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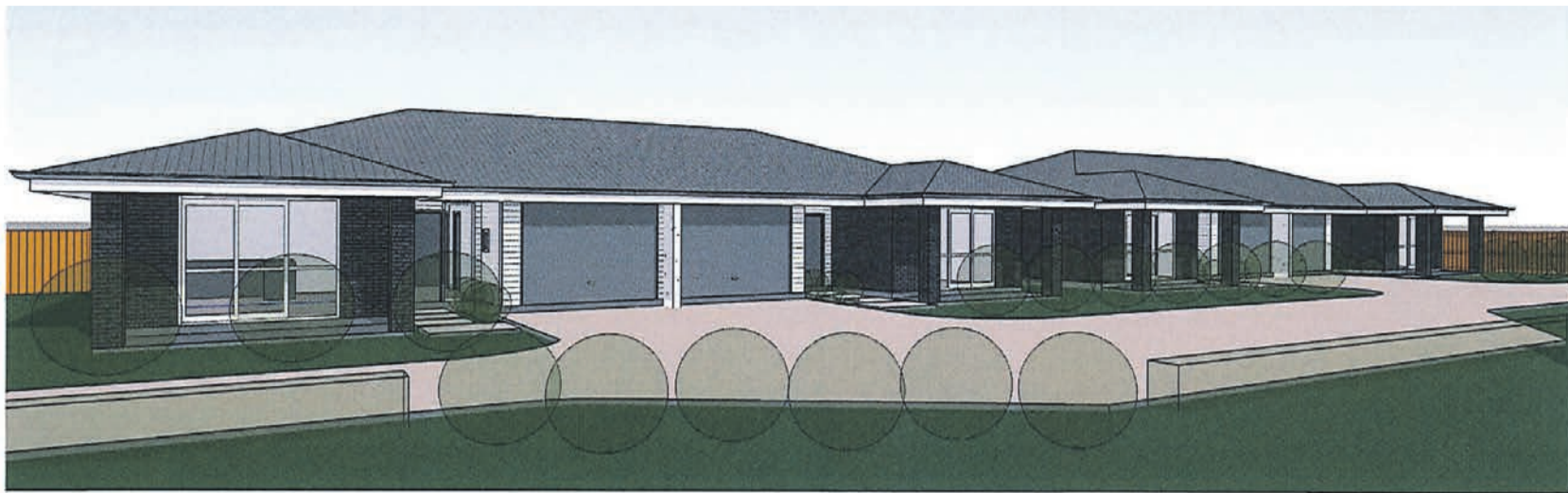
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The independent units planned for Opunake's Cottage Rest Home.

Ardern Peters Architects

Future plans for rest home - if the community want it

A home away from home is what Opunake's Cottage Rest Home aims to be.

And now there are plans to expand the facility if that is what the community want.

The wider community is to be consulted in a survey which will appear in the next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News.

"We need to let people know, find out what they want," says Cottage Rest Home Trust member Lynda Corkill.

"We'd hate to think there's people out there missing out," adds fellow Trust member Alistair Cook.

They also want to educate people about the facility.

The Opunake Cottage Rest Home has always been very much part of the community and, as far as aged care is concerned, "We would like to know what the community wants," says Sandra Deegan, manager of the Cottage Rest home.

The trust has recently had an architect draw up plans to build in the grounds

four semi-independent one bedroom units with kitchen facilities and also four two bedroom independent units all of which would be available for tenancy.

Says Alistair who has elderly parents, the independent units could be ideal for say, "A married couple who want to stay living in Opunake but are finding their house and section is too big and they don't want to leave the district they've been brought up in and leave friends, whanau and lose contact with organisations they belong to."

Situated in Opunake overlooking Opunake Beach and near Opunake's picturesque lake and walkway, their vision is also to extend the Opunake Cottage Rest home facility to include hospital level care, says Sandra. They are already semi equipped for hospital care. But to be fully compliant there needs to be a few structural changes to the existing building. Doorways

need to be wider and the rest home would have to be staffed by a registered nurse 24 hours a day.

But these new developments are dependent on what the community want and will support.

"We need community support to make this vision happen," says Sandra.

A registered nurse, Sandra says there are still a lot of people unsure about rest homes and what the criteria is to enter one.

She explains anyone can come in as a private resident. Or you can be assessed and receive a subsidy.

"Private residents pay the

same amount as what the rest home receives from the District Health Board for those who are funded. Private and funded clients get the same level of care."

If people aren't sure whether they meet the criteria for being funded they can discuss it with Sandra adding that their medical needs also play a big part.

"If they don't feel they're coping or their relatives don't think they're coping they can be needs assessed."

Sometimes people will come in for a brief stay and Sandra will get the process of being assessed underway.

"They may also qualify

for respite care. If they are needs assessed and found to be at rest home level of care the government will pay for them to be in the rest home." They are entitled to 28 days respite care a year. This can give home carers a needed break if they are looking after elderly people.

The Opunake Cottage Rest Home is run by a stand alone charitable not for profit trust and is not a commercial enterprise as are many of the larger rest homes.

The advantage of a small rest home is "more personalised care," says Sandra.

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Getting youth involved in sport

It was really great to see that, for the first time, thanks to the generous sponsorship from the Pub Charity that the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club was able to take a youth or junior surf team to the recent Ocean 2019 Junior Surf Lifesaving competition where they had a chance to compete against other junior surf juniors from the other surf clubs.

Now, I'd like to make a suggestion to the Opunake Surf Club, if it's possible to find out how many juniors or youths are not playing sport at all either in the summer or the winter. Maybe a film evening or even in the daytime all about surf life saving, plus invite their parents along also, also to show them what they have learnt themselves and maybe have a bite to eat etc for those who attend as one could be surprised how many might turn up.

Today I believe all sporting codes, whether it's in the summer or winter, must entice our youth to do and be involved in some sporting activity instead of sitting at home in front of TV, computers or ipads, as it would teach them discipline, able to communicate with children their own age and keep them fit and healthy.

*Tom Stephens,
 New Plymouth*

Cannabis should be legalised

Just a note to express my opinion about cannabis legalization.

It really is a no brainer. Firstly, nobody ever overdoses from smoking cannabis.

Secondly, nobody beats the shit out of their partner or kids while being stoned (family violence down a lot).

Thirdly, nobody loses their teeth.

Fourthly, it's not addictive.

Fifthly, make it affordable, so the people who use "P" will stop using "P" and synthetics, and that would hurt the gangs financially

So make it legal and New Zealand's family violence problem will go down. Cannabis is natural and made by mother nature and not man so that is always good.

Just last night that parliament person whose brother killed that girl in Wangunui has a "P" problem so there you go, perfect example. Also, the parents and grandmother who killed their boy because they were too busy smoking synthetic cannabis and not even getting punished for the crime. Cannabis won't make them any less stupid as some people would argue.

Hopefully this letter doesn't fall on deaf ears.

Richie
 Points 1-to 3 are what



happens when people smoke "P."

*Tom Stephens,
 New Plymouth*

Fire safety seminars

We now see that the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade not only has a new Chief and Deputy Fire Officer, but they're now back ready for action as it was in 2018 when they attended 80 call outs.

What I'd like to suggest to them that, just maybe even preventing fires, not only in their homes and vehicles, but maybe visit some farms by spending a little while showing them how they can prevent unwanted fires like when burning hedges and rubbish and over their properties, even their homes also.

Maybe these free seminars could be held in a hall or even at their fire station. I sometimes hear that some fires are unwillingly started by people who are under the influence of alcohol and drugs, especially at barbecue times being at the hotel when coming home or just having a get together in their homes.

Maybe go to the Cottage Rest Home and give all their staff members some fire drill training on what to do and what not to do, as it could save the entire rest home.

I wish the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade the very best and hopefully there's no fires to be attended

Having a healthy province

Glen Bennett in his article, A Roadmap for a healthy sustainable future (Opunake and Coastal News May 9) is correct in every sense of the word.

What we must not do is to overcrowd our province of Taranaki with too much housing like we see is what's happening in Auckland, which has literally choked itself to death and now has no environmental breathing space to be able to have a good environment stability which we have here in our province, and must have.

Here in our province, there's been a great continuance of environmental work going on, so we don't really want to ruin this good work, as we must let our province breathe, without being choked up like Auckland is.

Keeping our province's environment clean and fresh is extremely essential and important, not only now, but in the future, so I believe here in Taranaki we are extremely lucky to have people who are willing to work towards having a clean and healthy province.

*Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth*

ADELPHOS

If I was God I wouldn't use the cross as a sadistic instrument of Roman torture to win friends and influence people. I remember a joke about a violent ten-year-old boy who was expelled from three schools and a borstal for all kinds of offences. The parent's last resort was to send him to a Catholic school hoping that a Christian example could somehow change him. After 3 weeks, not a smidgen of misbehavior emerged. The perplexed principal called the boy to his office and asked him why he was now a model student. The boy quickly answered, "I saw that guy hanging on the cross in the school lobby and decided I better behave myself!"

The cross tells the world that we are all born as sinners (Romans 3:23) and need to be saved by accepting Jesus' lordship, forgiveness and righteousness through the willing self-sacrifice of His life. He paid the price of sin

The Cross - Really, Yeah Nah, Yeah?

for everyone who accepts Him as Saviour and Lord. But if we "choose" not to, we will be sadly separated from God for eternity. That's not God's will for anyone. Hell's Pizza won't be granted a permit to deliver to booze parties in that lonely place of hopelessness.

Jesus claimed to be the one final priestly sacrifice on the cross for those who "choose" to accept his awesome miracles and hundreds of fulfilled promises as the Messiah. He has fulfilled every promise thus far and is incapable of breaking any—especially that He will come again in a faithless generation (Luke 18:8), not as a sacrificial lamb, but as a roaring lion.

But be well advised in your decision. Jesus tells prospective disciples to not focus on their own comfort spaces and luxuries, but to take up their cross daily, deny themselves and worship and follow Him—the resurrected living Lord of all creation. You might

think twice about that.

"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." (1 Corinthians 1:18-19). The crucified Christ on the cross is a conundrum and stumbling block to many people—especially to sincere and devout Jews and Muslims who also recognise Abraham as a founding prophet, but reject Jesus as Messiah.

It is truly a mystery of love how God Himself could come in the human form of His Son to die on a bloody cross, be resurrected and then send His Holy Spirit to lead His people in worship now and in the coming new heaven and earth. Perhaps God's sacrificial actions of love within the Trinity are best explained by another candid ten-year-old lad when he said, "Three in one and one in three and the one

in the middle died for me!"

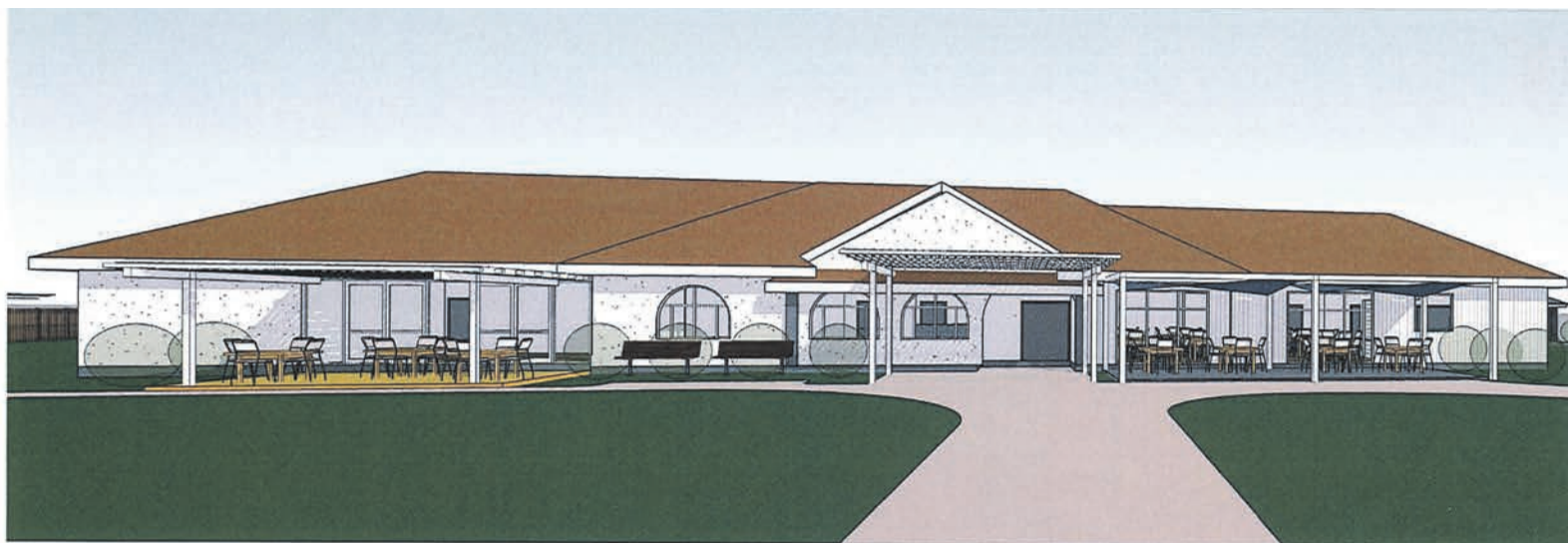
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PS. Remember to support and worship at all the little coastal churches and other churches in the readership of this paper.

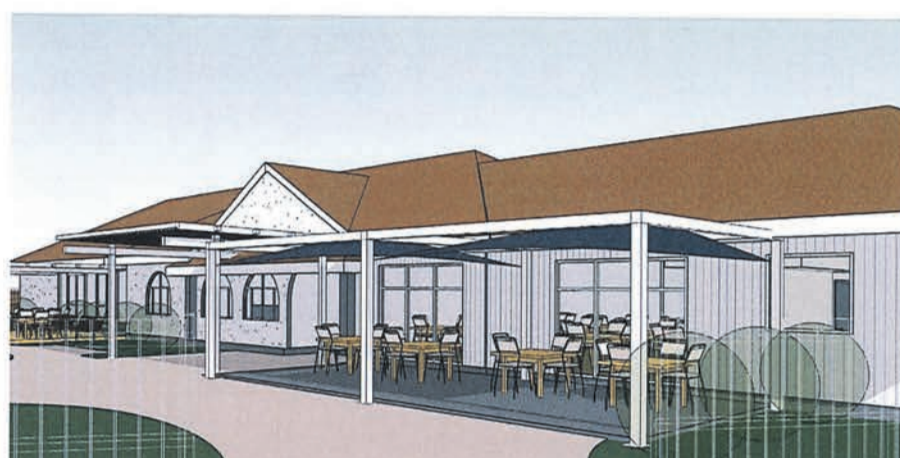
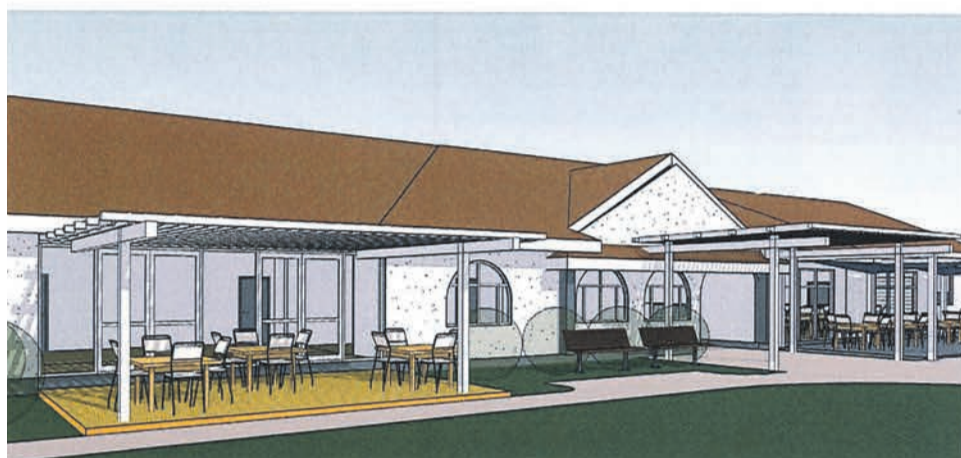
Who wants to accept that, All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)? Some people see the beauty in an ugly frog others are repulsed to eat French frog legs as a restaurant starter.

The cross examines the dark places in our hearts.

Have you ever wondered why some salespeople are extraordinarily good at their jobs? It seems like some of them could sell a couple of freezers to an Eskimo or peddle coals in Newcastle. Some may be perfectly honest, but others could be a bit dodgy. Some use the soft sell, others the hard sell and then a few others are just crooked. And other salespersons simply fail at the job.



North Elevation (A3)



Plans for developing Opunake's Cottage Rest Home.

Future plans for rest home if community want it

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The Cottage Rest Home has always had strong community connections, which means the residents continue to feel part of the community. Often the residents and their relatives are known by the friendly staff. Alistair cites a recent conversation with one resident who told him: "I went to school with your dad." It's also easier for the relatives and friends to visit. "They stay in touch with their community, their church, organisations they belong to like the Friendship Club," says Alistair. "There's not the trauma where you're leaving your own home where you've lived for 70 years." The Opunake Cottage Rest Home also has lots of volunteers coming in and visitors.

They even have a regular Kindy kids day when preschool children visit. One of the problems in bigger institutions like bigger rest homes is boredom, a lack of activities, and things to do. Not so at Opunake's Cottage Rest Home. Residents are encouraged to help in the gardens if they want to. "One has her own shade house and grows vegetables for the facility," says Sandra. They also have lots of outings, to the local picture theatre and the local theatre which has regular plays. They also visit and take part in challenges with other rest homes. They also involve the residents in the running of the rest home, says Sandra. "There's a resident's meeting every month," in which residents are asked

what activities they would like to do. The residents were asked recently if they would like a cooked breakfast on Saturday and they have now introduced cooked breakfasts. Another nice touch is the home cooked meals, "starting from scratch" says Sandra. The Cottage rest home also cooks the local (popular) Meals on Wheels. "We cook and the Lions deliver them," says Sandra. Visitors are always welcome and are invited for meals. They're also welcome to go on the outings. Some elderly members of the community also join the outings, says Sandra. The rest home also offers a day service so people can come in for the day and have lunch and participate in activities along with outings. Some elderly people also just come in for meals.

"The van's getting choc to go to Eltham," says Sandra as an aside to trust members. They're taking part in a petanque tournament. Sandra recalls a while back there was a power cut and they went round and collected people and brought them back for a hot meal. They also have a resident cat and are animal friendly. (the writer remembers once an elephant from a visiting private circus brought to the rest home for the residents to see). Residents are very much part of the community. (One

long term resident comes down fortnightly as soon as the Opunake & Coastal News is out to pick up a dozen Opunake & Coastal News for the residents). Sandra says they hope their home away from home will continue to appeal to people in their senior years. They get enquires from Hawera, New Plymouth, Otakeho, Pungarehu, Okato. "Part of the reason we want to put out a survey is so that people can have their opinion," says Alistair. "We want to provide for the local community

as much as we can." As well as the survey which will also be emailed to some people there will be a brochure mail drop in some areas. Lynda Corkill who was so instrumental in raising funds its new healthcare facility Coastal Care, is clearly keen to help develop another great community asset. All they want to know is what do the community want. So look out for the survey in the next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News. And make sure you fill it out. It could be your future.

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Restoring Eltham



MAREE LIDDINGTON

Where do we want to see Eltham township in 20 years time? What will the town look like then?

The earthquake strengthening policy has raised these questions already with building owners and businesses alike. Now we are being challenged to think of the broader picture for our communities. Some of us have a 'dream' vision of what we would like our town or community to be like in the future. But can those 'dreams' become reality? Are they even practical?

This week, the South Taranaki District Council is undertaking a consultation process with the small towns in South Taranaki. Public meetings and workshops are being held in Opunake, Eltham, Manaia, Patea and

Waverley.

Independent consultants and town planners will draw up suggested plans for the future of these towns. Then the public will have a chance to give their feedback when these are released.

Interesting times are ahead for our small towns.

This year is proving to be very busy on the Community Development front, especially in Eltham. At last we have some action on the landscaping of our new Bridger Park entrance. A community working bee did an initial tidy up in the main park in early autumn. We are now following up with further ideas for the enhancement of this park so it can be better utilised in the future.

It is great to have a new volunteer group taking on the restoration of Soldiers Park, also. Wilding pines and eucalypts have almost been cleared to make way for a replanting programme this winter.

The group called, 'Restore Eltham' has working bees every second Sunday morning. They have planted around 200 donated flax bushes in what is going to be a wetland area. In the future the area will be home to native wildlife and provide an outdoor classroom for Eltham Primary School.

Still in Soldiers Park, the bridge has been removed between the school and the Eltham Baths due to safety concerns. While a slip in the stream has been stabilised, a walkway travelling from



View of Soldiers Park, showing wetland planted with flaxes.

High Street along the east side of Mangawharawhara stream to Conway Road is being investigated by Council. It would be a great connecting route between the two roads and also an interesting historical walk. I can see this being a very popular path in the future. Here's hoping it gets underway in the next year.

It is great to see these projects on the move - I see exciting times ahead for Soldiers Park and Bridger Park. They are both areas of

great potential for recreation and relaxation.

Maree Liddington
Eltham Community Board

Did you know it is 100 years since the land that encompasses Soldiers Park was acquired by C A Wilkinson and Walter Carncross? In those days the land on the east side of Mangawharawhara Stream was quite desolate, so it was planted in Eucalyptus.

'It is hoped that when the gums are felled, more gums will be planted to keep Soldiers Park to its present aspect of green-leafed loveliness' Eltham Argus 1932.

Two years ago the last of the big gums were felled, as they became too big and dangerous. They won't be replaced by gums to create that green leafed loveliness so sought after, but this time the planting will be low maintenance native trees.

Mayor supports random roadside testing

South Taranaki District Mayor Ross Dunlop is urging the Government to take immediate action on the introduction of random roadside drug testing.

Mayor Dunlop made the call for action after reading the coroner's report into the horrific Waverley crash which killed seven people last June.

"This tragedy had a huge effect on the families involved and on the wider community. It's extremely disturbing to find out that the driver who caused the tragic deaths at Waverley was

high on drugs," says Mayor Dunlop.

"The fact that we have people driving at speed through our community, high on drugs, is frightening. Innocent people's lives are being lost, but the present rules in New Zealand are completely inadequate and I encourage the Government to move more quickly on this," he says.

"Other countries, including Australia, already have random roadside testing in place and we need to introduce it here in New

Zealand if we want to get serious about reducing our road toll. In 2017 there were 79 fatal crashes resulting from drugged drivers, a number that exceeded those caused by alcohol. We know it's a serious problem and our community has been severely affected by this, so

let's see some action."

There is currently a petition requesting the Government to urgently pass legislation to introduce random roadside drug testing to reduce the escalating road toll from drugged drivers which Mayor Dunlop encourages people to support.

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Student on a summit with the Prime minister

Among those grilling the prime minister at the Just Transition Summit in New Plymouth was Opunake High School student Josh Barratt. Josh was part of a youth panel asking the prime minister questions on the first day of the summit held on May 9-10.

Each of the four panellists was told to come with two questions for the 20 minute discussion, and how many of these got answered would depend on how things went in the allotted time.

Josh did get to ask the first of his questions which dealt with how the Prime minister saw the future of oil and gas, green energy and the influx of jobs to the regions resulting from any of these changes.

"I was up on the panel, two or three metres away from her," he recalls. "Jacinda answered my question as well as all of the others very well. There was no side dodging or anything like that."

"It's not every day you can go up to the prime minister and say I've got a question." The subject matter of that question is something Josh has a strong interest in.

"The environment is a passion of mine. I take it to heart, and it's very important to me," he says. "I'm also



From left. Ethan Sheaf-Morrison of New Plymouth Boys' High School, India Logan-Riley from Te Ara Whatu, Nikita Taiapa of New Plymouth Girls' High School, and Josh Barratt of Opunake High School.

interested in science and how things work."

"I believe in the future something does need to change, and with the Zero Emissions Bill, something

is going to change. In the future there will be no point in not making it greener. The more we focus on oil and gas, the less sustainable we will become."

Two months ago Josh had been one of the students taking part in the Taranaki 2050 Workshop and from there he had been asked to be on the panel at the Just Transition Summit.

Venture Taranaki general manager transitional economy Natalie Wiseman said youth had been a strong and important voice in the

development of the Taranaki 2050 draft Roadmap.

"Recognising that the youth of today will become the leaders of tomorrow we sought to actively engage the region's younger people through a focused youth workshop and a creative challenge that enabled interaction and ideas across a range of formats."

"The responses were

wonderfully diverse and creative and have shown that the challenges of our transition to a low-emissions economy are understood and top of mind in our younger generations."

"The opportunity for local students to share the stage with the Prime Minister underscores the important role Taranaki can play in New Zealand's transition, and that our draft Roadmap is in many ways paving the way for other regions" Natalie said.

Josh was invited to attend the second day of the Summit but was unable to do so. He says there were a number of interesting speakers from the United Kingdom, Australia and Germany who spoke about how green energy had been applied in their countries. One speaker spoke about the experience of a mining area in Germany where workers in that industry had been diverted into jobs that were more environmentally friendly.

Josh says he was surprised at some of the negative reaction to the ideas film director James Cameron had put forward at the Summit.

Some have criticised the Summit, arguing that it didn't address areas that need to be addressed, but Josh believes it had been a valuable experience.

"I believe the Just Transition Summit will be the first of many to come, and can only improve and develop from that," he says.



Quizzing the PM.

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Drink driving disappoints

Last Saturday morning the Opunake brigade held a working bee to complete the finishing work on the new kitchen extension. It was really great to see such a good turnout of members. Like us all, nowadays, our spare time has become a very precious commodity so a special thanks goes to

those who managed to find the time to attend. While on the subject of spare time the Opunake Brigade wish to thank the person (who has requested not to be named) that mows the lawns around the station. He does this in his own time free of charge. We really do appreciate the fantastic work you do.

Thank you so very much. The members of the brigade are really disappointed to note that at the last three motor vehicle accidents they have attended alcohol appears to have been a factor in these events. We can't help but wonder why the Drink Drive messages are not getting through to people.

The brigade has attended two incidents since our last article, including providing lifting assistance for our local Ambulance crew on Monday May 13. The other incident occurred early on Monday morning May 20 on Oeo Road where a car had rolled requiring the Opunake Brigade with the assistance

of the Manaia Brigade to attend, and using hydraulic cutting equipment to extricate a person from the vehicle. The patient was then handed to the Ambulance crews for treatment.

In previous articles I have mentioned smoke alarms. We have had a good response to these articles which has included the brigade being referred on to elderly friends or neighbours that may not have working smoke alarms in their house. If you know of anyone please don't hesitate to contact our Chief Fire Officer Craig Dingle on 027 444 6148.

The Opunake Brigade is still Winter is yet to really set in,

in need of more members. Again if you know anyone that you think may be interested please have them contact Craig or call down to the Station on a Monday night.

The Rahotu Brigade is in a similar position to the Opunake Brigade and they too are in desperate need of members. Paul Mundt is the contact person on 027 255 2201.

The Rahotu Brigade is also about to embark on a smoke alarm project in the Rahotu Community. If you are in need of a smoke alarm or need your alarm checked please contact Paul.

so before it does, it's a good time to think about having your chimney checked / cleaned. Fire and Emergency New Zealand recommend that your chimney should be cleaned at least once a year. Now is a good time to have this done.

I will be away on holiday so will be unable to contribute to the next edition of the Opunake and Coastal News. Fear not, Chief Craig Dingle will keep you up to date with the brigades activities in my absence.

Until I return take care out there everyone.

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Altrusa treat Magic Mums



Magic Mums and Hawera Altrusa committee members at Lake Rotokare.

At the beginning of April, Hawera Altrusa treated six Magic Mums to a day of pampering. After arriving at Tairoa Lodge on Friday evening and enjoying a peaceful night's sleep, which for most was a

distant memory) Saturday began with a mystery trip in three classic cars to Lake Rotokare where they enjoyed a walk around the lake or just sat and absorbed the serenity of the Lake and all its bird song. The friendly little black robin soon came

out looking for insects disturbed in the leaves on the path as the group meandered around the lake, and the Hiji (Stitchbird) and Tieke (Saddleback) recently reintroduced to Taranaki were close to the path and easily seen on many

occasions too. A home-baked picnic lunch was enjoyed before returning to Hawera where the ladies' pampering began. First a back and shoulder massage,

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Preferred TRC option not popular in south

The South Taranaki District Council has told the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) it doesn't support the preferred TRC option of repairing the stands at Yarrow Stadium. "We accept that doing nothing is not an option and believe it is important that the Yarrow Stadium is strengthened to meet the current earthquake standards so that it can be returned to business as usual as soon as possible," South Taranaki

District mayor Ross Dunlop said in the council's submission. However the Council could not support the TRC's preferred Option 2 of \$55 million funded entirely from rates. This would mean an unreasonably large burden and rate increase in one year. The proposed increase in the STDC contribution had the potential to limit rates to pay for future work on their own facilities, he said.

Mr Dunlop said he would prefer a modified Option 2 which would see the stands repaired at an estimated cost of \$33 million, with the other upgrades being deferred or paid for externally. He also said the South Taranaki District Council considered the regional funding model for the Yarrow Stadium is outdated, overestimates benefits for South Taranaki and needs to be reviewed.

Similar Sentiments were made by BizLink Hawera in their submission to the TRC. Bizlink chairman Gerard Langford said the \$19 million which would be spent under the TRC's preferred Option 2 represented "unnecessary nice to haves." "We do not necessarily object to these new projects going ahead but we do object to our South Taranaki ratepayers, who will receive little of the benefits from

these projects, having to fund them. We ask, that if you decide to proceed with these projects that you find external sources of funding to pay for these additional facilities." "We already struggle in the south to stay relevant and with the very real pressures being put on the oil and gas and the dairy industry, which are the economic mainstays of the south, it will only get harder. Yet with the funding model attached to this proposal we will see almost \$1 million each year being taken out of south Taranaki and put into New Plymouth." "We believe that the funding model used to come up with the (17%) ratio for South Taranaki ratepayers is completely outdated - based on a study conducted some 20 years ago. The Taranaki economy today is very different from 20 years ago. This outdated model fails to recognise that the benefits for South Taranaki are substantially less than for other districts, particularly due to the distance from the stadium (especially for those ratepayers who live in Patea or Waverley)."

said it was misleading to say the grandstands could be fixed at only a cost of \$33-36 million. "Just fixing the grandstands would not result in a fit-for-purpose, usable stadium," he said. "The refurbishments are included because they are essential - replacing end-of-life lighting with up-to-date LED fittings is but one leading example. Doing without them is out of the question." He said the Regional Council will continue to seek further outside funding assistance for the repair project, and the option of a bigger main stand extension remains on the table in case external funding becomes available

Mayoral candidate takes shot at council

Hawera businessman Craig Baylis who has announced he will contest the South Taranaki District Council mayoralty later this year has taken a shot at the Council for its use of out-of-town consultants.



Craig Baylis

"The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) is undertaking a feasibility study for an industrial park in our district which is to be done by two companies Veros Consulting (Waikato) and Rationale Consulting (Wellington)," he says. "They even attached a stock photo of a commercial building on the press release, a building as many business owners and developers who have had dealings with this council know, would be so expensive and difficult to get approved here under the present regime it would be just a feasibility study and no more."

they would know there is a desperate need for purpose built constructions and allocated land to build them

on. The stream of business people and developers I have coming in my door tell of a council who's attitude and

bureaucracy is the main stumbling block for more opportunities for growth and jobs in this community. But instead our council have hired out-of-towners to come up with ideas we pay our council to." "I have already committed to purchasing the Hawera Racecourse land in a council led by myself and forward-thinking councillors. "This would give us a land bank owned by the community, so we are physically investing in the future of our region rather than the overseas markets. Members of The Egmont Racing Club have committed to giving the rate payers of South Taranaki a very preferential purchase price. "Let's stop wasting time on studies and committee's because our future generations want substance and not the minutes of endless meetings."

This week the Taranaki Regional Council voted to reduce the cost of stadium repairs to \$50 million. TRC chairman David MacLeod

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followed by head massage, wash and blow-dry, make-up, and nails painted. The evening ended with a meal at Tairoa Lodge and each mum was presented with flowers and a basket loaded with gifts from many businesses

and people in Hawera and further afield. Hawera Altrusa has recently

presented its annual nursing bursary of \$500 to Grace Corrigan, a very enthusiastic and dedicated young lady

from Hawera who is in her first year of nursing training at Massey in Wellington.

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Science based approach needed on climate change

Science based approach needed on climate change
National remains committed to finding a bipartisan approach to climate change that delivers the best outcomes for all New Zealanders.



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

Earlier this month, the Government announced some amendments to the Climate Change Response Act moving towards an independent advisory Climate Change Commission.
While we are broadly supportive of the Climate Commission, National

still has deep reservations with the proposed methane targets from a science, available innovation and economic perspective. We are committed to reducing

our emissions over time but we have to pace the change so that our communities can thrive.

It is essential that we take short term politics out of climate change policy, by having an enduring Commission which will give science-based advice for successive governments.

However, we are not convinced that the Zero Carbon Bill's proposed 24-47% reduction for methane measures up in terms of science, economic impact or global response.

New Zealand has been a global leader in sustainable

agricultural production. For this leadership to be enhanced, the sector must continue to embrace change, but this target goes beyond credible scientific recommendations.

The farmers I know work hard to produce meat, crops and milk that nourish New Zealanders and the world. There is a determination from farmers to tread lightly on the land - their farms are their homes as well as their livelihoods so they recognise it's in their own best interests to look after it. The Predator-free 2050 initiative launched by

Hon Maggie Barry in 2016 continues to gather momentum here and around the country. Farmers are enthusiastically signing up to work with the Conservation Department and environmental groups like Wild for Taranaki and they're making a great contribution to dealing with pests like possums and mustelids.

Our region is home to thousands of kilometres of riparian planting, which seems to receive little acknowledgement. Carbon budgets only take notice of blocks of trees not lines

along riverbanks or at the edges of paddocks - and grass doesn't get a mention even though that 'breathes in' carbon dioxide and 'breathes out' oxygen. Could things be improved? Of course and that work is being done. Farming is in a much better place today than it was 20 years ago and in 20 years' time it will be even better.

*Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth*

Ending homelessness with Housing First

Everyone deserves a warm safe home. Often, the most effective solutions to tough problems are the simplest ones. The Government's plan to end homelessness is a great example: when people don't have a roof over their head, the first thing we should do is provide one. Everything else comes after that. It's called 'Housing First.'

The number of New Zealanders facing homelessness has grown in recent years. There are a couple of familiar faces who sleep rough just outside the Beehive. More and more car home conversions

are appearing around the capital's waterfront. We're also seeing this poverty right here in New Plymouth. Sleeping in cars or on the street is not something we want to see more frequently. It's not who we are.

No one should have to face a night on the street. Warm, safe housing is a basic human right.

The Housing First programme is based on common sense: Most of the time, the issues that led to someone becoming homeless can't be fixed until that person has a safe place to call home.

Since 2017, the Housing



HON ANDREW LITTLE MP

First programme has helped 720 households, including 431 children. It has exceeded its targets. It gets people into homes, then supports them to tackle issues like mental illness or addiction. People have a far greater chance of overcoming their mental health or addiction struggles once they are housed. Experience overseas has

shown this approach greatly reduces the chance a person becomes homeless again.

That's why the Government has announced Housing First will get a boost in the Budget, so it can help over 1,000 more people. This will raise the number of people the programme can help to 2,700.

The programme is already operating in Auckland, Hamilton, Christchurch and Tauranga and Rotorua. In the coming months it will be expanded to Blenheim, Nelson, Wellington, Hawkes Bay, and the Whangarei area.

Homelessness affects us all. It is not just about a small segment of the population - it's a reflection of how we're

doing as a society.

When we have growing numbers of chronically homeless people, we are not living up to our view of ourselves as an optimistic, caring country.

That's why the Government is working hard with Housing First to turn around the crisis of homelessness in New Zealand.

We do so with compassion and care for those who are affected.

We take the time to understand the circumstances which led to them becoming homeless.

We acknowledge those problems don't get fixed without, first of all, making sure people have a place to call home. I'm proud to be

part of Jacinda Arden's government - a government that's taking housing seriously for the homeless, for renters, and for buyers alike.

Housing First sits alongside everything else the Government is doing to help fix our housing market.

As well as housing more of the homeless, we've stopped the state house sell-off, we're building new state houses, we're building affordable houses, we've added social housing places, we've made sure rentals are warm and dry, we've gotten rid of letting fees, and we've ended offshore speculation.

Andrew Little MP

Second Budget will be transformational

On May 30, the Hon Grant Robertson will deliver the Coalition Government's second Budget. This Wellbeing Budget 2019 will be different from any we've seen in New Zealand before. In the past ,budgets have

had one measure, Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Simply put, GDP measures the value of economic activity within a country, what we earn and what we spend those earnings on. Wellbeing Budget 2019 will

be measured across five key priorities. These are there to improve the wellbeing of all New Zealanders. These priorities are, taking mental health seriously, improving child wellbeing, supporting Māori and Pasifika aspirations, building a productive nation and transforming the economy.

This isn't pie in the sky, airy-fairy rhetoric. GDP

still sits alongside these key priorities. It just broadens the Budget's focus beyond economic and fiscal policy, using Treasury's Living Standards Framework to inform the Government's funding decisions.

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Scammed...almost

Daphne Holley says its taken 10 years of her life after the contents of her bank account were almost cleaned out in an elaborate internet scam.

Fortunately some swift action by her business partner stopped the hackers, which would have finished their Opunake takeaway business Phoenix 45. But it was a very close call with the funds only being stopped at Hong Kong. Her bank was unable to stop the money leaving New Zealand.

"I got a phone call supposedly from Spark stating that my modem was sending signals to say it had been hacked," said Daphne who was about to go to work.

"They said that the bank accounts had been opened in six banks in my name for illegal activities", and added that "I wasn't in trouble yet but I would be if I didn't act. I could fix the hacker problem on my computer by following their instructions. They said they weren't interested in my money, they wanted to catch the hackers."

Then they got Daphne to download Teamview from the internet which gave them control of their computer to "set up a sting" they said, and told her that the cyber investigator would soon ring

her.

They also advised her that the government had "a discretionary fund" to catch such hackers and said they would be depositing money into her account assuring Daphne her own money was safe.

While online they then got Daphne to go into her bank account. She watched amazed as "My bank balance doubled," she said and then, shortly after, went back to the original amount in the account. They then informed her they had "hidden her money and there was only the government money in there." Then suddenly all the money went out of the account.

Impatient to get to work, Daphne continued to cooperate when they said they wanted to set up an order for the money to go to the hacker - a man with a Chinese name in Hong Kong. They printed the money off using Daphne's scan, then asked for her driving licence and for her security card from the bank which they scanned operating her scanner remotely.

"I was then told to leave my phone on hold and not touch my computer and had to tell them when I left the house."

She was also told if her bank contacted her "I had to

be confident and insist the money had to go because it was a sting to catch the hackers."

Very fortunately, her business partner sister Ali Hayward just happened by this time to be paying the accounts and saw the money go.

"She got straight onto the bank and texted me," said Daphne insisting she come to her house.

She immediately drove to her sister's house who was on the phone to the bank, but still under instruction from the hackers. Daphne says she "didn't want to tell them." Eventually the bank teller asked if she could ask Daphne some questions. They asked her had she been contacted by Spark." It was only then I realised it was a scam, says Daphne.

It was too late for the bank to stop the payment leaving New Zealand. They did though manage to stop it at Hong Kong.

"If Ali hadn't been so quick," says Daphne who now admits she feels so embarrassed at how she was almost scammed.

"I've never felt so ashamed in all my life," she says. She recounts hearing of a person who lost \$500,000 in a scam who also admitted to feeling so embarrassed.

She's since contacted the

Opunake Police and said the Opunake police constable Kylie Brophy was "really great".

Daphne says he insisted she was "not stupid" which made her feel better.

The scammers also tracked her cell phone once they realised she'd left the house. "They kept calling me to stop me from talking to the bank." They also managed to somehow activate the do not disturb option on her cell phone so she wasn't getting any calls.

Now Daphne has to get her cell phone "cleaned" and the bank has temporarily frozen her funds for safety.

Daphne said she was disappointed when she phoned Spark to tell them of the scam, who didn't seem interested.

She got "a snappy response" from a person who said they do "plenty of advertising on their website." But "who's going to look at a website" queried Daphne.

Spark did say though that they "never ring you" though they do text.

Daphne added that the scammers "mess with your head" and kept wanting her to go to the bank in person which she refused to do, pointing out she was half an hour from the bank. She also said she could hear other voices in the background

saying the same things that were being relayed to her and enquired did they have other people with the same problem. There was some hesitation before the scammer, caught off guard

at the unexpected question, answered, 'yes they had six people in Christchurch (no doubt they'd heard of Christchurch which has been in the news a lot recently) with the same problem'.

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In the lead up to the Wellbeing Budget, the Hon Grant Robertson put out the Budget Policy Statement, in which he stated:

"Faced with complex issues such as child poverty, inequality, and climate change, we cannot hope to make the best choices for current and future generations if we do not look beyond economic growth and consider social, environmental, and economic implications together. While economic growth is important for creating opportunities, our recent history shows that focusing on it alone

can be counterproductive and associated with poor outcomes such as greater inequality and pollution."

Recently several people have asked me what I see as being transformational about this Government, questioning if it's just business as usual and nothing innovative or new. For me the introduction of a Wellbeing Budget is something that I see as being transformational for New Zealand over a long period of time.

The Wellbeing Budget has challenged those sitting around the Cabinet table to look differently at the

funding that they lobby for, to look across all Ministries in a holistic way, with long term goals and aspirations taking into consideration the five priorities of the Wellbeing Budget. No longer will Ministers just bid for their piece of the pie to fund schools, hospitals, roads or services within a silo mentality. Government MP's have been challenged to remove this shallow and short term thinking, rather looking across all sectors and communities together, with a long term focus.

This can only be good for New Zealand and our wellbeing. I can't see a

quick fix to inequality, environmental challenges, child poverty or our mental health crisis, but this is a start. It's a moment in time when our Government is laying out a framework that will be transformational for all New Zealanders, not only in 2019, but for years to come.



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Mac Sole: Episode 5

An old character who lived at Fraser Road about half a mile from our homestead towards Hawera, certainly was a man of mystery. He lived as a hermit in a small unkempt cottage. In fact, I believe the front of the house was used to store hale bales by the farm manager, who worked for AJ Corrigan. Their names were Herb

White, an elderly gentleman and Tom Kelly, who later managed the White Hart Hotel in Hawera and later I believe he bought the Kaponga Hotel.

Another point of interest is of AJ Corrigan, who played a major part with the Hawera Trotting Club and is credited with the invention of the Trotting Mobile

Starting Gate, which is now used throughout the trotting world.

Now, back to the aforementioned hermit whose name was George Johnson. His cottage had no electric power and all commodities that were basic in the 1940s, except a pushbike which he rode to Hawera one would think to

purchase food, but again I digress to mention another old character who I only knew as Binsay who sold fish from his horse and cart. The fish was stored in wooden bins. He lived in Normanby and I'm not aware of any health issues.

It was a Sunday in the late 1940s and my brother Tom came to the farm to do game

shooting and while walking in an area near George's cottage prodded with his gun what he thought was a black bag lying in and surrounded by long grass. On closer inspection he discovered it was a human body, the chest and shoulders pushed down between the outstretched legs and the head, at the time of discovery, was dislocated

and a large tree branch was lying over the shoulder area.

Tom rushed back to our home and the police were called.

It appeared that George had chopped down a tree for firewood and did not move in time The tree or branch came down on top of him.

Ka Kite George.

Tourism a serious career option for young job seekers

The Tourism Export Council of New Zealand says more needs to be done to encourage young people to consider a long-term career in tourism.

Chief Executive of the Tourism Export Council of New Zealand (TECNZ) Judy Chen has welcomed the announcement of a



Judy Chen.

careers package to attract 40,000 new employees in the next five years.

Tourism Industry Aotearoa (TIA) has announced a three-year package of initiatives designed to attract New Zealanders to careers in the tourism industry, where TECNZ is part of the working group contributing to this work.

Judy Chen says TECNZ has been working for some time to encourage careers in tourism and she is pleased to see further work being done to attract and retain people in

the tourism industry.

"For too long tourism has been considered a temporary option until something else comes along.

Our industry is not only New Zealand's largest export earner, but it is continuing to grow at a rapid pace and it is essential to our reputation as a visitor destination that we attract and keep new talent.

"Because of this need, we established 'YoungTEC' some years ago as a subsidiary of TECNZ to encourage networking within young tourism

professionals and to develop new leaders in our industry.

"We now have a professional development programme, an annual Summit, and a Leadership Day course aimed at supporting young tourism professionals in their career path.

"We also offer YoungTEC members regular networking events and a partnership programme with the New Zealand School of Tourism where students get a glimpse of what it is like to work in the tourism industry through

a 'speed-dating' initiative."

The new package announced by TIA is designed to: improve knowledge and perceptions of tourism and tourism careers, make it easier for young people to experience tourism careers through activities like industry open days and placement programmes and ensure those entering tourism employment have a positive experience so they stay in the industry.

Judy Chen.



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for is having someone in place to make decisions for you if you can't make them for yourself. This is called having an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA).

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or Family Court decides a person is 'mentally incapable'. Only one attorney can be selected for this EPA.

Money, health, assets, pets - they're important to us. So it's important to choose your attorney wisely - you want to be sure that your wishes and feelings are respected. Think about a friend or family member, a work colleague or even a trustee corporation like the Public Trust.

It does take time and money to set up an EPA - but the investment is worth it. Sickness or injury can happen at any time - knowing that someone can make important decisions on your behalf is investing in peace of mind, for you and

your family.

You can find out more about setting up an EPA at the SuperSeniors website www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz.

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Taranaki's roadmap to a low-carbon future released

The vision for the Taranaki region in a low-emissions economy has been released, bringing together the voices of more than a thousand people.

The Taranaki 2050 Draft Roadmap Transitions Summit, presents a vision for the region to move to a low-emissions future while retaining – and improving – the many positive aspects of life in Taranaki.

“New Zealand, as a nation, is moving towards a low-emissions economy, and Taranaki is well positioned to help lead that transition,” says Venture Taranaki chief executive Justine Gilliland. “This draft Roadmap is

the first step we've taken as a region to move to a low-emission economy, and ensure we build on and improve what's great about Taranaki while ensuring this transition is beneficial to all residents, businesses and industries.”

“The draft Roadmap is not an action plan but a collective vision underpinned by inclusivity, sustainability and enterprise.”

The draft Roadmap has been developed through an innovative co-creation process that saw 29 workshops held across industry, community; an open survey run; and a creative challenge issued to

the region's school children to capture their ideas and expectations for a future Taranaki, while a series of videos outlining the process were viewed more than 14,000 times.

“It was important from the outset that the Roadmap reflected the voices of Taranaki, rather than being developed outside the region. The co-creation process has enabled us to do this.”

“The vision our community has created is about reconciling and moving forward as one, giving everyone a fair opportunity to participate in society and reach their potential.”

“While there were some divergent views for the future of Taranaki across participants, there were also many common themes. We can truly say what unites us as a region is stronger than what divides us,” Justine says.

Three overarching themes emerged from the process – a modern and inclusive community where no one is left behind, a sustainable society where the needs of the present don't compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, and an enterprising, diversified and value-adding economy that delivers meaningful,

secure, and well-paid jobs while retaining a work/life balance.

“It is important to acknowledge the huge amount of work that has gone into reaching this point, and the voices of so many contributors, from all walks of life,” Justine says.

“We're looking forward to engaging with more of the community as we move this process forward. It's important for our region that the feedback we get is

as wide as possible, and we encourage people to share the website link with their networks.”

Feedback is open until June 14. The draft Roadmap and big picture will be finalised in July 2019, and the next phase will be detailing action plans across the Roadmap's pathways that will enable the region to move towards realising the vision of Taranaki 2050.

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Supergirl in Carrington Road



Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk recently completed Suoergirl in Carrington Rd, his fifth Supergirl painting. Previous locations have included Dover Road, a few kilometres from the setting of his Carrington Rd painting, Dunedin, and in the U.K. - Windermere and Blackpool.

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Girl-powered Kiwi robotics crowned best in the world

The first all female team from New Zealand has been crowned winners of their division at the world championship for Middle School (years 6-8) students and best all-girl team at the VEX IQ Robotics World Championships, the biggest and fastest growing youth robotics competition in the world.

Tara Stevens (14) and Riley Pollard (11), from New Plymouth and Okato and the Nakibots team, fought off around 80 others in their division from 24 countries, including the United States, China and the UK.

Not only did they win their division but also go on to compete and be placed sixth in the world across all 400 teams in the wider competition, in front of 20,000 spectators.

The World Championships

is based on the VEX robotics system, the largest producer and distributor of robotics kits in the world. New Zealand sent 90 students between the ages of 11 and 18, including their support teams to this year's event in Louisville, Kentucky, United States.

As well as Taranaki, the teams this year came from Feilding, Palmerston North, Auckland and Tauranga.

Chris Hamling, from Kiwibots says Tara and Riley's win makes them the best all girl robotics team in the world for their age group:

"This is a great victory for Girl Power as they were up against the might of some very well funded teams from big schools and cities.

"We've all lost our voices cheering for them as they beat off team after team. They showed just how



Riley Pollard (left) and Tara Stevens of the Nakibots Robotics team, winner of their division at the VEX IQ World Championships.

good young Kiwis are at innovating, building and programming robots to compete.

"Their win is an example for all young people, especially girls, to get involved in robotics and technology as a way of understanding the importance of STEM skills."

Nakibots is an afterschool club created by parents keen on helping their intermediate and high school kids learn about STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) and use it to create and be innovative.

The competition involves building a robot to compete in a game designed by VEX IQ. It is completely student led with adults acting as mentors. This year's game involved moving and stacking plastic objects called hubs, hanging the robot from a bar and working together with another team (selected at random), all in a

60 second time limit. Robots could only carry one hub at a time, but the students quickly figured out strategies to move large numbers of hubs without lifting them.

Kiwibots produces and promotes robotics education and competitive events, with an aim to inspire young New Zealanders to be innovators and creative thinkers. It is a trust supporting seven regional robotics organisations, involving around 2,500 students and manages two national robotics competitions. Its aim is to help teach STEM skills and prepare young people for the future of work.

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Roadmap has gaps

Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust say there are gaps in the draft Taranaki 2050 Roadmap (Our Just Transition to a Low-Emissions Economy).

"There are glaringly obvious gaps with the "Roadmap" in that it assumes that all in Taranaki are currently enjoying benefits of a great middle-class life style and we just need to expand and grow in a sustainable way and not go backwards; which in the ideal world is great.

Except we know and live amongst those struggling in low social economic sectors, enduring poverty in high disparity in South

Taranaki who would have a very different view of where Taranaki is now and where it should go," says Debbie Ngarewa-Packer, Kaiarataki, of Ngāti Ruanui.

"No workshops occurred south of Hawera and it looks like they forgot about Pātea and Waverley.

"Taranaki is not yet very inclusive, as implied in the "Roadmap", and the ideals articulated seem very hollow when you consider responses to Māori wards, local government exclusions and significant, under-employment and education achievement rates for Māori in the region.

"What is also worrying is

that the "Roadmap" does not identify any risk along the way during the next 30 years. A risk analysis would really help understand what is realistic and perhaps what is not.

"Perhaps some hard questions needed to be asked from the outset about the deprived state of our current environment and those who currently enjoy the wealth of the region and those that do not.

Or as the Prime Minister states, "how do we ensure no one is left behind?"

Moving to a low emissions economy is likely to mean some sacrifices will need to be made. The draft

"Roadmap" does not entertain this. In fact it paints a utopian world view were we can do everything and not really change," says Debbie.

"A targeted strengths base model may have been more realistic concentrating on what we can achieve to really advance our economic and environmental wellbeing.

"We understand this is a first draft but to completely ignore the reality some families contend with in Taranaki at the onset is wrong especially given the resources the Government has put into it."

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Be nice to your children as they will choose your rest home - Kaponga WI

Rosalie Gibson hosted a good attendance of Kaponga WI members at her Heta Rd home for the April meeting, and was helped by Dene Lines.

The Thought for the Month was very good and everyone had a good chuckle about it, "be nice to your children for they will choose your Rest Home."

Members were very moved

to receive a lovely sympathy card and note from our Link, Pratts Bottom in the UK. They expressed their shock on hearing of the Mosque massacre in Christchurch and said that they have had several mass terror attacks in the UK but would never have thought a peaceful country like New Zealand would be a target.

Margaret Watt's lovely

baby knitting for Plunket was displayed.

After social time over a delicious shared finger food lunch, the members drove around to Pendarves St to visit the home of our past member Maureen Holmes-Wood. We viewed Maureen's eclectic model houses. This amazing collection of miniature handmade houses arrive as

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Rarely seen photographs intrigue Mangatoki WI members

On May 1, 14 members and three friends travelled by bus to Patea to visit the Aotea Utanganui Museum of South Taranaki to see the "Rarely Seen" Photographs. We were also shown where exhibits are kept when not on display, this included copies of the Hawera Star, dating back to 1926. We boarded the bus again and continued our journey on to Wanganui where we visited the New Zealand Glass Blowing

factory. We were unable to see glass being blown but saw the kilns - temperatures up to 1200°C. We did see the showroom of beautiful blown glass objects. From there we drove around to the Brick House Bar & Restaurant for lunch. We had a short business meeting. Bev Marx had raised \$860 for Hospice by knitting Easter Chickens and making marmalade. This was made up to \$1000, the cheque was

to be presented to Hospice on May 16 by Bev Marx and Sandra Scherrer. After lunch we boarded the bus again for home arriving at Mangatoki just after 4pm.

At the April meeting, Lucy Moger was presented with a 50 Year Service badge, by Robyn Roberts, Mangatoki W.I. member of the South Taranaki Federation.

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Left: Trish and Debbie have all you need for winter warming from Heaters and Electric blankets and throws to Crock pots to create a perfect winter meal. Call in and see them at Sinclair Electrical Opunake or catch up with the staff at our Stratford store.

The temperatures have finally come down. There's that chill in the air and it's time to start thinking about keeping the house warm.

"You can't go past a heat pump if you are thinking about sorting the heat out," Trish Anderson of Sinclair Electrical says. "It's clean, efficient and the best value for heating. We have them available as a wall unit of a floor console. We have different ones to suit."

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With Gypsy Day approaching, they can be ideal for houses that need doing up for new sharemilkers and farm workers.

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Incidentally James's dad, the late Keith was one of David's several apprentices.

As winter nears, most peoples' main concerns are methods of staying warm and dry. Roofs become the number one concern, as are ways to heat the house - be it by solid fuel or gas, all of which require checking and servicing (e.g. chimneys cleaned etc) to ensure maximum performance and safety.

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Eddie Thompson from EECA Energywise says many New Zealand homes are cold and unhealthy, contributing to respiratory issues and other health problems.

"A well-insulated home is healthier and easier to heat. Insulation is like a big,

thermal blanket keeping the heat in the home."

Warmer Kiwi Homes grants are available to homeowners with a Community Services Card or households in lower-income areas, Mr Thompson says.

"In some parts of the country, generous donations from community organisations mean the cost to homeowners is even lower. You may be surprised how little you have to pay."

Mr Thompson advises eligible homeowners to book in as soon as possible

because the insulation industry is very busy as the weather starts to cool down and in the lead up to the deadline for insulating rentals.

"We want to avoid homeowners having a long, cold wait for insulation over the winter."

Grants for heating appliances are available from July for properties that are already insulated to a good standard, Mr Thompson says.

DIY window insulation kits cost a fraction of the

price of double glazing, yet offer good performance in reducing heat loss and condensation in your home. You can pick up a kit from hardware stores and online shops.

Draw curtains at dusk to keep the day's heat in. The best curtains have a separate lining and are fitted close to the window, wide enough to generously overlap the window frames at the sides and long enough to touch the floor.

If you own a dehumidifier, run it when you are heating a room to warm the room up faster. Dehumidifiers work best in warm rooms and all the electricity they use gets released as heat - so your heater needs to do less work.

If you run a heat pump, clean the filters regularly. Heat pumps clogged with dirt and dust do not run efficiently.

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Opunake Lions generous donation moves generator closer



From left, Aretha Lemon (CoastalCare), Steve Corkill (Corkill Systems and Chairman of the CoastalCare Trust), Ian Armstrong (Opunake Lions), and Sue Huckstep (Opunake Lions).

A special presentation of a cheque for \$5,000, made by Opunake Lions President Ian Armstrong to CoastalCare, has meant that the planned-for generator is now within financial reach. Present at the presentation was Aretha Lemon (Facility Manager of CoastalCare), Sue Huckstep, the First Vice president of Opunake Lions (Sue becomes the next President next month) and Steve Corkill of Corkill Systems and Chairman of the CoastalCare Trust who will be supplying and

installing the intended generator. Ian handed the cheque to Steve.

Steve's firm is kindly supplying the generator at cost, which is a significant saving for CoastalCare. "We are really happy to be contributing to such a worthy cause," said Ian. He explained that various fundraising initiatives, such as the sale of potatoes and collection of slink calves, has allowed this amount to be donated.

"This represents amazing

generosity," responded Aretha.

"The generator will provide a fantastic opportunity to benefit Opunake," explained Sue.

"As well as a catalyst to attract more people to Opunake," added Steve. He pointed out that CoastalCare is not just medical in nature, but the 23 providers cater for all kinds of much-needed health and social services.

The need for a generator has arisen because of the frequent power outages affecting CoastalCare. "There have been at least two dozen in the last two years," commented Steve. Corkill Systems have provided a portable generator at weekends and a large generator for work days on many occasions, free of charge, when these unexpected power outages have occurred early on, the integrity of many stockpiled vaccines were compromised by the sudden loss of electricity. Evidently, an increase of just 2 degrees of temperature is enough for the vaccines to be adversely

affected. The vaccines are stored in dedicated refrigerators, which, of course, require electricity.

The intended Cummings Diesel generator, which has a capacity of 100 kilowatts, will cost \$42,000 including relocating the premises' meter point and installing automatic change-over control equipment. This latest donation has moved the target to within just \$9,000 of the total outlay. The generator, incidentally, will be 2.7 metres long, 1.8 metres high and one metre wide. It will provide the 150 amperes that a power analysis has shown to be required on cold days.

We look forward to the generator being established in the near future, thanks to the generosity of Opunake Lions and public-spirited individuals such as Steve Corkill.

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Generous donation for generator



From left, Christine Corrigan, Diane Campbell, Steve Corkill, Aretha Lemon, Bernadette Bourke and Bernadette Gopperth.

With power outages being a fact of life on the coast a generator is seen as a must for CoastalCare.

"A generator is a necessity with the number of services we have here reliant on technology, so without power we can't service our community," says CoastalCare facility manager Aretha Lemon. In addition there are drugs which always need to be stored at the appropriate temperature.

Corkill Systems are supplying a 100kw generator, and Aretha says they hope to get that ready

for use in the next month.

Last week members of the Pihama Women's Institute were at CoastalCare with a \$1000 cheque to go towards the cost of the generator.

"I'm absolutely rapt that the ladies have been so generous," says Aretha.

Steve Corkill says the generator comes with automatic change-over, so that it will start automatically in the event of the power going off. There is also a socket in the side, which would allow the Fire Brigade next door to run a cord across and stay operational should the need arise.



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Taranaki farmer joins AGMARDT as associate board member

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"The purpose of creating the Associate Board Member position is to provide an emerging agribusiness leader with an opportunity to observe and experience

governance in action within an innovative agribusiness environment."

Liam O'Sullivan farms a Coastal Taranaki dairy farm milking 400 cows where he and his family have been since 2014. Prior to this he had a 16-year Agri banking career working in roles across the North Island which included holding senior regional leadership positions.

He is a recent graduate of the Fonterra Governance Development Programme (2018), holds a Bachelor of Agriculture and a Post

Graduate Diploma in Rural Studies (Valuation) and has held governance and advisory board positions in farming companies. He is currently a member of the Taranaki Dairy Environment leaders' group.

"I am stoked to be part of the AGMARDT team and look forward to contributing to the good work the Trust does to add to the bright future of the Agricultural, Horticultural and Forestry sectors through supporting science, innovation, customer insights and people development"

"Developing people with good leadership and governance skills is paramount given the importance of agribusiness to the New Zealand economy. AGMARDT intends to continue to support initiatives focused on growing leadership skills and good governance" said Mr Egan.

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Liam O'Sullivan.

Public consultation underway on livestock control bylaw and underpass policy

Public Consultation is underway on the South Taranaki District Council's (STDC) proposed Livestock Control Bylaw and Underpass Policy.

The Bylaw, which was last reviewed in 2009, covers

standard safety conditions for people moving livestock on or along the road to minimise risk for all road users, says STDC group manager of corporate services, Phillippa Wilson.

"The Bylaw proposes

to classify livestock movements into three categories depending on the type of activity being carried out. The three categories are: permitted movements (no permit required), conditional (where a permit would be required) and prohibited.

An example of a conditional movement where a permit would be for something like the movement of livestock along a sealed or unsealed road during the hours of darkness," says Mrs Wilson. "A permit wouldn't be

required for each movement (i.e. each time stock was moved at night), rather you would only need one permit to cover all those types of activity you wish to undertake.

The Bylaw also covers

such things as roadside grazing, underpasses, fencing requirements, droving and signage. The Underpass Policy outlines responsibilities for the installation and maintenance of an underpass.

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Annual planting tops half-million mark as farmers eye finish line

Taranaki farmers are picking up more than 500,000 native plants this week to add to the 5.1 million they've already planted, working towards protecting 15,000km of streambanks on the ring plain and coastal terraces.

It's the biggest annual distribution of plants since the region's Riparian Management Scheme began in the 1990s. "It's really ramping up now. Everyone's well aware of the need to get their streamside fencing and planting completed by 2020 or near after," says Don Shearman, Land Services Manager for the Taranaki Regional Council, which coordinates the voluntary scheme.

He says farmers have been doing a fantastic job on a voluntary basis but they have been given clear notice that the Council intends making riparian protection mandatory. The Government is considering a similar move.

Under the Riparian Management Scheme, the Council has worked with farmers to prepare individual



Vicki Jagersma loads a riparian plant order at the Stratford depot.

property plans mapping the fencing and planting required, and setting out suitable plant varieties and a timeline for implementation.

In the next few years, Land management staff will audit all riparian plans to ensure they include all waterways and regionally significant

wetlands to meet future regulatory requirements.

Don says the vast majority of the region's farmers understand why

they need to do this work. Fencing and planting waterways addresses many environmental issues arising from diffuse run-

off. An independent NIWA report last year found that Taranaki's riparian protection work to date has contributed to improved freshwater health and a reduction in bacteria levels.

The Council organises annual supply of plants from multiple nurseries, and passes them on to farmers at cost. It also coordinates contractors if farmers prefer not to carry out the work themselves.

As the completion target approaches, the volume of plants ordered each year is increasing so farmers must order their plants a year in advance to avoid missing out and not meeting the target.

More than 15,409 km of streambanks are covered by riparian plans. A total of 85.7% (13,207km) of the streams have already been fenced and 71.7% (8,399km) of streambank that require planting or vegetation are already protected by vegetation.

Farmers are picking up their plants this week from depots in Stratford, Hāwera, Opunake, Pungarehu and Lepperton.

Common cheese names are under threat NZ cheesemakers warn

With the fourth round of negotiations towards an EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement currently underway in Wellington, New Zealand cheesemakers are warning that European proposals to protect names of many common foodstuffs may stifle local investment and

innovation in cheesemaking, and limit choices for New Zealand consumers.

The New Zealand Specialist Cheesemakers Association (NZSCA) and the Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand (DCANZ) are concerned that the extensive 'Geographical Indications'

(GIs) framework proposed by the EU could limit future use of common cheese names by New Zealand cheesemakers.

"We would be concerned if the trade agreement started to remove choice for New Zealand consumers. Our cheesemakers have spent years developing their products and brand identities. It would be hugely disruptive and potentially very costly if the agreement saw iconic and award-winning New Zealand products like Meyer Vintage Gouda, Zany Zeus Creamy Feta, Talbot Forest goat parmesan, or Clevedon Buffalo Mozzarella put at risk," says Mike Hannah of the New Zealand Specialist Cheesemakers Association.

DCANZ Executive Director, Kimberly Crewther, notes the EU's GI agenda has intensified in recent years and is now extending to a broad range of cheese names that are globally generic, rather than geographically unique in nature.

"In pursuit of commercial advantage for European producers, the EU is ignoring common food heritage to extend protection to cheese names that have been produced and traded between many geographies

for decades," Crewther explains.

There is a lot at stake for the New Zealand dairy industry with New Zealand exports of \$2 billion worth of cheese exports each year. New Zealand also has a diverse and growing community of specialist cheesemakers, some of whom have used common cheese names on the local market for decades, reflecting our rich history of immigration. In both the international and domestic market, New Zealand cheesemakers compete with products from many countries, including the EU, where producers enjoy significant subsidies.

"The potential costs of losing the opportunity to use common cheese names are wide-ranging, in terms of loss of investment, intellectual property, rebranding and relabelling. But it is more difficult to see how New Zealand consumers, or even EU producers, would be better off under this scenario," says Hannah.

"Locally made cheeses like havarti, halloumi and gouda are no longer strongly associated with European locations," he notes. "There are long family and company heritages behind many local

New Zealand specialty cheeses. This history has been the foundation of the dynamic and innovative cheesemaking we are seeing today."

The Associations urge the negotiators to work towards agreement outcomes that will comprehensively remove barriers and distortions from global dairy trade, rather than creating new ones for New Zealand producers.

"The EU and New Zealand are both major dairy exporters, so there is an

opportunity in the EU-NZ FTA to agree something quite significant for global dairy trade and policy," says Crewther. "Unfortunately, we have the impression that the EU is seeking to create new protections for European cheese in the New Zealand market whilst also maintaining the existing high levels of protection which limits European customers from being able to choose New Zealand products," says Crewther.

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OBITUARY Annie Theresa (Anne) McBride

Annie, better known by most of us as Anne passed away peacefully on April 22 at 2018 at Annie Brydon Complex, Hawera aged 90 years.

Anne was the devoted wife of the last Frank McBride who predeceased her in August 1969 aged 43 after his battle with Motor Neurone disease.

Anne had been a widow for just on 50 years and had been left with a young family of eight and the Puketawa Jersey stud, later dispersed in 1975. One of the sale stars Puketawa Fable VHC was purchased by Bill Davidson for his Monarch View Stud and bred particularly well.

Anne and Frank were a great husband and wife team and farmed their Puketawa

Jerseys on the Lower Duthie Road in Mangatoki below the Revell family's Beledene stud.. Frank was an exceptional farmer and with the help of Anne developed a truly model dairy farm which they were very proud of.

Frank registered his Puketawa stud in 1953 and joined the Stratford Jersey Club in 1954. He was on the committee for eight years and worked for the betterment of the Jersey cow. Frank and Anne liked to socialise at many Jersey functions and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow breeders.

One of the highlights of Frank and Anne's career was when they acquired the young bull "Hilsea Royal Aspirant" son of Brookdale

Jason Merit Sire and Big Hollow Royal Flirt VHC. The success of this sire was borne-out at the 1962 Egmont A&P show where his daughters Puketawa Sam's Delight/Puketawa Sam's Jillian/Puketawa Sam's Locket were placed second in the Sires progeny (in milk class). The trio won separate prizes individually during the 1962/63 show circuit. Another highlight was when bull Jersey Glen Royal Script proven within the herd was sold to the NZDB as a proven sire and went on to be used for several seasons in the early years of AB in New Zealand.

Anne was a lovely lady and worked hard behind the scenes always supporting Frank along the way and was always gracious in all she did.

The farm was sold in 1975 to neighbouring farmers the Revell family. Anne then purchased her home in Douglas Street Hawera where she spent a lot of time in her beautiful garden which she was very proud of. She also did a lot of needle work, as well as being there for her family. She was a very caring grandmother to her many grandchildren, teaching them many life



Annie McBride.

skills. Anne always greeted everyone with a smile and a cherry hello.

Anne and Frank must feel proud that their son Jim and his wife Carolyn have taken over the Puketawa prefix and at present are enjoying reasonable success in supplying bulls into the AB industry. Currently three

of the top 26 proven Jersey bulls available within NZ carry the Puketawa prefix.

Also of the unproven Jersey bulls used last year the two highest indexed bulls were sired by a Puketawa bred sire.

Anne was an inspirational mother to Frances, Mara, Denis (deceased) John,

Owen, Jim and the twins Joanne (Jo) and Brendan (deceased)

Our sympathy goes out to all the sibling and their partners, grand and great grandchildren in their loss.

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Young Farmer of the Year grand final in Hawke's Bay set to make history

A newly-trained vet and a shepherd are set to make history in this year's FMG Young Farmer of the Year Grand Final in Hawke's Bay.

It will be the first time in the iconic contest's 51-year history that the line-up of seven finalists has included two women.

Emma Dangen, 24, is a Te Awamutu-based vet and bride-to-be who will represent the

Waikato/Bay of Plenty.

"A lot of women have put in a lot of hard work over the years to get more women involved

in agriculture. Their efforts are paying off," she said.

North Canterbury shepherd Georgie Lindsay, 24, is the first woman to represent the sprawling Tasman region.

"I entered the contest to learn and grow my skills, so it's been an exciting few months.

Whatever else happens will be a bonus," she said.

The pair will go head-to-head in July against hometown finalist Joseph Watts, as well as

James Robertson, Alex Field, Alan Harvey and Matt McRae.

"It's a surreal experience.

I'm excited, nervous and humbled all at the same time. Making it to the grand final is in itself a massive achievement," said Alex.

The FMG Young Farmer of the Year is renowned for testing the knowledge, skills and stamina of the country's food and fibre producers.

"Competing at grand final is something I have aspired to do since watching the contest on television as a young fella," said Alan.

The prestigious contest kicks off on July 4 with an opening ceremony and parade at the Napier Sound Shell at 3pm.

It will be followed by a gruelling practical day at the Hawke's Bay Showgrounds which will be a showcase of technology, food and innovation.

"I can't wait to compete on home turf. I'd like to think I will have a bit of an advantage because it will be easier to rally local support," said Joseph.

The event will take place alongside grand finals for the AgriKidsNZ and FMG Junior Young Farmer of the Year



Alex Field of Turakina will represent Taranaki-Manawatu at this year's Young Farmer of the Year grand final

competitions, which will involve almost 100 students from across the country.

James Robertson, who's now an Auckland-based business graduate at Fonterra, jointly won the TeenAg Grand Final in 2013.

"I can guarantee I probably wouldn't be in this position if it wasn't for my involvement with NZ Young Farmers early on," said James.

The contest will reach its final adrenaline-fuelled climax on July 6 when a 600-strong crowd packs the Rodney Green Centennial Events Centre for an evening show and fast-paced agri-knowledge quiz hosted by Te Radar.

"It's my last shot at the title. I turn 31 in August, so there won't be any second chances. I will be going there to win. It really helps to sharpen my focus," said Matt

The FMG Young Farmer of the Year is an iconic contest which began in 1969 and showcases the country's agri-food sector.

Brad Markham

Zero Carbon Bill Climate splits greenhouse gas targets

The Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill, designed to limit greenhouse gas emissions to below 1.5C over the next 30 years, has been introduced to Parliament.

Last year, the Government sought public consultation on how they should treat different emissions sources, either net-zero carbon dioxide only, net-zero emission for all greenhouse gases, or net-zero

long-lived gases (e.g. carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide) and stabilised short-lived gases like methane.

The Bill treats emission sources differently, with carbon dioxide emissions set to net-zero by 2050 and a staggered target for biological emissions like methane, aiming for a 10% reduction by 2030 and between a 24% to 47% reduction by 2050.

Regular five-yearly "emissions budgets" will be released by the independent Climate Change Commission. This group was originally suggested by the Parliamentary Commissioner of the Environment (PCE) Jan Wright in 2017.

Dr Tony van der Weerden, Acting Science Impact Leader Climate Change, AgResearch, comments:

"The Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill is a progressive piece of legislation that will ensure all sectors of New Zealand, including agriculture, play their role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. For New Zealand, agriculture is a major source of national greenhouse gases, contributing 48 per cent of total emissions in 2017.

"Treating biologically-derived methane differently from other greenhouse gases (such as carbon and nitrous oxide, and fossil-based methane) is the correct decision. Biological methane is short-lived and is mainly derived from ruminant livestock. Methane is the most important agricultural greenhouse gas, and for this reason, there has been a significant investment into researching methane mitigation options for livestock farmers. "Research has focused

on developing vaccines and inhibitors for reducing enteric methane produced in the rumen of cattle, sheep and deer, identifying low methane forages and breeding low methane sheep and cattle. However, further work is required to ensure these, and other options, are effective without having unintended consequences on other parts of the farm system.

"For this reason, the Bill's gradual reduction in methane over time will assist in providing the time and space required to develop and test practical, robust on-farm mitigation options.

"The gradual transition over several years to minimise the economic impact on the rural sector is a prudent step. Many farmers want to do their bit to reduce emissions, but the

nation's economic well-being is equally important. Regular review of the target by the Climate Change Commission will provide opportunity to assess the risk of economic impact on the rural sector while trying to meet the Bill's target. We see this as a pragmatic approach, and a critical role of the Climate Change Commission."

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Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

On May 13, It was a very busy night for the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club with several new people giving our sport a go. The competition was fierce with young Mattia Buhler scoring 100 and 99 on group cards, narrowly beating Stephen Vince who scored 97 and 96 groups and Bradley Bullot who shot 97, 99 and 99 on group cards. Crystal Gryschuk also showed promise with 98 and 96 group cards. John McLeod shot a very respectable 98 group and then improved to score 99 on his second group card. Junior shooter John McGill shot a 97 group card followed by 76.0 and 72.0 on full cards.

who shot an 'almost' with 99.9 (just one shot away from the perfect 100.10). He also scored 96.4, 97.5/99.6; Clare Bramley 98.4, 99.4/97.5, 96.3; Bob Bramley 98.6; Paul Tidswell 96.4, 98.4/98.4, 97.4; Alan Drake 95.4, 97.6. Junior shooter Henry Armond shot very well with a first up 97.3 and 93.3, beating his father Richard who shot a 100 group card followed by a 92.2.

Brian Hicks 95.3, 96.3; Alex Sadovnikova 90.2, 90.1/97.0; Michelle Hofmans 92.0; Craig McGill 88.1, 90.1; Murray Chinery 88.1; Matt Vaughan 86.0.

Friday May 17 saw a night of some fantastic shooting with four 100s being shot on full cards as well as several on grouping cards too. Top

score of the night went to visitor and former member Jono Phillipps with 100.8 as well as a 98.4, while another former member Helen Freiman also shot a 100.6 on a 'practice' card. Not to be outdone, current members Garry Rowlands (100.8, 98.6) and Paul Tidswell (100.4 and 99.5) kept up Eltham's reputation. New shooter Bradley Lawson

shot three 100 group cards and then scored 93.2 on his first full card, well done Brad.

Bjorn Fowler showed consistent improvement scoring 85.0, 90.1, 95.5 and 96.2; Bob Bramley 95.4; Craig McGill 95.1, 95.2, 92.1; Murray Chinery 94.3, 95.0; Alex Sadovnikova 92.2; Michelle Hofmans 88.0. Junior shooter John

McGill did very well, also improving with each shoot scoring 99 on a group card followed by 78.0, 85.1. Welcome back to Keely Burnell who started with two 100 group cards.

Congratulations to the Taranaki team who travelled to Masterton last weekend for the North Island competition Teams of Ten. Taranaki came

third overall and Eltham was represented by four members Paul Tidswell, Garry Rowlands, Clare Bramley and Bob Bramley. Well done to all.

As always, newcomers are welcome Mondays and Fridays 7pm, Pinny Drive, Eltham. Equipment, instruction and supervision provided. Minimum age for shooting is 10 years.

Top score of the night went to Garry Rowlands

Okato Rugby Football Club 125th year celebration



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On June 22 Okato RFC will be holding its 125th year celebration at Okato Domain.

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At 12.30pm its time for the big game with Okato RFC taking on a Taranaki Invitational team followed at 1 o'clock by Coastal Div 2 versus Okaiawa and Coastal B's versus Inglewood.

The last game of the day

will be at 2.45pm with Coastal Premiers against Inglewood. The night will round off with a band and an auction of the 125th anniversary playing jerseys.

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Turning out this year were Stand Up Surfers, Kneelos and Body boarders, all in good numbers enjoying local hospitality in awesome Opunake weather.

In the Stand Up Open Division, local school teacher Dave Bannochie showed his knowledge of the waves and skills to overcome

some of the region's top juniors. Bannochie also won his age division.

Dual finalist, Ryder Pennington from Waitara, won the Under-18 Division.

Local charger and popular co-contest director Harry James won the over 60s, with USA visitor (now resident in Auckland) Sam Coyne taking out the kneelos and Ronald Rolfe winning the body board sections.

Overall it was a great day, in a great place with great people.

A big thanks to Dream Time Surf Shop, A&A Hickey Farms, Celebrant on the Coast for supplying prizes and the OBR club for once

again hosting and organising another successful Classic, and Michael Espiner for the camera shots.

Dream Time Surf Shop Surfing Classic Results: A&A Hickey Farms, Open. 1.Dave Bannochie (Opunake). 2. Ryder Pennington (Waitara). 3. Sonny Ripia Martin (Waitara). 4.Jack Luke (Opunake).

Dream Time Surf Shop. Under-18. 1.Ryder Pennington (Waitara). 2. Jack Luke (Opunake). 3. Jordy Luke (Opunake) and Jay Newton (New Plymouth).

Dream Time Surf Shop 45- 59. 1.Dave Bannochie (Opunake). 2. Aaron Sharpe

(Opunake). 3. John Smith (Opunake).

Opunake Board Riders Over 60s. 1. Harry James (Opunake). 2. Murray Baylis (Opunake). 3. Murray McEwen (Opunake).

Dream Time Surf Shop & Celebrant on the Coast, Open Kneelos. 1. Sam Coyne (USA). 2. Hamish Christophers (Oakura). 3. Phil Stubbs (Auckland). 3. Mike Andersen (Auckland).

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Boot proves the difference against Spotswood

The Coastal Premiers travelled to Stratford on Saturday May 11. Both teams had suffered two consecutive losses, so the result was very important to both sides. It was also the last game of round 1 and the winner of the McLeod Shield would be decided after this weekend's games. Stratford/Eltham kicked two first half penalties and scored a converted try to take a 13-5 lead into the break. Coastal fought back in the second half, scoring three further tries. A very close encounter could have gone either way, but Stratford/Eltham took the match 28-22. Try scorers were Troy Stevenson(2), Rick McKenna and Tevita Fa'ukafa. Rick McKenna also kicked a conversion.



The supremely athletic Josh Lord gets the ball away in the tackle. A good start to the second round for the Farm Source Premiers with a win over Spotswood.

A much better Coastal performance earned them two bonus points, which was just enough to take the "Winners of the first round trophy-" the McLeod Shield. Man of the match was Jared Davey.

Round 2 kicked off with another away game, this time against Spotswood. Coastal were desperate to start the round on a winning note and get their season back on track. The scores were all locked up after 40 minutes, 10-10.

The second half was just as close. Both sides scored a try apiece, and the boot of Rick McKenna proved the difference. The final score was 26-23. Try scorers were Trent VanDerPoel and Alex Ka'ualu. Rick McKenna kicked four penalties and

two conversions. Man of the match was Jordan Fleming. Coastal play next against Clifton at Tikorangi on Saturday 25th of May. See you there.

Brian Olliver.

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Revenge sweet for Coastal Women

Coastal Women were out for revenge against Clifton having lost to them at home in the first round. Coastal travelled to Tikorangi and were a bit light on numbers due to injury and illness. Coastal came out firing and caught the Clifton girls napping to score three early tries to put Clifton on the back foot from the start. Defence was worked on at training during the week and it showed throughout the game with some big hits being put in by everyone to keep Clifton behind the advantage line. The speedsters of Alesha Williams and Iritana Hohaia kept their try scoring tally ticking over along with Brooke Sim. The halftime score was 24-5 and fulltime 34-24 to Coastal. The winner of the third round game will get bragging rights going into the final and home advantage, so watch this space.



Utu Antonio throws out a nice fend. The Corkill Women's team are tracking nicely and look odds on for another finals day appearance.

The try scoring trio of Utu Antonio, Alesha Williams and Iritana Hohaia kept the scoreboard ticking over. The forward pack worked really well as a unit to give the backs some good go forward ball making easy metres. The fulltime score finished up 47-0 to Coastal.

Boys, with the wheels and the step on Alesha and Iri, I wouldn't bother trying to catch them as you would be lucky to, unless they let you. The team have also been practicing their boat race skills (using water of course) and their dance moves. They will be ready

to do battle against the boys next time our paths cross in the clubrooms.

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Darcy Crawford selected for the New Zealand Basketball team

Darcy Crawford (aged 12), who attends Manaia Primary School, has been recently selected for the Under 14 New Zealand Basketball team. Although just twelve, Darcy has an imposing height at 6 foot three inches (190.8cm). His reaction to his selection? "It was awesome." Darcy's usual playing position in basketball teams is at centre.

The official email read: *Following the U14 National camp last week I am pleased to advise you that you have been identified as one of twenty athletes to represent us on the 2019 Melbourne development tour. The tour is focused on applying and testing the skills you developed at camp against the best Australian competition.* The email was from Dave MacKay of New Zealand Basketball and was dated April 23.

Darcy's selection follows a selection-orientated training camp in Rotorua which ran from April 14 to 17

However, a huge amount of training underpins Darcy's honour, as his father Zeus acknowledges. "All the training has paid off." Darcy had been undergoing virtually daily two hour training sessions for some time now. His coaches Brenton Hughes and Joe Reddish must take definite credit for Darcy's progress



Darcy Crawford who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Under 14 national basketball team.

and elevation. Training is held at Brenton's Ketemarae Road property.

The family want to gratefully acknowledge the input of Richard Frearson, who originally introduced Darcy to basketball. Richard, who was a local

policeman, coached boys at Manaia Primary School in his lunchtimes and also on his days off. He was Darcy's first basketball coach and was very encouraging and helpful.

Understandably, both Darcy's parents are proud

of their son's achievement. "I'm stoked," comments Zeus.

Darcy's mother Kama says, "I'm very excited for him."

In early June Darcy and the other NZ team members head to Melbourne,

Australia to compete in the tournament there against the best Australia has to offer in the way of competition. Darcy and his teammates will leave from Auckland on June 6 and will return on June 11. The actual

tournament itself is over the weekend Saturday to Monday. However, there will be training and warm up games on the Thursday and Friday.

Earlier this year Darcy had the honour of being chosen for the Under 15 Taranaki team to compete in the national qualifying tournament being held in New Plymouth from June 1-3. He made the B team along with ten others. He received the good news by a letter dated April 28 from Dave Cooper of Basketball Taranaki Inc.

What is Darcy's ultimate goal as regards basketball - that's simple, he wants to play in the NBA in the United States like Steve Adams.

The family wish to acknowledge the support of the Manaia community. "The community have really pitched in." It should be mentioned that Darcy's trip to Australia has entailed the raising of a considerable amount of money and the community have helped with fundraising.

The last word goes to Zeus: "I'm proud of the achievement Darcy's had being so young as well as it being good for a small community with this honour having come out of such a small town as Manaia."

James final challenge draws near

With the fight of his life just 48 hours away (Saturday May 25), James Langton of Opunake is realistic about his chances of success against Nik 'The Greek' Charalampous at the 'Taranaki Explosion' to be held at the TSB Stadium. He feels his chances are 50/50. James will be defending his NZ Heavyweight Pro-Box

Title. "The best boxing brains in New Zealand consider me the underdog, given Nik's amateur background and 17-2 professional fight record," he comments. He adds, "He's had a few KOs (wins by knock out), but doesn't have a reputation as a heavy hitter. He's more of a crafty fighter who moves

well. This would be, by far, his hardest fight."

However, James is delighted how well his pre-fight preparation has gone. "It's been really good, it's been eight weeks now of training. It's also all about the mental preparation."

He admits, nevertheless, that finding a suitable sparring partner has been

somewhat problematic during this period.

He pays tribute to his mother Val in preparing an excellent training diet. "All that's helped," he says.

James says he intends to donate all of his share of the fight's 'purse' to the Little Fighter Trust. He says they raise money for children who are ill and need an expensive medical procedure.

James is emphatic about

one thing - this is definitely his final fight. "One hundred percent. I know from my rugby days when enough is enough is reached." He points out that it is not easy fighting "guys half my age."

"I wish to thank everyone who has supported me in my journey over the past six years. Opunake has been absolutely fantastic in the way they have supported me," he concludes.

You are invited to witness the Official Weigh-in to be held at Crowded House Bar and Eatery, Devon Street, New Plymouth on Friday May 24 at 5pm.

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Oscar is a good man on the court

When Oscar Goodman was living in Tairua on the Coromandel Peninsula, he picked up a basketball and started throwing it around. Fast forward two years and Oscar, now aged 12, living in Opunake, and attending Opunake Primary School has been selected for the New Zealand Under-14 Basketball team. Next month he will take part in a tournament in Melbourne.

While basketball may be big in Opunake, it was something few people played in Tairua.

"I was mucking around on the court and found I had an interest in it," recalls Oscar. He's unsure about what first got him interested, but thinks it might have had something to do with Stephen Adams' success at the sport. Before then nobody in the family had been into basketball and Oscar's sporting interests had revolved around soccer, rugby and swimming.

"I was nagging at Mum and Dad to put something on Facebook to find someone to organise training," he said. A local man with experience in the game responded and gave a bit of coaching to Oscar and others interested in playing

a bit of "street ball."

It wasn't long before Oscar was representing Thames Valley in basketball. In Easter last



Oscar Goodman.

year, just before his family shifted to Opunake, he was playing at the Mel Young Easter Tournament in Tauranga. He met a number of people including Richard Frearson, who after the shift to Opunake, remembered him from that tournament and made contact with him again.

Oscar got involved in Taranaki Country Basketball and in October was in their team which won the B Grade competition at the regionals in Wellington. From there he was picked for the New Zealand Talent Camp and made the trials for the New Zealand under-14 team. He was selected from 80 aspiring basketballers to make the 20-strong squad.

Having recently turned 12, Oscar is still eligible to play at the Under-14 level for another year.

Manaia Golf results

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Ultra-distance cyclist prepares for world time trial championship

In November this year accomplished ultra-distance cyclist Gavin Eade (56) will head to the United States to compete in the Twenty Four Hour World Time Trial Championships in Borrego Springs, California. The event will be held from Friday November 1 (5pm) to Saturday November 2 (5pm). The Otakeho man is the only New Zealander taking part and comments, "I have as good a chance as anyone." There is no prize money at stake, just a medal. However, "you have the pride of knowing you've done well." He is realistic about his chances of actually winning his age group, "I know I won't beat the top guy Marko Baloh." His chief opponent hails from Slovenia.

Gavin works as a dairy shed assessor for QCONZ.

Gavin says his coach Stu Ashley is great value in his preparation. The gains are two-fold; not only does he benefit physically, it also keeps him accountable.

This will be the first time Gavin has competed overseas. "There is no big event like this in New Zealand, although the Taupo (around the lake)

event is the biggest." This event is one Gavin has participated in on occasions.

Gavin's preparation for this and his next challenge an event to be held at Manfield, Feilding is staggering. This includes both road work and on his rowing machine in his garage. "I do a half hour in the morning on the rowing machine and a two hour workout on virtual cycling in the garage." All in all, he does the equivalent of 450 kms a week on average.

Just recently, he competed in the Round the Mountain event and came fourth against all competitors regardless of age. "I was pretty stoked," he admits. This was a big improvement

from the 2018 event when he explains he came nowhere.

Out on the road can be somewhat scary at times due to the behaviour of some motorists. "Jokers often come too close and won't slow down. Drivers don't want to lose ten seconds. It's an ongoing situation."

Although he has cycled for about 20 years now, Gavin admits that once he was a heavy smoker and a bit too keen on drinking alcohol. However, those days are now well behind him.

Gavin has an interesting take on success for an ultra-distance cyclist. "It's not the strongest cyclist who always wins, it's the smartest who uses the least energy."



Gavin Eade.

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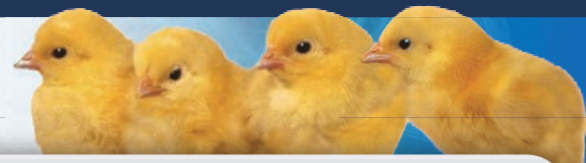
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MAY 6 TO MAY 31

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MAY 20 TO MAY 26

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MAY 24

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MAY 26

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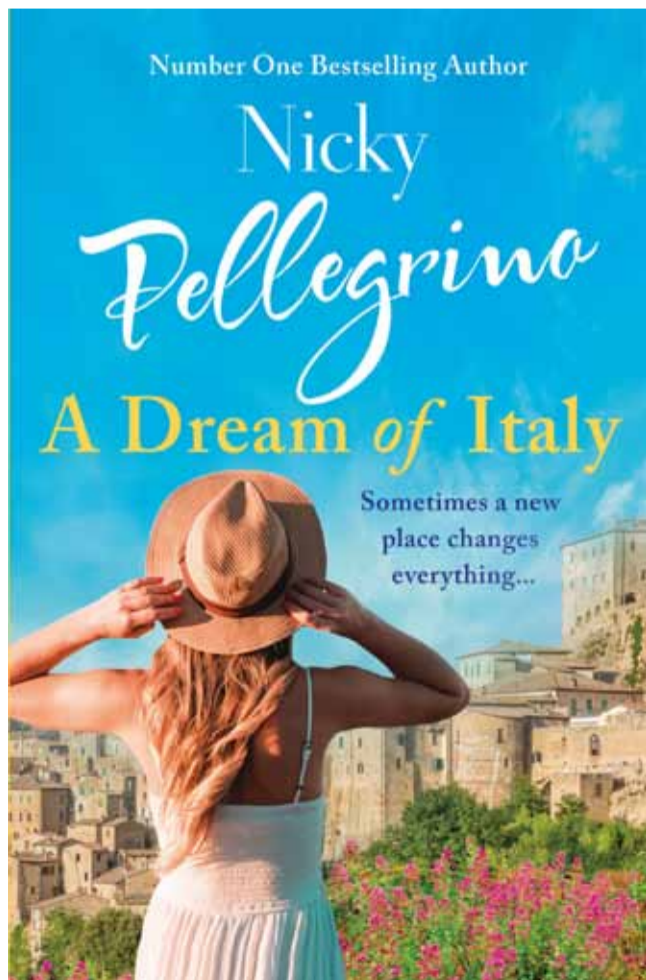
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A dream of Italy by Nicky Pellegrino

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A Dream of Italy by Nicky Pellegrino

for a fresh start despite her ex-husband's objections. Elise arrives on her own after her partner Richard

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Gino come from Australia when after many years together, Edward is feeling alone and on edge. He tricks Gino into going for a holiday and then springs upon him buying Gino's family house that was abandoned many years ago, hoping to find the spark in their relationship again. Finally Cecillia arrives without anyone knowing, and takes over her grandmother's Pasticceria. She holds a secret that affects one of the townsfolk, causing them to act out of character.

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Extravorganza comes to Hawera

The National Congress of Organists takes place annually over Queen's Birthday weekend and in 2019 under the name of "Extravorganza" the Congress is moving to the provincial centres of Whanganui and Hawera. The focus in Hawera will be the last surviving pipe organ in original condition built by Taranaki resident Alfred Brake, the organ residing in Wesley Methodist Church. Completed in 1916, the organ is a unique example of the craft and in 2008 a Category One Historic Organ Certificate presented by the New Zealand Organ Preservation Trust was presented to the church. Roy Tankersley recorded a CD on the organ in 2013 titled Brake

Forth and Christopher Luke Director of Music at St Marys Cathedral New Plymouth will put the organ through its paces playing works by Bach, Dubois, Australian composers A.E. Floyd and June Nixon, Pachelbel and his own compositions.

Christopher J. Luke moved from Hobart, Australia, to New Plymouth in January 2012 to take the post of Director of Music to Taranaki Community & Cathedral and Executive Officer to the Music Innovation Trust of Taranaki. His role involves a number of key musical appointments, including those of organist and director of music to the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary, music director to Ars Nova



Christopher Luke

Choir and the Great Taranaki Steam Band and recently appointed music director to The Devon Hotel New Plymouth Brass.

He has directed and played with the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra and has directed performances in the Taranaki International Arts Festival in 2013, 2015 and 2017. He has worked with leading opera soloists Bryony Williams, Anna Pierard, Derek Hill, Linden Loader, Roger Wilson and Jonathan Lemalu. Christopher gives monthly lunchtime organ recitals at the cathedral and St Joseph's Catholic Church.

The concert takes place on Sunday June 2 at 4.00pm. The 45 minute programme is preceded by a 15 minute power point presentation outlining the merits of this treasured organ. Admission is by programme obtainable at the door. Students are free.

Russian pianist performing in New Plymouth

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra soloist Denis Kozhukhin has been hailed as "a formidable artist on all levels: a fabulous technique, a beautifully poetic instinct and a sure understanding of style" by Wellington's The Dominion Post.

The acclaimed Russian pianist, 32, performs in the NZSO's Love Eternal tour in New Plymouth. on May 25 at the TSB Showplace.

Kozhukhin is on his first New Zealand tour and performing Schumann's Piano Concerto for the first time with an orchestra. Love Eternal will feature Schumann's haunting Manfred Overture, Beethoven's Coriolan Overture and Mozart's Symphony No. 36 Linz.

'Fleeced' a sheepish musical full of challenges.

There are challenges aplenty in Opunake Players latest production "Fleeced" but the audience will love it. Written and directed by local playwright Lynelle Kuriger,

"Fleeced" is a story of sheep finding love, avoiding the muster and foiling on-the-make dogs, all set in the 1970s using disco music and 70s fashion.

Wherein lies the first challenge. Suzi Stanley has been in charge of wardrobe and has had to make people look like sheep with a 70s twist. As usual Suzi has been up to the challenge and the costumes are... well... the only way to explain it is: come and see for yourself.

Lighting and sound designer Mike Smith has had the usual challenges associated with lighting a show but has been challenged in finding some of the sound effects. How he got the sound of a dog breaking wind is likely to remain his secret. Vocal coach Helen Duff and choreographer Fiona Climo have had to get the cast singing and dancing while wearing clothes and shoes that could only be described as 'not what they are used to.' Meanwhile props person Diane Baldy has had to hunt down sheep equipment in a dairy farming area. But, once you've seen "Fleeced", I'm sure you'll agree they

have done an admirable job.

Being in the cast has its own set of challenges. For example, Andreas (You'll never get me on stage) Danz is appearing in his second show. He has to go from being a dairy farmer by day to a three legged love guru ram by night (reports from his domestic front indicate he is doing well.) Then there's Terry Simpson, dairy farmer and boxing coach. Just how does he play a gender confused wether who has lost his song?

Let's not forget the long suffering writer and director Lynelle Kuriger. Keeping the flock in line has been challenging enough but getting what's in her head

from the page to the stage has been quite a mission, one she has risen to and one you, the audience, are bound to enjoy.

This afro wearing, disco

dancing, sheepish musical rampage takes place at Opunake Players Lakeside Playhouse Liardet Street. Performance dates are June 8,9,13,14,15,16,19,

20,21, and 22. Tickets are \$25 and available from Sinclair Electrical. Whilst you'd probably see worse on Shortland Street, this show is not intended for children.



Stephanie and Chloe part of the cast of Fleeced.

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Could you be the next great start-up success?

After winning local incubator competition Idea Summit in 2018, tourism chat-bot start-up Yonder appear to be on a winning streak. Could you be sitting on this year's winning business idea?

The Yonder duo of James Donald and Letitia Stevenson entered their idea for Yonder in the inaugural Idea Summit 2018, that saw more than 75 entries all vying for a spot as a finalist, and ultimately, first place with the chance to take home \$10,000.

"We thought we had a good idea on our hands, however you obviously never know who you're up against and what the judges are looking for," said James.

Selected as a finalist Yonder then took part in the Idea Summit 10-week incubator programme that saw them receive expert business advice, coaching and mentoring, as well as

the chance to pitch their idea and receive judging feedback.

"The Idea Summit programme was built to ensure our entries are given the support and resources required to build and create viable businesses," says Venture Taranaki Business Advisor and event organiser Nick Field.

This year, Idea Summit will condense the incubation period into 7 weeks and give even more entries a chance at success.

"Last year, from all that entered, five finalists were selected by our judging panel, however this year of those that enter, we'll select 20 to pitch for a shot at the final five."

"The remaining 15 entries will then be offered places in another accelerator programme, connecting them with coaching and mentoring and the opportunity to build their business," says Nick.



James Donald and Letitia Stevenson

Winners of the 2018 event, Yonder offer tourism operators an industry specific conversational chat tool that works as a virtual assistant for operators and their customers.

"The tourism industry worldwide is growing significantly, and more travelers want to communicate and book quickly through intelligent online systems, however their lack of

resources results in operators and hotels missing out on bookings," says Letitia.

After meeting at another start-up related event James and Letitia connected over tech and a passion to improve the way tourism operators do business.

"It's been so rewarding working with operators, helping them to support their business needs. We've

already seen some real business benefits starting to transpire, which makes it all the more rewarding," says Letitia.

Since taking out Idea Summit, Yonder have continued their winning streak, leveraging the connections they built throughout the course of the competition.

"Starting out is definitely daunting, but the support we were given has made it as easy as possible and allowed us to focus on building the best offering possible – we've been able to stick to what we're good. We've been fortunate enough to draw on expert opinions and support when we've needed it, and this has definitely played a part in our trajectory," says Letitia.

Last year, Yonder were fortunate enough to receive funding from Callaghan Innovation in the form of a

Getting Started Grant which allowed them to investigate the feasibility of service, and more recently in May, they have been approved for a R&D Project Grant to support their continued growth.

"We have been fortunate to receive our initial grant and now our R&D Project Grant. It's great to have access to funding and continued support as a start-up. Venture Taranaki have played a big role in joining these dots for us, and it's been invaluable to have this continued support after Idea Summit was all done," says James.

To find out more about Idea Summit and how to enter visit ideasummit.co.nz The deadline is Monday June 10.

For more information on Idea Summit contact: Nick Field **DDI 06 757 6055** | nick@venture.org.nz Or visit: <https://www.ideasummit.co.nz/>

Community steps into the breach for CoastalCare

The Opunake community has certainly stepped up to the mark. After the multiple power outages last winter and thousands of dollars of lost product and damage caused by the outages CoastalCare

made it their mission to ensure an emergency generator was installed for this winter – when their funding applications came up a bit short, they appealed to the community


for help. And help they did in the last week, Pihama Women's Institute have donated \$1,000, Opunake Lions \$5,000 and Te Kiri Women's Institute have pledged \$500. CoastalCare

really are on the home straight with only \$9,000 left to raise of the \$42,000 needed.

This weekend the Lakeside Lions are having a massive garage sale to generate

some funds for this much needed project – it would be fantastic if everyone could support them to support CoastalCare – either with donations of goods or by attending and grabbing a


bargain. Saturday 25th May 8am-1pm Tasman St next to Pastimes. Donated goods can be dropped off at the same place either Friday 10-12 or at CoastalCare during open hours.



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<p>AVENGERS: END GAME Action, Adventure 3hrs M: Violence The grave course of events set in motion by Thanos that wiped out half the universe and fractured the Avengers ranks compels the remaining Avengers to take one final stand in Marvel Studios' grand conclusion to twenty-two films. Sun 26th May 7pm Sat 8th Jun 7pm Fri 14th Jun 7pm</p>	<p>RED JOAN **BOUTIQUE** Biography, Drama, Romance 1hrs 41mins M: Sex Scenes The story of Joan Stanley, who was exposed as the KGB's longest-serving British spy. Sun 2nd Jun 7pm Fri 7th Jun 7pm Wed 12th Jun 1pm</p>
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<p>INSIDE OUT Animation, Adventure, Comedy 1hr 35mins PG After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. Sat 25th May 1pm</p>	<p>THE MATRIX Action, Sci-Fi 2hr 16mins M: Violence A computer hacker learns from mysterious rebels about the true nature of his reality and his role in the war against its controllers. Sat 25th May 7pm</p>

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