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Three candidates go head to head to fight for mayor of the South Taranaki district. From left Phil Nixon, Clem Cohead and Craig Baylis.

# Keen interest in filling elected positions

The nominations are in and campaigning is underway.

From September 20, voters around the country will be sent their election packs and voting papers for mayors, regional, city and district councils, community boards and other elected positions. Votes must be cast before noon on October 12.

This year there appears to be more interest in the South Taranaki District than there at previous times, with contested elections for some positions which at previous times often seen candidates returned unopposed. For the first time since 2011 there will be an election for the Coastal Taranaki (formerly Egmont Plains Community Board) with seven candidates for four positions. There will also be contested elections for the Hawera and Eltham-Kaponga Community Boards. This is in

contrast to South Taranaki's northern neighbour New Plymouth where there has been difficulty getting candidates to fill community board positions.

After 12 years as mayor, Ross Dunlop is stepping down. Seeking to replace him are deputy mayor Phil Nixon, Cr Clem Cohead and Hawera businessman Craig Baylis.

For the last six years Cr Nixon has represented the Tangahoe Ward which will disappear in the new boundary changes. He is not standing for Council.

Mr Baylis had been first out of the blocks in the mayoral race, announcing his candidacy before Mr Dunlop said he would not stand for a fifth term. Mr Baylis is backed by the Team Energy ticket with Karl Stratton, Paul Farr and Dee Gedge standing for the Hawera Ward.

Cr Cohead was elected for the Egmont Plains Ward three years ago and is also

standing for re-election to this ward, which is being renamed Coastal Taranaki.

Also seeking re-election for Coastal Taranaki is Cr Bryan Roach who topped the poll last time and is looking for a third term.

Seven candidates are standing for three seats in the Coastal Taranaki Ward for three positions, compared to four who contested the Egmont Plains Ward three years ago. Councillors Roach and Cohead are being joined by Aaron Langton, Alan Moffitt, Lee Hurley, Scott Willson and Chris Young.

Cr Bonita Bigham is stepping down, but is standing for the Coastal Taranaki Community Board, of which she has been the South Taranaki District Council representative.

Also standing for the Community Board are sitting members Andy Whitehead, Brian Vincent and Sharlee Mariekura. Joining them are Ray Hayward, Liz Sinclair and Daphne Sinclair-Holley.

One familiar face not standing for the Community Board is the board's chairman Craig Dingle who is stepping down after 12 years, the last six as chairman.

One familiar identity not standing this time for the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board is Maree Liddington who has been a regular contributor of columns for the board in the Opunake and Coastal News. There are however still seven candidates for the four positions on the board.

Four people are standing for the two council positions in the Eltham-Kaponga Ward, with sitting councillors Steffy MacKay and Gordon Lawson being joined by Lindsay Maingdonald and Mark Bellringer.

For the South Taranaki Ward of the Taranaki Regional Council, there are four candidates for three positions. TRC chairman David MacLeod and sitting councillors Michael Joyce

and Neil Walker are all seeking re-election. Also standing is Alan Murray.

South Taranaki District Council chief executive Waid Crockett says he is pleased with the large number of candidates standing.

"Our democratic system relies on people being prepared to step up and be counted, so it's very heartening to see so many take up the challenge," he says.

"The next challenge is now getting people to vote. Local Government plays such an important part of people's daily lives. From the water we drink, to the roads we travel on, the facilities we enjoy to the waste we dispose and recycle. With almost \$1 billion in assets and an annual operating budget of \$64 million it's important that voters have their say on the people managing our resources and making the big decision about the future of our district," he says.

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## Six candidates vie for New Plymouth mayoralty

The contest to be the next Mayor of the New Plymouth District will be a six-horse race.

Incumbent Neil Holdom will face Max Brough, Irene Godkin, Joanne Kuvorji, Greg MacKay and Bill Simpson, the biggest field to challenge for the top NPDC governance job since eight candidates ran for the mayoralty in 2010.

NPDC's appeal for residents to Take A Stand for their community helped to inspire 30 candidates to throw their hat in the ring

for the 10 spots in the New Plymouth City Ward. There are four candidates in each of the North and South-West wards, vying for the two seats in each ward.

NPDC Chief Executive Craig Stevenson welcomed the response to Take a Stand for the district and urged voters to Get to Know the NPDC candidates running to be an elected member.

"A sign of a healthy democracy is people being prepared to stand up and be counted. I'm delighted

to see so many candidates take on this challenge. Now it's time for voters to get to know who they are and what they stand for so they can make an informed choice come election time.

"Our next challenge, is to get as many people as possible to vote. Turnout has been falling for many elections and slipped below 50% in 2016 so we want as many people as possible to take part. We're using STV this year so voting is as simple as 1, 2, 3 or ranking

your preferred candidates."

There will be an election for the Waitara Community Board with six candidates running for four seats while four candidates have been elected unopposed for the Kaitake Community Board. Elections will not be held for Inglewood and Clifton Community Board members because there were not enough candidates so a by-election will be required. The by-election must be held within three months following election day.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Health services**

The real danger to the health service in South Taranaki is wider than the DHB. Talking to Dr Marlene Bezuidenhout one of the main issues is the struggle to recruit GPs. This is not surprising when you think of a GP and family standing in Hawera’s main street looking at empty shops and the lack of available new housing. This means it’s a hard sell to attract many professionals let alone good GPs.

In the last decade with improving property values in places like North Taranaki, Fielding and Whanganui this region has become one of the most affordable places to live, so we have been a magnet to people who can’t afford to live anywhere else. Many of these people have more humble ambitions and incomes mostly determined by government aid, so it comes as no surprise that 4000 people are not registered with a GP and use our A&E as their general medical centre.

We have also seen the relocation of many home owning families to New Plymouth and trust me when I say any further downgrade in our services will only accelerate this.

Let’s start investing and encouraging development in the

things that bring people here who can contribute to keeping our hospitals, schools and neighbourhoods full of families and retired folks wanting to live here because it’s desirable, not just cheap.  
*Craig Baylis  
 Hawera*

**Revisionist history**

Mac Sole’s request to the STDC to change the name of Normanby’s Chute Street and the reported very positive reception by the councillors deserves a response.

I taught for over 40 years with history as a major focus and I’m always concerned with the impact of revisionist history.

By all accounts Chute was ruthless and brutal and does not deserve to be ‘honoured.’ However expunging his name from a street sign doesn’t make him or his deeds disappear.

Keep in mind Time magazine’s criteria for their Person of the Year: “those.... who for better or for worse has done the most to influence events of the past year.” Think Hitler or Stalin who both made the magazine’s year-end cover.

Rather than deleting Chute’s name it would be better to use

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it to focus an education and information programmes reminding us of his negative impact on our history.

It would be wise to remember the words of philosopher George Santayana, “those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it”.

*Cam Murray*

**Care and personal commitment**

Hello from Lindsay Maindonald to the voters in the Kaponga/Eltham ward. I’d just like to introduce myself, having lived in Eltham for the past 22 years. Many of you will know who I am, and the Maindonald name has been linked closely for many decades with the towns of Eltham and Opunake. It’s a practical impossibility to find and visit every eligible voter, with many of you being right in the middle of the calving season, the last thing you need is an electorate hopeful knocking on your door, unless of course I have my overalls, gumboots and beanie on to help out.

Coming from a farming family, I well understand the pressures of farming and family life during the spring

season. I’m a Taranaki man, a mountaineer and artist who has painted and gazed many a time down on the towns and farms of our province. I have met many of you in the course of past employment areas and with the organisations I am involved with in Eltham and South Taranaki. I look forward to working with those in the towns and farms, as I stand and represent you on the South Taranaki District Council in the Kaponga/Eltham ward as a councillor/community board person.

The care and personal commitment to individuals is what I stand for, and which I already do, endeavouring to help people from my residency in Eltham.

The people of the towns and farms I have viewed from our mountain’s summit are the people who I trust I will meet and work with if you choose to elect me to the role of councillor.

To the townspeople and to those on the farms, may I wish you a happy spring and calving season, as we in Taranaki enjoy the season of new life and beautiful gardens.

*Lindsay Maindonald,  
 Eltham*

**ADELPHOS**

I’m aware that for some, Adelphos articles may not be their cup of tea in our Opunake and Coastal News. That’s understandable because nowadays spirituality is often approached with quite a few grains of salt. And that’s not a criticism, just an observation. I remember our esteemed former Prime Minister Helen Clark proudly emphasising in 2007 that New Zealand is a secular nation, not a Christian one. And that’s not a criticism either. It is what it is. That’s why Adelphos articles range from bees and babies to recipes and relationships. And doesn’t our Creator God have an influence in all of these matters?

But what really makes The Opunake and Coastal News so relevant and exciting is the

**Thank you Leonardo**

rural community and farming news: issues around water and the environment, sporting matters, businesses, community groups, the arts, politics, honouring our veterans and of course the advertising which keeps the Opunake Business Association and Bernice, our editor, so happy.

In a real sense these living articles are intertwined with our Taranaki spirituality and mountain (maunga) which nourishes us. It was Leonardo Da Vinci who famously said, “EVERYTHING CONNECTS TO EVERYTHING ELSE”. “Everything connects to everything else.” Leonardo’s view is similar to Te Ao Maori (Maori worldview). Because we too as people are connected together with a body, soul (our personality) and spirit.

Da Vinci wrote, “To develop a complete mind: study the art of science. Study the science of art. Learn how to see.” He then explained that learning “how to see” means calmly embracing opposing positions and then disentangling them to get a complete understanding of the whole picture. DaVinci, arguably the first and last universal genius, was able to see and understand a future others were incapable of. Imagine approaching euthanasia, legalising cannabis, Brexit, Hong Kong vs. China, Labour vs. National and gun control with the ability to calmly examine the whole picture before rushing into polarising judgements.

But if we listen carefully (See “Listen Carefully” Opunake News “Archives”

6/6/2019 page 2), don’t interrupt and put aside our own strong opinions it can help us understand and progress a discussion. Perhaps we can make a start by taking Leonardo’s advice and learn “how to see,” connect with others and calmly disentangle seemingly disconnected and opposing views at the next controversial meeting we attend. In discussions, win-lose type polarised scenarios are unhealthy. After all, connection is good for our mental health. Hopefully this wasn’t too unexciting an article. But maybe it can be a practical one applying how to communicate the Leonardo way in our personal conversations and community meetings.

*Adelphos  
 PS. Thanks Leonardo*

**Who’s stealing our paper**

The Opunake & Coastal News subscribe to The Daily News but about fifty percent of the time we don’t receive it.

Someone seems to be taking it and, but for a kind neighbour who takes it upon herself to sometimes place it on

our doorstep, we probably wouldn’t receive it at all. So whoever’s taking it, we would ask you to please stop.

If anyone notices anyone taking it we would be grateful if you could advise us.

**Local Body election candidates**

In the next few editions of the Opunake & Coastal

**Apology**  
 We apologise for the Coastal Rugby page incorrectly being published in the last edition of the Opunake & Coastal News.  
*Editor*

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The results of the regional competition were revealed at a gala dinner recently at the Devon Hotel. The winning builds were celebrated by the regions Registered Master Builders and members of the local construction industry.

Overall there were 8 Gold Award winners from the Taranaki area, which will now be judged against Gold Award winners from around the country to find the National Top 100 Gold Award finalists.

National category winners and the Registered Master Builders Supreme Awards for House of the Year and Renovation of the Year will be announced at a gala dinner on 23 November at Cordis Hotel in Auckland.

The competition is divided into two parts – the first is at a regional level, the second is at a national level.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Award winners are determined using a points-based system. These award-winners are announced at 10 regional events held throughout New Zealand during July and August.

The top 100 homes from the regions



The lounge with the exquisite stone fire place that impressed the judges.

will go on to the national awards. They will be re-judged by a panel of national judges, who will determine the overall national winners. These will be announced at the National event in Auckland on 23 November.



ABOVE: Brian Hill Building's elegant house at Kaitake that took out the Gold Award in the Taranaki Registered House of the Year competition.



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# Bringing the generations together

A seat where children can sit if they're feeling lonely made by pupils from Coastal Taranaki School with mentoring from some residents of Jean Sandel Retirement Village has been donated to Rahotu School.

The "buddy" seat was made as part of the buddy scheme in which older people mentor young people.

"If a child's feeling lonely or a little bit left out or if they're having a little trouble making friends the whole school are educated to include them in their activities, said Brigitte Luke, Principal at Rahotu School. The idea was to promote hauora or well being.

Shirley Birt, Humanitarian Development Engagement Manager for Red Cross Taranaki said the New Plymouth branch of the Red Cross supported the project by supplying the materials for the bench.

The four year old programme was a Red Cross initiative carried out under the New Horizons programme.

Kere Ell, patron and founder of New Horizons which is based in New Plymouth says the Red Cross approached them with the proposal and Coastal Taranaki School selected the children to take part. Retirees from Jean



School children and mentors sitting on the buddy bench they built..

Sandel Retirement Village mentored the students.

Kere explained that New Horizon is a mentoring programme that utilises a building programme as a vehicle to bring together "great men and women to work with children utilising the tools of encouragement and praise to help young people to gain a sense of pride, achievement and positive outlooks."

The older mentors also benefit, said Kere, adding

they had shared with him how much they enjoyed being able to give something back and share their experience, expertise and knowledge with young people.

"It's lovely to bring the generations together, to bring something back to the community. It's so special."

The four male mentors had a range of skills and included a mechanic, plumber and builder.

David Kenworthy who worked in the oil industry

said it was "an enjoyable experience. Already pretty handy and someone who enjoys doing things round the house, he said it wasn't totally new and added he doesn't get to mix with kids. "Interacting with disadvantaged kids was different," he commented. He saw his role as guiding them along and added with a chuckle "sometimes I had to restrain their enthusiasm. We wouldn't have wanted OSH involved."

He also added "This morning was a new experience," referring to the Maori protocol in handing over of the seat.

More projects are planned.



Rahotu School children at the special assembly in which the handing over of the buddy bench took place.

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# Break-in followed by fire

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managed to grab a branch of an overhanging gorse bush while the dog fell down to a ledge halfway down the cliff. Two brave firefighters crossed the river with a ladder. They climbed up to

the ledge and carried the dog down to safety.

On Monday night, Opunake was called to an unused house on Wilson Road with smouldering smoke. The Brigade entered the house

only to find it had been broken into and some papers set alight. Police were called and the Brigade left the scene soon after Police arrived.

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Street. With no smoke showing and a good look around it was noted as a False Alarm.

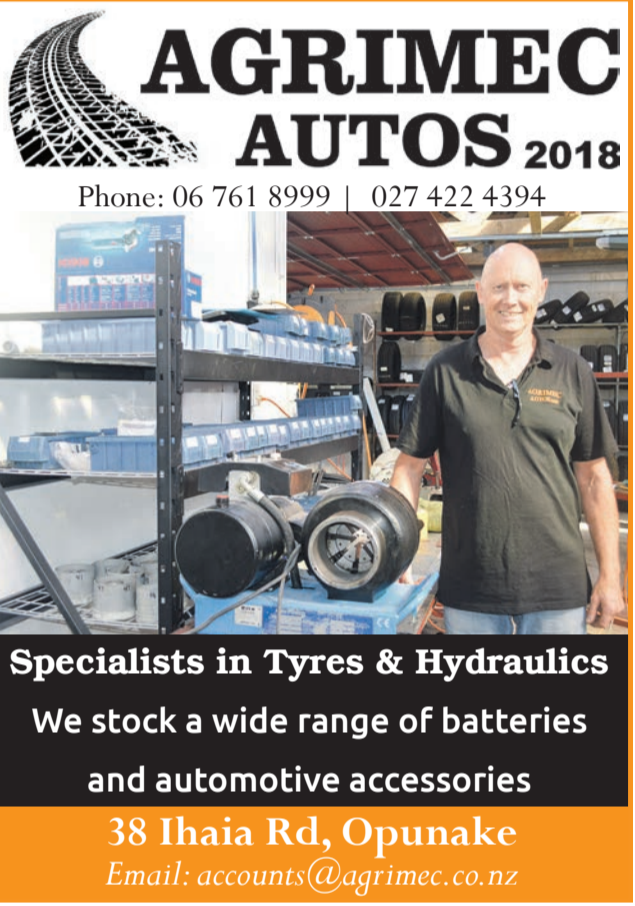
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# Survey reveals a third of NZ gun owners distrust gun lobby



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The terrorist attacks on the Christchurch Muslim community on 15 March this year resulted in a political response that was decidedly different from what usually follows mass shootings in the United States.

The speed of legislative action, banning military-style semi-automatic weapons (MSSAs) within days of the attack, was remarked on both at home and around the world. Some gun owners began handing over their MSSAs to police voluntarily after the attacks, and hundreds of guns have been handed in during government buyback events throughout the country.

But there was another group who considered the government response an over-reaction and an infringement of gun owners' rights.

Given these diverging views, which story truly reflects

gun owners? Do gun owners trust the government to do what's right? And do they trust other gun owners or the pro-gun lobby that purports to represent them?

These are questions we can now answer from our recent survey.

Gun owners are middle-class European Kiwis

Our team runs an annual survey asking a nationally representative sample of New Zealanders about their trust in people and institutions. The 2019 survey was carried out just prior to the attacks, but we decided to run it again in April, primarily to see whether this tragedy had an impact on trust. We also asked respondents whether they were a gun owner or living in a household with someone who owned a gun - and we asked about trust in gun owners and the pro-gun lobby.

Overall, 15% of respondents reported owning a gun (7.7%) or living in a household with someone who owned a gun (7.5%). Among those who said they owned a gun, 88% were men, but among those who said they didn't personally own a gun but there was one in the home, 81% were women. In short, men own guns. People in gun-owning households were somewhat more likely to be New Zealand European (84% vs 74% in the general population) and were more likely to be between 45 and 60 years old, compared to those who did not own guns (34% vs 25%). Household gun owners



**Simon Chapple.**

reported moderately lower levels of education, with 32% having a university degree compared with 37% of non-gun owners. They were more likely to report middle-class household incomes between NZ\$50,000 and NZ\$150,000 (60% vs 52%) and less likely to live in big cities (21% vs 47%).

These statistics paint the profile of gun-owning households as fairly average, middle-class, New Zealand European Kiwis, with men primarily the owners. Gun owners trust themselves Perhaps surprisingly, gun owners are only a little different from others in thinking the government is generally doing the right thing. Controlling for the things that differentiate gun owners from those who don't own guns, we found a statistically significant, but not very meaningful difference. Survey respondents were asked: How much trust do you have in the government to do what is right for New Zealand? On a scale of 1 to 4, where 1 is "very little/none" and 4 is "a great deal", gun owners reported an average of 2.6 vs 2.7 among those who did not own guns.

If gun owners seem like the

group who stood to lose through this legislation, why aren't there bigger differences between those who do and do not own guns in their trust in government? One explanation could be that gun owners are actually more similar than different from the rest of New Zealand when it comes to their views on guns.

In addition to asking about trust in groups such as police, medical practitioners and corporations, we asked people how much trust they had in gun owners and the pro-gun lobby to do the right thing. This scale ranged from 1 (no trust at all) to 5 (complete trust). Unsurprisingly, gun owners reported a higher average trust level in other gun owners: 3.4 compared with 2.7 among those who did not own guns - a moderate to large effect size.

When looking at trust in the pro-gun lobby, gun owners still reported higher levels of trust than non-gun owners - 2.7 vs 2.2. But the overall levels of trust were much lower than in gun owners generally. Gun owners tended to rate the gun lobby similar in trust as corporations and politicians. Those who don't own guns rated the gun lobby as only more trustworthy than bloggers or online commentators.

Gun owners' distrust in pro-gun lobby

It suggests that gun owners have trust in themselves to do the right thing, but far less

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# Survey reveals distrust of gun lobby

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trust in the pro-gun lobby to represent their best interests. But is it just that gun owners are apathetic to the gun lobby – they neither trust nor distrust it - or is it actual distrust in the lobbyists? The data suggests it may be a bit of both. Over a third of gun owners distrust the gun lobby compared with only 9% of gun owners who don't trust other gun owners. On the flipside, close to half of gun owners either have lots

or complete trust in gun owners but only 23% can say the same about the gun lobby. When this survey was conducted, the main legislative change announced was a ban and government buy-back of MSSAs. For the average gun owner, this might have been seen as sensible. But as more changes were announced and the gun lobby began to mobilise, it is important to

understand whether their views are widely shared by gun owners. Although gun owners report higher trust in gun owners and the pro-gun lobby, breaking this down by political ideology shows that most of the higher levels of lobbyist trust are concentrated among those gun owners to the political right. For example, among those on the political left, there is no statistical

difference in trust in gun owners and the pro-gun lobby by whether you own a gun or not. The difference in gun trust among gun owners and those who don't own guns is widest on the centre, centre right and right. As New Zealand goes through the process of reforming gun laws to make our country safer and reinforce gun ownership as a privilege rather than a right, one thing is important:

the views of the average gun owner are not co-opted by a fringe view of gun ownership.

*and Children, Victoria University of Wellington*

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# Bringing the generations together

A seat where children can sit if they're feeling lonely made by pupils from Coastal Taranaki School with mentoring from some residents of Jean Sandel Retirement Village has been donated to Rahotu School. The "buddy" seat was made as part of the buddy scheme in which older people mentor young people.

"If a child's feeling lonely or a little bit left out or if they're having a little trouble making friends the whole school are educated to include them in their activities," said Brigitte Luke, Principal at Rahotu School. The idea was to promote hauora or well being.

Shirley Birt, Humanitarian Development Engagement Manager for Red Cross Taranaki said the New Plymouth branch of the Red Cross supported the project by supplying the materials for the bench.

The four year old programme was a Red Cross initiative carried out under the New Horizons programme.

Kere Ell, patron and founder of New Horizons which is based in New Plymouth says the Red Cross approached them with the proposal and



**Enjoying the new seat.**

Coastal Taranaki School selected the children to take part. Retirees from Jean Sandel Retirement Village mentored the students.

Kere explained that New Horizon is a mentoring programme that utilises a building programme as a vehicle to bring together "great men and women to work with children utilising the tools of encouragement and praise to help young people to gain a sense of pride, achievement and positive outlooks."

The older mentors also benefit, said Kere, adding they had shared with him

how much they enjoyed being able to give something back and share their experience, expertise and knowledge with young people.

"It's lovely to bring the generations together, to bring something back to the community. It's so special." The four male mentors had a range of skills and included a mechanic, plumber and builder.

David Kenworthy who worked in the oil industry said it was "an enjoyable experience. Already pretty handy and someone who enjoys doing things round

the house, he said it wasn't totally new and added he doesn't get to mix with kids. "Interacting with disadvantaged kids was different," he commented. He saw his role as guiding them along and added with a chuckle "sometimes I had to restrain their enthusiasm. We wouldn't have wanted OSH involved."

He also added "This morning was a new experience," referring to the Maori protocol in handing over of the seat.

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# A million Te Reo speakers by 2040

We all know whānau battling cancer, survivors, and those who we have lost. That's why, as I write this, I am proud that this Government is installing two new Linear Accelerator radiation treatment machines (LINACs) at MidCentral DHB this year, with Taranaki's first LINAC to be installed in our rohe as a result, in 2020.



ADRIAN RURAWHE MP

access high-quality cancer care, without the expenses and time involved in travelling out of their takiwa to get it. By funding the replacement

of half the radiation treatment machines in Aotearoa over the next three years, Health Minister, David Clark is ensuring our whānau get more precise cancer treatment faster, and more support on their journey to a faster recovery.

Look for the release of our Interim Cancer Action Plan in the next few days, to further turn around our previously underfunded health sector, so that it delivers better health outcomes for all New Zealanders.

With Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori on the horizon, I want

to encourage everyone in our community to take the opportunity to up their game, in terms of their reo usage and embrace our national language.

This Government has set a beautiful goal of having one million basic Te Reo Māori speakers by 2040.

This is a goal that we are currently moving towards with initiatives like Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori. A programme which apart from only being currently trialled in four regions (Taranaki being one of them), offers our educational staff the ability

to improve their correct usage of this taonga, in order to build the ability of this crucial and influential workforce, to use te reo Māori in the classroom.

Nearly 700 people have enrolled, since Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori was launched by Associate Education Minister Kelvin Davis, and that's encouraging.

Speaking of encouraging, I want to tautoko all candidates stepping forward for South Taranaki's local body elections. It's not easy. I especially want to acknowledge those aspiring

candidates who are looking to grow the political voice and concerns of Māori.

Please vote before polls close at noon on October 12th. As always if you don't, someone else will, and you might not like what they have to say about your future. Visit [www.southtaraki.com](http://www.southtaraki.com) for details.

Take care of each other whānau.

*Adrian Rurawhe  
MP for Te Tai Hauauru*

## Government delays response on electricity prices

The Government continues to drag out its reporting back on the Electricity Price Review and that's causing frustration and increasing uncertainty for the industry. Wholesale electricity prices are 64 per cent higher this year than they were at the

same time last year, costing companies millions more in energy expenses that will be passed on to Kiwi consumers when they come to renew their electricity contracts.

The Government should have delivered its response by now, and has given no



JONATHAN YOUNG MP  
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

reason for the delay. And its reckless oil and gas ban will further push up prices as New Zealand has to import more of its energy. Energy Minister Megan Woods is now focussed on

managing the Government's failed KiwiBuild policy, but she needs to reassure the energy sector that she hasn't dropped the ball.

The best way to do that would have been to produce a response to the Electricity Price Review report in a far more timely manner.

Delays like this aren't new for this Government. The response to the 100% Renewable Generation by 2035 report was delayed for many months, and we're still waiting for the report on the Refinery to Auckland Pipeline inquiry, which the Government took over a year to initiate after significant

fuel shortages in Auckland. Whether it's a matter of the Minister being too busy or other factors that are causing this delay, the sector needs certainty now.

If the Government wants the electricity sector to lead on decarbonising energy, it needs to let the industry know what its expectations and regulations will be.

Next month's Opunake constituent clinic will feature a special guest – Brett Hudson, who is National's Police spokesperson and also holds the portfolios of Commerce and Consumer affairs, Government Digital Services and Associate

Transport. He'll give a quick summary of what he's finding around the country and then listen to any concerns and comments that you might have.

Please save the date – September the 20th, 11.30am. Contact my office for more details [newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz) 06 759 1363.

It would be great to hear from a range of groups and individuals.

*Jonathan Young  
MP for New Plymouth*

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## A new perspective on prosperity

A new perspective on prosperity

In her recent address at the Melbourne Town Hall, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern spoke about how the New Zealand government is dealing with an environment of growing uncertainty and declining trust in government. She argued that the key to reversing threats

to democratic institutions is widening the idea of what prosperity means.

"In many countries, while the very wealthiest have grown consistently wealthier, the rest have seen little or no real rise in their incomes or their living standards – over decades.

Inequalities that deepened with the great deregulating reforms of the 1980s and 90s have become a permanent feature of these economies – not a brief moment of pain. If a country has been growing economically for 30 years, yet large numbers

of its citizens haven't felt the benefit, is it really moving forward?

If a country has a relatively high rate of GDP growth, but it is neglecting the things that we should all hold dear - like the health of our children, a warm, dry home for all, mental health services, or rivers and lakes that we can swim in – then can it be said to be improving?"

The local Whanganui Labour Electorate Committee believes that prosperity means a fairer society for all and that we have to think as a community and not as

individuals; to look after our country's future, particularly our children and our environment. We believe that having the feeling of being connected, belonging and being included are better signs of prosperity than capitalism. The gap between rich and poor will just continue to grow if we do not work together to achieve a prosperity based on a fair society for all.

*Irving McKechnie  
Spokesperson,  
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# Beauty tyranny in the age of Instagram

Young women in the age of social media are under ever more intense pressure to look 'Insta-perfect' and it's not making them happy. As the focus of her doctoral thesis, University of Auckland PhD student Anna Vasilyeva has been looking at how women are represented across a range of media and how these idealised images affect their ideas about beauty and themselves.

As part of her research, Ms Vasilyeva conducted 32 in-depth interviews with sixteen 19 to 24-year-old female University of Auckland students from countries as diverse as China, Germany, Iran and Australia.

The interviews were divided into two parts; one focused on participants' ideas about beauty, body image and beauty rituals in their home countries, and the other gauged their 'media literacy', particularly in relation to celebrity images and which ones they thought had been PhotoShopped. What was startling, says Ms Vasilyeva, is how many said



Auckland PhD student Anna Vasilyeva.

"skinny" or "thin" was part of their ideal body image and how few realised that virtually all the celebrity images she showed them had been PhotoShopped. "I asked them to 'use words as a brush to paint their ideal portrait of themselves' and words like 'thin, perfect skin, small nose and perfect make up' came up so often. I was also really shocked that so many didn't realise how much manipulation goes into those images they

are comparing themselves with." She says another question, "Do you think beautiful people are better off in life?", also got an almost uniform "yes" from participants. A real change she noted, and which she believes is connected to the explosion of Instagram influencers, is parents literally buying into ideals of beauty. "One South Korean woman told me some parents are paying for cosmetic surgery

as a university graduation present for their daughters. The pressure, in Asian countries in particular, to look a certain way is immense."

Ironically however, she says she was struck by how 'beautiful' in the widest sense of the word, all these young women were.

"They are all strong, smart and confident, and many of them see social media not just as an insidious way of promoting idealised images, but as a forum for resisting and subverting these ideas as well.

"I truly believe that young women today are not silent victims of visual texts, but very much have minds of their own; something I discovered hearing the strong stories they shared with me, and which inspired me as a researcher."

She says Evie Kemp, a New Zealand artist and a huge figure on social media, sent her a very positive sentiment during an Instagram chat which she will be using as an opening in one of her chapters. Evie wrote:

"I think that's what is so awesome about social media, used right we foster this community and I log in and I'm scrolling positive, realistic, inspirational and motivational images, whether they're quotes, deeper stuff or just a nice image where everyone is saying nice things. It grows in us and crowds out the fear because in the real world, we're less able to surround ourselves with such an open minded bunch."

Another aspect of her research is an analysis of the different media stereotypes bombarding girls from a very young age.

"Little girls go from seeing Disney princesses as the ideal of beauty, right through to teen magazines and then the Instagrammers get them, most of whom use various features and filters to manipulate their own images," she says.

Doing her PhD at the Faculty of Education and Social Work, Ms Vasilyeva is using a feminist cultural studies framework for her research, drawing

on the work of British-Jamaican sociologist Stuart Hall and British cultural theorist Angela McRobbie, whose work combines the study of popular culture, contemporary media practices and feminism.

"Cultural studies, viewed through the lenses of feminist theorists, attempts to provide insights into the concept of, and experiences of the body. What brings all of them together is an attempt to examine how representation influences our ideas of idealised bodies and how people live those ideas (or develop different ones) through their experiences of their own and other's bodies."

Originally from Russia, Anna Vasilyeva did her undergraduate degree in English and French linguistics at Moscow State Forest University and completed her masters in global communication at Bangkok University in Thailand. She is hoping to complete her thesis in November and graduate next year.

## On this month in history Elvis Presley dies

On August 16, 1977 Elvis Presley died at his mansion called Graceland in Memphis Tennessee. He was aged just 42. His first

hit was called 'Heartbreak Hotel' and it was released in 1956. Another song called 'Guitar Man' was released after his death.

His pop career was interrupted by his being drafted into the army and he served in Germany for a while reaching the rank of

sergeant. Upon discharge from the army he was concerned his music career was over, but he continued to make hits.

He also made about 20 films which he was paid a million dollars each for. Most of the films focused on his music rather than his acting which

somewhat frustrated him. These days many people visit Graceland and there are many Elvis impersonators. His estate make millions.

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# Mac Sole: Episode 12 Sharing food and travel with an elephant

Thai New Year's Day is April 13. I was on the bus at 7.30am. The first stop was yes, another temple. Nearly everyone in our group gave me a hard time as always it is the innocent who suffer. Then there was a bit of a drive to visit the Karen Hillside Tribe, who have little primitive homes which are fairly rough and on stilts with chooks, pigs and suchlike underneath. They are lovely people, all smiles and laughter, who make and sell colourful clothes.



Taking a ride on an elephant.

It was on to Pasang for lunch and a tremendous

parade for the New Year.

Onward we went to Chaing Mai Rincome Hotel, then back on the bus to a restaurant to sit on cushions and have a meal, although I'm not really big on Thai food. Three little waitresses talked to me and one, a student, wanted me to write to her – her name was Jiraporn Suriyapor.

I took their photo, then they tipped water on me as a sign of their friendliness. Actually, we all got soaked all day. It was the best day so far.

On April 14 we went up the mountain behind Chaing Mai by bus, then on a cable car to a huge temple of serious importance to Thailand. The temple and all buildings were very elaborate.

On April 15 we visited the hill tribes, which were a fair way back in the bush over a fairly rough track to get there. We offered to get there by four wheeled vehicles or by elephant. Most chose the four wheel drive, but I, and a couple of others, chose the elephant. What an

experience – a seven hour elephant ride. My beast, at times, went off the track to eat some greenery. I did not feel I wanted to hit him to keep him on track, as he was somewhat bigger than me.

Another little trick I became aware of was, along the track were two or three Thais selling bananas. I thought, "Great, fresh fruit." But oh no, the elephant's trunk came over his head, he wanted his share and I wasn't going to say no.

## Climbing Mount Everest

Ryker's story, which follows, was the result of a Room 12 (Opunake Primary School) classroom discussion of mountaineering and Mount Everest in particular. The question arose: was Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing really first to conquer Everest in 1953? - because in 1924, two British climbers (George Mallory and Sandy Irvine) were spotted very near the summit



Ryker Neil of Opunake Primary School.

Reinhold Messner was the first climber (with Peter Habeler) to ascent Mount Everest without bottled oxygen. He was also the first to climb Everest solo in 1980. Sir Chris Bonnington led an expedition in 1975 to climb Mount Everest by a new route (south-west face).

As you can see, Ryker chose the very best of climbers to help him to try and solve the mystery.

he went climbing with help from Sir Edmund Hillary, Tenzing Norgay, Reinhold Messner and Sir Chris Bonnington. Ryker and his team started up base camp near some old ski poles, just a hill or two away. But as they got closer they started to notice something else. It was an old campsite! Apparently, it was Mallory and Irvine's base camp. So that meant Ryker's team were on the right track to their bodies to see who made it up Mount Everest first.

After a few hours of climbing, Ryker and his team came up to the second hardest part of the climb, The Ice Fall. Up first was Chris Bonnington, who barely cleared it. Next,

was Reinhold, cleared it with some help from Chris. After a while it was Ryker's turn and he cleared it with no help. After that it was a smooth ride until it got foggy and Ryker's team got lost. Since we had no idea where base camp was we decided to put camp 1 there. After the fog cleared they continued their journey to the top of Mount Everest.

After a couple minutes we found a huge ravine where we couldn't see the bottom. Tenzing threw a rope across the ravine and on a tight rope walked over the ravine.

After that we found Hillary Step, the hardest part of the climb. After everyone else it was Ryker's turn once again. Ryker's plan was to use the pickaxes up halfway then his team would pull him up. They almost pulled Ryker up until his rope snapped and he fell. He survived the fall and found Irvine's body with the camera! Ryker checked the footage and found out that they made it up to Hillary Step until they both fell and died. After he checked the footage Ryker's team helped him up, they placed their flag in the snow and then made their way back down safely.

Ryker Neil (aged 9)

when a cloud engulfed them; they were never seen alive again. Several years ago an expedition discovered George Mallory's preserved (frozen) body and eagerly looked for the camera to solve the mystery, but none was found.

The year was 19/8/2040, Ryker and his team were climbing Mount Everest in search of Sandy Irvine's body, if it was still there. Ryker knew that if he wanted to get up there, he would need help from the best, so



On the far left are Sandy Irvine (with hat) and George Mallory, as well as other members of the 1924 British expedition to attempt to climb Mount Everest.

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## New ambulances gifted

Two new ambulances gifted to St John Christchurch as a result of March 15 response

Teochew International Foundation and the Chao Shan General Association of New Zealand will donate two brand new ambulances to St John in Christchurch as thanks for the outstanding work ambulance officers did during the March 15 terror attack.

Teochew International Federation and Chao Shan General Association of New Zealand were attending their biannual conference in Auckland on March 15 when

the mosque attacks occurred.

Before the end of the following day, generous donors from the conference had pledged over \$2 million dollars to help in the recovery.

Most of these funds have been gifted to alleviate some of the suffering of the Muslim Communities of Christchurch through the Our People Our City Fund set up by The Christchurch Foundation.

However, the group also asked The Christchurch Foundation to arrange for the donation of two new ambulances for St

John in Christchurch.

The two business groups have gifted to St John before and were aware of the extraordinary lengths St John's staff would have gone to responding on the day.

"We are always a big fan of St John for their dedication in saving people's lives. We have raised funds and donated ambulances before and made our people more aware how important their job is. When the Christchurch incident happened, we

continued page 11.

# Yesteryear memories create mystery for today

The Gang Show, that worldwide tribute to the best in Guides and Scouting was once a popular event in South Taranaki. Those days are now long gone but snapshots of that time are among the photos in a collection that the Hawera Genealogical Society have put together.

Recalling a slice of South Taranaki social history from the 1980s and 1990s, the photos had been passed on to the Society when the Taranaki Star shifted from its original Regent Street building.

There is no indication of who the people in the various photos are and the Hawera Genealogical Society wants the public to help them find out.

As well as Gang Shows,

photos include music awards, art exhibitions, Poppy Day, school scenes, tree planting and the launch of a kindergarten telephone book in 1987, among other social occasions.

Prints of the photos can be seen at Hawera Library Plus and anyone who thinks they know the identity of people in the photos is invited to write down the names in an accompanying book.

“We’re hoping the photos will jog people’s memories,” Genealogical Society convenor Jill Williams said.

She says they hope to keep the photos available until everyone is named.

“The quicker they are named, the quicker we can get other photos up while there are still people around who can identify them.”



Jill Williams scrolls through the memories.

included prints of the photos had been stolen, possibly by people who wanted a copy of a photo of a friend or relation. She hopes for better luck this time round and told Cr Nixon at the launch she hopes the photos could be seen in the Council’s planned new library.

Cr Nixon said the photos of the Gang Shows brought back memories of the work done in the community by people like the late Paul Harris.

“We go on now about how we are struggling to get people into organisations and serve on committees, but we don’t have these junior organisations like Boy Scouts and Girl Guides where they learned about volunteering.”

He congratulated Jill Williams on her recent merit award from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Mrs Williams said the Society is looking forward to their annual book sale, the proceeds of which would go towards digitalising their records of the Hawera Star to 1934.

The photos were introduced at a public launch at Hawera Library Plus last week, which included a screen showing. Speaking at the launch, South Taranaki District deputy mayor Phil Nixon said he had already seen at least one face he could identify. Before the

launch was over, there were others who also said they recognised people they knew.

Mrs Williams said this is not the first time the Genealogical Society has had photos in the Library, but on previous occasions the book which also

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## New ambulances gifted

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knew they would be the people running into the mosques. We are proud of our association with St John and this is a small way in which we acknowledge their bravery and say thank you,” says the Chao Shan General Association of New Zealand.

St John South Island Region General Manager Craig Stockdale said St John

was extremely grateful for the donation to Christchurch by the Teochew International Foundation and the Chao Shan General Association of New Zealand.

“St John continues to strive towards being a world-class provider of emergency ambulance services, and thanks to this amazing gesture, we will be able to put

two brand new Generation 3 ambulances on to the streets of Christchurch, enabling our ambulance officers to continue doing the life-saving work they do on a daily basis,” Mr Stockdale says.

The Association has earmarked \$460,000 for this gift and the ambulances have been ordered and will arrive

in Christchurch later this year.

The Christchurch Foundation and St John will host a dedication service in Christchurch, with members of the Muslim Communities and the donors, to view the ambulances.

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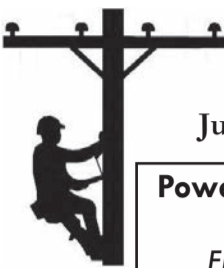
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# Mobility and More - helping to keep disabled people at home

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Kevin's (and Marilyn's) shop at 154 Princes Street, Hawera have a wide range of aids to help their clients stay at home if at all possible. Here are just a few examples which Kevin has chosen to highlight:

The Combo Walker is a walking frame, but it readily converts into a wheelchair. Kevin demonstrates how easily the change can be made.

Another useful device is the Adjustable King Single Bed. "Basically it's a flash hospital bed," explains Kevin. The bed's adjustable function allows a bed to convert to a seat, as well as making getting in and out easier. People who have had hip operations would benefit because getting in and out of beds can be difficult and painful.

Another aid is the two-handed mug, which is ideal for people who have shaky



Kevin Bromell with the adjustable King Single Bed.

hands due to conditions such as Parkinson's Disease.

Preparing a drink to put safely in the two-handed mug is the Tipping Kettle. "If someone drops a conventional kettle it can be pretty dangerous,"

a thing that people get embarrassed about, but it's not really a problem, comments Kevin.

The knee walker is another useful aid to help people get around. Kevin said he recently provided one for

happy to hire many aids at rates which should not cause too much concern.

"Customer service is number one for us. It is something we are passionate about," says Kevin. He also gives talks to interested



Kevin demonstrates the 'Tipping Kettle'.

comments Kevin. This aid is fixed like a kind of seesaw, making is much safer to use than the conventional ones.

The shop has a comprehensive range of incontinence gear. "It's

a seven-year-old who had broken an ankle. A lady in Okato also found this aid most useful when she broke a bone in her foot and suffered ligament damage. She was able to hire the device.

Kevin points out that he is

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# Business owners believe in putting something back

Tobi and Susi Hipp say giving back to the community is important, and see the way they run their businesses as reflecting that.

Tobi has had 4U Computer Solutions since 2011, while Susi has been the face of Susanne Hipp Accounting for the last six years.

Until April both their businesses were based in High Street Hawera. Now they operate out of a building put up by Eltham Construction next to their Ketemarae Road home on the outskirts of Normanby.

Tobi and Susi are both involved with BizLink Hawera, Tobi as a board member and Susi as treasurer. Tobi is a member of the Normanby and Districts Lions Club, of which he is a past president. Susi is treasurer of Hawera Football Club, and Basketball Taranaki as well as being a Board Member of Trinity.

Originally from Namibia, they came to New Zealand in 2006 when Tobi landed a



**365 Ketemarae Road is now home to 4U Computer Solutions and Susanne Hipp Accounting.**

half before operating out of Princes Street and then High Street.

He sees their latest move as something which could reduce costs and help keep prices at a fair rate.

"We keep a close eye on what we charge as we are very community based," says Tobi.

Meanwhile Susi had

wife team, sharemilkers or any small business that should concentrate onto what they do best and leave the accounting in capable hands.

"The personal attention is really important. Accounting shouldn't be just once a year doing the books. I believe in empowering the clients to do as much or as little as they want to. For those businesses that would like to get more involved I teach clients how to do safe money by doing tasks themselves."

She says she has had new clients come to her after being recommended by family members who had used her as their accountant.

"That's what I want, happy customers and happy clients," she says.

Tobi says things have changed in the time that he's

looking for new business opportunities."

He had started by providing IT support for business before adding residential clients to his clientele. He says his business has gone on to become a one-stop shop.

They sell quality products that are fit for purpose, can supply the big brands, and are service agents for OKI and Brother printers.

Tobi says he would like to see more farmers as clients. As well as the increasing use of computers in milking sheds, there are farm security issues he can help them with. He has just gained his security agent certification, which means he is now registered to install alarms and camera systems.

"In farming communities there's so much theft going

as well as physical alarm and surveillance systems. With one of his team also being a qualified electrician they can do all the required installation work themselves. He has four people working for him.

"I find it important to employ people and create work opportunities," he says.

John Fullerton is a genial Irishman who is IT coordinator/administrator. All three staff members are highly experienced IT Engineers. In addition to this Leroy Berquist who has been with 4U Computers for over five years, "knows everything inside out" and is the go to person when Tobi is not around.

"He looks after our customers with larger

networks and servers," says Tobi.

"Joshua Walker has taken on board our security systems, wireless networking and is our Apple man. Sandip Panta from Nepal also works on web development.

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**Tobi Hipp of 4U Computer Solutions.**

job in Hawera working for Gen-i. Before then they had lived in Germany for five years.

"We were lucky enough to come to Hawera," says Tobi. "A rural town is more personal and suits us more. In Germany we had lived in a small rural town and quite enjoyed that. We appreciate the small towns and the opportunities that small towns create."

He had started his computer business working from home before getting a shop in Regent Street. He was there for a year and a

been office manager at Auroa School for five years. She started studying extramurally at Massey University and graduated with a BBS in Accounting. In 2013 she started her own business Susanne Hipp Accounting.

"I started from scratch and it's been growing organically and steadily since then," she says. "I'm not into big businesses. I believe small businesses needs care and attention too."

She says these may include a "one man band," contractors, a husband and



**Susi Hipp of Susanne Hipp Accounting**

been in business.

"My role has changed from being a technician to managing the business, growing the business and

on," he says.

Tobi says there are now devices which allow a farmer to know when somebody drives in the gate,

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# Qualifying for Subsidised Residential Care

## – news from the Cottage Rest Home

This information we are sharing with you is available on line by Ministry of Health, Long-term Residential Care for Older People – What you need to know (Revised 2019).

Following on from our previous article explaining about residential care and how we can receive this care via a subsidy or privately, we will touch on the next subject or steps in the process to apply for subsidised care.

### Your Needs Assessment and Service Coordination (NASC).

This assessment can be organised by Sandra, the Manager at the Cottage, your GP or other health provider.

Needs assessment is strongly recommended, but is a must have only if you wish to apply for the Residential Care Subsidy, you want to live in the Cottage or other rest home that provides DHB - contracted care services, or you are receiving subsidised rest home care and require any higher level of care such as dementia or hospital level care.



Opunake Cottage Rest Home.

A needs assessor will look at your health needs (which may include specialist geriatric assessment), your support needs to see if you need residential care, whether you need ongoing, long-term residential care,

and the level of care you need – rest home, specialist dementia, long-term hospital or specialist psycho-geriatric care.

The needs assessor can also help with information about appropriate facilities in your

area. If you are hospitalised due to illness or injury, that hospital may arrange a needs assessment for you.

If you wish to live in a rest home and pay for your care yourself you can. You would need to arrange your entry with the home provider directly. At the Cottage self funded costs are the same amount as subsidised care. However, in other rest homes there would be no restriction on the amount of fees you could be asked to pay for your care by that rest home if you have been needs assessed as requiring aged residential care.

### The financial means assessment – asset and income testing

Once it is shown that you need long-term residential care, you can apply for a financial means assessment. The Needs Assessment and Service Coordinator (NASC) will give you the forms you need to complete for your financial means assessment.

Your financial means assessment will determine whether you qualify for government funding through the Residential Care Subsidy. Specialised Processing Services, Work and Income, completes the financial means assessment for you based on the information that you give them.

To qualify for the Residential Care Subsidy you need to have assets equal to below those asset thresholds described in the previous article and listed again at the end of this article.

It is important to send in your financial means assessment application promptly, even if you can't

supply all information or papers required by Work and Income at this stage. This is important, as eligibility for the Residential Care Subsidy can only be backdated for up to 90 days before the date of the financial means assessment application.

By law you must pay the fees for your care until it is confirmed that you are eligible for the Residential Care Subsidy. This means that if you delay sending in your forms you will have to pay for any care costs not covered by the subsidy. The residential care facility will reimburse you any extra you may have paid that is subsequently covered by the subsidy.

To be eligible for government funding through the Residential Care Subsidy you need to be aged 65 or older, or aged 50-64 and single with no dependent children, have a needs assessment that shows you need ongoing, long-term residential care in a rest home or hospital indefinitely, have a financial means assessment that shows that your assets are equal to or below the applicable asset threshold and how much of your income will go towards your care costs, and receive contracted care services provided by a long-term residential care facility that is certified – under the Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001 – and that a has contract with a DHB.

If you are aged 50-64 years and single with no dependent children, the Residential Care Subsidy is not asset tested. You will have only your income assessed to see what you can contribute to your care costs. People aged

50-64 who have a partner and/or a dependent child and require residential care are not asset or income tested and do not have to contribute to their care costs until they turn 65 when they must apply for a financial means assessment.

### Asset Thresholds (from our previous article.

If you are 65 or older, your and your partner's (if you have one) total assets must be \$230,495 or less. If you have a partner who's not in long-term residential care, you can choose whether the total value of your combined assets is either \$126,224 or less, if you don't want to include the value of your house and car, or \$230,495 or less, if you do want to include the value of your house and car.

Your house isn't counted as an asset if it's the main place where your partner or dependent child lives.

By way of explanation: a partner [or spouse] is assessed for full time care. The other partner [or spouse] remains in the family home and uses the family car. Any funds in excess of \$126,224 will be applied to the Rest Home fees. The balance of \$126,224 can be held for personal use/savings.

A single [perhaps widowed] person is assessed as needing full time care. Assets including the family home and care are protected to the extent of \$230,495. In the event of these assets being more than \$230,495 the difference will be applied to Rest Home fees in the format that is assessed by WINZ.

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# From push to pull

I recently attended the Annual NZIPIM Conference in Christchurch. The theme of this meeting was sustainability in the Primary Industries sector and how we need to transition from the status quo to a more sustainable approach to farming in NZ.

Both our Drystock and Dairy farmers are being subjected to increasingly tougher environmental regulations and social scrutiny, and it was refreshing to see this being recognised and addressed by professionals in the sector. There is overwhelming agreement that our farm systems need to change, even at a simplistic level my 10-year old daughter can comprehend this. She was even so kind as to leave a rather gloomy diagram in my notebook summarising her view.

However, there's still no consensus on what "sustainable" means and what a sustainable farm system looks like. There's even less of an idea of how we're going to make these changes while remaining profitable. As "consultants"



Emily House.

and "advisors" it's our job to lead the way – but what does this path look like?

Let's think about the term "sustainable" for a second. This can mean different things to different people, but I thought Kirk Hope from ANZ summed it up best in his presentation; "Can you make that decision 100 times over without unintended consequences? If not, then it's not sustainable." This leads us to the realisation that to attain "sustainability" we need to look at the framework we are making our decisions within.

As a farmer, what's the biggest "pull" when making decisions on farm? Is it financial performance,

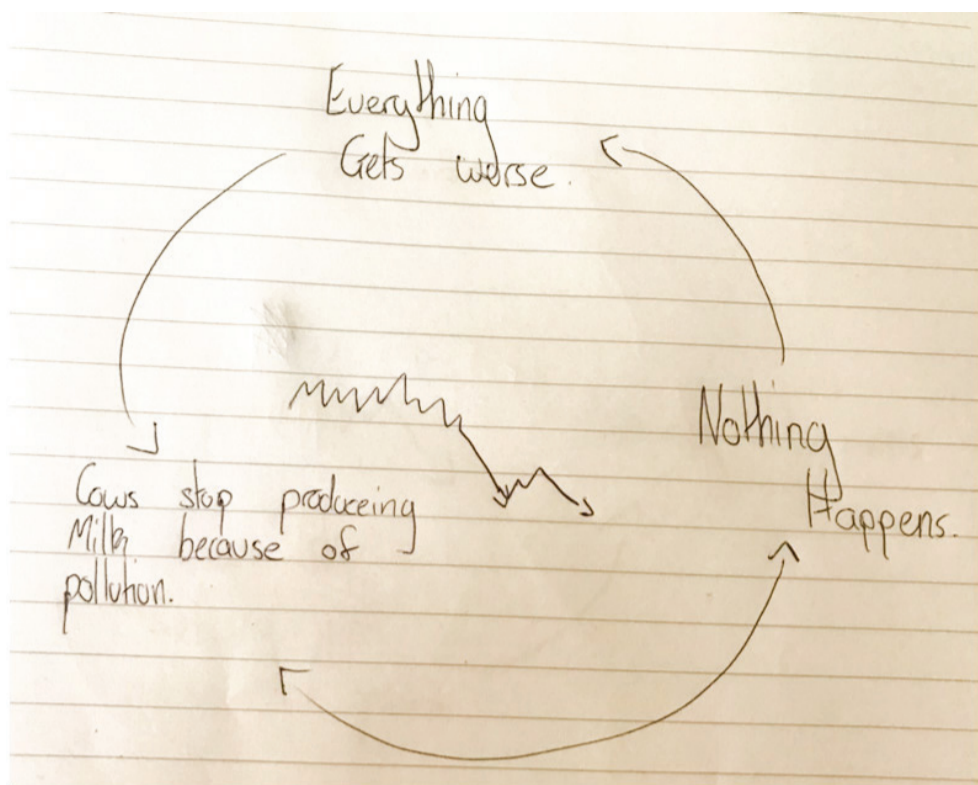
scalability, or market driven? And are these decisions necessarily sustainable?

Perhaps all we require is a mindset change. Yes, the need to meet environmental compliance is pushing us to be more sustainable but what if we could become compliant and profitable as an outcome of the way we make every day decisions on farm?

The biggest driver of profitability on farm is efficiency and it's also key to reducing our environmental footprint. So, what are the practical steps we can offer farmers right now that will decrease their nutrient losses and make their farms more efficient, and all the while remaining profitable?

There are many options here, and as I'm sure we'd all agree there is no one "silver bullet." It's a combination of changes that will achieve the desired outcomes but at the core of it lies our biggest resource – our animals. These are the "money makers" and they're also the "polluters" so to speak.

So how can we really improve efficiency on our farms? I would say why



The point of view of a 10 year old

don't we ask the animals? By using the health, welfare and nutritional requirements of your animals to guide your decisions around feeding, pasture management and soil amendment, you find the outcomes are beneficial to both the bottom line and the environment.

Currently environmental

and social compliance is driving our sustainability goals, but no-one likes to be pushed into anything. Instead let's rethink the way we approach this. If we use a decision-making process that delivers many of the desired outcomes, while making farms more profitable, then suddenly

"sustainability" looks much more attractive.

So, when push comes to shove, what will be your pull?

Emily House  
Nutrient Management  
Advisor  
Mineral Systems

## Virus response closes out

A joint Biosecurity New Zealand and Potatoes New Zealand response to the crop disease Potato mop-top virus (PMTV) is being closed out, with industry taking the lead on long-term management.

PMTV was confirmed in New Zealand in September 2018, initially concentrated in grower paddocks in Canterbury.

A national survey to determine the extent of the disease has now been

completed and the virus has been confirmed throughout the country north to south, indicating that it has been in New Zealand for a long period of time.

"It became evident earlier into the response that this disease couldn't be eradicated and that the best outcome for potato growers was for industry management long-term," says Sam Leske, Biosecurity New Zealand acting director, Readiness and Response

Services.

"Biosecurity New Zealand will continue to support industry in helping them develop the long-term management plan, which will include non-regulatory controls and voluntary agreement."

It's the first time the two organisations have worked together on a biosecurity response since signing up to the Government Industry Agreement (GIA).

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# You can't be green when you are in the red

There is lot to do, but you can only do it if you have the resources. The next term of the Regional Council looks likely to be filled with many serious issues which will affect all our daily lives. The issue of Climate change in Taranaki has mainly focussed on the banning of Oil and Gas exploration and the controversial new changes that could come in with the Zero Carbon Bill with agriculture being brought into the Emission trading scheme and compulsory Green House gas (GHG) Plans for each farm.

these measures have little immediate effect on Climate change. For example, increasingly heavy rain events and more frequent storms are already creating real strains on river systems and increasing the likelihood of flooding. Despite the risk of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions flooding is still the most likely to cause the greatest damage and devastation.

Recently, the Council has been supporting plans to seek a major new injection of funds from the Government to strengthen and protect our river systems. Huge sums

were spent in the distant past and need to be spent again. Some argue that this should be the focus of any new infrastructure money from this Government.

Another issue about to burst upon us is the new water standard. This is a multi-headed issue. On the one hand the Government is introducing a new super authority to compel Communities to reach a new drinking water standard. On the other hand there will be also new rules around the quality of stream water, management of catchments, the management of storm water and discharges. There is also need for a new fresh water plan for Taranaki.

These last few weeks I have been acting as Hearings Commissioner for the Coastal Plan for Taranaki, which involves many hours of deliberations and 3000 - 4000 pages of submissions and notes to consider. This Plan is relatively uncontentious, but anything to do with water will be much more complex. We have to get this right to protect the environment and enhance Taranaki, but not in the process to strangle



Neil Walker.

has been great public interest and support. We have managed to raise about two thirds of the cost from outside the rating base. This ultimately will not be enough. We need to do more than just trap and poison and we need to try newer and more dramatic techniques. There are some radical ideas out there, some of which may seem to be a bridge too far, but here will be a debate we need to have.

The issues we face seem overwhelming and we must remember we need to look after our people and give them jobs and security. It requires not putting our heads in the sand and doing nothing, nor rushing headlong into radical actions that later prove ineffective. It involves finding a balance.

As a recent commentator notes, "When dealing with complex issues in the environment you have to go at a pace where the public and business sector can cope. In short, you can't be green when you are in the red."

Neil Walker  
Taranaki Regional Councillor

everybody with costs and destroy livelihoods. We need to find a balance.

buy-in from the public concerning Predator Free Taranaki 2050. Everybody can agree on this and there

There has been a wonderful

## Feds' message to government on water quality

A 'one size fits all', inflexible and punitive regulatory regime for water quality just gets backs - and costs - up and most importantly will not work, Federated Farmers says.

"We have consistently argued that farmers will get alongside and work with sensible, practical and affordable catchment-based solutions based on an accurate assessment of the actual water quality," Feds environment spokesperson

Chris Allen says.

Environment minister David Parker has said announcements on tighter regulations on the agricultural sector are imminent.

"We all want good, fresh water. All of us - farmers included - need, and have effects on, water quality whether we drink it, use it for some commercial purpose or recreate in it.

"The question is how

you drive water quality improvements. There's no doubt there is a place for rules and regulation, but they must take into account the circumstances of each catchment - soil types, land uses and community priorities to name a few," Allen said.

"We must keep up the momentum with the water quality improvements we are already seeing in many catchments, not cut across this with cumbersome,

draconian, one-size-fits-all regulations."

Federated Farmers believes regional councils should be required to go through the nutrient limit setting process as per the current National Policy Statement, "with a stick approach to achieve it," Allen said.

"Some councils haven't done it, and that's a problem. If the reason is capacity issues for smaller councils,

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# TeenAg skills day in Feilding attracts large turnout

Feilding has hosted an event testing the agricultural skills of high school students from across the lower North Island.

Almost 130 teenagers from New Plymouth, Masterton, Palmerston North and Feilding took part in the TeenAg competition at the dairy farm owned by Feilding High School.

Students tackled a range of modules including fencing, tractor and quad bike safety, working dog health, wool handling and equipment identification.

They also had to correctly identify real animal organs, such as a liver, kidneys and heart.

“Our aim is to try and keep the event as practical, engaging and as hands-on as possible,” said Feilding High School teacher Kain Nixon.

The event was organised by a senior leadership group of the school’s TeenAg club, which is the largest in New Zealand.

It’s designed to encourage students to develop their theoretical and practical agricultural skills.



Students change a tyre on a Honda Quad bike.

“Agri-sports is a great way to get students excited about the career opportunities in the agri-food sector, both on and off the farm,” said Kain.

Students from Spotswood College, Feilding High School, Palmerston North Boys’ High School and Rathkeale College competed in teams of four.

It gave those keen to compete in next year’s FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year regional finals a chance to hone their skills.

“It’s been a huge help. It’s made me realise I need to improve my knowledge of wool and fibre and work on my fencing skills,” said Feilding High School student Scott Harrigan.

“I’ve learned a fair bit about grains, seeds and cropping as a result of the competition.”

Scott was part of the winning team which won the senior division for the second year in a row.

His teammates were Lachie Crafar, Josh Devane and Oliver Boerjan.

“We’re pretty happy and excited to have won the event again. We’re all good mates and we work well together,” said Scott.

Eddie Harris, Hamish Shaw, Alex Wyeth and Jock Burke from Rathkeale College took out the junior division of the competition.

Brad Markham

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## Feds message to government on water quality

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the government could help with resourcing. But we have to bear in mind that these processes are complex and take time.”

On stock exclusion, the issue is about keeping stock out of water, not mandatory and arbitrary setbacks. A significant amount of work has already been done by farmers applying the appropriate method to achieve stock exclusion.

“In dairy districts, we should build on the Sustainable Dairying: Water Accord. Farmers have already invested huge amounts of time and effort, resulting in outcomes including stock being excluded from waterways on 97.5% of dairy farms, and more than 99.7% of regular stock crossing points on dairy farms now having bridges or

culverts. We are seeing the improvements from this sort of work coming though. For example, a recent regional council report shows that water quality in Taranaki rivers is showing long-term improvement. Nearly half the rivers showed significant improvement, which has flowed from the stock exclusion, extensive riparian plantings farmers have done and changes to effluent disposal.

“There are now a lot of regional councils which do have good rules for stock exclusion, based on what is needed for their region. They are fit for purpose and farmers have gone on and are living with them. Councils that don’t have rules are a minority and need to get on with the job.”

Any proposed changes should be underpinned by robust cost-benefit

analysis and rather than bald measurements of attributes (nitrogen, turbidity, phosphorus, etc) the catchment-based improvement programmes should be geared around the values the local community rate as the priorities - for example, can you swim in it? Can fish and macroinvertebrates thrive in it? Allen said.

“When we do issue national environmental reports, the findings should come with the full picture. What was the season like- hot, dry, wet? All of those things affect water quality and we need that context, not just bald numbers from a very limited number of sites.”

Farmers would also like to see consistency in approach across the sectors, and

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# Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

On Monday August 12, there was some very consistent shooting with Paul Tidswell scoring 99.5, 99.6/99.3; Bob Bramley shooting 97.4, 97.5; Brian Hicks scoring 96.3, 96.3; Garry Rowlands 98.5, 99.6/97.4. There was a mixed bag for most other shooters with Henry Armond scoring 97.2, 92.3; Clare Bramley 93.1, 97.4; Alan Drake 95.3, 96.2; Murray Chinery 95.5, 94.3; Craig McGill 94.3, 95.1; Don Litchfield 93.0, 95.2.

Group card shooters had a good night with some very good scores. Crystal Gryschuk scored two 100s while John MacLeod scored two 100s and a 98; Gabriel Bielewski 97 and 100.

It was a busy night on Friday August 16 with quite a few visitors to the range. Fierce competition with one group saw Tash Hiri-Pieta coming out on top and improving on last week's scores 100 group, 88.0,

83.0; Alethea Rowlands 100 group, 80.0; Kamryn Pieta 99, 99, 100 groups, Liam Mills 98, 97, 98 groups; Loegan Pieta 97, 99, 97 groups; Keyarn Rowlands 95, 99 groups. Gabriel Bielewski 100 group, 85.0.

Garry Rowlands took out top score of the night with 99.6 and 97.6; Paul Tidswell 97.4, 99.5; Bob Bramley 95.4, 99.5, 98.5; Clare Bramley 96.3, 97.2; Bjorn Fowler 96.3, 95.3/96.5; Henry Armond 96.2, 90.1/94.2; Craig McGill 90.1, 95.3, 96.1, 96.1; Boston Taylor 84.0, 94.1/94.1; Brian Hicks 93.2, 93.3; Paul Longstaff 90.2, 93.2; Murray Chinery 91.0, 92.2; Stephen Hicks 92.2, 90.2.

On August 19 there were three 100.6 scores shot at the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club by Paul Tidswell, Garry Rowlands and Clare Bramley. Scores were Clare Bramley 99.5, 100.6; Garry Rowlands 97.4, 98.5/98.4,

100.6; Paul Tidswell 100.6, 99.4/96.6; Bob Bramley 98.5, 96.4; Alan Drake 97.1, 95.5; Craig McGill 85.1, 97.4. Visitor Frank Eustace 90.1, 95.4; Alex Sadovnikova 95.3, 95.0; Henry Armond shot two consistent 94.1 cards; Don Litchfield 93.3, 90.2; Bjorn Fowler 93.2; Murray Chinery 88.1, 86.1.

Group card shooters battled it out with Crystal Gryschuk coming out

on top with two 100 cards while Gabriel Bielewski scored 98 and 99 groups.

On Thursday August 22 there was a visit from the Midhirst Scout Group. It was quite a close and fierce contest with Richard Drummond taking out the honour of top score as well as beating his father. Richard Drummond two 100 groups, 85.0; Alan Webby two 100 groups, 82.0; Adrian Drummond

two 100 groups, 80.0; Vicki Deone 99 and 100 groups, 74.0. The rest of the group each shot group cards Daniel Drummond 98, 99; Naomi Deone 99, 97; Steph Suffolk two 97s; Esta Deone 96, 99; Daniel Suffolk 96, 97; Brianna Roberts two 94s; Zara Roberts 94, 80; Meadow Wellington 94.

On Friday August 23, top score of the night went to Brian Hicks with 99.6, he also scored 94.3. Close

behind was Henry Armond 98.6, 92.2; and Alan Drake 98.5, 95.3. Murray Chinery 95.5, 96.5, 92.4; Craig McGill 93.1, 95.5, 96.3; Bjorn Fowler 95.4, 94.5; Alex Sadovnikova 93.3, 93.2; Stephen Hicks 89.0, 91.2.

Junior shooter John McGill shot a 100 group card followed by 82.1, 80.1. Lucas scored 97, 95 and 99 group cards.

Clare Bramley

## Shooting win for Taranaki

For the first time in several years Taranaki has won the annual shoot against Waikato which was held in Inglewood on Sunday.

There were 20 shooters from each province attending and shooting was according to grade. For the first time in several years Taranaki came out on top with only

21 points and 4 inners between the team totals. Taranaki took out A-grade and B-grade, the latter by a whopping 59 points and 11 inners. Waikato won D, C and Master grades. Special mention has to go to Waikato shooter Rory who scored a very impressive 400.29 (200.13, 200.16).

Clare Bramley

## Manaia Golf results

August 10. Saturday Men. Stableford. 1. Denis Hurcomb. 2. Jason King. 3. Neil Scown. 4. John Oliver.

August 17. Saturday Men. 1. Grant Gibbs. 2. Kevin Murrell. 3. Paul Hunn. 4. Grant Gopperth.

August 24. Saturday Men. 1. Craig Jones Bogey Round. 2. Gary Couper. 3. Jamie Johnston. 4. Jacob Gopperth.

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| D       | DAVID T    | 96.3                       | 95.1          |
|         | JACQUELINE | 92.2                       | 90.3          |
|         | JOLIE      | 96.2                       | 96.3          |
|         | SHARONN    | 89.0                       | 92.1          |
|         |            | <u>373.7</u>               | <u>373.5</u>  |
|         |            |                            | 746.12        |
| C       | REGAN(T)   | 97.2 (4/10 + 4) ←          | 99.3          |
|         | ABBY       | 97.2                       | 99.6          |
|         | PAUL       | 96.4                       | 93.3          |
|         | IAN        | 93.2                       | 93.3          |
|         |            | <u>383.10</u>              | <u>384.15</u> |
|         |            |                            | 767.25        |
| B       | SAMUEL     | 192.6                      | 193.5         |
|         | JESSIE     | 196.9                      | 186.5         |
|         | ELIZABETH  | 185.3                      | 181.3         |
|         | MARK       | 191.7                      | 191.5         |
|         | MALCOLM    | 183.7                      | 165.10        |
|         |            | <u>947.32</u>              | <u>916.17</u> |
|         |            |                            | 1863.49       |
| A       | TREVOR S.  | 194.6                      | 194.11        |
|         | BRAD       | 191.8                      | 192.6         |
|         | FRASER     | 188.4                      | 188.5         |
|         | ALAN       | 196.4                      | 191.8         |
|         |            | <u>769.22</u>              | <u>765.30</u> |
|         |            |                            | 1534.52       |
| m       | ROY        | 198.10                     | 198.8         |
|         | DAVEIM     | 196.11                     | 197.12        |
|         | ALLISON    | 194.11                     | 190.7         |
|         | ROBY       | 200.13                     | 200.16        |
|         |            | <u>788.45</u>              | <u>785.35</u> |
|         |            |                            | 1573.80       |
|         |            | <b>WAIKATO GRAND TOTAL</b> |               |
|         |            | <b>6483.28</b>             |               |

The shooting scores when Taranaki beat Waikato. Waikato shooter Roy Herbison was awarded the "Unwelcome Brick" for trying to convince the junior shooters (who choose the 'winner') to give it to anyone other than him.

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# Paul Veric appointed TRFU interim and acting CEO

Taranaki Rugby has appointed Paul Veric as interim and acting CEO to replace outgoing CEO Jeremy Parkinson. The latter has purchased a business in his home province of Northland and resigned earlier in the month.

Veric will commence immediately upon Parkinson's departure and has agreed to a part-time contract which will see him work four days per week through to 30 November 2019.

This will allow the TRFU to have a strong leader in place as it goes through the process of recruiting a permanent replacement for Parkinson. Veric will work part-time to allow for



**Paul Veric.**

his other contracting and governance commitments and will not be applying for the permanent role.

Taranaki Rugby chairman, Lindsay Thomson says he was delighted to be able to secure the services of Paul at such short notice.

"Paul has outstanding leadership qualities having most recently been the Headmaster of New Plymouth Boys' High School. He also has extensive high performance sport experience including being the former CEO of Swimming New Zealand and board member of the New Zealand Academy of Sport (North Island). We know he will do an outstanding job over the next few months as we prepare for a permanent appointment," Thomson said.

Veric says he was humbled to be approached for the role.

"I am looking forward to doing everything I can to support the dedicated team at the TRFU, during a critical time of year," he said.



Young Taranaki supporters cheer the team to a 52-19 win over Northland last weekend.

Photo Ken Davies

## \$2million invested in drowning prevention but demand on the rise

Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) is investing \$2million in water safety interventions in its 2019/20 Funding Round.

Drowning is the leading cause of recreational death and the third highest cause

of accidental death in New Zealand. In 2018 there were 66 preventable drowning fatalities. The five year average (2013 - 2017) is 82.

New Zealand's drowning rate per 100,000 of population is twice that of

Australia and four times that of the UK, and over the past ten years the cost of drowning deaths and injuries is in the order of \$4.79 billion

This year 96 applications were received which

requested total funding of \$5,219,766. This is over double the number of applications received last year when 43 applications were considered which requested total funding of \$1,892,743.

"This is a reflection of what we are seeing in aquatic recreation: an increasing population, increasing participation and increasing demand for water safety education" says WSNZ CEO

Jonty Mills. "While we would like to fund everything we've had to make some hard calls and focus on priority areas. We would like to thank everyone who applied" says Mills.

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# MITSUBISHI MAKING ITS MARQUE IN HAWERA

By Mike Shaw

Autocity in Hawera has a new leading brand - revealed this week with the raising of Mitsubishi flags and signage at the Regent St dealership.

The addition of the triple-diamond marque has also prompted a renaming of the South Taranaki business - the new brand portion will be known as Autocity Mitsubishi South Taranaki.

That change does not mean the loss of any of the existing brands, general manager Aaron Wells assures customers. "We will still sell and service Holden and Mazda vehicles from our Hawera site, with the addition of the Mitsubishi brand" he says. "No-one loses... it's a gain for the district and our existing customers will still get the same service they have been enjoying."

Taking on the new brand in South Taranaki followed an approach from Mitsubishi Motors NZ to Autocity's Taranaki dealer principal Daryn Pennington, Aaron explains. North Taranaki was well served by the existing Mitsubishi franchise in New Plymouth, he says, but there was an opportunity to establish a sales, parts and service representation in Hawera and Daryn recognised that.

"Only last year, we revamped the dealership here and it offered a very good base for new product to be introduced. The first stock of new Mitsubishi vehicles has arrived and we are excited about the brand's future here."

The decision to take on the Mitsubishi brand required a serious investment in people, product, parts and knowledge and the three months from signing up the marque to this week's reveal has been a very busy period for the Autocity team of 12 staff in Hawera.

Technicians, parts and service staff, and sales people have all received specialist training with Mitsubishi Motors, via courses in Wellington, in-house in Hawera and on line. New technical equipment is on hand for the workshop services, a comprehensive range of parts has been delivered to the Hawera premises ahead of this week's launch, and there is a range of Mitsubishi models in the showroom, encompassing the ASX, Triton GLXR 4WD, Triton VXR 4WD, Outlander 2WD 2-litre, Outlander 2WD 2.4-litre, Outlander 4WD 2.4-litre, Outlander PHEV VRX, and Pajero Sport VXR.

The company has eight Mitsubishis in the showroom and a similar number elsewhere on site, with another nine vehicles on the way.

The effort to set up the Mitsubishi brand has received a special focus from newly appointed Mitsubishi South Taranaki brand manager Charl Swart, who adds that responsibility to his existing role as Autocity's fleet and rural sales consultant in the district.

Charl has settled comfortably into his work in Hawera, after moving here with his wife and twin daughters seven months ago. He had been running his own retail footwear business up north for 12 years, but the transition has been seamless, he says. "I am still dealing with customers; it's just a different product."

It has obviously helped that Charl is a car enthusiast and he will be focusing that passion on helping Autocity customers. So don't be



surprised if a new Mitsubishi Triton in 'Beast' mode pulls up in the farm driveway; it'll just be Charl calling in to say hi and to introduce himself.

Customers are spread over a wide area, says Aaron. "Our zone is from north of Stratford, down to Waitotara and there's a big rural sector in there."

With that knowledge, Aaron and Charl are planning a special emphasis on their vehicle models at this year's Stratford A&P Show in November. The firm has shown its product regularly at the Egmont show in Hawera, Aaron says, but he sees an opportunity in a high-profile showing at Stratford this year.

One of the premier exhibits will be the latest Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV - a technologically advanced plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, which is a vehicle that can use either an electric motor or an internal combustion engine to power the wheels. The electric motor can be charged by plugging the vehicle into mains electricity and on a full charge the Outlander PHEV can travel up to 54km in pure electric vehicle mode. Once the battery power has been used the internal combustion engine takes over, so there is no need for the driver to be concerned about how much charge is left in the battery.

"That's new to us," says Charl, "but there has been a lot of talk lately about electric and hybrid vehicles, and we now have a demonstrator vehicle on hand."

Aaron says the introduction of this technology to Autocity's vehicle range is exciting. Hawera is getting ready for increased use of such technology, he adds, with two charging stations already installed in the town - one at The Warehouse, the other at Pak 'n Save.



Aaron and Charl are expecting increasing interest in the new Mitsubishi range, with customers already lined up waiting to look at models. "We have multiple demonstrators, including Triton, Outlander PHEV, Mirage and Pajero Sport," says Aaron.

The Triton range has a model particularly attractive to commercial and rural customers, says Aaron - a cab-and-chassis model that can be customised with a rear tray deck. "We will have one of these fitted with a locally built Armourshield deck so those customers can see what they are looking at."

Autocity Mitsubishi South Taranaki demonstrators will be available as customer courtesy vehicles for people bringing their own cars into Autocity for servicing, Aaron says.

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We tried to sell the business and keep it going but suitable buyers were not available.

We are not retiring and are still supporting the staff milking cows. We still have the Mount Messenger block which is our bull paddock for the bulls required for our dairies. We still have a few sections available at Tapuae and The Lakes for anyone who wants to live by the sea.

Your patronage over the years has been greatly appreciated and we thank all those involved in the past years.

*John and Mary Washer*



John and Mary Washer have been very loyal advertisers in the Opunake & Coastal News for many years. They have been right behind the paper in many other ways since I have been involved. Without such people the Opunake & Coastal News would not exist. Thank you John and Mary for your loyalty over the years,

*Bernice*

## What's On Listings



### ONGOING

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

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

### SUNDAYS

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

**Open Mic at the Rahotu Tavetrn:** Every second Sunday from 1-5pm.

### MONDAYS

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

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

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

### TUESDAYS

**Club Hotel Pool:** Tuesday nights. New players welcome.

### WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAYS

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAYS

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

**Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth:** Last Friday of the month at Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm. Next one August 30.

### WEEKENDS

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

### APRIL 6 TO OCTOBER 6

**'Whare Kahurangi: 100 Years of Collecting' Exhibition:** At Puke Ariki, New Plymouth. Refer advert and article in previous issue of OCN.

### AUGUST 10 TO MID NOVEMBER

**New exhibitions opening at the Govett Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre:** Fiona Clark; Yuichiro Tamura; Waking Up Slowly; Open Window. At 42 Queen St, NP. Refer advert.

### AUGUST 26 TO SEPTEMBER 20

**"Papatuanuku - Treasures of the Earth" Exhibition:** At the Village Gallery, Eltham. Refer advert.

### AUGUST 31

**Orchids Show and Sale:** 10am-4pm. Highlands Intermediate School. Refer advert.

**Hawera Horticultural Society Spring Flowers Show:** At Hawera Community Centre, 12-5pm. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 1

**Orchids Show and Sale:** 10am-4pm. Highlands Intermediate School. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 2

**Tawanui Herefords 16th Annual Purebred Bull Auction:** 12pm start. 923 Wingrove Rd, Stratford. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 4

**Pihama Hall Society AGM:** 7pm at Pihama Hall. Refer advert..

### SEPTEMBER 4 TO 28

**"As We See It" Exhibition:** At Lysaght Watt Gallery, 4-6 Union St, Hawera. Refer advert..

### SEPTEMBER 5

**Opunake Touch Association. Referees Training Night and A.G.M.:** Sandfords Event Centre. 6pm. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 6 TO 8

**Koru Galleries & Tasman Toyota present an Art Exhibition:** At Tasman Toyota Showroom, Fitzroy. Opening at 5pm Friday. Exhibition opens Saturday 9am-3pm, Sunday 10am-2pm. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 9

**5th Annual Coastal High BW Yearling Jersey Bull Sale:** Julian Rd, Warea. 12.30pm start. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 14

**Fabricana, a Taranaki Hospice fundraiser:** Open to all crafters to sell surplus craft supplies. No finished items. Stall charges donated to Hospice. September 14th 2019. Highlands Intermediate Hall. Enquiries to M Richardson 06 758 5101 email [lfr@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lfr@xtra.co.nz)

### SEPTEMBER 17

**Cold Creek Community Water Supply Ltd AGM:** 7.30pm at 90 Puketapu Rd, Pihama. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 9

**Taranaki National Art Awards:** Entries due 20th September. Awards Ceremony November 1 at 7pm. Exhibition runs from November 2 to 9. Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. Refer advert.

### SEPTEMBER 25

**Coastal Pacific/Trans Alpine 5 Day Package with Travelsmart Stratford:** Email or phone for more details. Refer advert from previous issue

### SEPTEMBER 25 TO OCTOBER 6

**Whanganui Literary Festival:** EARLY BIRD SEASON TICKET TILL SEPTEMBER 6 \$70. Refer to advert.

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# PAPATŪĀNUKU

Treasures of the Earth

26 AUGUST - 20 SEPTEMBER 2019

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# Treasures of the Earth

Showing at the Papatuanuku Treasures of the Earth exhibition at The Village Gallery From August 26-September 20 are Ivan Toopi and Ashlee Robinson.

Ivan Toopi is currently studying art fulltime with The Learning Connexion, furthering his art education and practice. Based in Eltham, he runs an online store part-time and manages the family. Ivan is interested in a

myriad of art forms and disciplines; he likes to find out how things fit together and work. Ivan's interest and practice includes Pounamu, structure and sculpture, assembly and installation art, as well as Maori-style wood carving, watercolour, drawing and painting. 'What drives me to art is my spiritual connection, my taha wairua', and also an ever inquisitive nature.

I'm inspired by culture, architecture, nature, technology, and Tikanga. My way of reconnecting and stabilizing is through creation, expression and art," he says.

Ashlee Robinson is a Mixed Media Artist based in Eltham. From harakeke, to wallpaper, she finds pleasure in combining a wide variety of subject matter into her works of art.

Ashlee produces custom pieces for her clients and also sells a range of her own art. She is inspired by nature and all her fellow artists. Her dream is to become a full-time practicing artisan/business owner.

To follow Ashlee's artist journey and view her work, please take a look at her Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/ashleesartpage/](http://www.facebook.com/ashleesartpage/)

# Koru galleries Spring programme

It's a busy few months ahead for Koru Galleries Koru on Koru Sculpture Garden & Gallery Oakura and Koru on Devon Art Space & Gallery 89 Devon St. West (next to Junk & disorderly).

Exhibition space at Koru on Devon has been booked up until April 2020 by local and visiting artists.

Sponsored by Tasman Toyota, Koru Gallery's collective are having their annual exhibition in their Fitzroy showroom, which this year will extend over three days. Opening September 6 at

5pm. refreshments served. Saturday 9am - 3pm Sunday 10am - 2pm.

Local artists include Paul Hutchinson, Linda Mcfetridge, Richard Landers, Ian Axell, Kris White, Che Rogers, Fay Looney, Dale Copeland, Lester Earl, Rosie Ralph, Charlotte Giblin, Anna Korver, Maria Brockhill, Steve Molloy, Chris Wells, Dwayne Duthie, Volker Hawighorsrt, Suzan Kostanich, Theresa Tongi, Tevita Vai, Brenda Cash, Vicky Taylor, Rowan Oldfield, Laurel Davis, Joshua Sands, Allan



Kris White Artist.

Coppelstone, Tony Rumball. Invited artists. Deb Fuller (Lava Gallery Christchurch), Hayley Hamilton, (Raglan), Delecia Sampero (Titirangi)

Koru galleries are pleased to announce one lucky attendee will win an original "Lester Earl" painting simply by "being there."

On September 22, Koru galleries host a charity Exhibition for ASD. Connex supporting families with Autistic children (Autism Connex has been selected by The Network Inc (Taranaki Business Women's Networking group) as the charity they will promote and support in 2019. Koru Galleries is proud to support the group's exhibition. Opening Saturday September 21 at 5pm the exhibition will feature the following artists plus the Koru collective artists,

Tevita Vai Latu (painter), Theresa Tongi (mixed media), Jolene Stockman (installation artist), Arohana Mathews (acrylic painter).

Taranaki Garden Festival. November 1-10.

Koru on Koru Gallery & Garden is place of interest no. 40 in the Fringe Festival and will once again feature garden sculptors Anna Korver, Renate Verbrugge, Chris Wells and the pottery of Maria Brockhill, plus a new range of work from the Koru collective, and visiting artists Hayley Hamilton (Raglan) and Deb Fuller (Christchurch).

Koru on Devon features Taranaki landscape photographer Margaret Irving, assemblage artist Wayne Morris, Raglan artist Hayley Hamilton and Koru Collective. Then it's Christmas.



'Tevita Vai Latu friends I have never met' (Connex exhibit) & Toyota Exhibition

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### Spring Flower Show

Saturday 31st August

12:00pm - 5:00pm

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Entries & Enquiries

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## Whanganui Literary Festival

25 September - 6 October 2019

- Joanne Drayton (Keynote speaker)
- Paul Cleave
- Fiona Kidman
- Albert Belz
- Leah McFall
- Amber Rose
- Ron Palenski
- Corey Mosen
- Tina Makereti

Gala opening event Drinks & nibbles, festival officially opened by Whanganui Mayor, Hamish McDouall.

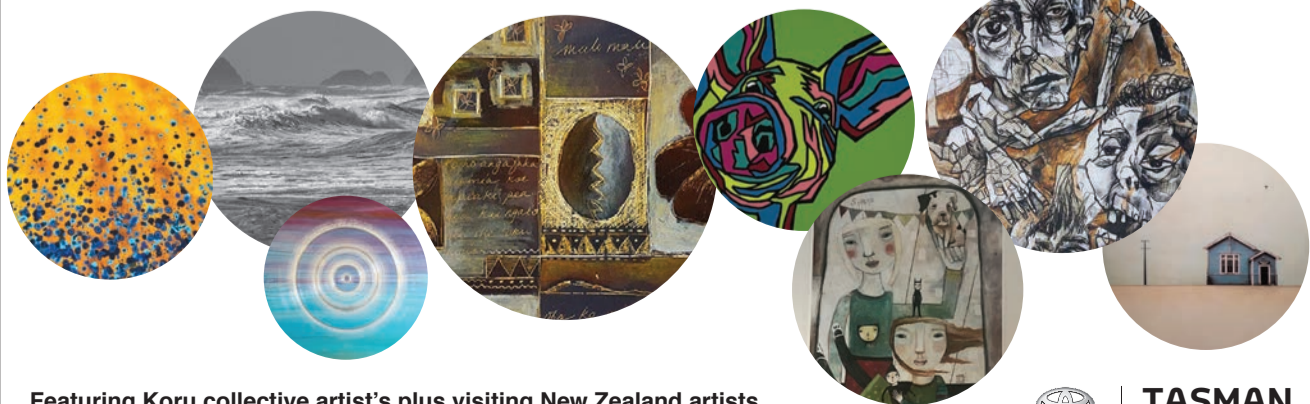
Dinner with the Stars Join the authors for a mix and mingle and enjoy conversations with other booklovers.

Tickets available from the Royal Whanganui Opera House: Early Bird season pass \$70 (available until 6 September). Tickets to individual events from \$15.

Full programme details available at: [www.writersfest.co.nz](http://www.writersfest.co.nz) [www.facebook.com/WhanganuiLiteraryFestival](http://www.facebook.com/WhanganuiLiteraryFestival)



Tasman Toyota and Koru Galleries invite you to an art exhibition  
Opening Friday 6th September at 5pm refreshments served  
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Featuring Koru collective artist's plus visiting New Zealand artists.  
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# Awards attract eclectic mix

The Taranaki National Art Awards celebrates 18 years in 2019 and is a highlight of the region's creative calendar. Hosted in the rural coastal town of Ōpūnake, attracting over 250-350 entries from all over New Zealand, the exhibition showcases seven categories, competing for a prize pool of over \$10,000.

South Taranaki District Council Arts Coordinator, Michaela Stoneman says "The awards attract a truly eclectic mix of work. The focus has always been to be inclusive, it's an ideal forum for emerging artists to exhibit and offer their work for sale alongside established artists. The event is a great example of a small town doing it for themselves, with ongoing



**Joshua Sands, Winner of the Taranaki Artists section 2018.**

support from sponsors and the wider community."

The Tō Taranakitanga section is a new category launched in 2018. The award offers an opportunity for descendants of iwi from the Taranaki rohe to express their connection to the Maunga and their people.

The categories are: Painting, Taranaki Artists, 3D, Works on Paper, Fibre Art, Tō Taranakitanga and Photography. All entry details are available from the website - [www.taranakiartawards.co.nz](http://www.taranakiartawards.co.nz)

Entries due: Friday 20 September 2019. Awards Ceremony: 7.00pm Friday November 1. Exhibition: 10 am - 4 pm. November 2-9. Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake.

## Opunake Library Plus Book Review

### The way home – by Mark Boyle

"It was 11pm when I checked my email for the last time and turned off my phone." No, not me, the author of this book. I get the shakes if I can't find my darn phone for five minutes, which incidentally is the reason I decided to read this book.

This is an interesting book about the author Mark Boyle, who lives in Ireland on a small farm and decides to remove technology from his life, all of it, totally. It makes

you think and provokes some interesting conversation. First he started to try and live without money which led him to research how our ancestors lived. He writes about the lives of the Basket Islanders whose lifestyle resembles his life on his small farm - totally self-reliant and surviving in all conditions. I found it interesting that Mark tried life as a vegan but this did not work out to be viable considering his other life choices so he fishes

for himself, walks or rides a bike and never uses public transport. All his firewood and supplies are hauled by himself in wheelbarrows or other things propelled by humans. No farm machinery either. Pen and paper for writing, no computer or tablet, and he wasn't too thrilled about having to type up the book to have it published. A very insightful book.

So after reading it do I think I could live without all this technology? Yes I could,

but can I, considering work, distance from children and other factors? Most likely not.

You can reserve this book in at any South Taranaki LibraryPlus branch in person, or call us on 0800 111 323.

You can also visit <https://www.southtaranaki.com/Live/LibraryPlus>

*Maria Brewerton RLIANZA Branch Librarian Opunake & Manaia LibraryPlus\South Taranaki District Council*



'The Angry Sea' Fay Looney photographer. Prints on brushed aluminium exhibited at Koru Galleries. See page 24.

**Motor vehicle round trip to New Plymouth:**  
Time: 2.15 hours,  
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**Taranaki National Art Awards**

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## ORCHIDS SHOW & SALE

Saturday August 31 / Sunday September 1  
10am-4pm  
Highlands Intermediate School

## Annual show brings out the orchids

This weekend the Taranaki Orchid Society is holding its annual Spring Show at Highlands Intermediate School.

In conjunction with the show there will be a large table of orchids for sale with some of the less

common orchids available for purchase at very reasonable prices. Many orchids will be in flower. At this time of the year cymbidiums are to the fore but there will also be masdevallias, paphiopedlums, pleiones,

epidendrums and several other varieties. Stems of orchids and posy bowl arrangements will be on sale as well as raffles. Varying sizes of high quality orchid bark will be for sale and there will be potting demonstrations to help you to

get the best from your plants by showing how to repot correctly. The demonstrator, an out of town cymbidium grower, will have flowering plants available as well. Eftpos will make purchasing easier.



The Taranaki Orchid show Saturday 31st and Sunday 1st September at Highlands Intermediate School.

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### On this month in history Keith Hancox swims the English Channel.

On August 7, 1965 Keith Hancox became the first New Zealander to swim the English Channel. He completed the 33.8km distance in 15 hours and

33 minutes, setting off from France for the English coast. The twenty-six-year old was born on October 13, 1938. The year before he became the second person to swim

Cook Strait. He was also an acclaimed wrestler and won the NZ Heavyweight title in 1957. He died last year at the age of 80.

### 5TH ANNUAL COASTAL HIGH BW YEARLING JERSEY BULL SALE

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# Comic book heroes and villains battle it out at Len Lye Centre

It turns out *The Last Samurai* was the not the last after all.

At least that's according to a new comic book called *KAIZO*, published by NPDC's Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre.

*KAIZO* is the first time the gallery has entered the world of D.C. and Marvel and is International Artist in Residence Yuichiro Tamura's tongue-in-cheek way of remembering when Tom Cruise was in town during filming for the Japanese epic movie in 2003.



Yuichiro Tamura *KAIZO* 2019, illustrated by Ryoga Seko. Courtesy the artist and Yuka Tsuruno Gallery, Tokyo

'bams', 'zings' and 'zaps' - between the Red Samurai and the local hero outside of the Len Lye Centre.

Gallery co-directors Aileen Burns and Johan Lundh said the comic is an integral part of Tamura's *Milky Mountain / 裏返りの山* exhibition which runs from now until 19 November.

"It's not a medium used by the gallery before. Through the comic and his exhibition, Tamura has woven together stories, histories and events that forge connections between New Plymouth and his home country, Japan."

Tamura's *Milky Mountain*

exhibition features in the Mezzanine and galleries 2, 3 and 4 and includes videos, archival materials, an architectural dissection, artworks by Billy Apple from the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery Collection, and original artwork from the comic.

The exhibition follows his time as International Artist In Residence and was inspired by a New Plymouth's sister-city relationship with Mishima in Japan, the biography of novelist, bodybuilder and Samurai warrior Yukio Mishima, the history and changes at Govett-Brewster

Art Gallery and the filming of the Japanese-set, but filmed in Taranaki, movie *The Last Samurai*.

A short film by Tamura recently filmed outside the Len Lye Centre has also been premiered as well as a showing of *The Last Samurai*.

Yuichiro Tamura was born in Toyama in 1977. And

lives and works in Atami and Kyoto, Japan. He has a BFA in Photography from Nihon University and a PhD in Film and New Media from Tokyo

University of the Arts. He was guest researcher for the Institut für Raumexperimente at the Berlin University of the Arts (2013-14).



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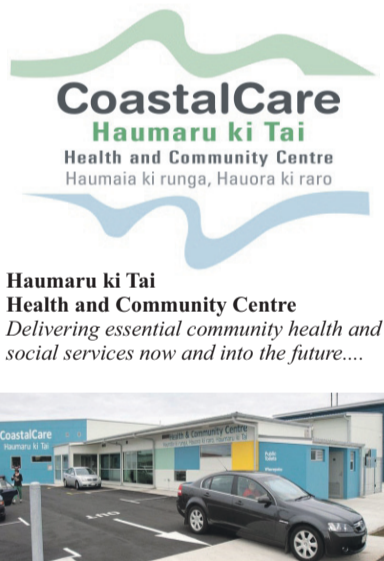
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| <b>LATE NIGHT</b><br>Comedy   1hr 41min   M: Language and sex references<br>Emma Thompson stars as a late-night talk show host at risk of losing her long-running show in this comedy written by Mindy Kaling (The Office), who also co-stars as the show's new writer.<br>Wed 28th 1pm   Sat 31st Aug 7pm   | <b>FAST &amp; FURIOUS: HOBBS &amp; SHAW</b><br>Action   2hr 15min   M: Violence, Language<br>Lawman Luke Hobbs and outcast Deckard Shaw form an unlikely alliance when a cyber-genetically enhanced villain threatens the future of humanity.<br>Sun 1st Sep 7pm   Fri 6th Sep 7pm<br>Sat 14th Sep 7pm  |  |
| <b>THE KEEPER</b><br>Drama, Sport   1hr 58 mins   M: Violence & offensive language.<br>The true story of a young English woman and a soccer-playing German POW overcome prejudice, public hostility and personal tragedy near the end of World War II.<br>Wed 4th Sep 7pm   Sun 8th Sep 7pm   Wed 11th Sep 1pm   | <b>THE PUBLIC</b><br>An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold.<br>Sat 7th Sep 7pm   Fri 13th Sep 7pm<br>Wed 18th Sep 1pm   |  |
| <b>ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD</b><br>Comedy, Drama   2hr 41mins   R16: Violence, language, drug use<br>Set in Hollywood, 1969 Los Angeles, where everything is changing, as TV star Rick Dalton and his longtime stunt double Cliff Booth make their way around an industry they hardly recognize anymore.<br>Wed 11th Sep 7pm<br>Sun 15th Sep 7pm   Sat 28th Sep 7pm | <b>THE LION KING</b><br>Animated, Kids & Family   1hr 58min   PG<br>Simba idolizes his father, King Mufasa, and takes to heart his own royal destiny on the plains of Africa. But not everyone in the kingdom celebrates the new cub's arrival. Scar, Mufasa's brother has plans of his own.<br>Sat 14th Sep 1pm  |  |
| <b>TOY STORY 4</b><br>Animation Comedy   1hr 29mins   G<br>Sat 31st Aug 1pm  | <b>PAVAROTTI</b><br>Documentary, Music   1hr 54min   Exempt<br>Voice...The Man...The Legend. Luciano Pavarotti gave his life to the music and a voice to the world. This cinematic event features history-making performances and intimate interviews, including never-before-seen footage and cutting-edge Dolby Atmos technology.<br>Wed 28th Aug 7pm   Wed 4th Sep 1pm |  |

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| Wednesday<br>28 !!ARTHOUSE!!<br>Late Night - 1pm<br>Pavarotti - 7pm | Friday<br>30<br>Crawl - 7pm | Saturday<br>31<br>Toy Story 4 - 1pm<br>Late Night - 7pm | Sunday<br>1 September **BOUTIQUE**<br>Fast & Furious: Hobbs and Shaw - 7pm |
| 4<br>Pavarotti - 1pm<br>The Keeper - 7pm                            | 6<br>Fast & Furious - 7pm   | 7<br>Secret Life of pets - 1pm<br>The Public - 7pm      | 8<br>The Keeper - 7pm  |
| 11<br>The Keeper - 1pm<br>Once Upon a time in Hollywood - 7pm       | 13<br>The Public - 7pm      | 14<br>Lion King - 1pm<br>Fast & Furious - 7pm           | 15<br>Once Upon a time in Hollywood - 7pm                                  |

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