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Attending to one of the injured.

## Midday drama on Main street



The Taranaki Rescue Helicopter arriving.

A car accident closed the main street of Opunake for several hours on Tuesday August 25 at around 12:15pm.

Two cars collided in the middle of Tasman Street opposite Farm Source.

The driver of one of the

vehicles was helicoptered to Taranaki Base Hospital with moderate injuries.

The passenger in the car was not injured.

In the second vehicle, the driver and two children were not injured.

The cause of the accident is

still under investigation said Sergeant Andrew Stilton from the Stratford Police who attended.

Apart from the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter, two ambulances, the police and the Opunake Fire Service attended the accident.



Opunake's main street was closed for several hours.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Where is the work?

Where is the work? Kaore he mahi! There is no work.

Monsieur Stephens wrote in his recent letter to the editor that the unemployed need to help out (with cleaning our province), as they just lounge around our streets, doing nothing, and it's high time for one huge clean-up of our province.

Okay, firstly, where is the work? It's not in Opunake, that's for sure. A chicken farm in Bell Block is regularly advertising for staff, so that is over an hour's drive to the cbd, then another 20 minutes to Bell Block. If you minus fuel, wear and tear on a vehicle, tax, and the ethics of what the chickens suffer, then this job would probably not be viable.

There are countless more people not working now of course. So to suggest that they should now be making up the manpower for mega cleans, would be another blow to their situations.

I was doing the commute to New Plymouth (Bell Block) essential services. My shifts were 16 hours (sleepover eight hours included), so my time off was for eight hours, 7 am - 3pm. It was not worth driving back to Opunake for eight hours in between shifts,

and as a result I need to pay others to do things for me during my absence (several days), such as feeding pets, lawns, etc.

It's generally not worth the commute to New Plymouth, as expenditure, and taxes outweigh the mileage, and absorb a significant amount from the net salary.

I do not see unemployed people hanging around, and doing nothing. All people employed/unemployed are part of the community, and contribute to it. Australia has groups that regularly do big clean ups, where there is plenty of manpower including kids. Firstly, more work needs to be created, let's hope that there is a way.

*Yvonne Wara Ward,  
Opunake*

A letter from last fortnight's edition stated, "if short of manpower for cleaning our province, use the unemployed as they lounge about our streets doing nothing." "Say every three months." By stating this, I assume that Tom Stephens refers to those seeking WINZ unemployment benefit? Then he is wrong that people are lounging around, as people need to be actively seeking work to get this payment. It means they are busy looking for work, attending training seminars, going for

interviews etc. Unemployed people are vital to our community as they contribute to local businesses, volunteer, and help others. To assume that unemployed people are lazy and lounging around to assume=ass-u-me.

Does his theory include the newly unemployed due to COVID-19?

If we are going to "clean up our province" it will take a united effort, which doesn't just involve removing rubbish, we need to all become proactive with recycling, reducing our carbon footprint, composting, joining green groups, and the list goes on.

So, Tom you say the unemployed should join the manpower, say, "every three months to clean," are you prepared to help, say, every three months?

*Non-judgemental  
Rahotu.*

### Making things clear

In one of the last issues of the Opunake & Coastal News (June 18) you published a photo of older German ladies with masks on. One was my elderly mother (91 years) and a neighbour-lady. The photo was sent to the editor to illustrate how Germany was coping with the virus.

The photo was published with an article about two women, who brought the virus back into New Zealand. This was very misleading. The two women who reportedly brought the virus to New Zealand were not the women in the photo. At her age, my mother would never go into an airplane and fly 24 hours half around the world. Unfortunately the article was set around the photo, so readers could have misunderstood, as some already have.

It would have needed a line like: 'This is how the international situation is, as an example, here are two women in Germany.'

So sorry folks, I just only don't want my mother to be portrayed in the wrong light, you know. Hope you understand. All the best to everybody, and keep safe and healthy. The world is round, so let us all keep together.

*Rena Tarrach  
Germany.*

*My apologies for any confusion; the two ladies were photographed in Germany and were unrelated to the article. The photo was intended to show measures being taken in other countries to stem the virus. I'm sorry if this was not clear.*

*Editor*

### ADELPHOS

The vast majority of us do dream, but, we often forget the content. Even mammals dream: Watching my dog, Marley sleep dreaming as she whines and twitches makes me wonder if she's getting excited about her next new bone. In my private practice as an NZAC professional relationship counsellor it was often helpful for my 1,500 clients to talk about their dreams.

Have you noticed that you dream more when there's a big change, event or crisis in your life? During the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown in early April, 2020 the IASD (International Association for the Study of Dreams in Berkeley, California), organised by Dr. Kelly Bulkeley, collected 2,477 online dream surveys. Because many people slept

longer in the morning they had more time to pay attention to their dreams, instead of rushing off to work. Commonly reported dreams during the Covid-19 pandemic were: an inability to breathe, unemployment, uncertainty about the future, apocalyptic scenes of the end of the world, bodies piling up and anxiety about catching the disease. However, a small percentage of older dreamers had positive dreams about post-pandemic recovery.

Some of our more common dreams are about falling, flying (my favourite), being chased, death, being attacked, trapped, missing, being late for an important event, feeling lost or being in a crisis or disaster.

If we have seven or eight hours of sleep each night we usually have about four

periods of REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep. Dreams usually occur during these periods. Those who say that they do not dream probably haven't achieved REM sleep and may possibly suffer from anxiety/insomnia.

Often in lucid dreaming we are aware that we are dreaming. The IASD reports that 50% of adults have lucid dreams/nightmares or sleep visions that are so intense that they wake up. Some researchers think that such lucid/vivid dreams can be caused by excessive alcohol consumption, substance use, anxiety or eating before bedtime.

Freud thought that many unconscious wishes are expressed in our dreams. These are often wishes we fear to openly express. Although a few researchers

think dreams mean nothing and are merely electrical impulses that present random thoughts, most psychological/medical research indicates that dreams are useful expressions that can be beneficial to our mental health and everyday life.

If you are interested in understanding your dreams, keep a pen and paper by your bedside. If you suddenly wake up, briefly write down the theme and feeling in your dream, take deep breathes to relax and go back to sleep. Do this for three weeks and you will see a pattern emerging. You are the best interpreter and don't need an overeducated expert. Indigenous cultures knew and still know how to interpret their dreams. Sleep well and happy dreams.

*Adelphos*

## Opunake place names

*(Notes produced by J.S. Stronge)*

The first survey of the Opunake Township area was made in October 1867 by Nelson Carrington. It was not until 1879-80, however, that a complete and comprehensive survey was completed - this

time by C. Finnerty.

The origins of some of the place names in the Township are as follows:

### Ihaia Road

Probably named for Ihaia Ngakirikiri of Opunake - a descendant of Arama Karaka (Adam Clark) the Chief

of the Ngatihaumia hapu whose village was Matakaka on the South headland of the Waiaua, Ihaia was, with members of his Hapu listed with a crown grant of the 6909 acres Orimupiko Block. He gave considerable evidence before the West Coast Commission.



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# Fresh opportunities for a sustainable future

I'm excited. Last month Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was in New Plymouth to announce more details about the \$27 million National New Energy Development Centre. Revealing its name and brand, Ara Ake,



**Glen Bennett.**

Ara Ake will create jobs, drive progress, and put Taranaki in the spotlight to showcase our innovation, leadership and, dare I say it, our energy.

I am excited because Ara Ake will create fresh opportunities for a sustainable future in these uncertain times. It demonstrates Labour's commitment to investing in the jobs and technologies of the future, to a sustainable environment, and to producing world-class products and ideas that Taranaki can sell with conviction – and at a premium.

This is the future I'm committed to, and that Labour has a plan for. Smart, practical plans and investments are more

important than ever right now, and Labour is using this unique opportunity to ensure Taranaki remains a world-leading energy producer. Under Labour, Taranaki will continue to be a place where people come for good energy-sector jobs and an unbeatable lifestyle.

My opponent recently wrote that "National has a plan" to get the region through the current moment - I look forward to seeing it when it is available.

Although I am a familiar face around the region, I will bring fresh vision and drive as your representative in Parliament. While we will continue using traditional

energy sources for years to come, we need to plan for the future and grab new concepts like Ara Ake with both hands, and I love to take on a challenge.

I know that misinformation has been floating around the future of the energy sector in Taranaki. Here's some clarification.

In the last three years, the government stopped issuing new offshore exploration permits. However, a fair number of permits remain active today – they continue to produce energy, and importantly, have the capacity for further development going forward.

Energy production, including drilling, is still very much underway in Taranaki. In fact, in April, Todd Exploration Services Limited was awarded a new permit near Inglewood. Nonetheless, international prices, driven by a range of factors including a supply glut in the United States and elsewhere, are a long way off the highs of 2011-2014, and

these external factors have had the most severe impact on incomes and jobs locally.

The Labour-led government has taken this as a wake-up call. We cannot rely on high prices forever, especially in a post-COVID world, and we need to crack on with developing other energy sources. The new Waverley wind farm is just one example of Taranaki's, and New Zealand's sustainable energy future.

Now is a time of opportunity, and to grasp it, we need leadership and a voice for Taranaki inside the Government. I love Taranaki, and as your representative, I will ensure we remain a world leader in the energy sector. The Prime Minister launched Ara Ake looking to the future and how we will harness the resources and momentum from new innovative clean energy, which will create a sustainable economy and environment for Taranaki.

*Glen Bennett  
Labour candidate for New Plymouth*



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# Another inconvenient truth

Just as the truth about global warming was treated as rubbish for many years by most people, another important truth will be unacceptable by most. It concerns the cause of the ever increasing gap between rich and poor and many other related troubles. There is a growing demand for a solution but suggestions so far tend to raise other problems. The solution I am offering is difficult to explain and will be treated as rubbish by many, but I am hoping that enough people will understand and work to bring about a fundamental change in outlook.

Firstly I will outline how I see our present practices producing unacceptable poverty. For most of us starting out in life the first thing is to get some qualifications that leads to a well paid trade or profession. If successful we hope to be able to enjoy a good standard of living and save some money for future needs or retirement. A reasonable percentage of the population achieve this and have happy lives. Some miss out and struggle to survive with handouts. But another section of the community who are particularly successful are able to accumulate wealth more than their needs, and are able to invest in interest-bearing projects. The money they receive may exceed their income

from work, so they can live entirely on interest and retire from work. No doubt we would all like to reach this level, and providing we pay our taxes this is a perfectly legal avenue to success.

Some call this capitalism at work but I disagree. I see capitalism as using money to build a business that makes a profit by supplying goods or services. In this way a person can become rich with money that his business has earned. This is to my way of thinking totally different from the profit made by lending money as do banks and

other lending institutions. Most people need to borrow money at some stage, and unless they have friends or relations who can help they must borrow from a bank. But banks and other lending institutions lend not to help the borrower but to help themselves. Their owners make large profits and join the extremely rich class. The system is like a one way valve ensuring the movement of money towards the ones who already have more than they need from those who have less than they need. People in general are not stupid and see the injustice of this, and react in various ways. In some it encourages greed. Just look at the number of cases recently of people who are in well paid responsible jobs who cannot resist the temptation to

increase their income further by embezzlement. Others disregard not only the law of the land but also the law of natural justice, so that petty theft does not bother their conscience. But I see an even more serious result of the existence of a permanent extremely wealthy section of the community. The fact is that they can influence the economy of country to such an extent that the government cannot govern. This is where democracy breaks down. Recently whole countries have gone bankrupt. I don't know any definition of democracy, but I assume that most of us believe it involves a society working for the good of all and that the government has the responsibility to eliminate poverty in a rich country like New Zealand. If you are comfortable with extreme wealth and dire poverty existing side by side, don't bother to read further because you would not like my solution.

Whereas in a democracy private enterprise is commendable in most industries, I claim there is one business that should not be entrusted to the private sector. I believe that the lending of money must be controlled by the government. So "the inconvenient truth" is ..... "The law must forbid private banks, finance companies and individuals from lending of

money for interest," ..... if we are ever going to have a just, caring society.

This would require a very brave government and it could not happen overnight. The government would not only be unpopular here but also would incur the wrath and sanctions of the rest of the world. But someday it must happen if we are ever going to solve the unrest and injustice we have today.

Here is how it would look as part of the constitution of a democracy:-

1. Only the government of the country can print notes and mint coins for our currency.
2. In the first instance all money belongs to the government
3. The currency is put into circulation by government spending on public works and salaries of government employees and contractors.
4. The government can lend money to individuals and businesses to help them.
5. The banks and other outlets would be government departments.
6. In general the interest charged would be as low as possible to cover the wages of employees and overheads.
7. Special training would be given to see that all managers would be competent advisors. For example some clients' best interests would not be served by borrowing.

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## COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT

I hope everyone is coping alright with the new lockdown levels as our country tries to eradicate Covid-19 from escalating again.

Another huge underlying issue for our country is our big waste problem. As a nation, we have one of the highest rates of per capita waste production in the developed world and one of the lowest rates of re-use and recycling rates. The biggest headache for us is our ongoing plastic waste issue.

Prior to 2018, 50% of the world's plastic waste went to China for recycling. China has changed their policies and are now no longer accepting Imports of all plastics. The future of national and international recycling markets is uncertain. Recycling options



STEFFY MACKAY

for mixed plastics types 3,4,6 and 7 are now non-existent. As a result our District has been stockpiling mixed plastic bales for 12 months, amounting to approximately 300 tonnes.

This is not sustainable for the future, and as a result the plastic types accepted in our Council's kerbside and transfer stations recycling are changing. From early September onwards, only

# War on plastics

Plastics 1, 2 and 5 will be accepted in our yellow bins. Other recycling like cardboard, paper, tins and cans will still be accepted as normal. Residents can expect to receive a detailed information pack in their letterboxes shortly. By changing what we accept, it will reduce the growing liability that current and future stockpiled mixed plastic present for the short to medium term.

Where to from here? Council is investigating alternative local disposal

options and Waste Management infrastructure to increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill, initially focussing on: \*Reducing the amount of compostable organic waste going to landfill. (currently 40% of our waste profile), and local Infrastructure for recycling plastics.

As part of the wider plan to reduce the amount of rubbish ending up in our landfills or polluting the environment, The Government has declared six priority products for regulated

product stewardship under the Waste Minimisation Act. They are plastic packaging, tyres, E-Waste, Agri-chemicals and their containers, refrigerants and farm plastics.

This helps to put the responsibility for a products life cycle and waste management onto manufactures, importers, retailers and users rather than on our communities, councils, neighbourhoods and nature.

In the near future, I am looking forward to seeing

more local Infrastructure across our country, so we can become self-sufficient and manage our own plastic waste.

In the meantime, is it time we started taking a hard look at what type of plastic packaging we are buying and look for more environmental friendly options? Food, or should I say food packaging for thought!

Stay Safe

STDC Councillor Steffy Mackay

## Covid 19 info map wins Ivy League praise

The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) has been put on the map after its GIS work was praised by a Harvard University scholar for a clear and easy to understand public information map during the Covid-19 lockdown.

The four-strong team worked throughout the Alert Levels providing support to the Taranaki Emergency Management Office (TEMO) and Civil Defence by creating a map detailing what key public facilities and businesses were open. The map is ready to be used by TEMO again if the alert levels rise.

Matthew Leger from Harvard's Innovations in Government Programme, highlighted the map as an example of best practice in local government from across the world for how GIS is being applied to the Covid-19 response.

"COVID's impact on public services and businesses alike continues to change on a daily basis," Leger wrote.

"Businesses closing down or changing their hours can create confusion for residents looking for key services. To help keep people informed about changes in business operations, as well as the location of key services they can still access, officials in



NPDC's GIS team from left, Matt Pawson, Melissa Brooks, Jake Hechter, and Clinton Ballandis with the Covid-19 Public Information Map.

New Zealand built a map that categorizes businesses and other services by their open status."

NPDC Chief Information Officer Steve McIntosh hailed the recognition for NPDC's GIS experts and their work helping to break down complex information into easy to understand maps and graphics for the public and decision-makers.

"To feature in an Ivy League university's report is a major achievement and we are delighted to see the GIS team getting kudos for their top work. The key is to help communicate what's going on and what decisions need to be made by presenting data in an accessible way," says Mr McIntosh.

The company behind the GIS map-making technology, ESRI, has also praised the Covid map and also highlighted the team's work on the TSB Festival of Lights map as a great example of using effective design and GIS data to guide public through an event.

The 2019/20 summer was the first time the team has created an interactive map for the TSB Festival of Lights. The map included entrances to Pukekura Park, parking locations, information on the lighting displays and entertainment. The festival map featured in an online gallery showing the best maps from across the world made by GIS users at a recent ESRI conference attended virtually

by about 80,000 people.

"We had a record-breaking TSB Festival of Lights season last summer and the number of people using the easy-to-use online map tripled as well from the previous summer. The map was a great way for visitors to navigate around the park and find their way to the light features and the awesome entertainment," says Mr McIntosh.

GIS stands for Geographic Information Systems, and uses spatial data (information about a location) to create maps and graphics which explain complex issues to enable good decision making and communication.

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# Daring rescue was a team effort

Monday August 17 is one day experienced mountaineers Lindsay Maindonald and David Sattler will not forget in a hurry. Leaving Dawson Falls about 9.30am they headed up Mount Taranaki, partly to give Lindsay's recently bought alpine boots a good work out. They were making good time up towards Fantham Peak (1,966 metres) when they spotted what they thought were two rocks. As they climbed higher they saw some movement in the rocks – it turned out to be a Malaysian couple, aged in their mid-20s, but they were virtually not moving. In fact they had been in almost the same position for about three and a half hours; one of the pair, the woman was too scared to move. "She just froze," explained David. As the couple were reached it was about 1.30pm.

The overseas couple were not to know that the exposed route they had taken was not recommended (by DOC), except for very experienced climbers.

They were also not to know that Mount Taranaki has a



Steps being cut in the icy snow for the tourist to step into.

deadly history. The worst tragedy was on July 26, 1953 when six people lost their lives in New Zealand's worst single alpine tragedy.

Because the young woman was basically too scared to move, due to the icy conditions, Lindsay and David had to cut steps. In this they were helped by another climber for a while. Lindsay

tied a pair of long john underpants and a thermal top to form a rudimentary rope and used a technique called short roping which is sometimes used to assist people who are in need of assistance while climbing. With Lindsay attached to the lady (waist-to-waist) and just in front of her, to impede any fall and David

right beside her the two men guided her until the safety of the car park (and their van) was eventually reached. Her companion had also not been coping well, but was more mobile and less distressed.

She had been reluctant to even put her feet into the cut steps and had to be encouraged to do so. She kept saying, "I'm tired."

When asked what she would have done if help had not arrived she said, "I would have just sat down." The result would likely have been fatal.

Earlier, the men did think of summoning Search and Rescue but with the shadows lengthening and the likelihood of greater iciness, they felt that time was of the essence; they also considered they could complete the rescue, without taking the risk of extra time elapsing. "There was the danger of a major accident or fatality," commented David.

Lindsay was delighted he had David by his side. "He was a great help. I'm proud of him."

Lindsay explained that both were committed Christians. "We were meant to be there," he concluded. Lindsay has received a glowing message of support from ninety-year-old veteran climber Derek Quickfall from the Taranaki Alpine Club, who had spent 40 years with Search and Rescue.

Congratulations to both of you, David and Lindsay. It is likely that at least one, and maybe two people, owe their lives to your intervention.



Tourist being short roped using an unusual attachment.

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# A new addition to the Opunake Brigade

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spacious locker setup and well thought out modern design. Our old Mitsubishi truck that we have had from new is due for retirement.



CFO CRAIG DINGLE

We have only had three call outs in the last fortnight. The first was to a car roll over, south of Opunake where the driver fell asleep and managed to narrowly

miss a power pole. Luckily he wasn't injured, but unfortunately the car was a write-off. Ambulance staff called us to set up a landing zone for a helicopter, however for some reason the helicopter couldn't come, so the patient was loaded and taken by road. Another call out was to a meter board fire at a cow shed on Ihaia Road. It was lucky the owner had put it out before we got there. Fire extinguishers are a good investment and worth having around.

Until next time.

*Craig Dingle*  
CFO Opunake Brigade



The Opunake Fire Brigade's new 2010 Iveco truck will replace the old Mitsubishi.

## Electrical fire swiftly dealt with

Two fire engines from the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade headed down Ihaia Road on Monday August 17 (about 2.45pm) to a farm where a circuit board in a milking shed had caught fire. The circuit board was already well ablaze, with

billowing black smoke, when the farmer became aware of the situation in the early afternoon. He had managed to mostly contain the blaze by the time the firefighters had arrived to deal with the hazard and ensure the fire was totally

extinguished and optimal safety prevailed. The circuit board was extensively fire damaged. Various components, completely burned, were removed from the building. Smoke blackened much of the building's interior. An

acid smell was apparent. Brian Sinclair of Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration arrived promptly to assess the situation. 'It's lucky the whole shed didn't go up,' commented the farmer. *Continued page 7*



The firefighters from Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade were swiftly on hand to deal with the situation.

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# A town of hidden gems

There is more to Eltham than meets the eye. The town which prides itself on being the town of firsts, including having the first tar-sealed street in New Zealand is home to 80-90 businesses.

“There’s more little hidden gems than one realises just by driving through the main street,” says Eltham Business Association president Fi Perez. “Some are hobby businesses. A lot of them are home-based. There are some businesses that deal with overseas clients.”

Fi works for the Ministry of Social Development as an employment co-ordinator for South and Central Taranaki. She has been Business Association president since March.

“My day job is supporting business and the community. The Business Association is the same,” she says.

“My mission is to get the Eltham business community connected, so



Eltham Business Association president Fi Perez.

we can support each other and by default support our community.

“It’s about reigniting the passion we know is there, because there are very passionate people there and

you can feel the passion. It’s about complementing each other. Every business has got something slightly different to offer.”

Covid has produced challenges like making it hard to plan ahead because of uncertainty caused by lockdowns. The AGM has been one casualty, having to be postponed until next month.

“Hopefully with a new committee we can look towards summer with excitement and a bit of verve and vigour,” says Fi.

One office holder who will be stepping down is long serving treasurer Marilyn Gernhoefer.

“She is stepping down after 15 years and is going to be sorely missed,” says Fi.

The Association holds bi-monthly BA5 meetings where business people can get together and share ideas. The last one was held at the new Eltham Farm Supplies store.

“There’s been a big push for shopping local with regard to Covid. To shop local, you need to know local,” says Fi. “There have been some positives to Covid. People have had to adapt into having an online presence. Before that being bricks and mortar

was simply enough. Covid has showed us we need other forms of connection, although obviously some businesses already have a good online presence.”

Fi says it’s also important to learn from and share experiences with other businesses and business associations in Taranaki.

Fi lives at Rawhitiroa and shifted to Taranaki from Wellington in 2009.

“Here you have a life/work balance as opposed to a work/life balance,” she says. “There’s something about Taranaki that’s hard to quantify. There’s something about the sea and our maunga. You can go to the mountain in the day and then have a bonfire by the sea in the evening.”

As well as working for the Ministry of Social Development and being president of the Eltham Business Association, she is a business person in her own right, as an intimate portrait photographer, something she says with her other roles she has less time for.

## Electrical fire swiftly dealt with

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The extensively burnt circuit board.

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The resurgence of Covid-19 this month has caused a great deal of unease and uncertainty. However, it highlights the need for us all to take basic precautions and work together to get through what's been a difficult year.

It is in all our best interests to adhere to official advice around hygiene, keeping track of who we come in contact with, and staying home if we're sick - <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Last week, Judith Collins announced National's strategy for Border control. The plan takes a multi-pronged approach to our country's defence against Covid-19 by establishing 'Te Korowai Whakamaru/NZ Border Protection Agency' to provide comprehensive oversight and management



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of Covid-19 at the border, requiring international travellers to provide evidence of a negative Covid-19 test before arriving in New Zealand, compulsory contact tracing technologies to be used by agency employees, border facility workers, and District Health Board staff who treat

or test patients, and rapid deployment of Bluetooth applications to enhance contact tracing while also exploring alternative technologies, such as a Covid Card.

The plan also addresses the need to prepare a second line of defence, behind our border, so any incursions can be identified, traced and isolated quickly.

You can read more details at [national.org.nz/media](http://national.org.nz/media).

With the threat of Covid-19 likely to be with us for years to come, it's vital we safeguard the health of all New Zealanders. With the right framework in place, we can all live our lives with more certainty and continue to work towards achieving the best for ourselves and

our families.

Regardless of what alert level we're at, I would encourage you to keep taking appropriate measures to protect yourself and your loved ones. Simple things like frequent hand-washing can pay big dividends in keeping you healthy.

If there's something I can help you with, please contact my office 06 7591363 [newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz).

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The news of community transmission after months of zero cases, came as a blow to all of us.

It was a blow because we felt we had done our bit, made sacrifices and committed to the initial lockdown in a bid to eliminate the virus. Many New Zealanders lost their jobs or businesses, had surgeries or health procedures delayed, suffered the effects of isolation – particularly our elderly community – and our Government borrowed billions of dollars for our economic recovery, money that will take us at least the next decade to repay.

New Zealanders trusted the Government to manage our borders and control the risks of a resurgence, but they have failed. We have learned that two thirds of border workers had never been tested, despite the Prime Minister claiming regular

# A hundred days wasted



**HARETE HIPANGO MP**

testing was being carried out back in June. We have seen repeated cases of people in isolation 'escaping' because security was lacking and facilities were not fully equipped to manage the thousands of arrivals.

It has thrown us back into the reaches of lockdown, and for the fourth time in New Zealand's history, the General Election has been delayed (the other three due to WWI, the Great Depression and WWII).

Members of Parliament in a position to travel, have returned to Wellington to carry on with business in the House, which for myself and National Party colleagues is holding this Government to account.

Last week we revealed our plan of defence against Covid-19 which includes establishing Te Korowai Whakamaru/NZ Border Protection Agency to provide comprehensive oversight and management of Covid-19 at the border as well as other public health threats. National would require international travellers to provide evidence of a negative Covid-19 test before arriving in New Zealand and we would deploy Bluetooth applications to enhance contact tracing while also exploring alternative technologies, such as a Covid Card. We would strive towards a test-on-demand system with a waiting time

target of no longer than 60 minutes.

We have created a comprehensive plan thanks to the strong and experienced leadership of Judith Collins, Gerry Brownlee and Dr. Shane Reti, National's health spokesperson and still practicing GP (often on call to MPs who fall ill or collapse as has been known to occur during my Parliamentary term and observations). With ministerial and medical expertise, National's leadership will provide reliable management and protection, unlike the ad hoc measures and patch-up jobs under this Government.

The current system, which has various agencies in charge of different facets, has led to a disorderly and confused response, putting the health and livelihoods of five million New Zealanders at risk.

We must prepare a more effective and continually improving response to future outbreaks, should they occur, allowing lockdowns to be more targeted and shorter in duration. A response that targets both the border and a second line of defence through contact tracing, to minimise the impact of further incursions and protect those vulnerable to the disease.

The first lockdown saw 212,000 Kiwis end up on unemployment benefits with another 450,000 jobs kept alive by wage subsidies. The current lockdown is estimated to be costing Auckland 250 jobs and up to \$75 million a day in economic activity. New Zealand had no community transmission for over 100 days. It is clear that the Government wasted the 100 days they had to reflect, learn from and prepare for future outbreaks and the reality that Covid-19 will be with the world for a long time to come.

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# Fresh opportunities for a sustainable future

I'm excited. Last month Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was in New Plymouth to announce more details about the \$27 million National New Energy Development Centre. Revealing its name and brand, Ara Ake,



**Glen Bennett.**

Ara Ake will create jobs, drive progress, and put Taranaki in the spotlight to showcase our innovation, leadership and, dare I say it, our energy.

I am excited because Ara Ake will create fresh opportunities for a sustainable future in these uncertain times. It demonstrates Labour's commitment to investing in the jobs and technologies of the future, to a sustainable environment, and to producing world-class products and ideas that Taranaki can sell with conviction – and at a premium.

This is the future I'm committed to, and that Labour has a plan for. Smart, practical plans and investments are more

important than ever right now, and Labour is using this unique opportunity to ensure Taranaki remains a world-leading energy producer. Under Labour, Taranaki will continue to be a place where people come for good energy-sector jobs and an unbeatable lifestyle.

My opponent recently wrote that "National has a plan" to get the region through the current moment – I look forward to seeing it when it is available.

Although I am a familiar face around the region, I will bring fresh vision and drive as your representative in Parliament. While we will continue using traditional

energy sources for years to come, we need to plan for the future and grab new concepts like Ara Ake with both hands, and I love to take on a challenge.

I know that misinformation has been floating around the future of the energy sector in Taranaki. Here's some clarification.

In the last three years, the government stopped issuing new offshore exploration permits. However, a fair number of permits remain active today – they continue to produce energy, and importantly, have the capacity for further development going forward.

Energy production, including drilling, is still very much underway in Taranaki. In fact, in April, Todd Exploration Services Limited was awarded a new permit near Inglewood. Nonetheless, international prices, driven by a range of factors including a supply glut in the United States and elsewhere, are a long way off the highs of 2011-2014, and

these external factors have had the most severe impact on incomes and jobs locally.

The Labour-led government has taken this as a wake-up call. We cannot rely on high prices forever, especially in a post-COVID world, and we need to crack on with developing other energy sources. The new Waverley wind farm is just one example of Taranaki's, and New Zealand's sustainable energy future.

Now is a time of opportunity, and to grasp it, we need leadership and a voice for Taranaki inside the Government. I love Taranaki, and as your representative, I will ensure we remain a world leader in the energy sector. The Prime Minister launched Ara Ake looking to the future and how we will harness the resources and momentum from new innovative clean energy, which will create a sustainable economy and environment for Taranaki.

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# Another inconvenient truth

Just as the truth about global warming was treated as rubbish for many years by most people, another important truth will be unacceptable by most. It concerns the cause of the ever increasing gap between rich and poor and many other related troubles. There is a growing demand for a solution but suggestions so far tend to raise other problems. The solution I am offering is difficult to explain and will be treated as rubbish by many, but I am hoping that enough people will understand and work to bring about a fundamental change in outlook.

Firstly I will outline how I see our present practices producing unacceptable poverty. For most of us starting out in life the first thing is to get some qualifications that leads to a well paid trade or profession. If successful we hope to be able to enjoy a good standard of living and save some money for future needs or retirement. A reasonable percentage of the population achieve this and have happy lives. Some miss out and struggle to survive with handouts. But another section of the community who are particularly successful are able to accumulate wealth more than their needs, and are able to invest in interest-bearing projects. The money they receive may exceed their income

from work, so they can live entirely on interest and retire from work. No doubt we would all like to reach this level, and providing we pay our taxes this is a perfectly legal avenue to success.

Some call this capitalism at work but I disagree. I see capitalism as using money to build a business that makes a profit by supplying goods or services. In this way a person can become rich with money that his business has earned. This is to my way of thinking totally different from the profit made by lending money as do banks and

other lending institutions. Most people need to borrow money at some stage, and unless they have friends or relations who can help they must borrow from a bank. But banks and other lending institutions lend not to help the borrower but to help themselves. Their owners make large profits and join the extremely rich class. The system is like a one way valve ensuring the movement of money towards the ones who already have more than they need from those who have less than they need. People in general are not stupid and see the injustice of this, and react in various ways. In some it encourages greed. Just look at the number of cases recently of people who are in well paid responsible jobs who cannot resist the temptation to

increase their income further by embezzlement. Others disregard not only the law of the land but also the law of natural justice, so that petty theft does not bother their conscience. But I see an even more serious result of the existence of a permanent extremely wealthy section of the community. The fact is that they can influence the economy of country to such an extent that the government cannot govern. This is where democracy breaks down. Recently whole countries have gone bankrupt. I don't know any definition of democracy, but I assume that most of us believe it involves a society working for the good of all and that the government has the responsibility to eliminate poverty in a rich country like New Zealand. If you are comfortable with extreme wealth and dire poverty existing side by side, don't bother to read further because you would not like my solution.

Whereas in a democracy private enterprise is commendable in most industries, I claim there is one business that should not be entrusted to the private sector. I believe that the lending of money must be controlled by the government. So "the inconvenient truth" is ..... "The law must forbid private banks, finance companies and individuals from lending of

money for interest," ..... if we are ever going to have a just, caring society.

This would require a very brave government and it could not happen overnight. The government would not only be unpopular here but also would incur the wrath and sanctions of the rest of the world. But someday it must happen if we are ever going to solve the unrest and injustice we have today.

Here is how it would look as part of the constitution of a democracy:-

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3. The currency is put into circulation by government spending on public works and salaries of government employees and contractors.
4. The government can lend money to individuals and businesses to help them.
5. The banks and other outlets would be government departments.
6. In general the interest charged would be as low as possible to cover the wages of employees and overheads.
7. Special training would be given to see that all managers would be competent advisors. For example some clients' best interests would not be served by borrowing.

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## Mac Sole Episode 24

# Porirua what a revelation.

Porirua! What a revelation on human life and behaviour, which I believe was to set me up at the age of 20 to an insight into the folk I was to meet throughout my future life.

I will start with a strange factor being that no alcohol was allowed onto the

hospital grounds, but every Wednesday a wholesalers truck would enter and go to the hospital drive to the plumbers workshop and deliver pre-ordered stock. My weekly order was for a bottle of Queen Anne Scotch and a dozen beer. The plumber handled the orders.



Porirua Psychiatric Hospital.

As a tradesman I was given a pass key to the most secure wards, even to Ward M8, which had the most violent male inmates. At this point I want to describe the behaviour of some of the male nurses, some who seemed to be Poms including some ship deserters - remembering that this was not long after the War ended and New Zealand had better living conditions

than England.

On fairly regular occasions the Police would arrive from Wellington to check on male staff, whilst looking for deserters.

Now for some of the incidents I witnessed and, in fact, stopped. The first was when I entered M8 and saw four staff, with two holding a man's arms and two holding his legs and bouncing the inmate off the floor. I

stopped them and questioned their actions only to be told that the inmate had been somewhat violent towards them and they bounced him off the floor to teach them a lesson. I made then let him go so they threatened me. Consequently, we agreed to meet in a cell-like room with a wooden seat along two walls to have a bit of a scrap. While I was waiting in the cell, I was thinking I was about to be given a bit of a hiding seeing there was four of them. However, at that time time of my life not too many things worried me. Therefore, when two of the staff stood at the door the other two may have been out of sight, Anyway, I stood up on the seat and waited. The two at the door looked at me for some time then disappeared. I waited a little longer, but nothing

happened so I went back to work.

The next incident was in the shower room. There were a number of cubicles where inmates showered. The water was controlled by one of the male nurses. I was nearby and heard the cries of inmates. What was happening was the water controller was turning on the cold water only to switch to the hot water and when the inmates tried to get out of the showers the other nurses used long handled mop like things to push the inmates back in. Having seen how the inmates reacted to the hot water and cold water, without going into more detail, I put things right on that occasion.

## Another inconvenient truth

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8. To encourage thrift the government would pay a small interest on bank savings.

I want to emphasize the main point. ... that the lending of money for profit is basically unfair because the lender can live entirely on unearned income. He may have earned the money he is lending but the interest comes out of another person's earnings. I would like people to see the lending of money as a way of helping someone instead of a way to gain profit for the lender.

With the suggested plan in place, the government would have control of the country's finances. This would enable it to make many improvements to the prevailing practices. For example, the ridiculous salaries paid to CEOs and the like could be controlled and wages and salaries generally would have to reflect the value of the work done. There will still

be rich and poor, but the gap between them will represent value for money, and there will be no feeling of injustice as there is now. The fairer system will lead to less greed and less crime. Inflation, now deliberately kept around 2% by the Reserve Bank, will be brought as close as possible to zero, so that savings will retain their value instead of being gradually devalued as at present. Lower interest rates would mean lower rents and prices generally. It will take a long time for my suggestions to take effect. There is no quick fix

but I believe the control of finance is the first essential step.

Please give these suggestions serious thought. The world at present is not run by the governments of each country but by the banks and loan companies, and is in a real mess. New Zealand is the ideal place to start this reformation with a population of a higher standard of education and intelligence than most countries.

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# Okato housing market booming

Vicki Ingles from First National Western has sold 18 houses in the Coastal area in the four years she's been selling real estate. She specialises in the residential market, specifically in Okato and Warea on the coast. She also sells real estate in New Plymouth.

Operating out of First National Western, in Devon Street, New Plymouth (next to Top Town Cinema), the licensed real estate agent says houses recently have been selling "well over the RV this year," in Okato.

"The majority of people who buy in Okato are from out of town," she says adding they're typically attracted to the top surf spots, the beaches, the mountain views, the semi-rural lifestyle and the village atmosphere." Often they're from Auckland, Wellington and other cities.

She doesn't do open homes she says preferring to show clients by appointment. "It gives me the opportunity to really talk to the people and



Vicki Ingles.

tell them about the village, the school, sports opportunities and why they should move to the area," she says.

She really likes Okato herself!

"It's a great place to work in, the people are so real," she says.

"We don't have to dress up like a funeral director," she quips of the relaxed atmosphere and recounts how one large dog of a client would greet her by jumping up and putting his paws on her shoulder. She'd give him a dog biscuit.

Amusingly she relates, she drives a branded car and people seeing her driving in Okato will sometimes phone her to ask 'What are you doing. Are you listing something, I'm interested.'

As to the advantages of using a real estate agent to sell your house, Vicki comments "most people are not negotiators" she says and they're "not neutral to what they're selling" unlike an agent which she believes is important.

She cites people who say they got 20 phone calls after listing on Trade Me. But did you reply to them, she'll ask and the reply will be, no.

"They're not professional salespeople," she says adding you've got to be a good listener, good communicator and also highly ethical. "When you're selling privately you have no guarantees."

Real estate marketing will reach a lot of potential buyers and through working a active database of potential buyers. "We reach far and wide."

Vicki recounts an amusing story. "I was selling a house in Hickford Place and all the neighbours came out to congratulate me." She was about to take in the sign when a neighbour stopped her with, 'I'll have that'. By the end of the year she'd sold three houses in the street. She's since sold her fourth house in Hickford Place just prior to lockdown.

In her time selling real estate Vicki's had some unusual requests and relates how one man liked a house because "it was important for my pig to live inside." Unfortunately he missed out

on the finance.

Vicki also has family connections to the coast. Her husband Dean who grew up in mid Parihaka Road attended Okato College (as it was then known). First National Western also supports Coastal Rugby.

Prior to working in real estate Vicki owned two recruitment companies and was a recruitment specialist. She also worked for the New Plymouth District Council in human resources.

In her spare time Vicki is actively involved in St Johns and Rotary. She also had a grandson who's three. Loves to travel but very limited at present.

"Okato's boomed a lot in the last couple of years. "What's coming out of Covid is more and more people are moving from the cities and can work from home," says Vicki which she says is a positive of the crisis.

"We need good fast internet," she says and cafes and restaurants take note.

# Kaponga WI women air their regrets



LEFT: Nan and Fiona with their cake.

day were:

A piece of old china – 1. Gillian Frandsen, 2. Dene Lines, 3. Diane West and Margaret Arbuckle.

Favourite biscuits – 1. Margaret Arbuckle, 2. Dene Lines, Fiona Collins.

Homemade card – 1. Jo Ellis, 2. Joy Elliason and Dot Hughes, 3. Diane West.

The raffle was won by Margaret Arbuckle.

Lunch was really enjoyed by all members.

A birthday cake was presented to Fiona Collins for her 80th birthday and also Nan Stokes who is 80+.

A very enjoyable day was had by all.

Jo Ellis

The Kaponga WI August meeting was held at the Shakee Pear Cafe in Pioneer Village, Stratford.

Our roll call for the day was "your biggest regret"

A couple of members biggest regret was losing their husbands too early in life, others were not finishing their qualifications, not aiming higher than being a primary school

teacher and maybe going to university to do a diploma in agriculture, learning to swim better, taking on the wrong occupation, and one member regretted on following her heart rather than her dream to go in the navy. A few members had no regrets as they felt life was kind to them.

Members were asked in the July meeting to bring along

craft work they had done to share and display. There were so many different crafts of a very high standard on display. We have so many talented ladies in our group.

Nan Stokes read to us a very interesting article about recycling of today versus the times of old reusing items. This brought back many memories.

Our competitions for the

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# TSB Community Trust has its highest year in grant making

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The TSB Community Trust Celebrates its highest year in philanthropic support to the region in paid out and committed grants of \$17,017,234.00

The more than 70 guests at the TSB Community Trust's 2020 Public Meeting in Opunake were told that since 1988 the Trust has contributed more than \$153m to the region, with 2019/2020 being the highest year ever in their grant making activity.

Chief Executive, Maria Ramsay said the growth in the Trust's grant making has largely been made possible through the Trust's investment management entity TSB Group Ltd's controlling share in the well performing Fisher Funds Management Ltd and the ongoing success of

TSB (Bank) Ltd, which is 100% owned by TSB Group Ltd.

After sharing some of the past year's successes and hearing from past grantees, the Trust is already focused on the year ahead. Its

granting activity will have a strong equity focus. The Trust's new Purpose and Strategic framework is to support a thriving inclusive and equitable Taranaki through four key areas, Enhanced Child and Youth Wellbeing, Rangatiratanga | Empowering Māori Aspiration, Improved Environment, and Increased Access to Opportunities

"By funding to this strategy in these areas, we will see positive impacts happening where they are needed most" said Ramsay.

Ramsay also thanked those

that volunteer, working to supporting communities around the Mouna stating that "without their contribution the Trust would not be able to carry out its community funding activities to the extent it does." Ramsay also encourages everyone within Taranaki to have their KiwiSaver with Fisher Funds, including employers having them as their default provider, and their banking with TSB, "by supporting these organisations you are directly supporting the region."

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**RIGHT:** The winner of the Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Stratford's Heat Pump promotion is Roy Alias who has won \$400 off the cost of a heat pump.



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# Watino Rock Walls are appealing and practical



Watino Rock Walls at the entrance to a dairy shed.

Since December of last year Cameron Ardern, a dairy farmer on Watino Road, South Taranaki has been constructing transportable stone walls for purchase. The attractive walls are styled on those that are associated with the Scottish highlands and are prepared from scratch using volcanic rock obtained from lahars on the farm.

The administrative side of the venture is handled by Julie Bjerring whose husband is the Herd Manager for Shane and

to produce 1.3 tonnes (2 metres) and 1 tonne (1.4 metres) sections, with internal metal reinforcing to ensure optimal strength.

Cameron intends the stone walls to be available not only to clients in Taranaki, but to those in the whole of the North Island. Although he specialises in two standard sizes (and weights), he is happy to create walls to clients specifications with such uses as, for example, the stock lead in to dairy sheds, entrance ways to properties or simply paddock



Watino Rock Walls grace the entrance to Glen Artan.



Watino Rock Walls on the perimeter of a dairy paddock.

Cathy Ardern's farm, Glen Artan. Cameron is their son. The preparation of the rock walls is very labour-intensive with Cameron breaking up the rocks by hand, using a hammer. He has prepared wooden moulds to ensure the intended shape and dimensions of the rock walls. The locally obtained cement is mixed with a historic mixer which dates from the 1960/1970 era, yet is still performing well. The stones are set in the cement

walls, as well as the needs of lifestyle properties. Free quotes are available.

A useful feature is a pair of circular metal tubes at the top of each wall section to allow vertical extensions such as signs. At the base are two circular indentations to allow easy pick up by tractor or forklift.

This venture is understood to be the only one in Taranaki. There are similar ones, however, in Auckland, but the transport

costs would be prohibitive to clients further south, such as in Taranaki.

Julie points others positives. "Overall, the Taranaki region is a large tourist attraction and I believe these stone walls, plus their history, will help the tourists understand how a material from a natural disaster can be utilised into something so beautiful and achieved in the simplest way. The locals would appreciate the concept, as well as the

fact Mount Egmont has played a massive part in our past and still does in our future."

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## REC AT TOPEC



During Week 5 of this Term, the Year 12 REC class, along with some Year 11 students, hitched on their backpacks, laced up their boots and headed to TSB Topec for a week.

Over the course of the week students took on a number of challenges such as rafting, river crossings and the high ropes course. It wasn't just the physical challenge but for each completed task, students were gaining NCEA credits as part of our Health & PE programmes.

Mr Tryfan Ephraim said this about the week - "One particular highlight for me was seeing this group of students come together and support one another"

"When I think about our DREAM values, the week was really all about demonstrating Aroha for one another"

PHOTOS:  
L. Scaling the climbing wall  
Bottom L. On the high ropes  
Below. Working together to cross the upper Waiwakaiho River



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On the loop track the Outdoor and Sustainability Academy got incredibly busy planting nearly 200 trees as part of a plan to mitigate global warming and bring back native birds to the area.

The Sustainability Academy also visited the Green School in Oakura



recently to see their awesome learning space, and korero around future projects we could do together. Forming links with other schools benefits students at both. The vision is that DREAM values adopts an S for Sustainability.



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Start of Trimester 3 - Aug. 31st	End of Term 3 - Sept. 25th
IDP Meetings - Sept. 1st	Start of Term 4 - Oct. 12th

## Chairman's chat

### Coping mechanisms and voting mechanisms to the fore

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all. It seems the 'new normal' is that all of us have to be ready to drop everything and respond appropriately should the COVID-19 threat level rise again. We don't know how long the potential threat will last, and some in our community face far more significant challenges than others. But in general, Taranaki is showing great resilience.

A most positive development has been the \$20 million injection into the Yarrow Stadium repair and refurbishment project as part of the Government's 'shovel-ready' COVID-19 recovery funding. As well as bringing a cut of 40%-plus in Yarrow Stadium targeted rates from next July, the funding injection also made it easier for us to decide how to ensure the iconic venue can still meet the region's needs amid all the changing circumstances.

The project is now ramping up again and the first priority is repairing the West Stand.



And when more details are finalised, we'll announce what will be happening with the main East Stand. So watch this space!

Meanwhile, Councillors were glad of an opportunity for a wide-ranging discussion on the question of Māori representation. You may be aware that there are three iwi-appointed

representatives on each of the Council's two key standing committees – Policy & Planning, and Consents & Regulatory – in an arrangement under Treaty settlement legislation.

Is it time for a dedicated Māori constituency? We decided that we need to thoroughly sound out the views of the community, and in particular iwi. There's not enough time to do this properly before the November deadline for a decision on the next Council elections in 2022, so any change would take effect after then.

I believe there are anomalies in the Local Electoral Act 2001 that also need

addressing. Its formula would limit our Māori representation to one out of 11 Councillors. To me, that would not constitute effective Māori representation at our decision-making table.

Also, any decision on such matters can be challenged by ratepayer poll. This is not the case for Council decisions on any and all other matters. In this case, it's likely to result in an expensive poll – costing well over 1% on general rates – as well as thwarted expectations. Let's hear the community's views on these matters.

Finally, I look forward to our new Chief Executive, Steve Ruru, taking up the reins in early October. He's moving to Taranaki from Invercargill, where he has been Chief Executive of Southland District Council.

Steve's already been able to sit in on some of our meetings, where it's been clear to all that he has a lot to offer the organisation and the region. You'll learn more about Steve in the next edition of Talking Taranaki.

*David MacLeod, Chair*

## Around & about the region



### Bypass vote welcomed

The Council has welcomed an 82% Ngāti Tama vote to approve a land exchange to enable the Mt Messenger bypass to go ahead. "Their agreement keeps this important project on track and we're delighted," says Councillor Matthew McDonald, who chairs the Regional Transport Committee. Council Chair David MacLeod congratulated Ngāti Tama and the agency. "Both sides worked hard on this and the result is set to be of immense benefit to the region." Decisions are still pending on remaining appeals. The planned bypass will skirt the summit, shorten journey times and significantly reduce the risk of accidents and injuries. It will include a 120m bridge and a 230m tunnel.

➔ [www.bit.ly/MessengerProject](http://www.bit.ly/MessengerProject)

### Watch-list targets likely threats

A new pre-emptive watch-list contains 21 pest species to be the target of proactive surveillance and contingency planning by the Council in a bid to prevent them becoming established in Taranaki. Although not known to be here yet, the watch-list species could survive in the region, with significant adverse impacts likely. The watch-list signals the Council's increased focus on new pests as well as the 17 'legacy pests' for which there are already eradication or control programmes that put obligations on land occupiers.

➔ [www.trc.govt.nz/pest-watch](http://www.trc.govt.nz/pest-watch)

### Consent-holders do well

Consent compliance and environmental performance ratings were 98% 'high' or 'good' in the Council's tailored monitoring programmes for 2019-2020. The total was higher than in the two previous years, though the 2018-2019 year saw slightly more 'high' ratings than the latest year, with 'good' lower. The Council's three-decade compliance monitoring is regarded as the most comprehensive in New Zealand

➔ [www.trc.govt.nz/consent-monitoring](http://www.trc.govt.nz/consent-monitoring)

## Taking Taranaki forward

### Bee Card's benefits will have bus passengers buzzing

The Bee Card is coming to Taranaki and you can get yours today by signing up at [www.beecard.co.nz](http://www.beecard.co.nz). The 'tag on, tag off' card-based ticketing system will be used on Citylink and Connector bus services from 19 October.

Besides the ease and speediness of tagging on and off, Bee Card's other features include online top-ups, online cancellation of lost or stolen cards and online management of multiple cards for an entire household. The card can also be used in other non-metropolitan regions. "Get in now and get set up," says the Council's Transport Services Manager, Chris



Clarke. "The cards will be free for a limited time, but a minimum top-up of \$5 is needed to get started. And SuperGold Card holders and WITT students will need to get a Bee Card to continue to ride for free."

The Bee Cards will replace the existing Citylink and Connector smart cards, and passengers should use up existing balances before the switch-over. There'll be free fares for those whose smart cards run out in the two weeks before the changeover, and outstanding balances will be transferable for two weeks afterwards.

The Bee Card will not be used on Southlink bus services, or by Connector passengers booked through the Taranaki District Health Board.

COVID-19: Any return to Alert Levels 3 or 4 may delay or otherwise disrupt the roll-out.

## Improving lifestyles

### Gardens and gardening - we've got spring covered

With spring just around the corner, gardens are top of mind for many of us.

It's a great time to check out Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens, the premier heritage properties owned and managed by the Taranaki Regional Council on behalf of the people of the region. Watch the video to find out about Tūpare's spring delights.

Free events at Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens in the coming weeks will be of interest to home gardeners and all who enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

**Hollard Gardens** (1686 Upper Manaia Rd, Kaponga) has a spring gardening workshop from 10am to 11.30am on Sunday 6 September. Join the team in the home



garden and pick up some great tips for your vegie patch at home.

Lawn care and revitalisation are on the agenda at **Tūpare** (487 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth) from 10am on Sunday 20 September. This 90-minute workshop will

feature Brad the Turf Doctor sharing his wisdom and know-how.

And for a blissful interlude, discover spring in a one-hour guided walk at **Pukeiti** (2290 Carrington Rd) at 10am on Sunday 6 September. You'll see and learn about what's in flower. Check out the rest of Pukeiti while you're there, and bring a picnic or enjoy lunch at Founders Café.

See all events details at [www.trc.govt.nz/whats-on/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/whats-on/)

COVID-19: Use the COVID-19 Tracer app when visiting the gardens, and comply with all requirements of the Alert Level current at the time. Event numbers are limited to 100 under Alert Level 2. Events will be postponed/cancelled at Alert Levels 3 or 4.

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# The Hall family's historic connection

This intriguing picture shows armed constabulary after a parade against the background of pioneer John Hall's house, which he built in 1886 in what was then Ketemarae Road. The house on the corner of Chute Street and Ketemarae Road still exists today, although has seen a few changes as would be expected, such as the removal of the original roof slates.



Alice and John Hall, first owners of the homestead on the corner of Chute Street and Ketemarae Road in Normanby.

General Chute was the commanding officer of the British troops in New Zealand and there has been some pressure from such

notable Maori identities as Gordon 'Mac' Sole to have the name of Chute Street changed. By most accounts Chute killed many Maori people regardless of their age and despite the fact that many were unarmed and posing no threat. Children were amongst his victims. Mac Sole refers to him as a "Nothing but a murderer."

A descendent of John Hall senior, his grandson John Daniel Hall of Hawera, a retired builder (and a Life Member of the Hawera Volunteer Fire Brigade) is not keen on the street being



Built by John Hall in 1886 the homestead is one of the original Normanby buildings. This is how it looks in 2020.



John Daniel Hall of Hawera with some of the original wooden roof slates that were on the historic homestead.

angry about a strange new tax that had been levied in England – the window tax whereby a householder was assessed for tax based on the number of windows their dwelling had.

Arriving in Pipitea Point, Wellington in May 1842, the family lived in various locations including Wadestown, Old Porirua Road (now in Ngaio) and Mulgrave Street. The family were faithful adherents of the Wesleyan Church. Eventually the couple had 6 sons and 2 daughters.

Maria was described as a "kindly godly" lady who did much for other people.

Jabez was kept very busy clearing bush, growing crops and working as a wheelwright and undertaker. At one stage the family had a cow, four goats and four pigs, while living in the Kaiwarawara area (now Ngaio).

John Hall, who married Alice Juffs in 1858 at a

renamed, although says if it eventually is changed it should be renamed Hall Street in honour of his grandfather John Hall (1837-1911). John points out that there were atrocities on both sides of the conflict involving Maori and European soldiers, so why single out Chute in this way.

John Hall (senior) was born near Coventry England and was a boy of five when he emigrated with his

parents William Jabez Hall (1807-1884) and Maria Hall (nee Bates) who lived from 1809 to 1883 before sadly succumbing to asthma.

William Jabez, a wheelwright, – usually referred to by his middle name Jabez, left England in early 1842 with his family (including five children) on the London a 700 ton barque. It is unclear why Jabez emigrated, but it could have been because he was

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# with Chute Street in Normanby



Armed constabulary after a parade. The historic homestead can be seen in the background of this picture, which was taken in about 1890. Photograph credit: Puke Ariki Accession number PHO 2002 - 843.

Wesleyan Chapel, ended up in Normanby, Taranaki in 1882, but had spent some time in Lower Hutt, near Wellington. Like his father Jabez he also worked as a wheelwright and undertaker, as well as a carpenter. It is unclear why he headed north to Normanby, but it could have been because there was a glut of carpenters in the greater Wellington region and he was starved of enough building work. We do know that he built the Wesleyan Church, Lower Hutt in 1875.

He has been described as a small and stocky man, and despite being quiet and unassuming, had many friends.

John and Alice had a large family ranging from Mary Ann (born in 1859)

up to Arnold (born 1881). In between these two siblings were Rachael, Charles Jabez, Samuel Fletcher, Morley Kirk, Lucy Rigg, Frederick James, Edward Hercules (Irk), Beatrice Alice and Alethia Sophia. The question which arises is how did such a huge family manage to live in what looks like a modest sized home. Maybe there were some sleep outs or the equivalent on the property.

Alice died in 1915 and John in 1911; both are buried in Waihi Cemetery, Normanby.

There are many descendants from this large family and a number of familiar Taranaki names arise such as Maindonald, Glover and Ingram.

Anyway, we would

welcome readers responses to the question that if Chute Street is renamed would the name Hall be their choice as a replacement, keeping in mind that John and Alice Hall were the original settlers of Chute Street.

Much of the information for this article comes from Alison Carey's book *The Family of William Jabez Hall 1807 - 1884* Wheelwright (1994), as well as John Daniel Hall (JD Hall) of Glover Road, Hawera. Their input is much appreciated.

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# Taking poems to international art market

Author, poet, and sustainable farming entrepreneur Geoff Downey is releasing his uniquely written acrostically sonnets to major national art galleries and museums, for purchase.

For sale by auction, initially there will be ten copies (only) of his first two acrostics written in NZ.

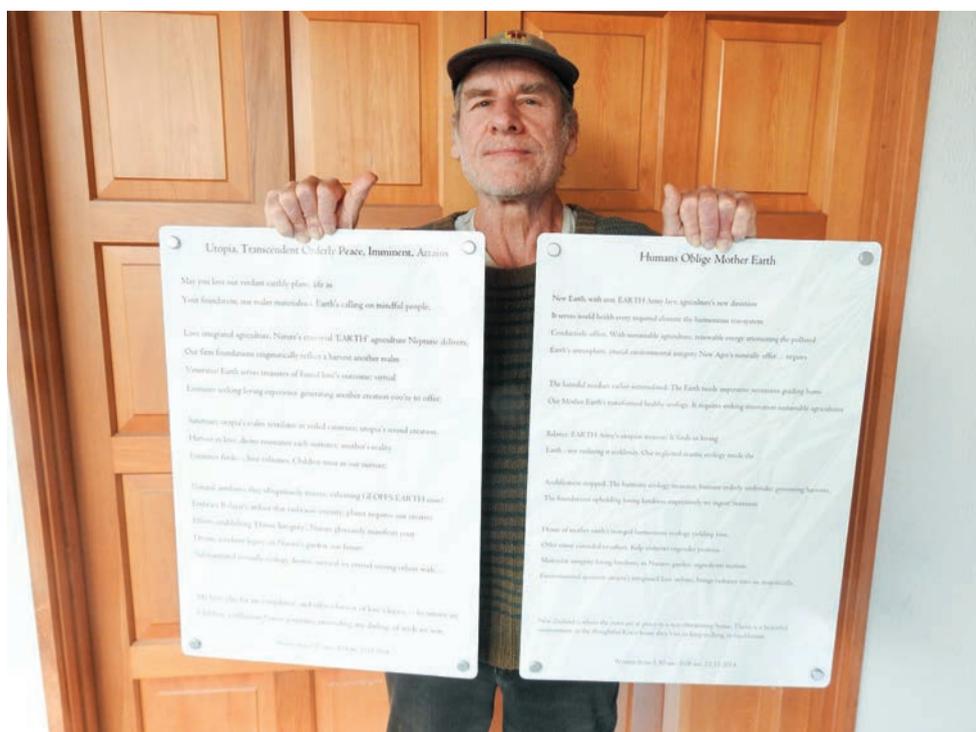
These two poems, number 596, and 597, capture the author's optimism and pleasure at being 'at home' again.

They exemplify the intricate style Geoff pioneered in 1992, with 'Dare Nature's Aggression' - which is recalled taking six weeks to write, which appeared as Poem No. 27 in his book 'Return to Earth'. His second acrostic 'Rapture Of The Earth' (No. 103) was written in 1999 for the end of the millennium.

More than a decade elapsed until his third acrostically was written, which heralded an avalanche of acrostics numbering now approximately 2,100.

In less than three years, almost 600 acrostically were amassed, and numbers 596, and 597 were written at Wellington Airport Lounge upon a permanent return to his country of birth.

Special characteristics of Geoff's triple matrix acrostics, where the first letter of each line of the sonnet create a word scheme outlining the theme, constructs the primary matrix.



Geoff Downey.

The first letter of every word creates another word scheme (seen underneath the poem), constituting the secondary matrix. This lies at the heart of the author's unique structural form.

The main body of the poem, as ordinarily read, is the third (tertiary) matrix which tells its own story related to the other two matrices.

A special feature which the reader may glean from 596, 'Humans Oblige Mother Earth', is where the key word 'HOME' is laid across each of the three matrices simultaneously, at the beginning of the final

stanza. This is an example of quantum physics 'applied to the field of literature'. The word crosses 'dimensions' of the literary work, via the separate first, second, and third matrix. The acronym of the sonnet's title serves to embellish the complexity still further.

The use of upper case for key words (EARTH, and GEOFFS), denotes an acronym. In the case of these early works, the author does not spell out the intended expansion of the acronym. 'GEOFFS' happens to be however, the subtitle of Volume 1 (prose), 'Return

to Earth'; the Growth Enhanced Organic Food Farming System, which the Treatise describes in detail.

The author is using proceeds of the selected poems going to auction, to fund the sustainable farm co-op venture (planned), and raise money to accelerate publication of the author's literature.

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## Opunake RSA hold AGM

The Opunake District RSA recently held their 89th AGM. Chairman Geoff Williams read out the Roll of Honour. I.E.Coombe(CMT), V. Rowland (member), E.J.F.Lauderdale (RAF Malaya. Returned).

The Ode was said and silence observed. Silence was asked for the Butler family in the loss of a son and brother.

Minutes, Finance, Reports etc. were processed in the usual way.

No services were held in Opunake, Te Kiri or Pihama because of the COVID-19 outbreak, although there was

a short service at the office in the morning.

Shane Butler indicated to the Executive he wouldn't be standing for re-election to the presidency. Officers elected. President. B.W. Vincent. Executive. R.K. Woods, K. Joyce, V.M. Coombe, W.J. Hayward, G.D. Dodd, C. Blom. Secretary/treasurer. Rev. G.M. Williams. Auditor I.L. Baker. Parade marshal C. Blom, Welfare Rev. G.M.Williams. Poppy Day Brian Vincent. Social Committee G.E. Hunn, A. Whitehead, A. Pentelow.

For some years there had been no annual dinner due

to lack of numbers, but last year there had been a successful dinner with one person paying in advance for this year.

Ian Baker was congratulated on receiving his M Badge and Certificate of Merit for 35 years as the Association's auditor.

Ian served with the RNZAF during World War II and is well known around Opunake for having put together stone fences and seats around Opunake and looked after the beach barbecue as well as holding two national weaving awards.

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# Student quad bike invention is a winner

An invention that could save lives has taken the top spot at the NIWA Waikato Science and Technology Fair.

Lachlan Coleman, a student at St. Paul's Collegiate, invented a device called "Roll Gauge" that helps prevent rollover on vehicles like quadbikes and tractors that operate on uneven ground.

He was named the overall winner of the fair, netting him \$1100 in prizemoney.

Lachlan says that the "huge amount of deaths and injuries on farms from machinery and vehicle rollover" inspired the device.

Worksafe New Zealand reported last year that "on average, five people die in work related quad bike accidents each year and many more are injured. Most quad bike injuries and fatalities are caused by the quad bike rolling over."

After extensive research the 17-year-old student said he couldn't find any available device that could warn vehicle users of rollover before it happened.

Lachlan has spent most of 2020 working on the Roll Gauge. He says COVID-19 lockdown, along with difficulties accessing parts from overseas, slowed down the process.

Roll Gauge monitors the angle a vehicle is driving on. If it approaches a dangerous level, the device sounds an alarm to warn the driver to take corrective action. It can be retrofitted with a vehicle-specific angle programmed to warn of roll-over.

Lachlan also won the NIWA Work Experience Scholarship providing him with a unique opportunity to work alongside NIWA Hamilton scientists during the 2020/21 summer break.

Tracey Burton, a freshwater ecologist at NIWA, said Lachlan's project is an example of the ingenious student inventions that are entered into science fairs.

"Lachlan's invention is an impressive solution to a real world problem. He saw a need in the community



**Lachlan Coleman(best in fair) and Aidan Hodgson (runner-up).**

and through the scientific investigation process paired with highly technical product design, he has created something that has the potential to save lives.

"Lachlan is sure to be a rising star in the world of science and technology and I can't wait to see what he comes up with next."

Lachlan says the next steps for Roll Gauge is incorporating GPS and a system that sends alerts to a designated safety manager. He plans to study

engineering in 2021 and continue development on the device.

Aidan Hodgson, a 13-year-old student from Pirongia School made it back-to-back podium finishes at the fair with another project involving bee health.

In 2019, Aidan student won the best in the fair prize with a project looking at different treatments of Varroa – the most damaging honeybee parasite in the world.

This year, the student won the runner-up award with his

project "Destructors Deadly Disciple" investigating the correlation between Varroa and other bee pathogens.

More than 30 judges were tasked with judging more than 267 from 20 schools' entries against a range of criteria including identifying and researching the need, scientific thought and understanding, and presentation. Interviews with the students also helped the judges determine the winners.



**Lachlan's winning roll gauge.**

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# The view from the cowshed

The view from the cowshed According to a DairyNZ survey of dairy farmers, 62 per cent of farmers say they or someone on their farms had experienced mental health issues in the past year. This is one of the findings

from The View from the Cowshed survey which compiled feedback from dairy farmers around the country. Key trends include challenges with mental health, technology and

government regulation. "It was really encouraging to see that 94 percent of farmers reported they were proud to be working in the dairy industry at the moment," said DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim

Mackle. "But at the same time, 62 percent of farmers said they or someone on their farm had experienced mental health issues over the last year – with an uncertain regulatory framework identified as one of the main contributing causes. "50 percent of farmers said they don't have access to the broadband internet they need and 52 percent don't have adequate mobile reception on farm."

Dr Mackle said when asked about their community's outlook over the next three years, 64 percent of farmers expect things to decline. "Farmers were also asked what motivated them the most to get out of bed in the morning – what was great to see is that working and caring for animals is the main driver for 43 percent of farmers. Providing for their family came in a close second," said Dr Mackle.

"This sends a tremendous message that farmers really value what they do, and that animal care remains at the heart of their farming business." "Our dairy farmers are world-leaders in the production of sustainable, emission efficient and

nutritious dairy, but we still have a significant farmer confidence and wellbeing issue in this country that pre-dates COVID-19."

"This election we wanted to give voice to dairy farmers' concerns and priorities to help politicians better understand the issues impacting on farmers. So, we surveyed our dairy farmers and asked them what they thought," said Dr Mackle.

"This information has informed our policy platform and identifies the top 10 things the next Government should do to improve outcomes for dairy farming families, their rural communities and New Zealand."

DairyNZ's policy priorities are:

1. Invest in R&D for our primary sector to unlock more value and volume.
2. Set a clear strategy for science funding that is appropriately resourced to support farmers to reduce their environmental footprint while increasing profit.
3. Work with the sector to meet workforce needs through training and recruitment of Kiwis, as well as skilled migrant workers.
4. Invest in rural broadband and improved mobile

coverage to better connect rural communities with New Zealand and the world.

5. Develop a national water storage strategy and invest in water storage to increase water supply in times of drought, enable land-use flexibility and unlock economic potential.

6. Develop and enforce a world-leading biosecurity system that is properly resourced, learns from our M. bovis experience and ensures everyone plays their part.

7. Reform the RMA to reduce compliance costs for farmers, increase efficiency and drive better environmental outcomes.

8. Partner with farmers and support them to play their part to meet new environmental standards.

9. Ensure targets for water quality improvements are fair and equitable, clear, scientifically robust and have pragmatic timeframes for implementation.

10. Review the methane targets in the Zero Carbon Act to ensure they are firmly grounded in science and align international and domestic targets by applying a split gas approach to our Paris commitment and carbon budgets.

## New life at Stoney Oaks



Highland cow Dream with her new heifer calf named Meadow seen at Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park. Stoney Oaks is closed during the winter months. Photo Gail Simons.

## Support Hub launched

DairyNZ and partners have launched a new Rural Employee Support Hub, to provide information and help to farm employees so they have the best possible experiences and careers on farm.

"Dairying is a sector that's built on people – people are the key to our success, so we want everyone in dairying to have a rewarding career long-term and that's where the Rural Employee Support Hub plays a key part," DairyNZ people team leader Jane Muir said.

"As a sector, we are really focused on ensuring employees enjoy and are



Jane Muir.

fulfilled in their jobs, and that farm bosses have great talent working for them. It's a two-way relationship," said Jane.

"Employers are well supported through DairyNZ

and Federated Farmers, and we want to ensure employees have the same level of support and know where to go to ask questions."

The initiative is a six-month pilot to understand the demand. If well used by employees, the partners want to see it become permanent.

The initiative complements the dairy sector's Good Boss campaign, where advice and support is provided to farmers on how to be the best employers they can be. Advice includes following best practices for recruiting and inducting new staff into their roles.

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# Building on the past and looking to the future

Garry Preston has installed and serviced rotary milking platforms in 27 different countries around the world. Today his 22 years' experience with rotary platforms is available to his customers at Preston Engineering in Kaponga.

Garry had been with Michael Bloemen Engineering for a year before he and his wife Christina bought the company off Michael and Leslie Bloemen.

"I've always had an interest in owning my own business," says Garry. "My main reason for buying this was so that my wife and I and our three children could have our own adventure."

His children are aged four and a half, two and a half, and 10 months.

The name of the business and one or two other things maybe different but other things are staying the same.

Michael Bloemen, the face behind Michael Bloemen Engineering for the last 24 years is still there, contracting to Preston Engineering on a daily basis. He retains ownership of Michael Bloemen Engineering for the manufacture and servicing of the High Runner Backing Gate and the Bloemen Chainless Bale Feeder.

Michael says he has known Garry for the last 15 years and wishes him and Christina all the best for their future.

Garry says he is "very lucky" to have Michael continuing to contract for him.

"I couldn't have done this without the help of Michael and Leslie, and the business has come with good staff," says Garry. Nathaniel and Scott, who worked for Michael have stayed on to work for Garry.

There are some things that are new, like selling Lucas oil and lubricants. Garry says he was heavily involved in the Taranaki Offroad Racing Club for 10 years, and they had sponsored his racing cars.

"I'm working now and not racing as much," he says.

Garry knows the area well



The team at Preston Engineering. From left. Michael, Garry, Nathaniel and Scott.

having grown up around Eltham. Before coming to Michael Bloemen Engineering he had been foreman at Monkeytoe in Normanby.

At an earlier stage of his career he had installed and serviced rotary milking platforms in 27 different countries over a 10 year-period. These platforms could range in size from 32 to 106 bales. His work took

him to countries throughout Europe and North America, as well as countries not usually associated with dairying, like China.

He describes dairying in China as "pretty random," and recalls large corporate farms with cows housed in barns on "massive hills."

Today Garry is enjoying his new venture. He says Preston Engineering is committed to serving the local and wider

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## Colts break championship drought

Until this year the Coastal Rugby Colts side had never won a Taranaki championship. The Coastal Premiers had won titles in 2009 and 2012, while the Division 1 side had 10 titles to their credit, and the Division 2 team had seven. The Club's Women's team have also been Taranaki champions. The closest the Colts had ever come was the one time they made it through to the semifinals. In 2019 they didn't have enough players to put up a team. This year they won the Taranaki championship, beating Stratford-Eltham 27-25 in the final.

With Covid-19 meaning the annual prizegiving had to be postponed, Coastal Rugby supporters got together to celebrate the deeds of their Colts side instead.

"There are some very good young players in the team, and that made selection hard," says team coach Ross Sinclair. "I didn't know who to leave out. They were committed and all turned up to training. It was a pretty easy team to coach, and we were lucky to have a good manager in Deb Davies. She kept the boys in line, and if they looked like stepping out, she put them back in line. Right from the start."

Ross says that although it was a new team, he had coached many of the players through age group rugby, and through his role



Coastal Rugby patron Margaret Fleming presents the trophy to Colts captain Callum Grayling.

coaching rugby at Francis Douglas Memorial College.

"There are a lot of talented rugby players on the coast, and it's important we have a Colts team, otherwise they head off to other teams and we never get them back."

He paid tribute to the team's captain Callum Grayling.

"He's been an awesome leader from the start on and off the field. He will play many games for the coast."

Callum noted the difference between this season and the previous one.

"We were struggling for numbers last year. This year we've been booming in numbers. Everyone's been keen to get amongst it," he says. "This was my

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Coastal Colts took on Stratford -Eltham at Inglewood in the final.



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Kobe Sinclair makes a break on his way to the tryline.



Coastal Colts contest the lineout.

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Coastal Rugby president Janet Fleming congratulated the team and the team members were presented to the club's patron Margaret Fleming.

It was also a time to say goodbye to two of the team's players. Luka Cassidy and Arron Lewis were due to return to Britain, having been here since February 29 playing rugby for Coastal. Harry

Remnant who had arrived with them was already on his way home. The three of them had known each other through boarding at the same high school in Shrewsbury. They ended up in Taranaki because Luka's uncle had been at Cambridge University with Mark Robinson, the one-time Opunake High School

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Coastal Colts Manager Deb Davies keeps an eye on her players.

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head boy who played for the All Blacks and went on to be chief executive of New Zealand Rugby.

Luka and Arron are both looking forward to starting study at Bath University in September, Luka in sports performance, and Arron in sports science. Both say they have enjoyed the style of rugby they've experienced in New Zealand.

"It's more fluid and there's more flair in attack," says Arron who plays as a wing and midfield back. "It feels like a lot more space in the field. I definitely want to come back, maybe for a Lions tour. That would definitely be on my bucket list."

Second row forward Luka says the game in New Zealand is a lot faster.

"It's more tiring and there's a lot more offloading," he says.

They had stayed with the Barretts for the first two weeks, then with Janet Fleming, and then at Oakura.



Jacob Whittle breaking through Stratford-Eltham defence.

Arron says he had been speaking to All Black Jordie Barrett the night before.

Mary Barrett, who is nanna to the All Black brothers says Luka and Arron had been a big help with getting her flower and vegetable gardens in order. A long-time supporter of Coastal

Rugby she recalls trying to keep an eye on sons Kevin and Phillip playing on the "top ground" and younger son Tommy playing on the "bottom ground" at the same time.

She says her interest in rugby has taken her all around the country. One

of the highlights was when Taranaki took the Ranfurly Shield off Southland.

"We brought the Ranfurly Shield into our cowshed. The schoolchildren came and it was quite exciting for them to see the Ranfurly Shield hanging in our cowshed," she said.



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# Congratulations Coastal Colts



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## Indoor bowls results

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre hosted the Zone playoffs for the Mixed Pairs and Henselite Singles during the weekend at Stratford - teams taking part in the Pairs were King Country (Lyn Martin and Peter Fisher) North Taranaki (Alister Wilson and Bronnie Reed) Wanganui (Warren and Ros Freeman ) Taranaki (Trevor Bourne and Ella Smailes)

will now go on to play in the National Final at Masterton in September.

The Henselite Singles players were King Country Lynn Martin, North Taranaki Mark Ridley, Wanganui Les Hayward, Taranaki Ella Smailes.

After the round robin play-off the winner was Les Hayward (Wanganui) with three wins 26 ends and 45 points who will also go on to play in the National Final at Masterton in September.

Jenny Hamley.

## Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

Men. 1. Denis Hurcomb. 2. Grant Gopperth. 3. Ralph Symes. 4. Joshua Symes. 5. Wayne Baker. And Jacob Gopperth. Juniors. 1. Hannah Symes. 2. Liam Campbell. 3. Denum Holmes. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Carter Symes.

## Enchanted April is up and running again

WHAT'S ON

The highly acclaimed comedy Enchanted April, being performed at New Plymouth Little Theatre, is continuing its season - after a brief pause due to the Covid situation. We have received the following information:

Enchanted April will be going ahead in Level 2.

For those who had tickets booked, your tickets will be transferred:

Thursday August 13 will now be Thursday September 3.

Friday August 14 will now be Friday September 4.

Saturday August 15 will

now be Saturday September 5.

Wednesday September 2 is a private function.

Because we are in Level 2 we will be working under Level 2 restrictions. This will mean there will be no refreshments available. Tables are being taken out so we can set up social distancing.

Groups who are together will be able to move into small groups. A QR code is available and there will be a register for those who do not have the Covid App.

i-ticket should be informing patrons in the next few days

about the shows.

We know some people may not be able to go on those nights and i-ticket will let you know what to do for refunds.

A second option is that there are people who want

to be on a waiting list so we may be able to direct you to someone who needs to sell their ticket. Voicemails can be left at New Plymouth Little Theatre 06 758 2631 or find our facebook page.



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# National portraits at Percy Thomson

Two exhibitions opened at Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford last week.

The popular Adam Portraiture Award, organised by the NZ Portrait Gallery in Wellington, awards New Zealand's premier portraiture prize. Supported by the Adam Foundation this biennial award highlights the power of portraiture and celebrates New Zealanders and the portrait painters who represent them.

This exhibition showcases 48 artworks that were shortlisted from hundreds of entries, including work by two Taranaki artists; Jana Branca and Jordan Barnes.

Hayley Elliott Kernot's first solo exhibition is showing in Gallery 2. Hayley is an emerging New Plymouth artist who is captivated by faces.



Adam Portraiture Award winner Sacha Lees with her self-portrait. 'Sometimes an outline coloured in.'

The common thread that influences Hayley's creative work is 'stories'; reading, telling and re-telling tales has always been an integral part of her life; from her love of reading and making up fantasy worlds when she was young, to illustrating

children's books, to a continuing passion for mythology, history and legends.

Hayley is drawn to faces, and the corresponding stories each face tells and this exhibition features several portraits.

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# Mason Brothers come to Opunake

A lot is on hold during Alert Level 2 but Mason Brothers are still on to play this Friday night in Opunake at the Sandfords Events Centre.

A bit of hand sanitiser, a bit of contact tracing and a bit of distancing will be needed, and sorry, you won't be able to get up and dance, so you will just have to tap your

feet. Be there early to be in the first hundred people. It should still be a great night out, especially in these times when so much is not happening. If you are in that

70 and over age group, take care - Wayne is too, and Paul will be keeping a metre or two away from him on stage.



The Mason Brothers (Wayne left) and Paul on stage last year at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre, New Plymouth.

**Spring Flower Show**  
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Sacha Lees, *Sometimes an outline coloured in*, 2019, oil on board  
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# New festival brings shows around the coast



### Super Hugh-Man at Hempton Hall Okato Saturday 7 November, 7.30 pm.

The Taranaki Arts Festival are thrilled to throw open doors to regional theatres and halls for their new festival, RESET 2020.

Audiences in Opunake and Okato can expect an astounding night of laughter and awe as shows from Taranaki Arts Festival Trust's newest festival, RESET 2020, make their way around Surf Highway 45.

RESET 2020, 5-15 November, is a unique festival bringing patrons an

array of fantastic theatrical performances, comedy shows and stunning musical entertainment.

CRINGE WORTHY! will take Opunake on a wild ride back to 1970s New Zealand when the "culture cringe" was in full swing.

This dynamic comedic performance hits the stage at Everybody's Theatre on Thursday 5 November, 7.30 pm.

Solo cabaret Super Hugh-Man will charm Okato crowds with a shamelessly

heartfelt story from Kiwi entertainer Rutene Spooner who weaves comedy, dance, kapa haka and song into a truly stunning show.

Directed by NZ theatre veteran Jennifer Ward-Lealand, Super Hugh-Man takes on Hempton Hall Saturday 7 November, 7.30 pm.

Tickets for shows can be purchased locally at Everybody's Theatre Opunake and Downtown Okato Café, as well as online via reset2020.co.nz

### CRINGE WORTHY! Everybody's Theatre Opunake on Thursday Nov 5, 7.30 pm.

Porter hopes these shows will energise people with the impressive all-New Zealand line-up.

"Why does anyone do festivals and events in this environment? Because creativity, entertainment and culture are important for communities to thrive," Porter says.

RESET 2020 runs 5-15 November and will

showcase a dazzling display of entertainment with a smorgasbord of 13 shows, 19 performances, and 30 events packed in two weeks.

"We've had to be bold, and brave proceeding with RESET 2020 festival, let's all keep our fingers crossed."

With tickets at \$25, Porter encourages everyone to make the most of the festival, and experience as many

performances and events as they can.

"Book your tickets early. We all need a festival fix to end the year!"

For more information on the full RESET 2020 programme, or to book tickets, visit [www.reset2020.co.nz](http://www.reset2020.co.nz).

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

**SUNDAYS:**

**Open Mic at the Rahoitu Tavern:** Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

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

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

**TUESDAYS**

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

**Life Drawing Group:** Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake at 7pm. \$10 to pay for the model.

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

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

**THURSDAYS**

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

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

**FRIDAYS**

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

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

**WEEKENDS**

**The Historic Cape Light & Museum:** Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea. **AUGUST 3 TO 29**

**'Toi ki Tua' Exhibition:** Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera.

**AUGUST 21 TO SEPTEMBER 13**

**The ADAM Portraiture Award 2020:** Percy Thomson Gallery, Stratford. refer ad.

**OPENS AUGUST 24**

**'He maonga awaha: calm after the storm' Exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer ad.

**NOW UNTIL AUGUST 28**

**'Journeys' Exhibition:** At Gover St Gallery, New Plymouth.

**AUGUST 28**

**Mason Brothers 'Nature' NZ Tour:** At Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake.

**SEPTEMBER 5**

**Hawera Horticultural Spring Flower Show:** 12pm, Hawera Community Centre.

**SEPTEMBER 7**

**Opunake & District Business Association meeting:** 5.30pm at the Opunake Business Centre.

**Opunake Touch Association Referee Clinic:** 6pm at Stevensons Lounge, Sandfords Event Centre.

**Opunake Touch Association AGM:** 7pm at Stevensons Lounge, Sandfords Event Centre.

**SEPTEMBER 8**

**Coastal Community Transport AGM:** At the Coastal Care Community Lounge, 10am.

**SEPTEMBER 12**

**Blindspott:** Playing live at Butler's Reef, Oakura.

**SEPTEMBER 13**

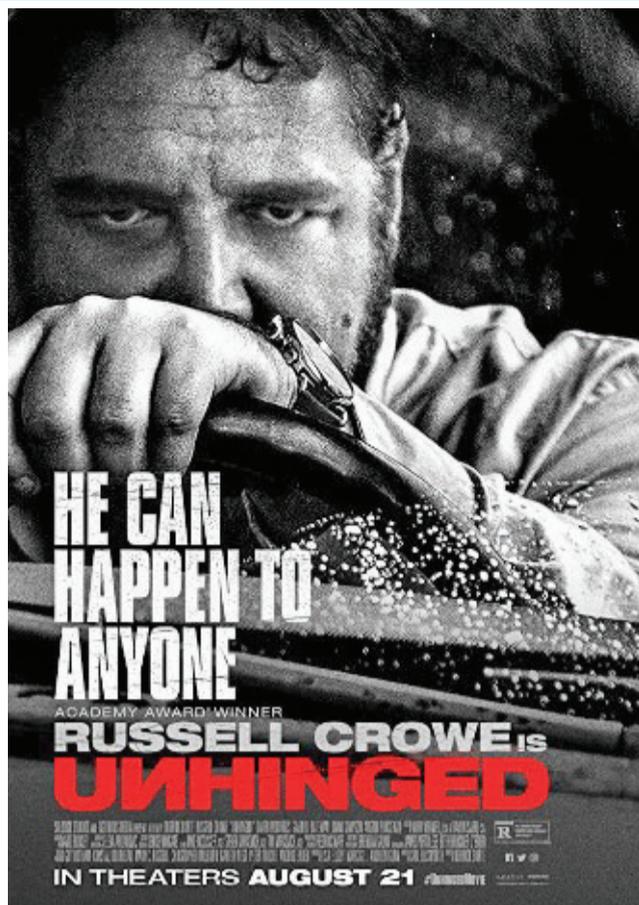
**Everybodys Theatre AGM:** At the Theatre, Opunake, 10am.

**NOVEMBER 5 TO 15**

**RESET 2020 - A festival for Aotearoa:** Events around Taranaki. See editorial.

# Film Review

## Unhinged



Everybody's Theatre on Friday 4 September at 7 pm.

been edited to unfold with the tension, creating more depth to the storyline.

Caren Pistorius who plays the victim (Rachel), was born in South Africa and raised in New Zealand from the age of twelve. She screens up beautifully and embodies the traumatised mother to fifteen-year-old Kyle (Gabriel Bateman) who in my opinion gives the best performance. Bateman doesn't over-act, he holds back on the dramatic, and unleashes just enough when necessary, but then he's no stranger to this type of genre having starred in *Annabelle* (2014), *Lights Out* (2016) and *Childs Play* (2019). Derrick Borte directed Carl Ellsworth's confronting script. From the initial scenes painting Rachel's disorganised life as a single mother, to then drawing complete focus on The Man and his mission,

Borte weaves a thread of uneasiness. None of it feels particularly stable. Rachel's morning begins with disharmony at home and continues in the car on the way to dropping Kyle at school. Her day goes from bearable to worse when impatient tooting triggers a man having an even crappier day.

Aside from increased awareness; who exactly is behind the wheel of the car next to you in traffic, *Unhinged* is a lesson in the benefits of equanimity (non-reaction) and creating your reality from your state of mind. I'll leave you with a quote from Gautama Buddha - "We are what we think, and all that we are rises with our thoughts. With our thoughts we make the world. Speak and act with a pure mind and happiness will follow."

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Folks Club, but a Friendship Club, with no age barrier, and anyone could become a member. For \$2.00 you can get a raffle ticket, afternoon tea and entertainment.

June was to have been the 50<sup>th</sup> year to celebrate, but COVID-19 came, so next year the 50<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated in the 51<sup>st</sup> year.

If you are a newcomer

to Opunake, you could be interested in coming along to one of our afternoons. They start at 1.30pm on the last Monday of each month, except in November when there is no meeting., due to the Lions Club Christmas Luncheon on the first Monday of December, which is one not to be missed.

Meetings start at 1.30pm at the Town Hall.



## St. John Ambulance Christmas House Tour 2020



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Christmas may still seem a little way off but it is very much in the minds of St. John Ambulance Hawera as they prepare for their fundraising Christmas House Tour being held on November 28 this year. A new ambulance station is being built to meet the needs of this essential organisation which is there for everyone in need, in the form of ambulances, when a quick trip to hospital is required or in shuttles to take people to their appointments, both locally and as far as New Plymouth; and trained personnel to be on hand during sporting and other events.

The home owners who are opening their homes for this worthy cause are a dedicated group of collectors and crafters who will prepare for the festive season by transforming the interior of their homes into a celebration of all things Christmas.

Heather Brokenshire, a St John Ambulance committee member, says that St John operates mainly on funds raised in the community and like all charitable organisations, particularly in these present conditions, relies on the support of local people to keep their services running.

There is still time for additional South Taranaki houses to enter the tour. If you love to decorate your home for Christmas and would like to help St John fund their ambulance station please contact Heather at T and H appliances ph 2788713 or tour coordinator Myron Bent ph 2784313.

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**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES**

St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahotu  
Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St 9.30am every Sunday and the  
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month  
Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays  
Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays

**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  
Manaiia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)  
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am  
All welcome

**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 10.30am Tuesday  
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday  
Come along or contact  
Murray Baylis  
027 218 3377

**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 6.30pm Sunday at Hempton Hall.  
Everyone welcome

**PUBLIC NOTICES**



**OPUNAKE TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

**REFEREE CLINIC**

Monday 7th September 6pm

At Stevensons Lounge,

Sandfords Event Centre

Please contact Philly 021 267 7993

for more information.

*It would be great to have all Coaches and Referees from all schools attend!*



**OPUNAKE TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

**A.G.M**

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**CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME Funding Local Arts Activities**

Applications for funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki beginning after Monday 5 October 2020 are now being called for. Your application will need to meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- **Broad community involvement** - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.
- **Diversity** - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.
- **Young people** - A project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

Application forms are available from all LibraryPlus Centres, at the Council Contact Centre in Albion Street, Hāwera or the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator, or on the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) under Funding and Grants.

For further information, please contact Jacinta Fitzgerald, the Creative Communities Scheme Administrator at:

South Taranaki District Council  
Private Bag 902, Hāwera 4640  
Phone 0800 111 323 or 2780555  
Email [funding@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@stdc.govt.nz)

Applications close **Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 5.00pm**  
*(for projects beginning after Monday 9 September 2020)*



Next Meeting is on  
Monday September 7 2020  
at 5.30pm

Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the  
Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake  
(opposite the Coastal Care Medical Centre)



**Everybody's Theatre AGM**

Sunday 13th September 2020  
10am at Everybody's Theatre  
72 Tasman St – Opunake

Ph: 027 383 7926 Email: [everybodystheatre@gmail.com](mailto:everybodystheatre@gmail.com)

Do you have a little bit of time and energy to give, want to help keep your Theatre going then come along and see what we are all about. All welcome, tea and coffee provided, volunteers always needed come and support your local Theatre.

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**AGM**

8th September 2020  
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