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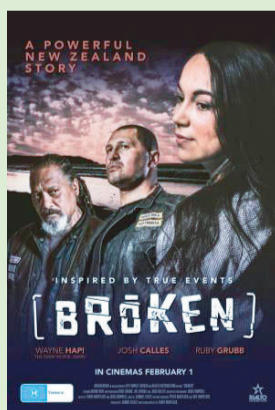
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Gita slams the coast

Gita may have been a former cyclone but it still packed a punch.

Having made its presence felt in the Pacific it was downgraded by the time it hit much of New Zealand on Tuesday February 20. Among the areas hardest hit was Taranaki. At 6.20pm 23,000 homes in the province were without power. Trees were blown down, debris was strewn across country roads and farm buildings sustained heavy damage.

Come Wednesday morning and the power was still off for large parts of Taranaki including Opunake, as damaged power lines meant some stretches of coastal roads were sealed off for a time.

"It was windy in the afternoon, then about three o'clock it got really strong," Peter Aitken said as he attended to a collapsed fence along the Arawhata Road. "There was a real humming through here, then she was gusting. It just blew the top off the trees and wiped out the power lines. We're lucky it lasted only a short time."

Peter said that with last year's heavy rain, followed

by the drought and the latest storm, this was the worst season he had seen since he had been there.

"It is what it is," he says. "Where you have trees you are always going to have trouble. In times like this neighbours stick together and help each other."

In Te Kiri, Dave Bayly was helping fix up tree damage on Ian and Judith Armstrong's farm.

"We're probably fortunate in that we got away lightly compared to some," he said. "The sides came off a shed and we lost a few trees around the riparian plantings. Some people have sustained a lot of damage around here. Last night the bridge down there was blocked when a pine tree came down and blocked access across it."

On the Oeo Road near Awatuna, Andreas Danz said they lost power about 3.30pm, and about an hour and a half later, a giant macrocarpa across the road from where he lived came down, blocking part of the road.

"We chopped it back and cleared enough of it off the road so cars could get past," he said. His place



Arawhata Road was one of many roads on the coast that felt the wrath of Gita.

was still without power on Friday when contractors came to clean up the mess, but Andreas still considered himself fortunate.

"We didn't lose any sheds or anything," he said.



Not much left of this farm building in Kaweora Road.

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Simon Bridges new leader of National Party

On Tuesday February 27 the MP for Tauranga Simon Joseph Bridges (41) was confirmed as the new leader of the National Party, replacing Bill English who recently announced his resignation. Paula Bennett has been retained as Deputy Leader. He is the first leader of the National Party of Maori heritage. Mr Bridges describes himself as "a compassionate conservative."



Delighted duo, new National Party leader Simon Bridges and his Deputy Paula Bennett.

Mr Bridges won from four other contenders including Amy Adams, Mark Mitchell, Steven Joyce and Judith Collins. Political commentators viewed Amy Adams as Mr Bridges main contender for the vote of the 56 National MPs, although the results of the successive ballots is secret. In his five minute speech to his colleagues he pointed out that he represented "gen-

erational change, coupled with experience."

Mr Bridges won Tauranga (majority 11,742) from a field of eleven candidates at the 2008 General Election, including current Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters. Since his original election he has improved his List rankings from 51, 30, 18 - to

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Farm workers accommodation

I always enjoy reading your paper as it covers a wide range of mainly rural news.

One item I haven't seen in your paper is about workers accommodation.

Landlords must provide a clean, tidy, warm and dry house. Farm workers can leave dirty houses, untidy sections and piles of rubbish; it's a minority but frequently happens. I have a lovely cottage, well cared for and rented out. The last two couples have left without paying the refuse and power bills and the inside needed curtains replaced, carpets cleaned, the inside cleaned and the section cleaned up.

I tried to help both couples out and they walked away and don't give a monkey's razzo.

So grow up and respect other people's property and pay your dues. I pity your next landlords.

Sue Bray,
Hawera

Genetic cancer

Genetic cancer is a cancer that will spread across your family due to mismatched genes. When you have a few family members that are diagnosed with cancer they will test to see if it is genetic. I am a survivor of Stage 3 bowel cancer and last year was my fifth year clearance. We have a family history of cancer, involving 10 family members diagnosed with cancer over a few years. Some have lost the battle, some are fighting the battle and some have won the battle.

My advice to you all, if in doubt of your body changes, seek medical advice and don't take no for an answer,

as cancer can be in your body for years before you notice any symptoms.

On April 7-8 our family and friends team "Ten Thousand Angels" will take part in the Relay for Life in support of the Cancer Society and in memory of all the loved ones who have lost the battle. The cancer society gives so much support, not only to the patient but to the extended family. They are not funded by the government. They maintain their services from donations from the public like us.

Please support us by making a donation to our team on the Relay for Life website or by contacting Joan Tapiki who has the donation form.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Karen Nielson

Thank you

Just a thank you for your newspaper being available online. It keeps me in touch with Opunake & the area, even though I've been gone over 55 years. I look forward to reading each issue.

Congratulations also to Beau Le Prou on his QSM. They don't give them out for nothing Beau. You've certainly earned it with your many years service.

By the way, I believe there was an open day recently at what used to be the Cottage hospital. I'm sure my mother came home with only one bootie when I was born there 75 years ago. If anyone happened to come across it and handed it in, please send it on to me. A blue one, left foot I think. Thanks.

Julian Beer,
Titirangi, Auckland.

Respect our sea and waterways

Time after time, year after year, Water Safety New Zealand is still telling people to be prepared and watch out for yourselves and others in the water, and know our limits.

It is believed that in 2017 there was a 13 per cent increase in preventable drowning. Everyone of us must be fully aware of how really cruel our waters can be.

I am now asking, what is wrong with some people? Do or don't they all believe in what our country's Water Safety Council is really saying, or do they all think it's all a big huge joke? I believe this is the real truth, until one of their family members, friends or relations becomes another victim of our sea and waterways. Some still don't respect what our lifeguards do when they all put their own lives at risk rescuing people in difficulties.

The same thing is happening when our Road Safety and Medical Councils are saying don't drink and drive, or be on drugs. It's still happening today as it seems the west coast has the highest drowning rate per capita, which really doesn't surprise me one bit. So come on everyone, how about respecting our sea and waterways, otherwise more and more drowning will keep on occurring.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Farewell to a great politician

I, like many Labour Party

members and those people who knew James Patrick Byrne Anderton will miss the man known to all of us as Jim.

If he had been our prime minister, our country wouldn't be in the mess it is right now, as Jim was always for the common person.

When I was with the Social Credit Party, I first met Jim, when on behalf of the opposition Labour Party to Robert Muldoon's National Party went around the country telling everyone what Robert Muldoon was really up to. It wasn't very long after that a snap election was called and National was ousted.

While in the Alliance Party which was formed here in New Plymouth, I met Jim on several occasions. It could have become an extremely viable political party, but Laila Harre came along and spoiled it all.

Now everyone of us must go out and support the coalition government because we must get back stability in this country of ours without any hindrances from foreigners.

I also can now see we have a political party in the Democrats for Social Credit, which to my knowledge is slowly building up members and candidates. I now believe that this political party could also become a good ally for our coalition government as they believe in the same political language of being all for the people.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

ADELPHOS

I once heard a speaker challenge the audience to not make any judgmentally critical remarks for one day. I decided to take up the challenge with a few friends. It turned out to be harder than we all thought. By morning tea I was carefully censoring my thinking and words because I was perturbed by a famous politician's comment.

After all Jesus did say, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Matthew 7:1-2). Here the Greek verb

used for "judge" is krino. The word kritikos is also used for judgement from which we get the English word criticise.

However Jesus' warning to not judge others shouldn't be confused with positive critical thinking skills. We can wisely judge that murder and pedophilia are wrong. Critical thinking skills are vital in making life's decisions such as which house to buy, who to vote for or which pizza topping to choose (remember about criticising vegan pizza choices). Even scripture says, "Those who are spiritual discern all things..." (I Cor.

Your Critical IQ

2:15 in the Revised Standard Version). The Greek word for discern is anakrinei which carries the meaning of a considered, wise and discerning judgement rather than a harsh critical judgmentalism.

The next morning my friends and I discussed the below par results for our one day challenge. We recalled that by lunchtime we were struggling to refrain from being critically judgmental. Jesus knew that a non-constructive negativity is toxic to our spouses, family, friends, churches, health, happiness, creativity and prayer life.

One friend mentioned the discerning words of Jesus, "You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye and then you will see clearly to remove the speck in your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:5 NIV).

We were a bit disappointed in our results. We realised that with self-discipline our critical IQs could be a lot lower. Having a high critical IQ was not being very smart.

Reflection: Are you satisfied with your critical IQ and how has it affected your life and the lives of others around you?

Adelphos

Gita slams the coast

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The loss of power along the coast also meant water pumps couldn't be used, leading to water shortage problems for some. Among the emergency measures announced after the storm, a water tanker was available at Oaonui Hall for those needing potable water. On Friday, Dennis Alexander of the Eltham Volunteer Fire Brigade was there with a tanker. Five people had turned up the previous day to collect water, he said.

Also there was Oaonui farmer and Egmont Plains Community Board deputy chairman Andy Whitehead.

"We've opened the hall up for anyone who wants to drop in for a coffee," he said.

At that stage there were still farms on the Manihi, Witiora and Kina Roads without power. In some places the force of the wind had been strong enough to break the power lines, without having to have

trees fall on them, he said.

Andy had been stranded in the South Island when Gita struck, and wasn't able to fly home straight away, so had to leave his son Troy and his workers in charge of the farm until he could get back.

"We lost a couple of roofs," he says. "We borrowed a neighbour's generator so we've been able to carry on milking. The community support has been really good, and neighbours have been checking in to see everyone's OK."

Potable water had also been available at Rahotu Four Square, the Manaia and Kaponga swimming pools, Normanby Hall, and the Opunake, Eltham, Patea and Waverley LibraryPlus, while members of the public were able to use the showers at Sandford Event Centre in Opunake and the Hawera Holiday Park.

A state of Emergency declared for New Plymouth District was lifted on Sunday.



Scenes around Opunake as the hurricane raged.



Simon Bridges new leader of National Party

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6th at the 2017 General Election. While in Government he has held a series of portfolios including Transport (2014-2017), Economic development (2016-2017) and he was appointed Leader of the house (2017).

In 2010 his proposed legislation regarding animal cruelty was drawn from the ballot and ultimately was enacted as the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill. He obviously hold strong views concerning the kind

treatment of animals.

Mr Bridges is the youngest of six children born to his mother who was a teacher and his Baptist minister father. He spent his formative years in Te Atatu, Auckland and was Head Boy at Rutherford College.

He attended Auckland University and graduated, firstly with a Bachelor of Arts (in political science and history) and then a Bachelor of Law.

He initially worked as a lawyer for the firm Kensington Swan with litigation his specialty. In

2001 he shifted to Tauranga where he was appointed Crown Prosecutor.

Later, he headed to the UK to study at the London School of Economic and later completed a postgraduate law degree at Oxford. He also spent time as an intern at the British House of Commons.

He joined the National party as a 16-year-old and was a Young National. He held various other positions including Chairperson of the Tauranga National Party.

Mr Bridges is married to Natalie, whom he met

in Oxford, England. They have three children and live in Matua, Tauranga. The couple attend an Anglican Church.

Upon his election as National Party leader he had this to say. "This Government is big on lofty intentions, but is struggling to turn that into real gains for New Zealanders. That is why we will continue to present an ambitious and strong alternative government, heading into 2010."

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COMMUNITY COMMENT

Submissions coming up on 10 year plan



CRAIG DINGLE

That was some intense wind last Tuesday. While we were out attending incidences with the Opunake Fire Brigade there were times we had to hold on to something or we would have been blown over. It was good to see some houses we attended had their survival kits out.

The Council is taking submissions for the 10 year

plan. This is your chance to put forward your ideas for bigger projects so they can start budgeting toward them if they think it is good.

Some ideas from the Community Board we want to put forward include ongo-

ing walkway maintenance, lowering the bins into the ground at the transfer stations for easier dumping, dog poo bags/bins on walkway, and drinking fountains at skate parks, just to name a few.

If you have any ideas that you would like in the long term plan put it in writing and send to South Taranaki District Council. The Board is thinking of changing its name (Egmont Plains Community Board) as we think

it's a bit outdated. If you can think of a name that would be more suited let one of the board member know. Till next time take care.

Craig Dingle- Chairman Egmont Plains Community Board

Fairfax decision will damage rural communities

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) say they are shocked to hear that Fairfax is considering closing, or selling 28 regional, provincial and rural newspapers.

"The announcement from Fairfax that 28 of their mastheads will be closing or sold to instead concentrate on digital revenue is short-sighted and irresponsible at best," says National President, Fiona Gower.

"Rural, regional, and provincial newspapers and magazines are the lifeblood of New Zealand's rural communities - many of which have little or no internet access.

"To rationalise rural and smaller community newspapers to deliver additional EBITDA by driving digital revenue shows a complete lack of understanding in the vital role of print in our rural communities.

"This decision by Fairfax

means that the elderly and those without internet capability who rely on newspapers for news, public notices and other information, will miss out.

"This significant loss will result in further isolation for those living in rural areas.

"The last thing we need is to starve the rural sector of oxygen by shutting down newspapers, especially since everyday access to internet is not a reality for many of

those who live in our rural communities.

"We are already seeing a decline in local and rural coverage, and the announcement by Fairfax is yet another lost opportunity to celebrate rural businesses and the rural women who contribute so much to their local community and economy.

"With this devastating news, I can't help but ponder - what were they thinking?" says Ms Gower.

Survey finds small publishers confident

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their niche content is what is of value, but, what the heck, give it away for nothing? (One solution highlighted at the International News Media Association conference in New York in 2017 was the hybrid paywall.) The situation will be compounded because Amazon is about to blow up main street: For a long time, strip shopping centres, the life blood for the "local line" on publishers' P&Ls have been changing. The local electrical goods store that once took a couple of full-page ads per week has closed. Other retailers vulnerable to online shopping have either shut or been sucked into the vortex of national chain stores. But that will be nothing compared to what Amazon does to the remaining retail sector. Consider, too, for many small publishers most of their revenue comes from retail. Just as man cannot

live on bread alone, main street's future is surely more than a plethora of cool but ubiquitous coffee shops and hole-in-the-wall bars. Batten down

Newspapers, the research shows, equate to trust, credibility and retention of message. Which is everything social media is not. Digital might get our attention but print gets our respect.

Of all newspapers, the local paper is in the best position. Indeed, on the back of a reawakening about "real news", the industry should be seeking ways to creatively promote itself as of distinct and high value. Newspapers can also do more to work within their own industry for a networked approach across activities.

However, local papers have a clear call to arms - to act decisively - because of what is ahead.

In short, print can survive but it will have a reduced

and distinct place in a broader media ecosystem.

This is complex stuff to get right. There is no one-size-fits-all solution, but there are consistent themes to be addressed, including reducing fixed costs by streamlining newspaper production, retaining and extending reach, leveraging that penetration for future prosperity; and executing superb self-promotion.

The small newspaper market cannot change the societal and technological forces at play, but it can reset its own operations within the context of today.

Ultimately, success is defined by something less tangible and which no consultant can package up

and provide.

Publishers need courage to make bold decisions. Courage to break from the pack. Courage to stay the course. Courage to change.

In many respects, the next chapter in the story of print is, quite aptly, in the capable hands of the people who publish.

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Survey finds small publishers confident

Despite media fragmentation, small publishers are buoyant about the future.

Big media has defined the public impression about print - closures, sell-outs, layoffs and dwindling profitability.

But in the world of small publishers it is actually a far more positive scene.

Community newspapers, which comprise the overwhelming number of newspapers across the world, tell a different story to the big media's narrative of How Digital Killed Print.

The small newspaper market faces similar challenges from media fragmentation, but the strong appetite for hyperlocal news means the local paper continues to provide a great sales and marketing environment.

Take New Zealand. That reader value is strongly established in local newspapers does not mean the status quo will sustain them ...

I rang the New Zealand Community Newspapers Association president Simon Ellis to ask him how his members were faring. As a consultant working across Australia and NZ, I wanted to understand their pains. I expected they would be caught in the slipstream of the fast-flowing changes in media.

That was true to an extent, but Ellis conveyed a more optimistic picture than I imagined. Smaller publishers, he said, would continue to survive on the back of unique and relevant content. And there was nothing like getting directly into someone's home with print.

The NZCNA represents 80 mastheads, which produce more than one million newspapers each week and reap about NZ\$52 million in advertising per annum.

As someone romantic about newspapers, I wanted to check in that I was not being



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a Pollyanna about print. As a journalist, I wanted to know the truth. As a consultant, I wanted to know how I could help.

With the NZCNA's co-operation, I surveyed their members - and, yes, they were buoyant about 2018.

Almost 80 per cent of the respondents were very or extremely confident about the future of their businesses. Three-quarters of them said moving to a digital focus was a low priority. Audience engagement and subscribers were top priorities, followed by sales and creating quality content; and starting new business ventures was not on the radar.

Their confidence in the small newspaper market is supported by a study released in 2017 by the Tow Centre for Digital Journalism based at the Columbia Journalism School.

Small newspapers comprise the bulk of the North American newspaper market. In fact, of the 7071 newspapers in the US, almost all (6851) have circulations under 50,000.

As a body, this market has been little researched - and the iconic American papers have defined the narrative about the fortunes of print.

The study found change is impacting on the smaller newspaper market, but it has been slower than for large mastheads. It also confirmed the important place local newspapers had in their communities, providing the bulk of local, quality storytelling.

That reader value is strongly established in local newspapers does not mean the status quo will sustain them, though. The report advised publishers to prioritise income diversification.

"Most small-market newspapers will not be able to survive based on their traditional mix of subscriptions, advertising and single-copy sales. Multiple income streams will be essential if outlets are to secure the stablest future possible," the report said.

The bigger chains have the resources, partnerships and influence to do this. Smaller publishers, as my sample indicates, are more wary about straying from what they know. Certainly, I find newspaper managements that will talk about the need to diversify but for various reasons struggle to get off first base.

An obvious area of

opportunity for local papers, as the study identifies and I have long advocated, is in events.

Local newspapers are always harassed to sponsor and cover events - but, sheesh, why not run and profit from them directly? Even in the most distressed markets, and I have seen a few, there are opportunities to develop joint ventures.

Newspapers, along with their associated media interests, bring to the table unmatched reach. Partners bring event infrastructure, processes and specialist know-how.

Partnerships reduce the risk and divide the load - and it is a helluva lot easier growing revenue from a handful of good events each year than trying to flog additional column centimetres in a distressed advertising market.

Some larger media outlets, notably Stuff (Fairfax Media) in New Zealand, and Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) are staking their future on joint ventures. Stuff has partnered to provide fibre-optic internet services, retail energy and subscription entertainment. SPH is profiting from health and education services. You can

argue whether these should be core activities for media companies, but the proof would seem to be in the bottom line.

When publishers contemplate such things, they can encounter self doubts and obstacles such as "we do not have the ... experience, skills, relationships, strategy (fill in the blanks)."

Experience shows, though, that opening up partnership conversations quickly flips the mindset. Finding businesses with complementary skills and resources is a winning strategy.

What then makes small publishers confident amid such disruption? Perhaps one of the drivers is the self-satisfaction to have seen plenty of wrong moves by digital media wannabes. Better the late adopter, hey?

But for everyone, there is, or will be, a tipping point.

Even in the best of circumstances, producing newspapers is a complex business with lots of moving parts, fixed costs and market vagaries. This makes breaking away from the operational day-to-day, to think and act strategically, almost impossible.

Typically, I get calls from owners and publishers when they realise that everything they have spent building up over the years (sometimes we are talking generations

of family ownership) could disappear before their eyes.

For CEOs and general managers, righting the ship will not get any easier unless a firm plan, including diversification and reconciling the place of print, is developed and activated.

Digital advertising is a mirage: Game over. Google and Facebook own that space. According to e-Marketer, the two tech-giants took 56 per cent of global digital advertising in 2017, and by other reports, up to 90 cents in every digital advertising dollar in the US. Very few publishers have been able to fully supplant print revenue loss with digital revenue gain. Meanwhile ...

Paywalls and digital editions are not the panacea: The New York Times, with 2.5 million digital subscriptions and seeking 10 million, and national titles like the Wall Street Journal and The Australian have the right content, audience and critical mass to make a paywall successful. But the maths does not make it a viable business proposition for smaller fish. This would seem to put smaller publishers in a bind. If they cannot monetise their content online, and print circulation is dwindling, what are they to do? On one hand we say

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Rolling up sleeves makes Coast unique

Hi all
I hope everyone has survived intact after Cyclone Gita passed through last week. I spent a lot of my time in between Opunake and Okato attending jobs caused by the high winds. Numerous trees and power lines blocked roads and at one stage Opunake was completely cut off with Wiremu Road blocked off by a fallen tree and State Highway 45 blocked off by a truck that had blown over in the wind.



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tors and chainsaws all at work clearing blockage, all from people who just came out and helped without needing to be asked. This is what makes the Coast unique. When situations like this occur, everyone rolls their sleeves up and

helps each other out.

At the end of January, fishery officers combined with police and conducted an operation targeting paua poachers down the coast. It would be fair to say that there are people around who have absolutely no regard for the quotas that are set for gathering paua and the amounts they gathered were staggering. Of those, one car had two people inside, one with 121 and the other 91 paua. Half of those were undersized. As a consequence they lost their vehicle.

Another car had three peo-

ple in it with 70, 40 and 38 each. The majority were all undersized as well. One positive to come out of that was that these people were not from the coast and that the ones stopped from the Coast were playing by the rules.

Let's keep an eye out in regards to these sorts of people. At the next big tide, have a look to see who is around. If you have any suspicions ring Police, Police can act as Fishery Officers, so given that we know people come from out of town to plunder our shoreline, we would like to keep the pressure on them and let them know it isn't OK

to come down here and take what they like.

Rural crime over 2017 was fairly comparable with 2018 and the themes were the same. Rural Taranaki had 150 dishonesty offences that occurred on farms or outlying rural areas (burglary, theft) of those 13 were in rural Okato and 16 in Opunake. Mostly farm houses were targeted, but implement sheds and cowsheds were also common. Of all the dishonesty offences 60% were from unlocked premises, or items weren't secured. This is frustrating as 60% of our crimes didn't need to occur if we had better

care around our security with our farm buildings and farm houses. Tools, farm bikes and chainsaws remain the most common items that are stolen. The message remains the same. Take your bike keys out and don't keep your chainsaws in cowsheds or open bay implement sheds where they can be easily uplifted.

Let's all work together to keep the Coast crime free.

Have a good week

*Rhys Connell
Okato*

Staying afloat in troubled times

We have recently been given a 'water survival kit' by Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), so we took it to Opunake Primary School and had a play with it. The kit comprises four helmets and life vests (each fitted with a knife) and throwing lines. The idea of the kit is basically to protect us when- ever we are working near water. This may be in a search and rescue situation, setting up our portable pump or working in a flooded area. Even though it is not designed for actually rescuing anyone floating past

in a swollen stream, I don't think we would stand by and watch them disappear into the distance. We were amazed as to the weight of our fire- fighting suit once it got saturated. In all, the weight increased by an extra 16 kilos, without taking in the waterlogged gumboot weight. If a fire fighter fell into a stream fully kitted out, without the new survival kit on, things could get a little nasty. The brigade would like to thank the principal of Opunake Primary School, Lorraine Williamson, for



Ten members of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade are in the Opunake Primary School trying out the new water survival kits.

best of times, so getting the ladder down off the appliance in conditions like on Tuesday was definitely out of the question. We all feel gutted when there is not a lot we can do, but sometimes it is just too dangerous for us to attempt a repair. If you have roofing iron, spouting, or a fence that looks as if they won't last the next big wind, please get them repaired beforehand.

The last call in this large cluster was to a tractor fire just south of Opunake on Surf Highway 45. A farmer was using a tractor driven generator to keep the milk vat chilled and things got a little hot. Unfortunately, "nek mini" the tractor was on fire. Luckily the wind was blowing from the right direction so the flames were kept away from the cow shed, and it also allowed them to disconnect the generator and drag it away..

By the time we arrived, the rear tyres were the only things recognizable, as everything else had burnt. The two front tyres were flaring quite well and required a fair few litres of water to put them out.

Secretary Beau.

allowing us to "act like kids again" in her pool. We had a wonderful time trying the new gear out, but hope we don't have to use it for a few winters down the track.

We were called to the Coastal Care premises on Thursday 15th when one of their smoke detectors decided to play up. Initially we thought they were having a practice drill, but then we realised they had done one the previous week. On arrival, we found all personnel had been evacuated and all rooms had been searched for any stragglers or signs of fire. Aretha the fire officer had done a marvellous job with the evacuation, and promptly came over to our

appliance to fill us in with the situation. We too checked out the building but couldn't find any issues or faulty detectors. We silenced the alarm, advised them to call their service company to check it out and we were on our way, back next door to the station. I spoke to the serviceman the following day and the troublesome detector was outside under the entrance-way into the pharmacy. He said salt spray doesn't really go well with smoke detectors and it wasn't the first time he had changed one in that area.

Our next adventure with the fire appliance was when Gita came to town and overturned the Chem Courier trailer just north of Namu Road. The

wind was so strong, it was nearly impossible to walk and I can certainly see why the empty trailer was flipped. We tried desperately to disconnect the truck and trailer unit so we could clear the road but we just couldn't budge it. The police did reopen the road to one way traffic and the trailer was removed the first thing the following day.

That call was the start of about 20 other wind related calls over the next 24 hours. Unfortunately, a lot of these calls involved climbing a ladder, either to nail a roof or to repair spouting, and we are bound by Fire and Emergency NZ policy. The rules don't allow us to climb more than 2.4 metres in the



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A well lived 99 years for Kathleen Stanley-Robinson

February 9, 2018 marked the final celebration of life for Kathleen Stanley-Robinson who was farewelled by a large congregation at St Paul's Co-Operative Church in Opunake.

Barbara Hooper, officiated at this service and she paid tribute to the way Kathleen had led such a long and well-lived life. Born on January 19, 1919, Kathleen was given a happy 99th birthday luncheon at New Plymouth.

Farming and living off her fertile vegetable garden was a great passion for this petite and quietly spoken country



Kathleen contemplates the special cake at her 99th birthday celebration.

woman. Marianne and Henry Hargreaves, farmers at Te Kiri, taught Kathleen many outdoor skills.

After World War Two ended, Noel Stanley returned to Taranaki where he and his brother, Ron, had grown up on the land at Warea. They put the atrocities of fighting overseas behind them, Noel served in the Middle East and Ron outwitted the enemies in the Pacific. The men were welcomed home by their loving families.

It was love at first sight when Noel Stanley met Kathleen. They tied the wedding

knot in Opunake and lived on their Oaonui dairy and pig-gery farm. A proud and busy mother of their five children, Kathleen travelled with Noel with his duties on the New Zealand and Taranaki Rugby Unions.

A keen member of the Oaonui Country Women's Institute, Kathleen was also involved in a Toastmistress group and the RSA with the supporting women's activities.

One of Kathleen's joys was encouraging her many grandchildren and great grandchildren in their schooling and sporting pursuits.

William Robinson was Kathleen's second husband after Noel passed away. Both men had formed a strong friendship when they fought in the Middle East during World War Two. Thus the Stanley and the Robinson families grew in numbers. Home for Kathleen became the Kapiti Coast or the Oaonui farm.

At the funeral service on February 9, there were many tears when this lady was carried out of the church to the music, "I'll Take You Home Kathleen."

Firefighters from Taranaki sent to Chatham Islands blaze

A crew of firefighters from Taranaki have been in the Chatham Islands to help tackle the massive scrub fire that started burning there at the beginning of February.

The fire broke out on the first day of February and has ripped through about 2500 hectares of land.

Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer, Glenn Thompson, says crews have been working incredibly long days and in trying conditions.

He says it's important they get swapped out with other crews so they get the chance to have a break.

A team of five from Taranaki, along with another team from Rotorua, arrived in the Chatham Islands, with another crew from Wellington arriving later.

"The teams are made up of volunteers and career firefighters, so we're really



Taranaki firefighters exit their helicopter so they can fight a fire on the Chatham Islands.

the Chathams. It's greatly appreciated."

The crews worked with the local council, land owners, helicopter pilots and Department of Conservation staff to help put out the fire.

"This is an ongoing fire, it's a really deep burning fire and it's extremely difficult to access, being in a very remote location. There are some deep-seated hotspots all around the fire perimeter, so it will take time and a lot of hard work to put it out."

He says bouts of rain had helped ease the fire, but thick fog blanketing the islands had at times forced a stop to the work the helicopter crews have been doing.

"The conditions they've been dealing with have been pretty difficult," he says. The firefighting response has been a huge team effort and he wanted to thank all those involved.

Rural women need access to midwifery care

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is very concerned that Wanaka is soon to lose one of the community's two midwives.

"Midwives practicing in rural communities have long battled the problems of geographical isolation in areas where the population con-

tinues to grow," says Board Member and Health Portfolio Convenor, Margaret Pit-taway.

"Resourcing has been lacking for so long that rural families are suffering - it is absolutely unacceptable that expectant mothers and their families have been placed in

the firing line.

"This lack of resourcing and recognition for the travel costs faced by these midwives results in a work load that is unbearable.

"The Netherlands are leading the way in maternal care which RWNZ wants to see considered here.

"RWNZ urges the Government to act quickly to ensure every community can provide the maternity services needed.

"Our rural women, babies, and communities are in desperate need of support," says Mrs Pit-taway.

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Tough time for farmers

We're edging closer to autumn, but there's been precious little relief for parched ground and that is causing all sorts of concerns for local farmers. The inevitable flow-on is happening in or towns as well as in the rural areas as less production and more feed needed, raises prices tightens purse strings.

Large parts of New Plymouth



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

electorate have had steady rain, but unfortunately that hasn't extended to Coastal and South Taranaki. In the current situation I am working hard to make sure locals are supported as the drought continues. Ministry of Social Development assistance was further extended last month and 21 districts across six regions are currently affected. The good news is that MSD

and Inland Revenue have assistance available and have representatives in the field helping with paperwork. Give them a call if they haven't made contact with you yet: 0800 559 009.

I'm keeping in touch with local farmers and their support networks. The big pressure is around sourcing feed for stock, or finding grazing out of the region. Taranaki-King

Country MP Barbara Kuriger and I have been discussing with the Rural Support Trust how that could be facilitated more smoothly. It's good to see the Rural Support Trust working hard to keep farmers connected and looking out for each other. Farming can be an isolated job and it's very hard when the numbers are all going the wrong way. Again I emphasise the need to remind

everyone affected by the drought that there are support networks in place and waiting to help. You're not alone and we all have a stake in making sure you get through successfully. We are keeping the Minister of Agriculture, Damien O'Connor briefed of the circumstances facing Taranaki.

Jonathan Young MP

Human Rights Commission coming under review

Justice Minister Andrew Little has announced that he has ordered a review of the procedures and organisational culture at the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, following recent concerns about the handling of allegations of sexual harassment.

"It is vital that New Zealanders have trust and confidence in the Human Rights Commission as

New Zealand's authority for dealing with complaints about sexual harassment. I am concerned by recent reported events. An independent inquiry is necessary to look at the Commission's processes and culture.

"I have appointed retired Employment Court Judge Coral Shaw to lead the review," says Andrew Little.



ANDREW LITTLE MP

The inquiry will look at the organisational culture of the Human Rights Commission, and whether the governance and management structures adequately support the prudent handling of sexual harassment claims. It will also look at the systems and processes for investigating and resolving sexual harassment claims used by the Human Rights Commission,

having regard to legal and other public sector standards and the fact the Commission is expected to be an exemplar in this respect.

The Review will be conducted pursuant to section 132 of the Crown Entities Act 2004, which allows a responsible minister to review the operations and performance of a Crown entity at any time.

"The reviewer will make

any recommendations for change that she considers appropriate.

I expect the review to be completed by the end of April. I have met with Chief Commissioner, David Rutherford, and expect the Commission will cooperate fully with the inquiry," says Andrew Little.

Minister meets top case managers

Minister for Social Development Carmel Sepuloni has met with some of Work and Income's top case managers who've achieved outstanding results supporting their clients into work.

Twenty high performing case managers from across the country were brought together for a series of workshops after being identified

for their success supporting people from all backgrounds through difficult situations and into sustainable employment.

"It's exciting to hear the methods and practices they've used working with people on the front line in need of assistance so that we might use this information to help shape future services

and best practice across the board," Minister Sepuloni said.

"I was interested to know the common attributes these case managers share as a group. It is their heart and genuine care for people mixed with a significant knowledge of what's available to help a person from both MSD and the local community that is

key to their success in helping to change people's lives.

"They also expressed the importance of supporting people into training and educational opportunities as a pathway into meaningful employment – an area of key focus for this government.

"Given my vision for a culture at Work and Income that is more inclusive, respects

all people's right to dignity, ensures everyone has access to their full entitlements and focuses on people's potential I am heartened these case managers demonstrate this approach in their interactions with New Zealanders requiring assistance.

"It helps form part of the culture change we want to support at all levels of MSD,

and across Work and Income offices around the country. It's important to focus on those doing an exceptional job to showcase how this can be done.

"Improving the culture at Work and Income is about both ensuring the best possible outcomes for clients and making sure staff feel supported in their roles.

Government urges to get off the gas

Greenpeace is calling on the new Government to discount gas expansion in the future of New Zealand's energy makeup following statements by Regional Development Minister, Shane Jones.

Jones has announced the appointment of former head

of NZ Oil & Gas, Rodger Findlay, as chairman of an advisory panel to the Government's \$1 billion a year Regional Development Fund.

When defending the decision, Jones stated he believes gas will be an

important part of New Zealand's journey to meet climate change obligations.

Greenpeace climate campaigner, Amanda Larsson, says it's a concern that Government Ministers appear to be adopting the oil industry's "flawed" position

that gas is a way to transition to clean energy.

"We can replace all fossil fuels with renewable energy and we have a responsibility to do so urgently if we want to avoid extremely dangerous climate change," she says.

"The idea that we should

replace coal with gas is a convenient narrative for the oil and gas industry, which is struggling to justify its existence in the face of booming support for clean energy and growing public opposition to fossil fuels.

"In the real world, renewable energy like solar, wind, and storage are the smartest options. We have the technology, and it will save us money and create thousands of jobs. We don't need to rely on dirty energy like gas or coal."

Greenpeace has called on the Government to use the Regional Development Fund to back up its promises of a just transition to clean energy.

Larsson says the fund provides a prime opportunity for the Government to "walk the talk" on New Zealand's transition to 100% renewable energy.

"Prime Minister Jacinda Arden has consistently said that it is a Government priority to ensure a just transition for those communities and workers currently reliant on the fossil fuel industry," she says.

"If the Government really is committed to creating a clean energy economy, then its top

priority should be planning and funding a transition away from dependence on oil, gas, and coal.

"With \$1 billion a year set aside for regional development, now is exactly the moment to start investing in good jobs and sustainable economic development opportunities for the regions that are most dependent on fossil fuels."

Larsson says this means focusing on fossil-fuel dependent areas such as Taranaki, the West Coast, and Huntly, to ensure those communities are fully supported with finding alternative opportunities in sustainable industries.

A clean energy economy would create new jobs in the installation and maintenance of solar panels, the construction of geothermal and wind power plants, energy efficiency retrofits for homes and business, as well as the construction of a better rail network.

"There are enormous opportunities for New Zealanders in the booming clean energy industry. But it will take Government leadership to make them a reality," Larsson says.

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Scott Walden new principal at Coastal Taranaki School

The recently appointed principal of Coastal Taranaki School (CTS) Scott Walden returns to the Coast where he spent his formative years, having been principal of Manukorihi Intermediate. He grew up on a Coastal dairy farm and attended Manaia Primary School. He also has links with Parihaka and his father runs one of their farms. Scott is enjoying being back in close contact with his friends and family in the region and loves the fact that his two sons (aged five and seven) are enrolled at CTS so he is in even closer contact with them.



Scott Walden, principal of Coastal Taranaki School.

Scott has recently moved his household into the Okato

locality and enjoys a pleasant walk to school from his Oxford Road address. He wants

to be part of the community and feels his close proximity enhances his role. He stresses

his open door policy, so parents and other community members can discuss anything of concern at earliest possibility. "I'm better placed to do my job effectively if I'm part of the community," he comments. He sees the local school as the "central hub" of the community.

Apart from the obvious reasons for moving into the region where he has his earliest memories, he relishes the professional challenge of being principal of an area school, where he encounters older students of secondary school age, as well as their teachers and parents. His

teaching career, thus far, has involved students up to the Year 7 and 8 stage.

Scott has maintained links with friends and family in Palmerston North, where he completed his Bachelor of Education degree (B.ed - Massey University). He also completed a Dip Teach Te Rangakura at Wanganui Community Polytechnic.

Like everyone Scott is waiting to see how the proposed educational review of the new government evolves. However, he is definite about one thing - he welcomes the end to National Standards.

Scott is fulsome in his praise of CTS in all respects. He

made a point of mentioning his first FOCTS meeting and appreciated the company of such enthusiastic parents and their valuable input as regards fundraising. He also highlights the "amazing skills and talents" of the CTS staff.

Scott's interests mostly revolve around his family, including camping, visits to beaches and swimming. He also enjoys travelling and has visited such countries as the UK, Spain and France.

Welcome back to the Coast Scott and all the best in your new position as principal of Coastal Taranaki School.

Electric cars drive the future

On Saturday February 24, there was a proud display of electric vehicles (EVs), hybrids and electric bikes in the New World carpark in New Plymouth. One of the organisers Catherine Cheung of Okato was pleased with the turnout of 17 vehicles (14 EVs and 3 hybrids). A hybrid car (IMA - Integrated Motor Assisted) runs on both petrol and electricity - about 50/50.



Catherine Cheung with her fully electric Nissan Leaf.

"Amazing turnout," she enthused. Catherine and her partner Dr Lyndon DeVaniter own an EV, a 2011 Nissan Leaf.

Liz Bridgeman of New Plymouth has owned a hybrid (IMA) car for about three years. Her car is a 2011 Honda Insight. She is most impressed at the advantages which includes that her car is a lot cheaper to run than a petrol one. "At about 30 cents a litre that's a major saving," she explains. She also sees her easy conscience as another advantage. "It is really bad what is happening to our air." She points out that she is a member of Climate Justice Taranaki.

She would, however, love to own a fully electric car (EV), which she describes as "my ambition."

Catherine and Lyndon have owned their EV (a 2011 Nissan Leaf) since April and are delighted at

the advantages. They are well known members of Climate Justice Taranaki and are concerned about the harm caused by the emission of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4) and nitrous oxide (N2O). "Agriculture and transport are the biggest polluters," she explains. They bought a EV, "because we want to be part of the solution."

Charge stations are now popping up around Taranaki; Napier Street Opunake is soon to be one place where you can charge your car. With the first generation EVs a single charge sees you right for about 100 ks, but with Generation 2 EVs you can drive for 130 ks per charge.

However, it is cheaper to charge your car at home, especially as you may be able to take advantage of off peak rates, plus some power companies offer special rates for EV owners. The cheapest option is to charge your EV at home using your normal power supply. Most people plug in their EV overnight and it's all ready for the morning.

Although public fast charging stations cost a bit more (about \$10 per 100km) the process in completed much quicker (in 15-20 minutes). You can download an app to find one which suits your needs and vehicle type.

Philip Brown The Car Man imports and sells Nissan Leafs EVs from Japan. He

has been involved in the importation of these vehicles for three years. He points out that another advantage of EVs is reduced maintenance costs. The reason lies in the fact that some recent EVs (eg. Tesla) have only 18 moving parts contrasted with fuel-operated cars, which have 2000 plus, "all of which are wearing out." He concludes, "There is less maintenance, less repairs."

Also, Philip says, as there is no gearbox in Nissan Leaf, considerably less oil is needed. He concedes that brake fluid could be viewed as an exception to this claim.

Steve Hobo-Tuck of New Plymouth owns a 2015 Nissan Leaf for his computer business. He travels a considerable distance each week and finds he only has to charge his car's battery every three days. He is most impressed with his environmentally friendly vehicle which is so economical to run.

In some cases it may be

possible to access a loan from the EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) to buy a EV. Toby Dixon and Ryan Gut were successful in this way for launching their worthwhile project of growing and delivering organic vegetables in the Okato and Oakura area. They were able to buy a EV van for delivery purposes; produce

grown and delivered in an environmentally friendly manner.

If you'd like to know more you can access www.electricvehicles.govt.nz Philip Brown has a startling prediction, "In ten years time it will be hard to find a fuel-operated car to buy."

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New Zealand's smaller publishers challenged but confident going into 2018

New Zealand's smaller newspaper publishers have started 2018 in a buoyant mood, unfazed by the push to go digital, according to an industry survey.

The poll of publishers, editors and executives found most respondents did not see a negative being print focused - and moving to a multi-platform environment was a low priority.

However, their papers were experiencing revenue pressure. Also, managers wanted helped with strategic direction, sales, reducing costs and streamlining editorial production.

The survey was conducted by Flame Tree Media, which

consults to media in Australia and New Zealand, and was distributed by the New Zealand Community Newspaper Association (NZCNA).

Flame Tree executive director Stuart Howie said the data showed a tale of two countries when it came to newspapers.

"The big players, who hold most of the major newspaper properties in New Zealand, are branching off and aggressively transforming their business models," Howie said.

But smaller publishers still see a future in serving communities with hyperlocal content and advertising

- and doing it in print.

Almost 80% of respondents to the survey were very or extremely confident about the future of their businesses. The survey also found most did not see it as a priority to move from a print focus to a digital focus, with three-quarters of respondents rating this as a low priority;

Audience engagement and subscribers were the top priorities for publishers, with sales and creating quality content close behind.

Starting new business ventures was not on the radar.

"These results show a strong commitment to local newspaper publishing in New

Zealand," Howie said.

"Critical to newspapers' ongoing viability, however, will be their ability to swiftly and successfully modernise operations.

"While online and social media is unlikely to significantly increase revenue, it does help publishers to leverage extended reach and to make print stronger for longer.

"As well, streamlining processes and making efficiencies allows newsrooms to concentrate on what they do best - local storytelling and supporting local business."

NZCNA president Simon Ellis said community news-

papers' ability to generate unique and relevant content would continue to set them apart from other media.

He said publishers were challenged by how best to integrate newspapers with an online and social presence. But newspapers would remain important to the communities and markets they served.

"For advertisers, community newspapers cut through the media fragmentation and are delivered directly into most homes," Ellis said.

"This is proven to drive sales for advertisers in a cost effective manner. No other

media offers this local connectivity and connection with buyers and sellers."

Many media companies chasing digital advertising revenue have found it to be a mirage.

Data shows Facebook and Google are taking most digital advertising revenue - an estimated 54% globally in 2017, according to eMarketer.

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From mountain to sea



Keep this date free and dust off your bicycles - as the Mountain to Sea Fun ride proceeds on Sunday March 11. The event is organised by Opunake Lions members. All money raised this year (from entry fees) will go toward forming a walking and cycle loop around Opunake.

This year the popular iconic event is part of the Taranaki Bike Festival Trust. The event is basically a non-competitive fun ride for bicycles. However, Energy City Motors of Hawera, a major sponsor, have donated two trophy cups - for the first woman to complete the course and likewise the first man.

The venue for the event is at the top end of Arawhata Road on Phillip Field's farm (just below the bush line). The briefing will be held at 9.30am with the bicycle wheels expected to be rolling at 10am.

The ride ends at Opunake Beach around midday. Prizegiving will be at Opunake Beach at 1pm. (Pickering Motors of Opunake have kindly provided a bus to take participants back to the start). Apart from the two trophy cups there will be many spot prizes, which have been generously provided by the sponsors.

With safety the major

consideration, 80% of the course is on farm tracks, 10% in the paddocks and just 10% on roads. Where a road crossing is unavoidable the marshals will be on hand - such as in the vicinity of Orimupiko Marae on Eltham Road. Quite a few farm underpasses are involved.

"This allows tired participants to stop and pull out if they need to," says Ian Armstrong. The organisers are grateful to the various farm owners for allowing their farms to be much of the course. Nigel Robinson commented, "If it wasn't for these farmers it would be a very short course."

Last year over 295 participants took part. "We hope it's at least the same number this time," comments Nigel. However, he adds, "We can certainly cater for more."

The organisers look forward to expected sunshine, as well as many participants armed with sunscreen, water bottles and helmets to make this an optimally successful event.

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Prophet had big impact in Opunake

At one time Opunake was the last stop for visitors heading south to Ratana. People from as far away as Northland would stop here before making the last leg of the journey to the settlement near Whanganui, home of the prophet Tahupotiki Wiremu (T.W) Ratana.

On Sunday, the prophet, his life, ministry and legacy were remembered at Orimupiko Marae near Opunake. Big celebrations are being planned at Ratana in November to mark the centenary of the Ratana movement, and a fundraiser, Te Parihia o Ohineturihau was being held at Orimupiko to enable local people to attend the event.

Apostle Te Rino Rapana whose area covers from New Plymouth to Ratana was there to conduct a church service.

“Ratana came up here and healed a lot of people,” he said. “That’s how Ratana got a hold here in Opunake. The prophet said this place would be inhabited by a big movement, and years later there was a big youth rally here where thousands of people came to this marae.”



Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana

The nearby Kapuni Falls was also popular for its healing powers.

“Our people would go up to that waterfall when they wanted a healing. Titokowaru, Te Whiti and Tohu all used to go there.”

Te Rino spoke about the origins of the Ratana movement, and the prophet

who came with a message of God using the Maori to bring people back to him and establish God’s kingdom on Earth.

The coming of the Holy Spirit to the Maori people had also been prophesied by Te Whiti and Tohu of Parihaka, Te Rino said.

World War I was still

raging when Ratana received his first visitation on November 8, 1918.

“His wife tested the Holy Spirit when she said, if you are the Holy Spirit, give me a sign. Three days later, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the war ended,” he said, referring to the Armistice which ended the First World War. “When God says he’s going to give a sign and three days later, something like that happens, that’s God.”

In the following years

Ratana would heal many throughout the country, both Maori and Pakeha.

Te Rino says 30,000 people are expected to be at Ratana in November.

Also at Orimupiko on Sunday were members of the Ratana Morehu Silver Band who played during the church service and later entertained visitors with a repertoire of brass band music. Leading them was Perenara Ririnui who has been just appointed the national bandmaster.

“I started in the band as a nine year-old and now I’m 40,” he says. “The band goes back to the evangelist days of Ratana and members come from all the different tribes in the country that followed the prophet Ratana.”

Perenara’s family links with the band and the Ratana movement go back a long way. T.W.Ratana was his great great grandfather. His grandfather Harerangi Meihana, who was a noted pianist and member of the band is the current Tumuaki o te Ratana, or President of the Ratana Church and movement.

After the Ratana Silver Morehu Band played, visitors were treated to kapa haka from St Joseph’s School students and then members of the Filipino community entertained, with former Taranaki Filipino

Farmers president Reuel Sanchez showing off his singing and keyboard skills.

Among the visitors there to experience the moment were Rafael Paulino from Brazil and his wife Jennifer Gonçalves. Rafael is Brazil’s deputy consul general in Hong Kong, while, Jennifer who is originally from Portugal works for the United Nations Population Fund specialising in Indigenous Women’s Health. For both of them it was their first trip to New Zealand.

With 200 million people, Brazil has 500 different people groups. Rafael says he had learned about New Zealand and the Maori people after meeting Diane Bellamy, who lives in New Plymouth, while in London, and from that moment had wanted to know more.

“Being Brazilian, I’m interested in indigenous peoples and their cultures, and the Maori are one of the most famous in the world. You see the All Blacks and the haka and you’re interested in knowing where it all comes from.”

Jennifer agrees.

“I’m very interested to know how people interact and live within their communities. I could not come to New Zealand and not see this. After that ceremony we just had, you just have to feel connected.”



Students from St Joseph’s School display their kapa haka skills.



The Ratana Morehu Silver Band playing at Orimupiko.

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TRC propose changes to rulebook

Greater recognition and protection of Taranaki's legendary surf breaks, Māori sites of significance and areas of outstanding value are some of the changes proposed by Taranaki Regional Council (TRC).

There are seven key changes recommended in

Taranaki's Proposed Coastal Plan.

It is the "rule book" that governs the use, development and protection of Taranaki's coastal environment.

They include recognising the potential effects of activities on land and how they impact on water, in the coastal environment

and vice-versa, giving the highest level of protection to more coastal areas of outstanding value, with seven new sites, increasing recognition and protection of Māori values, protecting Taranaki surf breaks – four nationally significant, 81 regionally significant and 59 locally significant and a significant surfing area, increasing protection of indigenous biodiversity and sites of cultural or historical importance, tightening controls on building seawalls, and stopping discharges of untreated human sewage and limiting new discharges

TRC Resource Management Director Fred McLay says Taranaki residents are passionate about their coast, which is largely unmodified and a

great place that supports residents' work and play.

"With this in mind, we've consulted extensively. We were very pleased to have received early input to the draft coastal plan, released in 2016, with feedback from 101 individuals and organisations.

The Proposed Plan was presented to TRC's Policy and Planning Committee and the public will have their say during a submissions phase from February 24 to April 27.



The public will have a chance to have their say on the Regional Council's Proposed Coastal Plan.

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Plan for Punakaiki gets go ahead

Conservation minister Eugenie Sage says Punakaiki has suffered from a lack of planning under National, and that she is pleased this will now change with recent Provincial Growth Fund announcements.

The fund will provide \$100,000 to help Punakaiki develop a master plan to future-proof the township.

"The famous Pancake Rocks and Blowholes at Punakaiki are major drawcards for visitors, as are the dramatic karst landscapes in the Punakaiki and Pororari Valleys," Ms Sage said.

"Of course people want to come see these special places but there's been a failure to plan for increased visitor numbers and we need better infrastructure."

Ms Sage visited Punakaiki

in November and has been a strong supporter of the Department of Conservation working with Buller District Council, West Coast Regional Council, iwi, residents and local businesses on a master plan for the area.

"I am pleased the Provincial Growth Fund will support this work. DOC is a key player in Punakaiki and has been involved with this process from the start, offering advice and funding of \$15,000 to the master plan project.

"Punakaiki is a special place, but it is struggling with a number of serious issues which are very hard for a small rating base – less than 100 residents – to handle."

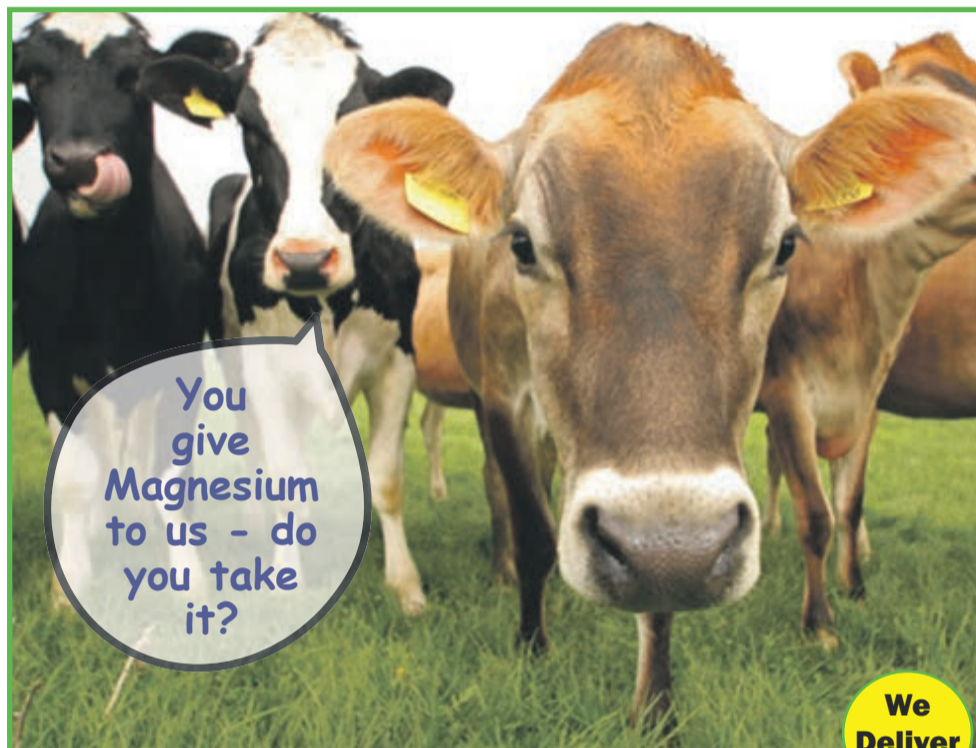
More than 500,000 people visit Punakaiki every year, drawn by the Pancake Rocks

and Paparoa National Park. That will only increase with the opening of the Paparoa Great Walk next year.

"Safeguarding a good water supply, ensuring there's a sewerage system which can cope with the number of visitors, better managing vehicles, and coastal erosion issues are some of the challenges the Master Plan will need to solve."

Ms Sage said protecting wildlife was also an aspect of future proofing.

"For instance Westland petrels are disorientated by the lights of Punakaiki and land near lights in places where they are unable to take flight again. Finding solutions that help all of the locals – both human, and wildlife is a priority," Ms Sage says.



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Indoor bowls due to start

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events. There are also great opportunities for junior bowlers (those under the age of 18 on March 1 each year) who have their ownwvs competitions and representative play.

Otakeho Indoor Bowls. Opening night Monday March 19 at Otakeho Hall at 7.30pm. Contact Secretary Jenny Hamley on 06 278

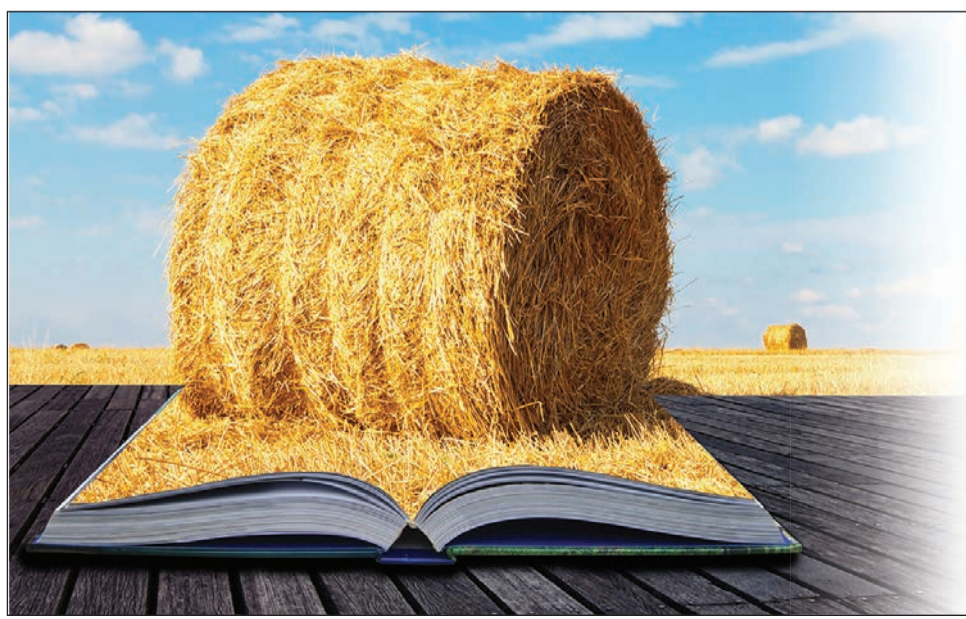
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Americarna - Celebrating the American Automobile

Willy Marshall aka Willy the Hillbilly has done a lot in his time. Hailing from Salt Lake City in Utah, he is now retired but was for 15 years a dispatcher for a rescue helicopter. He has also owned a local TV station and been mayor of Big Water, Utah, population 416.

Last week Willy was with Americarna when it rolled into Opunake. This is the fifth Americarna he has been to and his seventh time in New Zealand.

“A friend of mine who worked for the New Plymouth newspaper said you’ve got to come over to this,” he recalls.

Willy didn’t come over with any cars himself but admits to having seven back home in the States, a 1961 corvette, two 1963 Oldsmobiles and four Suzuki Swifts. He tries to work his visits to New Zealand around Americarna, but when last year he could only get a week off work, he came over especially for it.



A dazzling selection of American cars at Opunake Beach.

says. “You see the schools and the farmers down the road on their tractors. It’s what makes it different to other events.”

Ted Williams from Papamoa is another Americarna veteran, having been to everyone except the first one. It all started after a meeting with John Rae, the man whose name has become synonymous with Americarna.

“I met John Rae when I was in America and he said, you’ve just got to come.”

He has continued to be drawn back ever since.

“We just love the cruising and seeing slightly different cars to what you see up north, and there are beautiful roads for cruising.”

In previous years he had come with a 1956 Chrysler, but this time he turned up in a 1948 Buick Convertible.

“I’ve always loved this shape of car,” he said. After seeing it on ebay, he imported it from the United States six years ago. In the years since he has “spent a bit of time tidying up underneath it.” Originally it had a straight eight motor, but it has since been converted with late model Comaro running gear.

Gary Cursons from Taupo who says he has been “a petrolhead for years” had previously been to Americarna when it went to Wellington, but this was the first time he had been to one in Taranaki. In his time he had owned 34 roadsters and 30 pickups. This year he turned up in a 2013 Shelby

The effects of former cyclone Gita may have put a bit of a dampener on this year’s celebration but Opunake was still decked out in American flags when those taking part in the annual celebration of the American Automobile made their way along Tasman Street to Opunake Beach.

Like Willy the Hillbilly, Jens Wulff from Tauranga, who drove in on his 1955 Chevrolet Pick-up, was at his fifth Americarna.

“I have had a few V8s over the years, but this is our first hot rod,” he says. “It’s our play thing.”

Five years ago he had bought it off a “kiwi guy” who lived in the United States. In the years since he has got the panels realigned and done a bit of work on the suspension. He was looking forward to taking part in the Go-Stop Drag s in Hawera two days later.

“The local participation is the thing I really love,” he

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Ted Williams and his Buick.

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 "There's always something about owning an American car," he says.
 He has had his Mustang for three and half years after seeing it on a visit to California. After that he knew he wanted to have one.
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On this month in history Dr Seuss born

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His books include 'The Cat In the Hat', 'Green Eggs and Ham' and Oh the Places You'll Go' - to mention just a few.

Dr Seuss died in 1991.

Drop in farmer optimism

A marked drop in farmer optimism and growing concern about the ability to recruit suitable staff are stand-out features of the Federated Farmers Mid-Season Farm Confidence Survey.

For the first time in two years, farmer optimism has decreased, including negative perceptions of the economy, farm profitability, farm production and farm spending. Farm debt levels have also increased and fewer farms are now debt-free.

The Federated Farmers survey is conducted twice a year (January and July) and 1070 farmers responded to the questionnaire last month.

In terms of optimism about general economic conditions, there was a drop of 23 points compared to July last year and a 50 point drop when asked about the 12 months ahead.

"That's quite a hit, but it needs to be viewed in context," Andrew Hoggard, Federated Farmers Vice-President said.

"Pretty much all recent surveys of businesses have found a drop in confidence because of the disruption and uncertainty over October's

general election. And in mid-January, when our survey was done, farmers in many regions had endured weeks and weeks of little or no rain."

Last month's survey found that optimism about future farm production fell for the first time since January 2016, with dairy farmers the most pessimistic. Andrew said it was telling that farmers in all regions expected production to decrease, but particularly those in Taranaki-Manawatu and Otago-Southland, the two areas most affected by drought.

Just over half of all farms are currently making a profit (53.6%), which is slightly lower than six months ago, but the proportion of farms making a loss has stabilised at 9.3%. However, optimism about future profitability has halved over the past six months and pessimistic perceptions have quadrupled.

"Again, some context. Dairy commodity prices were on a downward trajectory for the last half of 2017 and at the time of our survey were only just starting to go the other way," Andrew said.

"It was the dairy sector which suffered the biggest

drops in production, farm spending and similar indicators. Meat and fibre farmers weren't so bad."

Similar to the July 2017 survey, the greatest concern for farmers was regulation and compliance costs. The dry weather was also on their minds, and worry about climate change policy and the potential for livestock emissions to be included in the ETS showed a marked increase.

The ability to recruit staff is becoming increasingly hard - the hardest in the 18 surveys that have been carried out since 2009.

"Federated Farmers is trying to head this off with initiatives such as our new dairy apprenticeship but this trend is also a message to politicians that as they tinker with immigration settings the needs of rural New Zealand are very different from what's going on in Auckland."

Biosecurity (21.3%) leap-frogged the economy and business environment (16.1%) as the issue that farmers wanted the Government to treat as the No. 1 priority - no doubt a reflection of worries over the spread of the cattle disease mycoplasma bovis.

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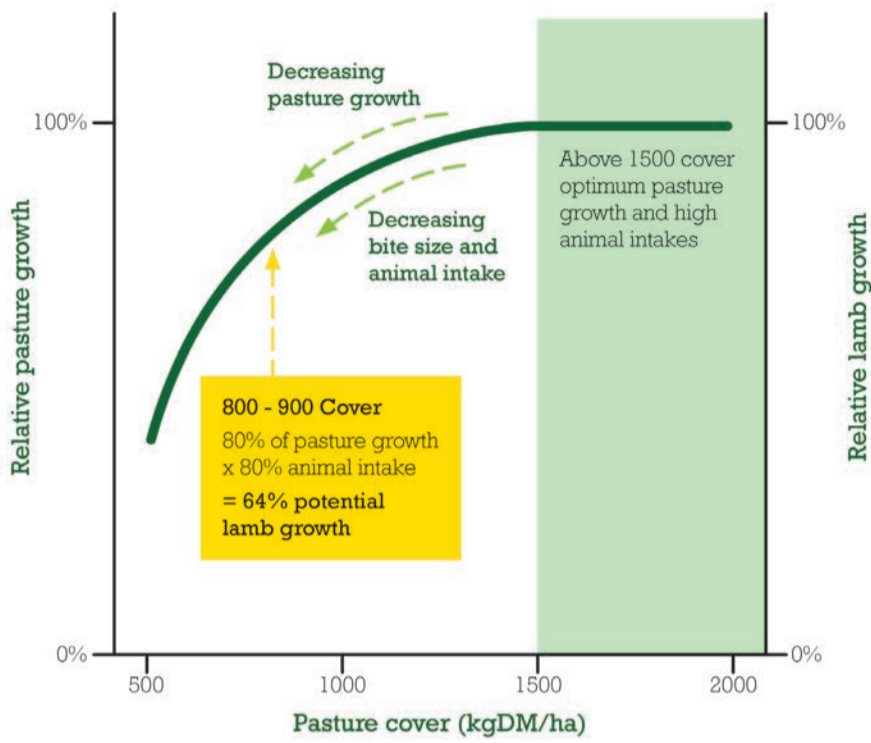
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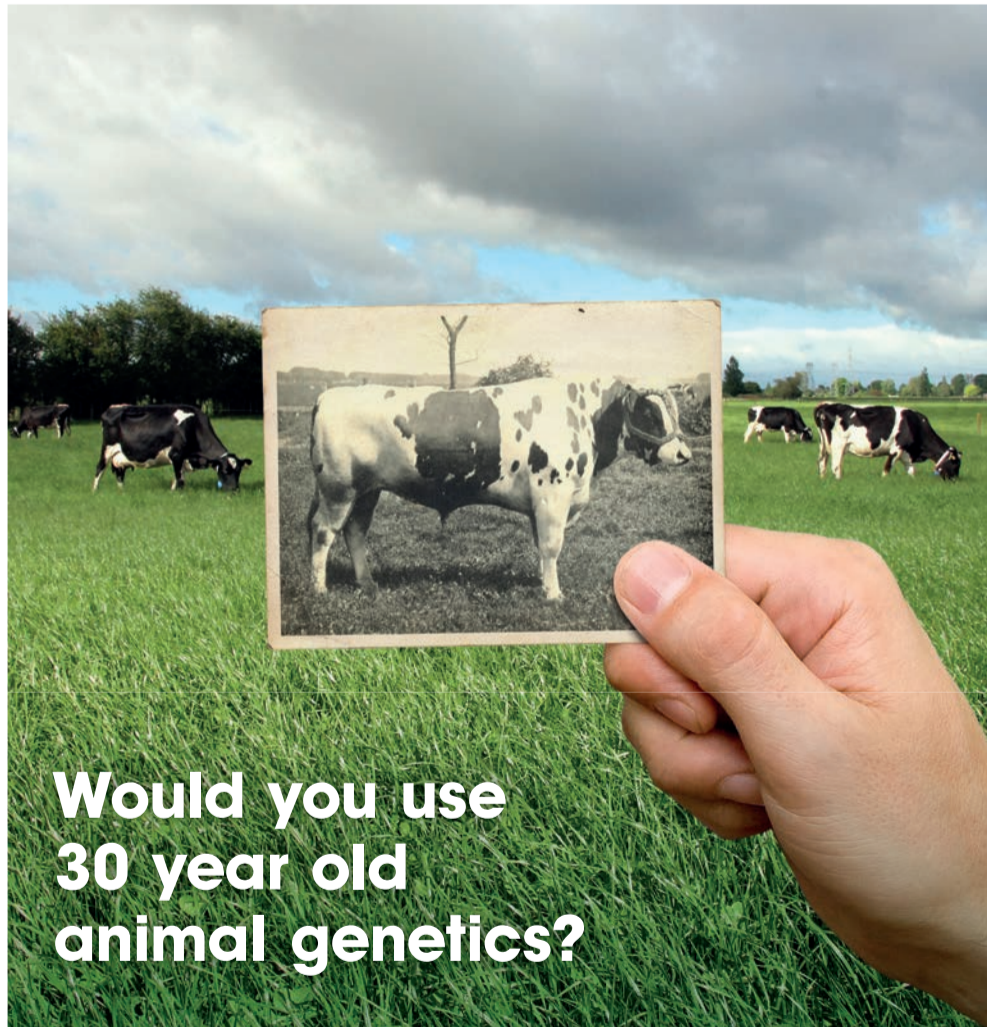
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Name change underlines wool focus

Federated Farmers wants to play a key role in ramped-up sector-wide collaboration on wool initiatives - and that's reflected in a name change.

By unanimous vote of delegates from the Federation's 24 provinces who met in Wellington last week, the Meat & Fibre Council and industry group is now the Meat & Wool Council and industry group. It's actually a return to the name that was used more than two decades ago, the chairperson, Miles Anderson, said. 'Wool' was switched out to 'Fibre' back then when mohair from angora goats was on the rise.

But goat farmers now have

their own section within Federated Farmers and everyone wanted to get back to using the name 'wool' - with all its internationally recognised connotations - super-warm, natural, sustainable, hypoallergenic, flame-retardant.

Prices for crossbred/strong wool have halved since mid-2015 but farmers and downstream companies are fighting hard to find new and innovative products to soak up the warehoused clip and spark revenues, Miles said. More than a dozen of these industry leaders put on displays at a Crossbred Wool Showcase that Federated Farmers hosted in

Wellington.

A woollen blanket from Ruapehu producer ShearWarmth, and clothes from Merino Kids, were presented to Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor to pass on to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern for when her baby is born.

The Meat and Wool Council gave the section's executive the mandate to form a collaborative industry group to address crossbred wool issues. The aim is to work together to better tell the excellent story of strong wool's qualities and potential to the wider community, Miles said.



Lyn Neeson, Federated Farmers Ruapehu President and the co-producer of ShearWarmth, presents a woollen blanket for Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor

Will Taylor wins Young farmer regional final

A technical field representative for PGG Wrightson has been named the Taranaki/Manawatu FMG Young Farmer of the Year.

Will Taylor, 26, took out the title after winning the hotly-contested Taranaki/Manawatu Regional Final in Wellington.

The event saw eight finalists from across the sprawling region tackle a series of gruelling modules, including a fast-paced agri-knowledge quiz.

"I'm completely surprised, I wasn't expecting this," said Will, who started his Feilding-based job with

PGG Wrightson last August. "I'm absolutely chuffed."

The win has secured the Marton Young Farmers vice-chairman a spot in the prestigious FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final in Invercargill.

Will told the large crowd at Wellington College that he plans to check out his competition before July.

"I think I'll be taking a couple of trips to watch the regional finals in the South Island," he laughed.

The former Palmerston North cocktail bartender won almost \$12,000 worth of prizes, including an XR150 Honda farm bike.

Will grew up on a sheep and beef farm and spent three years driving tractors and combine harvesters in Western Australia.

"A couple of years ago I bought a bare block of land in Feilding, which I've fenced and now run breeding ewes and finish lambs on," he said.

Second place went to Emma Dangen, who's in her final year of a Bachelor of Veterinary Science at Massey University.

The 23-year-old also won the Massey University Agri-Growth Challenge.

Toko sheep and beef farmer Nick Brown took out

third place and the coveted Ravensdown Agri-Skills Challenge.

Kieran McCahon, who recently completed a Bachelor Agricultural Science at Massey University, won the AGMARDT Agri-Business Challenge and the Meridian Energy Agri-Knowledge Challenge.

There was a draw in the

Agri-Sports Challenge, with Michael McCombs and Lachlan Fee sharing the title.

Feilding High School took top honours in the TeenAg regional final, claiming the top three placings.

The contest saw 32 teams clash in front of a vocal crowd of supporters.

A trio from Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School won the hotly-

contested AgriKidsNZ contest.

That event saw 16 teams tackle fun challenges testing their practical and theoretical skills.

It's the 50th anniversary of the FMG Young Farmer of the Year - an iconic agricultural competition which started out as a national radio quiz in 1969.

Brad Markham

DIRA Bill good for farming

Federated Farmers is pleased to see that the Dairy Industry Restructuring Amendment Bill (DIRA) has finally made it through Parliament.

"I think most of the industry will agree this is long overdue and should

have happened at least six months ago," says Chris Lewis, Federated Farmers' Dairy Industry chair.

The Federation was looking forward to working with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)

and the dairy sector on a comprehensive review.

"This is a great opportunity to reach a binding agreement on the future direction of the dairy sector as there are many challenges we are facing."

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Record numbers of old lifejackets replaced over summer

Thousands of unsafe lifejackets have been replaced by brand new lifejackets this summer thanks to a Coastguard water safety campaign, with more boaties than ever trading in their old or damaged lifejackets.

Over the course of the ten-week Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade, over 3,000 old, damaged or obsolete lifejackets were traded in by boaties from 55 communities, from the Far North to the Deep South who came to meet the Old4New van as it travelled the country. The campaign encouraged boaties to trade in their old lifejackets for great discounts on modern, new Hutchwilco lifejackets, in an effort to get old and worn lifejackets out of the community.

Many of the lifejackets that were traded in were

unusable to the point of being dangerous.

“A number of the old lifejackets were filled with Kapok that had become water-laden,” said Old4New Community Ambassador Sue Tucker. “Kapok lifejackets used to be common sight decades ago, but now those lifejackets would be more of a hindrance than a help in an emergency situation.”

“With drowning being one of the leading causes of preventable death in NZ, it’s great to get these old lifejackets out of boats, and replaced with new, modern ones,” Sue said.

And while the majority of the traded-in lifejackets had seen better days, some had seen better decades completely – two of the traded-in lifejackets were over 60 years old, and were still being used by the elderly



Piles of lifejackets traded in.

owners as fit-for-purpose.

“Coastguard’s message about lifejackets is simple – take them and wear them,” says Coastguard New Zealand CEO Patrick Holmes. “But a lifejacket is no good to anyone if it’s stowed away, and even less so if it’s old or in a poor condition. Wearing a good quality, fit-for-purpose

lifejacket has never ruined a day out on the water.”

As well as trading lifejackets, the Old4New team provided thousands of people with safe boating advice, lifejacket care and helped boaties select the best lifejacket for their type of boating.

“Being safe on the water is everyone’s responsibility,”

says Patrick. “The Old4New Lifejacket Upgrade provides the opportunity for people to be responsible and take the safety of themselves and their loved ones seriously, we’re incredibly proud of the difference this campaign is making in our communities.”

Now in its fourth year, the Old4New Lifejacket

Upgrade has seen over 10,000 lifejackets traded-in since 2014. “In the four years of the campaign, hundreds of communities nationwide have been provided with an easy and accessible way to ensure boaties have the correct number of fit-for-purpose lifejackets on their boat,” said Patrick.

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Records tumble for NZ at Winter Olympics

Records continue to tumble for New Zealand at the Winter Olympic Games, with Nico Porteous’ bronze medal in the men’s ski halfpipe, Sport and Recreation Minister Grant Robertson says. This makes Nico our youngest ever Olympic medallist the same afternoon as fellow 16-year old Zoi Sadowski-Synnott achieved the same feat.

“After waiting 26 years to add to New Zealand’s only Winter Olympics medal, these two amazing young New Zealanders will each be bringing home a bronze medal from PyeongChang, South Korea.

“In doing so, both became the youngest New Zealand Olympic medallists across summer and winter games

– Nico being a few months younger than Zoi.

“The New Zealand contingent was buzzing as we made the mad dash from Zoi’s awesome performance to watch our skiers in the men’s halfpipe. The day just kept getting better, with Nico landing our first ever men’s Winter Olympic medal.

“I’d also like to congratulate Beau-James Wells for finishing fourth in the same event and mention his brother Byron’s efforts to get the final. All this after amazing efforts from our Men’s Speed Skating team and our other athletes – New Zealand’s representatives here are doing us all proud,” Grant Robertson says.

New Zealand sent its first Winter Olympic team to the

VI Olympic Winter Games in Oslo, Norway in 1952. Annelise Coberger won New Zealand’s first ever Winter Olympic medal in ski slalom at the XVI Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France

in 1992.

Hon Grant Robertson visited the Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang in his capacity as Sport and Recreation Minister.



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Bronze medallist Zoi Sadowski-Synnott carried the NZ flag to lead our nation's team of 25 competitors and officials in the closing ceremony, to conclude participation in the Winter Olympics held in PyeongChang, South Korea. Later, IOC president Thomas Bach officially closed the games.

After Annelise Coberger's medal in 1992 it's been 26 years until a NZ competitor won another medal.

This time two sixteen-year-olds, both from Wanaka, each won a bronze medal. Firstly, Zoi won her bronze in the inaugural Women's Big Air event with a score of 157.50. Before her third place was confirmed she had an agonising wait as she had lost points due to failing to execute a clean landing on her final run and awkwardly skidding down the slope (Anna Gasser of Austria won the gold with 185 and Jamie Anderson of the United States took the silver with 177.25).

However, all was well and she paid tribute to her parents input. "My parents worked really hard to support me do all this, through getting me on the team and funding for everything and all their love and all that. It's been really good and they've been really



Nico Porteous and Zoi Sadowski-Synnott with their Olympic medals.

supportive."

Just 90 minutes later Nico Porteous won his bronze in the Men's Halfpipe event. He scored 72.8 to qualify for the final and 94.8 in the final itself. He was delighted that he'd scored two PBs (Personal Bests) in a row. "I was happy with the way I skied and that was all I can be proud of, but for the judges to reflect that, it's insane." He also said, "I definitely try to do my own tricks that no one else is doing and really push the

sport. I couldn't have done better." (Americans David Wise and Alex Ferreira won the gold and silver medals, respectively).

Nico is the youngest NZ Olympian to win a medal at 16 years and 91 days. Zoi is the second youngest at 16 years and 353 days. (Annelise Coberger was 20 years 157 days when she won her medal).

Other members of the NZ team did well, with fourth place and finals placings, such as Beau-James Wells

finishing fourth in the same event as Nico.

In the overall medal standings Norway did best with 39 medals (14,14,11), heading Germany with 31 (14,10,7) with Canada third with 29 (11, 8,10). Fourth was the United States with 23 medals (9,8,6).

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February 12. Monday night Ambrose. 1. Symes, 2. Otakeho Hackers, 3. Triple Boggey, 4. Tui & Red.

Nett Eagles. Grant Hastie 1st, Jim Ngere 8th, John Oliver 14th, Grant Gibbs 1st, Rod Le Fleming 6th, 8th, 16th. Gross Junior. Ashton Sharp, Oliva Symes, Lucas Symes, Zoe Reader.

Putting Juniors. 1st equal. Ashton Sharp and Lucas Symes, 2nd Zoe Reader and Oliva Symes.

Pee Wees. 1. Tyler Thomas, 2. Connor Thomas, 3. Chantel Wong.

February 19. Monday night Ambrose. 1. Auroa Hackers, 2. YTB, 3. Winks Road. Remember 18 Hole Ambrose. Sunday March 11. 10am Shot Gun Start.

Saturday Men. Best Nett. 1. Trevor Larsen, 2. Paul Hunn, 3. Nod Symes, 4. Colin Koch, 5. John Oliver.

Juniors. Pee Wee. 1st equal. Hannah Symes and Connor Thomas, 2nd equal Tyler Thomas and Paige Thomas.

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Saturday March 10 at 6.30pm, Opunake Fire Station
Inquiries to Sec. Rev. Geoff Williams 06 761 8510

First of all we wish to humbly apologise to the group that came but did not get to perform.

Kia Kaha kia maia
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Kia koutou katoa
Ka arohanui

Secondly we also wish to thank everyone who attended, our sponsors, the performers, the Maori Wardens and the stalls. Thankyou to our MC Hokipera Papuni. A good day was had by all.

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Arohanui Te Pariha o Ohinetuhirau (Fundraiser)

**Auroa School****Applications for Out of Zone Pupils**

Auroa School is a decile 8 full Primary School (includes year 7/8 students) located in South Taranaki. Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board has determined that there are likely to be 5 vacancies available for Term 2 2018. These vacancies are mostly in Year 1 and New Entrance with limited vacancies in Year's 2 to 8.

Applications can be made by applying in writing to the school at the following address: Auroa School, 734 Auroa Road RD 28 Manaia 4678, Email: office@auroa.school.nz or by visiting the school.

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Rodney Mullin
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LOCALS NETBALL CLUB PREMIER THREE TRIALS

Thursday March 1 6pm, Wednesday March 7 6.30pm at the TSB Hub, Hawera. Refer advert for details.

LIFE ON SUPERANNUATION SEMINAR

Budgeting in Your Retirement seminar to be held at Coastal Care, Opunake on March 2. Refer advert for details.

BLUE LIES COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITION

'Fluid Realms' by Cathy Carter & 'Homage' from Amanda Hewlett. At Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford March 2 - 25. Refer advert.

'BEING KNOWN' SOLO EXHIBITION BY JANA BRANCA

At Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda St in Stratford March 2 - 25. Refer advert.

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Percy Thomson Gallery Blues Lies & Being Known March 2 – 25, 2018

Two absorbing and revealing exhibitions open at Percy Thomson Gallery on Friday 2 March at 7pm.

One pays homage to water in vivid new ways and the other digs deep into the human psyche.

Taranaki artist Amanda Hewlett and sister-in-law, Auckland photographer Cathy Carter have joined artistic forces in an exhibition comprising three parts titled 'Blue Lies': paintings by Hewlett in a collection entitled *Homage*, photographic work by Carter grouped as *Fluid Realms*, and a collaborative section where each artist creates work in response to statements about

water.

In the collaborative section of the exhibition, paintings and photographic work will be exhibited side by side, responding to these lines.

Hewlett is an established figure in the Taranaki art community. She has lived in New Plymouth for 23 years and has exhibited regularly throughout the region.

Her 'Homage' paintings respond to words written more than 150 years ago by Wiremu Kingi Te Rangitake, still valid for all people separated from their turangawaewae: *'...lest we resemble sea-birds which perch upon a rock, when the tide flows, the rock is covered by the sea, and the*

birds take flight, for they have no resting place.'

"I'm interested in what defines us as New Zealanders, the stories we tell ourselves, and the spaces and places we map and create," says Hewlett.

Carter's 'Fluid Realms' features nine large-scale photographs that explore bodies of water as physical, cultural, social and unique environmental 'landscapes'. Carter's practice investigates our often complex psychological relationship to water through different perspectives and geographical locations to create new ways of experiencing these spaces.

Members of the public are



Jana Branca, oil on canvas

asked to bring in water samples, literally from anywhere, in a small glass screw-top jar, labelled with date and collection point, for a mass display in the gallery.

The second exhibition by expat South African fine

artist Jana Branca explores the notion of 'Being Known' through a series of dynamic portraits.

Branca completed a degree in Fine Arts at the University of Pretoria in 2008. She worked as a full-time

artist and enjoyed giving art classes in her studio until she relocated to New Zealand with her husband and two boys in 2016.

In this exhibition, Jana is exploring the notion of 'Being Known' through a series of portraits. Branca is drawn to the tension of creating an impression of something or someone, whilst celebrating the mediums used as the 'fabric' of the impression - the paint, the brush and the canvas.

Her painting process involves building the picture plane with brush strokes, whilst leaving parts of the canvas undeveloped emulating the effect that the progression of time has on our 'character'. She aims to enable the viewer to trace her brush, offering them a 'window' into the past whilst illuminating the obscurity of it. Her constructional process further allures to the manner in which situations and moments in life might influence, build and shape us.

TSB Community Trust Emergence Award 2018 March 29 – April 29, 2018

Percy Thomson Gallery, with the generous sponsorship of TSB Community Trust, is mounting a Taranaki-based competition and exhibition for young emerging visual

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'The TSB Community Trust Award for Young Taranaki Artists' aims to empower and encourage the creative talents of young, aspiring and emerging

artists from Taranaki, while providing a showcase for their works.

The artist must be born in Taranaki, live in Taranaki, or have attended secondary school in Taranaki and be 15

to 26 years on 23 February 2018.

The supreme winner will be announced at a special prize-giving award ceremony at the gallery on Thursday 29 March at 7pm.

The winner will receive

\$2000 and a special trophy designed and made by Taranaki glass artist Richard Landers. Several other prizes are being offered.

Gallery director, Rhonda Bunyan, believes it is crucial to initiate positive outcomes/

experience for budding young artists in the region, providing a platform for them to share their talent with the wider community. The experience of showing work in a public setting can engender pride and confidence.

Blue Lies

A COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITION

FLUID REALMS CATHY CARTER

HOMAGE AMANDA HEWLETT



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MARCH 2 - 25, 2018

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Lucky Luke, Jana Branca detail

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Win lands Eugenia a dream trip



Winning photo.

New Plymouth's Eugenia Llentilin is off on her dream holiday after winning a \$2,000 Air New Zealand travel voucher in NPDC's TSB Festival of Lights photo competition.

Llentilin, originally from Uruguay, entered a photo her partner took of her standing under the disco balls.

The #letyourlightshine com-

petition encouraged people to post their 'light shining moments' at the seven-week festival to either Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #letyourlightshine.

A finalist was chosen each week with all seven photos being put on the TSB Festival of Lights Facebook page to determine the crowd favourite.

Llentilin says she was over the moon when she heard she had won.

"We have no words, it's just incredible. My partner and I have always had the dream of going to a tropical island, and now it's going to become real. Thank you so much, we are so happy."

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With more than 13 years of experience and studies, Talita has a lot to contribute to dancing in New Zealand. One of her goals is for the world to see the best that Brazil has to show.

The workshops will be held on Saturday March 24 at the Ferndale Hall, Barry Street, New Plymouth from 11.30 am to 4.15 pm and would conclude with a dance party from 7 pm to 12 am.

No experience or partner is required. The early bird fee until March 9 is \$85 per dancer. From March 10 onwards, the cost will be \$95

per dancer, so register and pay early. The fee includes workshops and dance party (covers 2-hours of dance classes, social dancing, light supper, hot and cold drinks).

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NZ flavour at Everybody's

In March Everybody's Theatre are showing two new release New Zealand films. Broken and Hibiscus & Ruthless.

Broken is based on the true 1830's story of a Ngati Hau chieftain and his daughter, who was murdered by a

marauding tribe. She always carried her Gospel of Luke which was also stolen. The story has been adapted to suit the present day and is shot in Gisborne. Logan is an ex-gang leader left the gang to raise his daughter, Tori. She of course is murdered, and

Logan must choose between forgiveness or revenge as things quickly escalate towards a gang war.

Broken has already hit the information channels and the big screen with mixed reviews, people either love it or they don't, those who don't are mainly due to its Christian content. It is presented by City Impact Church and writer/director/

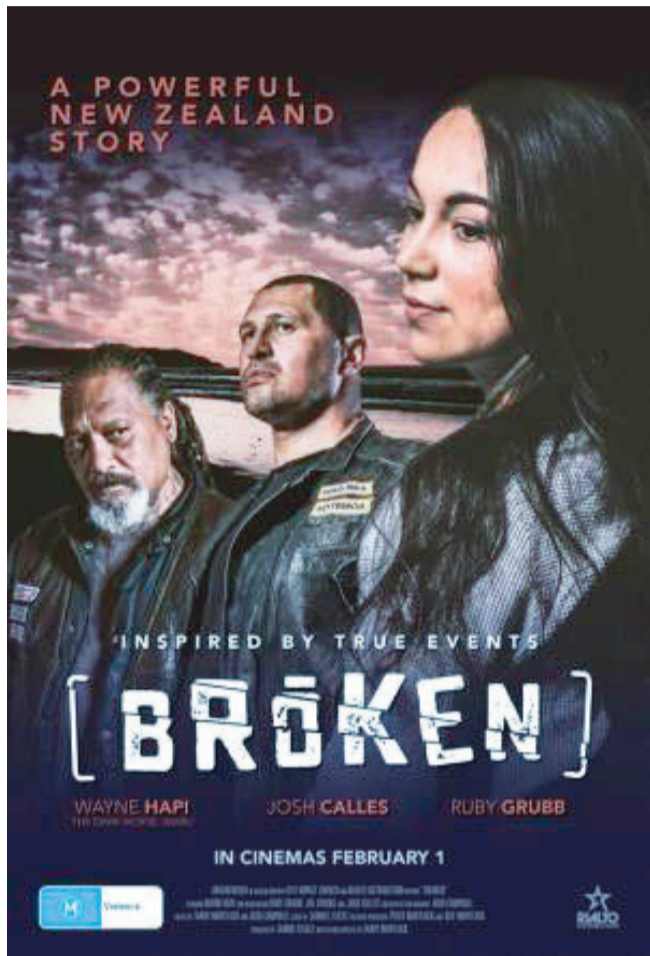
pastor Terry Mortlock, although Mortlock says he "never set out to make a Christian movie for Christians."

Broken is Everybody's Theatre Boutique movie on March 4 at 7pm. Tickets at Sinclairs Electrical or via email everybodystheatre@gmail.com and internet banking. Other screenings are on Wednesday March 7

at 7pm and Friday March 10 at 7pm.

Hibiscus & Ruthless is a great comedy and tells the story of a young, intelligent, Samoan woman, Hibiscus who is trying to obey her mother's strict rules in her last year of university. Hibiscus wants to obey her mother's rules; no going out and no boyfriends, but this gets harder and harder as guys go all out to impress the untouchable Hibiscus. Ruth a.k.a Ruthless is completely the opposite and always goes out, has had many boyfriends and has been her bestie

since childhood. Ruthless is enlisted to keep the many suitors at bay, assist Hibiscus to stay on track and obey her mother's rules. It is a heart-warming, really funny movie, depicting Pacific life in New Zealand and telling the tale of coming of age. Critics have said "Hibiscus & Ruthless is an entertaining comedy with a strong sense of character and an even stronger sense of humour." Screening at Everybody's theatre Wednesday March 14 at 7pm and Saturday March 17 at 7pm – tickets at the theatre.



Market morning at St Barnabas

As a Fund Raising venture for the Church, we are holding a market morning in the Church Hall and using the Grounds. We open at 9 am and will run through to 12 pm. You will find us at 141 Tasman Street Opunake.

Look for the open flag on Saturday March 10.

This is a completely new idea. We trust many folk will pop in and be tempted to purchase. Many talented local people are selling their wares, plus St Barnabas has its own stall. If weather permits we will have gazebos on the lawn. An Easter Raffle is on the agenda.

For folk who usually attend our Annual Fair in November, this is a different concept, The annual fair had

been completely run by St Barnabas, but the market morning will include other people who can participate at a small charge for table/space, giving our buying visitors much more variety. As it is Taranaki Anniversary weekend, we hope to attract some people from outside our town, as well as our lovely Opunakians.

We look forward to seeing you on March 10. Although I know we need rain, we trust the morning of the 10th will be dry and sunny with no wind.

Maureen Martins
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<p>7 Broken - 1 pm The Post - 7pm</p> <p>14 The Post - 1pm Hibiscus & Ruthless - 7pm</p>	<p>2 The Post - 7pm</p> <p>9 Mollys Game - 7pm</p> <p>16 Black Panther - 7pm</p>
<p>3 Ferdinand - 1pm Mollys Game - 7pm</p> <p>10 The Jungle bunch - 1pm Broken - 7pm</p> <p>17 Tad the lost Explorer - 1pm Hibiscus & Ruthless - 7pm</p>	<p>4 *** Boutique*** Broken - 7pm</p> <p>11 Mollys Game - 7pm</p> <p>18 Fifty Shades Freed - 7pm</p>

Snow White and the half dozen dwarfs



The cast of *Snow White and the Half Dozen Dwarfs* line up for a photo shoot following the first rehearsal.

Auditions have been held, the cast has been named and rehearsals are underway for Opunake Players next production *Snow White and The Half Dozen Dwarfs*. This tongue in cheek adaptation of a classic fairy tale has been adapted by Taumarunui

writer Ewen Starkey from an original script by William Taylor. Co-directors Helen Duff and Chloe Danz have added their own slant to the story, as well as some song and dance numbers. What makes this production even more interesting is that the

cast is made up almost entirely of children. "We put in the audition notice 5 to 95 year olds wanted. We got the five year old, but although we got lots in between, we didn't get the 95er," said Helen, obviously pleased with the turn out.

"Everyone who turned up got a part," added Chloe, "From Snow White herself to a talking tree, there was room for everybody." One of the reasons the directors were keen to do *Snow White and the Half Dozen Dwarfs* was that it gave an

opportunity for local children to get on stage. "We wanted to give young talent an opportunity to have stage experience, as well as an eye to the future of drama in Opunake," said Helen. "Who knows? There may be a future Tom Hanks or Meryl

Streep among them. But for now, it's local kids having fun putting on a show." Playing dates are April 19th to 22nd, with matinees on the 21st and 22nd. Booking details will be available closer to the date.

Auditions to be held for 'Me'n'Gus'

Mark and Gus return from the First World War to an uncertain future. But things start looking up when they each buy a farm on the slopes of Mount Egmont. Yep, this farming life is just the caper.

The two girls down the road aren't bad either. But things don't always go as planned. Can Mark make a go of farming? Will the reluctant Violet fall for Gus' charms? And how does shooting a milk

stealing dog help ones love life anyway? So says the blurb for Opunake Players July production *Me'n'Gus*. This tale of farming life in 1920s Taranaki has been written

by Paul Andersen-Gardiner, with music by Jo Doolan and Helen Duff. It's based on the novel *Gus Tomlins* by Frank S. Anthony, who wrote the original stories about his time on a farm he was balloted to when he returned from the war. And Opunake Players need you to bring the story to life in what will be a world premiere.

"Not just because of the great opportunity for cast members, but also for its local flavour. Although it's set in the Midhirst area, Opunake does get a mention."

Director Lynelle Kuriger is holding auditions on two dates at the beginning of March. "I'm really excited about this show," says Lynelle.

Two males and two females are required for the lead roles, as well as a non-singing lead who plays the father of the female characters and a chorus of many. Auditions are being held at the Lakeside Playhouse on Thursday March 1 at 7pm and Saturday March 3 from 12 to 2pm. For more information, see the audition notice in the edition or phone Lynelle 027 337 8899.