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Book launch celebrates Ron Morrieson's centenary

A Limited Edition (200 numbered books) entitled *A Towering Talent: Reflections of Ronald Hugh Morrieson* commemorates the centenary of the birth of the Hawera author born James Ronald Hugh Morrieson on January 29, 1922.

All are welcome at Tawhiti Museum on Sunday August 14 (2pm) for the book launch of this, the third biography on Ron (the last one was by Julia Millen in 1996).

The richly illustrated biography (80 pictures) is the result of a dozen years of research, including interviews with about 40 people who knew Ron personally. This includes relatives, friends, band members, a work colleague and people who Ron tutored in music. "Sadly, quite a few people have since passed away since I spoke to them," lamented author Rolland McKellar.

Ron Morrieson was equally a superb musician, who was both a band leader and (non-leading) member in several bands at different times. It was interesting to meet up with some of his former band members such as Colin King (Waitara), Robert Crow (Bell Block), Dick Wills (New Plymouth) and Ian Smith (deceased) of Opunake, who commented "Ron was a brilliant musician." He was proficient with the guitar, piano, double bass, violin and saxophone.

"I suppose I'll be one of those buggers who are recognised after they're dead," he was to famously state of his writing.

And so it has proved.

Ron has the distinction of being the only New Zealand writer who has had all four of his novels adapted into feature films, some of which were the first from this nation to receive overseas acclaim. Probably *Came a Hot Friday*



Rolland McKellar holds up the front and back of the biography.

was the most celebrated and was selected as this nation's Best Film of the Year at the annual awards. (Billy T James won the award for Best Male in a Supporting Actor, while Peter Bland won Best Performing Male in Leading Role).

The other novels were *The Scarecrow* (1963), *Came a Hot Friday* (1964), *Predicament* (1974) and *Pallet on the Floor* (1976). His first biographer Peter Simpson wrote of Ron "... a novelist of unusual distinction and unusually broad appeal, potentially wider than any previous New Zealand writer."

Ron also had two short stories published in *Landfall*

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BOOK LAUNCH
2pm Sunday August 14
Tawhiti Museum, Hawera

A Towering Talent
Reflections on
Ronald Hugh Morrieson
by Rolland McKellar

- * Only NZ author to have all of their novels celebrated as feature films.
- * Writer of best known line in NZ literature:
"The same week our fowls were stolen
Daphne Moran had her throat cut"
- * First biography for 25 years

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Marsden Point

In his recent letter to this paper, Max Thomas of Awatuna condemned the government's endorsement of the Marsden Point oil refinery's premature closure just when our fuel security is in jeopardy. Calls by Social Credit leader, Chris Leitch to reverse this decision have been snubbed by the Parliamentary Petitions Committee in spite of over 18,000 signatures gathered on an on-line petition. Indeed an uncanny code of silence has descended on all our MPs on this issue.

I contacted National's Energy Spokesman, Stuart Smith (no relation) offering to share vital (and disturbing) information from the Sacred submission to Parliament. He

politely declined saying he would consult "the sector," the same sector (the company owners) which informed Labour. Leitch's very comprehensive submission can be accessed on www.socialcredit.nz/more/submissions.

What irks me, as a born-and-bred Taranakian, is the hypocrisy involved. We have crude oil from our province, available for processing, but the government prefers to import fuel long-distance in diesel-guzzling tankers which risk delays from geopolitical and other supply crises. It puts our defence forces and agriculture at risk. Yet, for a mere \$300 million the government could have bought the Marsden Point shares - a tiny fraction of the billions it has printed and fed into the reserves of

ADELPHOS

In New Zealand, Australia and worldwide most people with a mobile phone or email have received unwanted messages and malware through spam. Friends and I have had countless security threats, despite our precautions. How about you? It has been called phishing or fake news to mislead us, infect our computers/phone with a virus and hack our identity or bank account. Such deception can mire us in doubt and confusion about what information is really true.

We've seen an example of this confusion since the early 19th century when atheistic scientists began

Believe it or not

attacking the foundational truth of God as the Creator. The Bible clearly refers to God as the Creator of people, the heavens and the earth hundreds of times. By denying this it's like erasing God's name on His own painting of the universe. Believe it or not some art experts are trying to erase Leonardo da Vinci's name from the Mona Lisa. They claim that a master pupil, and lover of Leonardo, simultaneously painted the Mona Lisa, with their easels probably about two meters apart. Some critics are increasingly convinced that Leonardo is at best a co-painter and that he copied his portrait from his genius

the systemic banks. What is the distant drum our MPs are marching to?

Heather Marion Smith
Blenheim.

Mandates

In support of 'Truth Seeker's' letter in the 28 July issue, I totally agree with what they wrote and have first-hand experience.

In the beginning I questioned the fact that the vaccination was new mRNA technology as it had never been experienced before globally, and that it hadn't been tested properly. This rang warning bells. Why was the Government telling us this new vaccination was safe and effective? Groups of highly skilled scientists around the world were warning us against its safety and GPs were losing their jobs for speaking out.

I had experienced pulmonary embolisms and wasn't taking any risks. I worked in healthcare and was mandated off my

job. I kept abreast of what was happening around the world and researched and looked at facts and figures, not following social media blindly or becoming a conspiracy theorist. When the variants became less severe, I could see that the vaccine clearly wasn't working as the vaccinated and unvaccinated were both passing on and getting Covid, and there wasn't the amount of unvaxed seriously ill in hospital as predicted. Vaxed and unvaxed seemed to be getting it at the same rate and I could find no evidence or reporting to say that the unvaxed were more severely affected than the vaxed.

At the beginning, I had to endure a lot of questioning and prejudice from people. Then came the passports. Wasn't it bad enough that those of us who had kept the healthcare workforce going in the lockdowns had lost our jobs, but now we were of a

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pupil. Will we ever know the truth?

The truth about humanity's purpose and survival is in the forefront during these current catastrophic times. Our global ecology, economy and existence makes us search for the truth about humanity's purpose and survival. Jesus made it simple when He said there is one ultimate and absolute truth, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus was all about providing His followers with forgiveness, hope, the wisdom of His Holy Spirit in this life and an eternal future when God recreates a new heaven and new earth upon Jesus' return (Revelation 21:1).

Without an intelligent

Creator God of people, the heavens and the earth, Jesus becomes meaningless: because Jesus was part of the one triune creator god present and active at the first creation: "For by him [Jesus] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... All things were created by and for him [Jesus]. He is before all things and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:16,17). The magnificence of God's creation reflects the self-evident glory of God (Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20).

No wonder the beauty of Aotearoa New Zealand is described as God's Own Country or Godzone. Believe it or not.

Te rangimarie
Adelphos

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Deadlines for copy

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

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

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

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

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

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

Editor

Opunake & Coastal News Paste Up Night





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lower class and didn't have access to a lot of places.

Now moving along from that, it has become apparent that the vaccine has no use at all and the dominant variant BA5 is completely resistant to the vaccine. The Government are still promoting boosters. Meanwhile, the drug companies with whom the Government have entered into contract seem to be the only ones who have benefitted in all this.

A friend and I who were both mandated haven't had Covid but I know a lot of Healthcare workers and clients who have. Where was the sense in the mandates?

Like 'Truth Seeker' I also believe that the main reason for the shortage of healthcare workers is due to the mandates. I have heard

nothing said about that by the Government. or hushed up by the media. Now, the Government's answer to this is to bring in healthcare workers from overseas and offer training incentives at a great cost and even promote this on 'Shortland Street.' What is all that about? We have mandated healthcare workers here who are looking for work, some of them have left healthcare or have given up on the mandates ever being dropped. How badly we have been treated. How sad is all this?

As life is getting back to some form of normality we are accepting and learning to live with this flu like virus, yet still the mandates exist. One has to question the validity of that.

*Health Seeker
New Plymouth*

Support not abort

I commend Murray Baylis for voicing his thoughts on Roe v Wade, which were recently published here.

The voice for the unborn takes quite a back seat in our country, but there is the odd one standing up for those who cannot yet speak for themselves.

And there is help for those who are being pressured into having an abortion.

There are helpful sites online where one can find support during a pregnancy and advice for an unwanted baby, such as: Crossfoundationblog.com.

Ukraine

I wonder whether Maureen Martins even considered that there are people in New Zealand with relatives, family and friends in the Ukraine before penning the long letter that appeared on July 28?

There are people in New Zealand who have connections back to Ukraine. They can be aware of the situation of some relatives,

but not all. Some have fled, some remain, some have had to remain, and of some there has been no recent news of their situation.

I wonder whether Maureen realises that the symbol Z was used in the Second World War by a division of the SS; so which side is the Nazi's?

If Maureen actually wants to know what is happening in the Ukraine, there is a simple answer. Go there, you actually can, and such a trip may have a profound change on your opinions. Maybe then you might also recognise similar agendas, racism, and villianisation techniques are also being used in New Zealand.

Donald Murray

Achieving goals and dreams

Don't we need it? After months/years of Covid, extreme weather events and now many days of this wet weather.

An uplift of the Commonwealth Games and watching athletes from around

the Commonwealth doing their best stuff, especially our Kiwis. Watching athletes in their different sports, achieving at such a high standard and New Zealanders achieving so many medals and seeing others achieving their personal bests. But even more, these games allow our young people to see these athletes achieve their

dreams, which would not come without hard personal effort. I hope these games allow all of us to see them as a means by which Kiwis can achieve their own goals and dreams, no matter what fields they wish to take, team or individual dreams, sport or arts."

*Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth*

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Andy doing well at Stoney Oaks



Meet our new kid goat Andy at Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park . He's absolutely adorable and the tiniest goat I've ever seen-- He is a feral kid who was dropped into Stoney Oaks in a very frail and sick state. I had a week struggling to get him to take a bottle, and it was touch and go as to whether he would make it, but now he is doing great and has befriended our Flemish giant rabbit Martini.

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Support services for Kiwi Business.

New platform launches to help small Kiwi businesses thrive

A new support service is here to help Kiwi business owners get the tools and support they need to thrive. Small Business NZ (SBNZ) is an online platform aiming to provide community, connection and resources for small and micro businesses across the country.

Because, let's face it, running a business is hard. Often small business owners feel isolated, left trying to figure it all out alone.

Despite the difficulties, New Zealand is a proud nation of small and micro business owners. Defined as a business with fewer than 20 employees, there

are approximately 530,000 small businesses in Aotearoa, according to Statistics New Zealand and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. This means small businesses make up 97% of all companies in New Zealand, contributing to over a quarter of New Zealand's GDP and accounting for 28% of nationwide employment.

SBNZ founder and spokesperson Philip Wicks says that in his work as a business success coach, he encounters common problems – feelings of overwhelming isolation, as well as not knowing where to look for quality assistance. He hopes the platform will help hard-working Kiwis across the country by providing access

to quality resources and a support network.

"We want to help small business owners achieve greater work-life balance and business success, equalling a lot less stress. SBNZ aims to save Kiwi business owners time, no more searching on Google, by providing one central hub full of quality resources, articles, and

templates suitable for running a business in New Zealand.

"The other idea behind founding this platform is there will be a nationwide network where business owners can ask questions, receive quality support and advice, and ultimately help them feel supported in the hard work of running a small business."

Wicks says the platform will also provide members with access to a nationwide network of fellow small businesses, as well as expert providers who have been thoroughly vetted. Small business owners that sign up as SBNZ members by paying a small annual subscription will receive access to discounted services by expert providers in various fields, accounting, business coaching, etc. The site will continually feature more features and resources as it grows.

"There are so many hats that a small business owner wears – marketing, accounting, operations, strategy, customer service, human resources, to name a few.

"We want to help small business owners learn which hats they should wear and consider which roles they could possibly outsource at minimal cost."

All members who join SBNZ before October 1 will be eligible to receive a complimentary 60 Point Business Diagnostic and report (valued at \$1200), courtesy of sponsors BSP Advisory Group. In addition, 10% of annual membership fees go towards funding advisory and support assistance for small businesses.

STDC chief takes up role with PNCC



Waid Crockett.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) chief executive Waid Crockett has announced he is taking up a new role as chief executive of Palmerston North City Council (PNCC).

Crockett is due to start his new role on 7 November.

South Taranaki Mayor, Phil Nixon says it will be very sad to see Waid go, but it's a real credit to him and his achievements that he's been able to secure the chief executive position at PNCC.

"I can't speak highly enough of Waid and the contribution he's made during his (almost) five years at STDC. He's a highly effective and respected local government chief executive and he leaves the Council in excellent heart," says Mayor Nixon.

"There's a lot going on in South Taranaki at the moment and many exciting initiatives underway, so the Council will take its time to conduct a rigorous recruitment process to ensure we get just the right person for our district."

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The Covid experience

COVID-19 figures released two weeks ago showed that more than 41,400 people, approximately a third of the Taranaki population, have had COVID-19, but this number could be higher according to Dr Catherine Jackson, Te Whatu Ora Taranaki medical officer of health.

Was Opunake following the province-wide trend? At the Opunake and Coastal News, three of the staff having recently caught the virus (but are now recovered), we decided to hit the streets of Opunake to see if things were any different here from the rest of the province. Of the 34 people surveyed, 19 had

said they had Covid and 15 hadn't. Thus in our, admittedly small sample, over half of the people we surveyed in the Opunake business district have succumbed to the dreaded virus and reported a variety of symptoms.

One woman said she had had Covid three months ago: "I was in bed for two weeks and I'm still feeling a lot of weakness in my legs and in my back."

One couple, who said they were fully vaccinated, both had it at the same time, and experienced flu-like symptoms like sneezing and headaches.

"We can't pinpoint it to

a particular person, but we believe we got it from people who didn't wear masks and were coughing."

One woman, who said she was vaccinated but not boosted, said she had been able to avoid getting it.

"In our whole household nobody's had it, but other members of the family have," she said.

Another woman who said she was fully vaccinated and had avoided getting Covid.

"We practise mask wearing and hand washing, which I think helps."

Rhonda Crawford said she and her husband had both had Covid.

"We had gone out to hear a band at a bar, and we got up dancing, and everyone was close together and breathing," she said. "I did three tests, but it wasn't until the third that I was positive. I had chills and aches. It affected my concentration and it was hard to focus at the start. My husband was more fatigued and was coughing for quite a while. He had had all three shots. I had only had two. Everyone is so different. It depends what your own health symptoms are. A lot of people have told me that the flu is worse and had knocked them around more. Most of us have had it. I normally don't get sick.

I just had to rest and not work for seven days. That's meant that I've had to back up my business for a bit."

Another woman said the main symptom she had experienced was "brain fog." She had tested negative before coming up with a positive test.

"Before I tested positive I had lots of symptoms, but kept testing negative. By the time I tested positive, the flu-like symptoms weren't there anymore."

Another woman said she hadn't had Covid, but everyone else in her business had. Another said nobody in her household had had it, but her daughter at university had.

Another woman said she and her husband had had it.

"It was more like a cold. I had a sore throat, low temperature and no energy. My husband had headaches. It was not such a big deal. The biggest deal was staying home for six days."

Dr Jackson says we can still expect to see COVID-19 cases and other respiratory illnesses in circulation.

"Part of the reason for the increase in COVID-19 cases is because of the BA.5 variant in circulation, which is more transmissible than previous variants. The winter season and conditions also make it easier for many respiratory illnesses to spread."

Some questions answered re Covid

Concerns about the rise in Covid cases in Opunake, the Opunake & Coastal News posed a number of questions to those in positions of authority on health matters. Health New Zealand has provided some of the answers.

1. Has there been an increase in cases locally?

The latest COVID-19 figures show that more 41,400 people, approximately a third of the Taranaki population, have had COVID-19, but this number could be higher according to Dr Catherine Jackson, Te Whatu Ora Taranaki medical officer of health. "It's important to note that this is the number of reported cases only and we anticipate that the actual infection rate is higher, as we know many people do not report positive test results or test for COVID-19 at all.

"We urge everyone who tests for COVID-19 to report the results of their rapid antigen test (RAT). This is essential for letting know your GP and the COVID Hub know you have COVID so you can quickly access medical and welfare

support if you need it. This is especially important for people who are at high risk of getting severe COVID-19 who may be eligible for medicines they can take at home that can reduce the severity of illness and help them to avoid being admitted to hospital."

Results can be recorded online through My Covid Record or by calling the helpline, 0800 222 478.

The number of new COVID cases per day is currently stable with early evidence of a decline, however hospital admissions and deaths due to COVID remain high and have most likely yet to peak. COVID vaccination, and especially the booster doses, significantly reduce the risk of hospital admission and death from COVID.

2. Are there any precautions people should take re mask wearing etc.?

The most important thing everyone in the community can do is keep up with healthy habits.

"The more layers of protection we put in place – particularly vaccinations, but also mask wearing, washing your hands, social distancing and staying home from

work and school if you're māiuiui/sick – the more we can reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses," says Dr Jackson.

Anyone who needs a flu or COVID-19 vaccination should visit their pharmacy, Māori health provider, drop into the New Plymouth and Hāwera Vaccination Centres (open every day), or one of the many Winter Wellness Clinics happening every week in communities throughout Taranaki.

Visit www.tdhb.org.nz/covid19/vaccine.shtml to find your nearest drop-in vaccination clinic location.

3. Is reinfection an issue with those who have been unfortunate to get it?

Getting COVID more than once is possible, especially after infection with the newer variants like BA.5. However almost all cases being reported currently are for people getting COVID-19 for the first time. New studies show that being fully vaccinated, including having booster doses, still provides high levels of protection from both a first severe infection and reinfection.

4. In some cases people with symptoms have reported tested negative using the RATS and later I tested positive. Is this something to be wary of.

Should you, as soon as you get symptoms, self isolate even if you test negative. I've read it can take several days for symptoms to set in before you test positive?

Some people with COVID symptoms will test negative via RAT test in the first few days of their infection, especially if they are vaccinated. It can take a few days for the viral load to get high enough to be detected by RAT testing. People with ongoing symptoms are advised to stay home and test again after a few days if they remain symptomatic. They can also call Healthline for advice or speak with their GP or a Community Testing Centre about having a more sensitive COVID PCR test.

If you are feeling unwell with flu or Covid-like symptoms you should stay home and self-isolate to prevent the possible spread of the virus.

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Okato man dies in New Plymouth

Rei Joseph Tumataunga Marshall (23) of Okato died of serious injuries at Taranaki Base Hospital on Wednesday August 3. It is understood that he received stab wounds at a South Road, New Plymouth house. Three men aged 26, 25 and 16 respectively have been arrested and appeared in the New Plymouth District Court on Wednesday August 10. It is understood that the three men have gang connections.

Detective Inspector Brent Matuka said that Rei's family are pleased that there have been early arrests.

Rei has connections with Opunake and attended Opunake High School while a student.

Rei was the partner of Giana and is the father of two children.

His tangi was held on Wednesday August 10 at Te Kaha Roa Aramiro Marae, 62 Orongo Road, Waitetuna.

The police seek information of two cars of interest in their investigations. These include a silver or grey Mazda Axela hatchback with a damaged front driver's side headlight. This vehicle was seen in the Blagdon area of New Plymouth on Tuesday August

2 and Wednesday August 3 around 5.30pm.

The other vehicle of interest is a smaller hatchback (2010), which may be blue. This vehicle was seen in the vicinity of 100 South Road on Wednesday August 3.

There have been several murders in Taranaki over the last several weeks. These include the alleged murder of Levonne Wensor on February 14; her husband Henry has been arrested. Adrian Humphreys, a tourist from the UK, was found deceased on May 7 at Tangarakau Campground, east Taranaki. No arrest has been made as

yet. Following a house fire Emma Field (21) was found deceased on May 27. She used to attend schools (primary and secondary) in Opunake. Leigh Matthew Frederick Beer (31) has been arrested for murder and arson. Most recently (Sunday August 31 July) Jacob Ramsay (33) was found deceased on a property at Upper Kina Road, ten kilometres from Opunake. The two men arrested have interim name suppression.

If you are able to help please contact the police on 0800 287 453, 105 or anonymously on Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Young man found dead in Oaonui



The property on Upper Kina Road where Jacob Ramsay's body was discovered.

A man was found dead outside a rural property in Upper Kina Road, Oaonui - which is about 10kms from Opunake. The deceased man is Jacob Ramsay (33), a husband and father. He was employed as a farm worker in the vicinity. His body was found by someone known to him on Sunday July 31 at 8.40am. Jacob and his wife Sarah have two school-age sons, with a third child

(another boy) expected in September.

This is the third suspected homicide in less than three months in Taranaki. A police spokesperson commented, "We have a dedicated team working to determine the circumstances of Jacob's death, as well as a time line tracking Jacob's movement on Friday July 29.

A post-mortem has been held which could shed more

light on the circumstances of Jacob Ramsay's death.

On Wednesday August 10 two men appeared in the New Plymouth District Court. The men, one aged 39 and the other 18, have been granted name suppression. The pair have been remanded in custody, with the older man facing charges of kidnapping and murder, while the younger man faces a sole charge of murder.

As police continue their investigation they are interested in a silver-coloured Peugeot station wagon, which may be of interest in this case. The car was seen in Oakura at a time of interest, as well as in the relevant coastal area on Friday July 29.

If you have any information relevant to this case please contact the NZ Police. This can be done anonymously by phoning 0800 555 111.



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OBITUARY Ian Lionel Baker QSM

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Mention Ian Baker's name and a number of images come to mind. He was the man responsible for the 26 stone walls in the Opunake CBD, one of many examples of community involvement recognised in the award of the Queens Service Medal(QSM), and which saw him feature as one of Hadyn Jones' Good Sorts on the Sunday night TV One News. He was also someone who I put his accountancy skills at the disposal of local community groups. There was one year in which he audited the books for 26 different voluntary organisations in Opunake, including the Lions for which he received a Lloyd Morgan Award.

He was a Watino Road dairy farmer and chairman of the Awatuna Dairy Company who pulled off a one-of-a-kind deal that made his company the sole supplier of milk to the Eltham Rennet Company.

He was an active member of the Opunake RSA, the Opunake Golf Club, Coastal Singers and the Opunake Players, as well as being a church elder., Clem Coxhead quipped at a farewell function for Ian that there wouldn't be many people who had been life members of organisations longer than they had been members.

When the farewell function was held at the Opunake Library Plus on July 8 (reported in the Opunake and Coastal News July 14), Ian was due to shift to Cambridge to be closer to his daughter Jan and her family. He was due to turn 100 in April next year. Sadly he passed away on July 19.

Ian's father was a manager for Hallensteins, which meant moving around the country. Ian was born in Stratford, before the family shifted to Hawera and then to Hawke's Bay. He worked for the Post Office and trained as



Ian Baker. The stone walls he created are among Opunake's enduring landmarks.

a telegraphist in Wellington. During World War II he spent two years in the army and a year in the air force, serving in Bougainville and Guadalcanal. He returned to Taranaki to work at the Skeet Road cheese factory at Auroa. While in Taranaki he met Netta Duff who he would later marry..

After the war he returned to work at the Post Office. He then worked for a company making radios and then worked as an accountant for Shell. Meanwhile Netta had shifted to Wellington and they married in 1948.

By this stage Ian decided he wanted a change in direction and decided to go

farming. He started working for wages for Bob Hunt at Pihama, moving up to a 39% sharemilking agreement a year later. Bert Hurst who farmed on the Watino Road asked Ian if he wanted to buy part of his farm.

Paul Bourke quoted Ian's reaction to this offer.

"I just laughed. I told him I had no money, He told me to begin spending my savings on 60 calves and everything else would be on time payment. Mr Hurst told me he wasn't selling a farm, as he was getting on and needed a younger person to develop the farm, which had two paddocks and only the

river for water." An eight-aside herringbone milking shed was built, fences were put up and a water supply installed. Ian started with 70 cows, pushed that up to 104, and then back to 86.

Ian took an active interest in the Pihama community, including the school. He was elected a director, and then chairman of the Awatuna Dairy Company. The high point of his time as chairman was negotiating a unique

deal whereby his company became the sole supplier of milk to the Eltham Rennet Dairy Company.

"The Rennet Company would only deal with me personally, and I took a lot of satisfaction from that," he told Paul Bourke. "Everything we proposed was accepted, but it took a whole lot of hard work, patience and more than a little bit of guile. The company had its own trading store and those that utilised it fully were well rewarded."

In 1982, Ian and Netta sold the farm to their niece Maisie Luttrell and her husband Sean, and shifted to Opunake..

In retirement Ian developed new interests, including weaving. It is his stonework, however, for which he is better remembered, an

interest developed while farming on the Watino Road,, which stood him in good stead when he put together 26 stone walls along the streets of Opunake. He began with extensions to the cemetery wall and repairs to the existing structures, and from there moved on to the town's main street.

Seventy seven trailer loads of stone were used, all hand-picked from Sandford's Quarry at Wiremu Road, with all being carefully checked for size and shape before being concreted in place.

His other interests included the Opunake Golf Club, of which he was a life member. He painted the large mural over the bar, and put his wood carving skills to good use, carving the signs for all 18 holes.



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Seeing red

Never has an industry been more targeted by a government than New Zealand's primary sector right now.

The spotlight, within that target for the past five years, falling firmly on agriculture. This term, Labour no longer needs the blessing of the Greens to enact their ideas. Nor are they beholden to any other party to pass laws, so they've been busy.

I used to think it was a case of either ignorance, arrogance, or maybe both. But I've changed my mind. Now I think it's a case of not understanding how the world works and the consequences of decisions.

Ask anyone who manages the household budget, and they will tell you, keeping the breadwinner well and productive is essential. But



BARBARA KURIGER MP
TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

not so with our free spending government.

As announcements to spend billions (or millions on a slow day), fall from the mouths of the Prime Minister and/or ministers each week, penalising agriculture, which is making most of those hard-earned dollars, continues at pace.

More regulations, by people with no practical experience

or in-depth knowledge, of how agriculture and many other industries work.

The end results are poorly considered statements on freshwater and biodiversity, unrealistic climate change targets, water and land reforms to name but a few. All counter-productive, all unworkable, and done without consulting those directly affected.

Topping things off, the Clean Car Discount Package (Ute tax) has been forced onto our economic heavy lifters (farmers, horticulturalists, industry supporters, transport and tradespeople sectors) without viable electric alternatives.

Farmers with hefty workloads, especially at this time of the year, are being forced into meeting or responding to the heavy compliance demands these

regulations require.

As a group, farmers are very amenable to changes for the betterment of their land and animals. But so much has been coming at them all at once. They are continually having to debate or work with rules which don't work from the ground up or have them in control.

At least 34 Acts of Parliament already apply to farming from Agricultural Compounds through the alphabet to the Wildlife Act. These acts also have multiple regulations under them, plus the many more that are directly or indirectly applicable to agriculture and horticulture.

On top of that, there are 19 codes of welfare under the Animal Welfare Act alone, and 15 water conservation orders, some of which apply to farming.

The content of this editorial is to raise again some of the excessive strangling of the agriculture sector, by decree, which I am National's Spokesperson for.

It does not include the illogical policies, plans or regulations being imposed in other areas like education, health, transport, immigration, business, employment, housing, finance and infrastructure, my fellow MPs are battling.

With only 14 months or so to the next General Election, there is a very real danger that the face of this country will be changed forever.

And that's not being an alarmist. It's already happening.

Rural New Zealand makes up 15% of our population — some 750,000 people. But its very way of life has never been more precarious

than it is under the current government.

Kiwis all love to champion our rural roots and our farmers are renowned globally.

But more importantly agriculture, as our biggest breadwinner, needs your protection.

Being informed means you are able to make sound decisions, so I encourage you to understand what is happening.

It is vital we all know what has been imposed, what is being proposed, and what it will mean long term, before we reach the ballot box.

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Beneficiary numbers up 23% in Taranaki

Labour is failing to address the rise in benefit dependency in the Taranaki region according to new official data, National's MP for Taranaki-King Country Barbara Kuriger says.

"Businesses across Taranaki are desperately short of staff, yet 769 more people are receiving the Jobseeker benefit than when Labour took power in 2017.

"That is a 23% increase in people on welfare, even

despite record job vacancies. "This is deeply concerning, especially with national statistics showing that the number of people who have been on Jobseeker for more than a year is 55% higher than in 2017.

"Something is clearly wrong with the Government's approach to welfare. But for some reason, Labour seems content to simply allow thousands of New Zealanders to languish on the benefit without

any direction, support, or consequences.

"It becomes harder to reconnect with the workforce the longer someone spends on a benefit, and businesses who can't find staff cannot operate at full capacity.

"Accountability must exist in the welfare system so that people who can work, do.

"New Zealanders expect obligations to find work are enforced, and consequences are imposed when these

obligations are not met.

"National believes that every Kiwi deserves the independence, choices and opportunities a job provides.

"Yet with desperate worker shortages in Taranaki and across the country, Labour is frittering away a golden opportunity to connect those on a benefit with job vacancies and is instead creating a far bigger social and economic problem down the road."

On this month in history Billy T James dies

On August 7, 1991 Billy T James died of heart failure. The musician, actor and comedian is arguably New Zealand's greatest

entertainer.

Billy was born on January 1949 as William James Te Wehi Taitoko of Waikato Tainui and Clan Campbell descent.

He was a member of the iconic band the Maori Volcanics in the 1970s.

He had immediate success in his first film role as the Tainui Kid in *Came A Hot Friday* a movie adaptation of Ronald Hugh Morrieson's novel of the same name.

He won the award as Best Supporting Actor in the national film awards for his

comic acting. (The film was awarded Best Film in the same awards).

Billy is best remembered for his six seasons of *The Billy T James Show* from 1981 to 1986.

The annual Billy T James Award is the foremost annual award for comedians in New Zealand.

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Response to Barbara Kuriger MP

In response to a press from Barbara Kuriger, MP for Taranaki King Country published in the last issue of the Opunake & Coastal News entitled Emergency Department waiting times Katy Sheffield, Te Whatu Ora Taranaki interim Chief Operating Officer, from the Taranaki District Health Board has responded: All Emergency Departments across the country are experiencing challenges with the current pressures on the healthcare system, as new COVID-19 subvariants, flu and other respiratory illnesses are all having an impact on services. Our hospitals and healthcare services in the Taranaki region are no different, and we are continuing to work closely with Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand to manage these pressures. Despite these challenges, all immediately life-threatening presentations at Taranaki Base and Hawera emergency departments have been seen

within the appropriate time frame. During the first three months of 2022, 10,673 patients presented to the Taranaki Base Hospital and Hawera Hospital emergency departments. Each patient seen is triaged according to the severity of their condition - from Triage 1, which is immediately life-threatening, to Triage 5 which is the least urgent and these patients could potentially have been seen by a GP or an after-hours clinic. The breakdown of patients in each triage level during the three months was: Triage 1 = 140. Triage 2 = 1598. Triage 3 = 5637. Triage 4 = 3004. Triage 5 = 394 This adds up to 10,773 as 100 presenting patients were registered, but self-discharged before being seen by a doctor. Each triage level has its own target timeframe of when patients should be seen set

by the Australasian College of Emergency Management, based on the Australasian Triage Scale, which are: Triage 1 = immediately 100% (of patients seen within this timeframe). Triage 2 = 10 minutes 80%. Triage 3 = 30 minutes 75%. Triage 4 = 60 minutes 70%. Triage 5 = 120 minutes 70%. Taking an average across all triage levels of meeting the six-hour timeframe threshold for patients being admitted, discharged or transferred from the Emergency Department, Taranaki Base hospital achieved 71% of the required target while Hawera achieved 98.5%. Combining both Emergency Department percentages, the average was 78.7% of patients seen by a doctor and admitted or discharged home, within the six-hour time threshold. The hospitals remind all presenting visitors that they can avoid long waits

by saving emergency departments for emergencies such as accidents, serious pain and trauma. For non-serious presentations, the wait time to be seen at ED can be four to six hours. “You can help ease long wait times by visiting other health services for non-urgent health issues like colds, sprains and infections,” explains Sheffield. “If you’re unsure where to go or who to see, please contact Healthline on 0800 611 116.” “We also know that across the country during recent weeks, there has been a significant increase in COVID-19 cases, on top of other respiratory illnesses – resulting in a larger proportion of our population and health workforce unwell. While this isn’t unexpected in winter, we are seeing its impact earlier than usual with more cases presenting to our emergency departments, general

practices, and medical centres. “Because our healthcare teams are part of the community, this means they are also vulnerable to COVID-19 and winter illnesses and this has an impact with some staff absences. Given we expect sustained pressure on health services to continue throughout winter, it will help us if everyone does their

bit to help us get through winter in good shape. “Our best protection this winter is to be up to date with influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations, which can help reduce the need for hospitalisation, along with the other precautions of staying home when sick; getting tested when you have flu-like symptoms; wearing masks as directed; and regularly washing hands.”



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Taranaki maternity number successful

Te Whatu Ora Taranaki has successfully launched a 24/7 0800 phone number and dedicated email for Taranaki pregnant women to call if in labour with urgent concerns, for non-urgent antenatal or postnatal queries or if they are simply looking for a midwife.

Hospital and since its launch in April has averaged more than 80 calls and 35 emails a month, says Lydia Rae, Te Whatu Ora Taranaki child and maternal health manager. “The toll-free 0800 number goes straight to Taranaki Base Hospital’s maternity ward and will be answered by an experienced midwife 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” explains Rae. “During a period when there

is a national and regional shortage of Lead Maternity Carers and midwives, the phone and email service gives Taranaki women reassurance that Te Whatu Ora Taranaki will be able to look after their needs.” To date, Rae says most of the calls are women looking for a midwife. “If the caller has more urgent concerns, they can receive immediate advice and care as required,” says Rae.

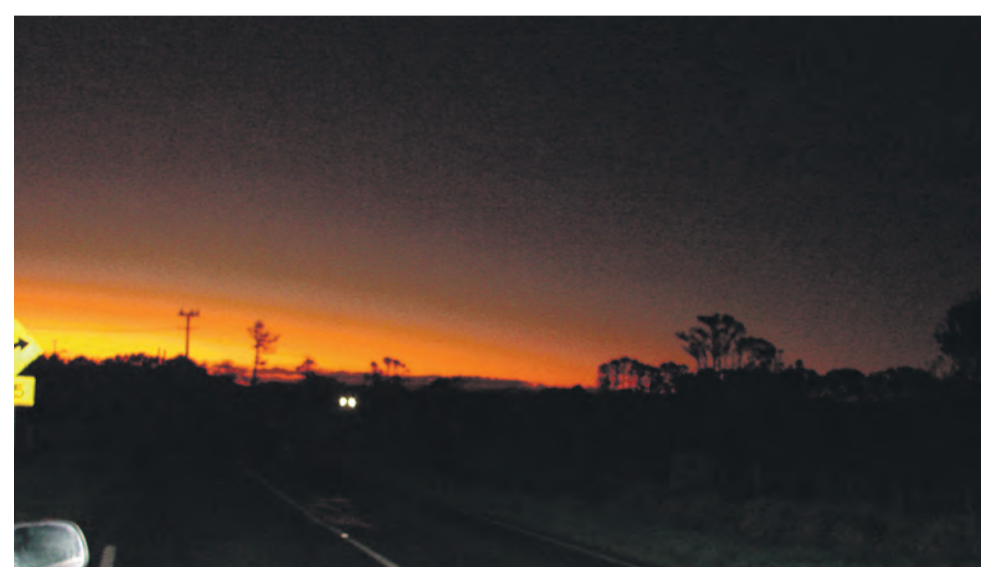
Taranaki has approximately 1,500 births a year in its hospital maternity wards. “With the number of births rising in the region, we are looking forward to the completion of the New East Wing Building at Taranaki Base Hospital in late 2024 where we will be able to look after expectant and new mothers in a brand new maternity and primary birthing unit,” says Rae.



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Sound reasons for buying an electric vehicle: Part 3



Charging up an EV.

the same on my previous petrol car. The only other cost was replacement of a set of windscreen wiper blades. There has been no maintenance costs because no routine maintenance has been required. I should add that some dealerships of some brands do require an annual service to be carried out. I was told by one that it would cost about \$350 but they did not know what work would be done. In my opinion routine maintenance is an income stream that dealerships do not want to lose.

My saving on fuel and servicing over nearly three years and 70,000kms has been over \$17,000. My insurance has been about \$1,500 more than my petrol car. This gives an overall saving of about \$15,500 which goes a long way in helping to cancel out the higher purchase cost of an EV.

There have been a number of studies and reports produced in the USA comparing the Total Cost of Ownership of Tesla Model 3 against other similar premium cars like the BMW 3 series, Audi A4/5 and the more humble Toyota Camry. Most reports show that it takes about five years for the higher purchase cost of the EV to be cancelled out by the savings from fuel and servicing. In subsequent years the cost differential becomes a net saving for the EV owner. There is nothing special about a Tesla Model 3, most modern EVs will produce similar results against petrol/diesel vehicles in their class.

The New Zealand Government's EECA website provides official information including on-line calculators to assist people in comparing the Total Cost of Ownership of petrol, diesel, hybrid and electric vehicles. Go

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This is the third in a series of articles that sets out some sound reasons to consider an electric vehicle (EV) for your next car. In previous articles we covered range, charging, driving and environmental issues. In this final article we cover costs, which is possibly the most important area for many people.

Costs

The costs for a car owner can be split into two groups; purchase and sale, operating and servicing. All of these costs together are commonly referred to as the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).

The purchase and sale are one off costs. Obviously purchase is what you pay when you buy the car and sale is what you get for it sometime in the future. The difference between the two is referred to as the depreciation or loss. Generally with EVs forecasting what the future depreciation will be is not quite so simple as it is with other cars. A petrol/diesel might lose 20%-40% of its purchase price over the first three years of its life. Yet over the last 4-5 years there are many examples of three year old EVs depreciating only 5%-10% of their purchase price. This may be because there are few EVs on the market with owners not wanting to sell or perhaps because an EVs internal components do not wear out like those in a petrol/diesel engine. Whilst economists and car dealers have speculated various reasons the truth is that no one really knows yet and only time will tell.

The purchase cost of an EV is without question higher than a similar petrol/diesel model yet the future depreciation is not really known. You should not be put off by the higher initial costs as there are other factors to consider.

The operating and servicing are ongoing and repeat costs during the ownership of the

vehicle. These will include Rego, Insurance, fuel, maintenance and repair.

Rego for EVs is the same as it is for petrol/diesel models.

Insurance is currently higher for EVs than petrol/diesel equivalents probably because the Insurance industry does not yet know the level of risk to apply to EVs. EVs are inherently safer than their petrol/diesel competition, especially for the occupants.

Where an EV has a huge advantage regarding costs over other cars is with the ongoing fuel and maintenance costs.

Calculating a comparative cost for petrol/diesel vs electricity is complex and has many variables particularly with the price of petrol/diesel changing so regularly. I won't go into the details of the calculations but will give my personal experience as examples.

The current cost of 91 petrol is about \$2.60 per litre and the cost of night time electricity about 15 cents per kWh. My previous petrol car, a 2004 Honda Odyssey, travelled 13km on a litre of petrol. My EV, 2019 Tesla Model 3, uses 2kWh to travel 13km. So my EV costs 30 cents to travel the same distance my petrol car would for \$2.60. That is over eight times less than using petrol. Some electricity suppliers offer better deals than the one I have. One supplier offers three hours free power each evening. In three hours you can put in over 120kms

of energy in the battery, for free.

Some other figures from having trips away are:

Taupo, total distance covered 940km total electric cost \$6.30.

Auckland CBD 872km \$4.72.

Wellington 696km \$4.35.

Auckland/Henderson 889km \$66.53.

On this last trip I had to pay for all of my charging as the motel where we stayed did not have EV charging. Using public fast chargers is about 4-5 times the cost of charging at home but still much less than petrol. With my Honda that trip would have cost \$150 for petrol.

The other area of significant savings that an EV provides is for routine maintenance. A petrol engine and drive train contains about 2,000 moving parts. The equivalent components in an EV have about five moving parts. The more moving parts the more wear. An EV does not require an oil change, engine filters, cam belts, exhaust, etc, etc the list goes on for a petrol/diesel vehicle. We all know the cost of regular maintenance and the additional things found by motor mechanics that always need replacing. An EV does away with most of that.

My EV has covered almost 70,000 kms in nearly three years. The costs for repairs includes wheel alignment and replacing five tyres, one being a puncture. These costs would have been

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Conclusion
In these articles I have tried to provide information that is based on actual experience of owning an EV and to dispel some of the misinformation that is spread around. There are many EV owners with much longer experience than mine, some for up to 10 years, none of those I have met would ever consider going back to a petrol/diesel vehicle.

In the first article I said

that living with an EV requires a mindset change compared to a petrol/diesel vehicle. I explained that range anxiety is not an issue with today's EVs. Charging is as simple as plugging in your smartphone. I have given examples to show the considerably lower cost per km to travel. The concept of getting free power, which means free kms. I have had over 13,000 free kms. Not having to think about and pay for expensive routine maintenance. Regen braking to put energy back into the battery. One pedal driving

to significantly reduce wear on brakes. Not having to make a special trip to refuel, just plug in at home. There are many differences that require the mindset change but they are not hard to understand.

I think it important to make a comment about Utes especially given the readership of the Opunake & Coastal News. The Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said in June 2021 that electric Utes would be available in 12-24 months from companies like Toyota. Toyota NZ responded

shortly afterwards stating that they had no plans to produce an electric Ute. In December 2021 Toyota Japan announced that they will produce a range of EVs, including an electric Ute, by 2030.

Coming much sooner is the LDV eT60 which is slated for release in the summer this year.

Utes are now becoming available in the USA but only in small numbers. A Google search for either the Ford F150 Lightening or Rivian R1T will show what is available now in the USA.

Ford have also registered the name Ranger Lightening, which indicates they will be making an electric version, sometime in the future.

Finally, I am not involved in the motor trade in any way and will make no financial gain whether people buy an EV or not. My objective in writing these articles is to reassure readers that the doom and gloom merchants

are simply spreading misinformation, most likely to further their own financial ends.

The next time you see an EV in a car park, go and talk to the driver. You may not be considering an EV yet but the more you can learn the better prepared you will be when the time comes.

Mike Procter

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A year of rose care

'Roses do not bloom hurriedly - for beauty, like any masterpiece, takes time to blossom'. Within this quote is possibly the reason why roses have fallen from favour for those who prefer easy-care, no fuss gardening. Roses take time. Roses require attention. But rose care need not be complicated or difficult. Here is a simple monthly calendar of rose care.



Rose Graham Thomas.



Rose Tequila Sunrise

July Prune your roses (mid to late July). Apply copper and spraying oil. We like NZ made Grosafe Freeflo Copper and Enspray 99.

August Apply copper and spraying oil again. Fertilise with rose fertiliser. Tui Rose Fertiliser is good. Also New Zealand made.

September/October Continue to fertilise with rose fertiliser and an all-purpose fertiliser such as sheep pellets or seaweed.

November First flowering. Some spraying maybe needed. We like New Zealand made Kiwicare's Spectrum or Grosafe

December Deadhead and a light summer prune. Spray if needed.

January - April Water (the ground not the leaves - a good soak at least every three days). Apply rose fertiliser every six weeks. Deadhead to encourage flowering.

May Stop deadheading to allow rose hops to form. Spray with Lime Sulphur.

June Spray copper and

groventive - spraying oil. So, think again about roses to add beauty and style to your garden. Standards for a formal look. Climbers to smother a wall, trellis or arch. Bush roses for a border or to add colour and interest to an otherwise dull spot in your garden. Look after them and you will be rewarded for many years.

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Christmas comes early for Kaponga WI

In July Kaponga WI members shared a Mid-winter Christmas and were welcomed by President Jo Ellis to the celebrations held at the Health Centre in Kaponga.

Members wore appropriate Christmas attire. President Jo gave everyone a Christmas goody bag and then all shared one of their favourite Christmas memories. Certainly Christmas memories are there forever. The forthcoming opening of the Centennial seat at King Edward Park in Hawera will be attended by at least



Jo Jones and Lindsay Berquist singing Christmas carols.

four members followed by lunch. A beautiful collection of knitting was collected to be donated to S.A.N.D.S for dressing babies born sleeping, so that the parents can dress their babies and spend precious time with them. Secret Santa gifts were then given out but only after a fair amount of stealing went on, but it was great fun.

After an amazing shared lunch of Christmas goodies we were treated to Christmas Carols . Member Jo Jones and her partner Lindsay Berquist entertained with their singing and guitar

playing with members joining in.

Competition results; Home Made Christmas Decoration. 1. Carolyn Nicholas. 2. Dot Hughes. 3. Jo Ellis and Joy Eliason. Christmas Decorated Biscuit. 1. Carolyn Nicholas. 2. Nancy Stokes. 3. Jo Ellis.

A Mid-winter Christmas may become an annual fixture on the programme as it was enjoyed so much. Thanks to hostesses Jo Ellis and Margaret Broomhall.

Carolyn Nicholas

Festival of Lights is nation's favourite event

NPDC's TSB Festival of Lights has been crowned New Zealand's Favourite Event.

The free annual event took home the award and the title of Best Local Government Event at the New Zealand Event Association (NZEA) Awards. It was one of 40 events nominated in 17 categories.

Decided by public vote, the festival also took out the title of New Zealand's Favourite Event, recognition



TSB Festival of lights was named as NZ's favourite event. Photo Charlotte Curd.

that the community festival remains an important asset for our district, says NPDC's Venues and Events Lead

Helena Williams. "This award is proof that we have a world-class event in our own backyard. The TSB Festival of Lights is much-loved by local residents but also attracts visitors from throughout the world, so it is a major boost for our economy."

"Our team put in the hours year-round to deliver world class events and have worked hard for this recognition."

NPDC also took home the title of Best Event

Use of Technology for Oxfam Trailwalker 2021, for a custom GIS mapping solution created for Oxfam Aotearoa.

Both events have been impacted by Covid-19 restrictions but are ready for a strong comeback.

In June, the TSB Festival of Lights held its first Winter Pop-Up event in New Plymouth's city centre which saw more than of 15,000 visitors braving the cold over the four-day event.

The summer festival attracts up to 150,000 people to New Plymouth's Pukekura Park, and features lighting installations, live entertainment, food and family activities, while the charity endurance event attracts 320 teams and their support crew from across the country.

At the last festival, 41% of festival attendees were from outside of the New Plymouth District.



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Taranaki Treasures: A vintage Sputnik Weather Station orb

Raewyn Cornford of Cecilia's on Tasman is especially pleased with a recent acquisition of a vintage Sputnik Weather Station orb, made in West Germany in the 1950s. "I was really wrapt to have a piece of antique history, which is classified as rare" she said after a successful bid at a recent Hawera auction. She also commented, "It's quite modern for its day."

This one is predominantly made of brass (inside a plastic cover) and also measures temperature in both Centigrade and Fahrenheit, as well as humidity and barometric pressure. Raewyn was a bit disappointed that she did not know too much about the personal history of this device, as to who had owned it and how it came to be in Taranaki.

A barometer is a scientific instrument which measures air pressure and is used in the forecasting of weather and in determining altitude (There are a number of types). If the barometer reading is rising it usually means good, clear weather. However, if the reading is falling it usually means cloudy, rainy weather.

The barometer was invented in 1643 by



The vintage Sputnik Weather Station orb.

Evangelista Torricelli, although Gasparo Berti, an Italian mathematician and astronomer invented a water barometer between 1640 and

1643. Anyway, come and see this exquisite piece of history which has indicating the weather for many years.

Work continues on Forgotten World Highway

Safety barriers will be installed at three locations along State Highway 43 over the next two months. These sites will be the first of a larger safety barrier package for the highway.

"The initial barrier sites are located near Toko, at Whangamomona, and Aukopae. In addition, there will be barriers constructed at multiple locations along the route over the next twelve months," says Waka

Kotahi regional manager infrastructure delivery Rob Partridge.

Other safety improvement works along the route have now been completed, including the installation of approximately 220 safety warning signs, tree removal and sealing of rest areas.

Planning is also underway for sealing the remaining 10km section of road through the Tāngarākau Gorge. Construction will start later

this year given the necessary warmer temperatures and fine weather to undertake this work. The remaining sealing work will happen over the next two construction seasons and is expected to be completed in early 2024.

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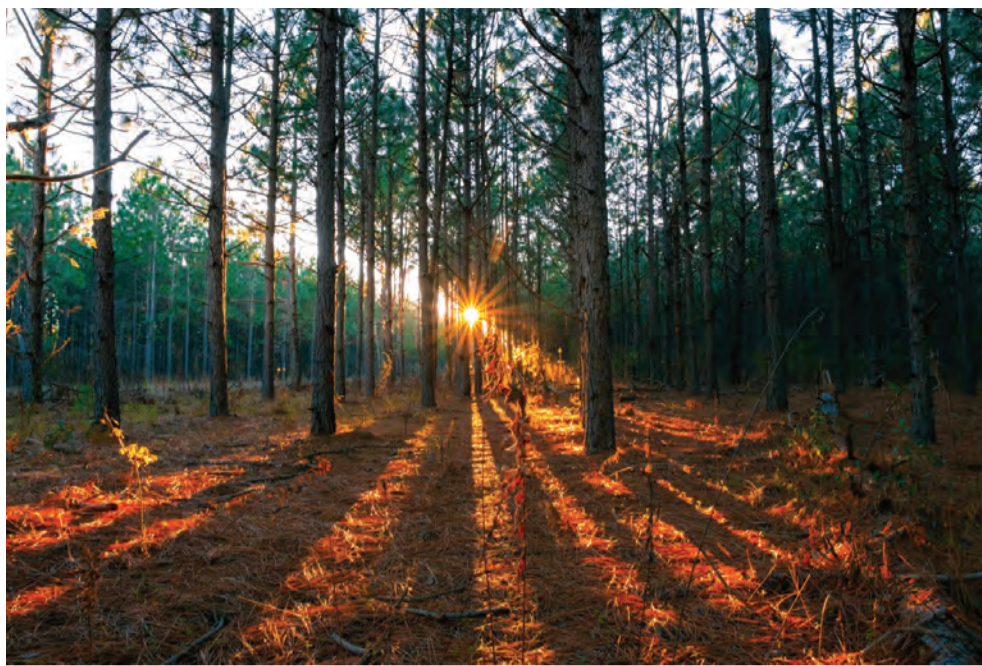
Emissions scheme needs update

The Climate Change Commission says the ETS currently encourages planting trees to offset emissions, rather than working to reduce climate pollution in the first place. They say the government should change the rules around emissions pricing so the system works better to help reach the Paris Climate Agreement targets.

It recommends reducing the total emissions allowed by the scheme, as well as updated price control settings to provide stability to the ETS.

Massey University Distinguished Professor Robert McLachlan said the recommended price changes are "significant".

"That level would be sufficient to greatly accelerate decarbonisation of



The Commission's advice says a flaw in the ETS, which is that it encourages tree planting to offset emissions, rather than actually reducing the amount of greenhouse gases produced

industry – at Fonterra's milk powder plants, for example, currently scheduled to be burning coal until 2037," he said. "But price rises also hit consumers, some of whom have limited capacity to respond."

The Commission's advice points out a flaw in the ETS, which is that it encourages tree planting to offset emissions, rather than actually reducing the amount of greenhouse gases produced, said Dr Jocelyn Turnbull, GNS Science Radiocarbon Science Leader.

"Further, it encourages planting of exotic, typically monoculture, forests rather than enhancing native forests," Dr Turnbull said.

On top of that, she said that the global emissions accounting guidelines are

"out of sync with reality", and researchers are working to update them, which will have implications for how much carbon credit forestry is worth under the ETS.

University of Canterbury Forestry Professor Euan Mason said relying on trees to mitigate emissions is only a temporary fix to buy time to switch to a zero carbon economy.

"Ever larger areas of new forest establishment are required for this solution to be sustainable... it is quite clearly spreading the burden of change across generations," Professor Mason said.

"What this really means is that net neutrality is not a desirable ultimate goal. Getting gross emissions to zero should be our ultimate goal."

Seabed mining bill welcomed

A members bill from Te Pāti Māori Co-leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer has been drawn from the ballot at Parliament proposing legislation that would ban seabed mining in Aotearoa - a move welcomed by Greenpeace.

Greenpeace seabed mining

campaigner James Hita says: "Seabed mining risks damage to sensitive, diverse and precious ecosystems. If allowed to go ahead, this destructive industry would put marine life in harm's way including endangered species of whales and dolphins. It would also

impact the gathering of kaimoana and kaitiakitanga of tangata whenua.

"We all rely on the health of the ocean and Greenpeace alongside other civil society groups have consistently called on the Labour Government to step

in and ban seabed mining in Aotearoa rather than leaving it up to iwi and volunteer organisations to protect the ocean that connects and nourishes us. This members' bill from Te Pāti Māori is laying down the challenge to the Labour-led Government to choose which side of

history they want to be on."

Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM), a community organisation that has partnered with Greenpeace throughout the three seabed mining applications and subsequent court cases in Aotearoa has also welcomed the bill.

"There's an enormous public appetite to protect the oceans, and tens of thousands of Kiwis have either submitted against the company bids to mine the seabed - or signed our

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Taranaki welcome over 70 new international students

Taranaki educational institutions are celebrating with the arrival of over 70 international students as New Zealand's borders reopen for offshore education in time for schools' third term and universities' second semester.

Tertiary institutions the Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) and Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT), along with schools Spotswood College, New Plymouth Boys High School, Green School, and Francis Douglas Memorial College have all welcomed new international students.

Venture Taranaki Talent Advisor Rachael Berndt says welcoming offshore students back to Taranaki presents a wealth of additional social and cultural benefits via the students, who also represent a significant opportunity



International students return to PIMMS.

to help boost the regional economy.

"The early August milestone was a starting point to revitalising the international education sector, although we still have a way to go. It's exciting to have most of the students

already landed, and we look forward to welcoming back even more students to Taranaki."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Taranaki welcomed over 1,000 international students to the region and international

education supported 330 jobs, and contributed around \$50 million to the Taranaki economy.

"With international students now able to enrol to study in New Zealand, we'll continue to position Taranaki as a desirable place to undertake study and prepare students for the future; with a like no other lifestyle to match," Berndt says.

"With our diverse range of education providers around the maunga catering to international students, we hope to see student numbers increase year after year, getting back to pre-Covid

levels that directly support a significant proportion of the community through job creation and contribution to GDP."

South Taranaki District mayor and Chair of the Taranaki Mayoral Forum Phil Nixon says while international students provide enormous benefit to Taranaki, they also gain so much from the experiences.

"It will come as no surprise as to what attracts international students to learn in Taranaki – our friendly people, affordable living, quality tertiary institutions like WITT and PIHMS, pathways to

employment in our major sectors, our cultural heritage and, of course, our position as New Zealand's sunniest region."

As part of the intake of offshore students, WITT had the region's largest intake with 17 full-time international students, and an additional 31 nurses on the Competency Assessment Programme - a qualification to gain New Zealand nursing registration. Study pathways include programmes in IT, business, engineering and cookery.

PIHMS welcomed 14 students from India, Vietnam, Indonesia and Germany. The students have begun arriving in the country where they will go on to gain qualifications in the hospitality sector, an industry crying out for additional staff.

"PIHMS welcomes news of the border openings and can now move ahead with more certainty in recruitment activities with its international partners," PIHMS CEO Bill McCallum says.

"Recovering to pre-COVID numbers, will take several years, however, at least there is some light at the end of an extremely challenging 2.5-year tunnel."

Seabed mining bill welcomed

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petitions calling on Prime Minister Ardern to ban this destructive industry. Now is

the time for Aotearoa to take a lead," said KASM chair Cindy Baxter

"We've had more experience in examining this fledgling industry than any

other country on the planet, and it's been found wanting. A ban on seabed mining would send a message to the world that we are serious about ocean protection," she said.



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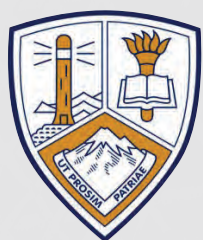


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Principal's Address



What a night! A Toast to the Twenties was a fabulous evening where our students shimmered, and sparkled in their suits and ball dresses. A huge thank you to the ball committee, especially Renee Elliott (Spirit of the Ball), Aria Brophy, Jacob Philp, as well as Mr Bedford and Whaea Kerry who dedicated a huge amount of time, energy and enthusiasm to make this a night to remember.

From the ballroom to ball skills, as we have 150 students visiting from Kuranui College challenging us in a multitude of sports codes. Kuranui is former Principal Simon Fuller's new school, and of course, so we can't wait to show the Kuranui tamariki sportsmanship and skill on the field, pitches, and courts along with manaakitanga at the kura and marae.

Staff have been focusing heavily on developing the literacy skills of our ākonga on the coast. We have been collaborating with our feeder schools and the kindergarten to develop a smooth transition through education around literacy, whilst also sharing best practice. Parents and caregivers are so important in supporting us with growing the literacy of the next generation. A bedtime story and encouraging tamariki to read books/magazines will empower our tamariki to become confident readers and writers at a young age, then reading and writing won't become a barrier to their success as they move through primary and secondary school. Being able to read and write is a right not a privilege, and we want to ensure our young people of Aotearoa can all access this fundamental skill.

Kia mau ki te tokanga nui a noho. There is no place like home.

Finally we are so proud of all the tamariki that have involved themselves with the six Toiora kowhaiwhai boards that now hang in Percy Thomson Art Gallery until 21st August. A must see event!! The biggest mihi to Haoro Hond and Kataraina Rongonui for their mentorship, so much learning has taken place. He mihi tino nui ki a koe Matua Haoro.



Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui
Andrea Hooper Carr
 Principal



Our 2022 School Ball Royal Family

From left: Prince & Princess: Harry Gibson & Jorja Symes, Spirit of the Ball: Renee Elliott, Queen & King: Lia Sefton-Zachan & Thomas Tito-Green, Cutest Couple: Ella Griggs & Harrison Martin, Best Ride: Kyla Coleman



Our annual Sports & Cultural Exchange against Kuranui College kicks off this Thursday 11th & 12th August at the school, event centre and hockey turf (in Stratford).

Games are as follows:

- Thursday 11th**
- 7.30pm - Senior Girls Basketball | Sinclair EC
- 7.30pm - Senior Boys Volleyball | OHS Gym
- 7.30pm - Debating | OHS Library
- Friday 12th**
- 9.00am - Girls Football | OHS Field
- 9.30am - Junior Boys Rugby | OHS Field
- 9.30am - Senior Girls Netball | Sinclair EC
- 9.30 am- Boys Hockey | Stratford Turf
- 10.45am - Senior Boys Rugby 10s | OHS Field
- 10.45 - Junior Boys Basketball | Sinclair EC
- 10.45 - Junior Girls Netball | OHS Courts
- 11.00 - Girls Hockey | Stratford Turf
- 12.00 - Senior Boys Basketball | Sinclair EC
- 12.00 - Junior Boys Volleyball | OHS Gym



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Nominations are now open for the annual Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards, which celebrate the secret superheroes in our midst.

The awards recognise initiatives to protect and enhance the environment, at both a neighbourhood and regional scale.

The awards are in their 29th year and in this time have seen more than 329 winners.

People can nominate themselves or their organisation, or others working in the environmental space anywhere across the Taranaki region. Nominations are open until 31 August, with winners announced at a special local event in November.

The 2021 awards recognised those who were ground-breaking in their efforts to build sustainable communities, reduce carbon emissions, improve native biodiversity and protect wetlands and other native habitat – among others.

Council chairman David MacLeod says year-on-year there is a high calibre of entries from a diverse range

of entrants.

“We are pleased to be able to have a platform where initiatives from school students to major corporates, from farmers to iwi and hapū, from community to grassroots conservation groups, are

shared and celebrated. This is a prime example of the ongoing commitment to the preservation of the Taranaki.

“The awards are pivotal in celebrating the wonderful work happening in the community and recognising Taranaki environmental

heroes. We are excited to celebrate these heroes at a more formal event this year, following the disruption and uncertainty caused by Covid-19 in previous years.”

The awards have five categories: Environmental Leadership in Business,

Environmental Leadership in Dairy Farming, Environmental Leadership in Land Management, Environmental Action in the Community, and Environmental Action in Education.

Ōpunake High School and Ōpunake Loop Trail Trust won in 2020 for incredible effort and enthusiasm for protecting and improving the local environment and inspiring others to take positive action

The High School and the Trust are leading players in a massive environmental restoration project encircling Ōpunake and involving scores of townsfolk of all ages. The popular walking and cycling Loop Trail has been extended into a complete circuit, with volunteers from many groups busy planting 3000 donated natives along its complete length. Their 10-year goal is 20,000 plants. High School students are building, and managing predator traps along its length of the track. The school’s also donated 300 plants, and students have cut donated carpet into squares for weed suppression.

This multi-generational project deepens residents’ enjoyment of the environment and healthy living. It also reflects the High School’s status as an Enviroschool with a strong focus on sustainability.



Ōpunake High School and Ōpunake Loop Trail Trust previous winners of the Awards.

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Why dairy farmers are trending towards larger slurry tankers

While there's been a gradual increase in the average size of slurry tankers purchased over the past several years, the demand for large slurry tankers has ramped up. Where once it was 12,000L and 14,500L slurry tankers in hot demand, we're now seeing a much higher demand for 20,000L tridem tankers...but why?

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Farms are getting bigger

Overall farms are getting bigger, or many farmers are owning multiple farms in proximity. With a larger area to spread over, irrigation systems are inadequate for the entire farm. A slurry tanker therefore becomes the obvious choice for farmers to spread further.

Larger slurry tankers = less loads

With larger farms it inevitably becomes more efficient to have a larger tractor to handle various jobs. Having a larger tractor not only enables farmers to pull a larger slurry tanker, but a larger slurry tanker provides the efficiency of less loads, and therefore less work for the tractor.

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There are times when bigger is better.

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little. You certainly don't need to fill the tanker during times where the ground is wet, but the larger size provides the ability to load her up when the ground needs it most. Larger Nevada slurry tankers have more axles combined with flotation wheels to provide a better weight distribution

over the machine. Because the weight is spread over a larger area, there is less ground compaction. What's more, carrying more means less loads, so less ground damage.

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New chair focuses on future

Hawke's Bay sheep and beef farmer Bruce Wills has been elected the new Chair of Ravensdown as current Chair John Henderson concludes his term on 31 May.

The former Federated Farmers national president says he is excited about the recently evolved strategy of the co-operative which is sharpening its focus on improving farmers' and growers' environmental



From Left Bruce Wills, the new Chair of Ravensdown, with Mike Davey, Ravensdown Director for Taranaki/Manawatu.

and productive performance.

Bruce was voted in as a Ravensdown director in 2015, working closely with John Henderson who has been a director since 2004 and Chair since 2014.

"It's been an eventful seven years on a Ravensdown board that, alongside the staff and management, have worked tirelessly towards a vision of smarter farming for a better New Zealand," said Bruce. "I am passionate about Ravensdown's role as the nutrient leaders in the areas of science, supply and solutions for an ag sector striving for more sustainable ways forward."

Bruce was awarded the

Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit last year for services to agriculture and the environment. He is also Chair of the Primary Industries Training Organisation, the QEII National Trust, Apiculture NZ and the deer industry primary-growth partnership.

"I'd like to acknowledge the incredible work of John Henderson who has been a stalwart leader in the sector, a shrewd director and a far-sighted Chair of the co-operative. Thanks to his efforts, guidance and accomplishments over the years, Ravensdown is well placed to serve its shareholders and move

forward on the next stage of its journey."

Outgoing Chair John Henderson had been scheduled to retire from the Board last September having reached the maximum term of a shareholder-elected director but was asked by his fellow Board members to continue for a further 12 months to provide continuity as new CEO Garry Diack took the helm.

John is particularly proud of Ravensdown's focus on the science and technology behind its nutrient expertise. "In my time as Chair, the issues confronting the co-operative, its farmers and growers have changed dramatically. With considerable foresight, diligence and hard work, our team is confronting this challenge and establishing themselves as trusted advisors and chosen partners in the ag sector."

"Increasingly, Ravensdown solutions will assist the ag sector in dealing with greenhouse gas emissions, water quality and productivity management – all for the sake of current and future generations," added John.

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Planting the future

There's no doubt plantain is shaping up as a key tool for nitrogen management. Equally, however, scientists recognise getting enough of it in our pastures to help meet target reductions in nitrate leaching presents challenges on-farm.

So when the Trust decided



Janelle Gillum and Ben Murray, Barenbrug, checking out the summer brassica crops.

to include plantain in its 'future' herd programme at Gibson Farm, it was a great chance to trial direct-drilling as a way of establishing and maintaining our cool-season

cultivar Captain in a ryegrass and white clover mix.

Direct drilling is not as easy as broadcasting! But science indicates it's more effective. We start with 8 kg/ha Captain, plus 2 kg/ha Kotuku white clover, direct drilled into existing pasture in spring. Then we come back a year later, and follow-up with 2kg/ha each of Captain and Kotuku.

You can learn more about this next time you visit Gibson. Our key takeaway so far, however, is that success relies strongly on post-sowing management.

Making ryegrass (even) better

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Kavanagh is transitioning

back from autumn to spring calving; Waimate West continues its emphasis on 100% farm grown feed, so you can see how the 4front and Maxsyn mix works in two different settings.

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Big day for PKW and sheep dairying in Taranaki

History was made on Thursday August 4 with the first pickup of sheep milk from a South Taranaki dairy farm.

At around 4pm the tanker from Waikato-based Spring Sheep Milk Company turned off Mawhitiwhiti Road near Okaiawa to pick up the first sheep milk from the Miraka Hipi (Sheep dairying) hub operated by Paranihi ki Waitotara (PKW).

The milk was trucked back to the FoodWaikato dry plant at Hamilton to convert

into milk powder.

PKW and Spring Sheep Milk had been in discussions for the last two years and the arrangement marked a milestone for both entities.

“Sheep dairy has been quietly growing in strength over the last few years in New Zealand, and PKW is committed to being a part of the evolution of this new industry for Taranaki,” says PKW Committee of Management chair Dion Tuuta. “Lambing is now well underway with the Spring

Sheep Zealandia ewes, and we are seeing the results of our endeavours in the vat.”

For Spring Sheep Milk which operates mainly in the Waikato and the Central North Island it is their first venture into Taranaki.

Spring Sheep Milk commercial manager Joe Highet says that once other farmers see the benefits of sheep dairying they will come on board. The tanker which picked up the milk last week was also going to be picking up other milk



The Tanker collecting the first pick up from the farm.

further north in the King Country before arriving at FoodWaikato. He says he is looking forward to the day there will be more milk to pick up from Taranaki.

“We’re looking to grow our milk pool in the region,” he says. “We’re hoping that one tanker will be two, and it will be full of just Taranaki milk.”

“Sheep milk is a natural A2-type milk, which contains up to 60% more protein than either cow’s or goat’s milk and contains all 10 essential amino acids the human body needs. Sheep

dairying also holds some real environmental advantages compared to traditional dairying so there is huge potential for the industry.”

Joe says their products including infant formula have proved popular in China, Taiwan, Malaysia and other South East Asian countries. They are looking at expanding into other parts of the world, and they sell domestically as well.

He says the ewes’ lactation period is 278 days, meaning the milking season is similar in length to that of cattle.

PKW’s 120ha operation,

which is looking at producing half a million litres a year is based on two adjoining farms where dairy cows were once milked. There are a thousand ewes on the 70ha Koetuku farm, from where the milk was picked up last week, and 800 on the 50ha Waitokorou farm which is due to come on stream in October.

Operations manager Mike Swift says a lot of work has gone into putting in new state of the art infrastructure and fencing and they have always looked to make use of local contractors.



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Big day for PKW and sheep dairying in Taranaki



Milking in the new shed.

“It’s been a challenging undertaking, but the expertise around has been excellent.” The farms employ five fulltime and six seasonal staff where only two staff had been employed when it was a dairy farm.

“We started lambing on July 21, and as of today we have milk from approximately 250 ewes going into the vat. Over the next 50 days we will have the full 1800,” Mike said shortly before the tanker arrived. “Today’s an exciting day for Taranaki, for Spring Sheep Milk and for PKW. It’s been an awesome project to be part of.”

<The milking ewes are Zealandias, a dairy sheep breed developed by Spring Sheep Milk.

“Spring Sheep are the Fonterra of the sheep milk world and they’ve provided us the genetics for our nucleus flock,” says Mike. Ewes are milked in a 36-aside double-up herringbone shed with a rapid escape system at Koetuku. Milking is done relatively quickly with each ewe producing 2-3 litres of milk.

PKW is looking at expanding their sheep dairying operations, and they will be using lambs from their existing farms to

that end. They are looking to donate wether lambs to schools and lamb rearers.

Mike says they have worked closely with John Hooker and the Aotearoa Marae. Fifteen hectares has been retired into native bush and a wahi tapu urupa has been refenced within the boundaries of the property.

Future plans include building an educational centre and having field days and open days to promote the benefits of sheep dairying in the region.

Mapping the world under our feet

Work to understand the characteristics of Taranaki’s soil will get underway with a detailed survey.

Over the next three years (2022-2025), the national soil survey, S-Map, is headed to Taranaki and will focus on the Waingongoro and Waitara lowlands, the southern and south-western ring plain and Waitara hill country.

“Soil mapping gives farmers data to make informed land management decisions that optimise their agricultural practices,” says Don Shearman, Taranaki Regional Council Land Services Manager who is working with Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research on the project to map the region’s soil characteristics.

Soil surveyors from Landcare Research will travel the Taranaki countryside taking samples to develop a soil map of the area, says Mr Shearman.

“The work will involve on-farm sampling, which will move through the five Taranaki study areas over the next three years.

“Land Management Officers from the Council will contact selected landholders to discuss the benefits of having samples taken on their farms and the potential sampling dates.

“Survey work is free, generally takes about one day and is minimally invasive. Soils are tested using a 5cm diameter auger or small shovel pit, both of which are backfilled.”

S-Map is a digital soil map that displays basic soil data like depth, stoniness and clay content, as well as more complex data such as estimated water holding capacity, nitrogen leaching risk, soil carbon, pH and phosphorus retention.

“This information could help farmers increase productivity and reduce inputs, as well as provide long-term gains through soil conservation,” says Mr Shearman.

Landcare Research is working alongside regional councils, farmers, the Ministry for Primary Industries, and agri-sector groups to soil map large parts of New Zealand.

Andrew Manderson, Science Team Leader for Landcare Research explains that S-Map aims to save the rich legacy of historical soil survey research, to fill key gaps in the soil survey coverage and to make soil survey information readily available for farmers.

“Soil surveying has a long history in Taranaki, starting with the earliest Māori arrivals who classified soils according to their value for agriculture and crafting. This knowledge helped determine settlement locations and land use. Colonial mapping efforts date back to the early 1930s and grew in detail and extent through to the 1990s, again focused on agricultural applications. However, there are large areas where soil research has not been mapped.”



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Coaching shakeup as Taranaki Cricket gears up for summer

New head coaches have been named for The Taranaki Cricket's senior representative cricket teams ahead of the 2022/23 season.

The Taranaki Men will be coached by Chris Coombe, while the Taranaki Women will be guided by Debu Banik.

Coombe, who is also Taranaki Cricket's Director of Cricket, steps into the men's role after a successful season with the Taranaki Women's team last season in which they finished second in the Central Districts Mike Shrimpton Trophy competition.

Meanwhile Banik, TCA's Performance Coach, has previously headed up the men's programme for the past eight seasons.

Taranaki Cricket General Manager Ryan Evans said the shakeup to the coaching



Taranaki Men's Coach Chris Coombe.

staff was about keeping things fresh and bringing different perspectives and strengths to the teams.

"Eight years is a long tenure for any coach to have with a sports team, so we knew the time was right for



Taranaki Women's Coach Debu Banik.

a change with the men," he said.

"We were really happy with the work Chris did with

the women's side last year, so we're looking forward to seeing what he can produce with a different team to work

with."

Banik was the perfect fit for a women's team on the rise and with an exciting programme on the way for the season, Evans said.

"Debu has an outstanding record of coaching the top talent in this region, with names like Will Young and Tom Bruce top of the list. We knew with Chris moving on to the men's team we needed an experienced coach to continue on the work he had started, and we're really pleased we can continue to grow the women's side with a coach of Debu's standing."

The teams' schedules are set for confirmation in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, Coombe has called for Taranaki clubs to nominate players for the first pre-season training squad practices and fitness sessions, starting this month.

Winter weather delays completion of West Stand's new roof

Taranaki rugby fans are counting down to the reopening of the Yarrow Stadium when the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls return home on 3 September.

The international-quality

hybrid turf will be ready for the action under the new eco-friendly LED lights but delays to the construction project mean the roof of the West Stand won't be completed until later this

year, and there will be no covered seating available during 2022.

Mike Nield, Director-Corporate Services at Taranaki Regional Council which owns the venue

through the Taranaki Stadium Trust, said contractors had pulled out all the stops to get the roof done and dusted but the winter weather has meant the construction crew had been unable to complete this part of the project safely.

"The team has worked very hard to get the roof installed in time for this season's games but unfortunately the weather has not played ball. The project team had allowed for 25 rain days in the programme and the number of rain delay days

to the project has been over double this.

"It's disappointing but the weather is out of our control so we're asking fans to be prepared for rain or shine. We may be the sunshine capital of Aotearoa but it's still winter so please wrap up warm or bring a raincoat when you come along to cheer on the Bulls."

Mr Nield said the delay in completing the installation of the new roof would not impact on the budget for repairing the West Stand.

The West Stand has now been earthquake-strengthened as part of the project to repair the stadium after both the West and East stands were found to be earthquake-prone. The East Stand has been demolished and construction work starts this year with the new stand due to be completed by 2024.

The project has received funding from the Government's Covid Infrastructure Recovery fund.

Sandfords Mania Golf results

July 23. Saturday Men. 1. Mike King. 2. Joshua Symes. 3. Ralph Symes.

July 30. Saturday Men. 1. Jack Hopkins. 2. Caleb Symes and Denis Hurcomb. 4. Wayne Baker.

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Coastal Rugby Prize giving at Okato

This season's Coastal Rugby prizegiving was held on Friday August 5 at the Okato Rugby Clubrooms, with the event starting at 6.30pm.

Early on in the evening there was an apology from Patron Margaret Fleming, who was unable to attend on this occasion. However, her message was read that she was very proud of them all with their never give up attitude, playing for the full 80 minutes and good sportsmanship.

This season was a big year for Coastal Rugby when we experienced loss and survival, as well as struggling for player numbers in a shortened season.

Heine and Sophie Fourie thanked the club and members present for saving Heine's life using CPR and a defibrillator donated by the New Zealand Rugby Foundation. Heine and Sophie have been giving back to the club by raising awareness of the Coastal Rugby Legacy Fund, through a \$100 a ticket raffle that was drawn at prizegiving.

Simon and Nicola Adams also thanked the club for their support following the tragic death of their son and presented the Jordy Adams Memorial Cup for A Good Coastal Lad; the 2022 recipient is Dane Hofmans.

Thanks was passed on from the club to the coaches, managers, Committee, players and sponsors and all were encouraged to enjoy the summer and come back feeling fit, as well as bringing a few friends with them to wear the Coastal colours.

This report was mostly contributed by the Chairperson of Coastal Rugby Janet Fleming (many thanks). Unfortunately, our reporter wrongly headed to Rahoitu to cover the event, instead of proceeding to Okato, the correct venue. He did not realise his mistake until it was too late. Many apologies.

The trophy winners are as follows:

Corkill Systems Colts.
Coach: Matt Lawn.
Manager: Ryan Hoskins, Deb Davies. Des Corbett Trophy. Best Team Player Dane Hofmans. Gavin Gopperth Trophy Most outstanding. Jack Feaver. Max Meyer Trophy Top Try Scorer Jack Feaver. Ryan Hoskins Trophy Most Promising Scott Quinnell.

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Scott Dudley and Simon Adams 20 years of service playing for Coastal Rugby. Justin Tito was also recognised for this achievement pictured here below with his son Tawhia.



Mclachlan. Parker Family Last Man Standing Ross Mclachlan. Stirrer Award Regan Hammersley. Steve Gordon Memorial Trophy Best Supporter Div 2 Jamie Taylor.

FBT Division 1. Coach: Bryn Chard. Manager: Joe Brophy.. TP O'Sullivan Trophy Best Team Player Shane Stevenson. Tom Goodin Trophy Most Outstanding Ben Brophy. Tommy Barrett Memorial Trophy Top Try Scorer Ben Brophy. Ray Hayward Trophy Most Improved Mitchell Fleming. **Farm Source Premiers.**

Coaches Allan Crowley, Trent Olliver. Manager: Gerard Kalin, Tim Hurley. Michelob Trophy Best Team Player Daniel

Crowley. Eddie Carey Trophy Most Outstanding Shamus Hurley-Langton . Peter & Maureen Nielson Trophy Top Try Scorer Shamus Hurley-Langton. Olliver Cup Players Player Beni Kalin.

Frontrunner Womens.
Coach Toka Walden. BTW Company Cup Most Valuable Crystelle Deegan. Butlers Reef Cup Most Dedicated Megan Cloke. McCullough Cup Most Improved Shevaughn Polata. Weir Family Cup Players Player Charlotte Webby.

Club Trophies: Pat Richardson Rangi Ngaia Trophy Most Outstanding Team Women . McCarthy Memorial Trophy Top Club Points Scorer Rick McKenna. Okato Tavern Trophy Most Honest Player Dylan Schuler. Rahoitu Junior Team Trophy Most Promising Junior Scott Quinnell. Simon Feaver Trophy Most Promising Senior Morne Pectorious. Coastal Rugby Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Shane Stevenson. 7 C & N Riordan Trophy Most Enthusiastic Supporter Karl and Rachel Picard.

Burnnand Trophy Best Club Member Bryn Chard .. Brent & Debs Davies Outstanding Team Off Field Div 1. Jordy Adams Memorial Cup A Good Coastal Lad Dane Hofmans.



Daniel Crowley was presented with his blazer for 50 games.

Twenty for Taranaki



Former Opunake High School student Badinlee Munro Smith played her 20th game for the Taranaki Womens Rugby Whio team earning herself a Taranaki Blazer.

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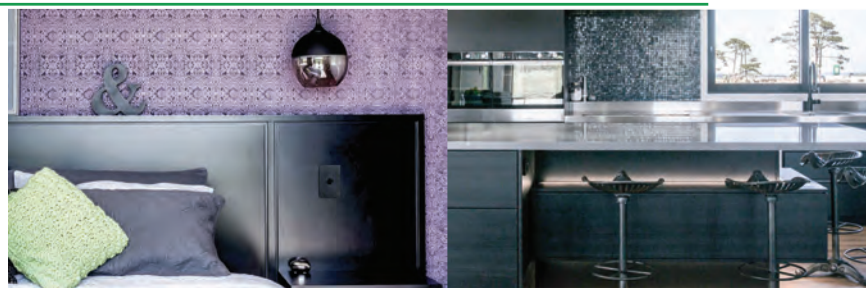
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Book launch celebrates Ron Morrieson's centenary

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(1974). Well-known poet Sam Hunt, commented, "Oh, and a wonderful moving short-story read in an old Landfall some title like Cross My Heart and Cut My Throat. An extraordinary piece." The other short story was entitled The Chimney, which is outstanding.

The cover of the latest biography by Rolland has a painting of Ron as a young man (front cover) and comedy great Billy T James (back cover) by Opunake

artist Bernice McKellar. "The paintings superbly enhance the biography," commented Rolland. "In fact the book's cover, has received a lot of positive comment," adds Rolland.

The book was printed by New Plymouth firm Razz Print Design, which is owned by Roland Woods. "Much of the design of the book was undertaken by Brian Gnyp, whose skill and patience made him a pleasure to work with." The professionalism and friendliness of Roland and all of his staff was

outstanding and the finished product first class," enthused Rolland. "I highly recommend this firm."

There will be books for sale at the Tawhiti launch. However, some of the other places you can buy one include Pastimes (Opunake), Inglewood Book Centre, Paper Plus (Hawera), Paper Plus (Stratford), Bookstop Gallery (New Plymouth), Poppies (New Plymouth) and Govett-Brewster (New Plymouth), or contact the author rtdmckellar@xtra.co.nz



Tawhiti Museum - home of Ron Morrieson's attic, complete with Ron busy writing at his desk. Congratulations to Rolland on his new Morrieson book, "A Towering Talent."

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The attic being removed from the Morrieson homestead in 1993.

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Personal note from author of A Towering Talent

There is no doubt in my mind that James Ronald Hugh Morrieson is an outstanding novelist, one of New Zealand's very best.

There is a good reason why he is the only novelist from this country to have had all his novels made into feature films. Several of our best writers have upheld Ron's work as exemplary and unique – Frank Sargeson, Maurice Shadbolt and Dick

Scott spring to mind, as well as Professor C. K. Stead, although, admittedly the latter in a more qualified fashion.

There is no getting away from the rich tapestry in Ron's writing, which becomes more discernible with each successive reading of his novels and short stories. The more the writing is read, to my mind, the more that emerges, that is interesting, humorous and often thought-provoking.

His characters are

mostly based on his deep knowledge of the people who lived in his environs, complete with their positive aspects, but also their flaws.

It is difficult to sum up such a complex talented man. As a musician he could play a wide range of instruments with finesse, a band leader who expected high standards from his band members, a remarkable raconteur who often had his listeners in stitches, a man with an

advanced sense of humour who sometimes crossed boundaries, a devoted son, nephew and cousin, a fiercely loyal friend, a patient music teacher who instilled a love of music in his pupils, a principled man who could be a bit of lad at times and sadly, at the end, someone who battled alcoholism and depression. I'm just sorry I never met this remarkably talented man and outstanding writer. It's been a fascinating

twelve year journey, having been in contact with over forty people who knew Ron. I look forward to sharing reminiscences of theirs and my research. My only regret is that I have taken so long over the project, because I am aware that a number of people Ron knew will not be able to read what I have written, as they have passed away since I interviewed them.

One of these was Heather Stowe (nee Tweedie), who

was a lifelong friend of Ron's. I'd like to conclude with a song she wrote on 26 September, 1985 in his honour. She entitled the song *Hanging Out in Regent Street*:

I am grateful to Maree, Heather's daughter for allowing me to share the following. 'Mum would be delighted to be included,' commented Maree.

The words are on pages 238-239 in the book.

Rolland McKellar

How the book came to be written

The author was visiting Hawera one day, with his mother, Paula, and sister, Bernice, who ventured, "I'll show you something interesting," taking them to Morrieson's Café Bar, in Victoria Street.

This iconic restaurant had its genesis in the early 1990s, with timber and other rescued items from the demolition of Ronald Hugh Morrieson's homestead, despite a public outcry, which even included the civic leader of the time Mayor Mary Bourke and Cr Ross Dunlop (a later mayor). Inside the restaurant the homestead's staircase had been re-established, as were two fire surrounds - with the tables and bar constructed from timber saved from the

homestead. There were also many items of memorabilia on display, including pictures such as one of Ron with his band Rhythm Masters (Dick Wills and Colin Kerrisk), as well as Tim Chadwick's collage featuring aspects of Ron's unique life.

This is where the author's interest in Taranaki's most famous novelist arose. He learned that Ron had written four outstanding novels with all being adapted into feature films – the only New Zealand writer to have had this distinction. He also learned that the dramatic opening paragraph of his first (1963) novel *The Scarecrow* "The same week our fowls were stolen, Daphne Moran had her throat cut" is the best known

line in New Zealand literature.

The more the author read, the initial stimulus was Julia Millen's superb biography, the more intrigued he became. Yet, this biography was written in 1996. Why had there been nothing since? He felt compelled to do something, to bring things up to date and rescue precious memories.

Finally, after twelve years of research incorporating over forty interviews with people who knew Ron personally, friends, relatives, writers, a workmate, bandmates and music lesson students, this book is the result, which the author hopes you enjoy reading as this is just the third published biography and marks the

centenary of Ron's birth.

Here are quotes from two notable writers, who, in their individual way, rightly uphold Ron as one of the very best novelists New Zealand has produced:

"... a novelist of unusual distinction and originality and unusually broad appeal, potentially wider than any previous New Zealand writer (Peter Simpson, 1982 – the first biographer).

"In his lifetime he published two novels, which should have been New Zealand's best-ever sellers." (Maurice Shadbolt, 1974 – Ron's closest literary friend).

"Of the 40 persons (who knew Ron) interviewed for this history, many had died before publication.

That is, by July 2022.

Their recollections - memories - of this most important and vital writer; are only known by this record.

Which testifies not only to R H Morrieson and his

four works of genius; but to the foresight of Rolland McKellar for getting out and getting it done."

Roger Morris and Marianne Muggeridge



Robert Surgenor, who had the foresight to preserve the attic where he is pictured (before renovation) when concerned people were unable to prevent the demolition.

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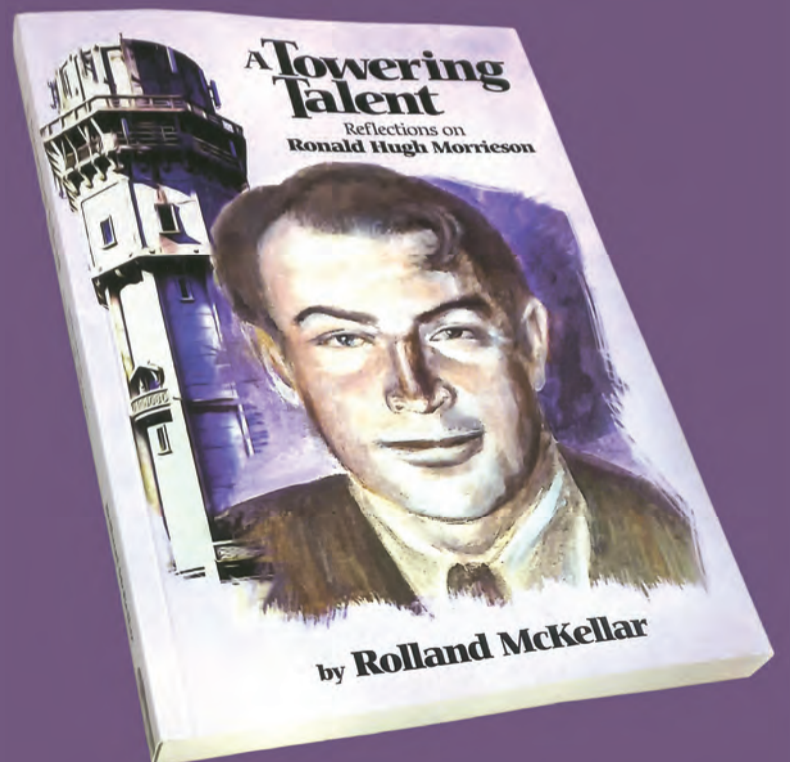
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Reflections on
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* Only NZ author to have all of their novels celebrated as feature films.

* Writer of best known line in NZ literature:

"The same week our fowls were stolen Daphne Moran had her throat cut"

* First biography for 25 years

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Venture Taranaki partnership brings the Coastal Arts Trail to life

The Coastal Arts Trail has been officially launched to stakeholders in Taranaki, marking the end point in a long road that saw a unique partnership between Venture Taranaki, Whanganui and Partners, and the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) (Manawātū).est hero arts tourism product.

The Coastal Arts Trail is New Zealand's newest and largest arts tourism experience, featuring over 60 stops across the lower west coast of the North Island, including more than 30 stops along the Taranaki region.

The trail is an easy, self-driving, art-lovers' journey through the Taranaki, Whanganui, and Manawātū regions, taking visitors through an eclectic mix of public art, street art, galleries, and museums. From well-known institutions to hidden gems, away from the beaten track, travellers can expect a full range of art experiences throughout the three regions. And, if they're lucky enough to get a booking for the world's first gallery camper, they can also do it in style.

The creative industry is a shared strategic focus for



Vallery, the Gallery Camper.

all three regions, and this is their most significant collaboration to date, to ensure a united approach. After extensive planning, the vision for the trail was realised with the help of government funding for the recovery of tourism communities impacted by COVID-19.

Taranaki regional development agency Venture Taranaki embarked on the collaboration with an ambition to build awareness around the arts and cultural

offerings in Taranaki, and to increase visitation to the region as well as visitor expenditure, particularly in the arts sector. The project also recognises the importance of kotahitanga, working together towards common goals.

'Our involvement in this collaboration will contribute towards strengthening the creative reputation of our region, as well as contributing to visitor sector resilience and encouraging further regional visitation,'

says Venture Taranaki General Manager People & Place, Vicki Fairley.

To set the Coastal Arts Trail apart, and to provide an additional product offering, an ambitious gallery camper concept was put together in conjunction with Quirky Campers NZ. Launching at the end of June, 'Vallery' is a world-first art gallery campervan, offering a completely immersive art experience: travellers can sleep under art, dine with art, and recline on art, all

integrated in a comfortable and practical way. Boasting over 50 works by 26 different artists, 'Vallery' represents just a taste of the sheer volume of art to be explored and experienced on the Coastal Arts Trail, and is bookable from 10 August at quirkycampers.com.

Nine Taranaki artists have works on exhibit inside Vallery, with a total of 23 items, including a large-scale ceiling commission from Taranaki artist Gabrielle Belz, featuring

a glowing night sky. Belz's work also includes a striking black and white arch depicting some of the region's iconic native trees and birds. Keen eyes may recognise local beachscapes in Diane Stoppard's pinhole photography, reproduced on the camper's bedding.

Travellers will also discover a number of other works throughout the campervan, including a selection of works collected from galleries and artist's studios throughout Taranaki. From celebrated local artists such as Rohan Wealleans and Sally Laing, to exciting newcomers discovered at the inclusive Gover St Gallery space, there's a lot to explore.

Fairley says the artistic collaboration is a testament to the region's artists and makers and will support tourism in region. 'We're delighted to play host to the Coastal Arts Trail, and everyone exploring it. 'Vallery' allows us to showcase just some of the talent present in Taranaki, and we're looking forward to welcoming domestic and international visitors in region to experience the rest.'

Don't miss the best view in town

Hāwera Water Tower Night Climb

**Mon 19 September
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Flaming Good

Warm up this winter with a Music extravaganza at Okato Hempton Hall to help support the Okato Fire Brigade who have amazing volunteers. These wonderful highly trained people willingly take time to not just put out fires, but attend crashes, provide support to the area and other teams. In Okato the Brigade supported the Okato Food Bank collecting produce which helped all through the pandemic and afterwards to families still coping with covid.

Organiser Lesley Dowding says it is a way of saying thank you, but also giving funds for training equipment. The concert will bring community together. It has been scheduled



Hempton Hall, Okato is the venue for the 'Flaming Good' music extravaganza.

for the afternoon so families can attend. There are so many new families it's an opportunity to socialize. \$10 at the door under 12 is free.

Artists are giving time for this event so support their efforts as well. They are professional and their concerts sell out fast. Donations can be left at the

Coastal Taranaki School office where tickets are available. Tickets provide front row seats to the concert. The musical line up features the wonderful French group La Mer French singer Dominique Aaron. Aaron is one of our most professional accordion players

and will play a solo piece. Well known jazz artist Mike Gordon and a great pianist Dave, originally from Africa, are performing. Mike Harding is a Taranaki legend, great collector and performer of folk music. Supporting acts are Fingal Deb Ken Lisa Shanty Sheilas, and OK Boomers Andy, Bev, Wayne and Peter who recently performed in Opunake.

Help put out the fires, let us show our support on Saturday 13 August 1-3pm Hempton Hall. An Okato house flier has a children's drawing competition of a fire engine 5-7 8-10 prize family pizza. Leave at Coastal school office.

KANE BRISCO

TOOLS for the TOP PADDOCK

Lessons from life on the land

The cover of Kane Brisco's book.

Book Review

Tools for the Top Paddock by Kane Brisco

Farmers see the need to look after their stock or their machinery, but pay less attention to looking after themselves.

Those pushing this message have included the likes of Doug Avery, author of *The Resilient Farmer*, as well as All Black great Sir John Kirwan and former TV journalist Matt Chisholm among others. Now Taranaki farmer Kane Brisco can be added to that list with the release of his book *Tools for the Top Paddock: lessons from life on the land*. He is already familiar to many for his online presence as the front man for Farm Fit. Now he can add author to his resume.

Until recently he was sharemilking at Ohangai for nine seasons. Now he is contract milking on a farm "right in the bushline of the slopes of Mt Taranaki" 20 minutes from New Plymouth.

He grew up as a townie but always enjoyed spending time with his farmer uncle and much loved grandmother. As a child he enjoyed rugby without being good at it, although he showed improvement later on to make the Taranaki Under-20 side and play 130 games for the Patea-based Border Club. He also discovered boxing.

He made his way up the farming ladder. At one stage he entered the Taranaki Dairy Industry Awards and finished third in the dairy manager category. A former employer was so impressed with him that he offered him a 50:50 position on a farm at Ohangai. He went on at a time when the payout was \$8.40kg/MS, and before it crashed to \$3.90kg/MS. In his book Kane talks about all this and more. Like the winter when it never stopped raining, turning the paddocks to sludge, and then came the drought. It was then that Kane, who had had a lifelong love of farming considered chucking it in. He talks about the toll all these things took on him, including the toll it took on his relationships.

He intersperses the story of his life with pieces of advice or "tools for the top paddock." These include the need to set time aside for things like spending time with family, as well as staying socially connected and getting advice as and when needed. The only dumb question, says Kane is the one that is never asked.

In his online platforms Kane has made a name for expressing himself in a raw manner, and much of this comes through in his writing. It is something he makes no apologies for, but it is something which serves to convey the vulnerability which people in his position have for too long been reluctant to express. Kane is to be commended for opening himself up and sharing his message.

Bryan Kirk

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FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER

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Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga
South Taranaki District Council

Launch of new Coastal Arts Trail at Govett Brewster

A special tourist arts initiative was launched at the Govett Brewster Gallery on Wednesday August 3. Guest speakers included Mayor Neil Holdom, Aimee Rafini from ArtAche, Kelvin Wright Venture Taranaki Chief Executive and Vicki Fairley, Venture Taranaki General Manager People and Place.

There was a very good turnout of people and a ample spread of delicious food and drinks to sample while people chatted.

This initiative is the result of a partnership between Venture Taranaki, Whanganui and Partners and the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA).

Featured will be over 60 artistic stops over the lower



New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom was one of the guest speakers at the launch of the new Coastal Arts Trail.

west coast of the North Island including 30 in Taranaki. An eclectic mix of public art, street art, galleries and museums will be on offer for art enthusiasts.

One brand new item is Vallery the world's first art gallery campervan, which can be hired. It contains over 50 works by 26 different artists including Gabrielle Belz' glowing night sky. This mobile art gallery was conceived in conjunction with Quirky Camper NZ. Aimee Ralfini is the curator.

Speaking first Kelvin Wright explained that the genesis of the Coastal Art trail was not easy. "This art trail has been so long in the making. The finance and resources were very difficult to obtain." However, he concluded, "It has been

absolutely fantastic to have been involved in the arts trail."

Mayor Holdom said, "We have the ability to create a quality experience. We want visitors to come here and say I went to this cool little place with great art. Go and check it out." He concluded, "Tourism has a huge potential, which doesn't impact on our environment."

The final speaker was Aimee Ralfini. "We all pitched in to create this." She spoke about the way the many colours impacted on her artistic experience in a positive way as she went from place to place. "Taranaki has so much to offer artistically." She concluded, "I feel blessed to have received all this support."



CoastalCare – AGM and the last year in review

On Tuesday 19th July, Coastal Taranaki Health Trust held their AGM – Thank you to those who took the time to attend. The Trust now consists of, Steve Corkill (Chairperson) Adrienne Hickey (Secretary), Bob Clark (Treasurer), Paul Bourke, Monica Willson, Kylie Brophy and Corryn Pryce-Baxter. We are pleased to welcome Corryn Price-Baxter on board as a new Trust member and have reluctantly said goodbye to Lynda Corkill who was a long serving trustee and champion fund raiser, thanks were noted for her passion and in particular, her tremendous efforts in raising funds to initially build CoastalCare.

The Chairman noted that the Trust has been in existence for 16 years and CoastalCare in operation for seven and this last year had been another trying year while Covid and now the seasonal flu continues to affect our operations and services.

Over the past year we have managed to secure the services of Remington from Taranaki Chiropractor, build the Red zone which allows the GP service to consult and treat Covid and other respiratory illness without affecting the rest of the building and raise \$100k towards other building alterations.

Another development over the past year is that we now hold shared meetings with the Cottage Rest Home Trust. Both trusts have many goals in common in our support for our vulnerable community members, we felt it was a logical step to share both ideas and support for each other through our meetings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) and Co, McDonald Real Estate, Hughson & Associates, and Thomson O'Neil for their continued sponsorship and TOI Foundation, Community Organisation Grants (COGs), St Pauls Co-op, Pub Charity and Lottery Grant Boards for capital purchases and operational support. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the general public for your kind donations.

As with all businesses, Covid-19 has affected our income as well as increased some costs however the Treasurer stated "that it was pleasing to see that the Trust can operate without relying on grant money and that the effect of funding depreciation is negative to the bottom line"

The Chairperson ended the meeting with a robust discussion about our further building changes to accommodate all the services who wish to operate from our space and serve the Coastal Community.

If you would like any further information. contact Aretha Lemon our Facility Manager on 06 761 8488.

	Note	2022	2021
Operating Revenue			
Revenue from providing goods or services		175,509	157,811
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		257	303
Total Operating Revenue		175,766	158,114
Operating Expenses			
Costs related to providing goods or services		216,810	181,544
Provision for Depreciation		76,133	75,365
Volunteer and employee related costs		-	-
Expenses related to public fundraising		-	-
Total Operating Expenses		292,943	256,909
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		-(117,177)	-(98,795)
Plus Other Income			
Operational Grants and Donation		25,732	27,500
Capital Grants and Donations		35,000	20,555
Sponsorship and Other Revenue		9,240	6,000
Total Other Income		69,972	54,055
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		(47,205)	(44,740)



The launch of the Coastal Arts Trail.

CHURCH NOTICES

- Opunake Co-operating Parish**
 Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday
 Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month
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- Okato Co-operating Parish**
 Okato, St Paul's – Sunday Service every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 10am
 Okato, St Paul's – Prayer Meeting, first Thursday of each month, 7.30pm
 Oakura, St James – Sunday Service every 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 10am
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- 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)
 Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am
 All welcome
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- St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays
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- The Wave**
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 Sunday Services 10.30am
 Women's Group 10am Tuesday
 Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
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- St. Barnabas Anglican Church**
 141 Tasman St, Opunake
 Sunday Services 10am
 Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
 Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday
 Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service
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- Okato Community Church**
 Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.
 Everyone welcome

Vintage Car Club gives helping hand for Daffodil Day



Vintage cars will be on display at Hawera Intermediate from 10 am- 3pm Sunday 21 August.

The Daffodil Day Car Show is a Vintage Car Club of NZ national event. The 36 branches are asked to work with the Cancer Society to stage an event. The Taranaki Branch Event is the Daffodil Day Car Show at the Hawera Primary School Playing Field on Sunday August from 10am to 3pm. The 40 motoring clubs in Taranaki have been invited. There is a \$5 car charge if you wish to exhibit your vehicle. All funds collected go to the Cancer Society, so make the show a good one. Free for the general public.

TARANAKI VINTAGE CAR CLUB

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SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022

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Toi Foundation Annual Public Meeting 2022

When: Wednesday, 24 August 2022 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Where: TET MultiSports Centre, 62 Portia St, Stratford 4332

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

Please join us for our Annual Public Meeting.

AGENDA:

- Karakia | Apologies | Confirmation of 2021 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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George



I let George hold my hand!

George

George



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.

Life Drawing: Life drawing on Tuesday the 9th August will be the last session for 7 weeks. Drawing restarts on October the 4th. From 7 until 9 pm, Tuesdays.

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 4.30 to 6.30pm.

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

THURSDAYS

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

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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.

JULY 8 - AUGUST 18

Blindspot exhibition: Woven paintings from Francis Salole. at from out of the blue gallery, Opunake.

AUGUST 2 TO 26

Eklectik Joy exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

AUGUST 14

'A Towering Talent' book launch: At Tawhiti Museum, Hawera, 2pm.

AUGUST 21

Taranaki Vintage Car Club Daffodil Rally for Cancer: Hawera Primary School.10am-3pm.

AUGUST 23

Opunake District Rest Home AGM: At the Community Lounge, Coastal Care, Opunake. 7pm.

AUGUST 24

TOI Foundation Annual Public Meeting 2022: At TET Multisports Centre, Stratford. 1-3pm.

SEPTEMBER 19

Hawera Water Tower Night Climb: With tthe South Taranaki District Council. 5.30-7.30pm.

SEPTEMBER 23

Friday Night Fever: At King Edward Park, Hawera. With tthe South Taranaki District Council. 6-9pm.

OCTOBER 28

Taranaki National Art Awards Ceremony: At Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre, 7pm.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Request for a temporary fisheries closure around Taranaki to the take of all shellfish, seaweed (excluding beach cast seaweed), anemones and Conger Eel

Pursuant to section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996, Taranaki iwi have requested a temporary closure around Taranaki, to the take of all shellfish, all seaweed (excluding beach cast seaweed), all anemones and both Conger Eel species (*Conger wilsoni* and *Conger verreauxi*). Beach cast seaweed is any seaweed of any species that is unattached and cast ashore. The requested closure is for a two year period.

The proposed temporary closure covers all that area of New Zealand fisheries waters between the Herekawe and Rawa Streams, and offshore to 2 nautical miles. The proposed area covers approximately 300.6 sq km.

A copy of the request and a map of the proposed area is available on the Ministry for Primary Industries website (www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations), or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand at the below address or FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

Pursuant to section 186A(7)(a), Fisheries New Zealand invites written submissions in response to the request from persons who have an interest in the species concerned or in the effects of fishing in the area concerned.

Further information about temporary closures is available on the MPI website (www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture), or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand at the below address or FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

Submissions can be made up to **5pm** on Monday, 12 September 2022. You can email your submission to FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

While we prefer email, you can post your submission to:

Spatial Planning and Allocations
Fisheries Management
Fisheries New Zealand
PO Box 2526
Wellington 6140

Submissions are public information

Note that all, part, or a summary of your submission may be published on the MPI website. Most often this happens when we issue a document that reviews the submissions received.

People can also ask for copies of submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA says we must make the content of submissions available unless we have good reason for withholding it. Those reasons are detailed in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA.

If you think there are grounds to withhold specific information from publication, make this clear in your submission or contact us. Reasons may include that it discloses commercially sensitive or personal information. However, any decision MPI makes to withhold details can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may direct us to release it.



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