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Shared wisdom from JK

Popularly known by his initials JK, John Kirwan has seen the highs and lows of life. An All Black for 10 years, he scored 67 tries for the national side, 35 of these in tests.

When he was first selected in 1984, he was the third youngest All Black ever. Thirty four years later he still holds the record of being the fourth youngest, with the legendary Jonah Lomu having been younger on his all Black debut.

Kirwan had a two year break from Rugby Union to play Rugby League with the Auckland Warriors, before returning to the 15-man game, this time as coach, coaching the Italian and Japanese national teams, as well as the Blues super rugby team. Kirwan is also one of the select few rugby players to have received knighthoods.

In more recent times, Sir John Kirwan has been better known as an advocate for mental health, speaking to audiences around the country, and drawing on his own experiences of battling depression. On May 10 he spoke to a full house at a meeting organised by the Taranaki Rural Support Trust at the Sandfords Event Centre in Opunake. "Living in country districts and rural areas presents different challenges. The message is a little bit different, but depression is not prescribed," he says. "The kiwi farming sector attracts a certain personality, so some of the attributes that make farmers the backbone of our country tips them over a bit. They live in isolated places and might not get off the farm much."

In introducing Sir John



Sir John Kirwan holding forth at Sandfords Event Centre.

Kirwan, Taranaki Rural Support Trust chairman Mike Green said farmers had been through a tough year.

"In my 40 years in the agriculture industry, this is one of the toughest periods I've ever seen," he said.

Kirwan recalled talking to one farmer who had unsuccessfully tried to take his own life and asking how he could be depressed given the beautiful view of the countryside that could be seen from his home.

"All I can see is my mortgage, my animals and the weather," he was told.

Kirwan said there was no point stressing out about things that can't be con-

trolled.

"Farmers are worried about the weather and milk prices. So long as you're a farmer you can never control them. One of them is controlled by God, the other is controlled by, I guess, the Chinese."

He said that when people are under pressure they work harder.

"If you work for 24 hours a day you are not going to change the milk prices," he said.

As bad as things get, there is still a need to take stock, and have an occasional break away from the farm.

He quoted Doug Avery, author of *The Resilient Farmer* who said that the farm would

always be there on their return.

"You guys need to help each other because one suicide is one too many in the rural sector. The only way you can help yourselves is through farmers talking about mental health."

The message needs to start in the schools.

"If we can teach kids the IQ around mental health, I think it will give them more emotional intelligence to deal with things," he said.

He said people can normally cope with two or three things, but when other factors are thrown into the mix, pres-

ures begin to mount.

"It's raining, then it turns to drought, then it's a cyclone. That's not normal."

"Shit happens. When I'm well I deal with it. When I wasn't well I couldn't deal with it. If you can't deal with the shit you used to deal with, then life's out of balance."

He spoke about his own struggles with depression.

"I would have given up every jersey and every test match to have got rid of my depression," he said.

"I remember one day I was

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Freedom campers only create problems

While the Opunake and Coastal News promotes freedom camping, many residents remain unconvinced. I question whether these cost-cutting campers contribute significantly to the local economy. In my view they only create problems. Anyone who regularly visits our beaches, lake and lookout must be aware that many freedom campers are not self-contained. They are often shabby station-wagons whose occupants flout the by-laws. I personally have seen them parked alongside "No Camping" signs. I have also seen them urinating in public. They drape laundry and scatter rubbish or possessions around their vehicles, creating a slum-like

environment. These freedom campers often park in such a way that there is no room for members of the public to access the beach or take in the view.

Who is responsible for monitoring these activities and ensuring by-laws are obeyed? What about the visitors who pay to stay in our camping ground, motel or baches? No one seems interested in catering for their needs. How about improving our town to attract more socially conscientious visitors?

Concerned Opunake

Not hopeful

With the recent passing of Hopeful Christian, it's unbelievable that he was not in a cell when he passed. He is/was a convicted child molester, plus various other things.

Anyway, in Perth WA, there is a compulsory



Letters to the Editor

retirement age for judges, which is 65, no "ifs" or "buts." Issues like dementia and Alzheimers can come into play.

I wonder if New Zealand has the same policy re judges. I doubt it because Hopeful Christian only got about six months for his crimes.

He was allowed to live in Gloriavale and his young wife was only 17 when she married him. Gloriavale encourages their 90 wives to treat their families like "brood mares" and the young women must submit to their young husbands ad hoc to produce their progeny. Some of the poor girls there are married at 12 years; why didn't the police intervene?

I doubt that he will be missed and WINZ will save a lot of money by providing any more super payments for him. Compulsory retirement for judges should come to New Zealand.

Yvonne Wara Ward Opunake

Dangers of palm oil

The production of palm oil is killing rain forests and those who call it home. There is also a habitat loss for sun bears as they are vulnerable to being killed by poachers.

Twisties contain palm oil and life's pretty straight without rainforests. Caramello koala bars contain uncertified palm oil. It is in the caramel filling in the centre. So how much more can we bare?

Doritos and CCs contain palm oil, or you can choose to buy El Paso products with nil palm oil. The choice is yours. It's time that society/people take more accountability for the negative things happening in our world. What can you do to help other species, animals etc.

Animal Lover Rahotu.

Adelphos

Money, as they say, can't buy true happiness as we've repeatedly seen in the tragic lives and deaths of mega rich Hollywood and music stars. Madonna once said, "Do you really think I'm a material girl? Money's not important. I never think I want to make millions and millions of dollars and I don't want to have to worry about it. The more money you have the more problems you have. Life was simpler when I had no money, when I just barely survived. Take it, I don't need money. I need love". At Harry and Meghan's royal wedding Bishop Michael Curry beautifully summed up this universal desire to be loved, "Ultimately the source of love is God himself".

It is interesting that Madonna and John Wesley had two important beliefs in common: both Madonna and the eighteenth centu-

The Lotto Dream

ry founder of Methodism were unimpressed by their wealth and they recognised the human need to be loved.

Although he was raised in poverty, Wesley became one of England's wealthiest citizens soon earning over 1,400 pounds per year. Upon his personal faith conversion he began devoting his income to God, apart from 28 pounds per year for his living expenses. Wesley used his money to spread the gospel of God's saving love by training and financially supporting men and women to become lay preachers; he also supported the starving and impoverished of his day. By the time he died he had trained over 400 local lay preachers with a Wesleyan Methodist membership of 109,000 people. John died with about 10 pounds to his name. He is well known for his famous saying, "Earn

all you can, save all you can, give all you can." Like Madonna, Wesley wasn't impressed by his wealth. It seemed that he had won Lotto and he wanted to share God's love by materially assisting the less fortunate of his day and in spreading the gospel.

Yet so many of us, rich and poor and in between, are convinced that the Lotto dream of great wealth will give us a truly happy and secure future. But many megamillionaires and billionaires know differently. Back in 2010 Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft (then supposedly worth about 50 billion dollars), started a billionaires club called "The Giving Pledge." Along with over 150 other billionaires they pledged to give away at least half of their wealth to a variety of charitable causes. Many of them reported that giving their billions away

made them feel far happier than making more money. Their giving seemed to create a special happiness within them. Jesus echoed this when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". However, even the most financially impoverished person has been blessed by giving of their resources and time.

John Wesley summed it up for us, "You were not created to gain money or the praise of men. You were created to seek and find happiness in God on earth and to secure the glory of God in heaven".

Reflections: Why would Jesus say that it is very difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven? And how would you use your \$18,000,000 Lotto dream win?

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Shared wisdom from JK

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petrified. I was too scared to drive my car, and why would I be like that? I was playing for the All Blacks," he recalled. "I spent five years thinking it was a weakness. It's an illness not a weakness.

"I was scared of me and scared of my thoughts. My reference point to mental illness was One flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. I was afraid that if I reached out I would be locked up with that Indian guy."

He recalled one time on tour in Argentina, feeling particularly low despite having scored two tries in a test. The All Blacks doctor told him he was suffering from depression.

He said a turning point came when he was told that just

as he would attend to a physical injury like a torn hamstring, so he should also look after his mental health. The brain's no different, he said.

For him this meant starting again and doing what needed to be done, including not succumbing to the lies that told him he wasn't good enough, or that he was dumb.

"That inferiority complex around my dumbness probably made me an All Black. It drove me but it was a negative drive. I had to tell myself the truth. I'm not dumb, but I'm not educated. I read a lot."

Dealing with his mental health also meant taking medication as needed, and finding inspiration where he could.

"I found it today in your mountain," he said.

This was his first visit to Opunake, but he said he was looking forward to coming back, this time to do some surfing.



A big crowd turned out to hear the rugby great.

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Correction/ Apology

On page 12 of our May 11 issue in a story entitled 'Morriessons Café Bar a brief look at its history' there were some inaccuracies. Ron Morriesson's home was a joinery factory/workshop which happened to make aluminium joinery. Downstairs was a workshop which assembled bought-in aluminium extrusions for making aluminium joinery for the local building trade.

It was incorrect to have written that Robert Surgenor was involved in the shifting/rebuilding/refurbishment of Ron's attic room; it was local builder Mark Urlich who was involved in this way. (However, Robert cut the

ribbon at the official opening at Tawhiti Museum, as he had the foresight in rescuing the attic and looking after it for many years.)
Finally, Robert was not a member of the Scarecrow Committee which sought to save Ron Morriesson's homestead.
Many thanks to Nigel Ogle, Clive Cullen and Robert Surgenor for the information they have imparted.

EDITORIAL

On the front page of the Taranaki Daily News on May 9 is news of yet another fatality arising from a high speed chase involving police and, in this case, a gang member. North of Wellington, a couple of days ago, we hear of a multi fatality involving a police pursuit.
The first thing that invariable occurs when a police car gives chase is the pursued car drives even faster, thus heightening the

Police chases have got to stop

danger.
Of course, our hard working and conscientious police are only doing their job. However, the question has to be asked; is a speeding car or a stolen car worth the price of a person's life – often pedestrians or occupants of cars in the wrong place at the wrong time?
Having your car stolen is not much fun, I must admit. I once lost my car to thieves in Christchurch for about 48

hours. However, the Editor of this newspaper fared even worse – her car was stolen from her driveway and incinerated at a coastal location.
The only time when a car should be pursued is if someone is in grave danger – say a child abducted by a known child molester, to make up an unusual scenario, or perhaps a person kidnapped by a violent offender.
Too many people have

died in stolen car/speeding car chases. Parliamentary legislation needs to be passed to prevent the too frequent case of police pursuing cars (usually stolen) which puts everyone lives at risk including the drivers of the pursued cars, anyone in the vicinity (in cars or pedestrians) – or even the members of the police force themselves.
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Mayor Dunlop meets with KFC management



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ROSS DUNLOP

On Monday May 5 the Mayor of South Taranaki Ross Dunlop met with two senior members of KFC to discuss the discarding of memorabilia relating to Hawera writer and musician Ronald Hugh Morrieson. KFC was established in 1993 on the property where the writer lived for virtually all of his 50

years of life. The homestead at 1 Regent Street (Corner of South Road and Regents Street) was duly demolished to make way for the fast food restaurant against the wishes of many people including Cr Dunlop (as he was) and the then Mayor Mary Bourke.

Chaired by Tim Chadwick the 'Scarecrow Committee', with members Nigel Ogle, Clive Cullen and Robert Surgenor, fought hard to save Ron Morrieson's homestead, but to no avail.

When the South Taranaki District Council allowed KFC's plan to go ahead an agreement was reached to have memorabilia on display, including a plaque, noting that this was where the former home of Taranaki's

best known writer was once situated.

However, at the time of a renovation since then, the items of memorabilia were removed. Rescued from a skip was a gold framed item highlighting a doco-drama film about Ron Morrieson entitled 'One of those Blighters'. Although badly damaged and wet, it was restored to a high standard by Jill Williams of Framing Gallery and is soon to be featured in Nigel Ogle's Tawhiti Museum. The plaque, however, has disappeared. Perhaps it was also thrown into the skip.

"KFC admitted that this shouldn't have happened," commented Ross Dunlop. "And wish to make amends." They will be having a similar

plaque made and possibly other memorabilia, which will be displayed at the KFC outlet in the near future.

There will be brief ceremony involving the mayor and

KFC management to mark the occasion, so we'll keep you posted.



KFC which now occupies the site of Ronald Hugh Morrieson's house.

Green-fingered kids help preserve sand dunes

New Plymouth District schoolkids are doubling their efforts to curb erosion with a bumper New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) coastal planting programme this year.

About 315 children from local schools will help put 25,000 sand dune plants into the ground from Urenui to Oakura in May and June.

This compares with about

12,000 plants last year. The plants bind the sand so it can resist erosion by wind and waves.

"We have a lot of schools and community groups wanting to be involved in greening their communities and learning about our constantly changing coastal environment," said NPDC chief operating officer Kelvin Wright. "It's been a great success for at least 20 years now and some of the outstanding plantings, such as the Oakura Motor Camp frontage and Messenger Terrace, look amazing."

At least six schools are taking part with community groups in plantings at seven sites across the district this year.



Ella Bolger and her Oakura School classmates doing their bit at Tataraimaka.

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On this month in history

On May 25, 1965 Cassius Clay (later renamed Muhammed Ali) in a very short fight knocked out Sonny Liston (challenger) in just 1 minute and 56 seconds. Some patrons thought it was

a phantom punch and wanted their admission money back.

Originally, Sonny Liston was the world heavyweight champion, who was beaten by Cassius Clay in their 1964 fight.

Cassius Clay beats Sonny Liston

Cassius Clay won the gold medal as a Light heavyweight at the 1960 Rome Olympics when he was still a teenager. Eventually, the boxer, who

liked to say "I'm the greatest" was stripped of his world title belt, but reclaimed in later; in total he was champion three times.

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Farm tragedy continues to raise questions

An Otakeho farm tragedy 105 years ago continues to raise questions for great nieces of Verena Arnet.

Born in Switzerland, Verena had only been living in New Zealand for two years before she died in an accident on the Taikatu Road while filling up a barrel of whey.

Apart from the death certificate and newspaper reports of the fatal accident there is little evidence that she even existed. Even the newspaper reports of her death got her name wrong, referring to Frena, instead of Verena.

Her mother had passed away in Switzerland five years earlier. A brother Franz Xaver had also died in Switzerland, soon after his birth. Her father had since remarried, making Verena part of a blended family.

Two of Verena's great nieces, Julie Byrne (nee Arnet) of Auckland, and Kathleen Payne (nee Arnet) of Pongaroa were in Taranaki recently trying to find where Verena may be buried.

"She was the first on our



Kathleen Payne (left) and Julie Byrne sift through reports and papers in search of their great aunt's final resting place.

father's side to have died in this country," says Julie. "All we want to do is to say to aunty we haven't forgotten you."

The first Julie and Kathleen knew Verena even existed was when a Swiss relation

who was drawing up their family tree told them.

Up until then the aunt who had died at a young age was never spoken of in family circles. When the two sisters had been to a family reunion in 1999, stories had been

told of the first members of the family to have come over from Switzerland, but there was never any mention of Verena.

"If anything hurtful or disturbing happens, people tend not to talk about it,"

says Julie.

Verena's father Josef Jakob had been hoping to take over the farm which had been in his family for over 200 years until his father had unexpectedly sold it from under him. With bad times in Switzerland he joined the exodus to New Zealand. He settled in New Plymouth and married another Swiss immigrant Maria Hurlimann. They had five children and returned to Switzerland where they had three more, including Verena.

According to a report in the Manaia Witness newspaper quoted in New Zealand Truth, Verena was filling a barrel of whey for feeding pigs while her parents were at the beach.

"Not being sufficiently tall of stature, and in order to give her more command over the operation, the little one provided herself with a kerosene box on which she stood while engaged in filling the barrel," the report read. "The appearance of the unfinished work in which the little girl was engaged supply these facts. The rest of the tragic tale must be left to surmise. But it is easy to imagine the strength and balance of the little worker being overtried and of her suddenly losing her

equipoise and falling, head foremost, into the barrel."

Her parents found her lifeless body when they returned home at 7pm.

As well as the location of Verena's grave, Julie and Kathleen say a number of other things puzzle them. Verena appears to have been buried at Otakeho two days after the event, but the death certificate wasn't issued until March 31.

They have visited the Otakeho Cemetery but haven't been able to find a grave. They have contacted the South Taranaki District Council, the Hawera Catholic Church, Eltham Historical Society and Hawera Genealogical Society, all to no avail. Julie says anyone who can shed any light on the life and passing of Verena can contact her at julye.byrne@xtra.co.nz

Verena's father Josef visited Switzerland again in 1920. When a couple of his nephews told him they wanted to come over to New Zealand he talked them out of it, saying that things had got worse. He died in 1930.

"All we want to do is to say to aunty we haven't forgotten you."

Stock numbers come under the spotlight

Environment Minister David Parker has said tough measures to curb nutrient run-off from farms could stall further dairy intensification.

Though he said there would not be a direct cap on the number of cattle, "cow numbers have already peaked and are going down, but yet, in some areas, the number of cows per hectare is higher than the environment can sustain".

Robyn Dynes, science impact leader, AgResearch, comments: "Requirements or targets for reducing nutrient losses on farms are nothing new in many areas of the country, and in our experience, most farmers are already moving in that direction.

"While reducing stock numbers is one approach to reducing nutrient loss, there is no one size fits all. Whatever restrictions are put in place, it is important to recognise that every farm is different and has a different capacity to adapt and change. This is where research plays a crucial role in helping the transition by farmers - including providing better guidance on land use suitability and future technologies, such as in the digital agriculture space.

"Many farmers have already changed their systems to meet current and future targets, but the challenge is to meet those targets and make a profit. There are different approaches that can be taken around more efficient use of farm inputs like fertiliser and water, better targeting source areas of contamination, and use of alternative animal feed like fodder beet and plantain that have been shown to reduce nutrient losses. "A big driver for farming has always been what is eco-

nomie, and the environment is now another important driver. But there are other issues to consider around culture and communities and shared responsibility, that we cannot lose sight of. The risk is that if changes are made without all of these issues being considered, we could end up with unforeseen problems down the line."

Professor Troy Baisden, Professor and Chair in Lake and Freshwater Sciences, University of Waikato, comments: "Globally, humans have pushed the Earth's limits, and nutrients - both nitrogen and phosphorous - are examples where development has shot well beyond the boundaries describing the safe space to keep the Earth's ecosystems functioning to support us. This is particularly true in highly populated areas of the Northern Hemisphere, but the data for New Zealand show that we're not far behind. In many areas, we're already reaching a level of impacts that are difficult to reverse. What I find most remarkable about the minister's recent comments is the firmness that we're not going to keep crossing these limits. That's what's really important to note here,

and I'll come back to that.

"How we reverse course is another issue, particularly because few nations have. We already have examples, in areas like Taupō and Rotorua, where there's been real commitment and investment to protect iconic lakes. That's resulted in action by regional council legislation that has at least held the line and prevented irreversible eutrophication.

"Yet, it's important to understand that the progress in Taupō, Rotorua and elsewhere is a bit short of what's required to maintain profitability while reducing stock numbers. And as a result, getting plan changes working in those areas takes years of understanding thinking and compromise. It tends to lead to a feeling of completion only when everyone is equally unhappy.

"Coming back to Minister Parker's comments, they send the signals that may well lead to more rapid development of tools that will really help farmers become more profitable, but with less stock. That signal is needed to accelerate the science, innovation, and discussions that will help us find a path there. That will take time, but manage-

ment changes under existing farming system could help us move faster than the land-use change to forestry that has dominated progress so far.

"And, it's important to realise that sending this signal can have much faster effects than the development of new science. For example, Minister Parker's commentary may go straight to the agricultural property market, and lenders, firmly suggesting a shift in relating land values to profitability, rather than milk solids production. It has largely been the case that land value is correlated with the milk solids production for a number of years, and a shift in the main driver of land value could have immediate effects. Greater milk solids production means more cows, but greater profit allows different thinking, and the kind that will take us on a journey toward both short and long-term solutions.

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Beau's big day as he receives his Queens Service Medal

You may have read in the last edition an article regarding the cleaning of your chimney prior to winter. We have sold you the firewood, and now we want you to have a clean chimney to burn it in. I have tried to get in touch with two chimney sweeps in New Plymouth but neither has returned my calls. Luckily, because Opunake's very own Dave Collins (lives opposite the fire station) carries out this task under his S.O.S. Company and is only too happy to do the job. So if you wish, get in touch with Dave for further information.

Most fire fatalities occur in rental properties that do not have working smoke alarms. When a property is rented, the landlord has a few obligations to meet and failure to do so can result in fines of up to \$4000.

Many farmers rent out farm houses to staff or to folk who work off site. This then



Beau with his new best friend Dame Patsy Reddy.

makes them the landlord so consequently, they must meet these key points listed below. Firstly working smoke alarms are required in all sleeping spaces or within

three metres of a bedroom door. In a caravan, a sleep out or something similar there must be a minimum of one smoke alarm. In a multi-storied situation there must be at least one alarm in every household level. Landlords are responsible for making

sure that every smoke alarm is in perfect working order at the beginning of each new tenancy.

It is the tenant's responsibility to maintain the smoke alarm and replace batteries should they require them.

Please keep your smoke

alarms up to speed. It is bad enough going to a house fire, especially if there is total devastation of a family's property. I couldn't imagine what it would be like going to one where there was a fatality. Please don't give us that experience. Check your smoke alarm so that we can all rest a little easier.

It was Queens Service Medal Investiture day for Beau on May 17 in Wellington. Fire and Emergency New Zealand flew both Denise and I to Wellington, and looked after us until we flew home on Friday. It was certainly an unreal experience. From the ceremony at Government House and meeting Dame Patsy Reddy to the after match function which FENZ put on for the seven fire service recipients from around the country at the Wharewaka Centre down on the water front. The whole experience was extremely humbling.

While I was living it up in Wellington, our Opunake crew were tending to a lady

who lost control of her vehicle near the quarry on Wiremu Road. The lady was extremely lucky to escape with minor injuries when her car slid into a metal truck travelling in the opposite direction. Luck was on her side.

We had a very pleasant surprise when we turned up for our brigade meeting on Monday 21st. The Maui Activity Manager, Warwick Smith from Shell Taranaki visited our establishment and presented us with a cheque for \$4800. We were one of four organisations in the area that received such a generous donation. The funds they donated came about from a health and safety pro-active program they held during a recent maintenance shut down. The donation could not have come at a better time, as we are very close to starting an extension to our station kitchen and this will certainly help with the fitting out.

Secretary Beau

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Let's make forestry farmer friendly

The dairy sector welcomes a move by the Government to look closely at how industry groups can help meet the Government's One Billion Trees programme, says David Burger, DairyNZ strategy and investment leader for Responsible Dairy.

"The dairy sector has a strong role to play in supporting the Government's One Billion Trees policy," says Dr Burger. "We know that increased on-farm planting throughout New Zealand will be vital for New Zealand to transition to a low emissions economy, as well as having positive effects for soil, air and water quality."

The draft report released by the Productivity Commission last month, *Low-emission economy*, focused heavily on carbon sequestration from forestry. Until long term technological solutions are found to reduce biological emissions on farms, the sector will be looking at options to increase on-farm planting. The Government has announced the appointment

of a Ministerial advisory group to provide independent advice about the forestry sector and how Government and industry can work together to deliver outcomes for New Zealand.

"Many dairy farmers are small forestry block owners, and many more already plant for several reasons including planting for shelter, for fodder, and to improve water quality, or to retire land. Simple changes could significantly increase the uptake of different types of on-farm planting by New Zealand dairy farmers," says Dr Burger.

"In order for the greater farmer uptake, the Ministry needs to be more flexible with their land size criteria. Many farmers have the ability to plant on farm, but in more spaced out or smaller lot sizes. This means the trees or other plant species they plant are not recognised by the Ministry or included in the Greenhouse Gas Inventory scheme which allocates carbon credits for planting.

"We would also like to

see a broader definition of 'tree' considered by the Government. This would mean farmers are recognized for the planting species that currently fall outside of the Greenhouse Gas Inventory definition and yet provides similar benefits to the environment as the planting of traditional trees.

"For example, all riparian planting and wet land species could be accepted as 'trees' for the purpose of the One Billion Trees programme.

"With this clarification, we

could work more closely with the sector to advise on the optimal mixes of plantings on farm to provide the highest possible environmental benefits.

"There is great scope for the dairy sector to play an important role in helping the Government meet its One Billion Trees goal. We look forward to working with the Government to make forestry planting and other types of on-farm planting more accessible for dairy farmers."



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Storm damage forces marae closure

Strong winds have wrought havoc with a historic building and forced the closure of Orimupiko Marae.

Marae trustees have announced that the marae on Eltham Road will be closed until further notice following storm damage last week.

The chapel which had been transferred from the Opunake Convent School in the 1980s bore the brunt of heavy winds which struck some time on the night of May 15-16.

The chapel was extensively damaged and a window in the marae was blown in, Orimupiko Reserve Trust chairperson Tapakione Skinner said. The original ablution block behind the chapel also took a big hit and was extensively damaged.

"The chapel building moved south, so there must have been a frontal assault from a northern aspect," Tapakione



The chapel next to the Orimupiko Marae was extensively damaged in a storm last week.

said. "You can see where it was lifted up from its foundations. The roofing was up halfway to the trees at the back of the section."

She says she doesn't know

exactly when the damage occurred but recalls strong winds at about 1 o'clock that morning.

"There were no reports of tornados so it must have been

a very strong wind," she said.

After a special hui and a meeting with the assessors, the marae trustees decided to put up no entry tape around the building and property. All

bookings for the marae have ceased until further notice.

Tapakione says there will be a progress report and they hope to be able to let the public know about what's

happening.

Ironically before the storm, some progress had been made in putting in new windows and doors for the chapel, Tapakione said.

She said special prayers had been said when the chapel was transferred from the Convent School back in the 1980s. It was said at the time that the chapel would cater for the needs of all denominations.

"It's a historical place," says Tapakione. "There are lots of memories of Orimupiko families going into the chapel while it was up at the convent grounds."

She has her own memories from back then.

"I remember going through it in the 1940s. I would learn my music then I would go over to the chapel," she says.

TRC adopts long term plan

The region's course for the next decade has been laid out in a way that the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) says will ensure prudent management of resources even as bold new ambitions are confidently embraced.

On May 15, The Council adopted its Long-Term Plan 2018/2028, taking a business-as-planned approach to all of its activities but also aiming to lift two key programmes to new levels of achievement.

These are: biodiversity protection – giving Taranaki a leadership role in making a reality of New Zealand's aspiration to be predator-free by 2050, and recreation and culture – building on recent exciting developments to further cement Pukeiti's status as a visitor destination with wide international appeal.

"We're taking these steps out of a strong conviction that the region has what it takes to overcome current

uncertainties, meet fresh challenges and secure a better future for its people, environment and economy," says the Council Chairman, David MacLeod.

"This conviction is based on years of working alongside the community to achieve good results. This is particularly the case in biosecurity and protection of biodiversity, so we're excited at the prospect of joining with like-minded partners to widen this work to embrace

New Zealand's Predator-Free 2050 aspiration."

The Long-Term Plan was adopted following public consultation that drew 55 submissions. Twenty-five of the submitters presented their suggestions in person at a Council hearing.

These resulted in minor amendments to programmes and budgets set out in the draft plan. The rating impact amounts to just cents per week, or \$10-\$20 more a year, for most residential

ratepayers in the region.

Mr MacLeod says the Council remains firmly focused on its core activities of resource management, biosecurity, hazard management, transport, recreation and culture, and regional advocacy. And he says it is confident about

its plans to build on recent gains in freshwater quality, to develop its education programme, and to broaden and deepen its relationship with iwi and hapū.

The Long-Term Plan takes effect on July 1.

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Nothings meaningful in the Budget



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

few years.

Last week's budget offered nothing meaningful for kiwi workers. With National's tax cuts cancelled and fuel tax increases set to take petrol and diesel prices to record levels, things don't look that rosy for middle New Zealand.

While Labour seems to be searching for a coherent plan, National believes there should be a focus on investing in health and education services to provide increas-

ing opportunities for the next generation. Our debt repayment plan was more aggressive than the government's, partnered with sustainable growth in order to build resiliency in the economy. Let's not forget that despite the restrictions forced by the Global Financial Crisis and the need to rebuild Canterbury and Kaikoura, the National-led Government also invested heavily in the New Plymouth electorate,

with the new Base Hospital, new police station and the improved entrance to New Plymouth city, while the rest of the province saw roading developments at Normanby and the planned Awakino/Mt Messenger bypass. We also programmed a number of road improvements and bridge replacements around the coast.

New Zealanders are a hard-working bunch, ready to roll up our sleeves and get

on with the job. This government is letting us down – particularly in Taranaki, with their announcement of no new offshore exploration, and its effect not only in the oil and gas sector, but also in engineering and support industries. What we need is a positive plan forward and I am working on that with the hydrocarbon sector.

*Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth*

Dairy review terms of reference released

An inclusive and comprehensive review of dairy industry legislation will help our biggest export sector get in shape for the future, says Minister of Agriculture Damien O'Connor.

The Government has released the terms of reference for a review of the 17-year-old Dairy Industry Restructuring Act 2001 (DIRA), which regulates Fonterra to protect the long-term interests of

farmers, consumers and the wider economy.

"The Ministry for Primary Industries will consult widely throughout the review, including surveys and formal consultation later in the year and I encourage you all to get involved and have your say," says Damien O'Connor.

"The review will allow us to take a strategic view of issues facing the dairy industry.

"In particular it will look at open entry and exit for



Hon Damien O'Connor

farmers, the raw milk price setting process, contestability for milk, the risks and costs for the sector, and the incentives or disincentives for dairy to move to sustainable, higher-value production and processing.

"The whole dairy sector needs to look ahead to see what trends and potential disruptions are coming our way and get ahead of consumer trends.

"Only through a frank

appraisal of the issues will we come to the right conclusions.

"In December last year I announced this Government would review DIRA as a matter of priority, in February we rolled it over to stop certain parts expiring, and today I release the terms of reference setting out the objectives, approach and timing of the review.

"The dairy industry will be fully consulted throughout the review so that any issues can

be given full consideration before any changes happen.

"I look forward to receiving feedback from farmers, dairy processors, consumers and the wider public in the upcoming consultation process.

"A high-performing, innovative and sustainable dairy sector is vital to New Zealand's economic wellbeing," says Damien O'Connor.

Part of State Highway to close in June

The NZ Transport Agency says a detour will be in place for most of June at the Stratford end of State Highway 43 while repairs are undertaken on Kahouriri Stream Bridge.

The road around the bridge

will be closed from Tuesday June 5 until Friday June 29 while the guardrails are replaced. From Friday June 29 to Friday July 20 the bridge will be open but the site will be under a 30km/hr speed restriction and traffic

may be stopped for short periods.

While the road is closed there will be a detour in place off State Highway 3 at Midhirst on Beaconsfield Road or State Highway 3 south of Stratford on Bird

Road/Skinner Road.

NZTA's Manawatu/Wanganui Transport System Manager, Ross I'Anson, says the guardrails are being replaced to keep the bridge safe for everyone who uses it.

"We would like to thank

motorists for the patience during the closure and we will endeavour to complete this work and open the road as soon as we can.

"Drivers should allow extra time for their journeys and drive carefully on

the unfamiliar roads," Mr I'Anson says.

The completion and start dates may change because the work is weather dependent.

On this month in history Keith Holyoake announces NZ soldiers to Vietnam

On May 27, 1965 Prime Minister Keith Holyoake announced that New Zealand soldiers would be sent to Vietnam. Mr Holyoake was

responding to great pressure from the United States and contributed infantry, medical teams and the Special Air Service. Before this date an

engineer unit had been sent.

At one point as many as 543 NZ soldiers were in Vietnam. Total NZ casualties included 37 NZ soldiers killed and 187

wounded.

Australia's military involvement included conscripts and considerably more soldiers on a per capita

basis.

Involvement in the war was very controversial speaking and eventually the US withdrew, under President

Richard Nixon's order and the South Vietnam capital Saigon was taken over by the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong.

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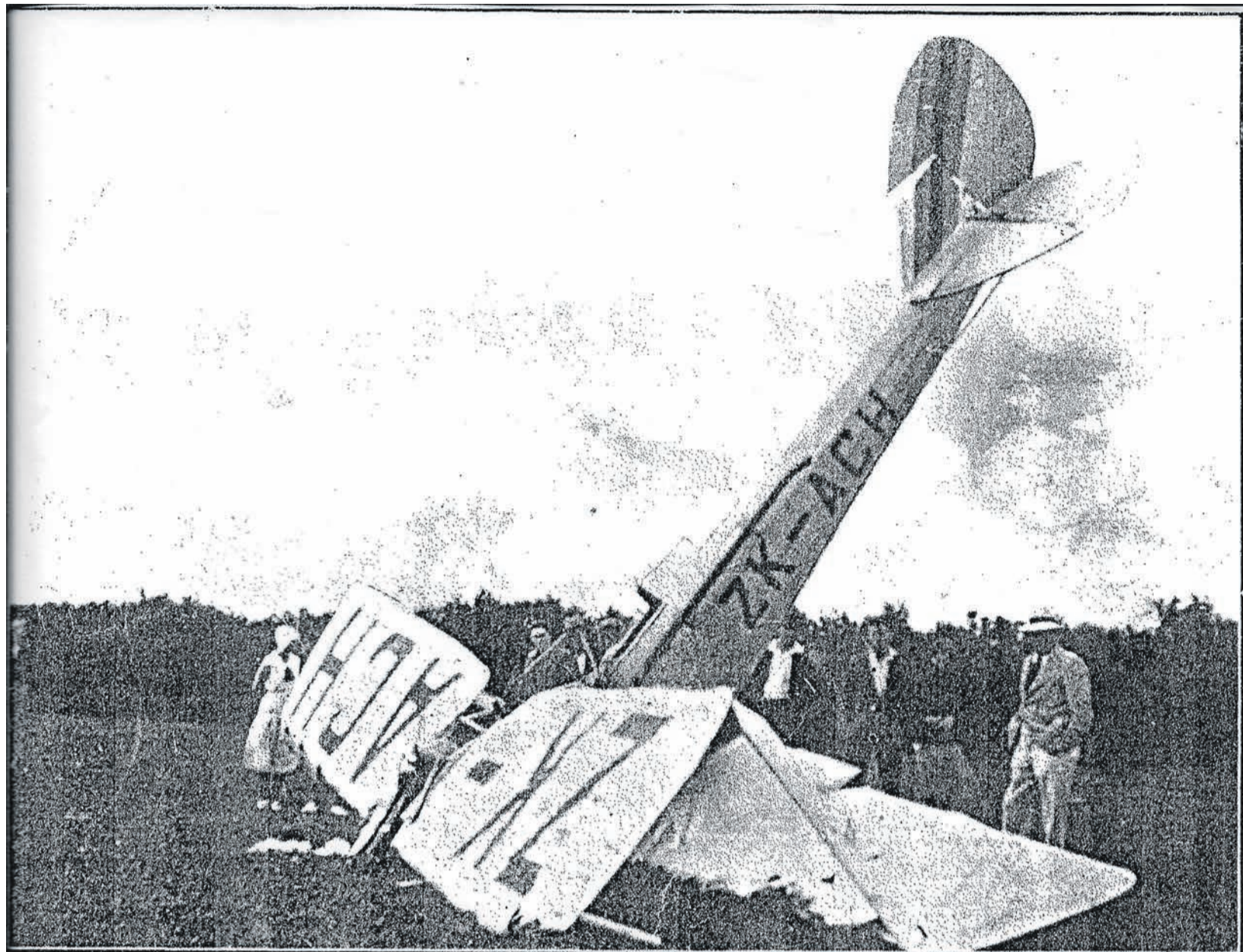
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1933 Pihama plane crash claimed one life

On the 29 January 1933 at approx 4.20 pm, a fatal plane crash occurred on the Patiki Rd at Pihama near the residence of Mr and Mrs ES (Stewart) Forsyth. The passenger – Guy Putt aged 18 from Otakeho – was killed instantly. In these planes the passenger and pilot did not have covered in cockpits, and the passenger sat in the front. The pilot, Brian Davies aged 18, also an Otakeho man, suffered concussion. The plane stalled in a turn and with the flying speed lost, nosedived from a low altitude. Mr Forsyth and family actually saw the crash and were on the scene within a minute or two. When he arrived at the scene he found the plane vertical with its nose two feet into the ground. Mr Forsyth stated that the plane circled twice over his house at a low altitude and was making another turn when it wavered as if struck by a gust of wind and then dived straight into the ground. It was at a height of about 200 feet when the pilot started banking. The plane had taken off from the Hawera Club's aerodrome at Dunlop Field which was on Turuturu Road.

The two men were friends and were also friends of the Forsyths. They had flown over the Putt homestead at Otakeho where a crowd had gathered for a Sunday Tennis Party, and Guy was seen waving to everyone. It is said that Guy and Brian were on their way to 'serenade' Mr and Mrs Forsyth's daughter. The plane was subsequently dismantled by Brian Haybittle and Brian Nicholas and trucked to New Plymouth. An inquest was held at Opunake. Two pieces of the plane remain in the hands of a member of the Putt family. These were kindly handed over by a Forsyth family member when the Putts had a reunion in 2009. The Forsyth farm is now



FATAL AEROPLANE CRASH IN TARANAKI

The Western Federated Flying Club's machine photographed after the fatal crash at Pihama, near Opunake, Taranaki. The machine, piloted by Mr. Brian Davies, of Hawera, with Mr. Guy Putt, of Otakeho, as a passenger, apparently stalled in a turn, and nose-dived from an altitude of about 200 feet. Mr. Putt was killed instantly, and Mr. Davies suffered concussion.

owned by the LeProux and backed onto the Davy farm which is now owned by Chris and Mary Young. Perc Davy, who was 15 at the time saw and heard the plane fly over and then there was "nothing." Guy was the second son of Edgar and Flora Putt. His parents did not know that he was going flying that day until after he left home. He was very keen to be a pilot and was "joy riding" that day. He was a popular young resident

in Otakeho sports circles and worked on the family farm. His funeral was testament to his popularity as there were over 150 cars present in the cortège that left the family homestead for the Manaia Cemetary, and was one of the largest funerals seen in the district.

Bev Davy (nee Putt)

Photo. Auckland Star

On this month in history Colin McCahon dies

On May 27 1987 Colin McCahon died in Auckland aged 67. He is probably New Zealand's best known artist and his paintings sell for huge amounts. Some of his

paintings have theological messages usually in white. Colin was born in Timaru in 1919 and studied at the Dunedin School of Art from 1933 to 1935.

In 1978 his painting 'Victory over Death' was presented by the NZ Government to the Australian National Gallery was controversial because of its bold theme.

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Mangatoki WI mark their birthday month

April is our Birthday month and on April 4 nine members met up at KD's Elvis Presley Museum, which is regarded as one of the most extensive in Australasia. This visit was enjoyed by all and brought back many memories for most of us. We then visited the Aotea Utanganui-Museum of South Taranaki. It was originally known as the South Taranaki District Museum. A new building opened in 2011 and the new exhibitions reflect South Taranaki history through a

series of specially designed units. At present, Our Milky Way's exhibition is showing. After spending some time looking at the exhibits, we held our business meeting. Our president Sandra Scherer welcomed members, the minutes were read, confirmed and signed.. Donations were made to the Hawera C.C.S. and Rotokare Wildlife Sanctuary. Cathy White was awarded a Good Service Badge. Helen Whyte's report was placed third and

Bev Marx's knitting was placed third at the South Taranaki Federation Council Meeting. Helen Whyte gave a report on the meeting. The raffle was won by Barbara Waite.

A discussion on next month's meeting was held, the Iris Bulbs for the September meeting were given out and a collection for the Food Bank was made.

On April 25, Anzac Day, a number of members attended the Anzac Service at the Kaponga Memorial Hall. The Mangatoki Wreath was made by Bev Marx and laid on the War Memorial by Karen Joblin.

Our May meeting was a fun morning when eight members participated in 10 pin bowling at Bowlarama in New Plymouth. We

had a shortened business meeting where our president Sandra Scherer reminded us that the South Taranaki members meeting will be held on May 21 and a Craft Day on May 25 both at the Kapuni Hall. Karen Joblin modelled clothing at the Fashion Show. The National Conference will be held on May 27-30 when Robyn Roberts will represent our

W.I. \$30 was donated to the South Pacific Fund and the sale of knitted chicken for Easter and Marmalade, both made by Bev Marx made \$715. This was made up to \$750 and was to be donated to Hospice Taranaki. The raffle was won by Sandra Scherer.

Lucy Moger

Teenager with cochlear implant receives scholarship



Madison with father Darryn and mother Kelly

The Southern Hearing Charitable Trust (SHCT) has awarded its \$5,000 annual scholarship to 18-year-old cochlear implant recipient, Madison Davy, at a presentation held in New Plymouth on Thursday May 17.

The annual scholarship is open to young people with cochlear implants, who are progressing to tertiary

education.

Madison is the first female, and first North Island recipient of the SHCT Scholarship, now in its third year.

The Scholarship is funding her Level 4 Information and Technology studies at Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT) next term, and an online Digital Media course she will complete following this.

"I'm so grateful for the award. It is going to support me in realising my goal of a career in Digital Media," says Madison. "I believe that being positive truly


helps you rise above life's challenges – always helping others, and showing them they can achieve anything they put their mind to."

David Kent, Chair of the SHCT Board, and an adult recipient of bilateral cochlear implants, presented the Scholarship Award.

"Cochlear implants are life-changing, and restore sound to the hearing-impaired. We're very proud of Madison, and the young people she represents. We enjoy seeing them form successful careers, aware of how the implant has aided their achievements," says David.

Madison received a cochlear implant at two years of age, and has gone on to consistently outstanding achievements in both her academic and community life. She received the Principal's Award at Stratford High School (2017) for NCEA Level 2 merit in Digital Technology, and is a member of the Deaf Aotearoa Youth Board (2017-2018) and local Parents of Deaf Children (PODC) group where she is a role model for younger children with cochlear implants. She was also a finalist in the 2016 Attitude Awards.

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Another successful Walk for Cancer



On April 18, Pihama WI hosted this year's Walk for Cancer. A good number of participants set off on a wet and wild day. They walked across local farms and returned to the hall for a country lunch. It was an excellent school holiday activity.

This year about \$1300 was raised. This can be added to the total over a number of years to bring to almost \$35000 the amount donated to the Cancer Council of Taranaki by Pihama Women's Institute from this annual event.

The money from this year's event will come back to the local community to help provide for exercise classes for people recovering from cancer. It has been proved that exercise considerably enhances the success rate of recovery from cancer.

Cancer number one killer in New Zealand

Cancer is now the number one killer in New Zealand with a newly diagnosed number of 23,215 – more than the populations of Taupo, Whakatane or Levin – every year, according to new figures released by the Ministry of Health.

The most commonly registered cancers were breast (3,292), colorectal (3,150), prostate (3,080), melanoma (2,424) and lung (2,189). These accounted for 6 out of every 10 cancers diagnosed.

"This is a league table that no one wants to lead. With more New Zealanders diagnosed with cancer than ever before and nearly one in three people dying from cancer, we need strong and bold action," says Cancer

Society medical director Dr Chris Jackson.

More than 9,500 people died from cancer each year according to the new report, also an all-time high. This represented 31% of all deaths recorded in New Zealand.

"The number of people affected by cancer is expected to increase by 50% by 2035. If we don't act now, cancer could cripple our health system as well as continue to cause considerable pain and suffering for many New Zealanders," noted Dr Jackson.

"Staying the same is going backwards and we need a 10 year cancer plan."

This call to action comes just months after the release of the third international

CONCORD study which revealed that 2,500 more kiwis would have survived cancer if they lived in Australia rather than New Zealand.

The Cancer Society supports the National Bowel Cancer Screening programme, and applauds efforts to reduce smoking rates, noting that the rates of many cancers have reduced with improved preventive measures. But want to see an increased investment in the cancer space.

"Given that it now amounts to 31% of all deaths, we'd like to see an increased investment from government to streamlining support for people with cancer reflected in the budget.

"With more New Zealanders

than ever before affected by cancer, and a system that delivers worse outcomes than Australia, we need to change our approach to cancer or things are only going to get worse," says Chris Jackson.



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At the opening ceremony Steve Pivac, Chester Borrows and Neville Ardern.

A special Cold Creek Community Water Scheme Open Day was held on Sunday 20 May to introduce the upgraded filter system, at a cost of \$700,000. Guests initially met at the Te Kiri Town Hall at 2.30pm where some brief speeches were delivered by Neville Ardern Chairperson of the water treatment scheme co-operative for the past ten years, and Steve Pivac who is employed as the operator of the plant. Steve outlined simply and clearly how the Automatic Valveless Gravity (AVG)

filtration system works. There were many people to thank, including the owners of local businesses such as Dave Collins of SOS for his digger work and Dave Finer of Icon Automation for his excellent input. Others thanked (in the speeches or informative booklet) included, for example, Hugh Forsyth, Blair Luscombe, Phil Sandford, Cameron Roberts, Jonathan Church, Chris Aspinall, Brett Clapham, Phil D'Ath, Eric Ardern, Phil Brophy, Ryan Marra, Phil Morgan, Jody Leeman, Andrew Kerrisk,

Kerry Demchy, Brandon West, and Dave Finer. Some important guests included former MP for Whanganui Chester Borrows and the Mayor of South Taranaki Ross Dunlop, as well as Scott Walls, Head of Farm Source, Fonterra. The upgraded filters were originally sourced from the recycled AVG filter units at Fonterra's Whareroa plant. Chester Borrows has special importance as he guided through Parliament the legislation (The Cold

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 Creek Community Water Scheme Local Bill), which enabled the new co-operative ownership (on February 18, 2014); it was originally controlled by the South Taranaki District Council. The legislative process took 6 to 7 years.
 Two buses transported the guests to the Cold Creek Community Water Scheme plant in Kiri Road, a distance of about four kilometres.
 Chester Borrows had the honour of cutting the official ribbon, as well as turning on the water to the filtration system. Unfortunately, the weather was less than kind and this ceremony was completed in the rain.
 People were shown by Steve through the building, which houses computer monitoring systems and the chlorination process. Steve explained that the chlorination is kept at an

optimally low level so that water borne bacteria are eliminated, but the taste is not compromised. Health and Safety specifications are stringent.
 The Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) recently allowed an increase in the amount of water which can be taken from Cold Water Creek; the consent allows 69 litres per second, although emergency provisions are available if required (another 10 litres per minute).
 The buses then returned to the Te Kiri Hall for much needed hot food and drinks, with the barbecue an important part.
 Well done Neville Ardern, Steve Pivac, Paddy Stevenson and your support team for your excellent, well-organised Open Day. I think we all learned a lot.
 Last word goes to Mayor Ross Dunlop. "It's fabulous and great to see it going so well under the new ownership."



Steve Pivac Cold Creek Community water Scheme Operator with the water monitoring equipment.

Work to start on second laneway



Artist's impression of what laneway will look like

Work will start on Hawera's second laneway project, Korimako Lane, next week as part of South Taranaki District Council's town centre revitalisation plan. STDC Project Coordinator, Phil Waite, says the Council purchased and demolished a

vacant building in July 2017 to pave the way for the new lane.
 "The Council is combining two projects into one contract; the creation of Korimako Lane (an attractive pedestrian thoroughfare which will connect the Napier Street carpark to High Street CBD) and the refurbishment of the existing Grubi Arcade Building into a new retail space."
 Mr Waite says there will be some disruption when work starts as both the Grubi Arcade thoroughfare and public toilets will be closed.
 "Hawera Hospice has generously agreed to let members of the public use their shop (during business hours) as a thoroughfare from the Napier Street

carpark to High Street. People will also have to use the toilets either at Cornish's Carpark or the Water Tower once construction starts," he says.
 Mayor Ross Dunlop says the Korimako Lane project is part of a wider strategy to make the Hawera Town Centre a more distinctive, attractive and vibrant place.
 "The Hawera Town Centre Strategy is about the Council showing leadership and looking at how we can enhance business confidence and private investment in our main town centre so the district is seen as a desirable place to visit, live, work and do business," says Mayor Dunlop.
 The open-aired Korimako Lane will be a combination

of paving and green space, in a similar style to Campbell Lane. The Korimako (Bellbird) is recognised as a symbolic messenger and orator to local Iwi in South Taranaki.
 Bizlink Hawera coordinator Nikki Watson, says it's great to see the Korimako Lane project start.
 "Bizlink has been very supportive of the Council's Town Centre Strategy. There has been a lot of work gone into the planning and preparation, so it's fantastic to see projects like this get underway," she says.
 "With a number of new businesses being established and building developments underway there is a real feeling of positivity and confidence in the town."

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Open to change

Having switched from rowing to cycling, Hamish Bond seemed a logical choice for guest speaker at an expo focused on change in the farming sector.

With Eric Murray, Bond had been gold medallist in the coxless pairs at the 2012 and 2016 Olympics, before deciding to take up cycling instead. This year he competed at his first Commonwealth Games, winning bronze in the road time trial.

Bond's speech concluded the day at the BDO Farm Expo held in Stratford last week with the theme Open to Change.

Bond passed his Olympic and Commonwealth Games medals around the audience giving everyone a chance to feel for themselves the weight of sporting glory.

In 2007 he had been part of the fours team which won the world championships at Munich, making the kiwis favourites for gold at the Beijing Olympics the following year. They finished seventh.

In 2007, everything snowballed in the right direction. In 2008 when we tried to replicate it, we

Murray moved into the coxless pairs and set a goal of Olympic gold at the London games. Bond said their aim was to never lose a race.

"If I turn up to a race, I want to give myself the best chance of winning."

He doesn't accept talk about the sacrifices that athletes make.

"It's my choice to do what I do. If you focus on what you are missing out on instead of what lies ahead, that's not a good way to go," he said.

After two more Olympics and two gold medals he was at the top of his game, but then decided to change tack and take up cycling.

"I felt I was getting stale and needed a change," he said. "I had always been intrigued to see what I could do in cycling if given a chance."

This was the second time BDO had held a farm expo. BDO principal Donna Greenlees says last year there had been 150-160 turn up, compared to the 270 who had registered this year.

"It's been a definitely challenging season for many of our clients, and it's great to see such a good turnout of farmers come here to focus on the future," she



Multi medallist Hamish Bond.

One change from last year was having stalls to enable rural businesses to better

present what's on offer during the day.

Steve Corkill of Corkill Systems said farmers visiting his site seemed to be mainly interested in milk cooling and generators.

"These are the same two things everyone has been asking about all year."

He had seen farmers from as far afield as Patea and Urenui.

"They've done a really good job with this one," he said. "The farmers I've talked to have been quite enjoying it. It's a good opportunity to get off the farm and talk to each other, as they all have the same shared problems."

Pat Poletti and Cynthia Northcott of mineral Systems presented a seminar on Animal Welfare and Increasing productivity.

Pat said animals are the sole income earners on the farm.

"The animals are what earn you money," he said. Much of the talk about animal welfare had been reactive, as with the rules around bobby calf pens which had come out of a reaction to a campaign by animal rights groups. Farmers had an opportunity to be proactive, he said.

"We can get ahead of the game," said Pat who in his time had been a vet, a farmer and had worked for MAF and MPI. Cow replacement rates are too high and farmers needed to take a cow-centred approach to their farming and manage their systems so that cows are producing longer.

Cynthia said Mineral Systems want Taranaki to be

milk fever-free. Milk fever had been in Taranaki since the 1880s, but they wanted to see it gone in 2019.

"That's two more springs," she said. They had enlisted support from farmers, vets, consultants, Taranaki Rural Support, banks, "everyone I can nab," says Cynthia.

Taranaki Rural Support had received more distress calls in the first three months this year than they had received for all of last year.

"Farmers tell us that milk fever is number one for causing the greatest stress," Cynthia said. For every one clinical case of milk fever, there were 20 sub-clinical cases. Cows with milk fever are eight times more likely to have mastitis, and cows without are two and a half times more likely to conceive.

Matthew Pickering and Wayne Hawkins of Coach Approach Rural talked about Succession Planning for farming families, stressing the need to start conversations early to prevent further heartbreak later on.

Other seminars covered legal matters, nutrient management and the changing face of farm ownership.

Ben Plummer of Drone Technologies NZ Ltd spoke about the varied uses that drones could be put to on the farm.

These included farm mapping. Using cameras on drones it was possible to locate problems on the farm much earlier than would otherwise be done. Using a multispectral camera, it was possible to find problems with barley crops 20 days before they could be picked up by humans.

Portions of a crop already mature enough for harvest could be identified, and thermal imaging could be used to locate stock which had gone missing in the bush.

"The farm is probably the best place to use this technology," he said. "Up to 120 metres high, it's your area."



Ben Plummer and drones.

didn't know what we did well, so we didn't repeat it," he said.

After that he and Eric

said. "We're really pleased with the calibre of speakers we've been able to bring to the event."

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Finding a win-win in the Waitotara hill country

Roger Pearce is confident he's hit on a good formula that allows him to make a successful living in the eastern Taranaki hill country without bringing down nature's wrath on himself, or indeed on communities and farms all the way down to the sea.

He's tapped into the South Taranaki and Regional Erosion Support Scheme (STRESS) to allow him to reap more of the potential of his 2000ha Waitotara Valley property – while ensuring its soil does not erode into waterways where it degrades water quality and heightens the risk of downstream flooding.

Roger has fenced off and retired steep slopes and planted poplar poles in others areas with assistance from STRESS, one of a number of Sustainable Land Management programmes administered by the Taranaki Regional Council as part of its work supporting livelihoods and improving lifestyles.

About 1600ha was grazed before about 100ha in different blocks was retired

under STRESS. Much of this was already starting to revert because of its unsuitability for pasture, or made up of natural gorges and riverbanks. And about 500 poplar poles were planted last year in areas where erosion was prevalent but fencing-off was impractical.

"I liked the idea of having some marginal areas fenced off and retired for several reasons," Roger says.

"One is to help prevent erosion on steeper faces and near waterways. Allowing natural regeneration, along with some strategic planting helps prevent slipping by increasing ground cover and root structure. It's also beneficial to have unsafe areas for livestock fenced off and stock excluded, as well as being of ascetic value to the property over time."

The work has also opened up opportunities. He's already diversified into beekeeping for manuka honey production, and sees the possibility of earning carbon credits for his retired areas and poplar plantings.

The benefits don't end there.



Roger Pearce and an area of land he's retired under the South Taranaki and Regional Erosion Support Scheme (STRESS).

"With the STRESS areas retired, we can concentrate on improving fertility and production on the more productive land," says Roger, who has maintained his stock numbers at 4000 Romney ewes and 500 Angus breeding cows, with brassica crops and regrassing to finish lambs and bulls.

"Generally, maintenance

on STRESS areas is low and we can still use access tracks through them."

He says the retired areas have been beneficial in creating natural buffer areas between blocks and next to waterways.

"In general, I think the retired areas will add value to the property over time, with the benefits of soil

conservation and ascetic value as they grow into substantial native bush areas. They're also great for the native bird life."

Roger's efforts demonstrate that a sustainable land management approach is a winner in the hill country, says the Council's Land Services Manager, Don Shearman.

"It really does sustain the land – as well as the environment, and the livelihoods of farmers like Roger," says Don. "The bottom line is that without soil, you can't grow grass."

"And the impact of hill country erosion has already been seen in major flooding events, while the sediment also degrades the health of waterways. Freshwater quality has become an increasingly important priority, regionally and nationally, so doing the right thing, as Roger has, is in the interests of farmers themselves as well as everyone else."

STRESS assistance is sourced from MPI's Hill Country Erosion Fund. As well as administering STRESS, the Council also works with hill country farmers to produce free, individually tailored farm plans – be they comprehensive plans covering an entire property, agroforestry plans for establishing exotic or native plantation forestry, or conservation plans for specific areas of concern..

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Dairy Industry Award winners announced

In front of nearly 550 people at Invercargill's ILT Stadium, Dan and Gina Duncan from Northland were named the 2018 New Zealand Share Farmers of the Year, Gerard Boerjan from Hawkes Bay-Wairarapa became the 2018 New

Zealand Dairy Manager of the Year and Simone Smail from Southland-Otago was announced the 2018 New Zealand Dairy Trainee of the Year

"This year there have been a few trends amongst the 33 finalists competing

for honours in the awards programme," general manager Chris Keeping says.

"The finalists are acutely aware of the importance of biosecurity and health and safety with regards to both environmental issues, animal management

and sustainability. It's extremely positive to see such dedication to these issues within the industry."

The Duncans are 50:50 Sharemilkers for the Pouto Topu A Trust milking 1020 cows on the 460ha Pouto property. Both Dan and Gina, aged 32, hold Bachelor of Applied Sciences majoring in Rural Valuation and Management, with Dan holding a double major including Agriculture. The runners-up in the Share Farmer of the Year competition, Papakura 50:50 sharemilkers Chris and Sally Guy are described by the judges as traditional and solid who are cow and grass focused.

Putaruru contract milkers Steve Gillies and Amy Johnson, both aged 31 years, placed third in the competition,

'Excellent attention-to-detail and an all-rounder' is how judges described the 2018 New Zealand Dairy Manager of the Year, Gerard Boerjan. "He takes a systems approach to the way he manages the farm, he has good systems in place to ensure nothing gets through the gaps," says judge Mark Shadwick from DairyNZ. "Everything is well documented, he covers health and safety to an exceptional level and his



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Keep it clean when shifting stock

Farmers are being reminded of the need to prepare stock properly for transportation to new properties as the dairy season draws to an end.

The animals need to be kept off green feed for at least four hours before transportation, to minimise the amount of effluent they may generate during the journey.

Tremendous progress has been made in ensuring stock effluent does not get on to roads and into watercourses," says the Taranaki Regional Council's Director-Resource Management, Fred McLay.

"At this time of year, farmers as well as transport operators need to remember they have a duty to ensure cartage takes place as cleanly as possible. If everyone plays their part, the region can build on its gains."



Keep it clean say the Taranaki Regional Council. Trucks like this will be out in force carrying stock in the coming month.

Farmers may need to plan ahead to make sure they have a suitable place to stand their stock away from green feed. The animals can be given

dry feed (grain, hay or meal) and water, if necessary.

Operators and drivers need

to ensure that truck effluent tanks are empty before picking up stock, and that

they use their own stock-truck effluent facilities or the region's public disposal sites (south of Waverley on SH3, at Stratford sale yards, and near Ahititi on SH3).

They should also clean machinery, vehicles and equipment before and after moving between farms to avoid spreading pest plants.

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Climate change ambassadors the next step

Fifteen dairy farmers have been chosen to profile the climate change cause as New Zealand's Climate Change ambassadors. This is the next step of the dairy sector's plan to create a culture of climate conscious agribusiness among farmers and the broader dairy industry, says DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle.

"These 15 men and women all represent best environmental practice for their farm system. They run their farms profitably and sustainably and are serious about reducing on farm greenhouse gas emissions..

"Many farmers are already leading with environmental practices, but these 15 people have taken it a step further. They have not only been ahead of the game, but have undertaken to share their knowledge and learning with others."

The Climate Change ambassadors include Trish Rankin. Trish, along with husband Glen, are herd owning sharemilkers of 440 cows in South Taranaki for Maori Incorporation, and

largest Fonterra supplier in Taranaki, Paraninihi Ki Waitotara. This is their first season in Taranaki, after having previously been s in the Far North where they won the Northland Share Farmer of the Year title in 2016.

"Being a guardian of the land for the future – or kaitiakitanga – requires a range of skills and knowledge of climate change is one of them," says Ms Rankin.

"The social license to farm is changing at a rapid rate. Communities and consumers want better products made in better ways with better outcomes for the environment.

"Being a Climate Change Ambassador means I can upskill myself while putting my knowledge to use to influence and inspire others."

Tim Mackle says the ambassadors will work with the rural community to help other farmers understand the challenge of climate change and what options they have to reduce biological emissions on their farm.



The Climate Change ambassadors

More research needed on likely impact

News of the spread of Mycoplasma Bovis comes

after an announcement that on average farmers could end up paying \$30,000 each to help cover the cost of eradicating the disease - mostly by culling.

Associate Professor Richard Laven, Animal Health, School of Veterinary Science, Massey University and the Massey University representative on the MPI industry working group on Mycoplasma bovis, comments:

"Mycoplasma bovis is a bacterial infection of cattle which is present in almost all countries. In July 2017, the disease was identified on a farm in South Canterbury. This was the first confirmed M. bovis outbreak in New Zealand.

"This was followed by a large-scale incursion investigation which has established that the disease has probably been present in the country since late 2015, with over 40 farms currently known to be infected, with more farms likely to be identified as infected in the

future.

"One of the key reasons for controlling the disease is the impact that the disease has on animal welfare. The main diseases caused by M. bovis are respiratory disease in calves (and occasionally in adult cattle), and mastitis and arthritis in adults.

"Respiratory disease (pneumonia) in calves is extremely common in calves on American and European farms and M. bovis is involved in a high proportion of cases. In New Zealand, pneumonia is rare in calves (recent research suggests that less than one per cent of sick calves have pneumonia), so it is unlikely that M. bovis will cause significant problems in NZ.

"So far, the evidence suggests that M. bovis is not causing pneumonia on most infected farms; some infected farms have had pneumonia cases but these have not yet been proven to be due to M. bovis.

"In contrast, M. bovis has caused large outbreaks of mastitis and arthritis on

infected farms. On the first farm diagnosed with M. bovis, more than 300 cows were diagnosed with mastitis and over 35 with arthritis. Both of these conditions are painful (especially the arthritis) and untreatable.

"In conjunction with the disease in the adults, over 100 calves were affected by M. bovis infection before birth and had to be euthanised. So M. bovis can clearly cause significant welfare problems on NZ farms.

"However, most of the farms that have been identified as infected have had no obvious disease; they have been identified using testing of milk, blood or tonsils. On these farms, M. bovis has had no welfare impact.

"Further research is required to better establish the impact of M. bovis on New Zealand farms, and the factors that affect its impact, so MPI have just funded a project at Massey University with a master's student to investigate this topic."

Dairy Industry Award winners

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financial understanding is of the highest calibre."

Dairy manager of the year Gerard Boerjan has successfully farmed in Portugal and Brazil and is currently farm manager for Trevor Hamilton on his 553ha Takapau property.

The Dairy Manager runner-up, Will Green from Canterbury is the farm manager for Kieran and Leonie Guiney on their 240ha, 830-cow farm at Fairlie.

Southlander Jaime McCrostie was placed third and is the farm manager for her employer Steve Smith and farm owners AB Lime on the 370ha, 930-cow farm at Winton.

The 2018 New Zealand Dairy Trainee of the Year, Simone Smail is herd manager on an Invercargill City Council farm, working for Steve and Tracy Henderson on the 780-cow, 310ha property at Invercargill.

The Dairy Trainee runner-up, Donna McKinley is

2IC for Davison Trust Partnership milking 330 cows on a Central Plateau 116ha farm.

Third placegetter Quinn Youngman, 21 years, works on David Dean's 245ha, 600-cow farm in Mercer.

Among other results, Taranaki Dairy Trainee of the Year Andrew Trolove won the Dairy Trainee Practical Skills Award.

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Hawera students take part in Agri-food careers day

Two young Taranaki vets have used jaw bones and preserved cattle body parts to get kids excited about careers in veterinary science.

Tori Turner and Lucy Webster were part of a fun event involving almost 300 students from Hawera Intermediate.

It saw the entire school take part in eight hands-on modules at the Hawera Showgrounds on career opportunities in the agri-food sector.

“Students learned about the science behind artificial insemination and how drone technology is being used to muster sheep,” said Deb Kingma from NZ Young Farmers.

“In one of the modules, they even got to blind taste test six different types of meat.”

The event was funded by the Red Meat Profit Partnership (RMPP) and delivered by NZ Young Farmers.

“It’s part of a national project to get students from 100 schools onto sheep and beef farms. In this case, we brought the farm to the kids,” Deb laughed.

“We want to get the



Tori Turner gets students excited about veterinary science.

industry on the radar of students and teachers, so they’re aware of the opportunities,” said RMPP’s

Di Falconer. The programme involved 11 classes of children between the ages of 11 and

13-years-old. “The kids have been really engaged,” said teacher Larni Martin.

“The artificial insemination module was a hit among students. They all had a laugh and many were quite

curious about reproduction.”

The module was a favourite for Year 7 student Juana Potts-Julian.

“Today was a lot of fun. I’m really keen to get job in the dairy industry,” she said.

Tori Turner and Lucy Webster told students a career as a vet can be an exciting challenge.

“It’s like a bit of a puzzle because humans can say where they’re in pain, whereas animals can’t,” said Tori, who works at the Taranaki Veterinary Centre.

“So we have to do a full examination to find out what’s going on with an animal, which can be quite difficult at times.”

He urged students to develop an interest in science if they want to be a vet.

“Studying all three sciences - chemistry, biology and physics – will help you get into Massey University where vets train,” he said.

New Zealand’s red meat sector will need to find an extra 33,000 workers by 2025 to replace people who will retire or exit the industry.

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Top of the table win for Premiers

Tevita Faukafa is chased by the pack as he breaks downfield.

The last game of round one meant a trip to Hawera for the Coastal Farmsource Premiers to take on top of the table Southern. The lead changed eight times during the game, and the scores were tied twice during the final 20 minutes. Coastal came back from a 13 - 19 first half deficit to take the game 36 - 30. Tries were scored by Cal Davies, Liam Parker, Blake Barrett

and Lisiate Folau. The rest of the points came from the boot of Rick McKenna with four penalties and two conversions. Man of the match was Cal Davies. Round two kicked off with a home game against Inglewood. The weather was far from ideal, but is a winter game. A strong start had Coastal leading 7 - 0 after only three minutes. Both teams had

their chances throughout the 1st half, but points were hard to come by. A second try after 35 minutes led to a 14 - 0 half time lead. Inglewood scored an intercept try after 10 minutes of the second half and it was game on. Coastal scored two more tries for a 28 - 7 win. Try scorers were Liam Parker (2) Sam Lawn and Cal Davies. Four conversions by Rick McKenna made up

the remaining points. Man of the match was Logan Crowley. After eight games Coastal find themselves at the top of the table, but only four points separate the top four teams. Next week the team is off to Tikorangi to take on Clifton, so why not come along and help the boys stay on top.

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Daniel Mullin is supported by Ra Naniseni as the Colts get up over Inglewood.

Mixed results in wet conditions

On Saturday May 12, the Corkills Colts travelled to Hawera to play Southern on a wet day where handling mistakes were plentiful from both sides, with Southern running out winners 17 - 7. The boys didn't really start playing till the second half, once they started holding on to the ball and putting South-

ern under lots of pressure. Credit to Southern's defence that kept us out. The stand out player for us was captain Cody Rothwell who had a blinder. Player of day with three points was Cody Rothwell, Mattie hooper (2), and Shaan Wineera(1).

The following week the Colts were at Rahotu against

Inglewood, and for the third week in a row it was wet with the first half being a tight battle and the score blowing out in the last 20 minutes for a Coastal Colts win 41 - 22. The forwards played well with lots of pick and goes and strong running and a good solid scrum to work with, making it easier for the backs

to utilise with strong hit-ups from the mid field and good pace shown out wide and some brutal hits in defence by our player of the day Shaan Wineera. Other Player of the Day points went to Jackson Wright(2) and Mitch Fleming(1).

Next week the Colts travel to play Clifton at Clifton.

After a great season the Coastal Womans team have made the final and will be playing Clifton at Tikorangi 7.00pm this Friday night. Any and all support will be appreciated!



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Pipped at the post



Steve Barron dives to score for the Div 2 in a hard fought win against Okaiawa.

On Saturday May 12, FBT Division 1 took on Southern who are the competition leaders at this stage of the season. Although rain fell through-out the game both sides put on a very good display of wet weather rugby. Unfortunately for

Coastal the first 15 minutes were costly, down 17-0. In this time the boys finally woke up and played some of the best rugby so far this season. With man of the match Peter Reeve having an outstanding game in the Coastal jersey and the rest

of the team giving him great support, we went on to score four very good tries to Ben Brophy, Jacob Gopperth and Hienrick Fourie (2).

This allowed us to grab the lead with 10 minutes to go. Unfortunately Southern were awarded a penalty try

on fulltime which gave them the match 27 - 24.

Last week the team had the bye.

This week we travel to Clifton to start the second round

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Taranaki Indoor bowls results

The Taranaki Open Fours Indoor Bowls tournament was played at the Stratford A&P Hall on Sunday May 6.

After section play five teams qualified. B.Coleman (Turi) D.Semple (Otakeho) T.Bourne (Cardiff) P. Midgley (Otakeho) and W.Cameron (Turuturu).

Play was over ten ends or 50minutes.

D.Semple played B.Coleman in the first post section game and after six ends Coleman led 5 -4 but excellent bowling by Semple on the next two ends where his team picked up a four and a three gave their team the victory.

In one semifinal D.Semple played P.Midgley and Semple's team had the early lead after seven ends leading 9-2, but Midgley's team

fought back with scoring Ione point on the last four ends and the final score was 9-6.

In the other semifinal T.Bourne played W.Cameron and after seven ends Bourne had the lead 7-4. They then scored four points on the eighth end and the final score was 11-6.

The final was played over 10 ends with no time limit.

Don Semple (skip), Jenny Hamley (three) Cliff Smith (two) and Jane Augustine (lead)played Trevor Bourne (skip), Sue Bourne(three), Michelle Watt (two) and Arthur Podjursky (lead).

After eight ends Semple's team held an 8-6 lead, but two kills on the 9th and 10th ends by Bourne's team gave Semple's team the title 14-6.

The win gave Jane Augustine her tenth centre title and a bar to add to her gold star. Don Semple now has twenty one centre titles, Jenny Hamley has twenty three centre titles, and Cliff Smith three centre titles.

The mixed fours final was played at Otakeho on Saturday May 12. Karl Hughes (skip), Andrea Berry (three), Nigel Berry (two) and Nicole Bennett (lead) defeated Trevor Bourne (skip), Sue Bourne (three), Arthur Podjursky (two) and Bari Oliver in a close fought game by 9-5.

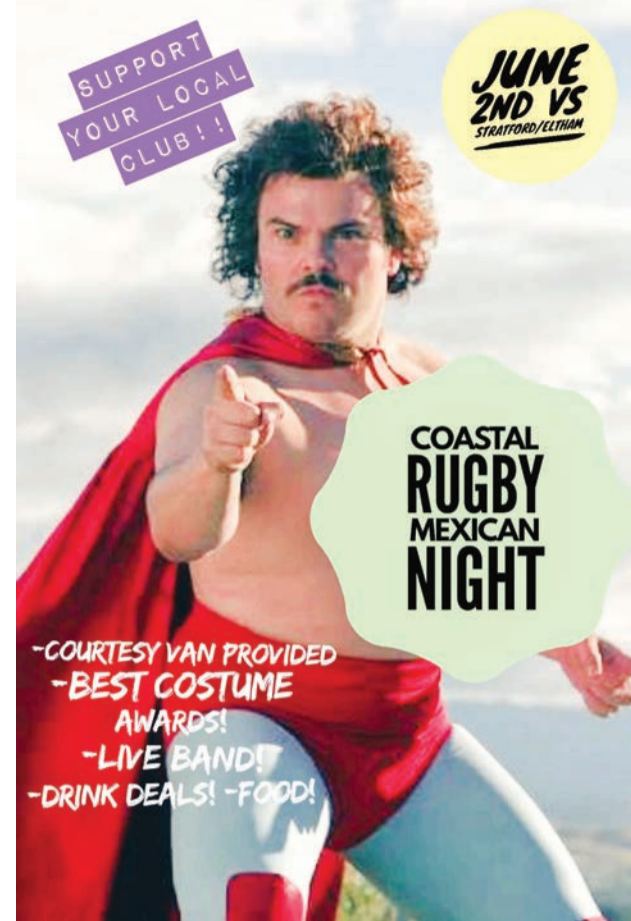
The Taranaki Open Pairs were played at Kapuni on Sunday May 13. Eight teams qualified for post section play. T.Cox (Riverlea), R.Morris (Stratford) A.Podjursky (Pukengahu

), J. Nickel (Otakeho), N.Picard (Turuturu), D.Behrent (North Taranaki), M. Harding (Normanby)and Bill Schrader (Normanby).

R. Morris defeated T.Cox, J.Nickel defeated A.Podjursky, D.Behrent defeated N.Picard and Bill Schrader defeated M.Harding.

In the semifinals R.Morris defeated J.Nickel 9-5, and D.Behrent defeated B.Schrader 7-4.

The final between Rodney Morris (skip) and Cliff Smith (lead) against Denis Behrent (skip) and Ross Wright was a nail biter game with the scores locked at 6-6 with one end to play. The final bowl by Denis was the winning one and gave their team the title 7-6.



Eltham smallbore shooting results

On April 27, there was a quieter night at the range with several members away, however some good scores were shot by those attending.

Top score for the night was Garry Rowlands and Bob Bramley who both shot 97.4, Garry also scored 96.4 while Bob followed his with a double (94.2, 94.3). Paul Longstaff achieved a 96.4 followed by a double (95.5, 95.1). Adrian Clark returned after a long absence and shot a very respectable 95.0. Murray Chinery achieved

95.4; Dave McGregor 94.3, 91.2 and visiting shooter Frank Eustace 93.3. Group card shooters also performed well. Katie McGregor showed she hasn't forgotten anything while away at university, scoring two 100s; Alison Adams-Smith 100; James McGregor 96 and 98; Eddie Hagenaars 100, 89.4.

On Monday April 30, Bob Bramley again top scored for the night with a 99.8 followed by a 98.3. Garry Rowlands also shot well 99.6 and 98.5. It was the night for personal bests

with both Keely Burnell and Henry Armond achieving their's - Keely 91.3 as well as two 100 group cards, and Henry 95.2 along with 91.2. Clare Bramley 96.4, 97.5; Murray Chinery 96.3, 93.3; Don Litchfield 96.4, 94.2; Dave McGregor 89.1, 94.3, 91.1; Brian Hicks 93.2, 94.4; Alan Drake 94.2; Eddie Hagenaars 86.0, 86.2. Group card shooters are showing fierce competition. Craig McGill with two 100s and a 86.1; Alison Adams-Smith 97 and 100; John McGill 97 and 99; also fairly new to shooting Gabriel

Beilawski scored 100 group card and a 75.1.

On Tuesday May 1, there was an inter-club shoot between Hawera, Eltham, Oaonui and Inglewood in Hawera at the Hub. Some great scores were shot including three 100 cards: Jason Cameron 100.8, Bruce Cameron 100.6 (both from Hawera) and 100.4 to Clare Bramley (Eltham). Eltham junior shooter Keely Burnell shot her second personal best in as many days with a 94.2. Congratulations to Hawera club for regaining the Bridgeman Shield.



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Taranaki Thunder womens Basketball player Iritana Hohaia in action.

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May 4 to June 10 at the Lysaght Watt Art Gallery, 4-6 Union St, Hawera. Refer advert from last issue for details.

FAMILY WORKS 'GROWING TOGETHER' SUPPORT GROUP WORKSHOP

Thursdays from May 10 to June 14 at Opunake Co-operating Parish.

'WALLS' EXHIBITION AT THE VILLAGE GALLERY

Opens May 11. Refer advert from last issue for details.

HAWERA GENEALOGY BOOK FAIR

Collections at the Opunake & Coastal News offices on May 17 and May 31. Drop books of at the Opunake & Coastal News during office hours

TUMAHU HALL AGM

May 26, 2417 Wiremu Rd, Okato at 7pm..

ORIMUPIKO RESERVES TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At Orimupiko Marae, Elham Rd, Opunake on May 26 at 10am. Shared kai at 12.30pm. Refer advert for details.

RESTORATIVE PLANTING WITH THE COASTAL BOARD RIDERS

Coastal Boardriders Club are having a Restorative Planting on the Point at Stent Road, Warea, on Sunday 27th May 2018, from 9am. Rain, hail or sunshine. Bring your own spade. Bring the kids to a family friendly morning.

CARING FOR OUR COASTAL ENVIRONMENT.
HOLLARD GARDENS CHICKENS IN THE GARDEN

At Hollard Gardens, Upper Manaia Rd, Kaponga on Sunday May 27 from 10am to 12pm. Refer advert.

NEW ZEALAND FARMERS LIVESTOCK MACHINERY AUCTION

Croydon Rd, Stratford on Monday May 28. 10.30am start. Refer advert for details.

OPUNAKE BEACH CARNIVAL COMMITTEE AGM

7pm Tuesday May 29 at Sandfords Event Centre. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE SURF LIFESAVING CLUB AGM

June 10 at 11am. At the Opunake Surf Live Saving Clubrooms. Refer advert for details.

OPUNAKE & DISTRICTS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AGM

June 11 at 5.30pm in the Board Room at Hughson's building, Opunake. Refer advert for details.

OPUNAKE LIONS CLUB CASUALTY CALF COLLECTION

All interested groups and organisations for this year's collection please contact Eric Ardern before June 15. Refer to advert for details.

OPUNAKE BOWLING CLUB AGM

1pm Saturday June 16 at the Clubrooms. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE COTTAGE REST HOME FUNDRAISER

At the Opunake Bowling Club Saturday June 16. 7pm start. Refer ad for details.

Calling all quizzers

The Cottage Rest Home is holding a quiz night, to raise funds for new clinical equipment. The Quiz Night will be held at the Opunake

Bowling Club on Saturday June 16. Doors open at 7pm and quizzing starts at 7.30pm. The cost to enter is \$80 per team, with a maximum of

six per team. Supper provided. Prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places has been kindly donated by Langlands Contracting. Throughout the night there will be raffles, bonus rounds, live auctions and much more. Cash bar available. Get your clever friends together and book your table, please come and see Jayne in the office to secure your seats or Email clinical.manager@cottageresthome.co.nz



Get a team together for a great cause and support the Opunake Cottage rest home.

QUIZ NIGHT

Opunake Cottage Rest Home Fundraiser

To be held at the Opunake Bowling Club Sat June 16 from 7pm
\$80 per team, 6 person teams
Cash Bar, Supper provided
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Bring along your spade



The Coastal Boardriders Club are joining forces with the Taranaki Regional Council, Department of Conservation and local iwi for a "restorative planting" on the Point at Stent Road, Warea, on Sunday May 27 at 9am. So bring along a spade for a family friendly morning.

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When STS contacted us about hosting, a wonderful journey started. We have hosted seven overseas students and had many others stay for a short time. All have become valued members of our family. Being a host family is a life changing experience. We are so glad STS found us and that we took up the challenge."

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Expand your horizons

STS arranges international education and cultural exchanges for young people all around the world, offering experienced based learning that contributes to personal development and education which helps young people reach their full potential while having the time of their lives.

Many people experience a new country by travelling, others choose to be host parents or host siblings to an exchange student.

An exchange year is an adventure that influences your outlook on daily life and possibly the world at large.

Taking that step, sharing your family life and getting to know a family in another country all in one go is certainly a way of expanding your horizon.

We have several high school exchange students from different European destinations coming to NZ as STS Exchange students in July 2018 who require host families. These young people are excited to learn about NZ and the Kiwi culture while teaching their host families about their country and culture.

Hosting an exchange student involves providing a

bed and quiet place to study, three meals a day and most importantly a warm family environment where they can feel a part of your family.

Do you have room in your home and hearts for one of the following?

Ferdinand from Gleisdorf in Austria. Ferdinand has a big interest in sport. He currently enjoys gymnastics, inline skating and handball and is excited to try new sports in New Zealand. In the winter he enjoys skiing.

Anna from Milano in Italy. Anna chose New Zealand for an exchange because she loves the thought of the wildness and is interested in living in a rural area, as it is so different to what she is used to. She loves horse riding and would like to be able to do that in New Zealand if possible. She is currently practicing dressage once a week and helping in the stables.

Algot from Sweden. Algot enjoys spending time outside, including hiking and mountain climbing, and driving boats in the summer. He has just started learning how to windsurf. In the winter he enjoys downhill and cross-country skiing. Algot is very interested in technology and recently built a 3D printer which he uses to print models he's designed on a computer software. He is also interested in photography.

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New Zealand's Rose to be chosen in New Plymouth



New Zealand Rose of Tralee contestants.

From June 7-10 New Plymouth will host the selection of the 2018 Rose of Tralee. Organised by the Taranaki Irish Social Club, festivities begin with the Meet and Greet Talent Night at 7pm on Friday June 8 at the Plymouth Hotel in New Plymouth.

On Saturday June 9 at 6.30pm, there will be a dinner and dance and the final New Zealand Rose selection at the Devon Hotel.

There are 70 Rose Centres worldwide including New Zealand. Each year since 1966 New Zealand selects a Rose to attend the festival and has won the international title twice in 1966 and 1988

The 2017 New Zealand Rose is Niamh O'Sullivan from Taranaki

The Rose of Tralee International Festival is one of the largest and longest running festivals in Ireland, celebrating 59 years in 2018. The heart of the festival is the selection of the Rose of Tralee which brings young women of Irish descent from around the world to County Kerry, Ireland for a global celebration of Irish culture. The festival also includes street entertainment, carnival, live concerts, theatre, circus, markets, funfair, fireworks and Rose Parades.

The Rose of Tralee International Festival is held in Tralee on August 14-21.

Showquest looks for stars of tomorrow

Secondary school students around the country can start planning their entries for Showquest, launched as a Ministry of Education backed music, dance and drama event that will run in ten regions from Dunedin to Whangarei, starting in June.

Rockquest Promotions which has 30 years of success with the country's only live, nationwide school music

contest, has worked fast to book venues after winning the contract for an event to replace Stage Challenge.

Event Director Matt Ealand says Showquest is an opportunity for students to express themselves by drawing on their personal experiences and cultural heritage.

"They design and direct their own performances and, if they want to, can

write and perform their own soundtracks too," he said. "The timing this year means we're coming at schools late, however we will do everything we can to make it easy for them to give their students the opportunity to enter."

Ealand said Showquest had a wider focus than Smokefreerockquest and was accessible to more students.

"Without excelling on a

music instrument or as a vocalist they can develop their creativity, express themselves and have fun, and gain a strong sense of achievement as a team," he says. "Showquest is structured on a competitive framework, but the driving rationale, as with Smokefreerockquest, is to encourage participation, creative growth and team work."

Ealand said feedback after the Ministry of Education

announcement showed schools were thrilled to have a dance and music performance event back on the school calendar.

"Showquest lines up with the curriculum and with NCEA standards across several subject areas," he said. "It inspires kids to put what they've learnt into practice in a professional stage setting, with a live audience."

Matt Ealand heads the team

that will run Showquest from the Rockquest Promotions Auckland office. The first event is at Whangarei's Forum North on June 20 and other events will follow in Dunedin, Christchurch, Nelson, Wellington, Hawkes Bay, Rotorua, Hamilton, New Plymouth and Auckland. A national online final will name the top entry nationwide in September.

Entries close on June 20.

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| <p>TULLY Comedy Drama 1hr 35mins M: Sex scenes & offensive language Marlo is a New York suburbanite who's about to give birth to her third child. When the baby is born, Marlo's wealthy brother hires a night time nanny named Tully to help his sister handle the workload.</p> <p>Sun 3rd Jun 7pm Wed 6th Jun 7pm Sat 9th Jun 7pm</p> | <p>I FEEL PRETTY Comedy 1hr 51mins M After falling off an exercise bike and banging her head, she believes a spell has suddenly made her gorgeous. Except to everyone else, she looks exactly the same. Sun 27th May 7pm Fri 1st Jun 7pm Wed 6th Jun 1pm</p> | <p>DEADPOOL 2 Comedy Action 1hr 59mins R16: Graphic violence, sexual references & offensive language Marvel's motormouth mercenary is back! When a super soldier arrives on a murderous mission, Deadpool is forced to think about friendship, family and what it really means to be a hero - all while kicking 50 shades of ass.</p> <p>Sun 10th Jun 7pm Wed 13th Jun 7pm Sat 16th Jun 7pm</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>A WRINKLE IN TIME Adventure, Fantasy, Sci Fi 2hrs PG Meg Murry and her little brother, Charles Wallace, have been without their scientist father, Mr. Murry, for five years, ever since he discovered a new planet and used the concept known as a tesseract to travel there. Fri 25th May 7pm Wed 30th May</p> | <p>SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY Action Adventure Fantasy 2hr 15mins M: Violence Through a series of daring escapades deep within a dark and dangerous criminal underworld, Han Solo meets his mighty future copilot Chewbacca and encounters the notorious gambler Lando Calrissian. Fri 8th Jun 7pm Sun 17th Jun 7pm Fri 22nd Jun 7pm</p> | <p>EARTH: ONE AMAZING DAY Documentary, Family 1hr 35mins G An astonishing journey revealing the awesome power of the natural world. Over the course of one single day, we track the sun from the highest mountains to the remotest islands, from exotic jungles to urban jungles. Wed 30th May 1pm</p> <p>LAST FLAG FLYING Comedy Drama War 2hr 5mins M Language and Sexual References Thirty years after they served together in Vietnam, a former Navy Corpsman Larry "Doc" Shepherd re-unites with his old buddies, former Marines Sal Nealon and Reverend Richard Mueller, to bury his son, a young Marine killed in the Iraq War. Sat 2nd Jun 7pm Mon 4th Jun 7pm Wed 13th Jun 1pm</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Lion on the loose in Hawera

Hawera Repertory's latest production, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* has thrown up some unusual challenges with props and set requirements.

Witch-cast, Wardrobe-built, Lion-hmmmm? A lion you say. The title of the play dictates you need a lion, and director Samantha Turner has not shied away from the challenge. Turner had some very firm ideas on what Aslan would look and function like and has once again enlisted the help of local engineer/musician/artist Bobby Logan to bring



Bobby Logan

these ideas to life.

Logan has spent over 80 hours happily toiling away in his shed at home designing, building and fine-tuning Aslan. The one-off nature of the project is an aspect that Logan enjoys and he was happy to work with Turner again after building the 'invention' for *Beauty and the Beast*. Well known locally as a drummer in The Chosen Few band, Logan was many years ago on stage in Junior Repertory but most recently could be found in the orchestra pit playing drums/percussion for Hawera

Repertory's past five musical productions. Asked if he would ever be appearing on stage again, Logan was coy, but said 'Maybe. Never say never'.

The Lion is 100 per cent hand-built by Logan, using machinery from Reid Machining and Engineering in Hawera and it will be a big part of the play. The plan for Aslan was hatched at the end of *Beauty and the Beast* in 2017. Once again Turner and Hawera Repertory will bring a little bit of magic and something never seen before on the Hawera Memorial

Theatre stage.

With the play being suitable for ages 5 and up, the nine show seasons includes three matinees to accommodate our younger audience. Tickets can be purchased online from Ticketdirect or from the I-SITE in Hawera. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children. The season runs from June 22-30 in the Memorial Theatre, Hawera.

Don't miss this opportunity to see the creative talent, both on and off the stage, that will bring *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* to life.

Ben Thomas

Blistered Fingers Live at The Good Home



The Blistered Fingers

Embracing the spirit and sounds of the 60s and 70s, The Blistered Fingers bring their sweltering beats to The Good Home this Saturday night (May 26).

A Taranaki based four-piece rock 'n' roll band that was inspired by the likes of The Beatles, The Doors, The Kinks, Pink Floyd, Johnny Cash, Jimi Hendrix, Led

Zeppelin, and Red Hot Chili Peppers. They put their spin on hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's as well as developing their original tunes. Founding members Jim

and Karl (bass and vocals, respectively) put together the band after years of lazing around talking about how great it would be to put together a band. With a shared love of classic rock 'n' roll, a perverted adoration of The Beatles and

too much spare time, the two friends found that they had nearly all the ingredients to form a band.

After a brief trip overseas the duo came across an out of work guitarist, Kerr. Kerr complimented Jim and Karl's sound so well that they

offered him a permanent spot in the band as lead axe man. Ash, the last to join, rounds out the band.

If you are going to New Plymouth this weekend, don't miss The Blistered fingers playing at The Good Home this Saturday night.

Hawera Repertory Society presents

THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

By C.S. Lewis adapted by Glyn Robbins
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