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Maurice Bevin (69), who was born and bred in Taranaki, had a busy schedule last weekend, as he set off on the 125km walk around Taranaki Maunga, on Saturday 21 January, to increase awareness of prostate cancer, as well as to raise money for the cause (Cancer Research Trust, Prostate Cancer Foundation of NZ). He set off from the New Plymouth Racecourse south towards Oakura, very early in the morning and expected the walk to take just under 24 hours.

The walk took 23 hours and 45 minutes, however the final part was demanding. "For the last 40km I was running on empty and nine hours walking in the dark was tough and slowed my progress," Maurice commented.

In 2019 Maurice was diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer. Unfortunately, the disease had spread to include his pelvic bones, vertebrae and shoulders; the doctors gave him just 3-5 years to live.

We caught up with him just past the Middle Kahui Road/Wiremu Road turnoff and he stopped to have a few words with us. "It took me four and half hours to reach Okato, 34kms away." He explained that he wasn't alone as there was a car just ahead with "my support team of two ladies," who provide leg massage, sandwiches, energy drinks – and even kische.

How was he finding the walk so far? "Easy," he replied. He explained the reason was where he lives, in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. "I live 2,000 metres above sea level – high altitude. I train 4-5 hours each day. Once a month I walk for ten hours – about 60km." This is aided by his healthy diet which is "96% plant-based," complemented by "intermittent fasting." This town, where Maurice's brother Ross also lives, has been voted the Best Small City in the world several times, aided by a lovely climate and low humidity.

It should be mentioned that Maurice has walked even longer distances; in 2021 he walked the length of Great Britain (1,460km), unassisted. (John O'Groats to Land's End), which took 33 days.

As regards his illness he explains that, because of Covid, he has not been able to see his oncologist for many months, but will see the medical specialist on



Maurice Bevin takes an exultant break from his long walk.

February 1.

Maurice urges men to have a prostate checkup from the age of 50 or, 40 if there's a family history. One of the symptoms, which Maurice also had, was having to get up in the night several times to urinate.

Maurice has set up a Givealittle page and would be pleased if readers could contribute to this worthy cause:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/the-wee-walk-around-mt-taranaki-by-road-125km-non>

We'll give Maurice the last word:

"I'm determined to help build a future where children should not have to battle cancer and where none of us should live in fear of losing a partner or parent to cancer. Yet current data shows that half of us will get some type of cancer during our lifetime. A couple of years ago it was one in three, so we have a pandemic and unfortunately Covid has taken all the attention. Yet what are the governments around the world doing about it? When you are diagnosed with cancer you have the biggest fight of your life to live. You are a warrior and we have the largest army in the world." On a regretful note Maurice concluded, "We do not have a voice and we have no rights at all and no one hears our cries."



His break over, Maurice is back walking - just another 80 ks to go or thereabouts.

Very serious mistake acknowledged

Correction and apology: The wrong house was photographed in Hawera. In the last issue of 2022 (December, 15, page 3) a

photograph was published of the the wrong house, regarding an alleged crime scene in Hawera. The owners of this house are

understandably very upset and we apologise for this serious error and sincerely hope there has been no repercussions.

CORRECTIONS & APOLOGIES

DOC and the Taranaki Crossing

Correction

The December 15, 2022 edition of Opunake and Coastal News included content covering the Department of

Conservation's (DOC) work on the Taranaki Crossing within Egmont National Park, and also material on DOC's policy requiring visitors staying at DOC

accommodation requiring proof of vaccinations against COVID-19. The Taranaki Crossing content we published referred to a work programme for

2021-22, and was therefore outdated. Readers interested in progress with the Taranaki Crossing project can visit the DOC website for the very latest information -

https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/taranaki-crossing/. Regarding DOC's COVID-19 vaccination requirements for visitors planning to use DOC campsites and huts,

DOC announced in April 2022 it had suspended this requirement. The Opunake and Coastal News apologises for the errors which led to publication of this material.

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Kaitake Community Board photograph caption corrected

Correction: In the last issue of 2022 (December 15, page 5), a photograph of the Kaitake Community Board was published with the wrong caption.

RIGHT: This is the photo which should have been published. We apologise for this mistake.

Kaitake Community Board. From left, Teresa Goodin (Deputy Chairperson), Paul Lobb (Community Board member), Graham Chard (Chairperson of the Community Board), Renee Hohaia (Community Board member) and Cr Anneka Carlson.



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Landscapes

Have you ever noticed how landscapes can affect us? For example, when the ocean is calm, we can feel calm and when the wind is whipping the trees and shrubs around, we can feel a strong sense of the uncontrollable or chaotic. Sometimes the landscape can be so familiar we don't realise the impact it is having on us: it becomes part of us. Around coastal Taranaki we are often immersed in dramatic landscapes. The rain coming in from the Tasman Sea in thick

steel-like sheets, heading for the maunga (mountain) as if it was a faithful friend meeting after a long absence. And the glistening white of the snow-capped maunga playing peek-a-boo with the clouds on a cold winter's day.

For sure, we are often surrounded by the theatrical plays produced by our landscape in coastal Taranaki. Little wonder that the Regional Landscape Study of the Taranaki Coastal Environment (Taranaki Regional

Council, 2015) identifies that Taranaki has eight areas of 'outstanding coastal value.' They include 'the existence of outstanding natural features and landscapes, significant habitats of marine life or bird life, and significant or unmodified natural character.'

Many years ago (in the last millennium) I was showing a visitor around parts of New Zealand. When we visited Maraetai, a coastal area near Auckland, we looked northeast toward Waiheke Island in the Hauraki Gulf. The summer evening was still. The visitor exclaimed with delight, "I can't believe it; it looks exactly like the Sea of Galilee." Well, I had to take his word for it because I had never seen it with my own eyes. But every now and again I see views of the Sea of Galilee on Shine T.V. (Channel 25). And yes, it strongly resembled the scene looking

out from Maraetai to Waiheke Island that evening: like a landscape doppelganger.

The Tasman Sea pounds ceaselessly along the Taranaki coast; however, the Sea of Galilee is actually the world's lowest fresh-water lake. Despite their differences in landscapes, one thing they both share is the height of their often tumultuous 2.8-3 metre waves.

A little over two thousand years ago Jesus calmed Lake Galilee's suddenly occurring and tempestuous waves (Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, and Luke 8:22-25). We all know the storms of life come and go. Sometimes they can be unexpected and gigantic. No matter how big they are, Jesus wants to walk beside us as we navigate through them: if we allow Him. He wants to be part of our landscape.

Manaakitanga, Adelphos

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A happy safe New Year

As it's 2023 I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone living in our great province of Taranaki regardless of age, gender, culture and status an extremely happy New Year. And a safe one. As our police and politicians urge don't drink then drive, don't speed on our roads, concentrate on your driving

skills and the road ahead, and when swimming enjoy, but again look out for each other. Even when working or whatever one is doing, always play it safe. Sadly there are still those among us who tend to not listen and when such people do have an accident blame others. Remember if losing a family member, relations, a close friend or a neighbour, those people cannot be replaced. Let's not suffer

the loss of a loved one or anyone else. So again, let's all have a really good accident-free New Year 2023.

Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth

Protecting the language

In response to Mr. Hancock's letter in the December 15 edition of this

paper I must admit to rushing to my collected works of Josef Goebbels hoping to find mention of Te Reo Māori. Despite innumerable intolerant and objectionable views, Goebbels remained decidedly mute on the current policy of this government in regards to their statutory obligations to protect this language. Finding some sort of link between Nazi Germany and the current government is offensive

and deeply troubling.

Jonathan Phillips

Oakura

Paua and other seafood

I have lived in Taranaki on and off for 70 years and over this time I have attended many tangis, family

gatherings and funerals and weddings etc. At many of these gatherings there was always an abundance of food and drink for those who attended. Interestingly enough if my memory is correct there was never a shortage of seafood, paua included. Just like our Whitebait no one worries until they are near gone. Mmm.

Ian McAlpine
 New Plymouth

Enhanced Task Force Green approved following cyclone

Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and Employment, has activated Enhanced Taskforce Green (ETFG) in response to flooding and damaged caused by Cyclone Hale in the Tairāwhiti region. Up to \$500,000 will be made available to employ job seekers to support the clean-up. While damage assessments are still being carried out, The Ministry of Social Development will work with local organisations and communities to ensure that assistance is provided as quickly as possible to those who need this support," Carmel Sepuloni said. "The recent flooding has caused significant damage to the region, including to farms,



Deputy prime minister Carmel Sepuloni.

homes, roads, and bridges. The ETFG programme will provide unskilled and semi-skilled jobs for local people who will support farmers, growers, and communities by completing clean-up work on their properties. It helps to return affected farms, orchards, community assets and recreational areas to the conditions they were before.

"We activated the same funding in the Tairāwhiti and Wairoa regions in April 2022, after extensive flooding, and I know this support was greatly appreciated. We will continue to back Tairāwhiti, our rural communities, and those who have been significantly impacted by adverse weather events," Carmel Sepuloni said.

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John and Zsa Zsa

One of the great characters of the Coast passed away in December last year. John Sole, together with long-time partner Tony Barnes was one of the driving forces behind the Crafty Fox gift and souvenir shop in Oakura and the Ngamamaku Garden at Lucy's Gulley.

John died of a major aortic aneurysm on his way home after working at the Crafty Fox.

"He must have felt something coming on, as he had pulled right off to the side of the road, typical of his caring, thoughtful character," recalls Tony. "The doctors told us that if

that thing burst, it would be lights out in two seconds. He wouldn't have suffered, but I'm sad that he passed away alone."

John and Tony had been together for 38 years. They had first met as neighbours living next door to each other.

"John told me he had tried to be the Macho Man in his earlier years, with long hair, fast cars (he had a Valiant Charger, and then a Mustang), booze and pretty women, it wasn't him. He was sensitive, musical, artistic and in denial. He just hadn't found the right man," says Tony.

In 1986 they bought the Lucy Gulley property from which they developed the Ngamamaku Garden which became a garden festival mainstay and was open to the public for 26 years.

"We estimated that over that time, including all the weddings, almost 150,000 people have visited," says Tony.

John was born in New Plymouth and attended Welbourn School and New Plymouth Boys High School. The son of Ivor and Zena, and brother of Judith he developed an early interest in music which stayed with him for the rest of his life.

He sang in the church choir and played the piano for services held at the prison..

He worked for Farmers Co-Op in Ohura, Kaiapoi Woollen Mills in Palmerston North, Dunlop Tyres and BP Powderham before setting up Crafty Fox.

There were several messages on his tribute page saying that a visit to Crafty Fox was always a "must do" on visits to Taranaki with some remembering dropping by to see John and being disappointed when he wasn't there.

He was for a time the front man for the New Plymouth Repertory Little Theatre and was a Friend of the Opera House for more than 40 years where he was a familiar sight as doorman and usher.

John and Tony had been active members of their church and heavily involved in the music until Tony says, opposition to their relationship led to them losing their leadership roles.

Tony recalls John's lifelong love of animals.

"We always had a menagerie of fish, birds, cats, dogs, sheep and donkeys."

None of the sheep he kept at Ngamamaku would ever be killed for meat or sold to anybody who would do so.

Other interests included playing bridge, a trait which Tony says meant he had a memory "like an elephant."

Tony and John were active members of the North Taranaki branch of the New Zealand Camellia Society, of which John served as treasurer.

"We complemented each other well," says Tony. "John was always supportive, but kept my wilder dreams and projects in check. In fact I think he was a bit flabbergasted when he looked around and realised that almost three acres was garden. But he loved it too, and there's no way it would have evolved without his energy and input."

With John gone, Tony says he is unsure of the future of the Crafty Fox beyond March, and that anyone interested in taking it over is welcome to contact him.

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End of the line for Pihama landmark



Only a bare space now where familiar villa once stood.

A house that was a familiar sight to motorists along the Surf Highway has been demolished.

The two-level, five bedroom villa near Pihama was pulled down after the Maori Land Court found that the Te

Hanataua Trust who own the house had followed tikanga and their legal duties in making their decision.

The house had been at the centre of a dispute, with Donna Pokere Phillips and her father James Pokere

arguing the house was like a marae. The interior room has a ceiling and walls lined with reeds, and was used in the recent past as a venue for whānau gatherings and hui

Initially the house was

believed to be 170 years old and that it had been a stopping point for visitors on their way to Parihaka, however an assessment by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga found that the house had been built no earlier than 1938.

The trust accepted it had duties under tikanga regarding the property, but that it had not breached this, or its legal duties.

Taranaki home values buck national trend

Will the residential property market prove to be as volatile in 2023 as it has been the last three years? Quotable Value (QV) Chief Operating Officer David Nagel says there could well be a few more bumps in the road ahead.

His warning comes as the latest QV House Price Index shows home values fell nationally by an average of 10.3% last year – now confirmed to be the largest drop in more than 15 years and a stark contrast to the previous couple of years. In prior years, the average home value increased nationally by 13.3% and 28.4% in 2020 and 2021 respectively, from \$724,185 three years ago to \$1,053,315 at the peak of the market. It now sits at \$944,767 at the start of 2023.

Home values have so far proven to be far more robust in Taranaki than in most of Aotearoa.

From 1 January to 31 December last year, the average home value fell 2.5% to \$729,101 in New Plymouth, dropped 7.9% to \$441,784 in South Taranaki, and actually climbed 3.8% to \$513,299 in Stratford.

In the December quarter, values fell across the region by an average of 1.4% – a sharper decline

than the 0.4% quarterly drop recorded for November

From 1 January to 31 December last year, the largest recorded drop in average home value across the country's main urban centres occurred in the Wellington region (-18.6%), Palmerston North (-15.7%), Hastings (-13.4%), Auckland (-12.3%), and Napier (-11.6%) rounded out the top five, while New Plymouth (-2.5%), Marlborough (-1.5%), and especially Queenstown (+5.9%) proved to be the most resilient. The latter saw the only average home value increase across these centres in 2022.

QV Chief Operating Officer David Nagel said the market hadn't bottomed out yet. "The latest figures show the average home value slipped a further 1.2% on average this quarter, which is a slight improvement on the 2.9% negative growth reported for the November quarter, but not really the usual 'summer surge' that we'd expect to see in the run-up to Christmas and certainly a stark contrast to the last couple of years.

"It's been a relatively quiet start to the summer, which hasn't been helped by some of the atrocious weather we've had to endure. More significantly, people seem to be taking note of widespread

forecasts of further interest rate rises and a likely recession to come in 2023 and they're now being much more cautious than they have been these past few years. That's understandable given the outlook."

"Looking to the year ahead, I think people should be cautious. It looks highly likely that we will experience a good deal more economic pain to help curb inflation this year, particularly if a recession does come to pass and unemployment figures start to climb as a result. Increasing interest rates will continue to impact the residential property market, with those who purchased around the peak of the market in 2021 most likely to bear the brunt of that," Mr Nagel added.

"COVID-19 isn't going anywhere anytime soon, the situation in Ukraine is ongoing, wild weather events only appear to be increasing, and this is an election year to cap it all off. So it's fair to say that we could well be in for a fair bit more volatility, a few more bumps in the road before things maybe start to level out somewhat in the residential property market during the latter part of 2023."

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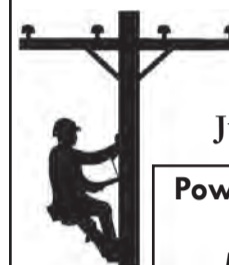
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Volunteer steps down after 35 years

After 35 years in the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade Kevin Joyce has retired.

A special celebration among fellow volunteer firefighters and friends and family to mark Kevin's long service was held at the Opunake Fire service rooms in Opunake recently.

Speaking at the occasion during which Kevin was presented with a parting gift, Opunake Fire Chief Andrew Pentelow said since Kevin joined in 1987, he had attended 1500 call outs and 1032 trainings (an impressive 88 percent attendance). During his time in the Opunake Volunteer



Kevin Joyce and wife Debbie. Debbie has also been involved over the years in the Volunteer Fire Brigade "feeding the troops" often after a late night call out or a long call out. Their five children have also been involved, with their "kids playing basketball for the brigade and also darts".

Fire Brigade, Kevin has been Fire Chief of the Opunake Fire Service (from 2016-2018 and also Deputy Fire Chief (from 2005-2018). He is also a Life Honorary Member of the Opunake Fire Service and holds a Gold Star for 25 years service.

Andrew amused all present recalling the time when Kevin, whose day job is driving trucks and who was not on call, came across the Opunake Fire truck stuck in a ditch and had to pull it out. "it's been a very interesting 35 years," said Kevin adding they'd had a lot of laughs. "It's been really good, it's gone bloody fast." He

recalled Brian Vincent who has been in the Opunake Fire Service for 63 years was the only original member when he joined.

Reflecting back over the 35 years Kevin said there had been changes in their callouts. Flooding in Opunake was no longer the issue it used to be. In that time he's attended a lot of car accidents and a few fires though he "missed the big Opunake High School one".

He had enjoyed being involved in community work. "We had a lot of fun as well."

There had been "low points" too Kevin said but

seemed reluctant to elaborate on some of the accidents he'd attended. There had been "a few deaths" but none relating to house fires.

He added that there were fewer accidents than when he started which he put down to safer cars and people wearing seat belts. Also "roads have improved," he said. He continued, it was important that people "drive to the conditions," and said in his experience the main cause of accidents was "inattention and cell phones."

Kevin said he wanted to play tribute to his family for their support over the years.

The Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade currently has 23 volunteers (they're always looking for more says the current Fire Chief). Each of the two Opunake fire trucks has a crew of 4. Some of their call outs are for medical assistance. They can also go out to drownings.

"If the ambulance is busy the Opunake Fire Service goes out instead," explained Kevin. All volunteers are trained in First Aid, using a defibrillator (the Opunake Fire Brigade has two) and can administer oxygen.

Commented Andrew "We're going to miss Kevin's experience."

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Plan to fix plumbing in Urenui

NPDC has announced a \$2million project to replace 90 per cent of Urenui's historic water pipes.

The project in the north Taranaki town is part of NPDC's \$248 million investment to fix the district's plumbing and will see 2,160 metres of PVC pipes installed, replacing the town's 50-year-old pipes

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"The town's pipes were installed in the 1970s and sometimes burst, so this project will significantly improve the resilience of Urenui's water network for years to come," said New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom.

"The work follows the \$10m investment replacing half of the Inglewood's water pipes, two new reservoirs built in Henwood and Mountain roads and the \$20m Waitara stormwater upgrade."

The Urenui project is being delivered over three stages, with the first area covering the western edge of town from Whakapaki Street to Dowman Street and Te

Rangi Hiroa Place. Work is being planned to minimise disruption to local residents, businesses, and commuters however there will be times when traffic will be affected. Some short-term road closures will be needed with alternative routes in place and the patience of locals and visitors is appreciated.

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New chief executive for NPDC

Current Taupō District Council chief executive Gareth Green says he's excited about the new challenges he'll be tackling at the helm of the New Plymouth District Council. Mr Green, who has been with the Taupō District Council for 17 years and its chief executive for six years, takes up the role of New Plymouth District Council chief executive on Monday 27 March. He says that while he's sad to be leaving Taupō, the time is right for a change. "I've really loved working for Taupō. This is where I grew up, and so it has been amazing being able to contribute and lead the organisation that does so much to shape this place. "However, I'm ready to do something new. I've previously worked for New Plymouth District Council and I'm passionate about that community. "There's some really exciting projects happening there and some challenges we also need to work through and I'm looking forward to getting stuck into those."



New NPDC chief executive Gareth Green.

New Plymouth Mayor Neil Holdom says the council is looking forward to welcoming Mr Green, his partner Kylie and their three children to the region. "We had a very high calibre of applicants for the role of chief executive and Gareth came through with the skills, experience and attitude we were looking for to take New Plymouth District Council to the next level. "Gareth has strong

connections to Taranaki, having lived and worked here early in his career, and understands our vision of a sustainable lifestyle capital," Mr Holdom says. "His experience building strong relationships with mana whenua, negotiating for resources with Wellington and building a high-performance team focused on delivery have made a meaningful positive difference for the people of

Taupō and we are excited about Gareth bringing those skills to Taranaki." Mr Green says he's been very proud to have played a part in some "very cool" projects during his time at Taupō District Council. Those include the new Taupō Airport terminal, which is almost complete, the Taupō town centre transformation, which will be formally opened in March, keeping council services running through the challenges of Covid-19, and the Mana Whakahoā-a-Rohe agreement with Tūrangi-based hapū Ngāti Turangitukua. "However, I'm sad I won't be here when the council moves into its new civic administration building, and that I'll miss out being part of the Ironman World Championships in Taupō in 2024. "I'll also miss our council staff here – they really are amazing. But I know that the team at New Plymouth is outstanding and I'm looking forward to being part of it."

Two vessels fail to keep watch

A collision between two vessels 50 nautical miles off the West Coast of the North Island is being put down to a failure to keep watch. The sole director of Wild Fish Limited, Cory Stone was sentenced in the Porirua District Court for his part, in the incident, as the skipper of the Norman McLeod., Christopher Richards, skipper of the Lady Jane had earlier been sentenced for his role in the incident. The incident occurred at around 6.30 am, 21 January 2021 off the Taranaki Coast. At the time, visibility was limited to about one and a half miles due to fog in the area. As well as the skipper, the Norman McLeod had two crew on board. While the Lady Jane only had skipper Christopher Richards on board. Neither vessel had anyone in the wheelhouse when the collision occurred, and both

were traveling at about six knots. General Manager Regulatory, Central Scott Bernie said there were approximately 20 to 30 vessels within three nautical miles of the two vessels at the time. "Leaving the wheelhouse with that many vessels around without assessing the risk of collision, was a high risk decision. "With the number of vessels in the area, maintaining a proper look-out should have been the top priority of both skippers to avoid potential collisions. "Maritime NZ has prosecuted several skippers this year for watch keeping failings, and we need watch keeping to be a priority. "As well as being a legal requirement, it is a very simple way to avoid collisions and accidents involving natural hazards. As the Judge said in Richards'

sentencing, the incident was entirely avoidable," Scott Bernie says. The Lady Jane sustained damage to the bow which required emergency repairs, while the Norman McLeod suffered cosmetic damage. Fortunately no one was injured. Mr Richards pleaded guilty and was sentenced under s65 of the Maritime Transport Act for operating a ship in a manner which caused unnecessary danger or risk to any other person or property for failing to keep a proper lookout and by failing to consider the risk of collision. He was fined \$3,000 for this charge. -Under S67B(1)(a) of the Maritime Transport Act for operating a ship without the prescribed number of seafarers or qualified personnel, he was fined \$250 for this charge. -Under S68(1)(a) for operating a ship without

holding a Maritime Transport Operator Certificat, he was fined \$250 for this charge. Under S68A(1) for operating a ship without complying with the provisions and conditions for the appropriate Maritime document, by operating outside of inshore fishing limits and by not holding a medical certificate, he was fined \$250. Mr Stone pleaded guilty and was sentenced under s65(1) (a) of the Maritime Transport Act for operating a ship which caused unnecessary danger or risk to any other person or property for failing to keep a proper lookout, and was fined \$2400.



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Jacinda Ardern resigns as prime minister

The prime minister Jacinda Ardern, on January 19, unexpectedly announced that she was stepping down from her position as leader. Her Labour Party colleagues

were stunned at the news at their venue - the Napier War Memorial Centre. She said she expected to have relinquished her position no later than February 7.

Jacinda explained that she "no longer had enough in the tank" to optimally continue in the position. She further explained that she would also resign her parliamentary membership before the time of the next General Election (October 14).

Jacinda has been prime minister since September 2017 - a period of about five and half years.

Although her popularity had decreased somewhat in recent months, she still topped polls as the most preferred prime minister. However, opinion polls are consistently suggesting the winning of the next election for Labour would be an uphill battle.

Her time in office has been marked by her astute handling of various crises including the Christchurch Mosque terrorism, the White Island volcanic eruption, and the Covid 19 pandemic. She has received much praise, notably



Jacinda Ardern pictured just before she became prime minister.

from overseas leaders, like Australia's PM Anthony Albanese, who commented, "She showed the world how to lead with intellect and strength."

Her standing overseas is reflected by such accolades as an honorary doctorate in laws by Harvard University, Time magazine shortlisted her for its Person of the Year, and

Fortune magazine ranked her first of the World's Greatest Leaders.

On the domestic front, she is likely to be disappointed by progress in some areas. For example, she promised to halve child poverty within a decade, but this is not going well and is still a serious issue in New Zealand. The inflated cost of living, skyrocketing

rents, and homelessness also persist as intractable problems.

Jacinda was born on July 26, 1980 in Hamilton and spent her formative years in Morrinsville and Murupara. Her father Ross was a policeman.

At Morrinsville College she was the student representative on the Board of Trustees. Around this time aged 17, she joined the Labour Party.

At Waikato University she graduated with a Bachelor of Communication Studies in politics and public relations.

Her vocational history is very varied following her first job working in a local fish and chip shop. In London in 2006 she was a policy advisor for the UK Cabinet. Tony Blair was the prime minister and upon meeting him, she questioned him closely about the invasion of Iraq.

In January 2008, aged 27, Jacinda was elected president of the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY) at the World Congress held in the Dominican Republic. (This position was for a two-year term). During this time she visited such countries as Hungary, Jordan, Israel, Algeria and China.

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Jacinda Adern resigns as prime minister

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Back in New Zealand she became a List MP at the 2008 general election, ranked at 20. By the 2014 election her ranking had risen to 5. Along the way she had attempted (unsuccessfully) to win an electorate seat. National's Nikki Kaye (Auckland Central) beat her by 717 in the 2011 election and by 600 in 2014. Therefore, it must have

been with great satisfaction that she eventually won the Mt Albert electorate with a huge majority of 15,264.

In March 2017 she was elected deputy leader to Andrew Little. However, with just 24% support for Labour in an opinion poll (Colmar Brunton), under his leadership, he resigned, suggesting to Jacinda that she would be more likely to change the party's electoral

fortunes. He was right. Soon after Jacinda becoming leader the party's electoral standing had improved to 43%, according to the same opinion poll.

At the 2017 general election in September, National, under leader Bill English were comfortably the most preferred party winning 56 seats to Labour's 46. However, New Zealand First, led by Winston Peters,

decided to form a coalition with Labour. He became Deputy Prime Minister. Jacinda became one of the youngest New Zealand prime ministers at age 37.

The 2020 general election delivered a more decisive result with Labour winning 65 seats – the first outright majority since the advent of MMP.

With the two Chris's (Labour's Chris Hipkins

and National's Chris Luxon) fighting the next general election, as their respective

party's leaders, it should be an interesting contest.

New prime minister Chris Hipkins expects to win

As a result of the resignation of the current prime minister Jacinda Ardern, Chris John Hipkins, the Member of Parliament for the Remutaka electorate, will become the 41st prime minister of New Zealand. The sixth ranked Labour politician was the unanimous choice, as no one else stood against him for the role at the special caucus meeting on Saturday, January 21.



Chris Hipkins, the new prime minister.

He is currently Minister of Education, Police, Public Service and Leader of the House (However, will relinquish this position with his new role). One of his previous roles has been as the Chief Whip for the Labour Party. He gained considerable respect as a 'fixer' of problems, including being the Minister for Covid Response (November 2020 to June 2022).

Mr Hipkins was first elected for the Rimutaka electorate in the 2008 general election with a narrow majority of 753 and a ranking of 47. He has retained his seat in the four general elections since

then, increasing his majority to 20,497 – only Jacinda Ardern has a larger majority. (In 2020 his electorate was renamed Remutaka).

Chris Hipkins was born and bred in the Hutt Valley and attended Waterloo Primary School, Hutt Intermediate School and Hutt Valley Memorial College (renamed Petone College in 1996), where he was Head Boy.

Study at Victoria University followed where he gained

a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Politics and Criminology. He was also student president from 2000 to 2001.

In his first year of tertiary study (1997), he took part in a protest against the Tertiary Review Green Bill and was arrested and very briefly imprisoned. He was unimpressed with the cold takeaway food he was fed while incarcerated. The police described the protest

as 'violent.' However, a judge later disagreed and said it was peaceful and the 41 participants received an official police apology and \$200,000 to be shared among them. However, the process was lengthy - about ten years in total.

Before entering parliament Mr Hipkins employment has included policy adviser for the Industry Training Federation, training manager for Todd Energy (Taranaki) and adviser to former prime minister Helen Clark and former speaker Trevor Mallard.

He was married in 2020, but a legal separation occurred in 2022. He has two children from the marriage.

He has stated he has no interest in losing the October general election, with Chris Luxon and the National Party his main opposition.

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A long time between drinks for the north

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Mike Davey, the Chairperson of TET.

over from Alan Jamieson of Stratford who did not seek re-election. When the TET was set up in 1991 it's first chair was another

northerner, Bill Watson. Since then, however the chairs have all come from the southern ward, known as Ward B, until the election of

Mike last year.

The TET is a charitable trust set up in 1990 after the electricity industry was deregulated, and covers the area taken in by the former Taranaki Electric Power Board, stretching from Pukearuhe in the north to Te Roti in the south, and from as far west as Awatuna to Tangarakau Gorge in the east.

When the Trust was founded it was considered that past and present consumers had built up and therefore owned their local power company, so that the Trust looked after these shares on their behalf.

Mike says his new position comes with great responsibility, particularly when it comes to managing the Trust's assets so they can continue being able to make grants to worthy causes. The Trust has assets worth \$106 million, compared to \$22 million when the trust was

formed back in 1990. In that time the Trust has given out grants totalling \$109 million. "I take my chairmanship as a very responsible role," says Mike. "We're trustees for a very large trust that was set up 30 years ago. We have to make sure that our investments are very transparent and safe."

The Trust has supported the Aged Care Central Facility in Stratford and the Marinoto Rest Home in Inglewood with over \$8 million in grants and loan facilities. Mike says this is important so family members don't have to travel large distance to visit their loved ones.

The Trust has donated more than 100 mobility scooters to people in Eltham, Stratford, Inglewood and Waitara.

They support various sporting organisations, and have made grants to the Stratford TET Centre,

the Mondo Athletics Track in Inglewood and the Community Sport and Recreation Centre in Waitara. Support for the arts have included grants to Cue Theatre in Inglewood and the Kings Cinema in Stratford.

Support for the educational sector has included grants to people wanting to get into tertiary education or follow a trade.

This year the Trust has made grants to the Helicopter Trust and granted one million dollars to the Stratford Swimming Pool.

"I'm supportive of that, as for kids in Stratford it's a long way to the beach," says Mike.

Mike has been on the Trust's board for the last 12 years, and says he is proud to be assisting the community. Trustees are elected for three year-terms, with voters in the TET area voting in June.

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Deputy prime minister Carmel Sepuloni

The new Deputy Prime Minister was born and grew up in Taranaki.

Carmel Jean Sepuloni was born in Waitara in 1977 to a Tongan-Samoan father and European mother. She attended New Plymouth Girls High School, but in 1996 headed to Auckland to study at Auckland University and the Auckland College of Education.

She graduated from Auckland University with a Bachelor of Education, as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in Education. From the Auckland College of Education, she gained a Diploma of Teaching

Carmel is the MP for Kelston, and is Minister



Carmel Sepuloni is our new deputy prime minister.

for Social Development, Disability issues, ACC and Arts, Culture & Heritage.

She first became a parliamentarian in 2008 as a List MP – her ranking was 35. At the next election in in

2011 she led the incumbent Paula Bennett by 11 votes in the Waitakere electorate. However, on a recount she lost. She spent the following three years out of parliament. However, at the next (2014)

general election she won the electorate of Kelston, with a majority of 15,091. She subsequently won the seat at the next two elections and her ranking has risen sharply to eighth by the last general election.

Carmel is married to Daren Kamali, a musician and has two sons.

Her employment history includes teaching in Samoa, working with Auckland youth in alternative educational programmes, and time as an equity manager and Research Project Manager in Pacific Health at the Auckland University. She was also CEO for Vaka Tautua, helping Pacific people with disabilities, mental health issues and older people.

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Dog owners reminded to ‘know before you go’ this summer

With summer seeing people making their way to New Zealand’s iconic beaches and national parks, the Department of Conservation is reminding people with dogs to do their research before setting out.

“Going on adventures with your dog is a great way to stay active and enjoy nature,” says Laura Boren, Science Advisor at DOC.

“We want people to get outside and enjoy the summer, but to do it responsibly.”

DOC Rangers across the country report poor behaviour involving dogs - such as dogs attacking wildlife or people taking dogs where they aren’t allowed - is the most common compliance issue throughout the summer months.

“One potentially confusing thing is rules for dogs vary across the country”, says Laura.

“For instance, dogs are never allowed in national parks or on offshore island reserves, but they are permitted on certain walking tracks or campsites.

“The coastline can be even more confusing as rules can change seasonally, depending on breeding cycles for seabirds and other



Has this dog been told what to do or not do as he visits this stunning wilderness?
Photograph by Laura Boren.

animals.”

If you’re headed somewhere new find out if it is dog-friendly before arriving. DOC has a “dogs allowed” tick box on its website allowing visitors to filter for dog friendly areas, and local council websites contain information on regional beaches and walking tracks.

“There is no one-size-

fits-all approach to dog management,” says Laura. “This is why it’s crucial to do your homework.”

DOC’s *Lead the Way* programme offers other tips to help dog owners be responsible around wildlife, including a quiz which verifies dog owners as “wildlife wise” and allows them to purchase a colour-coded lead which signals the temperament of their dog.

“Being wildlife-wise means you know the steps to protect coastal wildlife, such as walking on the wet sand, scanning the area ahead for wildlife, and staying at least 20 metres from any wildlife. It’s amazing how much a seal or sea lion can look like a piece of driftwood when it’s resting on the beach,” says Laura.

“Above all, when you’re out walking, stay present with your dog and aware of their behaviour. It increases your connection with them and allows you to anticipate any possible trouble.”

Coastal species such as korora/little penguin and kekeno/NZ fur seals are commonly attacked by dogs. Even seemingly harmless interactions, such as dogs chasing gulls, can distress

birds enough to abandon nests or stop feeding chicks.

Infringement fines can range from \$200 to \$800 or a court prosecution, depending on the offence. In some cases where dogs have attacked native wildlife, courts have ordered the dogs to be put down.

“Nobody wants that to be part of their summer,” says Laura. “A bit of preparation can go a long way to keeping everyone safe this summer.”

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retention. Avoid letting the roots sit in stagnant water and consider using a saucer of pebbles to catch water runoff while providing good drainage and extra humidity. When re-potting, consider the scale of the plant and the space it will be grown in, and only re-pot when the plant is pot bound.

Palms should be fertilised during their growing season, using a slow release fertiliser or a diluted liquid fertiliser.

Palms are generally pest-free, but scale insects and mealy bugs can be a problem. To control pests, use Groventive. Keep indoor palm fronds clean by sponging with a damp cloth every 4-6 weeks to remove dust. Remove brown or yellowing leaves by cutting, not pulling. Brown spots may occur from overwatering or sudden chilling. Overall,



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Celebrating first graduates and moving into Hawera

After joining forces early last year to deliver information technology and digital design programmes in Taranaki, Learner Me and Whitecliffe College are delighted to announce the first 20 graduates from this collaboration. Learner Me has offered two Level 4 and one Level 5 certificate programmes

in Information Technology and Digital Design. In 2023, Taranaki learners will have access to a further five programmes across Level 4 and 5 from Web Development and Design to IT Infrastructure.

“There were 10 of us in Digital Media and Design, it was so cool to have a programme of this quality here in Taranaki,” says graduate Jordan Hughes, who is now employed as an illustrator and animator with New Plymouth-based marketing agency Branding HQ. “We were all encouraged and guided to go beyond our comfort zones which led to doing work that we are massively proud of. I especially loved creating a sci-fi style self-portrait and coming up with the entire branding for a new energy drink.”

“We are proud to say that we have over 90% successful outcomes for our programmes. Our learners have done a wonderful job and we’re really proud of the way our graduates have applied themselves to their learning. They will make great IT professionals,” says the Taranaki-based tech academy’s CEO Simon Singh.

“Whitecliffe programmes are considered the best in the country and have great outcomes. It’s been a natural fit for bringing Whitecliffe programmes to Learner Me. The whole team at Whitecliffe worked collaboratively with us from the very first day. Whitecliffe CEO Mark Worsop was born and brought up in Taranaki



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and was eager to support us and Taranaki.” says Simon.

For Whitecliffe (which has campuses in Auckland, Manukau, Wellington and Christchurch) the partnership provides a direct connection into the digital tech industry (through Learner Me’s Taranaki-based sister organisations Proformac Technologies, App HQ, Branding HQ and Opportuna CA) and enables learners in Taranaki to have more direct access to career pathways in technology.

The Chief Executive of Whitecliffe, Mark Worsop, says “At Whitecliffe we believe that creativity can be used to change the way people see and experience the world, and we are committed to providing opportunities for our staff,

students and graduates to create meaningful change in their lives. To really enable this, we have been dedicated to developing a new programme portfolio and partnerships that not only ensure relevancy to industry needs in New Zealand and abroad, but that provide our students and graduates the opportunity to explore their creativity, develop critical thinking skills, and be supported to develop industry networks and find relevant employment.”

“The partnership with Learner Me certainly has personal meaning for me having grown up in Taranaki, but the driver for the partnership was based on what we saw as a gap in education provision in Taranaki for digital and

information technology education. We hope that we see demand grow for higher education with students transitioning to a relevant Bachelors degree with Whitecliffe, and who knows, if the demand is good enough, we may bring these to Taranaki as well.”

Both organisations have taken the partnership even further as Learner Me has opened an additional campus in Hāwera at 74 Princes Street in partnership with Ngāti Ruanui. Whitecliffe and Learner Me will also be delivering the whole suite of programmes in Hāwera. This will be the first time any tertiary organisation has delivered technology pathways in South Taranaki. “Mark and his team at Whitecliffe are experienced educators. As a new PTE, Learner Me has benefited from the mentorship and we really appreciate the support. We hope to strengthen our partnership in the future and bring more world-class Whitecliffe programmes to our rohe,” says Simon

Kids and concussion

Children who return to school within two days of sustaining a concussion are likely to experience fewer symptoms two weeks after their concussion, according to international experts.

The team investigated the concussion severity and persistence of symptoms in a group of 1630 children, and looked at how quickly they returned to school. They say in children aged eight years

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Taranaki hapū win ban on kai mātaimai

Taranaki Iwi leaders say the frontline efforts of kaitiaki, backed by iwi and community, led to the government ban on collecting kai mātaimai (seafood) along their coastline.

Hapū laid down a rāhui (temporary ban) in January last year when hundreds of visitors taking pāua and other shellfish threatened to strip the beds bare.

Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi supported hapū by applying for a legal ban under section 186a of the Fisheries Act.

The Chair Jacqui King says it was imperative to stop “mass attacks on our takutai (coast)”.

“Many of our whānau and local community rely on this as a main source of nutrition and cultural sustenance. We had to act urgently to ensure our taonga was protected and our tikanga and kaitiaki decisions were taken seriously.”

The two-year ban gives legal backing to the rāhui. The closure, from Herekawe Stream in New Plymouth to Taungātara Stream just south of Ōpunakē, extends two nautical miles offshore to include mātaimai nurseries. Fin fish are not included.

Hapū elder Fran Davey says the wider community was behind the initiative from the start.

“When we had our community hui everyone came to the table. We had boating clubs, farmers, fishing clubs, whānau, surfers, councils, and the scientific community.

“I like to think of it as ‘the power of the pāua’. The pāua, or lack of it, has united people.”

The ban covers all shellfish (except rock lobster), conger eels (Conger wilsoni and Conger verreauxi) all seaweed (excluding beach cast seaweed) and all species of anemones.



The area of the Western Taranaki coast encompassed by the ban.

People breaching the ban face fines of up to \$5000 or up to \$100,000 if it was gathered to on-sell.

Kaitiaki from Taranaki Iwi have patrolled beaches all year, educating, advising and informing people about the rāhui. Now fisheries officers and police can

enforce compliance.

Parihaka kaumātua Mahara Okeroa says kaitiaki will continue to monitor the coast, observing behaviour and alerting the authorities if necessary.

“The volunteers have been out there week after week, day after day over the past year to protect the resources.

Every shellfish has been under threat. Rocks have been scraped clean, anything that’s edible has been taken.”

Mahara Okeroa acknowledges hapū for foregoing their own rights while the ban is in place.

“Under Māori customary legislation we could have exercised our right to

continue to harvest pāua, even under a rāhui. We decided to forgo that right for the kaupapa (cause). We want to do this as a community.

“People who’ve grown up on the mātaimai are sacrificing a food source that’s essential not only for their tīnana (body) but their wairua (spirit). But more important to them was adding impetus to what we’re asking others to do.”

Jacqui King also acknowledges the efforts of the rāhui team and the understanding from the wider iwi and whānau about doing the right thing to promote regrowth of the taonga (culturally valuable resource).

“The two-year closure gives us an opportunity to come together for wānanga (discussions/education) and

research on the best methods for managing the resource as well as exploring the mātauranga (knowledge/understanding) of our cultural gathering practices.

“The outcomes will inform long term protection plans throughout the Taranaki Iwi rohe to preserve kai mātaimai for ngā mokopuna ka haere mai (coming generations).”

Jacqui King says the determination and resilience of whānau and kaitiaki, even when faced with blatant ignorance, is humbling and inspirational.

“Their leadership, voices and actions are an echo of our tūpuna. That echo has been a call for all of our whānau to come together to actively protect our mana moana through the power of collective action – Me tōngai harakeke.”

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Pursuant to section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996, notification is given of the Fisheries (Western Taranaki Temporary Closure) Notice 2022

The notice closes fisheries waters around the western Taranaki coastline, to the take of all shellfish (except rock lobster), seaweed (excluding beach cast seaweed), anemones and Conger Eel, from 16 December 2022 to 15 December 2024, inclusive. The closure was requested by Taranaki Iwi.

The temporary closure covers all that area of New Zealand fisheries waters enclosed by a line:

- commencing at a point on the mean high-water mark at 39°04.153'S and 174°01.084'E (near the Herekawe Stream mouth); then
- proceeding in a generally southerly direction along the mean high-water mark to a point at 39°29.312'S 173°52.977'E (near the mouth of the Taungātara Stream); then
- proceeding by a straight line in a generally south-westerly direction to a point approximately two nautical miles offshore at 39°30.725'S 173°51.026'E; then
- proceeding in a generally northerly direction by a line, each point of which is 2 nautical miles from the mean-high-water mark, to a point offshore at 39°02.048'S 173°59.596'E then,
- By a straight line proceeding to the starting point.

Further information about temporary closures is available on the MPI website (www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture), or by contacting Fisheries New Zealand at the below address or FMSubmissions@mpi.govt.nz.

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Kiaora and welcome to the 2023 school year.

Curriculum focus

Every term at Rahotu we have a whole school focus where Inquiry topics are planned to engage and motivate students. Last term we learned about what do real heroes do. We've learnt about local heroes – such as Chief Kahui who donated the land to the school. We've also investigated Heroes within our bodies and dissected eyes and hearts. We integrate science across our Inquiry projects.

Based around our community consultation document our whānau are really keen to get students involved in hands on topics. There is always plenty of opportunity to build, construct and design at Rahotu. Last term some



students made ukuleles. This year students will be able to take part in small group music lessons such as piano, guitar and ukulele, keyboards and vocals.

Every day we start with Karakia, waiata and the school paatere. We have been fortunate to have many of our waiata composed specifically for the school by Matua Chris Luke. Here we are able to share our narrative. All of our students participate in weekly Kapa haka sessions with Matua Clive. Te Reo and tikanga are integrated and normalised at our kura.

Identity is important at Rahotu. We learn all about who we are, our whakapapa and our community. We learn all about one another through our FLAME focus of Family, Learning, Aroha and Manaakitanga. This philosophy forms the basis in all that we do. As a kura we

teach students about social responsibilities. For example about: emotions, caring for one another, what good friends do and how to be someone's HERO.

A partnership - Special Education Opportunities

For the last four years we have been prescreening to support our Neuro-divergent students. Some then go on to be tested for Dyslexia. This testing is funded by the Board, Home and School and individual whānau. We have employed a specialist teacher to work alongside our students weekly for one on one sessions.

Making connections – We spend time up in the Parihaka Papakainga mara where we learn all about planting, propagating and traditions.

Mara/Gardens – Over the last two years we have relocated our gardens to the middle of the school. Here groups of students plant: tomatoes, silver beet, beetroot, broccoli, zucchini, potatoes and lettuces. The senior students have built the fencing for the hand raised chickens and the green house acts as a seed raising house. Every day different students are out and about in the garden.

We take our roles seriously with regards to our commitment to the whenua. Every year we visit Tui Raho (Stent Road) or Te lka Roa (Bayley Road) and work alongside Iwi, DOC and the Regional Council. At both sites we do an annual beach clean-up and plant releasing. Last year we also visited Lake Rotokere. This year we have partnered up with the Regional Council and will be heading to Hollard gardens, Pukeiti and back to the rocky shore.



The Arts play an important part in our curriculum. Here we are able to explore ideas and convey meanings through visual form and creativity.

Senior students are always baking, bottling, preserving or experimenting with ingredients. Last year we took on the contract to provide 160 lunches daily to all of our students. We have a fully



equipped kitchen and employ five staff over the week. We are pretty happy to be able to employ local whānau to support this Ministry funded scheme.



Traditions connect our students to the past and celebrate the richness of our rural community. Several of our students even go on to compete regionally. Our annual Calf and Lamb Day doubles as the Home and School fundraiser for the year. Last year approximately \$14,000 was raised. Funds go directly into items based around our strategic



goals such as: reading materials, authentic learning resources, science and technology. Our camps are also heavily subsidised.

Every alternative year our students head off to Rotorua to experience the week as tourists. They spend time on the Luge, in the Redwoods, Velocity Valley and experience the Zorb. Time is spent exploring the night markets and visiting Whakarewarewa.

Throughout the term our senior students organize whānau days for all. It's always lots of fun and involves the seniors working with the juniors. We celebrate the role of our leaders as they tautoko others. Every year we hold MUD DAY where students get to make, create, and play in the mud. The fire brigade joins us and everyone gets covered in mud. Even the teachers!



In 2023 the school gates open for enrolments, and stationery on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January. On the 1st of February 2023 we welcome all students back to school from 8.40am.

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Mixed report card on emission price changes

DairyNZ says changes to the Government's emissions pricing plan are a step in the right direction and acknowledge some of the sector's concerns, but there are still some important issues to be resolved to address all farmer concerns.

DairyNZ chair Jim van der Poel says what the Government has come back with is more closely aligned with what the sector proposed but the devil will

always be in the detail and industry will be working constructively to get clarity around that and the changes, where necessary.

"Farmers are already facing huge cost pressures with rising interest rates and on-farm inflation driven by feed, fuel and chemical prices. Emissions pricing is going to add yet another cost, so it's important we continue work to achieve emissions reductions in a

fair, practical and equitable way," says Mr van der Poel.

"Throughout this entire process, DairyNZ has maintained that 'no deal is better than a bad deal' and we would never accept an emissions pricing system that would put our farmers or rural communities at risk – and we stand by that."

Changes to the Government's emissions pricing plan include confirmation the price will be

set at the lowest rate needed and fixed for five years to give farmers certainty, and better recognition for on-farm planting. Farmers will also be able to manage and report their emissions as collectives.

"The changes are a direct result of strong sector advocacy and shows what can be achieved when we all stay at the table and work through the tough issues together in a constructive way," says Mr van der Poel.



DairyNZ chair Jim van der Poel

"We are pleased the Government has listened to concerns from farmers and the rural community during the consultation period. I want to acknowledge that feedback has been taken on board and changes have been made.

"Although we have made good progress, there are still a number of issues we want to continue to work through with the Government, including legislative timelines, the retention of a processor-level backstop and the reduced role of the oversight body from what we understood had been agreed.

"DairyNZ has real

concerns that, because of delays in the process, there will not be enough time to implement the scheme before the Government's intended start date of January 1, 2025, and that, as a result, farmers may end up in a processor-level system through no fault of their own," says Mr van der Poel.

"We are also extremely disappointed to see the role of the oversight body has been significantly reduced, with advice to be provided to the Climate Change Commission, not directly to the minister, for consideration. This, in our view, is a key issue we will continue to work on."

A typical month and wetter year

Rainfall for December was on average 109.1% of the long-term average, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. It ranged from 62% at Mangorei Upper at Forest Hill to 194% at Mangaehu at Bridge. Rainfall was close to typical monthly values, across most of the region, with exceptions on the Maunga where rainfall was only around 60% at North Egmont.

Total rainfall for 2022 ranged from 112% (Kotare at O'Sullivan's) to 158% (Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse) with an average of 128.6% of normal.

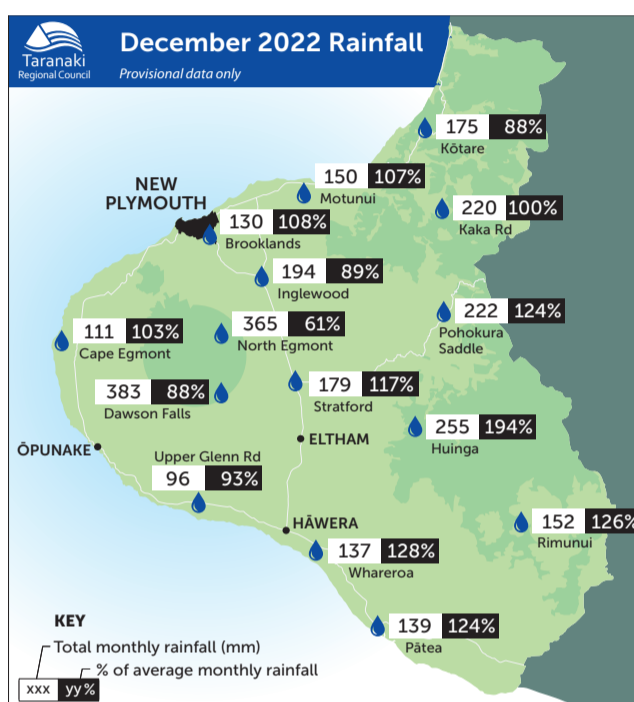
Mean river flows for December were close to typical December averages at around +19.6%. The low flows were on average three times greater than typical December lows. High flows were generally below (on average 81.5% of) historic December highs.

Mean non-mountain river

water temperatures were 17.6°C, an average of 0.3°C warmer than long-term December values. Night-time-low water temperatures were on average 0.5°C warmer than historic lows. Day-time high temperatures were on average 0.2°C cooler than historic highs.

The average air temperature for the region (excluding Te Maunga sites) was 17.4°C, which is 0.6°C warmer than the long-term December average. Low air temperatures for December were on average 1.1°C warmer than previously recorded lows. Day-time high temperatures were on average 0.8°C warmer than historic highs.

Mean soil moistures for December were 3.2% higher than typical historical values. On average, low soil moistures were 11% wetter than previous lows, and the highs approximately the same as previous general observations. The average



soil moisture was 31.8%.

Like November, December soil temperatures were generally 0.4°C warmer than long-term average. Night-time low soil temperatures were on average 0.6°C

warmer than recorded lows, and December upper day-time soil temperatures were on average -0.4°C cooler than long-term high December values

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Located in Cambridge, the dairy farm has a fair bit of undulating ground and is situated across two sides of the road. Malcolm was looking for a slurry tanker so he could spread further than the current system would allow.

'With rising costs of fertilisers, we've really got to make the most of the effluent.'

Malcolm had just invested in a new 130hp tractor

which was the perfect match for a 12,700L slurry tanker over undulating ground.

'It made sense to go with the bigger size [slurry tanker]. The tractor could handle it, and we can cart more.'

Luckily for Malcolm Nevada had a 12,700L slurry tanker available in the yard. It was meant to be, so with that the deal was done.

The new slurry tanker and tractor are a match made in heaven and Malcolm is more than happy with his investments...

'The tractor pulls it easily. It's a very smooth ride with the suspension. I'm impressed with the simplicity and speed.'

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Malcolm Bear and Nevada-the perfect match.

Where moon navigation meets future farming

Super-thin chips made from lithium niobate are set to overtake silicon chips in light-based technologies, according to world-leading scientists in the field, with potential applications ranging from remote ripening-fruit detection on Earth to navigation on the Moon.

They say the artificial crystal offers the platform of choice for these technologies due to its superior performance and recent advances in manufacturing capabilities.

RMIT University's Distinguished Professor Arnan Mitchell and University of Adelaide's Dr Andy Boes led this team of global experts to review lithium niobate's capabilities and potential applications in the journal Science.

The international team, including scientists from Peking University in China and Harvard University in the United States, is working with industry to make navigation systems that are planned to help rovers drive on the Moon later this decade.

As it is impossible to use global positioning system (GPS) technology on the Moon, navigation systems in lunar rovers will need to

use an alternative system, which is where the team's innovation comes in.

By detecting tiny changes in laser light, the lithium-niobate chip can be used to measure movement without needing external signals, according to Mitchell.

This technology can also be used to remotely detect the ripeness of fruit.

'Gas emitted by ripe fruit is absorbed by light in the mid-infrared part of the spectrum,' Mitchell said.

'A drone hovering in an orchard would transmit light to another which would sense the degree to which the light is absorbed and when fruit is ready for harvesting.'

'Our microchip technology is much smaller, cheaper and more accurate than current technology and can be used with very small drones that won't damage fruit trees.'

'This is not science fiction - this artificial crystal is being used to develop a range of exciting applications. And competition to harness the potential of this versatile technology is heating up,' said Mitchell, Director of the Integrated Photonics and Applications Centre.

He said while the lunar navigation device was in the early stages of development, the lithium niobate chip technology was 'mature

enough to be used in space applications'.

'Our lithium niobate chip technology is also flexible enough to be rapidly adapted to almost any application that uses light,' Mitchell said.

'We are focused on navigation now, but the same technology could also be used for linking internet on the Moon to the internet on Earth.'

Lithium niobate is an artificial crystal that was first discovered in 1949 but is 'back in vogue', according to Boes.

'Lithium niobate has new uses in the field of photonics - the science and technology of light - because unlike other materials it can generate and manipulate electro-magnetic waves across the full spectrum of light, from microwave to UV frequencies,' he said.

'Silicon was the material of choice for electronic circuits, but its limitations have become increasingly apparent in photonics.'

'Lithium niobate has come back into vogue because of its superior capabilities, and advances in manufacturing mean that it is now readily available as thin films on semiconductor wafers.'

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Aerial laser survey of Taranaki completed

Taranaki has just completed a high-tech aerial laser survey creating an exact 3-D map of the surface of the entire region.

Taranaki Regional Council has worked with Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) on the ground-breaking LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) survey to gather land-surface and elevation data.

The data will be used to generate high-definition 3D maps and models that will have a wide range of uses in environmental management and planning, managing natural hazards, planning of facilities, services and infrastructure and tracking changes to the coastline and river channels.

“It’s fantastic to see the completion of the Taranaki Regional Council-led project and now we can start using that invaluable data to keep caring for our environment and supporting livelihoods,” says Council Director-Operations Daniel Harrison.

“There are a myriad of applications where we and our partners can use this data and it is available to the public as well. The level of detail is incredible and it will be a really useful tool for our staff.”

Funding for the million-dollar project has come from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), via LINZ, with contributions from the Council, New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council, South Taranaki District Council and the University of Auckland. Taranaki Regional Council was one of 10 regional councils nationwide given funding from the PGF for regional scale LiDAR mapping projects.

Mr Harrison said the LiDAR information will help the district councils in land-use planning and assessing the provision of services while the University

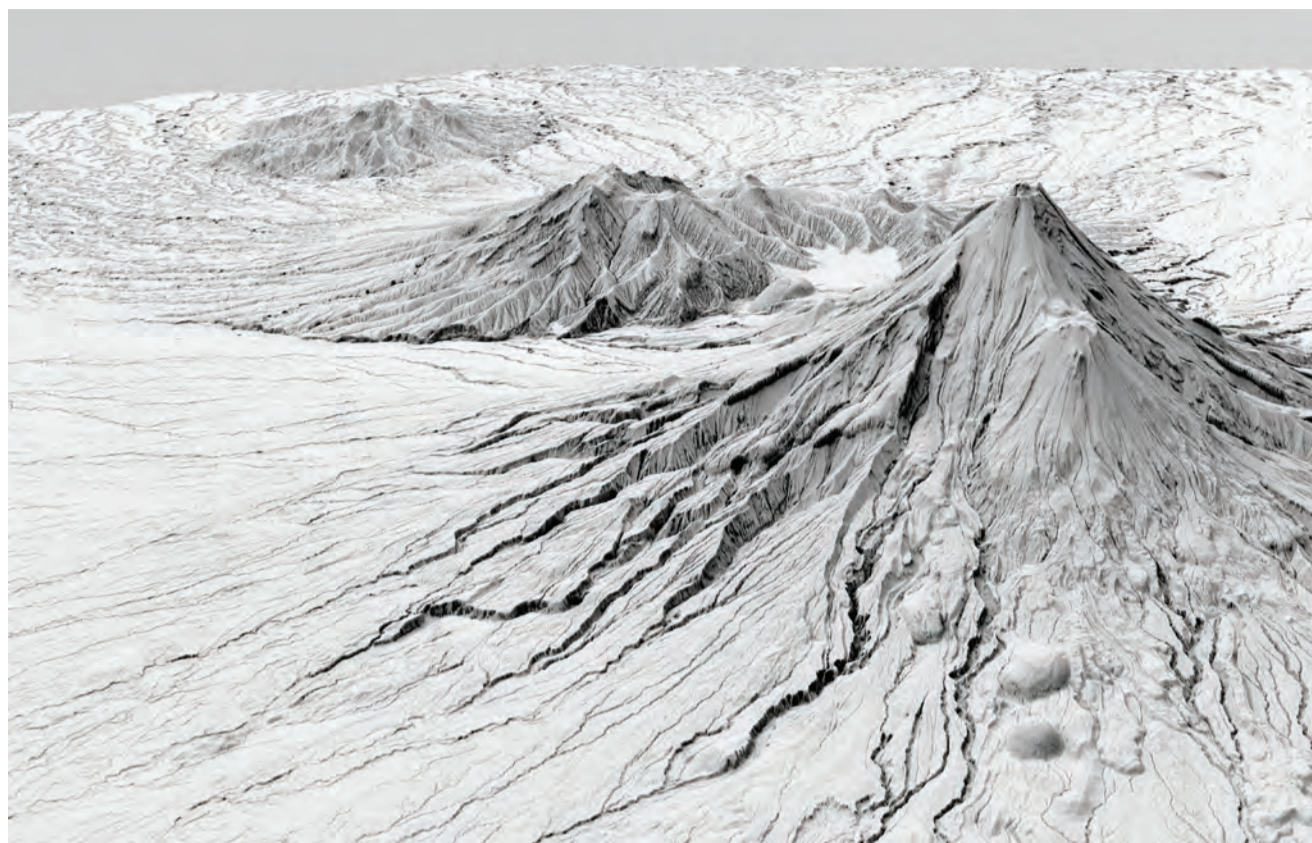
of Auckland is interested in the surveys of the Taranaki Maunga volcanic cone.

“We’re expecting surveyors, engineers, construction companies, farm planners and others to find the maps and models useful as well.”

Bjorn Johns, LINZ Technical Leader, Imagery and Elevation said: “This dataset has been two years in the making, and it’s exciting that we now have accurate elevation information right down to the property scale for the entire Taranaki region. The new digital elevation data provides certainty to councils and landowners and ensures their terrain modelling is as accurate as possible.

“The LiDAR data allows for improved 3-D visualisation of the land that proves valuable context for planning and mapping, and we make the data available to anyone via the LINZ Data Service.

“As new datasets across the country are completed and contributed to the LINZ National Elevation Programme, the amount of national coverage increases,



Taranaki high resolution 3D mapping. Image LINZ.

giving us the best possible picture of New Zealand.”

The survey involved a small twin-engine plane flying over Taranaki in 2021 using LiDAR laser scanning to map the terrain. The laser

beams were not visible and didn’t affect electronics and the plane’s high altitude meant the public and livestock were not disturbed.

The LiDAR surveys can be used for: assessing

vegetation cover and habitat quality, getting a more accurate picture of erosion, allowing better modelling of the effects of floods and droughts, monitoring the changes in coastal dunes,

providing a clearer picture of the steepness of hill country land, allowing sharper definition of sites of cultural significance, and monitoring natural hazards.

Check before lighting up

Fire and Emergency is asking Taranaki farmers and lifestyleurs to check local weather before lighting outdoor fires, as conditions are drying out quickly.

District Manager David Utumapu says that people may be lulled into a false sense of security by recent showers, but in reality, the

vegetation in many places will burn readily if a fire escapes.

“We have specific criteria that we use to decide when to move into a Restricted Fire Season and we have not yet reached that threshold, but people shouldn’t be complacent and assume that it is automatically safe to burn,” David says.

Anyone planning an outdoor fire should always go to www.checkitsalright.nz to find out whether there are any restrictions in place and, if not, whether conditions are suitable for burning.

The website also has fire safety tips for people lighting campfires and cultural fires such as hangi.

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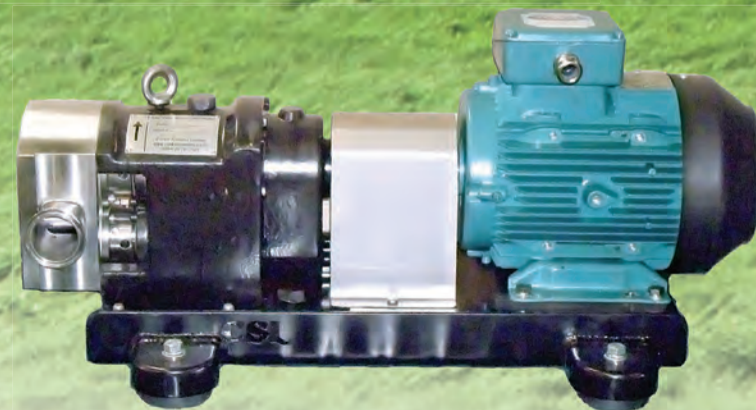
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Opunake Bowling Club news

December 1. Julian Pairs. Our local combination of Rita Davey and Julie Hemahema won the Ladies' Julian Pairs. They played very good bowls and won four out of four games. A New Plymouth Club combination of Elaine Hodge and Margy Carey were second. They also had four wins, but Rita and Julie had the better differential.

January 12. Fours and Pairs. What a battle for the 14 ladies' teams in the very strong wind and cold conditions. Coats and hats were the order of the day. The winners were Elaine Hodge's team from New Plymouth Club, the only team with four wins. 1. Elaine Hodge(Skip), Anne Brophy, Val McEldowney,



Winners of the Fours and Pairs, from New Plymouth Bowling Club: Anne Brophy, Margie Carey, Elaine Hodge (Skip), and Val McEldowney

Margy Carey. 2. Janet Ravji (Stratford) with three wins. 3. Linda Kape (Combined Okato/Opunake) with two wins and a draw.

There was a huge raffle table with 66 prizes. A wonderful effort, as all prizes were donated by our lady members and wellwishers. There was a beautiful afternoon tea to finish the day.

January 14. Championship Triples. Four ladies' teams contested the Championship Triples. The greens were running well, but there was a challenging south wind. Winners. Eileen Rothwell (Skip), Kay Fleming and Val Langton.

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

January 14. Saturday Men. 1. Dale Symes. 2. Grany Hastie. 3. Jim Greenough. 4. Wayne Baker.

June 16. Monday night Ambrose. 1. On Call. 2. Hakana Matata. 3. That's us Cuz. 4. Hot Nutz.

Last week eight members travelled to Tauranga to play in the Bay of Plenty 5 Course Classic Tournament.. There were 340 entries, Grant Gibbs won his division and was first equal in overall Stableford. Well done Grant.

January 21. Club Opening Day. 1. Adrian Hayward. 2. Phil Elliott. 3. Wayne Baker. 4. Margaret Putt. 5. Michelle Furness. 6. Oliva Symes.

Sandfords Manaia Golf Club

Taranaki Air Rifle Club

I hear you say what is Hunter Field Target? Field Targets are steel targets of mainly rats and pigs with a trigger plate of about four centimetres to hit to achieve a knock down score of 2 points and a hit outside on the animal one point with 10 targets at differing distances and angles out to 50 metres (a top round score of 20). Shooters have to estimate distance and are not allowed to alter elevations but have to aim off to allow for pellet drop and wind strength. After three rounds John Costain and Geoff Coubrough were tied on 47 John Brogden was on 50 with Frank Eustace on a slender lead of 53. So who could shoot the best on the final round? Geoff had a bad start but ended on a high note with a 18 for 65. John Brogden had a 16 to end on 66 and Frank held his nerve to end with a 19 for the best score of the day 72 . With scores in no particular

order: Nigel Kay 45, Geoff Coubrough 65, Mark Evans 53, John Costain 62, John Brogden 66 Frank Eustace 72.

Field Target shooting is very popular in UK. And draws huge crowds of shooters from all over the country.

On a real warm fine morning on January 21, we shot at 15.5 metres inside. Mark Evans shot well in the first round to have the top score before handicap . John Costain finished a clear 25 points in the lead from the second placing of Geoff Coubrough and Nigel Kay on the same score of 400. Mark Evans came in third on 397 just 3 points adrift. Scores with handicap were: Geoff Coubrough 400, Nigel Kay 400, John Chandler 174.77 , Frank Eustace 381.17, John Costain 425.94, Mark Evans 397.84.

Frank Eustace

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Surf Life Saving New Zealand says choose a lifeguarded beach

Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) is pleading with beachgoers to choose beaches patrolled by lifeguards, and always swim between the red and yellow flags to prevent more beach fatalities this summer.

SLSNZ's Chief Operations Officer Chris Emmett says, "Our hearts go out to those who have lost a family member. All of the incidents

this past week have occurred outside of the patrol flags or outside of patrol times and locations, and could have been avoided.

"We have two long weekends, Auckland Anniversary and Waitangi Day, coming up and we know people will want to head to the beach. Last year our patrols rescued 726 people, and despite a record

number of drownings across the country, there were no drownings between our red and yellow flags.

"To keep yourself and your loved ones safe, we ask you to head to a beach where there are lifeguards and swim between the flags, as that's the safest place to swim."

Chris Emmett says, "Keep it safe, keep it smart, and stay

within your limits. Be sure to watch out for rip currents that can carry you away from shore and be smart around rocks. Please don't overestimate your ability in the water, and never swim or surf alone."

If you observe someone in trouble in the water, call 111 and ask for the Police. They are in direct contact with all the marine rescue services

around the country.

Watch out for rip currents. They can carry you away from shore. If caught in a rip, remember the 3Rs: *Relax and float, *Raise your hand to signal for help and *Ride the rip until help arrives, or you can swim back to shore

Read and understand the safety signs – ask a surf lifeguard for advice, as beach conditions can change

regularly.

Know your limits/ Don't overestimate your ability or underestimate the conditions.

Always keep a very close eye on young children in or near the water. Keep children within arm's reach at all times.

Get a friend to swim, surf or fish with you.

If in doubt, stay out.

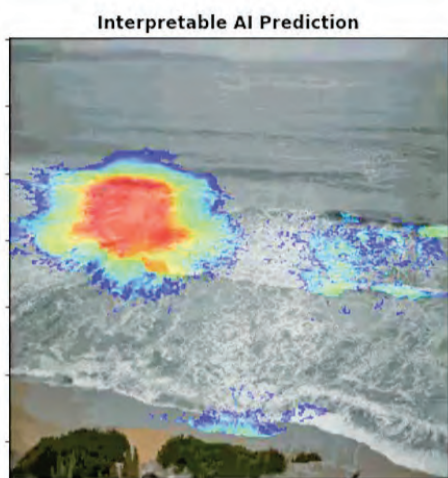
New technology gives sea safety hopes

Beachgoers could be safer thanks to a new technology with the potential to give real-time updates of rip currents.

Rip currents are narrow, fast-moving segments of water that travel away from the shore. They can reach speeds of 2.5 metres per second, which is quicker than the fastest Olympic swimmer.

NIWA and Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) have developed a state-of-the-art rip current identification tool using artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning. The tool showed around 90% accuracy detecting rip currents in videos and images in trials. The work is published in the journal Remote Sensing.

NIWA coastal scientists Dr Christo Rautenbach and



Interpretable AI Prediction



Video

The "warmer" colours are where the AI is focusing - it gives a probability score that shows, with various confidence, that a potentially deadly rip current is in that area.

Neelesh Rampal say the technology has been tested on a large variety of images from different coastal

settings and they hope will ultimately be used by beachgoers to alert them of rip currents.

"We hope that by using cameras and drones at beaches, the tool will be able to scan video footage

and notify people of the presence of rip currents. Even knowledgeable surf lifeguards can struggle identifying rips, depending on the beach and environmental conditions. As well as this, some beaches are remote or really large, so surf lifeguards can use all the extra help they can get!" said Dr Rautenbach.

The technology was developed by feeding millions of coastal aerial images into the AI model, along with artificial rain and fog data, to teach it to identify where rips occur in real-time, regardless of weather conditions and camera angle.

Adam Wooler, Special Projects Manager at SLSNZ, says once operationalised the technology will be invaluable for people while

they're out enjoying our beautiful coastline.

"This is only the beginning of our research together and our goal is to build even more effective, accurate and reliable safety tools for New Zealand beaches. Rip currents can sweep even the strongest swimmers out to sea - we had 90 people sadly drown in New Zealand last year, 25 of them on beaches, so we're hoping that this technology helps to significantly reduce that number," said Wooler.

Rip currents are reported as the most hazardous safety risk to beachgoers around the world. An Australian study published in 2013 revealed that they have killed more people on Australian territory than bushfires, floods, cyclones, and shark attacks combined.



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Auroa Cricket is padding up for a great weekend.

Waitangi Weekend sees the Auroa Cricket Club celebrate its 75th Jubilee. The weekend commences with the annual clash for the coveted Ashes, against local rivals Pihama, who will no doubt be ready to rain on the parade. The celebratory dinner kicks off at 6pm following the completion of the local derby, where guests will be treated to tales from New Zealand broadcasting legend Bryan Waddle. It will be a great opportunity for people to catch up with old team mates and rivals alike. Come along and enjoy some of the famous Auroa Cricket Clubs' hospitality.



Concensus Taranaki Cup winner 2019

Racing back on track

Taranaki Racing Inc look forward to the return to racing next Saturday (February 4) after the trials and tribulations of COVID 19 and the selfish and mindless act of vandalism that saw the December 24 meeting transferred to Hawera and the most popular meeting of the year (December 27) transferred out of the province to Woodville.

This has had a major effect not only on the racing industry but province as a whole with accommodation and hospitality taking a hit as well.

Saturday February 4 is our most prestigious race day with the Group III Denis Wheeler Earthmoving Taranaki Cup, the Group III Platinum Homes 2YO Classic and the listed Derryn @ Grangewilliam Stud Oaks Prelude.

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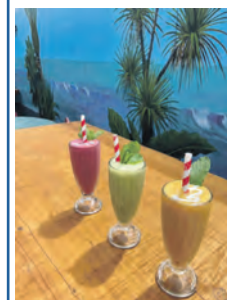
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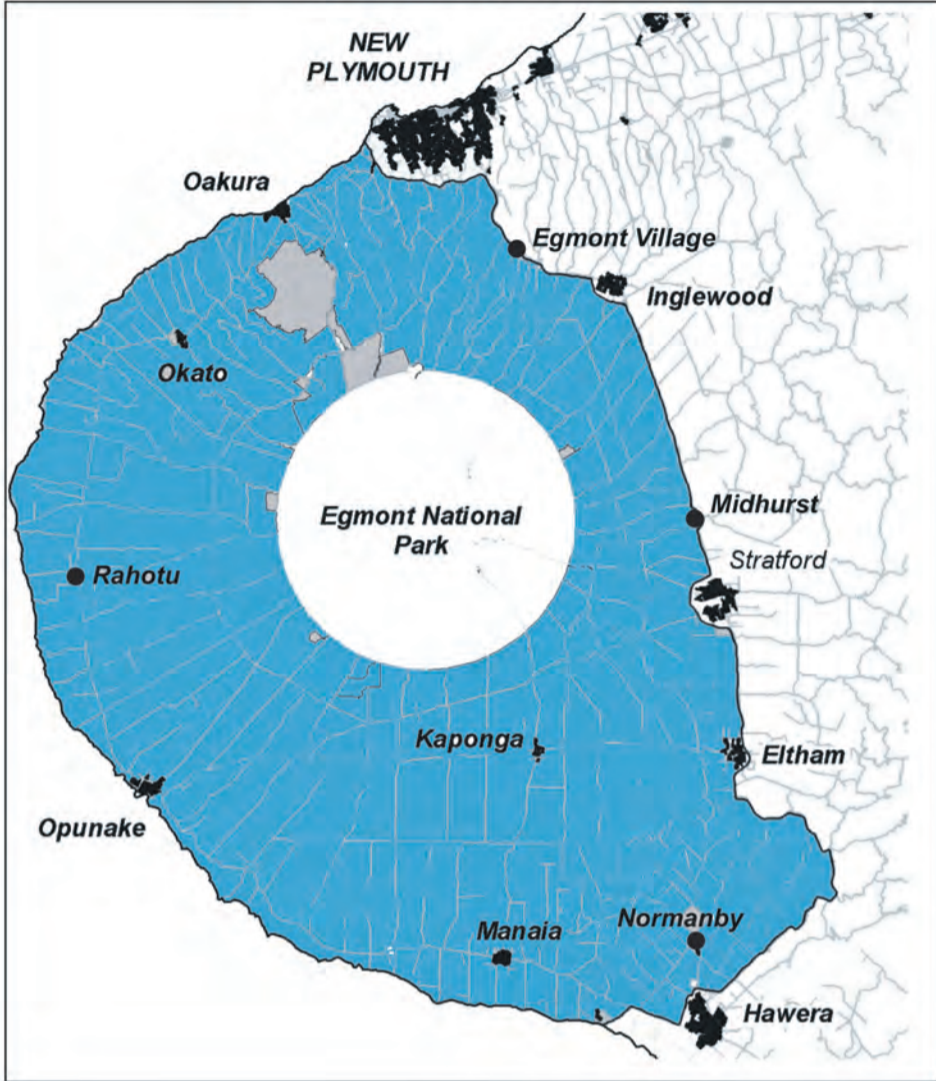
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COMMENCEMENT DATES & INFORMATION

- WED. 25TH JANUARY**
Office Open
- THURS. 26TH JANUARY**
13REC Tramp Begins
- MON./TUES. 30/31 JANUARY**
Teachers Only Days
- WED. 1ST FEBRUARY**
Deans available for course confirmation
All Year 13's attend to meet with Mr Lash & mentors, planning, expectations, course confirmation, preparing for Welcome Powhiri
- THURS. 2ND FEBRUARY**
WELCOME POWHIRI
9am Year 9's and other new students/staff to assemble in front car park
Year 13's in Common Room
9.30am WELCOME POWHIRI Commences
(All students & community welcome to attend, No formal activities for Year 10-12 after powhiri)
* Students to attend in correct school uniform
Year 9 & 13 Peer Support and overnight Orientation Camp follows Powhiri.
Year 9's will have an opportunity to change to mufti.
- FRI. 3RD FEBRUARY**
Year 10 - 12 Orientation Day
- MON. 6TH FEBRUARY**
WAITANGI DAY
- TUES. 7TH FEBRUARY**
9am Whole school Iwi. in Hall
9.30am Timetable classes (Week B)
Year 10 Girls depart for Mana Wahine Camp at TOPEC (return Sat. 11th)
- MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**
Year 10 Boys depart for Mana Tane Camp at TOPEC (return Fri. 24th)

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| <p>OPERATION FORTUNE
Action 1hr 54mins M: Violence
Thursday 26th January 7pm
Sunday 29th January 7pm</p> <p>THE AMAZING MAURICE
Animated/Family 1hr 36mins PG
Friday 27th January 1pm
Monday 6th February 1pm</p> <p>MEGAN
Thriller 1hr 45mins M: Violence
Friday 27th January 7pm</p> <p>TAD THE EXPLORER - CURSE OF THE MUMMY
Animated, Family 1hr 29mins PG
Saturday 28th January 1pm</p> <p>A MAN CALLED OTTO
Comedy, Drama 2hrs M
Saturday 28th January 7pm</p> <p>I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY
Bio, Drama 2hrs 22mins M: Drug Use
Sunday 29th January 1pm</p> | <p>WE ARE STILL HERE
Drama 1hr 30 mins M: Violence
Thurs 2nd Feb 7pm, Mon 6th Feb 7pm</p> <p>MY OLD SCHOOL
Drama, Doco 1hr 44mins E
Friday 3rd February 7pm</p> <p>THE BIG TRIP 2
Animated, Family 1hr 30mins PG
Saturday 4th February 1pm</p> <p>THE FABLEMANS
Drama 2hrs 31mins M: Language
Saturday 4th February 7pm</p> <p>THE WHALE *BOUTIQUE*
Drama 1hr 57 mins M: Suicidal Themes
Sunday 5th February 1pm & 7pm</p> |
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MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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JANUARY 28

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

Speedway - NZ Midget Champs Qualifying Races and finals. NZ minisprint Grand Prix: At Stratford Speedway from 6.30pm.

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 12

Opunake Boat & Underwater Club Annual Competition: See ad in this issue for more details.

FEBRUARY 4

Taranaki Cup Day: Horse racing at New Plymouth Raceway. First race at 12.45pm.

FEBRUARY 4 & 5

Summer Flower Show: At the Hawera Community Centre. From 12pm-4pm Saturday, and 10am to 3pm Sunday.

Auroa Cricket Club 75th Jubilee: Games, dinner and celebrations at the Auroa Cricket Club and the Auroa School Hall. See ad for more details.

FEBRUARY 18

Ngati Tara Hapu Hui: At Te Potaka Marae, Oaonui. 11am

PUBLIC NOTICES



The Trustees of the Hawera Orchestral Society invite applications for financial assistance to be granted from the Trust to assist instrumental tuition costs. The main objective of the Trust is the advancement and encouragement of skills of musical students in or about the South Taranaki area. Priority will be given to residents of the South Taranaki area.

Application forms can be requested by emailing hos.charitabletrust@gmail.com.

Please return all Application forms to: The Trustees, Hawera Orchestral Society Charitable Trust, C/- Mr C Pittams, 5 Morrissey Street, HAWERA 4610

Applications open on the 1st February 2023 and close on the 31st March 2023.



SECTION 186A – TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FISHERIES AREAS

Ngā Hapū o Ngāruahine have made a request to the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries under Section 186A of the Fisheries Act 1996. The request is for a temporary closure of fisheries areas to the taking of all shellfish (except kina) out to an extent of 2 nautical miles, all seaweed (except wash up) and karengo. The request is for the maximum of two years allowed by the Act and includes a reduction in the daily bag limit for blue cod from 10 to 3 out to an extent of 3 nautical miles.

A rāhui was imposed by the Kaumātua of Ngāruahine in January of 2022. As an expression of Hapū tikanga, rāhui are not always understood or respected by some in our communities. This is frustrating to our rangatahi who feel obligated to ensure that their tikanga is observed.

Only Hapū may impose a rāhui but a Section 186A provides legal support for one which protects our kaimoana and ensures our rangatahi are safe from conflict. Ngā Hapū will work with our communities to monitor kaimoana over the two years and determine what steps are needed to preserve these valued taonga for future generations.

For any enquiries, please contact Dion Luke 027 279 1359 / dion@ngaruahine.iwi.nz

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Ngati Tara Hapu Hui

Te Potaka Marae, Oaonui
Saturday 18 Feb 2023 at 11 am
Agenda:

- Mihi/Karakia
- Whanaungatanga
- Ngati Tara Hapu
 - Past, Present & Future
 - Hapu Development
 - Establishing hapu governance structure
 - Kawenata with TKoT (PSGE)

Election of interim Hapu reps
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Next Steps
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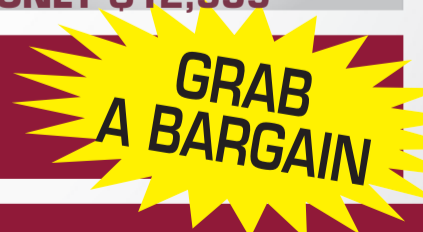
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