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Fronting up - Sean Edwards, TSB Head of Branch Network (right) and Libby Walker, Principal Manager, Hawera/Opunake (centre).

The closure of Opunake's TSB bank has been met by anger and dismay by locals who made their feelings clear at a meeting called by Raewyn Cornford, the Chairperson of Opunake's Business Association in Opunake on Monday at which two representatives from the TSB were present.

For many the closure of the town's only bank was seen as a betrayal to its loyal customers, many of whom have become TSB customers because of its local branch.

"You will lose customers over this," warned Ann Smith who was there representing members of the community.

Former president of the Opunake Business Association Bob Clark assertively called the TSB to account. "It's a community owned bank. We are all participants in this. We are owners. You did not consult the community at all with what you've done. Why did the TSB not consult with your owners," he said to Sean Edwards, Head of branch Network TSB who responded "Good question," adding he would have to ask a board member.

"You're not a community bank. You're a commercial bank," continued Bob Clark. "The bank was built on land that was donated to the community (by the Yep family). What's going to

happen to the bank building." Again, Sean Edwards seemingly unaware of this said he would have to consult with the TSB's property manager over this.

Other points were made at the meeting by those present. Opunake's isolation meant the town would be over 40 kilometres away from a bank.

There were also questions about the TSB ATM machine, whether it would stay, and its reliability. People wanted to be assured it would remain. A local business person who had emailed the TSB regarding the ATM machine had received a reply from Customer Service Support that the ATM will remain "until further notice," which suggested its future was uncertain.

Ann Smith on behalf of St Pauls Op Shop which donates around \$70,000 from proceeds to the community and who had letters from the various churches opposing the closure of the branch, said their customers usually paid in cash.

"There's a lot of older people who don't cope with EFTPOS," she said.

Not being able to get change was another issue. Suggestions by the two from the TSB of the replacement of the TSB by a machine, The Hub, which is housed in Opunake Library

Plus, and offers to train people to use it, did little to placate those at the meeting.

Bank fraud was a growing problem. One person at the meeting spoke about her own experience of almost being defrauded of \$26,000. It was averted by the intervention of a business partner and the TSB. Banks had a responsibility to protect their customers from scams. A machine did not replace people and banks needed to be aware of their role in stopping increasingly sophisticated scammers.

Also the Hub could only be accessed when the Library Plus was open.

The incongruity of the Toi Foundation giving money back to the community whilst at the same time closing

services was also pointed out. The TSB is owned by the Toi Foundation.

Questioned about the fact that banks were under investigation for making disproportionately large profits in New Zealand when compared to other banks overseas, Sean Edwards said that the reason for the closure was because the TSB was not making such huge profits.

"The TSB is not making good profit compared to other banks. He quoted it costing 89 cents in the dollar to run as compared to many foreign owned banks that cost 35 cents in the dollar to run. "Seven branches have to close," he said.

He added that TSB "have only 2% of the market."

Other points raised were that banks must be making savings on wages with customers using the internet received the reply that these were offset by ongoing compliance costs.

The TSB representatives left a lot of unanswered questions.

The Toi Foundation will be having their AGM on August 29 at Waitara. It is a public meeting held at Whai Tapuwae No Rongo - Clifton Park, 17 Princess Street Waitara from 1.00 to 3.00pm. Raewyn Cornford is urging people to attend. RSVP by 25th August.

"The Toi foundation has the majority votes on the TSB board that have voted to close Opunake," says Raewyn.



The TSB branch in Opunake.



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Poisonous mushrooms do grow in New Zealand

Recent media coverage has featured mushroom poisonings of three people in Australia. Readers will be asking, could a similar thing happen here (by accident of course)? The answer is simply, yes!

Following, I refer to information given in an illustrated booklet, “Mushrooms And Toadstools”, written by botanist Marie Taylor. It was first published in 1981 by AH & AW Reed Ltd for the Mobil New Zealand Nature Series. The booklet describes 184 species.

New Zealand has many dozens of fungi species, mushrooms and toadstools.

The problem for food foragers is to be able to identify the poisonous ones. The mushroom implicated in the deaths of the three Australians is the Death Cap, (*Amanita phalloides*). It’s found here, was imported in contaminated soil. “One teaspoonful of this fungus is lethal.” There are seven *Amanita* species in New Zealand, two of them introduced and five are NZ natives. All are poisonous. But be careful, other fungi can be toxic too. It’s essential, novice fungi hunters learn to recognise the toxic ones before gathering any mushroom. The local library and Google are first sources of information. First time out collecting, go with an experienced forager.

Some physical features of our toxic fungi: The Death Cap has a light greenish or olive brown

cap. Over-mature it has a sweet nauseating smell. Other *Amanitas* have red or yellow caps and/or a warty appearance. Avoid these mushrooms, having white gills, producing white spores and those with a skirt round the stem and a bulbous base called a volva. Toxic mushrooms are saprophytic (i.e. grow on decaying material in/on the soil or rotting wood). They also grow symbiotically (i.e. in association with larger plant species). The fine fungi roots, (mycorrhiza), wrap round and penetrate roots of trees and shrubs, tapping into the sugars taken from the tree, in exchange for mineral nutrients gathered more broadly by the fungi’s hyphae. Being so, knowing the trees and shrubs the fungi have evolved to associate with, gives us a major clue as to where to be

especially careful collecting mushrooms.

The poisonous introduced *Amanita* mushroom species grow near oak trees, pines, silver birch or chestnut. New Zealand native *Amanitas* are found near red and southern beeches and around manuka shrubs. Until one is 100% confident one can identify our poisonous mushrooms it would be safer to stick to picking open field meadow mushrooms or buying at the supermarket.

The purpose of this brief report is to alert people to dangers in picking wild mushrooms. Be careful out there.

Murray Crombie
Oakura

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ADELPHOS

There’s a saying: “It’s not how you start but how you finish.” Anyone running competitive races will tell you that. Sir Peter George Snell, KNZM, OBE, KBE, Ph.D. is arguably Opunake’s favourite son winning three Olympic gold medals and collecting eight world records. It was Peter’s unique ability to accelerate across the finish line that made him an Olympic world champion. His athletic success is largely attributed to his coach, Arthur Lydiard, who used the unprecedented training of marathon conditioning for middle-distance runners.

The disciplined training of regular Sunday morning runs of 22-30 miles with

“Arthur’s Boys” through steep Waitakere Ranges bush equipped Peter with the perseverance and stamina to almost effortlessly sprint across the finish line. The motivational legacy of Peter Snell and his coach continues to inspire us as a nation.

The Peter Snell Youth Village (PSYV) is an interdenominational Christian camp on 27 acres of native bush on the Whangaparoa Peninsula. It’s owned by the New Zealand Sunday School Union in Auckland. After his Olympic successes, Peter kindly allowed his name to be used for the property. Youth engage in holiday programmes to develop

resilience and confidence through sporting and physical challenges.

A Christian’s life isn’t a sprint or middle-distance event. It’s a marathon. Peter Snell and Arthur Lydiard proved that races are won with the right training and perseverance. In God’s Word we read, “...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:1-2). The apostle Paul also made an allusion to Olympic game training, “...Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do not all get a crown that will last; but we get a crown that will last forever.” (1 Corinthians

9:24-25).

Running our own Christian marathon also requires the right coach to spiritually train and encourage us. Jesus taught THAT A SAVING FAITH IS RELIANT UPON ASKING GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT TO BE OUR INNER COACH (John 3:37; 14:26; 16:13). We can then cooperatively work with God, through His Holy Spirit within us, coaching us through daily prayer, reading His Word and doing God’s will. Finally, as a result, we will have the winning endurance and stamina to receive “a crown that will last forever.” Choosing the right coach makes all the difference, eh?

Kia kaha,
Adelphos

Deadlines for copy

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

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

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

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

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

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

Editor

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We have printed more copies of the Opunake & Coastal News.

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Reaction to bank closure



Rahul Tyagi is just one of the business owners in Opunake not impressed with the closure of Opunake's only bank.

Reaction to the proposed closure of the Opunake branch of TSB has been overwhelmingly negative with business owners and locals alike unhappy that Opunake will no longer have a bank.

The TSB announced two weeks ago that both the Opunake and Eltham branches of the TSB would close on September 29.

"I can't even imagine a

town without a bank," said Rahul Tyagi, the owner of Opunake's Club Hotel adding it was "especially necessary for a business owner." Now I'll have to make a special trip for the banking three days a week minimum, he said.

"For insurance purposes you can't have beyond a certain amount on the premises so we have to bank that money." Gaming money

is also meant to be deposited and not held on the premises.

To feed the machines he says he also needs to have \$1000 to \$1500 worth of \$2 coins a week which he picks up from the bank." Now he'll have to pay to get coins which he said would be "a big time hassle."

Gary Arora who owns Opunake Four Square commented "We have to bank every day" and said

they would have to go to Hawera to get change adding that around 10-15% of people pay in cash.

"The town needs at least one bank," he added.

Clem Cohead who owns Coastal Supermarket said "We small businesses will have to offer a cash out facility. He added that he was "obviously upset about the loss of jobs."

Like other business owners

he questioned how do local businesses get coin.

For another business owner she was "more concerned about the older people." The closure of the bank meant they would have to "carry more cash which will be a security risk."

There's lot and lots of reasons that they shouldn't close she added with a tinge of anger, "This town's supported the bank for years."

I know they're working towards a cashless society. She cited the example of the Hawkes Bay cyclone which meant the power went off meaning people did not have internet access to their cash. "If you had no cash, you had no food."

She also had an interesting tale about the reliance on the internet and says she had an alarming experience when she "watched" \$10,000 go out of her account. Fortunately the bank who "happened to notice it" stopped the transfer which was via a websaver account.

The owner of the popular Arty Tarts Café in Opunake

Michelle with her husband Richard commented "we are a remote town" and said it was "a shame" they're shutting a bank in a small town.

They go to the bank "a lot" for small change. "We'll have to go to Hawera or Stratford to get change at least once a week." Added Richard "It's going to be a pain - a real burden." They also agreed they would "miss the ladies" at the TSB.

Two local customers agreed that Opunake needed at least a one or two day service adding we've gone from 5 days to nothing.

"We're just going to lose another service."

For Steve Gelliher formerly from the UK and now living in Opunake, "It's a shame that we're going to lose the bank. People will have to go to Hawera or Stratford. "It's always good to have a bank for the local community." He added "It's the way that New Zealand towns are going. They're getting rid of everything." He sees the move as "a follow on effect from Covid."

This month in history

The Scream Stolen

On August 22, 1904 a pastel version of The Scream was stolen from Oslo. The work by Edvard Munch was stolen at gunpoint from the Edvard Munch Museum.

It should be pointed out that there are several versions of The Scream, including two pastels, two paintings and several lithographs. These date from 1893 when a Kristiana (now Oslo) sunset inspired a painting of a so-called scream of nature.

One of the pastels sold at auction in 1995 for US \$119,922,500.

Munch, who was born in Norway on December 12, 1863 was influenced by Paul Gauguin, Vincent van Gogh and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec with emphasis on the use of colour.

He died on January 23, 1944 aged 80.

America's Cup 1851

On August 22 1851 the

America's Cup was first held. However, back then it was called the Hundred Guineas Cup or the Cup of One Hundred Sovereigns (It wasn't until 1857 that the name America's Cup was coined). The first race was sailed around the Isle of Wight, England in a clockwise direction over The Queens course.

The Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron the

Earl of Winton issued the challenge to the New York Yacht Club. Fifteen yachts raced and the schooner America won in 10 hours and 34 minutes. There were 8 cutters and 9 schooners originally registered for the race, but two pulled out before the start.

In those early days it was a fleet race, but in modern times it is a match race.

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Magnificent birds misunderstood

It was with keen interest I read the story from Rex Langton (Page 7 Opunake News August 10).

I have followed the demise of these native birds for some time now.

A cousin to the North American Peregrine Falcon, whose dives have been recorded at speeds up to 322 kph, making them the fastest creature on earth and a very formidable hunter.

Specialising in live prey, they live on a variety of birdlife, which they will

mostly hunt from the wing, and that, in many ways, has been why in most cases they are struggling to maintain a population in New Zealand.

They are known to have attacked and killed fully grown chickens, which then engages "their greatest enemy, "the human."

Such a shame the plight of these magnificent birds are so misunderstood, or in a lot of cases not recognised for their place in the New Zealand wildlife scene.

Yes they may kill some other native species at times too, but that is undoubtedly how nature plays it's part in the natural order of survival, so surely they have a place in our country, and should be nurtured by us all. The very least we could do is co-exist with them, and to allow them to cruise the country and be

able to survive like they once used to, hunting naturally before we considered them a pest.

For more information on these beautiful raptors, please follow www.wingspan.co.nz

Peter Macadam.
Opunake

Many thanks

I am very grateful to the people who came to my aid when I fell heavily on Tasman Street, Opunake on the last day of July. My leg was broken and after eight days in hospital, including an operation to wire my leg bone (femur) back together again, I am making a good recovery at home.

Thanks Clem Coxhead for peeling me off the roadside, also to the person who produced a chair, the lady from Coastal Care who wheeled me off in a wheelchair, the excellent paramedic Mr Purgaric who attended to me before the ambulance arrived (thanks to the ambulance people too), as well as Bernice and Stephanie who have both been a tower of strength. The New Plymouth Base Hospital staff gave me excellent care.

Thanks also to some students of Opunake Primary School for your lovely home-made cards.

I look forward to being back at work as soon as possible (both jobs).

Rolland McKellar,
Okato.

Labour looking after farmers

After looking at our Labour Government's policy for our farmers policy for our farmers has made me really pleased, as by June this year, our export earnings were up by \$56.2 million, with more kiwis upskilling in agriculture, horticulture, viviculture, fisheries and forestry, plus a new type of training called Opportunity Here a campaign, which has already attracted well over 14,000 people within the food and fibre sectors.

Our two local MPs Steph Lewis of Whanganui and Glen Bennett of New Plymouth visited a Federated Farmers dinner and were presented with

a list of policies for our government to look at. But my concern is that there's only 8% of wetlands actually left in our province as they catch and present sediment, e-coli and catch and prevent runoff entering our local waterways.

Yet when reading National's policies, concerning wetlands they promise this, that and everything else and are saying the same thing over and over, which is really nothing new. Throughout the country, our Labour Government will always help out and they always listen to every farmer.

Tom Stephens,
New Plymouth

COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

Currently we are seeking policy feedback, applications for our available funds and nominations for our Community awards as listed below. We would really love to hear from you. Your feedback and thoughts are important to us and help make the decision making an easier process for us.

The South Taranaki District Council are seeking your feedback on the Gambling Venues, TAB

Venues and Easter Sunday Trading policies. A copy of the consultation documents and submission forms is available on the Councils website www.southtaranaki.com or you can pop into your local library. Consultation closes at 5pm Friday 1st September 2023.

Do you have a Community arts project that needs some funding support?

The South Taranaki Creative Communities

Scheme funding round is open now and closes at 5pm Friday 1st September 2023. This scheme provides funding assistance for Community based activities in South Taranaki that will take place between 27th September 2023 and 27th September 2023. For more information or an application form please head to our website as above.

Our STDC Natural Environments Fund opened

for applications on the 4th August 2023. This fund promotes the protection, restoration and enhancement of areas of significant indigenous biodiversity or fauna on private land throughout the District.

Individuals, Trusts, Incorporated Societies and other groups are eligible to apply. However funded project sites must either already have permanent legal protection status

or be prepared to seek status within 12 months of receiving funding. Applications close at 5pm Sunday 17th September 2023 and application forms can be found on our website or for any enquiries you can email envirous@stdc.govt.nz

And lastly our South Taranaki Community Awards nominations are now open.

So, if you know of a quiet

achiever or are impressed by the community initiative shown by a person or a group please put in a nomination form for them. I'm sure there are some unsung community heroes out there that deserve some recognition for the hard work they do for their community.

I'm looking forward to seeing a flood of applications / submission forms from everyone.

Cr Steffy Mackay

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Winston Peters.

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To the left we've got the virtue signallers, more intent on being woke and politically correct than actually doing any good in the real world.

And to the right, too many extremists with no political experience, who want to take us down the same failed track we once so painfully travelled at such great cost to hard working New Zealanders and our country's assets.

This country was a world leader once, but we never got there with woke extremism. Or by harming the very fabric of our nation. New Zealand needs to get our values and priorities right again. We need to bring back common sense. We need unity not separatism.

We need to grow our exports and national wealth, and we need to value our workers.

We need to give real hope to our people, families, and communities – the forgotten New Zealanders. We need to give kiwi battlers a hand up, not a hand out.

This Sunday, 1pm, 27 August the Right Honourable Winston Peters will be at the Devon Hotel, 390 Devon Street East in New Plymouth. Hear from the Leader of New Zealand First about some of the tough issues facing this country - and why we all need to Take Back Our Country.

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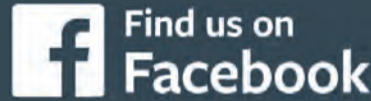
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Rest assure we are currently working on sourcing a replacement Physio for our facility and will announce via Facebook and the Opunake and Coastal News when we have an outcome.

NZ Post services now at Coastal Care



Tina Chapman, Kim Gatenby and Aretha Macadam.

CoastalCare have great pleasure in announcing they have been chosen to take over the NZ Post contract and provide all the usual postal services to the Coastal community. This will be run from the Coastal Printers space which is just to the right as you enter CoastalCare (look for the NZ Post signs). We have also taken this opportunity to provide a supply of basic stationery needs for the community. We have been operating for three weeks now offering

domestic postal services and as of next week will have the equipment needed to offer the international postal services. With the post boxes following sometime mid to late September. The post boxes will be held in the foyer entrance space. All services will be available Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5pm, including the printing services we offer and stationery supplies. We wish to thank Rosie Corkill of Pastimes who has been instrumental and generous in assisting us to

get setup, you may even recognise some of the equipment, and people as Kim Gatenby now works in this space and has set us up for the sale of stationery and our postal processes. We do stock a small range of supplies but if you need something we don't have. Just let us know and we can get that overnight. We also have printer ink available on demand overnight, there are just too many for us to stock a supply of these in our limited space. Yes, we have also applied to Waka Kotahi to be a NZ Transport agent and offer registrations RUC etc and hope to be able to offer this as soon as possible. Watch this space for further updates on this. With Aretha, Tina and Kim as the team to offer this wide range of services we hope to see you soon and support you with what you need.



A small range of stationery supplies are also available.

Coastal Printers

Did you know that Coastal Printers has 30 years of design work – Yes that's right Tina heads up our Coastal Printers Opunake and has 30 years of design work experience, I often hear comments like, "Tina did an amazing job", "didn't know we had that service here" and "wish I had come here sooner" to name a few. Come and visit Tina if you need a new logo or design for flyers, stickers anything really.

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New supermarket due to open early next year



The old supermarket has now been demolished.

Opunake is to have a brand new supermarket due to open in February 2024. "We're building a brand new store, a bigger and better supermarket," says Gary Arora the owner of Four Square 45. He adds it will have "a bigger range and be a better looking store which will give people a lot better shopping experience." The new supermarket will be a partnership between Gary has owned both Foodstuff supermarkets in Opunake, Four Square Forty Five and Opunake Four Square which are both in the main street of Opunake and Foodstuffs,

who own the building. "It made no sense to have two supermarkets several shops apart," says Gary hence the building of "one big much better supermarket." Foodstuff will be responsible for the building of the supermarket while Gary will own everything in the supermarket. He adds "What we're hoping is it will stop people travelling to New Plymouth and Hawera." The new supermarket will have four self serving scanners as well as two traditional cashiers to serve people. "It's a smarter way of doing things," he says adding there

will be a saving in wages. Four Squares are in most small towns and cater for a smaller population, says Gary. He was "very excited, very happy" that "I'm going to own a new supermarket" and says "Everything that we used to do we'll do but there'll be more stuff." These include the bakery and the butchery. The old supermarket has now been demolished. It's been a hectic time for Gary who welcomed a new baby – a boy – in July, a second child for he and his wife. The building of the new supermarket is a

commitment to Opunake agrees Gary whose family moved to Opunake 7 years ago.



CoastalCare – AGM and the last year in review

On Tuesday 11th July, Coastal Taranaki Health Trust held their AGM – Thank you to those who took the time to attend. The Trust now consists of, Steve Corkill (Chairperson) Adrienne Hickey (Secretary), Bob Clark (Treasurer), Paul Bourke, Monica Willson, Kylie Brophy, Corryn Pryce-Baxter and Stephenie Livingstone. We are pleased to welcome Stephenie Livingstone on board as a new Trust member.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM and noted that CoastalCare has now been operational for eight years and has grown somewhat since then. Also highlighted was the need to continue the building projects to allow further new spaces needed for the services wanting to work within CoastalCare.

Over the past year we have managed to fund and build dedicated areas for the Foodbank, Optometrist, Audiology and Chiropractor – this makes better use of the internal areas that didn't have a lot of use prior and amalgamates the Facility Manager and Printers to utilise our staff more fully as well. We were proud to use all local services for our build and a special thanks and mention to Shaun Stanley of Taranaki Building Limited for the quality work and managing the project.

We have continued to hold shared meetings with the Cottage Rest Home Trust. Both trusts have many goals in common in our support for our vulnerable community members, we felt it was a logical step to share both ideas and support for each other through our meetings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank McDonald Real Estate, Hughson & Associates, and Thomson O'Neil for their continued sponsorship and TOI Foundation, Community Organisation Grants (COGs), Pub Charity, South Taranaki District Council, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, St Pauls Op Shop, Lotteries Grants Board and donations from the general public.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the general public for your kind donations, our cull cow drive was very successful and instrumental in us being able to complete our building project phase two.

Bob Clark (the Treasurer), quoted, "the old adage is, Profit is an opinion and cash is a fact" then compared the operational income vs expenditure for 2022 and 2023, this is shown below. There has also been an increase in working capital of \$28,973 which made Bob very happy to move the adoption of the 2023 Financial report.

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

Year	2023	2022	Year	2023	2022
Revenue	\$212,082	\$175,509	Working Capital		
Interest Etc	\$2,986	\$257	Bank Accounts	\$79,659	\$64,418
	\$215,068	\$175,766	Debtors and prepayments	\$22,604	\$16,911
Operating Costs	\$204,369	\$216,860		\$102,263	\$81,329
Depreciation - Ignored			Less Accounts Payable	\$9,020	\$17,059
Surplus /Deficit from Operations	\$10,699	-\$41,094	Working Capital	\$93,243	\$64,270
			Increase	\$28,973	

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A practical cost of living plan to support Taranaki families

I know that lots of people here in Taranaki are finding it tough right now, with costs rising right around the world. Labour has a plan to continue building on the practical steps we've already taken to reduce that pressure, so people can get on with their lives and get ahead.



STEPH LEWIS
MP FOR WHANGANUI
 that we've already put in place to remove or reduce everyday costs facing local households, including removing the \$5 prescription charge on medicines, making public transport free or cheaper for young New Zealanders, and extending 20 weeks free ECE to two-year-olds. We're also committed to doing more to support young families, because we believe that parents and caregivers should be able to spend more time raising their kids, and less time worrying about how to afford to. As a mum myself, I was incredibly proud of Labour's commitment to introduce four weeks of Paid Partner's Leave. We know that the early years are the most critical time in a child's development, and it's

important that we support young families to make sure children can thrive. Our new scheme will be phased in from 1 July next year, and the leave can be taken either at the same time or consecutively with the primary carer. It will also

expand access to parental leave by ensuring that even if the primary carer isn't entitled to Paid Parental Leave, their partner can still take up to four weeks of Paid Partner's Leave to be with them. On top of this, a re-elected

Labour government will make further changes to Working for Families, including the largest ever boost to the In-Work Tax Credit which will support around 160,000 low and medium-income families, and help with the everyday

costs of raising a family. All of these measures build on the steps that we've already taken to help with the cost of living and support families. There's a lot at stake this election, but Labour are on your side and in it for you.

Three Waters back on the agenda

When Chris Hipkins became leader of the Labour Party, Three Waters was parked up to keep it out of the public eye. However you can't hide bad news indefinitely, and the Water Services Entities Amendment Bill was back before Parliament last week to be rushed through its remaining stages under urgency before Parliament rises for the General Election.

The Water Services Entities Amendment Bill increases the number of organisations that will control our water assets and infrastructure from five to ten. National opposed the passage of the Bill, but Labour had the numbers to pass it into law before the election.

National's principal



CARL BATES
CANDIDATE FOR WHANGANUI

objection to the Three Waters plan is that it will take control of local assets away from councils, and vest them in mega entities which are remote from where the assets are located. National strongly believes that local assets should remain under

local control, with local decision making.

An incoming National government will repeal Three Waters and replace it with our Local Water Done Well plan. It will ensure that drinking water, stormwater and wastewater remain in local control, with strict water quality standards and a requirement for councils to invest in the ongoing maintenance and replacement of their vital water infrastructure.

National's Local Government spokesman Simon Watts has driven the party's opposition to Three Waters and the alternative legislation that is being

promoted. Simon was in the Whanganui electorate last week and reiterated National's intention to repeal all Three Waters legislation before Christmas.

I strongly support the approach National has laid out. The status quo cannot remain however mega-mergers in Tertiary Education and Health have shown that bigger is not necessarily better. Local assets must remain under local control, and that is a position I will maintain if I have the privilege of representing the Whanganui electorate after the General Election.

Be careful what we vote for

What's important at your place right now?

Is it the cost of living, the price of meat, eggs and vegetables?

Do you break out in a sweat every time you fill up the car?

Is the interest rate on your mortgage constantly on your mind?

Maybe you feel unsafe due to rising crime and ram raids?

Is your business or farm is being drowned in regulations.

Has your child been affected by the amount of disrupted schooling this year alone?

When was the last time you managed to see your doctor?



BARBARA KURIGER MP
TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

These questions are among the issues you'll be considering on October 14.

So I encourage everyone to look closely at the policies on offer not the personalities.

Because the New Zealand we know, and love, is depending on it.

For the past six years, we've seen the economy, infrastructure, biggest export earners, education and health systems, rural communities, law and order, among others fall victim to the ideology of our current government.

We're in a recession and don't know exactly how bad the books are.

Meanwhile the confidence of our food producers, our biggest earners, has slumped to a record low under Labour.

We've become a nation divided over governance, language and resources, of haves versus have nots, of failing systems and lawlessness. A country where people can walk out of a store without paying for what they have taken without consequence.

Not content, Labour in their final weeks have passed Three Waters and two of their three RMA replacement

ills; taken GST off fresh fruit and vegetable but added a staggered 12c fuel tax.

I know it's what the majority of Kiwis voted for in 2020.

Labour is the only political party, since MMP was introduced, to enjoy the luxury of governing without the need of political partners in their second term.

But the window to reverse the monumental damage done since 2017 is almost closed.

There are those who might say 'Why would you want to even become government?' given the epic job ahead of whoever wins.

It's a valid question.

Getting the economy pumping again, household costs under control, repealing legislation, underdoing red tape, resetting systems and fixing broken ones, restoring roads, education, health and law and order systems — just some of the urgent priorities — won't be easy and will take time.

But as someone who entered Parliament to work for the betterment of the communities I represent, my colleagues and I are up for the challenge.

National has announced many of its policies and countered those put forward by others.

We are builders and our previous terms in government attest to that.

We just need the might of a majority vote to do that.

So come October 14, there really is only one question

Whose policies will make your life better?

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Labour will increase paid parental leave for partners

The Labour Party has said it will introduce four weeks Paid Partner's Leave, which can be taken concurrently or consecutively with Primary Carer's Leave. Leave is additional to current statutory entitlement of two weeks unpaid leave.

The new scheme will be phased in from 1 July 2024 and will be paid for entirely by government.

"I'm absolutely delighted to be able to commit the Labour Government I lead after the election to expanding paid parental leave to partners," Prime minister Chris Hipkins said.

"As a dad who took leave when my kids were born, I know that was a decision I was incredibly fortunate to make. This policy will help remove some of the financial barriers to partners taking parental leave.

"It supports all parents to be part of their babies' youngest days, providing extra financial help when families need it most.

"Our new scheme will further expand access to parental leave by ensuring that even if the primary carer is caring and isn't entitled to PPL, their partner can take up to four



Extra help for young parents offered.

weeks leave to be with them. "This is absolutely the right thing to do – we know that when it comes to a baby's first few weeks, you can't overdo support, whether that's an extra pair of hands, sleep or cooked meals.

"This policy extends the entitlement so all partners can have the same experience. It's healthy for everyone in the family and is also good business - employers know that too.

"Taking time off is expensive, but most partners take leave to support their partners regardless. This policy helps support the entire family unit in those crucial early days will support a return to workforce in the longer term."

Priyanca Radhakrishnan said Labour's Paid Partner's scheme will provide Kiwi families with more flexibility

by increasing the overall entitlement to parental leave.

"We recognise that when Paid Parental Leave was first introduced by Labour in 2002, transfer of paid leave to partners had a very low take up, and before 2017, only one per cent of cases included leave being transferred.

"In the last five years there's been a huge increase in partners taking advantage of parental leave. We know our existing expansions of paid parental leave have supported this trend, and we want to continue that by removing more barriers and allowing all partners the freedom and flexibility to support their family and children," Priyanca Radhakrishnan said.

Chris Hipkins said since 2017, Labour had worked hard to support Kiwi families

around the invaluable early years. Labour introduced the Best Start Payment to help families with costs. Labour's boosts to the Working for Families, along with increases to the Family Tax Credit, mean more families are eligible for and are receiving the support they deserve. When Labour came into government in 2017, New Zealand's 18 weeks of Paid Parental Leave was one of the lowest in the OECD. Since then, Labour has extended this to 26 weeks. Labour has increased payments for people on the maximum parental leave entitlement by more than \$170 a week. In this year's Budget, paid parental leave entitlements increased from 1 July, putting an additional \$51 a week into the pockets of new parents or an additional \$1327 for those taking the full 26 weeks of parental leave. From mid-2024, new parents will also receive a three percent government contribution to their KiwiSaver while on Paid Parental Leave, provided they continue their own KiwiSaver contributions.

"I am hugely proud of Labour-led achievements for Kiwi families," Chris Hipkins said.

"In uncertain economic

times, we need simple, clear and smart policies which provide targeted help, practical cost of living support and make things a little easier.

"Like our Cost of Living policy, including dropping GST from fruit and vegetables, Paid Partner Leave will deliver directly

for families. This is a Labour Government which puts families first.

"It was Labour that introduced PPL, Labour extended it to 26 weeks and now Labour is extending PPL to partners. This shows our commitment to families, especially when children are young."



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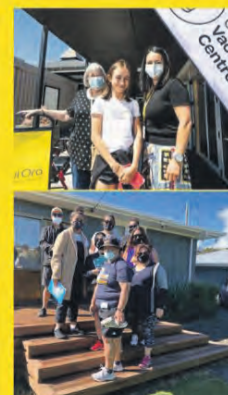


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The front lines at Gallipoli

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

By Natasha McKinney

Going into battle at Gallipoli changes everything. By December 1915 Arthur had been in the firing line during snowstorm conditions, on one occasion for an eight-hour stretch. In a brief moment of respite, he wrote to his mother Jessie and explained the dangers of shrapnel.

As ever, Arthur reports on family (his cousin Boyd), and those around him. Taranaki friends Cecil Hill, also of Manaia, and Teddy (Edward) Roberts from Waitara, are mentioned. Teddy had been in the All Blacks prior to fighting with Arthur in Gallipoli, and must have been an able companion with whom to



Arthur J. Gilmour of Manaia, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, N.Z.

carry out duties and share cake.

Anzac 3/12/1914 [it was 1915]

My dear Mother,
It will be a month next Tuesday since we arrived here. We had last week in

the trenches and had the first fall of snow for the year while there.

We found it very cold indeed. While up there we had eight hours in the firing line and eight in the supports so were kept fairly busy.

After the snow storm we were supplied with a waterproof cape each, while in the trenches. Soon we all hope to have a cape and gum boots [given] to us. There is not half as much danger in the firing line as out of it. The biggest danger is from shrapnel & there is often a chance of being hit when wandering about. It has burst fairly close to me several times. Before coming here everybody wonders if he is going to be frightened of bullets etc but it doesn't make much difference, everyone moving about is almost as unconcerned as walking along any street in

N.Z.

We haven't had much time for writing as most of our time has been employed in digging dug-outs & saps, and doing fatigues.

Just now Teddy Roberts and I are on the 4 p.m. till midnight shift on digging a tunnel into a hill. The tunnel is to store ammunition. We have alternate weeks at this, & in the trenches. Cecil has his commission now, I saw him the other day and he is well. I haven't seen Boyd since leaving Lemnos, he is some distance from us. The cake and the other things arrived all intact & were excellent. Teddy & I thought the cake alright.

I will have lots to write in a few days when we find a new dug-out at our new job.

Your affectionate son,
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Extreme weather research gets a boost

NIWA has launched a \$5 million per year package of new projects aiming to tackle some of New Zealand's most pressing challenges, including responding to and preparing for extreme weather events.

NIWA already undertakes extensive research in forecasting, climate change and extreme weather, natural hazards, atmospheric science and Māori environmental research. This new investment will allow NIWA to double down on efforts in these areas.

The new package includes an additional \$2.3 million per year for extreme weather-related research, including forecasting impacts from extreme weather and also to support climate change resilient infrastructure development.

An additional \$1.85 million per year has been allocated to work with Māori on climate adaptation and to better deliver NIWA science to iwi/hapu and Māori businesses. NIWA is also investing in new projects

to fast-track solar and wind forecasts for renewable energy production and to measure and verify agricultural greenhouse gas emission reductions.

"Following Cyclone Gabrielle and other extreme weather events in early 2023, NIWA urgently reprioritised some of our research to gather data in the immediate aftermath and to help affected communities recover from these events. This was complemented shortly afterwards by additional government funding to expedite our research into flood prediction and hazard risk assessment," says NIWA Chief Executive John Morgan.

"These new investments will accelerate our efforts to increase New Zealand's ability to respond to and prepare for future extreme weather events. As we have seen across the world in recent years, some of the biggest impacts of climate change have been increases in extreme weather events

- such as storms, floods, droughts and wildfires.

"We know that such extreme events are going to become more frequent and more intense, and we need to be better prepared. Advanced, high-precision forecasts that link different hazards, such as rainfall with river flooding, will help all New Zealanders - including iwi, emergency managers, government, councils and the public - to face the challenges our changing climate brings," says Mr Morgan.

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Notes
The funding for these new projects is coming from NIWA's Strategic Science Investment Fund (SSIF). This is government funding that focuses on research

programmes and scientific infrastructure that have long-term beneficial impact on New Zealand's health, economy, environment and society. Each year NIWA re-evaluates how its SSIF is best used.

Some of the current NIWA research in this area: <https://niwa.co.nz/natural-hazards/research-projects/responding-to-and-preparing-for-extreme-weather-events-niwa-led-research>.

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Okato Lions looking for new members



Colin Tyler outside the Lions Noticeboard in Okato.

The new president of the Okato Lions Club is keen to attract more members, any age and gender from the whole coastal area.

Colin Tyler recently succeeded John Cuthbert as the new president of the Okato Lions Club. His wife Sandra Reilly is also a member of the Okato Lions Club which, like most Lions Clubs these days, tend to be open to both men and women.

Of the 18 members, 5 are women and make a very positive contribution to the Club, says Colin adding "All of the women are very active."

For those who would like to know more about the Okato Lions and their activities, they meet on the first Monday of the month at Hempton Hall, Okato. They combine the monthly meeting with a catered meal

and normally have a variety of speakers, says Colin.

He cites representatives from Civil Defence (now known as Emergency Management) and Rural Support as examples. Recently they had someone from Border Security Dogs, a sport where dogs are trained to locate items. This was demonstrated to the intrigued Lions members.

All the Lions members sat around in a circle, one with a concealed parcel which the dog swiftly located. "It was very interesting to see," said Colin, and entertaining.

Other activities have included excursions like a 4 wheel drive memorial run where members drive off road locally following the lead through a variety of farms in the area.

They've also held a few barbecues for Coastal Taranaki School's gala days

as fundraisers and also at the local Okato market.

They also officiate at the Egmont Half marathon and Okato's Christmas Parade and will be volunteering for Daffodil Day.

The Lions Clubs nationally are also active in collecting old usable glasses which go to organisations that distribute them through the Pacific Islands.

The Okato Lions also recently organised an international peace poster competition for young people in Year 7. Based around peace, the poster will be judged by a local artist and the winning poster goes onto the national Competition.

That winning poster then goes on to compete in America. There will be prizes within the Okato Lions Club.

A new project for the Okato Lions is collecting old coins. From anywhere, any denomination, the sale

of these coins goes to Heads Up for Kids with the money redeemed for New Zealand dollars and used to fund education programmes to help New Zealand youth engage in an experience or activity that will enable them to live their dream, establish life goals and reach their full potential within their chosen field.

The Lions Clubs also donate to international relief. Lions International is reputedly the largest

humanitarian organisation in the world, says Colin.

"Huge amounts get donated to disasters around the world," adds Colin.

Colin who works as a property manager and his wife Sandra live on an acre of land a little out of Okato with 14 chickens - who he says always run to greet him as he returns from work - two kune kune pigs, two dogs and a cat. They moved to the region six years ago from Auckland and are "enjoying the relaxed lifestyle," says Colin.

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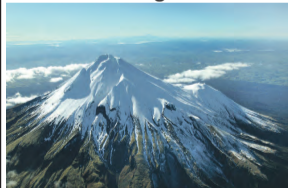
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Attractive example of espalier.

How to espalier fruit trees

How to espalier fruit trees
The art of espalier is becoming increasingly popular, especially for smaller gardens.

Espalier is a decorative style of fruit tree training. Espalier trees are often grown against a wall or fence, but wires between posts can also be used to support and train the tree. By doing so, the tree creates the perfect divider for different areas of your garden, while still retaining sunlight and visibility.

1. First, it's important to plan your pattern and the type of fruit tree that might work. Consideration should be given here to the age of wood the fruit is borne on.

2. Choose a location –

preferably somewhere north-facing that gets a minimum of six hours of direct sunlight.

3. Prepare the support, fixing horizontal wires to a structure that will support your espalier and train the branches at desired angles. Wires should be spaced 30 – 60cm apart, with eyebolts used on fences and walls to keep the tree away from the structure.

4. Plant your tree, setting it in the ground about 30cm from the wall, fence or post structure.

5. Your tree is ready to begin its training. For the first couple of years, while your fruit trees are getting established, remove some of the fruit before it gets much

bigger than pea-sized which will help promote a higher quality for the remaining fruit.

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An orchard example.

Quiz time for Kaponga WI

The members of Kaponga WI were welcomed by President Jo Ellis and enjoyed a lovely day at the home of member Nancy Stokes in New Plymouth. It was so special to have Mollie Nicholas join us as her ill health has prevented her from attending regularly. The roll call was "your favourite time waster" and included reading, photos, handwork, jigsaws and grandchildren, so in fact we rarely waste our time.

The thought was "Count your blessings - not your troubles."

President Jo reported on the recent Federation friendship day held in Kapuni which included using book pages to make protea flowers. Fed president Bernadette gave an excellent report on the Conference.

Two members will attend the upcoming 90th celebrations of the Rawhitiroa WI.

Members will each bring toiletries to the next meeting to donate to the hospital for emergency admissions.

The raffle was won by Joy Eliason.

Competition results: Three Savouries. 1. Dene Lines. 2. Jo Ellis. 3. Diane West and Fiona Collins, Nancy Stokes

After a delicious shared lunch hostess Nancy had a quiz for us on varying topics including flags of the world, New Zealand movies, and FIFA World Cup. The quiz was very well researched. The winning team was Rosalie Gibson, Dene Lines, Fiona Collins and Carolyn Nicholas who shared their prize box of chocolates.

On such a horrid winter's day the social day was the best medicine. Thanks Nancy.

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Sports shop under new ownership



Megan Dymond, the new owner of Opunake Outdoor and Service.

Opunake sports shop is under new ownership and will once again be a thriving business if the enthusiasm of the new owner is anything to go by.

Megan Dymond who was previously helping out at the sports shop has now bought the business with her partner Shaun which has been renamed Opunake Outdoor and Service.

Shaun is a farm manager for Francis Mullan. Though "flat out farm managing" he will also be helping out in the business.

Megan has changed the layout of the shop and will be making other changes in the future.

As well as selling a wide range of sporting and

camping gear, they will continue to service small machinery on site. This includes repairing, servicing and revamping chainsaws, motor mowers, bicycles and scooters.

"Anything I can't do will go offsite to Hawera at no extra charge to the customer," says Megan.

"They're brilliant - they turn them round really quickly - the only thing that holds them up is the delivery of parts."

A keen fisherperson and camper, Megan is herself continuing to undergo training as a small machinery mechanic which she says she is immensely enjoying. "It's fantastic."

Megan said she'd like to

thank former owners Clem Coxhead and Lene Croucamp, and also Raewyn Cornford and Ian Boxfor their help. Ian, who is a trained mechanic, has been invaluable in offering his expertise when needed.

"It's working so far, I'm very happy," says Megan who is in her first weeks of owning the business.

Future plans include over the summer adding some outdoor games which are geared towards tourists, some beach orientated. "They used to be available at Pastimes," says Megan who has taken over the franchise since Pastimes closed recently.

They also intend to have ebikes, pushbikes and fishing rods which they'll hire out

on a rent to buy basis over summer. People can also buy ebikes through them.

"If we don't have it we'll get it," says Megan.

Says Megan, I just love this shop and the idea of buying it came because she so enjoyed helping out there.

She is hoping to reestablish the business so its back to the Collins Sports era.

Commented Clem: "We're delighted that they've taken over and will run it as a family business and wish them all the best, says former owner Clem Coxhead who said he and Lene bought the business "to keep it open."



Megan in the workshop.



The workshop.

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Success for Taranaki writer

New Plymouth writer David Hill has won the Wright Family Foundation Esther Glen Award for Junior Fiction for his novel 'Below.'

Claire Mabey (writer and books editor at The Spinoff) writes, "a stomach-clenching suspense story set in a catastrophic tunnel collapse. I zoomed through this novel, such was its flow, its drama and its deft handling of

environmental issues. Hill has been a tireless advocate for children's books, and children's writers, and children as our most essential readers for decades now, so it was no surprise to hear a celebratory roar when his name was called out."

The Labour Party, of which David Hill is a member of the New Plymouth electorate has congratulated him on his success.

"David we're very proud of you as a prolific and highly-regarded New Zealand writer (and for your contribution to our electorate), a statement read. "We encourage all our supporters to Google-search David Hill - writer. You'll be amazed at the number of books (and articles) he's written, and like many of us, you'll soon become a fan!"



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MR. POHE TITO

500 MAORIS ATTEND

Nearly 500 Maoris from all parts of the province and from as far afield as Auckland and Nelson, and many Pakeha friends were present at Pihama on Monday to pay their last respects to a notable Maori personality, Mr. **Pohe Tito**, whose death occurred last Friday. The tangi was the largest that has been held in the province for many years.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Rakena, of Hawera and Pall-bearers were Messrs. A. Hickey, T. Hall, J. A. Stevenson, H. Good, A. Masters and E. A. Poole.

Floral tributes were received from: Mr. and Mrs. D. Agnew, T. Barr and Family, Ruakere Family, Mr. M. E. Urwin, N. Mathieson and Family, the President, Stewards and Members of the Opunake Racing Club, Opunake Bowling Club, Pihama Bowling Club and Pihama-Oeo Dog Trial Club.

Many messages of condolence were also received by the family.

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OBITUARY

MR. POHE TITO

MAORI SPORTSMAN

The death of Mr. Pohe Tito at his residence, Pihama, on Friday, removes one of the district's best-known and widely respected Maori personalities. He was in his 64th year.

Mr. Tito, who took a prominent part in many affairs of the Maori people, was a direct descendant of the famed fighting chief Te Hanataua, who led Ngati Ruanui against the invading Waikato forces during the siege of Te Ruaki pa, near Hawera, in 1834.

Mr. Tito for many years had been interested in racing. He owned and trained many race-horses. Titahi was a well-known horse to race recently under his colours. Mr. Tito was a steward of the Opunake Racing Club, and on a number of occasions acted as clerk of the course at the club's meetings.

Mr. Tito was a member of the Pihama Bowling Club and later of the Opunake Bowling Club. He was a member of the Pihama four that won a Taranaki tournament in 1911, when the Club's strength was reported to be about 15.

His wife Mrs. Kume Tito, died several years ago. He is survived by three brothers, Messrs. K. Tito (Parihaka) and T. and R. Tito (Pihama). His surviving children are Messrs. William, Douglas and Moko Tito and Mesdames A. Ruakere, E. Pokere, H. Waller and R. Mason. There are 23 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Shannon Tito has sent in some historic photos of her ancestors and wonders if anyone could give her any information about the people in the photos.

They belonged to her whanau. She has also forwarded notices about the passing of Pohe Tito, a noted sportman and personality in the Pihama district.

Any information at all would be appreciated.



A stunning day at Middleton Bay



Beautiful shot taken recently at Opunake.

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Maria and Miyuki Eugenie from Chile by the frozen tarns.

Ice skating on the mountain

Our intrepid mountaineer Ian McAlpine who also does guided tours up the Mountain has sent us some recent photos he took. Comments Ian, a “beautiful day out in the Te Papakura o Taranaki/Egmont National Park on Friday. Mt Taranaki clear and stunning, Pouakai Tarns frozen and this was after trekking through the Twisted Forest. The tarns though are completely frozen over and were too thin to skate on unfortunately says Ian when asked. A pity. Another potential recreation on the mountain – ice skating.



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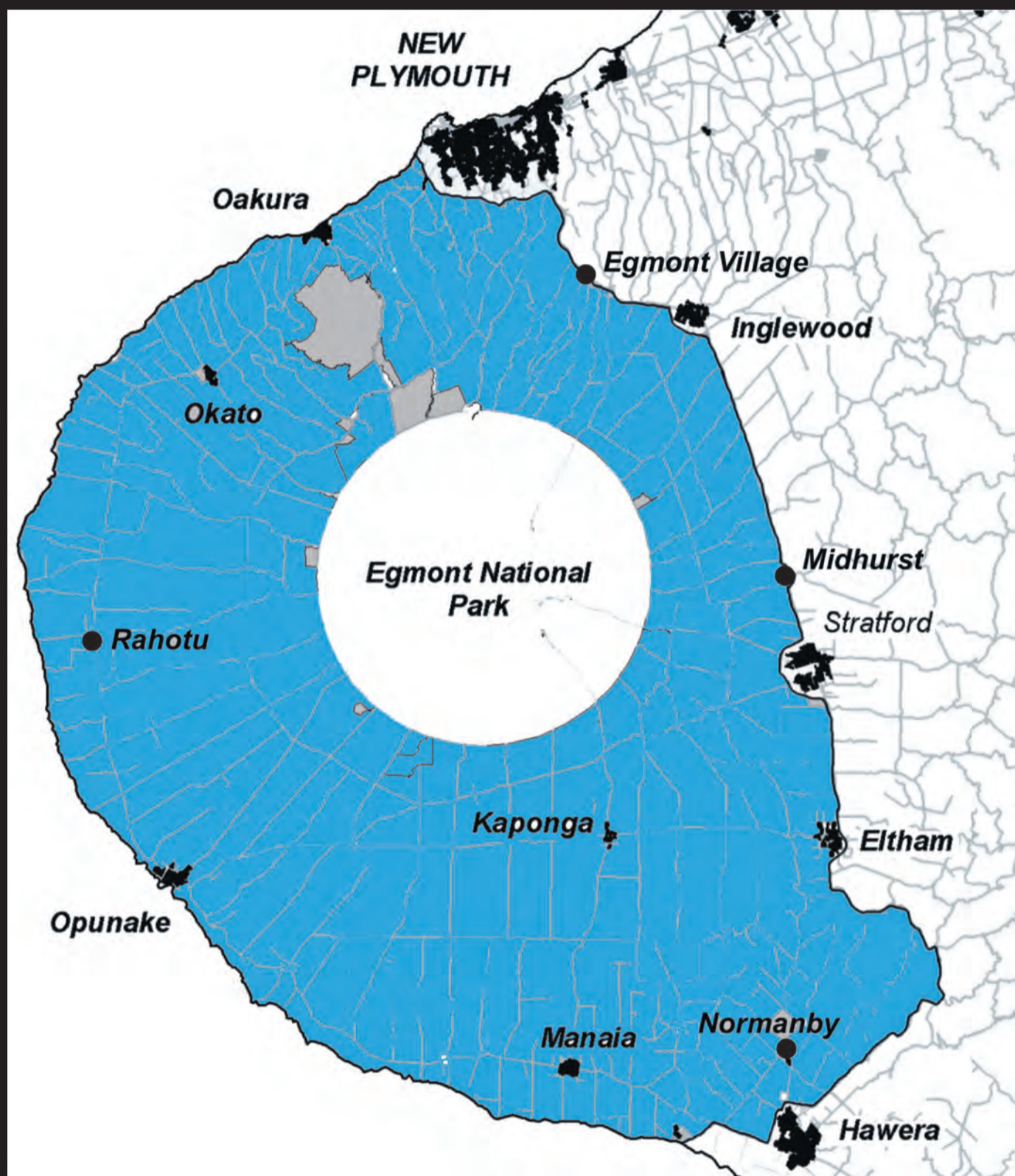
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Effluent bladders: Stephen's simple storage solution

Stephen knows that any investment is worth researching if you want the right results. This proved true when his dairy farm needed additional effluent



MICHAEL PRESTIDGE

storage... Stephen Trenberth owns two dairy farms in Galatea, Bay of Plenty. Stephen was previously managing effluent by pumping effluent directly to pasture from a sump. Having free-draining soils, there are rarely times effluent can't spread throughout the year. But Stephen decided it is better to be safe than sorry. He began searching for someone that can advise on his best options for deferred irrigation storage, while ensuring he is compliant with council regulations. After thorough research, Stephen reached out to Nevada for help. Mike visited Stephen on farm to learn more about Stephen's farm and what he wanted to achieve. He did some storage calculations and suggested two options:

1. Stephen could install an effluent pond. This would remove the need for the sump and simply



Stephen Trenberth's bladder tank sign.

create one larger storage area. However, the ideal site and size of the pond would require significant work due to other infrastructure already in place.

2. He could install a 300 cubic meter effluent bladder tank. Effluent would be pumped to the bladder once the sump reached a certain capacity. Stephen liked the idea of the bladder. 'I liked that it would be easy to install and cause minimal disruption to the farm. I've got a sharemilker that manages the farm and I wanted something that would be easy to operate.'

Once Stephen had decided on the effluent bladder option, Mike assisted Stephen through the consent process (consent is not always required for effluent bladders, this depends on the local council). 'Mike's been great. He made the whole process simple and easy, including pushing back on a few things.'

Stephen decided to install a second stone trap to ensure no unwanted debris are making their way into the bladder. Stephen's original pump will still be used for irrigation, however a second pump with a float switch got

installed which will trigger to pump effluent from the sump to the effluent bladder once the sump is 3/4 full. Stephen's decision to install the effluent bladder tank proved to be a smart one. Not only did it provide him with the additional storage he needed, but it also ensured compliance with council regulations. 'The bladder has been great. We have had no problems, and the sharemilker finds it really easy to use.'

*Michael Prestidge
Nevada Effluent
Management Specialist*

July was drier than average

On average rainfall for July was 108.3 mm, 41% less than typical July rainfall, and ranging from 71% less than rainfall at Whangamomona at Marco Road, and 7% more than rainfall at Waitotara at Rimunui Station than a typical July, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Year to date rainfall ranges from 15% less rainfall at Uruti at Kaka Rd, and 17% more rainfall at Tawhiti at Duffys, with an average of 4% more than normal. Compared to typical full year totals, on average sites have already received 58% of a typical year's rainfall, with the highest value at Tawhiti at Duffys, 66% of

normal, whereas Uruti at Kaka Rd sits at 45% of the typical year's total. Mean river flows for July were 41.4% lower than typical values, low flows were 23% greater, and high flows 58.2% lower than typical values. The maximum river flow recorded in July was 97.5m³/sec at Waitara at Bertrand Rd. Mean river (non-mountain) water temperatures were 10.3°C, an average of 0.4°C warmer than long-term July values. Night-time-low water temperatures were on average 1°C warmer than historic lows, and day-time high temperatures were on average 0.1°C cooler than historic highs.

The maximum river water temperature recorded in July was 15.1°C at Mangati at SH3. The average air temperature for the region (excluding Te Maunga sites) was 10.1°C, which is 0.6°C warmer than long-term July averages. Low air temperatures for July were on average 1.4°C warmer than the July average for previous years. Day-time high temperatures were on average 0.3°C cooler than historic highs. The maximum air temperature recorded in July was 18.5°C at Weraweraonga at 749 Mangawhio Rd. The average soil moisture for July across sites in Taranaki was 35%.

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New breakeven price to support farmers with business viability

DairyNZ has revised its breakeven milk price, as one way to help farmers navigate the challenging economic conditions they face this season.

DairyNZ head of economics, Mark Storey, says many dairy farmers will be finding the current milk price and inflation issues difficult to take, and how to navigate this

season's reduced income will be causing real concern on many farms.

"We know dairy farmers have a difficult season ahead, in light of the reduced milk price and continuing high farm costs," says Mark. "The breakeven milk price is one tool we have to support farmers right now, as it helps identify and forecast average costs."

DairyNZ forecasts a national breakeven of \$7.51 per kg/MS for this season, down from \$8.16/kg MS. This figure reflects the changes farmers are making now.

"The updated breakeven milk price reflects that farmers are working really hard to reduce their spending in the face of extremely high costs. We know farmers are

looking at budgets line-by-line and analysing where spending can be reduced, including pausing non-essential capital expenditure and carefully evaluating feed, fertiliser and other spending," said Mr Storey.

The breakeven milk price of \$7.51kg/MS is above DairyNZ's forecast revenue of \$7.34 kg/MS for the season, and above Fonterra's

midpoint forecast of \$7 kg/MS. This means some farmers will make a loss this season, so the focus will be on maintaining business viability.

"This will also have significant flow-on effects to New Zealand's regional and national economy."

"Every farm is different so we encourage farmers to look at their own situation and what changes can be made," says DairyNZ general manager of farm performance, Sarah Speight.

"Given the further drop in the Global Dairy Trade this week we are looking

at 12-18 months of reduced income, so it is important to consider changes carefully."

Farmers are encouraged to talk with their farm teams, advisors and DairyNZ regional teams for support and advice.

"DairyNZ will continue working with farmers to support them to remain viable this season. This includes running events where farmers can hear from others on how they are managing costs and are focusing on farming as efficiently as possible," says Sarah.

Lame sheep caked in mud an "unacceptable" sight



Photo taken in early July of sheep standing in Southland mud.

Footage has been passed on to animal advocacy group SAFE which shows sheep caked in mud and struggling to walk. The footage was shot in Southland on Sunday 13 August.

SAFE say this property has had ongoing issues with winter grazing. Photos were taken in early July also showing sheep standing in mud.

SAFE head of investigations Will Appelbe says people are sick of seeing animals standing in mud.

"Winter grazing is widespread and every year we see the same issues," says Appelbe.

"Not only are these sheep caked in mud, but they're also struggling to walk. This suggests that they're lame,

which is one of the risks of winter grazing."

"The Animal Welfare Act 1999 is clear that animals should be provided with adequate shelter. Nothing about this footage is adequate."

Last month, footage provided to SAFE showed a newly born calf collapsed, writhing in wet and muddy conditions on a winter

grazing paddock. The calf, which appeared to be on the verge of drowning, was filmed with their mother on a farm near Rangitata.

"The agriculture industry should be aware by now that winter brings with it cold, wet and snowy temperatures. Forcing animals to stand in mud is utter neglect."

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Innovators and Champions honoured at 2023 Arable Awards

Doing things differently and striving for new ways to lift productivity and income helped earn Blair and Jody Drysdale of Hopefield Hemp the Innovation title at the Arable Awards of New Zealand 2023.

Those hallmarks featured strongly among winners of many of the 12 awards presented tonight at Christchurch Airforce Museum in front of an arable sector audience of more than 600.

As Federated Farmers Arable Chair David Birkett noted, that turnout to the awards is not far short of double the ticket sales of the inaugural event last year and is testament to the good spirit and progressiveness in the sector, and eagerness to “celebrate our best and brightest”.

Judges said the Drysdales, third generation farmers at Balfour in northern Southland, had the courage to review their traditional arable and beef production systems and step into the world of hemp growing, processing, manufacturing



Arable Food Champions Rob and Toni Auld, of Auld Farm Distillery, accept their award. Photo: Neil McKenzie.

and marketing. From early days when they would process hemp hand and body cream in a kitchen cake mixer, they’ve steadily upped production to now encompass a full range of hemp oils, balms and health capsules.

Arable Food Champion Award winners Rob and

Toni Auld can tell a similar story. It was nearly 20 years ago that the Aulds decided to look beyond traditional farm income streams to start making a range of whiskys, gins and other spirits from the wheat, oats and barley grown on their Southland farm. Auld Farm Distillery, last year’s Innovation Award

winners, is now the third largest whisky producer in New Zealand.

The Arable Farmer of the Year, Hugh Richie, knows the value of perseverance. Running 880ha of crops and 1120ha in stock finishing in the Hawke’s Bay, his business took a huge hit from Cyclone Gabrielle.

But judges noted Hugh had built a diverse farm system to cope with change and adversity.

“He’s always looking to do better, always looking to see what he can learn from,” the judging panel said. “Hugh was proactive and supportive of the Cultivate Investments concept for the industry.”

Three Grower of the Year awards were presented: Maize, David and Adrienne Wordsworth from Northland; Small Seeds, Andy and Jo Innes from Rakaia; and Grain, Sam and Hannah Grant from Ashburton. Strong yields, willingness to use new technology and strong connections/giving back to their industry are common denominators across these top growers.

The Researcher of the Year, Dr Richard Chynoweth from the Foundation for Arable Research, is credited with making an outstanding contribution to seed research, with his work on the mechanisms of ryegrass flowering revolutionizing knowledge in this field.

Timaru’s Andrew and Amy Darling, Federated Farmers members who - in the words of the judges - “walk the talk” on the likes of soil health, minimum tillage and precision fertilizer use, took out the Environmental and Sustainability Award.

Also passionate about the arable industry in New Zealand is the winner of the Emerging Talent Award, James Abbiss of Silverton Pastoral. The operations manager on the family farm in Feilding, James has filled leadership and governance roles at the Foundation for Arable Research and led a study tour to the UK aimed at learning what overseas systems might tell us.

Other winners were:

Agronomist of the Year - Paul Johnston of Yara Fertilizers Ltd

Plant Breeder/Plant Researcher of the Year - The Barenbrug New Zealand Plant Breeding Team

Arable Employer of the Year - PGG Wrightson Seeds

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Playing American Football could be risk factor for Parkinsons

US researchers compared outcomes of almost 1900 men who either played American football in high school, university, or professionally, or who played other sports. The 729 participants who played American football had higher odds of having Parkinson Disease or having related movement disorders often seen in the disease



compared to those who played other sports. The football players that played for more seasons and at more elite levels had higher odds of the disease. The research team says studying people who play football at more amateur levels is a high priority because most people play at the high

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Opunake basketballers bring Langton Cup home



Above left: Langton Cup Under 13 Boys winning team. Back Row. Aaron Langton, Erban Germino (St Joseph's Opunake), Kobe Lark (Opunake High School), JC Goodman (Rahotu Primary), Linley Lark (Manager). Front Row. Kymanii Tautuku-Walker (Ohawe Beach), Zion Aldridge (St Joseph's Opunake), Remi Jones (Auroa Primary), Kiel Ramos (Opunake High School), Brax Renata (Hawera). Above right: Opunake Under 13 Girls Finalists: Molly Stevenson (St Joseph's Opunake), Amy O'Rorke (St Joseph's Opunake), Lacie Taylor (Auroa Primary) and Lydia Helms (Rahotu Primary).

Basketball Taranaki coordinated the Langton Cup Basketball Tournament on August 12-13 in Hawera's TSB Hub for Under 13 Boys, Under 13 Girls and Under 11 Boys teams.

The Opunake Under 13 Boys team went undefeated, winning their three preliminary games against New Plymouth and Hawera: 39-61, 41-97, 23-71. They faced New Plymouth team, 'NPBA White', in the final and won 74-52. Alongside their undeniable talent, the Opunake team showed incredible sportsmanship. Kymanii Tautuku-Walker of Ohawe Beach became part of the team on the day and commented, "I like playing in this team. They pass you the ball." Opunake's JC Goodman was the top scorer of the tournament with 116

points and an average of 29 points per game. Kobe Lark was fourth with highest average of 17 points per game and Kiel Ramos was fifth with an average of

12.75 points per game. Opunake's Molly Stevenson, Amy O'Rorke, Lacie Taylor and Lydia Helms were part of the two teams that made it to the



Top Scorer JC Goodman with mother, Andrea and dad, Matt.

Under 13 Girls final. Molly and Amy's team won against Lacie and Lydia's team: 57-34. Molly Stevenson was the second top scorer of the tournament with 71 points and second top average of 17.75 points per game.

Set up by Opunake's Bex and Haydn Langton 15 years ago; the original Langton Cup tournament was a South Taranaki inter-school basketball competition that grew into a full Taranaki competition for selectors to find representative players. The future is promising for Opunake basketballers.

Bianca Aldridge

Sandfords Mania Golf results

Junior Golf. July 16. The Trophy. 1. Ruby Edwards and Lennox Finnigan. The Winners. 2. Tyler Parata and Micah Gut.

July 23. Seniors Putting. 1. Archie Schumacher. Ruby Edwards.. Stroke Play. Archie Schumacher. Ruby Edwards.

Juniors. Putting. 1. Lennox Finnigan and Marlin Severn. 2. Dixie Bourke. August 6. Match Play. 1. Tyler Parata. 2. Archie Schumacher. 1. Heidi Schumacher. 2. Marlin Severn. 3. Ruby Edwards. 1. Lennox Finnigan. 2. Micah Gut. 3. Dixie Bourke.

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9TH ANNUAL COASTAL HIGH BW YEARLING JERSEY BULL SALE

ON ACCOUNT OF THE BURNEISTER PARTNERSHIP
MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2023, 12.30PM START

Julian Road Warea - behind old Warea Dairy Factory

Auction comprising of:

- 4 x 2 year old recorded Jersey bulls ave BW312
- 62 x recorded Jersey yearling bulls ave BW300



- Bulls very well grown with great temperaments. Bulls already averaging over 300kg
- All bulls reared on current property since purchase at 4 days old from 4 Coastal Taranaki dairy farms
- Free grazing available until 10th November 2023
- Pre-auction inspections are welcomed
- TB, BVD and EBL tested negative and Lepto vaccinated
- Free credit until 20th December 2023
- NZFLL Bull Plan available

Contact:

Agent: Bryan Goodin 027 531 8511 Owners: Murray Burmeister 027 721 1282
Sheldon Keech 027 222 7920 Ben Burmeister 027 426 9589



The Annual Burmeister Bull Sale is being held at Warea on Monday September 11th with New Zealand Farmers Livestock Limited running the auctions on the day.

NZ FARMERS LIVESTOCK

STRATFORD 4-DAY-OLD CALF SALES

Every Friday

Stratford A&P Showgrounds

Contact:

Bryan Goodin - 027 531 8511
Sheldon Keech - 027 222 7920

NZ FARMERS LIVESTOCK



- 1 MONDAY 4 SEPT** Downs Family Farms
20th Annual Tawanui Herefords & Angus
Deferred Payment 20/12/2023
- 2 THURSDAY 7 SEPT** KV & SJ Collins & family
30th Annual Pennylane Hereford, Angus, Jersey Service Bulls
Deferred Payment 20/12/2023
- 3 MONDAY 11 SEPT** Burmeister Partnership
Yearling PB Jersey Bulls
Deferred Payment 20/12/2023
- 4 TUESDAY 12 SEPT** Fowler Farms
All Breeds Service Bulls
Deferred Payment 21/11/2023

- 5 WEDNESDAY 13 SEPT** D&R + I&N Smith & Families
20th Annual Shadow Downs Polled 1yr and 2yr Herefords
- 6 FRIDAY 15 SEPT** WE & JJ Craig & Family
Puketahi Farms
All Breeds Service Bulls
18th Annual All Breeds Service Bulls
Deferred Payment 20/11/2023
- 7 MONDAY 18 SEPT** H & J Megaw
7th Annual Sale
All Breeds Service Bulls
Deferred Payment 20/12/2023
- 8 THURSDAY 21 SEPT** Hurstpier Hereford Stud
7th Annual Sale
R & J Jupp
PB Hrfd & PB Char
Horizon Pedigree Hereford Stud
M & N Mcleod
Deferred Payment 20/12/23
- 9 TUESDAY 26 SEPT** Rosemount Charolais
K & KR Parry
PB Charolais
- 10 FRIDAY 29 SEPT** Bexley Hereford Stud
1yr Hrfd & Ang Bulls
Deferred Payment 13/10/2023

For your 2023 Service Bull Requirements see mylivestock.co.nz or call 06 765 6197 for full sale details

Refurbished restaurant busy



The newly refurbished restaurant at the Club Hotel in Opunake.

The restaurant at Opunake's historic Club Hotel has been refurbished.

Says owner Rahul Tyagi, they've replaced the carpet, the bar and put some new old photos up around the walls.

They've also added an Indian touch to the refurbishment – a representation of the Taj Mahal – India's four century old monument to love. Rahul who is from India, said he'd visited the Taj Mahal recognised as one of the 7 wonders of the world many times having

first been taken there as a child by his parents.

A fire and a heat pump has also been added to

the restaurant previously cordoned off from the larger former Middleton's Room creating a smaller and cosy



atmosphere in which to eat.

The restaurant is open every night and Rahul says "We're busy every single night."

All the meals are prepared in house from scratch by Rahul personally who is now the full time chef.

"We've not had a single complaint," he says proudly.

They are also offering bar meals and, with the closure of Headlands Restaurant and its Indian fare, are now offering two Indian curries.

The Club Hotel is one of the few hotels to have an open fire which is a decided attraction to the bar area.

Says Rahul who is also a co-owner of the New Commercial Hotel in Stratford says further plans as regards the Club Hotel include working on the exterior of the building and giving it a facelift.

He invites everyone to "come and try and give us your feedback" on the changes and adds "If there's anything new you'd like let us know."

The restaurant is open 7 days a week from 5pm till 8:30 pm and for lunch Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Left: Owner Rahul Tyagi at the new bar in the restaurant.

When most of Opunake's business district burnt down

Built in 1914, the Club Hotel is the third hotel to stand at the corner of Tasman and Havelock streets, the former two having burnt down. The Club Hotel stands where Middleton's Hotel was.

The Wanganui Chronical of 3rd October 1913 Per Press Association Hawera October 2nd reports:

The principal business quarter of Opunake was burned by last night's fire.

The places destroyed – Middleton's Hotel, Marshall's Office, Loan and Mercantile Store, Mildenhall's Saddlery Shop, Kannell's Bookselling Shop, Atken's Blacksmithy, Dubley's Butchers Shop,

Nichol's Tea Rooms, Watson's Boarding House, Jackson's Office and Arther's Store.

At about midnight in the laundry part of the Middleton's Hotel a fire had started.

There was practically no water supply, a choppy wind prevailed throughout, and the fire spread so rapidly that by 2:30am the greater part of the town had been reduced to ruins.

The Fire Brigade dynamited Nichol's Tea Rooms, and the gap thus made and the concrete of Burton's Shop arrested the progress of the fire on that side of the street. No lives lost.



The fireplace at the Club Hotel Restaurant.



Club Hotel
OPUNAKE

BAR MEALS

Loaded Wedges	\$15
Fries Half or Full	\$6/\$8
Garlic Bread/Cheese Garlic Bread	\$7/\$9
Add Bacon \$2	
Mix Platter for one	\$12
2 fish bites, 2 mini hotdogs, 2x chicken nuggets, 2 Spring rolls and fries	
Sweet & Sour Chicken	\$14
5 pieces of chilli caramelised fried chicken served with pomegranate sour sauce	
Prawn Twisters	\$10
4 x Prawn twisters served with tartar sauce	
Shrimp Cocktail	\$13
Cooked and peeled shrimps served cold with home made cocktail sauce	

Pizzas

Hawaiian Pizza	\$14
BBQ Meat Lovers Pizza	\$18
Chicken Supreme Pizza	\$18
Farm House Pizza (Veg)	\$16
Garlic Prawn Pizza	\$18
Pepperoni Pizza	\$15
Butter Chicken Pizza	\$18
Cranberry Pizza	\$18

Bookings
clubhotel.opunake@gmail.com
100 Tasman Street
Opunake
(06) 761 8213

CLUB HOTEL MENU

MAINS

<p>Scotch Rib Eye \$34 250gm Scotch Fillet, chips, salad or house slaw and choose creamy mushroom sauce or garlic butter or gravy</p> <p>Steak Meal \$29 250gm Sirloin Steak, chips & salad and choose one - garlic butter, creamy mushroom sauce, or house gravy</p> <p>Chicken Schnitzel \$24 A delicious topped and crumbed chicken breast with garlic potato mash. Salad served with creamy mushroom sauce or gravy Chicken Parmigiana \$2</p> <p>Pasta \$23 Chicken, bacon and mushroom fettucine tossed in a creamy white wine sauce finished with fresh parmeson</p> <p>Cajun Chicken or Prawns Salad \$22 Grilled chicken breast or prawns, served with fresh salad and house dressing</p>	<p>Fish and Chips \$24 Local market Gurnard or Snapper cooked to your liking (battered, crumbed, pan fried) served with chips and salad</p> <p>Butter Chicken & Rice \$22 Butter chicken gravy served with rice and naan bread</p> <p>Lamb Shank \$27.50 Slow braised lamb shank in a rich winter jus served with garlic potato mash and seasoned vegetables</p> <p>Beef Rogan Josh \$22 Tender boneless beef pieces cooked in Indian herbs, served with rice & naan bread</p> <p>Pork Ribs \$24 500g slow cooked ribs, rubbed & glazed with smoked BBQ Hoisin sauce served with fries and coleslaw.</p>
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BURGERS

<p>Fish & Egg Burger \$19 Battered fish, fried egg, crispy lettuce, onion, tartare sauce, caper dill mayo</p> <p>Kiwi Classic Burger \$19 160gm house made pattie, cheddar cheese, tomato, beetroot, pickle, onion, lettuce, fried egg, tomato jam, mayo</p> <p>Chef Special Chicken Burger \$20 Fried chicken tossed in chef's special caramel sauce, pickled red onion, slaw, garlic aioli</p>	<p>Southern Fried Chicken Burger \$19 Southern fried chicken, cheese, avocado, tomato, onions, lettuce, aioli, tomato sauce and a side of fries</p> <p>Club Tower Burger \$22 2 x 120gm house made patties, bacon, onion rings, cheese, pickle, lettuce, BBQ, mayo, ketchup & side of fries</p> <p>Steak Burger \$19 Grilled minute steak, streaky bacon, dauted mushrooms, onion, cheese, aioli, lettuce, relish</p>
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SIDES

Onion Rings	\$7
Salad	\$6
Add Bacon or Egg	\$2.5
Garlic Potato Mash	\$5
Creamy Mushroom Sauce	\$6

KIDS & DESSERT

Ice Cream Sundae	\$9
Chef's Special	\$9
Fish Bites & Chips	\$10
Kids Mini Hotdogs	\$10
Chicken Nuggets and Fries	\$8



Club Hotel Presents
THIS WEEK SPECIAL
21st Aug - 27th Aug 2023

21 Mon	Pizza NIGHT 2 for \$20
22 Tus	Order Online 30% Off
23 Wed	Pizza Night 2 for \$20
24 Thur	pensioners lunch \$15 Steak Night for \$20
25 Fri	Pensioners lunch \$15 Fish & Chips night \$20
26 Sat	Chicken Schnitzel \$20 Club hotel Pairs Cup
27 Sun	ROAST NIGHT \$20 COMPLIMENTARY DESSERT FOR DINE-IN CUSTOMERS

PH - 06 7618213
WWW.CLUBHOTELOPUNAKE.CO.NZ

Taranaki Offshore Partnership opens local Hawera Hub

Taranaki Offshore Partnership, a joint venture between Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners and NZ Super Fund, opened its local Information Hub in Hawera yesterday with a welcome from South Taranaki District Council Deputy Mayor, Robert Northcott, and a blessing from local Iwi. Giacomo Caleffi from Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners says the Government's recent announcement about fast-tracking renewable energy projects signals that the focus needs to be on meeting emissions reduction targets through new sources of renewable energy and greater electrification. "We see our new Hawera Hub as a meeting point for the community in Taranaki to come and find out about how offshore wind could support Taranaki's transition



Hawera Hub opening.

away from emissions-intensive industries and towards a more renewable future."

The Hawera Hub will be a regional base for TOP, where the offshore wind developer will host presentations and meetings for the local community and Iwi on offshore wind, including about environmental aspects, potential job opportunities created by the industry and working with the community. The presentations will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and share feedback about the plans.

TOP's proposed offshore wind farm in the South Taranaki Bight would produce up to 1GW of electricity, and would be

capable of meeting over 11 per cent of New Zealand's current electricity demand, whilst creating new opportunities for skilled workers in the Taranaki region.

Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners and its development arm, Copenhagen Offshore Partners, has a portfolio of 12 operational, under construction and in-development offshore wind projects in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia, cumulatively representing a total capacity of ~30 GW.


"Our approach to every project that we undertake around the world is to work with the local community to establish meaningful and collaborative relationships. We value input from the

Taranaki Community, and are excited about the benefits that the offshore wind farm could provide for the region," says Mr Caleffi.

Taranaki Offshore Partnership Public Information Presentations

Taranaki Offshore Partnership will be hosting four public information presentations at its Hawera Hub in 2023:

- 21 August - What is Offshore Wind Energy?
- 25 September - Environmental Aspects of Offshore Wind Projects
- 30 October - Job Opportunities in Offshore Wind
- 4 December - Offshore Wind, Iwi & Local Communities



PENNYLANE BULL SALE

THURSDAY 7TH SEPT @ 11.30am

Hereford Pedigree & Purebred 2 & 3 yrs
Angus Pedigree 2 yrs
Jersey 2 & 3 yrs
Red Devon 2 yrs

Birthday Sale 30th Anniversary Bull Sale
45 years Pennylane Hereford Stud - Est. June 1978

* Fair Dinkum Pennylane Bull Plan payment 20th Dec 2023 or choose a plan that suits you - when do you want to pay?
Organise with us prior to sale please
No Interest - No fees - No deposit - No hassle
* All Livestock Companies welcomed
* Free Grazing until you require the Bulls
* Animal Health - TBTested Negative June 2023 & Fully BVD Vaccinated

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Kevin & Sherry Collins & Family | 1167 Croydon Road, Midhurst
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email: honnorfamily@xtra.co.nz Facebook: Pennylane Bull Sale & Hire



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- ★ Action in Biodiversity

LET'S CELEBRATE THEM!

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SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Sound a Freedom a powerful message

A film Sound of Freedom is being brought to Everybody's Theatre in Opunake on Thursday September 7 and September 9 is attracting a lot of comment. Ross Woolford from Opunake who saw the preview was hoping that it would come to Opunake. "I discovered it on YouTube a

involves any form of sexual exploiting such as prostitution, pornography, bride trafficking and the commercial sexual abuse of children.

The producer of the film at the end urges anyone to help in stop this outrage and blight on the human race.



Sound of Freedom is on at Everybody's Theatre in Opunake on the 7th and 9th of September.

few months ago and it had a profound impact on me," said Ross urging everyone to see it.

Based on the incredible true story Sound of Freedom shines a light on even the darkest of places. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, United States federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her.

With time running out he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

The plot centres around

This month in history: A-bombs vaporise Japanese cities

On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima. Between 90,000 and 166,000 people are believed to have died from the bomb in the four-month period following the explosion. Three days later the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki. On the day of the bombing, an estimated 263,000 were in Nagasaki. It is estimated that between 40,000 and 75,000 people died immediately following the atomic explosion, while another 60,000 people suffered severe injuries. 80,000.

The United States remains the only country in history to have ever used nuclear weapons against people.

Tim Ballard, a former US Government agent and Ballard's Operation Underground Railroad, an anti sex trafficking organisation he founded.

Sex trafficking is the fastest international crime network that the world has ever seen, according to the publicity.

It has already passed the illegal arms trade and soon it's going to pass the drug trade.

You can sell a bag of cocaine one time, a child five to 10 times a day.

Over 2,000, 000 children a year are being sucked into the deepest recesses of hell.

Human trafficking is a 150 billion dollars a year business. Sex trafficking is one of the most profitable forms of trafficking and

CHURCH NOTICES



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

Opunake Co-operating Parish

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

Okato Co-operating Parish

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

Opunake Catholic Church

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

St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga

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

St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

The Wave

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10.30am
Women's Group 10am Tuesday
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
Come along or contact
Belinda Philp
027 935 6191

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

141 Tasman St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10am
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for a Combined Service

Okato Community Church

Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.
Everyone welcome

COASTAL SUPERMARKET

BURGERS with Fries

KEEP IT SIMPLE \$15
Green Meadow Beef patty, cheese, pickle & burger sauce.

STEP IT UP \$17
Green Meadow Beef patty, caramelised onion, lettuce, tomato, beetroot relish, mayo & burger sauce.

OVER THE TOP \$19
Double Green Meadow patty, double cheese, bacon, onion, lettuce, tomato, mayo and burger sauce.

TAKE ME OUT \$17
Steak, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion & mustard mayo.

CHEEKY CHICKEN \$17
Southern Fried chicken, bacon, lettuce, slaw & chefs mayo.

PULL THE PIGS BELLY \$15
Hoisen Pork Belly, lettuce, slaw, beetroot relish & mayo.

"LENE" A LAMB \$17
Lamb patty, lettuce, tomato, pickle & homemade mayo.

VEGEPATCH \$17
Vege patty, lettuce, tomato, avo, beetroot relish & mayo.

FULL FRIES \$6 HALF FRIES \$4
ONION RINGS & BBQ MAYO \$7
HASH BROWN STICKS & MAYO \$7

GRILLED SANDWICHES

BACON & EGG \$12
with BBQ & mayo

STEAK & ONION \$14
Steak, lettuce, tomato, caramelised onion & mustard mayo.

HOISEN PORK BELLY \$14
Hoisen Pork Belly, lettuce, slaw, beetroot relish & mayo.

KIDS SLIDERS with Fries

Keep it Simple \$7
Cheeky Chicken \$7

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Cats in the Museum 1hr 19mins G Sat 26 Aug 1PM	Gran Turismo 2hr 14mins M Sat 26 Aug 7PM
The Miracle Club 1hr 30mins PG Sun 27 Aug 1PM Thu 31 Aug 7PM	Strays 1hr 33mins R16 Sun 27 Aug 7PM
Jules 1hr 27mins M Fri 01 Sep 7PM	Asteroid City 1hr 45mins M Sat 02 Sep 1PM
Oppenheimer 3hr M Sat 02 Sep 7PM	The Equalizer 3 30mins TBC Sun 03 Sep 1PM Sun 03 Sep 7PM
Sound of Freedom 2hr 11mins TBC Thu 07 Sep 7PM Sat 09 Sep 7PM	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 30mins TBC Fri 08 Sep 7PM
Barbie 1hr 54mins PG Sat 09 Sep 1PM	

theory and practice

What's On Listings



- ONGOING**
Movies at Everybodys Theatre in Opunake: Playing several days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper.
MONDAYS: The Barnabas Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025
TUESDAYS
Opunake Walking Group: Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.
WEDNESDAYS
Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake: Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676
Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.
Opunake Embroiders Guild: Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.
Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4pm to 5.30pm.
Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus: Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.
THURSDAYS
Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.
Egmont Euchre Club: Every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club. Inquiries, 06 761 8277 or 06 761 8337
Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia: Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.
FRIDAYS
Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 9:30am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.
Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth: Last Friday of the month at Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm.
APRIL 7 TO NOVEMBER 6
State of Nature exhibition: PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth.
JUNE 17 TO OCTOBER 1
Flashback Exhibition: At the PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth
AT THE CLUB HOTEL THIS WEEK:
Monday: Pizza - 2 for \$20;
Tuesday: Order online for 30% off;
Wednesday: Pizza night- 2 for \$20;
Thursday: Pensioners Lunch, \$15, Steak Night for \$20; **Friday:** Pensioners Lunch, \$15, Fish & Chips \$20. **Saturday:** Chicken Schnitzel \$20. **Sunday:** Club Hotel Pairs Cup; **Sunday:** Roast Night with complimentary dessert for dine-in customers.

90 Tasman St, Opunake - Ph: 06 761 8550

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- AUGUST 25 TO 27**
Kneeboard Surfing Classic: See advert and article in the lat issue for more info.
AUGUST 26
Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust Group AGM: At Aotearoa Pa, Okaiawa, 9.15am.
AUGUST 30
Quiz Fundraiser for Cathys Care Centre: At Festoon, Oakura, 6.30pm. Bookings essential.
SEPTEMBER 1
Green School Open Day: 1-3.30pm. Register at www.greenschool.nz
SEPTEMBER 10
Orimupiko Reserve Trust AGM: Orimupiko Marae, 10am.
SEPTEMBER 14
Coastal Community Transport AGM: Coastal Care Community Lounge, 10am.
OCTOBER 5 TO 15
Cirque Olio: At the TSB Showplace.
OCTOBER 8
Toroanui Marae Komiti Parihaka Trust AGM: Toroanui Marae, 10am.
OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 5
Taranaki Garden Festival: Around Taranaki
Taranaki National Art Awards: At Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre, Opunake.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Auroa School

734 Auroa Road, RD 28, Auroa, 4678
office@auroa.school.nz

Applications for Out of Zone Pupils

Auroa School is a decile 8 full Primary School (includes year 7/8 students) located in South Taranaki. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board has determined that there are likely to be 10 vacancies available for year 0-5 but no vacancies for year 6-8 for Term 4, 2023.

Applications can be made by applying in writing to the school by either post or email and by visiting the school office.

The deadline for applications is 3pm, Wednesday 13th September.

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

Claire Mullin, Board of Trustees



FIRST RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the first instalment of rates for 2023/2024 without incurring a penalty will be **Wednesday 30 August 2023.**

FM Aitken
Chief Executive

COASTAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



We are here
to get you there

AGM

14th September 2023
10am CoastalCare Community Lounge

All welcome, tea and coffee provided.

SITUATIONS VACANT

OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

A young person wanting a bit of pocket money or an adult wanting to keep fit and be paid for it?

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Delivery people needed for Manaia

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ORIMUPIKO RESERVE TRUST

Annual General Meeting

Orimupiko Pt 12 (Marae), Orimupiko Pa Sec 32 BLK 1 x (Urupa), Orimupiko I (Land)

Date: 10th September, 2023

Time: 10am

Venue: Orimupiko Marae; Zoom link via Orimupiko FB page

Agenda:

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

Orimupiko Reserve Trust

Annual General Meeting

Toroānui Marae Komiti Parihaka Trust

Sunday 08 October, 10:00am

Toroānui Marae, Te Raanui

AGENDA:

- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Chairperson's report
- Financial report
- Election of Trustees (min 5 max 7)
- Appoint 2 representatives to PPT
- General business
- Whakakapi

SITUATIONS VACANT



Opunake High School
Te Kura Tuarua o Opunake

OPUNAKĒ HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHERAIDE

We are looking for a Teacher Aide to work alongside students who have diverse learning needs in class, small group and individual situations. You will need good literacy and numeracy skills and the ability to work as part of a team and interact with the whole school community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to work in our collegial, student centred, innovative kura.

25 hours per week, term time only.

Written applications should include a brief CV to:

The Principal
Opunake High School
PO Box 4
Opunake 4616
admin@opunake.school.nz

Applications close Friday 1st September, 2023



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