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Seven districts one celebration

On Taranaki Anniversary weekend the weather came to the party as Auroa and districts celebrated 125 years.

Although geared to commemorating the opening of the first school at Auroa (then known as Ratanui) in 1891, there was also a focus on celebrating the surrounding districts, Awatuna, Makaka, Otakeho, Pihama and Oeo, whose schools have since closed, and now send their children to Auroa School.

Three hundred and fifty people registered for the weekend, the oldest was Flora Wards (nee Duff), who had recently celebrated her 99th birthday. She started at Auroa School in 1922, and recalled a time when children swam in the river after school, as there were no swimming baths.

She remembers playing equipment being installed when she was in "Standard Five or Six." Before then they were left to devise their own entertainment. Among the teachers she recalls are a Miss Heal and a Miss Farquhar, with Mr Larkham and Mr Brown as headmasters.

The official proceedings began on the Friday with a service conducted by the Rev David Self in the Auroa Hall to remember those from Auroa and the surrounding districts who had fallen in the two world wars.

"I've always had a soft spot in my heart for Auroa, Oeo and Otakeho," Mr Self said. He recalled taking Bible in School lessons at these schools, and taking services at the Auroa Church across the road from the War Memorial Hall.



Bert Sandford cuts the cake.

Prayers were said, and Whanganui MP Chester Borrows read from Isaiah. Everyone then left the hall to brave a windy afternoon for the march to the cenotaph at the corner of Skeet and Auroa Roads.

The Ode was recited in both English and Te Reo, and 14 wreaths were laid, including wreaths laid by representatives of each of the seven districts taking part in the weekend celebrations. Pupils from Auroa School laid 198 poppies in memory of the fallen.

Leading the procession was piper Andy Davy, who had been a member of the Auroa Highland Pipe Band. He was killed in the MacDuff tartan, in honour of Jim Duff, who was regarded as the band's founder.

"I've been playing the pipes since I was 15, and I'm 73 now. I played in 5 Battalion for a while when I was doing my national service," he said.

The Auroa Highland Pipe Band had been founded in 1923, and disbanded in 2000. During World War II, it had

gone into recess for a time because so many members had been called up for military service. One of the first from Auroa to be killed was Gunner J. Skinner, who had been a drummer with the band, killed by a Stuka dive bomber in the Western Desert.

After a mix and mingle on Friday night, fine weather greeted the parade on Saturday morning. Led by a pipe band, floats, vintage machinery and larger trucks, the kilometre-long parade made its way from Sandfords to the Auroa School. Among the floats was one from Otakeho, remembering their school which had closed in 2001. The Auroa School, Kaponga Rugby Club and Awatuna Play Centre were among others with floats in the parade. Stephen Muggidge, a regular at events such as this, was there with his Clydesdale horses.

Also there was Ross Allen of Stratford with the 1942 M3 Stuart tank he has owned for the last 20 years and completely restored from scratch, even to the extent of install-

ing a seven cylinder Radial aircraft engine.

It is believed to be one of only three left in the country. "We did have over 300 in New Zealand at one time, but they have all been scrapped or shot," he said.

This tank had been used for

training purposes, and never fired a shot in anger. The men trained on these in New Zealand would have gone on to serve on other Stuart tanks, or on Shermans, which were unavailable here at that time.

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Fire station carparks are disappearing

It is extremely difficult to understand the reasoning behind the South Taranaki District Council's move to take away the parking area in front of the fire station. For the past 36 years there has been an advisory sign saying "Fire Service Parking Only." For 36 years fire fighters have "nosed" their vehicles towards the fence when responding to a call. For 36 years they have

parked in the same zone on practice nights because it keeps the vehicles out of our training area (between the new medical centre and the station). This area may look like a carpark but it is used for a variety of training scenarios. Firstly, there are usually two fire appliances parked in there so we can access the required equipment for whatever exercise we may

be training on. If we are practising with breathing apparatus (B.A.), we will have a smoke machine operating in the station and the courtyard will become the staging area. This requires large areas termed hot and cold zones, an area for replenishing the cylinders, and an area for the safety officer and the B.A. entry officer to operate.

If we are putting our vehicle extrication equipment to work, we require a good size area to stage the "accident" vehicles, park the appliances, set up the hydraulic cutting gear, set

up a "rubbish dump" for cut parts and so on. At the end of a night we can have 3-4 vehicles that we have dealt to, and these have to stay in the area until we can dispose of them.

Often we wash hoses using the fire hydrant in the courtyard and stretch them out on the ground for a day or two to dry out. This restricts the area until one or two of our volunteers have time to go down and roll them up. We must also remember our Fire Support van and trailer must have room to get in and out of this area at any time of the day or night,



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because they are housed in the garage at the rear of the site. The van is often used to "run" the defibrillator and oxygen equipment to the ever increasing Purple Code calls we are receiving, and when this happens, we have to move extra quickly as it is a life or death situation. We certainly don't have time to reconfigure vehicles in the courtyard so we can get out. The STDC have decided to put a 40 metre long, high kerb along the front of the station, and as a result,

we can no longer use the front of the station to park. This has taken away 16 car parks which were close to the station and very user friendly. From now on, many responding fire fighters will have to park on the bowling club side of King Street, and if the first appliance is on its way, they will possibly have to dodge it when making their way to man the next appliance. This has now created an extremely

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BBC:

BBC: Genesis does not say that Cain was from Satan, but the Bible does say so in 1 John 3 v12.

If we want a certain type of calf, then we have to have the right cow and the right bull mated. What its parents were makes a massive difference to the calf.

How can Cain be a murderer and a liar if his parents were both from God? How did those evil tendencies get there? They

Birth

could only be introduced by a different father.

The Bible says that Eve is the mother of all living. It never says that Adam was the father of all.

Finally, Cain was a murderer and a liar. In John 8 v44, it clearly says that the devil was a liar and a murderer from the beginning. A son will carry traits of his father.

But there is more. The children of Satan's line had

daughters. The sons of God line had sons. In Genesis 6 v2 it says, the sons of God saw the daughters of men and took wives of those that they chose. In other words the two lines crossed. That was what caused God to bring the Flood and shorten life spans. Sure Noah still lived 950 years, but all the following generations lived shorter and shorter lives. (Read Genesis 11)

Mankind now lives

between 70 and 80 years, with a very few reaching 100 plus.

It isn't God's will that any should perish, so He has another world, yet to come, where there is no death, no sickness, no evil. This is heaven. The way to get there is through faith.

However, it needed a perfect replacement to correct our wrong birth in this life.

So God became a man. He had nothing of Satan in Him. Yes, He was born of a woman, but she was no more than an incubator. Jesus never called Mary His mother. He was the second Adam, a new line.

Being perfect He should not have to die, for the wages of sin is death. In Jesus there is no sin. But the religious and the political leaders had Him killed.

God's innocent life replaces all our guilty ones, if we believe.

And that is what Easter made possible. (1 Corinthians 15 v22 & v45)

Richard Oliver

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dangerous situation for the drivers and fire fighters crossing the road.

This parking problem could have been eliminated if a drive up kerb had been used instead of the high version. By drive up kerb I mean the type that is used at most residential entrance ways, and used next door at the St Johns/Medical Centre car park entrance.

We approached the STDC to ask for the logic behind this style of kerb and were informed that the area between the front fence and the road was deemed a footpath and they would be creating a situation whereby fire fighters would be breaking the law by parking on a footpath. When asked was this footpath being extended from the fire station to link up with the Havelock Street footpath, the answer was "No it wasn't. Maybe one day, but not now".

I don't know if we should be happy or sad that one person in the STDC has decided to take temptation away from 30 volunteer fire fighters and fire support members, and created a kerb to stop

us from breaking the law by parking on a, so called, footpath. A "footpath that leads to nowhere." I would find it very surprising if we received a ticket for illegally parking on a footpath at 2 o'clock on a Sunday morning just after we have extracted someone from an upturned vehicle.

It should be remembered, we are all volunteers, we take our role in the community very seriously, and we want to respond as quickly as we can. I would have thought the STDC would be helping us in any way they could, and not creating a major inconvenience. I would have also thought there should have been some consultation regarding the situation and how it may affect our members. After all, we are often reminded of their Mission Statement: "Council will lead with fairness and integrity, and work to inspire a vibrant and caring spirit of community, while remaining an efficient and sensitive provider of services and facilities." There are a few words I could have highlighted in that statement: fairness, caring spirit of community,

and efficient. I'm not sure if these have been taken into account.

Where to from here? Initially, we would like someone from Council to visit the site and have a korero with us. We would then like to see the kerbing modified so we can nose up to the fence and gain our 16 car parks back, any thoughts about our members breaking the law by parking on an imaginary footpath disappear, and a box or two of beer arrive at the station for the stress and inconvenience that has been caused.

This was written by the secretary of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade and is a reflection of how he views the situation.

*Beau Le Prou.
Opunake*

South Taranaki District Roothing Manager, Vincent Lim, replies:

First I would like to apologise to Mr Le Prou for our lack of communication with the Fire Brigade and reassure him that no car parks outside the fire station are going to disappear. Once the work on the footpath,

kerb and channel is finished angled car parks will be painted on the road so the brigade volunteers can continue to park outside the fire station. King Street is a wide street and there is plenty of room for both the footpath and angle parking.

The reason the work was undertaken was in response to concerns from members of the community that the existing footpath was breaking up and needed to be replaced. Part of the reason for this was the lack of a good kerb and channel to get rid of rainwater.

However once the decision to replace the footpath had been made, there should have been better communication with the Fire Brigade so they knew what our plans were. Several of my Council colleagues are volunteer firefighters and I have nothing but admiration for the commitment and professionalism our fire service provides. I am more

than happy to meet with Brigade representatives to discuss the project so that

together we can iron out any outstanding concerns.



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A holiday home owner responds to Council column

I read with interest the comments made by Ian Armstrong in his column. If he has only just realised that a good number of houses in Opunake are holiday homes he obviously doesn't visit his town very often. We are one of those non contributing holiday home owners. We built our house 10 years ago and feel part of the community. Other bach owners contribute firstly by buying houses and helping maintain a thriving real estate market. A number of these houses would otherwise end up empty and vandalised. Holiday home owners are proud of their bach and maintain them in good order, adding to the appeal of Opunake. True we are not ambulance volunteers, there are only 16 of them in town which leaves a lot of the other 1374 citizens doing nothing. We don't volunteer for the fire brigade either, but nor do 1361 Opunake residents, though some of the firepersons are farmers and live out of town, which means more non volunteering citizens. Which days do you spend on the ambulance or with the fire brigade, Mr Armstrong? We do have house insurance which helps pay for the fire service. When we go to the

theatre we pay an entrance fee just like everyone else. We don't volunteer at the Surf Club either, though we do use their services by swimming between the flags. We also support the Lakeside Theatre, the swimming pool, local shops, and eat out on a regular basis. We contribute to the Lions Club, the Golf course, the Beach Carnival and the Rest Home garden party. Does he plan to impose a levy on all citizens who are not volunteers and repeat this in Hawera, Ohawe, Patea etc.? Who is going to decide which causes are worthy of members avoiding the levy, and which ones will be penalised? Are volunteers

for the cliff-top garden exempt? We all have our pet projects and organisations we get involved in, according to our lifestyles and interests wherever we live. If this is all he has to worry about, I suggest he pays more attention to real council affairs, then maybe we won't have a repeat of the Lake fiasco, and the council allowing a house to be built on the cliff top. We would appreciate not having to watch storm-water and sewage back flowing through our pipes with the next heavy rain. Expend your energy on core business, Mr Armstrong. Opunake will be better off.

*Heather and Graham Payne.
Eltham*



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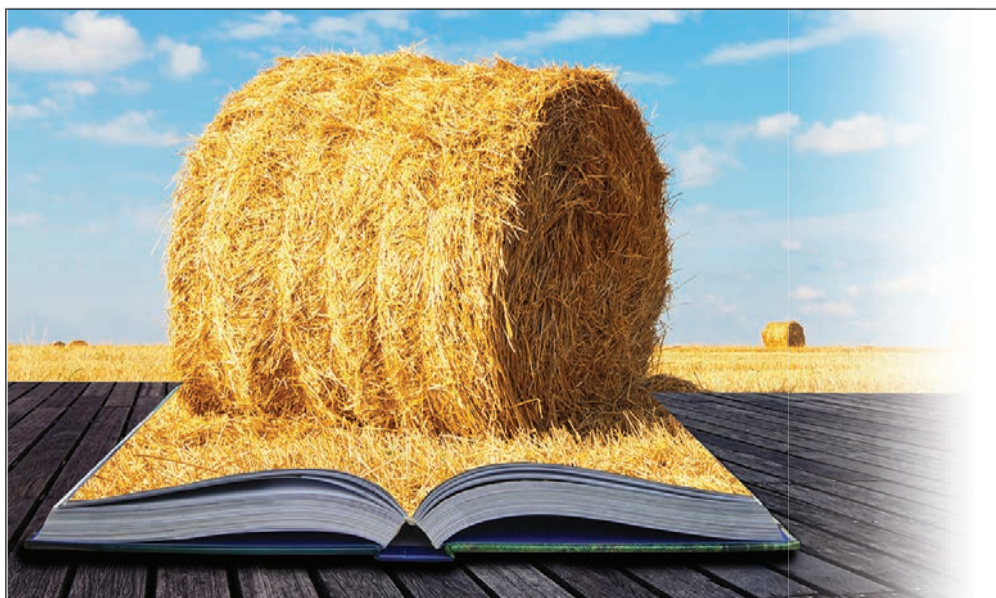
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Coming up in Opunake



Cr Bryan Roach

Hi All.
 The Opunake Beach Master Plan is gathering momentum. We have had several meetings with local community groups and stakeholders. We are looking at the whole entire beach – mobility access, children’s playground, paddling pool, seating, sand, parking, safety, just to name

a few. We have employed Boffa Miskell as a landscape architect and are expecting a report shortly. There is approximately \$500,000 in the Long Term Plan over the next five years for this. This is exciting news for Opunake as I think it is the best beach in Taranaki.

are experiencing discolouration in your water, you need to let the council know. You can ring South Taranaki District Council on 0800 111 323.

The Freedom Camping bylaw has taken a long time and is quite complex. We heard public submissions about the bylaw on Monday March 21. Motor caravanning is worth \$650 million dollars to New Zealand’s economy, which is why Government is very keen on freedom campers. But you have to be very realistic about when and where the public can freedom camp, which is the reason why we have to make a bylaw.

Local government elections are on October 8 this year, and nominations are open

on July 15. So have a think whether you would like to stand for your local South Taranaki District Council Ward and have a say on how your Council is run. Information is available on www.southtaranaki.com or call 0800 111 323 or you can give me a call.

The Egmont Plains Community Board’s next meeting is at 9.30am on Wednesday April 20 at the Sandfords Event Centre. At the start of the meeting is an open forum where the public can speak about any issues they have in their community. So make use of this, if you would like to voice your concerns, ideas, solutions or compliments. In attendance at this meeting has been your three STDC Councillors from this Ward,

and also either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, as well as the Community Board Members, and Council staff. Lots of time, effort and money go into these Community Boards so make use of them - we would love to hear from you.

To my fellow Dairy farmers, holy smoke, she’s been a rough year. Keep an eye out for each other, pat your staff on the back, as they are having a rough time too. No need to tighten the belt any further because its already too tight.

Roachy from the Coast
 Thank you Bryan for your endeavours to get the dates of the Egmont Plains Community Board meetings publicised in the Opunake & Coastal News.

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To advertise or not advertise

The issue of whether the Egmont Plains Community Board should advertise their monthly meetings in the Opunake and Coastal News came up at the Board’s April meeting held in Manaia earlier this month.

South Taranaki District councillor Bryan Roach said as the paper is delivered

fortnightly to every home in the area, it was a good way of letting people know the meetings were on, particularly anybody who maybe interested in taking part in the open forum part of the meeting.

Board member Brian Vincent said he didn’t see the need to advertise any further as he thought anybody inter-

ested in attending the meetings would make the effort to find out when and where the meetings were being held.

South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham said money which would be spent on advertising could also have been spent to help those coming to the board for financial assistance.

Do you know what happens if you don't advertise?
 ...nothing

Te Kiri WI celebrate 79th birthday

The Te Kiri held its 79th birthday meeting at the home of our vice president Pauline Clough.

We had a busy afternoon discussing Institute business. We decided to adopt the Opunake Cottage Rest Home, and the committee is going to talk to Daphne about this.

Joy Collins and Judith Armstrong went to the opening of Everybodys Theatre in

Opunake and had a wonderful time.

It was decided to leave further discussion about the seat for Hollards Garden until the next meeting.

A beautiful glass ornament which was a Christmas gift from our link in England was admired.

Competition results. Bloom. 1. Heather Radford. 2. Aileen Simpson. 3. Judith Arm-

strong.

Shrub. 1. Judith Armstrong. 2. Joy Collins. Cooking. 1. Judith Armstrong. Hand-craft. 1. Judith Armstrong. 2. Heather Radford.

Our table of the month had some beautiful articles on display. Afternoon tea was served by the committee. A very big thank you to Pauline for a wonderful luncheon with help from Sue. Our

birthday cake was nice and a lovely surprise.

Thank you again Pauline for a wonderful and happy meeting. A very special thank you to Grant and Pauline’s sons for the ramp. Our walkers and wheelchairs sailed up the steps like a ship on the ocean. Certainly a great way to celebrate our 79th birthday.

Mavis West.

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Remembering the crucifixion



Easter Walk - Opunake
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What Easter means

Easter for our Catholic Community is all about "celebrating new life" that the risen Christ gives us after He suffered, died on the Cross and rose three days later. We realise and experience His great love and salvation. In his name, we gather together to celebrate new life as one community, and share our joy with one another because we have journeyed with Jesus during these days of Lent. We also remember people around the world who are facing war, natural calamity and persecu-

tion because of their faith. To the person who believes in the resurrection of Jesus and believes in God, Easter is the sun, Easter is the spring of new life, the summer of warmth and the autumn of harvest, and brings us our hope in the next life. Symbols of Easter celebrations are: Hot Cross Buns, Easter Bunnies and Chickens that bring us chocolate eggs—all signs of new life. With this blessing I wish you all happy Easter.

Fr. Vijay Ddungdung

Two good things to do this Easter

1. Get along to a local church Easter Sunday. The service will centre around the great news that Jesus conquered every evil power that plagues the earth as he rose from the dead.
2. Read the "Hope for all" booklet you received in your letterbox recently. This well presented booklet tells about some amazing people in our nations early history such as; Wiremu Kingi, Octavius Hadfield, Te Whiti and Tohu,

plus Heni Te Kiri Karamu. It shows how these people were inspired by their knowledge of Jesus and his teachings. It goes on to explain why Jesus stands out from other great people. It has some stories about people alive today like Jamie, the Dean of Taranaki Cathedral and his late daughter Carrie.

Have a great Easter.

*Pastor Murray McEwan
 The Wave*

die. The one to be crucified would be stripped, beaten (which often killed them), humiliated, mocked etc, in ways beyond imagination and left hanging there for all to see as they died slowly and very painfully over several days, then to be eaten by the birds, which most likely would have started before the person was actually dead. Is it any wonder the human part of Jesus was troubled?

So why was Jesus so willing to go through all that? Luke 9 v 51, "Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem."
Rev Arthur Barnfather

Leaving St Pauls last year for the Easter pilgrimage through Opunake.

Easter message from St Pauls

One Good Friday service, I took all the flowers out of the church so as in a way to leave the church stark naked of any beauty that flowers bring. I think most of those present never really noticed anything different. The only comment I received was from someone who was upset that there were no flowers in the church for the service.

What it did was it made me think about how we have sanitized Easter to the point where, for example, all pictures or the like of Jesus on the cross have Him discreetly covered while in reality He would have been stark naked as He hung from that cross. Crucifixion was bad enough, but to be found naked in public added a huge humili-

ation. Also all the crosses in churches or public are finely finished, and often highly polished, nothing like what the original one would have been like. There would have been a good chance Jesus suffered splinters in His back from it. Many people wear a cross as jewellery in some form or other, again of high quality and finish etc.

It has been said that if all the pieces of wood held in many churches that are claimed to be from the original cross were put together there would be enough wood to make quite a large number of crosses.

A survey was done of a number of early school age children to ask them what Easter meant to them. Their

answers ranged from holiday to Easter eggs and bunnies, to choc, to hot cross buns or the like. Not one child mentioned anything about Jesus or the cross or His death and resurrection.

In John 12, starting at verse 27, the way Jesus speaks tells us that He is very aware of the terrible events that are only a few days away, and were becoming more than something that is in the distant future. When Jesus says, "Now my soul is troubled," what is He referring to?

Note that it is His soul that He says is troubled, and not His Spirit. Clearly the human side of Jesus is reflecting on what is coming.

Crucifixion is perhaps one of the most terrible ways to

The Message of Easter

Christmas is the Church's celebration of God choosing to enter our world in the person of Jesus, the baby, Emanuel, God with us.

Easter is the celebration of the coronation of Jesus, Messiah and King, taking His rightful place in the Kingdom of God.

This is the Good News that the New Testament writers point towards. The divide between Heaven and Earth has been bridged by the action of our wonderful and loving God. The enemy has been defeated, death has been overcome, and the Kingdom has been inaugurated and is advancing. All people of earth are invited to follow King Jesus and be part of the work of recreation that has commenced.

Sadly in this day and age, the Good News is often presented as good advice, such

as how to be a better person, how to pray, how to live, how to know where we go when we die, and so on. All these matters are part of the Good News but not necessarily what the first disciples understood it to mean. Much of the great art of the middle ages depicted an angry God, and when we entered the 'Scientific' age in the 1800s, God was disconnected from earthly life and sent upstairs, out of the way, because humankind became consumed with their ability to work matters out by themselves. Pride ruled. In the process the 'Good News' is often reduced to simply the issue of Mankind's eternal destiny. This, while being important, is only part of the picture. The Good News is that as a consequence of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, everything has changed and is changing, and will continue to change

until He returns.

The Good News is based upon a real event that happened to a real person observed by real people at a specific time in the history of the world, and that event was foretold in the Bible prior to it happening and nowhere in literature of the time is anything recorded that disputes the scriptural record. St Paul, writing to the believers in Corinth tells us: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, "and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, "and that he appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the twelve. "Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters" at one time, most of whom are still alive, (1 Cor.15:3-6)

*Rev'd Ian Sargent
 St Barnabas, Opunake*



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Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade news

It's been a rather busy couple of weeks at the station. We have had four call outs to date and thankfully, none have been too serious. On the 9th we were called out again to the Waiau River Bridge where smoke was spotted coming up from the greenery. It took us a little while to get to the incident, but our time delay had no real effect on the amount of rubbish and vegetation that was burnt. We have been told that it could be the same group of boys who were spoken to on a previous issue, but this has to be verified. If it is, the matter will be handed to the authorities to deal with.

We were called to the Kaweora Road on the 10th to attend to a hedge fire which had possibly been caused by a spark from a nearby incinerator. A little later that day we attended a transformer arcing near the corner of the Opu and Feaver Roads. Arcing often occurs when the power cups and wires have a little fun when it is raining. It can put on quite a display but there is not a lot we can do, other than to protect the scene until the linesmen arrive.

Our 18th call for the year happened on the 11th, when we were called to help out the Rahotu Fire Brigade, when a stand of bamboo was found

burning. A water tanker was also called in to ensure we had a good supply of water to saturate the area and make the task a little easier for the fire crews.

On Friday 18th a few of our crew helped out with the local Primary Schools triathlon. This is a great cause to be involved with, so the crew are happy to be road marshals

on the corners and to help out where needed.

The end of daylight saving is on April 3rd so it's a good time to check smoke alarms and purchase new batteries if required. If your smoke alarm is faulty and you need to get a new one, the world's smallest smoke alarm is available. It is made by a Danish firm called Cavius. It measures

only 40mm across, but is rather expensive (\$45) to buy. I'm not sure if there are any stockists in Opunake, but if you want a trendy, small alarm with a 10 year battery, they are well worth tracking down. Otherwise, just replace with a normal sized photo-electric type alarm which also has a 10 year life span on its battery. They too cost a little

more than a standard model, but the battery savings over the 10 years certainly pays for the extra initial cost. Another option is to stick with the base model, change batteries every year, and hope they don't let you know the battery is getting low at 2 in the morning.

Burnt Offerings

Bankruptcy action canned

An overdue debt of more than \$25,000 has been paid in full to the Taranaki Regional Council, which has called off bankruptcy proceedings against the three debtors.

The debt was owed by Fiona Clark, Andrea Moore and Robert Taylor, who had asked for independent commissioners instead of the Council's own panel to hear a consent application in 2011, and had committed to cover the extra costs involved.

"The Council regretted having to initiate bankruptcy proceedings for only the second time in 25 years," says the Chairman, David MacLeod. "But it is pleased that payment has now been made in full, meaning the proceedings will not have to go ahead."

The amount owed has been misrepresented by some as a fine, but it was a simple debt, and the original consent application hearing related to the Waitara marine outfall, not the Waitara River, he said.

Turtle escapades at Kindy



Get down, get out and stay out fire drill with firefighter Scott Gulliver, Reggie the Turtle (22), Amy Gulliver(4) and Kharys Harvey-Smith(4).

Did you spot the Turtle? Reggie the Turtle is showing Kharys and Amy how to get down low and crawl out of the smoke.

The children got the opportunity to hear about what each emergency service does in our community. Thank you to Tony Willetts (Police), Andrew Pentelow, Ryan Moss and Scott Gulliver (Fire Service) and Vlad and Liz (Ambulance Service) for coming and speaking to the children.

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There is something muddying the waters in Opunake

An Opunake businessman has taken issue with the South Taranaki District Council over the quality of town water in Opunake.

"Our water is dearer than Waimate West or Cold Creek," Lance Moir of Headlands Hotel, Café and restaurant said. "The stock get better drinking water than the residents of Opunake do, and at a better cost."

He said his concerns had been raised following a complaint about water quality from a customer.

He then collected a sample of blackened prefiltered water that was being piped into his business, and also took samples from near the corner of Whitcombe and Ihaia Roads, nearer the Opunake water treatment plant, which he said turned out to be, "exactly the same."

The fact that the samples from opposite ends of the town were so similar disproved any claim that the problem was a localised one, he said.

"When I rung the council to lay a complaint, they made the comment that there was beautiful water at the headworks, but I said people don't go to the headworks to drink the water."

Mr Moir said he also took samples after 50mm fell in the "last heavy rain" in



Samples of water collected around town.

February.

"The water was murky the next day," he said.

"The council assumed that since they put in a new filtering plant, they had fixed the problem, but to my knowledge they've done no testing to verify that. Until I dropped the samples off, they didn't know anything about the condition of the water. Now they have started flushing the lines. That should have been done last winter."

South Taranaki District Council engineering operations manager, Herbert Denton, said the Council is aware that parts of Opunake have recently been experiencing dirty or discoloured water and is

working on a long-term solution for the problem areas.

"We're very sorry that some residents have been getting this dirty water but we are working on getting it fixed as quickly as we can," he said.

"The first part of our overall strategy to improve the town's water supply was to build a new \$3.4 million water treatment plant, which was completed in 2014. Now that has been successfully done we need to address the town's reticulation system pipe network," he says.

"Over time you can get a build-up of oxidised material on the pipe walls which sometimes breaks free after high volumes of water go

through the pipes. These sorts of issues are usually fixed by flushing the reticulation system, however sometimes flushing alone is not enough."

"Council has doubled the town's regular flushing programme to twice a month and we are monitoring this increase to see if it's sufficient to clear the pipes. This winter we have also planned and budgeted to give the reticulation system a thorough clean out with a process

On this month in history Team NZ retains America's Cup

In March 2 Peter Blake (later knighted) beat Italy's Luna Rossa 5-0 on Auckland Harbour. Russell Coutts (also later knighted) was skipper for the first four races but handed the role to Dean Barker for the final race.

When Russell Coutts left to work for Alinghi (who wrested the Cup off NZ later), Dean Barker took over as permanent skipper.

called scouring."

"The reason we are waiting until winter to do the scouring is that it is a relatively time consuming process which requires careful planning. It also requires a lot of water, so we do it when demand for water is at its lowest."

"If anyone is experiencing dirty water please contact

the Council so that our contractors can get straight onto it and if needed do some localised flushing."

Mr Denton says while the water may not look good in some parts of the town weekly sampling is carried out, and all tests have indicated the water is safe to drink.

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Family violence is always a crime

I remember a woman calling on me at the police station years ago. A friend told her she needed to come. I had no knowledge of her and wasn't expecting the visit. She was a rural mum who got it in the neck for

everything that went wrong on the farm. When the husband was in a bad mood with stock, she got a hiding. Raped nightly, or at least weekly, she grew to expect it. I told her life didn't need to be like this and asked why she didn't leave her husband. "Oh, I'd never leave him. He loves me. He only does this because he loves me," was her reply.

I left her with a few facts to chew on, like the message she was giving her daughters by just accepting this treatment as her lot in life. They will pick a man just like dad.

The woman walked into my office two weeks later with a smile on her face. She had left. She has sent me a card on the anniversary of her escape from that marriage almost every year since.

There is nothing as sad as a person, usually a woman or child that believes it is

their role in life to be beaten. We even see women who are beaten and believe this violence is an expression of love from the abusive partner. They are frequently



Hon Chester Borrows MP

the child of abusive parents where the young girl grew up seeing her mum beaten by her dad. They were the only parents she had, and so in spite of all the evidence to the contrary around us, for her, this was situation normal.

Despite crime in New Zealand falling to its lowest

rate since 1978, our rates of family violence are appallingly high. Last year alone, 100,000 incidences were reported to Police – around one every five minutes.

I have attended countless family violence incidents, and the story was always the same. On the night we made it stop, but come the court hearing, she would not give evidence. He'd turned on the chocolates and the flowers, said he was sorry over and over, and become the man she wished he was all the time. He knew the appointment with the Judge wasn't far away, and he needed her on side.

Once Court was over, and the charges dropped for want of evidence, the cycle of abuse started again, and the wheel of fortune worked its way around inevitably to the next beating.

The government is strength-

ening family violence laws to enhance the current initiatives. A new law against strangulation will act as a red flag, because many abusers strangle victims during domestic assaults, and choking has been shown as a precursor to domestic homicide.

We are doing what we can as a government. We need society as a whole to step up. We can't live people's lives for them, but we can emphatically state what is acceptable, and what is not. If we as a civilised society don't set the benchmark, who will?

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village to keep a child safe too. Family violence is not 'just another domestic' it is a crime and we cannot afford to turn a blind eye.

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Help needed for dairying

You don't have to be a genius to know New Zealand's dairy industry is going through very difficult times.

Many farmers are heading into their third loss-making season in a row. Many are deep in debt and most won't have paid themselves for some time.

You don't have to be a genius to see that's a car crash waiting to happen, and potentially the last straw for some.

Meanwhile sharp-eyed overseas investors are looking for a bargain.

No one wants that. There's no point in seeing good farmers on efficient farms walking off the land and it being snapped up by offshore interests.

At the moment the Government is making like a possum in the headlights. It didn't see this coming, and has been in denial for months. Rural communities need leadership and confidence their government is doing something.

It has a big stake in this. Some estimates put the number of dairy farmers in trouble at up to 25 per cent of dairy farmers. John Key puts it at 10 per cent. Taking that lower figure that's 1,200 farms, 800 of which would be family farms, and an area equivalent to 175,000 hectares - that's larger than Auckland and Christchurch

combined, and seven times the 26,000 hectares sold into foreign ownership last year.

National's attitude is 'that's life'. But we're talking about families who have worked the land for generations, and



Andrew Little MP

took on more debt to expand when the government told them to. It's not good enough for National to turn their back and let family farms be swallowed up by overseas buyers when times get tough, especially when this is a problem they helped create. It's not just those hundreds of Kiwi families, but all of us, who pay the price if that happens.

If we don't want wholesale removal of good farmers off the land, and if we don't want farm prices to collapse, leaving them prey to overseas property predators, then the Government needs to step in.

If it was doing its job prop-

erly it, would be putting pressure on the banks. It would be producing a set of conditions that banks would need to agree to before they took the ultimate step of forcing a farmer off their land.

This isn't about banks losing capital, or about letting farmers off the hook and not repaying loans. It's about getting through the current situation. The banks do very well out of New Zealand, exporting billions of dollars of profit to their parent companies overseas, so they can do their bit as well.

Right now we've got other countries also producing large amounts of milk powder, and the Chinese economy tapering off. That means there's a worldwide glut of milk and milk products, and it's not going to go away any time soon.

It can't be ignored. The dairy industry's woes have a real impact on the rest of the economy, from rural areas through to central Auckland. That's reflected in MYOB's latest Business Monitor, which shows 21 per cent of SMEs are feeling the effects. In rural areas the figure is even higher - 34 per cent - but even Auckland and Christchurch are feeling the effects.

It's the very reason we need

a summit - where Fonterra, Federated Farmers, government officials, banking reps, and retailers sit down in a room, knock heads together and not come out until there's an agreed action plan.

But that's the short term. In the long term we need to get the economy on a different footing so that the next global oversupply doesn't cause the same problems. Right now our economy is highly reliant on one company (Fonterra) selling one product (milk powder) to one country (China). That's not a recipe for success.

It's about being complementary, so we're not so reliant on dairy prices to sustain living standards. We need an economy that is diversified and supports innovative, new industries that can pay a high wage and create good opportunities.

This Government has been openly blasé about the possibility of a downturn, encouraging rural people to convert their farms to dairy and take on more and more debt.

What's needed now is for it to act to get our economy humming and jobs growing. That's what New Zealand needs.

Andrew Little

Leader of the Opposition.

On this month in history

TB bacterium discovered

On March 24, 1882 the German bacteriologist Dr Robert Koch announced his discovery of the bacterium which

caused Tuberculosis (TB). Later he made a similar discovery with regard to Cholera, another killer disease.

With the TB bacterium discovered he had worked on it for years, refining his techniques, first from using a liq-

uid medium to a solid gelatin to grow bacteria.

He was awarded the Nobel prize for Medicine in 1905.

Appreciation for eight years teaching families how to swim

Fiona Lacey has always had a passion for swimming, and a desire to give something back to the sport she has loved.

On March 21, pupils at Rahotu School said goodbye to her, and thanked her for the eight years at the school, teaching them how to swim.

Fiona and her family are heading off to live in Alicante, Spain.

Presenting her with flowers and cards was the school's head girl Holly Horo.

"I started teaching Holly when she was five, and she wouldn't put her head under the water. Now she's a competitive swimmer," Fiona said.

In her eight years at Rahotu, she has taught brothers and sisters from the same families how to swim.

"Swimming is my passion, and I'm trying to pay back what the sport has given me," she said. "Eight years ago, the school swimming committee took me on, and since then, I've loved every minute of it. I like taking the younger children and

watching them achieve and grow and become competitive swimmers."

Fiona herself began swimming at an early age, achieving national age group medals under the tutelage of coaching great Duncan Laing. At one time she was also a member of the Shadow New Zealand

Surf Lifesaving team.

Many of the children she has taught have gone on to become keen members of the Okato Swimming Club, where she has coached for the last 10 years. Two years ago, the Okato Club won the New Zealand Community Swim Club of the Year. She has also

been involved in coaching at the Aquatic Centre in New Plymouth.

Originally from Dunedin, Fiona arrived in Okato 20 years ago. She said she saw a need and got involved in teaching swimming and water safety.

School principal Brigitte

Luke said the benefits Fiona has brought could be seen in the results of the school's recent swimming sports.

"The foundation skills are starting to pay off for the students, and the skill levels have improved dramatically this year," she said.

Of the school's 78 seniors, 70 took part in the length events, with a number swimming 25 metres in less than 16 seconds.

Brigitte said the school has a

focus on teaching its 140 pupils how to swim. Fiona takes every child for two sessions a week, with other staff members doing three sessions.

"It's not uncommon for children to swim up to seven times a week," she said.

With Fiona gone, that focus will continue.

"Over the next couple of years, our intention is to investigate the upgrading of our swimming pool," Brigitte said.



Fiona Lacey(left) farewelled by Rahotu School head girl Holly Horo.

Whales almost wiped out: study

Relentless whaling the early 20th century brought New Zealand's southern right whale population to the brink of extinction, finds a new study.

Combining historical records from whaling logbooks with modern genetic data, a team of international researchers have determined that around 30,000 southern right whales swam in New Zealand's waters before 19th century whalers arrived.

By 1925, whaling had reduced this population to just an estimated 110 individual whales.

The study, published in *Open Science*, found recovery of the whales since then has been slow. The researchers estimate that the current number of southern right whales in New Zealand waters is only 12 percent of the pre-whaling population. "This is the first time we have been able to estimate the pre-whaling abundance for this population of right whales before they were nearly decimated," said author Prof Scott Baker, Associate Director of the Marine Mammal Institute at Oregon State University and Adjunct Professor at

the University of Auckland. "Only a handful of whales survived, and those were threatened again in the 1960s by illegal Soviet whaling."

Dr Will Rayment from the University of Otago's department of Marine Science told the SMC the research shows just how close the population came to being "wiped out altogether."

"We should be very thankful that a tiny remnant population remained and has slowly been increasing in numbers since the ban on commercial whaling," he said.

Closer to home, the study

comes after the plight of the whale had been highlighted by the recent beaching of an orca whale near Patea.

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Gala a success for Opunake High School

People started arriving at 5.30pm for Opunake High School's Gala – held on Thursday March 10. The event was capably organised by the Home and School. The weather wasn't optimal, but that didn't put people off. There was plenty on offer such as golf, go-carts,

as well as bouncy castle and face painting for the very young. For those needing a bite there was a hangi, steak & onion sandwiches and a sausage sizzle.

For those on the wrong side of the law there was the 'prison' – with a Sandfords stock truck serving as the

lockup. Once inside, not sure which was worse the loss of freedom - or the stench of animal droppings!

The school hall had lots for people to buy at wonderful prices from the various stalls. There were books galore for sale, plants, clothing, cakes, sporting gear, jewellery – you name it. Murray Weir was conducting quickfire raffles for goods generously supplied by local businesses. At the end, with his voice still holding up Murray said, "We really do appreciate your support. See you next year, Cheers."

Principal Simon Fuller was pleased with how the Gala had gone. "It was a very good turn-out, especially in the light of the economic conditions at present. It's good to see the continued community support. I'd really like to thank the Home and School and the fantastic group of parents who help."

The money raised will be going to upgrade technology. For example the Junior School students will all be provided with Chrome books in the near future.



Manning the book stall are, from left, Cade Carr (5), Andrea Carr and Sienna Tito (9).

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Caregivers need celebrating

Caregivers all around the country are celebrating Caregivers Week from 21 – 27 March. Events are being held in resthomes, community halls and parks during the week.

New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) president, Grant Brookes has a personal message for caregivers, "I hear so many stories of caregivers being undervalued and treated unfairly by the powers that be. But what you give of yourself at work is precious. And for that, you are treasured by residents, by families and by me. The goal must be a world where every week is Caregivers Week."

NZNO industrial adviser for the aged care

sector, David Wait says, "Caregivers are closer than ever to achieving equal pay. Kristine Bartlett and her union E tū won their historic court case, opening the way for negotiations between unions, aged care providers and the Government to negotiate an equal pay rate."

"Caregivers are at the heart of this work, and it is caregivers who will decide whether to accept the negotiated rate. The negotiations will succeed if caregivers and everyone in our community stands together to make sure the Government puts enough money on the table to ensure the pay rates reflect the true skill and expertise of caregivers. The Government

needs to go all the way to equal pay."

"Whatever the outcome and whatever the rate for equal pay – caregivers are

awesome. We will celebrate them for their care, loyalty and tenacity. Thank you caregivers."

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ATHLETICS

Students celebrated in their Hapu colours for Athletics Day, with many going the extra mile in dressing up making it a fun and active day. Many parents and caregivers supported the students on the day.

The Hapu Tug-of-War was won by Awhina by a very convincing margin, well done Awhina.

Left is **Erina Grindlay** competing at the long jump.

A very busy and exciting month with an abundance of activities at school and in the community. Athletics Day, Relay for Life, Gala, TSSSA Sporting Events, 12 Rec Cycle Tour, 11 Rec TO-PEC, Cricket, Rugby World Cup at OHS, to name some of the many activities.

A generous donation from TSB Community Trust of \$60,000 has enabled the school to purchase chrome books for all Year 9 & 10 students, this will ensure that all students will have access to a chromebook for the entire day, to increase engagement and access to online digital learning resources.

Thank you TSB Community Trust for you support of students learning.

GALA

The weather was a bit dubious but managed to hold off for the gala to proceed with many people enjoying the activities.

Thank you to the students, staff community and sponsors for your input in making this such a profitable event with \$9,000 being made for developing innovative learning spaces for the students.

Hapu Raffle Results:

Rimu Chocolates:

1st 2645 Tony Phillips

2nd 2346 P Rangī

Awhina Groceries

1st 3725 Cook Family

2nd 3959 Eathan Hasler

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Left is Money Shower, one of the fun activities at the gala where wind blows bits of paper and the aim was to collect as much paper as possible to gain various prizes.

WORLD CUP

NZRU bought the World Cup to OHS for rugby students to enjoy the experience of seeing it first hand. Left is Josh Young and Fabian Caskey with the cup.



RELAY FOR LIFE

A huge commitment from students with the fundraising and participation at Relay for Life 2016 on March 5 & 6. Relay For Life is an inspiring community event that gives everyone a chance to celebrate cancer survivors and carers; remember loved ones lost to cancer; and fight back by raising awareness and funds to support the work of the Cancer Society. Relay For Life is for people of all ages and fitness levels - anyone can take part!

Above **Christian Rosewarne** goes above the call of duty and has his head shaved in the support of cancer research. A total of \$4,200 was donated to Relay for Life from Opunake High School.



OHS CRICKET TEAM

Front left to right: **Jay Clement, Cameron Quinnell, Kodee Beamont, Terry Norgate, Liam Phillips, Hayden Bryant**

Back Row: **Dylan Robinson, Scott Quinnell, Keonte Ngaia, Corbyn Sutcliffe, Brock McCort**

Absent: **Ben Sinclair**
This is the first year in a long time since Opunake High School has enter a cricket team into the Taranaki Secondary Schools competition. These boys play in division 3, which is for ages 13 to 16. With the help of Coach Paul (Digger) Norgate, they have played Francis Douglas Memorial College, Boys High, Sacred Heart XI and Girls High XI. Being unbeaten so far, earns them a place in the finals to be played at Opunake High on the 2nd April. Come along and support the team.



TSSSA LAWN

BOWLS

Two teams participated in the TSSSA Lawn Bowls Tournament at the Paritutu greens in New Plymouth on March 2. **Ariana Dingle** and **Lucy Shegedin** played well and improved greatly. The boys pairs of **Joshua Allan** (Yr 9) above left and **Shaun Brider** (Yr 12) above right, had three huge wins and returned home as the Boys Pairs Champions. Josh and Shaun are now heading to Upper Hutt on April 6 for NI Lawn Bowls Tournament.

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Curtains for Everybody's Theatre

Everybody's Theatre has had its big opening, and now it's time to add a few finishing touches. Theatre chairperson Debbie Campbell was at the Egmont Plains Community Board meeting in Manaia on March

9 asking for a grant from the Board's discretionary fund to go towards replacing the old stage curtain, which has now become a fire hazard.

"We've done renovations to where the money has

taken us," she told the board. "What's left to do is only the stage area. We want to replace the lovely old curtain, which has a beautiful waterfall effect and replace it with a new curtain." The old curtain had been

packed up, and the theatre was asking for \$7800 so they could get something similar to replace it. "We don't know if we will have to replace the winch. There's no reason why the old one shouldn't

do the trick," she said. There had been a lot of positive comment since the work on the theatre had finished, and in that time, the volunteer group running the theatre had almost doubled, she said.

The Community Board voted to grant \$3000 to the Theatre.

Community Board member Brian Vincent declared an interest and didn't take part in the vote.

Oil & gas block total madness

"The government's announcement to open up a further 525,515km2 of land and sea to oil and gas exploration is total madness. It is completely irresponsible for the government to open up more areas to oil and gas exploration," says Urs Signer, a member of Climate Justice Taranaki.

"Onshore, most of the Taranaki region is now covered in permits and open to bidders. Offshore, everything is up for grabs, including 2,600km2 of the critically endangered Maui's Dolphin sanctuary."

"Yesterday's block offer comes just days after the an-

ouncement that February 2016 was the hottest month since records began. Words fail us.

We have to leave fossil fuels in the ground and immediately transition to a low-carbon economy. We owe this to our planet, the fellow species we share this amazing place with and to future generations of humans."

"With a worldwide downturn in oil prices and little exploration currently taking place, it shows a desperation on the part of government and completely contradicts their stated goals to reduce emissions in line with global limits set late last year in

Paris. We are energised by the global climate justice movement and take inspiration from the hundreds of people who blockaded the Sky City Convention Centre in Auckland yesterday, where the block offers were announced by Minister of Energy and Resources Simon Bridges.

Together, we are organising for a future free of fossil fuels," concludes Urs Signer.

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Kiwi kids to learn lifesaving skills through new partnership

Children learning how to deliver basic first aid including CPR skills could be the difference between a life lost and a life saved according to St John's.

St John in Schools is a programme designed to give children the skills and confidence to take action in an emergency situation.

The Minister for ACC Nikki Kaye and St John CEO Peter Bradley launched the St John in Schools programme at Clendon Park School in Manurewa, South Auckland recently.

St John CEO, Peter Bradley says the programme was introduced in 2015, with 77,000 children taking part and over 30,000 kids taught CPR.

St John is partnering with ACC to deliver the programme to 480,000 school children in New Zealand over the next five years.

"The programme improves the emergency preparedness and community resilience of the next generation," he said. "This is exciting and significant, not only for the youth of New Zealand,

but also for their families, friends and community who stand to benefit from their knowledge."

Mr Bradley says "We are delighted to have ACC join us. Their contribution is pivotal in the expansion and development of the St John in Schools programme."

There are approximately 349,000 injury claims involving children under 14 years received by ACC every year.

ACC's Head of Injury Prevention Partnerships and Delivery, Emma Powell, says everyone wins with investment

in injury prevention and life-saving initiatives.

"We all need to play a role in helping kids avoid injuries and being prepared to provide help in the event of an accident or disaster.

Having the confidence to call 111 and then administer first aid could well be the difference in not only saving a life, but also reducing the impact of an injury."

Ms Powell says ACC's involvement in St John in Schools further strengthens the longstanding partnership between the two organisations.



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Taranaki audiologist gives helping hand in the Cook Islands

It was raining on that day at Mangaia in the Cook Islands when audiologist Lisa Keen fitted a woman with a hearing aid, who then commented on the noise of the rain. It was something she had not heard in a long time.

Then there was the time on Aitutaki Lisa checked up on a girl who had earlier been given a hearing aid after being diagnosed with a profound hearing loss. "Her mother realised there was something wrong with her son as well, who was 12 years old, and had missed out on hearing tests before," Lisa said. "It turned out he had a moderate hearing loss,



Audiologist Lisa Keen (right) was recently in the Cook Islands as part of a specialist medical team.

so I fitted him with a hearing aid, and he had a big smile across his face from being able to hear much better." Lisa who practices in New Plymouth, and comes out

to Coastal Care at Opunake every Wednesday was part of a specialist medical team that visited the Cook Islands earlier this month. With a lack of specialists in the Cook Islands, their Ministry of Health selects specialists to help out, and every year an ear, nose and throat team goes over there. In her time in the Cooks, Lisa spent three days at Rarotonga hospital, two days at Aitutaki, and two days in the hospital on Mangaia, the second largest of the Cook Islands.

Her work involved carrying out hearing tests on both adults and children, and fitting hearing

aids where applicable. "There is a high prevalence of middle ear disease. You don't realise how lucky you are until you see how things are elsewhere.

"It was my first visit to the Cook Islands," she said. "They are all very beautiful, and all very different. The people are very gracious and appreciative of the team going to provide services." Mangaia, with a population of 500 is less familiar to tourists than Rarotonga or Aitutaki, and is known for its limestone formations, out of which the island's dirt surfaced roads and airport runway have been carved.

Lisa brought her own equipment, and all treatment was free of charge. Although everyone spoke English, the first language was Cook Islands Maori, so Doris, the nurse practitioner who accompanied her was also able to help out when translations were necessary.

"I would love to go back again if given the opportunity. It's very rewarding being part of such a necessary service. The islanders are appreciative of this once yearly opportunity compared to Opunake or New Plymouth, where you can go any day you choose. We are very fortunate," she said.

What is a Passive Solar Designed house?

Do you live in a passive solar designed house? What on earth is that you say?

As the autumn weather gets cooler and we start thinking of winter chills and how we can heat our homes easier and more economically, the notion of passive solar heating becomes more attractive. Even more attractive is that our homes can be passively solar designed so that the heat from the sun is utilised for no expense at all.

In a passive solar designed home the windows are orientated towards the sun. They will face north to enable the sun's rays to penetrate into the house and there will be lots of them. Smaller windows are placed to the south where no sun is seen in winter, and being smaller, they will not let the heat escape in any great amount.

What about the shape of the house? Does that matter? Well, yes.

A courtyard placed in a spot out of the prevailing cold winds will help keep the warmth to the walls facing the courtyard, and in turn keep these rooms warmer in winter.

A roof shape that deflects the cold winds will also help keep the home warmer. This often looks like a mono pitch with low side hugging the cold south side. This shape of roof also works a treat in the summer by enabling the heat to escape at



The interior of a Passive Solar Designed house.

the high point of the roof and a cross flow of cool air can be achieved by opening the windows on the low south side for cross ventilation.

Double glazing is hyped up a lot, but a comfortable home can be achieved by using simple passive solar principles. In an older home, which is not designed for passive solar, double glazing can make a difference by insulating the home from the cold in winter and the heat in summer. Insulation in the ceilings and walls can also bring an older home up to par with the newer homes.

A passive solar design will most likely have a insulated concrete floor slab that is on the northern face of the

home. During the day this will soak up the sun's heat, and then during the evening, the heat is slowly released into the home – and radiated heat is the best type.

A similar technique is often found in a passive solar design in the form of a "trombe" wall. (look it up on Google). This is a masonry or stone wall built inside the home –say up to a metre back from a glazed northern wall. The wall is quite thick and makes an excellent heat sink which will soak up a lot more heat than a concrete

floor, and can then be managed so that the dissipated heat can be sent to all areas of the home. For instance with under floor ducts and a

small fan. Imagine one wall that heats your whole home for free.

The importance of looking at the passive solar design starts right at the beginning

when you are planning your home with the architect. Get the design right and you can save yourself thousands in heating costs over the life of the house. I know some people that say they hardly ever turn on the heaters in winter, and only

on the darkest coldest nights do they need a bit of a top up.

Of course the sun can be used for heating your household's hot water too, and

even provide you with electricity, but that is a whole new discussion. Whatever way you choose to go with passive solar design, the sun shines most of the time and its energy is there for the taking. It's free, it's sustainable, has no carbon use, and most of all it's good for the planet.

Article by Neville Saunders, an Architect with 40 years of experience "tinkering" around with houses

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Longstanding Auroa families the Duffs and the Luonds also had floats, with the Luonds having a replica of the whare which served as the school's first classroom in 1891. The float had been especially made for the 1991 centennial, and brought out of storage especially for the 125th celebrations. It was also a time to celebrate 82 years of the Luond family in Auroa.

Domminick Luond was 19 years old and penniless when he left his native Switzerland for New Zealand in 1927. He worked for the Chamberlains in Eltham for seven years before taking out a lease on the Auroa Road farm he would later buy. Family members still talk of his work ethic. When he married Ida Muller, the two of them, immediately after the wedding reception, got on a motorbike, as they

didn't own a car at the time, and went home to milk the cows. They were to have 11 children, and on the Saturday at the school, there was a clothesline with 11 nappies bearing the names of each of them: Donald, Pat, Des, Margaret, Rose, Trevor, John, Bryan, Pauleen, Noeleen and Ann.

After the parade were the speeches and the cutting of the cake by longstanding Auroa businessman and identity Bert Sandford.

School principal Jarad Chittenden said this was his first year as principal, but his association with the school had gone back longer, through the "friendly rivalry" with Matapu School, of which he had been principal before coming to Auroa.

He said there are a number of exciting things going

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Led by a pipe band, the parade makes its way along Auroa Road.



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celebration

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on at the Auroa School, including the STEM (Science, Technology and Maths) and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) programmes, as well as the laying of new turf, and the installation of a new kitchen.

South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop paid tribute to the early pioneers

and those who had followed after them. He noted Auroa's original name Ratanui, which reflected the large amount of bush which the pioneers, many of whom were bachelors, had to clear.

The school classrooms were open for those wanting to take a closer look at 21st Century education. Decade photos were taken and there

was plenty of entertainment on hand for the whole family. There was a Dinner and Dance at the marquee that night, followed by a church service the next morning at the 104 year-old Auroa Methodist Church, which since closing in 2005, has been based at Openlands a few kilometres up the road from its original home.



The Luond's family replica of the original schoolroom.



The Peacock Ladies, Kat and Rose.

The church was full on the Sunday morning, for the service taken by Pastor Murray McEwan. Diane Moir paid tribute to those who had taken services, taught Sunday School, mowed the lawns, done the cleaning, or other maintenance tasks needed to keep the church going through the years.

Organising Committee

chairperson Jessica Mills said it had been a "fantastic three day event."

"It was a great weekend to celebrate not just Auroa, but all the other districts as well."



Ninety nine year old Flora Wards (nee Duff) and her niece Marianne Luttrell.



Above: Today's Auroa School joined into the parade.



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Antibiotic resistance focus of World Consumer Rights Day 2016.

Consumer organisations around the world are calling on major fast-food companies, McDonald's, KFC and Subway, to make a global commitment to stop serving meat from animals raised with the routine use of antibiotics important to human medicine. The call for action coincided with World Consumer Rights Day on March 15 which highlighted the use of antibiotics in food production and the risks it presents to human health. Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin says agricultural use of antibiotics in New Zealand is considered low by international standards, but there's no room for complacency. "Antibiotic resistance is a

major threat to health and requires concerted action. The food industry has an important part to play." The World Health Organization (WHO) has called the growth of antibiotic resistance a global health crisis. The organisation has warned the world is heading for a post-antibiotic era where people could die from common infections that can no longer be treated.

Subway has made commitments in the US to source meat raised without any antibiotics starting from 2016. The company says it intends to follow suit in New Zealand, although has not given

any specific timeframes. McDonald's has made commitments to source chicken raised without the routine use of antibiotics in the US by 2017, and in Canada by 2018. No similar commitments have been made in New Zealand.

Consumers International says KFC has not set timeframes in any of the countries in which it operates. Director general Amanda Long says global restaurant chains have an opportunity to use their huge buying power to reduce the use of antibiotics in food production and to set the agenda for other businesses. Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria or

other microbes are able to resist the effects of an antibiotic. The development of resistant bugs is a natural phenomenon, but its pace is being accelerated by the overuse of antibiotics. A growing number of infections, such as pneumonia and tuberculosis, are becoming harder to treat. As the number of resistant bacteria increase, the antibiotics used to treat these infections become less effective. Antibiotics are used in animals to treat and prevent diseases from occurring. In New Zealand, most agricultural use of antibiotics are in the dairy, pig and poultry industries. Latest available figures,

published in a 2013 report by the Ministry for Primary Industries, show sales of antibiotics for agricultural use decreased by 19 percent between 2009 and 2011. However, sales of some antibiotics important for human medicine increased during this period.

The report found a rise in agricultural sales of third- and fourth-generation cephalosporins. These antibiotics are considered by WHO to be critically important for human health. It also found an increase in sales of tylosin, an antibiotic in the class known as macrolides, also critically important for human medicine.

An updated report on antibiotic sales and use is expected to be published by the ministry in the next few months. Antibiotic use carries the risk that resistant bacteria will develop and spread from animals to humans through direct contact or consumption of contaminated products. Resistant bugs can also spread into the environment through animal excretion. In May 2015, the World Health Assembly endorsed a Global Action Plan to tackle antibiotic resistance. The New Zealand Government has committed to deliver a national action plan on antibiotic resistance by May 2017.

New Plymouth Boys' High School student in ANZAC speech final

A New Plymouth Boys' High School student has won a place in the Cyril Bassett VC Speech Competition National Final. Michael McLeod won the Wellington/Taranaki/West Coast regional final with a moving ANZAC tribute. The senior student has gone on to compete against seven other Year 12 and 13 regional finalists at the national final in Wellington held on 23 March, with the overall winner travelling to Gallipoli for 2016 ANZAC Day commemorations. RSA National President BJ Clark said there had been a fantastic level of interest in the competition. "We are especially grateful to ANZ for the commitment they have made to this partnership in conducting this event. They have been with us since 2010 and

have been generous in making this happen," he said. "Its aim is to promote among young people a deeper understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices made by those who served New Zealand in war and armed conflict. It's positive to see so many contestants speaking on and sharing their experiences of the Anzac spirit, as it relates to them." The competition is a partnership between the RSA and ANZ to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of the sacrifices made by those who have served New Zealand in armed conflicts overseas. The competition is a tribute to Cyril Bassett, VC (1892-1983) – the only New Zealander at Gallipoli to be awarded the Victoria Cross, and one who worked his entire career at ANZ Group.

ANZ Head of Corporate Affairs Peter Parusini said the bank was proud to again be involved. "It's wonderful to see these talented young New Zealanders honour the contributions of the men and women who helped shape what New Zealand is today," he said. As well as the trip to Gallipoli for the 2016 ANZAC Day commemorations, the national winner was to be awarded a \$1000 travel fund, a trophy, a laptop computer and digital camera. The eight regional winners will receive \$1000 prize money as well as another \$1000 for their school and a place in the national final.



Glover Anderson (RSA), Michael McLeod New Plymouth Boys High, Cindy Wilson (ANZ)
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Fish and Game slams Wairarapa dam plan

Wellington Fish and Game is supporting calls from independent economist Peter Fraser to shelve the Wairarapa Water Use Project (WWUP) and suggests future investigations must focus on smarter ways to farm and grow the regional economy.

Manager Phil Teal says the latest dairy payout announcement is the final nail in the coffin for the large-scale irrigation project which was never compelling from both an environmental and economic standpoint.

"It's becoming increasingly clear that a prudent approach to growth in the Wairarapa region is required, instead of continuing to pour millions of dollars of taxpayer and ratepayer funds into an irrigation scheme, especially when independent analysis clearly rejects its viability. "The Ruataniwha dam

in Hawke's Bay has cost local ratepayers huge sums – many tens of millions of dollars, and counting – and it's dubious as to whether a sod will ever be turned on the controversial project.

"The last thing the Wairarapa community needs is to be saddled with significant rates hikes to fund a project that wasn't even a goer when the dairy pay-out was in the \$6/kgMS range. Now, with all indications pointing to low dairy returns being the new normal, the regional council really has no other option than to wisely use this as an off-ramp."

Mr Teal says WWUP backers, the Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the government, through the taxpayer-funded Irrigation Acceleration Fund need to look at more economically and environmentally

sustainable options.

He says rather than waste more rates and taxes on an uneconomic dams, the regional council and Government should be backing future farming initiatives – low-input farming systems.

"These are much better suited to dry areas, and are proven to be more profitable than high-input, water-intensive industrial farming operations. Better for farmers and better for the environment; a win-win."

Mr Teal says Wellington Fish and Game has had concerns about WWUP for some time, for going well beyond its brief and acting as an irrigation advocate, rather than providing the Wairarapa community and its leaders with balanced, objective information. "WWUP is supposed to

be conducting a feasibility exercise; instead it is acting as a pro-irrigation lobby. The quality of the debate in the community about the merits of irrigation is suffering as a result. Wairarapa residents and local leaders are being promised the world, but WWUP is failing to put in front of them the many downsides to such schemes, not least of which are the huge costs that are inevitably borne by the community and the environmental impacts.

"WWUP has always been a dairy-heavy project. Their own figures show an expected doubling of intensive dairying. No other land use could, or can, afford the water.

"It's time to can the dam idea and concentrate on assisting struggling farmers convert to more profitable and sustainable systems."

One month until shave

Waikato farmer Damian Bardoul was on a pig hunting trip when he realised something wasn't right.

The strapping 22-year-old was struggling to carry the pig he'd just caught. He was constantly out of breath and had to keep sitting down.

"My friends said 'mate, if you can't carry your pig out of the bush, then there must be something seriously wrong with you.'"

They were right.

A week later Damian was told he had acute lymphoblastic leukaemia – a rapidly progressing cancer which affects the white blood cells.

Fortunately for Damian, a quick diagnosis and cutting-edge medication meant he's now in remission and getting on with a relatively normal life.

But his story is far from unusual.

Every day six average kiwis like Damian are di-

agnosed with a blood cancer. Leukaemia is the most common of all childhood cancers, and lymphoma is the most common cancer for 15 to 24-year-olds.

In less than a month thousands of kiwis will show their support for New Zealanders living with a blood cancer when they lose their locks for Shave for a Cure.

Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand's (LBC) signature fundraising event will be held on April 4-10 to raise money for the 10,000 New Zealanders living with a blood cancer.

Last year almost 2,000 brave Shavees mowed their mops, and through the support of their friends, families, local businesses and schools managed to raise \$1.4 million.

This year's Shave promises to be even bigger with a marketing campaign that suggests 'bad hair' could

be conquered if you simply lose your hair altogether.

The horrors of the 'mullet' as well as the hassles of 'humidity hair' could be banished forever by pulling out the clippers and braving a Shave.

The campaign is off to a hair-raising start with more than 425 people already signed up and more than \$110,000 raised.

The NZ Breakers squad have again shown their support for the six kiwis diagnosed with a blood cancer every day by shaving their heads in February.

LBC's services include patient support, funding for research, information and awareness programmes and advocating on behalf of patients.

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DairyNZ chief on what a low payout may mean

Right now many dairy farmers are looking at their costs line by line. Where can they make further savings? The latest reforecast milk price from Fonterra now puts this season's Farmgate Milk Price at \$3.90 per kilogram of milksolids. DairyNZ's breakeven figure for the average New Zealand dairy farmer is \$5.25. That's a big gap to bridge. Around 85 per cent of the 14,000 owner-operators and sharemilkers affected by the low milk price are not making any money this season. They are having to build up more debt and erode their equity to get through another season of looking after their cows. The situation will impact on the people they employ and the rural businesses they support too. At times like these DairyNZ has to deliver more value than ever for farmers. Our industry's heritage of pulling together and taking a co-operative industry approach to challenges gives us a strong mandate – as did our last levy vote in 2014. But it comes with the need to stand alongside

farmers and deliver real and tangible value that makes a difference to their businesses – individually and at an industry-wide level too. To help farmers we've been running our Tactics campaign and other key events for some time now, designed to hone in on cost creep and provide access to tools and support to make changes in their business. DairyNZ has always maintained that the ability to efficiently harvest pasture is the best determinant of profitability across all farm systems. Pasture still provides the least expensive feed for dairy cows and remains the foundation of our farm systems. That has been our constant message and is at the heart of our advice to, and research for, farmers. It will continue to be our message into the future. Pasture and the ability to turn off supplement use is also the foundation of how we are able to manage volatility, and farmers are using this mechanism strongly at this time. Farmers are using the obvious levers at their disposal to manage

volatility in milk price – culling cows instead of using supplementary feed to maintain cow condition. The next phase of the DairyNZ Tactics campaign starting this month has a renewed focus on pasture as the key driver of farming competitively through both high and low milk price situations. We are excited about the potential that this initiative has to help farmers. It starts with a challenge on whether New Zealand dairy farmers are truly 'pasture first.' We want to connect with as many dairy farmers as possible and see where we can help or, if we can't help, put them in touch with those that can. That could mean they receive a phone call or visit from us. We are also currently running tailored events to support sharemilkers, in partnership with Federated Farmers. These are amongst the most vulnerable groups of farmers in the current situation. Top budget case studies featured on our website have been updated. These nine top operators have opened up their budgets and made them available to others. The update will detail what changes they have made and how they are placed for next season. In the coming months GoodYarn workshops are also running, designed to help farmers talk about mental health and recognise the signs of stress and mental health problems. In terms of our long term research and science objectives we can't just turn off the tap. Two of our most important research projects for example are seven-year investments – one focused around developing forages for reduced nitrate leaching to future-proof our industry. The other is researching cow fertility and lifetime

productivity. Together, current performance in these two farming areas – fertility and productivity – are estimated to cost the dairy industry \$1 billion annually. The profitability of dairy farming could be increased by \$500 million per year if industry targets for reproductive performance are achieved. These targets will not be achieved using current knowledge and technologies alone. A biological breakthrough is required. The aim of this project is to accelerate genetic gain in fertility and manipulate the biology that underpins cow fertility. As stated above, the challenge we have is you can't easily switch research on and off if you want to keep it delivering for farmers. If we do, the government will also stop investing with us. However, we are certainly looking at what research projects can be pared back for now, and reducing our costs. I am accountable to our farmer-led board on how \$67 million worth of levy funds from dairy farmers delivers value for the investments the board prioritises and approves. Farmers are also keen to hear the value they get too for what is a substantial amount of money. As production drops, so does our own income, although not to the extent of farmers. The levy is not a fixed cost. It is pegged to farmer's business in terms of milk production, being set at 3.6 cents per kilogram of milksolids. The board has not relaxed any of our targets. It is expecting more from less, as I know farmers are too.

Tim Mackle, chief executive DairyNZ.



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James Langton is fresh for his latest fight

James Langton's next fight will be on Saturday April 2, at the TSB Stadium in New Plymouth. His will be one of eight fights on the card – 3 professional and 5 corporate. James' opponent will be Isileli Fa, who is a brother of Junior Fa – the last person to beat Joseph Parker in a boxing match. The promoter for the event is Sam Rapira Boxing.

Their fight will be a Heavyweight one. Of Isileli

Fa James said, "He's been in the boxing scene for a while. He's always very tough, as well as being relaxed in the ring. It's never an easy fight (against him)." James thought his opponent was ranked ninth in New Zealand for the Cruiserweight weight division. The two boxers will face off over six rounds.

James feels he's now back on track after feeling "burnt out" at the time of the Monty Betham fight when he lost

this Cruiserweight NZ title. "I'd had seven fights in 13 months – not many professional boxers have had that." He continued, "I'm feeling fresh again. I want that title back, that's for sure."

"I learnt a lot from that fight. – a big learning curve." He says he want to work on being "more relaxed" in the ring and "not so tense."

James has made some changes to his preparation. "I'm not pushing myself so hard and training less often. I've also increased my carbs and now have a lot more energy. He also paid tribute to the coaching input

of Steve Hartley and Colin Smith.

As to the future he's keen to endeavour to reclaim his NZ boxing title. "I'm happy to fight him anywhere." He points out that James has to be his first challenge. He adds, "That's a fight I'm definitely keen on."

As to his world ranking he says, "I want to break into the top 100" and mentions his current ranking is 150.

James hopes lots of Opunake people will be at ringside for the Big Fight Night on Saturday April 2, as their support will be appreciated.



James fit and ready for his next clash.

Season begins for Hawera Hub Shooting

The first shots rang out for the first night of the 2016 shooting season at the Hub rifle range on Wednesday March 16. Early indications of form came from Jason Cameron, who top scored for the night, heading of father Bruce. There were top grouping cards from Jackson Jennings and Sean Michael Bower, who both scored 100s. Probably the most impressive score was

from Christine Starr, who on her first try scored a 89.1 on a full card.

On March 19 competition got underway with the Oaonui Open, and scores will be used for selection for the North Island Teams of Ten to be held on May 14 at Hutt Valley. Although the top seven places are a done deal, there will be a great competition for the final three or four places.

Weekly scores were: Sean 99.5, 195.10, 192.8, Bruce Michael Bower 99gr, 100gr, Cameron 198.14, 195.11, Jackson Jennings 100gr, Jason Cameron 199.11 99.7, 91.3, Mathew Peters 99gr, Frank Eustace 197.12, Sam Gooding 195.6, 79.0, Christine Starr 98gr, 89.1, Hayden Andreoli

Came a Hot Saturday at Oaonui

The first shoot for the Small Bore season (Target Shooting) was shot on March 19 at Oaonui. It was well organised with plenty of top prizes up for grabs. The night was very hot in more ways than one. Roy Herbison from Tauranga had a real battle with Bruce Cameron from Hawera. Not a point separated them over each of the three cards, and both having the same total of 298.22. In a final 20 shot elimination round, Roy kept the pressure on, to win

Master grade by being only down three points over the five cards. Jeanette Kinsey from Wellington won the A grade from Hawera's runner-up Sam Gooding. The B. Grade winner was John Hughes from Palmerston North, from Eltham's Paul Longstaff. C Grades winner was Inglewood's Lou Donalley. A large entry of shooters made up the D. Grade, with the title being keenly sought after. It was won eventually by Clare Bramley from

Eltham, who is only in her second season of the sport. Clare pipped her father, Bob Gooding 292.9, Jeanette Kinsey 294.14, B. Grade: John Hughes 293.13, Robbie McNair 287.10, Paul Longstaff 290.10, Max Kinsey 286.10, Alan Drake 284.10, C. Grade: Alan Fake 271.3, Brian McGregor 274.7, Lou Donalley 277.9, D. Grade, Clare Bramley 278.6, Bob Bramley 274.3, Mathe Peters 263.7, Rico Symes 269.4, Alex Munro 264.4, Jackson Jennings 275.6, Lou Fake 296.17, A Grade: Butler 227.1 Frank Eustace

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Fifty years of athletics at Kaponga

Kaponga Amateur Athletic Club celebrated 50 years of athletics at Victoria Park, Kaponga.

The Sub Committee of seven decorated the Kaponga Rugby Club rooms in the club colours of black and white for the 50th Jubilee Dinner held on Friday March 18.

Committee minutes,

club records, photos, certificates, trophies, along with Kaponga's present and past uniform, including the pattern for the sewing the old uniform were on display.

Club President, Les Symes, welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the Club format and the success of the current members to date.

A total of 59 Past and Present members attended the evening. A buffet meal was enjoyed while five young members, wearing the current uniform, waited on the tables.

Club Patron and Life Member, Peter Eliason spoke of his family's long involvement in the club, including the success of his sisters, Jenny and Karen. A past president, Geoff Harding also spoke of the good old days, followed by an inspirational speech from past member, Natasha Cameron, who spoke mainly to the five young members, urging them to enjoy athletics as it opens doors to all other sports.

The cake, made and iced, by a parent member, Kylie Taylor was cut by four Life Members:- Mike and Helen Cameron, Peter Eliason and an original Life Member, Mrs Jean Christensen.

Left: Caterers and helpers. Front row, Brayden Taylor, Jorja Symes, Madeline Symes. Back row, Ellie Kowalewski, Mary Dettling, Baileigh Collins.



Cutting the Jubilee Cake. Life Members Mike and Helen Cameron, Patron Peter Eliason and Life Member Jean Christensen cutting the Jubilee cake.

Tryathlon has cast of hundreds

Two hundred and fifty competitors from eight primary schools took part in this year's Mount Spa Tryathlon. Based at the Opunake Pools, the event was run by the Opunake Community Baths Society with help from local business, schools, parents and whanau.

The day involved

swimming, cycling and running, beginning with a welcome and safety brief at 10am, before the event started at 10.30. There were boys and girls events for 10 years and younger, and 11 years and older, as well as long course and short course teams events, ending with the prizegiving from 12.30 to 1pm.



Two hundred and fifty children got on their bikes, run and swam at the Mount Spa Tryathlon on Friday 18th March.

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Connecting through the exploration of artistic pathways

On April 1 we have two new exhibitions opening here at Percy Thomson Gallery.

Connections 2016 comprises eight female Taranaki artists who explore the pathways through which their art has taken them, connecting them in a common thread of artistic exploration.

Our second exhibition is Dale Copeland's 18th International Collage Exchange. More than 100 collage artists from around the world send a package of 13 collage artworks to Dale in Puniho, Okato.

Of each of the artist's contribution, one is exhibited and offered for sale, one becomes part of a collection donated to a chosen art institute, while the remainder are sent in mixed packs back to the artists; an exchange between peers – a parcel of surprises.

Connections 2016 artists are Jenny Bielawski, Viv Davy, Juliet Chell, Sue Morton, Antonia O'Mahony, Frances Rookes, Chris Poletti and Dorothy Andrews. Each is on her respective creative journey, working with different mediums to bring exciting works to the community and the art world.

This exhibition will be stimulating and a conversation creator, where views of the world will be questioned, sometimes with a generous twist of humour.

Antonia O'Mahony travelled for many years, then settled in Cork, Ireland,

where she was a member of Cork Printmakers, a professional studio for printmakers.

Since returning to New Zealand with her family she has worked from her home studio in Taranaki.

Antonia describes her work as "investigating the human form and how it relates to and interacts with its environment and activities. Attempting to illustrate a world in which everything is interrelated and connected, I use drawing and printmaking to take the body into distortions, which express this on the physical.

"I am particularly interested in drawing as a contemplative process for the emergence of these forms and the residual marks left as evidence of this, in the printed image."

Inglewood artist Dorothy Andrews says of her work: "I love to draw plants, especially leaves and take pride in every little detail.

"I also enjoy drawing things from my head. Just fragments of things jumbled together to form distant memories of things that perhaps never were, or have long since crumbled away to form new shapes and objects. What these shapes represent to the viewer is determined by their own memories. Everyone interprets them differently

"I am very focused on the environment and our lack of respect for it."

Frances Rookes is interested in visually exploring the many

influences that can develop or alter sense of self and to this intent creates works that provoke thought around these matters.

Frances' re-creation of 'questionably perfect and skeletal forms' make reference to life's experience, self-sufficiency and human resilience.

Huinga artist Sue Morton says that whatever else has been going on in her life, art has always been the 'constant'.

Through a three-year diploma with the Southern Institute of Technology, Sue has discovered the wonders of digital photography and Photoshop.

"Above all, I enjoy the challenge of creating something new. Who knows where this road will take me?"

Her latest series, 'Remnants of a Slice of Heaven,' was born through a fascination with a local garage left desolate with remnants of the previous tenant's life there.

Opunake artist Viv Davy works with various fibre media, ranging from silk to wire. Her current body of work, 'Sequential,' is an exploration of repetition and the building of layers of content.

"Creating works that change as the angle of view moves, challenge quick initial perceptions, and invite the viewer to linger and engage more deeply."

Making art is joyous for new Plymouth's Jenny Bielawski.

"The ideas come into my brain in their raw form, and I develop them onto paper, canvas or into structures often made with fibre or fabric, or anything else that might take my fancy.

"Half the fun is choosing what medium to develop an idea. Sometimes the idea comes from the medium, other times the medium is adapted to the idea. It is intriguing to be able to find so many interesting materials and change their form into a 'work of art'."

About 10 years ago Chris Poletti began taking

photographs as a hobby, and discovered a passion for it. Her professional career in graphic design helped with composing an image before pressing the button.

The love of countryside has always been a key factor in the choice of subject matter for her photographs.

"The feeling of space is important to me, especially now that I live in New Plymouth, and those rural views can no longer be taken for granted," she said.

"The atmosphere and light in these images add another dimension to the landscape

photographs that is at times serene, and at other times mysterious."

Juliet Chell was born in Whanganui but she grew up on a farm east of Stratford, Huiakama. Juliet is a multi-disciplinary artist, working across sculpture, drawing, painting and printmaking. Her work is informed by cultural and social issues, including information technology and the influence it has on our lives.

You are welcome to attend the opening/preview of these two exhibitions on Friday April 1 at 7pm.

Rhonda Bunyan.



Collage by Kaliya Crowe of USA. Part of Dale Copeland's International Collage Exchange opening at Percy Thomson Gallery on April 1.



Ticket holders will be fortunate to see this stunning home in its entirety, as the entire house and workshop will be open.

Kitchens for a cause

The kitchen is often thought of the “hub” or “command central” of a home. It is the room where meals are created, days are discussed and time can be spent entertaining family and friends. It is the heart of the home.

On Saturday April 2 from 9-4, the Opunake Lakeside Lions have nine stunning kitchens open to the public as a fundraiser. The kitchens have been designed in

different styles, and each is suited to the owners’ particular requirements and way of life. From kitchens to accommodate empty nesters, to ones that support busy family life, through to kitchens with entertaining in mind. There are kitchens on display that have entertaining in mind, one with an outdoor cooking, kitchens that are open plan with indoor/outdoor flow. One of the home owners

has opened their entire new house complete with their workshop open as well. That will certainly appeal to the men.

The nine kitchens will have something for everyone. Along with inspiration and ideas to take away and implement in your home, there is also the tradies contacts and information to collect from the home. So, if you’re planning a new build or renovation, you can

get the experts onto it right away.

The locations of the kitchens will be printed on your ticket and you can get around the locations at your own pace.

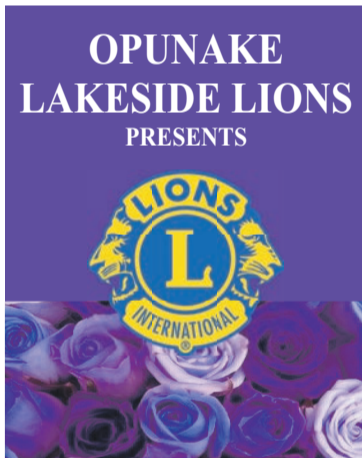
Ticket holders to the event will receive free entry to the Craft Market at the Opunake Town Hall and a free hot drink. This Market is a fantastic opportunity to be organised and buy a gift

for Mothers Day coming up in May.

Better yet, buy a ticket for Mum to the Kitchen Safari. There is a wide variety of stalls at the Market and there will be muffins, slices and the famous Coastal Cupcakes on sale. The Craft Market is open to the public from 9am for \$2 entry.

Check out the event on Facebook page- Kitchen Safari and Craft Market. Be

sure to like and share the page and go into the draw to win a free ticket to the event. Tickets can be purchased at Custom Construction New Plymouth, Cleaver and Moore Hairdressing, New Plymouth, Drakes Furnishers Inglewood, Stratford Colourplus, Peta M Gifts, Hawera , and Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Opunake.



Artists Meet Up at The Village Gallery

March 20 saw the Village Gallery in Eltham buzzing with visitors as 40 Taranaki Artists celebrated their exhibition opening as the Artist Meet Up Group.

The group meets informally every 4-6 weeks in various locations to socialise, share ideas and collaborate. In this display each artist has submitted one piece of work and the art forms are varied.

The exhibition runs from March 15 to April 8, and is open daily except Sundays, 10am -3pm. A visit on a Saturday is recommended if you want to meet some of the artists. This is to be an ‘artist in residence’ day.

Maree Liddington



View of the exhibition showing in the foreground sculptures by Oriah Rapley, ‘Feather’, Kauri and Taranaki Andesite; Claire Sadler, ‘Recline’, Rhododendron on Stainless Steel arc; Steve Molloy , ‘Beacon’, Steel. On the walls behind from left: Barbara Clegg, Hinenui to Po, Acrylic on canvas; Brenda Cash, ‘Retro 5’, Mixed Media; Dale Copeland, ‘Noddy’s farewell’, assemblage of found objects; Paul Hutchinson, ‘Still Life with my Own Front Teeth’

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Please RSVP before the 7th April to opunakekindy@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 761 7440

Countdown to naming Taranaki's Rose of Tralee



Claire Richardson



Nicole Murray



Briana Matthews



Emily Shirtcliffe

This year's Taranaki Rose of Tralee kicks off at 11am on Easter Monday March 28 with a Meet and Greet and Rose interviews at the Furlong Motor Inn Restaurant in Hawera, followed by the races. The 2016 Taranaki Rose winner will be announced at the final on Saturday April 2 at the Plymouth Hotel in New Plymouth. Tickets are available at the hotel reception, and all are welcome to attend. There will be live band, Campbell Jive, a performance by the Taranaki Irish dancers, and a three course dinner. Anyone wishing to be a sponsor for this event can contact the organiser Louise Buhler 06)274 8494. Sponsors adverts and logos will be displayed in the programme and on the projector screen at the final.

This year's contestants are:
 Briana Matthews(23). Teacher at Francis Douglas Memorial College New Plymouth. Studied Victoria university. Bachelor of Architectural Studies majoring in Interior Architecture. Graduate Diploma of Teaching(Secondary). Parents Amanda and Charlie

Matthews(Kaponga).
 Claire Richardson.(24). Medical student Otago University. Parents Kevin and Marian Richardson. Emily Shirtcliffe(24).

Pharmacist at Robertson's Pharmacy, Hawera. Parents Patria and Peter Shirtcliffe. Nicole Murray(25). Agri manager Ravensdown in Wanganui. Parents Alan and Roberta Murray(Matapu).

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Taranaki Pirates?

A curious little story emerges from the early years of the Nga Motu trading station (New Plymouth). After the migration Tama te Uaua had basically evacuated nearly all the residents of the North Taranaki coast, a schooner – the Ann – called at Nga Motu in December 1833. They recorded that

there were only a 'handful' of inhabitants living there still. One was Mr Grundy, a European seaman. He told the skipper of the Ann that the remains of three "South Seas Pirates" had been found on Mikotahi Island. So the question that immediately comes to mind is just who were these

'pirates' and why would an experienced seaman describe the remains not merely as seamen but as "South Seas Pirates"? Presumably there was something about their clothing, artifacts, weapons maybe, or skeletons that made him believe they were neither Maori skeletons – which were commonly

interred in hidden spots on the islands – nor seamen's remains. We must assume he had a god reason for this identification. Maybe they were disgruntled sailors who had jumped ship and were hiding out on Mikotahi Island waiting for another ship to arrive. But that doesn't explain the description 'pirate,' or indeed why no attempt at contact had been made with local people. Could they have been shipwrecked and washed ashore? But as ordinary seamen there's no record of who they could be, or where they might have come from. And how did they meet their end? Presumably if the locals – at this point there were very few of them – had been involved in any such incident, Mr Grundy would almost certainly have heard of it. With so much time passing, it is unlikely we will ever find answers to these questions and it will just have to remain one of Taranaki's little mysteries.

Nigel Ogle
 Tawhiti Museum

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This two-storey house was built by the current owner in the 1980s with attractive lines and low maintenance in mind – the house is clad in Hardiplank and has aluminium joinery. It is set in a modest sized very tidy garden of 512 m2 (about an eighth of an acre). It has a veranda at the front and a semi-covered deck on the seaward side. There is even a veranda on the north side of the house.

Once inside one is struck by how well lit it is with its expansive windows. The house is carpeted throughout, which supports its warm feeling - coupled with its comprehensive insulation of



Calling for tenders on this property on 22a Fox Street.

the ceiling and floors. Gas heating keeps the interior cosy.

An attractive feature of the house is the exposed beams in various places including the spacious lounge and bedrooms upstairs.

For larger families here a bonus – two bathrooms - both tastefully appointed.

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The internal car garage can be readily accessed by press of the Merline Powerlift button, thus allowing the garage door to open automatically.

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Opunake Lions event keeps on giving

The Opunake Mountain to Sea cross-country Mountain bike ride will take adventurers on a 40km ride across gentle but challenging scenic farmland this weekend on Monday March 28.

Registration is from 9.30 am at Upper Arawhata Road Opunake.

This Opunake Lions Club fundraiser event is popular with both experienced competitive riders and family groups

It is a chance to travel ground not otherwise open to the public.

Every year any profits from the event go to that year's chosen charity. This year it will go to the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade

In past years these has included Opunake's St John ambulance and The Cottage Rest Home.

Courtesy vehicles will be available to take competitors back to their cars.

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Last Paradise screening at Everybodys

The Taranaki produced film Last Paradise packed out 60 cinemas in its recent Australian tour and audiences were stunned by Taranaki on the big screen in this 45 year story of how New Zealand became the world capital of adventure.

The film has won six major international awards and enjoyed special praise by international screewriter legends including Tim Winton and Ben Elton. As an interlude in the international tour, film maker Clive Neeson is in Taranaki to present a special screening of the film in Opunake to inspire us on adventure and the ultimate lifestyle. Last Paradise is the 45 year quest for adrenalin in stunning original footage and was created with Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings team. This

film is hugely inspirational for all the family and makes you proud to live here, so bring along some friends and discover Taranaki on the world stage. Showing 7pm Friday April 15 Everybodys Theatre, with supper, and a chance to talk to the director. Tickets are \$15, and available from Maree Drought or Debbie Campbell.

Last Paradise" has been dubbed "the greatest story of adrenaline and innovation," - how a bunch of young adventurers met in the wilderness and pushed the limits of innovation to pioneer the modern concept of extreme sports and adventure travel. For physicist/film maker Clive Neeson the film has literally been a lifetime in the making, and that journey provides an insight to how

we can chase our dreams and achieve anything. The message is all concealed in the fun of adventure, and 45 years of jawdropping original footage..

The film's characters include the original extreme sports pioneers like AJ Hackett and Al Byrne who take us on the journey of a lifetime to discover virgin paradise in Australia, Bali, Mexico, Europe, New Zealand and Africa during the 60's and 70's. They leave us with a revelation on the amazing change in 45 years, and what lies in our future. The 45 years of golden unseen footage was restored by Peter Jackson's team who discovered it during the making of "Lord of the Rings," and declared it as "the best footage we have seen". Music legends like

Cat Stevens personally came on board to provide a classic soundtrack for the film.

The film tour was launched in Australia by celebrity writer Tim Winton who recognised the power of the film for awakening us to the beauty of the wilderness. This was echoed by the cinema audiences themselves calling for "every Australian to see this film."

Audiences of all ages are inspired on what is possible through the study of science, the spirit of adventure' and the will to manifest our own life's dreams.

The film has won a string of international awards including Most Popular Film at the New Zealand Film Festival, Best of Banff in Canada, and The Ambassador of Green Award at XDance.



Everybody's Theatre BOUTIQUE NIGHT 3 April


HAIL CAESAR!

Boutique \$25 includes wine/beer and tasty treats. Bookings Essential to ensure you are accommodated for. **Comedy, 106min, PG 13, Coarse Language.**

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6 Apr How to be Single 1 pm 10 Cloverfield Lane 7pm	8 April Hail, Caesar! 7 pm	9 Apr 10 Cloverfield Lane 1 pm How to be Single 7 pm	10 Apr Brooklyn 7pm

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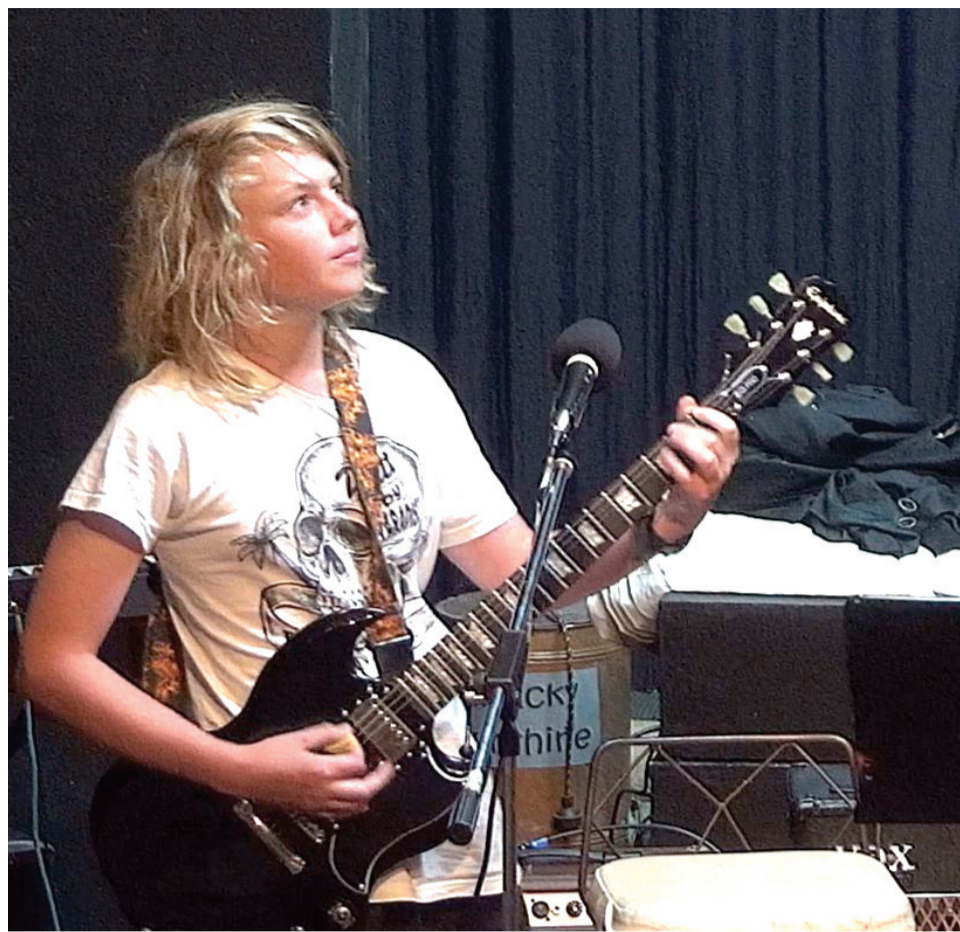
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Sam the guitar man wows the audience

On Tuesday March 15, Music Development Workshops continued at Opunake Lakeside Playhouse Theatre with Sam McNeil on electric guitar.

The first time Sam attended these evenings he appeared to be a quiet and reserved 13 year-old. When asked to perform, he said, "no, I just want to watch." With a little bit of coaxing from Russell Wicks (singer/guitarist), and his devoted supporter Grandad Peter McNeil, that night they took his guitar and amplifier hidden in the car and set it up on stage. With some encouragement, he eventually got up and performed. When he finished, I observed the amazement on his face due to the positive response (big applause) he received from other fellow artists listening to his guitar playing. Going from strength to strength, and overcoming his nerves, he has not missed a session since. Now, four months down the track, he looks forward to playing on stage. His confidence level has grown, and now he is even announcing his own songs on the microphone. It is truly great to witness this kind of growth in confidence and ability. If he keeps this



Sam McNeil.

up, what will he be like in a year's time?

"Go Sam go, see how far we can develop your show," Ashley Pedersen from Colour Conversions announced during the evening.

The event has moved from

Opunake Playhouse, due to the Players setting up the stage for the next play. The new venue is at the Catholic Church along Whitcombe Road Opunake near the Pony Club.

All artists willing to

perform, and work toward future live concerts are welcome to join us at the next meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday March 29 at the Catholic Church lounge, Whitcombe Rd, Opunake.

Anne Montgomery

TARANAKI EXPLOSION BOXING FIGHT NIGHT

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Taranaki boxing set to explode

Next week's Taranaki Explosion Fight Night on Saturday April 2 at the TSB stadium is set to be a full action affair. Sam "the Terror" Rapira will fight Samoan light heavy-weight champion Togas-ili-mai Letoa to boost his international ranking at the Fowler Homes sponsored event, while Coastal's James "Batman" Langton is fighting Auckland based Isileli Fa at a heavyweight catch weight. According to Rapira, the event boasts their most explosive card ever, and will feature plenty of boxing action. "Our shows are the biggest regional boxing events in the country, and we are proud to deliver this level of event to our local supporters as we

want to reward people with a great night of boxing." "All of the boxers on the card are talented and aggressive boxers, and with two Coastal Taranaki locals on the card people should expect plenty of action" he added. The boxing show will involve an eight fight card with three professional fights and five corporate match-ups with Rapira as the main event, and Langton as the main undercard. "James is extremely motivated to put on a strong showing as he looks to extend his winning record, and we are really happy we have a heavyweight fight on the card as well with Junior Fa boxing Clint Foai. "Junior is a really excit-

ing prospect as he is an exceptionally skilled boxer for such a big man, and he was the last boxer to actually best Joseph Parker in the amateurs," he said. Rapira said the corporate fighters have been fantastic, and are training hard, so there will be great match ups and people are going to love this show. The Rugby vs League fight will see ex-Taranaki and Hurricane Bryce Robins taking on Taranaki Shark and Coastal Cobras Levi McPhee. In a Police vs Fireman bout, local Detective Brad Pollock is boxing local fireman Blake Marston. The 'Battle of the Beauties' has Kendra Ludeke up against local Pilates instructor Lisa O'Neil. There is also local engineer Joe Emans vs personal trainer Kurt Lightfoot, and the final corporate matchup will see basketballer Ritchie Matheson vs national mountain biker Ryan Cox. Corporate tables are available for companies and individuals who want to make a fun night of it, and could be booked by contacting Jess Rapira on 0211008102. Ticket prices start from \$30 for adults, \$15 for students and just \$75 for a family of four, and are on sale at the TSB Showplace or via Ticketmaster.



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