want to be part of the industry as well, by sharing my knowledge and experience as I grow in my career."

Blake holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science and loves working on the family business to make it

successful. "Farming is full of challenges," he says. "Putting steps in place to be best prepared to make them easier is all you can do."

"Weather, animal health, pasture management, feed shortages and surpluses, and fatigue – they all come at you throughout the season."

Runner-up was Elly Van der Laan who is 2IC for Simon O'Connell on his 97ha Auroa property, milking 330 cows.

The first-time entrant entered the Awards programme to make connections with other farmers and rural professionals. "I wanted to evaluate my skills and receive feedback from an outside perspective."

Elly grew up on a dairy farm in Reporoa and holds a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Science.

Third placegetter was Ruth Connolly who was the 2021 Waikato and New Zealand Dairy Trainee of the Year. She is assistant manager on Paul and Heather Horo's 201ha Rahotu property, milking 537 cows.

The winner of the 2023 Taranaki Dairy Trainee of the Year category is Jacinta Kete who was runner-up in the same category last year.

Jacinta is assistant manager for Philip and Donna Cram on their 117ha, 270-cow

farm in Awatuna. "I'm excited about the endless opportunities dairying has and knowing that hard work will pay off in achieving any goals set."

Second place went to farm assistant Miriam Lauridsen who works on Shane Helm's 116ha Inglewood property milking 330 cows.

The first-time entrant grew up on a dry stock farm and chose dairying as a career because it offers a great lifestyle, a variety of skills, keeps you active and fit and has good progression options.

"One of my biggest achievements has been coming back to farming after

placegetter and is 2IC for Sam Ebbett on the 550-cow, 169ha Hawera farm.

Hollie Wick was third

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Ballance award for Pihama couple

Jacques and Vanessa Le Prou of Java Farm at Pihama have been announced as the Regional Supreme Award winners at the Taranaki Ballance Farm Environment Awards in New Plymouth.

The Le Prous are striving for a sustainable farming operation that is profitable while also providing them with the time to raise their four young children. To achieve this, they are guided by a clear vision that is based on analysing the business and setting environmental, business and family goals.

They bought what is now known as Java Farm 10 years ago and have risen to the challenge of taking on two rundown dairy farms and combining them into one sustainable unit. For the first two years, they employed sharemilkers before merging the properties.

Two key factors have helped them turn the farm around – a focus on breeding higher-quality cows, and an extensive re-grassing programme that has boosted production.

Originally, the pastures

were between 25 and 100 years old and full of weeds. By pasture renewal, the animals now enjoy lush, nutritious grass, complemented by modern effluent and water systems. Cow health and heat detection are monitored via collars, enabling the Le Prous to access real-time results anywhere there is internet access.

Crop rotation helps to support soil health, and investment in long-term infrastructure ensures they keep up to date with compliance rules and enables flexibility and resilience within their operation. Streams and wetlands have been fenced, and riparian planting is in place, with good setbacks.

By teaching their children the benefits of protecting and nurturing native areas and waterways, Jacques and Vanessa are helping to ensure the land will be cared for by future generations.

In awarding the Regional Supreme Award, the judges commended the Le Prous on their cohesive, profitable

and efficient dairy system that showcases good management practice, and noted their strong focus on family and community and open-minded approach to new opportunities.

Other award winners were Richard and Jenni Brewer, and William and Lisa Brewer of Brewer Farms, Murray and Kaye Jackson, and Cruise and Sarah Hamilton of Te Kupe Station, and Tony Gane, Peter and Carol Gane, and Charlie and Anna Smith of Gane and Sons

The awards also served to showcase Taranaki Catchment Communities Inc, which operates 14 local catchment groups and is working to guide the region's rural sector towards a future that is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.

The Ballance Farm Environment Awards are run by the NZ Farm Environment Trust and champion sustainable



This year's Taranaki Ballance Award winners Jacques and Vanessa Le Prou.

farming and growing. The Supreme Winner from each of the eleven regions involved in the awards will go through to be considered

for the Gordon Stephenson Trophy at the Trust's National Showcase at Te Papa in May. The recipients of the Gordon Stephenson

Trophy then become 2023's National Ambassadors for Sustainable Farming and Growing.

Ballance CEO resigns after nine years

After nearly nine years as CEO, Mark Wynne, Ballance Agri-Nutrients CEO, has resigned. His last day will be Friday 29 September.

"It has been an absolute pleasure working with Mark who has been an incredibly effective leader," said Duncan Coull, Ballance Chair.

"Mark decided it was the right time for both Ballance

and himself to hand the baton over."

"When Mark informed the Board of his intention to resign, he told us what a privilege it has been for him to lead such an awesome group of people serving 17,000 farmer and grower families," said Duncan.

"It has been an amazing and incredibly rewarding experience to lead such a diverse business and dedicated team," said Mark Wynne, Ballance CEO.

Mark has a reputation as a leader who is willing to put on his boots and roll up his sleeves to walk alongside his team to ensure he and the Ballance family truly understand their customer's needs.

"Supporting and maintaining Ballance's fantastic culture will be top of mind for the Board as we begin our search for a new CEO to continue progressing



Mark Wynne.

the co-operative to ensure we are future-ready to serve our shareholders," said Duncan.

"In the interim, Mark will carry on doing what he does best, leading a great team to ensure we are providing New Zealand farmers and

growers with the nutrients advice, and the tools they need to continue to be the most productive and sustainable farmers and growers in the world," said Duncan.



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Coastal begin season by taking on Southern



Logan Crowley backed up by Boe Pari and Jeremy Newell.

The season kicked off against a much improved Southern team in Hawera at Hicks Park.

We hate to say it but injuries in our pre-season made it tough to select a side that would be needed to front against a mammoth Southern scrum.

We had eight young players making their debut which is very promising for

our club's future.

Debutants we're Jackson Bennett, Boe Pari, Ropata Taylor, Cullum Tito, Jacob Whittle, Samuel Drought, Luka Cassidy and Harley Seymour Loveridge and we as a club welcome them and their families to the club for the new faces.

The game started very evenly but a glaring problem was our scrum struggling to

hold its own against a big Southern pack.

Southern had the services of an ex-Ireland and Taranaki tighthead prop anchoring their scrum and dominating the Coastal 8.

They scored a slick try in the 16th minute off a loose pass to make it 5-0, then scored again in the 32nd minute after a couple of poor defensive reads to make the

score 12-0 at halftime to leave us an uphill battle in the second half.

After some stern words after half time Coastal started hitting their straps and scored a well worked try after a number of phases to Impressive centre Jackson Sinclair with a wideout conversion to make it 12-7, and we were back in the fight.

Then Southern upped the ante, attacking our scrum and with good ball movement, scoring one push over try and one off a poor kick clearance to make it 26-5.

Kobe Sinclair scored a ripping try in the 60th minute to drag it back to the final score of 26-12.

Southern thoroughly deserved their win, their set piece was strong and there general play was very organised.

For Coastal it was a tough day at the office but there was a lot of good stuff.

Our lineout was solid with Taylor's throwing and Luka Cassidy pulling in some nice

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Rick McKenna supported by Jacob Whittle.



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Coastal begin season by taking on Southern



Jacob Whittle and Logan Crowley take on the Southern defence.

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ball, making us turn down scrums and take lineouts instead.

A lot of phase play in the second half was very good but consistency let us down.

Our defence was overall good, but little lapses cost us big time to Southern's credit.

Our Players of the day were as follows Jackson Sinclair 1 Jeremy Newell 2 and Boe Pari 3 our player of the player of the day. His defence was amazing and his ball carries were outstanding. I would like to have seen his stats as his work rate was as good as it gets.

Mention must go to our front 6 who toiled hard against an awesome scrum. Although dominated, we could not fault the effort,

and how big an ask it was against The calibre of the big Shark's front 3.

Next week we are at home to NPOB so things don't get any easier as they have a star-studded line up to travel to Rahotu on Good Friday, but I'm sure our guys will relish the challenge and get stuck in.

We will take heart from our first full hit-out as a team of the year and know that improvement will come from that.

We have a lot of great talent and a mix of some quality experience, so when a few more numbers are back we can play some entertaining rugby and get on the winning track.

This year our captain is

Chris Gawler who didn't play because of illness and vice Logan Crowley who took the job for the day, so we wish them all the best running a successful team with help from his other experienced players and a mixture of very talented young players to play a great style of footy.

Great to see the number of under 20s coming along. They certainly give the club a great feel and we were just pipped at the final whistle by Southern. Hard luck boys.

Div 1 once again did a great job getting a team on the field and turned a very respectable performance against Southern, a beaten finalist last season by a

couple of tries.

Once we get two or three weeks down the track their numbers will grow and they have some great players, both young and more mature to make them a formidable force in the comp.

The women's team look a good side this year and pushed Southern to the wire as well, also a beaten finalist last season.

So get along and follow the players of all sides. They really enjoy playing in front of a good local crowd and it's a good way to get out and about and show the rest of the province how unlucky they are not to be riding the wave with our coastal club.

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Division 1

The start of a new year and same old problems with numbers and actually getting guys to training. It was down to Southern with the bare minimum of 15 players but a great attitude from all of them and the defence and heart shown in the first half was next level. Some huge hits from Sione Fangtua Tuitopou, Harley Loveridge-Seymour and Logan Stevenson had the opposition thinking twice. Despite this Southern managed two tries in the first half. In the second half there was still plenty of fire from the boys and before long Kady Luke was over for a try converted by Scott Anderson. 10 - 7.

The lack of numbers really started to tell with the boys fatiguing while Southern had the luxury of rolling players on and off. Despite the scoreline threatening to blow out the boys stuck to their guns with Bradley Knowles literally flying over the line scoring the last try of the game before Southern closed out with a penalty. Final score 30 - 14. Mitchell Fleming player of



Kady Luke from Div 1 looks to unload the ball.

the day. With some numbers due to turn up if we play with that sort of attitude all season we will be a serious threat at the business end. If

you have some boots in the cupboard and are free on Saturday and want to be part of a great culture see you at

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Three from three as Old Boys sweep premier cricket grades

New Plymouth Old Boys have claimed the triple crown of Taranaki cricket with their victory in the Expert Turf premier three-day final.

The 109-run first innings win over New Plymouth & Marist United means not only have the club claimed a three-peat of premier trophies for the season, having beaten Marist in the T20, 50-over and two-day formats, but they have wiped away memories of the season before, reversing the results when they had lost all three finals to their cross-town rivals.

Overnight rain at Pukekura Park had briefly threatened their championship run – a washed out final day would have meant no result and seen Marist lift the trophy as top qualifiers.

But once the overnight drizzle cleared and the



New Plymouth Old Boys players erupt as the final Marist wicket fell at Pukekura Park.

ground dried, umpires Brendan Keighley and Chris Judson got day three underway with Old Boys needing just two final wickets to take the first innings points and the title,

in a game they had controlled nicely from the outset.

While the Marist tailenders, led by Michael Blanks, put up a stubborn resistance on the final day, in the end the task of holding out for almost

five hours or chasing down the 182 runs left needed to win proved too much.

In the end, it was the effort of Old Boys' bowlers on the afternoon and into the evening of day two that

paved the way for their win. Having been sent into bat on Friday, NPOB had patiently compiled a total of 277-8d on the back of half centuries to Josh Borrell (58), Davis Mills (73) and good contributions from Oli Burbidge (44) and Ben Frewin (49no).

Spinner Blanks was outstanding in picking up seven wickets for Marist, but Old Boys batted with discipline and focus to continue accumulating runs into the first session of day two.

And any Old Boys fans who had feared that they had batted too long, particularly with rain looming quickly had their fears eased. Frewin bowled dangerman Dean Robinson in the first over of the innings as he and Jarrod Ritson ripped through the Marist top order, leaving the defending champions

languishing at one stage at 58-7.

Robbie Yule (25) was the only player in the Marist top order to reach double figures.

But one of the features of the Marist side this season has been their ability to bat deep, as their tailenders survived against the odds into the final day.

Blanks in particular was standout, surviving 255-balls for a gutsy unbeaten 58 and he was well supported by Daniel Bernet (16) on the evening of day two and Robson Chapman (18) on the final day. Chapman and Blanks shared a 51-run partnership that almost had Marist daring to believe, before Viranchi Uphadhyay stepped up and took the two final wickets before the tea break to dismiss Marist for 168 and seal the victory.

Photo: Mike Mills.

Taranaki Air Rifles

Well we have all heard of throwing a blanket over the field. Well that would apply very aptly at Rifles at 25 Yards on Targets on March 25. The applied handicap worked so well that only 7 points separated all the 8 shooters out of 400 was remarkable. John Chandler had a PB of 318 And Paul Kuriger also had a PB 352. John Costain 404

had his nose out in front of Paul Kuriger 403. Keith Zehnder was third on 400. The others in no particular order were: Scores before handicap Geoff Coubrough 386, Nigel Kay 359, Frank Eustace 389, Mark Evans 346. We welcomed two new shooters Daniel Chirac 166 and Umang Mandot 252 as soon as they have a few shoots they will be a force to

recon with.

President Geoff Coubrough chaired the AGM and gave a report on the health of the club, mentioning the good attendance. He thanked Nigel, Frank and Mark for what they do. He also thanked Paul Kuriger for the feed lot range and the extra option that it gave us. After his report he resigned the President's chair and

asked for nominations. There was some discussion before Geoff was re-elected unopposed. There was no change in committee or range fees.

Range safety was discussed and the question of a larger gun safe was raised. The matter of having more people sitting the R.O. Test was thought to be wise. A new shooting fixture list

was compiled and will be available to members soon.

Results for Pistol Mirrored Silhouettes April 1. 1. Geoff Coubrough and Mark Evans 39. 3. Brian Cook and Frank Eustace on 38. John Costain 37 Nigel Kay 30. Two new shooters shooting silhouettes for the first time fared very well. Daniel with 26 and Uma 18, both with borrowed guns. *Frank Eustace.*

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

March 18. Saturday Men. 1. Denis Hurcomb. 2. Mike King. 3. John Oliver. 4. Logan Symes. 5. Jim Greenough. 6. Greg Elliott. Juniors Putting. 1. Archie Schumacher. 2. Lennox Finnigan. 3. Heidi Schumacher. Ambrose. 1. Hakana Matata. 2. Tui & Red. 3. On Call.

Barbwire Boxing team surging ahead

James Langton is proud of how his boxers are progressing and is expecting continued success in the future. At present he has about 18 boxers in his Barbwire Boxing team, male and female, who range in age from 17 to 35. "I'm very proud of them. They need to believe in themselves and visualise themselves as winners."

The Coastal Rumble, to be held at Sinclair's Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre in Opunake, is the next focus for Barbwire Boxing, with the event being held on Saturday July 8. James expects his fighters will participate in about a dozen fights.

He expects the time spent at the gym (Boxfit Training) on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday nights (from 6pm) will pay boxing



Back row: Otto Katene, Marcia Hales, Emma Bishop, Gabriel Winter, O.G. Robinson, Hamish Rowe, Toni Tuitupou, James Langton, Bobby Katene, Leilani Raquel, Waisea Batisaresare, Ange Hapeta.

Front row: Adediz Tipene Hawkins, Jess McLachlan, Bowen James, Terry Simpson, Caleb Parete, Minnie James, Celeste Langton, Liam Kupe, Crystelle Deegan.

Photo: Cleryse McLachlan

dividends for his boxers.

Special mention must be made of the people who are invaluable in helping prepare the boxers with James. "Special thanks a must go

to Ange Hapeta who helps run events and organise such things as accommodation and transport." He adds, "She makes sure everything runs smoothly."

Terry Simpson, the assistant coach is another who deserves special mention for all the expertise he brings to the gym.

James has made mention

of some boxers who he is especially pleased with. One is Tony Fangatua Tuitupou (21) who weighs in at about 115kg, making him a heavyweight. "He's very good, I like his style. He's very relaxed with a lot of power." He's fighting in a Sam Rapira event on May 6 in New Plymouth. It'll be his fourth fight. He is unbeaten. His first professional fight will be in the Coastal Rumble on July 8 (His earlier fights have been corporate ones).

Bobby Katene, who weighs 90kg (Cruiserweight) is another who impresses with wins in his five amateur fights so far. He'll be heading to the Golden Gloves tournament in September in Taupo and the Nationals in November (in Tauranga).

Another boxer who "is coming along well" is Gabriel Winter (19)

who weighs 85kg (Light Heavyweight).

Of the female boxers Chrystelle Deegan is going from strength to strength. She will have her second fight at the Coastal Rumble on July 8. "She is one of the most natural boxers I've ever coached."

James summarises his boxing outlook as follows: "What makes me really proud is getting my fighters into the ring. People don't realise what it takes to get someone in the ring, as regards the mental strength and the fear or negativity they have to overcome. The thing about fighting is that you can get negative thinking, coupled with nervousness. To control that you have to replace this with positivity and the visualisation of winning."

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Outstanding exhibition at Lysaght Watt Gallery

Merv Turner's exhibition is aptly titled *Turner 'Round Taranaki.'*

It features many scenes familiar to our Opunake & Coastal News readers. A few British paintings are also included.

The exhibition was officially opened on Sunday April 2 by exhibition curator Libby Hogg. After being introduced Merv explained his unique outlook on art, his favourite subject matter and some exciting painting experiences.

Merv has a Diploma in Fine Arts (Painting and Drawing) from Elam College, Auckland.

His talent is reflected in the many regional and national awards he has won and his work has been selected for a number of travelling exhibitions. Over the years he has tutored in many workshops, both oil and watercolour. Another is planned for the near future.

It was not until 1986, that Merv achieved his lifelong ambition to become a full time painter. Prior to that he was a primary school teacher in the Taupo area. The day



Merv Turner with *Hawera Market Day.*

came when he decided not to return to school and he launched himself into a new career. He, and his wife Heather (a writer), are currently based in Opunake.

The exhibition is diverse in subject matter. The biggest picture entitled "*Mary*"

"*Master*" is eye-catching. In this Easter painting the risen Jesus reveals himself to distraught searcher Mary, as He faithfully does to those who sincerely seek.

Many of Merv's works illustrate his interest in old dilapidated buildings. One of my favourites is an oil painting entitled *Making Friends.* In this poignant scene a child feeds a horse that has taken refuge in a tumbledown stable. 'I love the relationship children have with animals and though she was shy the horse's calmness gave her confidence.'

Merv appeals to history as such is shown in *Opunake Flax Mill Weir.* He has expertly captured. 'All that remains of earliest enterprise in Opunake - shipping flax for rope making.'

Also of historical interest is *Te Namu Pa Site in oil.* '...where local Maori withstood an onslaught by Waikato tribes, but later was sacked by crew from HMS Alligator. Today it is an urupa.'

I was intrigued by Merv's painting of British scenes especially *Port Isaac Cornwall.* Completed in ink and wash, we see the setting of the well-known television series *Doc Martin.* Another superb painting is *On Exmoor, Devon Ponies.* 'The ponies posed patiently,' Merv quips.

My final mention of exhibits goes to the colourful oil painting *Hawera Market Day.* I sense a change of

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Merv Turner's "*Mary*" "*Master*".



Merv Turner's *Making Friends Oil.*

HAPPENING HOLIDAYS

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Outstanding exhibition at Lysaght Watt Gallery

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direction in Merv's artistic focus. 'This has been one of the most exciting paintings

I have completed. I will be painting more of this style in future.'

Also on offer are prints of Merv's work, and the book

A Back Country Dictionary: Remembering the Forgotten Highway. Carry bags are also available with Merv's illustrations digitally



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DATE	SERVICE	TIME	LOCATION	LEADERS
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SUNDAY 9 April	EASTER SUNDAY Communion Service	9.00am	St. Paul's, Ōkato	Rev. Peter Barleyman
	EASTER SUNDAY Communion Service	10.30am	St. James, Ōākura	Rev. Peter Barleyman
SUNDAY 16 April	Easter 2 Worship Service	10am	St. Paul's, Ōkato	Stephanie McKellar
WEDNESDAY 19 April	*Pew for You	4.30pm – 6.00pm	St. Paul's, Ōkato	Lesley Dowding
SUNDAY 23 April	Easter 3 Worship Service	10am	St. James, Ōākura	Margaret Bryce
SUNDAY 30 April	Easter 4 Intergenerational/ Family Service	10am	St. James, Ōākura	Tash Lewis Jo Brown Kate Garner

Refreshments and a cuppa are provided after each service, a time to come together and chat, all contributions welcome.

Sunday School: Our young people are now meeting for breakfast at 8.30am each fortnight at St. James, Ōākura, which leads seamlessly into their learning during the service. Please feel free to join them!

*The Mid-Week service *Pew for You* at St. Paul's, Ōkato, is now held on the third Wednesday of the month, instead of the third Thursday of the month.



Merv Turner's *Port Isaac*.

The exhibition *Turner 'Round Taranaki'* runs from April 2 until April 29 at the Lysaght Gallery at 4-6 Union Street, Hawera. Opening hours of the gallery are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 1pm.

laminated.

It's a 'win-win' buying this book as accompanying Heather's carefully researched history is a visual treasury.

Make sure you find time to experience this first class exhibition Turner 'Round Taranaki,' which continues until Saturday April 29.

The Lysaght Gallery is open Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and on Saturday 10am to 1pm. The Gallery is located at 4-6 Union Street, Hawera.

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Over 120 exhibitors will gather at TSB Stadium in New Plymouth next week to showcase the latest innovations and trends in home improvement, along with exclusive show specials. The exciting new event will provide inspiration, variety and expert advice. Visitors will be able to enjoy a bite to eat and a coffee in the outdoor food court making it an enjoyable day out for all.

There is a fantastic line up of exhibitors showcasing a wide variety of products and services including landscaping, kitchens, outdoor living, builders, renovators, spas, sheds, flooring, furnishings and much more. The show is the ideal platform for those with a project on the go to gather information and ideas. The variety of exhibitors in one place is a great opportunity to compare what is available on the market and to seek advice from the experts in each field.

There is also plenty for those who don't have a project at home in mind, with a wonderful range of artisan foods, electric bikes, art, cookware and more.

There will be a chance for the



Take a break from the shopping and enjoy a bite to eat with a delicious range of food and drinks. Captain Kai Moana are a mobile food truck boat...on land. Serving up a delicious range of New Zealand seafood you'll be back for seconds for sure

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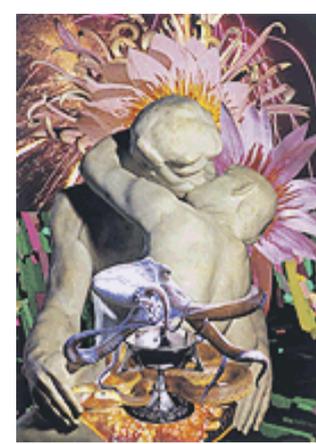
whole family to get creative with a fun hands-on activity with Resene 'Paint-a-Pot' and 'Paint-a-House' from 11am to 2pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Door sales are available or avoid the queue and purchase your tickets online today at ticketek.co.nz. For more information and to view the full list of exhibitors visit

www.homeandgardenshow.co.nz.

Taranaki Home & Garden Show. 14 – 16 April. Friday, Saturday 10-5 and Sunday

10-4. TSB Stadium, 1 Rogan Street, New Plymouth
Entry \$5, Gold Card (Friday only) \$2.50, Under 16 free



Dancing Together as One. Teresa Goodin.

An exhibition of handcrafted collages, also with good quality prints from alchemist& artist Teresa Goodin, New Zealand is on the Virtual Tart website

Have a look, and do send a message to the artist. We all need feedback, even alchemists, and especially artists.

It's been a time of wild weather in New Zealand ... artists tend to hunker down and make their art. Do have a look in the Tart showcase section. See if there's new work since you last visited.

Again, thank you for being there.

Cheers Dale Copeland



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Exhibition reveals unseen view of Taranaki's botanical history



Above: Artist Fanny Bertha Good.
Image credit: Good Family Collection.

Right: Fanny Bertha Good, *Clianthus puniceus* (Kākābeak, nationally threatened).
Image Credit: Collection of Puke Ariki.

collection curator Channele Carrick says State of Nature celebrates an artist who has been largely overlooked in histories of botanical art in Aotearoa.

"While she wasn't formally trained and had a much more expressive style than other botanical artists from her time, Fanny Good's paintings are a valuable record of the diversity seen in our native bush and her work deserves recognition.

"Many of the species she painted are now classed as rare or threatened less than a hundred years later, so her work reminds us how fragile our environment really is."

In addition to Fanny's

original works, visitors can step inside an immersive experience of the sights and sounds of the same native bush the artist would have walked through.

The free exhibition also features historic audio and video footage showing people how the bush was cleared, and visitors can find out more about what action they can take to support our native forests today.

Other works include photographs of floral arrangements by a descendant of the artist, local resident Sarah Good, in response to Fanny's work, as well as other Taranaki artists exploring conservation and



Taranaki's botanic history through the eyes of the late Fanny Bertha

Good takes centre stage in new temporary exhibition opening at NPDC's Puke Ariki on 7 April.

State of Nature: Picturing the Silent Forest features 50 of the Taranaki artist's paintings of a range of flora and fungi species she observed or collected while exploring the ngāhere (forest) and bush near her homes in the coastal community of Ōeo and Hāwera.

Puke Ariki's pictorial

the botanical world in a range of media.

Puke Ariki holds more than 260 of Fanny's oil paintings, many of which have never been showcased before.

Fanny Good (1860-1950) was born in Taranaki and lost her hearing as a teenager after contracting measles.

While Taranaki's native forests were being cleared to make way for farmland, she spent her time exploring the bush near her home in Ōeo and later Hāwera, collecting native plant specimens for her work.

Working with oil paint rather than the more traditional media of watercolour, her depictions of native flora and fungi are more expressive than those of other botanical artists of her time.

State of Nature" Picturing the Silent Forest shows from April 7-November 5 at the Temporary gallery, ground floor and Wall Gallery, Puke Ariki Museum. Free entry.

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Hollywood beckons for Auroa School



Students running for their lives. A scene from *Ella vs The Space Invaders*.

An epic which was three years in the making proved a hit when it had its premiere at a drive-in event at Auroa. Now *Ella vs The Space Invaders* will be showing at Everybodys Theatre on April 12 as a fund raiser for Freesurf Youth Opunake.

The action takes place at Auroa School, and was made by Auroa film maker Jason

Bloor with a cast made up of the school's students, staff and members of the Auroa community.

Ronald Hugh Morrieson may have felt the need to change the name of Hawera to Harperton, but there are no such scruples with this movie as Auroa keeps its name.

Alien invaders have arrived

and challenge the students to a battle. The central figure is Ella Danz who, with best friend Lauren Kalin mobilises her friends.

"Her task is to try to pull the school together to create an army," says Jason. "She has to deal with the personalities going on and the dynamics of the students to face the aggressors."

Playing the villains are Ella's parents, Chloe Danz and Andreas Danz, with Chloe as the Alien Queen being a familiar face to Opunake theatregoers. For the purposes of the movie deputy principal Myles Webb makes the step up to being school principal, although the school's principal Jarrod Chittenden does make an appearance as

a child psychologist.

Filming began three years ago and the cast members who were then at Auroa School have moved on to high school. Jason said he got around the obvious problems associated with this by "filming it like a jigsaw" with all these characters' scenes played first.

"The film is a high concept idea that could only be brought to life with the aid of visual effects and movie magic," says Jason. "The last 14 minutes took two whole months of VFX work to bring the battle of the students vs the Alien (Cyborg army) to life. I'm super proud that while it's always going to be low budget it still communicates what is happening visually and to see your concept come to life on screen is a dream come true."

Jason is no stranger to movie making.

"I've been making movies since the 80's when my Dad bought us a video camera and with my friends we set about making our own short films inspired by our favourite movies of the time "Back to the Future" "Indiana Jones" "The A Team" and "Mad Max," says Jason. As a 12 year-old looking at my movie posters in my room I dreamed of one day making my own movies."

Jason is pleased with the response the movie received at its premiere at the Auroa drive-in and is looking forward to showing it further afield.

The film will be shown at "Everybody's Theatre"

on April 12 at 7pm as a reinigorating a healthy fundraiser for "Freesurf surf culture locally with our Youth Opunake" which is town's youth.

CHURCH NOTICES

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

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

Opunake Catholic Church
St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
Easter Mass Times
6 April - Holy Thursday 7pm at Opunake.
7 April - Good Friday 3. at Opunake.
9 April - Easter Sunday 8.30am at Pungarehu
Easter Service 10am at Opunake.

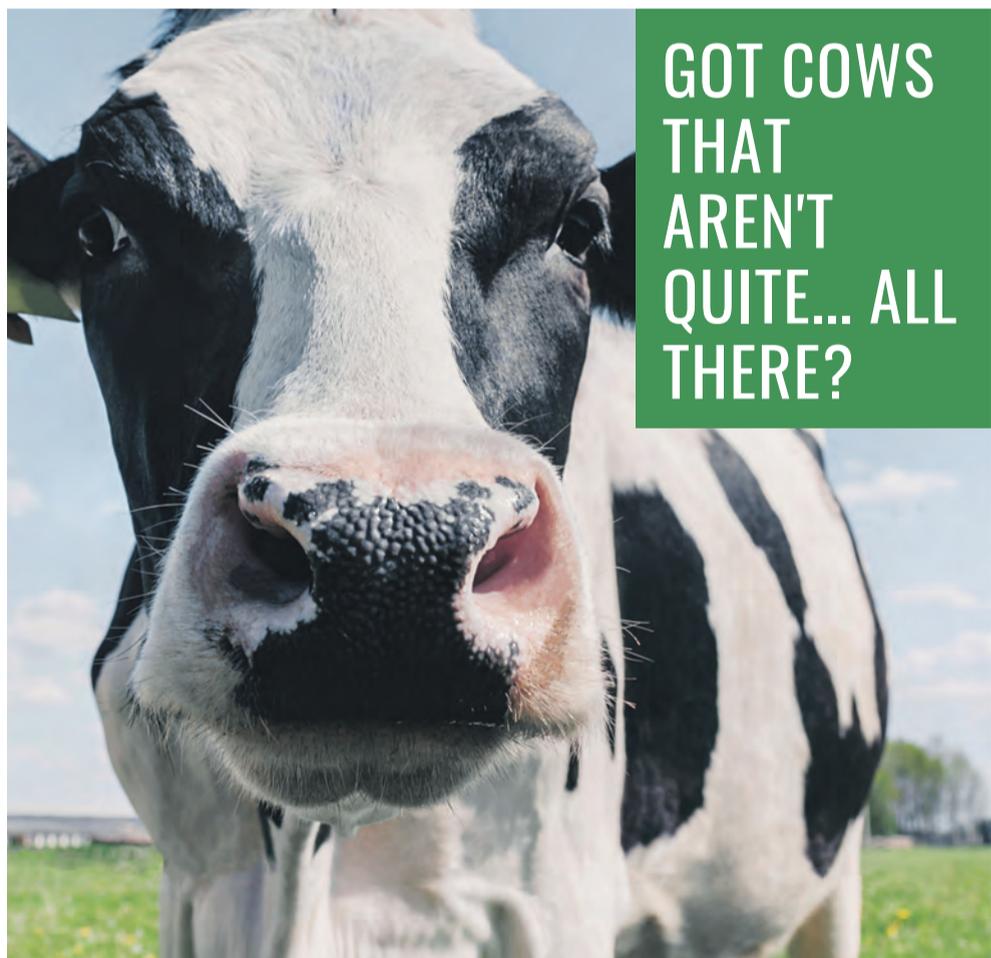
Other areas
Maniaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
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St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

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Animated, Family | 1hr 32mins | PG
Friday 7th April 1pm
Monday 10th April 1pm
Sunday 16th April 1pm

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
Action | 2hrs 14mins | M: Violence
Friday 7th April 7pm
Monday 10th April 7pm
Sunday 16th April 7pm

MAVKA
Adventure, Fantasy 1hr30mins | PG
Saturday 8th April 1pm
Thursday 13th April 1pm

AIR
Sport, Drama | 1hr 52mins | M:
Language
Saturday 8th April 7pm
Thursday 13th April 7pm

LIVING
Drama | 1hr 42mins | PG
Sunday 9th April 1pm

RED WHITE & BRASS
Comedy, Family | 1hr 25mins | PG
Friday 14th April 7pm

ARGONUTS EPIC TALES
Animated, Family | 1hr 35mins | G
Saturday 15th April 1pm

ALLELUJAH
Drama | 1hr 39mins | M:
Saturday 15th April 7pm



What's On Listings

ONGOING

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

MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

APRIL 7 TO NOVEMBER 6

State of Nature exhibition: PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth

APRIL 12 & 22.

New Plymouth Little Theatre presents The Sunshine Boys: See ad and for more details.

APRIL 12

Ella vs the Space Invaders: A movie by Auroa School. At Everybodys Theatre, Opunake, 7pm.

APRIL 14-16

Home and Garden Show: TSB Stadium, New Plymouth. Fri, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm.

APRIL 20

Tumahu Hall AGM: At the Hall, 2417 Wiremu Rd, 7pm.

APRIL 22

Love Shack - the Ultimate 80's Party Band show: Butlers Reef, Oakura.

APRIL 29

Taranaki Iwi Rahui Update: Sinclairs Events Centre, Opunake, 10am.

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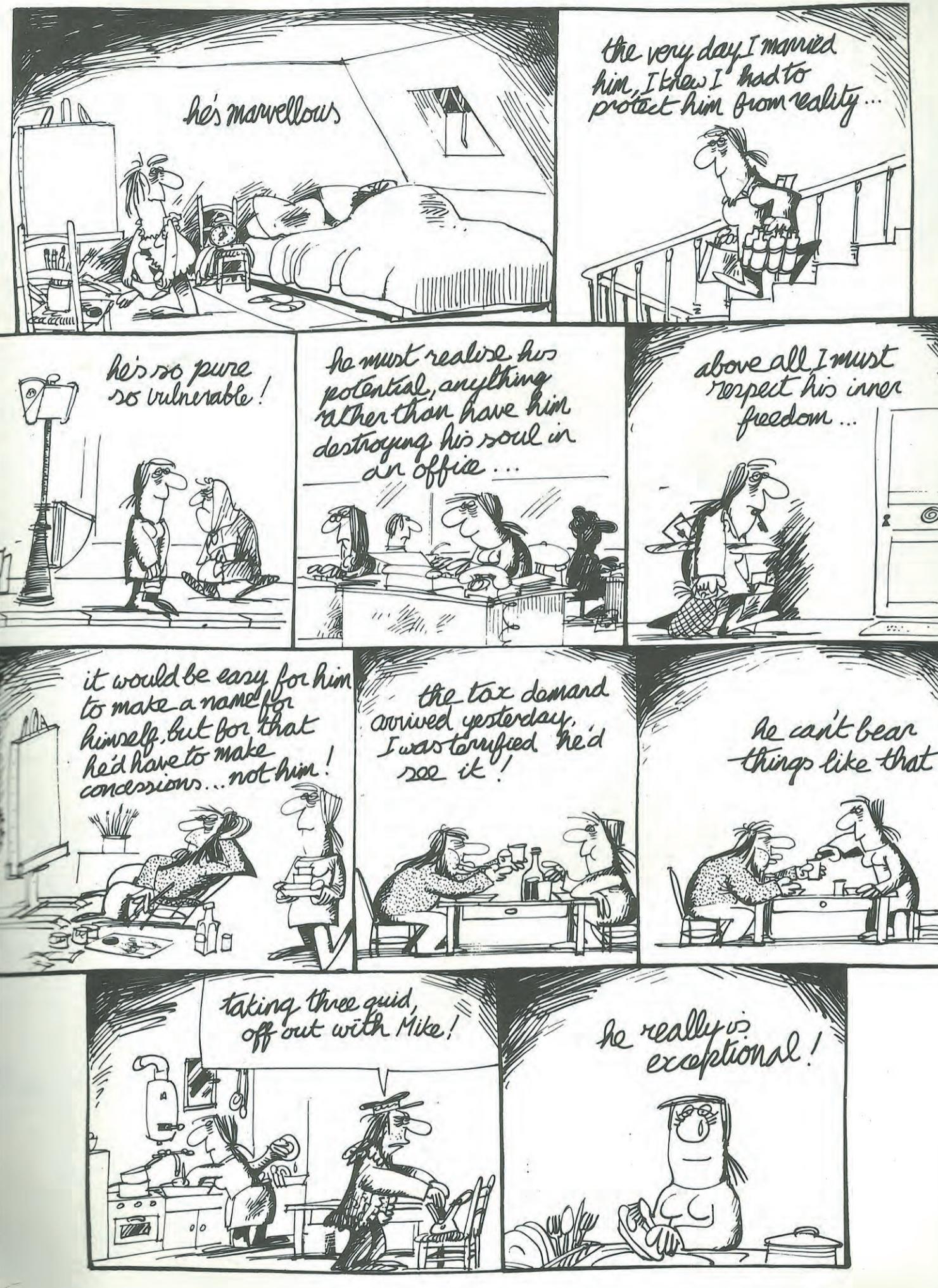
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JUNE 30

Tumahu Hall Paper, Scissors, Rock tournament: At the hall, 2417 Wiremu Rd, 5pm.

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Next Meeting is on Monday May 1, 2023 at 5.30pm
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