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Defence vocation appeals to student leaders

The Head Girl for Coastal Taranaki School is Jordan Smith and the Head Boy is He Tairoa Goodin. Both are aged 17.

Jordan Smith admits to being nervous when she was named as Head Girl but said, "I was happy" about the honour. "It was so cool." Her subjects this academic year include Physical Education, English, Science, Mathematics and her favourite Design, which has a major woodwork component. She also attends WITT Te Pukenga two days a week for '3+2 Sport and Recreation.'

When she leaves school she would like a career with Defence – maybe the Army. She'd quite like to join the navy, but admits that sea travel makes her uneasy. However, she is also considering joining the

Police as another vocational option.

Sport dominates Jordan's time as regards interests and she plays netball, touch rugby and "basically anything that gets me outside." She also has a part time job at Burger King. Her challenging time on Outward Bound in 2022 is a treasured memory.

As a student leader Jordan is keen to encourage more activities for students at intervals to ensure there is less non-productive sitting around.

He Tairoa Goodin, the Head Boy said he was both "nervous and excited" by his leadership role.

His subjects this year include English, Mathematics, Science and his two favourites - Woodwork and Physical Education.

He favours a job in the



Jordan Smith Head Girl of Coastal Taranaki School.

Army eventually in the engineer division when he leaves school.

His interests include playing basketball and he is in the school senior team. Although his team's management does not stress set positions his favourite

one (if they did) would be as point guard. He also enjoys spending time with his friends and enjoys working around the home.

As Head Boy He is keen to improve the quality of the school's gymnasium and to ensure the students

are optimally responsible for the care of equipment. There is a school policy on the colour of shoes, which is an issue. "A lot of students don't like it that they can't wear white on their shoes. I'd like to make that (ruling) more flexible."

Helping the Hawkes Bay

Truckloads from Taranaki were Hawkes Bay-bound this week after that region was slammed by Cyclone Gabrielle.

The idea was the brainchild of Manaia farmer Nathan Joyce.

"On the Tuesday or the Wednesday, a couple of days after it happened I was thinking we should do something as a community," says

Nathan. "I started ringing around and got in touch with AgTrans and asked them if they could provide truck backup. I put a post up on Facebook and it went crazy from there."

Earlier this week Ag Trans was picking up goods from pick-up depots at the Omata, Oaonui, Pihama, and Matapu Halls, and from Storage and Equipment Hire in Hawera,

and taking them to Hawkes Bay.

Nathan said they had received enough blankets and clothing, and they were trying to "put a cap on it." Instead they were asking for things like non-perishable foods, water and sanitary items.

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Head Boy of Coastal Taranaki School He Tairoa Goodin.

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Old Pupil Underwater Swimming Record

I won the above event in my third (?) year at Opunake High School, with 138 feet. If my memory is correct, 60 odd years ago. What is the current record? I phoned the school a few years ago and called into the office once with no luck. I was the only swimmer who did the whole length of the pool (plus near half-way back).

I guess I was 14 or 15 back then, I am 72 now and my grandkids are interested now.

This email was prompted by our first delivery of your Opunake & Coastal News this morning thank you. We are on RD just outside Inglewood.

My only other claim to fame is years of fairly successful Speedway Motor Racing.

David (Blondie) Chamberlain
Inglewood

Iwi and banning rights

It now seems for me the next two years starting from December 2022 until 15 December 2012 that all our Taranaki iwi leaders have not only joined together by being given permission to put a two years' temporary stop on our Western Taranaki coastline starting from the Here kawe Stream in New Plymouth to the Taungatara Stream just south of Opunake, which has really pleased me to see, as it's about time that all our Taranaki iwi start working together which will stop seafood being taken by outsiders and anyone else.

Now there will be iwi people actually patrolling these areas which again is really good to see, but what I'd like to see happen also is that our iwi patrol inland streams, lakes and rivers from being polluted, so maybe they could work in with DOC.

ADELPHOS

It's a hot summer day and as I look out my kitchen window, I see a cobalt blue pot containing a full flowering lemon Shasta daisy and a variegated lemon and green Origanum plant. They look great together. Anyone who knows anything about design knows that odd numbers are best. There's a bright red ceramic poppy with a black centre stuck on a fibre glass stem in the middle making the pot even more aesthetically pleasing. But it reminds me that last year the Shasta daisy almost died because I forgot

H TWO O

to water it. The origanum faired much hardier and was unscathed. You can guess what the lapse in watering did to the ceramic poppy.

While drinking a glass of water, and looking out the kitchen window, my mind recalls how necessary and life-giving water is. If we were to Google how long we can live without water the standard answer is usually about three days. That may be an average. But, as we know, one size does not fit everyone and people are different. I once asked a hospice nurse

Look, I like Ian McAlpine have attended many tangi, family reunions, weddings and all types of birthdays and cabarets where there were many types of seafoods, which were tasty and really delicious, plus an abundance of all types of drinks for young and old, so Ian you are not alone.

I certainly agree with Jonathan Phillips of Oakura when stating about te reo, as there's nothing wrong in learning a second language, just like other countries have their own language with English as their second language. Maybe people should learn to sing Maori songs. They can sing our nation's anthem in te reo, so what's wrong with speaking it? Absolutely nothing.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Support our new PM

OK. Not only has our Labour Government got a new leader, but our country has got a new PM in Christopher John Hipkins, so let's all support like we all did when we had Jacinda Ardern as our lady

PM. While at the same time people within our country didn't really appreciate what we she really did for our country, yet she got crucified unjustly by these same unworthy people which really makes me wonder could they themselves do any better? Most probably not.

So let's all begin to support our new PM while at the same time it's no good to comprehend what National is now saying like they will do this, that and everything else, as they have said the same old thing time after time, but they've never kept any promises at all, which goes right back to when they were formed from two political parties back in 1937.

Finally what really makes me laugh is when all of our political analysts and reporters keep on assuming this, that and everything else on what any government should be doing, and how it's going to affect our country's economy. Maybe they should become politicians and see how they all get on.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

how long was the longest time that one of her patients had gone without food or fluids. I was shocked to hear her answer of twenty-four days. Unbelievable! Some of us are like Shasta daisies and some are like origanum.

Without water (H two O), sooner or later, we will die. An understanding of its vitalness is reflected in the words of Jesus, "But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). Jesus knew that water was necessary for life. After all, He lived in a part of the

earth that experienced severe drought. In fact, modern Israel still has severe drought but has utilised a clever infrastructure to become a major exporter of fresh produce, as well as a world-leader in agricultural technologies.

Jesus provided a fuller meaning when He included a spiritual lesson about water and thirst. These are radical words that have the ability to quench and satisfy our mind, soul and spirit. Jesus made it clear that "if" we thirst for God we will experience the power, through Jesus, that leads to eternal life.

Maranatha,

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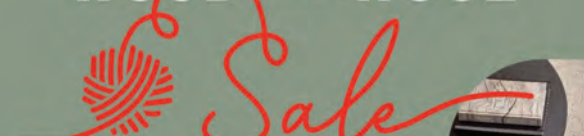
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Helping the Hawkes Bay

Pihama farmers Mark and Trish Stevenson were taking their calf trailer laden with donated goods to Waipukurau.

“Because we have got this massive covered trailer we thought we could head over there with a load,” Trish said.

On Monday morning, Trish, Maisie Luttrell, Robyn Le Prou and Rize Sta Maria were busy sorting items at the Pihama Hall which would be sent to Porangahau in Central Hawkes Bay the next day.

“When it gets there it will go to where it’s needed, though that could change on a daily basis,” said Trish.

She said they had been impressed with the generosity of local people in wanting to give to those who were displaced by the cyclone, with Opunake High School having made a sizeable donation of goods.

Maisie said her daughter and son-in-law farmed around Waipukurau, and Nathan Joyce had contacted them asking what could be done to help people in their area. Maisie said her son-in-law played rugby at



Sorting donated goods for Hawkes Bay at the Pihama Hall. From left. Robyn Le Prou, Trish Stevenson, Maisie Luttrell, Rize Sta Maria.

Porangahau which had been badly hit by Gabrielle.

“We know the community where the stuff is going to,” she said. “We know it takes a while for the stuff to filter

through so we are sending it straight to them.”

AgTrans director Phil D’Ath said Nathan Joyce had approached him last Thursday and asked him if

he would be able to offer assistance with trucks.

“We started looking at having a localised contribution but it became a Taranaki-wide thing,” said Phil. “Once word got out quite a few people contacted us directly, and the volume’s been just outstanding. We were only just going to be sending one truck over, but the response has been absolutely fantastic.”

Speaking on Tuesday morning, Phil said he had heard back from his driver saying that the first truckload had arrived at the Civil Defence Base at the Hastings Showgrounds. Two more truckloads were going to Hawkes Bay on Wednesday and Thursday.

“Our contribution has expanded from what we intended, but this is our game and our forte and we’re pretty used to co-ordinating and pulling it together.”

Make your donation have the biggest impact

As the recovery begins from Cyclone Gabrielle, Taranaki’s Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Controller Todd Velvin, is urging people who want to make donations to other regions to listen to official advice.

“We want people donations to be impactful. We are asking people to donate directly to relief funds instead of goods.”

“We know that donating goods seems like the right thing to do but often the donations don’t match what communities need and unwanted goods can create additional waste. Monetary

donations are the most useful as it means organisations can provide what is really needed to those affected,” Velvin says.

“People that have been affected are having their immediate needs met. They are still dealing with the loss and trauma of losing their homes, personal items and in the most devastating cases lost or missing loved one. The best way we can help is enable them to choose what they need.”

Velvin and his team have been heartened by the number of people that have come forward to donate.

“It has been very reassuring

seeing the number of people who have reached out to help communities that have been devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle.”

“We were well-prepared, and I wanted to thank our volunteers, workers and the Taranaki community, who went to outstanding efforts to keep each other safe.”

“We have shown great resilience here, and now it’s our turn to help other communities”.



Unloading the AgTrans truck in Hastings.

On this month in history Dame Ellen MacArthur breaks the record for the circumnavigation of the world.

On February 7, 2005 the world record for the faster solo navigation of the globe was broken by Dame Ellen MacArthur. The record had been held by French yachtsman Francis Joyon (He regained the record in 2008). She sailed the 43,452kms in 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds. The boat was a Australian built trimaran B&Q.

Ellen was born on July 8, 1976 in Whatstandwell, Derbyshire, England.

On September 2, 2010 she launched the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (EMF) at the Science Museum – inspired

by her yachting experiences. This highlighted the concept of a circular economy working with business, policy makers and academics.

She helped raise two million US dollars as a prize for those finding a way to deal with plastic waste. This initiative was in conjunction with the Prince of Wales International Sustainability Unit.

In 2003 she established the Ellen MacArthur Trust (now the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust) to introduce sailing experiences to young people 8-24 who were seriously ill with cancer, leukemia or other major illnesses.



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Work underway to restore culturally significant stream to good health

Work has begun on returning a culturally significant stream in Waitara to good health, as part of NPDC's \$20 million Waitara Stormwater Project. The \$4.2m project will reconnect the Tangaroa Stream to the Waitara River, improve its ability to drain stormwater from heavy rainfall more quickly, and establish a healthy habitat

for birds, invertebrates, and fish – restoring the mauri (life force) of this ecosystem.

The work kicks off this week with invasive weeds and trees being cleared from the stream bank, with the Government contributing \$1.79m from its Fresh Water Improvement Fund to the project.

“Tangaroa’s problems have been a long time in the making and I’m thrilled that we’ve worked with Manukorihi and Otaraua hapū to not only fix those issues today, but ensure the community is involved in retaining the stream’s mauri for generations to come,” says NPDC Three Waters Manager Mark Hall.

For decades, Tangaroa Stream has been clogged with silt and weeds, which reduced water flow and resulted in flooding during heavy rain.

It formed a natural boundary for Manukorihi Pā and as an important food bowl, it was vital to the success of mana whenua of the area for many generations.

Part of the stream though Pennington Park is currently cut off from the Waitara River at North St, preventing the passage of fish, and a significant section though Owae Marae is diverted

though underground pipes.

When the four-year project is finished, the buried sections of the stream will be opened up to daylight and the Tangaroa reconnected to the river, its channel cleared and its bank replanted, and a new reserve off Masters Lane created.

The Government is

contributing \$1.79m from its Fresh Water Improvement Fund to the project.

In December 2020 the Government provided \$1.79m from its Fresh Water Improvement Fund for the Tangaroa project. The remainder of the \$4.2m budget is being met by NPDC as part of our

\$248m investment to ‘fix the plumbing’ in our district.

The first stage of the Waitara Stormwater Project began in November last year, with the laying of a stormwater pipe down Richmond Street. That project continues at the Richmond/Harris/Princess intersection.



Work is underway to clear trees and invasive weeds from the banks of the Tangaroa Stream.

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Offshore Energy Forum to be held in New Plymouth

This March, Ara Ake and Te Puna Umanga/Venture Taranaki will host the 2023 Offshore Renewable Energy Forum.

The Forum will take place at the Devon Hotel and Conference Centre in New Plymouth on Wednesday 8 - Thursday 9 March 2023. Attendees can join the conversation either in person, or online, and will hear from a range of national and international experts over the two days.

This event follows on from the 2020 Offshore Wind Forum and the 2021 Offshore

Future Energy Forum. The 2023 Forum aims to build on previous events, bringing together Iwi, experts, community, and key sector stakeholders to discuss how best to ensure the successful development of an industry across the motu.

Sessions across the two-day forum will cover international and domestic updates, Iwi and social licence considerations, environmental factors, regulation, infrastructure, and industry capability.

“We’re seeing a rapid growth in offshore renewables globally and if Aotearoa New Zealand chooses to tap into this resource, we need to understand the challenges and

opportunities it presents. This Forum is a great platform to share these learnings,” says Dr Cristiano Marantes, Ara Ake Chief Executive.

Timed to enable conversations about key themes covered in the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment discussion document ‘Enabling investment in offshore renewable energy’, this forum also follows recent announcements about planned offshore wind development off the coast of South Taranaki and Waikato.

“We’re thrilled to be delivering the third forum focused on offshore renewable energy. Renewable energy is

a key industry for our region and could have a significantly positive impact on our communities within the next decade. The conversations and discussions that this forum enable are crucial to the continued development of the industry,” explains Kelvin Wright, Te Puna Umanga/Venture Taranaki Chief Executive.

Facilitated by energy sector commentator John Hancock, the forum will include presentations from Iwi, community, local and central government, global experts in offshore energy, as well as developers currently considering New Zealand offshore wind projects.

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Dealing with disputes



MATT STONE

Kia Ora Koutou,
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that have assisted. I have been dealing with a larger number of disputes

recently, many of which are not necessarily criminal matters. These occur for different reasons and are unavoidable. I am always happy to offer advice but I am limited to what I can do or say. As assistance, these are the numbers for free legal advice - Taranaki Community Law Trust 06 759 1492 and Citizens Advice Bureau - 06 758 9542.

Lastly, can I ask that you all keep notifying Police of any criminal offences that occur,

whether you are a witness or victim. Although some matters may seem minor and not worth reporting, it may be the information we need to assist in another matter. Having a quiet chat to someone that might be at fault is also a good way to curb any further offending or behaviour. I appreciate your time as always.
Nga Mihi,
Matt

Matthew Stone.

Seal science project extended

A "citizen science" project encouraging the public to report sightings of kekeno/ NZ fur seals around the upper North Island has been extended.

Between 1 July and 22 November 2022, DOC conducted a public awareness campaign urging people to report sightings of kekeno around Coromandel and the Hauraki Gulf.

The citizen science project and call for sightings followed a high number of dead kekeno observed in the region during winter 2021. By receiving more sightings of the seals reported by the public, DOC's scientists would be able to learn more about the species and understand if the previous winter's mortalities indicated a trend.

New Zealand's kekeno population is growing in size and range - and becoming increasingly visible to New Zealanders. Marine Science Advisor Laura Boren says DOC received 102 reports of kekeno sightings between July and November.

The sightings were spread across the upper North Island, with 36 in Waikato (including Coromandel), 27 in Auckland, 14 in or around the Hauraki Gulf, and seven each in Northland and Bay



Image Laura Boren, DOC.

of Plenty. Of those, 21 sightings were groups of multiple seals. Of the sightings, 81 were for live animals and 21 were for dead animals. This was a positive result as there were significantly fewer dead seals reported than over the previous winter and spring (more than 50 animals).

Images were provided by the public seal spotters for 65 of the sightings of both live and dead kekeno. Most were clear enough for assessment of age class and these helped DOC staff confirm sightings included kekeno of all age classes, from pup, juvenile, sub-adult to adult, similar to what was observed the previous year. The other sightings did not include images but still proved useful for the project, Laura says.

"The decision to extend the project into summer will deliver more valuable data on one of our most visible and interesting marine mammal species," Laura says.

"In summer, more people are out enjoying the coasts of New Zealand and the ocean around us, so that's more eyes helping us identify seals and provide us with sightings."

The project area has been expanded to cover areas north of Kawhia, on Waikato's west coast, and Whakatane on the east coast. Otago University Wildlife Management Masters student Nicola Roos is also contributing to the project, carrying out field work on DOC vessels.

"Key areas of interest include Auckland, the Hauraki

Gulf, and the Coromandel Peninsula. We will be gathering sightings data of any fur seals spotted within our study area," Nicola says. "This data will be mapped to create an estimate of their distribution and determine key sites where kekeno like to hang out."

Nicola's field work will also assess locations for potential release sites for rehabbed seals through DOCs relationship with Auckland Zoo.

Laura says DOC welcomes reports of sightings of all seals - either live or dead - from around the upper North Island.

Information and photos of all dead seals found means local DOC staff can assess whether the specimen meets the criteria for necropsy.

The key factor is freshness - the fresher the specimen, the greater chance of determining the cause of death.

"From those necropsies, we'll be able to gather important information on the species, why some of the individuals have died and what we can do going forward.

"For this reason, it's important to report as quickly as possible."

Regardless, all reports, images and information collected will help build understanding of the kekeno population.

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Trees come a cropper in Eltham

Stop-Go signs controlled traffic near Eltham as contractors removed roadside poplars after Cyclone Gabrielle powered its way through the North Island last week.

Waka Kotahi closed State Highway 3 (SH3) between Conway and Maata Roads on the afternoon of February 14 while crews removed trees which were at risk of falling on the road. A day after the cyclone stop/go signs were regulating north and south bound traffic as road crews continued with their work.

A nearby resident who didn't want to be named said the previous day a poplar had come down, blocking half the passing lane. She says initially she hadn't seen or heard it happen.

"It was pretty gusty. We had our own tree falling down when it happened. The rest of the trees were pretty precarious which I suppose is why they are taking them all down now."

"It was about 11.30. Just before lunch time. All of a sudden the roading crews were there. I went to work at 1.30, and then we lost



Traffic was on a crawl south of Eltham as unstable trees were taken down after Cyclone Gabrielle cut a path through the North Island.

power. All Eltham was without power. It's amazing how reliant we are on it."

In another part of town Lindsay Maindonald said where he lives has some of the biggest trees in the

Eltham urban area, and he was having tree problems of his own, with a flying branch from a sixty foot high Atlanta cedar produced a particularly scary moment. "At about two o'clock it was absolutely ferocious, and I

thought we are not going to get away with it," he said.

"A big 15 foot branch came down and the wind hurled it 20 feet, maybe 30 feet high towards our front door and it landed just before the driveway," he recalls."I

went out to pick it up, and when I went to grab it, the wind picked up again."

Lindsay says his place was without power from 2pm to 9.30pm.

"Because I'm a camping person I have all the bits

and pieces to look after ourselves, so I brought out the camp cooker, cooked our tea and boiled up the billy for a cuppa.

"I was relieved when the storm went away, but I think we got off fairly likely. We pray over our property and I'm thankful to God. I really feel for the people in Napier and Hastings who lost everything. They got we didn't get and they got it a thousand-fold."

A keen gardener who had been among the first to have his garden in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, Lindsay says he feels for gardeners in those places who had worked on their gardens all their lives only to see them disappear with the cyclone. He says he got off comparatively lightly.

"From the road to the house really took the brunt. The rest of the garden fared pretty well. That might have been because the wind came from the South-East. I did have a fuschia at the front of the property which was the best it had ever been, but it got absolutely shredded. No leaves. No flowers. No nothing."

National MP to seek nomination in Te Tai Hauauru



Harete Hipango MP.

National List MP Harete Hipango has congratulated

Carl Bates on his selection as National candidate for

Whanganui in the 2023 General Election. "I wish Carl all the very best" she said.

Ms Hipango has opted to seek the National nomination in the Maori seat of Te Tai Hauauru, vacated by Adrian Rurawhe, who has been appointed Speaker of the House. "While I am proud to have represented Whanganui as its local MP in the 52nd Parliament of 2017 to 2020, and later based in the region as a List MP, I have decided to explore this new opportunity to continue to represent my community as a member of the National team. I commend Christopher Luxon and the

National Party for taking the step to set up another Maori seat structure. I believe the time is right for the National Party to realise the value of the Maori seats to engage Maori voters and help to grow National's share of the party vote" Harete Hipango says.

"As a two-term-sitting MP, I am cognisant of the National Party's revival of a history within our Maori seats dating back to the days of Sir Apirana Ngata, Sir James Carroll and Sir Peter Buck. I come from the Rangitira (chieftain) line of Whanganui at Putiki where founding Maori Party

leader Dame Tariana Turia also grew up. Dame Tariana held the Te Tai Hauauru seat for twelve years from 2002 – we share whakapapa and whanaungatanga."

"I am very much looking

forward to an opportunity to secure the National Party's nomination in Te Tai Haururu to continue the work of Maori MPs and leaders who have come before me," she says.



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Busy start to year for National MP

National List MP Harete Hipango has had a busy start to 2023.

Harete has since childhood (accompanying her father Hoani and aunty 'Lele' of Putiki, Whanganui) taken part in

the Ratana commemorations and celebrations of the founding of the Ratana faith. She did again on January 24 this year, again leading the National Party Leader and National MPs in karanga onto the Ratana Pa, although attending most of



Pita Tipene, Chair of the Waitangi Trust (left), Rear Admiral David Proctor NZ Chief of Navy and MP Harete Hipango at the recent 183rd commemoration of the Treaty of Waitangi.

the week commencing with the kawē mate, the traditional ceremony of taking the memory of the recently departed loved ones out to the commemorations.

Then, in early February, even a cancelled air flight couldn't keep the List MP away from the annual Waitangi

celebrations: "It was a five-hour bus trip through all parts of Te Tai Tokerau before I was able to walk across the bridge from Paihia, past the flags and onto the famous treaty grounds at Waitangi," she says acknowledging the symbolism and importance of what she describes as 'our one national day recognising

the evolution of our nation.' "Personally, it was a journey of discovery and moving to learn and have an ancestral connection to the Ngāti Rāhiri lands and people of the Treaty grounds, to learn of my lineage to the Ngā Puhī chief Hongi Hika and continuing my connections with both Maori and non-Maori New

Zealanders. The bridge I crossed was both symbolic and real."

During Harete's time at Waitangi, she attended the official ceremonies reconnecting with many in her official MP role whilst also importantly enjoying moving amongst the people on the ground at Te Tii marae and on the Treaty grounds.

"it is very important to keep connected, to re-connect and keep grounded and on the ground at so many levels" she says.

Tiriti o Waitangi – the Treaty accord has a particular significance for Harete Hipango because another of her Whanganui ancestors to sign the Treaty was one of the few Māori women rangatira to sign. Rere o Maki (the mother of Keepa Te Rangihwinui -Major Kemp) signed the Treaty at Putiki, Harete's papakainga (place of home) & turangawaewae (place of standing), on May 23, 1840.

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Carl Bates selected as National's candidate in Whanganui.

Carl Bates has been selected by local party members as National's candidate in Whanganui for the 2023 General Election. Born and raised in Whanganui, Mr Bates returned to New Zealand in 2020 after years overseas building a successful business, Sirdar, appointing and educating boards and directors of companies across Africa, New Zealand and Australia. "I'm really proud to have the opportunity to campaign hard for Whanganui's support to elect a National Government as National's candidate for October's General Election," says Mr Bates. "So many people across our region have been dealing with damage to property, blocked roads and power

outages in the past week and my first priority is supporting them. I'm also thinking of

our neighbours on the East
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Supporting people through cyclone Gabrielle

I've been speaking with Minister Kieran McAnulty, Todd Velvin Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management group controller, NEMA and it's been a really tough few weeks for many communities across the country. Cyclone Gabrielle is the most significant weather event New Zealand has seen this century. The severity and the breadth of the damage hasn't been experienced in a generation, and I know the events have taken a huge toll on many New Zealanders.

For only the third time in our history, the Government declared a National State of Emergency. This enables us to support the affected regions, provide additional resources as they are needed, and help set the priorities across the country for the response.

An all-of-Government response is already well underway and we will continue to support communities through this unprecedented event, as well as the recovery and rebuild.

Community organisations have moved quickly to provide flood relief and to support whānau and our Government's recent



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\$11.5 million community support package will help to provide immediate relief for individuals, families, and households.

We've also put in place funding to help farmers, growers, whenua Māori owners and rural communities mobilise and co-ordinate recovery efforts from Cyclone Gabrielle. We're expecting to provide even more support once we know the full extent of damage caused. I know there will have been many here in New Plymouth trying to get hold of loved ones cut off without reception. While emergency response teams worked as hard as they could to get communications back online, it has been an anxious time for a lot of us.

Civil Defence teams have been receiving reports of an increase in donated goods

to help groups that are experiencing the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. This kindness shown by Kiwis in this regard is amazing. However, making monetary donations, big or small, are the single most helpful thing people can do in the wake of the cyclone to support disrupted communities. First and foremost, monetary donations enable support organisations to acquire what is most needed in communities. Often, donated goods do not effectively meet what is most required, and therefore support organisations are left to deal with an oversupply of goods which then need to be stored. There is also a current lack of capacity to manage donated goods at present. This message reflects the feedback we are receiving from those working tirelessly in the impacted areas.

This is a difficult time for many, with thousands of people's homes and businesses affected. But we've also seen people from all walks of life coming together and stepping in and lending a hand. We will get through this together and our Government will continue to provide support.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge our emergency responders. They've put in the hard yards and put their lives on the line in the service of their communities. We all owe you enormous gratitude, thank you.

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Glen Bennett MP for New Plymouth



Parliamentarians Damian O'Connor (Fourth from left) and Grant Robertson (to his left) visit an industrial site at Hawkes Bay.

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Carl Bates selected as National's candidate in Whanganui

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Coast who bore the brunt of Cyclone Gabrielle and face unimaginable loss.

"Under Labour, families across Whanganui are already struggling with a cost-of-living crisis fueled by the Government's economic mismanagement. Whether it's mortgage repayments, groceries or filling up the car, families' budgets are only getting more stretched, with no plan from Labour to get it under control.

"I'm standing for National



Carl Bates National's candidate in Whanganui.

because it's the only party that can address the issues our country is facing and deliver results so all New Zealanders get ahead. In

an uncertain international environment, National will be focused on strengthening our economy so we can reduce the cost of living,

lift incomes, restore law and order, deliver better health and education outcomes and build the infrastructure we need.

"Another thing I care strongly about is backing our farmers. National will never take for granted the contribution farmers make to our country and will work with them, rather than against them.

"I'm getting to work straight away to campaign for the opportunity to represent Whanganui as a strong local advocate in Chris Luxon's National team. My job now is to meet as many people as I can across the electorate and earn their support."

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Obituary: Ray Rook QFSM a public spirited man

Okato identity Raymond William Rook has died at the age of 98 on January 8, 2023 after a lifetime of outstanding public service. Ray was born on July 26, 1924 second in a family of 12 siblings – eight boys and four girls. He attended Okato Primary School and later New Plymouth High School. He left school aged 15 to take up an apprenticeship at Okato Garage in 1939,

working for employer Charlie Maxwell, who was an early positive influence, but a demanding task master. By correspondence he achieved a City and Guild degree in the Mechanical Institute of Engineers. Night classes were attended by cycling from Okato to New Plymouth. He bought into the business in 1950 and in 1956 assumed total ownership – Coastal



Ray Rook QFSM in a recent photograph.

Motors was the name of his enterprise. At one time he employed fourteen staff, who were employed in

of a farming family in Surrey Hills Road Oakura occurred in 1948 at St Mary's Church, New Plymouth. The children

home in the vicinity of the Corbett Reserve bush and the Kaihihi River. His family homestead, where he spent his formative years, was happily very near. Helen and Ray were also work colleagues for 50 years at Coastal Motors, as she was the firm's office manager. The sons were kept busy in various ways such as manning the pumps, and

Fire Brigade. He was the inaugural Chief Fire Officer a position he held until his retirement from the brigade in 1989 when he became Life Member. Earlier, in 1979 he was awarded the Gold Star award for 25 years with the fire service. He has been president of the Taranaki Gold Star Association, a high honour. The Queens Fire Service



Ray Rook as a youngster.

cleaning duties including the floors and pits. During World War II Ray enlisted as a mechanic in the New Zealand Airforce command, based in Nelson and Murchison. Vehicles were not only his vocation, they were also his passionate interest. He repaired and restored classic cars for others, but also had classic cars of his own. His favourite was a red 1967 Shelby Cobra Ford Mustang – 6.9 litre V8 with a large supercharger. It was rumoured that he hit a top speed of 250 mph at the Meremere drag strip. He belonged to many organisations and is especially remembered for his work as a fire fighter, dating from 1954 with the establishment of the Okato

Medal (QFSM) was awarded in 1991 in the New Year's Honour List. The Governor-General Sir Paul Reeves, a former minister of St Paul's Church in Okato in the mid-1960s, presented the QFSM to Ray personally. In 1993 he received another important honour – the New Plymouth District Citizens Award for distinguished services to the community. This was a reflection of his excellent commitment to many organisations, including the New Plymouth West branch of Rotary (became club president in 1990), the Okato Athletics Club (president for 30 years and life member in 1979) and the Okato Domain Board. A special award was the

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The national flag at half mast in honour of the Okato Fire Brigade's inaugural Chief Fire Officer, Ray Rook.

three Okato businesses – mechanical, panel beating and vehicle painting. Ray finally retired in 2011 aged 87 after 72 years of employment in the motor trade. A marriage to Nancy Wells,

from this union including Martin, Bruce (deceased), Graham, Lorraine, Paul and Claire. The family initially settled in Okato, but later moved to their country home south of Oakura, which bordered Lucy's Gully. In 1987 Ray married Helen and the couple built a new



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Obituary: Ray Rook QFSM a public spirited man

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Certificate of Recognition to Conservation in 1981, by the Department of Conservation for his work with DoC and local bodies to establish Blue Rata plantings and other reserve improvements. Despite his busy working life

and community involvement Ray still found time for some speed-related hobbies. "Dad was a bit of a petrol head," explains son Graham. For example he was a participant in the national rally car scene, both as a co-driver and navigator with John Wells of Okato. Their vehicles were a souped up Triumph and a

Rotary Mazda. He also was involved with jet boat river racing and offshore racing with Alec Draper of New Plymouth.

Ray will be missed for being "The best story teller," his family commitment, his love of the environment, his leadership, his friendship, his compassion and humanity –

and so much more.

Much of this obituary was taken from Graham Rook's eulogy, which was invaluable. The funeral service was held at the Chapel of W. Abraham at 366 Devon Street, New Plymouth on Saturday January 14, 2023 at 11am. A private cremation followed.

The officiant was Barbara Paul Rook, Roly Harvey, Hooper and the pall bearers Barry Harvey and John Martin Rook, Graham Rook, Burkitt.

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A handcarved cuckoo clock



Cecilia's on Tasman in Opunake currently has an intriguing item on display – a hand-carved German cuckoo clock.

It is mostly stained dark brown featuring Roman numerals, with carved deer antlers on the top and the cuckoo emerges on the hour and the half hour. It is a new arrival at Raewyn's shop so don't delay if you are interested, as these are often treasured family heirlooms handed down through the generations.

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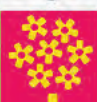
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Kia ora, my name is Whaea Liana and I am the Year 4 teacher in Room 22 this year. I'm very excited to be in the classroom teaching this year after just completing my 3 year degree, a Bachelor of Teaching through the University of Waikato at the end of 2022. While a new teacher here at Coastal Taranaki School, I'm not a new face, I have been working at Coastal Taranaki School for roughly five years as a Learning Assistant. I grew up and went to both primary and secondary schools around the coast. I really love the summer months, as a family we enjoy hanging at the beach and water skiing down the Patea river. During the winter months you'll find me snuggled up somewhere in front of a cosy fireplace! I look forward to catching up with everyone in and around our kura.

Rochelle Griggs - OHS

My name is Rochelle Griggs. Prior to teaching at Opunake High School, I was teaching year 4 and 5 students at St. Joseph's Opunake. I was at St Joseph's for 12 years. At Opunake High School, I am teaching junior English and Social Sciences, as well as literacy groups. I am really looking forward to helping students to improve their literacy skills.



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Annerien Stockhoff - OHS

Kia Ora,

My name is Annerien Stockhoff and my family and I are excited to be part of the Opunake community. I moved here with my husband Tobie, son Nathan and daughter Minka.

We come from Piopio where I taught at the local high school. Some of my roles included HOF Language and Humanities, HOD, SENCO and teaching English, Social Sciences and PE.

Currently I teach junior and senior English as well as junior Social Sciences and will become part of the Haoura/well-being team at a later stage.

In the short time we have been here it has been wonderful to be welcomed with open arms. My kids are loving their new school and the friendly faces and



supportive staff at Opunake High School have made the transition very easy for me. We all hope to make

positive contributions to this lovely community. Ngā mihi nunui kia ko'utou katoa o Opunake.

Jared Hill - OHS

My Name is Jared Hill. I recently moved back to Taranaki after living in Auckland for five years. I have been a performing arts teacher for 17 years and I am really excited to be teaching music and drama at Opunake High School. In my spare time, I love to play music, I play the drums and sing in a number of bands, and I love to act and perform. I am not really that sporty but I do enjoy getting out for a walk and snowboarding when I get the chance.



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Lisa Thompson.

Te Whatu Ora in Taranaki is very pleased to announce that South Taranaki Rural Health General Practice has another Nurse Practitioner (NP), Lisa Thompson.

Interim South Taranaki Rural Health Manager, Stephanie Besseling, says that having Lisa on board in

her new capacity is hugely valuable.

“As a Nurse Practitioner Lisa now has the authority to carry out a greater range of tasks independently. This includes things such as assessing, diagnosing and prescribing medication. Her excellent clinical skills and knowledge provide additional resource to the Practice, to meet the needs of the South Taranaki population.”

Having worked as a nurse for 20 years, Lisa’s decision to study and become a Nurse Practitioner was driven by

her desire to help increase access to primary care in her community.

It took Lisa four-and-a-half years to complete her Master’s Degree in advanced nursing practice, graduating with first class honours, from the University of Auckland.

Throughout her journey she was supported by the Rural Health team and Dr Tom Dawson, who was her mentor and clinical supervisor.

Lisa says the most rewarding aspects of her role are working within a

great team of like-minded clinicians, and when patients really engage and make positive changes to their health.

With three nurse practitioners now at South Taranaki Rural Health, Lisa is one of nine nurses across Te Whatu Ora in Taranaki that are either qualified NPs or are on the NP pathway. The role is usually a community-facing role and Te Whatu Ora in Taranaki are continuing to look at opportunities for NPs to make a difference to patient outcomes.

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Everybody's Theatre Youth Volunteer Award

Everybody's Theatre Youth Volunteer Award Richmin Hughson-How has been awarded the Everybody's Theatre Youth Volunteer Award for 2022, this being his second time in receiving this award.

Richie has been a long-time dedicated volunteer. Joining Mum Rachael while she was volunteering. At the age of 11 Richie started learning the ropes along with sister Joellen and brother Cormach. They all supported Rachael and learnt their duties.

Richie is a projectionist and has the overall responsibility of the theatre during his sessions.

To qualify for this award, you must volunteer at Everybody's Theatre for at least one full year and be an Opunake High School Student. As a recipient you will receive \$100, and your name will be engraved on the trophy which is displayed at the theatre.

Richmin commented 'This was a great experience and has helped me grow in confidence and it is also great to have on



Richmin Hughson-How. my C.V. I fully recommend volunteering for Everybody's Theatre. It's a lot of fun.'

European doctor joins Hawera Hospital

German-born Doctor Christian Resch has joined the Hawera Hospital medical team, after looking for new challenges in his life and career.

Dr Resch graduated from the University of Frankfurt in 2008 with a medical degree and completed a specialist degree in general medicine in 2021, while working in one of Frankfurt's suburban hospitals.

Dr Resch says he applied to join Hawera Hospital as a senior medical officer as he was looking to gain a broader medical experience that working in a provincial hospital provides, as well

as a different cultural experience.

"I am also an outdoor enthusiast – so I love hiking, cycling and running," says Dr Resch. "In the few weeks I have been here I have been walking tracks on Mt Taranaki and am planning a summit."

Settled in the Ohawe Beach community, Dr Resch is also keen to take up water sports.

"I'm currently getting to know the Hawera medical team and its systems on the general wards. I have Emergency Department training, so in the near future I will also be working in Hawera's ED department."



Doctor Christian Resch.

2023 Census collection underway

Census collection operations officially began on Monday February 13 with field staff starting to deliver census packs to 30 percent of households.

On the same day, in response to Cyclone Gabrielle, Stats NZ withdrew all North Island staff from the field. This was to ensure people were kept safe and communities could focus on their whānau, homes, and businesses.

Further decisions regarding the approach and timing of census collection operations in the North Island will be made when more information is known about the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle on affected communities under a National State of Emergency.

Stats NZ is working closely with NEMA and other government agencies

to understand the impacts on the North Island.

Stats NZ will also continue to engage with partners, stakeholders, and census teams on the ground to understand community sentiment to doing the census.

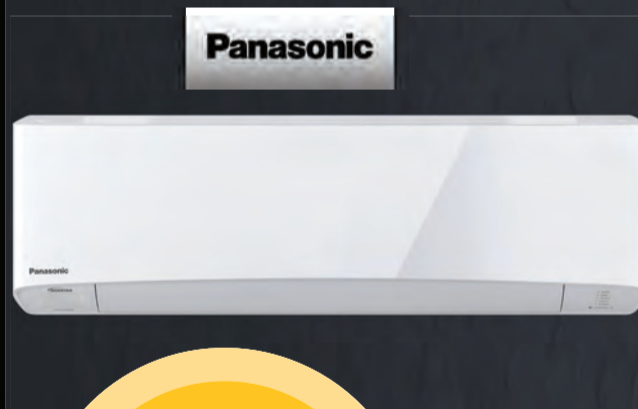
Census data is important to every community across New Zealand, and any decisions about the census will be made after assessing and understanding the impacts on being able to complete the census and on delivering data from the census.

South Island census collection operations have not been impacted and are continuing as planned.

The majority of New Zealanders are due to receive their census packs from 21 February, when the first mailout gets underway.

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Riverlea WI

Riverlea WI recently held their AGM and Annual prize giving at Riverlea Hall. Re-elected for another term: President Lynette Gargan, Secretary Leonie West, Treasurer Helen Cameron. President Lynette remarked



Long and Loyal Certificate presented to Leonie West by President Lynette Gargan.

in her report that Riverlea WI has had another busy year and the 'freedom' to meet face to face once the Covid restrictions were lifted. The ability of members to adapt and change plans often at short notice was much appreciated. She encourages more ladies to become members to enjoy the fun and friendship that we have at WI. Not to mention the opportunity to sample some delicious food and have some new experiences. So come along and join us. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month either at Riverlea Hall, a member's home or out and about. Contact President Lynette 06 7646 667 for more information.

Riverlea Annual Prize Giving
 Bloom: Riverlea Vase – 1. D. Matthews 2. B. Clark and L. Gargan. Cluster: 1. L. West. 2. M. Gibson and L. Gargan. Homecraft: K a p u n i Trophy. 1. M Gibson. 2. L. Gargan; B. Goodwin; B. Clark. Handcraft: Cherry Willingham Tray 1. B. Goodwin. 2. M. Gibson, L. Gargan and M. Bishop. Overall Points: Kuriger Cup - Lynette Gargan and Myra Gibson

A Long and Loyal Certificate was presented to Leonie West for her years of dedication to Riverlea WI.

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Cinderella frivolous fun

A packed theatre enjoyed that British tradition, a pantomime by the Opunake Players on Sunday February 11.

Postponed from last year just before Christmas when Covid swept through the cast closing the show after its first few performances, it was great to see the show resume.

Written by New Zealander Amanda Stone and directed by Samantha Allison who grew up in England, the pantomime was based on the fairy tale Cinderella. With references to the Kardashians and cell phones however the famous tale was brought into the present day, the matinee performance was greatly enjoyed by an audience of largely little girls – I spied just a couple of boys.

As is traditional with pantomime, the gender roles were sometimes reversed.

With lots of high jinx it was great fun as the downtrodden Cinderella (Lisa Beynon) rescued by the Fairy Godmother (Lynelle Kuriger) finally gets to go to the ball in spite of the wicked Queen (Monica Willson) and the two ugly sisters Kourtney (John McCarty) and Khloe (Terry Simpson)

and eventually wins her prince (Chloe Danz).

Usual with pantomime there was some humorous double entendre which

escaped the young audience though appreciated by the older members of the audience.

An example: The Queen

(regally played by Monica Willson) admonishes the young Prince, “If you don’t do what I tell you I’ll have it cut off.” As he protectively

crosses his legs he asks, “What?” the queen shoots back “Your allowance”.

Lisa Beynon was a demure Cinderella while the ugly

sisters comically played by the two adult male members of the cast clearly revelling in their parts – they were great dames -, raised a lot of laughs. It was all an enjoyable romp though with elements of pathos.

I particularly enjoyed the performance of young Buttons ((Melissa Kuriger) who gave a confident performance and also has a lovely singing voice. The solo where she plaintively, futilely sings of her love for the Prince was quite moving.

I also enjoyed the other musical numbers and especially where the two young lovers, the prince (beautifully sung by Chloe Danz) and Cinderella (in fine voice) profess their love for each other in a charming duet. It was a touching scene.

Lynelle Kuriger was a benevolent and believable fairy godmother. And the two youngest members of the cast Twinkle (Indie Waugh) and Gibson Waugh as Bubbles both gave endearing performances.

Alexandra Lawn as the Baroness also gave a creditable performance. It was all a lot of frivolous fun.

Congratulations to all involved.



The talented cast whilst rehearsing late last year (not in costume).

Bernice McKellar



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Stratford house prices buck national trend

One district in the Taranaki region has managed to buck the residential property market's downward trend this quarter.

Stratford's average home value has increased by 2.9% to \$511,584 since the start of November last year – considerably better than the national average, which is a 1.7% average decline, and its nearest neighbours, according to figures from Quotable Value (QV).

Meanwhile, the average home value in New Plymouth has reduced by 2.1% this quarter to \$726,839, while the average home value in neighbouring South Taranaki District also decreased by 5.1% to \$445,710.

Meanwhile Extreme weather events across the top of the North Island have done less than nothing to halt a slow decline that has seen home values reduce nationally by an average of 1.1% in January.

Quotable Value (QV) Chief Operating Officer David Nagel said home values in flood-stricken parts of Northland, Auckland, and Bay of



Glockenspiel clock tower at Stratford.

Plenty were likely to recover as seen in Nelson following "fairly quickly" generally – another extreme weather event last year – but the record amount of rainfall has

been yet another obstacle for potential buyers and sellers to deal with at a time when house sales are already at an historic low.

"It's hard enough that people are already grappling with rising interest rates, inflation, and a still increasing cost of living. Now many people in the upper North Island have been having to deal with cleaning up after some pretty extreme weather. It's little wonder that it's been a slow start to the year for the residential property market – I'd suggest it's probably going to stay that way for a while yet."

Otherwise he said the new year had started more or less how the old one ended – with widespread home value reductions across much of Aotearoa. The latest QV House Price Index figures for January show the national average home value fell by 1.7% this quarter to \$934,761, which is 0.5% worse than QV's December quarter figures. None of the country's main urban centres were immune this quarter – not even Queenstown, which experienced its first quarterly decline since August 2020.

Home values continue to slip away fastest around the bottom half of the North Island. Palmerston North

and Hastings posted the largest reductions on average this quarter at 3.3% and 3% respectively. The Wellington Region also showed significant declines this quarter with an average home value reduction of 2.8%, and continues to top the list of average negative home value growth annually at 20.4% – well above a national average annual decline that now stands at 12.1%.

"Has the property market started 2023 how it will go on? Only time will tell for certain, but it certainly looks as though the market hasn't hit bottom yet. As a result, it seems many prospective buyers are being very cautious right now, waiting to see exactly how far prices will fall. Others are finding it too difficult to obtain finance, or are unwilling to make such a commitment given the very high level of economic uncertainty right now," Mr Nagel said.

"So it looks as though this summer will probably continue to be a relatively quiet one for the residential property market for the time being at least, especially by recent standards."

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Thousands without power, cellphone connection or internet after the Cyclone Gabrielle

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Dr Ulrich Speidel, Senior Lecturer, School of Computer Science, University of Auckland, comments:

Fixed line internet
 “If you are on an ADSL or VDSL connection (via your phone line) and the power in your area or a neighbouring street is out: These often run out of street-side cabinets that use the same mains power as the properties in the street. When power to the cabinet goes off, a battery-based uninterruptible power supply in the cabinet will take over - for something like 24 to 48 hours. Once this is exhausted, your DSL connection will go down as well. Use it before it dies. Once it dies, expect it to stay off for a while even if power comes back on as restart of the cabinets can still be a manual process.”

Mobile data, texting, and calling
 “Mobile data is an alternative to fixed



Cell phone towers were damaged across New Zealand.

line Internet but is not available with sufficient capacity everywhere. In an emergency. Stick to text and voice calls as much as possible, also text-based messenger apps, to conserve battery power both for your phone and for the cell sites. Minimise use of video calling. It’s also not a good time to hunker down with Netflix, TikTok, YouTube, Vimeo, or any other video-based application.

“When using your mobile, try to go to a place where you get a good signal: Outside, ideally within direct view

of the cell site, as close to the cell site as possible (if you know where it is). The fewer walls, windows and obstacles, the better. A coarse rule of thumb: halving the distance to the cell site means using one quarter of the power, so your battery lasts a lot longer. Keep communications short. Text takes the least amount of battery power. Also, if you are running short on battery, shut down any apps you don’t need and dim your screen to the minimum brightness you need.

“Turn mobile phones off

that aren’t needed: If the entire whānau are together, work out who really needs to operate their phone and who doesn’t. Phones “talk” to cell sites even if they are not actively calling / texting / surfing and this also drains batteries at both ends. If you have power but you don’t know whether your local cell site is back on mains power, and you need to use phones, to keep your kids entertained, put them into airplane mode (flight mode). This helps your local cell site cope.

Consider using SIM cards

from two providers in a dual-SIM phone: If one network can’t provide coverage, another might.”

Starlink
 “Starlink is a satellite service available across NZ based on an up-front hardware cost and a monthly subscription. It’s relatively easy to set up compared to other satellite services and mostly ‘plug and play’, giving you a WiFi router as part of the package. You need a spot with a relatively clear view of the southern sky or it won’t work all that well. There are also limits

to the number of users Starlink can support in a given area and in some areas in NZ, this limit has been reached, and Starlink will defer orders from those areas until more capacity is available.. It is comparable in performance to a good ADSL/VDSL connection and sometimes better than that, depending on where you are and how many other users there are in your area. It will take a generator or mains power to run Starlink - it consumes about 100 W at peak.”



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An apprentice hard at work. Did he enter the Apprentice Challenge?

by the calibre of apprentices competing and it's a really great opportunity to celebrate and support the next generation of builders," says Nick. A week before the regional heats, competitors will be advised of the project they are to build. On the day of the heats, each competitor will have eight hours to complete that project using durable, trade-quality timber and materials courtesy of ITM.

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Kaponga WI awards the Jubilee Cup to Diane West

A restaurant in Stratford was the venue for the AGM of the Kaponga WI in February. As it turned out "Gabrielle" was due to arrive but she waited until the evening, but the devastation was on the other coast and we feel for them and their families.

Our member Dot Hughes was congratulated on her success at the recent Hawera Horticulture Show. Dot got best exhibit in the shrub section with her hydrangea bloom.

Some members will attend the Founders day celebrations on the February 21 in the Kakarama Hall.

New name badges are to be ordered with a magnet on the back for easier attaching.

Jo Jones (Berquist) and Lindsay Berquist were congratulated on their recent marriage and wished many happy years together.

After the general meeting all enjoyed a lovely meal and catch up with each other after the long break.

The AGM was held after lunch with all portfolios remaining the same.

President Jo Ellis.
Secretary Fiona Collins.
Treasurer Sharyn Hurley.

Thank you to these ladies. Several years ago the



Diane West receiving a trophy from President Jo Ellis.

members decided to choose a month during the year to host that months meeting and organise their own programme. This has worked extremely well and we have enjoyed many different venues etc.

The trophies and prizes were then awarded as follows;

Jubilee Cup (Overall points) to Diane West.

Morressy Cup (Runner up) to Dene Lines. Joy Eliason Cup (Handcraft) to Diane West. Thanksgiving Cup (Gardening) to Carolyn Nicholas. Miscellaneous Cup to Dene Lines

Congratulations to all and it was noted how well the competitions are supported with entries.

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Long-term exposure to polluted air may lead to depression in older people

Long-term exposure to air pollution may lead to depression in older people, according to United States scientists. The team looked at the health records of nearly nine million people in the United States, around 1.5 million of whom developed depression after the age of 64. They matched these health

records with an estimate of people's long-term exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), and ozone (O3), which they calculated by looking at where people had lived throughout their lives. The scientists accounted for several other factors thought to be important

in determining whether someone will develop depression. They found that for each five-unit increase in fine particulate matter exposure, depression risk increased by 0.9%, for the same increase in nitrogen dioxide exposure it increased by 0.6%, and for the same

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Good and not so good weather

The weather in Taranaki in January 2023 was characterised by an initial cool wet and windy period, followed by two weeks of dry settled weather with drying soils, declining river flows, and warmer temperatures, and going-out with very heavy rains throughout the region and especially heavy in the southern-eastern hill country.

Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures show rainfall for January was on average 193.5% of the long-term average, and ranged from 89% at Kotare at O'Sullivan's to 547% of the typical range at Whanganui at Mataimona Trig. Rainfall was highest in the south-west ring-plain area, and in the south

and eastern parts of the hill country.

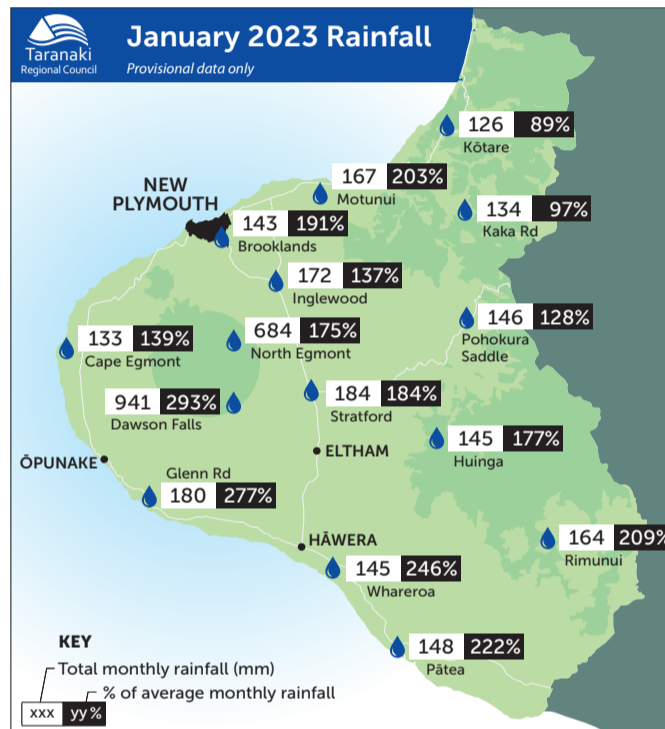
Compared to typical full year totals, on average sites have already received 9.3% of a typical year's rainfall, with the highest value 15% at Kaupokonui at Glenn Rd, whereas Stony at Mangatete Bridge sits at 5% of the typical years total.

Mean river flows for January were generally above typical January averages at around 179.9%. Both low and high flows were around twice typical January values (at 224.7%, and 226%).

Mean river non-mountain water temperatures were 18°C, an average of -0.5°C cooler than long-term January values. Night time-low water temperatures were on average 0.6°C warmer than historic lows. Day-time high temperatures were on average -1.4°C cooler than historic highs.

The average air temperature for the region (excluding Te Maunga sites) was 18.4°C, which is 0.3°C warmer than the long term January average. Low air temperatures for January were on average 1.5°C warmer than previously recorded lows. Day-time high temperatures were on average -0.9°C cooler than historic highs.

Mean soil moistures for January were 3.1% higher than typical historical values. On average, low soil moistures were 8.5% wetter than previous lows, and the highs were -0.9%



drier than previous general observations. The average soil moisture was 27.6%.

Mean January soil temperatures were the same as the normal long-term average, although night

time lows were on average 1.4°C warmer, and day-time highs were on average -1.6°C cooler than long-term January

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Project researches impact of regenerative farming



Damien O'Connor.

The Government is backing new research on the potential of regenerative farming practices to boost soil carbon in arable, vegetable and other crop growing systems, Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor has announced.

"We're committing more than \$2 million over six years in Hawke's Bay to help build up an evidence base on the application and effectiveness of regenerative farming in a typical intensive field cropping and arable systems," Damien O'Connor said.

"This will be the first project in our regenerative agriculture portfolio to include the arable sector and brings together key stakeholders across the value-chain.

"The project, led by Hawke's Bay Future Farming Charitable Trust with science and operations partner LandWISE, will be run on LandWISE's demonstration farm in the Heretaunga Plains, with a focus on degraded soils.

"It complements the research already underway on the effectiveness of regenerative farming practices in our pastoral farming systems."

The 'Carbon Positive - Regenerating soil carbon' project is co-funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures fund (SFF Futures).

"Worldwide we're seeing increased demand for food grown sustainably with

a reduced environmental footprint. There are exciting opportunities for New Zealand to tap into this market, which is why we're co-investing with industry," Damien O'Connor said.

Damien O'Connor said the demonstration farm will be split and managed with three different systems to validate any benefits.

"The researchers will set up a conventional system using current industry best practice and recognised crop rotations," Damien O'Connor said.

"They will also set up a fully regenerative system involving cover crops and minimal use of herbicides and insecticides, and a hybrid system that incorporates a mixture of techniques to help demonstrate a transitional pathway for farmers.

"The project team will do extensive monitoring to measure and evaluate the impact on productivity and profitability, to help them develop best practice.

"Potential outcomes from the regenerative farming approach could include improved water quality and use; reduced nutrient losses and use; healthier soils; and resilience to climate change.

"The Fit for a Better World Government and sector roadmap identified regenerative agriculture as a potential high-value and sustainable point of difference for New Zealand.

"Through SFF Futures, the Government is backing a portfolio of 12 research projects to date with a combined investment of just

over \$57.7 million. These projects have their sights on delivering an evidence base on the effectiveness

of regenerative farming practices that suit New Zealand's soils, climate, and production systems.

"Lifting our sustainability credentials is crucial to growing the value of our food and fibre exports

and providing future economic security for all New Zealanders," Damien O'Connor said.

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Cut red tape to speed recovery

Federated Farmers say they are pleased that Horizons Regional Council (Manawatu-Whanganui) has recognised the need to get on and get work done on

farm by empowering them to fix infrastructure without getting consents.

“Common sense, rather than red tape and costs, is what will speed the recovery

of the food and fibre sector in cyclone-hit districts,” Federated Farmers Tararua President Sally Dryland says.

Horizons had earlier posted advice about only allowing “like for like” replacement of culverts but the council’s advice now is that where infrastructure such as farm bridges and culverts have been damaged or destroyed, these can be replaced without the need for resource consent on the basis they are repaired or reinstated on a like for like basis. Culverts can also be replaced at a bigger size.

“Why would you replace a culvert with the same sized one if it’s just been washed away?” Dryland said.

“It’s about building back better and smarter. No one wants to replace infrastructure with something that is destined to fail again in the next weather event.”

Up until last year farmers were empowered to put in things like a culvert without requiring a consent.

“That’s what’s needed to speed the recovery. Let’s not stop the right thing from happening because a ticket collector with a clipboard hasn’t been onto farm to see,” Dryland said.

Meanwhile Federated Farmers NZ President Andrew Hoggard has asked Environment Minister David Parker to promptly amend the RMA to enable Cyclone Gabrielle affected farmers and growers to undertake remedial work that may be in breach of district or regional regulatory requirements along similar lines to

that provided to farmers following the Hurunui/Kaikōura earthquakes. Such works became a permitted activity, with modified notification requirements.

While the RMA provides some relief from normal requirements during and

immediately following emergencies/adverse events this will not cover all the urgent work that needs to be undertaken to restore farmers’ and growers’ operations,” Hoggard said.

“That legislation in the wake of the earthquakes was

very helpful,” Hoggard said. “Given the severity of the impact of the cyclones - with devastation to the land that appears to exceed that of the Christchurch earthquakes - the usual time-consuming RMA processes will impede progress.”

Feds thank Tim Mackle

Federated Farmers has thanked Tim Mackle for his contribution to the dairy sector.

Tim, DairyNZ’s chief executive since 2007 and chief executive of its predecessor Dexcel since 2005, has announced he will step down from the role in June.

“Tim led DairyNZ through a period of immense industry growth that saw the sector become New Zealand’s biggest export earner and a vital industry,” Federated Farmers President Andrew Hoggard says.

“DairyNZ, under Tim’s leadership, has supported farmers to improve environmental performance and adjust to increasing regulatory compliance.”

“Tim has always been a pleasure to work with, he is well liked and well respected for his collaborative and positive approach to work.”

Feds wishes Tim all the



Dr Tim Mackle.

best in whatever adventures he chooses to pursue next.

The long term consequences of leptospirosis

Researchers interviewed a small group of New Zealanders who reported having long-term symptoms after getting infected with leptospirosis. Leptospirosis is an important bacterial disease worldwide, and can also be found in countries which have pastoral livestock industries, like

New Zealand. The six men reported exhaustion, brain fog and mood swings, and their relationships were severely affected - only two returned to their pre-leptospirosis careers. Participants reported that employers and the ACC were dismissive of post-leptospirosis symptoms,

and they advised others to take measures to protect themselves from risk, such as making sure the livestock they were working with were vaccinated. The team suggests more research into the area.

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Super rugby returns to Yarrow Stadium

Super Rugby Pacific is coming back to Taranaki with a battle between the Gallagher Chiefs and the Queensland Reds at Yarrow Stadium on Friday 12 May.

It will be a case of déjà vu with the two teams clashing in the last fixture at the stadium back in 2017, with the Gallagher Chiefs coming out on top with a 47-17 win.

It is also a homecoming for the Gallagher Chiefs' six local players who are looking forward to having the opportunity of playing on familiar ground, having tested out the pitch in the 2022 Taranaki season.

"It's an exciting time being



Gallagher Chiefs take on the Queensland Reds at Yarrow Stadium in May.

able to bring large events back to Yarrow Stadium and it will be great for Taranaki to be a part of the first of many major events in the venue," says Teresa Turner, NPDC Group Manager – Community and Customer Services.

"The venue can currently seat more than 12,000 people and it will be awesome to see the stands filled with local supporters and visitors looking to be a part of a vibrant sporting atmosphere in our Sustainable Lifestyle Capital."

Chiefs Rugby Club CEO, Simon Graafhuis says it is "always great to take a home game to one of our

Provincial Unions."

"Like all of our Provincial Unions, the last couple of years have been a real struggle for Taranaki with the impacts of Covid, alongside not having a stadium due to their stands needing earthquake-proofing.

"Yarrow Stadium has always been a pretty iconic venue, so we're looking forward to seeing what the redevelopment has delivered. If the Gallagher Chiefs can get half the support that the Taranaki team receive the Queensland Reds will face a challenging time," says Simon.

Taranaki women's cricket team find form with the bat in Nelson

Two excellent batting displays have seen the Taranaki women finish their season on a high note – winning two from two on their visit to Nelson.

Having struggled with the bat at times in their matches this season, the side saved it's best for last, finding runs whether setting targets or chasing them down, over two days of cricket at Saxton Oval.

Saturday saw the side

batting first, sent in by the Nelson Nyxons, who would have been feeling good about their decision as they had the Taranaki side teetering at 47/4. But Mel Megaw's accomplished knock of 60, including a 107-run fifth wicket partnership with Sophie Campbell (22), laid the foundation for the Taranaki side to work through to an imposing total of 203/8, with Charlotte Stent also batting well for 18no at the end of

the innings.

Nelson made a bright start to the chase, and at 47/1 then 109/2 were well on track for a big chase.

Lucy Mitchell grabbed the first key wicket, dismissing opener Catherine Hockly for 42, and from that moment on the wickets began to fall regularly. When Grace Foreman skittled Hinds batter Kate Gaging for 55, the wheels came off the Nyxons' chase

and they were all out for 169, with Taranaki taking a 34-run win. Taranaki's own Hind Emily Cunningham took 22/3 and Kate Baxter also bowled tightly, taking 18/2.

On the Sunday, Taranaki captain Baxter won the toss and sent Nelson in for a bat and the hosts wasted no time setting themselves up for a big score of their own.

Opener Eden Pettigrew combined with Gaging to

get Nelson through to 90/1, before Cunningham struck, removing Gaging for 32. Amy Foreman quickly took the next two, and from there, as they had the day before, the Nelson batters made starts but were unable to kick on.

Still, their eventual total of 174/9 was certainly enough to be challenging – except that Taranaki was having none of it.

Cunningham and her fellow opener Jessie Hollard

got the innings off to a good start, with Hollard (15) the first wicket to fall with the score already at 45. That brought Maree Gillespie to the crease, and she and Cunningham put on a superb 120-run partnership. By the time Gillespie departed for 39, the score was at 165 and just 10 more runs were required. Cunningham was the star of the innings though, carrying her bat for 85no as Taranaki got home with eight wickets and 10 overs to spare.

Honouring Coach McKean

Steve 'Coach' McKean was at the heart of Taranaki sport for decades, encouraging and inspiring young people across the region as a mentor, secondary school sports co-ordinator and regional sports director, as well as a high-profile basketball coach.

The legendary coach passed away in May 2021 and in recognition of the huge impact he had across all sports in Taranaki, his wife and daughter, Rachel and Naomi McKean,



Steve 'Coach' McKean.

partnered with the Taranaki Foundation to honour his memory and establish a sports endowment fund. The Fund encourages young Taranaki sportspeople to reach their potential through the Sport Taranaki Future Champions Programme and supports promising young athletes in the broader community.

"Steve was an instrumental and avid supporter of budding Taranaki sportspeople. In his memory, we encourage participation in this weekend of activities which will

contribute to The Coach McKean Legacy Fund." says Taranaki Foundation, Chief Executive, Josh Hickford.

Basketball Taranaki is hosting the inaugural Coach McKean Memorial Cup. The purpose of this tournament is to get together premier men and women from Taranaki to play in a basketball tournament and represent the area they call home.

Coach was the Patron for Basketball Taranaki. Basketball Taranaki General Manager, Kevin Fenwick says: "Coach

loved basketball and he loved opening doors for our youth to be involved in sport. I can't think of a more wonderful tribute to ensure his legacy of inspiring and encouraging our players to be their best may continue."

The tournament will be held on March 4-5 at the TSB Stadium.:

A charity golf tournament will be held at the Ngamotu Golf Club on Friday March 3 with special guest Christian Cullen. All proceeds to The Coach McKean Fund and the Life Education Trust

Cricket season finishes with a trophy in the cabinet

The Taranaki men have picked up the Cave Cup to finish their season, after a third placing in the Chapple Cup limited overs tournament at Levin.

Played as T20s in a last minute change this season due to Cyclone Gabrielle, Taranaki secured the trophy in the third/fourth playoff, beating Wairarapa by 21 runs in a low scoring match.

It capped off a mixed weekend for the side, who would have been disappointed to miss the final, after a tight loss in their first up match against Whanganui.

Taranaki looked to have the match in hand with

five wickets in hand and just a-run-a-ball needed off the final two overs, but Whanganui produced the goods at the death as Taranaki fell just three runs short of their target of 159.

Captain Dean Robinson was the steadying hand at the start of Taranaki's chase, hitting 41, while Davis Mills (37) picked up where Robinson left off in the middle stages. Keeper Jarred Cunningham made an important contribution as well, but in the end Taranaki failed to capitalise on a match-winning position.

With little time to dwell on the disappointment, Taranaki took on Nelson

second up, and Robinson picked up where he left off, blasting a 63-ball 106 as Taranaki made its way through to an impressive 183, with Michael Blanks also chipping in with 17 off four balls at the end.

But Nelson were by no means done, keeping up with the run rate throughout the majority of their chase. Shay Smith (23/3) bowled well to take the top off the Nelson order, but after a strong middle order fightback it was Blanks again who stepped up at the death. The spinner took two key wickets, and with Nelson needing 21 off the final over, kept his composure to restrict them

to just six, giving Taranaki a 14-run victory.

Taranaki still had a chance to head to the title decider, a Nelson victory over Whanganui could have pushed them through on net run rate, and the southerners almost played the part. But in another big chase, after Whanganui set a target of 181, Nelson fell 5 runs short and Whanganui headed to the big dance where they met eventual Chapple Cup winner Manawatu. The Manawatu side had been bolstered by the inclusion of a number of CD Stags players who became available after the Ford Trophy final was postponed due to Cyclone Gabrielle.

In the third/fourth playoff, Taranaki battled through to 126/9, with Robbie Yule (31) playing the key innings and Mills (17) and Cunningham (22) also making some vital runs.

Blanks again played the key role with the ball, taking 21/4 as Taranaki won the match by 21 runs in the final over.

Taranaki head coach Chris Coombe said while there was obvious disappointment at missing a chance at the top prize, he was pleased with the positive brand of cricket the side had put out on the pitch, and with some of the strong performances from several players.

"It's very pleasing to see a guy like Blanksy step up and perform under pressure the way he did in those last two games," Coombe said.

"There's plenty to work on of course. We need to be able to put our guys into the type of pressure situation they faced in that first match more often, so they can really perfect the art of closing out the tight ones.

"You'll never win them all, that's the nature of T20, but the more we do it, the better and more consistent we'll get."

The tournament caps off the season for the side, in which they also finished third in the Furlong Cup two-day competition.

Opunake Boat and Underwater Club 2023 Tournament Results

A huge thankyou to Viv Scott, Tara Gibson and McDonald Real Estate for coming on board to assist us with another successful tournament for our club. The members and their crews were able to get out for a good number of fishing days once again with the last Saturday being a spectacular day. There was a new record number of anglers entered this year at



Lyn Collins caught a decent Snapper.

198 fishing on more than 40 boats to compete for the over \$20,000 in cash prizes.

The Gibson's Plumbing Lucky Snapper Draw was again keenly sought after with a remarkable 103 people able to enter this draw, each having weighed in a snapper in the 4Kg to 6Kg weight rang. This is almost double any last year's entries in this draw which was also a record number. The lucky draw was won by Joel Hook. The average size of the snapper being caught appears to be increasing year by year with many

anglers saying that they were returning many fish that are too big for the draw but not big enough for the open snapper section where you had to find a fish over 9.6Kg just to make the top ten.

This year the club had a donation bin at the weigh station for any excess fish, Dion Kahukaka kindly volunteered to assist with filleting not only these fish but many of the members' catch as well. He also distributed many of the large frames and heads around the community and as far away as Normanby which

were gratefully received and minimised wastage. The fresh filleted fish was given away by Simon to the many contractors and others who gave us time and/or equipment to help with rebuilding the ramp wall plus other services provided to assist the club over the past year. This was hugely appreciated by these supporters. Also a big thank you to the entrants who donated their fish.

A great turnout at prize-giving and meal with lightly smoked and roasted venison, pork and mutton plus some smoked tuna and kingfish. Apologies to some of you for the lack of greens. We had some nice fresh coleslaw in the fridge but forgot to bring it out until near the end of dishing up the meal.

The mostly Marine shops sponsored raffle this year

included more chances with six draws that included five rod and reel combos plus a VHF radio set, total value around \$3500. This raffle was limited to 300 tickets and had sold out by early in the evening of the prize giving. The very nice premier prize of a \$1200 jigging set sponsored by Wanganui Marine was won by a Whanganui fisherman, Alan Kirker.

The Sandford Carriers/AgFirst sponsored \$1000 cash Early Bird draw with 168 entrants this year was won by Bruce Fergus. Congratulations to him.

The section placings were as follows;

Snapper section, Viv Scott presented the prizes and the new OB&UC Challenge Trophy on behalf of herself and Tara in the McDonalds Real Estate Snapper. Paddy



Jess Sayer with her monster 19.19Kg fish.

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Walsh was first after he had sweated and prayed for rough seas all the way through the tournament after catching his 10.36Kg over the first weekend. He was followed closely by Jackson Cathie, Kayla McKenna, Jess Sayer, Ross Woolford, Jackson Sinclair, Shane Stevenson, Liam Drought, Tony Campbell and Rusty Campbell. There were only 760 grams difference between first and tenth placings.

Kahawai section. This is a much larger section now with OMV coming on board for the next three years with placings out to eight places and the OMV Challenge Trophy. Coming up first was Ross Sinclair with a very good 3.42Kg fish followed by Lyn Collins, Leon Van Vurren, Paddy Walsh, Lindsay Murfitt, Gareth Collins, Cody Neustroski and Josh Cathie.

Blue Cod section, Malcolm Campbell from MC Livestock presented prizes and the Malcolm Sayer Memorial Trophy with Gary Couper taking out first with 2.28Kg, followed by Josh Hill, Robert Shirtcliff, Cameron Stanley, Heta Smith and John Coltart.

Gurnard was tougher this year after commercial trawlers earlier hammered the local mud flats. Sponsored by Gareth Collins Building and the Metrotel, the placings were Shae Collins first with 0.83Kg followed by Shane Stevenson, Paddy Klaassen, Paddy Walsh, Wes Sayer and Shannon McMillan.

Kingfish. Rusty Campbell sponsored this section and presented the prizes. First was Jess Sayer with her monster 19.19Kg fish followed by James Cathie, Rusty himself, Jono Ardern and Gordon Beekman.

John Dory. Sponsored by Elite Farm Solutions. The winner was Graham Coombe with a 2.62Kg fish followed by John Coltart, Malcolm Campbell, Jo Cathie and Paul Yates.

Tarakihi. Sponsored by Carrfields, started out slow with small fish but ended up with the biggest sizes ever in our tournament. First was Whare Nuku, followed by Presley Murfitt, Scott Cole, Garry Northcott and Graham Coombe.

TCM Ltd (Gary Watts) sponsored Tun. These were late in arriving in the tournament but there were many good fish over the last few days. First was Lindsay Murfitt with 9.78Kg, followed by Bruce Beck, Joel Hook, Leon Van Vurren and Kevin O'Leary.

Taranaki Building Ltd (Shaun Stanley) sponsored

Trevally plus donated a very nice BBQ for the auction which was very much appreciated by the club. First up was Riki Harrison with his nice 3.14Kg fish, followed by Jono Ardern, Whare Nuku, Shae Collins and Ross Woolford.

Hapuku were difficult this year. Persistent strong currents in the deeper water and the sharks were prolific, making this Coastal Agri Sponsored section quite difficult. A canny fisherman Robert Shirtcliff managed a 11.37Kg fish on the last Saturday followed by Garry

Northcott and Gordon Beekman.

Top Boat started out with Pappy and his boat Savage jumping well ahead at the beginning of the competition, challenged by Wolfpack in the middle and then overtaken by E-Fish'n-C with 25 points at the end. Savage was second followed by Black Pearl, Simply Red, Wolfpack, Black Ops, Share A Dream, Ali Ann, Livin It and Bounty Hunter. Congratulations to Garry Northcott once again in this section.

The Crayfish diving

section was not held this year due to committee concerns regarding the state of this fishery with the persistent heavy commercial activity in our local area. We have noted the average size in our tournament has been dropping rapidly over the past few years and the committee is concerned that this fishery is in a poor state and we do not wish to damage it further by diving for and taking any remaining larger resident breeding fish.

Auctions were very entertaining this year with fierce competition between certain groups prepared to pay a lot more than the retail value for some of the goods. The club thanks you for your donations.

A massive thank you to all our sponsors and to all those who took part this year and made this tournament so successful, so nice to be able to get out and share stories with each other plus have some fun on the ocean.

The club can now go ahead and finish up the final bits on our ramp wall repairs hopefully in April, weather permitting.

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Paddy Walsh with his winning Snapper.



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Champion Gross, 116 John Van der Poel - Junior Men's Champion Gross, 129 Josh McKeany - Limit Men's Champion Gross, 140 Sharon Adamson -

Women's Silver Champion Gross, 123 Jo Kennedy - Women's Bronze Champion Gross, 137.

Paul Sousa



Congratulations to the following for winning their respective divisions. From left. Gerry Waiwiri (Intermediate Champion), Liam Harvey (Overall Lowest Gross and winner of the Coastal Championship, Josh McKeany (Limits Champion), Sharon Adamson (Women's Silver Champion), Jo Kennedy (Women's Bronze Champion), John Van der Poel (Junior Champion Sponsor), Paul Haskell (Golf Zone Managing Director).



Above: On Sunday January 29, Pete Smyth hit the perfect shot. Using an 8 iron off the 1st tee block, Pete hit the 124 metres landing his first hole in one.



Above: Mike Risk who was recently made a life member of the club following many years of tireless service that continues today. He still wears many hats, greenkeeper, club handicapper, bar manager and is a very active member of the course committee, always striving to make the club the best we can be.

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

February 11. Saturday Men. 1. Grant Gibbs. 2. Greg Marsh. 3. Gary Wallis. 4. Wayne Baker.

February 18. Saturday Men. 1. Jim Ngere. 2. Greg Marsh. 3. Ralph Symes. 4. Colin Koch.

February 12. Clytie Vine Tournament held at Manaia. 1. Manaia I team. Caolyn Koch, Jacky Higgins, Margaret Putt, Aggi Werder. 3. Manaia II team. Michelle Furness, Michelle Cathie, Dinny Gibbs, Diane Wallis.

February 20. Brimblecombe Memorial Tournament held at Manaia. Margaret Putt winning the Women's Section.

February 20. Ambrose. 1. Chockers. 2. Hakana Matata. 3. Otakeho Hackers. 4. On Call.

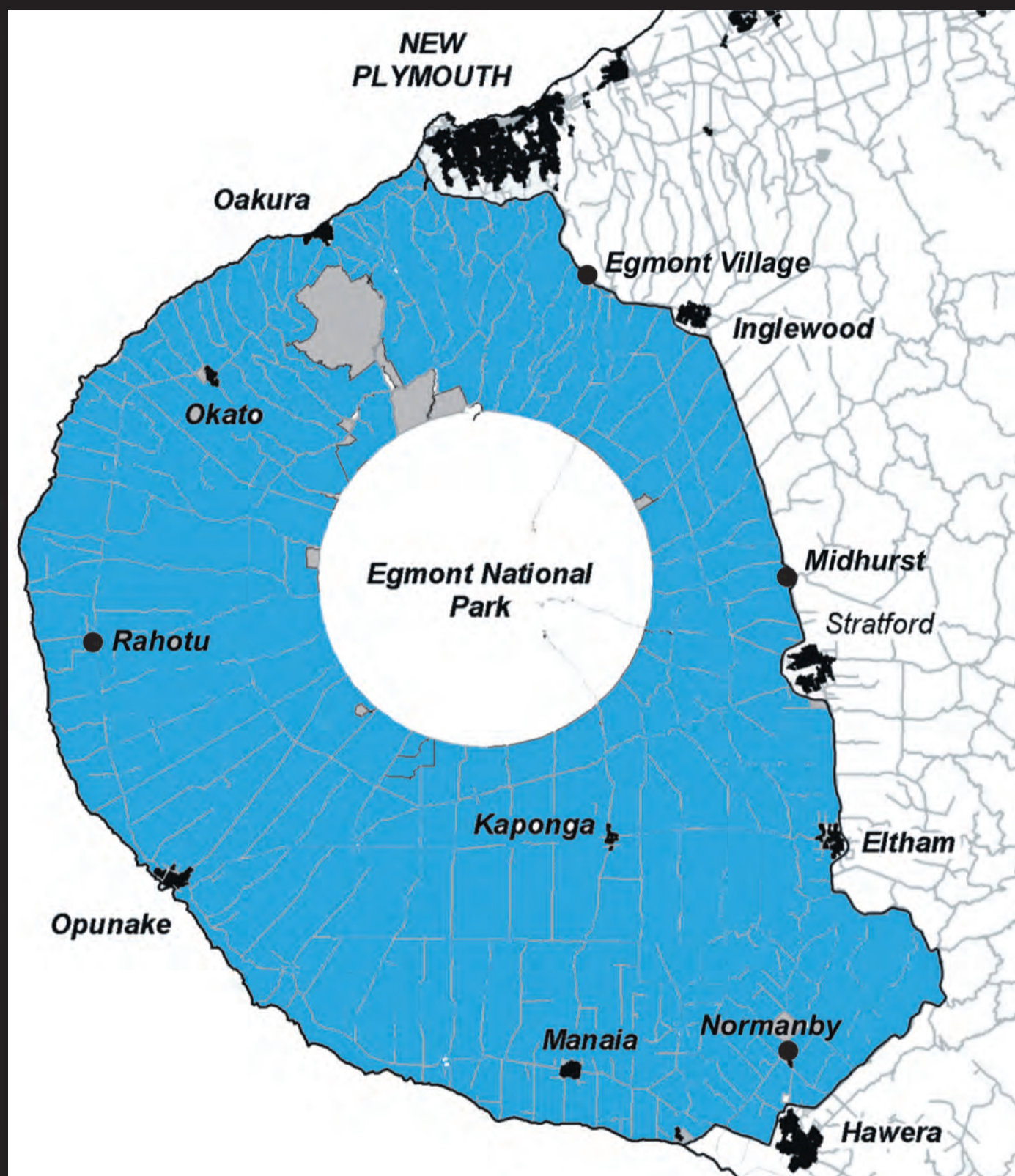
Taranaki Air Rifle Club

On February 11 we shot in the farm shed or otherwise known as the wintering barn. Shooting easily out to 50 metres under roof with almost no wind. With four bench rest shooters shooting at once and with targets at 50 metres down to 20 metres there was plenty of choice. It was basically a fun day and fun we had. Not all cards were scored and it was voluntary if shooters wanted them recorded.. So now i am free to make my personal observations. Rueben Kuriger who had only shot Air Rifle once before and

never at 50 metres turned in some incredibly tight groups. New shooter Natalie who is learning to become a Vet was very quick to pick up skills to show great promise. Our oldest shooter Keith Zehnder was also right on form. There were other multiple shot groups of up to 18 shots which could not be scored. Basically we all had fun and are all looking forward to when we can do it all again.

Frank Eustace.

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The Opunake Walkway Family Dog Walk returns...

The Opunake Lakeside Lions Club are organizing our second Family Dog Walk. This time the walk is a fundraiser in support of Hearing Dogs New Plymouth and the awesome work they do training support dogs for hearing impaired people. Our first walk two years ago was a great success and we hope this second walk will be even more so.

Come and join the walk,

bring the family and don't forget the dog, on Sunday 5 March for a fun, furry, afternoon.

Registration at Sinclairs Event Centre carpark at 1 p.m. and the walk will set off at 1.30, Sunday March 5. There will be water stops along the way,

The walk will follow the coastal walkway from the Events Centre, through the cliff top garden and on to the

Opunake Lake. Walkers can then return or go on to circle the lake.

If you don't have a dog and can't borrow one, come and join the walk anyway; general walkers are welcome.

Cost is \$8 per dog which includes a complimentary doggy poo bag, and general walkers a gold coin donation.

All dogs must be Council registered and on a lead.



Take your best friend, don your sunglasses, and join in on the Opunake Lakeside Lions Family Dog Walk on March 5.

Please also wear appropriate footwear.

So bring the family and the dog, remember the

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Tuesday 28th February. 11.00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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H A L T E R

Stony Oaks Wildlife Park



Miniature Highland heifer Charm at Stony Oaks Wildlife Park cuddling with Mini Kune Kune piglets, just before the recent Storm.

Photo. Gail Simons

The vintage machinery is back

After a five year break the Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club is set to power things up on Turuturu Road near Hawera.

Covid lockdowns and restrictions have meant the popular biennial Taranaki Vintage Machinery Working Weekend was last held back in 2018 at the three acre block next door to Lintern Engineering.

On May 4-5 the Club will return here with their Fossil-Fuelled Extravaganza.

"We've expanded it to fossil fuels," says Rob Lintern. "It's anything that runs on dead dinosaurs."

"The name fossil-fuelled has spurred a bit of a mixed reaction. Everything from that era ran on fossil fuels, so it's a bit tongue in cheek and a little bit of fun."

Other groups taking part will include the Taranaki Military Vehicle Club, the Model Engineering Society and the Taranaki Vintage Car Club, who like the Vintage Machinery Club had had to pull the plug on recent advertised events.

The weekend will include different activities for the two days. As well as the usual range of machines, cars, trucks and bikes there will be a brass band, and the usual parade on both days. There will be a blacksmith carrying out live displays and making trinkets. There will also be tractor pulls, steam engine rides, as well as food stalls open during the weekend.

Rob says it will be a day the whole family can enjoy. "Dad can look at the machinery, cars, trucks and bikes etc. We've got activities for the kids, who



Taranaki vintage machinery traction engine.

have free entry, while Mum can browse at some crafts. Everyone can be entertained."

Interest has already been high, with people from throughout the North Island and as far afield as Christchurch coming. Rob says he has even heard of people from the United Kingdom who visit similar shows around the world expressing an interest in being there. He says the fact the event is held over two days makes it easier for people from outside the region to attend.

"We've always done it on two days, which gives us a bit of safety with the weather."

The Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club had previously alternated between having annual

events at Hawera and Waitara. In 2019 the Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club had held their Vintage Hay Day at Waitara and were due to have the Working Weekend at Turuturu Road the following year, but COVID intervened and the event didn't take place. Rob says in 2021 everything was in place to hold it that year but then the country went into lockdown. They did however have an Indoor Winter Show at the Egmont A & P Showgrounds later in the year. This had been popular, but they weren't able to have the working machine displays which had been a high point of previous years.

On a fine day the Turuturu Road venue has panoramic views looking towards the maunga and a natural

amphitheatre feel from which to enjoy the displays on offer. The last Vintage Machinery Working

Weekend in 2018 had gone well with fine weather and a strong turnout. Organisers are hoping for the same this year.

The Extravaganza runs from 10am-4pm March 4-5 at 172 Turuturu Road, Hawera.



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Egmont A&P Show 2023

How exciting to be back at the A&P Show after the enforced Covid break.

We are anticipating a great community event on February 24-25 and hope to see many people enjoy our entertainment over the two days. Having the show in February we are expecting to have fabulous weather for the weekend.

The show opens at 12 noon on Friday, when you can wander through the Trade Stands, take a look at the Leisure, Treasure & Pleasure (LTP) section in Edna Wills Hall, enjoy arts and crafts interactive demonstrations in the Expo Hall, traditional side shows courtesy of Mahon's Amusements, a Small

Animal tent for younger (and older) to enjoy an up close interaction with kittens, chicks, Highland cattle, lambs, goats and ponies, along with 13 varied food stalls to tempt all appetites. Alpacas and pigs are being shown in the TSB Indoor Arena, with the alpaca fleece being judged in the RDA Building. Kids Zone has activities for all younger visitors to interact with, along with train rides around the Oval. The Menzshed will be open to showcase their creations and along with all our exhibitors, we encourage visitors to meet them and check out what they do.

Friday also sees the judging of The Great Pie



Riley the Firefighter from a previous Egmont A&P Show. This year's show starts tomorrow.

Bake Off and The Gift of Food Awards from 1pm in the Edna Wills Hall. While there, check out the Model Building and Photography Sections also.

From 5pm to 8pm on Friday evening, entry to the Show is free so everyone can come along and watch the Parade through the Showgrounds, then why not stay for dinner, to enjoy a

meal with the food trucks on site, and soak up the local entertainment provided by Zeal Entertainment.

On Saturday, gates open at 9am. In addition to the previous day's activities, entertainment and displays,

check out the entries for the Scarecrow Competition outside the Edna Wills Hall and prepare yourselves to be wowed by the daredevils from Franklin Farms Moto X display and Kids Carts racing in the Oval. The Food Truck Depot will be tempting everyone with more delicious food available throughout the day.

The Egmont A&P Committee are very excited about holding the show in February and the great variety of stall holders and entertainment on display throughout the show. We expect over 5000 visitors through the gates – where EFTPOS will be available and we hope to see you there.

If anyone would like to join in the Show Parade or become a member of the A&P Association to receive members benefits, contact the Showgrounds office on 06 2788613 – the more, the merrier.

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Nicky Moran Gospel Concert

On Sunday, March 19 Nicky Moran will be performing at Inglewood Town Hall with a two hour evening of delightful entertainment from 7-9 pm. Her 10th Gospel album "Unlocked", released during the 2021 and 2022 covid season, includes a wide range of Country/Gospel, 70s nostalgia/disco and folk/rock flavour. Something for almost everyone. She really enjoys playing many instruments especially acoustic guitar, bass, electric ukulele and drums. Nicky's performances have a natural flow with her keyboard reflecting Elton John and Carole King styles. Nicky shared that, "My songs are about life, love, how precious we are, the journey of hope and healing and how to get to know the Almighty." She loves fronting or playing in bands on any instrument singing lead or backup, but, usually her shows are sole multi-instrumental live looping with lots of fun and harmonies.



Country/Gospel singer Nicky Moran is performing at Inglewood next month.

Throughout her early life Nicky was plagued with

allergies which she says caused her to have an 'ugly

duckling' vocal sound. Even as a small child Nicky always wanted to sing and record songs. Through challenging health issues in her 30s she encountered what she called "Divine Inspiration" and her songs kicked in with hope, healing and light in that once dark place. Nicky shared that she discovered that, "... the 'swan' was her true heart voice."

Nicky is having a prolific songwriting, recording and album releasing career and touring since 2008. She decided to give up her part-time job as a forensics mental health nurse and said, "Now I am convinced of my call to sing to hearts to bring hope and healing." She has clocked up hundreds

of concerts, and has toured New Zealand prisons almost every year since 2014. Nicky is currently on a 62 gig community tour from mid-January—early May 2023 in prisons, pubs, churches, rehabs and Aglow meetings with her uplifting solo concerts.

This is one concert you won't want to miss, put it in your diary for Sunday, March 19, 7-9 pm. at Inglewood Town Hall. Entry is by koha.



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Okato Community Church
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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 4pm to 5 .30pm.

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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.

JANUARY 23 - MARCH 3

Creative Clearance Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

FEBRUARY 22 TO 25

Americarna: Events around Taranaki. See ad and article for more details.

FEBRUARY 24 & 25

Egmont A&P Show: Egmont Showgrounds, Hawera.

FEBRUARY 28

Halters Taranaki Open Day: Midhurst 11am-12.30pm. See advertisement and article for registration details.

MARCH 4 & 5

Taranaki Vintage Machinery Club Extravaganza: Turuturu Rd, Hawera. 10am-4pm.

MARCH 6

Opunake & Districts Business Association meeting: 5.30pm, at the Opunake Business Centre.

MARCH 19

Nicky Moran Gospel Concert: at Inglewood Town Hall, 7pm.

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