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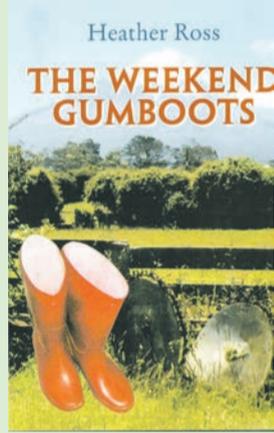
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Honours Board dispute may go up a notch

James (Batman) Langton says he is considering legal action in his ongoing battle with the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust.

Despite twice having won national boxing titles his name still does not feature on the Honours Board at the Sandfords Event Centre.

The Honours Board includes those from Opunake who have become household names like Peter Snell, Don Clarke, Graham Mourie and the Barrett brothers, alongside names which are not so well known.

James believes his name deserves to be up there. He says he had been told being a national champion would qualify for being on the board. The Opunake dairy farmer won the NZNBF cruiserweight title back in 2015, but his name remained off the board, as it has done after he won the New Zealand ProBox heavyweight title in December last year.

He and his wife Kelly have organised major boxing events in Opunake and Hawera and helped raise thousands of dollars for Taranaki charity The Little Fighters Trust which helps children and their families who are living through major health issues.

James says he has been taking legal advice as to where he should go next in his ongoing dispute with the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust. He will present a letter arguing for his inclusion on the Honours Board.

"They did offer space in the sports cabinet, but I belong up there with the rest of them," he says.

James took up boxing after a rugby career which included being a double centurion for



James Langton in front of the Honours Board at Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake.

the Coastal Rugby Club came to an end.

At the 2015 Coastal Rumble he defeated Monty Filimaea in front of a sold out crowd at the Sandfords Event Centre to win the NZNBF cruiserweight title, only to lose the title to Monty Betham in Auckland a few months later.

In December he was again a New Zealand champion, this time as a heavyweight, when he defeated Isilelei Fa to take the New Zealand ProBox title.

He announced his retirement earlier this year, but now says he would be prepared to defend his heavyweight title. James says he had been in discussions with Junior Fa's people and is hoping for a rematch. He would like to do this in Opunake, probably around November.

"Wherever this fight is held it will be my last fight. It will be my swan song."

"We should be excited about the possibility of having a heavyweight title fight in Opunake, but we're actually talking about legal action instead," he says.

Previous Coastal Rumbles held at the Sandfords Event Centre had attracted sell-out crowds of up to 700 people, with many others being turned away.

James says that he has been told that he doesn't meet the criteria for being included on the board as he has competed as an individual, rather than competing for his country.

He says that according to that logic, anybody from Opunake who won Masters Golf or Wimbledon would never get on the board. He argues that he has represented New Zealand on a number of occasions, the most recent being his fight in March when

he unsuccessfully challenged for the Australasian cruiserweight title in Australia. He says he also represented his country when he fought Mark Flanagan for the IBO Oceania cruiserweight title. This fight was also held in Australia, and shown on Australian TV.

He says he doesn't understand the Trust's reasoning. "I just can't get a grip of what their criteria is. They

pick and choose who they like."

"I didn't want to go down this path. This has just come out of frustration. I spent weeks of work volunteering to help put up the Event Centre. Some of the people I worked alongside are on the committee today."

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Plastic Rubbish
 I certainly agree with Yvonne Wara Ward of Opunake about plastic bags impacting our irreplaceable environment. Already it seems 100 people have seen a documentary movie called Plastic Ocean, which to me should be shown all over Taranaki, in all our schools and to the public at large making everyone aware of how extremely dangerous plastic bags can be. China it seems has now stopped taking our country's plastic items, so what now? It's no good trying to bury them. My suggestion is to have a huge furnace somewhere, not only for plastic, but also for glass. As people of Taranaki we must try and keep our streams, rivers, lakes, land and beach fronts clear of all plastic items, as some are already doing it. Maybe we could have something that clears our ocean floor also. Once again we still have people who really don't care about anything, but these are the very first to grizzle and moan if something really goes wrong.

*Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth*

We need a wave of change
 "Would you give your arm for all the plastic in the ocean



Letters to the Editor



The film A Plastic Ocean screened recently in Opunake.

to be forever cleaned up?" This was one 10 year old's response to watching the Award Winning and "Life Changing" feature documentary, "A Plastic Ocean - We Need a Wave of Change." What are you willing to give up and do to clean up and go beyond plastic? A Plastic Ocean is an epic global adventure following a documentary filmmaker and a world record free-diver as they travel the earth discovering the shocking impact plastic is having on our oceans and the marine animals that live there. They investigate how our addiction to plastic is impacting the food chain and how that is affecting every one of us through new and developing human health problems. The expedition leads the two adventurers to unusual scientific discoveries. heart-breaking truths and important solutions to one of the biggest problems confronting mankind. Sir David Attenborough has called A Plastic Ocean. "The most important film of our time." Powerful words from this respected elder whose incredible documentary films have been praised the world over through his career as a renowned broadcaster and naturalist. Attenborough has intimately seen the decline of our ecosystems, rise of species, extinction and the devastating realities from plastic pollution. He very well understands what's at stake and strongly encourages us all to see this film and make significant changes. Two screenings have been privately hosted in Opunake at Everybody's Theatre as part of a national and globally engaged project. The second screening was requested from Opunake High School, with students from St Josephs and members of the community also attending. Comments from students afterwards highlight some of the films inspiring impact. "It was eye-opening. Gives us more of a worldwide perspective of pollution." "It was really sad and very interesting and made me think about what to change

to make the world a better place."
Fiona Young

Rugby Club final
 The Coastal Rugby Club this year had three of their rugby sides in the club rugby finals held at TET Stadium in Inglewood. It seems their Premiers lost to New Plymouth Old boys 29-9 while their Division 1 lost to Southern 19-14 which had to be played in extra time to find a winner., Division 2 lost to Inglewood 20-17, which isn't any sort of reflection on how they all played. Some people shouldn't forget that since the merger between Okato, Rahotu and Opunake, this mighty rugby club has got stronger every year, so how many rugby clubs in New Zealand have had three of their rugby sides in any rugby final? Sooner or later this rugby club will win all three club rugby titles. I remember myself playing for the Okato Juniors. It was always a battle royal against Rahotu and Opunake, especially when the senior teams met. It was all on for young and old. It's a great pity that Yarrow Stadium wasn't available, but that's how it goes sometimes,
*Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth*

ADELPHOS

"What do people need?" This was the designers' first question, but it had evolved. Even from brainstorming a quiet seed had found good soil alongside, growing in the un-noted shadow with little light but good shelter. It thrived through planning and development, even into execution. The intended product of their beginning question was popular, not the first of its kind, perhaps not even the best, but easy and so most widely used. Therefore, successful. The designers deemed it good.

The designers

They had created something that answered questions, whatever questions people might have. Where is that country? Who is that celebrity? How do I bake that? What was that event? Whatever you needed for the convenience of your day-to-day, there was a list of answers for your question. The designers were pleased with their continuing success. Their product even became synonymous with a search for meaning. And the questions changed, as that quiet seed developed in the shelter of the informa-

tion age. The product began to shape reality. At first, deliberately: people were steered to "go and ogle" the answers of those who had paid to be at the top of the lists. Then the questions began to change. Of course, this enhanced the capacity to shape people's reality. Rather than giving meanings, it offered meaning. Why had it happened? Why are they like that? Why do they believe that? What was the meaning of it? Who are they? Who are we? Who am I? As the people turned to the

product to make sense of their existence, accepted the vision it offered of reality and conformed their views to it, the designers realised something. They finally saw what had been growing the whole time, and revised their question to accommodate what their product had been made into. "How do we build God?"
Adelphos' Friend

Apology: Adelphos omission

I wrote in the last article, "All of the 12 apostles were so convinced by His miracles and resurrection that they were martyred with horrible deaths." It should have read, «All of the 12 apostles, *except John*, were...martyred with horrible deaths." However, John was considered a "living martyr" because early historians have documented that he was unharmed after being publicly boiled in oil to entertain a Colosseum audience. Afterwards he was banished to the isle of Patmos and peacefully died at age 99, after he wrote the biblical book of Revelation around A.D. 95.

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It's a fight he says he doesn't want to give up on.

"I'm ambassador for the Little Fighters. These are kids who are real sick and fight every day. Their parents fight every day, so why should I just walk away? I'm just not prepared to take this lying down."

Trust chairman John Kensington declined to comment when approached by the Opunake and Coastal News.

RIGHT:

The letter James Langton hopes will sway the Sandfords Events Centre Trust.

To the Sandfords Event Centre

I am asking to be recognised on the Opunake Honours Board for my achievements in boxing. Since I last approached Sandfords Event Centre I have won heavyweight title of New Zealand, and represented my country in an Australasian fight. That should be enough for Honours Board criteria.

Since then I have won. I won Pro Box New Zealand Heavyweight title (9-12-2017).

I represented my country in an Australasian cruiserweight title fight (23-3-2018).

I was disappointed that I was not approached by anybody on the Trust about representing my country in that fight.

List of achievements in boxing

4-18-2015. Won New Zealand National Boxing Federation cruiserweight title.

11-3-2015. Challenged for Asia Pacific cruiserweight title fight. New Zealand national boxing duration cruiserweight title.

3-8-2016. International boxing organisation Oceania cruiserweight title. This was an overseas fight representing my country.

12-9-2017. Won Pro Box's New Zealand heavyweight title. This fight was in Hawera.

3-23-2018. Challenge for Australasian Cruiserweight title. This was an overseas fight representing my country.

Do not waste my time and ask me to go back to New Zealand Boxing for confirmation of these fights as I've already given you a letter about this.



James Langton.

More Opunake & Coastal News' out

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EDITORIAL

He should be there

Boxer James Langton from Opunake has another fight on his hands – to get on the Honours Board and Opunake's Sandford Events Centre.

James has won a number of titles including a New Zealand championship belt (on June 26, 2015) in the Cruiserweight class.

However the Sandfords Events Centre Trust doesn't feel he should appear on the honours board at the sports stadium where sporting greats including Olympic Gold Medallist Peter Snell and All Black captain Graham Mourie feature along with other lesser known sporting achievers.

The Trust says that James was not selected for a national team and worn the Silver Fern hence doesn't meet their criteria for appearing on the honours board. James was representing himself they say.

Does that mean if someone won Wimbledon they wouldn't qualify then? Or a Lydia Ko should the coast spawn one.

James has represented New Zealand in the International

Boxing Organisation (IBO) Asia Pacific Title and the IBO's Oceania title in Australia. James however is not giving up the fight and is now considering taking legal action.

James who brought two of his title fights to Opunake thus staging one of its biggest sporting events in living memory. Both events were sold out. They were momentous occasions and the huge crowd were clearly behind their local lad who fought under the name Batman.

James hopes to bring more such events to Opunake though the action of the Trust is souring relations.

Just what is the Trust's criteria for getting on the honours board?

There are others too who could qualify.

It's hard to work out their thinking.

It does seem a bit churlish of the Trust. Or pig headed.

Boxing is a popular sport and James has certainly put himself out there.

Should this be recognised? What do readers think?

Heartland Construction get Kaponga Library tender

The work to earthquake strengthen Kaponga Library-Plus has been successfully tendered and staff should be in the strengthened facility before the end of the year.

District libraries and cultural services manager Cath Sheard says the contract to strengthen the building has been let to Heartland Construction Ltd of Opunake.

"Work will start around 14 August and should be completed mid-November so we expect to be back in the building in time for the New Year," says Cath.

The Kaponga LibraryPlus has been operating out of the supper room of the Memorial Hall since September 2016 after an Initial Seismic Assessment indicated that the existing building came in at only 20% of the New Building Standard, well below the required 34% mark.



The Kaponga Library due to be earthquake strengthened.



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CR BRYAN ROACH

your council has to carry out a representation review for the district. The South Taranaki District Council has decided to keep four wards and twelve councillors, with the mayor being elected across the whole district. There will be two name changes. Egmont Plains Ward becomes Taranaki Coastal Ward and the Hawera-Tangahoe Ward becomes Te Hawera

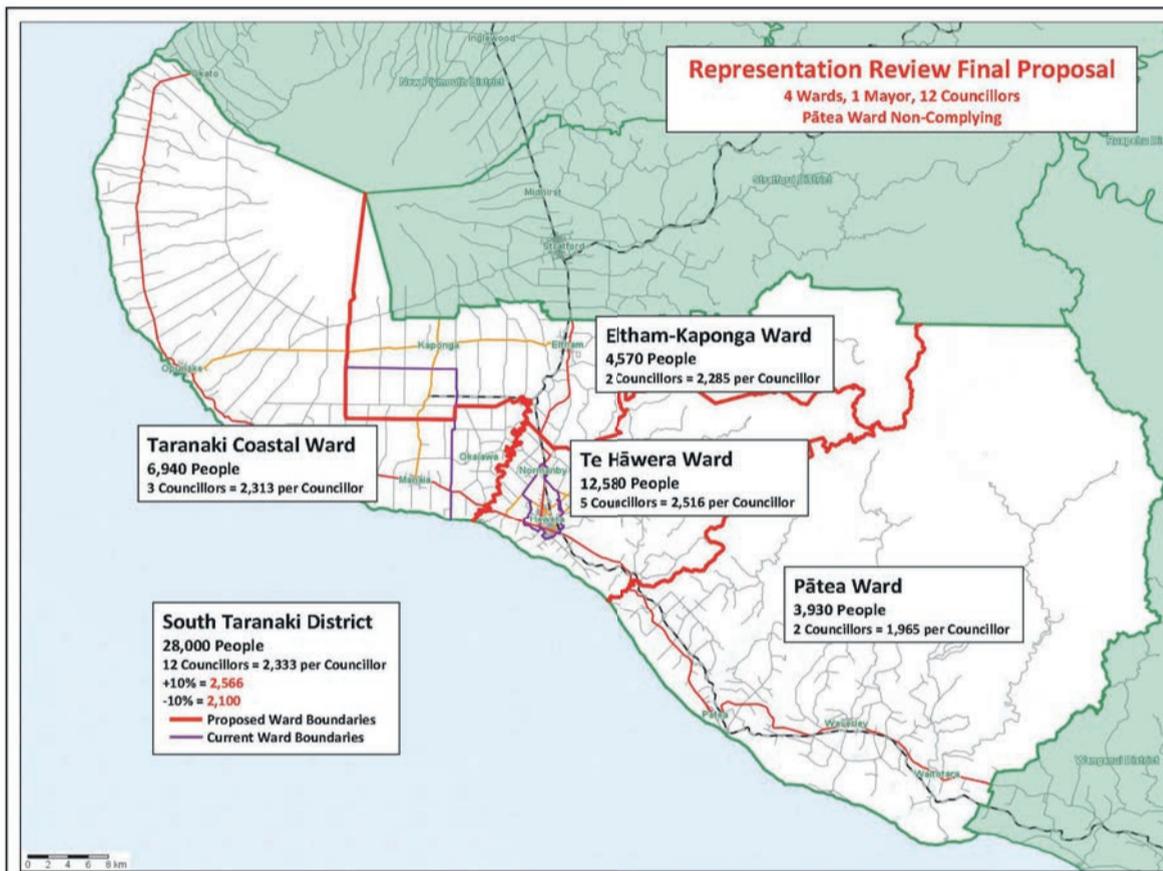
Ward. Your council was recently invited to meet with the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club to hear their concerns of safety at the beach and sand build up in front of the club rooms. We have also offered our help towards the upgrade of the Opunake Surf Lifesaving club rooms. This is a well worthwhile and exciting project. Keep up the great work Trent. Heartland

Construction Ltd has the contract to earthquake strengthen the Kaponga Library building which will commence on August 14. STDC is to spend \$700,000.00 on the Waimate West Water Treatment plant to improve the plant's capacity during stormy and heavy flooding events so we can continue to meet NZ drinking water standards. Your community board is hosting

an Opunake Community meeting of all the Opunake groups working on projects around the district. Some of the groups are the Lions, Sculpture Trail, Mosaic Cliff Top Garden Group, Opunake Boat Club and more. Each group will give a 10 minute presentation on their projects. The meeting is on Tuesday August 21 at 7.30pm at Sandfords Event Centre Opunake.

You are all welcome to come along. To my fellow farmers-what a fantastic winter for growing grass, one of the best ever that I can remember. We are well and truly set up for a fantastic spring milk flush (make sure your tractor mower is in good condition. It could be in for a lot of use this year)
Roachy from the Coast
Bryan Roach Councillor

Council decides on district representation



The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) confirmed its proposal regarding the district's representation arrangements for the 2019 Local Government elections at its extraordinary meeting on Monday (30 July).

The Council decided to make two ward name changes to its proposal, after considering 21 public submissions, including six who spoke at the hearing.

STDC Policy and Governance Manager, Coral Hair, says 14 of the 21 submissions were in favour of the Council's initial proposal, with one neutral, and six objecting to various elements of the proposal.

The name changes involved the proposed Opunake-Manaia and Hāwera-Tangahoe Wards.

"After considering the submissions the Ward name Taranaki Coastal was chosen over the proposed Opunake-Manaia (currently known as Egmont Plains), as it was felt this better represented the northern part of the ward and the coastal surf highway environment that this part of

Taranaki is known for," says Ms Hair.

"Following a submission from the Hāwera-Tangahoe Community Board, Te Hāwera was chosen over the proposed Hāwera-Tangahoe Ward name."

Ms Hair says that to avoid confusion, the Council agreed that the names of the wards and community boards should be the same.

In line with the proposal that went out for public consultation three of the four ward boundaries have been redrawn, except for the current Pātea Ward which remains

the same. The main Ward change is the amalgamation of the current Hāwera-Normanby and Tangahoe Wards. The western part of the Tangahoe Ward is included in the slightly enlarged Taranaki Coastal Ward and the rest is joined to the current Hāwera-Normanby Ward creating the new Te Hāwera Ward.

The District's 12 Councillors (elected from four wards) and four Community Boards will be kept and the Mayor will continue to be elected across the whole District.

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All in a day's work

People who've watched such things on TV don't expect the shockwave and the bang is usually louder than what people expect. It's not like it on TV, says Len Pentelow who has had a busy autumn and is in the throes of renewing his shot firer licence to lay explosives on land operations.

"It's something that happens every five years and it's quite a rigmarole," says Len with a laugh, "proving I'm a sane and sensible person." He continues, "They're certainly very strict about the mentality of people."

Les has been interested in explosives ever since he left school when there was a need to blow up rocks on the family farm in Kina Road. He works predominately on the coast which has lots of rocks from the dormant - still active - volcano which last erupted in 1854.

It's fascinating work and captures the imagination of people. "It's amazing how word gets round," says Len. "The longer you take to do the job, the more people get to find out, and the bigger the audience."

Whenever there's people



The cortex exploding milliseconds before the rock explodes.

watching Len makes sure no one is in front of him though there's always the chance of someone, not aware of what we're doing, strolling up from the opposite direction, says Len which can be nerve wracking.

He has some amusing tales.

He was doing a job at Rahoju and there was quite a few people gathered to watch.

Establishing it was all clear and having loaded the explosives Len detonated them without warning.

"Well the commotion behind me," said Len. "They expected a countdown. The language that came out was unprintable, they got such a fright." Afterwards "we all trooped back to the house to see the videos taken. All you could see was smoke, the house and sky, the cameras were pointing in all directions. They caught the sound effects though, says Len remembering one loud utterance "You bastard". It was "a good shot", he reflects.

Another funny story happened at Des Fleming's farm when Len was just about to load the shot. A chap approached him from behind about to speak. He came round to talk and seeing Len with all his explosives stuffed in various pockets quipped "He's loaded". He didn't hang around recalls Len with a laugh.

Most recently he's been at Tututawa, out the back of Stratford. "They had a big hauler up there but couldn't make a track." They ran into layers of shell rock which Len explains is comprised of layers of shells

dating back to when New Zealand was under the sea.

They're all cemented together. The digger couldn't smash into it, he continues.

"I spent days up there blowing this stuff up," says Len. "We used a lot of explosives," eventually getting a clear way so they could get a truck up.

They had another job in

the same locality also again getting rid of the impenetrable shell rock. You can see layers of shells in the hillside, comments Len.

Another job was down in Maxwell for a logging company. "It was clear they were very concerned about safety," said Len. A bank was preventing access to the loading area. They closed off the whole area leaving just the logging crew who were quite fascinated by the whole process. When they finished the logging crew cranked the logging process into action which Len equally found fascinating.

These days grandson Josh helps out generally and is his driller and video photo recorder.

A while back they did a job in Watino Road however and someone suggested getting a drone operator to film it. "How far above do I get before I get hit," the operator nervously enquired of his precious drone. About 50 feet replied Len.

He was right and they got something Len hadn't seen before, a great aerial video of his explosion.



Len Pentelow with the equipment used to lay explosives. Of the inspectors he says they're more interested in you not blowing up other people.



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The battle scarred car was towed to the fire station... this is the good side.

The siren sounded late on the morning of Saturday 4th, when we were called to a car versus a van on the corner of King and Allison Streets. A van was travelling happily along Allison Street when a car went through a Give Way

sign and decided to attack the van. Two power poles came away with battle scars as did both of the vehicles. We were going to cut the top off the car to extricate the passenger but she was able to swing herself around, and with a little help,

slither out of the vehicle.

Our next role was to set up a landing spot for the rescue helicopter on the beach top. We can't complain about the helicopter service as we had only just arrived when we heard the sound of the chopper over-head. Vlad and his team soon had the patient stabilised and ready for her flight to the Base Hospital.

We had an informal function at the fire station on Saturday night to celebrate Craig Dingle's 25 years in the fire service. Craig was presented his Gold Star earlier in the year by the United Fire Brigade Association and a plaque from the Fire Service, along with a voucher from our brigade. Craig started his fire service career with the

Shannon brigade before he transferred to Opunake. Congratulations once again and thanks Craig for the 25 years of voluntary service to both communities. Not only does Craig volunteer his time with the fire service, but he is also chairperson of the Egmont Plains Community Board run by the South Taranaki District Council.

Our three new recruits have just completed their first aid course and are very soon off on a week long, all expenses course to the National Training Facility at Rotorua. It is a very demanding week but, all going well they will come out on the other side with their "fire fighters ticket". We wish them well.

Secretary Beau



The Rescue Helicopter at the Opunake Beach cliff.

Investigation puts focus on two streams

Eels in two South Taranaki streams have been found to have elevated levels of chemicals associated with firefighting foam. This is the only finding of note in a wide-ranging regional investigation into any such contamination by the Taranaki Regional Council.

The potential long-term effects of these chemicals on human health are unclear and the subject of ongoing research. The Taranaki Regional Council has referred its findings to the Ministry for Primary Industries for food safety advice. The two streams, the Oaonui and the much shorter Ngapirau, are relatively inaccessible. Iwi and local residents have been notified.

The chemicals are from a category known as PFAS, which have been used as

constituents of firefighting foam. They are also widely used in or on everyday items such as furniture and carpets, cooking equipment and food storage containers. New Zealand has no standards for PFAS chemicals in foodstuffs.

The Council's Director-Environment Quality, Gary Bedford, says the Council decided to begin an investigation after environmental PFAS contamination was found in other regions earlier this year.

The firefighting foam was formulated for use on hydrocarbon fires in particular, and the Council focused on sites where it had been stored. In most cases, the companies involved were doing their own checks and investigations.

As well as the eel result,

investigations have found elevated levels of PFAS in groundwater at five sites: New Plymouth airport, the Paritūtū tank farm, the Omata tank farm, and the Māui Production Station and adjacent Hot Fire Training Facility at Oaonui. In each case, the groundwater is not known to be used to supply water for human or stock consumption, so there are no direct pathways for human health risk.

There were no detectable PFAS in samples of mussels taken from coastal waters near the Oaonui Stream mouth, Port Taranaki and the tank farms, and the mouths of the Waiwhakaiho River, Waiongana Stream and Waitara River. As they are in effect stationary filters, mussels are recognised as reliable indicators of the

presence or otherwise of marine contamination.

There were very low levels of PFAS in samples of watercress from the Oaonui and Ngapirau Streams. No PFAS chemicals were found in a control sample taken from a tributary of the Waingongoro River.

"It's important to note that PFAS chemicals have been widely used in a range of consumer and industrial products," says Mr Bedford. "People are exposed to small amounts of some PFAS in everyday life, through food, dust, air, water and contact with products that contain these compounds."

He says the Council is continuing to work with the community and companies involved in environmental investigations and keeping stakeholders informed.

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Muddied waters blur progress on Opunake Lake

Ongoing issues about the Opunake Lake are raising concerns with the whitebait season due to start.

“The whitebaiters reckon there is not enough water going down the Waiaua to encourage the whitebait to come up,” says Rex Langton, who lives on the banks of the lake.

He says a buildup of sediment in the Opunake Lake has been a longstanding concern, and the last time sediment was removed from the lake was back in 2002 when this was done by the Opunake

Lions Club, of which he is a member. He says this is something the Taranaki Regional Council should be doing.

The lake has been a particular interest for the man whose name has become synonymous with the Opunake Walkway, and who has in times past taken it on himself to spray weeds around the lake.

Rex says that with the whitebaiting season due to start, locals have been asking him about the continued viability of what has been a popular spot for whitebaiters.

He says sand has blocked the pipe which takes water from the lake through the power station generators and then discharges it to the beach. The discharge point has become a popular place to whitebait. It is easily accessible by car and therefore more user friendly for whitebaiters who may otherwise have problems getting to other places.

“Some people have been fishing there for years,” said Rex.

He says the Taranaki Regional Council expects a minimum flow of water over the weir near the Waiaua

River Bridge which leads to the canal which flows into the lake. The lake lessee is expected to monitor the flow of water, but there is no way of him knowing what the minimum flow of water needed is, says Rex.

He says he is disappointed that he has not heard more from the Taranaki Regional Council.

These concerns and others came up at a meeting held in Opunake about seven weeks ago which included representatives of interested parties and the Taranaki Regional and South Taranaki

District Councils.

Taranaki Regional Council resource management director Fred McLay says the resource consents for the Opunake Power Station to take water from the Waiaua River or Lake Opunake for power generation expired on 1 June 2018.

“The power station owner has applied for renewal of the consents,” he says. “The Council has asked for further information from the applicant and is waiting for that to be supplied. Once the information is received the Council will proceed with processing the applications. “Given the delay in applying, the power station owner cannot take water from the river or lake until the consents are granted. It is unlikely that the power station will have the consents to begin generation

before the whitebaiting season begins.

“At present, all of the flow should either stay in the Waiaua River or be returned to it from the fish pass or Opunake Lake. As the company does not have the necessary consents to generate power no water should be discharging from the power station outlet onto Opunake Beach.

The Taranaki Regional Council has no responsibility for maintaining Opunake Lake or removing sediment.

“Taranaki Regional Council staff have been meeting with the company and local stakeholders to keep them informed on what has turned out to be a complex and frustrating consent renewal process for both the Council and the community.”



A clean view of the Opunake Lake.

Awards for Taranaki gardens

The iconic Taranaki heritage properties Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens have each been awarded rare Qualmark gold status as sustainable tourism operations.

They are the only three Taranaki visitor attractions rated gold, which is awarded to recognise commitment to protecting the natural environment, enhancing connections with local communities, and delivering a quality, safe experience for all visitors. Each garden was independently evaluated by Qualmark.

“A lot of hard work is behind this achievement,” says Greg Rine, Regional Gardens Manager for the Taranaki Regional Council, which owns

and manages the gardens on behalf of the people of the region. “We are continually striving not only to make the gardens a better experience for visitors, but also to ensure we’re following best practice in all our services and internal processes.”

He says garden visitor numbers continue to grow and the new gold awards underscore their status as significant attractions in a region whose tourism potential is becoming more economically important.

“Our gardens are up there with the best,” says Greg. “These Gold Sustainable Tourism Awards are designed to identify operators leading the way in making

New Zealand a world-class sustainable visitor destination. “We’re proud to have

earned this status and we’re determined to make the gardens even better.”



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Details of major health review finalised

Health Minister Dr David Clark has confirmed the final details of the wide-ranging review of New Zealand's health and disability system as it begins its work in earnest.

The review, to be led by Heather Simpson, was announced in May. Final

terms of reference and the full membership of the review panel have now been signed-off by Cabinet.

"New Zealand has a public health service that we can all be proud of. We are world-class clinicians and allied health workers and they deliver quality services – but we can always do better.

"Like many countries we face some big, long-term challenges such as a growing and aging population and an increasing prevalence of chronic diseases like diabetes and cancer.

"As Health Minister I am also committed to addressing the fact that our health system does not deliver equally well

for all. We cannot just accept worse health outcomes for Māori and Pacific peoples.

"This review is a once in a generation opportunity to improve equity and outcomes for New Zealanders. It will chart a course for a fairer, more sustainable health and disability system.

"The terms of reference have been refined following expert feedback but they remain deliberately wide and now allow for a more thorough assessment of the disability sector.

Joining Ms Simpson on the expert review panel are Shelly Campbell, Professor Peter Crampton, Dr Lloyd McCann, Dr Margaret Southwick, Dr Winfield Bennett and Sir Brian Roche.

"The health sector will know these names well. There's no way every interest



Health Minister Dr David Clark.

can be represented on a panel of seven, but health leaders will recognise the reputation, competence and capability of this group.

"I have no doubt they will deliver robust and far-

reaching recommendations. I expect and look forward to nothing less," says David Clark.

The date for the final report is now no later than 31 March 2020.

People often ask me how I find being in opposition compared to Government

If anything, I find I'm even busier than before. My responsibilities as National Party Energy and Resources spokesperson involve hours of reading, research, meetings and visits. I am also continuing to work on a number of specific local projects, one in particular involving housing for our aging population. My concern is that there is a section of the population reaching retirement age who don't own their own home and have few significant assets. With a boom in retirement village construction I want to make sure those people have



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NERW PLYMOUTH

access to cosy affordable accommodation.

It will be interesting to see if that issue comes up when I meet with senior coastal constituents at the end of the month. On Friday the

31st, I've asked Whanganui MP Harete Hipango to come along to Coastal Care to share morning tea with local seniors. We're hoping to have some good discussions about matters of concern and what sort of things can be done to help make life better.

Whether in government or opposition and no matter how busy I get, I always look forward to meeting members of our wonderful community. If you're over 65 and able to attend, please call my office on 06 759 1363 to RSVP. I hope to see you there.

Jonathan Young
New Plymouth MP

Road repair delay unacceptable

New Plymouth's MP is questioning a lengthy delay in repairing a section of State Highway 3 south of the city.

The Taranaki Daily News (2/8/18) reported on the situation near Lake Mangamahoe, where damage to a culvert last August has seen a 50kph speed limit introduced in an S-Bend of orange road markers.

MP Jonathan Young says it's bad enough that the road has been in that state for a year, but worse, indications are it could take up to

another year to repair.

"It seems ridiculous that we're in a situation where such a significant piece of road is left unrepaired for 12 months."

Mr Young says it's a serious road safety issue that he's been watching unfold, along with the wait for much-needed remedial work between Bell Block and Waitara.

"As locals we know the importance of State Highway 3 in linking us to the rest of the country both north and south, and we need to know that the road is safe and

secure for family motorists as well as heavy industry traffic. This government has taken its eye off the ball in the provinces – Taranaki in particular – and we shouldn't be having to put up with this crucial infrastructure neglect."

Mr Young acknowledges that NZTA has given a high priority to Bell Block-Waitara, but he's baffled as to the delay at Lake Mangamahoe and is urging decision makers to fast track the work.

"A 12 month wait is simply too long."

Kiwis top for skin cancer rates

A new study which shows New Zealand has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world confirmed the need to ban sunbeds and make sunscreen standards mandatory, Consumer NZ says. Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting Kiwis. The 2018 Skin Cancer Index says NZ has nearly 2500 new cases of melanoma every year. It's recommended slopping on the sunscreen as one way to protect from sunburn. Consumer NZ say that despite this, New Zealand classifies sunscreens as cosmetics and this is clearly not protecting consumers against the sun's harmful rays. Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin said last year it tested 20 sunscreens against the Australia/New Zealand standard and only nine met their SPF label claim

and the requirements for broad-spectrum protection. "Our test found some natural sunscreens only provided low protection. One didn't meet high protection or broad spectrum claims and two companies – including one big brand - provided test certificates for similar, but not identical sunscreens," Ms Chetwin says. Sunscreens can be sold in New Zealand without being tested because the sunscreen standard is voluntary here. Using a sunbed also increases your risk of getting skin cancer. According to the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer, using one before age 30 increases the risk of melanoma by 75 percent. Like sunscreens, compliance with the sunbed standard is voluntary. Consumer NZ has been mystery

shopping sunbed operators for more than a decade. Ms Chetwin says in February this year their survey confirmed the poor practices in this industry. "Young people and those with fair skin are particularly vulnerable, but two operators allowed a person under 18 to have a sunbed and six operators allowed a person with fair skin to have a sunbed," Ms Chetwin said. Shoppers did not have the sunbed but carried out the survey in the cubicle. "Existing regulation isn't providing sufficient consumer protection and it's time the government made the sunscreen standard mandatory and banned sunbeds. These measures are already in place in Australia and with our higher skin cancer rates it's not good enough our regulations are lagging behind."

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Tracking and trailing it through Opunake

Soon it will be possible to walk, cycle or run from anywhere in Opunake and take in a range of hitherto unknown points of interest on the way.

The Opunake Lions Club is looking at having a Track and Trail of between 8-10km which would do a loop of the township. The loop would include points of interest such as Te Namu Pa, the Lions Lookout, Cliff Top Garden, the old wharf and an old dam by the Opunake Dairy Factory which many people may not know about. The loop goes under the two bridges on the Surf Highway either side of town and takes in former railway land.

The plan will be discussed at a public meeting to held at the Sandfords Event Centre on August 21.

Lions Club member Peter Clement said he had been a fan of the idea of a Track and Trail for some time.

"I saw the potential of it years ago when Sharon Arlidge(former chair of the Egmont Plains Community Board) was teaching at the high school, and she said, take



Opunake Lions Ian Armstrong(left) and Peter Clement discuss the route of the Opunake Track and Trail.

it to the council. I proposed a route and the Lions will make it a reality."

"There are established places on the walkway

already which have been well maintained by the Lions and we've turned it into a loop of 8-10 kilometres."

The Opunake Lions Club

was chartered in December 8, 1968, and the club's current president Ian Armstrong said they were looking for a 50 year project. Their 25th year

project had been the Lions Lookout.

A number of other ideas had been looked at to mark 50 years, and Peter's one seemed to fit the bill.

"Hopefully we can

galvanise different groups in the township so it's not just a Lions project but a community project. A bit of planting needs doing, so it would be neat to get the schools involved."

Ian says they recognised parts of the track needed upgrading to improve visibility, and in some places to slow cyclists down.

The Club had been getting permission from the appropriate people. Ian said landowners like Leo and Anne Hickey and James and Kelly Langton had been very supportive.

Ian says it will be possible to join the loop from any point in Opunake and he hopes it could get going in October.

"I would like to see by June next year, people being able to walk, run and bike right around the township."

The next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is on August 30

Lakeside Lions Launch 'Opunake Good Sorts'



The Opunake Lakeside Lions are launching their new "good sorts" programme. While Lions do a great deal of good they know that they are not the only ones, so the aim is to recognise the people in our community who go out of their way help others or serve the community in a variety of ways, and thank them.

If you know a good sort in our community, someone who helps, please nominate them by emailing Louise Knapman, knapman@xtra.co.nz or Daphne Sinclair-Holley, daphnesinclair@xtra.co.nz.

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Yarrows Taranaki Bulls name squad for Mitre10 Cup campaign



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Yarrows Taranaki Bulls coach Willie Rickards has named his squad for the upcoming Mitre10 Cup campaign, including the signing of former All Blacks and Chiefs halfback Brendan Leonard.

Along with Leonard, exciting New Zealand U20 halfback Xavier Roe will join the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls in 2018. The decision to sign additional halfback cover has been due to the selection of Te Toiroa Tahuirangi into the All Blacks squad for the upcoming Investec Rugby Championship. The two notable signings will complement the existing squad members, most returning to defend the coveted Ranfurly Shield this year.

Head coach Willie Rickards said Leonard will add significant experience to the squad.

"To sign someone of Brendan's calibre is exciting, he brings a great wealth of rugby knowledge to the team and will complement our

two young half backs"

"Additionally, it's great to have most of last year's squad returning. Having familiar combinations and personalities are critical to ensure that we start the competition strong" he said.

Born and bred Taranaki prop Chris Gawler will also return to the province after playing in Canterbury while studying at Lincoln University. Highlanders midfielder Teihorangi Walden has also come home to fill the gap after Charlie Ngatai's exit overseas. "We will always leave places for local players to return home" Rickards said.

"We like to replace like for like and that's where Teihorangi comes into the fold. He has been a consistent performer for the Highlanders and Otago for a few years now and we are lucky to have him". Also returning for Taranaki is lock Jarrad Hoeata, Chiefs and former Bay of Plenty loose forward Jesse Parete and wing Latu Vaeno who was on loan to Otago last year.

Prop Angus Ta'avao also returns for the amber and blacks and will lead the side as Captain.

Injured Super Rugby players Mitchell Graham (ankle), Mitchell Brown (knee), Finn Hoeata (shoulder), Marty McKenzie (hip) and Sean Wainui (shoulder) have been listed in the squad but are all unavailable for the season.

The Bulls' first game is against Bay of Plenty in Rotorua on Saturday August 18, before the first home Ranfurly Shield defence against Manawatu on Friday August 24.

2018 Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Mitre10 Cup Squad: Beauden Barrett, Jordie Barrett, Scott Barrett, Lachlan Boshier, Mitchell Brown, Mitchell Crowell, Logan Crowley, Tom Florence, Chris Gawler, Mitchell Graham, Toa Halafih, Fin Hoeata, Jarrad Hoeata, Jack Jordan, Brendan Leonard, Avon Lewis, Donald Maka, Manasa Mataele, Ciarhan Mateo, Marty McKenzie, Scott Mellow, Kiniviliame Naholo, Waisake Naholo, Brayton Northcott-Hill, Reuben O'Neill, Jesse Parete, Stephen Perofeta, Jayson Potroz, Leighton Price, Jared Proffit, Ricky Riccitelli, Xavier Roe, Bradley Slater, Asaeli Sorovaki, Pita Sowakula, Kyle Stewart,

Angus Ta'avao, Te Toiroa Tahuirangi, Seta Tamanivalu, Kane Thompson, Latu Vaeno, Tupou Vaai, Beauden Waaka, Sean Wainui, Daniel Waite, Teihorangi Walden, Adrian Wyrill.

Head Coach: Willie Rickards. Assistant Coaches: Leo Crowley, Paul Tito. Skills Coach: Tim Stuck. Manager: Dean Spicer

2018 Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Mitre 10 Cup Fixtures: Saturday 18 August v Bay of Plenty – Rotorua International Stadium, 7:35pm. Friday 24 August v Manawatu – Yarrow Stadium 7:45pm. Wednesday 29 August v Counties Manukau – Ecolight Stadium, 7:35pm. Sunday 2 September v Northland – Toll Stadium, 4:35pm

Sunday 9 September v Waikato – Yarrow Stadium, 4:35pm. Friday 14 September v Tasman – Trafalgar Park, 7:45pm. Saturday 22 September v Auckland – Yarrow Stadium, 7:35pm

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This May, our Prime Minister and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, Jacinda Ardern expressed her ambitions for a comprehensive integration of arts and culture in to New Zealand society. Ardern's comments stressed the link between arts and individual wellbeing; and came in support of Creative New Zealand's recently published research indicating increasing public engagement with arts.

Thinking of Ardern's hopes, I am reminded of the two figures that have provided the philosophies behind the Govett-Brewster and Len Lye Centre, Monica

Brewster (1886-1973) and Len Lye (1901-1980). Both have been described as forward thinking; Brewster through her uncompromising vision in the founding of the Govett-Brewster and Lye for the creative and independent spirit that his work has reinforced across decades of exhibitions at the Gallery.

Both Brewster and Lye had global perspectives on the matter of art, society and individual wellbeing and both had legacies of that perspective that have played out in Taranaki. As we now approach the 50th anniversary of the Gallery's 1970 opening, we prepare to celebrate the head start New Plymouth has on Ardern's aspiration.

Turning to the programme at hand, we are led by the work of Len Lye and contemporary artists through *Sensory Agents*, an exhibition exploring sound and sculpture. In *Projection Series #11: An Oceanic Feeling*, our 2017 International Curator in Residence, Erika Balsom, presents a landmark programme of contemporary cinema considering the human history of the seas. For those with an appetite for more Len Lye, the *Heaven and Earth* exhibition surveys Lye's practice through his inspiration in the natural world.

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Eighty years and counting for Pickerings

Pickering Motors is a name that has become synonymous with Opunake.

Back in 1938, Ted and Connie Pickering started out with a Dodge, an ex army Chevrolet and some Fords. Ted, who was driving for Gibson Motors in New Plymouth carried on working for them for a time while things got going. The relationship between the two companies continued with Pickerings doing overloads for Gibson's route service to Hamilton and Auckland at busy times, while Gibsons gave Pickerings first option when it came time to dispose of vehicles.

After Ted and Connie, their sons Gerald and Peter took over the company. Now in its 80th year, the third generation of the Pickering family is at the helm, with Gerald's daughter Tracey Jury as managing director.

She has been with Pickerings for 28 years, starting off in the workshop after having trained as a mechanic with Moller Johnson Motors in New Plymouth. From the workshop, she moved on to the office when her children came along. With Gerald having died in 2013, she is now owner and managing director.

"We hope to be around for many years yet. We've got a good group of people who work here," she says.

Tracey's older sister Lesley Manu works in the business as a driver and rural delivery driver. She is the only one of Tracey's siblings working in the company.

The company runs 17-20 buses and employs around 20 people. The part time nature of the work suits people who maybe wanting a bit of extra money, whether they be semi-retired or women wanting extra income.

The Pickerings school buses are a familiar sight around the coast, taking students to and from Opunake High, Opunake Primary, St Joseph's, Rahotu and Auroa Schools. Pickerings has again successfully tendered for



Tracey Jury(left) and driver Rita Davey with one of the new Connector buses.

the Connector Bus contract for the Taranaki Regional Council, and also operate the weekly South Link bus service between Opunake and New Plymouth.

Pickerings continue to operate three rural delivery runs as well as contract post services for Opunake and Manaia.

"We are constantly upgrading our vehicles because we have to and because it makes good business sense," says Tracey.

Buses used in Ministry of Education contracts must now be no older than 26 years.

"I don't think kids today are any different from what they used to be. They have similar sorts of issues," says Tracey. "Cars are a lot faster than they used to be and there are more tractors on the road. You've got cameras now to help you out, and the buses are all on GPS now."

She says the school and post sides of the business complement each other. With the volume of mail declining, parcels make up most of their postal business, which means bigger vehicles are needed.

Other recent challenges include having to meet more compliance costs. Many of the things Pickerings once did they can't do any more including carrying mail and newspapers on their buses.

Tracey says she has noticed more of their buses being booked for functions such as weddings, which she attributes to increased driving safety concerns.

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Save your toothbrushes and win a garden

Kiwi kids and students have the chance to win a recycled community garden set by diverting tens of thousands of oral care products from landfill, thanks to a recycling competition run by Colgate and TerraCycle.

Between August 1 and November 16, the Colgate Community Garden Challenge invites pre-primary and secondary schools nationwide to collect all brands of oral care waste and send it to TerraCycle, who will give the waste a second life by creating new products.

Two recycled community garden sets will be awarded to two schools, with each set including one garden bed, one park bench and one bin, plus a \$300 gardening voucher to buy seeds and

plants. Besides showing how recycled materials can be used as a sustainable alternative to virgin plastic, Colgate and TerraCycle hope the sets will promote gardening and healthy eating among schools.

Colgate Vice President and General Manager of South Pacific, Julie Dillon, announced Colgate's excitement to be part of the national recycling challenge. "Colgate is thrilled to partner with TerraCycle to give kids the opportunity to win a recycled community garden set while reducing landfill. We're confident they'll do an excellent job of showing New Zealand how oral care products can be recycled and given a second life," Mrs. Dillon said.

"At TerraCycle, we want to 'eliminate the idea of waste' and a perfect place to



Kids keep an eye on the environment.

start is with schools," Jean Bailliard, General Manager of TerraCycle New Zealand, said.

"Kiwi kids and young adults are the next environmental leaders, so we're excited to see how much oral care waste they

keep out of landfill."

The competition will have two winners: one will be the school that earns the most Garden Points; the other will be drawn at random. Each win a recycled community garden set.

Accepted oral care waste includes: any brand of toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging and floss containers.

Additionally, in monthly

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Hawera Play Reading Circle

Cynthia Stone, convenor of the Hawera Women's Club Play Reading Circle opened the recent AGM with an interesting Annual Report which showed a busy past year with many good plays produced by the enthusiastic hostesses each month. The well rehearsed one act plays are not learned word perfect, but read from the play books and full use of the stage is made by the cast.

Russ Standing had attended an evening as a guest recently, and his most interesting talk included guiding some members through an impromptu play. This was most helpful to

everyone.

Co-convenor Margaret Parker retired, and Cheryl Jamieson has taken her place as co-convenor along with Cynthia Stone for the coming year. Helena Moore remains as secretary - treasurer, with publicity in the hands of Fiona Collins and Noreen Harris.

Hostesses, Judy Greenwood and Effie Gallie presented two "Deck chair" plays which were enjoyed very much by the members. The first, "Garden Pests" centred around two garden enthusiasts who were on a garden tour. This hilarious play dropped plant names by the dozen as the two ladies admired the garden and showed off their knowledge.

Fiona Collins and Cheryl Woodmass with their contrasting styles brought out the delightful humour of the play, and the ending was most unexpected.

The second play, "Grannies" was brought to life very well as Helena Moore and Margaret Parker took their baby grand daughters out in the park in two gorgeous old fashioned prams. As the women chatted it became very obvious that something was amiss, and the actresses brought the plot with its very sensitive theme, to a fitting conclusion.

Effie Gallie concluded the entertainment with an excellent reading called "Ugly Duckling."

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Biggest tax change in 20 years coming

Inland Revenue (IR) expects that next year, about 750,000 tax refunds will be automatically generated for wage and salary earners who don't usually apply to get their tax back.

Speaking to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee, Inland Revenue Commissioner Naomi Ferguson said that, subject to legislation before the committee being passed, this would be the biggest change to individual tax in nearly 20 years.

Ms Ferguson said it hasn't been mandatory for wage and salary earners to fill out an IR personal tax summary (PTS) but if they had and it



Getting a refund will be a whole lot simpler because it will be done for you.

had indicated a refund, they could have filed a return and received that refund.

"In the new system all

wage and salary earners' tax will be calculated and refunds sent automatically," she said. "About 110,000

more, who also haven't been filing, will have an amount to pay – they'll be notified automatically."

"Getting a refund, if you're entitled to one, will be a whole lot simpler because it will be done for you," she said. "The only reason for contacting IR now will be to tell us about any additional income information that we need to know.

"Put simply, IR will now look at the information we have about an individual and if we're confident we have all their information, we'll calculate and finalise their tax position for the year and generate an auto-

matic refund – so there's no need for a PTS, making it a very simple process for wage and salary earners.

"But it's still a big change from what so many people have become used to.

"It will be very important that everyone has made sure the details we hold about them – bank account number, contact details and so on – are fully up to date so the new system works well for them. We'll be communicating widely to make sure customers know what's changing, when, and what they need to do," she said.

Other changes that will come into effect from April 2019 include making it easier to manage income tax and Working for Families, which includes some changes to myIR for both businesses and individuals. Reporting of PAYE information every payday for employers – which is now voluntary – becomes compulsory, and more regular reporting of investment income information becomes voluntary – and then mandatory a year later.

No Holds Bard

Driven to the brink by the infidelity of his wife and a lack of acting opportunities, an aging thespian confronts his demons in what he hopes will be a final 'dark night of the soul'. The problem is, his demons are as crazy as he is. Arts Laureate Michael Hurst takes audiences on a glorious tour de force in which four of Shakespeare's greatest creations – a foul-mouthed Macbeth, a confused Hamlet, a know-it-all Othello, and a really hungry Lear – come kicking and screaming into the bursting, deranged brain of a single man. An outrageous and at times profound view into one actor's attempt at self-destruction.

Ticket includes a 30 minutes Q and A with Michael Hurst after the performance.

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Best known internationally for playing Iolus in the television programs Hercules: The Legendary Journeys and companion series Xena: Warrior Princess, both of which he also directed, Michael Hurst is one of New Zealand's most recognisable performers and experienced directors.

He most recently appeared on stage in 2017 as Salieri



Michael Hurst will be playing Tuesday 28 August 7pm Opunake Players.

in Amadeus for Auckland Theatre Company, along with a number of other celebrated performances, and has also worked with Silo Theatre as a performer and director, renowned for his powerful and unique interpretations of Shakespeare, in most recent years tackling Twelfth Night, Measure for Measure, Macbeth and Hamlet and King Lear. In 2017 he directed and co-created the smash hit musical Pleasuredome which played to over 55,000 people in Auckland.

Michael won the Best Director Award in the Metro Awards 2008 for

The Threepenny Opera. His television and film directing credits include Westside, Evil Dead, 800 Words, Spartacus, Step Dave, The Almighty Johnsons, Legend of the Seeker, and Jubilee, and he is also an experienced stunt performer and fight choreographer.

In 2003, Michael was awarded an Arts Foundation of New Zealand Laureate Award. He was later designated an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2005 "for services to film and the theatre".

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Taranaki teens tackle issues of technology

The impact of rapid technological changes on everything from the environment to mental health, jobs and online privacy was the hot topic at a symposium for Taranaki teenagers hosted by Massey University in New Plymouth last week.

About 30 Year 12 and 13 young leaders from five schools across the region took part in the Shout it out: Young People Find Their Voice symposium organised by the College of Humanities and Social

Sciences. The symposium, also to run in Palmerston North and Hawke's Bay, is designed to empower young people to learn about leadership by grappling with big issues that concern and affect them, to apply critical thinking in seeking solutions and to find ways to get their views heard.

The students worked in mixed groups on the topic of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the challenge this poses for the future of today's young people. The Fourth Industrial

Revolution is defined by the World Economic Forum as "a technological revolution that will fundamentally alter the way we live, work, and relate to one another" and "will be unlike anything humankind has experienced before" in its scale, scope, and complexity. It is marked by breakthroughs in a range of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics, nanotechnology, biotechnology and developments such as autonomous vehicles, 3D printing and a new generation

of wireless technologies.

Introducing the day, politics lecturer Professor Richard Shaw gave an outline of the topic – new to many in the room – highlighting diverse potential impacts of future technologies, including more sophisticated digital data mining for surveillance, commercial profit and political influence. The question of transparency and privacy of personal data was also raised, along with massive changes to the workplace as more than 40 per cent of current jobs

are expected to become automated, while jobs yet to be thought of will arise.

The students collaborated to come up with their response to the issue and took turns to present them in a Dragon's Den-style scenario to the wider group and two guest panellists – local councillor Stacey Hitchcock and Taranaki Chamber of Commerce deputy chair Daniel Fleming.

One group said young people need to be better educated to have greater awareness of technological developments and impacts, particularly in areas such as fake news and mental health through exposure to damaging advertising and manipulation of personal data.

Another group talked about the need for schools to better prepare young people to adapt to a fast-changing world of work by fostering practical and transferable skills through internships, apprenticeships and job placements. Ms Hitchcock suggested the students seek to contribute to the Ministry of Education's National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) review with their ideas for curriculum change.

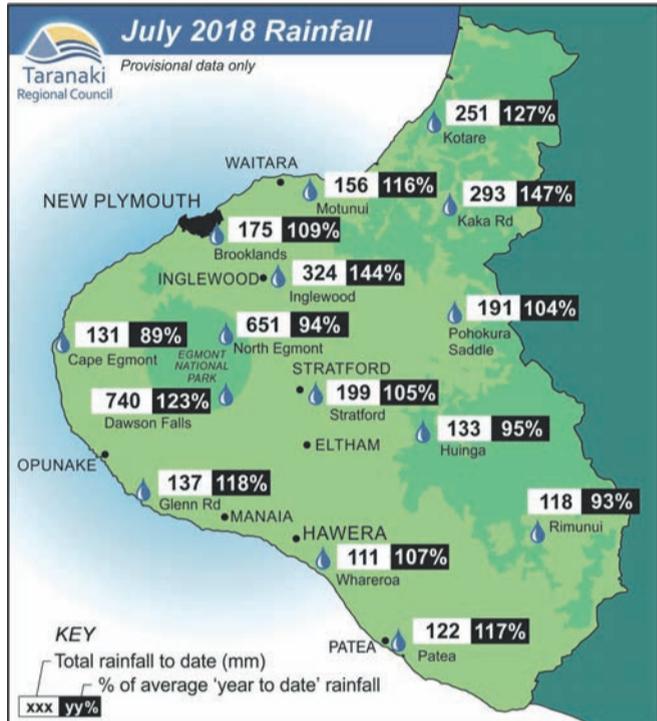
The undermining of mental health and quality of relationships through increasing addiction to social media and online

consumerism was a concern for another group, which called for a culture change through information and understanding of what technology is doing to the human brain. A fourth group spoke out on the environmental impact of e-waste resulting from relentless consumer demand for the latest technology or designer device. They suggested a public education campaign about the damage of e-waste to the environment and pressure on manufacturers to be more responsible in regard to packaging and managing e-waste.

Ms Hitchcock told the students they had great ideas and should not underestimate their capacity to influence decisions. "Push yourselves, invite yourselves to the table – don't wait to be asked," she told them.

Professor Shaw urged the students to continue their conversations beyond the symposium among friends, family and communities, and to network. "You have things to say that older people want to hear," he said.

Students from New Plymouth Girls' High School, Inglewood High School, Francis Douglas Memorial College, Sacred Heart Girls' College and St Mary's Stratford attended the symposium.



Rain nearly every day in late July

Rainfall for July was between 87 % and 148 % of normal, with 116 % being the average for the region, according to Taranaki Regional Council figures. Rainfall fell on between 16 and 23 days for the month, with the majority of the rainfall falling from July 7-10 and on almost every day from July 20 to the end of the month.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 97 % and 162 % of normal, with North Egmont being the only site that has recorded below normal rainfall to date with 97 % (3693.5 mm).

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Scholarships broaden horizons

Former Francis Douglas Memorial College students Thomas Hadley and Felix Webby have more than just their mutual high school in common.

Both were also deemed so academically successful by the University of Otago that they were each awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship valued at around \$40,000 over three years.

The similarities continue as both are now residing at Arana College while studying in Dunedin – a city Felix had never even visited prior to taking up his studies at Otago.

The unfamiliarity made the decision to come to Otago a nerve-wracking one for Felix, but ultimately the financial support of his scholarship helped clinch his decision.

“It was very important for me and my family,” he says.

However, he says gaining the scholarship was not the only factor in making his decision.

“I want to pursue a career in medicine, therefore my options were Auckland and Otago. I felt that Otago suited me more from both a lifestyle and practical perspective,” he says.

Unlike Felix, Thomas had previously visited Dunedin for the University’s Hands-



Felix Webby and Thomas Hadley.

On at Otago programme and an Open Day visit. He says his decision to come to Otago was already made and he was therefore not swayed by receiving the scholarship.

“I also considered Auckland but thought I would prefer the university atmosphere in Dunedin. I thought it was the best place to pursue a degree in Science,” Thomas says.

For both, living at Arana College – one of 15 residential colleges on or near Otago’s Dunedin campus – and becoming

immersed in the Dunedin community have made the transition south an easy one.

“On the academic front, Arana has been immensely supportive by providing excellent tutorials for each of my papers,” Felix says. “However, the tutors also understand that university is about more than study.”

Felix, an avid croquet player, is taking full advantage of the social activities organised within the college and is enjoying the busy-ness of it all.

“There’s always something

going on or a new project to get involved in.”

For his part, Thomas has been making the most of student life and getting involved in his college’s sports nights and events

organised by the Otago University Students’ Association.

He admits, he’s been pleasantly surprised by how much the city of Dunedin has on offer.

“As someone heavily involved with the outdoors, mountain biking and running, Dunedin goes above and beyond in catering for these activities. The proximity of my college to the trails in the hills for running and riding has improved my experience greatly.

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Kaponga Lions new board installed

At a recent club tea meeting held at the Swiss club hall, youth chairman Wilfred Riepen installed the Kaponga Lions Club’s new board of directors. Also present was a large group of former members now living in New Plymouth.

New board members for 2018-19 year as follows. President David Smith, Immediate Past President, Greeter and Almoner Mary Blake, 1st VP Kerry Bailey, 2nd VP Dennis Hurcomb, 3rd VP Bruce

Gibson, Secretary Andrew Gibson, Treasurer Steven Nicholas. Tail Twister Bruce Gibson, Lion Tamer Bruce Gut, Bulletin Editor Christian Padrutt. Club Directors. Bev Clark (membership and finance), Paul Collins (program and social), Shelly and Colin Pope (projects), Alistair McGregor (youth, health and welfare), Jack Stuart (club photographer and slink co-ordinator), Winston Stark (publicity officer). President David is no stranger to the leadership

role. He served as president of this club in 1997-8. This past experience will put him in good standing for the busy year ahead. Following another successful year this club is now entering its 46th year of service to the local community. Over the past years many clubs, youths, and organizations etc have benefited from the fund raising efforts of the Kaponga Lions Club.

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MPI reminds farmers to protect animal welfare

Wet and muddy conditions are to be expected on farms at this time of year, with slow pasture growth, rain and when feeding winter crops. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is reminding all pastoral livestock farmers to ensure animals are well cared for on crops and pasture, and seek advice if they need to.

Chris Rodwell.

“New Zealand’s codes of animal welfare generally require livestock to have access to areas free of surface water and mud, and appropriate protection from adverse weather. Rest and lying time is important to the health and welfare of livestock, not just feed availability and body condition of animals.

“We recognise that this time of year brings many challenges, and managing stocking densities, pasture, break feeding on crops and minimizing soil damage are just some of these. But farmers must be vigilant to not compromise animal health and welfare during these challenging months of the year,” says MPI’s Director of Animal Health and Welfare, veterinarian Dr

“Welfare issues may not be immediately obvious,” adds Rodwell. “Amongst a number of issues, prolonged time on mud can also cause distress and discomfort, bring on significant and painful animal health issues such as lameness and mastitis, and reduce production and resistance to disease.”

MPI recognises that the



MPI is reminding farmers farmers to seek help and protect the welfare of their animals .

Photo Gavin Hart.

use of winter crops as a source of good nutritional support to pasture and other feeds during winter is an important part of livestock feeding in New Zealand

extensive farming systems. However, there is a point where animals are adversely impacted by muddy paddocks and MPI continues to receive complaints.

“We urge farmers to seek expert advice and follow good practice to avoid problems. There is some really good advice available from vets and your sector

groups. Spring is stressful for people and animals alike – don’t add to your stress with animal health issues caused by mud,” Rodwell says.

Scientist fills holes in Swiss cheese

What do taewa Māori (Māori potatoes) and Swiss cheese have in common? For NIWA social scientist Stephen FitzHerbert it’s much more than a tasty snack.

Having previously studied the economies of taewa Māori, Dr FitzHerbert leaves for Zurich shortly on a year-long post-doctorate study to investigate what makes Swiss cheese Swiss.

He is the recipient of a Swiss Excellence Award for international scholars and will be based with the economic geography team at the University of Zurich.

“I’ve always been interested in the relationships between food and place, the stories it tells about land, people and cultural economic values. Food has so many stories to tell,” he says.

Last year Switzerland introduced new “Swissness” legislation aimed at protecting and strengthening the reputation of exported Swiss products and the Swiss flag the products carry.

According to government reports, before the legislation was introduced the rules regulating the Swiss brand were often ignored and enforcement was difficult. Dr FitzHerbert will be working with cheese producers and following cheese to reveal the things required to make it “Swiss”.

“It’s something of a value chain approach, in which I follow the cheese; I’ll start with farms, move through to cheese producers and then to the places cheese is sold, understanding all the different journeys and negotiations that something

has to go through to become a Swiss cheese.”

He will concentrate on well-known export varieties such as Gruyere, Emmentaler and Appenzeller, visiting small artisan producers as well as large commercial enterprises.

Understanding how Swiss cheese becomes Swiss means grappling with an inherent set of complications. While there is ample Swiss milk for cheese production, the feed for the cows that produce the milk used is often imported, some of the bacteria used in the production process is imported, New Zealand rennet is sometimes used and many people that tend animals in Switzerland are immigrants.

“The critical issue is where you draw the line. To me that’s really interesting,”

says Dr FitzHerbert.

“The idea of protecting a national brand is great in theory, but it can create challenges, especially for smaller-scale producers. I want to find out how small or mid-size producers can actually negotiate the challenges of becoming certified and/or create alternative economic possibilities.”

As a policy, Dr FitzHerbert says Swissness is designed to protect cultural practices, enhance environmental values and add economic value which adds up to a complex set of aspirations.

However, what’s not been investigated are the consequences this legislation has for producers.

“From my initial conversations with Swiss producers, cheesemaking is not just economic, it’s also about upholding and enriching cultural and environmental values of places. Being able to tell their own story is inherently important.”

One aim of his work is to bring back some of what he learns to support Māori enterprises who are experimenting with agricultural value-adding initiatives (such as collective Māori brands), which serve both cultural and economic aspirations. It will also provide insights for New Zealand into how we think about our own food production values.

“Implementing a brand based upon geographical and production rules has its unique set of opportunities and challenges.

“The story of how producers work with Swissness promises to shed light on the possibilities of place-based brands and finding the balance between enhancing people’s ability to differentiate themselves from each other but still come under a collective identity. Likewise, the stories of how other producers do not work with Swissness is valuable for understanding alternatives”.

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"While molasses is still an important part of our line-up, it probably represents only about 50 per cent of what we have to offer dairy farmers. The balance comprises tri blends, silo blends and specialised blends. These blends are made up of palm kernel, meal, cereals, etc, to ensure a correct balance of

starch, protein, etc."

"Our focus is on being a Taranaki-owned family business looking after Taranaki dairy farmers," he says. "It's really all about looking after the dairy farmer and being able to keep product on their farms. If they ring us, they will speak to one of our staff - not a machine. They will know what the product is and when it will arrive on their property. It's all about service. This has always been a big thing for us."

"We are gearing up with our own trucks again. One of our strengths when we operated from this site previously, was that we had our own transport. We were not reliant on outside transport operators. We have one truck and tanker back already, and two more are on their way."

"We will be picking product up out of other ports and so we do have the ability to service some of the Waikato out of Mount Maunganui. We have already been picking up feed from Mount Maunganui."

to dairy farmers having to source more feed for the extra stock numbers which they plan to carry over.

"The other concern is with the fat evaluation issues (FEIs) with Fonterra penalising farmers for feeding too much palm kernel and thus altering the composition of the milk," says Mascull.

"Palm kernel has been a valuable tool for farmers, who have used it as a stock food for many years. Farmers are going to have to become very much more aware of the FEI problem and they are going to have to look for blends and means of mitigating FEIs."

"There is also something in molasses and palm kernel which works within the cow which prevents the FEIs

going too high."

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Thank you from Coastal Cobras Rugby League Club

2018 was another fantastic season, especially for our junior members.

Our season started with the Premier Grade 7's Tournament in Oakura followed a month later by the 9's tournament in Manaia. Those who turned up for the team worked hard, had fun and represented well.

This season our junior members represented the Coastal Cobras Rugby League Club in the TJRL competition.

Our U7's team coached by Jamie Taylor and managed by Chelsea Young had plenty of little future Cobras turning up each week to have their turn on the field, achieving fifth place for their age group in the tournament.

The U9's team coached by Reuben Wallace and managed by Jade Smith placed fifth in the tournament for their age group. A great effort from a group of dedicated players who we hope will be back next season.

Placing fourth in the tournament for their age group, the U11's team coached by Matty Tamatea and managed by Levi Davis worked hard each week achieving great results. Look forward to seeing you all next season.

2018 Trophy Recipients

U6's MVP Tyree Young; Most Improved Jaiden Harrison; Most Dedicated Kobe Young and Minnie James.

U7's MVP Wiki Taingahue and Ty Baker; Most Improved Narz Field. Most Dedicated Zack Taylor.

U8's MVP JC Goodman. Most Improved Shaun Rehm. Most Dedicated George Heke-Foote.

U9's MVP Kianu Wallace. Most Improved Toby Smith. Most Dedicated Tyrone and Blake Wolff

U10's MVP Luke Goodman. Most Improved Jahrese Tamatea. Most Dedicated Cayless Rangī.

U11's MVP Lachlan Harrison. Most Improved Ryder Ratahi. Most Dedicated Ryan Taylor.

A huge thank you to all our players, parents, volunteers and supporters.

Hope to see you all again for the 2019 season.

Maree Seymour.



Coastal Cobras under 9 team.



Coastal Cobras under 7 team.

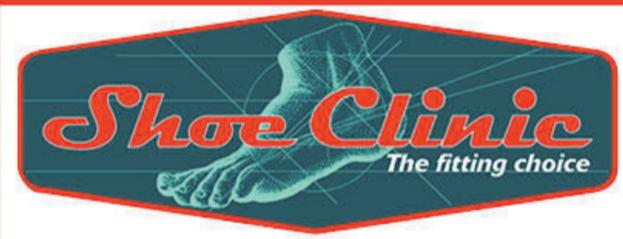


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Opunake Touch Association



Opunake U14 Boys
 Stacey Smith (Manager), Teague Mullin, Souhl Laison-Deegan, Tyson Newton, Kaleb Paton, Rylan Cremen, Braith Castle, Chaytah Rangī, Jamie Smith, Liam Doherty, Mark Davis (Coach).

Opunake Primary School Touch held on Tuesday nights during Term 4 are still proving to be an exciting sport for our children right from Year 0 to Year 8. Last season 2017 we had 27 teams from Auroa, Opunake Primary, St Josephs and Rahotu Primary School. Special thanks to the parents and teachers that get involved and make this possible for our community. We also have a lot of volunteer referees which play an important part each week of the competition.

Congratulations to Opunake Primary Storm who were undefeated all

season and went on to win the Primary School trophy against Rahotu winning 10-2 in the final.

Last year we were approached by Touch Taranaki to affiliate our club and make it possible for our players to be a part of Taranaki age group representative teams. This means we are able to participate in the Intermodules tournament with teams in Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 from our club and get players selected in their respective age groups for Taranaki.

We attended the tournament last year going in blind and

with short notice sorting teams/players and coaches but came away with a great experience and five players making Taranaki squads.

Under 10 mixed - Jasmin Kemsley (Rahotu). Under 12 mixed - Ria Hamilton-Davis (Opunake Primary), Jerram Sinclair (St Joseph's) and AJ Lawn (St Joseph's), Under 14 Boys - Braith Castle (Opunake Primary).

Congratulations to Ria, AJ and Braith who went on to represent Opunake and Taranaki at the Central IPS Tournament held in Palmerston North on 15 December 2017, a great achievement for our



Opunake U12 Mixed
 Karolin Ison, Sienna Tito, Lilly-Jo Robinson, Ria Hamilton-Davis, Alyssa Smith, Christian Moeahu, Jamie Taylor (Coach), Luke Forsyth, AJ Lawn, James Keech, Olly Kemsley, Jerram Sinclair, Lachlan Harrison, Paige Taylor.



Opunake U10 Mixed
 Reuben Wallace (Coach), Jacob Foley, Melah Sinclair, Jasmin Kemsley, Jahrese Tamatea, Cayless Rangī, Hoani Ratahi, Kianu Wallace, Jaden Doherty, Jak Lawn, Jade Lawn, Mikah Hamilton-Davis, Kiya Tito.

community.

Special Thanks to Mark Davis for his ongoing Shell Taranaki donation to help support Opunake Primary Touch.

This year is shaping up to be exciting with the committee getting organised and prepared to better equip our children for representative levels.

We are holding a referees Training night on Tuesday 11

September at 6pm followed by our AGM at 7pm at Soul Kitchen, Sandfords Events Centre.

The opening tournament for Primary School touch teams is to be held on Saturday 15 September which also coincides with selecting players for Opunake representative teams to take to Intermodules 2018.

Expressions of interest for Rep coaches, managers

and referees for each age group, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 are to be sent to Philly by 7 September. Keep an eye out for posters sent to your school for more information. We have a very small committee so if anyone is interested and keen to help out please come to our AGM.

Phillipa Hamilton-Davis

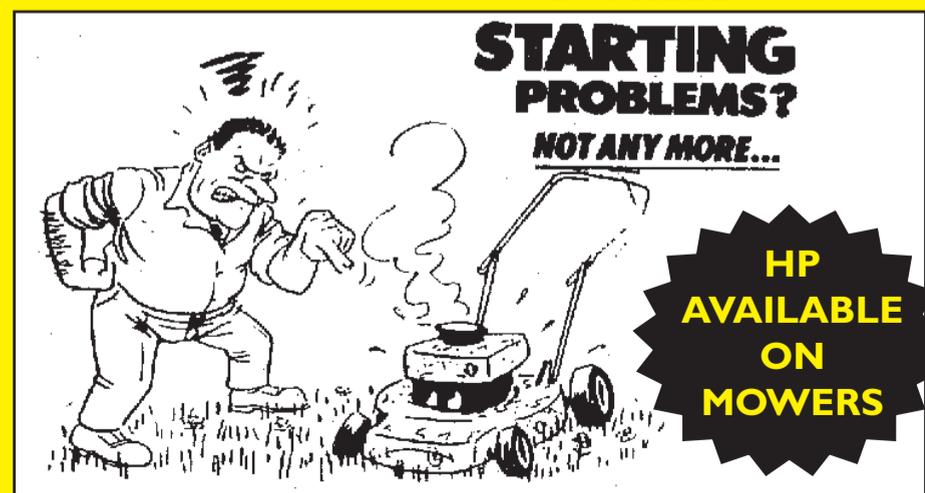


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Chairman's chat

Urban trapping takes off - 'If I can do it, anyone can do it'

Kia ora tātou katoa, greetings to you all. Who'd have thought New Plymouth would have so many keen urban trappers?

Since the launch a couple of months ago, around 500 people have already signed up for Taranaki Taku Tūranga - Our Place, Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki. Most of them are in New Plymouth, where our initial focus has been. And then last weekend, another 300 turned up for our open day at Oākura. A fantastic response!

We're seeing people like Tricia Thompson, grandmother, midwife and keen gardener. She reckons that if she can trap predators, anyone can - and she says it's already making a difference. Check out the video to find out how.



For this project to work, we need trapping to become a normal household activity, like recycling. And I'm optimistic this can happen, after seeing hundreds of people turning out to our free New Plymouth workshops to learn more and to pick up their child-friendly and pet-friendly rat traps. More workshops are being scheduled and with the new term well under way, schools are also starting to get involved.

And the buzz is spreading. We're working with the Oākura-Kaitake community on a Zero Possums trial as part of the wider predator-free project. Called Restore Kaitake, this is a multi-pronged effort covering 8,600 hectares including Oākura, the Kaitake Range and down to the coast. It's exciting to think that as a result of this work, we could see the return of kākā, yellow-crowned kākārīki and kiwi to this area. Restore Kaitake builds on work already being carried out by the Council and the Taranaki Mouna Project, and will use the latest technology and techniques including a virtual barrier of 2,400 remotely monitored traps. We need lots of community support to succeed, though!

Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki is a long-term commitment and will eventually roll out right across the region. We're confident that this groundswell of community support and activity combined with advances in predator-control technology and techniques, will allow us to restore our region's precious biodiversity.

My own household is involved. Is yours as well?
Go to www.trc.govt.nz/pf-taranaki2050 to sign up.

- David MacLeod, Chairman

Video: www.bit.ly/UrbanTrapper



Improving lifestyles

Journey to well-balanced lifestyle takes Justine to the gardens

Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens have an enthusiastic new friend called Justine, a young New Plymouth mum whose blogs, videos and social media posts about her journey to a healthier lifestyle have won many fans in the region, with 5,000 followers on her social media channels.

"We had the absolute best day at Pukeiti yesterday," she told her audience after a recent visit. "Couldn't get over how cool it was ... The Taranaki Regional Council have crafted a world-class facility on our back doorstep and I'm so happy to have rediscovered it." She's also visited Tūpare and Hollard Gardens and shared her experiences with her audience.

Check out the video for more of her impressions of Pukeiti, and you'll also see links to her Tūpare and Hollard Gardens videos. For more about her life journey, look for My Balance Project on Facebook and Instagram, or go to mybalanceproject.co.nz And check out our calendar of free public events at the three gardens. Upcoming events include a two-day botanical art workshop at Pukeiti (costs \$100 for materials and registration required) on 11 and 12 August and a free home gardening

Video: www.bit.ly/Justine-Gardens



workshop on camellia selection and care at Hollard Gardens on 26 August. See www.trc.govt.nz/whats-on/ for more information about these and other events.

You can also follow each of the three gardens - Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens - on Facebook, and @TaranakiRG on Twitter.

Taking Taranaki forward

Better Connector on the way

The bus that criss-crosses Taranaki is about to get bigger, better and brighter.

A brand-new bus is about to enter service as the Hawera-New Plymouth Connector, making four return trips each weekday with extensions from and to Opunake on the first and final trips respectively.



As well as more seats (for 45 passengers, up from the current 41), the new vehicle has more locker space (for prams, pushchairs and even bikes), easier boarding, seats with extra leg room, air suspension at the rear for a smoother ride, electronic destination board and closed-circuit TV.

The Connector is operated by Pickering Motors Ltd under contract to the Taranaki Regional Council. The Council-administered public transport network also includes New Plymouth Citylink commuter and school bus services, and once-a-week Southlink services serving smaller communities in South Taranaki.

See www.taranakibus.info for timetables, fares and other details.

Around & about the region

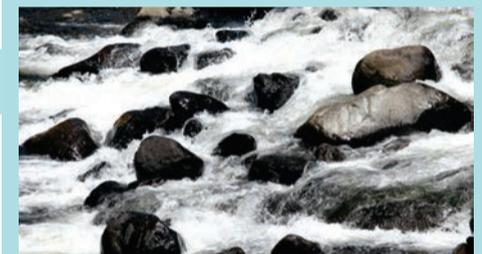
Who deserves recognition?



Nominations close next week for this year's Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards, which recognise efforts to protect and enhance the environment. The awards are made in five categories, and 265 have been presented since the programme started in 1993. "We cast the net wide," says the Council chairman, David MacLeod. "No matter how big or small, those making an effort to make Taranaki a better place can be recognised in these awards."

www.bit.ly/TRC-awards

Riding a wave



The Council's latest monitoring results show further improvements in freshwater ecological health, defying an assumption that a recent strong run of improvements must start flattening out. Trends are improving at 49 of the 57 monitored ring-plain sites at which changes can be determined - the most sites ever and surpassing record highs seen in the past two years. "Statistically, any environmental trend can be expected to flatten out and reach a new equilibrium after a period of change," says the Council's Director-Environment Quality, Gary Bedford. "We're surprised but delighted that we're not yet seeing this here. We're still riding the wave, so to speak."

www.bit.ly/Riding-a-wave

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust

2018 Trustee Election



Nominations have now closed for the 2018 Trustee election for Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust). The confirmed candidates for the 2 available positions are Jacqui KING, Damon Paul Waru-Te-Puu RITAI and Raymond TUUTA.

As there were more nominations received than vacancies, an election will be held by postal and internet voting to confirm the Trustees. Voting papers will be posted to registered members of the Trust from Wednesday 8 August 2018. Voting will close at 5pm on Friday 14 September 2018.

Election enquiries including requests for additional or replacement voter packs should be directed to the election helpline – see details below.

Anthony Morton
Returning Officer – Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust
PO Box 3138, Christchurch
Election Helpline Ph 0800 666 030
or email iro@electionz.com



Notice of 2018 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust will be held on Sunday 23rd September 2018 at Toroānui Marae, Parihaka Pā, Taranaki commencing at 10.00am.

- AGENDA
1. Karakia
 2. Apologies
 3. Minutes of 2017 Taranaki Iwi AGM
 4. Chairperson Reports
 - (a) Te Kāhui o Taranaki and Taranaki Iwi Charitable Trust
 - (b) Taranaki Iwi Holdings LP and Taranaki Iwi Fisheries Ltd
 - (c) Taranaki Iwi Claims Management Ltd
 5. Financial Report
 - (a) Appointment of Auditor
 - (b) Change of Financial Year
 6. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust Election Result
 7. General Business

For further information please contact Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust office, Cnr Bayly Road & Ocean View Parade, Moturoa, New Plymouth, Ph (06) 751 4285.

Leanne Horo
Chairperson



OPUNAKE TOUCH ASSOCIATION

REFEREES TRAINING NIGHT

Tuesday 11 September
6.00pm at Soul Kitchen,
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OPUNAKE TOUCH ASSOCIATION

A.G.M

Tuesday 11 September
7.00pm at Soul Kitchen,
Sandfords Event Centre

Please contact Philly 021 267 7993 for more information.

New committee members are most welcome!



OPUNAKE COMMUNITY PROJECTS MEETING

Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm at Sandfords Events Centre

The Egmont Plains Community Board and South Taranaki District Council invite you to an opportunity to present projects your group are working on and hear from other organisations.

Please contact Glenn Hansen if your group would like to present your projects.

glenn.hansen@stdc.govt.nz or 0800 111 323



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Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Opunake Catholic Church

Sunday 8.30am at Pungarehu (St Martins),
10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Other areas
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm
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 Saturday 4th - Hira & Haimoana playing live (Dan from the band Fronthouse and Ash) followed by DJ Ash
 Friday 24th - DJ BB
 Saturday 25th - Day Breakers playing live

All entertainment starts at 10pm

ONGOING

Jonathan Young: Need to chat with your Local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

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

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SUNDAYS

Opunake Country Music Club: Second Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

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

Opunake Friendship Club: Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Opunake Business Association: Usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

TUESDAYS

Club Hotel Pool: Tuesday Nights. New players welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Schnitzel Night: Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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.

THURSDAYS

Tai Chi Basics:Thursdays 9am – 10am at Coastal Care Community Room

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

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

Egmont Euchre Club: Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

FRIDAYS

Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

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JULY 30 TO AUGUST 24

A Splash of Summer Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer advert for details.

MONDAY AUGUST 6 TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1

The Youngs Past & Present Exhibition: At Lysaght Watt Gallery, Union St, Hawera. Refer advert for details.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15 TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Stony River Goes Wild: Stony River Hotel, Surf Highway 45, Okato. Ph 06 752 4454. Refer advert for details.

FRIDAY AUGUST 17

Karaoke at Butlers Reef, Oakura. Refer advert for details.

FRIDAY AUGUST 17 AND SATURDAY AUGUST 18

Mid Winter Sale at Mach 1 Yanaha, New Plymouth: 10-50% off all apparel and accessories. Leach St, New Plymouth.

SUNDAY AUGUST 19

Taranaki Rare Breeds Conservation: At Eltham Primary School Hall from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Refer advert for details.

MONDAY AUGUST 20 TO SUNDAY AUGUST 26

'Taonga Parāoa, Taonga Iti': Exhibition by Taranaki Maori artists, inspired by the recent stranding of parāoa (sperm whales) along the South Taranaki coast. Toi Manaia gallery, 36b South Road, Manaia, 2-7pm daily. Nau mai, haere mai.

TUESDAY AUGUST 21

Okato and District Historical Society AGM: At the Okato Community Hall, Okato. 10am start.

Opunake Community Projects Meeting: At Sandfords Event Centre, 7.30pm. Refer advert.

FRIDAY AUGUST 24

Book Signing at Pastimes, Opunake: Heather Ross, author of *The Weekend Gumboots* will be instore between 1 and 2pm. Refer advert for details.

MONDAY AUGUST 27

Ngati Tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay Conservation Society Incorporated AGM: Sandfords Event Centre Opunake at 5pm. New members welcome

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Opunake Touch Association Referees Training Night: 6pm at the Soul Kitchen, Sandfords Event Centre. Refer advert.

Opunake Touch Association AGM: 7pm at the Soul Kitchen, Sandfords Event Centre. Refer advert.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

The Bull Shop Bull Sale: At the Bull Shop, Cnr Koru & Main Roads, Oakura. 11am start. See advert for details.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

Big Plant Sale: St Andrews Church, Liardet St, NP. From 10am to 2pm.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust AGM: 10am at Toroanui Marae, Parihaka Pa. Refer advert for details.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

The Bull Shop 33rd Annual Unreserved Bull Sale: At the Bull Shop, Cnr Koru & Main Roads, Oakura. 10.30am start. See advert for details.



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Registrations open for Halberg Games

Registrations are now open for the 2018 Halberg Games, a national three day sports competition for physically disabled young people at King's College in Auckland from October 5-7.

Hosted by the Halberg Foundation, - the charity set up by Olympic running legend Sir Murray Halberg - the Games are open to physically disabled and visually impaired athletes aged eight to 21 years.

Athletes can register to compete for their local region and select from up to 20 sports on offer including; swimming, golf, athletics, boccia, wheelchair basketball, football, rowing and table tennis.

An opening ceremony will kick off the festivities, featuring a parade of the athletes in their regional teams, lighting of the official

Halberg Games' flame and reading of the 'Athletes Oath'. Guest speakers will include the Halberg Foundation Patron Her Excellency, The Rt Hon. Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand along with Disability Rights Commissioner and Halberg Games Ambassador, Paula Tesoriero MNZM.

The Halberg Foundation is also searching for volunteers to assist with the three day event to support in various roles.

"The Halberg Games provide athletes the opportunity to experience an authentic sports village environment and all the competition, comradery and excitement of representing their region at a national event," says Halberg Foundation Chief Executive, Shelley McMeeken.

"We are grateful for the support of volunteers who

kindly donate their time to help us with the successful running of the event and we look forward to welcoming them along with all the Games athletes to King's College in October," says McMeeken.

The Halberg Foundation is a charity that was founded by Sir Murray Halberg in 1963 which aims to enhance the lives of physically disabled New Zealanders by enabling them to participate in sport and recreation. The Foundation has worked tirelessly to make Sir Murray's vision a reality and employs Disability Sport Advisers around the country who connect physically disabled people to sport and recreation opportunities in schools, clubs, and in their communities and provide training on how to adapt and modify sport to ensure all New Zealanders have the opportunity to participate.



Rawiri Brown competing at the Halberg Games.

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Gibbs.

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August 11. Saturday Men. 1. Grant Hastie. 2. Kevin

Murrell. 3. Jim Ngere.

Juniors. 1. Ashton Sharp. 2. Oliva Symes and Kieran Taylor. 3. Joe Gibson. 4. Jamie Siallino and Jayden Siallino.

Pee wees. 1. Chantelle Wong. 2. Payton Sicilliano. 3. Ronin Symes. Pee wee putting. 1. Payton Sicilliano. 2. Chantelle Wong. 3. Ronin Symes.

Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

Shooting really can be an up and down game the top scorer also managed to shoot a considerably lower score on the same evening. On Monday July 23, Clare Bramley started the evening with a 93.2 followed by a 97.2 and 99.8. Paul Tidswell shot much more consistently with 98.7, 97.5 and 98.4. Fellow Master grader Garry Rowlands started with a 96.4 but improved significantly with a 99.4, which fortuitously was also his postal shoot of the night. The other notable scores of the night were Alan Drake with 96.4 and 97.4; Boston Taylor, one of the junior shooters, scored a nearly personal best 96.3 and 92.4; Murray Chinery 95.2, 95.4.

Group card shooter John McGill continues to show improvement with scores of 97 and 98, while his father, Craig, scored 87.2 and 93.4 on full cards. Dave McGregor 94.1, 93.2; Don Litchfield 91.0, 93.2; Brian Hicks 92.2, Henry Armond 88.0.

On Friday July 27. There was a very small group

for shooting, but some reasonable scores all the same, including a very impressive 97.4 by Henry Armond. Garry Rowlands took top honours with an equally impressive 100.7 and 99.5, closely followed by Paul Tidswell 99.4, 98.3, 99.4. The tussle for the end-of-season trophy is going to be very close in Master grade. Clare Bramley 98.3, 95.2; Murray Chinery 95.7, 95.2; Paul Longstaff 95.2, 94.2; Alan Drake 92.2, 93.1; Stephen Hicks 92.1, 92.2.

The Eltham Club champs is nearing its conclusion too with only a few shoots left to complete the scoreboard. At the end of the season trophies and certificates will be determined and handed out.

On Monday July 30, Paul Tidswell broke his "dumb 99" hoodoo with an excellent 100.7, also scoring 98.4 and a double 97.5/97.5 while Garry Rowlands shot 98.6 and 99.4. After a week off Bob Bramley came roaring back with 96.5 and 92.1. Clare Bramley just pipped him with her 98.6, all friendly family rivalry. Alan Drake shot an almost

above-grade score of 96.3; Murray Chinery 91.1, 94.2; Brian Hicks 93.4, 92.0; Don Litchfield 93.0, 87.0.

There was a battle of the D-graders between Boston Taylor 91.3 and 93.2, and Henry Armond 92.1, while Dave McGregor scored 94.4. D-grade is another which is very closely run and it will be interesting to see just who will come out on top and by what margin.

Meanwhile ungraded shooter Craig McGill shot three very consistent cards 84.1, 88.0 and 80.0, the scores not really demonstrating how he is improving each week. Other ungraded shooter Eddie Hagenars shot two group cards 98 and 100.

The National Indoor Champs and Taranaki Closed Champs were held at Inglewood on Friday August 3 with a decent turnout of 20 Taranaki shooters in attendance. Congratulations to those shooters who placed in their grades, especially those Eltham shooters Henry Armond 1st D-grade, Bob Bramley 2nd C-grade, Clare Bramley 1st B-grade, Alan Drake 2nd B-grade.

Trade hot at the food trailer



Renate serving customer Burkhart Glaser. Originally from Germany but now living in Hawera, Burkhart described himself as "Pretty much a regular". He and his wife had just returned from a trek up the Stony River.

The Stony River Food Trailer Takeaway is doing great business with the calving season in full swing.

"It's for the convenience of the whole community but particularly for farmers who are so busy," says Renate Staudinger.

They opened a week ago and Renate says business had been "really good". As well the usual takeaways including a range of burgers they also sell home made cheese cakes which they'd just sold out of and also slices.

They also have ready to eat dishes such as ready to eat curries which they had just sold out of. "We change the ready to eat dishes every couple of days," said Renate.

They open the take away every year at this time.

"People don't want to dress up. It's very convenient," said Renate adding sometimes people come by at 11am and order what they want for tea.

The Takeaway is open daily during the calving season from 4pm to 7:30pm.

The Stony River Hotel restaurant owned by Renate and husband Heimo is also open as usual.

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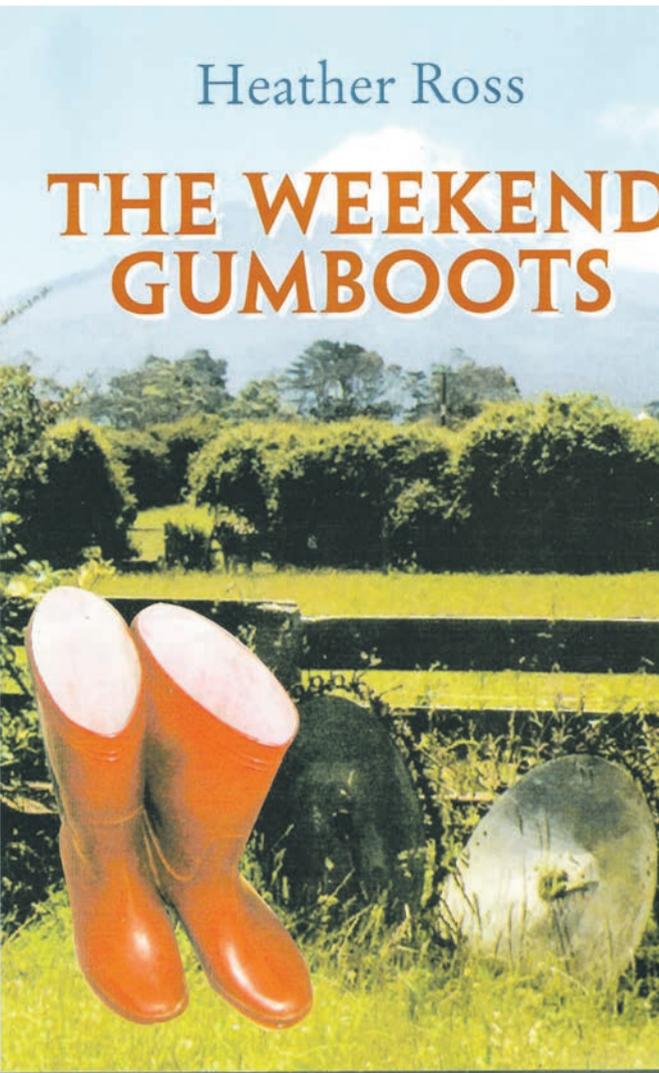
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Weekend Gumboots has appeal beyond Taranaki



Heather Ross

THE WEEKEND GUMBOOTS

protracted legal battle.

The choice of which one of the sisters would write the book was a democratic one.

"They phoned me one day from Taranaki and said we chose you."

As well as detailing the sisters' struggles adjusting themselves to farm life, the book also has a villain, a vengeful ex by the name of Wicked Wendy.

Already Heather is working on a sequel.

"I had left it, so that if I chose to do a sequel, I could pick it up from any angle," she says.

Heather who was born in Eltham grew up on a dairy farm. Now retired, she had worked as a registered nurse at Taranaki Base Hospital. She is married with four children and five grandchildren. Although Heather and her sisters had started with dairying roots, subsequent careers had taken

them away from that, so there was a need to learn everything again.

"When you leave home on a new career it takes you away from the comfort zone of where you had been living, and there's been a lot of travelling in between," says Heather.

The title refers to the red gumboots they had been wearing when they first came to the farm.

Writing a book has also been something of a learning curve for Heather. Among the more interesting pieces of knowledge she has picked up along the way is the fact that the cream pages on which her book is printed are easier for people with dyslexia to read than the more conventional white pages.

The book comes with photographs and illustrations by Heather and other family members.

The Weekend Gumboots

was launched at a function held at Eltham Paper Plus in Eltham on July 11.

Since then, Heather says her book has attracted interest beyond Taranaki and across the rural-urban divide.

When spoken to by the Opunake and Coastal News she had just spoken at a school in the Hutt Valley where she lives, where she had been asked about Taranaki and the mountain, as well as about the writing process and the general routine of farming.

"What we take for granted about cattle is something lots of children don't get to see," she says.

Heather and her sisters Sue and Yvonne will be at Pastimes in Opunake to sign copies of the book from 1-2pm on August 24.

About the book

The farm owners, Targe and Kate, have their struggles with bad weather, poor finances, and Wendy to contend with. Now with the family farm facing an uncertain future, Targe's sisters receive the opportunity to help. The three sisters- Anna, Blue and Elizabeth - have their own lives in the city, busy with work, family and plans for a quiet retirement. Bonded by childhood memories on the family farm, the sisters are determined to help. However, their age, inability to milk cows, and some fear of bulls make them the most unlikely of saviours. Will they be able to save the farm through the trials and tribulations ahead?

This is a story that captures the essence of everyday life with characters and places inspired by rural New Zealand.

Rare breeds meeting a first for Taranaki

The NZ Rare Breeds Society will meet for the first time in Taranaki this weekend. This brings together locals interested in rare livestock and poultry and is aimed at newcomers and veterans alike.

New Zealand is home to a selection of rare livestock including unique breeds like Arapawa sheep and goats which are genetically distinct from old breeds anywhere else in the world. Taranaki hosts some well-known rare breeds holdings including Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park and Avonstour Island, to name a few. A recent rare breed pig exhibition in Stratford drew buyers and lookers from near and far.

What drives passion for rare breeds? Conservation, beauty and a penchant for the unusual attracts some people; scientific interest



Unique breeds like Arapawa sheep and goats which are genetically distinct from old breeds anywhere else in the world.

captures others. For example, study of survival in harsh environments like Enderby Island has provided useful insight into improving digestive efficiency of commercial cattle.

A major attraction for many is taste. Rare breed meat fills a niche market for discerning chefs who hanker for the traditional flavours of yesteryear.

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Sunday 19th August 11:30 to 1:30 at Eltham School for lunch and a few short talks. Please bring a plate. Details on Facebook, or ph 0204 113 1884.

Barb Frey.

This Book is available at Pastimes Opunake.

First-time author Heather Ross says she and her sisters have been "blown away" with the success of her book "The Weekend Gumboots."

who now lives in Wellington and her sisters Sue Lester and Yvonne Northcott, both of New Plymouth in their experiences helping to keep a Taranaki dairy farm going while their relative, the farm owner is locked in a

Although a work of fiction, the book is based on Heather,



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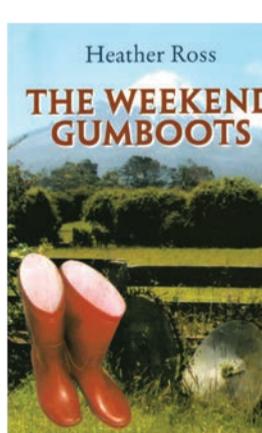
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Coastal tragedy spurs exhibition

When Māori artists from around the country gather at Waiokura Marae in Manaia this weekend, the inspiration for their creations will come from the May stranding of parāoa (sperm whales) along a small stretches of South Taranaki coastline.

The dates and venue for the 'Taonga Parāoa, Taonga Iti' wānanga (educational seminar) had already been proposed by Taranaki-based artists and friends Gabrielle Belz, Kataraina Te Ira, Wharehoka Smith and Bonita Bigham during a catch-up long before the parāoa arrived, said Bonita.

"We met earlier this year to talk about how we could create opportunities for Māori visual artists who live in Taranaki or whakapapa to an iwi here to spend time together, learn from each other and share their work with the wider public.

"So when the time came closer to properly organise this wānanga in Manaia it made sense to honour those magnificent creatures and remember that hugely significant local event," she said.

While the total number of parāoa along a wider area of South Taranaki coast eventually went up to 13 and



The May stranding of sperm whales along a small stretches of South Taranaki coastline.

while the wānanga was happening at Waiokura, Bonita said it was important to note that there was no intention to speak for, or on behalf of Ngāti Tū hapu or anyone else where the whales came ashore.

"The mana of that collective story-telling at all times remains with Ngāti Tū, Ngāti Haua hapu and Ngāti Ruanui iwi to decide who, how, where and when that expression of their experiences are told and shared.

"Any discussion or artistic expression will be purely reflective of the individual experiences of attending artists," said Bonita.

An immediate outcome from the wānanga would be the opening of a public week-long exhibition in Manaia, consisting of small works no bigger than 15cm, which would mostly have been started offsite and finished at Waiokura or wholly created onsite over the weekend.

"There are not many, if

any, opportunities for Māori artists from many disciplines to come together and concentrate purely on creative output for a whole weekend, let alone exhibit immediately afterwards," said Bonita.

She said workshops on printmaking and exhibition curation would also be offered and anticipates that works of various types such as weaving, carving, printmaking, paper-cutting, photography, painting and

sculpture would be exhibited, offered by new, emerging and internationally established artists.

This included items made by tohunga whakairo (master carver) Rangi Kipa, nationally acknowledged expert in his field, which would showcase examples of carved niho parāoa (sperm whale teeth) he had created in past years.

Bonita said commission from any work sold would go towards funding future

wānanga and exhibitions, while all remaining profits went directly to the artists.

She also acknowledged the guidance and leadership provided by Gabrielle, which had been invaluable in getting the kaupapa off the ground.

"Gabrielle is a highly-regarded and experienced artist and curator with national and international experience, we are very lucky to have her here in South Taranaki."

"Ideally, we'd love to do this kind of thing at least a couple of times a year somewhere in Taranaki, where we get to share our passion and skills with each other and take our stories through our artforms out to communities around the mountain.

"In this instance though, it is through the parāoa that we get to channel those energies and we are grateful to them for that opportunity."

The public opening of 'Taonga Parāoa, Taonga Iti' will be held at Toi Manaia gallery, opposite the Band Rotunda, on Sunday August 19 from 3pm-7pm. The exhibition will open from Monday August 20 to Sunday August 26 from 2-7pm daily.

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Finding something amazing in Manaia

Serendipity is what happens when you find something amazing when you aren't looking for it. It is also the name of a crafts and gifts co-operative which since May 1 has been operating out of a shop by the same name on the south-east corner of the Manaia roundabout.

"We chose it as a name that resonates with people," says Bridgette Leveridge who has become the public face of the Serendipity co-operative. "The motivation has been to provide an outlet for local crafters and artisans, to sell their wares without the expense of setting up a shop themselves. It's all about bringing people and money into Manaia."

When the shop opened back in May, four crafts people belonged to the co-operative. Now there are 11. "There are a lot of interesting people in Manaia who have done many things and have many creative talents, but they have hidden their lights under a bushel," says Bridgette.

Among the items on display are stained glass and stringed arts, hand crafted bags decorated with Maori motifs, and tatted book marks.

Bridgette speaks with the zeal of somebody who has herself found something amazing without having looked for it. She says she



Bridgette Leveridge who has become the public face of the Serendipity co-operative.

has been told of times when Manaia was a bustling town, with people coming here from Eltham to do their shopping. She wants to spread the word so that more people would discover Manaia for themselves and come here to settle and set up shop.

Bridgette and her husband Harry have been in Manaia for the last two and a half years, having lived in the Bay of Plenty and Australia.

She says she had not previously given much thought to moving to Manaia. "I had probably been here

20 plus years ago" she said, but this time she and Harry

liked what they saw and decided to make Manaia their

home.

Bridgette points to a group

of Manaia-themed mugs for sale, depicting the town's recognisable symbols. There's the band rotunda in the centre of town, the statue of George the heroic Jack Russell terrier only a few metres from the shop, the sign welcoming motorists to Manaia, the bread capital, and of course Mt Taranaki itself visible from the shop counter.

"We've sold a few of these, and we've had people say they want to buy a few more at Christmas time," says Bridgette.

There are plans to have similar Manaia themed cushions and tote bags for sale.

With the festival season due to get into full swing along the coast in coming months, Bridgette hopes more passing visitors may choose to drop by and see for themselves what the talented craftspeople of Manaia have been up to.

Youngs past and present at Lysaght Watt

Joyce Young was for many years a well known figure in the arts community on the Taranaki coast.

Many will remember her as an arts and crafts teacher at Opunake High School or will have visited her garden during the Taranaki Rhododendron Festival. She was there when the Festival started in 1987 and had her garden open every year thereafter until 2015.

Born in Tauranga, Joyce, who died in 2015 took up pottery in the 1960s, starting off with domestic ware and then moving into decorative stoneware wall panels.

She was a member of a pottery co-operative for 20 years. Her kiwi can-do attitude led her to use bricks from redundant factory boilers to build three brick

kilns.

The first was built back in 1963 on her and late husband Stan's family farm at Oaonui. She built a bigger double chambered oil-fired kiln when she moved into Opunake, and another one in 1980 alongside a new house, garden and commercial honey shed at Oakura.

Something of her creative genes appear to have been passed on to her grandson, bespoke furniture designer, maker and joiner Geoffrey Young.

Now both their work can be seen at an exhibition showing at Lysaght Watt Gallery from August 6-September 1. The exhibition is a cash and carry one, meaning that anyone buying one of the items for sale can take it home with them, rather than waiting for the end of the exhibition.

The Youngs Past and Present combines Joyce's pottery, bird sculptures and pastels/watercolours with Geoffrey's contemporary

furniture design.

Geoffrey says that after his grandmother's death, one of her friends Margaret Springett, a former curator at Lysaght Watt had suggested a joint exhibition, and now, three years later it has finally happened. This isn't however the first time Joyce and Geoffrey have exhibited together. Six years they did have an exhibition at The Boatshed in Joyce's former home town of Tauranga.

Geoffrey has been exhibiting at the Taranaki Arts Trail every year since the first one five years ago when he exhibited his work alongside his grandmother's. In more recent years he has been doing so in his right.

"As a kid I played with Lego and I was always constructing and building mechanical things," he says. "I have a creative and artistic streak as well, so I've combined those two to create functional and creative objects using timber as my chosen material."

His interest took off after doing a course at UCOL and he now works fulltime on his furniture making.

He is currently working on a table for the Studio Furniture 2018 Exhibition to be held in New South Wales from November-January. He says he is pleased to be one of 75 furniture makers in Australia and New Zealand to be invited to take part in this exhibition.



One of Geoffrey Young's Creations

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WAIMATE HOTEL

Open 7 days for meals
New menu

Tues - Sat 11am-2pm, 5-8.30pm

Sun - Mon 1-7.30pm

Sunday Brunch - 11am-2pm

Menu changing all the time

\$10 Gold Card lunch Mon-Wed

• POKIES • TAB

• SKY TV FOR RUGBY/LEAGUE

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49 Main Rd, MANAIA

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Serendipity 46A SOUTH RD
MANAIA
Crafts & Gifts

Serendipity Crafts & Gifts at 46A South Rd, Manaia. New stock always arriving. This shop is predominantly an outlet for gorgeous crafts and handiwork made by local residents. The shop has been opened as a Co-op, which means there are several ways you may wish to be involved.

Shop Hours

Wed - Fri 10am - 5pm

Sat - Sun 10am - 2pm

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