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From left Rihimona Ratahi, Kara Makiri who will be staffing Heartlands Services and Alana Ruakere, Pou Tu Kurae (Chief Executive) Tui Ora.

Heartlands helping bring the heart back to Opunake

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A new service for whānau in the Opunake community and surrounding rural areas community was officially opened on Monday August 7.

Called Heartlands Services, the service is an initiative between Tui Ora and the Ministry of Social development (MSD).

Heartland Services has been developed so that everyone including those who live in isolated rural communities have the same access to services as those in the towns and cities. This means improving kanohi-ki-te-kanohi (face-

to-face) access to services and support to areas where services like these may not always be accessible.

The Heartlands hub at 21 Napier Street in Opunake is available to all and can assist anyone who may need help accessing or navigating government departments like Work and Income or IRD, or needing help with housing, budgeting, employment, education or access to healthcare.

For Tui Ora, the largest kaupapa Māori health provider in Taranaki, the opportunity to have a hub in Opunake is an important step in the organization's evolution and for new Pou

Tū Kūrae (Chief Executive), Alana Ruakere who was born and raised in Opunake a matter very close to her heart:

"I grew up in Opunake, the daughter of Anne, a nurse, and Tony who was a GP here for 13 years where he worked alongside doctors' Pat Ngata, Sarath Gunatanga and Paula McKellar at the old doctor's surgery on Tasman Street.

"I remember it as a place that was always bustling with busy nurses, doctors and reception staff and with whānau – very much the heart of the community. I also have fond memories of the jellybean jar! So, for me

personally I feel incredibly proud to be returning to Opunake with Tui Ora and opening our doors to the community which helped raise me, and to which I owe so much."

Tui Ora will provide a number of health and wellbeing services via the hub including our community nursing team, Youth and Taiohi Services, Stop Smoking, Breastfeeding Support and Oranga Hinengaro services as well as providing access to computers, printers and bookable meeting rooms for larger meeting, whānau hui or wananga. Our kaimahi will be on hand to assist

with government forms and applications, writing CVs and general advice.

Jo van Leeuwen, Kaihautū (General Manager) Whānau Ora has been working closely with MSD to bring Heartlands to Opunake and is delighted to see it come to fruition in a relatively short space of time:

"Heartlands is a really important kaupapa for Tui Ora and for the people of Opunake. It will enable us to extend our reach in coastal and South Taranaki, providing additional support to our iwi health partners in the South, Ngāti Ruanui and

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TSB branches close

The TSB branches in Opunake and Eltham are to close.

The news that the Eltham branch was to close had been mentioned earlier on Monday August 7 by the South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon at the opening of Heartland Services. News that the Opunake branch was also to close came later in the day.

Commented the President of the Opunake Business Association Raewyn Cornford, the closure of the Opunake branch of

the TSB is "really sad for our community". She also questioned why the community had no say in the closure of the town's only bank.

"We will miss all the friendly staff with their wonderful assistance and wish them well for their futures," she added.

She also remarked that those who have no internet and have not had the experience of growing up with no cognitive training

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Opunake's TSB which is to close.

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Less ice than usual

While tens of thousands of people are fleeing in front of unprecedented fires in the northern hemisphere, and severe tropical storms are wrecking the lives of yet more in China, Vietnam and Pakistan, in our own backyard an unseen record is being set. The extent of Winter Antarctic sea-ice is way below its normal range. Why should I care? Well, that sea-ice is the glue that helps keep the Antarctic ice sheets in place. Once sufficiently weakened that ice starts heading seaward to melt and adds tens of metres to sea-level...

Can the foggy illusion and widely spread deceit that "all is well" continue? Can we pretend that the climate crisis is someone else's problem? Will we wake-up before the frog is cooked, or are we just a giant bottle of home brew beer set to reach maturity? It's not a pretty picture, but doing nothing about it will be disastrous. Some people will cry "Politics!"

- Nah, it doesn't matter what political colour we are - "Ye canne change the laws of physics Captain!", but we could make many changes at scales great and small that would help slow the damage. This is about survival - I don't know if we can turn the tide, but should we just sit silently without trying to steer the ship to safety, or worse "pedal to the metal" as we race wildly to oblivion, condemned by our own nature to the scrapyard of failed species recorded in the fossil record? Right, head back in the sand.. tum-ti-tum...

Jeremy Wilkinson
New Plymouth

Bias isn't part of our health care

Our healthcare people continue to advise us irrespective of gender and culture, to look after our health. Hopefully, most of us listen. But still we have those who don't look after themselves. Then, if they

don't get any better will go to a GP, just to be told the sad news that there's nothing they can do to help them. Some feel this reflects some sort of bias on the part of the health system but they must remember that our GPs are trained to help all sectors of society and all are treated equally.

It's extremely important to take responsibility for our own health and our children's health. Let's not live in regret. Look after your own health and encourage that in others and especially our loved ones.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Pollution our biggest problem

Pollution is our biggest problem. According to Urs Signer carbon dioxide levels are rising for which he blames oil and gas drilling and says such offshore explorations are contributing to climate change. He is petitioning our government to not give

out any more new permits. My first question to Mr Signer is, how does he know our carbon dioxide is rising? Secondly can he actually prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that oil and gas drilling hurricanes, tornadoes, cyclones, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions are caused by climate change?

He has completely forgotten that such things have been taking place well before mankind ever stepped foot on this Earth of ours. If Taranaki Justice, Greenpeace and the Greens want to do something really positive, why don't they all help our country and the rest of the world by tackling the growing problem of pollution both on land and in the sea - this I believe is the world's biggest problem, not climate change.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is on August 24

ADELPHOS

We all experience disappointments. I was so disappointed when France defeated the heavily favoured All Blacks in the semi-finals of the 1999 Rugby World Cup. Are you old enough to remember? Many Kiwis were in shock and disbelief for about a week. But we all got over it eventually. It wasn't the end of the world; no one died, as cliches go.

There are far bigger disappointments we've all experienced or soon will. It's just a normal part of life. Some are: a broken love or friendship relationship, not getting a job, inability to own a house, struggling

with pregnancy, losing a baby, struggling to pay bills... The list goes on. But the bottom line is that disappointments happen when our expectations aren't met. Unfulfilled expectations can be a killer, as they say. As a result, sadness often comes lurking around the corner. And so disappointments, unmet expectations and sadness are normal emotional parts of our innermost soul or personality.

Many psychologists see death as the ultimate sadness. And grief at the loss of a loved one, as arguably, the deepest form of sadness. Our world can seem blurred,

deaden and locked in time. Jesus' disciples experienced shattered expectations, unspeakable sadness and profound grief. They mistakenly expected Jesus to save the Jewish people from Roman oppression and persecution. They didn't understand His far bigger expectation—to offer all peoples forgiveness from the ultimate consequences of sin and death. Only when the risen Jesus broke bread and ate with His disciples did their grief turn into joy.

However, Jesus' expectation to save the world comes with a string attached. It's this: "Very truly I tell you, no one

can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN" (Jesus' own words in John 3:5-7, NIV).

Reflection: God created humans male and female in His own image (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4). We therefore have similar emotions. So does this mean that God will experience disappointment, sadness and grief when people ignore/reject Jesus' offer to be born again and saved from sin? What do ya' reckon?
Peace,

Adelphos

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Opunake's second 4 Square ... gone



All that remains of the 4 Square 45 in Tasman Street, Opunake. The building is being demolished in preparation for the new store opening in 2024. By Wednesday morning, even this last part has gone.

Consumer NZ lodges complaint about Supermarket problematic pricing

Consumer NZ has lodged a complaint with the Commerce Commission about potential breaches of the Fair Trading Act at supermarkets

Consumer NZ has lodged a complaint with the Commerce Commission, asking it to investigate Woolworths and Foodstuffs stores for potential breaches of the Fair Trading Act.

As part of its campaign to "end dodgy specials" at the supermarket, Consumer asked New Zealanders to send in examples of unclear

or misleading pricing and promotional practices.

Throughout June 2023, Consumer received 80 examples of problematic pricing across both Foodstuffs and Woolworths stores.

The watchdog has now shared the evidence it gathered during June with the Commerce Commission, asking it to investigate its concerns that the supermarkets' pricing and promotional practices have breached the Fair Trading Act.

"The evidence sent to us in June includes 50 examples of misleading pricing, including 18 instances of people being charged more than the advertised price, 11 misleading multi-buys, and 21 specials that were not special. There were also 30 instances of other potentially misleading pricing and promotional practices," says Gemma Rasmussen, head of research and advocacy at Consumer NZ.

Problematic pricing persists
Consumer first put out a

call in September 2022 to determine the scale of pricing issues in supermarkets across Aotearoa.

"From September to the end of June, we received a total of 602 complaints from disgruntled shoppers," says Rasmussen.

"We found that dodgy multi-buys were most common at Foodstuffs stores, and specials that were more expensive than the original price were most common at Woolworths stores."

TSB branches close

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with internet banking to pay accounts etc online will need to be helped by those in the community.

People will now be dependent on using the Banking hub housed in Library Plus and Said the Business Association will suggest that free seminars are organised to explain how it can meet the community's needs.

In the press release sent

out it was stated by Penny Burgess, TSB General Manager Customer Delivery:

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network.

As a result, we have decided to close our Opunake branch."

The Opunake branch will close on Friday 29 September 2023.

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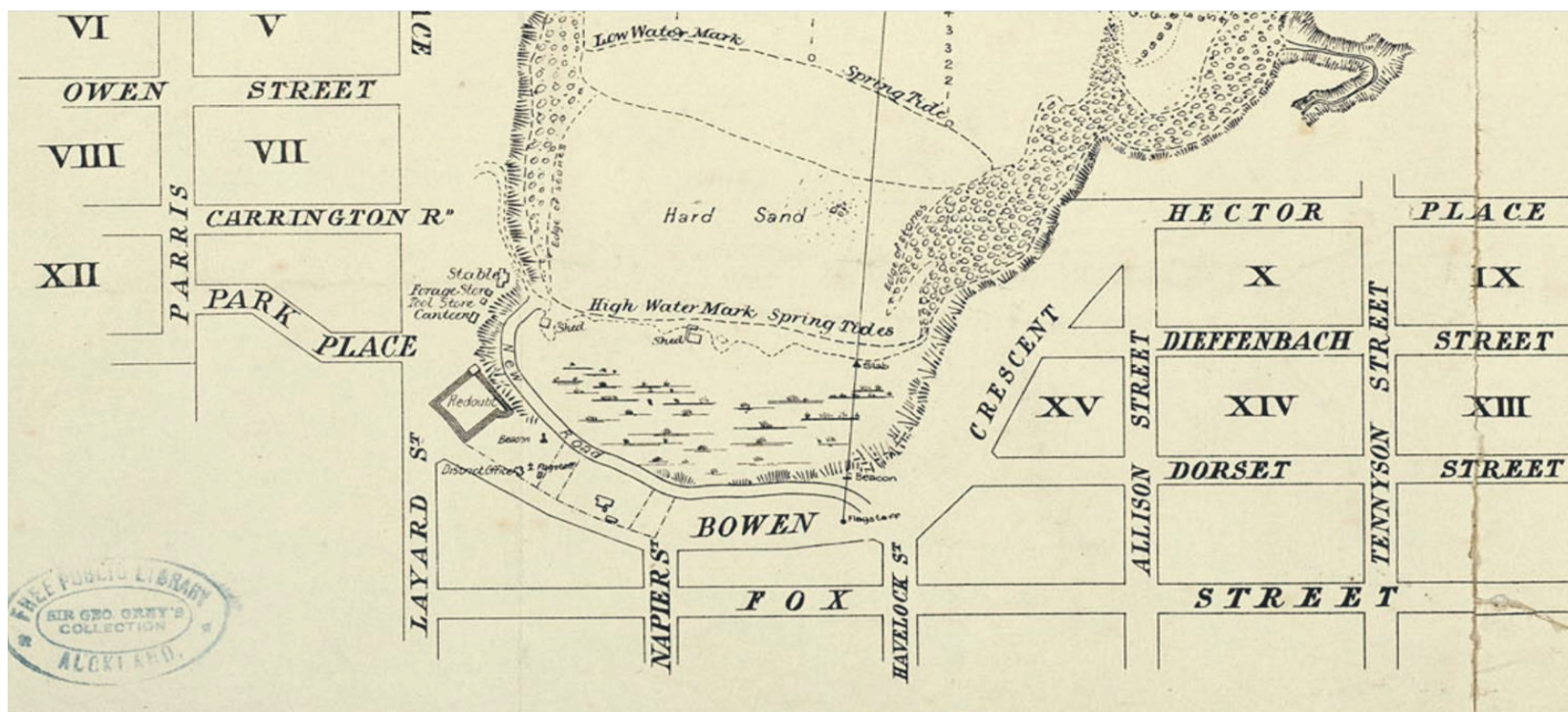
A Blast from the Past

Author Nelson Every who recently published a book entitled Uncle Harry about his uncle from Rawhitiroa who was twice torpedoed during the Second World War has sent in some fascinating photos relating to Opunake Beach with whom he has a historical connection.

His great grandfather Dougald Carmichael was one of the soldiers that the New Zealand government brought over from Australia, one of several thousand to fight in the New Zealand wars.

He was by training an engineer.

“The military wanted to build a railway from Opunake Beach up to the top of the cliff to the redoubt which was located where



A photo of an early map of the area surrounding Opunake Beach. Interestingly on the southern side of the beach there's extra streets surveyed off.



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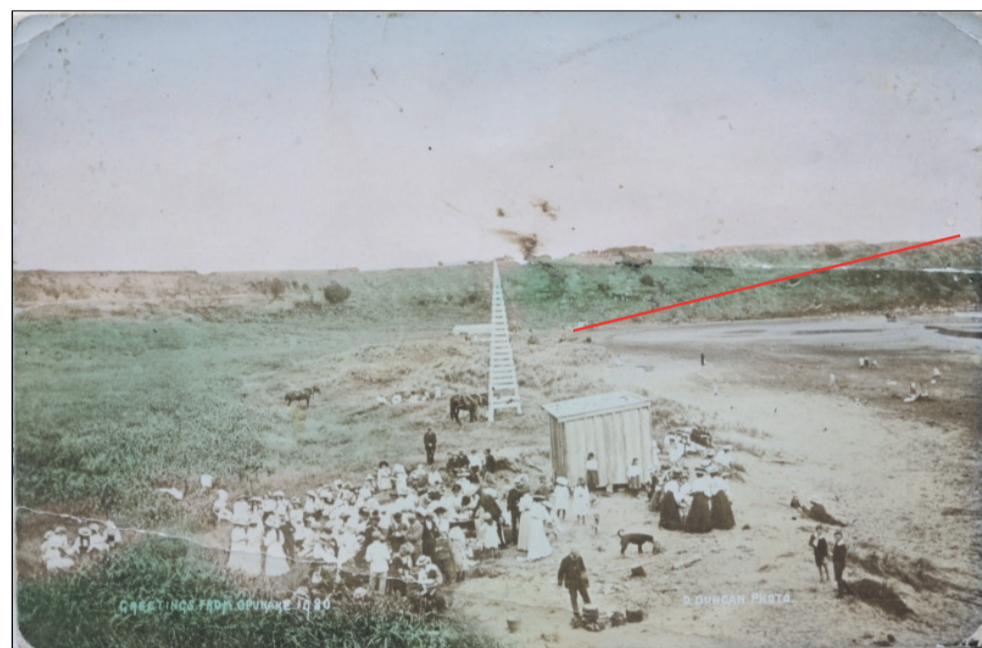
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Old photos of Opunake Beach, the added red line indicating where the possible location of the Armed Constabulary built road. Interesting in the lower photo Opunake's Cottage Hospital (now Resthome) is visible at the top of the cliff which dates the photo as having been taken after 1922 when it was built. The upper photo is earlier than this.

Opunake Lake is," says Nelson. "Douglas persuaded them instead to build a road for bullocks and he did," says Nelson. He and his brother five years ago tried to find evidence of the road. "In places you could ninety nine percent find evidence of the road," said Nelson adding it started at the old power house on the seaward side." It was not really steep, he said.



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Letter dated 07 Oct 1865 Colonel Warre, New Plymouth to the Assistant Military Secretary, Head Quarters, Auckland

Sir, I have the honor to forward and recommend to the favourable consideration of the Major General commanding the accompanying application from Captain Horan, 43rd Light Infantry commanding at Opunaki for an allowance for working pay for a party employed in constructing a roadway from the beach to the top of the cliffs to facilitate the transport of stores etc up to the Redoubt. I take the liberty of submitting this application to the favourable consideration of the Major General, because I know the difficulty formerly experienced in dragging all necessaries for the Camp, up a nearly perpendicular cliff, upwards of 100 feet in height, and I feel certain that Captain Horan's estimate of the expense which would have been incurred under regular contract is correct.

I know the intelligence of Private Dougle Carmichael and I would recommend that the men be remunerated at the rate of 1s 3d a day the usual Colonial working pay – and that Dougle Carmichael should get 2s 6d a day as Overseer of the work during



Dougald Carmichael., Nelson Every's great grandfather.

the time actually employed viz 60 days. As this is a permanent advantage to the Post at Opunaki and will benefit future as well as present occupants I venture to submit that the Colonial Government should be requested to make good the expense, but under any circumstances I trust the Major General will take the application into his favourable consideration. I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient servant, Colonel H. S. Warre, Commanding at Taranaki.

Letter dated 17 Oct 1865 Lieutenant Ferguson, R.E. Office, New Plymouth to the Deputy Adjutant Quarter Master General, New Plymouth

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 22nd of May 1865, on the subject of a tramway proposed for Opunaki, I have the honor to state that I have this day

received authority for the expenditure of the sum of £32 in constructing such.

However I found on my recent visit to that outpost that the 43rd Regiment Light Infantry under the direction of a Military Settler named D. Carmichael No. H. Company and by the order of Captain Horan, 43rd Light Infantry had constructed a road up the side of the cliff which will answer all purposes far better than the tramway, and will require far less to keep in repair. The road is constructed on a grade of one in eight, is about twelve feet wide and practicable for wheeled

carriages in all weather. It would be offering but a bare remuneration for the service in the sum of fifty pounds (£50). I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, C. Ferguson, Lieutenant R.E.

Letter dated 18 Oct 1865 Colonel Warre, New Plymouth to the Assistant Military Secretary, Wellington

Sir, With reference to my letter of the 7th October (No.713) I have the honor to forward the enclosed letter from Lieutenant Ferguson, R.E., who has just returned, from a visit of inspection, from Opunaki, in support

of my application for the N. C. Officer and men employed in constructing the road from the beach to the Redoubt at that Post. I beg to state that as the sum named by Lieutenant Ferguson viz £32 is not required for the construction of a tramway, which is not now necessary, I trust that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the trifling additional amount to pay the men who have constructed so good a road, so much better adapted for all purposes of transport and traffic. I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedient servant, Colonel H. S. Warre, Commanding at Taranaki.

Little ones aren't so good at reading a dog's expression



team says that people's ability to recognise dog emotions, especially aggression, may improve with age, and this could arise from both more experience with dogs and brain development.

What is this dog expressing?

People's ability to recognise dog emotions, especially aggression, may improve with age, according to international researchers who say four-year-olds are particularly bad at reading a dog's face. The team asked adults, four-year-olds and six-year-olds to view images of dog and human faces on a screen, and rate each expression according to its emotion. While children

were more likely to rate an aggressive dog face as more positive and relaxed, the team found that adults and six-year-olds were able to recognise aggressive dog faces correctly more often than four-year-olds. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the team found that having previous experience with dogs—such as having had a pet dog in their family—helped with correct identification. The

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Hi everyone, again we are seeing rural burglaries and dishonesty offending increasing in our area. We really your help to prevent further crime, it's most effective if we can have partnerships between rural people, police, local authorities and local organisations.

It's important for police to know the trends of crime in our area. You can help us by reporting all instances of suspicious behaviour or offending. It helps police to know who is in the community or if there is a pattern of crime developing in an area that needs further investigation. It also helps us to decide if the rest of the community should



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be alerted too. To help with all of the above I will continue to ask you all to report all instances of crime or suspicious behaviour - even when a police response is not necessary. Taking note of suspicious vehicles including make, model and registration and letting Police know may help in subsequent investigations

or paint a picture of repeat behaviour or offending. We have recently had the community help with identifying dishonesty and driving offences that have led to a prison sentence for one male and getting vehicles off the road with impoundments and driving charges for another. We want to acknowledge and thank those who rung and helped with these investigations and holding the offenders accountable for their actions. Please continue to report vehicles who are who are committing driving offences putting our communities at risk and those involved in dishonesty offending. We are excited for the launch of Tui Ora and Heartland Services in Opunake which

happened on Monday the 7th of August. We look forward to working with the team down there, they will be an amazing addition to our community. If you are in need of some support, pay them a visit at 21 Napier Street and I'm sure the team will be able to assist. If you have information about crime or extreme criminal behaviour, pass it on to Crime Stoppers anonymously and help create a safer New Zealand. Anonymous means no one will ever know you contacted Crime Stoppers to pass on information about crime
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Road conditions caused accident



The driver of this car lost control of the vehicle on Wednesday morning on Wiremu Road near the junction of Kaweora Road. The Opunake Fire Service attended along with local police.

The accident in which no one was injured was caused by the road conditions at the time said someone from the Opunake Fire Service. It had been hailing at the time and the ground was still thick with hail stones when the photo was taken by the Opunake & Coastal News.

Not a real accident



An "accident" near the Oaonui Bridge on Monday evening July 31 using two wrecked vehicles was staged as part of a training exercise for new recruits. The mock accident with an upturned car and another very damaged vehicle looked like a real accident to someone who put it on Facebook claiming it was a car accident. The Opunake & Coastal News who also came upon it enroute to New Plymouth also took some photos



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A relatively rare falcon has been seen near Opunake's Lake

Rex Langton whose property is close to the lake says he noticed it two weeks ago and watched it as it landed on his lawn.

"I saw it eating a goldfinch on his lawn," commented adding that it was "too late for that" regarding any prospect of rescue for the hapless goldfinch. "It had it in its talons (claws) and was pulling it apart and eating it."

A week later the bird of prey "swooped down and took out a blackbird," said Rex. "It struck it and pinned it to the ground for 4-5 minutes and the falcon walked off and looked at it, it wasn't moving. It then picked it up in its claws and flew off with it disappearing into a macrocarpa tree nearby." Rex contacted the Taranaki



Regional Council who referred him to the ornithological society who said that falcons have moved into populated and built up areas. The falcon sighting has been reported. Dave Bell, the Co-ordinator of the New Zealand Falcon Survey for Taranaki, said

they were doing a New Zealand falcon survey and he is interested in any reports of falcon. They are fairly rare but are getting more common. The sightings tend to be of juvenile falcons, he said. "We think it's mainly juvenile falcons that are out and about by themselves and often end up in urban and/or coastal areas. Rex says a while back he saw a Cape Barren goose and reported it to the Taranaki Regional Council who he says "didn't believe me". That was until one turned up at the oxidation ponds at Hawera.

A weka was recently seen in Manaia – international tourists who see them in the South Island apparently go home saying they've seen a kiwi

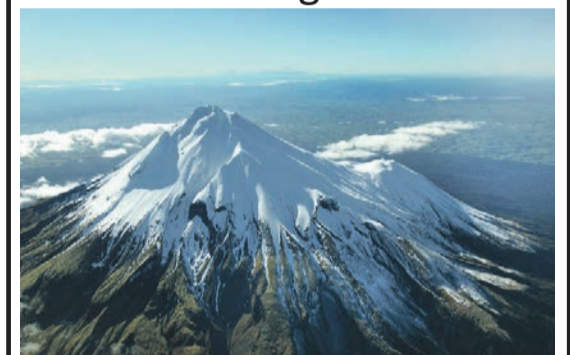
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Getting Back to Farming

Recently I have attended a number of events in and around South Taranaki including the launch of the Matapu School calf-rearing fundraiser, a community night at Te Kiri and the Yarrows Centennial rugby match at Manaia. These engagements and others have led to some excellent



CARL BATES

engagements with local farmers who share the issues they are facing on a daily basis

Being connected to how things are going on the ground in rural Taranaki gives me a much deeper understanding of how National's Getting Back to Farming package can help. Protecting food production, restoring local decision-making, and backing farmers to be the best they can be, are all aspects of this package of actions we will implement

should we become the government in just over 60 days.

Unfortunately many farmers have barely had an opportunity to catch their breath this season, when hit with yet another adverse weather event or bad news from Fonterra. Whether it's the wet season and low sunshine hours, increased costs of inputs and wages, the endless raft of new regulation and policies coming out of Wellington, or Fonterra lowering the farm gate milk price, the challenges have been relentless and distressing for many. And just this week, the TSB Bank has announced the closure of branches around the country, including Eltham and Opunake.

Getting Back to Farming has 19 key elements, including a no duplication rule that will eliminate unnecessary

administrative burdens, and has a commitment to genuine, transparent consultations that respects and values your input. Farmers are spending too much time reporting to Wellington; National will ensure their primary focus is on what they do best; growing the primary produce with which New Zealand feeds the world.

Growing up in a provincial town dependent on the rural community, I know farming is the lifeblood of our economy. The first step towards a prosperous future is turning this vision into a reality, so you can focus on what you do best - farming.

National has a plan to rebuild the economy and get New Zealand back on track. Supporting the rural sector as the backbone of our country is key to this.

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National's transport policy a highway to hell

Greenpeace Aotearoa says the National Party's latest transport policy will lock the world into more climate disasters, as the Party signals it will build more highways and scrap planned public transport infrastructure if elected.

Greenpeace campaigner, Christine Rose, says "The National Party's transport plan is a highway to hell. It totally fails to address one of our most polluting sectors, which is already responsible for accelerating the climate disasters we're seeing here and overseas. New Zealanders need free and accessible low emissions transport options, not more roads."

"We're in the midst of a climate crisis, and we've seen that first hand this year. Extreme weather

events, worsened by climate change - Cyclone Gabrielle, the Auckland Anniversary floods, and the severe drought in the South Island - defined our summer, and they'll define this year's election as well.

"We need investment in infrastructure that serves people, not cars," says Rose. "New Zealand's transport systems must support high density communities, and prioritise safe and accessible walking, cycling, and public transport over roads."

This is one of the calls in the ten-point plan for climate action that Greenpeace, alongside more than 40 other NGOs, launched in June. The plan, known as Climate

Shift, calls for all political parties to take urgent action this election that guarantees real emissions reductions, supports frontline communities, and restores and rewilds nature.

"This election will be a climate election," says Rose. "Everyone has the right to a safe and stable climate and healthy environment, and the National Party's transport policy actively undermines that. All political parties must get serious about climate change by tackling NZ's biggest polluters - agriculture, energy, and transport - and adopt all ten points outlined in the Climate Shift plan."



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Billions missing to deliver National Party promises, says NZCTU

The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions has today released costings showing a current funding shortfall of at least \$3.3-5.2 billion in the National Party's tax and spending plans. The true gap is likely to be even larger, as many of National's publicly stated policy commitments were either uncoded or were too vague to be included in the analysis.

NZCTU Economist Craig Renney says the shortfall raises concerns about the impact on crucial public services that New Zealanders rely upon.

"Our costings show National has spent around two dollars for every dollar available over the next three years. Further billions are likely from the policies that they have not yet coded or will likely announce on the campaign trail.

"A shortfall of this magnitude can only be accounted for by raising debt, increasing other taxes, or slashing funding for critical public services. Given National has ruled out raising debt or increasing taxes, this can only mean billions of dollars in cuts to our already stretched public services. Cuts of this scale would have severe consequences for the people who depend on these services and the workers who deliver them. National must be upfront about where these cuts would come from. New Zealanders deserve to know long before the

election what programmes will be cut, what investment wouldn't get made, and how National will balance the books – because on these plans they aren't."

The NZCTU took on this task of costing National's policies as, in contrast to other opposition parties in recent elections, National has yet to release its fully coded fiscal plan.

"It is essential for opposition parties to be transparent and accountable by sharing comprehensive fiscal plans. National cannot promise billions in tax cuts and pretend there will be no impact on our stretched public services.

"If National disagrees with this analysis, we invite them to present a fully coded alternative budget of their own, one that costs all of their policies and is clear about where the money will come from, including which public services will be cut."

Methodology

The NZCTU's analysis is based on publicly available information from the Treasury and IRD. The NZCTU has used the most generous interpretations when costing National's policies. Even when disagreeing with National's costings of their own policies, the NZCTU used National's figures.

According to Treasury, there is \$3.5 billion of new operational spending available in each of the 3 years of the next term.

Treasury also notes that at least \$2.8 billion in cost

pressures funding will be needed in each year to maintain our existing public services. This figure is just to keep delivering the same services as the previous year. It does not account for population increase, demographic changes, or new services.

That leaves around \$700 million in 'new' money that is available each year, or \$4.2 billion over three years. National has set out between \$7.5 billion and \$9.4 billion of new spending over that period that we can identify based on their tax and spending commitments that are able to be coded. This is two dollars for every dollar available, leading to a fiscal gap of at least \$3.3 billion to \$5.2 billion

No costs have been assigned to National's vaguer policy commitments, although they should provide that analysis. This costing also assumes no further policies from National during the election campaign, or any governing partners' policies. It also provided no contingency for emerging needs such as natural disasters or future Budgets. This is the minimum amount that they will need to cut to balance the books.

The analysis and the numbers within were reviewed by Dr Geoff Bertram, Economist and Former Senior Associate at the Institute of Government and Policy Studies at Victoria University.

The figures do not take into account the National Party's transport announcement

recently, though as these are delivered through the National Land Transport Fund, they will not have a material impact on the NZCTU's costings.

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Principal's Address



Our 2023 Blue Light Boys were hailed by Leanne Richards (left), South Taranaki Co-ordinator as the best ever, with a great work ethic and all-round great attitudes.

The boys are seen here at the completion of the term-long leadership and personal development course with James Langton (right) of Barbwire Boxing who led the boys in the physical aspect of their course.



Working together with you, the rohe/community has enabled our students to really fly on the sporting field this term. The support we have had from coaches for all our sports codes, through to buying our scrumptious hangi has been extraordinary. A huge thank you to each and everyone of you.

Our iwi have been jam packed with awards for students succeeding in everything from academic results, hospitality, figure skating, darts, rugby, to hockey, basketball, leadership, Outward Bound, and boxing. Such a plethora of excellence and expertise.

However, at our kura it is not all about success, but also about giving back to the community, and growing into a 'good person'. To this end our Hapori Committee has been out supporting the Rest Home with some maintenance, and our Rainbow Youth group lead by our wonderful Mrs Forsyth have been creating activities to celebrate diversity and inclusivity.

A third of our student body will be heading to Kuranui this week to compete in several disciplines from chess and debating to volleyball and rugby to mention just a few. Our ākonga have been working hard on their haka, waiata and competitive skill sets. Let's hope we bring home the Fuller Trophy (named after our previous Principal Simon Fuller, the current Kuranui Principal).

Our recent parent teacher evening was a buzz with conversation around learning, engagement and achievement. It was encouraging to see so much whānau support, and parents/caregivers being so proactive in the learning process of their tamariki.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many

Arohanui,
Andrea Hooper Carr
 Principal

PARENTS CYBERSAFETY EVENING | OUR KIDS ONLINE

Attention all parents | We want our school to be a safe place.

Because of the rapidly changing times, our tamariki are growing up in and, the mounting challenges and harms they are facing online we need to start talking about and tackling this as a community.

As such, we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

29th August 6:30 - 8:30pm at OHS.

Sporting Success



As this weeks Coastal News goes to press, Opunakē High School students will in the middle of the fourth edition of our sporting and cultural exchange with Kuranui College in the Wairarapa. Currently leading the overall series 2-1, we hope our athletes have a great time and continue to build friendships on and off the field.

Closer to home, its been a big month of sport for our students, so here is a small wrap of success and achievement:

- First XV Rugby lost to Central (Stratford) in a nail biting secondary school U18 Final. Huge thanks to the coaches and management of the boys, we've been told there is unfinished business in 2024.
- Girls and Boys Hockey all made semi-finals in their championships, with the boys qualifying top and unbeaten this season. Both teams missed out in tight games and played for third on Tuesday night.
- Arna Bright and Paige Taylor were part of the Taranaki U17 Girls Basketball team who won the National Title during the school holidays, Arna was named as tournament MVP.
- Beth Cook and Shinae Minhinnick were both selected to trial for NZ Māori U18 Girls Rugby. Beth also debuted for the Taranaki Whio senior womens rugby team.



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An island stopover

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

By Natasha McKinney



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

The Greek island of Lemnos was the staging ground for Allied troops being sent to the Gallipoli Peninsula, then part of the Ottoman Empire. On arriving (via Egypt), the young men, many of whom like Arthur would never have left New Zealand, were increasingly aware of their own identity. In these foreign lands, being together as New Zealanders took on a new importance.

With days to go before crossing the Aegean Sea to Gallipoli, Arthur is gathering resources such as tinned milk. As a young man who has perhaps rarely had to prepare food for himself, he asks his family to send cornflour or egg powder, with instructions for what to cook with it. Amongst these basic considerations, he manages to express delight at his cousin Willie Reid becoming a doctor. As Arthur writes, Willie had already been ordered to Trentham to work as a medical officer before his own departure for war.

*Lemnos Island
7th November, 1915*

My dear Father,
I was very pleased to receive all the letters about a week ago. There was yours, Mother's, two from Mabel, one each from Sylvia, her sister Myra, Lawson, Elsie Waters, Miss Mollison (ex Matron of Knox), Miss McEwan, Miss Lagar [?] (a friend of Sylvia's) and a few days before I had a letter from Charlie.

I received two Auckland weeklies both the same date, 16th August. Lawson sent one and Sylvia the other. Mrs Mavis Cederholm sent me a Dominion. I didn't get the cake but don't worry over that, parcels usually turn up about a month after the letters. It is grand getting letters here, it takes one right back to N.Z., not

that we don't think of N.Z. at any other time. We are all New Zealanders living together here. As we still have the same talk & the same customs etc, which is much better than being among strangers.

We are a happy crowd and have nothing to complain about. Some of the Maoris have been attached to our company and are a most happy crowd, they are always joking and laughing and making fun with the Pakeha. I am in excellent health, most of us are now, at first the new climate & change of food and water upset quite a lot of the men; I feel just as fit now as when I left N.Z. We don't get many extras here in the tucker line now.

They don't pay us often and when they do it is only at the rate of 2/- per day now, and food is so dear here. It costs 2/- to buy a tin of fruit. However, I don't think it will harm us. Teddy Roberts & I make excellent porridge out of the Rolled Oats we bought for 2/3 the packet. Cecil gave us 2 tins of unsweetened milk last night, it is very much like cream. We will keep it for the Peninsula or for Salonika if we go there. I wrote a long letter to Lawson last night & you must ask him for it, that will be a better way than writing everything twice. We haven't got smooth tables to write on here. Boyd & Cecil & Percy Coxhead are all well. I haven't heard anything from Bill Auton for five weeks. He was ill

in hospital in Egypt when I last heard of him. We had church parade this morning and the Rev Tommy Taylor of Nelson & West Coast fame took the words "God Bless You", as his text.

[Unclear words] had come across these words so often in letters that he thought it appropriate to take this text and to give the meaning of it. They say that the Rev Taylor has done many brave deeds on the field of battle. I understand that he has been wounded twice. Once in the hind-quarters & one bullet lodged near the spine.

Our advance guard got away yesterday so we should get away in a day or two now.

Many of the largest liners in the world come into the harbour here, huge four funnelled ones. One of our ferry boats (Wgton - Chch boats) is sometimes in harbour here taking mail between here and Malta. This letter will just catch the Christmas mail & I will have to post it in a minute or two to do so. The weather has been perfect lately & not half so cold as it was a few weeks ago. It hasn't rained much.

If you send anything don't send clothing. Let it be corn-flour or egg powder or something like that & also tell me what I can cook with it. Anything simple.

Send plain chocolate if you like or cocoa and don't register parcels. Please accept all Christmas greetings. We are delighted to know that Willie is a doctor now. Good-bye just now.

Your affectionate son,
Arthur.

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Term 3 2023.

Welcome to Term Three everybody! At Rahotu this term our integrated inquiry is "I have a story". Our teachers, as always, have come up with lots of different angles on this topic to focus our learning... Changes in New Zealand over the past century, Kiwiana, creative writing, story telling through drama, dance and singing, personal taonga, local landmarks and buildings... the possibilities are endless!



Room 6 Kiwiana art and writing.

Our values education is taught through the lens of our FLAME focus, which this term is "My words have power". For the past two years we have been committed to the Healthy Active Learning initiative lead by Sport Taranaki. Our tamariki love to move! This term we have embedded physical activities with learning questions into our FLAME and Health

teaching, and if the weather lets us get outside to play the games in the fresh air, even better!

Room One's veggie pod. What are they growing?

We welcome some new Kaiako to our kura this term. Mrs Kelly Waugh is teaching our Year 3 and Year 4s in Room 4, and Whaea Shavorn Johnson is teaching our Year 1 and 2s in Room 2. Mrs. Arnita Hunt has joined our support staff team.



Whaea Shavorn and Mrs. Waugh

We are also excited to announce that we have our new Tumuaki! Mr. Matt Moorby will be joining us from the beginning of Term 4 from St. John Bosco in New Plymouth. Mr Moorby came in to visit us early in the term, and was on hand to award badges to our new student leaders for the second half of the year.

Matt Moorby with our new student leaders: JC Goodman and Lydia Helms (Head Students); Addie Shaw, Jamie Muggeridge, Layla Robins and Peter Tuitupou (Whanau Leaders) and Toby Hofmans and Leah Martins (Hauora Leaders).



In May one of our teams took out the PCT Taranaki Challenge, winning not only a great looking trophy for our cabinet, but also the right to compete against other schools down in Wellington later in the year. Constable Pip came to our assembly to award the trophy. Well done JC, Lydia, Mia and Jeremy!



Miya and Dayna focusing on writing



Johnny, Max, Araya and Theo are proud of their mahi.



PCT Challenge Champions: Lydia Helms, Jeremy Spademan, Mia Leatherby and JC Goodman with Constable Pip.

Between Whaene Helen, Mrs. Waugh and Mr. Manning-Jones we have amazing depth of music talent in our kura at the moment. For the first time in several years we have a school choir, and are also harnessing their skills to help prepare our Kapa Haka team for the Puanga Festival in Term 4. Mr

Manning-Jones has transformed our elderly dental clinic building into an awesome space to take his private music lessons in school on Wednesdays.

The first Thursday of every month is TRANSITION Day in Room 1. All of our 4 year olds are welcome to join Mrs. Taylor and her crew for a taste of school life at Rahotu School! In August we had Syris, Coralie, Lennie, and Oliver in for a visit. Nau mai, haere mai e hoo!



Syris, Braxton, Daragh and Lennie.



Coralie brought along her sister Arabella.

Last Term we held a fabulous Puanga celebration for our school community. Many whānau came in and took part in heaps of Puanga activities in different classrooms with their tamariki. Catherine and Lisa, with a team of volunteers, spoiled us all with a warm breakfast of eggs, bacon and hash browns and then pancakes for lunch! The ahi kaa burned in the firepit all day.



Oliver wearing his dinosaur mask.

Term 2 was also the term for winter sports! Our students represented Rahotu School in Rippa Rugby, netball and basketball. Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 netball team which won the Crowley Cup, our senior basketball team who were runners up in their league, and our Year 7 & 8 netball team who also won their grade in Opunake. While we are proud of our success, we also acknowledge the mahi of our coaches, teacher and parent event coordinators, and parents who take time out of their days to transport us to different practises and competitions. Ngā mihi nui



Below left: Addie Shaw – best and fairest Year 8 basketballer. Below middle: The Year 5 & 6 Rippa team with coach Shay Fleming. Below right: Daimein training his pony Reggie at Horses Helping Humans.



All the best for the cooler months of winter and spring. Hopefully the weather is kind to us and brings some warmer temperatures soon!

Regional House Price

Outside the main centres, property value trends remained a bit patchy in July, as was typically the case at a wider turning point for the market, Mr Davidson CoreLogic NZ Chief Property Economist, Kelvin Davidson said.

Queenstown, Rotorua, Napier, Whangarei, Gisborne, and Whanganui all recorded sizeable drops

in value in July, although Queenstown remains higher than the levels recorded at the same time in 2022. By contrast, Invercargill values were stable, with Palmerston North and New Plymouth recording increases. Those three areas have also seen values hold steady or increase over the broader three-month period since April too.

“New Zealand is not just a single housing market and the disparity in the regional results should reaffirm expectations that in many parts of the country the end of the downturn is going to be anything but smooth,” Mr Davidson said.

CoreLogic House Price Index – Other Main Urban Areas (ordered by annual growth)

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TA	Change in property values				Average Value
	Month	Quarter	Annual	From peak	
Napier	-0.8%	-2.8%	-11.7%	-17.2%	\$741,727
Whangārei	-0.8%	-1.2%	-11.7%	-12.6%	\$737,497
Palmerston North	0.2%	0.1%	-11.4%	-15.4%	\$638,036
Hastings	-0.2%	-2.2%	-11.4%	-15.6%	\$765,061
Gisborne	-0.8%	-3.1%	-10.8%	-13.1%	\$588,894
Whanganui	-0.6%	-1.5%	-9.8%	-12.5%	\$501,370
Rotorua	-1.6%	-1.4%	-9.4%	-13.7%	\$639,777
Nelson	-0.1%	-2.1%	-7.6%	-10.0%	\$785,395
Invercargill	0.0%	1.2%	-3.9%	-5.5%	\$455,820
New Plymouth	0.2%	1.4%	-3.3%	-4.7%	\$715,538
Queenstown	-2.6%	-2.3%	0.2%	-3.1%	\$1,672,233

Property market outlook

Gardening with Palmers Gardening Centre



Summer wouldn't be complete without dahlias, boasting beautiful flowers in an array of colours and shapes, their blooms add late summer charm to any garden. Dahlia tubers and seed are instore now at Palmers.

To grow dahlias from tubers, lightly cover them with compost in a shallow tray or pot them individually in large plastic pots with multi-purpose compost. Place them in a frost-free area with sufficient light and moist compost. New shoots should emerge within about five weeks. The best to plant them out in the garden is September once the worst of the winter weather is over.

For best results, dahlias prefer a sheltered, sunny location with well-drained, fertile soil enriched with organic matter. Taller varieties may need staking.

Water the plants thoroughly before and after planting in a garden bed. Dig a hole twice the size of the root ball and gently position the plant in the centre. For pots, ensure they're at least 30L in size and use a good quality potting mix.

Keep your dahlias well-fed and watered for a stunning summer display. Feed them with slow release fertiliser such as Tui Enrich Rose, Camellia, Azalea & Gardenia

fertiliser in spring for healthy growth and abundant flowering. Additionally, use Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic to boost growth between feedings.

Pinch out the young growth tips to encourage branching and more flowers. Regularly deadhead the blooms to prolong the flowering season. Avoid cutting off foliage until the plants have fully died down at the end of the season.





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Ngāruahine, and will provide a vital service to whānau who need help to access community and government services. We are really excited to be here and to be opening our doors today.”

The Opunake Heartlands hub is open from Monday to Friday from 8.30am –

5pm No appointments are necessary – whānau are welcome to drop in during opening hours. For more information, please contact Tui Ora kaimahi: Jo van Leeuwen, Kaihautū Whānau Ora on 027 3186295 or Dineka Young, Kaitiaki Hapori on 027 2174359 or email heartlands@tuiora.co.nz



Member of Parliament Glen Bennett addressing those at the opening of Heartlands Services.

A new service when others are closing

In this time where services are closing and noting that it had just been announced that the Eltham TSB branch was closing (the closure of the Opunake branch also was announced later that day), it's great to have a new services ongoing in wonderful Opunake,” said South Taranaki mayor Phil Nixon who was among the large crowd who attended the powhiri along with local Member of Parliament Glen Bennett that preceded the opening of Heartlands Services.

“They haven't got enough room for all the services in Opunake at Coastal Care” he said, another asset in the town.

“Opunake is leading the way again bringing facilities to rural towns,” he said referring to the community spirit in Opunake remembering his time as a child visiting Opunake Beach.

Glen Bennett, said the new facility was a positive initiative and would be “breaking down barriers when so often barriers are being erected”. Mentioning the COVID pandemic and its implications he added of the

new Heartlands service, “It's about supporting Maori in this place. It's about not so much delivery but enabling.”

Alana Ruakere recalled her time growing up in the country town along with her sister Bianca who is Communications Contractor at Tui Ora, and was also at the opening.

“I used to walk to school up at St Josephs,” said Alana commenting “how much smaller everything looks as an adult.” When her father first came to Opunake he was the only GP here for 6000 people she

said, recalling humorously how “Dad wasn't always said in cash – sometimes it was a side of beef, a bucket of eels, two dozen eggs – other times payment was in kindness. Growing up in Opunake I felt very much a part of this community, so it is an absolute honour to be here today giving back to the place that helped raise me and to which I owe so much.” Heartland is very much about community, she added.

She acknowledged the great work of the project manager Lisa Zame, our

project manager and her dedication commenting that the place has been refitted “and looking actually stunning”.

She emphasised that Heartland Services will be open to everyone.

“It's necessary because there are multi generational people invested in this community and for the future of the tamariki as a thriving community.” She hoped it would “augment the existing services” and, just as Tui Ora had worked well with Coastal Care in the past, they would continue



Heartlands Services formally opens following the powhiri.

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to strengthen relations with Coastal Care.

There were three computers for the public to use and also a printer and scanner.

Bianca added that the idea is to help people.

“A lot of people are intimidated by government departments,” she said. “So people don’t have to go to New Plymouth.” There will be staff at Heartlands Services to help if people need assistance with anything she said citing if they need a document for the bank for example.

“It’s perfect for what we need and it’s across the road from Coastal Care which will be great for collaboration.”

As part of the launch a sausage sizzle was organised for the afternoon after the 9am formal opening which began with a powhiri lead by kaikaranga Tapakione Skinner.



The opening of Heartland Services.



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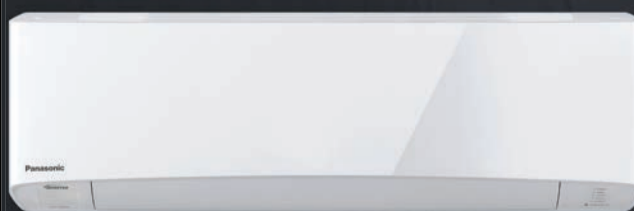
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Ōpunakē Communities Kindergarten

Thank you everyone for coming to our Kindy Whānau Night on 21st July. It is always so nice to have the whānau of tamariki present and past as well as whānau members in our community here at Kindy to support the learning and development of the tamariki and growth of us all - either as individuals or as a collective.

We reflected on the past year and gathered our thoughts about the coming year. As we reflected on our past year we celebrated the fact that Ōpunakē Communities Kindergarten recently achieved the status of being a GREEN / GOLD ENVIROSCHOOL!!!!!! We are the first ever early childhood establishment to achieve this status in the WHOLE of TARANAKI! We achieved this status by us all working together being as sustainable as we can, intertwining Kindy initiatives with initiatives being used at home with our whānau and within our community. We achieved green / gold status as a result of the strong partnerships we have with our tamariki, whānau, kaiako, governance and community. It has been a group effort so we would like to say a big thank you for everyone's support along the way and for coming to celebrate this achievement at whānau night in addition to Matariki.tion, Communication and Exploration.

It was awesome to have such a turn out and see whānau and tamariki become so engaged in conversation with everyone, sharing what they are grateful for and reflecting on the past year and thinking about the year ahead. The tamariki had been sitting around the fire each day at Kindy during our week leading up to Whānau Night and shared with each other what they were grateful for. The word "grateful" is a word which we have been exploring here at Kindy as we highlight what things we are thankful for and appreciate. The kaiako wrote on the stars what each tamaiti was grateful for and some decorated their stars by using the ashes from the fire. Whānau enjoyed seeing what their child had shared with us and had a chance to create their own star and hang it on the tree - we are so grateful for so many things - this was a warming experience to reflect on our lives at present and also share these reflections with others.



Above: Bella and Luke creating a whetū with their mum Laura and dad Aaron, alongside Esther and Jo.



Bella and Luke adding their whetū to the tree.

Hayley supported us all by showing us how to weave putiputi and swords.

Right: Tabitha learns alongside Reeve her son, Bella and Laura.



The whānau had a chance to sit around the fire too on the sheltered deck as it was SUPER windy as Tawharimaatea had come to the party. Here, Kadence enjoys the warmth of the fire alongside his mum and dad Anisha, Mark and teacher Simon at whānau night.



We planted lots of trees at Kindy in our Matariki week. Here Simon supports Ethan with our second fig tree up by the mud kitchen and mudpit - one of Ethan's favourite places to be at Kindy. We also planted a lemonade tree, celery, parsley, cranberry, rewarewa and cuphea ignea fire cracker plant.



Esther presented us with our certification for achieving green gold status for Enviroschools. We will be learning alongside St Joseph's with Esther later in the term on a new gardening project which is super exciting - watch this space!



During the week, tamariki gathered to share what they were grateful for around the fire.

We are currently using reusable nappies here at Kindy in the Moana Room and we may extend this to the Maunga Room as we embrace our green / gold status. We have lots of new initiatives which support sustainability. For example the cloths being used to dry our hands instead of paper towels. This means less paper used and disposed of in the landfill.

We have also been more mindful of waste and have been finding more uses for that which could have ended up in the bin..... Farah and the tamariki made an aniwaniwa for our Enviroschool display using paper towels which would have otherwise been disposed of.

The tamariki, whānau and kaiako had an opportunity to say how they have been impacted by our Enviroschool curriculum. We captured their voice and individuals contributed their artwork to our display to help us reflect on our Enviroschool journey. It was apparent that we all benefit from and contribute to our Enviroschool curriculum in so many different ways.



DairyNZ welcomes new chief executive

DairyNZ will welcome its new chief executive, Campbell Parker, this October.

The Waikato-based executive brings a wealth of experience to the role and says he is excited to be stepping into DairyNZ at such a pivotal time for the dairy sector.

DairyNZ chair Jim van der Poel says he is pleased with the expertise Campbell brings to the chief executive role, including extensive experience in the rural and corporate sectors. Campbell joins DairyNZ from GEA Farm Technologies NZ, where he has been CEO since 2020.



Campbell Parker.

executive who is passionate about dairy farming and its future has been hugely

important to us – alongside leadership skills to continue DairyNZ’s positive

direction, as an organisation here first and foremost to represent our dairy farmers,” said Mr van der Poel.

“Campbell brings significant leadership and sector experience that will be invaluable to both DairyNZ’s senior team and in supporting and representing our farmer levy payers, in a wide range of forums.

“Campbell is passionate about agriculture and, in particular, supporting New Zealand dairy to continue as a world-leading sector. We are pleased to welcome Campbell to the team.”

With over 25 years experience in agriculture, Campbell’s held previous roles with PGG Wrightson, Bank of New Zealand

(BNZ) and Ballance Agri-Nutrients. He holds a Bachelor of Agriculture, majoring in Rural Valuation from Massey University and grew up on a sheep, beef and dairy grazing farm.

“I am genuinely humbled and excited to be joining DairyNZ as the next chief executive. I am passionate about the role the dairy sector plays in creating jobs, building communities, and contributing to the success of the New Zealand economy,” said Mr Parker.

“It is important to build on the good work Tim and the team have done over the past decade, and to keep that moving – working collaboratively to ensure long-term sustainability and profitability of the sector.”

Mr van der Poel also thanked departing chief executive, Dr Tim Mackle, for his significant service to DairyNZ and its farmers.

“Tim has been a true advocate for our dairy farmers and a steady force at DairyNZ, during a period of significant change and challenge for the dairy sector,” said Mr van der Poel.

“His knowledge, expertise and tireless passion for dairy will be missed. We thank Tim for his commitment to farmers and wish him all the very best.”

An acting chief executive, Peter Scott, will be in place until Campbell joins DairyNZ in October.

Federated Farmers mark significant milestone for M. bovis eradication efforts

Reaching a point where we have no current infections and no properties under investigation is a significant milestone in efforts to eradicate M. bovis, says Federated Farmers President Wayne Langford.

“Federated Farmers are cautiously optimistic that we’ve now turned a corner in the Mycoplasma bovis

eradication efforts, but we won’t be sure until bulk milk testing ramps up again in spring,” Langford says.

“We’ve been able to get to this point through the joint efforts of our farmers and rural communities, and a strong partnership between the primary sector and Government.

“It’s been an incredibly

challenging few years for the farming families who have been infected and rural communities who have been anxious about the diseases spread.

“There’s been a big financial cost to try and eradicate this disease, but there’s been a big emotional cost too. Farmers absolutely love their animals, so to lose

your herd is just devastating.

“I hope those farmers who were impacted take real heart from today’s announcement and know it hasn’t all been for nothing.

“The job’s far from over, but all the indicators are pointing in the right direction and we’re making real progress,” Langford concluded.

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Spreading Sandfords



Jeanette and Neil took a proactive approach to discharge consent

Jeanette Bryham owns a dairy farm in Waipu, Northland. Alongside sharemilker Neil Troost, they milk 300 cows right through winter. So there's a fair amount of effluent to take care of...

Previously having discharge consent, Jeanette and Neil would discharge to water during the busy Winter period. Over summer months they'd do their best to utilise effluent nutrients from a small storage pond that collects effluent from the milking shed and a feed pad. When possible, their neighbour would use his Nevada slurry tanker to empty the pond and spread.

Jeanette and Neil could see the value in applying effluent to land. They could also see that discharge consents were not to be relied on in the future.



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'We wanted to make a proactive improvement to how we managed effluent. Get in early and give ourselves time to adjust. Now that Fonterra have made it a condition of supply, we're glad we did.'

Neil Troost, Sharemilker
Impressed by the neighbour's Nevada slurry tanker, and from his recommendation, they gave Nevada a call to work out a plan.

'We winter milk and collect



Gordon Bryham with slurry tanker.

effluent from the feed pad, so there's a lot of nutrients we can be making use of. We wanted to make sure there was plenty of storage so we never have to worry about it.'

Neil Troost, Sharemilker
As a contingency, one of the oxidation ponds was

extended and converted into a large second effluent storage pond.

'The plan is to suck from the first smaller pond with a slurry tanker as much as possible, then use the larger second pond during times we can't apply effluent to land.'

Neil Troost, Sharemilker

With more effluent to spread, Jeanette and Neil thought it would be wise to invest in their own slurry tanker to spread when and where they wanted. Jeanette's son, Gordon was more than happy to take on the job of driving it.

'It's a real easy job. We just

follow the cows in rotation. So far there haven't been any times we couldn't spread.'

Gordon Bryham, Driver

One of the reasons they chose to spread with a slurry tanker was the versatility. The tanker can suck thick slurry from any of the ponds and can also be used to clean out the feed pad and troughs. There are also no limitations to spreading all over the farm – including around odd-shaped paddocks.

'I'm impressed by how easy it is to spread around our odd-shaped paddocks, and how gentle the tanker is over wet ground. We're also using it to apply urea, but ultimately we're confident this will really reduce our nutrient spend.'

Gordon Bryham, Driver

*Michael Prestidge
Nevada Effluent
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Challenge takes farm safety message to secondary schools

Farm safety was at the forefront on Friday, (July 28) with a team of four students from Hawera's Te Paepae o Aotea School winning this year's Taranaki Secondary Schools Agricultural Safety Challenge.

The winning team consisted of Luke Barnett, Tyler Midgley, Ryan Hockly, and Ronan Hurley.

Stratford High School were second place in the event. Other participating schools included Sacred Heart Girl's College, Inglewood High School, Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth Boy's High School and Spotswood College.

New Plymouth Injury Safe and Land Based Training hosted the annual

farm safety challenge on Friday at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

New Plymouth Injury Safe manager Alisha Stone said that the challenge was a hands-on event. Its focus on safety makes it a unique event for agricultural students.

'It's about putting safety on farms at the forefront of student's minds, in a fun

and interactive way''.

Teams of four agriculture/horticulture students from Taranaki Secondary Schools competed in the annual event, which has been running since 1998. The students competed in seven modules covering safe handling of livestock, firearms, first aid, mental wellbeing, emergency preparedness, tractors and quad bikes and a quiz.

A range of organisations helped to deliver the modules

including Land Based Training, New Zealand Police, Hato Hone St John, Rural Support Taranaki, WITT Te Pūkenga and Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Prior to presenting the trophy, the students were addressed by Ross Redpath. Ross has a long association with the competition – initially as the AgHort Science teacher at Inglewood High School from the

competition's inception and this year, as a regional agricultural education and project advisor. This new role focusses on agricultural education initiatives and promoting the sector across a range of audiences. "Today's event is fantastic example of bringing relevant, engaging learning to Taranaki secondary school students and the organisers are to be applauded for their efforts," he said.

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Coastal Riding Club Winter results

A "Fun Day" was held at the A&P Showgrounds, on 23 July.

It is called the "Winter Woolies," and included novelty events such as the Hairiest Horse and Riding Club Mount Obstacle course. The latter had a Little Red Riding Hood theme, where the riders had to don a red cloak, proceed over trotting poles, open and close a gate, then steal a basket of goodies from a scary looking wolf. Events were judged by Claire Norton of Normanby and Linda Huitson from Midhurst.

Woolliest Horse - 1 Kath Lambourn (Millie,) 2 Mandy Dunlop (Goldfinger,) 3 Sherleena Griffin (Regalo,) 4 Holly Dravitski (Reno,) 5 Bridie Ansell (Charlie,)

Best Clipped Horse- 1 Lisa Newland (Reverie,) 2 John Howarth (Doodle,) 3 Kim Howarth (Grey Goose,) 4 Lisa Bartley (Keg,) 5 Holly Dravitski (Reno,)

Best Winter accessory- 1= Bridie Ansel (Charlie,) 1= Holly Dravitski (Reno,) 2 Kath Lambourn (Millie,) 3 Lisa Bartley (Keg,) 4 John



Tommy Croot and Mousie bravely challenge the Big Bad Wolf.

Howarth (Doodle,) 5 Lisa Newland (Reverie,)

Best Cared for Horse- 1 Lisa Newland (Reverie,) 2 Ella Roberts (Sam,) 3 Michelle Mair (Talia,) 4 Holly Dravitski (Reno,) 5 Kim Howarth (Grey Goose,)

Horse most Suited to Riding Club Activities- 1

Holly Dravitski (Reno,) 2= Sherleena Griffin (Regalo,) 2= Kim Howarth (Grey Goose,) 2= Lisa Newland (Reverie,) 4= Ella Roberts (Sam,) 4= Bridie Ansell (Charlie,)

Paced & Mannered- 1 Sherleena Griffin (Regalo,) 2 Lisa Newland (Reverie,)

3= John Howarth (Doodle,) 3= Ella Roberts (Sam,) 4 Bridie Ansell (Charlie,)

Best Combination- 1 Sherleena Griffin (Regalo,) 2 John Howarth (Doodle,) 3 Ella Roberts (Sam,) 4 Lisa Bartley (Keg,)

Horse most Suited for a learner Rider- 1 Lisa Bartley (Keg,) 2 Sherleena Griffin (Regalo,) 2= Michelle Mair (Talia,) 3 Ella Roberts (Sam,) 4 Bridie

Ansell (Charlie,) 5 Mandy Dunlop (Goldfinger,)

Best Trot- 1 Holly Dravitski (Reno,) 1= Sherleena Griffin (Regalo,) 2 Ella Roberts 2= Michelle Mair (Talia,)

Ponies

Woolliest Pony- 1 Madi Bartley (Matilda,) 2 Ella Fleming (Cocoa,) 3 Estelle Croot (Pixie,) Lead rein 1 Thomas Croot (Mousie,) 2 Olivia Dravitzki (Snow F)

Best Clipped -1 Estelle Croot (Pixie,) 2 Madi Bartley (Matilda,) 2 Ella Fleming (Cocoa,) Lead rein 1 Thomas Croot (Mousie,) 2 Olivia Dravitzki (Snow Flake) 2 Thomas Croot

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Riding Club Mount, Obstacles

In Hand- 1; Leslie Bloeman (Pippy,) 2 John Howarth (Doodle,) 3 Neil Florene (Hughey,) 4 Megan Gundeson (Tui) 4= Michelle Mair (Talia,)

Ridden- 1= Sherleena Griffin (Regalo,) 1= Bridie Ansell (Charlie,) 1= Lisa Bartley (Keg) 4 Ella Roberts (Sam,)

Ponies In Hand- 1 Dean Dravitski (Snowflake.)

Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust (CESRT) Life Membership Presentations 30th July 2023

Sunday 30th July 2023 was the AGM of the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust.

The meeting was also a chance for a couple of long serving committee members, Chris (Snow) Mullin and Anthony Williams, to be recognised for their fantastic efforts with the presentation of Life Membership. Both Snow and Anthony have made such an important contribution to making the Cape Egmont Sea Rescue Trust such a valuable fixture on the coast. Without the vision and commitment of individuals like Snow and Anthony, the establishment of a viable maritime rescue service might never have eventuated.

Snow has worked tirelessly to maintain the vessel and

the associated equipment in the best possible shape which gives the crew peace of mind when heading out in whatever conditions our maritime environment throws at it. As one of the skippers which has recently gained his extended limits



Chris (Snow) Mullin and Anthony Williams.

certificate, Snow continues to be an invaluable asset to the trust.

Anthony has also been a long serving member of the CESERT board, as well as being the former crew training officer. Recently he has taken up the role of Marine Search and Rescue Radio Advisor within the trust, manning the shore-based radio when vessels are heading out for fishing and recreation, and when search and rescue missions are underway. Additionally, Anthony willingly puts his shoulder to the wheel to assist in whatever tasks need action.

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Bulls leave Lions black and blue

Wellington got the black and blue treatment from Taranaki in the pre-season Yarrows the Bakers Centenary rugby game at Manaia.

The match played at the Manaia Domain on the afternoon of Saturday July 29 had been sold out days before, and there were already queues of fans lined up before the gates opened at 12.30pm.

The game marked the centenary of the founding of Yarrows the Bakers. As well as being a company whose name is synonymous with the town of Manaia, Yarrows has long been the principal partner of the Taranaki Rugby Union. It was back in 1923 that Alfred and Grace Yarrow who



The final score.

had moved to Manaia from Turakina set up their bakery business. Yarrows continued to be part of the Manaia scene through Noel and his wife Melva, both local icons in their own right.

Also synonymous with Manaia was the Waimate

Rugby Club which was based in Manaia from its founding in 1884 through to the amalgamation with Hawera and Athletic to form the Southern Club in 1994. Between 1893 and 1955 they had 11 senior Taranaki club titles to their name. The All Blacks from the Waimate Club included Bill Glenn from the 1905 Originals, the first All Black to go on to become an MP.

When the Taranaki Bulls took on the Wellington Lions they did so wearing the Black and Blue jerseys that had previously been worn by the Waimate Buffaloes.

It was the first big sporting event held in Manaia for a while and the locals seemed determined to make the most of it. In recent years the town had been hit with

a loss of venues with both the nearby Sports Complex and the War Memorial Hall failing to meet earthquake standards.

“It was really a pity the Sports Complex closed, and in the town hall we used to play pool, table tennis and indoor basketball,” said Te Oti Katene. “Our kids never got into trouble because they were always tired.”

He has fond memories of the Waimate Rugby Club.

“When Waimate amalgamated to form Southern a few of us went and played for Okaiawa as we wanted to carry on playing for a small town. It’s been good to see a few of the ones I haven’t seen for years. They were good times for rugby and for every sport. Being a community that’s

what kept us tight.”

A specially designed Waimate Buffaloes rugby jersey had been produced for the occasion and many of these were evident at the Waimate Buffaloes Hospitality Zone where former players caught up with each other.

“I’m running into lots of good mates I used to play with and against,” says John Kahu. His time with Waimate began with playing junior rugby and carried through to the amalgamation in 1995.

“I have treasured memories

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 Now from \$33,990 2017/18/19 Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV Full G Spec, 3 to choose - white, black, silver, All low kms	 Now from \$27,990 2011/16 Audi Q7 3.0TDI QUATTRO Diesel, Auto, 2 to choose, 3.0. 58kms	 \$22,990 2012 Land Rover Evoque Petrol, Immaculate. Auto, Leather	 From \$17,990 2017 Nissan Leaf, 5 Door, 30KW 4 to choose, great colour selection, low kms	 From \$54,990 2019/22/23 Toyota Hiace Commuters 2 new vehicles, 10 & 12 seater, 2.8 Diesel, 2.7 Petrol,
 From \$26,990 2017/18/20 Nissan Leaf G SPEC 40 & 60 KW 4 to choose, low kms, \$3500 rebate	 From \$15,990 2009-19 Audi Q5, 2.0 or 3.0, Petrol 4 to choose - green, gold, blue, white. All low kms	 Now \$79,990 2014 Toyota Land Cruiser VX LTD One owner, Unmarked, Sunroof	 \$44,990 2020 Ford Ranger XL 4WD 1 owner, Flat deck, Deisel, Auto	 From \$16,990 2016/17 Nissan Juke Petrol, 1.5, Black and Red, both low kms

Bulls leave Lions black and blue



From left. Ross Johnston, Brett Cowper, John Kahu.

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for the people who have passed, like Nigel MacLeod and Norm Bell. They were a big part of the Taranaki Rugby Union. People like that were our mentors.”
Ross Johnston voiced similar sentiments to those of Te Oti Katene.
“Clubs like Waimate used to be the focal point of small communities. Did amalgamation work? It resulted in fewer people playing the game. It’s a bit like a bird that loses a wing. It takes a while for a community to redefine itself. The major beneficiary of



Enjoying a family day out. From left. Alec Nicholls, Adam Nicholls, Charlotte Broadmore, Mishaya Nicholls, Akazia Nicholls. Front Ozias Nicholls.



Taranaki score near the corner.

Waving the team into the stand was Mike Morresey in his 22nd season as Taranaki flag bearer. In 2018 he clocked up his 200th game.
And what Taranaki game would be without Ferdinand exhorting the supporters, this time decked out in Waimate black and blue.
Taranaki were first to score with a converted try before Wellington responded in kind. Score 7-7. Taranaki scored twice more before half time to go into the break with a 21-7 lead. In the second half Taranaki scored four more tries to put them ahead with an eye-watering 49-7 lead. Wellington did score three unanswered tries after that, none of them converted for a final score of 49-22 in favour of the hosts. No doubt many were thinking that it was a pity the current Ranfurly Shield holders could not have brought the Log o’ Wood with them.

After the final whistle it was time for the fans to catch up with their heroes.
Decked out in a Waimate jersey South Taranaki mayor Phil Nixon was pleased with the way the day had gone.
“I’m buzzing. This has been absolutely great for Manaia. Just a huge

thanks for the Taranaki Rugby and to Yarrow and congratulations on making it to 100. It couldn’t have been better with the venue and the weather. We have got to have things like this more often. Bringing senior rugby out to the grass roots is brilliant for rugby.”

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amalgamation was probably Okaiawa.”
Alistair Kalin, Craig Fevre and Alan Hughes were swapping reminiscences. Alistair played for the club before moving on to Francis Douglas Memorial College. Craig recalled 1993 and the rivalry with Stratford in the Under-19 competition who they played five times, with each side winning two games, and then going on to play each other in the final which was settled with a try on fulltime. Alan recalled his eighth-grade team “sometime in the 1980s” dubbed the “Waimate Killers.” They played 14 games, won 13, “400-odd points for and 23 against.” They were captained by David MacLeod, who was son of Waimate rugby legend Nigel MacLeod, and later known as a long-serving chair of the Taranaki Regional Council and political wannabe.

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Celebrating 30 years of kneeboarding on the Coast

Kneeboard surfers have been coming to Opunake for the last 30 years, and will be celebrating here on 25-27 August 2023.

It was back in 1993 that the first Kneeboard Surfing Classic was held at Easter and the kneeboarders have been coming ever since.

"In those days the Australian Kneeboarding team came over and they competed for the Tasman Cup," says Murray Weir.

Opunake has hosted the World titles twice in that time, in 1999 and 2009 with over 15 countries taking part. The last time New Zealand hosted a world



Kelvin Weir.

Photos: CPL

championship was when Dunedin played host in 2020. Opunake has produced a number of world-class kneeboarders themselves,

like Kelvin Weir who was Junior World Champion in 2007 and Cameron Stanley who was Cadet Champion at the World Titles in 2002. In 2013 Hamish Christopher who was born in Opunake and grew up in Oakura was runner-up at the World Titles held in Tahiti.

Murray says they have developed a number of juniors who they have taken to competitions in places like Australia, the United States, Tahiti, Spain and Portugal.

Meanwhile he is looking forward to this year's celebrations.

"This year's contest will be a gathering of kneeboard surfers from around New Zealand to renew old acquaintances and welcome new people and tell lies about how good we were," he says.

Among those coming will be seven times and current national champion Craig McDonald from Auckland who has also been something of a regular at Opunake.

Also coming, depending on injury, will be seven times national champion Greg Bell from Dunedin.



Cam Stanley.



Hamish Christopher.



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The Taranaki National Art Awards



Awards Ceremony evening with refreshments.

The Taranaki National Art Awards Committee is progressing well with the planning stages for this year's

annual art exhibition, to be held from 27th October - 5th November at Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Events

Centre, Opunake

Extending the viewing timeframe for an extra day worked well in 2022 so we will be continuing with a 10 day

exhibition period in 2023. The TNAA aligns with simultaneous regional events of the Taranaki Garden and Fringe Festivals and the Taranaki Arts Trail. This proved to be helpful for all art and garden appreciators to

make the most of their time within our province. Local artists will be able to collect their works on Sunday 5th

Nov in the evening from 5 - 7pm. and throughout the day on Monday 6th.

The opening night and awards presentation will be held on Friday 27th October, themed "Bring the Bling"

Interpret this as you will! Doors open at 6pm with the Awards Presentation at 8pm, \$15 entry.

We are welcoming two fabulous judges - Dr Zara Stanhope (Director of the Govett Brewster Art Gallery, New

Plymouth) and Dr Bob Jahnke (Professor of Maori Visual Arts, Massey University) to cast their expert eyes and

deliberate over the broad spectrum of nationwide entries, across seven categories. We hope they

will enjoy our welcoming coastal community vibe and meeting the locals, and value the depth and breadth of creative talent that we attract to our event. We look forward to hearing their viewpoints and sharing their perspectives on the array of art works and creative talent on offer this year.

Entries are open and tracking well. Keep in mind the closing date of Friday 15th September. Thanks to the artists for putting themselves out there, for having the courage and talent to share their creative inspiration and expression. Also secured is the continued support of our esteemed group of loyal sponsors. We acknowledge the value of these financial pledges, allowing us to offer substantial awards across all categories. This support also enables the TNAA to provide a high calibre exhibition platform for creatives to proudly



Admiring the local work.

showcase their works of art and for appreciators to immerse themselves within the artistic realm.

We continue to welcome new sponsors who chose to support the regional creative community through our event, and recently joined committee members who bring fresh perspectives to our enthusiastic and eclectic group. We are looking forward to collaborating once again with all our local

and enjoy our talented locals providing music and entertainment, applaud all artist entrants and award winners, and share in the celebrations, bringing colour, flair and a festive air.

Check out our website www.taranakinationalartawards.com and Facebook & Instagram for updates.

Megan Symons

co-creatives and volunteers who are

integral to the staging and success of the Taranaki National Art Awards. If you've been thinking you might like

to contribute, to come along to a meeting or volunteer in the set-up, pack-down, or during the exhibition then

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Taranaki Racing



Ms. Anna Duncan

Taranaki Racing (Inc) is pleased to formally announce that effective August 1, 2023, Ms. Anna Duncan has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Club. This appointment follows Ms. Duncan's tenure on the Board of Taranaki Racing, where she has displayed her dedication and expertise.

With over 28 years of experience serving the New Zealand Police, Ms. Duncan brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to our organization. Her outstanding contributions during her one-year association with us have been instrumental in shaping our recent collective success.

Ms. Duncan's profound passion for Thoroughbred Racing is deeply rooted in her personal background. Hailing from Tuakau, she was nurtured in an environment where her grandparents excelled in the training and breeding of thoroughbreds.

Furthermore, her parents were horse racing enthusiasts and owners, coupled with her own accomplishments as a skilled equestrian, further augment her deep-rooted connection to the sport. Notably, Ms. Duncan has also actively supported the endeavours of local hall of fame trainer, Mr. John Wheeler, and his wife Linda.

In assuming the mantle of Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Duncan takes the reins from Carey Hobbs, who has served as the Club's Chief Executive Officer for an extraordinary span of 36 years. His

tenure not only demonstrates his dedication, but also positions him as arguably one of the longest-serving Chief Executive Officers in New Zealand.

We are delighted that he will continue to be associated with our organization, albeit in a part-time capacity. His role during this transitional phase will be ensuring the seamless integration of new staff and the sustained success of Taranaki Racing (Inc).

We extend our warmest congratulations to Ms. Anna Duncan on her well-deserved appointment as the Chief Executive Officer. Her invaluable experience, passion for the sport, and unwavering commitment to excellence make her the ideal individual to lead our club further into a prosperous future.



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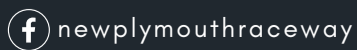
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An intriguing exhibition



Winter Swamp. Anna Daedalus.

Sculptural photographs ... now there's a description to keep you guessing!. They're lovely things, do have a look. ENFOLDED, an exhibition on the Virtual Tart website. An intriguing, and beautiful, work by Anna Daedalus. While you're on the Virtual Tart site have a look at the Showcase too ... 40 artists from the Taranaki area of New Zealand. See if you can spot the new works there.

Dale Copeland.

CHURCH SERVICES



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

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

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

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

St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga
2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month Mass at 6pm. However during winter the time will be 5pm i.e. Saturday 10th June, 24th June and 8th July. After this date the time will revert back to 6pm.
1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 8.45am.
Thursday Mass 9.30am (subject to change).

St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato
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Strays
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Gran Turismo
2hr 14mins | M Sat 05 Aug 3PM | Fri 11 Aug 7PM | Thu 17 Aug 7PM

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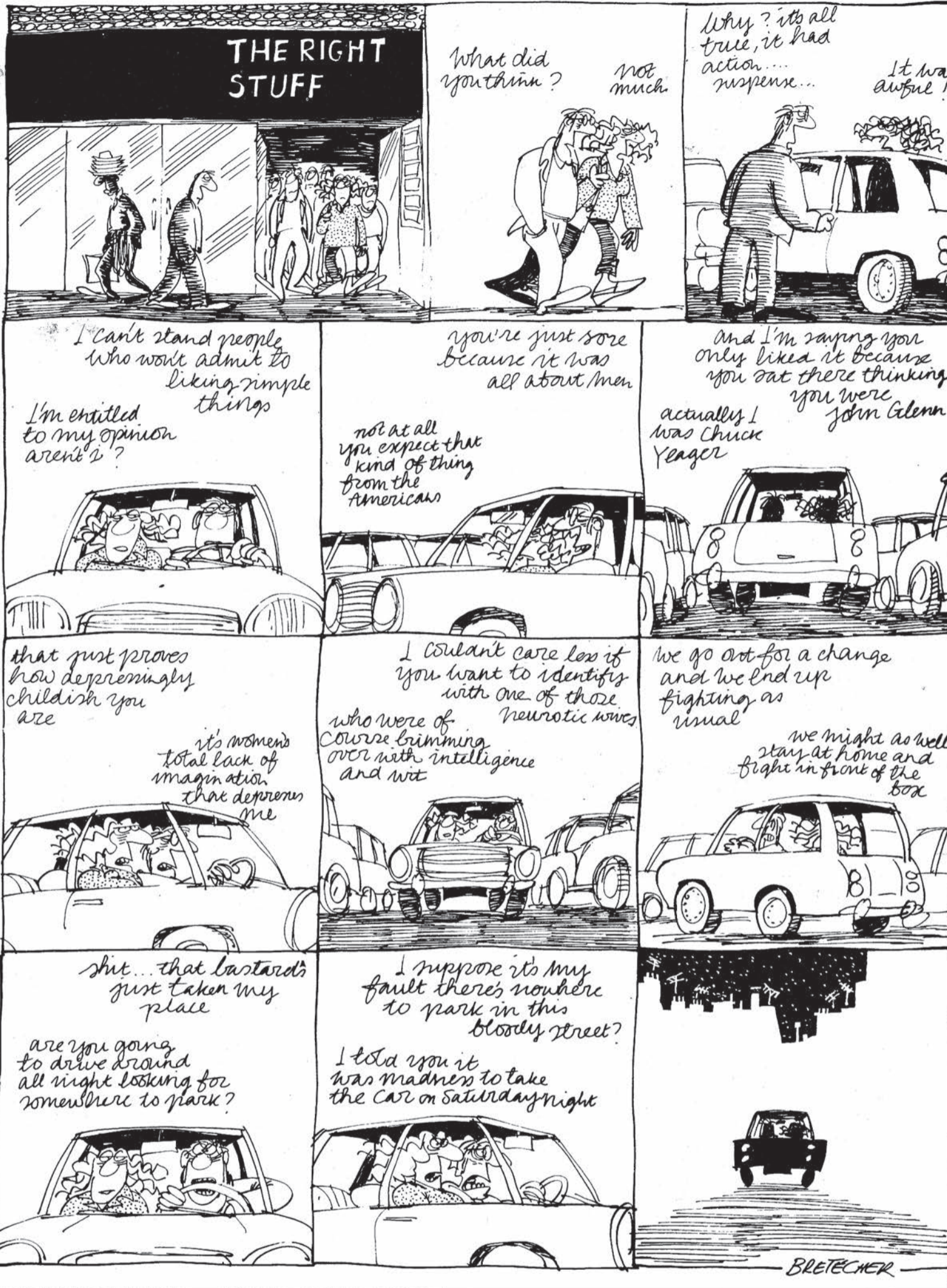
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Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

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.

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

APRIL 7 TO NOVEMBER 6
State of Nature exhibition: PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth.

JUNE 17 TO OCTOBER 1
Flashback Exhibition: At the PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth

JULY 14 TO AUGUST 14
He Korowai Mahana - To be cloaked in the comfort of whakapapa exhibition: At from out of the blue studio gallery, 18 Halse Place, Opunake

AUGUST 10, 11, 12
Salvation Army Book Fair: At East End Skate Rink and East End Surf Club, New Plymouth.



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Opunake Cottage Rest Home AGM: Coastal Care Health and Community Centre, Opunake.

AUGUST 19
ITM Interprovincial Raceday: At New Plymouth Raceway. Gates open 11.30am.

AUGUST 24
Opunake & Districts Foodbank AGM: 10am, Coastal Care Community Lounge.

AUGUST 25 TO 27
Kneeboard Surfing Classic: See advert and article for more info.

AUGUST 26
Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust Group AGM: At Aotearoa Pa, Okaiawa, 9.15am.

AUGUST 30
Quiz Fundraiser for Cathys Care Centre: At Festoon, Oakura, 6.30pm. Bookings essential.

OCTOBER 5 TO 15
Cirque Olio: At the TSB Showplace.

OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 5
Taranaki Garden Festival: Around Taranaki

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

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Annual General Meeting
Orimupiko Pt 12 (Marae), Orimupiko Pa Sec 32 BLK
1 x (Urupa), Orimupiko 1 (Land)

Date: 10th September, 2023

Venue: Orimupiko Marae

Agenda:

- Mihimihi/Karakia
- Present: Sign in
- Apologies
- Minutes AGM dated 26th July 2020
- Matters Arising
- Reports: Chairperson - Financial
- M.L.C. - Hayden Potaka
- Review of Injunction
- Q&A

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Public Meeting 2023**

When: Tuesday the 29th August 1pm - 3pm

Where: Whai Tapuwae Nō Rongo - Clifton Park, 17 Princess Street, Waitara

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Please join us for our Annual Public Meeting.

AGENDA:

- Karakia | Apologies | Confirmation of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
- | Presentation of Audited Financials | Chair & Chief Executive Report
- | Grantee Presentations | Open to the floor | Close of meeting | Karakia | Afternoon tea

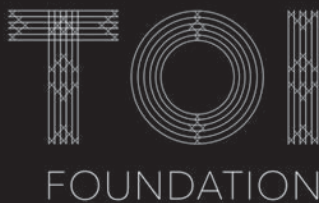


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