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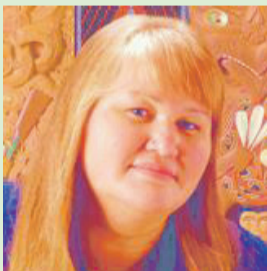
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Helicopter winches couple to safety

A Waitara couple were rescued from a remote valley at Matau west of Whangamomona on Monday following the crash of their fixed wing aircraft.

The Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter set off in search of the couple, Alan Warner (58), and Anne Warner (55) after their plane was reported overdue after failing to return to Stratford Aerodrome the previous evening. The Rescue Helicopter used the aircraft's last known location, as well as the site of the activation of its distress beacon, to locate the aircraft in bush at the bottom of a valley, at about 11.30am, rescue helicopter spokesman Ben Wallbank said.

A St John paramedic was winched down to the crash site and assessed the two patients, who were then winched back up to the helicopter and flown to Taranaki Base Hospital for further treatment.

Mr Wallbank said the winch used was 175 feet long, making it the longest ever used for a rescue by the trust.



On Monday the Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter located the site of a plane crash in the hill country near Whangamomona.

Pond defender puts his case

On August 19, Ron Brewer came to the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting to answer his critics.

Speaking at the open forum part of the meeting, the former community board member said he had been getting a "fair bit of brickbats" since the August 6 floods in Opunake about comments he had made defending the plac-

ing of the Opunake retention pond.

In the Opunake and Coastal News on July 3, he had said that despite opposition from other board members, he had supported the pond being placed near Gisborne Terrace, and that that decision had proved to be the right one. Given the amount of criticism he had received since the August 6 floods and the overflowing of the retention pond, he said he had expected to see some of his critics at that meeting, and was surprised to see that none appeared to have turned up.

"When we had the big floods from Waitotara right through, even New Plymouth got flooded, but the pond worked well then," he said. "We had colossal rain the other day. The whole of Whitcombe Road was under water, the school was under water, Ponderosa Place was under water."

The blame needed to be placed elsewhere, he said.

"The culverts are too small. You can't get six inches of water down a two inch pipe. You have got water from big pipes which you are trying to

shove into small pipes. I can't see why they can't divert water down the railway line into the Waiau."

Egmont Plains Community Board member Brian Vincent said he had had reservations about whether the retention pond would work the way it was supposed to work. The council had to take some of the blame for what had happened, he said.

"For 45 years I've been waiting for the council to sort out the drains and culverts," he said. "After 45 years, it proves there's been a lack of maintenance by the council. I think the council's got a bit to answer for."

There was also criticism at the meeting of some of the decisions allowing consents that had been made by previous councils. Deputy mayor Cr Ian Armstrong said many of these decisions had been made at a time when "rules were slacker."

Egmont Plains Community Board chairman Ross Dingle said a public meeting on civil defence planned for September 1 would be a better time to thrash out some of these issues.

Cr Armstrong, who has been one of the driving forces behind Opunake getting its own civil defence plan, said progress was being made. While at the time of the floods they had been "seven tenths of the way there," they were now nearer to eight or nine

tenths of the way.

He said that Eltham and Waverley had also been working on their own civil defence plans, and more could be done so that the various towns could work in together should something like the August 6 floods happen again..

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The creeks runneth over.

To all of those of the Opunake town ship that have been affected by the flooding on August 6, you have my full sympathy over the damage to your property, and also to the time you have had to spend cleaning up the mess.

Those who live off our rates money will white wash it all by saying it's an unfortunate once in a 100 year disaster. Well it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that this kind of extreme weather is what you need to cater for, so that such a mess is avoided. You need to show some good old common sense and listen to the people who live in Opunake, as we know the nature of our landscape and weather behavior of this area, as we have lived here for generations unlike the STDC staff who don't live

here, or even want to bother listening to the people of Opunake as to what we need or don't need.

One thing we didn't need was a waste of ratepayers money on making that retention pond, that proved useless. Prior to having this retention pond, we never had such flooding of people's properties. It would have taken a lot less money and saved properties from flooding had the creeks and culverts been kept clear.

All STDC needed to do was have one staff member in March of each year, before winter sets in, to walk the creeks and inspect them for over- growth and blockages of any culverts, and get them cleaned out by a STDC contractor, for that that is on council land, or notify the owners of properties that

have a creek or culvert on them to clean them out.

This town has been under the eye of STDC for some 25 years and in this time, they have never used their initiative to do such a simple bit of maintenance. The retention pond is what I call the most expensive duck pond in the country.

The financial cost to the victims of this flooding should come out of STDC Insurance, as victims should never have to claim from their insurance for a disaster that was totally avoidable, had STDC done their job, and also listened to the people of Opunake.

Now we must not forget that in the STDC South Link newsletter of November 2013, the CEO's statement that, "The really pleasing result is the \$1.74 million of operational savings. These savings are largely the result of reduced contractor costs

and savings in energy costs. They demonstrate our commitment to running a lean and efficient organization and being prudent with every dollar spent."

With all the activity going on now with drain-diggers etc, to rectify the mess, prevention would have cost a lot less than the cure.

Well what a fat lot of good that was to the victims. This seems to have a funny or not so funny smell about it – much like the victims of the Eltham Eader stink.

I must congratulate the Mayor for his attempt to get into the Guinness book of records for being able to fit 11 "ums" in his short TVNZ interview. Well one way to sum things up is that Opunake and Eltham has been awash with neglect and poor decisions by STDC.

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Meeting to review weather event

At 7pm on Tuesday September 1, the South Taranaki District Council will hold a public meeting in the Stevenson Lounge at the Sandfords Event Centre to review the recent flooding in Opunake.

The meeting, which will

be chaired by Mayor Ross Dunlop, will review the event, and also look at the towns future Civil Defence needs.

Mayor Dunlop says that while the weather event that hit Opunake was an extreme 1 in 70 year event, there are

still lessons to be learnt.

"While we can't prevent events like this from occurring we can look at ways of minimising the effects," says Mayor Dunlop.

"This includes reviewing the town's river catchment and the stormwater network to see if there are things that

can be done to lessen the impact of future events."

"The efforts of the local Opunake Civil Defence group, a group initiated by Deputy Mayor Ian Armstrong, were outstanding and very typical of the way the Opunake community always rallies to support each other," he says.



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BBC: Genesis

Genesis was not only the name of a very popular music group, but it is also the name of the first book in the Bible. And, of course Genesis is where the name gene, the basic program of life, comes from.

And that is really the point. Everything that is going on today started in Genesis. By that I mean that mankind rebelled against God and started going its own way in the story of Adam and Eve. That is pretty much what is

happening today.

God was sending judgment on the world, then in the form of a flood, but no one really believed the message that Noah brought. Judgment is promised again, though it's fire this time, and again almost no one believes it, in spite of the signs.

But there's a lot more. War started in Genesis, as did world domination under Nimrod. Babylon became top nation and it's Babylon the Great (who is set to rule

the world again, for a short time) is in the Bible's final book, Revelation.

The Arab nations and Israel started in Genesis. Ishmael was born to Abraham through a servant girl, called Hagar. Ishmael was the beginning of the Arab nations. The religion that they formed, Islam, is very much a bondage or slave religion of rules and forced obedience.

Abraham's second son came through a renewing

of life for both him and his wife Sarah as they were well past the age of being able to produce children. Their son Isaac had Jacob, who God renamed Israel. And even way back then, 4,000 years ago, Ishmael and Isaac were fighting. They are still at it today.

The story of Christ is told through the life of Joseph. And that story includes the 144,000 from Israel mentioned in Revelation. Joseph waited until Benjamin is brought to him before revealing his identity, just as Christ will reveal Himself to these special Jews.

Even false religions, atheism, agnosticism, as well denominations, doctrines, false and true worship of the one true God, are all there in Genesis.

It may well be time to re-read that book and see if you are in it. You will be, somewhere. And that can reveal a lot about who you really are.

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Emergency services were called out to Mid Puniho Road last Thursday.

Fire in kitchen spread to roof

Occupants of a house on Mid Puniho Road had a lucky escape on August 21 after a fire at their place.

Fire brigades from Okato, Rahotu, Opunake, Oakura and New Plymouth were called out after one of the house's inhabitants raised the alarm about 3.30pm.

The first brigades to be called out were Okato and Rahotu. The fire appeared to have been caused by a pot on a stove, Okato chief fire officer Jared McBride said. "The fire got into the roof and there was quite substantial fire, smoke and water damage. The kitchen area of the house is shot.

When we got there the flames were starting to come out of the eaves. It was then we decided to make out a second call and get the Opunake, Oakura and New Plymouth brigades in to help us." There were no injuries and once there, the brigade was on top of the fire within five

minutes, Mr McBride said. Police and ambulance services also attended. Mr McBride said there were no smoke alarms in the house. "It was lucky this happened during the day. If it happened during the night, we would be dealing with three fatalities."

Board backing for hall comes with a caveat

The Opunake Town Hall is likely to remain in South Taranaki District Council hands-for now. The Egmont Plains Community Board has backed a recommendation that the hall be retained, but added a rider that an eye should be kept on its continued usage and discussions held with existing users about their future needs. The recommendation to keep the hall was made in a report to the Egmont Plains Community Board by South Taranaki District Council property and facilities manager John Sargeant. To be adopted as policy, the report still needs to be approved by the full council. The hall, which can seat a maximum of 360 people had been assessed and considered not likely to be earthquake prone. The council had earlier recommended getting rid of the hall at the time of the 2009-10 annual plan, but this had not been carried through. The report noted that at the time there had been a lot of opposition to the proposed closure of the Opunake Hall and other halls in the district. One reason cited for keeping the hall this time round was an increase in bookings during the last two years. In the 2009-10 financial year, there had been 173

bookings, then a sharp decline to 79 in 2011-12. Since then, however, bookings had gone up every year, until there were 155 in 2014-15. The budget for the 2015-16 year shows a net cost of \$38,440 for running the hall, with user fees and charges failing to meet the 10-15 per cent recovery rate laid out by the council's funding policy. South Taranaki District Council mayor Ian Armstrong suggested that existing users could be encouraged to go somewhere other than the town hall. "Opunake does have a number of other venues which are a bit more modern and could suit their purposes just as well," he said. He understood there were

mixed feelings among the various groups using the hall. "One group is a bit ambivalent, while another group would walk through alligator swamps to carry on using it," he said. Cr Bonita Bigham said she had been in favour of considering other options for the future of the hall. "Are a small number of users getting more than their fair share of ratepayer funding? I'm starting to be in favour of retaining it for now but we should keep an eye on user numbers and start conversations with these groups on their future needs. Is it to be the town hall or somewhere else?" Her amendment that usage be closely monitored and

community conversations begin with users about their future needs was carried.

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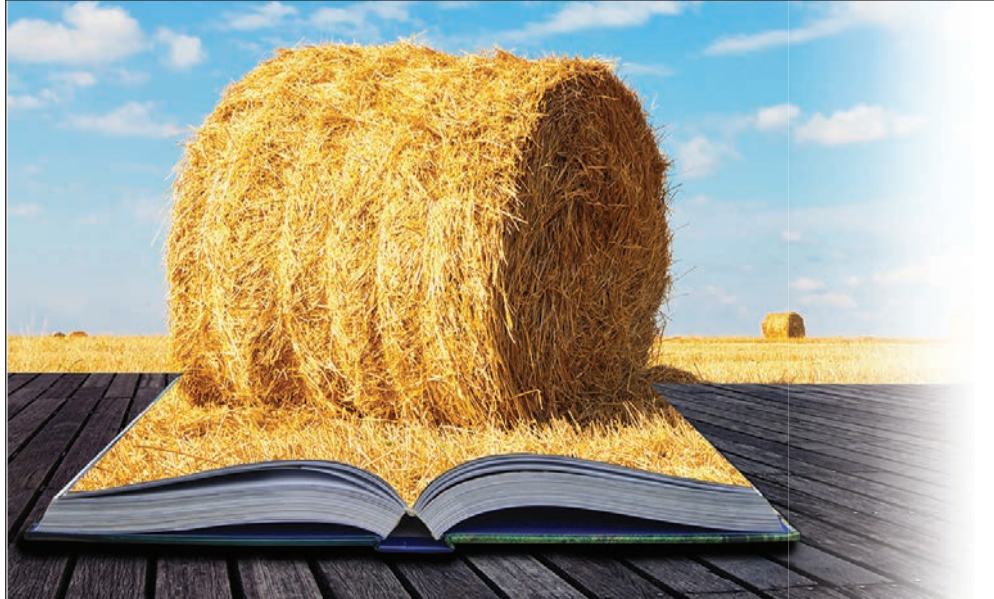
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COMMUNITY COMMENT Rubbish, flooding and freedom camping

I love it when the new spring season arrives. Days stretching out, becoming warmer and more smiles all around. The three district councils in Taranaki have banded together to save you money in a region-wide approach to our rubbish. From October 1 EnviroWaste Services Ltd will be taking charge of our weekly pick up instead of Waste Management. EnviroWaste will be supplying you with their new bins over the next month. The main difference you will notice is the 60ltr glass recycling bins. This is to stop broken glass going through the



Craig Dingle

paper and plastic recycling in your new 140Ltr wheelie bin. They can now recycle plastics 1-7, but plastic bags clog up the machinery so cannot be processed.

A public meeting is to be held on Tuesday September 1

at 7pm at Sandfords Events Centre regarding the flooding in Opunake on the morning of August 6. Please come along and have your say on how we

can prevent this from happening again. All welcome.

The Egmont Plains Community Board have put in a submission trying to stop

Freedom camping down at Opunake's main beach and along council reserves at the beach top. We are still awaiting the final outcome,

but at this stage it's not looking good. The new Freedom camping laws are very strong.

Roll on Summer...
Craig Dingle
Chairman

Proposed Plan open for submissions

Submissions have opened on the South Taranaki District Council's (STDC) Proposed District Plan.

STDC planning manager, Blair Sutherland says the Council has spent the last 18 months reviewing its existing District Plan, which has been in place since 2004, and has developed a new Proposed District Plan to replace it.

"We want to know what people think about the Proposed Plan, to let us know where we have got things right and where they'd like to see changes," says Mr Sutherland. Mr Sutherland says

the District Plan is the key document the Council uses to manage the way land is used, developed, protected and subdivided in the district.

"Essentially it controls what development and activities you can undertake on your property whether it be an urban, rural, commercial or industrial property, so it's really important that people have an opportunity to give feedback on our proposal," he says.

Mr Sutherland says there are a number of changes between the current (2004) District Plan and the

Proposed (2015) District Plan which interested parties should look out for.

"Some of the changes include introducing more flexible parking standards for new development in the commercial areas and creating more flexibility for modifying heritage buildings. We are also proposing to clarify the location and extent of the Coastal Protection Area and what activities require or don't require resource consent," says Mr Sutherland.

"Other changes relate to introducing identified outstanding natural features and landscapes and areas

of outstanding natural character, with restrictive rules for development in these areas. We are also proposing to have tighter controls on the number of dwellings on rural properties and rules for rural subdivision to protect the productivity of rural areas and maintain rural character," he says.

Public submissions on the Council's Proposed South Taranaki District Plan close at 4pm on Monday 12 October.

Once the Proposed South Taranaki District Plan 2015 becomes operative, it will replace the South Taranaki District Plan 2004.

Road safety staff break speed limit brake reaction

Road safety charity Brake says it is "extremely disappointed" at the news that NZ Transport Agency staff have been tracked exceeding the speed limit thousands of times in company vehicles. "It's extremely disappointing to see this behaviour from people who are meant to be promoting road safety and encouraging safe driving," Caroline Perry, Brake's NZ Director said. "Speed is a huge issue, with

speeding a factor in a large number of crashes. Simple physics tells us that the faster you travel, the greater your stopping distance, and the bigger the force of impact if you crash. Road crashes are devastating; they wreck lives. There are thousands of people who drive on work purposes every day, and it's essential that both those drivers, and their employers, do everything

they can to keep themselves and other road users safe. We strongly urge the Transport Agency to look at its internal

policies and fleet management measures for its at-work drivers, to start leading by example in this area."



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COASTAL OUTLOOK

Bounce and St Barnabas

This week I would like to talk about the arts, but it is the economy which demands attention. Taranaki needs help and it is not forthcoming.

Look at the graph just issued by ASB. Notice how Taranaki is hit by the economic downturn – but Waikato avoids it because they diversified.

Only local and central government can provide the leadership required to change our economic profile. We must fight for new industries in Taranaki.

Economics
John Key should attend St Barnabas' Church at Opunake. Not for the spiritual uplift, but to learn about economics. They know more about economics at St Barnabas' than John Key.

On Sunday they prayed for the families of men who have just become unemployed – real people, not statistics. We heard about how hard it is for farmers to get up to milk cows at 4 am when they expect no financial return. We heard suicide prevention courses are going well. A woman tells me that her hairdresser in Stratford had five customers cancel their hair appointments last week.

You will bounce
John Key downplays the economic concerns held at St Barnabas' Church. Last May he told a National Party conference in New Plymouth we would "bounce". He said areas of the economy are doing well (but they are not here) and economic cycles are normal (yes, but consider the economic drivers in Taranaki). We did not bounce – we went splat!

Access
At St Barnabas' Church I learn about people who cannot access social welfare services in Hawera – no phone for an appointment, no car, no hope. These people look for alternative ways to live – they become invisible in statistics. They become a cost on the health budget and the justice system. Public services must reach out.

Jargon
At St Barnabas' Church the words are nice and simple. They say more about Taranaki than Steven Joyce, even though he comes from New Plymouth. He says we have a "slowdown in growth". It is not a "recession" says Joyce. He is right, because economists have a definition for the word "recession". But when you have no money you do not want to hear



Dr Robert Shaw

economists' jargon. John Key should bring Steven Joyce to St Barnabas' Church, to learn how to talk without jargon.

Isolation
Perhaps it is true that during wars people are brought together because they unite against a common enemy. An economic depression separates and isolates people. How can we persuade proud, independent country people to reach out for help? I do not know the answer, but St Barnabas' Church works on this.

Oil collapse
All the talk is about dairy prices. Actually, the oil price may be more important to Taranaki. Oil prices will fluctuate, but overall they will stay low. Taranaki cannot expect any significant support from the oil and gas industry any time soon.

Why are oil prices down? The United States began to produce large quantities of shale-oil in 2014. As a result of the global economic downturn China, Brazil and Russia use less oil. Saudi Arabia says it will no longer lead the OPEC countries to stabilise the oil market.

Rural Fuel
Talking of oil prices – I

signed up for a Rural Fuel card. A nice guy came to see me at home. You save 7 cents a litre on petrol. This applies at Rural Fuel and BP stations. Rural Fuel is owned by BP NZ. BP NZ is owned by BP UK. I feel the prosperity of Europe now depends on me.

Research money
In New Plymouth, John Key announced \$25 million of new money for research. This was particularly good news because it was targeted at the regions in need.

I asked the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment how much money was to come to Taranaki. That was on May 23 2015. They wrote my reply 96 days later (three times as long as the law allows).

They do not know if any of the money will come to Taranaki. They are talking to people in the target areas. I asked the STDC how they are getting on with the Ministry. Guess what, they have not heard anything from the Ministry.

Research money could be important to us if it helps establish a new income stream for South Taranaki. It will be disappointing if the money goes to dairy or extractive energy research (unless they turn milk into beer or produce a perpetual motion machine).

TPP
At St Barnabas' Church people talk about the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement. It is cynical and selfish to say the TPP is okay if your particular interests

are okay (dairy, gas, health, Maori, stock market speculators, intellectual property holders, and companies/lawyers who would benefit from compensation claims against governments – all have their self-interested advocates). Church people wonder who speaks for the public interest.

Why TPP?
It is a mistake to liken the TPP to our agreements with various countries. There is a tension between governments and trans-national companies – a battle between votes and dollars. Some years ago, the companies discovered that they could increase profits if they put their requirements into trade agreements. Rules that Parliaments would never vote for could be brought into existence by way of trade agreements.

Medicines
The pharmaceutical companies have been out to destroy NZ's drug buying agency, PHARMAC, for years – John Key has just promised them a big pay day. NZ struggles to buy modern drugs, and we have just agreed to pay more. The health budget will increase, but we will get fewer drugs. The wealthy already buy their medicines privately.

American values
The TPP is an American bid to impose American ways upon us. It is a code of American values that relate to unrestricted competition and American style capitalism. It should be called "The Code of Competitive Behaviour".

The values we hear at St Barnabas' Church are not those of competition and unbridled profit seeking. They are more about community cooperation, equality, inclusiveness and compassion.

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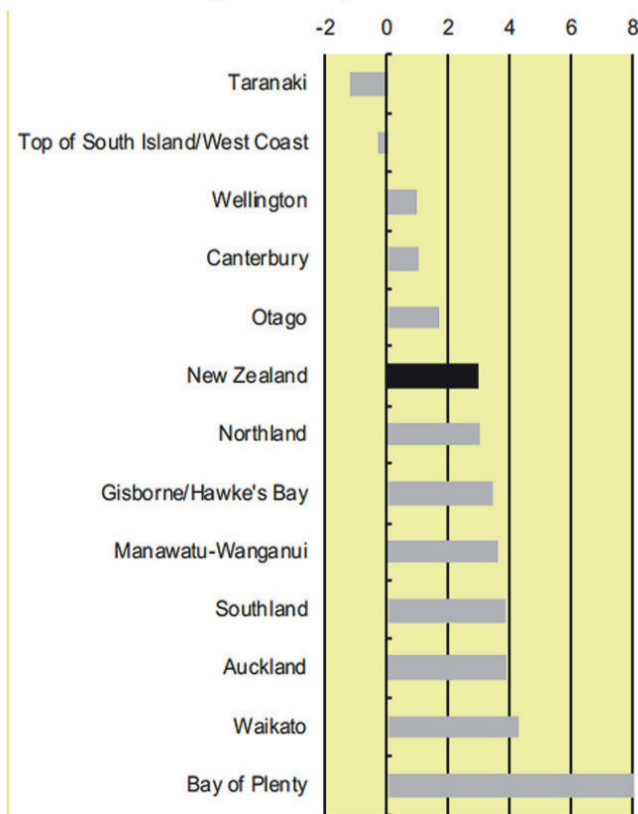
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Clearing up a few traffic matters



Constable Rhys Connell

“Hi everyone, hope all has been well over the last few weeks and for those of us in the middle of the throes of spring I hope all is going well.

Nice to recognise those that are achieving amongst us, so well done Batman on another victory with the gloves, long may it continue.

I thought that I'd take this opportunity to clear up a few traffic matters that have come to my attention lately.

Slow Vehicle Bays: The slow vehicle bay that has replaced the passing lane by Ahu Ahu Road is causing large amounts of confusion. I have had many queries and have seen it used the wrong way just about every time I pass it. The slow vehicle bays are for those vehicles travelling at a slow speed that would impede the normal and reasonable movement of any other vehicle. The only vehicles that use this lane are ones that are travelling at a significantly slower speed. There is no obligation on any other motorists to use this lane if they are travelling at a reasonable rate. If you think that you are holding up the traffic,

and if you use this lane, you must then slow your speed right down and let the other vehicles pass you. I often see vehicles move into the slow vehicle bay and maintain their speed. This causes a great deal of confusion as the other motorists don't know if they should be speeding up to pass. Remember it is not a passing lane and no vehicles should use this lane unless they intend to allow a quicker car to pass them.

Motorbikes on the beach: Another topic that I get a lot of queries about, and coming up to better weather (I hope) a good time to raise this issue. The first point I would like to make is the definition

of a road as per the Land Transport Act 1998. Under the Act a road is classed as a street, motorway, beach, a place where the public have access (whether as of right or not), bridges, culverts, fords and ferries. So to clear one point up, if you are using a motorbike on the beach, you are subject to the same rules that apply as if you are on the road. If you wouldn't ride your motorbike on the road in a certain manner, then you can't ride it on the beach in the same fashion. If you ride a motorbike on the beach causing annoyance and disturbing other beach goers, then you risk falling foul of the law. This not only applies to motorbikes, but to all vehicles. So, yes, if you have a few beers and decide to do a few laps on the bike at the beach, you can be at risk of drink driving.

Earlier this month there was a burglary of a house on Gosling Street in Okato, where a television and other items were stolen. If anyone has any information regarding this, they can contact me at the Okato Police Station. It

is a timely reminder to not be complacent about living in a small town. Make sure that you secure your property if you are going out, and if you are going away then let your neighbours know to keep an eye out.

On other things other than policing, The countdown to the World Cup is on and the All Black Team will be announced on Sunday. Some really hard choices to be made by the selectors, but I guess they are in an unenviable situation where they have to work out who to leave out rather than who to pick. I'm sure that whoever is picked and left out will cause great debate over the next few weeks, and all us armchair critics will have plenty to talk about. We go into the first match against Argentina with good momentum after that great win over the Aussies, so let's hope we hit the ground running.

Feel free to call into me at the station or ring me if you want to discuss any concerns you have in our community.

Have a good week

Rhys

Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade News and Hints

Cell phones are part of everyday life now. Years ago they were robust and built like a brick outhouse, but now they are as thin as the paper in the outhouse, and a lot more sensitive to the conditions they are in. By that I mean if you place your phone under your pillow while you charge it overnight, you will end up with one very hot phone, and it won't be a call from the Ashley Madison Dating Line. There have been many fires overseas that have started this way. Mainly teenagers who think they are protecting their phone from others, and hid-

ing them under their pillow. While a phone is in a charging cycle, they generate a lot more heat. When devices are left covered during charging, they may build up heat and then ignite. It's the lithium ion batteries in them that can cause the problems. They have pressurised containers in them that can rupture if the temperature rises quickly or they can melt if heated for an extended period. The bottom line is, keep your phone well ventilated while it is being charged.

There have been a large number of deaths overseas from faulty chargers. Sadly there were five family members in one fire alone and three Labrador dogs in another incident. There is no specific charger doing the damage, as it seems to be a mixture of everyday chargers, like those for cell phones, I pads, power tools. On August 22, there was a large fire at Parnell in Auckland, which was caused by an electric scooter being charged. In the process, a bunch of expensive motor cycles were also destroyed. The common link between



Beware of placing your cellphone under your pillow to charge.

most of the fires has been that the chargers were not the original charger for the device. Often a replacement charger is bought on line, is cheaper than the original, and is made of sub-standard components. The main problem, as I see it, is different devices require different levels of charge, and the generic charger (the on line replacement that will fit anything), runs the risk of putting too much energy into the device. When this happens, you've got big problems.

The last safety point I will make regarding portable de-

vices is “don't leave them charging overnight”. Many a person has been roused in the middle of the night by the sound of their smoke alarm to find a portable device glowing in the corner of the room. The others, who fail to have a working smoke alarm, don't wake up and so we read their names on the back page of the newspaper.

On the fire scene, we have only been called out twice since the last edition. Shirley's frying pan got a little too hot at the Opunake Dairy on August 20, and on the same day we were called as back up to a house fire on the Puniho Road. This was caused by the householder putting a pot to cook chips on the stove and leaving it unattended. Luckily no one was injured, and the house and contents were insured. Our services were not required so we came home a little slower than when we went. In all, it was an 87 kilometre round trip.

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Jason de Montalk of Dunlop Insurance

Although Jason de Montalk has only been an insurance advisor for a comparatively short time he is already an award winning operator. He won the AMP NZ Champion New Adviser for 2014, as well as a share in another award with boss Gary Dunlop – the AMP NZ Champion Medium Business for 2014. “The awards helped build my confidence and confirmed I had made a very sound choice to be part of Dunlop Insurance.” He adds, “I am also very fortunate to have access to Gary’s wisdom and experience.” He continues to say he is “now looking forward to a long strong future in the insurance industry.”

Although Dunlop Insurance is primarily based in Hawera, Jason himself lives in New Plymouth. His clients come from “right round the Mountain” and extend as far south as Wanganui and Urenui in the north. He covers all aspects of insurance, ranging from farms & businesses to life insurance; home and contents, health, income and KiwiSaver – you name it!

Even though Jason was born and bred in Auckland



Jason de Montalk

and experienced considerable (award winning) experience as a real estate salesman in the Bay of Plenty area, he has never regretted his shift to Taranaki about four years ago. “I love the Taranaki lifestyle and community feel of the province. The people are just so friendly.” He concludes, “Added to that, it

is such a great place to bring up a family.” A family man, Jason is married to Ivana and has four young children. Accordingly, most of his spare time involves his family, with camping an activity they enjoy. Mountain biking, fishing and motor sports are other activities he enjoys. He also runs a fathers’ group

where men discuss ways to be optimal parents and better husbands in a challenging world.

Jason finds insurance “a very rewarding industry” and is keen to help his clients “at the top of the cliff” to have optimal cover to protect themselves in case they find themselves “at the bottom of the cliff”. He prides himself in being conscientious and reliable, “so when clients call me I can get the job done in the best possible manner” as regards appropriate insurance cover. As the byline on his distinctive red Toyota reads, “Getting your insurance right for life” is the most crucial thing in his world. His website is well worth a look www.TALKINSURANCE.co.nz

Jason pays tribute to Gary and Jill Dunlop for, “Their full support, both professional and personal.”

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Mike Gordon was a standout performer at an event organised by the Taranaki Jazz Club to celebrate 20 years as a club. Mike is lead singer for the 17-piece Ritz Big Band, lead by Robin Wells. The event was held at The Mayfair, New Plymouth on Sunday August 16.

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An infrastructure plan to support a growing economy

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Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth

Zealanders' lives.

New Zealand has a good national infrastructure base, bolstered by investment in recent years. But over the next 30 years we face some big challenges. Some ageing infrastructure networks will need renewing. Our schools are 42 years old on average, and parts of the water network are over 100 years old.

Demand for infrastructure will also change. The population is ageing. Some of our regions will grow as the

population increases by 1.2 million by 2045, but a few are expected to shrink.

That's why we've launched the 2015 Thirty Year New Zealand Infrastructure Plan, which sets out the Government's response to these infrastructure challenges.

The plan outlines 145 initiatives to strengthen how we look after our assets, and improve understanding of what services the population needs, so we deliver the right infrastructure programmes to

meet that need.

These initiatives include developing national shared data standards for roads, water and buildings. Common data then needs to be turned into information that decision-makers can relate to and use to make better decisions.

These 145 steps will drive better use of existing infrastructure and better allocation of new investment.

Infrastructure is expensive - central and local government combined are expected to

spend \$11 billion on infrastructure each year for the next 10 years, including the land transport programme and the roll-out of Ultra-Fast Broadband and the Rural Broadband Initiative. We need to get the best value we can from this spend.

National is committed to supporting a thriving economy with modern, sustainable infrastructure - and this plan will help us do just that.

Jonathan Young MP

Iconic Maori girls boarding school faces closure

My campaign manager, Gaylene Nepia is a powerhouse of organisation. She's talented. She's funny. She's an asset to her iwi. She's everything you'd expect from a mana-wahine educated at Turakina Māori Girls College.

Gaylene and other strong well-educated Māori women like her are the reason I'm asking Education Minister Hekia Parata to stop destroying one of the last bastions of Māori education.

St Stephens is long gone. Hato Petera is on the way out. And now the imminent closure of another iconic Māori educational establishment is devastating news for us all.

Gaylene has launched a campaign to keep the school open. I fully support this campaign because I believe this form of education has a manageable mix of religion and Māori culture. Turakina stands for strong women and te reo Māori, and that's been the key to providing a win-



Adrian Rurawhe MP

ning formula for generating young Māori leaders for more than a century.

For 110 years, Turakina Māori Girls College has been quietly achieving from Marton, while serving the people of the Whanganui-Manawatu district and all of Aotearoa.

Turakina is one of only three Māori girls boarding schools left in the country, and former students who are now lawyers, entertainers, political advisors and mothers have pooled their resources to keep their school afloat. Internationally recognised te-reo Māori entertainer, Toni Huata, came to parliament last week pushing for the school to remain open.

Education Minister Hekia Parata said on Te Karere it was a very difficult time for her. It must be when you're about to destroy the dreams of so many young Māori. She said the school's poor financial and educational performance, combined with a falling roll had forced her hand to consider the school's closure. She said there wasn't just one problem to consider. There were several. She also said the school had educational and financial assistance for two years.

Gaylene and other former students said the school has a long history of success, and there's enough positive evidence to keep it open. The campaign petition has so far

gathered more than 1,700 signatures. The campaign page states: "We believe the decision to close the school is being rushed without proper consultation with the School community."

Gaylene said she's fighting to keep the school open because her children's grandmother was educated there.

"We've had aunties, cousins and nieces that have attended the kura Turakina. They are all passionate about the kura remaining open."

"I, like many other wahine are strong advocates for advancing wahine Māori achievement levels and Turakina is one strong avenue," she said.

Gaylene said she thinks the Minister is rushing the process. More needs to be done to consider preserving the history and the future of this iconic educational establishment.

I agree whole heartedly. I want the school's legacy to continue. I want more strong Māori women involved in shaping our future. So do others.

There's a flurry of Facebook activity as former students discuss ways to save the school.

Awerangi Tamihere is a former head girl. She's collecting suggestions so a co-

ordinated saving solution can be managed. She hopes to target iwi groups and the Presbyterian Church, but ultimately it's up to the government to keep the school open.

Once, there were 13 Māori boarding schools but now there's only seven.

The school roll at Turakina is just over 50, so campaign organisers are calling on former students and supporters to come to parliament to take part in a flash-haka on September 10.

On the steps of parliament the haka will be performed. The haka is called Panapana and celebrates the role of Māori women. The haka will be filmed and later used to promote the school's philosophy of mana wahine, (strong woman) mana Māori, (strong Maori) mana wairua (strong spirituality) and mana matauranga (strong education).

I will lend my support by attending the flash-haka and urging all MPs, all those who support education and all former Māori boarding school students to attend on September 10.

More details can be found on the «Save Turakina from Closure» Facebook page.

Adrian Rurawhe MP for Te Tai Hauauru.

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Heartland Construction features in House of the Year awards

Heartland Construction of Opunake won a coveted Silver Award in the Taranaki Registered Master Builders House of the Year Awards recently.

The award winners included: Renovation Award over \$500,000. Gold and Category: Bell Building Ltd New Plymouth. New Home up to \$300,000. Gold and Category: Pepper Construction Ltd New Plymouth. Gold: Gareth Collins Building Ltd New Plymouth, Hassall Homes Ltd New Plymouth. Silver: Navigation Homes Taranaki Oakura. New Homes. \$300,000-\$400,000. **Silver: Heartland Construction 2013 Ltd Opunake**, Gareth Collins

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Lifetime of service to Manaia remembered

For years the names Noel and Melva Yarrow have gone together. There's the Noel and Melva Yarrow Charitable Trust which has given millions of dollars to Taranaki students and organisations, the Noel and Melva Yarrow Educational Wing at Hospice Taranaki, and the Noel and Melva Yarrow Stand at Yarrow Stadium in New Plymouth.

Nevertheless, Melva Yarrow, who died aged 90 at Tainui Village in New Plymouth on August 10 achieved a lot in her own right, and much of this was remembered at her funeral at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manaia.

Born Melva Stevenson, she was one of five children, and grew up on the family farm at Watino Road, Pihama, where she attended Opunake District High School until she was 15. Among her early achievements, of which she was still proud in later life, was winning the first ever Miss Opunake contest at the Opunake Beach Mardi Gras.

It was a time when local dances held in places like Pihama, Auroa and Otakeho were much in vogue, and it was through these she got to know her future husband Noel.

Noel had been born in 1924, a year after his parents Alf and Grace had left their family bakery in Turakina to start afresh with a new bakery in Manaia.

He and brother Hec took over the family business when their father died in 1952. Hec stepped down in the late 1960s, and under Noel's leadership, Yarrows expanded, at times attracting national media attention as the small town business successfully hoofing it against the bigger multinationals. Eventually the name Yarrows became synonymous with the town where it was based.

It was a town in which Melva always took an interest.

At her funeral stories were told of how she would amaze people with her encyclopaedic knowledge of families in Coastal and South Taranaki and how they were all interrelated.

She and Margaret Duffus were elected to the Manaia Town Council at the same time and were still there 12 years later when the council merged with the Waimate West County Council to form the Waimate Plains District Council.

"She made a big contribution and was always very interested in everything," Mrs Duffus said. "You could discuss most things with her and she would have her facts right."

Melva was one of the driving forces behind Manaia getting its own library. Manaia librarian Carol Hosie said Melva was on the original committee which set up the library back in 1983. The library had begun with one room in the Temple building on the west side of town, using books donated by local residents, before being taken over by the South Taranaki District Council and shifting to its present location.

"She always called it my library," Mrs Hosie said. "Anything she took on was always her project. She was proud that she was there from the beginning, and whenever we needed support she was there."

Another pet project of her's was Keep Manaia Beautiful, itself an opportunity for her to indulge her lifelong interest in things horticultural, as well as her knowledge of what plants were likely to flourish in Manaia's local conditions.

Many of the trees and plants around Manaia today serve as a reminder of the interest she took in the town she came to



Melva Yarrow.

call home. These include the gardens by the Plunket rooms and public toilets, as well as the pohutukawas lining the streets of Manaia.

Fellow Keep Manaia Beautiful member Gordon Chisnall said the pohutukawas would have been her idea.

"It's a tree which blocks the wind around Manaia, and flowers quite nicely in the summer months," he said.

"She had a good knowledge of plants that she picked up in her lifetime, and kept a good garden herself."

Her love of gardening dated back to her Pihama childhood and the garden kept by her equally green fingered mother. Also shared with her mother was a commitment to the Plunket movement, of which Melva was a life member.

Yarrow The Bakers 2011 Ltd general manager Russell Guckert, who has himself worked for the company for 35 years remembers the interest she always showed

in the day to day running of the business.

"She wasn't a day to day director but she used to keep us on our toes," he said.

She used to call him to let him know if something in the surrounds of the factory wasn't tidy or needed cleaning or painting, and would invite him to her house to discuss certain things about the business or the community.

She and Noel were always known for their support of rugby, whether it be the local Waimate club, since merged into Southern, or the Taranaki provincial side. At her funeral it was noted that she would have approved of everyone being able to get away in time for Taranaki's match against Wellington at Yarrows Stadium in New Plymouth that afternoon.

Noel died in 2008. He and Melva had three children, John, Paul and Rosemary, 10 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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SWEET focus for Te Kiri Womens Institute

Our September meeting was held at the home of Rita Kaiser, who along with our president, Sue welcomed us to a very busy meeting.

Judith Armstrong reported on the work of SWEET (The South Taranaki Social Sector Trial) and the building course at the Opunake Factory. She thanked members for their help with donations for soup bread, margarine, and other goodies for the boys' meals. The boys are very helpful and polite, and are making saw horses, tool boxes and are enjoying their work. We are still supporting this work programme, along with our fellow WI at Pihama.

Our fun and games meeting in October was discussed, and plans are being sorted out for our big day. We are looking forward to this.

A thank you card from Judith's daughter and son-in-law was received.

Hawera Plunket asked if we could knit some singlets, booties and hats for needy babies. Knitting needles are busy clicking. Rita showed us the cute little teddy bear she is making for the Make and Model competition. We are all wondering just how we are to model him. There was some laughter, after we discussed this.

Members were reminded about the Riverlea WI flower show. This is a wonderful

display of blooms, floral art, cooking and handicraft and a credit for a small institute.

Competition results. Bloom: 1st Joy Collins 2nd Gwen Flavell 3rd Sue Muggeridge. Shrub. 1st Merle Clement 2nd Joy Collins 3rd Gwen Flavell. Cooking. 1st Joy Collins. Floral Art. 1st Sue Muggeridge, with a beautiful collection of spring flowers. Handcraft. 1st Joy Collins 2nd Mavis West.

A delicious afternoon tea was served by Rita and Joy. A very busy and interesting meeting sprinkled with a touch of humour enjoyed by us all. Thank you Rita for the lend of your home and hospitality.

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

The roll-out of the new recycling bins and rubbish bags has proven to be one of the larger projects that New Plymouth District Council has undertaken.

Every household that pays a targeted rate for rubbish collection is being visited by the new collection contractor, who is delivering the bins and bags. I can't think of another Council project that has directly contacted so many homes.

Adding to complexity is that



Andrew Judd

the same roll-out is occurring in Stratford and South Taranaki districts, as the three councils have contracted their new collection systems – which start on October 1 – to the same company.

New system a major undertaking

I want to thank everyone for their patience – for waiting for their bins to arrive, for reporting missing bins, and for reading through the information packs about the new collection system. Rest assured, the rubbish bags are coming. Their delivery in New Plymouth District starts next month.

So why are we bringing in a new system?

There were two key drivers: repeated messages from the public for us to move away

from using plastic bags for recyclables, and the need to increase the volume of recycling from households.

The more waste that we can divert from the landfill and into recycling, the more we can save in the long-term. Once the Colson Road Landfill closes, New Plymouth District will be transporting its rubbish to a new landfill near Eltham, and be charged for the volume of waste we send – so the more waste we can shift into recycling, the

lower our cost.

We consulted with the public about the various options available for the new collection system and the Council chose the one that starts on October 1. The large wheelie bin will make it easy to recycle a larger amount of material (and we're accepting a wider range of materials for recycling too, including plastics 1-7), and putting glass in a separate crate will stop broken glass making the general recycling materials

unusable.

The issue of bringing in a rubbish and recycling collection system that encourages more recycling and potentially reduces costs has been difficult to plan and to implement.

I'm proud that we're now just a few weeks out from putting it into action.

Mayor Andrew Judd
New Plymouth District

Spruce up for Eltham gates

What started as a project to tidy up for Anzac Day this year has developed into a much larger endeavour.

The Eltham Development Group has facilitated a total overhaul of the War Memorial Gates outside Eltham Primary School on Conway Road, Eltham. The tidy up for Anzac day revealed that the gates need far more attention than first thought. Paint was peeling, names faint, hinges rusty. The gates, erected in 1926, were showing their age.

We are pleased to report that they have now been sandblasted, repaired, welded, powder-coated, and re-hung looking good as new. The group is grateful to the many people who have given their time and skills to bring this about.



The Eltham War Memorial Gates

It is a fitting tribute to the centenary of Anzac Day that the restoration of the gates has come about.

If you are passing down Conway Road, stop and

have a look – the gates do look impressive as they must have done when first erected.

Maree Liddington

Kaponga primary school enjoys a week of sport in Matamata

Last week, Kaponga Primary School attended their annual sports camp in Matamata. Nine schools from around the North Island attended the event. There were the traditional games of basketball, netball and rugby. Also some new sports like scramble, wall

ball and fooseball. The event went for a week and there were over 20 sports students could play. Kaponga Primary came home with the Pentaque, Archery, and Darts Trophies, and runners up in table tennis and quality living (a weekly quiz night). A special thanks to the par-

ents who attended Shane Downs, George Milich, Sera Hojdelewicz and Davina Simpson. A big thank you to the students. We were proud of them and their achievements.

Haydn Wright



Above and right. Pupils from Kaponga School take part in the annual sports camp at Matamata.



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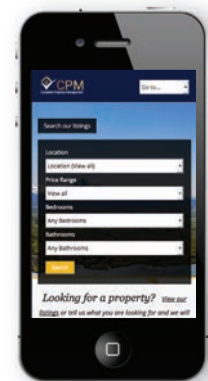
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JK scores against depression

Sir John Kirwan certainly knows how to work a crowd. Monday night in Hawera (17.8.15) he had us all eating out of his hand. Of course we're all fans. Rugby fans and mental health fans, who believe (at least I do) that JFK has magically unlocked the hidden compartment within men that says it's ok to talk about mental health. It's ok to talk about feelings. It's ok to attend counselling. I'm sure I wasn't the only one there thinking that rugby's loss is a possible NZ mental wellness gain in the way that John Kirwan can and does make a significant difference in improving mental health in New Zealanders. Someone needs to snap him up fairly fast.

John has been travelling throughout New Zealand, sponsored and supported by Westpac - the organisers of this wonderful programme - and their support staff of Rose-Marie, and others. John has been holding seminars and visiting schools talking about anxiety, depression and reducing the suicide rate to zero.

John talked about his five year struggle with depression and anxiety. His self-blame. His 'weakness' - his word - and his inability to dig his way out of the pit of despair. Crying, despairing, and falling apart. Doesn't sound like your typical NZ bloke does it? 'Dead on the inside.' 'My illness kills - it's called suicide.' Says it all. Wanting to die because he dropped the ball. Maybe this is your typical NZ bloke - on the inside hidden away. If no-one knows no-one can help. Males are pretty adept at hiding what's going on on the inside. Spending years trying to work out why? How he had everything - was an All Black - and shouldn't that be enough? It is what it is. Finally John worked up the courage to ask for help and was told to 'harden up.' It wasn't until he sought professional help that he had a light bulb moment. What do you do if you have a

torn ligament? Go through the steps you need to help it get better. Why do you think mental health is any different? 'Depression is an illness not a weakness.' Mental health, physical health, both are treated the same and talked about in the Kirwan household. Stop the self-blame. Stop seeing it as a weakness. 'It is what it is.' Words of wisdom also came from his Mum and Dad. 'A problem shared is a problem halved.' 'You need to enjoy the little things - start again.' Wow! You can start again? Yes, sharing the problem helps. If the first person you try doesn't help and wants you to 'harden up' - try someone else. Someone who listens, someone who cares and doesn't shut you down because they don't know how to help. Feeling like a loser - trying to hide - someone comes up, hugs and says 'you gave my son hope, John.' Someone says 'you've got a good heart, John.' Helps. Feel better. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) helped. Counselling helped (after at first parking 2kms away and sneaking in).

Lost the Blues job. Loss of a dream. John was obviously hurt by the ending of his dream to coach the Blues. We saw a glimpse of the devastation and heard how he had crashed - but not burned - remembering his own creed of how to recover from a significant blow. As he talked, he role-modelled for those who struggle with crises just how to work your way out of one. Talking and making it part of his presentation. Talking to family and friends. The old saying creeps in here - and one his father used often - 'a trouble shared is a trouble halved.' People listening and empathising with the pain. Most of us do not have the added pain of our difficulties being played out on the world stage. So back to the talking about it, then. Working it through, coming to terms with it - problem

solve or accept it? If there are no solutions, acceptance. Move on.

Start again. Enjoy the small things. Getting up, enjoying the water in the shower, getting back into doing the things you love. Recognising what wellness was for him. You've seen the ads. Love of cooking, work, dedication to routine and family. Doing something for John. Not too much work - farmers (and others) were warned that working harder when the times were tough was not necessarily the best option. Dancing in the cowshed, getting away from the farm. No self-blame. No talk of weakness. Recognise it's often environmental for farmers. The economy, the weather.

At one point during the seminar we were all asked to stand up. This is usually not scary - it's just to have a shake and a wake-up, shake up - yeah right. We were in for a shock - 500 of us were 'invited' to dance to 'How Bizarre.' And it was bizarre, but somewhat ok and normal, to stand and dance, with 499 others, to another successful Otara boy. This is when you realise you should have sat in the back row not the front. Then it got even scarier - hug five people you don't know. Well that was easy for me, who spends one day a week in Hawera, there were plenty of people I didn't know. By the time the evening ended my score was 11. The room was full of people from all

walks of life. If this had not been limited to 500, I'm sure there would have been very many more who would have loved to have been there. Many didn't know about it. Most were now happy to hug or at least give it their best shot. Families, kids wanting their rugby balls autographed, counsellors to support, MP's, Rural Support people - people from the local community wanting to support others and listen to how things can be better. People wanting their books signed - 'All Blacks Don't Cry: A Story of Hope' and 'Stand by Me'. And there were rugby stories but our lips are sealed. John was very generous with his time and if you wanted to talk to him you probably got the opportunity.

Back to the dancing - dance in the cowshed. Yeah right. What will the cows think? Who cares? They might like it as it can reduce stress for them too (I can see the cows enjoying Wal Footrot making a fool of himself). It's about lifting mood, it's about doing something for yourself every day. And it works. It's worked already. One of my clients reports that already, for them, some things have been taken on board and put in place. 'It is what it is' (sometimes you can't do anything because - it is what it is) really resonated. Throwing yourself into more work is not good. Do something for yourself. Get



Sylvia Huitson and Sir John Kirwan.

away from the farm - going to town or the beach. Put some good stuff in. They're not dancing in the cowshed yet (if they are, they're not telling me), but the mood has lifted. Feedback indicates John was a hit with school children too, unsurprisingly, who warmed up to ask really good questions on how to support others who may be struggling. That's empathy - that's great. We know it's working when a guy goes to the Doctor and says he has a dose of the 'JK's.' And he needs to say no more. It's

that clear. Sir John Kirwan - 'It's an illness, not a weakness.' 'Suicide is not an option.' 'Aiming for zero suicides.' And yes, John, you are a success.

September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day. The theme this year is 'Reaching Out and Saving Lives'. Zero suicides. Can we do it?

Sylvia Huitson
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On this month in history

Norman Kirk dies

On August 31, 1974 the prime minister of New Zealand Norman Kirk died of congestive heart failure aged 51.

The Labour politician was the fifth prime minister (or premier) to die in office. The others were John Ballance (1893), Richard Seddon (1906), William Massey (1925) and Michael Savage (1940). Mr Kirk's Sydenham electorate was taken over by his son John.

Mr Kirk is remembered for his strong stand against

French nuclear testing in the Pacific.

One of his first legislative moves was to abolish conscription.

The youngest member of his Cabinet was 35-year-old Roger Douglas, who would be prominent in the David Lange government.

After a week Bill (later Sir Wallace) Rowling became the new PM. He lost the next (1975) election to Robert (later Sir) Muldoon, who led a National Party Government.

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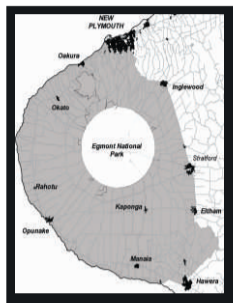




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Opunake Cemetery

Opunake Cemetery looks set to follow Manaia's lead

The Egmont Plains Community Board has given its backing to the Opunake Cemetery getting a Wall of Remembrance similar to the one at Manaia Cemetery.

This would be part of a 1.2 metre high cemetery wall, which would include seating on either side. The Wall of Remembrance would enable people with associations with Opunake, but interred elsewhere to have their links to the area acknowledged at

the cemetery. A similar wall placed at the Manaia Cemetery back in 2001 had been popular, and led to questions being asked about why something similar couldn't be done for Opunake.

The Egmont Plains Community Board had earlier backed extending the cemetery by removing 30 metres of the existing 73 metre internal hedge and allowing existing berms to be extended. Originally the idea of

taking out the entire hedge had been mooted, but this was rejected due to the effect that wind may have had on visitors to the cemetery, particularly while burial services were taking place.

At the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting on August 19, board member Brian Vincent said he still gets people ringing him up arguing that the hedge should be kept as it provides a wind break, and is a rec-

ognised part of the Opunake landscape.
Cr Bonita Bigham questioned a plan to have crosses on the proposed cemetery wall.

"Can I ask that we don't have crosses? Not everyone's Christian, and with growing diversity, would it be better if we have something that's more non-denominational?"

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New Zealander of the Year should come from Taranaki

Taranaki mayors Andrew Judd (New Plymouth), Ross Dunlop (South Taranaki) and Neil Volzke (Stratford) want the 2016 New Zealander of the Year a Taranaki local. Nominations for the award, and supporting categories opened last month and close on September 30. The mayors have urged locals to start thinking about who in the community would be a deserving New Zealander of the Year.

"As Mayors, we get to see ordinary people doing

exceptional things for our community every day," New Plymouth mayor Andrew Judd said.

"Whether it's the volunteer, high-achiever, or someone who went the extra mile to help others – these are real people displaying real acts of kindness. These people are the pillars of our community. They represent the best of us and make Taranaki a much better place to live in."

"There are plenty of fine individuals in our community who would be deserving

recipients of the New Zealander of the Year Award. It's time we honoured their deeds by showing the rest of New Zealand just how proud we are of them."

Any member of the public can nominate an individual or community organisation for an award.

In addition to the New Zealander of the Year, awards will also be presented to New Zealanders who have performed with distinction in five additional award categories- Young New

Zealander of the Year, Senior New Zealander of the Year, Community of the Year, Innovator of the Year, and Local Hero of the Year.

Previous winners of the New Zealander of the Year Award are: Sir Stephen Tindall (2015), Dr Lance O'Sullivan (2014), Dame Anne Salmond (2013), Sir Richard Taylor (2012), Sir Paul Callaghan (2011) and Sir Ray Avery (2010).

The 2016 New Zealander of the Year will be announced February 18, 2016.

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Saving kiwi from extinction achievable

A ground-breaking study has identified for the first time a roadmap to save the kiwi from extinction.

Undertaken by Landcare Research, 'Saving a National Icon' is the first official report to estimate the cost of achieving kiwi population stability, followed by sustained 2 per cent growth. Commissioned by charity, Kiwis for kiwi, which has been supporting kiwi conservation efforts for more than 20 years, the report confirms that work to save the kiwi from extinction is making a difference.

Executive director of Kiwis for kiwi, Michelle Impey, says while unmanaged kiwi populations are estimated to be declining at a rate of 2 per cent per year, kiwi numbers

are growing in areas where work is being done to manage their habitats.

"The report highlights the vital role of volunteers in sustained habitat protection. The survival of kiwi is dependent on ongoing efforts of community volunteers on private land as much as it is on large scale predator management on DOC land.

"While more work needs to be done to ensure their survival, we now know that saving kiwi from extinction is within our grasp."

The funding package for kiwi conservation in the 2015 budget is an injection of \$11.2million over the next four years. In the fourth year and thereafter, \$6.8million per annum will be available which should allow substan-

tial progress towards growing kiwi populations.

It is estimated an additional cost of \$1.3million will be required to achieve an average of 2 per cent growth in kiwi numbers per year. These funds would go towards predator control, research and monitoring programmes, kiwi avoidance training for dogs and Operation Nest Egg. This programme involves removing vulnerable kiwi eggs and young chicks from the burrows until they are able to be safely returned to the wild without risk of predation.

Stoats, ferrets, dogs and cats are considered the key cause of current kiwi declines. More than 95 per cent of kiwi chicks born in areas without predator con-

trol are killed before they reach breeding age. However, up to 60 per cent of kiwi chicks survive in areas where predators are controlled.

"At the beginning of the twentieth century it is believed there were several million kiwi. It is estimated there are now around 70,000 kiwi. A tremendous amount of work has been done and we now know where we need to focus our efforts going forward and how much it is likely to cost. We can save the kiwi from extinction with ongoing funding and on-the-ground work from our partners, DOC, Iwi and the many volunteer groups with support from New Zealanders."



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OHS Te Kahui Whetu



Staff attended Te Kahui Whetu, a secondary school staff based Maori Kapa Haka festival hosted by Inglewood High School. Nine schools were represented on the night, with OHS having the largest contingent of staff. Well done everyone for your commitment and enthusiasm.

Right: Rangiora Rongonui fitting Simon Fuller with our schools korowai, which was made Diane James.



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Rugby Season Round Up

A really successful year for our boys and girls participating in the TRFU schools competition for 2015.

Under 15's - Coached by David Hughes and assisted by Michael Jones, this teams progress has been impressive. They made the 'Open A' Final v's NPBHS with an spirited loss after leading 14 - 0 after 10 min. After taking out the 'B Grade' Final the previous two years, the step-up to the A grade has been vindicated by their results this year. The encouragement and support from parents and followers has been much appreciated.

1st XV - Finished the season with a flourish, resulting in a 8 win - 6 loss record. Being the smallest school entered in the 'Premier A' Division, these boys skills and team commitment produced a couple of surprise results against the more fancied city schools. The teams highlights being victorious verse Manawatu (inter-school) and verse NPBHS 2nd to wrap up the season.

Girls - Their sevens programme continues into Term 4, culminating with the Provincial Tournament on Nov 1. Sarah Campbell, Pete Clement and Kane Green will willingly accept any offers to assist.

Sevens - Will be entering U/15, Open, Girls Teams into the TSSSA Tournament on Nov 1.

Samoa - Planning for the 2016 tour is underway. Any queries, assistance, ideas, sponsorship please contact Andy Whitehead ph 06 763 8866

Prize Giving - Schools annual rugby prize giving Tuesday September 22 @ 7pm in the school hall.



TSSSA Soccer Winners

The team played New Plymouth Girls High School - Magic, winning 5 - 3 to take out the TSSSA Soccer title.

Left to right: Paul Bright (Coach), Aalya Fakavamoeanga, Baylee Crawford, Olivia Bright, Myar Smith, Ayla Baldwin, Jessica Roach, Emma Silson
Bottom row Kacy Bellve, Brooke Heaps (Goalie), Paula Aitken, Kendra Langton, Lara Almazan.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 September Home & School Meeting 7pm
- 3 September Opunake Has Talent 7pm
- 15 September Photo-Life Team Photos
- 21 September BOT Meeting
- 24 September Course Selection Evening
- 25 September End of Term 3
- 12 October Start of Term 4
- 26 October Labour Day
- 5 November Senior Prize-giving
- 9 November Juniors Exam Week
- 7 December Junior Prize-giving



Rustic Romance Ball

The ball on 15 August was a very successful evening, its great to see everyone dressed in their finest. Photos above of the award recipients from the night.
King & Queen: **Chajd Thomas-Moore & Taylah Smith**. Prince and Princess: **Hone Grindlay & Sophie James**. Cutest Couple: **Edie Thomas & Brody Chapman**
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Terese Mcleod Winner of the Opunake Sequicentennial Literary Awards short story (Adult)



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Terese's short story 'Nan's Kitchen' was judged first by prize-winning author

Graeme Lay. Terese was unable to attend the prize-giving ceremony, but has kindly emailed us some information about herself, as well as a picture.

Terese Mcleod in Te Tumu Herenga Waka Marae in front of carvings depicting Titokowaru, Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi

Terese belongs to mounga Taranaki and many hapū along the Taranaki coast from Oakura to Hawera. Her great grandparents in-

clude John Mcleod, a Taranaki rep rugby player who ran the Okato Dairy Factory. Mare Horo who farmed in Rahotu and Oanui, and, Whare (Waewae) Rangi and Granny Maha (Mrs Rangi) who farmed on Upper Kahui Road, Rahotu.

Her grandparents Billy Ngakahia and Winnie Te Kawahau Horo-Murray and Ian and Jean Mcleod were well known Opunake residents. Her parents, the late Denis Mcleod, was the sole

Opunake policeman, and, her mother Kaye (nee Horo-Murray) worked as a nurse at the Opunake Cottage Hospital in the 1970's when Terese grew up in Opunake, attending the local kindy and primary school with her many cousins before her family moved to Wellington, where she has been living since.

Terese's third great grandfather was Black Davis, an African American who married into Ngāti Mahanga a Tairi

of Oakura. This whakapapa interested her so much that she completed a degree in New Zealand, African American and Slave Trade history at Victoria University, Wellington. Currently she is writing about this African American Aotearoa love story with her whānaunga and colleague, Associate Professor Peter Addis (nō Te Āti Awa).

Today, Terese works in Te Kawa a Māui, The School of Māori Studies at Victoria

University and is a devoted kaitiaki of the Wellington Harbour Islands, Matiu Somes, Makaro-Ward and Mokopuna, for her Iwi and the Department of Conservation. She lives part-time on Matiu-Somes Island, where, she says would be the perfect place to write if she could ever find time away from her island duties!

Her piece was inspired by the poet Joy Harjo, *Perhaps the World Ends Here.*

Stratford Health providers establish steering group to integrate services

Health providers, including the Midland Health Network, Primary Health Care Ltd (PHCL), Stratford Health Trust and Taranaki DHB have met at the Stratford Health Centre to discuss the integration of services at the Centre. Neil Volzke, Stratford

Health Trust Chairman said, "At the meeting it was agreed to establish a steering group which includes Alan Greenslade, a project lead from Midlands Health Network, and Mary Bird, a service improvement advisor from Taranaki DHB."

"The objective of the project is to integrate and expand health services delivered from the Stratford Health Centre site for the Stratford community," added Mr Volzke.

The group has identified key stakeholders in the project

which includes service-users and the community.

"As well as working with clinical and non-clinical staff, Alan and Mary will work together with

service-users in order to understand their experience of services and to identify potential improvements," explained Mr Volzke.

"We hope to have a

plan developed by the end of the year. We will be putting out regular communications to keep all stakeholders and the community up to date," he said.



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Ravensdown balance sheet progress allows record rebate

Farmers throughout the country are to benefit as Ravensdown has reported a record rebate of \$50 per tonne.

Ravensdown is paying out all its operating profit in rebate to farmers who have bought fertiliser from the co-operative in the year ending May 31 2015. A fully paid-up shareholder who applied 150 tonnes of fertiliser will receive \$7,500 in cash rebate in August instead of the traditional September payment after the AGM.

"These payments will be arriving in bank accounts promptly and will be welcomed as the agri-sector faces some uncertainty in the current cycle," said Ravensdown Chairman John Henderson.

"In the second year of our more focused strategy, we again made significant progress on the balance sheet front, so we were in a position to support those customers who need the cash and capital more than us right now," added John.

"This is why our co-operative exists; to run an efficient, value-adding business so that we can help our shareholder owners when they are facing tough times."

"We will continue with the improvement to our stores

and manufacturing network, but we do not have to ask shareholders for additional equity or investment to fund our planned manufacturing or operational upgrades."

Exceeding its strategic target of 70 per cent equity ratio earlier than anticipated allowed the co-operative to pay a record rebate of \$50 per tonne. The co-operative is virtually debt-free in 2014-15 compared to owing \$355 million in 2012.

In 2014-15, the company also invested \$33 million in capital improvements as part of its infrastructure upgrade programme, while achieving the best equity ratio for a decade and delivering \$110 million operating cashflow.

The co-operative achieved its fertiliser tonnages target which held steady compared to the previous year and passed on price reductions throughout the year. Many products are at historically low prices such as urea which is the lowest it has been for eight years.

Ravensdown earned an operating profit of \$51.9 million, despite one-off costs associated with the closure of Waikeratu's lime quarry due to safety concerns. Exiting the Ruralco joint ven-

ture with ATS and the cost of dealing with two unsold Australian buildings impacted the bottom line result.

Greg Campbell, Ravensdown Chief Executive said that this was not a one-off result, but built on the back of a solid strategy that has been working since 2013.

"The first year we bounced back. The second year we are able to help all those farmers who stuck with us. We have momentum on our side and the morale of the team is high and all this gets noticed

by customers," added Greg.

As expected, after the exiting of all its loss-making Australian ventures, revenue declined to \$716 million.

Greg Campbell remains cautious about trading conditions that may affect fertiliser tonnages in the current year, but is confident that the business fundamentals are strong. The co-operative would stick to its strategy of adding value by investing in operational efficiencies, in technology and in training so customer service and

product quality stay on an upward curve.

"Investing in infrastructure such as new fertiliser blending plants, in new products and new features for award-winning Smart Maps will continue this year. All this growth can be achieved without going cap in hand for more capital from farmers or banks. It's about living within our means."

"When combined with our focus on agri-science and research, we're seeing more customers expressing an in-

terest in what Ravensdown can do for them," added Greg.

During the past year, Ravensdown also built a team of local animal health and agronomy specialists, and more certified nutrient management advisers now work for the co-operative than any other company. The environmental consultancy is also expanding due to increased demand.

According to Greg, in these tougher times, it's vital that farmers engage with the team around nutrient budgeting, soil testing and animal or plant productivity.

Ravensdown will outline plans to continue investing in its core business at its AGM on September 14 in Dunedin.

The 2014-15 year has seen a record rebate of \$50.00 per tonne, and all trading profit paid out to shareholders. There is no New Zealand debt, and the highest equity ratios for a decade. Over \$33m has been invested in infrastructure, including new loaders, conveyors, roofing, laboratories and blending machinery.

The infrastructure upgrade has been funded with no additional capital requirements.



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TPP deal to free up world dairy trade would reduce volatility

The news that the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) deal has not been agreed because of differences over autos, dairy and intellectual property is no surprise to anyone.

Some of the major players have sought to maintain trade protection rather than to reduce it.

It seems incredible that the US dairy industry has so far convinced the US negotiators that they need to be protected from any increase in New Zealand dairy imports into the US.

The New Zealand dairy industry is the only dairy sector in the TPP which is predominantly export focussed. Around 95 per cent of our production is exported, which represents around 25 to 30 per cent of New Zealand's exports by value. The next closest

is Australia which exports around 40 per cent of their dairy production, but this represents only around 2 per cent of Australia's export earnings. The US dairy sector currently provides much less than 1 per cent of the US's total exports, but by volume the US is still the largest exporter of milk powder, cheese, and dairy proteins in the TPP region. The US dairy industry is four times larger than the New Zealand industry, and exports over 15 per cent of its production. The US share of global dairy exports has more than tripled since 2003.

The US dairy sector has stated that access should only be given equivalent to the amount of additional access that they gain from the Japanese and Canadian dairy markets. But this



John Luxton

makes no sense given that the US dairy market is significantly larger than the dairy markets of either Japan or Canada, having over 322 million consumers compared to Canada's 36 million, and

Japan's 126 million. It also consumes nearly 800,000 tonnes of butter and butter related products annually. The Canadian, Japanese and New Zealand dairy sectors each comprise around 11,500

farms each; however the Canadian and Japanese dairy sectors are heavily protected from imported product with tariffs of up to 300 per cent on imports. Being sheltered from any competition they produce around one third of the milk that New Zealand farms produce and at two to three times the cost. Dairy consumption is also much lower in these countries because of their high production cost, passed on to their consumers.

There is a parallel in New Zealand. New Zealand used to make cars like Japan does - but at a cost of nearly twice that of Japan. The removal of tariffs on motor vehicles in the 1990s reduced transport costs for all New Zealanders markedly. Free access to our market was given to the Japanese, Canadian and US motor vehicle manufacturer.

To date in TPP, Japan has been reported as offering an annual increase in dairy access to New Zealand, equivalent to the production of about three larger New Zealand dairy farms, or .0016 per cent of our total production.

Meanwhile in Japan, butter has been rationed and additional emergency imports are regularly being sought. Effectively 11,000 dairy producers are holding 126 million Japanese citizens to ransom in terms of their dairy consumption options.

Canada also appears not to have made a decent offer on dairy. Whilst most sectors of the Canadian agricultural sector want TPP to be successful in order to allow an expansion of cereal, canola and pork exports, the Canadian government still seems to be focussed upon protecting inefficient parts of their farming sector. In this way Canada's 11,000 dairy farmers are holding 36 million Canadians citizens to ransom both in terms of the dairy products they can access and reducing the export prospects of their more efficient producers.

The US, Canadian, and Japanese trade negotiators need to deliver on the original intent of a comprehensive removal of restrictions on all goods traded amongst the TPP signatories - not just on the exports that matter to them.

The best outcome for dairy would be to enter into a comprehensive approach to opening up these currently closed markets by opening up progressively over 5 to 10 years to allow total access. Then local dairy sectors could then adjust to the changing market.

A comprehensive freeing up of dairy trade in the TPP agreement would also markedly increase the amount of international dairy market open to trade, from currently about 8 per cent of all international milk production to around 20 per cent. This would markedly reduce the current volatility in world dairy prices resulting from the current thinly traded market buffeted by small surpluses or deficits in global dairy demand.

If Japan and Canada cannot agree with the need for a comprehensive TPP agreement providing duty-free access on all goods then they should leave the talks and come back when they are prepared to honour the promises they made on entering the talks in 2013 and 2012.

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Lower dairy pay-out likely to affect farm sale prices

Rural Value says there are already signs lower dairy prices could lead to drops in farm sale prices and values in some parts of the country. Rural Value is a division of Quotable Value (QV).

Rural Value National Manager, David Paterson said, "There's a reasonable expectation that the drop in dairy farm incomes will lead to a reduction in the sale price of dairy farms." "We are noticing a definite change in sentiment following the latest Fonterra GDT auction, and over the past few months we've

witnessed a significant decline in the number of farm sales recorded," he said.

"Prior to the last two or three GDT auctions the market had been operating on the basis that the current commodity prices are a short term aberration, and that the market would pick up through the season."

"However the latest auction, which resulted in yet another reduction, has prompted serious doubt in the market."

"The projected pay-out is now below the cost of production for most operators, and there is

now anecdotal evidence of pressure on some farmers to sell before their financial situation deteriorates further."

"Purchasers are also holding off on making investment decisions until there is a clearer picture of what is happening in the global dairy market and are waiting for distressed sales to occur to see what happens in the rural property market as a result."

Rural Value Taranaki Valuer, Tony Welch said "Taranaki experienced a good level of activity and increased dairy farm value

levels in the latter part of 2014 and early 2015 with the best farms selling at over \$70,000 per hectare.

"However, there has been limited activity since the end of May as product auction prices have declined, and it's expected that the real effect of lower product prices will be known next spring when the new season sales begin," he said.

"Good beef prices have stimulated some activity in that sector. There is also a steady demand for good quality Manuka blocks for honey production."



Ninety years of advocating for rural women

Rural Women New Zealand is celebrating 90 years. Originally formed On 29th July 1925 as the Women's Division Farmers Union (WDFU), it was to change farming women's lives.

A small group of farmers' wives had come to Wellington with their husbands for the New Zealand Farmers Union (NZFU) conference.

But there were rumblings of discontent from those who said the needs of the women and their families out in the 'backblocks' were being overlooked by the NZFU. There were serious concerns about their health, and the effects of isolation. The farmers' wives formed the WDFU with the aim of finding ways to improve living conditions on New Zealand farms and support the NZFU.

Mrs Florence Polson who became the first president of the WDFU said that the members of

the NZFU had "too much church, children and kitchen in their attitude."

She said women should have financial independence, and introduced a market system - the Women's Exchange which enabled women to sell produce.

In 1927 the Bush Nurse and Housekeeper schemes were implemented. As changes to health services improved, the Bush Nurse scheme was wound up.

In 1999 the Housekeeper scheme became Access Homehealth Limited, one of the largest home care providers in New Zealand. Access was sold in 2014 as the organisation refocused its vision for the future.

Over the years there have been huge successes for the organisation and eventually it became known as Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ). «Some of those successes achieved during our 90

year history include funds raised for a Spitfire to support the war effort, significant fundraising for leptospirosis research, cot death research, a mobile library service, and support for communities during adverse events. Life is very different today for families on farms but there are still challenges,» says RWNZ National President Wendy McGowan.

«Mental well-being has become a significant concern, along with family violence, biosecurity issues and limited access to adult learn-

ing opportunities for rural women. These are just some of the many issues we are addressing today as an authentic advocate for rural communities. Our advocacy role in rural health, education, safety and environmental issues make our organisation as relevant today as it was in 1925,» says Ms McGowan.

Members are celebrating this milestone birthday with various events and activities around the country.



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Langton wins latest bout in fifth round

James (Batman) Langton has again won on a technical knockout. On June 26 he dispatched Monty (Mad Dog) Filimaea to take the New Zealand Boxing Federation cruiserweight title in front of a home town crowd at the Coastal Rumble in Opunake, after the ref ended the fight. On Saturday, the ref declared Langton the winner in the fifth round of his bout against Scott Taliauli.

This result came in a night of mixed fortunes for Taranaki fighters at the TSB Stadium. Langton had been fighting on the undercard to popular New Plymouth boxer Sam ("The Terror") Rapira's fight against Australian Rob ("The Power Drill") Powdrill, ranked Number 73 in the world. Rapira lost in a split decision.

For Langton, an Opunake dairy farmer, preparing for the fight had been a challenging experience, coming at a busy time in the farming year.

"This was probably one of my worst fights for preparation," he said. "It was springtime, the cows were calving, and I hadn't had the time to put into training that I would have liked to have done. I felt my fitness was probably about 70 per cent of what it was for the Coastal Rumble fight, so I knew I couldn't risk coming out all guns blazing and ripping into this guy like I normally do."

A change in strategy was

needed, so for the first couple of rounds, Langton probed and look for opportunities.

While studying videos of his opponent, he had figured he would need to watch for his overhand right punch.

"I thought the only way he was likely to win is if he hit me with one of those wild punches," he said.

"He hit me really flush in the first or second round, and that gave me a bit of a wakeup call to be wary of his over hand right."

Langton knocked Taliauli down twice in the second round.

"He was literally saved by the bell," Langton said.

Taliauli was knocked down again in the third round, and come the fifth round, Langton appeared well and truly on top.

"He was like a Jack-in-the-Box. He always got back and carried on," Langton said. "Good on him for giving his best shot against me."

It was then that he saw a chance to use a punch that he and coach Steve Hartley had been working on.

"I hit him clean. He dropped down, and the ref didn't even bother about the 10 count."

Langton said he wanted to thank his sponsors, "everyone who came up from round the coast to support me on the night, and my sparring partners Simon Julian and Sam Rapira."

He said he was disappointed to see Rapira lose on a split decision.



The winner once more, James Langton.

"Watching the fight myself I thought he had won it, but maybe I'm a bit one-eyed."

Having won his ninth straight bout, Langton has other things to consider,

including organising corporate fights, and is keen to hear from anybody interested in taking part.

He is under no immediate pressure to defend his New

Zealand cruiserweight title, but is expected to make a defence some time in the next six months.

The one name that has been mentioned is Monty Betham. "He's been calling my name a couple of times,"

Langton said.

At the start of the year, Langton's world ranking was 550th. He is now number 120, and hopes to get it "well inside 100," come the end of the year.

Taranaki shooters shine as North Island outshoots South Island

On August 15-16, North Island shooters smoked away their competition from the South Island. At Wanganui the best available shooters from around the country met for the annual North Island versus South Island team target shooting competition, and the North Island had a clean sweep in all divisions.

Among the victorious North Islanders were three shooters from Taranaki, Bruce Cameron competed in the open team, while Doug Gibson and Frank Eustace were in the Veterans team.

The honours didn't end there, as Bruce Cameron also made the New Zealand Open team, while Doug Gibson and Frank Eustace were selected for the New

Zealand Veterans.

Eustace's selection came 36 years after he was selected for the New Zealand Open team. This will be his first time representing New Zealand in smallbore shooting as a veteran, although he has previously been a New Zealand Veterans representative at fullbore shooting.

The New Zealanders will have to wait until just before the end of the year until they see the result of their competition against English Counties. That's when the English season begins and their teams shoot. The cards of the New Zealand and English Counties teams will then be compared to determine the winner.

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New talent coming through at Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

A good number of shooters took part in this week's shoot at the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club.

The top score was achieved by new shooter Adrian Clark who shot the only possible for the night. His emphatic 100.8 was easily the best on the night; he also maintained a high average with his other cards.

Don Litchfield also had a very good night's shooting with a brace of 98s.

On the grouping cards, scores were: Steve Smith 99; Alex Munro 100; Jackson Jennings 98; Rico Symes-Patterson 100; Andries Dupreez 99, 100, 100;

Scores for full cards were: Brian Hicks 92.2, 94.3; David Hartley 81.1, 80.1; Garry Rowlands 98.5, 97.6, 98.6; Clayton Robertson 67.0, 80.1; Rico Symes-Patterson 67.0; Alex Munro

92.1; Jackson Jennings 78.1; Don Litchfield 98.4, 98.5; Noel Hainsworth 84.1, 81.0, 81.0; Angie Harris 83.0, 85.0, 87.0; Murray Chinery 92.2, 89.0; Paul Tidswell 98.5, 96.4, 98.4; Geoff Coubrough 97.4, 95.3; Kat Mischefski 95.3, 98.5, 97.3; Heather Symonds 90.2, 95.4, 93.1; Adrian Clark 92.3, 93.1, 94.3, 100.8, 96.4, 98.5; Clare Bramley 80.0, 82.0, 88.1; Bon Bramley 87.0, 91.1, 88.1; Alan Drake 93.2, 91.1, 88.1.

A week earlier, new shooter Adrian Clark had the best average of the shooters at the weekly Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club shoot.

He was closely followed by senior shooters Paul Longstaff and Garry Rowlands.

Junior shooters had satisfactory scores with Heather Symonds

maintaining a lead in the D Grade.

Scores were: Adrian Clark 96.5, 97.5, 97.3, 95.2; Paul Longstaff 95.3, 96.6; Garry Rowlands 97.4, 96.4; Matt Sulzberger 97.3, 94.0; Murray Chinery 89.2, 91.2; Alan Drake 95.2; Noel Hainsworth 84.1, 76.0, 77.0; Brian Hicks 92.0, 94.3; Heather Symonds 93.4, 91.2, 91.0; Cameron Symonds 84.2, 89.1, 80.0; Adam Swainson 83.1, 78.0.

On grouping cards, scores were Angie Harris 100, 98; Adam Swainson 100;

Off-the-rest shooter Bob Bramley managed 89.2, 92.1, 92.0 to edge out his wife Clare on 84.1, 90.1, 86.1.

Scoped shooter Geoff Coubrough achieved 97.4 and 94.0.

Waikato target shooters raid Taranaki

Waikato Target shooters invaded Taranaki and met up at the Inglewood rifle range on August 22 for a very close competition. Waikato held a slight advantage after the first round with 3088 just eight points ahead of Taranaki. The second round went to Taranaki by only two points leaving Waikato the winners on 6156, just six

points the difference. The standout for Taranaki were D graders Matt Sulzburger and Mathew Peters who beat Waikato D by 13 points. Best shoot of the day was 200.12 by Oaonui's Dave Fake and the best total also came from Oaonui, with Doug Gibson on 397.26.

The top total for the winning team was by Alison Archer on 395.27. The

Unwelcome Brick trophy went to Waikato joint recipients Owen Bennett, for not returning the Brick from 2012, and Roy Herbison for getting lost from Doug Gibson's place to the Inglewood Rifle Range. It was great camaraderie from our Waikato mates. Taranaki scores were: D/ Matt Peters 181.2, Matt Sulzburger 185.2, C/ Ashleigh Shoter 193.5, Lou Donnelly 184.2, Craig Knowles 184.2, Ross Ingles 180.3 B/ Kat Mischefski 385.15, Brian Shewry 380.12, Seven Sahin 378.12, A/ Trevor Jupp 290.21, Sam Gooding 390.18, Billy Moratti 390.11, Kevin Boccock 387.17, M/ Doug Gibson 397.25, Bruce Cameron 394.29, Dave Fake 393.22, Brent Moratti 389.17, Frank Eustace 386.14, Jason Cameron 383.15.

Competition spurs on scores

Last week's shoot at Hawera Hub range saw shooters scoring very high. This maybe due to competition ramping up with the club championships starting.

Joe De Costa once again scored 100 group as did Garry Dyke. New shooter Rowan Muggeridge with groups of 88 and 84 scored very well. Steve Smith shot standing and had a top score of 94.0. Bruce Cameron had a 200.15

Scores were: Dylan Farr 98gr,99gr, Llewellyn Farr 99gr, Aidan Kelson 94gr,91gr, Rowan Muggeridge 88gr,84gr, Joe De Costa 1200gr, Garry Dyke 100gr, Dwayne Rangi 81.0,84.1, Steve Smith 94.0, Dave Kelsen

88.0, Noel Hainsworth 86.1,94.0, Jackson Jennings 87.1,87.1, Rico Symes Patterson 84.1,89.1, Clayton Robinson 74.0,74.1, Alex Munro 77.1,89.2, Hayde Andreoli 96.4,96.3, Bruce Cameron 200.15, Jason Cameron 197.12, Frank Eustace 197.10, Sam Gooding 193.9, 97.5, Mathew Peters 90.2,86.1,89.2.

A week earlier scores in the junior grouping cards were continuing to improve at the Hawera Hub range. Three shooters achieved the 100 group, Dylan Farr, Garry Dyke and Sean Michael Bower who equalled his personal best. With a number of shooters moving on to the whole cards their scores are improving by the week. Once

again Bruce Cameron got a perfect card with a 100.10 Scores were: Dylan Farr 98gr,100gr, Llewellyn Farr 99gr, Sean Michael Bower 100gr,97gr, David Kelsen 99gr,86.0,82.0, Aidan Kelsen 89gr,87gr,87gr, Brody Lott 91gr,87, Joe De Costa 97gr,99gr, Garry Dyke 100gr, Dwayne Rangi 84.1,87.3, Rico Symes Patterson 76.0, Noel Hainsworth 95.2,91.2,89.1, 0 Jackson Jennings 89.2, 86.2, Alex Munro 87.0,91.2, Clayton Robinson 79.1,76.1, Hayden Andreoli 94.1,92.0, Bruce Cameron 100.10, 100.6, Jason Cameron 96.3,96.5, Sam Gooding 96.3, Frank Eustace 97.4,99.5, Mathew Peters 89.1,86.1.



Dylan Farr (right) and Alex Munro (left) shooting with Bruce Cameron keeping a close watch on the scope on them at the Hawera Hub range.

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PERCY THOMSON GALLERY

Wharehoka Smith 'Maarama' and Ross Nolly 'Damocles' Sword'. August 21-September 13. Please join us for the opening Friday August 21 @ 6pm. Refer advert for full details.

OPUNAKE LAKESIDE LIONS DAFFODILL DAY STALL

Friday 28th August outside of RD1 Opunake. Starting at 9am. Refer advert.

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"Still Coasting". August 30th at 2pm at the Opunake High School Hall. Tickets available from Pastimes and at the door. Refer advert.

"LIZZIE BELL" PIHAMA CEMETERY BOARD

AGM, MONDAY 31 August 2015, 7pm at 90 Puketapu Road, Pihama. New Committee Members welcome.

THE VILLAGE GALLERY, ELTHAM

invites you to view TLC and Beyond - Solo Exhibition by Cherol Filbee, Hawera, 31 August to 25 September 2015. Cherol specialised in painting, drawing and 3D at The Learning Connection (TLC), Wellington.

Opening Function: Sunday, 6 September at 5.00 pm. All Welcome.

SOUTH TARANAKI FLOOD REVIEW MEETING

Tuesday September 1 at 7pm at the Sandfords Event Centre, Tasman Street, Opunake. Refer advert.

COASTALCARE A.G.M

Monday September 7 at 7.30pm at CoastalCare

TE KIRI HOCKEY CLUB & EGMONT JUNIOR HOCKEY

Public Meeting followed by a Special General Meeting to discuss future hockey in the district.

Meeting Thursday 10 September at 7pm at Te Kiri Hall. For more information contact: Lloyd Morgan 027 204 0810

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Mrs. Brown's fecking Quiz at Stony River, Friday 11th of September 2015.

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OPUNAKE TOUCH ASSOCIATION AGM

Monday 14 September 2015 at 7pm at the Surf Inn, Opunake. Refer advert.

8th ANNUAL RATA ROCK STATION Service Bull Sale

Bruce & Adele Clement, 941 Kaweora Road, Opunake Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2015. Sale Time: 11.30am.

TARANAKI NATIONAL ART AWARDS

Friday 30 October - 7 November. Refer advert in the What's On pages for full details.

A dose of TLC at the Village Gallery

The Village Gallery in Eltham is hosting Cherol Filbee's solo exhibition, TLC and Beyond from August 31 to September 25

She is the Guest Artist exhibiting in the main Gallery, and will be present on each of the three Saturdays of the exhibition, which are promoted as 'Artist-in-Residence' days. There will be

an official Opening on Sunday September 6 at 5.00 pm which any interested people are invited to attend.

"Creativity has always been an irresistible itch for me and most of my previous roles have drawn on this in some way," she says." After deciding to pursue arts more formally, I attained Honours, majoring in painting, drawing and 3D at The Learning Connection (TLC), Wellington, in 2014.

"I find faces especially interesting and like to explore this through portraiture and caricature.

"Another passion is the versatility of Polymer clay, especially the creation of intricate patterns using the fascinating Millifiori technique.

"Creating in 3D comes naturally to me and I have explored this in Concrete, Dargit, Papier-mache and, most recently, Pal Tiya.

"I am happy to play with any paint, my current favourite being water mixable oils.

With such a vast pool of options to explore, I'm yet to decide on my favourite style and subjects. Ask me



Check out the Village Gallery in Eltham

in ten years. I may have the answer ... or may still be enjoying the journey."

The usual mix of artwork from members of the Gallery is always on show in the smaller back Gallery/Shop area, with the display being refreshed as new work is brought in.

Twice each year there is a

Members Exhibition, when the whole gallery is used to display members' artworks. The artists produce work in many different styles – paintings and drawings in many and varied media, pottery, photographs, hand-crafted fibre and textile articles, greeting cards, necklaces, brooches, among others.

Have your say



Submissions to Select Committees

Public submissions have been invited on the following item(s) of business. Information is given about where to send your submission and a copy of the bill can be viewed online at www.legislation.govt.nz

Ngāruahine Claims Settlement Bill

– *Māori Affairs Committee, 24 September 2015*

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Address for correspondence: Māori Affairs Committee, Parliament Buildings, WELLINGTON 6160.

Seven new gardens in Spectacular



Te Puke Awa, now in its fifth generation, is a family homestead garden that is being revitalised by Graham and Robyn Lepper. Photo Jane Dove Juneau.

Visitors to this year's Powerco Taranaki Garden Spectacular can see seven new entries, says festival manager Lisa Ekdahl. There are 47 gardens in all, and the new ones will provide added interest to keep the festival fresh. The new gardens are also greatly varied in style and size.

"We have a great cross-section including two established gardens that were in the festival a long time ago," she says. One of those is Te Puke Awa at Lepperton, which was originally nurtured by Dennis and the late Pauline Lepper. Now their son, Graham and wife Robyn have revitalised the country garden, clearing out over-grown areas, under-planting beneath trees and adding perfumed roses. The other is the Palmer

Garden at Hawera, which has had a 15-year break from being in the New Zealand's premiere spring festival. Pam and Bruce Palmer are both retired now, so have more time to spend in the large town garden. "Quite a few people asked us, so we will see how it goes this year," Pam says. The couple are excited about being back in the festival. "We just thought it would be nice to share the garden with the public." Pam and her sister will be doing Devonshire teas during the 10-day Spectacular, which runs from October 30 to November 8. Lisa says both are beautiful gardens for picnics and have space for children as well. Three other new properties are Hilltop Vista and the Holyoake Garden, both based in New Plymouth

and KenKora at Opunake. "These are contemporary gardens and have amazing outdoor areas, garden art and are structurally strong." At Omata, people can visit Roebuck Farm, where there is a bio-intensive vegetable garden. "This is something brand new for us," Lisa says. "Jodi's commitment to returning craftsmanship back to agriculture is a pleasure to hear about, and he's a wealth of information." The final newcomer is Manganui at Inglewood. Jo and Grant Hall's place is a garden in development and works on organic principles. "He has a creative way with his hard landscaping, which is his business," Lisa says. Diversity is key to the festival, so these new gardens add variety to the other 40 special gardens that come in all shapes,

sizes and styles, she says. "To be a festival garden takes great passion, hard work, time and commitment all year round, not just the 10 days of the festival, and I would encourage all people to visit the new gardens and the old, because nothing is forever," Lisa says.

In the past few weeks, Taranaki has lost three of its great gardeners. Long-time festival supporters Jim Hopkirk of Makahu, Pauline Lepper of Lepperton and Joyce Young have all died. "It's a great loss to our gardening community," Lisa says. "Joyce Young was in the festival programme, and just days before she died, she came into the festival office to get more programmes. She was her normal exuberant self and in great form."

Lending a hand to hungry bees

They're small, buzzy and help keep us fed – so the New Plymouth District Council wants to return the favour. They are taking part in September's Bee Aware Month, with the theme of 'feed the bees', by planting bee-friendly wildflowers in New Plymouth's Brois Street Orchard. "This will be a trial to see the effectiveness of seeding our orchards with flowers that bees love to feed on," says Manager Parks Operations Stuart Robertson. "The aim is to provide a longer period of food for bees in the area. "Bee numbers are dropping

because of the use of pesticides and the destruction of habitat. We need them to pollinate the plants that give us fruit and veggies and everyone can lend a hand by being bee-friendly in their gardens." Bees pollinate two-thirds of the food we eat, and more than \$5 billion of New Zealand's agricultural exports depend on bees. Ways to be more bee-friendly at home include avoiding using pesticides, even organic ones, as these are toxic to bees. If you must use them, go for ones with little or low toxicity for bees, such as soaps or oils, and do not use them on open blossoms and flowers

or when bees are present. When replanting your garden, consider plants and trees that bees can feed on. Plant a variety of species that will be flowering at different times of the year. Single-flower species of

plants provide more food for bees than double-flower ones, which are full of petals rather than pollen-laden anthers. If bees are visiting certain flowers, delay removing the spent flowers until bee visits taper off.

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Percy Thomson Gallery hosts a two artist exhibition of thought-provoking quality

On Friday August 21 was the official opening of the Percy Thomson Gallery's latest exhibition, which runs until September 13. There is a collection of limited edition photographs called Damocles Sword, which features the work of photographer Ross Nolly. Wharehoka Smith is the other artist with his collection of architectural designs is entitled Maarama.

The exhibition was officially opened by Roger Hignett, who is Chairperson of the Percy Thomson Trust.

Ross Nolly is a freelance photographer and writer. The collection of photographs is a fictional dystopian tale of domestic animals and landscapes mostly taken in Taranaki. The digital photographs are reproduced on Ilford Pearl paper incorporating a heat seal process with satin finish protective coating.



One of the exhibits of Wharehoka Smith.

Some of the photographs were very clear, but some have a hazy look – even blurred. Ross Nolly explained that this effect was what he was seeking in some exhibits. "I deliberately shot some in the worst possible conditions. In some cases it was so dark I could barely see." There were a range of

animals as subjects including pigs, sheep, goats and cows often in unexpected situations designed to provoke thought. In the photograph which Ross Nolly is pictured beside, he thought the scene looks "almost Biblical." On September 13 at 2pm Ross will conduct a formal discussion of his

work at the gallery.

Wharehoka Smith's work – using Inkjet print on canvas (and sometimes acrylic paint) – was remarkable for the fine detail and geometric precision. Like Ross, he also sought to tell a story.

Wharehoka Smith is Taranaki Turu, Taranaki Te Ati Awa, Nga Ruahine and Pakeha.

In 1978 he pursued an interest in Toi Maori by returning to Parihaka Pa, where he was involved in the Rock Carving Project at Taupo-nui-a-Tia. By entering the Residential Building he developed

skills in landscaping, but continued to develop in Toi Maori, sculpture, painting, print making, architectural design and digital print media. "Through his work he now demonstrates a strong understanding and intuition for aesthetics, colour, detail, space and dimension and acknowledges this in the inherited skills of the tradition Toi Maori forms."

His exhibits including, for example, Waituhi, the Katoa series, the Tahawhenua Series and which vary greatly in size, but all are rich with symbolism with terms like Patiki (diamond),

Niho Taniwha (diamond) and Matariki (celestial body).

"This Toi Maori inspired exhibition offers viewers the many possibilities of interior and exterior architectural pieces with which to adorn and grace their homes and community places acknowledging people, place, History Tikanga and Matauranga Maori."

Both of these artists have produced work of an outstanding quality, which must be seen to be appreciated. This is an exhibition not to be missed. Remember the last day is September 13.

Rolland McKellar



Photographer Ross Nolly with one of his digital photographs, which he thought was reminiscent of a Biblical scene.

Manaiia couple to receive American honour



The Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame in Manaiia.

A Manaiia couple are set to join the likes of Patti Page, Bill Anderson, Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash, Mickey Gilley, Jim Ed Brown, Mac Wiseman, Bill Monroe, Jimmy Martin, the Everly Brothers, Hank Williams, Sr., Jimmie Rodgers and the Carter Family. Helen and Ian Braithwaite from the Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame will be inducted into America's Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame on September 2.

Established in 1976 to honour contributors to America's rural music heritage, America's Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame was established as part of the Pioneer Music Museum, located in the small village of Anita in Iowa. According to the president of

the Association, Smithsonian Institution recording artist, Bob Everhart, "We never thought we'd see 40 years of hard work bring about such an interesting approach to keeping the tradition and the heritage of rural music alive in America," National Traditional Country Music Association president Bob Everhart said.

"We're really happy to be able to induct Helen and Ian Braithwaite, who make their home in Manaiia, New Zealand, into America's Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place Wednesday, September 2, during the '40th Annual National Old Time Country, Bluegrass, and Folk Music Convention in LeMars, Iowa. The

Braithwaites have their own performance centre in Manaiia that presents American style old-time country music. Helen is an incredibly gifted guitarist. She plays quite often in the Chet Atkins style, but also has the ability to play the drop-thumb style of Merle Travis. Given this is quite a feat, this New Zealand country singer also has a very pleasant voice that she effectively uses singing some of America's finest traditional and classic country songs. The couple performs frequently at their own performance centre, which also contains remembrances and a long history of country music in New Zealand."

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<p>Trainwreck Comedy, 2hrs 2mins R16 strong sexual content & some drug Ever since her father drilled into her head that monogamy isn't realistic, magazine writer Amy has made promiscuity her credo. As much as she enjoys an uninhibited life free of commitment, Amy is really in a rut. While writing a profile about a charming sports doctor, she finds herself falling in love for the first time and starts to wonder if it's time to clean up her act Friday 28th August & Sunday 30th August 7pm</p>	<p>Fantastic Four Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi PG-13 100 min Four young outsiders teleport to an alternate and dangerous universe which alters their physical form in shocking ways. The four must learn to harness their new abilities and work together to save Earth from a former friend turned enemy. Saturday 5th September 1pm Friday 11th September 7pm</p>
<p>Ted 2 Comedy 1hr 55mins R16 (for crude and sexual content, language and some drug use) Newlywed couple Ted and Tami-Lynn want to have a baby, but to qualify as a parent, Ted will have to prove he's a person in a court of law. Friday 4th September 7pm</p>	<p>Mr Holmes Drama, Mystery & Suspense 1hr 45mins PG Long-retired and near the end of his life, Sherlock Holmes grapples with an unreliable memory and must rely on his housekeepers son as he revisits the still unsolved case that lead to his retirement. Saturday 29th August 1pm Sunday 6th September 7pm</p>
<p>Dragon Ball Z : Resurrection Animation, Action, Adventure 93min One peaceful day on Earth, two remnants of Frieza's army named Sorbet and Tagoma arrive searching for the Dragon Balls with the aim of reviving Frieza. They succeed, and Frieza subsequently seeks revenge on the Saiyans. Saturday 12 September 1pm Friday 18 September 7pm</p>	<p>Mission Impossible Action, Adventure, Thriller PG-13 131 min Ethan and team take on their most impossible mission yet, eradicating the Syndicate - an international rogue organization as highly skilled as they are, committed to destroying the IMF. Sunday 13 September 7pm Friday 25 September 7pm</p>

Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
August 28	7pm	August 29	1pm	August 30	7pm
Trainwreck R16		Mr Holmes		Trainwreck R16	
September 4	7pm	September 5	1pm	September 6	7pm
Ted 2 R16		Fantastic Four		Mr Holmes	
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INTRODUCING YOUR NEW LIVESTOCK AGENT

SHELDON KEECH has recently joined the RD1 Livestock team as the new Livestock Agent servicing the Coastal, Opunake North area. Sheldon grew up on a dairy, beef and sheep farm in Hawera. This provided him with great insights into the dairy industry from a young age so when he left school, sharemilking was a natural progression. Sheldon's now been a part of the dairy industry for 15 years, working his way up from 50/50 sharemilker to farm ownership where he now resides south of New Plymouth.

"I've always wanted to be a livestock agent, catching up with farmers like myself and providing a service for buying and selling livestock. I also know what it's like to come through the system. My goal is to work alongside farmers and to help them achieve their goals," says Sheldon.

If you're thinking of buying or selling dairy livestock in the Coastal, Opunake North area, get in touch with Sheldon on 027 222 7920



AREA UPDATE

RD1 LIVESTOCK AGENT JASON KING is now servicing the Coastal, Opunake South area.

If you're looking to buy or sell dairy livestock in the Coastal, Opunake South area, get in touch with Jason on 027 684 2443.



OUTSTANDING 15TH ANNUAL SERVICE BULL SALE CLEM & UNA SHOTTER

Date: Friday 11 September 2015
Location: 597 Hurford Road, Omata, New Plymouth
Time: 12:00pm
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Colin Dent 027 616 8908
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Catalogue available from agents or office.

8TH ANNUAL ON-FARM SERVICE BULL SALE RATA-ROCK STATION

Date: Tuesday 22 September 2015
Location: 941 Kaweora Road, Opunke
Time: 11:30am
To be conducted undercover on farm.
• 40 x Hereford 2 year bulls
• 30 x Angus 2 year bulls
• 20 x Murray Grey 2 year bulls
• 10 x Friesian 2 year bulls
• 30 x Jersey 3 year bulls
• 100 x Jersey 2 year bulls
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• 8 x Murray Grey 2 year bulls
• 50 x Ayrshire 2 year bulls
• 10 x Friesian 2 year bulls, high BW
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• 30 x Friesian 2 year bulls
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