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St Paul's 125th celebrated

Sunday December 4 was a special day in Okato as St Paul's Church celebrated its 125th anniversary.

The Thanksgiving Service, which was attended by about eighty people, was led by the Anglican Archbishop of New Zealand Philip Richardson, who was accompanied by his wife Belinda. Archbishop Phillip was aided by lay minister Lesley Dowding – who welcomed the congregation, as well as the Reverend Helene Young and the Very Rev Michael Bent with his wife Rosemary.

In her welcome Lesley mentioned St Peters Church, Tataraimaka (now defunct), which had its foundation stone laid on the same day as St Paul's. Lesley also spoke of the generosity of the Corbett Family, who (in memory of the late Nola and Des Corbett) paid for the restoration of the stained glass commemorating the Rev Henry Handley Brown, an early minister.

Also present were the Very Rev Michael Bent and wife Rosemary and the Rev Peter Barleyman with his wife Jan.

The local Parliamentarian Glen Bennett was also at the service, as was Scott Walden, the principal of Coastal Taranaki School.

Lesley spoke of the history of the church mentioning the laying of the foundation stone by the Ven Archdeacon Govett on February 11, 1897. She said there was an informative booklet (edited and researched by her) entitled *Pocket History of St Paul's Church, Okato*, which was



Arriving at St Paul's Church, Okato in style is the Archbishop of New Zealand Philip Richardson. At the reins is Nick van der Sande, an expert in Clydesdale horses. Alicia and Isabella Rich are taking a peek from the side with the wagon's owner Glenys Putt walking behind.

available at the Coastal Taranaki School hall (next door) where the morning teas were to be held after the service.

During the service Archbishop Richardson spoke of the many people who, past and present, had contributed to making St Paul's Church the positive force it has been for so many years. One former minister he mentioned was Sir Paul Reeves, who was vicar for just 20 months

around the mid-1960s. Sir Paul became Archbishop of New Zealand and later the first Maori Governor-General, during the David Lange Labour Government. "I do come with very special greetings from the Reeves family," he said. He also mentioned, in passing, Sir Paul and Lady Beverley Reeves' daughter Sarah who is a Land Court judge as well as being a member of the Waitangi Tribunal.

"This church, this history reminds us what it means to be human. You can't come to a place like this, just to be comfy." He explained that Christian commitment and action was required.

The service opened with the hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* (Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649).

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In clothes likely to be worn 125 years ago are the Rich family - Rowland, Isabella (9), Alicia and Ruth (5).



Cutting the official cake are Darcy Julian (90) and Ruth Rich (5).

Happy Christmas everyone

Merry Christmas and happy holidaying everyone. We will be having a break over the Christmas New Year holiday period. Our first issue will be on January 26 2023. The office will re-open on Monday January 16. See you all in 2023!



Letters to the Editor

While we welcome free speech, the views expressed in the Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of the Opunake & Coastal News. Please limit letters to 350 words as we sometimes struggle for space to fit them all in.



Letters to the Editor

Our Opunake office closes at 3pm on Thursday 22nd December.

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Money spent wisely

In September's issue of the Opunake and Coastal News I read Barbara Kuriger's article on a road to nowhere. I thought, just hang on a moment lady, I know she supports the National Party. For every National Government our country has ever had in the past they've never ever spent money on helping out, not only our country, but also us kiwis yet they allowed the rich to get richer plus always saying our country is in great shape when it wasn't at all, so because of National, our country was on a pathway of going backwards.

So thanks to the coalition and our great Labour Government who have been through some really tough times, but still manages to run our country by helping us kiwis especially through the pandemic and ISIS, and to find out the last National Government had made such a horrific mess of everything, so they had to spend money to fix everything up, like housing, roads, education, health, and to reintroduce the apprenticeship schemes for both young men and women, and our unemployment rate is at is at 3.3 per cent, the lowest it has been in decades.

Now my question to Mrs Kuriger, would or could National really cope with what our great Labour Government has gone through? I really don't think so.

Because of our great Labour Government the whole country is moving forwards, not backwards, like it was once upon a time., and everyone knows what's going on, yet some people are not listening to what this government is saying, as they are listening to all the rubbish which National is saying which got us into deep trouble some time ago.

Every National Party member is like a leopard. They never change their spots.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.

Thanks for Ronald Hugh Morrieson book

I forward this letter in thanks to Rolland McKellar for his book on the Life of Ronald Hugh Morrieson a person who, in past years, was in life a very good friend of mine with whom I spent many happy hours. Thanks to for the articles in the Opunake & Coastal News on Ron's life. All this has brought

back many memories, which will remain with me for my lifetime.

A reminder to me every year is the Morrieson writing competition, so once again Rolland thank you for your book on Ron's life.

The 29 of January this year marked 100 years since his birth.

Gordon 'Mac'Sole
Hawera

Offshore wind farms

I'm reading all about the idea of having an offshore wind farm, supposedly off the South Taranaki coast, and there's going to be 60 turbines with rotor blades spanning 236 metres in diameter.

The New Zealand Wind Association's CEO Grenville Gaskell stated it could have huge potential for our province to be a global energy centre, so my question to him and those nine people photographed in this great newspaper is who's going to erect these turbines? Who's going to maintain them constantly? How many new job opportunities could it create? Not very many as this type of work needs skilled people. What type of potential will it bring to our province? Absolutely nothing.

It seems that there are two other places this wind farm could go. Like Ohawe or Patea Beach. I myself would choose Patea Beach simply because it has a river. Okay it's a good idea, but well before any building starts these nine people should look at it extremely in depth otherwise it could all really backfire on everyone including our province big time. So don't jump into anything like this too quickly. Look before one leaps as it could cost us all dearly in the end.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth.

More money

We're assuming that since you chose to publish this lengthy epistle that the figures have been at least partially verified. If even 25% of it is true then it is a most shocking indictment on this government.

Of course the "racist" word will be levelled at your correspondent but the racist, obsequious, patronising and tokenistic use of Maori in our Public radio and Television is now at epidemic levels. Josef Goebbels wrote the book on this tactic and unwittingly it seems New Zealand has followed suit.

David Hancock
Eltham

ADELPHOS

We live in an age when travel is a common experience. Even Covid-19, with its restrictions, has done little to dampen the travel bug in some people. Nowadays it's so much easier to find our way around unfamiliar places with the help of technology such as Google Maps and Satnavs; the fear of getting

Three Men

lost is lessened and we can feel more confident when making travel plans, especially overseas. And that got me thinking.

Just over two thousand years ago a rather amazing journey took place, without the use of modern-day technology or even old-fashioned paper maps. In fact, the destination at the

start of the journey was not even known. J.R.R. Tolkien, who wrote 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'The Hobbit' once said that, "All who wander are not lost." The three men who took that amazing journey did indeed wander. However, they were not lost.

The background information about the three

men is a bit sketchy. But we do know that they studied the stars and were Magi (priests of Zoroastrianism and earlier religions of western Iran). They valued wisdom. How did these three men know to follow a star to find an important event? Unfortunately, the answer is not clear. But the Magi believed that the star told of

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Suspected murder in Hawera is number six this year

In the early hours of the morning of Saturday December 3, a man's body was discovered at a house on Albion Street. The deceased has been named as Lionel Ralph Peat (59), who is the son of Gloria and Brian Peat formerly of Opunake. The fatality has sparked a murder investigation, the sixth this year in a region which usually averages about one a year.



understood the man lives in Hawera. The accused has been remanded in custody until January 20, 2023 when he will appear in the High Court. He was originally charged with breach of bail and assault. A woman at the property has been helping police with their inquiries.

The murder investigation is headed by Detective Senior Sergeant Gerard Bouterey, who is keen to hear from anyone with information who was in the location between Friday December 2 from 6pm until 2.30am on Saturday December 3. If you can help please phone 0800 287 453.

A man (34) was arrested at the scene, but he has name suppression, as requested by his lawyer Paul Keegan when he appeared before Judge Tony Greig at the New Plymouth District Court on Monday December 5. It is

St Paul's 125th celebrated

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The Old Testament reading of Ezra 3:10-13 was by Wendy Clement, the Holy Gospel of Mark 16: 13-20 by Mike Corbett, the New Testament reading of Ephesians 2:14, 19-22 by Alex Rennison-Reed and the Prayers of the people were led by Gail Church. Scott Walden read *As I draw back the veil and the light of Heaven will flow into the church*. These were the words of Maori church elder Kerenene at the original 1897 service conducted by Rev H Mason.

After several other hymns Archbishop Richardson issued an open invitation for anyone to take communion and he was aided by Rev Helene Young and the Very Rev Michael Bent. The last minister of

St Paul's the Very Rev Michael Bent dismissed the congregation with the words *Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace*.

After the service Archbishop Richardson and Belinda conducted a ceremonial planting of a Ginkgo tree, in the foreground of the church property.

At the morning tea, which was sumptuous, a cake cutting was held. The cake was cut by Darcy Julian aged 90 and Ruth aged 5. The beautifully inscribed cake was made by Kerry Lilley.

The *Pocket History of St Paul's Okato* has a wealth of historical information, including early ministers, the donation of the land for the church (by Andrew Gray), the building of the church (and later hall) of totara and rimu by

architect F. Messenger, J Hart (contractor), F Howell (plumber) and D Greenway (painting). Also outlined are nearby churches – now disestablished.

There are some intriguing pictures such as St Paul's Sunday School (1935) featuring such identities as Ray Rook and Boys Brigade with Rodney Smith, Arch Sears, Des Hill and Ed Donald. Also included are long term organists such as Mrs AJ Fox (1897-1965) and vicar's wardens like Mr JS Fox (33years). Ministers over the years are outlined including Porikapa (1798-1888). On his headstone is the legend: *In respectful memory of the Rev Porikapa, deacon of the Anglican Church, died 4th December 1888 aged 90 years. Remembered gratefully by Maori and Pakeha for his work of conciliation during*

the Maori and Pakeha conflict.

More recently is the work that went towards the Rededication of St Paul's on Sunday January 31, 2021. The project managers were Chris and Sherrie Dombroski, aided by Jan Putt, Glenys Putt, Wendy Clement and Lesley Dowding. Others who helped were Brian Hill, Rod Smith, as well as Archbishop Philip and Belinda Richardson. A huge amount was achieved on both the church grounds and buildings, which is a credit to all involved. Sadly, Chris, a rather wonderful man and true Christian, has since passed away and is very much missed.

Finally, well done to all who have participated in this special event, the commemoration of the 125 the anniversary of St Paul's Church, Okato.

Three Men (cont)

the birth of the King of the Jews. Modern astronomers believe that the 'Star of Bethlehem' may have been a planetary conjunction, that occurred when two planets appeared so close together that they could look like a single object in the sky. Interestingly, there is some evidence that a pair of planetary conjunctions occurred around the accepted time for the birth of Jesus.

The three men did have a bit of help in finding their destination. They had stopped off to see King Herod when they visited Jerusalem and he called together those who would know the prophecies about where the Messiah would be born. Those learned people unanimously knew that it was to be Bethlehem in Judea. And the star, that shone brightly, guided the three men to the place

where the Messiah was born and they bowed down and worshipped Him: Jesus. They bought him expensive and lavish gifts; how incongruous they must have seemed in the place where cattle were kept. If you are interested, the account can be found in Saint Matthew's gospel, in the second chapter.

The later impact of the journey the three men took can only be guessed. What stories did they speak of in

their old age and who came to listen to them? We do know that historically they became known as 'The Three Wise Men' and 'The Three Kings.' They set out on a journey without knowing the destination and were rewarded with meeting the Messiah. Such a journey is open to us all.

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A message from the mayor



STDC MAYOR
PHIL NIXON

I can't believe I'm writing another Christmas message as it seems like only yesterday that I was penning the last one. Perhaps it's the ageing process but 2022 has felt a bit like riding a bullet train with everything flashing past in a blur. It certainly has been a busy year for our district. Despite the many challenges we continued to face (COVID-19, inflation, and extreme weather events - to name a few), our communities have remained very resilient.

We saw a lot of development throughout the district which is exciting - both by the council and private enterprises. The final stage of Nukumarū Station Road is well underway and very visible from SH3 with the new road to be completed this summer. Construction of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga is

well underway and the South Taranaki Business Park is growing very quickly. Our agricultural and food processing sectors have continued to grow as has the construction industry with record numbers of subdivisions and new houses being built. We are seeing a lot of interest in green energy with three players interested in establishing offshore wind farms as well as interest in

further onshore wind farms. Council also continued to voice our opposition to the Government's ill-conceived Three Waters reform proposal. While they seem determined to ignore better alternative solutions, we will continue to advocate for a better version of reform that respects the decades of investment by local communities and enables them to preserve a real say in how their money is spent in future.

Thank you to the many clubs, organisations, schools and individuals across the district, who have welcomed me, and my wife Tanya, to your meetings, events and special occasions. The opportunity to get out and meet you all is one of the great privileges I get in my role. Also thanks to those of you who voted in the recent local body elections. We welcomed

our newly elected members at Kanihi Māwhitiwhiti Mara in October, including our two new Māori ward councillors. Unfortunately, we need to run a by-election for a Te Hāwera Ward councillor and a Pātea Community Board member - nominations for these positions are currently open and voting will be in late January 2023.

Christmas is a great time for catching up with family and friends. However, please continue to do all those things you've been doing to keep yourself and your family safe and well up to this point. If you're driving over the holiday season, take care on the roads, stay calm, and take plenty of breaks. Have a great Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

*Phil Nixon
South Taranaki District Mayor,*

COUNCILLORS COMMENT

New age banking

Banking is certainly changing at a fast pace, with the removal of cheques from existence to online Internet banking. Most of our Districts small towns no longer have any resident banks and if they do, they are on reduced days and hours.

Fortunately, Opunake was chosen to be one of four trial Banking Hubs that the New Zealand Banking Association has initiated. These Hubs involve six Banks: ANZ, ASB, BNZ, TSB, Kiwibank and Westpac. These Hubs were setup largely in towns that had fewer than 2000 people. The Trial was extended as COVID had an impact on true usage, so it's been hard



STEFFY MCKAY

to get accurate results.

Recently improvements were made at the Opunake Banking Hub by the installation of a Privacy Booth. It has its own lighting, ventilation and USB port. So, you now have available to you, a bookable banking service. You just need to book at least 48 hours in advance to have a representative from your bank visit at a set time for a consultation service.

Although Opunake's Hub has been reported to have the lowest use amongst the trial Hubs, it has the highest customer satisfaction.

These Hubs are still a trial though. From what I have been told, Central Government and the NZ Banking Association haven't yet got a clear direction/criterion for what would make it a success. Here's hoping that this is made permanent and is then rolled out into our small towns within our District. It certainly will make life easier for our residents by not having to travel great distances to their nearest bank to discuss their needs. Watch this space.

On another note, it has been great to see that there is a lot more happening in the Event space for our District. Last year was a fizzer due to COVID and it put a lot more stress on us all as we faced

a disconnected festive time.

This year we have recently held a very successful Arts/Crafts in the Park in Hawera. The weather was superb, and it was well attended.

Coming up on 14th January 2023 is Sounds in the Sand at Opunake Beach, featuring Sonic Delusion. Then on January 28 there is Concerts in the Park in Hawera featuring Mitch Carswell, The Waratahs and Hollie Smith. Here's hoping that the Weather Gods shine on us for those two days.

Our Drive-in Movies will be featuring again in Eltham

and Hawera with a date to be confirmed for both. Our Community Rural pools have opened again and will stay open through till the Monday of Taranaki Anniversary. Also, for our 5-12yr olds, our Summer Blast Reading program is under way at your local Libraries, with great prizes on offer. It's not too late to register, if your child is keen, just pop into your local library.

Have a Safe and Merry Christmas everyone and see you in the New Year.

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Kaitake CB Graham Chard again Chair

On December 5 the Kaitake Community Board had their first meeting since the recent local body elections. The meeting was held at the Oakura Bowling Club at 5pm. The meeting was opened by Mrs Carol Allen with a karakia.

The members present included Graham Chard, Renee Hohaia, Teresa Goodin, Paul Lobb and Cr Anneka Carlson.

Non-members present included councillors Sam Bennett, Amanda Clinton-Gohdes, Bali Haque and Bryan Vickery. Also present were Mike Baker (Puketapu Bell Block Community Board member) and Christine Fabish (Inglewood Community Board Chair). New Plymouth District Council staff members included Carol Allen, Julie Strake and Liz Beck. Respected former Chairperson Doug Hislop was also present.

There were no other nominees for Chairperson and the meeting expressed their confidence in Graham's leadership by re-electing him unopposed. Voting System B was used in the voting process.

Teresa Goodin was elected Deputy Chairperson, also



Pictured from left are Cr Anneka Carlson, Renee Hohaia (Community Board member), Graham Chard (Chairperson), Paul Cobb (Community Board member) and Teresa Goodin (Deputy chairperson).

unopposed. Voting System B was used again.

Introduced for discussion was the Members Activity Report advising the Community Board of Mr Chard's activities in the period to November 14, 2022. Acceptance was carried by the meeting.

Also introduced was a report entitled Travel Safety and Access Improvements – Changes to Parking Controls. The matter for consideration

is changes to parking controls at Wairau Road (upper), Oakura. After consideration of the report and pursuant to the New Plymouth District Consolidated Bylaws 2008 Part 13, two parking controls in the New Plymouth District were to be imposed.

Specifically, this included the creation of a parking prohibition (no-stopping) zone on the south-west side of Wairau Road (upper) from

41.9 metres to 88.9 metres (47 metres) measured in a north-westerly direction from the continuation of the north-west kerb of Tui Grove.

Secondly, the creation of a parking prohibition (no-stopping) zone on the north-east side of Wairau Road (upper) from 49.9 metres to 87.4 metres (37.5 metres) measured in a north-westerly direction from the continuation of the north-west kerb of Tui Grove.

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Stellar year for Taranaki farmers

Coming back from Fieldays this month, I feel so encouraged for local and international key trading partners despite facing challenging economic conditions right now. While the global outlook remains uncertain, there is real reason for New Zealand to be optimistic about the future – and our primary sector is at the heart of that.

It was a thrill to be there for Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor's announcement that our local



GLEN BENNETT
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
NEW PLYMOUTH

Te Puna Umanga/Venture Taranaki agency when they heard they had secured \$2.17

million, including \$975,000 from MPI's SFF Futures fund to continue their work, ensuring Taranaki as the capital food and fibre region.

Through resilience and innovation, primary industry experts hit a record \$53 billion last year and economic prospects for the sector continue to look incredibly bright, with export revenue forecast to reach over \$56 billion by 2026.

This strong performance is a testament to the sector's

ability to adapt in a changing world. Our Taranaki farmers, growers, fishers and foresters should be immensely proud of their efforts-their hard work has kept us all out of harder times.

To back the primary sector, our Government is continuing to pursue high quality trade agreements that diversify New Zealand's trade relationships. This includes unlocking access to some of the world's biggest and most lucrative markets, which will see farmers, growers and exporters get even greater returns for their hard work.

Since taking office, we've concluded four free trade agreements, including with the United Kingdom and European Union, and we've upgraded three existing free trade agreements. Thanks to

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missing someone out I will thank everyone. No matter how big or small, your generous donations, support and gratitude go a long way in helping us in the service we perform. A big thank you also to our groundskeeper who, as usual keeps our lawns and garden well-manicured.

At the time of writing this article we have had 75 call outs for the year. These are mostly made up from the February floods (19) and car accidents (22). Luckily most of these accidents were minor ones, but with the holiday season just around the corner, please be safe out there.

The photo pictured shows the result of an unattended pot of oil on the stove that we attended in Opunake recently. All occupants escaped the house and major damage was limited to the kitchen. Even though



A recent Opunake kitchen fire.

damage was limited to the kitchen, smoke caused damage throughout the house and to personal property.

If you see us out and about over the January period, we will be training our three new recruits. Steve, Levi and Zoe are heading to Rotorua in April for their week-long recruit course.

Although we have an open fire season at the moment and ground moisture levels are high, that could easily change as we get into January. A good web site to go to is www.checkitsalright.nz. This site tells you the type of fire season we are in and what you can and cannot do. It also has a link to get a fire permit if it is required.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

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this work, over 73% of New Zealand's global exports are now covered by a free trade agreement.

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We're partnering with local industry to integrate farm planning to streamline compliance, reduce costs, and demonstrate sustainability credentials to our markets. We've also made significant investments in the future of

farming, including through the Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund, with local investments such as Taranaki's \$914,000 'Branching Out' programme launched to boost Taranaki food and fibre enterprise, and we're making good progress on our plan to increase New Zealand's trading opportunities.

Farmers and growers, like those here in Taranaki, are the backbone of our economy and our goal is to support them to grow exports, reduce emissions, and maintain our country's competitive edge internationally.

I'm proud of the work our Government is doing to support the food and fibre sector, but more importantly, I'm proud of our primary industries. You keep us fed, keep export revenue coming in, and keep many in New Plymouth in jobs. Thank you.

Glen Bennett
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Community Christmas dinner returns to Opunake

The Opunake Lions and Friendship Club Christmas Dinner has been a part of the Opunake scene for about half a century. It has always been seen as a chance to acknowledge and give something back to the senior members of the Opunake community. Last year COVID restrictions meant it couldn't go ahead. This year on Monday December 5 the Christmas Dinner was back. The doors at the Opunake Bowling Club opened at 11am and guests started drifting in, while Opunake Lions Club members were plating up the dishes.

"It's a privilege to be able to do this for the community, particularly as we weren't able to do it last year because of COVID," Opunake Lions Club president Rowan Huckstep said.

Lions Club member Eric Ardern said it was a good chance for people to get together and have a chat.

"Some of the keen ones are here early," he said. "This has been going as long as the Lions Club has been going."

The Lions were catering for 80 people, and about 70 turned up. The blaring of the Opunake Fire Station alarm at midday was the signal for things to get underway. The Rev Ian Sargeant said



Lions Club members were serving guests at the annual Community Christmas Dinner.

grace and noted that it was the 53rd time the Lions had put on a Christmas dinner. Lions and Friendship Club members then took the plates to the seated guests, and the fellowship and bonhomie continued over food.

It was also announced that there was another reason for celebration, the 95th birthday of well-known Opunake identity Bev Henderson who was one of the dinner guests that day.

Bev says she came to Opunake "sixty four and a half years ago."

"My Ruth was six months old," she recalled. Bev's husband Len worked at the Post Office, and she now has

family throughout the North and South Islands.

She is originally from Greytown in the Wairarapa where her parents were farmers.

"My great grandmother's family came to New Zealand in 1856. There were six children, and others were born after that," she said.

She has been a regular attender at the annual Christmas dinner.

"I like this town," she said. "Quite a lot of people have come here from Auckland and other places to live, so there's now a lot of people I don't know."

After the main course came dessert, followed by Christ-

mas cake, the drawing of the raffles and the man in the red suit himself made an appearance bearing gifts for all.

Daphne Holley of the Opunake Friendship Club says that the club has been in recess following the pressures of COVID restrictions and dwindling numbers. They were however combining with the Lions to put on the annual Christmas Dinner.

"The Friendship Club is in recess, but it's not abandoned things, and it's not given up," she told everyone. If there was sufficient interest they would look at organising a Mid-Winter dinner with the Te Kiri WI.



Bev Henderson turned 95.



Guests enjoying Christmas dinner.



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It's that time of year again

National List MP Harete Hipango looks back on 2022 and makes some predictions for the coming year

It's that time of the year, as we lead into Christmas and summer approaching, we reflect on the year about to be passed, and the year ahead. With lessons learned and hope on the horizon.

It's been another disrupted and uncertain year and I know that for many Covid has left us tired and on edge, for a number of reasons. For others, things are slowly returning to some sort of pre-Covid normal. Though in an altered norm.

The after-effects of the pandemic are many; but quite clearly New Zealanders are in a cost-of-living crisis feeling anxious at the supermarket checkout, the petrol pump and when we pay the rent or mortgage. Inflation expectations have spiralled with Kiwi households believing inflation will be around for more years to come. The cost of living is real, not rhetoric. As we head into what is meant to be a festive season, for many it will be a struggle. We all need a government with a real economic plan to tackle the crippling inflation families now face.

While this current Government fail to address the underlying issues of the cost-of-living crisis, National has a plan. We will unblock bottlenecks in the economy by easing our immigration settings, reduce costs on business, bring back disciplined Government spending, allow prudent tax reduction and solely focus the Reserve Bank on bringing down inflation.



Harete Hipango MP

Unfortunately, the ballooning cost of living is not the only issue facing this country. The health system is in crisis, despite a half a billion-dollar restructure carried out at the worst possible time (amidst a pandemic and lockdowns on living, working and simply coping). The focus needs to return to the frontline: we are desperately short of around 4000 nurses, 1500 GPs and 1500 specialists. Based on immigration settings and looking at opening up more training places, National is committed to building the health workforce and we will hold ourselves accountable.

There is a shameful statistic emerging from our schools. 60% of our children are not attending school regularly and we are going to pay dearly for this in a few short years. Covid has been taking the blame, but that excuse is wearing rather thin. National will focus on getting children back in the classroom and helping them to achieve their fullest potential.

The housing crisis has actually become worse under Labour and the much vaunted Kiwibuild scheme promising 100,000 homes has built just over 1500. National plans to free up land, replace the Resource Management Act,

support competition in the building materials sector and reinstate interest deductibility on rental properties.

There have also been hits on our rural and farming communities – taxes and impositions galore – which has hit hard and taxing on the integrity of farmers as our nation's food-producers. Our farmers are not villains.

I haven't touched on Social Housing, Transport or Mental Health: I will leave that until next time. But please, keep sending me your comments and feedback on my MP Facebook page, Instagram and even a phone call to message my office 0800 HARETE (427383) on those matters of most concern and if you need some support or some help.

I predict that this time next year most New Zealanders will have seen through and felt the impact of Labour's empty promises and will be seeking a more competent government in a number of key areas where Labour has made a lot of noise but failed to deliver. Five years of failure for our folk, our families, our friends, our future. Let's hope for a more stable and settled 2023.

I wish you all a safe Christmas season and New Year with cheer, with family or with friends. Go carefully on the roads and near water. Reach out if you are feeling isolated or alone. Our communities are here when we really need them. Just ask. And take care – ma te manaaki me te Atua.

*Harete Hipango
National List MP based in Whanganui*

On this month in history FD Roosevelt's neutrality speech

On December 28, 1933 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt expanded on a speech by an earlier president Woodrow Wilson

proclaiming American neutrality in foreign incidents. "The definite policy of the United States, from now on, is one opposed to armed

intervention. However, after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour, Hawaii in 1941, he declared war on Japan.

Happy Holidays!

My offices will be opening for the New Year on Monday 16 January 2023. During this time we will keep an eye on emails sent to steph.lewismp@parliament.govt.nz. Wishing you a safe, relaxing and happy summer.

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Labour selects Glen Bennett for New Plymouth

The Labour Party has selected Glen Bennett as its candidate for the New Plymouth electorate in the 2023 general election.

Glen Bennett has been a Labour MP since 2020 and has been on three select committees, being seconded from 'Social Services and community Select Committee' to 'Finance and expenditure,' and 'Economic Development, Science and innovation'.

Glen Bennett has represented New Plymouth in Parliament for the last Parliamentary term.: "I'm humbled to have the full support of our local Labour members and supporters," he says. "Being reselected as the Labour Party candidate for New



Newly re-selected Labour Party candidate for the New Plymouth seat Glen Bennett MP, third from left, with some of his supporters.

Plymouth, gives me the opportunity to become your MP for another term. Ensuring

that I continue working for you, championing the issues and opportunities for the

people of New Plymouth and Taranaki. I'm grateful for the opportunity to run again.

I am passionate about our region and feel privileged to be your voice in Parliament."

He says Labour has a strong record of achievement in New Plymouth. He cites Taranaki's largest ever roading project \$37million for replacing the Thermal Drying Facility at the New Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant – creating 77 jobs in the process, and \$23m announced for rightsizing Spotswood College and replacing poor classrooms.

"This record of local achievement is in addition to Labour's nationwide record of protecting New Zealanders from the pandemic, supporting family budgets through challenging economic times, and making progress in long term issues such as climate change, housing, and child poverty."

Season's greetings from David MacLeod, National Party Candidate

As I seek to represent the New Plymouth electorate (and the mighty Coast) in the next National Government, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a sense of why I am committed to this community.

The importance of family is one of my core values and I am particularly conscious of the need to help whanau to ensure our country is successful.

Having grown up in a family with a loving mother and father and seven brothers and sisters who kept me in line, I know how important it is for children to have a warm, safe home and parents who have the time and energy to take good care of them.

I have fond memories of living on a South Taranaki dairy farm, going to school in the small town of Manaia, playing rugby for my local Waimate club and summer holidays at nearby Kaupokonui Beach.

Fortunately for me, our Mum stayed at home and cared for us all while my Dad worked the farm. Today the cost of living, high inflation and rising interest rates mean both parents often have to work to make ends meet.

Such pressures don't stop at home. My business, and all the other businesses in New Zealand, must comply with ever-increasing rules and regulations in the face of soaring costs.

Farmers, too, are feeling the pinch, even though many people may think they're 'creaming it' (excuse the pun) in these times of high payouts. Few understand that the cost of goods and services needed to run the farm have increased significantly so profit margins are nowhere near where many think.

After leaving high school, I completed an apprenticeship and became an electrician. I enjoyed the opportunity to work throughout our region and to see and appreciate its diversity. My valued business partner and mentor taught me the importance of creating and maintaining strong relationships with both employees and customers, then helped me on the path to company ownership.

After establishing myself in business, I decided to look for opportunities to contribute to the community and was elected to the Taranaki Regional Council. I had 22 years on the Council, the last 15 years as chairman and in that role, I visited all the other regions in the country. I can truly say that here in Taranaki we can be rightly proud of our environmental achievements and successes. Our landowners are doers. They get on and get stuff done largely without being forced to and because it makes sense. Even when investing in these programmes and initiatives costs them sizable amounts of money.

Joining the TRC as a young man presented me with a number of governance opportunities, including serving on the boards of Port Taranaki, Parinihi ki Waitotara (PKW) and Fonterra, as well as numerous national advisory groups.

I've been a member and chair of the board of Predator Free 2050 Ltd, which is charged with enabling pest eradication projects all over New Zealand. A very ambitious goal, but one that's making great progress, including here in Taranaki.

Having contributed to these important New Zealand-wide initiatives and to Taranaki's success at a regional level, I'm now seeking the opportunity to represent the electorate of New Plymouth at a national level. I believe I can achieve success by using my experience to ensure our region has a strong voice where it counts.

I believe quality governance is important to any organisation and I'm confident that the experience, skills, and attributes I've gained throughout my career will be extremely useful in government in Wellington.

I'm also very heartened by the rebuilding taking place within the National Party. The quality of candidates being announced across the country gives me great confidence. The party's success in this month's by-election for the bellwether seat of Hamilton West was a great outcome for National. The successful candidate, Tama Potaka, affiliates to Ngaruahine iwi in South Taranaki.

May I thank the many volunteers who are as motivated as I am and who are helping to get a positive result for National at the next election, particularly here. We are getting ready for the hard work involved in the many communities within the electorate, from Waitara right around the coast to Opunake. Be ready, I'm coming to see you.

The festive season is a time to relax and enjoy the company of those who matter most to you. It's also a time when we can look ahead to 2023 and plan how you can contribute to our caring community.

I wish you an enjoyable break if you're lucky enough to have one and I thank those who work through this period.

Happy Holidays,
David MacLeod

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The Vault - Good vibes only

A unique business The Vault has just opened its doors for business in Opunake. The Vault is situated on the corner of Napier and Tasman Streets (55 Tasman Street) and the business owner is Angela Teasdale.

How did the name The Vault originate? "We've got a really huge vault," she explains. The building, which dates from the early 1900s, was once the Bank of New South Wales and later,



The unique exterior of The Vault at 55 Tasman Street, Opunake.

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The Vault will offer a

comprehensive menu, with gourmet pizzas a specialty. There are at least ten varieties on offer. Ranging from Vegetarian Supreme

cheese, capers, reds onion, lemon juice) and plus vegan and gluten free options.

The Sweet Treats sound

dessert plus some High Tea options over Summer!

The available beverages, which cater for all preferences, encompass alcoholic (wine, cider, craft beer, cocktails), low-alcoholic and non-alcoholic - such as their refreshing

LEFT: The Vault's positive motto.



(olives, capsicum, basil, tomato base) to Ocean and Earth (steak, bacon pieces, prawns, mozzarella, tomato pizza sauce topped with Bechamel sauce).

Another feature is the wide variety of Share Plates. There are such delicious options, Antipasto platter (olives, Turkish bread, hummus, salami, crostini, pate), Salmon board (smoked salmon, cream

tempting with Oreo Cheesecake, Chocolate Cheesecake, Mini Meringue and Chocolate brownies - surely enough to tempt any palate. Angela points out that these treat options will vary from time to time, as will the rest of the menu.

A fine dining menu, (de-gustation), will be available once a month, with a set course including two starters, two mains as well as

Mocktail Rose Petal, the non-alcoholic version of their classic Rosebud.

The business will initially be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 5pm to 10pm, as well as Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays midday until 3pm.

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Angela cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening Event.

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"I've got a really good team, who are young and proactive which is a rare trait in a lot of staff today," she shares. Her staff are all local people.

Angela (nee Ratahi) has an interesting history. Although she is a qualified teacher, graduating from Palmerston North Teaching College aged 20, with physical education and Taha Maori her main focus, she decided to head into

Angela (nee Ratahi)



Steamed bau buns, just one of the delicious dishes

business instead, working in Australia. Included in her business ventures were running gymnasiums, selling real estate, as well as time as a business consultant. "I'm a trouble shooter. Business owners would hire me to

with mental health issues.

Angela does not see her business as being in competition with others of a similar nature. "I'd like to promote and support other businesses."



Battered oysters for lovers of seafood.



Pornstar Martini with attractive ceramic background.

fix their under-performing businesses, help to make them profitable again, I would also train their staff."

As to the future, Angela has many plans. "I have heaps of ideas for Opunake."

"I'd like to use the space at the Vault to help the community. "I want to make a positive effect in the community and produce a ripple effect. We've got a huge potential to offer. I want to put Opunake on the map so it is not just seen as a surfing place." Others possibilities she'd like to promote include Pilates, meditation, as well as organising events to raise money to help young people



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Lemonwood - the same bohemian vibe

This popular vegan café has shifted south and recently reopened in Okato just on the roundabout.

“It’s going really well,” said owner Barbara Olsen-Henderson adding “in fact it’s exceeding my expectations which is so pleasing.”

It was certainly busy last Friday lunchtime with people filing in to enjoy the delicious vegan and vegetarian fare. “It’s vegan and vegetarian and awesome,” says

Barbara who herself follows a plant-based diet.

Lemonwood was previously situated in Oakura, however a 40 percent hike in rent “was unsustainable especially during Covid” says Barbara, so she had no option but to not renew the lease.

Barbara has revamped and renovated the new premises in her unique style much to the delight of the local owners of the building Sandy and Noel Gillie.



Barbara Olsen-Henderson (centre) with her staff at Lemonwood. She has a mix of former staff and new local staff and says she is “thrilled with them.” From left, Bianca Baker, Lily Stoddart, Barbara, Ern Namoi, Rene Cooper. Absent on the day were Mel Abbott and chef Mio Konishi

She has repainted the interior in distinctive “Lipstick” pink, and also added wall coverings in her incredible floral-inspired design, as well as adding a new bathroom to cater for the extra seating.

She has installed a couple of thousand dollars worth of acoustic panels to dampen down the sound in the café. Barbara describes them humorously as “a great investment for those who like to hear their friends.”

Anyone who has tried to converse in a noisy restaurant while additionally competing

with noisy outdoor traffic and rain hammering down, will relate to that.

A grand opening held prior to opening in October was packed with well-wishers, locals and friends who travelled some distance to celebrate with her.

Comments Barbara “We’re getting a lot of Coastal people coming through.” Diners are also coming from further afield including from Hawera, Patea, Wanganui, Urenui, Bell Block and New Plymouth. “People will travel for a great experience” she says.

Back in my happy place

An old hand in the café business, Barbara has been in the café business for more than 26 years now.

She still owns the premises The Bach on Breakwater Café/Restaurant near Ngamotu Beach, which she built 15 years ago.

The popular business with its vibrant, rustic styled interior which she founded, was purchased 4 years ago by her former Head Chef Rahul Radhakrishnan, is “still going strong”

strong down at the Port. Prior to The Bach, Barbara founded and owned Yello cafe in Centre City, operating it for 13 years.

Her latest venture is her “fourth and final” operation she says.

All her eating establishments have been “different” and all colourful reflecting Barbara’s love of colour and food and people.

Over the years Barbara says she’s met some “great people” and comments:

“One thing that does surprise me and has always surprised me, is the number of young people that turn up on my doorstep looking for work and who turn out to be quite fabulous. This is in direct contrast to the commonly held negative opinions of people who disparage “the younger generation”

She is selective however of who she employs, but if someone catches her eye but she doesn’t have a position vacant, “I’ll create a role for them so that I can hang on to them until a role becomes genuinely available”

She has a strict drug free policy regarding her staff and says, “It works well for us”. She adopted this policy after some harrowing experiences with chefs and kitchen staff (mainly) in the past. “I offer the opportunity for staff to undergo rehabilitation if they want to retain their jobs with me – so it’s not simply a ‘kick them out the door’ policy. I’m a very supportive employer and have all my staff to consider, not just the person with the drug problem”. It’s never a problem now.

It has taken Barbara almost a year to find the new location for Lemonwood. Attracted by the colour – purple – and displaying

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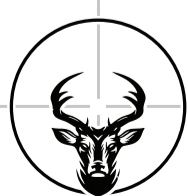
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Lemonwood - the same bohemian vibe

a 'For Lease' sign, the empty premises right on the Okato roundabout ten minutes south of Oakura seemed perfect. During her year out of the café business she says she read "about 300 books" and admits she wasn't totally happy. Quite the opposite in fact. "It made me realise how much my life revolved around being part of the café scene that I had created with my staff, and I missed it all terribly". She missed the cooking, the people, and the whole buzz of the busy scene. "I'm now back in my happy place", she says,



Barbara and her yoga friends.

Award winning cuisine

Barbara Olsen-Henderson continues to win awards for her cuisine. She has again recently won two awards for her delicious vegan pies. Her sausage rolls – again vegan – resemble meat ones but are somehow nicer (sez this writer). She also makes artisanal breads daily, both for the menu and to sell which brings in customers. It's popular – especially the gluten free loaves that she bakes on Saturdays. "I have always loved making bread," she

says. "Few things are more satisfying for me". Comments Barbara: "I try to make regular food better by converting it to a plant-based version". They are also licensed for zero-alcohol wines and beers and have a thoughtful drinks list. Another interesting point of difference" says Barbara. Try the ice cold Gruvi Dry Secco – just 50 calories – chilled, sparkling and off dry. Currently her favourite 'prosecco'

A plant based diet "healthier" Barbara Olsen-Henderson has followed a plant based diet for 12 years and says she feels healthier and no longer has the serious asthma which plagued her for most of her life. This she attributes to "giving up dairy completely" and is no longer having to medicate with daily steroids. "It's also a good way to lose weight initially, as pretty much all the nice

snacks contain dairy in some form" she comments. Her husband Alan who grew up on Pitone Road just north of Okato where he farmed, is a rare species - a vegetarian farmer and is now "vegan by default," says Barbara. "He's vegan when he eats what I cook, but he does branch out to seafood occasionally when we dine out." Alan is also her biggest support person says Barbara and has always been her "go to handyman" in all her ventures. Alan has also been roped in to work on Sundays when they're busy. "He actually offered which was helpful – and surprising," laughs Barbara. Interestingly there is more of a trend these days to a plant-based diet so it's no longer a foreign country to most people. And there's also the added advantage that "Our food safety programme is a so much easier because we don't deal in animal products." The new Lemonwood offers a choice of where to dine. Either in the vibrantly decorated cafe inside seating area, or else the attractive sundrenched outside deck area which is fully enclosed and looks out on a tropical courtyard. The entire café also has heaters throughout for those chilly days. The new café seats around 50 and the menu is the same as previously.



Nigel and Kerry from central Otago who were visiting family in the region dining at Lemonwood. We've been here a few times said the couple. They like to bring their grandchildren who love it because "they get to make fluffies"



Lemonwood on the Okato Roundabout.

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It's all about the children

Apart from the threatening rain it was all systems normal for the Manaia Christmas Parade on Saturday (December 10). Last year, with COVID restrictions in force, the Manaia Community Services Group who have taken over the running of the parade from the Manaia Lions Club came up with their own take on running a Christmas Parade. While there was still

the visit from Santa, people were encouraged to see him over the fence as he passed by, rather than gathering along the main street for the traditional parade. This year it was a return to the parade along the main street complete with floats, classic cars, tractors and anyone else who wanted to join in. The parade began at the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall,



Santa with some of his young admirers.

the rotunda's 100th birthday. Despite the threat of rain a sizeable crowd had come to see the parade pass by with stalls and raffles punting for their attention. Santa's visit ended back at the band rotunda where children from the kohanga reo and pre-school performed specially prepared waiata for him.

Organiser Missy Henderson said they had wanted to have a parade which focused on the children, and to get the primary school, pre-school and kohanga reo involved. The threat of rain, which arrived just as the parade was ending meant there were some things they weren't able to do, but she said in future years they might look to have the parade as an all-day event. She was pleased with the way things had gone and commented on the contribution from the Manaia Classic Car Club. "We were expecting a good

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and Santa could be seen greeting and posing with the team responsible for closing off the streets. Meanwhile South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon and Dee Young were examining each of the floats before deciding

Stacey Alvarez said it was the first time in a while they had put in a float in the parade.

"This was a whanau effort," she said.

Also out in force was the Manaia Community Pre-

sie said they take part in the parade every year.



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The Kohanga Reo float.

on this year's prize winners. The Manaia Community Church had a float highlighting the original Christmas message with nativity scene and a pointer to Christ's second coming. "There's got to be a reason for the season," Rev Phil Woodmas said. "This is a witness to the community of what Christmas is all about." The Community Church float came second. First place went to the Manaia Te Kohanga Reo. Head teacher

School. Senior teacher Mara Pakau said having a float in the parade is something they always liked to do.

"All the kids helped in creating the bits and pieces on the float. It's all sustainable, so we've reused everything. It's all about the children. We love being part of the community and supporting the community."

Riding in a two-seater golf cart and representing the Manaia Golf Club were 92-year-old life member Lorraine May, and Jessie Craig, who at 96 is the club's oldest playing member. Jes-



The Manaia Community Church float.

Led by a pipe band the parade made its way past the town's iconic band rotunda. It was appropriate then that one of the floats highlighted the fact that this year marks

turnout," she said. "There has been a real community-wide support, showcasing the cool little place this is. We'll definitely do it again next year."



Lorraine May(92) and Jessie Craig(96) of the Manaia Golf Club.

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Learner Me launches Hawera campus

As Taranaki's tech training academy, Learner Me has been training information technology professionals from their New Plymouth campus since 2019. In January 2023, the training provider will mark a significant milestone with the launch of a new Learner Me campus in Hāwera, in partnership with Ngāti Ruanui.

"It's one of our founding visions to make world-class IT study accessible to everyone in Taranaki," says Simon Singh, CEO of Learner Me. "So, we're absolutely delighted to see that vision coming to fruition now in South Taranaki."

The first programme to launch in the Hāwera campus will be Learner Me's Hangarau Akoranga, which is specifically designed for young people who are currently out of work or education.

For six months, Hangarau Akoranga learners explore a range of digital technology specialties and work together as a team to produce a real-world project to be used in the community. In its first two years, the Hangarau Akoranga programme has placed 95% of graduates into jobs or entry into further study.

Learner Me's Hāwera Campus is located at Ngāti Ruanui's 74 Princes Street head office. "Our Hangarau Akoranga programme operates in



Learner Me aims to make IT study accessible to everyone in Taranaki.

close collaboration with Taranaki's iwi so it's absolutely ideal to be sharing a space with Ngāti Ruanui," explains Simon.

On top of the Hangarau Akoranga programme, Learner Me offers NZQA certificates and diplomas in digital design, coding, technical support, and web development and design, as well as their Tech Academy for high school students.

The first cohort of Hangarau Akoranga in Hāwera starts on January 23 and with Learner Me's NZQA programmes starting 20 February. Enrolments for 2023 study are now open.



A recent promotion on the streets of Hawera. From left. Porscha Zimmerman and Natasha Zimmerman. (right).

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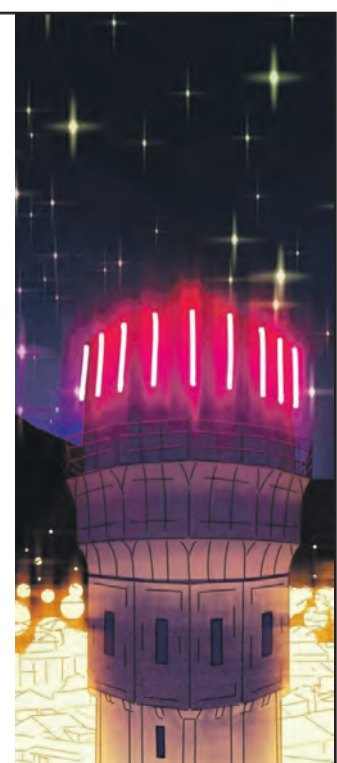
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First class distinction for Dylan



Dylan Cameron.

Dylan Coleman has graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy

with first class distinction. He was born in Stratford to Nicola Peters and Peter Coleman, and attended Rahotu Primary and Opunake High School. During his time at Opunake High School, he served on the school's Board of Trustees, was on the SADD AA National leadership programme, was co-leader of the Student Council, and was Head Boy in his final year. Dylan will be working at M and N Physiotherapy next year and intends gaining further qualifications in k-taping, exercise prescription and pitch side sports medicine

How well are Māori doing amidst the te reo boom?

Dr Kiri Dell has been awarded a Marsden Fast-Start grant to analyse Māori well-being in relation to efforts to normalise te reo.

Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland academic Dr Kiri Dell is embarking on a three-year research project to investigate the effects of te reo revitalisation strategies on Māori well-being with the support of a \$360,000 Marsden Fast-Start grant awarded this week.

In recent years, says Dr Dell, millions of dollars have been poured into language revitalisation, yet fewer than 20 percent of Māori speak te reo confidently. Meanwhile, Pākehā engagement with te reo Māori has exploded. While this is positive for the revitalisation of the language, perceived unequal resource allocation favouring Pākehā, and continuing barriers for Māori to access te reo, seem to be emerging, says Dr Dell. Acknowledging the complexity of the Pākehā consumption of te reo Māori on bicultural relationships, Dell's research project will investigate the many

facets and implications for Aotearoa New Zealand to become a te reo speaking nation.

"The elevation of the Māori language as our nation's priority toward an empowered Treaty partnership has intensified Pākehā consumption of te reo Māori. On the one hand, its growth, increased distribution, and usage are viewed as positive when it comes to language revitalisation efforts. Yet, on the other hand, issues seem to be emerging, with some Māori feeling marginalised by current revitalisation efforts, perceiving them as focusing on Pākehā accessing, speaking, and using te reo Māori."

Dr Dell says the research does not intend to critique revitalisation efforts, but to observe and assess Māori well-being in relation to revitalisation strategies. "Maintaining Māori well-being amidst the transition to a te reo speaking country is critical for this nation's positive social transformation and smooth bicultural evolution.

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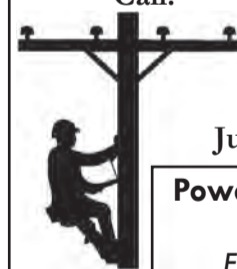
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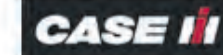
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Okato Christmas Parade blessed with great weather

An impressive crowd turned out in pleasant weather on Saturday December 3 to see the Okato Christmas Parade, which was organised by the Okato Community Church, aided by Okato Lions ensuring traffic control and the Maori Wardens, as well as the Okato Volunteer Fire Brigade. At 10am sharp, the Parade set off, led by local policeman Matt Stone's vehicle, siren blazing, followed an impressive group of pipers (7) and drummers (6), adorned with gold and silver glittery streamers.



An impressive float which showed creative ingenuity with bales of hay.

One onlooker summed the Okato Christmas Parade: "It's been amazing. I've really enjoyed it." Many people came from other towns to view the spectacle: "It's great. We've come from New Plymouth," said one woman.

Our first issue in the New Year will be the Thursday 26 of January.



The St Pauls Church float reminds us of their 125 years of Christian worship, as well as earlier forms of public transport.

They started as usual at the south area of Carthew Street and proceeded northwards, through the east of the village, finally completing two circuits of Okato.

This time there were fourteen floats and a huge amount of time and planning had been expended, as the floats were eye-catching and remarkable in their imaginativeness, with both the festive (Santa Claus and his helpers) and Christian (Birth of Christ) aspects represented, including St Patrick Church' *Jesus is the Reason for the Season*

message.

The floats included – and this list may not be exhaustive – St Paul's Church, with their 125th anniversary in full swing, Okato Community Church, Rahoto Playcentre, Okato Playcentre, Okato Lions, Fonterra, Life Education Trust (with Harold waving), Coastal Taranaki School, Organic Garden Centre, and the Okato Volunteer Fire Brigade. One of the most spectacular entries was the Coastal Rugby one with three huge hay bales fashioned into a smiling face.

The Coastline Sports Club was the most active float, with their volunteers shooting basketball goals as their float made its way down Carthew Street.

The Okato Volunteer Fire Brigade's fire-fighters, resplendent in their smart uniforms, worked the crowd, handing out stickers with important life-saving messages such as *Smoke Alarms Save Lives*.

A hail of lollies from some of the floats kept the youngsters scrambling to retrieve the airborne goodies.



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EPRO8 CHALLENGE



Mrs Gorrie-Lawn took two teams to the Epro8 regional event at Devon Intermediate at the start of November.

The EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 25,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part.

Students participate in a series of events: firstly within their school and then inter-school.

These events are designed to promote science, engineering and problem solving.

One of our teams Henry, Te Ihorangi, Henry, Jackson and Mason made it to the finals and finished in 6th place out of 12 teams.

ATHLETICS

Coastal Taranaki School held our Athletic Championships this term and also hosted Ōmata school for the Year 7 & 8 Coastal Athletics Champs. The Coastal champs saw selected students from CTS go onto the Taranaki schools regional event held at the TET stadium in Inglewood.

Some amazing results from CTS students are as follows:

Oliver Foley – 1st 1500m, 1st 800m

Tayla Sole – 6th 100m Final, 5th 200m Final

Hannah Terry – made the 200m Final

Oliver Foley also came in 1st place at the Taranaki Schools Cross Country champs earlier this term.



Right: Oliver Foley, Taranaki Intermediate Cross Country winner

KIWI MONITORING AT PUKEITI

Coastal Taranaki School's student leadership group locked into surveillance mode this term as they undertook kiwi monitoring at Pukeiti.

Comprising 6 students from the year 7-10 cohort, the group were fulfilling their commitment to conduct periodic checks on Kiwis relocated in that area as part of the Kiwi release programme and the Te Ara Taiao collaborative initiative.

The latter features co-operative environmental work between Coastal, Oakura and Omata schools.

Upon arrival at Pukeiti, the students armed themselves with radio transceivers and hiked 30 minutes in to the neighbouring bush to attempt to locate up to 10 birds.

On gaining a signal the group was able to record their location, determine their health state and gauge whether they were nesting or not.



YEAR 9 PARIHAKA MAARA TRIP

Ōturu is one of our big, high energy moons that rises before the full moon, Rākaunui. We used this time to plant kūmara, taeawa (spuds) and sew kanga/ corn in the maara at Parihaka. This was a haerenga for our Year 9 crew and they did an awesome job at getting all of the mahi done with Matua Urs. We were introduced to a few different tools and got a lot of practice with the shovel and wheelbarrow when moving lots and lots of compost to help nourish the soil. He rangi ātaahua!



PET DAY



Above: Elena Barron

Pet Day, which was held during the first week of this term, is always a highlight in our schools annual calendar. This day is part of the special character of our school and made possible by the efforts and organisation of the FOCTS (Friends of Coastal Taranaki School – PTA)

Many students and their families reared animals and brought these along to show on the day. A massive amount of care, work and preparation goes into our pets and animals. Also on display were many carefully created class exhibits, a selection of pets including

chickens, ducklings, a rat and Thomas's snail Franklin.

Thanks to the contributors to the day, teachers, students, volunteers, the Rural Women's Institute for judging exhibitions, the lamb & calf judges, decorated cake bakers, the local Fire Brigade and Fonterra for making the day a wonderful success!

Congratulations to Elena Barron – Champion of Champion Calf
Carter Munroe – Champion of Champion Lamb



At Left: Josh Williams & Violet Robinson

2023 Term Dates

TERM 1: Tuesday 31 January to Wednesday 5 April 2023
Waitangi Day 6 Feb 2023
Taranaki Anniversary Day 13 March 2023
TERM 2: Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June 2023
ANZAC day 25 April

TOD 6 and 7 June 2023
TERM 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September 2023.
TERM 4: Monday 9 October to Thursday 14 December 2023.
Monday 23th October - Labour Day (Public Holiday)

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New international education opportunities post-COVID

Strong interest from Taranaki education institutions is set to reinvigorate the region's international education offering from 2023 onwards.

In late October, regional development agency Venture Taranaki hosted an international education sector rebuild event, which brought school principals and boards together from across the region to discuss how international education can be reactivated in Taranaki.

Over 20 representatives from nine local primary secondary schools, and tertiary providers attended the event. Of these, five institutions have since formally expressed interest in reigniting international education within their school, signalling an expected boost in offshore enrolments for the 2023 school year.

Stacey Hitchcock, Venture Taranaki GM Investment and Deputy Chief Executive says she is thrilled to see collaboration across the industry that will support the sector's regrowth.

"The event was a great opportunity to bring the education community together to discuss the state of international education in Taranaki post COVID and consider how we can support international education opportunities and make them better than ever," says Hitchcock.

Before the pandemic, Taranaki welcomed more than 1,000 international students to the region.



Spotswood College students welcome international students.

International education supported 330 jobs and contributed around \$50 million to the region's economy.

During the pandemic, many education providers restructured and redeployed staff who had previously worked in an international education capacity, but Hitchcock says the event shows that local schools are invested in rebuilding the sector.

"COVID has presented us with the opportunity to reflect on the

previous international education experiences on offer and look at new business models and opportunities, including the untapped primary school market.

"Before the pandemic only two primary schools in Taranaki were engaged with the international education sector (Green School and Spotswood College). We see this as a growth opportunity and we will look to how we can support our primary schools to introduce whole-family international education experiences,

which can be more compelling for families with younger children, and in turn act as a pathway to attract highly skilled talent to Taranaki and help fill our skill shortages.

"For secondary and tertiary level providers, we will also look to focus our efforts on creating pathways for international students who are studying courses that align with the key skill areas where Taranaki needs more workers, such as nursing and hospitality."

Among the organisations who

have expressed interest is Waitara High School, which up until now had not considered establishing an international education offering.

"The recent sector event brought to our attention the benefits international students could bring to our school - in particular the value of a "cultural exchange" with the wider world," says Waitara High School Principal Daryl Warburton.

We are excited to work with Venture Taranaki and other local providers to develop an international education offering which creates opportunities that benefit our students." Prior to the pandemic, Spotswood College hosted international students for over 20 years. The secondary school has reinstated its offering, and while there was some concern nationally regarding finding keen host families, the school has a positive outlook.

"Our community is thrilled that we are welcoming international students back to our classrooms. Thanks to strong community connections, Spotswood College has been lucky to have a cohort of wonderful host families, many still with us today," says Spotswood College International Director Nicky Healy. "We will work closely with our parents and wider school community to encourage an uptake of homestay families for students entering the region."

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Kia ora koutou, Kamusta
2022 has been a colossal one as many of our old favourite events, so important for community building, have returned to the fold. The importance of being active, purposeful and connected has really rung true as St Joseph's children have thrived with the multitude of opportunities available to them. Check out some of the action in this article.

Ngā mihi aroha
Ryan Fleming, Principal

St. Josephs 2022 Prizegiving

Congratulations to the following students who won the Diligence awards for their year group:

Room 1, Year 0 Boy: _____ Griffin Wilson
Room 1, Year 1 Boy: _____ Beaudy Raaymakers
Room 1, Year 1 Girl: _____ Adeline Lacerna
Room 2, Year 2 Boy: _____ Jock Julian
Room 2, Year 2 Girl: _____ Aria Arora
Room 2, Year 3 Boy: _____ Tim Lacerna
Room 2, Year 3 Girl: _____ Regan Smith
Room 5, Year 4 Boy: _____ Khiann Ramos
Room 5, Year 4 Girl: _____ Georgina Mullin

Room 5, Year 5 Boy: _____ Spencer Stevenson
Room 5, Year 5: Girl: _____ Maria Lacerna
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Room 6, Year 6 Girl: _____ Carly Thomas
Room 6, Year 7 Boy: _____ Erban Germino
Room 6, Year 7 Girl: _____ Maddie Brown
Room 6, Year 8 Boy: _____ Kiel Ramos
Room 6, Year 8 Girl: _____ Sabrina Sta Maria



Cady-Maree Barriball

Winner of the Stronge Cup for All-Round Best Student 2022

Senior Prizegiving Major Awards

Congratulations to the following senior students who won the major school awards:

Duynhoven Performing Arts Trophy: Eleesha Fernando

Excellence in Leadership: Cady-Maree Barriball

Commitment to Agriculture:

Lawrence Joyce Memorial Trophy: Cady-Maree Barriball

Excellence in Sport: Kobe Lark

Alan and Maree Drought Shield

for Outstanding Character: Sabrina Sta Maria

Academic Excellence Runner Up: Yzeckiel Ramos

Quinnell Trophy for Academic Excellence: Eleesha Fernando

Stronge Cup for All Round Best Student:

Cady-Maree Barriball



Speed Stacking

On the 15th of November, we participated in an attempt to set a new Guinness World Record for Speed Stacking. On December the 2nd it was announced that we had succeeded and were part of a new world record! Thanks to Mrs Van Vuuren for leading us through the challenge

Term 4 School Highlights

- Student Council's Tough Kid Challenge
- Senior Camp
- First Reconciliation
- Ag Day
- Puanga Festival
- Speed Stacking World Record



The longer at school more likely to be near-sighted if you have these genes

UK researchers say they have found five genetic variants that could have raised your risk of becoming short-sighted the longer you stayed in school. The team looked at health data from over 340,000 people and discovered five genetic variations that progressively increased the risk of near-sightedness for people, the

longer they were in school, and this was especially prevalent for people who went on to university. This kind of study cannot prove that having these genes and staying in school will mean you're in for a lifetime of wearing glasses, but the team aim to find out how these genetic pathways interact with our lifestyle factors that might cause the condition.

What do you do when your child won't take their medicine?

Convincing children to take medicine can be difficult but there are plenty of ways to make it easier on them, according to advice from Australian experts. The experts say children can reject medicines because they may be scared, dislike the mouth feel or taste, or feel embarrassed about needing it. They say choosing

the right type of medicine for your child can help, like avoiding pills if the child is too young to swallow them in favour of liquid medications. Mixing the medication with your child's favourite drink if they don't like the taste or the thickness of it can help, or mixing crushed tablets with jelly, custard or a spread.

Congratulations!



Peter and Aretha Macadam who were married recently. The happy couple who live in Opunake are pictured with celebrant Murray Weir. Says Aretha, they first met when Peter purchased the property next door to her in Nelson. After a year Peter moved to Taranaki for work and "I moved to Opunake to follow him to Taranaki." Pete and Aretha said they would like to thank everyone who made their happy day "possible and special".

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Principal's Address



Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei
Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain

Congratulations to all our 2022 junior prize winners, and to those students who by their generosity of spirit and DREAMS values are champions every day.

The success of our tamariki is down to their resilience, passion, drive and energy. Before any dream is realised there is a tonne of hardwork. We only see the success online, the glory, fame and fortune. What we don't see is the blood, sweat and tears that sit behind that.

Looking forward to 2023 and the mana tane and wahine fully funded camps where these traits will be a focus of development, along with team work, and problem solving. A massive thank you to Toi foundation for the funding.

So to all our tamariki don't be the 'cold critic' that sits on the side line judging others whilst failing to achieve yourself. Be the champion, the warrior, the leader, the helper, the passionate organiser, the artist, intellectual gladiator, sportsman, scientist, linguist, motivator, so that every day of your 28000 days on this planet (give or take), you are engaged fully in life, love, learning and laughter and everything else being alive in the 21st century has to offer.

He ora te whakapiri, there is strength in unity.

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As Jonathon Livingston Seagull said:

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Meri kirihimete,

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Principal



Head Boy, Harry Gibson & Head Girl, Jorja Symes



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MIDDLE: Jaunté Churchill, Arna Bright, Ella Griggs, Charlotte Manley, Bethany Cook, Aria Brophy, Holly Gasson

FRONT: Jaree Summerfield, Harry Gibson

INSERT: Te Rauna Cassidy-Whaiapu

Junior Prizegiving 2022

It was a special way to end the 2022 Academic Year with our Junior Prizegiving. It was awesome to share with friends, whanau and the wider community present after a couple years of disruption due to Covid. Congratulations to all our award winners on all their achievements in 2022.



Sahan Larsen & Tessa Cook



Benjamin Gasson & Poppy Dixon

SPECIAL AWARDS

OHS Junior Sportsperson of the Year
Jahrese Tamatea

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Tessa Cook

OHS Year 10 Junior Dream Trophy
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Sahan Larsen

Kaupokonui Cup & Mary Pohutukawa
Award, Top in Year 9
Tessa Cook

Lena Sharrock Award,
Runner-up in Year 10
Poppy Dixon

Phillips Cup & Mary Pohutukawa Award,
Top in Year 10
Benjamin Gasson

Going out with a Camp

What a way to end 2022 with some fantastic Year 9 & 10 end-of-year camps. Our juniors were spread all over Taranaki, from Ōpunakē to Tongaporutu, Eltham to Fitzroy enjoying surfing, karting, painting, laser-tag, paintball, mini-putt, gaming and dodgy water-slides. Apart from the lack of sleep and unhealthy food choices, life-long memories were made and relationships were formed and importantly, we finished 2022 in style.



RETURN TO SCHOOL 2023

Thursday 2nd February | **Welcome Powhiri**

All new students (Year 9+) and Year 13's

All other students welcome, with no formal programme for Year 10-12 after Powhiri.

Year 9 & 13 Peer Support and Orientation Camp

Friday 3rd February | **Orientation Day**

Orientation Camp (Year 9 & 13) concludes

Year 10 - 12 whole day Orientation Programme



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Taranaki Anniversary Weekend, March 2025

Merry-Go-Round a service to the community

The story began with a stranger who wandered into the St Paul's Op Shop and asked about a push chair. Add to the mix a lack of space at the Op Shop for storing baby furniture and a recent arrival in Opunake who wanted to do something for her community and you have Merry-Go-Round, the latest initiative to come out of St Paul's Op Shop in Opunake.



Anne Smith of St Pauls Op Shop with Tasha Cowell.

It works like this. Anybody who can't afford a baby's cot, push chair, porta-cot, changing table, baby sling or other assorted pieces of baby furniture, or may just need it for a short time, can hire it by paying over a bond, return it when it's no longer needed and get the bond back, provided it's in good condition.

Anne Smith recalls the day it all began when a man who she had never seen before came into the shop and expressed an interest in a good quality push chair and said he would donate \$100 if it went to somebody who needed it.

Anne says this got her thinking as to what would be the best way to do this. There was also the problem of a lack of space in the shop for storing items like baby push chairs and other pieces of baby furniture. Enter Tasha Cowell, a recent arrival to Opunake with a house that had a bit of storage space. "I came into the Op Shop. I was having a house sorting out session, and buying a bit as well," recalls Tasha. "I had been here two years and wanted to get to know people and do something voluntary in the community."

She was the ideal person to take on something like Merry-Go-Round, which represents a cycle of borrowing, returning and reusing. "People come in and may not be well off or struggling a bit to buy new baby furniture which can be really expensive," says Tasha. "So we hire out on a bond, which can be whatever they can afford. They sign a contract, pay over the money, and when the baby has outgrown it, or they no longer need it they return it and get all their money back, so long as it's in good condition."

Other customers could include grandparents who have grandchildren coming to stay and realise they need to get their hands on some baby furniture. Tasha cleans and sterilises thoroughly anything that's donated. Anybody wanting to donate something or who wants to know more can do so by contacting the Op Shop, or Tasha at ph (027) 827-3335. Tasha doesn't take baby clothes. These can be left at the Op Shop.

Tasha says Merry-Go-Round is something from which she derives a lot of satisfaction. "There's no judgment. It's just a service for the community," she says.

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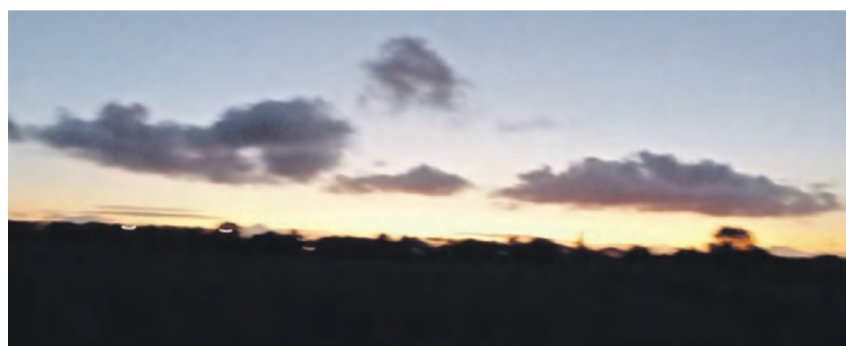
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Ōpunakē Communities Kindergarten - Ngā mihi o te tau hou

What an amazing year this has been! Thank you everyone for supporting us again this year and helping us celebrate the building renovations at whānau night in November. We had such a great turnout at Whānau Night. It was amazing to welcome back older siblings to Kindy who we hadn't seen for a while. It was nice to see that you all remembered us and could point out how much Kindy had improved!



We blessed our Kindy on the 1st of November at the crack of dawn - We were lead by Matua Keke Paora who is our spiritual leader, supporting us all with our connections to Te Ao Māori. Matua Paora became a part of our Kindy whānau years ago when his daughter TeĀiO and son Tiakitai were enrolled at Kindy. Matua Keke Paora has always guided us and supported our journey with improving our knowledge of Te Ao Māori. Thank you for your continued guidance and support.



Here Lennie and Moss' whanau learn about how we have been using the new kitchen at Kindy each day and also discovered dessert which the tamariki had prepared earlier on.



At Whānau Night. Kaiako and tamariki - current and past - sing our Kindy waiata - always a favourite!

We have been having lots of discussions about what Christmas means to us all. We celebrated Christmas at Kindy in the last couple of weeks by making biscuits and kai our whanau enjoy at Christmas time and singing and dancing along to different favourite Christmas songs.



The tamariki also had a lot of fun creating various Christmas decorations which they took home to hang on their tree or to decorate their tables with. The tamariki got really creative with the uku and enjoyed using natural materials to imprint patterns into the uku and used various items like driftwood, cotton reels, their hands, shells and cutting tools to create various shapes. Paua shells too were crushed and added to some decorations.

We have also read lots of Christmas stories with the tamariki and some tamariki have brought in favourites from home and shared them with us. The waterslide was heaps of fun and the warm weather supported lots of fun water play outside.



As always dancing along to and singing our favourite Christmas songs has ensured that we have all gone home humming a tune or had the song or melody in our heads. Lots of tamariki have gained confidence in performing on the stage in front of their peers too and using the microphone to project their voices.

On behalf of all the kaiako at Kindy, we would like to say a special thank you to Danni for all her hard mahi here at Kindy alongside governance who have all worked tirelessly to support the amazing growth of Kindy. Danni has been a strong leader whose strength in being equitable has shone through in everything that she does. We have a strong teaching unit here at Kindy and as a result Kindy feels like a true extension of the home - a strong whānau unit. We look forward to seeing you all in the community over the Christmas break and hearing about all your awesome adventures when you get back to Kindy in 2023.

Pedal power that lasts the distance

One of the fun things about having a business in Opunake is the opportunity to meet very interesting people.

A young couple arrived in town the other evening and we got chatting about doing things when we are young as a story to tell our grandchildren and hopefully great grandchildren.

The young man who I didn't know at this point said that that was a conversation they had just had a few days before.

The conversation then moved to a very interesting story told by Melanie.

Melanie is from Ottawa Canada and is touring around New Zealand with Niels Hoogen Boom (High Tree) for those who know the Dutch Language. Neils comes from Utrecht Montfort Netherlands.

She is riding a bike her grandfather assembled in his bicycle shop many years ago for his daughter Julia who then passed it down to her daughter Melanie. The bike was modified by her brother who also owns a bike shop to move the gears from the main frame up to the handlebars like most modern bikes.

According to Melanie this trusty bike has not broken down or caused any issues as they tour the country.

On the other hand Niels, who has the most modern bike you can buy from the Netherlands that comes complete with electric



Neils and Melanie in Opunake.

gear change and super aerodynamic tyres etc admitted that his bike was super good but he could not say it was as reliable as

Melanie's. It was so nice of them both to come and have a photo taken and to take away our local newspaper.

No doubt families back in each country will be looking forward to reading this article digitally.

Clem Coxhead

Swearing sounds bloody similar across languages

Swear words across different languages may tend to lack certain sounds such as L, R, and W, suggests research. These letters make sounds called 'approximants', which the researchers suggest are less

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Human genetics and COVID vaccines

A study published in *Nature Medicine* looks at human leukocyte antigen (HLA) alleles, COVID-19 vaccine immunogenicity, and risk of breakthrough infection.

Prof Adam Finn, Professor of Paediatrics, University of Bristol, says

"While the precise reasons why different individuals make widely different-sized immune responses to standard doses of vaccines are not fully understood, it's long been known that this kind of diversity within the human species is one of the ways we ensure our survival. Some of us are good at fighting off measles but not so good when it comes to malaria and so on. That means that when a new infectious disease – like SARS CoV2 comes along – there's much less risk of us going extinct – because at least some of us will have the right immunological equipment to combat the infection without dying of it in the process.

"This interesting study has been able to pinpoint one such genetically-programmed capability. One particular version, of the protein that presents one particular part of the Spike protein to our T cells makes them into anti-COVID "experts" that make stronger more protective responses which protect them better.

"The study has been conducted using rigorous methodology taking

advantage of the biological samples and clinical information collected with consent during the studies done to evaluate the covid19 vaccine developed in Oxford. The results appear convincing and robust.

"Why does this matter?"

Well, it's a small but important step in increasing our understanding of how vaccines work. Ultimately it could lead to vaccines designed to give stronger protection to people whose responses might otherwise be too weak. One day, rather

further into the future, there might be different vaccines designed for different people classified by the genetics of their immune systems, either at the individual level or even at the level of whole communities in different locations around the world."

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Car show a roaring success

A recent charity car show organised by the Hawera Mt View Lions Club has raised \$5150 towards

Hawera St John getting a new ambulance station. The car show held at the Hawera Racecourse was open to

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Peter Keller and Heather Brokenshire of St John with members of the Hawera Mt View Lions Club.

anybody wanting to enter, and attracted about 200 cars and over 20 motorbikes, said Stephanie Jordan of the Hawera Mt View Lions Club.

This was the first time their club had tried anything like this. "We would have been happy to have had 50 to 100 cars, but to have had over 200, as well as 20 bikes was just amazing," she said. "We had everything from Cadillacs, VWs, old fashioned trucks and all kinds of bikes." Stephanie says there were

over 600 people there that day. Exhibitors came from around the North Island, including Auckland, Tauranga, Cambridge, Levin and Wellington. The money raised included proceeds from Taranaki Kidz Kartz who ran kids' rides on the day. Other activities included a bouncy castle, train rides, market stalls and food stalls. Members of the Patea and Normanby Lions Clubs also helped out. Peter Keller and Heather Brokenshire of St John were at the Mt View Lions

December meeting to thank the club. Peter said they started fund raising five years ago and they hoped to

start building in early 2023 and have it up and running by the end of the year.



There were around 200 cars at the Hawera Racecourse.

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Talking Taranaki:

2022 review



January

Biosecurity was in the spotlight at the beginning of the year with the discovery of a red-eared slider turtle in Bell Block. An invasive pest species was captured after a tip-off from a local. Elsewhere, New Zealand moved to red under the new Covid-19 traffic light system with the public urged to contact the Council via phone or email rather than in person.



February

The New Zealand Garden Bird Survey results showed a five-year increase in Taranaki of native birds including kererū, tūi and pīwakawaka (fantails) - reinforcing the great work of Towards Predator-Free Taranaki and the community. We kept a close eye on flood defences in February as the region was hit by heavy rain. The deluge saw 138mm of rain recorded at Cape Egmont in just four hours.



March

We ran a marine oil spill response exercise in New Plymouth's harbour alongside Port Taranaki, New Plymouth Underwater Ltd and iwi. We do these to ensure that if there was a real oil spill, everyone would be familiar with the equipment and the correct procedures. An ecologist was on hand to check on the wellbeing of penguins and other wildlife in the area.



April

Programme lead Leigh Honnor (left) with co-author Janet Hunt.

Gardeners got a helping hand in the war against weeds with the release of the Weedbusters Taranaki booklet. The guide identifies weeds that need to be reported and/or removed and the best native plants to replace the 'weed-shaped hole'. There was good news for local bus users as the Government's temporary half price public transport fares came into effect.



May

Will Bowden from New Zealand Turf Management Solutions.

The refurbishment work at Yarrow Stadium ramped up with experts laying the groundwork for a new and more resilient main pitch. We continued to build on our strong partnership with tangata whenua with the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Ngā Iwi o Taranaki and agreeing to fund two iwi-appointed and administered roles to work with the Council on the development of a Natural Resources Plan.



June

We released *Our Place: Taranaki State of Environment 2022*, which compiles data collected by the Council and others to outline the condition of the region's climate, air, land and water and some of the challenges ahead. The report considers what major changes in national environmental policy and legislation may mean for Taranaki, particularly in the area of freshwater management.



July

Director-Corporate Services Mike Nield with one of the cars.

Our fleet went cleaner and greener with the addition of 11 hybrid and one fully electric vehicles as efforts continue to cut emissions and become more sustainable. The 12 vehicles will reduce carbon emissions by .32 tonne per year. We also joined forces with the Ministry for Primary Industries on a new biosecurity initiative to identify potential pest pathways into Taranaki and prevent incursions.



August

It was a bumper month for Taranaki buses, with the Connector setting a new record, big passenger increases across the whole network and a total of more than 76,650 passenger trips. Meanwhile, alligator weed was discovered in a lagoon in Waitara with work started to find out if the invasive weed had spread.



September

The Council continued its strong and prudent financial management, reporting a \$2.6m surplus as the 2021/22 Annual Report was adopted. The month also saw the return of the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls to Yarrow Stadium with the venue hosting games for the first time since 2019. Meanwhile, voting papers went out to residents for the 2022 local body elections.



October

The local elections saw four new faces voted onto the Council. Joining newly-elected members Susan Hughes, Donna Cram, Alan Jamieson and Bonita Bigham were returning councillors Charlotte Littlewood (pictured), Tom Cloke, David Lean, Craig Williamson, Donald McIntyre, Mike Davey and Neil Walker. Mrs Littlewood was elected Chair with Mr Walker her deputy. A kōrero was launched to get people's views on freshwater and how it should be cared for.



November

We recognised the fantastic work of schools, farmers, businesses and the community at the 2022 Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards. Some 19 environmental heroes received awards for their work. The month also saw the launch of the Transit app, making it easier to catch the bus with real-time tracking. Weekly monitoring of 40 popular swim spots across the region began for the summer, as part of the Can I Swim Here campaign.



December

We were delighted with the response to our Let's Kōrero community conversation about freshwater with more than 200 surveys and comments completed and submitted online and at the Stratford A&P Show (above). The data will be used as the Council continues the kōrero next year on outcomes, limits and targets as we work towards creating a Natural Resources Plan for Taranaki.

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Spruce up your garden for summer

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secateurs and cut off the deadheads. Cutting off dead blooms will promote new flower growth which is great news.

soil in your garden, cover them up by masses planting colourful flowers and mulching with Tui Mulch and Feed. This will pretty up the garden beds and give the garden a polished look.

You can easily liven up your backyard by planting a selection of potted colour. Choose a range of seasonal flowers in store and replant them into larger containers, or straight into your garden bed. Mix and match colours to get that Christmassy look – try red geraniums and white petunias.

Tidy up your lawn edges by giving them a trim. Then give the lawn a mow, but keep the blade on high. If the grass is too short the sun will burn the roots. Tidy up any bare patches of lawn with a sprinkling of lawn seed and some TLC.

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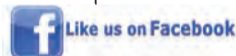
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He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

Welcome to this special quarterly edition of Southlink for Ōpunakē and Coastal News readers. Council wishes all residents a happy and safe festive season.

Aerial Survey of Ōpunakē's Water Pipelines



If you think you can hear a low humming noise somewhere above you over the next couple of months, don't panic you're not going batty.

Over December through to February 2023 the Council has engaged contractors BTW Company Ltd to conduct an aerial survey of Ōpunakē's water pipelines using an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), more commonly known as a 'drone'.

The survey will capture both aerial and thermal imagery of the pipelines to identify areas of potential water leakage.

Acting group manager of community services and infrastructure, Herbert Denton, says the exact days the drone will be used is weather dependant, but it will be done both during the day and at night for thermal imaging.

"All operations will be done following the Civil Aviation Authority rules and no targeted images of people or private property will be taken," says Herbert. "If the drone operators need access to private property to undertake the work, permission will first be sought in person." If you have any questions please contact the Council on 0800 111 323.

Check that it's Safe to Swim



Check before you take a dip! Water quality in our rivers and at our beaches is generally pretty good over summer, except in poor weather conditions. We strongly advise you not to swim for at least three days after heavy or prolonged rainfall – even if a site generally has good water quality. Before heading out, check which popular South Taranaki swimming spots are safe to swim on our website www.southtaranaki.com/safetoswim.

Council's Christmas Hours

If your rubbish has been missed, a streetlight is not working, or a pothole needs filling... we need to know! Contact us directly if you have a request, complaint or even a compliment. Please call Council toll free on **0800 111 323** any time - or you can fill out an online form at www.southtaranaki.com or download our Antenna App.

Kerbside Rubbish and Recycling

Kerbside rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal - even on Public Holidays. Please ensure bins are on the kerbside by 7am.



LibraryPlus Centres

Ōpunakē/Manaia and Eltham LibraryPlus

Fri 23 Dec	9am – 3pm
Sat 24 – Tues 27 Dec	Closed
Wed 28 – Thurs 29 Dec	9am - 5pm
Fri 30 Dec	9am – 3pm
Sat 31 Dec - Tues 3 Jan	Closed
Wed 4 Jan	9am – 5pm

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Thurs 22 Dec	1pm – 5pm
Fri 23 Dec – Tues 3 Jan	Closed
Wed 4 Jan	1 – 5pm

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Ōpunakē/Manaia Transfer Stations

Fri 23 Dec	Closed
Sat 24 Dec	1pm – 4pm
Sun 25 – Tues 27 Dec	Closed
Wed 28 Dec	1pm - 4pm
Thurs 29 - Fri 30 Dec	Closed
Sat 31 Dec	1pm - 4pm
Sun 1 Jan – Tues 3 Jan	Closed
Wed 4 Jan	1pm - 4pm

Eltham Transfer Station

Fri 23 Dec	Closed
Sat 24 Dec	1pm – 4pm
Sun 25 – Mon 26 Dec	Closed
Tues 27 Dec	1pm – 2.30pm
Wed 28 Dec	Closed
Thurs 29 Dec	1pm – 2.30pm
Fri 30 Dec	Closed
Sat 31 Dec	1pm – 4pm
Sun 1 Jan - Mon 2 Jan	Closed
Tues 3 Jan	1pm – 2.30pm

Temporary Liquor Bans during Christmas and New Year



In accordance with the South Taranaki District Council's Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018, a temporary liquor ban will be in place in:

Manaia:

South Road (SH45) Manaia, between Hassard and Kaiipi Streets. All public places adjacent to these streets and within the area including the Band Rotunda. The temporary liquor ban will start on Friday 23 December 2022 and ends on Sunday 8 January 2023.

Ōpunakē:

Ōpunakē Lake Reserve, Ōpunakē Beach and the surrounding cliff tops (excluding Ōpunakē Beach Camp). The temporary liquor ban will start on Friday 23 December 2022 and ends on Sunday 8 January 2023.

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Housing cattle indoors may be a practice associated with the northern rather than the southern hemisphere but it is one gaining popularity closer to home.

Awatuna farmer Ronald Raaymakers milks 280 cows on his 113ha Wiremu Road farm which is 300 metres above sea level and gets two and a half metres of rain a year. It can also get quite cold, and they have had snow in October, says Ronald.

This is his first season with a four-bay herd home which is 60 metres long and 50 metres wide and can house 300 dairy cows. He can now keep his stock inside during the winter months, letting them outside on nice, fine days and bringing them back in again when the weather turns ugly.

The herd home has a plastic roof with shade cloths on the sides to allow the air to circulate.

"It can withstand a 200k wind. We get 100 k winds here pretty regularly and it can handle it," says Ronald.

Many herd homes have a wood chip floor, but with a lack of trees on his farm, Ron has opted for sand instead.

"The sand lasts longer than the chip does, and the cows love it. It's nice and soft. There's no problems with the cows getting sore feet and it moulds around their bodies."

The cows are fed hay and silage from his farm, meaning not having to break



Ronald with his four-year old daughter Ryleigh.

fence the paddocks during feeding out. The paddocks don't get pugged, meaning more grass and greater production. It also means more hay and silage.

"When the cows were outside I would be checking them in the middle of the night and in the early morning. I don't do that any more. In winter if it's absolutely pissing down I know the cows are safe in here."

Ronald's parents immigrated from the Netherlands 38 years ago,

so the idea of housing cattle inside was something that they had been brought up with, says Ronald. They had bought the farm as an investment 21 years ago and three seasons ago suggested to Ronald and his family that they might be interested in running it with the eventual aim of buying it, which he has just done. Having been used to farming in the northern Waikato, he found Taranaki quite different.

For his first two seasons he kept his cows outside, and the Taranaki weather

extremes which he hadn't faced in Pukekohe were taking their toll on him.

"I used to dread April and May as I knew we were coming into winter, so I'd be worried and on edge and checking the weather forecasts all the time."

"I lost 10-15 cows and then I started losing a lot of calves purely because of the weather."

There are three large creeks on his farm making finding new-born calves more difficult.

Ronald would graze off 150 cows for six weeks during June and July, something he didn't like doing. He had no control over what happened to them during that time, and he didn't like pregnant cows being stressed through having to travel by truck. He said he had a lot of cows aborting during this time.

A property where he used to send his cows for grazing came up for sale, meaning he would have to find somewhere else. At about this time, Ronald felt he had to try something different.

"Last winter I said to my parents that I didn't want to be farming down here as it was too stressful," he said. So he did some research of his own, including talking to farmers like Lloyd Morgan who had already invested in herd homes. Lloyd has had one for the last four seasons. He says his farm is on about the same level as Ronald's and he had decided to get a herd home because of concerns around animal welfare, soil damage and protecting his spring pasture.

"Management changes are required and it may not suit everybody, but it was certainly an answer for us," says Lloyd.

Ronald got in touch with Redpath who make herd homes and had one put in.

Ronald says while some may balk at the price of putting in a herd home he believes it will pay for itself in five years. It is now possible to milk through to the middle of June. He used to have problems with milk fever but has so far has had only one loss this season. The issues he used to have with calving are greatly reduced, and he is saving money he otherwise would have spent on grazing.

Added to that are the benefits to himself like less stress and spending less time on chores like feeding out, which means there is more time available to spend with his family.

And then of course there is peace of mind.

"I just care about my animals and seeing them standing in mud and stood off in a yard is not a nice thing to see," says Ronald.



A herd home offering protection for stock

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Fieldays Innovation Awards winners announced

Guests at the Fieldays Innovation Awards were treated to a celebration of creative problem-solvers when the winners of the 2022 competition were announced, with four winners selected by a panel of 15 industry expert judges. More than 60 finalists were in the running for one of four Awards. The Fieldays Innovation awards represent the innovation lifecycle in three award categories: Prototype, Early-Stage, and Growth & Scale. Special recognition is also given to younger innovators, with an award for the Fieldays Young Innovator of the year. The 2022 Young Innovator of the Year Award winner was Delta Waterways, a student start-up from the University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology. Delta Waterways uses the latest in satellite data and data analysis techniques to revolutionise the way waterways are monitored. The Judges commented on the potential Delta Waterways has and the benefits it could provide in a variety of situations including potentially closing the loop in waterway pollution control. The judges also commended St. Paul's Collegiate School and their Sterineedle project,

especially for the product development process that they followed in getting to what looks like an effective and well thought out solution.

The 2022 Prototype Award winner was The University of Waikato for their Kiwifruit Human Assisted Harvesting (e-BIN) which was developed with the goal of making fruit picking easier and eventually opening up roles to a wider range of people. The Award judges appreciated the intentional decisions which led to a system that uses humans to do things like location and tricky picking while the e-BIN does its job with just the right amount of automation.

The judges commended another finalist Donald Cornwall, for the way he took an intentionally low-tech approach to solving the problem of optimizing the use of a feed paddock: Donald's Automated Moving Fence is simple, low-cost and effective.

The 2022 Early-Stage Award winner was SNPshot, a company that's designed to make DNA sampling of livestock seamless and simple, which has resulted in a simple yet effective system for farmers to use and have processed in the lab.

The judges commented on its extremely well-executed and thought-out design while also focusing on useability on a farm. They mentioned its clever structure and efficiency and were impressed with its overall business model.

The judges also made special mention of newcomer Bovonic, a company that aims to identify mastitis early in cows, saving time, money and pain in livestock. Judges cited that this invention had a lot of potential and that its creators had made impressively quick progress in such a short period of time.

The 2022 Growth & Scale

its flexibility which meant it could be used in situations globally.

Steve Chappell, Fieldays Programme Manager, says that the Fieldays Innovation Awards are an amazing showcase of the innovation that can be found in all four corners of New Zealand and around the world.

"The standard of entries was very high again this year, and I know the judges had to make some tough decisions. I'm happy for those that won and know that the prize packages for each category are going to make a world of difference on their innovation journey."



Prototype winners University of Waikato.

Award winner was previous Fieldays Innovation award winner RiverWatch whose hardware and software solutions work together with the end goal of creating swimmable oceans, rivers and streams by providing a network of real-time water quality information.

The judges were impressed with the practicability and scalability of this software from the science behind it to its easy installation. Judges also acknowledged



Young Innovator of the Year- Delta Waterways.

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Is a draghose system the right choice for your farm? Draghose systems can be a very effective and efficient effluent spreading solution, but they're not for everyone. Effluent equipment and systems are a long-term investment, so to help you decide if a draghose system



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will suit your operations, consider these things.

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Draghose systems are an efficient way to spread for farms with effluent storage capacity over 500,000 litres. There's a bit of setup involved with a draghose system, so it's not often worth the setup time for smaller storage situations.

Operational requirements

Draghose systems suit operations where you want to get in and get the job done all in one go.

You'll need to devote a whole day to the job, and to maximise efficiencies, it's realistically a two-person operation.

For the person who gets to do the spreading, they'll need to be a reasonably skilled operator, and someone that enjoys driving a tractor, after all they'll be doing it all day.

The system will require the use of multiple tractors, meaning the tractors will be tied to the job for the day. Depending on the setup, tractors will be required



Draghose systems can be an effective effluent spreading solution.

for reeling and spreading, and you may also require them for pond stirring and pumping.

Usage

Aside from being able to spread large volumes of effluent in one go, draghose systems are an excellent choice for farms with slopes, odd-shaped paddocks, or areas you wouldn't be able to get to with other spreading methods. With a draghose system, you can take it anywhere you can drive a tractor while maintaining good control over your

spread.

Draghose systems can be ideal for cropping, allowing large volumes of effluent to be evenly applied over a short amount of time prior to cultivation.

If you have softer soils, draghose systems with lightweight applicators can be a good solution.

Also, for farmers and contractors working over multiple farms a draghose system can be a real winner because the equipment can be easily shared between farms.

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Rural connectivity goal welcomed

The government's goal that by 2032 every rural and remote resident and worker in New Zealand will have the ability to access the connectivity they need is ambitious but admirable, Federated Farmers says.

It's one of a number of aspirational targets outlined in the Lifting Connectivity in Aotearoa report launched at Fieldays.

"The report lifts the discussion from having to justify whether something should be done to one of 'let's get on and do it'," As was announced in the Budget earlier this year and emphasised at the

spokesperson Richard McIntyre says.

"While it's going to take a lot more investment on top of the money already announced, we applaud the commitments made to longer-term rural connectivity solutions."

The government has clearly taken on board the findings of Federated Farmers Rural Connectivity Surveys - in particular, that increased demand for mobile and broadband services in rural and provincial areas is overwhelming infrastructure capability, Richard says.

As was announced in the Budget earlier this year and emphasised at the

Fieldays announcement, \$47 million will go towards the first phase of a rural infrastructure upgrading programme, delivering improved connectivity for up to 47,000 rural homes and businesses, and \$43 million has been allocated to the second phase for up to 26,000 additional rural homes and businesses. This work is scheduled between now and 2024.

The 21 new contracts signed by Crown Infrastructure partners will accelerate upgrades to towers and broadband connections in areas with poor coverage.

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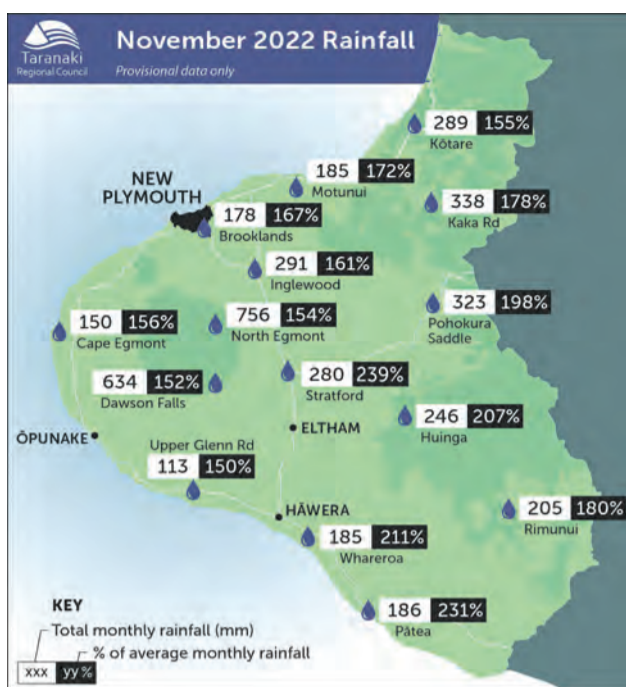
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Wet wet wet for November

Rainfall for November was on average 176.3% of the long-term average, and ranged from 129% at Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd to 239% in Stratford, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. A number of larger storms contributed to the high rainfall total across most of the region.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 115% (Kotare at OSullivan's) and 163% (Kapoiaia at Lighthouse) with an average of 130.9% of normal. Compared to typical full year totals, on average sites have already received 118.7% of a typical year's rainfall, with the highest value 150% at Kapoiaia at Lighthouse, whereas Kotare at OSullivan's sits at 104% of the typical year total.

Following the heavy rainfall, mean river flows for November were generally well above typical November



averages at around 187.3%. The minimum flows were all well above typical November lows (at 251.8%), suggesting continued seepage of groundwater recharged in the preceding wetter months.

Maximum flows were below (on average 36% of) historic November values.

Mean river water temperatures were 15.7°C, an average of 0.5°C above

long-term November values. Night-time low water temperatures were on average 2.9°C above historic lows. Peak temperatures were on average -2.1°C below historic highs.

The average air temperature for the region (excluding Te Maunga sites) was 15.7°C, which is 0.9°C higher than the long term November average. Minimum air temperatures for November were on average 5.1°C below previously recorded lows, reflecting a cold period similar to October.

Mean soil moistures for November were close to typical values. On average, minimum soil moistures were 1.7% above previous lows, and the maxima well below previous highs. The average soil moisture was 32.5%.

Like October, November soil temperatures were generally 1.1°C above the long-term average. Night-time minimum soil temperatures were on average 3.5°C above recorded minima, and maximum November soil temperatures were on average -1.6°C below long-term maximum November values.

Corporate pledges not reducing plastic production

Seventy two per cent of the top 300 Fortune 500 companies have made a commitment to reducing plastic pollution, but the vast majority are focussing on increasing the amount of recycled or recyclable

content in their products, rather than reducing plastic production in the first place. Authors of a study say it's not good enough, given that only 9 per cent of plastics are recycled worldwide. Multiple companies have

reduced the amount of plastic in individual products such as bottles and bags, but the simultaneous increase in the amount of products produced meant there was no net reduction in plastic production.

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Solving the N conundrum

Long known for the ground spreading side of its business, Spreading Sandford Ltd has added fertiliser spraying to its mix.

The Auroa-based business has a new Tow and Fert sprayer which aims to solve a conundrum faced by farmers who want to keep up the same level of grass growth while staying within the nitrogen caps of 190 kg

per ha per year.

“We’re adding fertiliser spraying to the ground spreading side of our business,” says business owner Phil Sandford.

A tractor tows a trailer equipped with a spray unit which comes complete with pump and stirrer.

“The unit sits on load cells giving us the ability to simply add water, fertiliser

or any other products required,” says Phil. “The tow and fert then does the rest, mixing it all together ready for application.”

The tractor and trailer apply the fertiliser to the farmer’s paddock. The unit is equipped with GPS and proof of placement mapping. This will ensure our farmers can satisfy Regional Council requirements.



Phil Sandford with his company's Tow and Fert sprayer.

As well as the nitrogen, either N-Boost or Gibberellic Acid can be added to the mix.

N-Boost is a patented liquid that has been used in New Zealand and internationally for the last 10 years. It is added to dissolved urea at a rate of 3L/ha and stimulates plant cell activity.

Phil says Gibberellic Acid is typically applied in early spring or late autumn when farmers want grass growth in a hurry. It also offers a significant increase in grass

growth during the colder months.

N-Boost can be used all year he says.

He points to the cost-effective benefits of using the Tow and Fert. By applying the soluble option it’s possible to use half the urea, so the farmer who uses 80kg of solid urea at \$110 per hectare can use 40kg of soluble urea at \$55 per hectare. When \$20 per hectare of N-Boost is added this means a total cost of \$75 per hectare to achieve the same result.

As well as applying nitrogen, the tractor and trailer unit can have other uses.

The sprayer comes with a variety of nozzles meaning that a large variety of products can be applied from fine lime through to Sulphate of Ammonia or DAP as examples.

“Basically, if its water soluble you can mix it and apply it with this machine,” says Phil. There is also the ability to add clover, turnip seeds and eczema sprays as well.




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Taranaki men keep hold of top spot in Furlong Cup

An outright victory over Wairarapa was tantalisingly close for the Taranaki men's cricket side against Wairarapa on the weekend.

But while it ultimately eluded them, the first innings points they picked up proved enough to keep their noses in front in the race for the Furlong Cup.

Taranaki finished three wickets short of bowling Wairarapa out a second time, after the team built a 140 run first innings lead and with several hours left to knock the home side over.

The first innings points keep Taranaki on top of the Furlong Cup ladder though, as Whanganui managed to frustrate Manawatu and hang on for a draw, meaning Manawatu stay second, just four points behind Taranaki. Hawkes Bay are in third, a further four points back after they enjoyed an outright win over Horowhenua-Kapiti.

It all brings an added edge to Taranaki's next encounter, a top of the table clash with Manawatu at Pukekura Park on December 17 and 18. Manawatu will enter the game looking to all but secure the competition if they win, while if Taranaki wins, they'll still have another tough encounter against Hawkes Bay in January to secure the title and with it the Zone-2 Hawke Cup challenge.

Taranaki head coach



Taranaki batter Mattie Thomas hits out as his team lifted the run rate on their way through to 353, to claim first innings points over Wairarapa in Masterton.

Photo: Graeme Bowden

Chris Coombe said this was exactly where the team had planned to be given the way the draw had worked out for this year.

"We knew if we could get points and confidence over the opening rounds we could come to the two Pukekura Park games with a real shot.

"The next two games are going to be big tests for us for sure, but we're building this team to back themselves against any opponent and I have no doubt we'll go out and give it a red-hot crack

from here."

At Masterton's Queen Elizabeth Park, Wairarapa won the toss and elected to bat first, racking up 213. After Ryan Watson (34/2) knocked over the openers, William Jull (40/3) and Davis Mills (7/4) took care of the remainder, with Michael Blanks also chipping in with a wicket.

Enter captain Dean Robinson, who continued his run of form anchoring the innings with a superb 111 as Taranaki made it through

to 353. Robinson was well supported by Robbie Yule who put together a well-crafted 81 in their 160-run partnership and Mills, who continued a standout game with 58. Jarred Cunningham (28) and Mattie Thomas (26*) also chipped in as Taranaki lifted the run rate late in the innings.

It left Taranaki about four hours left on day two to dismiss Wairarapa, but the home team gritted their teeth and hung around long enough to end the match on 158/7 and earn the draw. Kieran Deegan (37/2) took his first wickets for Taranaki on debut, while Jull and Blanks picked up two each and Mills added another to his tally.

Robinson, paid tribute to his bowlers' effort after

losing the toss.

"I thought we did a fantastic job with the ball to restrict Wairarapa to 213 on a great batting wicket. And we responded as a batting unit after being under a bit of pressure early on. "It would have been nice to have picked up the last three wickets to get outright points, but I can't fault the efforts of the team and I don't think we could have done too much differently on the day."

"We've made a strong start to the competition through working hard during the week and taking each game as it comes.

"Moving into the back end of the competition we will be looking to continue to improve as a unit."

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Work under way on installing West Stand's new roof

The project to upgrade and restore Yarrow Stadium's West Stand is raising the roof.

Work started this week on installing the new fabric roof with the mahi expected to be completed before Christmas, weather permitting.

Taranaki Regional Council Chair Charlotte Littlewood said it was great to see the

work now under way.

"New Plymouth is the sunshine capital of Aotearoa but we had a pretty wet and wild winter which put the brakes on getting the roof on earlier in the year. We're now hoping for some fine days with little to no wind so the crew can get on with the job," says Mrs Littlewood.

"We're future-proofing the



Yarrow Stadium roof November 2022.

West Stand by replacing the old roof. Finishing this part of the project will be another

milestone on the road to delivering the best regional stadium in the country."

About 2,250m2 of high-spec Serge Ferrari PVC is being used on the West

Stand. This is the same material used on the Hagley Cricket Pavilion in Christchurch.

This year has seen a number of important steps to finishing the project by the Council, which owns the venue through the Taranaki Stadium Trust, including work starting on the new East Stand, the installation of a new main hybrid turf pitch and the return of fans to watch the Bulls in September.

The project to replace the East Stand and refurbish the West Stand, after both stands were found to be earthquake-prone, has received \$30m in funding from the Government's Infrastructure Reference Group (IRG) programme. The East Stand is forecast to reopen in late 2024 to early 2025.



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Taranaki Air Rifle Club

On December 3 there was keen competition for the mirrored Silhouettes at 15 metres to try for a clear frame of eight targets five times. At the end there was a total of 13 clear frames. After three frames John Costain was running hot only missing two targets,

and Frank Eustace at this stage going clear.

Tim W. finished strongly with two clear rounds to end on 37/40. Tim you do need to check your pressure of air, it could have been so different, and talking of pressure all the pressure then came on Frank who had missed one chicken on the fourth round. Two misses and his lead would have evaporated but he held his nerve and finished on 39/40 for a win. Mark Evans was sitting on a hat trick of wins for the trophy, came in with a solid 35/40 for third with the same score as Geoff Coubrough. With the rams four times the mass of chickens you would think they couldn't be missed, not so, more than once a ram was left standing mocking the shooter. When the silhouettes get hit there is a great noise as it clangs into the catch box, and then there is the great silence when there is a miss. We all dread that. It was a great competition, and everyone enjoyed the challenge. Scores were: Frank Eustace 39/40, Tim W. 37/40, Mark Evans 35/40, Geoff Coubrough 35/40, John Costain 34/40, Nigel Kay

34/40, Aussie John 22/40.

On December 10 the Taranaki Air Rifle Club celebrated Christmas with a Barbecue and a new shoot format. Five shot groups done five times on one target. A calliper was used to measure the group size and the smallest group average was the aim. The smallest was by Frank Eustace closely followed by Paul Kuriger who despite being a new shooter with a new rifle is already showing he will be a top air rifle shooter. Geoff Coubrough came in a close third. Mark Evans with a break barrel Springer scored a tight just over a half inch group. John Brogden turned up with a new Springer Air Rifle he had just made and came in a close fifth. Although it was the first time we had tried

this format shooters enjoyed the challenge. Geoff Coubrough worked out a spread sheet for the shoot and as more information comes in a handicap system will be generated to make the playing field level for different calibres and distances. Scores were in no particular order: Mark Evans 2.775, John Brogden 2.867, Brain Cook 6.300, Tim W 2.964, Nigel Kay 4.447, Karen Cook 4.662, Paul Kuriger 1.776, John Costain 3.06, Frank Eustace 1.235, Geoff Coubrough 2.349.


In conclusion I must say what a great year it has been. Shooting wise there has been plenty of challenges to keep us on our toes.

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Trish lays on TKO trouncing

Barbwire Boxing ended the year on a high note with three wins from three at the Battle for the Pacific.

The Barbwire Boxing Gym team of Trish MacKenzie, Caleb Parete and Toiy Tuitupou all won their fights at the Walter Nash Stadium in Lower Hutt on December 3.

Trish, who was on the main card, defeated Talei Aldiss by a technical knockout, while Caleb and Toni who were fighting Meihana Taputoro and Sione Tavu respectively won their fights by unanimous decisions.

For Trish and Caleb their wins came after their fights in the Hawera Rumble had had to be called off when police closed the event down following a brawl during the intermission.

Trish says she had been preparing for the fight for the previous 13 weeks. In that time she had had sparring sessions in Auckland and Palmerston North with top boxers like Mea Motu, Lani Daniels and Sequita Hemingway.

Come the day of the fight Trish says she was ready.

"I reckon I was probably in the best shape of my life, mentally, physically, and

probably emotionally," she said. "It was all done through the training and the hours in the gym at Barbwire Boxing, day after day.

"I felt pretty excited. For me, my fight began with the weigh-in and from there it filtered into the fight. Going into the fight I felt really comfortable and really relaxed. In the first round I was feeling her out, checking her power and what shots she had, and seeing how she reacted."

A minute into the second round it was all over.

"At the start of the second round I figured out she was open on her left side, and I was lining her up for my right hand," recalls Trish. "She grabbed me a few times, and I thought, no I've had enough of that, so I stepped to the right, and gave a right-hand punch and this ended in a technical knockout."

James (Batman) Langton of Barbwire Boxing said he was pleased with the result.

"As it was such a convincing win, I'm looking forward to seeing what opportunities come up for Trish, and what further fights come from such a dominant performance," he said. "This will no doubt open



James Langton and Trish MacKenzie (with trophy) with supporters at the Barbwire Boxing Gym and the trophy she picked up at the Battle for the Pacific.

the gates for overseas fights and a chance to advance her

career to a higher standard. Tony and Caleb also fought

outstandingly. I couldn't be more proud of their

achievements. It's onward and upward for both of them."



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Brake reminds drivers to have none for the road

Road safety charity Brake is appealing to partygoers and organisers to ensure everyone in their group gets to and from celebrations safely over the festive season and summer.

With the Christmas party season in full swing and people planning other gatherings over the summer months, Brake is reminding everyone to plan their travel, and if driving to events, to make sure the designated driver stays sober. The charity is urging drivers not to drink any amount of alcohol before getting behind the wheel and is also encouraging family and friends to speak out to stop a loved one from drink driving.

Figures show that in 2020, alcohol and/or drugs was a factor in 139 fatal and 194 serious injury crashes resulting in 151 deaths and 261 serious injuries. Research shows that drinking any amount of alcohol can affect your driving.

Caroline Perry, Brake's New Zealand director said: "We want everyone to enjoy this holiday season and get home safely every day. Yet there are still people choosing to put their own life and the lives of others at risk by drink driving. As a charity that supports peo-



Stay safe over the holiday period - plan your travel and appoint designated drivers.

ple bereaved and injured in crashes, we see the devastating consequences that drink driving has, and appeal to everyone to help put a stop to it. If you're driving home

from celebrations, it's vital you take your responsibility for people's safety seriously. Even small amounts of alcohol increase your risk of crashing, so even if you feel

okay after a drink, the reality is that if you get behind the wheel you're putting yourself and others in needless danger. The only safe amount of alcohol to have if

you're driving is none."

Drivers with even 20-50mg alcohol per 100ml of blood are at least three times more likely to die in a crash than those with no alcohol in their

blood. Even small amounts of alcohol affect drivers' reaction times, judgment, and co-ordination. Alcohol also makes it impossible for drivers to assess their own impairment because it creates a false sense of confidence and means drivers are more inclined to take risks and believe they are in control when they're not.

Brake's key messages on drink driving:

- Never drink any amount of alcohol if you're driving

- It takes time for alcohol to leave your system. If you have to drive early in the morning, don't drink the night before.

- Plan ahead and make sure you can get home safely by using public transport, booking a taxi/rideshare, or having a sober driver who sticks to soft drinks. Don't accept a lift from someone who's been drinking.

- Take responsibility for others: never buy a drink for someone who is driving, speak out to friends who plan to drink and drive, and if you're hosting a party help your guests to plan a safe way home before the party starts.

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Festival of Lights line-up brings summer of fun

With 13 new light installations, events for kids, adults and seniors, plus an impressive entertainment line-up to suit a wide range of interests, NPDC's TSB Festival of Lights will have Pukekura Park rocking this summer.

The entertainment line-up for the festival (17 December 2022 – 22 January 2023) features a mix of local bands and singer songwriters, popular national acts, and international artists, including the return of Los Angeles-based DJs Fleetmac Wood, who were a big hit in 2019.

At Festival Kids, tamariki can get creative at Resene's Art for the Park (27 December), be serenaded at Anika Moa's Songs for Bubbas (5 January) or enjoy Toy Box Picnic (21 January). Summer Seniors is back with Songs in the Sun (5 January) to sing along to and an Intergenerational Amazing Race (18 January) to enjoy with the children in your life.

There will be a night of entertainment at Light Up the Night on 31 December with kids' activities from 6pm, entertainment on The Hatchery Lawn from 7pm and from 8pm on the Fred Parker. Other special events include Glow Up Party (13 January) and Glow Yoga with Sonic Tonic Party (12 January).

"The festival has made a great name for itself by showing new light installations each year, instead of rolling out the same year after year. There's more magic in that. But the festival also offers a range of great activities and entertainment in a fun and safe environment," says NPDC Event Lead, Lisa Ekdahl.

It's also an opportunity for a range of artists to showcase their talents.

"What's really great is that more than half the performers are local bands and singers," says Lisa.

And while Pukekura Park is home to the festival, this summer it's going on tour with events in Inglewood

(8 January) and Waitara (15 January).

The Inglewood Twilight Picnic will feature live music and entertainment before the sun goes down while Illuminate Waitara is a night-time pop-up event featuring entertainment and

light installations exclusive to Waitara.

Entry to all events is free.

Up to 150,000 people visit the TSB Festival of Lights in New Plymouth's Pukekura Park each summer.

At the last season of the festival (2020/2021), 41%

of festival attendees were from outside of the New Plymouth District.

Up to 9,000 people attend the festival's free New Year's Eve event.

In 2022 the TSB Festival of Lights won two New Zealand Event Association

Awards from their last season, including Best Government Event 2021 and New Zealand's Favourite Event 2021 (as voted by the public).



TSB Festival of Lights' New Year's eve celebration.

Funding boost for food and fibre

Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor has announced that Venture Taranaki/Te Puna Umanga will receive a \$975,000 boost to progress its Branching Out project to commercialise food and fibre diversification opportunities identified by the Regional Development Agency.

Branching Out is one answer to environmental concerns and changing

consumer demands that pose significant challenges while offering significant opportunities to the food and fibre sector in Taranaki and New Zealand.

Venture Taranaki, Director, Sector Partnerships, Anne Probert says she is pleased the region has secured resourcing through the Ministry for Primary Industries Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures fund (SFF Futures) and a multitude of programme partners to progress Branching Out.

Venture Taranaki can now build on the significant work that has been undertaken to date, including the research which resulted in the launch 10 food and fibre investor-ready blueprints in July this year.

"The project's second phase will focus on ventures including hemp fibre, medicinal ingredients, indigenous ingredients, hops, gin botanicals, and high-value food crops. An important aspect at this project stage is ensuring the opportunities are

appropriately de-risked to incentivise investment and ensure uptake from the sector," she says.

"We will now give life to the opportunities by taking the ideas from paper to tangible, on-the-ground initiatives, including growing and product development pilots, audits of manufacturing and processing capability required in-region, and assessments of the long-term environmental and social impacts of diversification."

The funding boost signals that local and central government and regional partners see the huge potential the project presents for Taranaki and New Zealand's food and fibre sector by adding to Aotearoa's export earnings and job creation over the next decade.

"We're in this for the long-term to ensure a thriving and resilient regional economy. Taranaki is a leading food and fibre region with untapped potential, and through Branching Out's activities, we aim to create

50 new jobs, plant 650 hectares of novel crops, develop new enterprises, and attract \$8 million of new revenue or investment to our region by 2025," says Anne. The funding announcement allows Branching Out, over the next three years, to specifically test the venture's viability and their value and potential for export.

Michelle Bauer, Branching Out Project Lead, says, "In phase two, we will continue to take a full value chain approach to the new ventures we're progressing and develop industry strategies for each opportunity, delivering clear models for the investment required to help provide these new industries a clear path to success in Taranaki."

"Another key piece to guarantee success in the next stage of Branching Out is facilitating further engagement with landowners, investors, food and fibre value chain entrepreneurs, iwi and other key stakeholders," says Michelle.

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Greenpeace Appeals against Hiringa hydrogen-to-urea with Hapū backing

With the support of Hapū of Ngāruahine in South Taranaki, Greenpeace Aotearoa is appealing against the High Court's approval of the proposal to create hydrogen for the manufacture of urea at the Ballance-owned Kapuni fertiliser factory..

Greenpeace says the High Court erred in failing to find that the Consenting Panel's decision to place no conditions on whether, when, and how the project transitioned from fertiliser feedstock production to hydrogen fuel production, was a breach of the Covid-19 Recovery Fast-Track Consenting Act.

Senior Campaigner Steve Abel says, "the Consenting Panel rightly identified that transition to 100 per cent fuel use within five years was a critical reason for its decision to grant the consent, yet the conditions of the consent don't require that transition to ever occur."

"This effectively allows Hiringa and Ballance to keep using hydrogen for manufacturing polluting synthetic nitrogen fertiliser for decades, and never actually transition to using it for transport fuel." Greenpeace submits that

the Panel also undermined the statutory requirement in the fast-track legislation that decisions must be made consistently with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi because it left decision-making about the key issue of transition to be dealt with by the local council under the provisions of the Resource Management Act, which do not require decisions to be made consistently with Te Tiriti principles.

"One clear intent of the fast-track wording was to give greater weight to Te Tiriti but the Panel effectively bypassed that requirement by kicking transition decisions to the local council," says Abel.

John Hooker of Ōkahu-Inuawai Me Ētehi Atu, says, «We support Greenpeace appealing the case because we object to the ability to perpetually create urea, where our marae has a deep well poisoned by aquifer nitrates. The laissez faire approach to principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi is also of concern because our Ngāruahine Treaty Of Waitangi Settlement has occurred only seven years ago whereby the Crown

apologised then for its serious Treaty Breaches. Where is the sincerity of that apology? The potential erection of these hideous structures in our backyard creating eye pollution in relation to our spiritual interaction with our tupuna Maunga is horrifying. We are amenable to them being re-sited closer to the coast. They are four times higher than the Hawera water tower, I shudder to think of the noise pollution for those residents within 3 kms of these towers, our Waverly families and those out of Palmerston North know well of those issues.»

Karl Adamson from Ngāti Haua Hapū says, «We support Greenpeace appealing the case, Ngāti Haua had expressed several concerns with the project during consultation, in the context of what the hydrogen was being used to produce (fertiliser) in the start up period of the project we considered this to be «dirty energy.» Hiringa Energy gave the undertaking that the total production of hydrogen after five years would transition to supply the heavy transport industry which Ngāti Haua accepted at face value, although this has

not been guaranteed through the consenting process so it remains a concern.

«The primary concern of Ngāti Haua was the location of the proposed wind turbines being used to generate power for the project at a PKW farm located on Kokiri Road. Ngāti Haua requested that they be relocated as a mitigation solution which was declined by Hiringa Energy citing financial constraints. The issue that Ngāti Haua has is that a lease agreement

between Hiringa Energy and PKW was already in place before wider consultation had started thereby negating any realistic opportunity for Ngāruahine to assess the cultural impact of the wind turbines,» says Adamson.

Allen Web from Kanihi Umutahi me Ētehi atu Hapū, also expressed support for the Greenpeace appeal saying, «The continued manufacturing of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser including urea is one of many pollutants currently af-

fecting our rivers, waterways, and potable water. With no real certainty on when the transition into Hydrogen fuel will occur this has only undermined the Panel's decision in granting the project to proceed and shown disrespect to any Treaty Principles. For decades, our people have fought to exert their kaitiakitanga and tikanga to safeguard our maunga, awa, whenua and moana so that the next generation don't have to. When does it stop?»

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The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club reaches 100 next Waitangi weekend.

Summer at the Beach

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Our club is undergoing a renovation project and there is no public access to any part of our building.

Our lifeguards have first aid supplies. If you need a plaster or some assistance come see the team.

Over the summer we have a lot of training going on with IRB skills, beach training and lifeguard upskilling.

While at the beach remember to never swim alone, always swim between the flags or if outside of patrol times, it is usually safer in front of the surf club building (rips can occur anytime though). If caught in a rip please relax, raise and ride (relax your body and focus on keeping afloat while you raise your hand to get attention and ride the rip until it finishes) where you can



Paddy Rankin, Ryan Smith, Sam Bennett, Brodie Smith - our future lifeguards.

then swim to the nearest land. If you see anyone in trouble outside of patrol times please phone 1-1-1 who have a direct line to our Search and Rescue / afterhours squad.

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Impressive bridge design unveiled for Taranaki Crossing

A 100-metre-long suspension bridge across the Manganui Gorge will become one of the impressive new features of the Taranaki Crossing.

project milestone.

Operations manager Gareth Hopkins says the new bridge will connect the Plateau carpark with the only ski-field on the maunga, via a 30-minute walk.

Tenders have opened for construction of the bridge, which will be funded through the \$13.3 million investment made by the Government's Provincial Growth Fund into the Taranaki Crossing project which will enhance the visitor experience on Taranaki maunga.

The crossing project will see 25 km of tracks improved, creating a mix of short walks and longer tramps. It will also minimise the impact of visitors on the maunga environment

The project has ongoing support from Kānoa the Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit, which has welcomed this significant Taranaki Crossing

"The new bridge will be a key feature of the Taranaki Crossing, a network of upgraded track from Dawson Falls to Mangorei Road end," Gareth Hopkins says.

"We have a design confirmed, incorporating a 1.2 metre wide deck and towers up to 22 metres high. It's an eye-catching design. The bridge designer has been working on an elegant yet strong design that sits slightly hidden up the Manganui Gorge." The bridge will be built with additional main cables that allow cables to be replaced and maintained without needing major closures and provide additional safety to users. The decking will be a fibre-reinforced

plastic allowing quick drainage and great grip for users. Safety and ease of construction and extensive modelling of wind and avalanche conditions have all been factored into the bridge design.

Once completed, the bridge will significantly improve access through this part of the mountain environment and make it easier and safer for people to make a short hike to the Manganui Lodge and ski area. The bridge will replace a short section of track which has required visitors to descend to the bottom of a gorge. The existing track through the gorge has been prone to washouts and closure due to avalanches.

As part of the tender process DOC will supply some of the materials to the successful contractor – the main cables and bridge decking product, to allow for the long lead times for these materials. Evaluation of tenders will

focus on a range of aspects, including regional benefit, track record of construction projects, and methodology.

The site for the bridge is significant to Ngāti Ruanui, who have been in ongoing consultation with DOC on the design and location of the bridge.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Kaiw'aka'aere Rachel Rae says all matters relating to Koro Taranaki are significant to the iwi.

"The architectural design and modern safety features will create a safe and sustainable access to the Manganui Ski Area.

"We are continuing to hold discussions to ensure a strong Ruanuitanga narrative and approach throughout the project and beyond," she says.

The tender process is expected to be concluded in January.



Impressive bridge design Manganui Gorge Bridge – Visualisation. Photo: Department of Conservation.

When the stoat's away, the rats will play

Rat-tracking researchers saw an increase in the rodent population in Nelson beech forests after a stoat trapping operation - in contrast to

previous research in mixed North Island forests. The scientists suggest once stoats are removed, it leaves room for rats to be more successful

predators. They say since stoat control is relatively easy and rat control relatively difficult, land managers need to balance the threats

to wildlife when deciding to trap stoats.

Journal/conference: New Zealand Journal of Ecology

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Some Christmas cheer from the walking group

The festive season is upon us with all its hype and business, but amongst all this many are finding time to reflect the true spirit of Christmas. Such as giving up of time and possessions, looking out for your neighbours, the lonely, the displaced and the poverty stricken. The walking group who walk every Tuesday in Opunake for good health and happiness decided this year to give four schools in our community nice beach towels to give out by staff to deserving children. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our members, 32 towels were collected and we know we will make many children so happy to have their own special swim towel.

Margaret Mullin.



Infant delivery method may change how the immune system responds to vaccines

The type of delivery method at birth, either vaginal or by caesarean section, is associated with the level of responsiveness to certain childhood vaccines, according to international researchers.

The team examined 101 infants, born either vaginally or via caesarean section, and assessed their intestinal microbiome over the first 12 months of life, as well as how well their immune systems responded to the pneumococcal and meningococcal

vaccines. They found that babies born by vaginal delivery had increased levels of Bifidobacterium and Escherichia coli in the gut microbiome and better antibody response to the vaccines. The researchers say that the higher levels of bacteria in the gut may be changing the responsiveness of the immune system to the childhood vaccines, but they are not yet sure how the difference in antibody levels corresponds to the amount of immune protection provided by the vaccines.

Myocarditis after COVID vaccination less deadly than from a virus

People who develop rare heart condition myocarditis after receiving a mRNA COVID-19 vaccine are much less likely to die of the condition than those who develop it as a result of a viral infection, according to international research. The team compared 104 people who were hospitalised for myocarditis within a month of their vaccine

with 762 people who were diagnosed with myocarditis related to an infection before the pandemic. One person with vaccine-related myocarditis died, representing about 1% of the patients, while 11% of the infection-related myocarditis patients died.

Journal of the American College of Cardiology

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Beatles Museum must be seen to be believed

Graeme and Marilyn's private Beatles Museum, in Opunake, is arguably the best in New Zealand. Over forty years the couple have collected masses of memorabilia, records, videos, guitars, Beatles clothing & footwear, information and news clipping, as well as photographs of Beatles sites (eg childhood homes) when the couple have visited Liverpool.

Everything is carefully displayed in a spectacular splash of colour, with Beatles music playing in the background.

Even the ceiling is completely covered with by pictures of The Beatles at different times and in different places.

The collection is always being added to and their latest innovation is a recreation of the iconic Abbey Road pedestrian crossing on one side of the museum. You can almost see George, John, Paul and Ringo striding along.

Unfortunately, flooding caused considerable damage early this year, but there is no sign of that now. Apart from restoring the museum to tip top condition, changes have ensured that there will not be



The most famous pop group of all time The Beatles. From left Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr and John Lennon.

Beatles Facts

- * Formed in 1960
- * Former group was The Quarrymen
- * 600 million recording units sold
- * 15 Number One albums in Great Briatian
- * 20 number one hits in the United States
- * 7 Grammy awards
- * 4 Brit Awards
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- * Arguably the most influential pop group of all time
- * 1 murdered John Lennon
- * 1 died of cancer George Harrison



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Have they ever met any of the Beatles? No, but the next best thing, they met John Lennon's uncle and were photographed with him. Although they never saw the Beatles in concert they have seen Paul McCartney several times in concert – most recently in 2017 at Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland.

One treasured item is surely the handwritten note the

Beatles wrote to their fan club, in the United Kingdom.

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Opunake Golf Club looks towards Jubilee

The Opunake Golf Club is located 2.5km up the Namu Road just north of Opunake. The 18-hole golf course is surrounded by pohutukawas with spectacular views of the mountain and sea.

The club just held its closed Christmas Hamper with a champagne breakfast followed by our annual prize-giving, then a round of golf. A fabulous day was had by all.

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2. Hakuna Matata. 3. Golfing Gibbies. 4. Where are the Keys. 5. Kaipi.

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Symes. 5. Trevor Larsen.

Monday night Ambrose December 5. 1. Hakana Matata. 2. Golfing Gibbies. 3. Where are the Keys. On Call.

On this month in history Darwin visits New Zealand

On December 21 1835 naturalist Charles Darwin arrived in the Bay of Islands on a round-the-world voyage that led to his famous book *On the Origin of Species*. He spent nine days in New Zealand and was not impressed. He wrote in his diary: I believe we were all glad to leave New Zealand. It is not a pleasant place. Among the natives there is absent that charming simplicity which is found in Tahiti; and the greater part of the English are the very refuse of society. Neither is the country itself attractive."



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Have fun this summer on the mountain

Taranaki Crossing update
The summer of 2021–2022 marks another new phase of work for the Taranaki Crossing, with the Department of Conservation (DOC) awarding contracts for six sections of track upgrades on Mount Taranaki. The upgrades focus on the track network from Manganui Ski Field to Pouākai Hut, and work is underway following karakia from respective hapū and iwi. In awarding the contracts DOC placed a strong focus on social procurement and regional benefit, ensur-

ing investment into the local Taranaki economy. One contractor will be employing 12 Taranaki residents for the summer period, reflecting the Department’s local emphasis and benefit. The summer work programme will mean some track delays and diversions and visitors may encounter delays at some worksites. Each section will have up-to-date signage and DOC Visitor Centre staff and the DOC website will also be kept up to date. If you are planning to complete the Pouākai Crossing allow an additional hour



Holly Hut. Photo Tamsen Walker.

of delays and include this in your planning. There will be no construction work from 24 December to 5 January.

Contractors completed the upgrade on the track between Wilkies’ Pools and the Stratford Plateau in late November. The next phase of the project includes defining the visitor experience design component of the project and continuing design work on the Manganui Gorge Bridge. The Taranaki Crossing is a project within the Egmont National Park, connecting and upgrading a series of walking tracks on the maunga. For more information: www.doc.govt.nz
Around the Mountain Track due to reopen
Mount Taranaki’s Around the Mountain Circuit (AMC) is due to reopen after significant damage closed western access to the track during storms in July. Department of Conservation (DOC) rangers have been busy assessing and repairing track damage on the Maunga during the past months after

the storm. The most severe damage included a blowout on a tributary of the Waiau River creating a deep canyon, blocking access to Waiau Gorge Hut from the upper Ihaia Track/western side of the mountain. DOC staff have been rerouting the track, and all going well it will reopen in late December. “It’s been a big challenge,” says DOC’s Taranaki District Ranger Supervisor Andy Johnston. “The team has rerouted the Ihaia Track lower downstream, crossing the river, then up a spur to the Waiau Gorge Hut.” He encourages trampers to be cautious in the area and look closely for orange track markers and DOC signs. Trampers are urged to check for up-to-date track and weather conditions on the DOC website or contact North Egmont Visitor Centre prior to heading outdoors.

Remember to book your hut before heading out this summer
Trampers overnighting at Mount Taranaki’s Holly Hut or Pouakai Hut are reminded to book online via the Department of Conservation website before heading out this summer. Both Pouakai and Holly huts are along the scenic Pouakai Circuit, with the larger Holly Hut also services the Around the Mountain Circuit track. “As these are both popular tracks the huts can get really busy during peak season on the mountain. Pre-booking online will ensure people get a bunk for the night,” says DOC Taranaki Recreation/Historic Supervisor Andy Johnston. Pouakai Hut moved to online booking in November 2020 and Holly Hut moved to online booking a year later. Feedback from us-



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Waingongoro Hut. Photo Tamsen Walker.

ers has been positive, says Andy Johnston: "People appreciate knowing they will get a bed at the end of their tramp." Trampers should carry proof of their booking with them. Backcountry hut tickets are no longer be valid at Holly Hut or Pouakai Hut, but they may be used at any other hut in the park. Pricing remains the same, with adults \$15, youth (11-17 years) \$7.50 and children 10 and under free of charge. Backcountry

hut pass discounts apply. **Staying in DOC accommodation? Make sure you're vaccinated** The Department of Conservation has introduced a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for all accommodation facilities. "This means from 15 December 2021, eligible people, aged 12 years three months and over, must be fully vaccinated to stay in a DOC hut or campsite," says Department of Conservation

(DOC) Heritage and Visitors Director Steve Taylor. DOC will be finalising a vaccination policy for staff in the next fortnight he says. "DOC's accommodation is often remote, off the grid and brings people together from all locations. Vaccination provides a higher level of protection and significantly reduces the risk of infection spreading and people suffering serious illness. "Our visitor survey data and visitor feedback show a

strong public desire for confidence that others sharing DOC accommodation are also vaccinated. "All DOC campgrounds and huts will only be open to those who are fully vaccinated. When booking, visitors will be required to confirm they and all others in their group are fully vaccinated. Hut wardens and camp hosts are regularly on site and will be checking for vaccination status. "For more remote huts and smaller campsites that are not bookable, there will be spot checks. Visitors will need to make a judgment on whether they are comfortable with that. "Where issues arise for higher-risk sites – such as popular unbookable huts and campsites – some facilities may need to be closed at Red or Orange and people should prepare for this possibility when planning a trip. "We are asking all members of the public to respect the health and safety of others. When requested you must show your COVID-19 vaccine verification. We will be monitoring peoples' compliance and regularly reviewing our policy. If there are problems with non-compliance, DOC will assess whether facilities need to be closed.

Opunake Combined Churches

Christmas Eve: Christmas Vigil 6pm @ St Patricks, Okato
St Barnabas 9pm @ Opunake

Christmas Day: Our Lady Star of the Sea 8.30am @ Opunake
St Pauls 9.30 am @ Opunake

New Years Eve: Vigil 6pm @ St Patricks Okato

New Years Day: St Pauls 9.30am
St Barnabas 10.00am
Our Lady Star of the Sea 10.00am

Combined Services for January

8th January: St Pauls 10.00am
15th January: The Wave 10.00am
22nd January: St Barnabas 10.00am
29th January: Our Lady Star of the Sea

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ST JAMES ŌĀKURA & ST PAULS ŌKATO

Advent Dates for the diary... All Welcome

Advent Study
29th Nov at 1.30pm until 3pm, at St. James, Ōākura alternating each week with St. Pauls, Ōkato. All welcome.

When God Comes Down: An Advent Study for adults by James A. Hamish.

Please register to attend by the 22nd Nov, contact Heather on heather1349@gmail.com

Community Christmas Celebration of the lights

4th Dec, St James, Ōākura, 6pm. A fun celebration with Christmas crafts, music, activities and treats.

An Advent Quiet Day of Prayer

will be held at St. James Ōākura on Saturday 17th Dec 9am until 12 midday. For further details contact Heather on heather1349@gmail.com

For more information contact okatocp@gmail.com
The churches will be closed 26th Dec - 15th Jan 2023

Christmas Day Lunch

Is it a challenge to enjoy Christmas Day?

Whether you're a visitor, a resident, have a family or are without family, it doesn't matter.

We invite you to join us at St James Church, Ōākura, 12 noon until about 3pm on Christmas Day, the 25th of December, for a wonderful lunch and celebration of Jesus' birth!

We'd love to have you, and we will try and cater for any dietary restrictions, but please let us know in advance. There's no charge.

We're looking forward to celebrating with you!

Please RSVP to Margaret Bryce, gorgeousmessages@gmail.com by 5pm, Wed the 14th Dec.



The Nativity Play

On the lawn, St James, Ōākura, 11th Dec @ 1pm.

The children of Ōākura Sunday School invite you to their ever popular Nativity play.

It'll be a fun day with carol singing and an entertaining performance. Children of all ages are welcome to get involved. Feel free to dress up as angels, shepherds or sheep (costumes will be available on the day).

Festive fun for all the family! Refreshments will be provided.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Come and celebrate Christmas with your local community Church. All Welcome.

ST JAMES, ŌĀKURA

4th Dec @ 6pm Lights

Celebrating the beginning of advent and the lights with fun Christmas crafts, music and treats.

11th Dec @ 1pm

Christmas Carols &

Nativity Play on the lawn

The ever-popular Christmas Nativity play and carols on the lawn at St James Ōākura. Children of all ages are welcome to get involved on the day.

25th Dec @ 9.30am

Christmas Day Family Communion Service.

25th Dec @ 12pm

Christmas Community Lunch

A Christmas lunch for all will be hosted at St James, please contact Margaret to rsvp by 14th Dec to gorgeousmessages@gmail.com

ST PAULS, ŌKATO

3rd Dec @ 6.30pm

Community Christmas Parade

A fun Christmas parade through the streets of Ōkato.

4th Dec @ 10am

125th Anniversary Service

A celebration led by Archbishop Philip Richardson, The Very Reverend Michael Bent, Reverend Helene Young and Lesley Dowding.

16th Dec @ 7pm

Community Christmas Carols

With the Madrigal Company.

18th Dec @ 10am

Christmas Readings & Carols

4th Advent celebrations

24th Dec @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Communion

A lot happening at St George's



Paintings by a well-known former politician and a carving display and bone necklace carving workshop were on show at St George's Church in Patea.

On November 26, the acoustics of the historic St Georges Church in Patea provided the backdrop for a concert by the Mason Brothers on their 50 Years of Nature Tour, after they had performed in Eltham. It highlighted a big weekend for the Patea church which also hosted an exhibition of paintings by former MP and government minister, and now Anglican archdeacon Chester Borrows, as well as a carving display and bone necklace carving workshop.


OPUNAKE
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DECEMBER 24TH - 7pm

Come along and see Father Christmas on Xmas Eve along with floats from businesses in Opunake. Highland Band.

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Registration forms for floats can be collected from Clem at Opunake Discounter, Tasman Street.

All participants will need to be on Layard street from 6-30 pm and be ready for this years judges to judge by 6-40 pm so prizes can be awarded outside the Opunake Players at 6-45 pm



Opunake and District Business Association
presents
OPUNAKE CHRISTMAS PARADE 2022

Saturday 24th December. Gather from 6.30pm onwards for 7pm start.

Assemble on Layard Street from Tasman Street towards the Rest Home.

Please be prepared for judging from 6.30pm as prizes will be awarded this year at 6.45pm outside Opunake Players, winners will be given a flag to show on the parade.

Prizes are awarded based on:

- 1: Best Effort
- 2: Most creative

Please review the parade safety rules and guidelines below and retain for your records.

- 1: Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation of these rules.
- 2: The parade will start at the Tasman Street and Layard Street corner and end again at that corner.
- 3: No one may leave or enter your float once the parade has begun.
- 4: Please cover all open wheels for safety so marchers cannot snag clothing or be pulled under wheels.
- 5: Your entry may not exit the parade before it has ended.
- 6: No alcohol is allowed.
- 7: For the safety of the public we ask that no items be thrown from your entry.
- 8: All motorized vehicles must have wheel watchers (people) on both sides.
- 9: All entries must have clear identification.
- 10: Changes in the parade line-up on the day of the parade will be made at the sole discretion of the parade officials.
- 11: A representative must make themselves known to official (Clem Coxhead) on arrival.

Entries must be received by December 22nd.



Opunake and District Business Association
OPUNAKE CHRISTMAS PARADE 2022
ENTRY FORM

Please type or print legibly.

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Type of Vehicle: _____ Length (mtr): _____

No of Adults: _____ No of Children: _____

Responsible person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Rule acknowledgement:
My printed name or signature below is my bond that I understand the rules and guidelines for the Christmas Parade and warrant that my/our entry will fully comply.

Name: _____ **Or Signature:** _____

Please email this to : greencow62@gmail.com

or drop into Clem at Coastal Sports Centre, 78 Tasman Street, Opunake.

For further info call Clem Coxhead on 06 243 6002 or 027 422 389

Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

Where would you find the oldest dated wooden artefacts in New Zealand? Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki has taonga carbon-dated from the 14th century in the main gal-

lery. These taonga were excavated from Waitore, near Whenuakura and help tell the Tangata Whenua story of the Ngā Rauru and Ngāti Ruanui people.

The Taranaki Wars are

told using maps, photographs, weaponry, and artefacts. Warriors from both sides such as Titokowaru, Tūtange Waionui, Charles Broughton, and James Livingston, are honoured. In

Poirokiroki, the Education Room, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the South Taranaki Wars are on display for people to learn about those unsettling times.

Farming and the joys of

a rural lifestyle feature prominently. The creativity of South Taranaki people is celebrated in the stories and objects exhibited; wire strainers, souvenir teapots and the many uses of old

cheese crates. A temporary exhibition gallery features regularly changing exhibitions. The museum has a large archive and a research facility is available on request.

Sunflower Festival continues to shine

Opunake's Sunflower Festival faced a number of challenges this year but has still proven to be a success in brightening up gardens, schools and businesses in and around Opunake during summer. After the extreme weather tried it's best to wipe out the sunflowers and the continuing Covid pandemic created a number of delays in finalising judging and sponsorship of the photo competition, the Opunake Sunflower Festival committee is excited to announce they can now confirm the winners. OMV has generously offered sponsorship of \$550 through its community partnership with the chosen winners collecting

part of the prize pool for the education centre of their choice.

The idea to create a sunflower festival came about after sunflowers grown on the Whiteheads' farm for the past 10 years and the idea to spread this throughout the community was supported by the Opunake Lions Club that sponsored seed purchases. A small committee enthusiastically counted 10 seeds into small packets to be distributed to all students at the local primary schools. Other sunflower seeds were offered through Opunake businesses for a donation to Yellow Ribbon which generated nearly \$400 to this worthy cause. Congratulations to this



Category winner Best Dressed.

year's winner's. Seeds will soon be distributed to all students and others available in local businesses for planting before the end of the year. A paddock of sunflowers will again be

planted and the committee is hoping to hold more events to coincide with the flowering period in late February 2023.

The next issue of the Opunake and Coastal News is coming out on January 26 2023.



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As well as Supermarket supplies we offer a large range
of drinks, chips and ice creams. We are the only coned
ice-cream store on the main street.

We will continue to keep up our stock of fresh meat
made locally in Taranaki and include good BBQ meats
for family get togethers.

We normally stock Yarrows bread except over the
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living.

We have a good range of electric power tools for the
garden that eliminate the need to empty fuel while
tools are not in use and the on-going repairs around
engines.

We were delighted to be part of a new service being
offered by Sister Ali at "Fish Chips & More" by
supplying an Electric bike that tows the cutest trailer
for home delivery.

Please remember that Opunake is and should be a
destination town. We take care of the locals and
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Hollie Smith is coming to Hāwera



Hollie Smith.

Concerts in the Park is returning to Hāwera on Saturday 28th January at

King Edward Park. Popular New Zealand entertainer and singer Hollie

Smith will be bringing the place to life with her iconic show.

Entertainment will begin with Mitch Carweswell kicking things off at 4pm with some of your favourite covers to sing and dance to. Following Mitch will be The Warratahs! South Taranaki has been a long-time supporter of the band and event coordinator Emma Vennell says she is "looking forward to seeing the band perform on the stage on the lake this year."

Then 6pm Hollie Smith will bring us a world class

experience right here in Hāwera. STDC (South Taranaki District Council) events coordinator is bringing back the stage on the lake for concerts in the park 2022 and we could not be more excited.

South Taranaki District Council events coordinator Emma Vennell says she looks forward to hearing the well-known artists' songs reverberate throughout the park.

"We hope families and

whānau take the opportunity to enjoy this free event relaxing at this beautiful park," says Emma. "We encourage those attending to make an evening of it by bringing along a picnic or buying something from the food vendors we will have available."

This event is proudly brought to you by South Taranaki District Council and supported by the Toi Foundation.



The Warratahs.

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Parts of colossal squid on show at Puke Ariki

Te Papa's popular exhibition, *Colossal Squid Ngu Tipua*, is open at NPDC's Puke Ariki Museum on Saturday (3 December) with parts of the rare sea creature on display.

The Colossal Squid is so rarely seen that only eight adults have ever been scientifically reported.

Te Papa's Head of Natural History, Phil Edgar said, "in learning about this weird and mysterious creature we hope visitors will have a greater appreciation for life in the deep sea, much of which remains undiscovered".

The Colossal Squid is one of the most iconic specimens at Te Papa, and while touring the complete specimen is impossible, some of the important parts of the squid has found its way to Puke Ariki.

Te Papa's Curator of Invertebrates Dr Rodrigo Salvador explains how important the Colossal Squid has been for the science community, and how popular it has been among the public.

"Te Papa's Colossal Squid has been a major source of information for scientists and the museum's most popular exhibit since its debut. They live in the deep Antarctic waters and despite being one of the largest invertebrate species in existence, they are very rarely captured".

Colossal Squid Ngu Tipua centres around an interactive table displaying many different objects including the lens from an eye of the Colossal Squid, part of a



summer." The public are also able to continue the experience and learn beyond the exhibition with a new Te Papa press book for children, *Whiti: Colossal Squid of the Deep*, and online Te Papa resources including a free downloadable Colossal Squid Activity Book.

Colossal Squid Ngu Tipua is developed and toured by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and on at Puke Ariki through to 19 March.

Scientists from Auckland University of Technology examine the beak of a colossal squid, 2014.

Photo by Norm Heke Te Papa (27225).

tentacle, and a complete tiny squid; the miniature of its colossal relative. Touchable rotating models of a squid's tentacle hook and the Colossal Squid's beak are also on display.

The exhibition also displays two documentaries which show life in the depths of the Southern Ocean, and how the most complete Colossal Squid ever found ended up at Te Papa.

Puke Ariki Museum Manager Colleen Mullin

says visitors to the exhibition are in for a rare treat this summer.

"How freaky and fun to be able to get up close to some features of a colossal squid.

"This is not your average calamari ring. We are delighted to host this Te Papa touring exhibition which highlights such a rare and important species as colossal squid. We think our museum visitors will really enjoy the fun and interactive nature of the show this

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Contemporary Art for Summer



The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery has been a central figure in Taranaki's culture scene for over 50 years, with a great selection of exhibitions, events and attractions for when you need to escape the summer sun.

Te Au: Liquid Constituencies is a group show featuring artists from around New Zealand and the Pacific, who are working with local and ancestral knowledge to start conversations around our use of water and how we can better protect it.

Atomic Power focuses on Len Lye's work during the post-war Atomic Age, featuring experimental films, kinetic sculpture and insight into Lye's life at the time.

Also on show is Len Lye's **Sky Snakes**, a collection of swirling 'snakes' that perform a mesmerising dance and are rapidly becoming one of his most popular works.

The Gallery offers much more than exhibitions, with the Len Lye Centre Cinema presenting screenings of a new Len Lye documentary at 1pm daily, and a full programme of art-house films.

An Art Detective adventure is available to keep young visitors entertained, and free films especially for children screen weekdays at 10.30am from 7-22 Jan. A hands-on, family-friendly school holiday art programme is offered on Tuesday to Thursdays from 10 January to 19 January.

And if you've left your Christmas shopping a little late, head to the Gallery's renowned Art + Design Store, for unique and special gifts.
Open every day except

Christmas Day: 10am - 5pm at 42 Queen Street, New Plymouth. For more info visit www.govettbrewster.com.

Above, and at right: The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery. There are a number of displays, exhibitions and other events on this summer.

Te Au: Liquid Constituencies

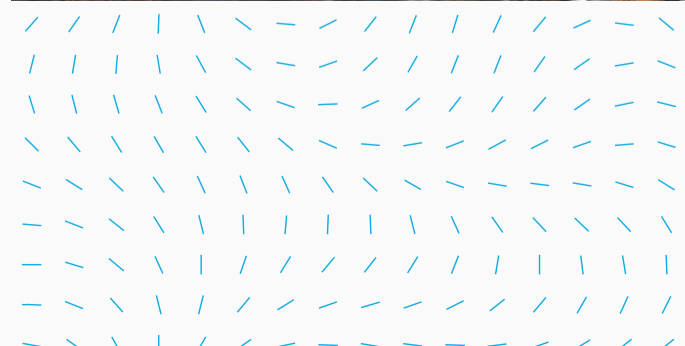
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Kuku Biochar Project & Waikōkopu stream restoration, Te Waituhi ā Nuku: Drawing Ecologies group, working alongside the Deep South National Science Challenge
Photo credit: Maija Stephens
Courtesy of the artists



LEN LYE CENTRE GOVETT - BREWSTER ART GALLERY



Showing at out of the blue

'Side By Side. Jennifer Patterson & Jeanette Gillies is showing at out of the blue studio gallery until December 19. A cash and carry collection of items suitable for the gift giving season is available alongside a beautiful collection of wall pieces, quilted and silk dyed

panels. (The Beach - Paper, Books and Baskets December 22 - January 30 2023. Eight artists were invited to celebrate our fabulous ocean location here in Opunake. They were all given a project to work on that forms the heart of the collection and then they have created beautiful works inspired by summer times by the ocean and close to the natural world. These works will make marvellous

memory pieces of your time in Opunake. The artists include Julz Coffey, Tanya Green, Toni Hartill, Francis Salole, Lynn Taylor, Jeanette Verster, Ildiko Vigh and Wendy Watson. from out of the blue studio gallery.' 18 Halse Place, Opunake 4616. Open Thursdays - Monday 1-5pm or by appointment. Phone Viv on 021 407 424. more details on: <https://>

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Some Christmas cheer from Stoney Oaks



Danish White Red deer checking out Santa. Photo Gail Simons.

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Detail of Fantail Flutter by Jeanette Gillies.

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Watch those lithium-ion batteries this Christmas

Christmas shopping is well underway and Fire and Emergency New Zealand is reminding people to be cautious around lithium-ion batteries.

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says Fire and Emergency’s Community Education Manager, Adrian Nacey.

“Lithium-ion batteries provide a large amount of power in a small package and are safe if used correctly. But, like any product, can sometimes fail and overheat, catch fire or explode,” he says.

“It’s important to take care

when using these batteries as they are a fire risk when not stored, charged, used or disposed of correctly.

Make sure you charge them on a hard, flat surface not under a pillow, on a bed or couch - they can overheat and cause a fire.”

If you notice anything unusual with your battery, stop using it straight away.

“This could be anything like a strange smell or a change in colour, too much heat, a change in shape, swelling, leaking, or odd noises,” says Adrian Nacey.

People also need to be careful when disposing of lithium-ion batteries. Do not put them in the rubbish - contact your local council to find out where they can be

recycled.

“As always, make sure to have working smoke alarms installed and have a three-step escape plan that you have practiced with a first escape route, second escape route and safe meeting place.

Opunake & Coastal News wish everyone a Happy Christmas and safe New Year. Our first issue in 2023 is January 26.



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2023 JANUARY

<p>BLUEBACK Drama, Family 1hr 42mins PG Sun 1st Jan 1pm, Thurs 5th Jan 7pm Sun 8th Jan 7pm, Fri 13th Jan 1pm</p> <p>I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY Biography, Drama 2hrs 22mins TBC Sun 1st Jan 7pm, Sat 7th Jan 7pm Sun 29th Jan 1pm</p> <p>NUTCRACKER & THE MAGIC FLUTE Animated 1hr 46mins PG Friday 6th Jan 1pm</p> <p>LITTLE EGGS Animated 1hr 29mins PG Sun 8th Jan 1pm, Sat 14th Jan 1pm</p> <p>PUSS IN BOOTS Animated, Family 1hr 42mins PG Fri 6th Jan 7pm, Sat 7th Jan 1pm Sat 13th Jan 7pm</p> <p>OPERATION FORTUNE Action 1hr 54mins M: Violence Thurs 12th Jan 7pm, Sat 14th Jan 7pm Fri 20th Jan 7pm, Thurs 26th Jan 7pm Fri 29th Jan 7pm</p>	<p>THE AMAZING MAURICE Animated, Family 1hr 36mins PG Sun 15th Jan 1pm, Sat 21st Jan 1pm Fri 27th Jan 1pm</p> <p>A MAN CALLED OTTO Comedy, Drama TBC TBC Thurs 19th Jan 7pm Sun 22nd Jan 7pm, Sat 28th Jan 7pm</p> <p>M3GAN Thriller 1hr 45mins TBC Sun 15th Jan 7pm, Sat 21st Jan 7pm, Fri 27th Jan 7pm</p> <p>TAD THE EXPLORER Animated, Family 1hr 29mins PG Fri 20th January 1pm, Sat 28th January 1pm</p> <p>THE BIG TRIP 2 Animated, Family 1hr 30mins PG Sun 22nd Jan 1pm</p> <p>NO BOUTIQUE SCREENING IN JANUARY See online for movie ratings</p>
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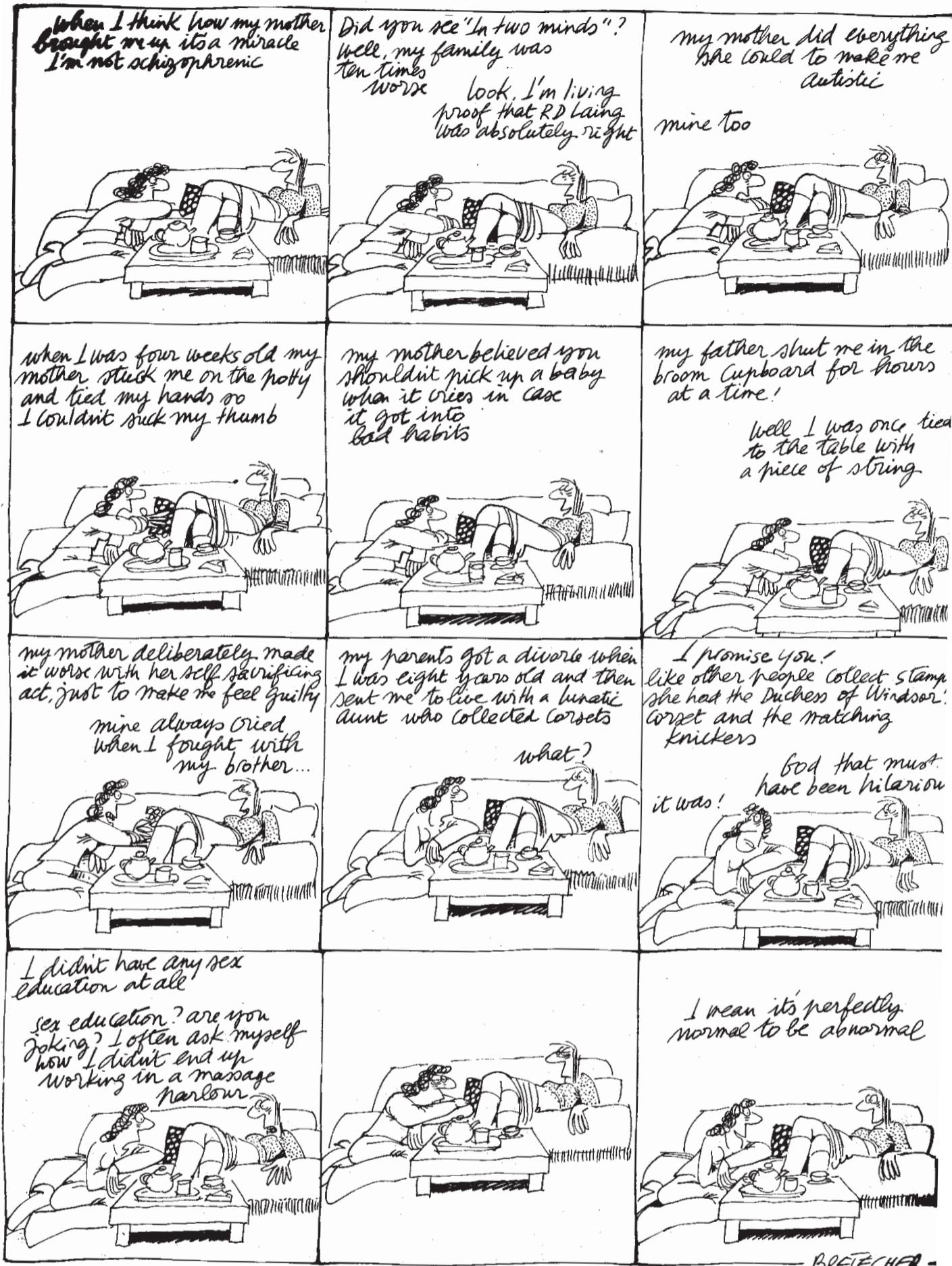
<p>AVATAR Fantasy 3hrs 12 mins TBC Thurs 15th Dec 7pm Friday 16th Dec 7pm Sunday 18th Dec 1pm Thursday 22nd Dec 7pm Saturday 24th Dec 1pm Monday 26th Dec 1pm Friday 30th Dec 7pm</p> <p>LITTLE EGGS Animated 1hr 29mins PG Fri 16th Dec 1pm Sat 24th Dec 10am</p> <p>NUTCRACKER AND THE MAGIC FLUTE Animated 1hr 46mins PG Sat 17th Dec 1pm Mon 19th Dec 1pm</p>	<p>POKER FACE Action 1hr 35mins R13 VIOLENCE Sat 17th Dec 7pm</p> <p>THE MENU Horror 1hr 47mins R16 VIOLENCE Sun 18th Dec 7pm</p> <p>STRANGE WORLD Animated, Family 1hr 27mins PG Fri 23rd Dec 1pm Sat 31st Dec 1pm</p> <p>SHE SAID True Story 2hrs 9mins M Fri 23rd Dec 7pm</p> <p>PUSS IN BOOTS Animated, Family 1hr 42mins PG Thurs 29th Dec 7pm Fri 30th Dec 1pm</p>
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What's On Listings

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ONGOING

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

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

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus: Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

THURSDAYS

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

Egmont Euchre Club: Every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club. Inquiries, 06 761 8277 or 06 761 8337

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

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

NOVEMBER 22 TO DEC 17

Wrap it Up Members' Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

DECEMBER 14

Opunake High School Centenary Committee registration of interest meeting: At the OHS Library, 6pm.

DECEMBER 17

Mike Gordon and the Blue Notes: At Mike's Brewery Bistro, Devon st, New Plymouth. Starts 8.30pm.

DECEMBER 22 TO JANUARY 30TH

The Beach, Paper, Books & baskets exhibition: At from out of the blue gallery, Opunake.

DECEMBER 18 TO 24

Taonga toi Manaia: Opposite the Band Rotunda, Manaia.

DECEMBER 24

Opunake Christmas Parade: 6pm - 7pm, Opunake.

JANUARY 7 2023

Opunake Beach Carnival: Opunake Beach from 10am

JANUARY 28

Concerts in the Park Featuring Hollie Smith & the Warratahs. At King Edward Park, Hawera.

OPUNAKE COMBINED CHURCHES

Christmas Eve Christmas Vigil 6pm @ St Patricks Okato
 St Barnabas 9pm @ Opunake
 Christmas Day Our Lady Star of the Sea 8.30 am @ Opunake
 St Pauls 9.30 am @ Opunake
 New Years Eve Vigil 6pm @ St Patricks Okato
 New Years Day St Pauls 9.30am
 St Barnabas 10.00am
 Our Lady Star of the Sea 10.00am

Combined Services for January
 8th January St Pauls 10.00am
 15th January The Wave 10.00am
 22nd January St Barnabas 10.00am
 29th January Our Lady Star of the Sea

FAMILY NOTICES

Eiffe Tioko, Julie Harata May

Passed away peacefully in Australia (Perth) on Wednesday the 7th of December 2022 aged 57 years after a long battle with cancer.

Loved Mother of Corey, Kalia, Joseph and their families.

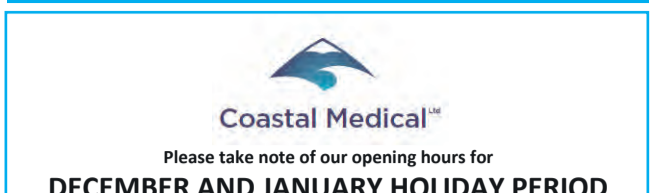
Loved eldest daughter of Paul Eiffe and the late Maria Teaotaumarewa Tioko Eiffe.

Beloved sister of Rick, Lynn, Rodney, Joanne, Christopher and their families.

E ngau kino nei te Aroha kia koe to taatou Iramutu, Kaihana, Mama, hoki, Kua mene koe ki te Pouriuri, Te Pootangotango, kore rawa tatou katoa e wareware ana. E tuu matou katoa i raro i te Urupa o OtaneMaire; te wahi i te moe ki te Pouriuri, i te Pootangotango ratou. To Mama, ara, To Tupuna Maatua, me ngoo Whanau Whaanui e. Okioki ake raa e Julie, ki te waahi ngaro o raatou maa,. Haere tonu raa to hikoi roa, kia whai ake ngaa wheturangitia, Haere atu raa, Haere atu raa.. Kore taatou to whanau kei te kainga, kaore tatou e wareware ee ii ee. Arohanui Aunty Ngatini.

Julie will be sadly missed and always remembered with a smile by her brother and sisters, rest in peace. Rick

PUBLIC NOTICES



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DECEMBER AND JANUARY HOLIDAY PERIOD

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Tuesday 27 th December	CLOSED
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Thursday 29 th December	8.30am – 2pm
Friday 30 th December	8.30am – 2pm
Monday 2 nd January	CLOSED
Tuesday 3 rd January	CLOSED
Wednesday 4 th January and onward	8.30am – 5pm

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our patients a safe and happy holiday.



Matapu School would like to thank our wonderfully supportive community for another great year!

We hope you all enjoy some quality time with friends and whanau over the festive period.

Term 1 begins on Tuesday 31st January 2023. The school office will be open from 9am - 12pm on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January.

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The first issue of Opunake & Coastal News in 2023 will be on January 26th. have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

SEASONS GREETINGS



Barbara Kuriger
 MP for Taranaki-King Country

Season Greetings & thank you for your support throughout the year

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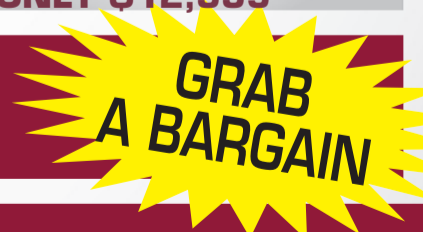
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