

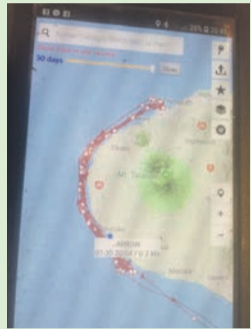


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# Internment of one of the last casualties in the Vietnam war

Corporal James (Jim) Gatenby who was one of the last Vietnam war casualties was interred at the Military Cemetery in Opunake on August 23 before relatives which included his younger sister Lois, brother Maurice and other relatives. Some of the soldiers who served with Jim also joined the family.

Lois (nee Gatenby) Withers was six years younger than Jimmy and came from Christchurch to attend the interment which was followed by a meal at the Opunake Fire Service attended by several hundred people.

Jimmy was one of ten children and grew up in Awatuna.

Lois explained that Jimmy was one of the last to die in the conflict.

He also served in Malaya and Borneo before returning

to Vietnam a second time in 1969. He brought home photos which they still have before returning to Vietnam.

Lois said her uncle, a section commander had been well respected by his younger colleagues in Vietnam and looked up to because of his experience.

She described her brother as a "very kind" person. He was seventh in the large family, Lois was the ninth and attended Stratford High School. Lois went to Opunake High School. Sam.

Jim was the only Taranaki soldier to be killed in action during the Vietnam War. He died while serving with Victor Five (V5) Company on June 6 1969.

Lois commented it was nice to have him home. "Even though it's been a long time, nearly 50 years since Jim's



Jim Gatenby (left) with friend Sam Smith.

death, I've always found it very hard to accept he was

dead." Having him home meant they could at last pay

their respects to him.

The family were "very keen" to have had his body returned.

Jim is buried next to his to his late parents.

Lois said that Jim used to sing the Tom Jones hit The Green Green Grass of Home. Finally, after 49 years he has returned "to the green, green grass of home. Rest in peace Jim. Rest in peace".

Jim was among the remains of 27 New Zealander Defence personnel and one child repatriated from Malaysia and Singapore.

The offer to relatives to return servicemen buried abroad at no cost was made by the Government in April 2017.



Corporal Gatenby with an anti-tank recoil rifle taken on his first assignment in Vietnam.



The burial of Corporal Jim Gatenby at Terendak Military Cemetery in Malaysia after he was killed in action.

## Commemorations for Victoria Cross recipients

The heroic actions of two Hawera men during World War I are to be commemorated in September.

South Taranaki Mayor Ross Dunlop says it is very fitting that John Gildroy Grant VC and Henry John Laurent VC are recognised 100 years after each being awarded the Victoria Cross.

The commemorations will begin at the South Taranaki RSA's official opening of the Victoria Cross Garden (which features statues of Grant and Laurent) at 2.30pm and then will continue at the Mayoral Dinner on

Saturday September 15. "It is amazing and unprecedented that two soldiers from a small town in New Zealand should receive this prestigious award," says Mr Dunlop.

"It was also remarkable that Sgt Harry Laurent and Sgt John Grant received their Victoria Crosses in two separate engagements within 10 days of each other in France."

"It will also be very special to have family members of the Victoria Cross recipients represented at the event."

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## Letters to the Editor

### Batman deserves to be there

I have watched most of James’s fights with the high-lights being the fight against Monty Filimaea when he won the NZ Cruiserweight title and the NZ Heavyweight title against Isileili Fa. I’m sure we have all seen him run the

streets of Opunake and up and down the Opunake beach hills. Come on whoever is in charge of this decision let common sense prevail. This is a true Coastal guy who has more than earned his place on the honours board. Whatever the criteria Batman has earned his place. Please don’t let us believe this is personal as that would be petty. Make a comment JK. Justify to us

all your decision as it doesn’t make sense to me.

*Batman supporter*

### Right choice on Batman

James has obviously done a lot for his local community and charity and must be commended for that as well as bringing boxing to South Taranaki. Perhaps a community

spirit award or similar should be considered.

However as far as the hall of fame, I believe his boxing record doesn’t stack up with 11 wins and seven losses. He is currently ranked 7/23 in his division in NZ. Although a good career, not a great one.

I think this time the local people who choose made the right choice.

*J Reid*

## Lakeside Lions Launch ‘Opunake Good Sorts’

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

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

If you think you may like to become a Lion and join an awesome group of people please contact us.

Pictured is Bernie Karam, our first good sort, and his wife Ros being presented with a basket of goodies by Louise Knapman.

Bernie is prominent around town for the gardens he develops and tends along the



The Opunake Lakeside Lions first Good Sort, Bernie Karam (centre) and wife Ros with, at left, Louise Knapman.

cliff top, the church gardens he looks after, the edges he trims in a wide radius

from his home, the footpaths he keeps clean and many more acts of kindness around

the town. The Opunake Lakeside Lions and Opunake Community thank you.

*We apologise that part of the above article was accidentally left off in the last issue. We have reproduced the article in full.*  
Editor

### ADELPHOS

## What Are You Worth?

How much is a person worth? Who can dare to measure it? Chemists say the physical chemicals in a human body are worth about \$4.50. It was reported that human organ traffickers shamelessly value a person at \$45,000,000 if selling kidneys, DNA, bone marrow, heart etc... Accountants can assess your worth in terms of income, savings, investments, your home and possessions. This question of worth often fascinates people when glancing at lifestyle/Hollywood magazines at the grocery checkout

counter. Many of us are at least occasionally allured by the “glamourazzi’s” megamillions or billions.

The great religions of the world value the intrinsic worth of human life above all. Jesus also had something to say about human worth and money. He assessed a person’s net worth by measuring the human heart, not their possessions (Matthew 6:21). Jesus saw everyone as equals. It didn’t matter if you’re a king, a queen, a trillionaire or a starving peasant in Calcutta, India. That’s why he wasn’t impressed by the

typically wealthy Pharisees, Sadducees and religious leaders of his day.

Jesus had nothing against earning money or wealth. He spoke of the wisdom of investing and earning interest on it (Matthew 25:14-28). However, his meeting with the rich young ruler showed how hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven if they value money above God. (Mark 10:23). But He didn’t mean to pick only on the wealthy. This can also apply to anyone’s financial status—poor, rich or in between. Money in itself wasn’t the issue; it was love of money that people often put their faith in.

He finally gave us his bottom line advice on how to approach our human worth, money and worry:

*Do not store up riches for yourself here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead store up riches for yourselves in heaven...for your heart will always be where your riches*

*are... Look at the birds flying around... Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren’t you worth much more than birds?... So do not start worrying: Where will my food come from? Or my drink or my clothes? (These are the things pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings” (Matthew 6:19-34 Good News Bible).*

Reflection: On the 6 o’clock news we are accustomed to seeing men, women and children slaughtered overseas. How can politicians, religious leaders and the average New Zealander make a difference?

*Adelphos*

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LEFT: Athletes on the Honours Board at Sandfords Events Centre.

# Who can be on the Honours Board?

In our last issue we reported on the ongoing dispute between boxer James Langton and the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust on whether his name should be included on the National Honours Board at the Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake.

He currently holds the New Zealand heavyweight ProBox title and at one time was NZNBF cruiserweight champion.

The board recognises individuals who have represented New Zealand at an open level in their chosen sport, and includes the names of Peter Snell, Don Clarke, Graham Mourie, the Barrett brothers and others who are not so well known.

As reported in our August 15 issue, James says he believes his name should be up there.

In response to a query from the Opunake and Coastal

News, the Sandfords Event Centre says to be eligible for inclusion on the board an individual must have been selected by a national body to represent New Zealand, must have resided in the area between Otakeho to Okato, can be a current or historical New Zealand representative and must have represented New Zealand at an open national level, age group representatives are not eligible.

Lynda Corkill of the Opunake Sport and Recreation Trust says this board is very controversial, as once some people are identified, there is the huge potential to miss other people who have achieved just as higher accolades in their sporting codes.

She says that a number of extremely high achievers have worn the silver fern representing New Zealand in their sporting codes that

she knows about, and there will be others that she is not aware of.

In hockey, the late Bridget Conaglen and Deborah Armstrong (nee Julian) both played in the Black Sticks and played in International competitions.

In Surf Club, Chris Scott and Jarrod Mumby were the NZ IRB team to compete in the series with Australia and South Africa, as well as other competitions they

participated in for NZ.

“I am not sure if both David Hickey and Chris Mullin plus Paul Hancock and Trent Olliver also represented NZ in similar competitions, as I know both crews were the NZ title holders for some time whilst they were competing,” she says.

In Pony Club, Mark Robinson represented NZ for the Inter Pacific Team. Alex Matheson competed in the NZ Dressage Team.

# Commemorations for Victoria Cross recipients

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The guest speaker for the evening is Brigadier (Retd) The Honourable Justice Tim Brewer ONZM, ED.

**John Gildroy Grant, VC.** 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Wellington Regiment. John was born in Hawera in 1889 and prior to World War 1 worked as a building and contractor. He enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on 14 June 1915 and embarked for Egypt with the 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements to the NZEF in October. He joined the Taranaki Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Wellington Infantry Regiment in France in 1916.

After two years of fighting in Belgium and France he rose to the rank of Sergeant. On 1 September 1918 he was in command of a platoon during an attack on Bancourt Ridge.

“One reaching the crest, it was found that a line of five enemy machine-gun posts offered a serious obstacle to further advance. When about twenty yards from

the posts, Sergeant Grant rushed forward ahead of his platoon and with great dash and bravery entered the centre post, demoralising the garrison and enabling the men of his platoon to mop up the position. In the same manner he then rushed the post on the left, and the remaining posts were quickly occupied and cleared. Throughout the whole operation Sergeant Grant displayed coolness, determination and valour of the highest order and set a splendid example to all.” For this action Sergeant Grant was awarded the Victoria Cross.

**Henry John Laurent VC.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, NZ Rifle Brigade.

Born in Hawera in 1895 at Tarata, he attended Hawera District High School before leaving to work in a cheese making factory. When war broke out in 1914, Laurent joined the NZEF and was sent first to Egypt and from there to France to serve with the NZ Rifle Brigade.

While in France he showed

great leadership and was promoted to Sergeant. During the Allied advance toward the end of the war, the New Zealanders came up against a strong German position at Gouzeaucourt Wood. On 12 September 1918 during confused attacks on this objective, Sergeant Laurent was sent out with a twelve-man patrol to probe the enemy defences. Finding a heavily fortified trench system, he immediately attacked. After hand-to-hand fighting the twelve Kiwis killed thirty of the enemy, captured the trench and took 112 enemy soldiers prisoner. When the Germans counter attacked, Laurent managed to retreat in good order, keeping his prisoners under control and fighting a rear-guard action. “The success of this daring venture was due to Sergeant Laurent’s gallantry and enterprise”.

This rather incredible action resulted in the award of the Victoria Cross to Sergeant Laurent.



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# Rahotu church needs new roof



The Rahotu Church and its rusty roof.

An appeal has started for donations to fund a new roof at the Wesley Church, Rahotu.

Standing proud and in good order for over 100 years, this small church has always met the needs of local folk.

Elva Symons, lay preacher, for the past 12 years, has welcomed visitors to the monthly services of worship. People of all ages and all denominations go to this church. There are plans for a school children's programme.

The old wooden church is earthquake proof and it has been newly carpeted and painted inside. A new kitchen and bathroom were installed to meet modern demands. It is the steep roof which has caused concern. Heavy rain and two cyclones have taken their toll this winter.

The church is still open for weddings, funerals, baptisms

and services. A donation of \$70 will buy a sheet of roof-

ing iron.

If you can help, please

telephone, Elva Symons, 763-8650.

# Council seeks community views on earthquake-prone priority buildings

Following Government changes to the Building Act (earthquake prone buildings) the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) is seeking public feedback on proposals for identifying Hawera, Eltham and Opunake town centres as priority areas where timeframes for strengthening earthquake prone buildings would be halved.

STDC Building control manager Lindsey MacPhail says under the new guidelines South Taranaki has been categorised as a medium seismic risk area.

"This means the Council

must identify potential earthquake-prone buildings within 10 years, and building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake-prone buildings within 25 years."

"However, "priority buildings", must be identified and remediated in half that time," says Lindsey.

"Priority buildings" are those unreinforced masonry buildings (with parapets or verandas), located in areas which have sufficient vehicle and pedestrian traffic, which would either pose a high risk to life, or are critical to emergency recovery, if they

fell during an earthquake.

Lindsey says the Council has proposed that commercially zoned areas in Hawera (Town Centre), Eltham and Opunake (Mixed Use), as identified in the District Planning Maps be used as the basis for determining priority buildings.

"Council considers these areas have sufficiently high pedestrian and vehicular traffic to warrant the 'priority building' classification, because this is where the highest numbers of people go to shop and do business."

As part of the consultation the Council is also seeking

views on whether there are any emergency routes which should be prioritised.

"The Council has spoken with the New Zealand Transport Agency, all the emergency services and the Taranaki District Health Board and we have not identified any routes that would be impeded by a building collapse, which didn't already have an alternative access option," says Lindsey.

Consultation closes at 5pm on Monday, 24 September 2018.



Aerial views of Eltham



and Opunake

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# Crayfish Wars?

Most of us living on the coast will have seen the big orange Wairarapa based commercial boat called "Arrow" back and systematically pounding our coast for crayfish. He is so close in at times that you can almost eyeball the skipper Richard Kibblewhite. Wave and perhaps he will toss you a crayfish.

The Opunake Boat and Underwater Club and Cape Egmont Boat Club have listened to the concerns of not just our members but the entire coastal community regarding the serious localised depletion of crayfish over the past three years.

We have been negotiating unsuccessfully for many years but may finally be making progress in having a two nautical mile (3.7Km) commercial exclusion zone radius established around our boat ramps.

We are well aware that commercial boats have operated here for many years but until recently their activities were moderated by weather and they did not appear to take their entire quota from this small area. With these bigger all weather boats with their large numbers of pots, the coast is being hammered like never before.

The exclusion zones requested around our boat ramps are for safety to prevent boats running into pot ropes, plus to give the smaller boats and kayakers an opportunity to catch a fish without pushing limits, but more importantly these areas provide a respite area where adult crayfish can safely breed and grow their numbers. We believe the recreational and customary take is currently so small it will hardly impact on the stocks in these defined areas. The clubs will monitor this.

We are happy to report that the Waikawa Fishing Company (Conner Bros) based in Nelson have already agreed to comply but unfortunately the other operators are reneging on date.

The Arrow claims to have had some floats cut off recently. Neither of our clubs condone nor encourage this practice but at the same time we can hardly be sympathetic when this boat blatantly pots within the areas we have requested he stay out of, especially when other commercial operators are happy to abide by our request and work with rather than against the locals.

Take a look at the Arrow's tracking log posted on Facebook under the Taranaki Fishing Community group. The sheer intensity of his fishing is concerning. We note that he has now turned his tracker off so no doubt will delve into other sensitive areas. From October all commercial boats will be required to have their trackers turned on when fishing at all times. There are a number of free apps including "Findaship" where everyone can follow his antics.

We are very much afraid of a total collapse of the crayfish fishery in our area as happened in the Bay of Plenty (CRA2). Exactly the same systematic localised intensive fishing by commercial boats coupled with what was obviously inaccurate reporting has completely wrecked this fishery. We do not need that to happen here as well.

For general information, the CRA9 commercial crayfish area extends from Bruce Bay on the South Island West Coast up to the Kaipara Harbour entrance in Northland. The quota for this entire area was increased in 2014 from 47 tons to 60.8 tons. The South Taranaki coast has always been regarded by commercial operators as easy and lucrative fishing due to what were once abundant grounds that are close to a port.

The clubs have correspondence going back nearly ten years requesting the commercial operators to spread their take over the entire CRA9 area and not continue to hammer our coast

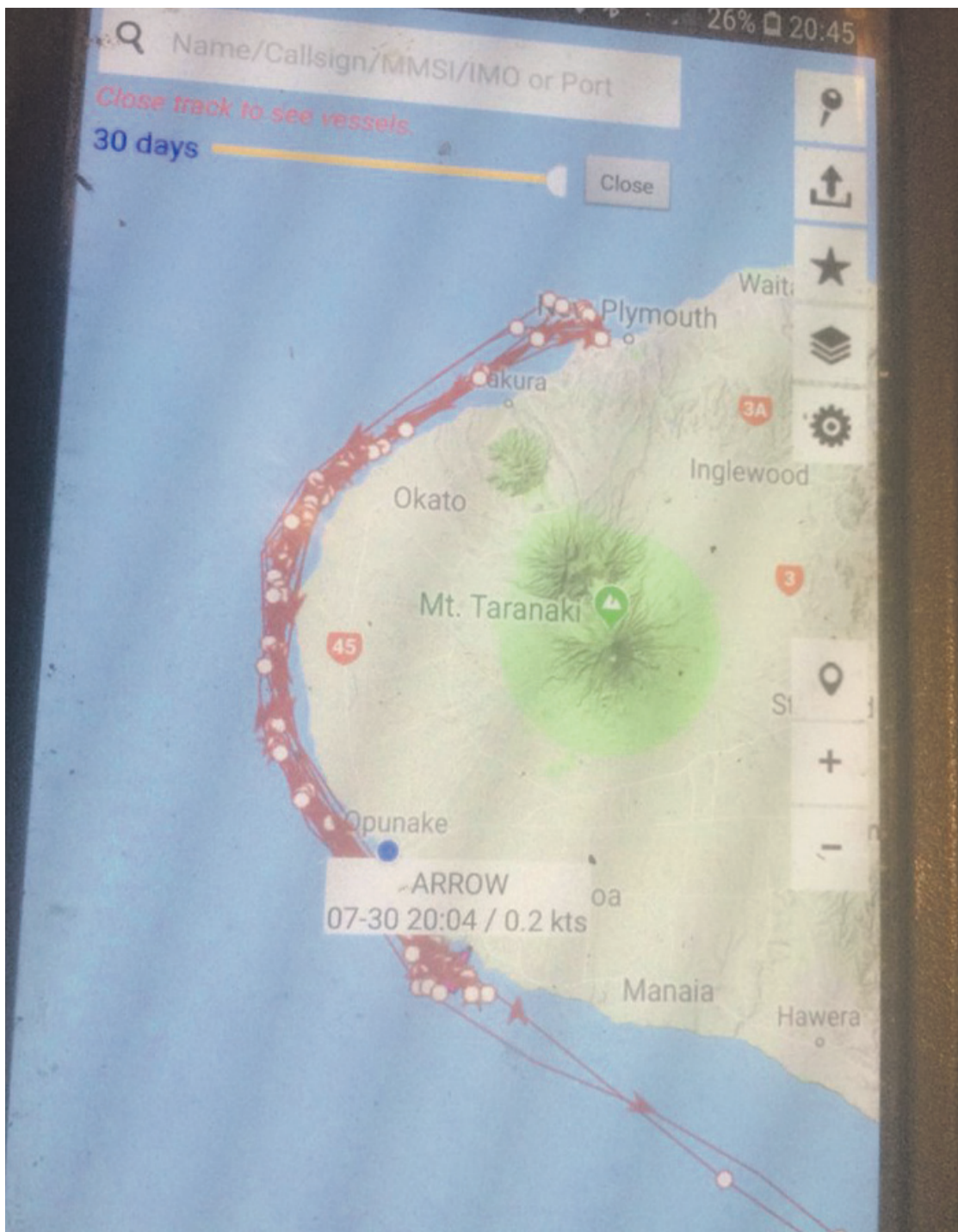
so heavily.

Recreational fishers in our area are seriously concerned at the rapid decline of crayfish numbers over the past three years. The quota reporting system is obviously flawed and failing the fishery. Going on what happened in the Bay of Plenty our fishery cannot afford to wait for the bureaucrats, so we must take action ourselves.

To back our case for recreational-only reserves we need to provide evidence of the decline in crayfish numbers on our coast. While we have received many verbal reports, can we ask

any of you (whether club members or not) who dive or pot for crayfish to write a short letter to the Opunake Boat and Underwater Club at PO Box 84, Opunake, 4616, or Cape Egmont Boat Club at PO Box 5, Okato, 4348, stating your observations and concerns regarding crayfish stocks, particularly over the past three years.

We also have the full support of the recreational fishing advocacy group, LegaSea, who are assisting us. Check out their web site and if you feel as we do, feel free to give them a donation.



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Unfortunately the usual contributor from the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade is away for a while so I will be keeping you up to date with the brigade activities until he returns.

On the evening of Monday August 20, the brigade received a request to provide cover for the New Plymouth Fire Station as all their appliances, and those from the surrounding areas were busy dealing with the after effects of the tornado which had touched down in New Plymouth.

The crew stayed at New Plymouth Station until the local appliances could be made available. The tea, coffee and biscuits made available to our crew while they were there was very much appreciated.

Just before 1 am on Thursday 24 our crews were hauled out of bed to attend an alarm activation in Tasman Street. This alarm activation was caused by a faulty relay which had overheated and caught fire. This in turn activated the smoke alarm. Early notification to the

brigade from the smoke alarm and quick action from our crew prevented any serious damage being caused.

While on the subject of smoke alarms September 30 is the start of daylight saving and time to check the battery in your smoke alarms. Did you know that if you are over the age of 65, or have children under five years of age, or hold a community services card you may be entitled to a free home fire safety check which includes the installation of a smoke alarm. Please contact the

New Plymouth Fire Station on 06 757 3860 for more information. If none of the criteria apply to you and you want to purchase a smoke alarm for your home please ensure the alarm is one that has to 10 year battery life.

On Thursday August 23, the Opunake Station hosted the local RSA following the funeral of a serviceman that had been repatriated back to New Zealand from Vietnam. Ex-service men and woman from around the country attended the funeral. A fantastic lunch was

provided by the ladies from the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club. Well done ladies. It is a really great to see the community organisations working so well together.

Have you ever given any thought to joining your Local Fire Brigade? All brigades in the Taranaki Coastal area are desperately in need of volunteers to fill Operational and non-Operational roles within their brigades. If you would like to belong to the most trusted and respected organisation in NZ then please call the New Plymouth

Fire Station and someone there will put you in contact your local brigade. Or, you can go along to your local fire station. Brigades train on either a Monday or Tuesday night from 7pm to 9pm, and bring a friend along as well.

Stay safe and warm out there and remember keep all clothing etc. at least one metre away from any heat source.

*John Nicholls  
Volunteer Support Officer,  
Area 12 Taranaki*

## Souvenirs and old books at Kaponga WI

The August meeting of Kaponga WI was hosted by Mollie Nicholas and Nan Stokes at Mollie's New Plymouth home.

To help boost the Institute's funds, members paid \$5 each for the lovely lunch of a choice of three soups and fresh buns, crackers and relish, and slices provided by Mollie and Nan.

The large number of entries in the competitions each month is very pleasing.

The results of this month's are: Souvenir from travelling: 1. Sharyn Hurley. 2. Dene Lines. 3. Mollie Nicholas.

Shortbread: 1. Dorothy Hughes. 2. Diane West. 3. Joy Eliason.

Our oldest Book: Joy

Eliason first, whose Pilgrims' Progress, dated 1874 has her Mother's family tree written down in it, back dated to 1849. Sharyn Hurley second, with her Book of Australia Atlas, 1886. Fiona Collins third, with her Grandmother's Book of Health and Hygiene dated 1903.

Among the many old

books on display, there was a collection of School Journals from early 1900's, and a Shakespeare 1914.

Most of us have been to see a film recently with Mamma Mia being the most popular, followed by The Guernsey Island Potato Top Pie Literary Group.

The Thought for the Month,

read by Nan: "Lead me not into temptation, I can find the way myself" caused much amusement.

Nan's daughter, Dr Di Stokes was the guest. She showed slides of old and interesting buildings from around the world, as in the UK, Europe and Australia. Members had seen some of them featured

in films, and others had seen them on their own travels.

The June meeting held at Kaponga's TET Plunket rooms also had a very good attendance, with members talking about their interests and hobbies. Some had brought examples to show, and an interesting hour passed very easily.

## The Bard comes to Opunake



Well known actor Michael Hurst (right) was in Opunake on Tuesday night to present his one-man show No Holds Bard at the Opunake players. After the show he caught up with Opunake Players identity, writer, actor and director Paul Andersen-Gardiner.

## Tour leader found with fruit fly

Fruit fly larvae carried by a tour party leader could have devastated New Zealand's horticulture industry, says Biosecurity New Zealand.

Biosecurity officers intercepted the larvae last month in undeclared food with a holiday group from Malaysia at Auckland Airport, says Biosecurity New Zealand Passenger Manager, Craig Hughes.

The larvae was found in chillies following x-ray screening of the tour leader's baggage. A caterpillar was also detected in some garlic bulbs carried with the undeclared food.

"Many horticulture crops are susceptible to attack by fruit fly. Affected fruit and vegetables could be inedible or subject to trade restrictions if

the pest became established in New Zealand.

The tour leader received a \$400 fine for failing to declare the food package.

The intercepted larvae was believed to be Malaysian fruit fly, which has invaded a number of Pacific islands. The species attacks more than 60 types of fruit and vegetables.

Mr Hughes says biosecurity officers are on high alert for fruit fly following recent outbreaks in Tasmania and Adelaide.

Biosecurity New Zealand has made more than 10 fruit fly interceptions at the border this year.

"This is about protecting New Zealand from an invasive pest that could seriously harm an industry worth \$5

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# Loops clean-ups and history discussed at meeting

About 30 people turned up to the Sandfords Event Centre on Tuesday last week to hear what projects are happening in Opunake.

Groups were invited to give a 10 minute presentation on what they are doing and answer any questions.

The meeting was hosted by the Egmont Plains Community Board. Board chairman Craig Dingle said the board had hosted a similar meeting a year ago and they were keen to have another.

Presentations were made by Ian Armstrong and Peter Clement of the Opunake Lions Club, Taranaki Iwi development manager Puna Wano-Bryant and Katie Sinclair of Healthy Oceans. The meeting concluded with a presentation by South Taranaki District Council economic development and tourism manager Phil Waite. Peter Clement spoke about the nine kilometre long Opunake Loop trail which the Opunake Lions Club is working on as their 50th anniversary project, which would go around the perimeter of the town linking up existing sections of the Opunake Walkway. He said they hoped schools and community groups would come on board and adopt



A meeting was held at sandfords Event Centre to learn about community projects in Opunake.

this project themselves. "I would love to see each school have their own sector planted out as they want it," he said. The Lions are looking at having people being able to cycle walk or run the entire loop from June next year. Ian Armstrong said the trail included a lot of history and he would like to see a phone app developed which would explain the history of areas of the walkway. One man said the loop had the potential to encourage

tourists to come to Opunake. This had been the experience of once depressed former mining villages in Wales which had done similar things and prospered, he said. Puna Wano-Bryant said the Taranaki iwi has interests which need to be recognised in any future developments. "Our interests are more than just cultural, they are legal interests," she said. "It's a new time, a new era, and we just want to work in

partnership." She said the history of the Taranaki iwi had for too long not been recognised. "We have some amazing stories to be proud of," Puna said. Taranaki is one of eight iwi around the mountain which shares its name. "We are very proud of the fact that our name is Taranaki, as is the mountain, as is the region," she said. Their rohe stretches from Ngamotu to the other side of Te Kiri and include seven

marae, three of these at Parihaka. In response to a comment from South Taranaki District councillor Clem Coxhead that it was time more of the area's pre European history was known about, she said they would be happy to hold a half day workshop where stories could be shared. "All we are saying is that in the past our story has not been told and we want to be part of it," she said. Cr Coxhead said rather than let things be forgotten it would be better to name a time for this to be done by. He suggested something along these lines take place in the next three months. Katie Sinclair of Healthy Oceans who has organised three public beach cleanups spoke about having an Opunake Cleanup Week from September 10-16. Phil Waite of the South Taranaki District Council said freedom camping had been a hot topic in coastal Taranaki, with Paora Road now declared a non freedom camping area. He said last summer the Council had employed ambassadors who understood the rules around freedom camping to let freedom campers know what's required of them. "The number of complaints

about freedom campers took a huge dive," he said. It was hoped to do the same thing this summer. The Council had adopted the Opunake Beach Master Plan to look at the Opunake main beach, and had been talking to the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club about more signage. "I'm not a proponent of pickets everywhere, but we want to give the message to people to be safe on the beach," Phil said. Chris Fuller asked who now has responsibility for the artificial reef. He said the geotextile material that makes up the reef is recycled plastic. "It's not a matter of if it breaks down, but when," he said. South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop said the reef is now the Taranaki Regional Council's responsibility. Phil Waite said the Council are looking to replace the existing playground at the beach camp. The popular fort is unfortunately no longer compliant so would have to be replaced, though in answer to a question he said the paddling pool would stay.

## Te Ngutu-o-te-manu and South Taranaki campaigns commemorated

A week long programme of events has been planned to take place around South Taranaki in September to commemorate the 150 year anniversary of skirmishes at Te Ngutu o Te Manu between Crown and Maori forces. Event Committee organiser, Daisy Noble, says the events also commemorate several other skirmishes that happened, collectively known in the history books as the South Taranaki Campaign. "September 7 marks 150 years since one of two skirmishes at Te Ngutu o Te Manu between Crown forces

(led by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas McDonnell) and Maori (led by Titokowaru). An earlier attempt took place on 21 August 1868," says Daisy. "However other skirmishes also took place prior to and after what was called Titokowaru's War," she says. It was an attack carried out by Titokowaru's men at Turuturumokai redoubt on July 12, 1868 - in which several members of Crown forces died, which gave rise to the attack on Te Ngutu o Te Manu in August and September.

In the same year on 7 November an attack on Moturoa Pa near Waverley was led by Lieutenant Colonel George Whitmore. Later Titokowaru chose Taurangaika Pa near Nukumaru as the place that he and his men would take on Crown forces once again. However for reasons unknown this skirmish didn't eventuate and on the eve of the battle, February 1869, Titokowaru disappeared - reported to have gone inland to his whanaunga (Ngati Maru) where he remained for a length of time before returning to Ngaruahine. The final skirmish of the

South Taranaki Campaign was the sacking of Parihaka on 5 November 1881. "Events taking place over the week include workshops on poi, rongoa (medicine) harakeke (flax work) and mokopapa (tattoo) before the commemoration ceremony and entertainment on Friday 7 September," says Daisy. "I think it's really important that we remember and respect our past, and the organising committee would love to see as many of the community as possible attend these events."

## Investment welcomed

Brake, the road safety charity is welcoming the Government's announcement of a \$390m investment in walking and cycling projects, including fully funding Skypath. Caroline Perry, Brake's NZ director said: "We are delighted to see this increase in investment for walking and cycling. Sustainable and active travel modes have significant benefits for our health and the environment,

and having more people on foot and bike also helps to reduce congestion and lower transport bills. More investment in walking and cycling will help to make these modes of transport more accessible, and improve safety for people on foot and bike." Ms Perry says we now also need local councils to play their part in developing sustainable and active transport. "Some councils are already

making progress, but we need to see others doing more to prioritise walking and cycling in transport planning and investment. We know many people would like to walk and cycle more but don't feel safe doing so. Safe local routes will enable more children to walk or cycle to school and more people to walk or cycle to community facilities and shops, which is beneficial for both public health and the environment."

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the youth of our community from Opunake to Waitara, to gather their views, and represent them in Parliament. Applications close on Friday September 28.

If you are aged between 16 and 18 and are interested in becoming New Plymouth's Youth MP, you should contact the New Plymouth Electorate office at [newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz).

*Jonathan Young  
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# 55 more public housing places for Taranaki by 2022

Up to 55 more families in Taranaki will have warm, dry, and secure new homes built over the next four years, as a result of the Government's comprehensive Public Housing Plan released by Housing and Urban Development Minister Phil Twyford.

"The Government's fully funded Public Housing Plan will build 6,400 new homes for families in need," Phil Twyford said.

"The national housing crisis has hurt too many New Zealanders; from those locked out of the Kiwi dream of home ownership, to those



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left homeless and those suffering the health effects of poor quality housing.

"The single most important thing the Government can

do to solve the housing crisis is to build more affordable homes, and the best way to tackle homelessness is to build more public housing.

"We're making a great start in Taranaki with concrete plans for 20 more public housing places."

On top of this, the Ministry of Social Development will be partnering with Community Housing Providers, developers, Housing New Zealand, councils and others to build around 35 additional homes.

In Taranaki, there are currently 1,271 public housing places, giving

families and individuals warm, dry, and safe homes, for as long as they need it.

"Public housing is an essential part of helping families and vulnerable people with one of their most basic needs, housing.

"It will take bold action to fix the housing crisis created over the past decade and the Public Housing Plan is another step in the right direction. Demand for housing changes all the time, and we'll constantly monitor what's needed and will continue to invest in places where New Zealanders need public housing the most."

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# Weekend Gumboots has Opunake connection

Heather Ross says she has many pleasant memories of Opunake. The author of *The Weekend Gumboots* was at Pastimes on Friday along with her sisters Yvonne Northcott and Sue Lester to sign copies of her book, which is a fictionalised account of their efforts to help out a relation struggling to keep afloat the farm they had grown on amidst an ongoing legal dispute.

The sisters had grown up on a farm near Eltham and Yvonne recalls how they spent many summers at Opunake Beach while they were children.

Heather, a retired nurse who now lives in Wellington lived in Opunake for a time and did night duty at the Opunake cottage hospital. Her husband Alex was the county engineer, and their three children were educated at Opunake all the way through



**Signing books at Pastimes. From left Heather Ross, Sue Lester and Yvonne Northcott.**

from primary to high school.

"It did them well and they have all gone on to do superbly in their careers," she said. "I couldn't wait to get back to the beach. It was our life. We lived on Tasman Street, and even from there

you could hear the waves coming on to shore, and that mountain looked like it was at your back door."

She is pleased about the interest shown in the book, and has heard of people from across the Tasman buying it

online.

She had spoken to a class at the local school where she lives in at Upper Hutt and Heather says one member of that class had come up to her afterwards and said "I want to be an author."



# Manaia exhibition remembers whales

Twelve whales who ended their days stranded ashore at Kaupokonui were remembered at an art exhibition in Manaia last week.

The exhibition Taonga Paraoa Taonga Iti opened on August 20 and ran for the following week at Toi Manaia Gallery, featuring Maori artists living in Taranaki or who whakapapa to an iwi around the Maunga, with art inspired by the stranding of the paraoa (sperm whales).

The idea of having an exhibition where Maori artists with links to Taranaki could exhibit their work had been mooted earlier on, but after the whale strandings it was decided to have an exhibition of work based on this event, said Gabrielle Belz, who is a member of national Maori contemporary visual arts committee Te Atinga.

"This is part of the documentation of that whole event. Never within living memory has that number of whales come into that area." Eight stranded whales had



A Muka work by Mako Jones.

been found at Kaupokonui on the morning of May 24. Four more were discovered further along the coast on the

following weekend. Members of the Ngati Tu hapu camped out on the beach and assisted by DOC staff and

a team from the Ngatiwai hapu in Northland got to work stripping decaying flesh and extracting bones from whale carcasses.

At the exhibition opening, Cala Manurirangi recalled seeing this unfold from the other side of the Kaupokonui Stream.

"It was terrible weather and the sand was blowing in from the sea," she said. "I marvel at those down there cutting blubber from the whale, and the reverence that was around there at the time."

Three months later a rahui remains with parts of the beach cordoned off.

Gallery owner and South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham said a biosecurity risk had led to the rahui being placed on the beach.

"The whales were carrying diseases that people can catch and people should be aware that they can get very sick," she said. "It needs the sea to come in and go out and wash away all those toxins."

Much of the art work was created at Waiokura Marae in

the weekend of the exhibition opening and featured small works no larger than 15cm.

Alongside the art works were photos taken during the strandings, as well as some of the tools used during that time.

Gabrielle said it was a chance for newer artists to learn alongside those more experienced.

"We had various artists, some there for the first time, and some young artists who thought they didn't have anything to show." The youngest taking part was 14 years-old.

At the other end of the experience spectrum was work by master carver Rangi Kipa who has iwi links to Taranaki, Te Atiawa and Ngati Maniapoto. Examples of his work can be seen at Te Papa and the Dowse Art Gallery, and have been depicted on New Zealand Post's 2009 Matariki stamp series.

Weaver Mako Jones who lives in Inglewood had produced a flaxwork for the occasion, made from

muka, the fibre inside the flax.

"It's a very strong fibre. Cloaks and clothes are made of this," she said. The work took her three days to put together, but she said she would have liked a couple of weeks.

"To me it's something that wraps around the aroha of the people who did the work. There are stories that connect us to the animals and the animals to us, like a brother or a sister."

Similar sentiments were voiced by carver Barry Te Whatu.

"This is a chance to acknowledge the occasion and loss of our taonga and reflect on that loss," he said.

Gabrielle who has iwi links to Te Atiawa and Ngapuhi and now lives in Patea said it is hoped to have similar exhibitions in the future.

"There's a huge network of Maori artists across Taranaki and they are really supportive of each other," she said. "It's really an opportunity to support and upskill the next generation coming along."

# Rainbow Warrior sailing to NZ

The world famous Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior is on its way to New Zealand for a tour of the country to celebrate the Government's recent oil ban and promote clean energy opportunities.

In April, New Zealand made international headlines when it became one of the first countries in the world to ban new offshore oil and gas exploration licenses.

Greenpeace climate campaigner, Kate Simcock, says the ban followed a decade of escalating public pressure against the oil industry.

"We've seen hundreds of thousands of people taking to the streets, lobbying the government, signing petitions, emailing oil companies, sailing in flotillas, and swimming in front of oil ships," she says.

"New Zealand's oil and gas ban is a huge win for people power, and for the climate. Four million square kilometres of ocean is now off limits to the world's biggest dirty energy companies."

Internationally, Greenpeace saw the ban as so significant that it's sending the Rainbow Warrior across thousands of kilometres of ocean to help celebrate with New Zealanders.

Called the Oil Free Seas tour, the ship will travel around the country, stopping in centres including Auckland, Whangaparaoa, Napier, Wellington, Taranaki, Kaikōura, and Dunedin.

Simcock says as well as celebrating the oil win, Greenpeace and the Rainbow Warrior crew will be holding events in communities about New Zealand's transition to clean energy.

"New Zealand has led the world on climate action with the ban on new offshore oil and gas permits, but our work has only just started. Despite the climate crisis and the obvious need to rapidly wean ourselves off dirty energy, oil companies with existing licenses to explore and drill could still have a presence here for decades to come," she says.

"We're in the midst of a new age of technology, and clean

energy is our trump card in the fight against climate change. By making significant investment in a new clean and smart electricity system for New Zealand, we could make dirty energy obsolete quite quickly - New Zealand could be an oil free nation."

The first stop for the Rainbow Warrior will be Matauri Bay on September 10. The Northland bay is the final resting place of the original Rainbow Warrior, which was bombed in 1985

by the French Secret Service in retaliation for protests against France's Pacific nuclear testing programme.

In 1987, New Zealand became the first country in the world to declare itself nuclear free.

Simcock says it's fitting that forty years later, in the lead up to the offshore oil and gas ban announcement, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern famously labelled climate change her generation's "nuclear free moment."



The Rainbow Warrior.

"The Rainbow Warrior is the link between these two important historic events. Back in the 1980s, New Zealand stood up to the world's nuclear powers, becoming leaders on the biggest global threat of the time," she says.

"In 2018, there has never been a greater threat than climate change, and it's driven by the relentless pursuit of more fossil fuels to burn. By replacing the dirty energy industry with clean energy, we have a real chance in New Zealand to make oil history."

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comments "It's a big change for me". He adds that he now has more time, especially in the evenings. Formerly he would sometimes still be working till 8pm.

April is also enjoying the challenge. She comes from a dairy farming background and her father Donald McIntyre is the president of Federated Farmers in Taranaki, while her mother works as a rural real estate agent for McDonalds.

The couple renovate houses as a hobby and have to date done up a number of homes, not all of which they have owned. The one in which they are currently living was a relocatable. "We've

finished redecoration and are now landscaping", says April. These projects have helped them develop an eye for colour and design which is an important skill they bring to the business.

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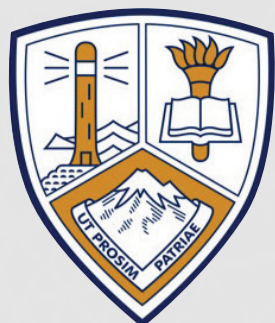


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## ENVIRO EXCELLENCE

Opunake High School had a couple of special visitors during Academy Day on Thursday 23rd August, Lauree Jones, Enviroschools Regional Co-ordinator for Taranaki, and Kate Paris from Patea Area School.

Opunake High is one of many Taranaki schools signed-up to Enviroschools, which is an action-based education programme where young people plan, design and implement sustainability projects and become catalysts for change in their families, and within the wider community.

Prior to Lauree and Kates visit, Opunake High School had only been recognised as a Bronze partner, but after some hard work led by teacher Anne Englebretsen, along with a team of students -

Katie Sinclair, Meg Gibson, Jamiee Siciliano and Jessica Turner - as part of our Outdoor Academy, we have now graduated and become a Silver partner.

What this means is that we've just taken another step on a unique sustainability journey. Through exploration, discovery and connections with the environment our tamariki and students experience how to make decisions and take action to improve the physical and social environment of our places, our community and our world.

Congratulations everyone involved with making this happen, the next step is to reach GreenGold status (and be the first secondary school to achieve this).



*Enviro All-stars: (L-R) Anne Englebretsen, Andrea Hooper, Kate Paris, Meg Gibson, Katie Sinclair, Jamiee Siciliano, Jessica Turner and Lauree Jones.*

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## WHATS HAPPENING AT OPUNAKE HIGH?

We've had lots of things going on, and we've got lots of things coming up to round off the rest of Term 3:

**Junior Reports** - August 31st

**Senior NCEA Benchmark Exams** - Week 8, September 10th - 14th

These are important for our senior students in the event of being unable to participate during the actual NCEA examinations later in Term 4.

**Basketball - Junior & Senior Boys, Senior Girls - Regional Qualifiers**

Week 6 & 7, August 31st - September 8th

**Te Kahui Whetu - Staff Kapahaka Performance** September 21st

**SENIOR STUDY WORKSHOPS**

- ART + PHOTOGRAPHY - Every day Lunch 1 + 2, Art Room  
Also, Mondays after school until 4.30pm
- SCIENCE - Mondays after school until 4.30pm  
Wednesdays, Lunch 2
- HISTORY + GED - Friday, Lunch 2, RM 16  
Also, Year 11 GED, Tues. + Wed., Lunch 2
- MATHS: MCAT - Mon. + Wed., Lunch 2  
Also, Wed. + Thurs. after school until 4.30pm
- ENGLISH - Tuesday Lunch 2

## ART-TASTIC

Our art faculty is on fire at the moment. Seniors are busy creating work for their portfolios, while our Juniors have been making masks and wearable art.



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## SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Its been a big month of sport for Opunake, following are some success stories:

### GIRLS HOCKEY

It was a big night in Stratford, August 21st, for Opunake High School hockey as both Boys and Girls teams attempted to go back-to-back and win their respective Taranaki Hockey Secondary School Championship titles.



First up were the unbeaten Girls side who faced off against a determined SHGC 2nd XI whom they had beaten twice already this year. Lady luck was shining on our girls, as they went 3-for-3 this season, taking the title 2-0. Head Girl & Captain, Aimee Abplanalp being named player of the final. Unfortunately, fortune didn't favour the boys this year as they went down 3-1 to a tough NPBHS Boarders team.

Massive thank-you's to local legend, Lloyd Morgan (having just returned from sunny Spain) for taking on the coaching of both sides; The exceptional Mr Edwards, hands-down the best Uber-Van driver on the coast and of course all the parents & supporters ferrying both teams to Stratford weekly.

### SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Sunday 26th August was a big day for both our Boys Basketball with both contesting finals in their respective grades. Our Senior Boys faced up against reigning National Champions, Stratford High, while the Junior Boys took on NPBHS.



It was our Seniors who got the chocolates this year as they beat a tough Stratford in a see-saw encounter. Both side's took turns being in control with the other having to chase the game. As the game wore on, the atmosphere started tensing up and both teams started to give up technical fouls. Luckily for Opunake, the boys were able to get a bit of momentum and slowly but surely the coastal boys pulled ahead in the final five minutes to run out winners 78-71.

Congratulations to all the players involved, the coaches & managers and all the supporters turning out regularly!

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# Pass your time at Pastimes

There is more to Pastimes than meets the eye. As befitting its location in a coastal town, the shelves in the popular book, craft and gift shop are shaped like waves and the free standing shelves and shop counter are formed in the shape of surf boards.

"People don't notice these things," says owner Rosie Corkill.

Rosie bought the business from Arthur Hughson, it was formerly known as "The Enterprise Bookshop" back in 2000.

"I was very privileged to be able to buy one of the oldest and most respected businesses in town, it has been wonderful to have Arthur continuing to come in and assist me up until very recently" she says.

At the time of buying the bookshop, Rosie and husband Steve had recently sold their electrical business. Rosie carried on running an electrical appliance shop for the first couple of years before deciding to devote all her energies to Pastimes.

In the time she has been there the business has broadened from stationery and cards to also include gifts, toys and craft supplies, although Rosie says stationery has remained her



Rosie Corkill(right) with Karen Dey in Pastimes.

"bread and butter."

Both the gifts and toys range include items that can be bought with pocket money through to high quality and very special one-off treasures.

"We have something for everyone from baby up to grandmother," says Rosie.

"If we don't have that something special that you want we can usually find and get it plus we gift wrap it for you."

The Pastimes story entered another chapter when the Opunake branch of New Zealand Post closed. Now in addition to everything else,

they also handle parcels, postage and car registrations. "That made us a little bit of a hub for Opunake," says Rosie.

The name Pastimes was chosen because it can be taken in two ways, Rosie says. "The past times reflective of one of the

oldest businesses in town plus we cater to the pastimes of our customers with books, games and hobby supplies."

"We would also like everyone to pass some time in Pastimes too," says Rosie. The association with Opunake the coastal town is also reflected in the shop

colours, with orange for the sunset and blue/turquoise for the sea.

Pastimes is open from 8.30am-5pm from Monday to Friday and 9am-1pm on Sunday. In December it is open every day.

Working with Rosie are Beryl McEwen, Karen Dey and Kim Gatenby. Kim's daughter Ruby helps out on Saturday mornings.

Beryl, Karen and Kim have all been at Pastimes for a number of years. Beryl was working there when Rosie bought the business and has stayed on ever since.

"I'm passionate in my job. I love the people and the things I'm selling. The staff are also passionate about what we have," says Rosie. "They have all been here for years and are very loyal."

One of Rosie's biggest passions is Christmas and every year she decks out her shop in an appropriate yuletide theme.

In the meantime she recommends Pastimes as a worthwhile stop for anyone coming through Opunake.

"We do laybys. We have free gift wrapping. There is easy parking in Opunake. So bring the kids to the beach and have a wonderful day out in Opunake."

## Mangatoki WI

For our July meeting, 12 members met at the Pukekura Park Kiosk for afternoon tea. While there, we held our business meeting, welcomed by Sandra Scherrer our President. The minutes were read, confirmed and signed and a "Thank You" letter was read, also the South Taranaki Newsletter. The Treasurer read the Financial Report and \$300 was paid to W.I. for the church at the Pioneer Village.

Roll Call: - Baking was done and delivered to the elderly in the Mangatoki area. The raffle was won by Olwyn Duthie. All members

were wearing Red, White and Blue for American Independence Day as our meeting was held on July 4.

Robyn Roberts went to the national conference in the Hutt Valley and reported on the meetings, awards, drama, and the remits which were all passed. Judy Barr and Sandra Scherrer went to the TSB Trust event and reported that it was a good evening. Next year's trip was mentioned - something to think about over the next few months. After this, we took a stroll in the park.

Leaving the park soon after 5pm, we drove down to The Deluxe Diner on Lemon

Street for dinner, keeping the America theme going for the evening.

Our meeting on August 1 was held in the Mangatoki Hall and was a lunch meeting of soup, rolls and linger desserts. We met at 11am for our meeting prior to the lunch and 14 members attended. Apologies were received from a few members. The minutes were

read, confirmed and signed, no matters arriving on correspondence. A number of members are going to co-ordinate lunch at Touch Point, Eltham on September 19. The Financial Report was read and passed. All the baking from the previous month had been taken to the elderly. The sick had been visited and the church at the Pioneer Village had been cleaned. A donation of \$200

had been donated to The Kylie Price Trust. The South Taranaki W.I. newsletter was read. In general business, the church garden was discussed and will be again at a later date.

Competitions: - Flower : 1. Maree Kemp, 2. Cathy White, 3. Bev Marx. Shrub : 1. Cathy White, 2. Bev Marx, 3. Liz Perkes.

Most members brought

their oldest kitchen utensils to display and everyone was awarded a point for participation. Members brought money to the value of a cake they would bake (cost of ingredients were donated). This raised \$131 and was donated to medical research.

The raffle was won by Lucy Moger.

Lucy Moger.

## PM in updated version of old favourite

Cynthia Stone and Faye Taylor, hostesses for the evening at the Hawera Women's Club Play Reading Circle produced the play "The Saint" which showed the difficulty of life for a blind woman who needed trustworthy helpers around her. However this lady has a past which comes to light as the play progresses, and the audience is treated to

a surprising and dramatic conclusion. The very capable cast was: Norma Stevenson, Noreen Harris, Faye Taylor, Jocelyn Tong, and Cynthia Stone.

Next on the evening's programme, Noreen Harris and Cynthia Stone entertained with a comedy from the Deck Chair Series. Called "Shoppers," it soon became apparent that these

respectable ladies were shoplifters. But they had heard that their favourite department store was going to install surveillance cameras, and they sadly realise their fun is over.

Faye Taylor read a clever poem about rabbits and the calici virus, which she had written herself.

Faye also wrote an updated version of "There's a hole in

my bucket, Dear Lisa, Dear Lisa", which she performed with Cynthia. Their version, "Dear Jacinda, Jacinda" was very clever, and very well performed.

This excellent programme concluded with supper provided by the hostesses and Margaret Parker.

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On this month in history

### Robin Hyde dies

On August 23, 1939 NZ novelist, journalist and poet Robin Hyde (born Iris Wilkinson) died, at just 33 in London.

She was born in South Africa to an Indian father

and Australian mother. The family emigrated to NZ and she published a collection of poems called 'The Desolate Star' at the age of 23. She worked as a journalist.

She was one of the many

literary personalities who visited Frank Sargeson 'the father of NZ literature' at his Takapuna (Auckland) home.

The best known of her novels is probably 'The

Godwits Fly'. Another novel was published posthumously - 'Houses By the Sea' in 1952.

# A dream house plus panoramic views

It's everything we dreamed say John and Rosie Norton of the house they took three years to design and are reluctantly selling with 15 acres of ground and numerous sheds to move closer to town.

John bought the property which originally consisted of 329 acres in Upper Ngariki Road 54 years ago.

"Over 200 was bush," says John. They fenced, cleared and drained the property. Around 12 years ago they sold off part of the original farm retaining 15 acres and a house.

The substantial dwelling they built eight years ago is the third house on the site.

"There was an old cottage the original owners, the Wrights built," says John. They replaced this with a new house 46 years ago which was subsequently moved to Rahotu to make way for their present home.

The property also has four sheds, one of which has a self contained flat.

John is a hot rod enthusiast and the sheds house five of his cars as well as a 1979 fire engine which he was recently given.

The attractive, spacious house on several levels built to take advantage of both the mountain and sea views, has three bedrooms and two offices, one of which could be converted into a fourth bedroom.

Slightly elevated, from the huge open plan living area, there are panoramic views of the sea and, from the dining area which includes a kitchen with an island sink, the Mountain.

From the main living area there is access to a large wooden deck with outside speakers which were wired in when they built the house, perfect for entertaining. The deck is gated at one end.

A short flight of stairs from the living area takes you up

to the master bedroom which has an ensuite and walk in wardrobe and views of the mountain.

There are two heat pumps in the house, one in the main living area and the other in the master bedroom but this is seldom used. Heat from the main living area wafts up to the master bedroom which means the room is cosy by the time you go to bed, says Rosie.

Another short flight of stairs from the communal area takes you down to a large office with outside access which could be converted to a bedroom.

Leading off this communal living area also is a hall with three large storage areas, a modern bathroom with a shower and bath, two double bedrooms and a wash house. Via this hall is internal access to the double garage.

The house is mostly carpeted throughout though there several attractively tiled areas.

Says John proudly, we reached the point where we wanted what we wanted. "It took us three years to design it. An awful lot of thought went into it." He adds they couldn't be happier with the result.

"It's everything we dreamed."

The couple have decided to



The main living area from which there are views of the coast.

sell to move closer to town though John still prefers the rural life.. They're building a new house in Tataraimaka. "I couldn't get him any closer," says Rosie with a grin.

The number of sheds on the property in Ngariki Road is something of a family joke.

The largest has a comfortable self contained flat, ideal for running a business from.

John describes it as a dream shed with plenty of bench space, a hoist and three phase power. The flat

is above the shed.

The shed was used for a family reunion. "It was attended by 150. "We managed to accommodate them all," says Rosie though they had to put in extra toilets and

showers.

The property at 107a Ngariki Road is being marketed by Paddy Bolger of Professionals Real Estate.

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The master bedroom which overlooks the garden and has views of the Mountain.



The dining and kitchen area from which the mountain is visible.



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# What's happening at the Cottage Rest Home

As the last month of winter passes The Cottage Rest Home is as busy as ever. We are still going through changes in many areas. Management and staff would like to thank the Trust for their confidence in allowing us to move the Cottage Rest Home into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with clinical upgrades.

To date the facility has been the recipients from the local Pihama CWI, Shell Taranaki Limited and Pub Charity, with donations for upgrades: which include: a new wrist blood pressure machine, Sluice Sanitiser, six new laptops and new dishwasher/steriliser. And a big thank you to Brian Vincent for initiating the clearing and cleaning up of our garden areas.

Our resident numbers for resthome level of care have been consistent with the trend of other facilities within Taranaki and remaining fairly steady at 80% occupancy plus regularly having short term stayers for respite care. Unfortunately the older we get, the higher our needs become. Often our long term residents' level of care can change from residential to hospital level and the Cottage is currently investigating how we can meet the criteria to increase the level of hospital beds within the facility so

that we can keep these older, valued members local in our community close to family and friends.

For some time we have been thinking about how we can bring the Cottage into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with its physical facilities. Just last week we received three very different concept designs by local architect, Stefan Pirie from Ardern Peters, who has a lot of experience with rest homes and medical facilities. Stefan will come to the next trust meeting on September 25 to discuss the plans and hopefully we will be able to make the ideas public to view. After that time when the Trust has a better understanding of the concepts a public meeting will be held to share these ideas with the community and extended families of both the residents and staff of the Cottage. It is intended that the upgrades would be done in stages depending on the priorities with the kitchen dining room and storage being the first priority, followed by staff areas including meeting training room, and then room upgrades. It could take up to 10 years to complete the entire project. We will see if we can display the plans in town to allow people to view comment on. In the meantime all the designs



Residents from the Cottage, Elizabeth R (Stratford) and members from our local community enjoying an afternoon movie.

are posted on the wall at the Cottage and we welcome all feedback from everyone – maybe drop in for a cuppa and have a chat to the people at the Cottage about them, as in the long term we see this as a community project to keep it viable for future generations. The Cottage were honoured to recently celebrate Newton and Joy Collins's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with an afternoon tea.

We endeavour to keep our residents entertained with new or varied activities programmes. This year

the activities programme has included the studying of a different country each month.

In May our country was England. The residents enjoyed an English breakfast with a selection of bacon, sausages, eggs, tomatoes, hash browns, spaghetti and baked beans. After the royal wedding of Harry and Meghan the residents were treated to High Tea.

In June, Holland was the selected country, and a visit from Van de Sars arriving in their national costume, telling the residents about their life, culture, food and immigrating to New Zealand. Long time resident Margaret Ockhuysen told her fellow resident's of her life growing up in Holland. Also, on June 16 The Cottage Rest Home Social Club held a Quiz night at The Bowling Club. This was well supported by local business and businesses outside of Opunake with donation of prizes. It was a full house and everyone had a great time. Winners being "I thought this was speed dating." Second equal was Coastal Care & The Jerks.

South Africa was July's topic. A weekly Day Care lady spoke about life in South Africa. Cobus Blom acknowledged to our

Residents when visiting with the church coming from South Africa. Jayne our RN cooked a traditional milk tart with the help of Curtis, where resident's sampled this for pudding. The residents stated they could have this on a daily basis. Residents have also enjoyed the outings to our local Everybody's Theatre to see the screening of Edie and to The Players production of Me & Gus. Invitations went to other facilities in South Taranaki and the community for the movie at Everybody's Theatre and Elizabeth R from Stratford joined us.

The August topic is Australia and Pacific Islands. Resident's have talked about the places they have visited as have staff who have just returned.

September will be in conjunction with Maori Language week. Each week we will be hosting our local primary schools kapa haka groups. The residents will dine on a tradition Maori meal with family invited.

We have planned visits from other Taranaki Rest Homes and vice versa visits. There is some good friendly rivalry when competing in petanque and quiz challenges for trophies.

Facility Care Manager, Sandra asked residents at

their monthly meeting what their wish list is. It is our intention as a facility, to provide for all our residents, families and the community.

The Cottage Rest Home provides rehabilitation to community members seeking limited assistances after discharge from our public or private hospitals. Rehabilitation allows someone recovering after surgery, illness or accident to return to being independent prior to going home.

The facility has provided rehabilitation to two local community families who cannot thank us enough for assisting their loved ones to return to their own home.

Comments from private users of this service:

"Could not get better care anywhere else" ... "The focus of all the staff was the resident and their wishes. Taking time with the resident and their families"

Respite can be one night or one month, dependent on situation. A community member may live alone or with family. Respite may be used to allow the main carer to have a break. If you require information or help accessing services provided at the Cottage Resthome please contact the facility on 06 761 8009. We will assist you with the correct pathways.

Check out our facebook page: Opunake Cottage Resthome. Please like us and invite all your friends.

One question I have been asked is who are the trustees for the Opunake Districts Rest Home Trust trading as the Cottage Resthome.

They are Jim Dodunski, Lynda Corkill, Natalie Chapman, Aaron Pollard, and Bob Clark. Unfortunately for the Cottage, Darrell Hickey has recently stood down after his many tireless years supporting the Cottage and more recently as the chairman. Darrell has seen many changes over the years and a lot of these are largely due to his own time, energy

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Contestants eagerly awaiting their scores during the Cottage social club quiz night.

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# What's happening at the Cottage Rest Home

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and personal input which he has unselfishly given to the Cottage. From the Trust, management and staff, we wish Darrell and his family all the very best for the future and he will be missed by all. Last meeting Ian Sargent joined us and he seems keen, along with a couple of other local people who have expressed their interest in becoming a trustee.

Once all the formalities are completed, we will let you know.

The remaining trust members, staff and residents would like to invite you to a morning tea for Darrell, to thank him for all he has done and wish him well on Friday the September 21 at 10am. If you wish to attend please contact Admin at the Cottage Rest Home on 06761 8009

You may ask, "What is

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Newton and Joy Collins celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with family members at the Cottage.



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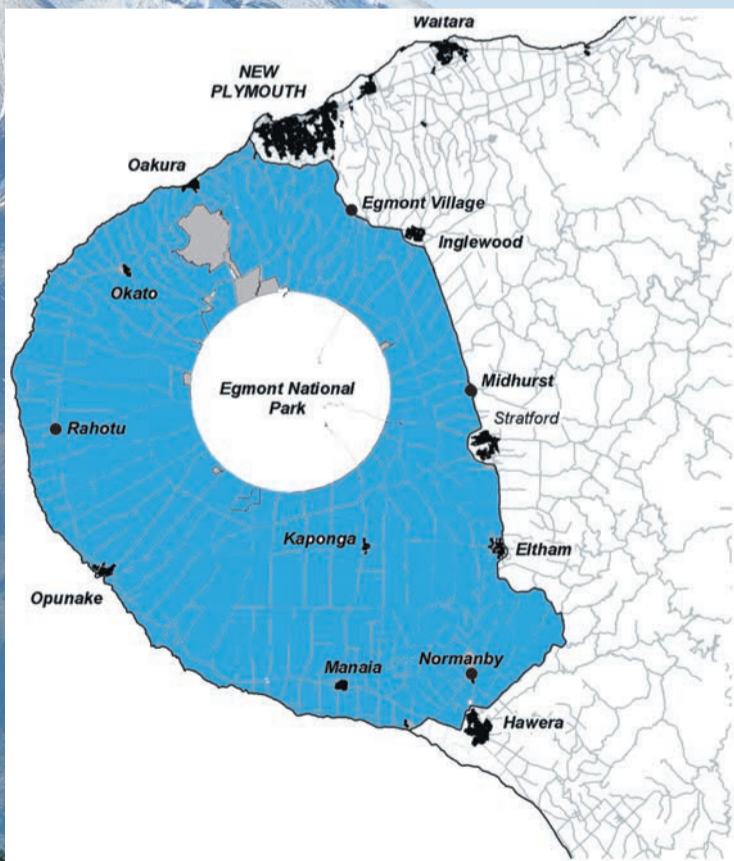
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# Feds keen to work with new service

A new extension service intended to bring knowledge and resources to farmers struggling to keep up on production efficiency and environmental protection fronts is a "positive", Federated Farmers board member and Arable chairperson Karen Williams says.

"Offering support so farmer can get up to speed is certainly preferable, and more likely to achieve progress, than wielding the big stick of fines and more regulations."

"The new Extension Service could prove helpful but we would urge MPI to continue to work with farming groups on the mechanics of it and how it is rolled out," Karen said.

Karen and the Federation's Wairarapa President William Beetham were at Otahua Farm near Masterton this morning to hear Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor announce details of the Extension Service Model to be rolled out over four years with \$3 million funding from the new Sustainable Food and Fibre Fund.

Feds members Nathan and Kate Williams' award-winning Otahua Farm is the "kind of aspiration property



At the launch of the new Farmer Extension Service, from left, Federated Farmers Arable Chairperson Karen Williams, Greens MP Marama Davidson, Federated Farmers Wairarapa President William Beetham, Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor.

we'd love to see rolled out across the country", Damien said.

But there were some farmers "down the back of the valley...heads down and bums up" hard at work, who for whatever reason don't make it to discussion

meetings run by the likes of Dairy NZ and the Red Meat Profit Partnership.

"We need to help those farmers understand there is new compliance, new expectations and get them up to speed."

MPI has been tasked with

rolling out the extension service to at least 300 farms in the next year, and 1200 over four years. Other farmers might nominate someone "who needs a bit of help", or if necessary "MPI will go out and knock on doors," Damien said.

The Minister told the audience of farmers, agriculture organisation and government agency representatives who filled the Otahua woolshed for the launch that thanks to digital technology "we're all governed by the lowest

common denominator. "The bad practice of any one farmer on the welfare of animals or the environment can be around the world in the blink of an eye."

"The traditional approach in farming is that there's a bottom 20 per cent 'and don't worry about them, they'll fall over and we'll buy their farms. We can no longer sustain that approach because the 20 per cent yet to lift their game determines your image in the international marketplace."

"If we're going to get more for our products, we cannot afford to have people who don't understand why they need to do certain things," Damien said.

Karen Williams said with debt, new regulations, biosecurity incursions, climate change "and all sort of things right out of their control, like the weather and the US dollar", it's hardly a wonder that a minority of farmers just "shut down" and soldier on.

"In many cases poor environmental performance and animal welfare issues are directly related to a farmer's state of mental health. If we want to see real

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Rather than gradually putting the effluent on to a paddock it can be applied all at once, so the entire paddock can have the same consistency before it's time for the cows to go on.

For Glenn, it only took five people an hour and a half to roll it out.

With more farmers' consents also due to run out in coming years, Glenn says Flexi Tanks will increasingly be seen as a popular option.

He cleared a few trees before putting it in, and has plans to add a few plants so that it will be unseen by anyone passing nearby.

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Ngaere farmer Glenn Taylor has had a Flexi Tank on his farm since June.

**Ngaere dairy farmer Glenn Taylor is happy to extol the virtues of a French product he installed on his farm back in June.**

Flexi Tanks have been made in France by La Baronne Citaf since 1959 and can be described as an enclosed strong bladder capable of holding up to a million litres of effluent.

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farm," he says.

Glenn is a part owner and leases the balance of the family farm. He has 340 dairy cows on 107 effective hectares, as well as having a 30ha runoff where he grows maize and silage and grazes young stock.

With his TRC consent due to run out in 2028, Glenn says he thought he would be proactive and do something about getting a new holding space for holding farm effluent.

"I thought I would get in now and get something done, particularly with last spring being so wet and it being hard to get a day when it was dry enough to spread effluent on the paddocks."

Glenn did look at a number of options before meeting Anton Meier of New Zealand distributor Flexi Tanks(NZ)Ltd at the fieldays in Feilding. He was also able to speak to Elizabeth from La Baronne Citaf, the French manufacturer.

After that a friend of Glenn's organised a field day on his farm, where about 15 farmers turned up. Glenn went along and ended up ordering a Flexi Tank that afternoon.

"I did the calculations with Dairymaster in town, who are the agents for Flexi Tanks and we worked out the size we needed, so I got a slightly larger one."

Glenn's tank, located downhill from the milking shed can hold half a million litres of effluent.

Glenn says it's a simple system which is easy to use and easy to put together without a lot of capital outlay. There are no consents

## Court rules covenant protection lasts forever

Farmers who have placed special natural areas of their properties under QEII covenants will take heart from a Supreme Court ruling against a developer, Federated Farmers President Katie Milne says.

"These 'in perpetuity' covenants mean 'forever'."

"Rural and farming families comprise the majority of landowners behind the more than 4,400 covenants in New Zealand and they make this commitment to protect bush, wetlands and other areas of special biodiversity on their properties so they can be enjoyed for all future generations," Katie says.

The Supreme Court,

backing earlier decisions by the High Court and Court of Appeal, ruled last week that the QEII National Trust covenant over a 400ha block near Tairua, on the Coromandel Peninsula, was valid.

The open spaces covenant was put in place by a reclusive man who lived in squalor after a homestead on his Coromandel property burnt down. While there were errors in the placing of the covenant on the title, all three courts ruled against a subsequent owner of the land, who wanted to carve it up and develop and sell it for residential development.

Farmers are accused in

some quarters of being no friend to the environment, yet farmers were pivotal in the establishment of the QEII National Trust 40 years ago.

"Rural landowners have been the instigators of more than two-thirds of QEII covenants since 1977 and a study last year by Waikato University estimated the opportunity costs associated with covenanted land in New Zealand is in the range of \$443m to \$638m," Katie says.

"The total estimated maintenance on covenants is \$25m a year.

"So farmers have plenty of skin in the game with this form of biodiversity protection and we're delighted to see the courts rule in favour of the original landowner's vision for protection in perpetuity versus a developer keen to turn a buck."

*"These 'in perpetuity' covenants mean 'forever'."*

## Feds keen to work with new service

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improvement, I'd like to see this fund be meaningful in the mental health space too."

William Beetham noted that one of the reasons that 'farmers down the back of the valley', as the Minister

put it, were not up to speed on knowledge and resources was because they still only had 'dial-up' speed connectivity and patchy mobile coverage. "That's worth doing something about as well."

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# OBITUARY Malcolm Donald Muggeridge

## 25 March 1949- 13 August 2018.

Noted Jersey breeder Malcolm Muggeridge passed away on 13 August 2018 at Taranaki Base Hospital after a long illness aged 69.

Malcolm first met his wife Judith in 1969 and they were married on 15 May 1971.

With Judith already having the Truday prefix and Malcolm the Homerlea-View prefix, Malcolm thought about combining the two names to call their stud Truview, but after a lot of thought decided Truday was the one they would go for.

The Muggeridge family has been breeding pure breed Jersey cattle for over a century. Malcolm's grandfather Frank

Muggeridge joined the NZ Jersey Cattle Breeders Association in 1914, with the first registrations being named with the Oeo prefix, and later changed to the Homebush stud name. The Truday Stud has been operating for 54 years with cows such as Truday Len's Kola VHC 96 descending from one of the originals, Homebush Wildflower.

The Truday studmasters' Malcolm and Judith Muggeridge and family are recognised as having one of Taranaki's leading Jersey herds by virtue of their top performance in all fields of Jersey endeavour.

They were outstanding presenters of cattle, and Malcolm and Judith have made their mark throughout



Malcolm Muggeridge.

the North Island show circuit, winning many show championships. Malcolm would take up to 20 head or so to a show. They were certainly great ambassadors for the Purebred Jersey Society, keeping the flag flying.

Sires that contributed to the success of the Truday Jerseys included Big-Hollow Danny Boy, Big Hollow Bestman, Glenmore regal Monarch, Glenmore Fair Dreamer, Ferdon Glen's Cameron, Ferdon Tandra's Vintage, Owharoa Gold Attraction, Tarnhowe Red

Lindan, Lamorna Duke's design, just to name a few that played a major part in the development of Truday Jerseys.

Malcolm and Judith loved

going to the Society AGM, as well as the bus trips enjoying the friendship and companionship of fellow likeminded breeders.

Malcolm was awarded the Society's Distinguished Member's Award and the life membership badge. He was co-ordinator of the junior members for many years.

Malcolm was an astute judge and classifier for our Society, and has judged in many shows both in New Zealand and Australia. He enjoyed his role as classifier which gave him a chance to see other members' stud herds.

For Malcolm and Judith, Jerseys have been their life. Judith was the daughter of successful Jersey breeders Doug and Bertha Rowe of the Rolanvale Jersey Stud. This family connection should continue with Lyndon having his Silverstone Jersey Stud with half the herd being Truday cows on the Beledene Stud farm where he is 50:50 sharemilking.

Malcolm will be sorely missed by his many Jersey friends throughout New Zealand and across the Tasman.

our deepest sympathy in the loss of a loving husband, father and grandfather. Our thoughts are with you all at this very sad time.

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# Angler anticipation as new trout licences go on sale

Trout fishing licences for the coming year went on sale on August 21 as freshwater anglers eagerly look forward to the start of the 2018-19 freshwater sports fishing season.

The season officially begins on October 1 and keen anglers are already waiting to buy their new licence.

“For those really passionate about trout fishing, the day licence go on sale is

a key date in their annual diary – a sign that spring is nearly here,” says Fish & Game New Zealand’s Communications Manager Don Rood.

“While they can’t use the new licence for another six weeks, buying it is one of those stepping stones to the new season.”

The season starts on October 1 and runs right through to the end of September 2019. A range

of licences are on offer, including categories for families, loyal senior anglers and people wanting to try their hand at trout fishing for the first time.

Fish & Game New Zealand’s Policy Manager Robert Sowman co-ordinates licencing and points out that two categories in particular offer great value for families and children.

“The family licence allows an angler, their partner and

children or grandchildren to go fishing together for the whole year for one price,” Mr Sowman says.

“It’s a great way for families to do something together and introduce the next generation to the joys of angling.”

“And for young Kiwis keen on fishing, if they are under the age of 12, they are entitled to a free fishing licence,” he says.

While some types of licence are only for individual

regions, others allow trout fishing for the whole season throughout the country, except for Taupo where, a specific trout licence is required from DOC.

“The whole season licence is the best deal of all the categories – it allows you to fish 365 days of the year anywhere except Taupo,” Mr Sowman says.

Fish & Game says this country’s freshwater fishing is fantastic value for the

challenges and excitement it offers.

“Around the world, New Zealand is regarded as having some of the finest trout angling on the planet,” Don Rood says.

“Kiwis can enjoy that quality fishing every day of the year, relaxing in our great outdoors and putting a meal on the table for their families at the end of a great day out. Everyone should give it a try.”

## Coastal Adult Riding Club Winter Dressage

The Coastal Adult Riding Club held its final day of the Winter Dressage series at the TSB Indoor arena in Hawera on Sunday August 19. As Riding Club is a very good place to start, several riders had their young horses

out for the experience of doing their first ever test in competition.

Judges for the day were Noeline Jeffries from Hamilton and Stephanie Clement of Opunake.

Class 1 NZ Riding Club

test 1B. 1. Jutta Rosenblatt (Volrath Fledermaus). 2. Sarah Neilson (Lotte Lenya). 3. Donna Bunyan (Wilma). 4. Aimee Schumacher (Blue).

Class 2 P.C Test D. 1. Jutta Rosenblatt (Volrath Fledermaus). 2. Donna

Bunyan (My Shadow) and Nicole McDonald (JL Ted Kelly). 4. Sarah Neilson (Lotte Lenya).

Class 3 P.C. Test J. 1. Nicole McDonald (JL Ted Kelly). 2. Donna Bunyan (My Shadow). 3.

Emillie Husillos (Craighaven Samsara). 4. Becca Smith (Cisco Kidd).

Class 4 NZRC Test 2B. 1. Dale Mosely (Bugs). 2. Becca Smith (Cisco Kidd). 3. Shannon Coull (Patch Me Up). 4. Emma Davies (Poppy).

Class 5 NZRC Test 2C. 1. Niki Perrett (Whistle The Blues). 2. Marion Pink (Monty). 3. Shannon Coull (Miss Indy).

Class 6 NZRC Test 3B. 1. Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco). 2. Helen McCallum (Tommy). 3. Marion Pink (Monty).

Class 7 NZRC Test 4C. 1. Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco). 2. Helen McCallum (Tommy). 3. Sherleena Budd (Esperanza).

Pairs. 1. Sherleena Budd (Esperanza) and Kath Lambourn (Millenium Lady).

Series Points trophies. Introductory – Nikki Spedding (Suvision). Training. Kylie Robertson (Galen). Level 1. Lydia Williams (Tad Cruzee). Level 2. Helen McCallum (Tommy) and Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco).

## Manaia golf results

August 18. Men’s Stableford. 1. Jim Ngere. 2. Neil Scown. 3. Paul Hunn. 4. Denis Hurcomb and Joshua Symes.

Juniors. Five short holes. 1. Ashton Clarges. 2. Hannah Symes. 3. Ronin Symes. Four short holes. 1. Jayden

Poole and Payton Siciliano. 2. Jude Poole.

Five full holes. 1. Jamie Siciliano. 2. Jayden Siciliano.

Five full holes. 1. Kieran Taylor. 2. Oliva Symes. 3. Lucas Symes. 4. Carter Symes.

August 24, Men. Bogey Round. 1. Denis Hurcomb. 2. Jason King. 3. Ashton Sharp. 4. Colin Koch.

Juniors. Pee Wees Gross. 1. Payton Siciliano. 2. Chantelle Wong. 3. Ronin Symes. Putting. 1. Ronin Symes. 2. Chantelle Wong.

3. Payton Siciliano. Intermediate Juniors. 1. Oliva Symes. 2. Ashton Clarges.

Senior Juniors. 1. Joe Gibson. 2. Lucas Symes. 3. Jaden Siciliano and Jamie Siciliano.

1. Niki Perrett (Whistle The Blues). 2. Marion Pink (Monty). 3. Shannon Coull (Miss Indy).

Class 6 NZRC Test 3B. 1. Melanie Smith (Arum Park Coco). 2. Helen McCallum (Tommy). 3. Marion Pink (Monty).



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## Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

Monday August 6 was a night of two halves, with almost everyone having a not-so-good shoot either preceded or followed by a really good scoring shoot. Top score of the night went to Garry Rowlands with the only red ink of the evening 100.8 and 98.5. Second place was a close affair with Alan Drake managing one more inner (bullseye) 99.6, 96.4 and Clare Bramley 99.5/98.4 (double) and 95.1. Paul Tidswell 98.3, 96.4, 98.5/98.6 (double). Murray Chinery has been scoring some very good scores of late, but also had a mixed bag 94.4 and 97.2; Bob Bramley 98.3, 93.3; Don Litchfield 91.2, 97.5.

Junior shooters and beginner shooters also had an interesting night with Boston Taylor taking the honours with 92.1 and 87.1; Craig McGill 89.3; Henry Armond 89.0. Group card shooter John McGill showed improvement with 96 and 97 while Eddie Hagenaars shot a group card of 100 followed by a regular card 80.0.

A smaller than usual group gathered on Friday night,

August 10. The tussle for top shooter was between eventual winner Paul Tidswell 99.3, 98.7/99.6 (double) and Murray Chinery 96.2, 99.4 was decided by inners in the end. Meanwhile C-grade shooter Bob Bramley 92.1, 97.3, 98.3 just pipped B-grader Brian Hicks 98.3, 92.3. Paul Longstaff 95.4, 93.0; Dave McGregor 91.1, 92.3; Stephen Hicks 89.0, 90.0; Eddie Hagenaars 89.1, 86.2.

On Monday August 13, patron and longest serving member Murray Chinery took not only top honours for the Eltham club, but we’re fairly certain honours for Taranaki with his top score 100.2. He also shot a 94.2. We are wagering that there aren’t very many shooters over 80 who have shot such a good card. His cake will be well received, which is the ‘prize’ for shooting a 100 full card at the club.

Neither Master grade shooters could touch Murray’s score - Garry Rowlands 97.4, 99.5, 98.6; Paul Tidswell 98.5, 96.4, 98.5. Alan Drake 95.2, 96.1; Dave McGregor 95.1;

Brian Hicks 94.1, 95.3; Bob Bramley 92.1, 94.2. Don Litchfield 88.1, 89.0; Henry Armond 88.1; Eddie Hagenaars 87.1, 86.1; Craig McGill 86.0, 83.2, 81.0.

There was another small group on August 17 with Paul Tidswell coming out on top 100.5, 99.5, 96.3; Murray Chinery 96.2, 98.4; Paul Longstaff 97.5, 95.3; Bob Bramley 93.1, 93.2/93.3 (double); Brian Hicks 93.3, 89.2; Stephen Hicks 91.1, 90.1. Beginner shooter Craig McGill shot some very good scores and improved through the night scoring 89.1, 90.2, 92.1.

Meanwhile, the junior shooters were tasked with shooting double cards and scored very respectable scores. Henry Armond 94.2 and his double cards 95.4 and 91.2. Boston Taylor 90.1 with his double card scoring 94.4 and 87.2, an unfortunate stray shot costing a higher score on his second card of the double.

*Clare Bramley.*

The next issue of the Opunake and Coastal News comes out on September 13.

# Ngati Ruanui doubt Justice Ministry claims

Ngati Ruanui says it challenges the Ministry of Justice to ensure changes to Coronial Services delivery will result in a "more responsive and culturally aware to families and whanau of deceased" experience rather than adding to New Zealand's horrifying suicide statistics.

As of October 1 2018, the Ministry of Justice has announced a new service delivery model for Coronial Services. For Taranaki residents, this will mean our deceased will travel out of region, and potentially away from families, to receive an autopsy/post-mortem operations, says Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, kairataki Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust.

"Families are already feeling isolated, alone and depressed and now they may need to travel long distances with no support. These statistics show disproportionately high numbers of male Maori choosing to end their lives. There were 142 Maori deaths in the 2017/2018 year and 97 of those were Maori Men," she says.

"How are we supposed to wrap around our grieving

and lift them up if we are pulled apart by this system? This arrangement is the result of a procurement process completed by a bunch of bureaucrats and we now have to work reactively with the Ministry of Justice to ensure cultural needs can be catered for."

Ngarewa-Packer says Ngati Ruanui has been advised by Ministry of Justice that there are no facilities to support or accommodate families travelling with deceased, nor is there travel expense funding. The Ministry of Justice hasn't discussed the needs of families and whanau direct with Taranaki residents.

"These issues create a bureaucratic barrier that interrupts the natural grieving process. Men already feel they have to suppress their emotions which leads to silent suffering that the statistics show us too often ends with suicide.

"Ministry of Justice have looked at something that works on paper but have not factored in the human support required during extreme sudden death grief. There has been absolutely no cultural consideration

as the 2006 Coroners Act requires."

Ngati Ruanui say they aim to work with the Ministry of Justice and Minister Andrew Little to minimise the impact on all Taranaki residents.

"The Ministry of Justice tells us that the Taranaki Base Hospital facility would not meet the new standard for accredited mortuaries, the Taranaki District Health Board must upgrade so that services can return to the region," Ngarewa-Packer says.

"The Ministry of Justice needs to facilitate the travel of families with the deceased. Families need to be empowered and resourced to cope with their bereavement. They shouldn't have to worry about the expense, how to get there, where to stay or how they will be received.

"If this new structure isn't carefully managed and implemented that consistency is likely to be in time delays, lack of cultural awareness and increased hardship for the families members of the deceased."

Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust chairman Haimona Manuera is concerned that the current bereavement



Debbie Ngarewa-Packer

legislation wasn't designed to work within this new system.

"If they're going to change the process, they have to ensure all systems will work with it and it doesn't look like the Ministry of Justice have thought about that."

He's concerned the current delays and trauma will only get worse under the new regime.

"Families will be forced to separate so that some can stay with the deceased but it meant others won't get to see them at all. People get three days off work for a close bereavement but for the first 48 hours they won't even be nearby.

"People will have to travel home on that third day, before the Tangi and without saying their goodbyes properly. Situations can get heated, families will battle to be close by for the little time they have left."

The Coroner's Act 2006 only allocates funding to transport the deceased to the operation location, the family funds the costs to return their loved-one home.

Ngarewa-Packer says there are already instances of families sleeping in cars near mortuary facilities because the ever-increasing costs of an unexpected death are too high.

Added to this is the emotional harm caused to family who are forced to separate from a deceased family member too soon.

"It is increasingly important for the bereaved to stay close, often until burial. It isn't fair on the family, those providing the transport service or those delivering the post mortem/autopsy to force a separation of hundreds of kilometres before the family is emotionally prepared."

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# What's On Listings

## ONGOING

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

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## SUNDAYS

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

## MONDAYS

**Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake:** Each Monday 10 am - 12:30 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:** 8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

## WEEKENDS

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

## FRIDAYS JULY THROUGH AUGUST

**NZ Farmers Livestock Calf Sales at Stratford.** Refer advert for details

## MONDAY AUGUST 6 TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1

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

## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15 TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

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

## SATURDAY AUGUST 25 TO SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

**Fireworks 2018 Exhibition - an exhibition of fashion and fibre art:** At Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda St, Stratford. Refer advert for details.

## MONDAY AUGUST 27 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21

**Texture and Form - an exhibition of pottery and fibre art:** At The Village Gallery Eltham. Artists: Kathryn Gates, Barbara Nicholls, Janette Theobald and Maree Liddington. Refer advert for details.

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3

**15th Annual Purebred Bull Auction:** Hereford & Angus Bulls. At 923 Wingrove Rd. Stratford. 12pm start. Refer advert.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8

**Band playing at Butlers Reef, Oakura:** 'Partners in Crime'. After the All Blacks test match. Refer advert.

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10

**4th Annual Coastal High BW Yearling Jersey Bull Sale:** 12.30 start at Julian Rd, Warea (Behind old Warea Dairy Factory). Refer advert.

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

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

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

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

**Legends of Conservation Mountain Adventure Race:** At Dawson Falls, Road End. Refer advert for contact details.

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

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

**Cold Creek Community Water Scheme AGM:** At Te Kiri Hall, 7.30pm. Refer advert.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

**Big Plant Sale:** Taranaki Hospital Fundraiser at St Andrews Church, Liardet St, NP. From 10am to 2pm. Refer article in What's On.

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

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

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27

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

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

**The Warratahs 'Drivin' Wheel' 30th Anniversary Tour Show:** At the Eltham Town Hall. Doors open 6.30pm. Brought to you by the Friends of the Eltham Town Hall. Refer advert for details.

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Friday September 7 - BB from 10pm.

Saturday September 8 - Ash & Aidan/Dj Ash from 10pm.

Friday September 14 - Dj Hazza from 10pm.

Saturday September 15 - Day Breakers from 10pm.

Friday September 21 - Ash & Aidan/Dj Ash from 10pm.

Saturday September 22 - BB from 10pm.

Friday September 28 - Dj Hazza from 10pm.

Saturday September 29 - Soul Rebel (from 9pm) followed by Dj Hazza (from 12am).

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# Fibre and pottery combine at The Village Gallery

Once in every two years a felter, two potters and a weaver get together to put on an exhibition at The Village Gallery in Eltham.

Potters Kathryn Gates and Barbara Nicholls, felter Janette Theobald, all of New Plymouth and the weaver, Eltham's own Maree Liddington had their first combined exhibition at The Village Gallery back in 2014 and did it again two years ago. On Sunday they opened at The Village Gallery for the third time.

Previous exhibitions had the themes From the Land and Coastal. This year's exhibition has the theme Texture and Form: an exhibition of pottery and fibre art, and will be showing at the Village Gallery until September 21.

About 40 people turned up at exhibition opening on Sunday afternoon. Many had just come from the opening of the Fibreworks Exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery in nearby Stratford.

Maree said she enjoyed the



Various scarves by felter Janette Theobald.



Over the Mountain by Weaver, Maree Liddington

**TEXTURE AND FORM**  
 An exhibition of pottery and fibre art  
 KATHRYN GATES, BARBARA NICHOLLS  
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way all the artists' work fitted in together.

"As fibre artists Janette and I think pottery goes well with our work," she said. "We have a theme for the exhibition but we don't confer about the colours. There's no collaboration. It just happens."

Maree says she is "passionate about colour."

While she has previously concentrated on tapestry weaving, in recent years she has tried her hand at Saori weaving, which she describes as "a Japanese free form which breaks all the themes of traditional weaving."

"In Saori there are no mistakes. Broken threads don't matter. Variations don't matter," she says.

Janette says she loves

working with the potters.

"Our work seems to enhance each other, and The Village Gallery is such an asset to the community."

She has been felting for the last 10 years and exhibiting for the last five. She teaches classes and has her own studio in New Plymouth.

She says she had done sewing, knitting, spinning and crocheting, and then found that felting was something which brought all these things together.

"It's such a tactile experience, you can use whatever you like," she says. "There are no rules. If your imagination and fingers take you there, you can go there. Even people who are not good at art can enjoy it and make something really magical."

Potters Kathryn Gates and Barbara Nicholls have known

each other since the time their daughters were together in the same class at school and in the course of conversation discovered that both their mothers were potters.

Barbara says she is interested in glazes and reduction firing in a gas kiln and is currently experimenting with porcelain and traditional style oriental reduction glazes like copper and celadon.

Kathryn says she started pottery while living in Invercargill, and particularly likes working with porcelain because of its translucent

qualities. She decorates her work using Chinese style glazes and has recently been experimenting with rutile and barium glazes to create the rich colours of the glaze.

Kathryn and Barbara are both members of the New Plymouth Potters Club and Ceramics New Zealand. They say they enjoy exhibiting with the fibre artists.

"Maree and Janette are wonderful to work with," says Barbara.

"It's good to team up again," agrees Kathryn.

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# Warratahs come to Eltham

The Friends of the Eltham Town Hall present The Warratahs: "Drivin' Wheel" 30th Anniversary Tour on Saturday September 29 at The Eltham Town Hall. Doors Open 6:30pm. Cash Bar Available (No BYO). Supper provided. Supporting Acts: Gumboot Tango, Arianna (Opunake High School).

"Barry Saunders sings about the changes that happen around us, changes we can do nothing to prevent, as well as the ones that take place inside. And he does it better and more recognisably than just about anyone." - Nick Bollinger RNZ

For over 30 years The Warratahs have carved a niche into the New Zealand landscape - literally from North Cape to Bluff, becoming legendary for extensively touring both small towns and cities alike.

This year New Zealand's greatest country music band celebrate the 30th Anniversary of their debut album "The Only Game In

Town." Winning the Country Music Album Award for 1988 and receiving a Gold Award for sales, the album included songs that have long become well known favourites - "Hands Of My Heart", "Maureen" and "The Only Game In Town."

To honour the occasion, The Warratahs are pleased to announce the release of "Drivin' Wheel," a 24 track compilation spanning the years from 1988 to the present day, including the brand new song "Fast Train."

Over the last two and a half years The Warratahs have released the acclaimed studio album "Runaway Days," supported Lucinda Williams, Leann Rimes and Jimmy Barnes, played many shows including Selwyn Sounds, Hamilton Gardens Festival, Tora Festival and a recent sell-out show at The Gold Guitars in Gore.

Barry Saunders has toured with Tami Neilson, Delaney Davidson and Marlon Williams, played in The Band tribute show The Last Waltz



Warratahs: "Drivin' Wheel" 30th Anniversary Tour on Saturday September 29 at The Eltham Town Hall.

and has been working on a forthcoming studio album with Delaney Davidson.

Thirty years, seven studio albums, hundreds of

thousands of albums sold and almost as many shows rolled out, the Warratahs once again hit the road.

The Warratahs are: Barry

Saunders (vocals, guitar and harmonica), Nik Brown (violin and mandolin), Mike Knapp (drums) and Nick Theobald (bass and vocals).

Email [visitorinfo@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:visitorinfo@stdc.govt.nz) or 0800 111 323. Pre-Sale Tickets \$40. Door sales \$45.

## Meet some legends in a mountain adventure race



Competitors meet DOC's legendary hunter Zane Shine and his conservation dog Bear in the 2017 Mountain Adventure Race.

Conservation Week in Taranaki begins with the Legends of Conservation Mountain Adventure Race on Saturday September 15. It's a chance for family or school teams to race around the Dawson Falls roadend tracks, finding checkpoints and meeting some conservation legends along the way.

Last year the popular event was held at North Egmont.

"All sorts of legends were there," said Mike Tapp Supervisor Community for the Department of Conservation. "Adventure teams met DOC's who Conservation dogs and their handlers as well our hunters and trappers and community groups like the Taranaki Kiwi Trust and the Rotokare

Trust." All teams have 10 minutes to study their map and work out the best route for maximum points. Then off they go with two hours to find and answer as many checkpoint answers as they can find while meeting the legends to find out what they do.

"There are lots of Conservation groups in Taranaki and we're lucky

to have them," said Mike. "Groups like the Ngati Tara Sandy Bay Society have been out there making a difference for years and they really are legends."

Teams can choose to walk lots or a bit less if some team members have little legs. The event ends with a barbecue and spot prizes at Konini Lodge and it's all free. The postponement day is Sunday 16 September. Teams must register and read the details online at Eventfinda Legends of Conservation. More events are listed on [conservationweek.org.nz](http://conservationweek.org.nz)

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**THE WARRATAHS :**

**"Drivin' Wheel" 30th Anniversary Tour**

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# Ageing and transitioning

Ageing is inevitable, yet how we transition through the years can differ drastically from person to person. As children we typically feel excited about getting older, with milestones like reaching double digits and dreams of what the absolute independence of adulthood will be like. But at a certain point along the way, getting older is no longer viewed in a positive light. In fact, for many people, ageing becomes something they fear or dread.

In today's society much emphasis tends to be

placed on various aspects of youthfulness as being attractive. We are bombarded with messages about needing to hide the effects of ageing. But your changing lines, hair colour or body in no way detracts from who you are and the goodness in your heart. Ageing is a natural process. In fact, it's an enormous privilege that we get to live into our elderly years.

However, in saying that, our lifestyle and how we take care of our body most definitely influences how we look and feel as we age. We don't want our lifestyle to diminish our

health so that many of our later years are spent battling health challenges that detract from our quality of life.

The good news is, great nutrition goes a long way to providing our bodies with the substances it needs to ensure these processes happen slowly rather than rapidly. Here are some ways you can prevent accelerated ageing.

### Maintain (or build) muscle mass

After about the age of 30 onwards, we lose muscle mass gradually unless we do something to maintain (or preferably build) it. Muscle

is incredibly important to our health – not only does it keep our body stable, it also impacts our metabolic rate and gives us the strength to move throughout our day in the way that we want to.

So embrace some kind of resistance training. This doesn't necessarily mean you have to go to the gym. Pilates is a great form of resistance training and yoga uses your own body weight as resistance. Gardening, carrying groceries or children, climbing stairs and farm work all use your muscles too.

### Eat a rainbow

## Celebrating the time when New Zealand led the world

Taranaki Cathedral will be marking the 125th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New Zealand with a commemorative service at 12 noon on Wednesday September 19 at the Interim Cathedral in Vivian Street. The 45-minute service will be a celebration of the event of Women's Suffrage in New Zealand and an opportunity to hear the struggles of women for and in public office and also be a challenge to women for future civic engagement and participation.

Speakers will include Charmaine Sarten, president of the Aotea division of the Maori Women's Welfare League, and Mary Bourke, former mayor of South Taranaki District. The service will be led by Revd. Canon Sue Pickering.

On 19 September 1893 the governor, Lord Glasgow, signed a new Electoral Act into law. As a result of this landmark legislation, New Zealand became the first self-governing country in the world in which all women had the right to vote in

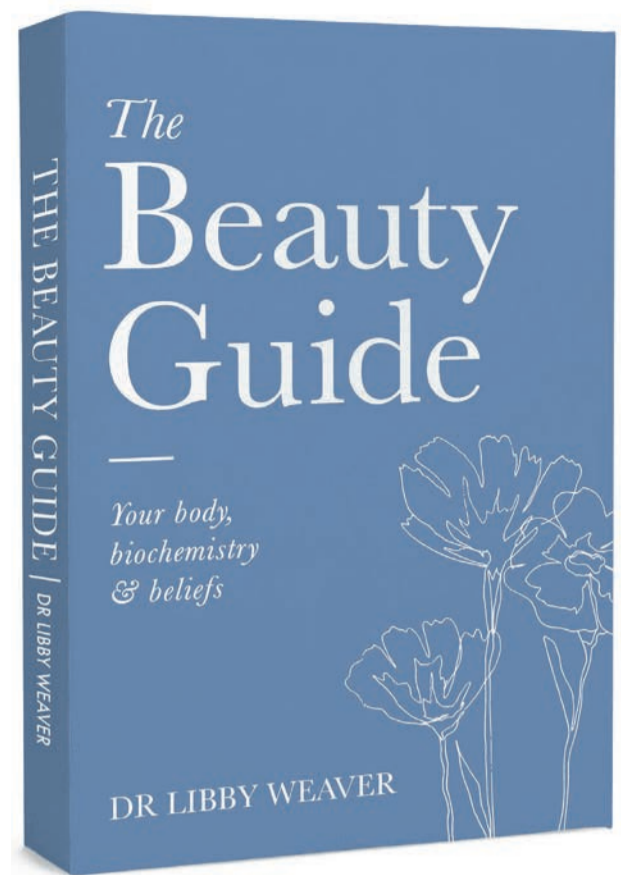
parliamentary elections.

In most other democracies – including Britain and the United States – women did not win the right to the vote until after the First World War. New Zealand's world leadership in women's suffrage became a central part of our image as a trail-blazing 'social laboratory.'

That achievement was the result of years of effort by suffrage campaigners led by Kate Sheppard. In August 1893, 13 petitions comprising the signatures of 31,872 women (about 1a quarter

of the female European population of voting age) were presented to parliament.

Today the idea that women could not or should not vote is completely foreign to New Zealanders. Following the 2017 election, 38% of our Members of Parliament were female, compared with 9% in 1981. In the early 21st century women have held each of the country's key constitutional positions: prime minister, governor-general, speaker of the House of Representatives, attorney-general and chief justice.



Dr Libby will be speaking in New Plymouth on Monday September 17

Different coloured fruits and vegetables contain different nutrients – many of which are potent antioxidants. Eating a rainbow of colours helps to ensure you are getting a range of different antioxidants and other beneficial substances that your body needs to thrive, and to help prevent premature ageing.

### Become breath aware

More rapid breathing leads to more free radical production, which requires more antioxidants to be consumed in order to avoid excessive damage. When we are stressed, we tend to take short, sharp, shallow breaths that move the chest. Begin to notice your breath – does it stay up in your chest, or does it move your belly? Diaphragmatic breathing (long, slow breaths that move the belly in and out) slows down our rate of breathing and is one of the fastest ways that we can lower stress hormone production.

### Address niggling symptoms

If you're experiencing digestive complaints or bloating, PMS or menopausal symptoms, recurring headaches or general fatigue, this is your body trying to communicate to you that something isn't right. These symptoms may be common, but they're not normal – they're a sign that something within the body needs to be addressed. Investigate them, bring curiosity to each symptom and begin to take notice of what might be driving these. For some of you, seeking professional advice may be of benefit. Others may know deep down what needs to change and are just avoiding it. The reality is, if you don't address these symptoms now, they're likely to get louder and more challenging as time goes on. Prioritise your own health and take action today.

Dr Libby will be speaking about ageing and hormones in New Plymouth on Monday September 17 for her The Hormone Factor tour 7-9pm at the Devon Hotel & Conference Centre 390 Devon Street Strandon. For more information visit [www.drlibby.com](http://www.drlibby.com)

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# Spitfire screening at Opunake's Everybodys Theatre

Released to mark the RAF's centenary, this documentary brims with aerial footage of the plucky fighter that took on the might of the Luftwaffe.

Post-Dunkirk and Darkest Hour, there will surely be more of these retrospectives on the horizon, harking back to an age when Britain laid claim to ruling waves and air alike.

David Fairhead and Ant Palmer's documentary, released to mark the RAF's centenary, bolsters its honourable core project – preserving the testimony of former Spitfire pilots – with material guaranteed to spike the pulse rates of aeronautical enthusiasts: footage of surviving Spits being wheeled out of museum storage; yards of scratchy combat film that underline how distant these

halcyon days are; nuts-and-bolts analysis of the planes' defensive strengths. Only belatedly does it consider whether these motorised killing machines might be as problematic as they are emblematic.

The directors enter the archive with scholarly care and craft, finding a useful early toehold in 1942's flagwaver *The First of the Few*, in which director-star Leslie Howard played Spitfire designer RJ Mitchell. Narrated by unofficial voice-of-Empire Charles Dance and elegantly scored by Chris Roe, their own feature retains the contours of a stirring underdog tale, as a squadron of plucky Kens and Geoffreys recall signing up to see off the Luftwaffe despite being outnumbered four to one.



The Spitfire, the plane that won the Battle of Britain.

## Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy to hold fundraiser

While hospital medical staff look after how you are, we look after who you are. The New Plymouth Hospital Chaplaincy is planning an Awareness and Fundraiser Campaign. We need your community's help to be able to continue this valuable service in the hospitals of Taranaki. This year the fundraising effort will be a hands on grassroots one so get ready to "dig deep" for Chaplaincy. Some future

programmes can involve support initiatives for hospital staff, Family Violence, and Youth Suicide prevention.

On Saturday, September 22 from 10:00-2:00 pm there is a **BIG PLANT SALE** at St. Andrews Church on Liardet St. in New Plymouth. There will also be a stall in the Hawera Markets. So get your plants ready now! Besides your green thumbs, we need those famous coastal baked goodies, things to raffle

and auction, cookbooks in good condition or just your time. And, oops, of course there's the traditional sausage sizzle. Any other "outside the envelope" ways to contribute financially are most welcome.

There are 31 trained VCAs (Volunteers Chaplain Assistants) in the New Plymouth Hospital and 3 in Hawera Hospital who each day assist our Lead Chaplain, Joe Gray, to fulfill the ongoing pastoral needs of

so many patients. It is a huge job for any one person and our team efforts to provide 24/7 cover needs your community support to let people know that they matter and we're there for them.

Base hospital is part of the ICHC (Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy) which is cross denominational. It's not about religion or denominations; chaplaincy work is an inclusive caring effort for all patients and

families, often in a time of a major health crisis or the loss of a loved one. Our annual chaplaincy statistics not only indicate our support to patients, but staff, whanau, assisting in educational activities, funerals, room blessings, worship services and referrals. We need your help for this very worthy community cause. I trust that this chance to help others will be a blessing to you. We'll get back to you and let you know

our successful results in *The Opunake and Coastal News* and New Plymouth papers.

You can drop off items the day before on Friday at St. Andrews or before the sale starts at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday. If you have any queries feel free to contact Bob (021-171-9099) or Joe Gray (027-455-6090). What's the most important thing, people, people, people.

*Taranaki hospital Chaplaincy*

### COASTALCARE - AGM and the last year in review

On Monday 16th July, Coastal Taranaki Health Trust held their AGM – Thank you to those who took the time to attend. There was a moments silence held for the Late David Tamatea and Dan Holmes, their contribution and dedication to the Trust was recognised. We are very pleased to welcome Steve Corkill as Chairperson and Bob Clark as Treasurer. The Trust now consists of, Steve Corkill (Chairperson) Adrienne Hickey (Secretary), Bob Clark (Treasurer), Lynda Corkill and Paul Bourke.



We have approached several community members about contributing as a Trust member and hope to announce some new members soon, we are also very grateful for the support that Jemma Stevenson has been providing during this last year.

This last year we have endeavoured to get out and about in the community, with visits to Parihaka, Orimupiko Marae market and many community groups. We were able to get our service lists out there as well as canvas the community for services they may want. Many thanks to all those who hosted us, we appreciate your time and support. Our focus this year is to gain funding and install both an emergency generator, which has become necessary with all the power outages, as well as the equipment needed for the Optometrist to provide a service from CoastalCare, hopefully as early as September.

We acknowledge and are very grateful for the sponsorship during this financial year from Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS), McDonald Real Estate and Hughson & Associates. We have also been very fortunate to receive continued support and funding from TSB Community Trust, Egmont Plains Community Board, Community Organisation Grants (COGs), Pub Charity, Lotteries Grant Board, Hepworth Trust, Harcourt's, Shell Todd and Fonterra.

As previously, we have chosen to present publicly our financial situation – below we show the last two years Operating income and expenses, showing a net operating loss before depreciation of \$18,116 this year which is \$4,500 more than last year due to some unexpected maintenance costs and other operational cost increases. This shortfall is addressed via income increases from both the increase in prices and quantity of services leasing the space as well as business sponsorship and successful grant applications.

You can contact the Facility Manager on 06 7618488 or info@coastalcare.co.nz

	2018	2017
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Revenue from providing goods or services	136,697	110,887
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	288	497
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>136,985</b>	<b>111,384</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Costs related to providing goods or services	155,101	124,811
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>155,101</b>	<b>124,811</b>
<b>Net Operating surplus/ (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(18,116)</b>	<b>(13,427)</b>
<b>Plus Other Income</b>		
Donations, grants and general fundraising	24,017	108,200
Sponsorships and other revenue	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>26,017</b>	<b>110,200</b>

*These figures exclude depreciation*

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	<b>SHOW DOGS</b> Comedy, Kids & Family   1hr 30mins   PG Max, a macho, solitary Rottweiler police dog is ordered to go undercover as a primed show dog in a prestigious Dog Show, along with his human partner, to avert a disaster from happening. Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep 1pm   Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1pm		<b>HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3</b> Animated, Kids & Family   1hr 34mins   PG Mavis surprises Dracula with a family voyage on a luxury cruise. On route, romance blossoms between Dracula and the ship's mysterious captain. Now it's Mavis's turn to play the overprotective parent, keeping her dad and Ericka apart. Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1pm
	<b>COCO</b> Family, Comedy   1hr 45mins   PG Despite his family's generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colourful Land of the Dead. After meeting a charming trickster named Héctor, the two new friends embark on an extraordinary journey. Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 1pm-STDC Family Fun Day*		<b>MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: FALLOUT</b> Action, Thriller   2hr 27mins   PG When an IMF mission ends badly, the world is faced with dire consequences. As Ethan Hunt takes it upon himself to fulfil his original briefing, the CIA begins to question his loyalty and his motives. Hunt finds himself in a race against time, hunted by assassins and former allies while trying to prevent a global catastrophe. Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep 7pm
	<b>THE WIFE</b> Drama   1hr 40mins   M: Language & Sexual References After spending forty years sacrificing her dreams for her husband Joe and his career, fed-up wife Joan decides to end their relationship. Interweaving the story of the couple's youthful passion and ambition with a portrait of a marriage, thirty-plus years later--a lifetime's shared compromises, secrets, betrayals, and mutual love. Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm   Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1pm   Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm		<b>MARY SHELLEY</b> Drama, Historical   2hrs   PG: Language & Sex scenes Mary Shelley, her step sister, and the poet Percy leave London to travel, drink, and shag their way around Europe, with the trio ending up at Lord Byron's Swiss holiday mansion. There, the reading of ghost stories turns into a challenge for the group to each write one themselves and thus Frankenstein is born. Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm   Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm   Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1pm
	<b>OVERBOARD</b> Comedy, Romance   1hr 52mins   M Kate is a single mother of three who's hired to clean a luxury yacht that belongs to Leonardo -- a selfish, spoiled Mexican playboy. After firing Kate, Leonardo falls off the boat and wakes up with no memory of who he is. To get payback, Kate shows up at the hospital and convinces the confused amnesiac that they're married. Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm   Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm		<b>SPITFIRE</b> Documentary   1hr 39mins   TBC They say she was beautiful. A dream. But for all her good looks, she was also a killer. Spitfire is an epic, sweeping tale of determination, vision and courage. It is the story of an aeroplane that was forged in competition, shaped as the war clouds gathered, and refined in the white heat of combat – going on to become the most famous fighter plane ever made. Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 7pm   Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1pm   Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 7pm
Wed	Fri	Sat	Sun
	31 The Book Club 7pm	1 Show Dogs 1pm Mission Impossible 7pm	2 CoCo 1pm – STDC Family Fun Day Spitfire - Boutique Night
5 Spitfire 1pm The Book Club 7pm	7 The Wife 7pm	8 Hotel Transylvania 3 1pm Mary Shelley 7pm	9 The Book Club 7pm
12 The Wife 1pm Mary Shelley 7pm	14 Overboard 7pm	15 Show Dogs 1pm Spitfire 7pm	16 The Wife 7pm

# Know how inspiration and imagination showing at Percy Thomson Gallery



Gayleen Schrider with New Dawn, supreme winner in the Taranaki Creative Fibre awards 2018.

Taranaki Creative Fibre's biennial exhibition, Fibreworks 2018 opened at the Percy Thomson Gallery over the weekend.

It is an outstanding exhibition highlighting the myriad of ways that all types of fibre can be manipulated and worked to create garments, blankets, wall hangings, sculpture, rugs and much more. The only

prerequisite is knowhow, inspiration and imagination.

Classes are regularly offered for those who want to get started on the all-consuming journey of fibrework. We will have experts here at the gallery during the exhibition so make sure you come in and have a chat with them.

The talented and innovative group covers a wide array of disciplines; weaving,

knitting, spinning, felting, dyeing. Many of the artists hold national awards and are experts in manipulating texture and form.

Each piece was judged and prizes were awarded across several categories ranging from design expertise to the use of colour and specific fibres such as silk, alpaca, flax, wool, linen and cotton including a recycled category.

There was also an award for a first-time entrant to encourage new members and another for the most creative use of New Zealand design or materials, with particular reference to Taranaki.

Coinciding with the Fibreworks 2018 Exhibition is an artisan market in the Stratford War Memorial Hall on Saturday September 1.

The market has a strong focus on fibre traders. There will be a number of local traders and artisans who make their own products.

The thirty stallholders will include hand-spun, hand-knitted, hand-woven and felted items from local Creative Fibre members. Also featured is garden art, hand-made clothing and bags, childrenswear, photography,



Taranaki Sunset, a felted merino and silk picture by Gill Evans.

wall art, lavender products and soap. Food connoisseurs will be able to select from home-made preserves, sauces and chutneys and delicious, donuts and Indian snacks.

The market will open at 9.30am and close at 2.30pm.

Our next exhibition is the well-respected and popular Adam Portraiture Award selection showing here from Friday 21 September. Gallery 2 will have the first solo exhibition by local artist Sue Ellis, Mysterious

Mischief.

If you would like to become a Friend of the Gallery it is time to renew. This will ensure you receive invites to all the opening events.

Gallery director Rhonda Bunyan.

## The life and times of supervolcanoes



Puke Ariki Talk with Colin Wilson. Wednesday 5 September, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Puke Ariki Museum Foyer



Colin Wilson.

Colin Wilson studies volcanoes - in particular, supervolcanoes. He likens his work to that of a crime scene investigator, where he travels the world piecing together the dual puzzle of why such cataclysmic explosions occur and why they are joined by much smaller eruptions. He aims to forecast volcanic phenomena with enough warning so that communities can respond. Although Colin

is digging deep in the Earth's crust to find the triggering mechanisms. Volcanic systems are not letting their secrets go easily.

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