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National shadow minister chews fat with local farmers



Chewing the fat with farmers at Te Kiri. From left: Carl Bates (National candidate for Whanganui), Mike Starsmore, National Party Agriculture spokesperson Todd McClay, Eric Ardern, Katie Starsmore and Shane Ardern.

National's shadow farming minister stopped at Te Kiri to talk to local farmers last week.

Agriculture spokesperson Todd McClay was on a visit to Taranaki which included meetings in Hawera and Stratford. Accompanied by the party's Whanganui candidate Carl Bates he had visited local farms and the Cold Creek water project before stopping by for a Q and A session with farmers at the Te Kiri Hall on May 23.

Last year 80 per cent of the country's exports came from food and fibre. Todd says the value the National Party put on agriculture could be seen by the fact that the agriculture spokesperson is on the front bench.

He has been MP for Rotorua since 2008, and was a minister in the John Key and Bill English governments.

"I've got a rural electorate,"

he says. "There's a city in the middle of it, but it's a rural electorate."

He says he doubts the existence of the oft-quoted rural/urban divide.

"It's a perception issue. New Zealanders do understand farming and they can understand farming. We've just got to find a different way of explaining things."

He says there was once a time when most town people knew somebody who lived and worked on a farm.

"My father was a teacher but from the age of 10 I wanted to be a farmer."

He says New Zealand farmers are among the most efficient in the world and care about the environment.

"In my area it doesn't matter what rule you apply, the farmers will do more than they are required to do because they love that lake."

Nevertheless rules are inconsistent across the country and farmers need

certainty.

"On my way here I saw a pothole that's probably full of water half the year, but because it's not on a farm it's not a wetland," he quipped.

"A rule that costs more to run than the benefit that comes from it is called red tape, and National will get rid of that," he said, citing their policy of getting rid of one rule for every new one that's introduced.

"With a few exceptions farmers are price takers not price setters. The only thing the government can focus on is the costs that are imposed on you."

"New Zealand farmers are the most carbon efficient in the world and if all we can do in New Zealand is impose costs on production then we will be the poorer and our business will go overseas," he said, with the benefits going to competitors with farming practices less environmentally friendly than our own.

Todd said that when National Party leader Chris Luxon gave him the agriculture job after Todd Muller announced his retirement from politics, he asked if he could be trade spokesperson as well.

"I think the two go intrinsically together," he said.

He says the trade minister needs to argue strongly for the interests of New Zealand exporters. He cites his own record as Trade Minister when he campaigned for the Trans-Pacific Partnership to continue after the United States had pulled out.

Historically the farming vote has tended to go National, although at the last election, several once true-blue farming seats went to Labour.

Todd says when it became clear that National could not form a government some farmers had voted Labour in the hope of keeping

the Greens out but what they ended up with was a government that was just as bad for the farming sector.

More recently former Federated Farmers president Andrew Hoggard has been selected to stand for ACT.

"We will clearly make the case for the importance of food production and agriculture for the economy. Any other party that recognizes that, it will be easy for us to work with them," says Todd.

Nevertheless he says there is only one real option for anybody wanting a National-led government.

"In past elections when we had people splitting their vote to help form a National Government we ended up with Jacinda Ardern instead of Bill English. The only way to change the government and ensure farmers have a positive future is to party vote National."

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Hydrogen plant

Although there is no outcome so far regarding the hydrogen plant project in Kapuni, South Taranaki, the local hapu and Greenpeace are in the NZ Court of Appeal against the plant going ahead.

If the hapu and Greenpeace are so against projects like the wind turbines and projects such as this, the question is let’s hear from them looking forward in the future to what they intend to do, come up with and support? Interestingly are they against any projects which may impact the view of people of our mountain, or our mountain being able to be seen of any man made projects in Taranaki.

I guess next there will be a protest to stop aircraft and helicopters flying over

the mountain’s airspace or banning the Manganui Skifeild operation or opposing the Manganui Gorge bridge with its high pillar support structures.

Mmmm what next we wonder?

*Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth*

Easter celebration

Once again it’s good to see that all four religious faiths in Opunake like St Barnabas, Opunake Co-operating, The Wave and the Catholic churches all bringing their Easter messages to those like me who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Maybe one day the combined religious faiths could all get together not only for Easter but for Christmas.

ADELPHOS

On May 6, 2023 the Coronation of King Charles III and his wife Camilla was an extravaganza of royal pomp and pageantry at London’s Westminster Abbey. It was a profoundly Christian ceremony despite British society being one of the most secular in the world.

The ceremony formally invested Prince Charles as the monarch with kingly powers. He was anointed on his hands, head and breast with holy chrism oil, consecrated in Jerusalem as a symbol of his divine right to rule. All the while he was hidden from public view. Neither commoner nor nobility could set eyes upon the sanctity of that holy

moment between the King, God and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Kings in the Old Testament were also anointed with oil to set them apart for God’s work. However many of the kings were considered evil and unfaithful to Jehovah God. Fifteen of Israel’s 19 kings were killed by other people, seven of which took their throne. Being a king was a dangerous business physically, politically and spiritually. As a student of church history Prince Charles was well aware and educated in such matters.

The Prince was invested as the Defender of the Faith, Supreme Governor of the Church of England and King of the United Kingdom and

Yet sadly we have some people who don’t believe in our Lord Jesus as they believe in celebrating Easter and Christmas by drinking and celebrating that way, but if they lose a family member, relation or a close friend they all go and say their farewells at their funerals which has always baffled me.

So I do hope that these four churches pray for world peace for these innocent Ukraine people being killed by Communist Russia, and for all those people who have suffered from Cyclone Gabrielle, and also for this government which is doing a great job of helping us all through many issues they’re facing at this time.

So in the meantime Bless You All.

*Tom Stephens
New Plymouth*

Signed us up to a joke

A problem we may have in understanding climate change arises because inertial frames of reference are completely unnecessary and confounding in energy-balance accounting. Sir Isaac Newton opined: every mass remains at rest or continues in motion along a straight line unless it is acted upon by a net force, this to become hallmark of the inertial frame of reference. By contrast we may contrive a barycentric frame of reference and each member may experience some Δv that cannot be associated with energy conversion. That is to say: we need evidence in the

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King Charles III’s Coronation

Commonwealth. In his oath he swore, with hand on the Coronation King James Bible, to uphold the laws of God, the true profession of Jesus’ gospel and maintain the Protestant Reformed religion established by the laws of the Church of England.

As a personal Coronation gift Pope Francis previously gave Prince Charles a relic from the “True Cross of Jesus.” This relic was incorporated into the centre of the Cross of Wales and was used as the processional cross leading the Coronation procession. The gift has been interpreted as a gesture of peace to heal the bloody Catholic-Protestant divisions during the Reformation period: Over eight million lives were tragically lost.

Throughout history kings

and queens operating under “divine right” have not always met the standards set by the Bible, the Word of God. Many of their reigns have been historically stamped as “untrustworthy” or “incompetent” or “sexually immoral.” And, consequently, the lives of ordinary people suffered.

At the end of the ceremony commentators noticed a burdened look upon the King’s face. His responsibilities toward God, his people, his church and upholding the gospel of Jesus are not without great weight and accountability. More than ever let us prayerfully proclaim, “God save the King.”

*Pax et Caritas,
Adelphos*

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Community meeting to ensure Opunake remains a safe and vibrant place



From left, Stephanie McKellar (Attendance Co-ordinator) and Julie Hemahema (Attendance and Whanau Liaison).

Keep this date free in your diary; Thursday June 8 (7pm); there will be an important community meeting to be held in the Opunake Bowling Club, Gisborne Terrace, chaired by outstanding citizen Ian Armstrong.

The intention of the meeting is to bring the Opunake community together to discuss and share ideas of ensuring Opunake remains a safe and vibrant place for all community members, especially our young people. The meeting has the support of many, including the principals from all schools in Opunake.

There are two areas of focus:

Firstly, to support Opunake Police so they can police

Opunake optimally. We have been impressed with what we have heard from Stratford and Patea who have recently instigated a "community policing" scheme, which has had a positive effect on their respective communities. Constable Brad Coad will outline more about these initiatives, which have had a positive impact on the entire communities of these two Taranaki towns.

Secondly, how can we support the growing number of young people in Opunake. The phrase "It takes a village to raise a child" is pertinent to our community. Opunake Primary School Principal Lorraine Williamson explains, "During the many years that I have taught in Opunake I have witnessed the community harness a

lot of goodwill. Many locals and organisations have offered considerable support through a range of activities. As a principal I would welcome the opportunity to extend and build upon what is on offer for our children and young people after school and on the weekends. The schools are obviously at maximum capacity and it would be good to hear community ideas for enhancing opportunities for children and youth of all ages. This needs to be a community-driven initiative.

Several years ago the government had a programme which was jointly funded. I attended some of these initial meetings. The ideas generated at these meetings were amazing. There was a lot of goodwill.

Unfortunately, for several reasons the project was withdrawn and I was disappointed to see that the ideas and support were lost with the demise of the project. So I feel heartened that we can do this on our own. We know that some members of the community have fantastic ideas. I know some members of the community have already forged ahead and set up some initiatives on their own. We need the ideas, but we also need an action plan to get any initiatives up and running otherwise they are only pipe dreams. Once we have an opportunity to meet

and share our ideas at the community meeting, we will need community members to drive this project forward. We have no funding for any initiatives so we may need to be resourceful, but I know that we have so much expertise in Opunake that we should overcome this barrier.

Finally, we want to harness the positivity and goodwill of the community. We want a positive productive meeting that focuses on solutions not problems. With Mr Armstrong chairing the meeting he'll keep us on track. Those of you who know Ian will know that he

will be focussed on outcomes and a plan to get us there: even if this means several people driving projects. Our younger generation are worth the effort, we have so much talent to be harnessed and supported."

Finally, a word from Attendance Co-ordinator Stephanie McKellar and Julie Hemahema, Attendance and Whanau Liaison, who are involved in organising this meeting.

"We've had lots of support for this community meeting and look forward to hearing everyone's ideas. Naumai haere mai, all are welcome."



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- ❖ Develop further support systems to actively and purposefully engage the youth of Opunake
- ❖ Look for creative options and solutions to keep children and youth actively and positively involved in our community
- ❖ Promote positive outcomes for all children and youth in our community, including attendance and well being
- ❖ Make sure Opunake is a safe and secure place for all of our tamariki (children)
- ❖ Assist and support the local Police by developing a proactive response to both rural and local policing
- ❖ See how we can, as a group, be responsive to the needs of our local community

Please come and bring your thoughts and creative ideas. Let's be proactive!

Opunake Bowling Club, Thursday, 8 June 2023, 7.00pm

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On June 11, 1776 landscape artist John Constable was born in Suffolk, England.

Many of his paintings were in completed in Dedhame Vale which is now known as Constable Country.

He didn't sell well in

England, but did better in France.

He commented, "Painting is but another word for feeling."

He was finally, at the age of 52, elected to the Royal Academy.

Two of his most famous

paintings include Wivenhoe Park (1816) and Hay Wain (1821), as well as those of Salisbury Cathedral.

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Plus, there is a competition running this year, and if Council has your e-mail on file and you've paid in full before the end of business

the 31st of July 2023, you'll automatically go in the draw to win over \$350.00 worth of goodies as well as your dog registration (for one dog only) refunded on your account. There are four prizes up for grabs, one for each ward, so if you haven't already, let them know your email address by the 31st of July 2023. You can find out more about this at www.southtaranaki.com/dogcompetition. If you don't get your invoice before the 30th of June, get in touch with Council at 0800 111 323

As a dog owner myself I'm often surprised that more

It's dog rego time



people don't know about the district's designated dog areas. We have a fenced Dog Park in Hāwera. This is the district's first fully fenced Dog Park, and you can find it at Beech Place Reserve, it's an open field between Tawa, Ngaio Streets and Kamahi Avenue which is fully fenced and gated so dogs can run free while still enclosed in the reserve. Plus, we have a few exercise areas around the District. These are Leash free dog exercise areas, where dogs are permitted unleashed. There is Waihi Beach and Domain, Ōhawe Beach, the Normanby Domain (designated area only), Middleton Bay, Manaia Domain (behind

sports fields), Taylor Park in Eltham, Smyth Park, and Thoumine Park Roadside Reserve Area in Kaponga, Pātea Domain (excluding play area) Pātea Beach and Long Beach, Waverley. Please look at the Dog Control Bylaw on southtaranaki.com if you wish to know more.

And finally, remember to carry Doggy doo bags with you when you're out and about so if your dog 'goes' you can clean up.

Until next time

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Letters to the Editor

the form of say transfer of physical power or depletion of reserves before we decide of some Δv that it belongs in the special category. In principle the total dv for a member is a sum of components and we can isolate the part that pertains to conversion.

Outside of the operation of a certain small class of marine turbine, the conversions to and from gravitational potential generally belong to cycles. Natural ones recur over and over. The net conversion over a full cycle is nought, thus to the term "conservative". It is a red flag flying that the Ministry for the Environment refuses to investigate the import of the exceptional turbine behaviour. For why refuse to think? Is it that devolution commands all departments that were hit by it in 1991 to defer their judgment to planning committees on high or low?

This tort is unusual because it appears the Law Commission has been a scallywag in the back room. In other words, plaintiff would say: "The Ministry

has refused audi alteram partem and this is illegal but the reason we see at this stage is that the Ministry has been constitutionally gerrymandered with (i.e. chains)." Such a claim probably needs "best-tribe" barristers and a kaitiaki with an arm around applied mathematics. However in principle it can succeed, a bit like how in the Lady of Gold movie (law surrounding a painting), principle won out in the end.

It is possible that climate change is nothing but that is a view getting harder and harder to defend. Therefore the joke in temperature units - see the new unit Kelvin in the Measurement Standards Regulations, 2019 - should warn us that we are not getting value for money with the current leadership in matters of thermodynamic interest to the general public.

If this is just God's plan, we may sit back and let the system unravel but all the world cannot be God's plan because of volition. Possums in New Zealand are evidence. Moreover kaitiakitanga presumes that one can make a difference by caring, whence a kaitiaki is one who cares.

Russell Christensen
Eltham

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A great opportunity

2023-24 summer season. What a great time in the Egmont National Park will bring with the replacement of the North Egmont Visitors Centre and the Pouakai Hut, along with the finishing of the Taranaki Crossing and the Pouakai Crossing Treks upgrades. This creates a great opportunity for the local Department of Conservation staff to organise some tours for park-users covering treks like the Pouakai Crossing Trek and the Mangorei Track to the unique and popular Pouakai Tarns. These treks are deep in the Egmont National Park history for them to share with those taking part in the hikes (Mangorei Track being the oldest track in the park). Perhaps a couple of shorter walks, around the park such as the Enchanted Walk around the east, the Goblin Forest, or/and a trip to the herb fields, even perhaps a tour to the Three Sisters.

I am sure there would be a great opportunity and interest here for guided walks to showcase them

Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth

Boxing Gym becoming popular

I can remember when James Langton first opened his Barbwire Boxing Gym for both males and females only having about four male boxers plus he was catering for any adult who was wanting to keep themselves fit and in shape.

Now after seeing the recent photograph of James' boxing gym he now has 18 boxers with ages ranging from 18 to 35, both males and females, which to me is really brilliant. I've no doubt there were people who didn't think James' gym would last as long as it has, and how wrong were they all!

Seeing that Opunake has a boxing gym maybe all the sportspeople from Opunake and surrounding areas could maybe keep themselves fit not only during the winter but also in the summer season.

So I must congratulate James Langton for not only starting up the Barbwire Boxing Gym but I can also see he'll have increasing memberships.

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Dog championship show in Okato a great success

On the weekend of 27-28 May dogs certainly outnumbered residents at the successful dog championship show held on the Okato domain. Each day of the weekend the event started at 9am and continued until the light faded.

The sky looked a bit doubtful as the event got underway, but the weather held over the two day event to the relief of everyone.

The show was organised by the North Taranaki Dog Training Club and Okato local Glenys Putt was one of the organisers. Her dog, a border collie named Bonnie, was one of the canine contestants.

Owners and their dogs (mostly 2-3), tested in the three agility courses C (easiest) B and A (hardest), consisting of jumps and tunnels. "Everyone seems very happy with the facilities," Glenys commented. Maybe the same could be said for the dogs!

The contestants came from all over the North Island and only positive comments were made about the event. Commented one, "It's a fantastic venue. It's really well-organised." This enthusiast added, "Its great catching up with people." Another contestant said simply, "Nice grounds and brilliant organisation."

There was a huge number of camper vans and the like, often with elaborate modifications to house their dogs.

It was amazing the very high degree of control the



Isabelle Vincent (8) pictured with Eddie a toy poodle/shitzu.



Zooming out of a tunnel.



Clearing the jump with ease.

owners had (with their arm extended to indicate the sequence) over their dogs they completed a numbered circuit of tunnels and jumps. Glenys explained that the scoring was similar to show jumping horse events, whereby points were lost if a rail came down (five points deducted). What if the correct sequence in not followed. "They are disqualified?" Glenys replied. Also amazing was the speed at which each dog completed the circuit – they

were absolutely racing at top speed.

One man called Rex, from the Waikato, was walking four tiny dogs and said three were competing.

The biggest dog on display was a Leonberger, but it was not competing. However,

Renee from Whanganui had three border collies that were.

was asleep, but awoke to show its barking displeasure at being disturbed.

Quietly watching was Isabelle Vincent (aged 8) with a tiny dog Eddie, a toy poodle/shitz beside her. She was up from Patea. The dog

Well done to the organisers for their excellent event. North Taranaki Dog Training Club have another event scheduled in August. Watch this space.

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heavy metal contamination, macro-algae blooms, habitat loss) and build up over time generating cumulative effects. “Our research reveals that an increase in turbidity reduces the amount of sunlight able to filter through the water and onto the seafloor. This impacts the small microscopic plants on the seafloor (microphytobenthos or MPB) reducing production with implications for the entire food web. Turbidity is considered a good measure, or indicator, of water quality. “The more an estuary is flooded, the more turbid it becomes, eroding ecosystem health and increasing its vulnerability to a tipping point. A tipping point is a rapid transformation that happens when an ecosystem

has lost its capacity to cope with change and restore itself to balance. Tipping points often involve the loss of valuable marine resources and ecosystem services. For example, death/removal of filter feeding by shellfish may result in a rapid decline in water quality especially if combined with even a small increase in plant nutrients. “Even in healthy estuaries, a sudden shift to poor water clarity caused by widespread flooding can decrease the growth of photosynthesizing organisms, such as seagrass and microphytobenthos (MPB). “MPB are tiny (microscopic) photosynthetic organisms living on, or in, sediment on the seafloor. Just like seagrass, they are the foundation of coastal food webs.

“The more estuaries are altered by flooding, the less ability they have to filter and trap sediment. Studies all over the world have shown how healthy seagrass meadows and shellfish beds, for example, are able to reduce the concentration of suspended sediments in estuaries lowering the turbidity. “These changes to species who are the foundation of estuarine ecosystems may also impact the behaviour of other marine life higher up the food chain. “For example, international research shows kuaka (bar-tailed godwits) need the essential fatty acids produced by MPB to support their long migration from Aotearoa to western Alaska each year. “With the degradation

of the inter-tidal zone from flooding, MPB are compromised because they can’t photosynthesise effectively and have less sandy habitat to live in. “Of course, kuaka may adapt to this change and seek a different food source, because seabirds are very good at adaptation. But MPB will continue to be negatively impacted by loss of water clarity. “Earlier Sustainable Seas research proves what happens in estuaries also affects our ocean ecosystems, because sediment and nutrients are carried by river eddies over 100 km out in the sea’s surface; while submarine canyons connect coastal and deep-sea ecosystems, transporting materials from the land into the deep. This means that

our environmental footprint goes much further into our marine Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) than previously thought. “That’s why it’s vital we enact placed-based strategies and ecosystem-based management (EBM) to limit the amount of sediment and nutrients in Aotearoa’s estuaries and give them the best chance of surviving the impacts of climate-related events. “Otherwise, we may stand to lose these precious resources and species forever.”

Conrad Pilditch
 , Programme Leader for Degradation and Recovery, Sustainable Seas National Science Challenge; and Professor of Marine Science, University of Waikato.

Scarlett Johansson with Pearl Earring



A new painting from Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk.

Work to begin on new Kahouri Stream bridge on Forgotten World Highway

Work will begin next month to build a two-lane bridge over Kahouri Stream, on SH43 Forgotten World Highway, east of Stratford. The design for the new bridge has been completed. Waka Kotahi Regional Manager of Infrastructure Delivery Rob Partridge says the current bridge, built in 1908, remains structurally sound, and will be retained for people to walk and cycle across. “The new bridge will have two lanes, both 3.5 metres wide in addition to a one metre shoulder. We want to future proof the connection in this iconic area to accommodate a safer and more accessible route for all road users.”

“This project is one of several improvements for the Forgotten World Highway, funded jointly through Kānoa - Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit and the regional package of the NZ Upgrade Programme. \$8m has been set aside for this bridge. The \$30m package of improvements for the Forgotten World Highway includes the sealing of the Tāngarākau Gorge, safety improvements such as new signage and side barriers;

a culvert replacement, passing opportunities, and the development of a preventative maintenance strategy. “As with every project, there is likely to be traffic management in place and possible temporary road closures or changes in place. If these are needed, there will be advance warning. We appreciate any delays to people’s journey can be frustrating and we always do what we can to minimise disruptions,” says Mr Partridge



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In the Community

Interview by Rachel Donald

It's been a busy few months since David MacLeod secured selection as the National Party candidate for the New Plymouth electorate.

While well-known by some due to his high-profile governance roles, such as Chair of the Regional Council, his priority was to get out amongst the community to meet as many people as possible.

'We had a phase of getting as many signs up as possible to make sure people knew I was the candidate in the upcoming election. But the real job has been to move on from being 'the face on the billboard' to being a person out amongst the community and ready to have a chat with whoever wants to talk to me.'

MacLeod says his conversations with business owners have highlighted how some businesses are doing well, but others are really struggling.

"I'm out walking the streets of the CBD and going into shops and there's a lot of stress out there. One lady I spoke to said she'd had to lay off three staff and move premises for lower rent. And that was just one of the people I've spoken to."

MacLeod says how business is doing is just one part of the conversation.

"People are talking about the cost of going to the supermarket, or filling up the car, and that's before they try to find hundreds of dollars more per week to cover rising mortgage repayments. Our local rates look like they're heading north too. We can't escape the fact that everything is becoming more expensive."

Sadly, a recession is on the horizon – the question is how long the pain lasts, says MacLeod.

"The fact is, to get out of recession, we have to go through pain as a society. The question is do we have prolonged pain or short pain. The Government controls how long the pain is – by printing more money and throwing more money into the economy, we are prolonging the pain for the average New Zealander.

"National's drive to bring discipline back to government spending and stop adding costs and red tape to businesses will go a long way to reducing the pain."

MacLeod says there have also been some

David MacLeod
National Party Candidate
for New Plymouth

Authorised by D MacLeod, 37 Gill Street New Plymouth.

wonderful interactions. The Eid Gala Festival that celebrates the Islamic community was just one opportunity to learn about an important part of New Plymouth society.

"One of things that is obvious when you talk to an immigrant community is the huge number of very skilled people that have chosen to come to New Zealand. As I said in my impromptu speech, we need to invite more friends and family here because we are woefully shy of skilled people in some areas."

MacLeod notes that National's policy to encourage skilled nurses to come to New Zealand by opening up immigration policy and paying them to relocate is just one example of how we can attract the right people to come here.

MacLeod says his focus for the coming months is to meet and talk with as many people in the electorate as he can.

"I want to talk to everyone – I love to talk with people that support what I stand for and what National is trying to do, but it is just as important to meet with those that have different views. To truly represent the community, you have to understand everyone's concerns.

"I often say it takes a village – or a community – to raise a child and I think that New Plymouth and the coast is a truly amazing place to live and bring up a family. I want to make sure we continue to thrive as a region."

"But right now, what is clear, is that it's time for a change in government."



Supporting Taranaki households with the cost of living

At the heart of Budget 2023 is a cost of living package designed to ease the pressure on households. I've been out and about making sure people in our electorate hear about this cost of living support and I wanted to share a bit more information with you too.



**STEPH LEWIS
MP FOR WHANGANUI**

Budget 2023 provides practical cost of living support across some of the core expenses facing Taranaki families – childcare, healthcare, transport and power bills. It will help to make things a bit easier for families, students and seniors by reducing or removing some of the costs they currently face.

We're helping with health costs by removing prescription charges for medicines. Removing the \$5 co-payment may seem like a small step, but we've seen that many prescriptions are not being picked up, which means individuals aren't taking their medication, and they aren't getting better. Many then get sicker and need Hospital care. Around three million Kiwis will no longer have to worry about

the costs of collecting their medication. This will make a real difference for Taranaki households, particularly those who need to fill multiple prescriptions on a regular basis.

I've received lots of positive feedback from pharmacists and families alike following this announcement. Pharmacists have told me they have seen families who have had to choose which prescription items they can afford to pay for each week, leaving some items to hopefully be picked up another time. Removing the \$5 prescription charge means these individuals no longer need to make those difficult choices.

We're also significantly reducing the cost of early childhood education for parents by extending 20 hours ECE to two-year-olds, adding to the existing 20 hours free for three- to five-year-olds. This will be a major saving for whānau and will reduce barriers for working parents to take on

more hours if they can. We're helping to reduce power bills by hundreds of dollars a year through the Warmer Kiwi Homes programme. This retrofit programme is estimated to have reduced electricity use by 16% on average over the winter months and sits alongside our Winter Energy

Payment. It was announced in the Budget that \$12.6 million will go towards the design and construction of classrooms at Te Paepae o Aotea in Hāwera. I'm very excited for the teachers, staff, students, and wider community, who will benefit from the further development

of this school. Local investment, like this investment in the school, demonstrates what Budget 2023 is all about – balancing support for people today and building towards a better tomorrow.

*Steph Lewis
MP Whanganui*



A beautiful shot of Middleton Bay.

Photo Joyleen Sandford

Budget 2023 is a gamble with the climate crisis

Greenpeace say they are calling out the Government for gambling with the climate crisis, and that Budget 2023 puts corporate profit ahead of acting on climate change and the cost of living.

Greenpeace climate campaigner, Christine Rose, says "to find out why the Government is failing to take action, you just have to follow the money. New Zealand's most polluting industries - agriculture, transport, and energy - are profiting from the status quo, while

vulnerable communities disproportionately carry the environmental and economic costs."

"Industry lobbyists have pushed the Government into inaction on the transformative change needed to address both the climate and cost of living crises.

"The Government had compelling reasons to invest in real climate solutions in Budget 2023, because this year has shown us what happens when we don't act to stem the tide of climate pollution," says Rose. "Resilience funding will not stop this crisis from getting worse - we can't sandbag our way out of storms that are constantly escalating in severity."

"The intensive dairy industry, led by Fonterra, is New Zealand's worst climate polluter. Changing the way that we farm is a necessity, and the Government had a golden opportunity to fund the transition from intensive dairy to ecological, low-emissions farming - but it has not delivered.

"We've seen yet more missed opportunities on transport and energy, and it's incredibly disappointing," says Rose. "Prioritising investment in walking, cycling, and public transport over roads would reduce climate pollution and make it easier for New Zealanders to get from A to B at much lower costs."

"While it's positive to see

that half-price fares remain for some, we needed bolder and more visionary strategies, including significant investment in expanding rail and making public transport fares free for all.

"We welcome the funding boost for home insulation and heat pumps, but are disappointed not to see significant investment in locally-owned renewable energy. This would end our dependence on oil, gas and coal, and also reduce the power bills of everyday New Zealanders, addressing both the cost of living and climate crisis," says Rose.

"Industry greed and profiteering in the face of a climate and cost of living crisis is completely unacceptable. By choosing to protect corporate profits over people and nature, the Government is delaying action that would benefit all New Zealanders. Everyone has the right to a healthy environment and a safe and stable climate - and government action is required to secure these.

"This budget has made it clear that we need a Climate Election, where all political parties understand that the climate crisis transcends politics. Polluting industries cannot be allowed to continue with denial and delay, forcing us all to carry the costs of escalating severe climate disasters."

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Bev Henderson, so sadly missed (5 December 1927 - 20 April 2023)

Still living independently at her home in Opunake, Bev Henderson sadly passed away recently in her 96th year.

She was doing her usual rounds in Opunake visiting the library and the supermarket in her mobility scooter the day before she fell in her home. Independent to the end she always insisted that she never wanted to move into a rest home and that the only way she'd leave her house said her daughter Ruth was "in a box". Four days later in hospital she succumbed to injuries from the fall.

An ardent Labour supporter, Bev had a keen interest in politics and, in later years, enjoyed watching Parliament on television.

Her late husband Len who she looked after in later years as his health failed was the editor of the Opunake News, then a publication financed by the Opunake Business Association while Len worked fulltime as supervisor of the Toll Exchange in Opunake.

They shared the same politics and Bev's daughter Jill amusingly commented that locals would remark that Len, who wrote some thought provoking editorials, gained a reputation for being biased "which he was."

Born in Greytown on December 5 1927 Bev was the eldest child of four children of Don and Valerie Sutherland.

She was brought up on a farm in a small town in the Wairarapa called Kahutara where she attended primary



Bev Henderson as many will remember her.

school. She boarded in the Hutt for her secondary education and went on to train as a registered nurse. She met Len at Silverstream Hospital where she was nursing. Len was a patient and it was clearly not love at first sight. Bev told her daughter Ruth she thought he was "a smart Alec.". Two weeks after her 21st birthday however the couple eloped. It took a couple of months before her parents found out.

They initially moved to Hawera where Bev worked in Hawera Hospital while Len worked as a barman and also as a proofreader for the Hawera Star.

With three young daughters they moved to Opunake when Len, by then working at the toll exchange in Hawera, got a promotion as supervisor in the Opunake

Telephone exchange, a job he held till he retired. As his health failed, Bev nursed him at home.

It was only then that Bev who had never held a driving licence decided at the age of 64, to take driving lessons and passed her driving licence. Commented Ruth, "there was no stopping her after that."

She was a Life Member and also patron of Everybody's Theatre in Opunake with which she had a long association. Beginning as a cleaner she became an usher, manager and eventually president of the Everybody's Theatre Trust.

She was also a keen bowler and Life Member of the Opunake Bowling Club. She was a great cook renowned for her Christmas cakes and would often be

asked to make cakes for various celebrations. Bev was also a very keen white baiter, not always legally. At her huge funeral Bev's grandson Steven spoke amusingly of a certain incident involving his grandmother, whitebaiting and a policeman.

Aged 89, driving down to the Wairarapa to her brother's funeral she flipped the car. Walking away with just a broken wrist she subsequently decided her driving days were over and bought a mobility scooter.

Remarked Ruth "She was away again whizzing down the main street" fortunately managing to avoid collecting anyone else.

Bev loved people and was an entertaining companion with some very funny stories. She was always interested in politics and keen for a chat, qualities she retained right till the end. She was also kind and generous. Said Ruth adding her parents always supported the underdog.

Positive with a great zest for life which never wavered

she lived a full and happy life until the end.

As Ruth said, but for the fall, she would have made a hundred.

Speaking on behalf of her family, Ruth said they would like to acknowledge the neighbours and friends that watched out for her over the years.

Bev has two daughters who survive her Ruth and also the late Valerie along with seven grandsons, great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.



Bev and her husband Len in earlier years.

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The World War I letters of Corporal Arthur J. Gilmour of Manaia, Taranaki

From student to soldier

By Natasha McKinney, Poutiaki-Curator, Puke Ariki Museum

The turning of the next summer sees Arthur still in Dunedin but working hard harvesting oats at his friend Kirk's farm outside of the city. It is March 1915, and he has had word that the following week he must proceed to Trentham army camp for three months' training and then depart for war. Kirk and Gordon will be starting the same week, and Arthur is already discussing a family farewell for himself and cousin Boyd when they depart New Zealand. The war was gathering up all the young men – so many of Arthur's contemporaries, relatives and friends, into new configurations.

Arthur approaches all of it with a determined optimism. As he takes a last look at St Clair beach, and arranges his affairs, his study skills and ambition have suddenly turned to military matters. He has bought the 1914 book on Infantry training and intends to "swat it hard" so that he might sit his Lieutenant's exam before leaving camp.



Arthur J. Gilmour of Manaia.
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Alexander Turnbull
Library, Wellington, N.Z.

Knox College, Dunedin (letterhead)
85 Clyde Street
Dunedin
7th March 1915
My dear Mabel,
I was very pleased to receive your letter last week. You will be surprised to see the above heading but I was out at Kirks all last week harvesting and got word

only yesterday that I was to proceed to Trentham next Saturday (March 13th) as a non-commissioned officer.

Well I came into town yesterday afternoon and Charlie set about making two gold crowns for me. I decided to stay with Charlie at Brookes till Monday morning and then go out to Kirks again till Friday morning. I have got to pay a visit or two before next Saturday and hope to have tea with the Thompsons tonight and with Mrs Wilson next Friday.

I saw Auntie Desré [?], Uncle Matthew and Boyd at their boarding-house yesterday afternoon. Auntie [?] & Uncle Matthew are leaving during the week; they are both going down to Wellington when Boyd and I leave N.Z. and Auntie [?] suggested that it would be a good idea for you all to come down at the same time and meet together in Wellington. That will be in about three months' time. Willie is having a very strenuous time in the Christchurch Hospital

and sometimes has to give anisthetics [sic] from 8am till 3pm, which is very tiring.

Boyd is staying at Mr J. Blair Mason's just now and I had tea with them last night. Yesterday was cold, wintry windy and showery and was very miserable but today is perfect again so this afternoon Tom Thompson, Charlie and I propose having a last look at St Clair breakers.

I was rather busy at Kirks last week and had all sorts of jobs; they were thrashing on the first day and I was lifting the bags of oats away when they were filled. I milked two cows one night and mowed the lawn one afternoon and worked every day at the harvest. I will be in great form for going into camp. We have five meals a day out there and appreciate them greatly as the hard work gives one a great appetite.

I don't expect to earn any money out there; just staying out there and working. It is much pleasanter than staying in town doing nothing.

Anyway it is useless staying in town and paying for board. Re Father's inquiries if I am making enough money to pay for my board. I have not done so and owe the Y.M.C.A.

for one week's board; also I have a little account for 9/6 at the H.B. Clothing Factory for a shirt and some collars I got before going home.

I would be very pleased if you could send £2.10.0 in order to settle up my accounts before going.

Gordon did not even know that it was Boyd's pound he had. I simply gave it to him and said that Father would send on the other four pounds. I thought Father would send the other pound to Boyd. However I will see Gordon when I come into town next Friday and will explain to him.

Kirk and Gordon both start their session on Tuesday next. If you write this week please do so immediately because the [?] is a bit slow and the mail might not arrive till Saturday or even after.

Please address to the Y.M.C.A. & I shall call there for it.

Boyd received your letter yesterday – he didn't offer to show it to me.

There will be almost fourteen of us going up in the second express next Saturday and I am not sure that I know some of them. We all go as N.C.O's and get an extra month's training.

Boyd and I will leave with the same reinforcements

from Trentham. I bought the 1914 book yesterday on Infantry training and am going to swat it hard as I want to get on. I am going to try and sit my Lieutenant's examination while in camp.

Re my goods etc, I shall leave some at Knox in charge of friends. Robertson will look after my pictures, I will get Gordon to look after my rug and cushion and anything else that will likely to be useful to him and I will try and send my dress suit home.

Willie is looking after a pair of Gold Links of mine. I shall pack my instruments and linen in my tin trunk at Knox and put it away in a room kept for the purpose. Perhaps I can send the sheets home too.

I was sorry to hear from Mother that she had poisoned her finger and hope it is quite better.

Well I must now close. Hoping you are all well.

I remain
Your affectionate brother
Arthur.

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Cancer survivors who smoke or vape more likely to feel after-effects

Cancer survivors who continue to smoke or vape are likely to be more burdened by post-cancer symptoms like pain, fatigue and emotional problems, according to international research. The researchers looked at the health data of 1409 US cancer survivors, including 14% who smoked and 3% who vaped. The researchers say smokers/vapers tended to have higher symptom burdens than both those who had never smoked and those who had quit, and those who had worse symptoms were no more or less likely to want to quit.

While this study can't say if smoking or vaping causes the higher symptom burden, the researchers say more studies should be done and medical professionals should consider framing quitting smoking as part of a patient's cancer recovery.

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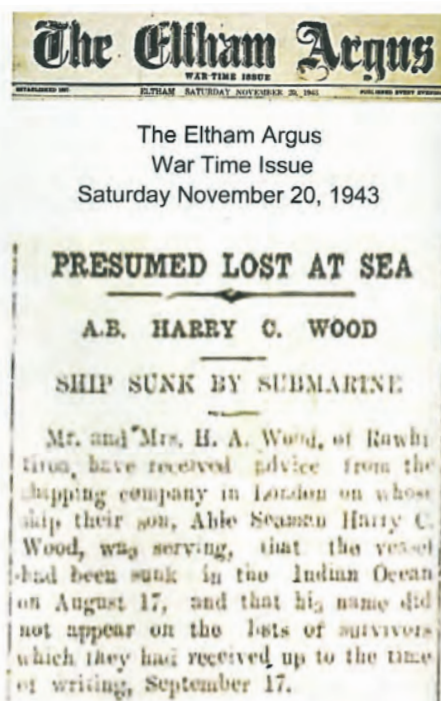
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Uncle Harry by Nelson Every

“I am glad it’s happened because I would hate to have gone through the war and not been torpedoed. Next time though I may not come off so lightly.”



Uncle Harry.



the ships that evacuated troops from Dunkirk – the routes they took and lots of photos of his family and various girlfriends and a host of other memorabilia all crammed into the sizable book.

The account also shows the significant role the perhaps overlooked merchant navy played in the Second World War.

‘Uncle Harry’ is available at the Eltham Library and also at the New Plymouth library.

It can also be purchased for \$40 from the Eltham Historical Society in Bridge Street, Eltham. Opening hours, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 to 3:00pm.

Bernice McKellar

Torpedoed twice in World War II, the story of Harry Wood entitled has been written up in a book just published by his nephew Nelson Every.

Harry Wood’s name is on a plaque by the newly opened gates at Rawhitiroa with others who served in wars, an asterisk alongside indicating he made the supreme sacrifice. The book entitled ‘Uncle Harry’ is a fascinating account of the life of the farmer’s son who left home at 21 and spent four years overseas during which time WWII broke out. His nephew said he doubted the book would be of interest to anyone other than his family.

I disagree. With excerpts from letters from Harry which detail his life from when he left Rawhitiroa, to his life in Sydney, then his experiences in the merchant navy – on his first ship conditions were so rough he jumped ship at - and a stint in the air force, the book

is a gripping record of the life of the young man whose life was to be tragically cut short. A life typical perhaps of all adventurous young men of that era who wanted to see the world.

The author is the son of one of Harry’s three sisters and grew up in Rawhitiroa where his grandparents settled in the late 1800s. His grandfather bought the farm in 1906 on which the author grew up, in the house his grandfather had built

which still stands today, a distinctive white house on top of a hill visible from the Rawhitiroa Hall. Harry who died before Nelson was born also grew up there.

Nelson who trained as an aircraft engineer, moved to New Plymouth 15 years ago decided to write the book about 8-9 years ago when he was given a suitcase of letters written by his uncle while overseas. The book is based on the letters.

Harry joined the Merchant navy not long after arriving in Sydney shortly after WWII broke out.

They weren’t soldiers, explained Nelson of those who joined the Merchant Navy adding they covered vast distances by sea.

“They were doing war service taking goods – food, machinery, war materials.” The Merchant Navy boats were also targeted by the enemy and particularly by the deadly U boats (submarines).

“When I read these letters still in existence I realised how vulnerable they were,” said Nelson.

Torpedoed in September 1940, Harry describes surviving the experience in his letters which were predominantly to his mother with whom Harry clearly had a close relationship and which she kept on his instruction as a sort of diary of his experiences. But there were letters also to his father, siblings, girlfriends and friends.

On August 17 1943, two days before his 26th birthday, the letters stopped coming.

Torpedoed for a second time by a U boat, this time sadly Harry was not so lucky.

For several agonising years his desperate family tried to find out what had happened to him.

Of the 52 on board the Empire Stanley, a British cargo ship built in 1941, there were 26 survivors. There was speculation that he might have been one of two crew members seen taken aboard for questioning by the German U boat that torpedoed them but, the U boat, three days later was itself sunk with the loss of all hands.

The survivors of the Empire Stanley were rescued by two separate vessels some days apart. Had he been picked up by an enemy vessel and was now a prisoner of war?

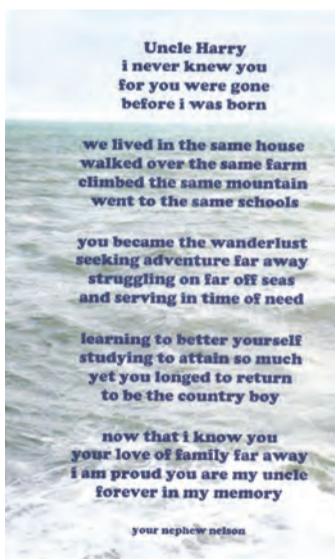
Sadly after several years his family accepted he had been lost at sea, presumed drowned.

His letters are fascinating on many levels. Harry certainly had an eye for the ladies and they him. (I counted no less than 8 women he’d dated in 14 days!) But he was also

determined to “get on” and, having left high school

after just two years, wanted to improve his education. He decided after several years tramping the seas as a merchant seaman to train as a pilot, a plan discouraged by his parents because of the danger. Alas, disillusioned with the air force within months of returning to his first love, the sea, it was to claim his life.

His admiring nephew Nelson has done a brilliant job of bringing this young man to life and his extremely well researched book includes details and photos of the ships on which Harry served – he was on one of



Nelson Every’s tribute to his Uncle Harry.



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Gardeners helping gardeners in the Bay

Gardeners look after each other, so when Cyclone Gabrielle ravaged Hawkes Bay Bernie Christian wanted to do something.

Bernie and Alf Christian's Hawera garden has been a longtime regular at the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, although they took a break last year. They are also avid members of the Hawera Horticultural Society. "When I heard about Cyclone Gabrielle I thought about the gardens of those people and the devastation and them having nothing there, so as I was weeding my garden I was potting at

the same time," said Bernie. In August they hope to take as many plants, bulbs and seeds that they can get on to a tandem trailer bound for gardeners in Hawkes Bay's storm ravaged Esk Valley. Alf says interest has been such that they are already looking for a larger trailer. "Spring is usually the best time to plant," says Bernie. "You've got a bit of warmth and the rain." It's an idea that has germinated quickly. Bernie says she told a fellow member of the Hawera Horticultural Society what they were

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Bernie Christian has been stocking up for the big trip east.

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Dig the hole twice as wide and deep as the pot. Put some compost in the bottom

of the hole before planting. Ensure any graft is above soil level. Water in well with a liquid seaweed solution and continue to water often throughout the warmer months.

Roses are gross feeders, so feed them at least three times during the season (September to February).

If you're short on space, you can always plant a rose in a pot, just remember to

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Gardeners helping gardeners in the Bay

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hoping to do and within a short time she had people wanting to donate potting mix, pots and plants. One person from New Plymouth was selling up and told Bernie she was welcome to their potting bags. As a result Bernie and Alf came back from New Plymouth with a carload of 5000 of them.

Another person said they could sort out accommodation for them while another said they could put them in touch with where the garden supplies would be most needed.

Other offers of help have included one from another Hawera Horticultural Society member who is donating 50 irises.

"I'm an avid seed collector of anything that looks interesting, and I usually give them away during the garden festivals and Horticultural Society shows," says Bernie. "This year I decided that all my unusual seeds I would pack for Hastings."

"I don't think anybody over here comprehends what is going on over there. When I first said I was doing this, people said why they don't they go to Bunnings? But they can't afford a thousand dollars, while I can give it to



Bernie Christian packs up seeds for the Bay.

them for free."

She says everything is going to the flood-hit areas.

"People who don't have a garden might still like a pot plant. We're not making any money from this, and we don't want any money from it."

Bernie says she and Alf have always believed in recycling and try to reuse anything. They have also been keen to spread the word about the benefits of gardening, particularly to younger people wanting to start their own vegetable gardens.

"Why buy something full of sprays when you can grow it yourself," she says.

The first step on the property ladder is shrinking

Quotable Value's latest figures show home values have fallen further on average at the bottom of the property ladder than at the top.

The QV Quartile Index tracks the value movements of the 25% most and least expensive houses across the country's main urban centres. It shows values in the lower quartile have fallen by an average of 14.6% across the main centres in the last 12 months, compared to an average reduction of 12% in the upper quartile.

QV operations manager James Wilson said that while the mean average home value reported in the monthly QV House Price Index was a useful gauge of what's happening in the residential property market,

breaking the market down further into quarters gives even greater insight into what's happening at both ends of the market.

"This analysis is interesting as it provides insight into what has been occurring beneath the surface of the housing market over the last 12 months. These results reveal the effect that sales composition can have on the housing market, with many areas seeing a greater amount of sales transacting at the lower end of the price brackets compared to the same time 12-18 months ago."

He said this had the effect of 'skewing' value levels in most areas downwards, as a greater number of lower price sales are represented in sales volume.

"These results are supported by analysis of buyer activity, which reveals that more first-home buyers have been active in many areas compared to investors and owner occupiers, who have taken a more cautious 'wait and see' approach as the downturn has progressed."

"First-home buyers typically target entry-level stock, much of which is priced in the lower quartile bracket. Over the past year or more, this stock has often been purchased from investors looking to consolidate their portfolios in this high interest rate environment with less capital growth available," Mr Wilson added.

Lower quartile home values have fallen further

on average in 12 out of 19 main urban centres since April last year, and in more than half of the country's council areas nationwide. Of the largest cities, they have fallen the furthest in Lower Hutt (-22.5%), Napier (-21.7%), and Wellington City (-21.1%). They have fallen the least in Christchurch (-9.1%) and

Dunedin (-6.1%).

"It is important to note that sales volumes are still extremely suppressed, which can make longer term trends more difficult to determine," Mr Wilson said.

"It will be interesting to see whether this trend continues when we do eventually see activity levels begin to rise once more. We would

expect that when investors do eventually re-enter the market again, competition for entry-level stock will increase along with values. In the meantime, the recent increase of the OCR rate by another 0.25% may continue to act as a headwind on investor activity, although many banks may have already baked it into their interest rates."

On this month in history

Segovia dies

On June 2, 1987 Andres Segovia Torres died in Madrid, Spain, aged 95. The virtuoso classical guitarist was born in Linares, Spain.

He is esteemed for his expressive performances, wide palette of tone, distinctive musical personality, phrasing and

style.

He tutored many outstanding musicians including Julian Bream and John Williams, although the latter was somewhat critical. He said Segovia has a bullying style which suppressed his students

musical style.

He won any awards including a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award (1986) and King Juan Carlos bestowed the title Marquis of Salobrena. He received honorary doctorates from ten universities.



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A Stoney River



Our intrepid trumper and regular correspondent Ian McAlpine who also guides people up the mountain has sent us photos of his recent trip, this time via the Stoney River.

“I travelled up a fair way yesterday, but ran out of time. Sunday looks fine so I am looking to go back there I hope.

The Stoney River and the west side of the mountain is the forgotten side by the Department of Conservation where the Stoney River up there is where local iwi travelled up there with their dead,” says Ian.

Move your body, tolerate more pain

A large population survey study in Norway has found a link between physical activity and pain tolerance.

More than 10,000 adults self-reported their levels of physical activity and took part in a test to evaluate their pain tolerance by submerging their hands in cold water. Researchers found that people who were physically

active had higher pain tolerance than people who were sedentary, and that people who increased their physical activity increased their pain tolerance more than those who reduced physical activity by the same amount. The authors suggest that boosting physical activity could help to ease or stave off chronic pain.

Gout medication may slow osteoarthritis

The anti-inflammatory medication colchicine, which is used to treat gout, may also help people suffering from osteoarthritis after Australian research showed that people who take the drug have fewer total knee and hip replacements. The trial, known as LoDoCo2, was originally designed to see if the drug could help reduce the risk of heart attacks in people with heart disease - but researchers thought that the drug might also help slow the progression of osteoarthritis. When they looked at the data they found that 2.5% of the people in the trial who got colchicine had total knee or hip replacements compared with 3.5% of the people who received placebo. The authors say this suggests that this drug may be a good candidate for the treatment of osteoarthritis over longer periods.

For Annals of Internal Medicine

Using cannabis during pregnancy

Using cannabis during pregnancy can impact the growth of the baby, according to US research, which found that even when marijuana was only used in the first trimester of pregnancy, birth weight was significantly reduced. The study found that babies exposed only in the first trimester - when cannabis might be used to address morning sickness - were

around 150g lighter while babies born after exposure throughout pregnancy were nearly 200g lighter, and their head circumference was nearly 1cm less than that of babies who had not been exposed.

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Welcome to this special quarterly edition of Southlink for Ōpunakē and Coastal News readers.

King's Birthday Weekend - hours and rubbish collection

Rubbish and Recycling kerbside collection will continue as normal, so please put your wheelie bins and glass crate out on your usual day. To see when Council facilities are open over this long weekend, head online to www.southtaranaki.com/kingsbirthday



Skeet Road roadworks

\$38,000 of repairs were completed at the Skeet/Palmer Road intersection in April followed by \$35,000 (approx.) of temporary repairs at the Eltham/Palmer Road intersection. Extensive repairs are underway on Rowan Road between Eltham and Skeet Roads. These have been sealed to prevent further damage over the winter, then the 2.6km section will be covered with a metal overlay in October. The final work is expected to be completed before Christmas.



Waimate West Reservoir

The third Waimate West reservoir is 85% complete. The \$3.8 million project will provide further capacity and resilience for the Waimate West Water Scheme which supplies a large rural area and the townships of Manaia and Kaponga.



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Sustainability takes centre stage at Fieldays 2023



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"We want to support farmers, growers, and the consumer on their sustainability journey. By showcasing some of the initiatives underway in Aotearoa New Zealand, we can help everyone see that together we can overcome the enormity of the challenges, with innovation and collaboration."

Alongside the hub, the Fieldays Sustainability Trail, accessed via the official Fieldays App, will lead visitors to other Fieldays exhibitors who are demonstrating sustainability practices, products, and initiatives.

The Fieldays Sustainability

Hub joins the Fieldays Innovation Hub, Fieldays Opportunity Grows Here Careers Hub, Fieldays Hauora Taiwhenua Health & Wellbeing Hub, Fieldays Forestry Hub and Fieldays Digital Futures, the latter two were launched in 2022, as key focus areas for visitors to explore during Fieldays.

The new Fieldays Sustainability Hub will be located on site E38, on the corner of M Road and E Street, next to the Village Green.

Fieldays commitment to sustainability includes building the internationally recognised ISO 20121 Sustainable Events Standards into its management procedures.

Fieldays is back to its natural home to winter at Mystery Creek.

Sustainability Hub is one of the fresh new features set to capture attention when Fieldays returns to its winter dates at Mystery Creek in June.

Fieldays remains the Southern Hemisphere's largest agricultural event and the ultimate launch platform for cutting-edge technology and innovation.

New Zealand National Fieldays Society Chief Executive Peter Nation

says, "Sustainability is a strong focus for the Society, and it's fantastic to be collaborating with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on the Fieldays Sustainability Hub under the theme of The Time to Act is Now."

"We've made a strategic decision to use the scale of Fieldays to help educate both visitors and exhibitors so that future generations will benefit from improved

sustainability practices for New Zealand's food and fibre sector."

The new hub will feature a select number of sustainability-focused organisations, including Toitū Envirocare, Wilderlab and RiverWatch.

Paula Knaap, General Manager Engagement at the EPA, says visitors will be able to explore sustainable farming research and science, urban and rural

waste management, as well as water management and renewable energy.

"Embracing initiatives that protect and enhance the environment has a range of benefits, from longevity of land use through to resilience to changing climate conditions" says Knaap. "Not only that, but those who purchase our goods – from multi-national companies to individual consumers – are increasingly demanding



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Opportunities continue to grow at Fieldays

Primary sector education and exciting career opportunities will be showcased at the Fieldays Opportunity Grows Here Careers Hub in June.

Fieldays and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) are hosting the Hub to provide a platform for students, job seekers, and industry professionals to connect and learn more about the many different career pathways available in the food and fibre sector.

“We’re proud to be working with Fieldays to deliver this exciting Hub for the second year running,” says Ray Smith, Director-General of MPI.

“Our food and fibre sector



The opening ceremony.

continues to power New Zealand’s economy, with

export revenue hitting more than \$53 billion last year.

“Food and fibre sector careers range from work on-farm, in science, technology, business management, and logistics, to animal welfare, marketing, and research and development across the country.

“We’re pleased to announce another fantastic programme in the Hub this year. We’ll have a series of inspiring speakers each day from 9.30-2pm, featuring panel discussions and TED talk type presentations, showcasing the sector, the roles, and various opportunities.

“Eleven organisations with a keen focus on future growth and education will also be featured in the Hub.

“The Hub builds on the success of our Opportunity Grows Here attraction campaign that’s connecting Kiwis with sector jobs.” Fieldays places a huge importance on education, says CEO Peter Nation.

“Fieldays is the largest agricultural event in the Southern Hemisphere, and a key focus is on building

awareness of education opportunities available and all of the terrific careers available in our food and fibre sector,” says Peter Nation. “We are thrilled to partner with MPI to promote education and get young people excited about a career in Ag.

“Education is one of Fieldays’ strategic pillars, and this Hub provides an excellent platform for learning from and connecting with those who work in the food and fibre sector. “There’s a huge amount of opportunity here in New Zealand, and

the future of the sector is exciting. Innovation and the evolving ways of farming means there will be new jobs and new possibilities in the future.”

In addition to the Hub,

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Our senior students have been visiting universities, hospitals, places of cutting edge science and technology. Also enjoying work experience with incredibly supportive local tradespeople. All with the aim of piquing their interest in all manner of careers. Our Tiny Homes build is starting to take shape, and we now have wahine (females) solidly represented in this on site learning project.

But not to forget the fun: Our 'Night under the Stars' was a hugely successful senior ball, where our rangatahi danced until they dropped, and even some of the staff were seen to bust out some very interesting, if not a bit unnerving, dance moves. A huge thank you to Rochelle Griggs and the Ball Committee for creating such a magical evening.

Tama tu tama ora, tama noho tama mate

This whakatauki refers to being active and healthy, to which our students can attest. Our Hillary Challenge team proved to be incredibly active with a valiant effort at the national 6hr qualifier, our TSSSA junior netballers brought home the win, and our senior netballers were hot on their heels in second place in their senior division. Also, Bon Lord Almazan, Alex Moss, and Josh Ramos continue to do us proud now representing in U17 Taranaki basketball.

Do look out for our home grown celebrity Mr Jared Hill, music teacher, who is tripping the lights fantastic in We Will Rock You, the latest New Plymouth Operatic Society musical currently showing at the TSB Showplace. His students get his autograph for free every time he marks their books!!



Mr Jared Hill

Our first trimester has come to an end for our juniors. All our students will have a chance to reflect upon their learning this year, gaining valuable feedback and feedforward from our kaimanaaki during the IDP (Individual Development Plan) day on Friday 2nd June. To which all whanau are invited. During this time our students will receive their reports in literacy, numeracy, subject engagement, achievement, and DREAMS values.

Keep an eye open for our end of term Quiz Night on Friday 30th June, we would love to share an evening with you, quizzing, questioning and quenching your thirst at the bar. All monies raised will go to the Home and School committee and the basketball teams.

Nga mihi

Andrea Hooper Carr
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Te Kura Tuarua o Opunake

Open Day

Friday 23rd June

We'd like to invite all potential 2024 enrolments to our 2023 Open Day.
From 10-2.30pm, contributing primary schools visit us and we're open from 2.30-4.30pm in the school hall for other visitors.

A Night under the Stars



One of the highlights of the senior school year is our school ball. This year we held it early in Term 2 to allow students to focus better on academic study later in the year, and to hopefully catch some warmer weather.

Unfortunately, come the week of the ball and Taranaki Maunga received a dusting of fresh snow so the warmth never eventuated, however our students got themselves glitzed and glammed up to meet our theme - "A Night under the Stars"

Pictured above are our "Royal Family"; Cutest Couple - Harry Gibson & Charlie Carr, Spirit of the Ball - Aria Brophy, Queen & King - Jaunté Churchill and Jaree Summerfield, Prince & Princess - Luke Forsyth & Paige Taylor and Best Ride - Sam McKelvie.



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Kaponga goes behind the Green Door



Kaponga WI members at the Green Door.

Kaponga WI met at the Green Door in Kaponga's main street for their May meeting and were hosted by Maureen (ex Riverlea) and Gary O'Keefe who are fairly recent arrivals in Kaponga. They purchased the property as their home, and also for Gary's passion for records, CDs and anything musical which is all on display and

for sale. President Jo Ellis invited all to give a wee bit of history of their time residing in the town, as the biggest majority have now moved out. This created a discussion on previous residents in the town. This building had been owned by Mrs Haggis in the early years and Bill Eliason also used to cut hair

in this building. The roll call was " did you play a musical instrument" and many members had, including Sharyn Hurley who learnt the piano from member Joy Eliason. Some confessed to not having a musical bone in their body. Sheet music was brought along also from the days of learning music.

Anzac Day was well supported by members and Joy was thanked for making up a floral bouquet which was presented at the RSA gates by Gillian Frandsen and Diane West. Fiona Collins will ably represent our WI at the forthcoming conference in Timaru. The raffle was won by

Fiona Collins. Hostess Maureen with her guitar, joined by member Jo Berquist sung a song together which was beautiful. We then had a lovely shared lunch with piping hot soup prepared by Gary which was a welcome surprise. Gary and Maureen were thanked with a gift along with Sharyn and Gillian

who had organised the day enjoyed by all. Competition results. A Piece of Music. 1. Fiona Collins with Humoreskes, and Carolyn Nicholas with Wooden Heart. 2. Joy Eliason with School Days, and Sharyn Hurley with Easiest Piano Course.

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The Hidden Beach

It was 7 o'clock on a Sunday. I woke up and it was pitch black with small streaks of light coming from the window. I stretched up and placed my feet on the cold, hard, wooden floor. As I was walking to my bedroom door I wondered what I should do today. I walked outside and felt the cold breeze blow over me and heard the beautiful bushy birds chirping - when all of a sudden I heard a different noise that I had never heard before.

I walked towards the bushes and saw a cliff, which was where the noise was coming from. I walked around the bushes and climbed through a tiny hole. I got closer and the noises started to get louder and together they



Chloe Bennett who wrote this story.

sounded like waves. I got on the other side of the hole and slowly, but steadily walked to the cliff with great fear. I wondered what if there's a wild animal or maybe a never-ending drop, or what if the cliff crumbles and I fall. But I took a deep breath and crawled over to the edge.

I got to the edge and saw a beach. I thought, so that's why I heard waves. I also saw down there a herd of wild horses. I looked at the water and it was a beautiful royal bright blue. I then saw, in the corner of my right eye, in the bushes a set of stairs. I thought I could maybe get to the stairs to go down.

I ran slowly to the stairs and started to walk down them. I walked down the

steps with an archway stretching over me with blossoming flowers. I got to the beach and the sand was soft and smooth. The herd of horses galloped to me and they looked so happy. A brown one kneeled down and let me hop on, then all of the horses started to gallop across the beach and through the water.

We got to the end of the beach and turned around. We got to where we started and I hopped off. I watched them gallop away. I then walked to a shady spot and sat down for a while.

A few hours had passed so I hopped up, said 'bye to the horses and went to walk back to my house. I got home just after sunset and went to bed. The next

day I went down to the hidden beach and I got there and couldn't find it, so I went back.

I kept going back to see if it was still there each day, but nothing, until one day I gave up.

There was no sign of the beach. It was the same day that I found the beach for the first time. I decided to have hope this day so I went to the beach and it was there. I quickly went down and realised I can only go to it on this day once a year, so that was it.

Each and every year, on this day, I go to the beach and cherish my time with the beach and the horses.

Chloe Bennett (13), Panthera 2, Opunake Primary School.

Student builds diversity while constructing NPDC's new bridges

Kasey Gooch's work on building footbridges in NPDC parks is blazing a trail for young Taranaki women interested in working in construction.

The New Plymouth Girls'

High School student is the first female to enter the Build a Bridge training partnership of NPDC, WITT Te Pūkenga and the building industry to give teenagers valuable job skills and the option of a future in construction when

they leave school.

"I've always wanted to do something in building - they need more females in the industry," said the 16-year-old. "I'm sure there are lots of other young women out there who are interested, but

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Kasey Gooch (16) steps up as the first Build a Bridge student, pictured with fellow student Bronson Pierce (16) of Francis Douglas Memorial College.

they don't want to go into construction because it's seen as male dominated."

This year five students from different high schools are building three bridges and the first is set to go into PG Nops Scenic Reserve in Inglewood in the next couple of weeks.

Over nine months the students have been working on the bridges almost every Thursday, learning about design principles and how to handle the tools and materials.

"It's great to see more diversity coming up through the building industry," said NPDC Group Manager Planning and Infrastructure Kevin Strongman.

"Women make a great contribution in construction,

not just in the actual building work, but also in the creating of an industry culture that reflects the wider community. Our Build a Bridge programme delivers top-quality bridges for our parks and delivers first-class training in building and construction as well as health and safety for our rangatahi."

NZIHT School of Engineering, Energy and Infrastructure Programme Manager Jan Kivell said Build a Bridge continues to be a popular course in its third year.

"We are very lucky to have extremely experienced tutors who make the course interesting and fun. WITT Te Pūkenga is proud to be a part of a course that provides

students with practical skills for the construction and infrastructure industries," said Mrs Kivell.

This year will also see the Build a Bridge students building new footbridges for the Waitara Orchard Reserve (Barclay Park) and an access bridge over the Wairau Stream for the Ōākura Water Treatment Plant.

Eight students took part in the first Build a Bridge project in 2021, building a new Camden Street footbridge over the Huatoki River.

Last year 22 students from six secondary schools replaced two footbridges for the Mangati Walkway in Bell Block and one for the Waimea Stream Reserve in New Plymouth.

Trustees step down from Taranaki Foundation

Taranaki Foundation founding co-chairs and trustees Ken Horner and Paul Goldsmith have spoken of their pride as they step down from their roles after eight years' service. Inspired by the work of a worldwide network of community foundations, a vision was born to create a foundation for our Taranaki community. This vision was brought to life by Ken and Paul who established the Foundation in 2015. It was formally launched to the wider Taranaki community in 2016 to enable people in Taranaki to donate to their favourite causes, or to give to a general fund with the mission to inspire and enable giving for a thriving Taranaki now and for generations to come. Ken, who has recently retired after 45 years at the helm of Hāwera firm Halliwells was inspired to set up the Foundation when chatting with Paul about a gap in the way people could give back to Taranaki in a sustainable way. "I have been a lawyer for more than 40 years and my family has been involved in community activities starting with my grandfather Fred Horner, followed by my father Alan Horner," says Ken. "It was Paul really, who through



Ken Horner and Paul Goldsmith at Trustee dinner on May 10.

his architectural work discovered the Community Foundation concept which Taranaki Foundation is based upon." "Ultimately, this is a community asset that we can all feel proud of and have a sense of ownership in." Paul Goldsmith said the receipt of the first endowment happened in December 2015.

"This was an exciting and humbling moment for the Foundation with the Winifred Knight Trust being entrusted to our care," he said. "In my time here, the reputation of the Foundation has gone from strength to strength - but it's a long game. I'm proud that we've built a really robust and professionally managed

organisation for Taranaki that others can now pick up the baton and continue to develop it." Ken and Paul acknowledged that launching a community foundation required a great deal of time, resources and passion. Not only from those with the idea and

vision, but also the wider community stakeholders. They were also lucky to find an amazing executive staff in those early years and extend thanks to Melanie Wilson, Vicki Haylock and Grace Wesolowska whose passion and dedication helped lay the foundation for success.

The founding Foundation trustees were Ken Horner, Paul Goldsmith, Anne Barron, Bridget Burke, Ross Fulton, Debbie McCallum, David Marshall, Kelvin Squire, Puna Wano-Bryant and Craig Williamson. Taranaki Foundation Chair Bryce Barnett says "As an organisation, we have been blessed by having Ken and Paul's community spirit, wise counsel, and long-standing support. We are incredibly thankful for their hard work, enthusiasm and encouragement which has laid firm foundations from which the foundation can grow to benefit our community. We all wish them both well in the future." Taranaki Foundation are also delighted to announce that Ken has been appointed as the inaugural Patron of the Foundation. As Patron, Ken will act as a high-level ambassador, lending his credibility and time to support us. The position of Patron is an honorary position. It recognises outstanding commitment to the Foundation and support for its ethos and aims. Ken and Paul's work on the Foundation was recognised at a Trustee dinner on May 10..

From the Netherlands to Taranaki

New Zealand will be the first country in the world to receive solar panels from Dutch start-up Solarge - the most circular, lightweight solar panels ever produced.

Ara Ake, Aotearoa's Future Energy Centre, will receive the first international shipment next month. The panels will be installed on its New Plymouth premise supplying circa 15-kWp to its operation.

The Weert-based Solarge manufacturing facility is significant to New Zealand due to the innovative, lightweight technology in its panels which are ideal for roofs with limited carrying capacity.

Solarge solar panels are fully sustainably designed, made of high-quality lightweight materials and can be reused at the end of their lifespan (of 25 years) in the production of new solar panels.

Ara Ake Chief Executive, Cristiano Marantes, says the partnership is important, as it puts New Zealand at the

forefront of circular solar technology.

"There's enormous potential in solar as a low-carbon energy solution, so it's fantastic to be able to test the potential of this lightweight, circular product at our 'home' first and demonstrates emerging technologies in action," he said.

The opportunity follows a collaborative meeting between Hon. Megan Woods, and Netherlands' Minister for Energy, Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, Rob Jetten, at the Global Clean Energy Action Forum in Pittsburgh, United States, last year.

Energy and Resources Minister, Hon. Megan Woods, says that while solar uptake in New Zealand and globally has increased significantly over the past decade, breakthroughs will see them rolled out even further.

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Richard was determined to get it right

Richard Meyer was determined to get it right when it came time to upgrade his effluent management system. He knows all too well the importance of investing in something that is not only going to futureproof the farm, but also increase efficiencies in making use of the effluent nutrients. After taking a keen interest in the effluent management system installed on a friend's farm, he took their advice and gave Nevada a call...



LLOYD THOMAS

real value in effluent, and I wanted to get a system where we can really make use of the resource and cutting down the operating costs to make it happen.'

When a friend in Stratford got a Nevada system installed, Richard took a keen interest. He liked the simplicity of the operation, and his friend was happy with the system and service, so recommended he give Nevada a call. Lloyd took a drive out to visit Richard on farm and they worked together to plan out his system around his goals of being futureproofed and

Located in Manaia, South Taranaki, Richard runs a 170-cow dairy farm spanning 80ha. For a while he had shared a pump and irrigator with his uncle on the neighbouring farm, however the old equipment was inefficient and not worth the effort. So, for the past few years Richard had got a contractor in, however he knew this was not the long-term solution.

'The contractor was just a short-term solution to get the muck spread. There's



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efficient.

While using a contractor Richard had needed two ponds for storage, but after checking the main effluent pond for any council compliance issues, including DESC, Lloyd concluded with a new system the second pond was no longer

needed.

'We always recommend effluent storage being more than the minimum council requirements. This means farmers aren't worried if there's a wet winter full of heavy rain, or they increase their herd. Richard's main pond has more than enough

storage, so now he can fill in the second pond and have more land for grazing.'

– Lloyd Thomas, Nevada Effluent Management Specialist

Lloyd designed the effluent system for maximum efficiency. Since electricity was available, an electric

system was ideal for the most effective use of power, and to enable Richard to automate the system – reducing labour. The new effluent management system consists of a Nevada 9m electric pond stirrer and Sabre PC pump leading out to a Spider Deluxe travelling irrigator.

'The new system is exactly what we were hoping for. It's simple to operate, we just flick a switch and away it goes, and there's the auto shut-off function if anything happens. It's easy to adjust the application too. The product is awesome, and we'll be recommending Nevada to everyone. We've really appreciated working with them, and we're absolutely happy with the whole design, install – just the whole experience.'

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Awards showcases agricultural talent

It's a cliché that awards judges face difficult decisions picking winners but the calibre of finalists for the 2023 Primary Industry NZ Awards truly make it a nightmare for the judging panel.

How to choose, for example, the Team & Collaboration Award winner from a 5-year game-changing initiative to

implement plantain as an environmentally functional forage; an all-women team that harnessed empathy and precision to devise digital farm plans to help food and fibre producers boost environmental and business sustainability; and a multi-organisation collaboration striving for new solutions to the challenges facing hill country farmers.

Or to confer the Fibre Producer Award between a fast-selling and innovative performance equine feed that started out as an idea on a date; a vertically integrated sawmilling business with impressive environmental and productivity credentials; and a traditional sheep station that has pursued a boutique fibre business with crafters and home spinners in mind.

'Those are the finalists in just two of the nine categories that feature in the 2023 Primary Industries New Zealand Awards,' Federated Farmers chief executive Terry Copeland says.

The awards ceremony

on July 3 at Tākina, Wellington's new Convention and Exhibition Centre, is the highlight of the fifth annual PINZ Summit.

'There were 65 award nominations this year and they underline the amazing diversity, commitment and cutting-edge science that underpin our nation's primary industries,' Terry says.

'It's little wonder that our primary food and fibre products are so highly regarded in the intensely competitive international marketplace when, through these awards, you get a glimpse into the dedication and focus our researchers, producers, processors, innovators and governors invest in being the best they can be.'

An Outstanding Contributor to our primary industries will be named on July 3. In the running are Lincoln University Honorary Professor of Agri-Food Systems Keith Woodford, a man who has done much of foster the integration of production

with agribusiness; Dr Tim Mackle, who at the end of June ends a 15-year stint and immense contribution as DairyNZ chief executive; and Julian O'Brien who has produced TVNZ's Country Calendar since 2005 and began working on it in the 1980s.

One of the most hotly contested categories was the Technology Innovation Award. Finalists are Levno for Milk, an IoT technology and software-driven system to maximise production and quality of milk; DairySmart NZ, an initiative involving everyone from RFID data specialists to microbiologists to lower antibiotic use; and E-bin, a University of Waikato project that uses robotics to help the human workforce with kiwifruit harvesting.

'I don't envy the judges deciding who the winners should be but I know the awards night and the PINZ Summit will be a showcase of everything that is great in our agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors,' Terry says.

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Ag JV invests in methane vaccine and inhibitor



New Zealand researchers working on a methane vaccine for use on farm

The Centre for Climate Action Joint Venture (the JV) has announced it will invest up to \$2.5 million to support research on developing a methane vaccine and methane inhibitor for use on New Zealand farms.

The research is co-funded by the New Zealand Greenhouse Gas Research Centre (NZAGRC) and is focused on reducing the methane emissions from cattle, sheep and deer in pasture-based farming systems. The JV and the NZAGRC are the two pillars of the Government's newly established Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions.

Research into the methane vaccine has been undertaken since 2007 and is overseen

by the Methane Vaccine Think Tank, a group of global vaccine experts. If successful, the methane vaccine would be a world first and would provide a simple, effective solution for New Zealand's farmers to reduce their methane emissions from animals on farm and meet emissions reduction targets.

The JV will also be investing in a research programme to develop potent inhibitors for delivery from intra-ruminal capsules that could be used by New Zealand farmers to reduce methane emissions from their grazing ruminant livestock.

Methane inhibitors or feed additives offer an opportunity to lower

emissions by reducing the activity of methane-producing microbes (methanogens) in the digestive systems (rumen) of ruminant livestock.

The JV's Executive Director Wayne McNee says these investments align well with the JV's focus on supporting research and technology to develop practical tools to reduce agricultural emissions in New Zealand, for use by New Zealand's pasture-based farmers.

"The research underway into a methane vaccine and methane inhibitor is producing promising results and our investment will provide the funding required for continuing this research.

The JV is a world-first investment fund established

in February between Government and major agribusiness companies to help pasture-based farmers in Aotearoa New Zealand reduce their agricultural emissions by 30% by 2030.

The JV's shareholders are ANZCO Foods, Fonterra, Rabobank, Ravensdown, Silver Fern Farms and Synlait, many of the largest players in New Zealand agribusiness owning 50%, with the other 50% owned by the Crown through MPI. To date shareholders have committed around \$170 million over the next four years to the JV.

McNee says, "the JV's ambition is to ensure all livestock farmers in Aotearoa have equitable access to affordable, effective solutions to reduce

biogenic Methane and Nitrous Oxide emissions, with an ambition of supporting a 30% reduction by 2030 and enabling development and adoption of solutions to drive towards 'near zero' by 2040.

"The size of the prize for New Zealand farmers is huge if we can achieve this, and that is why we are focused on investing in technologies, like the methane vaccine and methane inhibitor, that are already showing the most potential to have the largest impact on emissions reduction for our pasture-based farmers.

These new investments follow the JV's announcement in April that it has invested \$1.8 million in Ruminant BioTech, a New Zealand-based start-

up that is developing a slow-release, biodegradable methane-inhibiting bolus.

McNee says, "New Zealand's global customers are setting ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets, and if we can't meet these targets, export revenue that has underpinned our living standards will be under threat. We must confront this reality, and I believe we can meet the challenge.

"We're focused on scaling up efforts made to date by Kiwi farmers and agri-researchers and forging ahead with investigating new opportunities and investments. We welcome interest from potential new shareholders, technology companies and strategic partners."

No surprises for farmers

Federated Farmers say they wanted 'absolutely nothing' in this year's Budget, and that the Government have exceeded our expectations on that front with no new spending for farmers.

"We made it clear last week when we released our Budget Wishlist that farmers aren't looking for a handout and are happy to stand on our own two feet," Federated Farmers Acting President Wayne Langford says.

"But the other side of that coin was a request that the Government stop weighing us down with impractical, unpragmatic, and unfair

regulations that are heaping on costs and tying us up in red tape.

"We're still waiting for them to deliver on that second request but hope we will see some movement soon - because farmers can't afford to wait.

"We have a cost-of-farming crisis in New Zealand with fertiliser costs up 28%, fuel costs up 33%, and interest rates up 45%. We're also under real pressure with staff costs, rate increases, and the impacts of general inflation," Langford said.

"As a farmer all of your costs are heading up, but the

price we are receiving for our produce is heading in the opposite direction. Farmers are getting squeezed in the middle and are struggling to turn a profit.

"This Budget does nothing to bring those costs down and is just going to lead to more tax, more inflation, and higher interest rates.

"Farmers are having to tighten our belts, count every penny and live within our means at the moment, and it's disappointing to see the Government aren't doing the same.

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Coastal Adult Riding Club

There were a large number of entries for the first day of the Coastal Adult Riding Club's first Winter Dressage Day, held at the Egmont A&P Showgrounds on 20 May. Some entries were from as far afield as Whanganui and Waverley. The judges were Helen McCallum of Hawera, Claire Norton from Normanby and Helen Thomson who came from Tariki.

Results- Class 1. NZ Riding Club test 1A. 1. Glenda Schumacher (Here Comes the Sun) and Mandy Dunlop (Goldfinger). 3. Lisa Newland (Reverie). 4. Dale Mosely (Boris).

Class 2. NZ Pony Club Riding test BG 5. 1. Letitia Stevenson (Auctioneer). 2. Sheree Espin (Royal)



The Level 3 winners, **Raye Dimock (Musketeer), Olivia Benefield (Butterscotch), Emily Perrin (Ruby), Megan Gunderson (Tui's Midnight Rhapsody).**

and Sonya Glennie (Tom Brown). 4. Sonya Glennie (El Diablo).

Class 3. NZ Pony Club Riding test J 7. 1. Sonya Glennie (El Diablo). 2.

Sonya Glennie (Tom Stevenson (Thunder Cloud). 3. Taylar Morrison (Kings Empire). 4. Letitia

Class 4 NZ Pony Club Riding test I. 14. 1. Raye

Dimock (Musketeer). 2. Olivia Benefield (Butterscotch) and Emily Perrin (Ruby). 4. Megan Gunderson (Tui's Midnight Rhapsody).

Class 5 NZ Pony Club Riding test I. 11. 1. Raye Dimock (Musketeer). 2. Olivia Benefield (Butterscotch). 3. Megan Gunderson (Tui's Midnight Rhapsody). 4. Emily Perrin (Ruby).

Class 6 NZ Riding Club 3A. 1. Tracey Bolton (Cajun). 2. Becky Corlett (CashewKSNZ). 3. Sarah Bolton (PioneerTake That).

Class 7 NZ Riding Club 4A. 1. Tracey Bolton (Cajun). 2. Becky Corlett (CashewKSNZ). 3. Sarah Bolton (PioneerTake That).

Medals for all

Everyone was a winner when nine Coastal Taranaki schools came together for a sporting event in Opunake last week.

The Sanitarium Weet Bix Kids Tryathlon has been going since 1992. In previous years the focus has been on big events in larger centres for primary and intermediate school-aged children. As with most other things, COVID and lockdowns meant a change to how things were done. In the case of the tryathlons this meant a series of smaller events in smaller centres around the country. The end result has meant students from schools which had never previously been able to take part could now enjoy the Tryathlon experience.

On Thursday May 25, Opunake High School hosted one of these events with their students giving a helping hand. There were 440 primary school students taking part, representing Opunake Primary School, St Josephs, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Tamarongo, Auroa School, Manaia School, Rahunu School and Kaponga School.



The Coastal Taranaki school's Sanitarium Weet Bix Kids Tryathlon event at Opunake High School last week.

This was one of three similar events being held in Taranaki. There had been one in Patea the previous day hosted by Patea Area School, with another one due to be held in Inglewood the next day.

The students may have turned up sporting their usual school shirts, but when they took to the field they were wearing the standard blue uniform supplied for the occasion, so that it was hard for the uninformed

observer to tell which school they were from. Which was at it should have been. All participants received their own activity pack before taking part.

If ever the words of Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympics applied it was then..

"It is not the winning but the taking part that counts."

In this case there were no winners. The aim was to have fun while navigating an obstacle course which

included making their way under netting, across tyres and through a giant inflatable. Everybody got a medal before picking up the breakfast for which their sponsor's name is synonymous.

"It's all about having fun, having a good time and being physically active," says Try Challenge manager Sophia Summerton "Sanitarium portfolio brand manager Hayley Scott says anybody could

take part regardless of their ability.

"They all get the same experience. They get to cross the finish line and they get the same medals."

She said having events like this meant it was possible for schools in more out-of-the-way places to take part.

"When they got to put their hands up, only a handful had been to a triathlon event," she said.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Liza Fisher of the Toi Foundation which provided funding to enable this to be a free event.

"This is a game changer, bringing this to kids who have never before had the opportunity."

And what do those taking part think?

"Are you guys having fun?" asked the MC.

"Yeah," came the reply in unison.

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

Junior Golf. Short Chipping. 1. Ashdyn Laing. 2. Lennox Finnigan. 3. Tyler Parata. 4. Marlin Severn. 5. Micah Gut.

Long Chip. 1. Tyler Parata. 2. Ashdyn Laing. 3. Marlin Severn. 4. Micah Gut. 5. Lennox Finnigan.

Goal Post Chip. 1. Tyler Parata. 2. Marlin Severn and Lennox Finnigan. 3. Ashdyn Laing. 4. Micah Gut.

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Coastal Premiers v Southern and marathon number three

The second round started on a day that even the hardest rugby fan would have thought "I don't know if I would go today" at Raho Domain. After a big week of rain the field was in no state to have an entertaining game of rugby.

Southern turned up with a very big pack and with conditions to suit, so it was always going to be a tough day for us.

The game was a forward dominated game with a lot of pick and goes and a lot of one out running in the narrow channels outside of the ruck.

The first half ended and Southern led 3-0 after a very even encounter with the visitors having a slight edge in the scrums through experienced and world-class prop Michael Bent.

The effort going in from both teams was huge in very trying conditions and then Southern struck 15 minutes into the second half with two killer blows both dotted down by impressive centre

Mehana Grindlay to get Southern out to a 15-0 lead, the final score that proved hard to narrow the gap.

The ball was like a cake of soap and players were hard to recognise in the last 20 but to all players credit, their skill level remained reasonably high.

For Coastal our whole pack toiled hard with prop Harry Foreman picking up player of the day with 3 points. He was into everything and scrummaged well against his bigger opposition. Chris Gawler got 2 points putting in a huge shift not only at scrum time but on defence as well, and lastly 1 point to Logan Crowley who had a trying day in the conditions but saved the day on many occasions making huge cover up tackles and cleaning up messy ball.

All in all a disappointing result as it wasn't the momentum needed for the second round.

After the game a jersey auction was held in honour

of Jordy Adams to raise money for water education to save people lives. Both jerseys were one of a kind as they were half FDMC and Half Coastal jersey.

They raised \$5300 in the auction, an amazing achievement, and with the donation boxes on the bar \$6000 for the day was a great way to support his gutsy Dad Simon Adams who the following day was running his third marathon in the month of May to raise awareness and money for a great cause.

The Sunday dawned fine and at Pukeiti gardens at 8am five runners all with Coastal rugby connections set off for a 42km trek for the Opunake Surf Club.

JP Leprou, Terry Adams, Matt Lawn, Jenna Barrett and of course Simon set off at a very steady pace and in true coastal spirit were joined by runners throughout the club and the coast on the way. It was very humbling to be involved

in a awesome day, many, too many to mention ran at various stages giving Simon the push he needed to get his aching body to the end and to achieve his third marathon in 3 weeks of his goal of 4.

Special mention must go to veterans Burmy and Richard Beckett who joined in with 30km to go at Puniho Road. They threw their sweat shirts into the van and said we will run a few kilometres before being returned to their car. This showed what the day was all about as they made it all the way to the end at Opunake Beach. As more and more runners joined in they forgot what their bodies were telling them and made it to the finish line.

The Club would like to thank Simon for letting us be involved in his special day and cause and would also like to thank all guys and gals that ran and donated to a very worthy cause in memory of a great Coastal lad Jordy.

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Simon Adams and his Marathon May supporters after the third event finishing at Opunake Beach.

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Coastal Premiers v NPOB

Vogeltown Park was the setting for our next game against the very highly fancied NPOB

For us it was going to be a tough encounter, but we prepared ourselves well and went out there with the attitude that we had to try and play some rugby that asked them some questions.

It started very badly and within a minute OB were up 7-0 after an error from us.

We got it back to 7-3 but OB got it to 21-3 before Matthew Picard dotted down after a lot of sustained attack to narrow to 21-10, then the killer blow, they scored again on half time to take it to 28-10.

After the break we scored a long range try after a great break by Logan Crowley to

put Kusi Drauna away down the left flank to narrow it to 28-17, and then probably a big moment in the game, Kevin Brown was denied a try from a marginal forward pass that the referee deemed forward.

After that we didn't see much ball and OB showed their class and ended up running out big winners 52-17, showing our younger guys what is required to win the comp, but a great experience for them as they get more games under their belts.

NPOB deserved their comfortable win and showed they are well above the rest of the competition with the big scores they have been running in the last 6 weeks.

For the Coastal players

of the day, two veterans, Jeremy Newell who never took a backward step all day, and 100 game legend Dylan Schuler, and a big part of the team, always puts it out there and is a strong member of our club, has a great sense of humour and raw boned attitude is a good example to our highly talented young fellas in the side of what is required to be successful as a prem player. Congrats Rangi.

On a sidenote, I know the TRFU love seeing these city sides as strong as anything, but it ain't doing anything for rugby. Good on NPOB for having a strong team and club, but some of these guys who are being brought into the province and academy need shifting around to

the clubs struggling for players like Spotswood and Inglewood, and most other teams wouldn't mind one either.

Coastal have a big game this weekend at Opunake against Tukapa and will be looking to get things back on track if we want to get a top 4 spot. Great to see rugby back at Ops again.

Lastly congrats to Simon Adams for making his fourth marathon in the month of May and thanks to all club members who ran again in this one, big numbers again showing what it is to be from the Coast.

Great to hear manager Gerard on the improve. Awesome work mate. Slow and steady wins the race.

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Logan Crowley leading the team out.

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Jacob Whittle in action against Clifton.

Coastal Colts

On Saturday October 20 we played at Rahotu in miserable weather playing Southern. It was the first time in the season that the boys were playing on Number 1 field. It was a see-sawing match with the boys coming out on top for

their first win of the season . The boys took their chances on attack and absolutely defended their goal line with vigour. It was a great team effort from the boys led by player of the day Reuben Mace .

The following week we

played New Plymouth Old Boys in Vogeltown. It was a good day with us going down 64-26. We were good on attack but lacking in defence, especially in the first half being 52-7 down at half time . With strong stern words from both coaches at

half time the boys played a lot better in the second half restricting Old Boys to two tries while we scored three tries . it was a huge effort from player of the day Samuel Drought . We play at Opunake this coming Saturday against Tukapa.



Beth Cook taking on the Southern defence.

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Profitable year for TRFU

The Taranaki Rugby Football Union posted a net operating surplus of \$20,454 for 2022, a much-improved position over 2021 and against the 2022 budget.

The result was announced at the 137th Annual General Meeting of the TRFU held at the Patea Rugby & Sports Club.

TRFU Chair Andrew Thompson said he was pleased with the financial result which through increased revenue, allowed for greater investment within the community game. The 2022 year also saw the

business make a return to its spiritual home of Yarrow Stadium.

"The Silver Lake investment has allowed Taranaki Rugby to repay its New Zealand Rugby loans whilst increasing its cash reserves that had been decimated post the Yarrow Stadium closure. The business, after suffering financial disruptions over the last four years is now back in a healthy position to weather any unforeseeable storms that may come our way in the future."

Thompson thanked those

individuals and organisations who threw their support behind nurturing the game in Taranaki.

"Thompson, who has been on the TRFU Board since 2015 as an elected director and chair since 2020 stepped down from his duties at the meeting.

John Dazley, who was nominated by the Stratford Eltham club was re-elected to the TRFU Board and Bruce Major, nominated by the Taranaki Rugby Referees Association was successful as the new elected director.

What's happening at Puke Ariki



Fiona Kidman Presentation

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More winners at the recent Lysaght Watt Gallery competition

The Lysaght Watt Trust Art Awards 2023 has attracted 85 exhibitors from all over Aotearoa New Zealand. The exhibition showcases a broad range of media and is running from 8 May - 17 June 2023 when the 'Peoples Choice' award will

be presented.

Come along to the Lysaght Watt Gallery in Hawera to view and admire the artwork. You are invited to cast your vote for the 'Peoples Choice' Award.

The exhibition showcases both 2D and 3D artworks, a

broad range of interpretation and the exhibition runs from 8 May - 17th June at the Lysaght Watt Gallery at 4 - 6 Union Street in Hawera.

The gallery is open from Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm, and Saturday 10am - 1pm.

Correction:

In the May 18 issue of Opunake & Coastal News it was incorrectly stated that the review of the *Extinction is forever - Marilyn Rea-Menzies* exhibition presented at from out of the blue studio gallery in Opunake was written by Viv Davy. It was in fact written by Linley Wellington.



Fault by Mark Alister Raymer was the winner in the 2D category

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The life aquatic explored in Len Lye's latest exhibition



Len Lye, The Edge of the Sea 1.

A new exhibition at NPDC's Govett-Brewster Art Gallery | Len Lye Centre explores Len Lye's connection to the natural world through the artist's use of aquatic landscapes and imagery.

Len Lye: The edge of the Sea is an opportunity to consider the organic world at the centre of Lye's practice, beyond the more widely understood areas of engineering and experimental cinema," says

the exhibition's curator Paul Brobbel.

"Len Lye's childhood was spent in Aotearoa, notably at Cape Campbell where the wild and rugged Marlborough coast had a profound impact on his outlook on the natural world."

Paul says throughout his life the artist continued to be drawn to the edge of the ocean in locations such as Samoa, the Mediterranean, Martha's Vineyard in the

USA, and Puerto Rico.

"Each location had an impact on Lye's relationship with the natural world and his artistic visions."

The exhibition considers the rhythms, motions, and sensations that Lye felt in the natural world, drawn from items in the Len Lye Foundation collection alongside works from Lye's archives housed at the Gallery.

The exhibition includes an impressive range of works,

kinetic sculptures.

Extending Lye's status as a multimedia artist, generations before the term was invented, a number of significant paintings of the late 1970s are also included in *Len Lye: The Edge of the*

Sea highlighting the central role painting held in Lye's practice.

Len Lye: The Edge of the Sea is showing at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery | Len Lye Centre until Sun October 8.

Photo Cheska Brown.

from debut film *Tusalava* (1929) to more obscure film pieces. The recently reconstructed kinetic sculpture *Albatross* (1965, 2015 reconstruction) offers a deeper dive into Lye's

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APRIL 7 TO NOVEMBER 6

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JUNE 5 TO 30

Mid-Winter Madness members exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

JUNE 8

Opunake Community Meeting: Opunake Bowling Club, 7pm. See editorial and ad in this issue of OCN

JUNE 12

Opunake and District Business Association meeting: At the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake at 5.30pm.

JUNE 13

Living Well With Arthritis: An education session by Arthritis NZ. At Coastal Care, Opunake. 10-11.30am.

JUNE 17

Opunake Bowling Club AGM: At the Bowling Club, 1.30pm.

JUNE 20

Egmont A&P Association AGM: At the Hawera Club, 38 High St, Hawera. 7pm.

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Nomination forms are available on application to the Office Administrator at the Showgrounds Office:
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