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Manaia has a pub again.

## Waimate Hotel back in business

The building may look different, but the name remains the same. Like a phoenix from the ashes, a new Waimate Hotel has opened for business on the site where the previous two-storey building once stood.

The fire which gutted the 110-year-old Waimate Hotel in the early hours of February 29 last year also gutted the hearts of many in the town of Manaia.

At one time the town had three pubs within cooe of its landmark band rotunda. After the fire there were none. Of the two other hotels, the site of the New Commercial is now home to the Manaia Skatepark, while the Manaia Tavern site is now part of the Yarrows bakery complex.

Steve Kahotea and Leonie Dixon had been eight years at the Waimate Hotel when it burned down last year. In the fifteen months since then a new single storey Lockwood design hotel has been installed on the site where the much-loved two storey building had once stood. On May 20, Steve and Leonie opened the new Waimate Hotel complete with bar, café and restaurant..

"I had drunk at this pub for so many years and I couldn't have left this town without a watering hole," Steve said.

He moved to Taranaki when he was 18, and for most of that time has lived at Oeo, where his parents farmed on the east side of the Oeo Stream.

Giving a hand on opening



Having the first beers, John Close and John Strawbridge.

day were Leonie's grandson Lloyd Tritt and his fiancée Sophie Coulson who had made the trip over from Tauranga.

Leonie says the new hotel would be available for functions, and with an all-round deck and secure fencing would be child friendly. She lists a juke box, pool table, TAB facilities, pokies and friendly local staff among the hotel's other attractions.

On the Thursday evening prior to the opening contractors and friends of the hotel were enjoying a few drinks.

The builder, Taranaki Lockwood franchisee Paul Jones said he felt some personal satisfaction in bringing back a community asset to Manaia.

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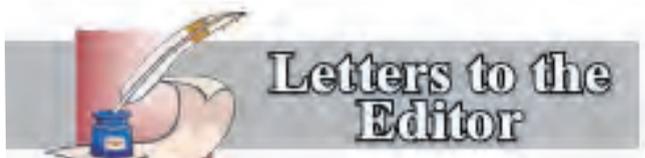
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**Ignorance is bliss ...**  
Or so they say.  
Another Waitangi Day had just passed. I had watched the events that led to our Prime Minister not attending the day at Waitangi. I heard, and could understand, the various reasons for each groups stance, and I thought, yes, this area of our growth as a nation still needs some work.

I served on the Taranaki COGS (community organisation grant scheme) back around 1999. During my time on COGS the committee was asked to attend a Treaty Education Program on Urenui Marae. A two day seminar with a sleep over on the marae. The seminar was called Te Pumaomao -

Reflecting on the past - Making provision for the future. For me it was a very informative and quite challenging two days. History was not my favourite subject at school, all those dates and names to remember. But also I can't remember hearing much of New Zealand history- other than Captain Cook arriving around 1769. So to hear about the land wars, land confiscations, law changes, and social upheavals that occurred was a revelation which caused quite a bit of soul searching. How do I fit into all this?

Much has been made of Opunake's go-ahead, can-do spirit. The people of Opunake and the coast got together to get the Sandfords Event Centre and Coastal Care up and running. Not to mention Everybody's Theatre. Similar sized towns have long since bid farewell to the local cinema. Our one is thriving and

**EDITORIAL**

showing some of the latest releases. Other towns have long since relinquished their local newspaper. Anyone reading these words will know this is not true of Opunake. Having CoastalCare has meant that services like having a dentist in town, once thought of as a thing of

At the poroporoaki (debriefing) before leaving the marae we were all challenged- What am I going to do with what I have just learnt? One suggestion was - tell others about it.

Since the seminar I have lived with a more enlightened view of Maori/Pakeha relations than I held previously and at times have expressed this view. Still not a popular topic with my many and varied Pakeha friends and acquaintances. Although I must say it's improving.

But with the passing of February 6 this year I was prompted to stop being a wiss and do more. I realised that I didn't know specifically what happened around Opunake and our coast during those years. What were, and are, the issues and grievances for our local Maori families? If many Pakeha are like me they're not going to want to read a whole lot of info to find out the gist of what has, and is happening. But they may be interested enough to read a short summary of the facts.

So after consulting with one of our local Kaumatua I've compiled a 14 page booklet (with maps) on Opunake and Coastal Maori treaty settlement claims. I encourage all, if you're not sure of the facts, to have a read. There is a

copy at the Opunake library, or see me for one.  
Lets all work toward a brighter future.  
**Murray McEwan**  
Opunake

**Rahotu Hall must continue**  
When the Rahotu Hall committee first began to realise that their community hall wasn't being supported or even used any more, why didn't they quickly call a public community meeting to discuss how their hall could be used again?  
My suggestions to the interim committee.

1. Let the hall be used for school concerts and functions.  
2. Challenge other communities within the area like Oaonui, Pungarehu, Pihama, Opunake, Okato, maybe Oakura to some sort of fun night, like darts, pool, indoor bowls, table tennis and any other indoor sport which could involve all the primary schools.  
3. Hold a winter and summer community dance or ball inviting your other communities. Then other communities may hold dances also, as I believe at the moment any coastal entertainment indoor or outdoor doesn't really exist.  
4. Hold a community concert like the Eltham Hall Committee did as a fundraising venture.  
5. Run raffles every so often.  
6. Invite some celebrities from within our province to attend a school function in our hall.  
7. Knowing there's many old dairy factories still standing, why not use them as an indoor fitness centre which could be used all year round for everyone like farmers, sports people and those adults who are not quite that active.  
To me, I believe that every

**Coastal togetherness**  
It's always neat to see our coastal towns individually commemorate ANZAC Day every year which always seems to have a good turnout of people remembering those who did and didn't return home after the two world wars.  
Now just a suggestion. If the coastal committee, if there is one, could think about not only having the normal ANZAC Day service as it is now, but also having a Coastal ANZAC Dance on a Saturday after ANZAC Day as it would give everyone a chance to talk, mingle and dance.  
Each coastal town does their own thing, which is good, but there's no reason like a combined coastal dance wouldn't go amiss.  
I know that every coastal town's young adults have combined to have a rugby team and a rugby league team, which is excellent. Maybe we could have a netball, men's basketball, volleyball and any other sports that could combine these towns.  
These dances could be held in say Okato, then Opunake and so on, which would bring all the townspeople together as one, which could blossom into something else in the near future.  
**Tom Stephens**  
New Plymouth

Lonely Planet Travel Guide noted as being one of the province's attractions when it named Taranaki as the second best place in the world to visit. Opunake with its magnificent backdrop. Look one way and you see the sea. Look the other way and there's the mountain.  
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**Let's update that map**

the past is once again part of this the reality for this town. A statue next to the Library Plus commemorates one of the town's favourite sons, Peter Snell, who at the 1964 Olympics achieved the double of gold medals in the 800 metres and 1500 metres. Opunake is located on the Surf Highway, which the

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# Lions donate \$3,500 to OSLSC

Just last week The Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club received a generous donation from Opunake Lions of \$3,500. The cheque was handed over in a brief ceremony by President of Opunake Lions Terry Mullin to Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club Captain of the last seven years Michael Corkill in the clubrooms on May 19. Also present was Nigel Robinson, who was one of the main organisers of the recent Lions Mountain to Surf fundraiser which raised the money for the donation. The event was



well supported, with 294 bicycle riders turning up to participate, along with helpers and support crew. "I am very impressed and grateful," responded Michael Corkill. He added, "Also quite surprised." Each year Opunake Lions choose a good cause to support, explained Nigel. "Hence it's their turn," he explained. Michael is not certain as to how the donation will be spent, however some building upgrading is possible in the near future.

**LEFT: From left, Terry Mullin (President of the Opunake Lions), Michael Corkill (Captain of the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club) and Nigel Robinson (Opunake Lions).**

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# Bishop Philip becomes political

The recent suicides of young men caused Archbishop Philip Richardson to abandon his written sermon at St Barnabas Church and deliver a powerful reflection on suicide. Youth suicide touches many people in Opunake and throughout Taranaki, he said. "Male suicide particularly has become an epidemic in our communities". The Bishop, who lives in New Plymouth, was visiting his Opunake Church. He is one of three Archbishops who lead the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Bishop Philip responded to the recent suicide of the grandson of two popular parishioners. The 19-year-old had his Tangi last week and the event had a powerful effect on the St Barnabas congregation. His suicide was precipitated by personal loss and a lack of support. - The Bishop recounted how a close family member had also committed suicide recently. This young man took his own life on New Years Eve. His family were close, supportive, articulate and highly qualified. Despite all of these advantages and their ability to advocate strongly for their son, this family found it difficult to access the support services

needed for their son. Under resourced and over stretched mental health services were not readily available following an earlier suicide attempt. The family had to battle to get help for their son. The Bishop suggested that if it was this difficult for a family with all these advantages and resources how much more difficult would it be for others less confident in facing health professionals or for young people on their own. Our small congregation discovered that nearly everyone there had been touched by suicide in their family. A parishioner reflected on the suicide of their son over a decade ago. In that situation "When the young man's mental health supervisor went on holiday there was no back-up arranged - that was when he succeeded with his suicide. Again the family were unable to secure the professional help that was so desperately needed - ten years on the fact that very similar stories are being recounted, tells us a great deal about the adequacy of our mental health services." The Bishop said that people in all strata of society faced the reality of suicide attempts and suicides. The youth suicide statistics in New Zealand are amongst

the worst in the world. "There are twice as many suicides in New Zealand as in Australia amongst young men, and we must ask ourselves why this is the case". One possible reason is better resourcing and targeted access to mental health professionals for young men on a population basis and they obtain better outcomes as a result, the Bishop suggested. He acknowledged that it is complex with many inter-related factors. Mental health advocate Mike King has argued that as well as access to services we must do something about our attitudes as a society, "You've got a whole lot of young boys out there walking around thinking they're useless, they're hopeless." The Bishop related his call to action to the gospel of the day. The Bible records only three occasions on which Jesus said that he "commands". On each occasion it was a command to "love". This included loving God and one's fellow human beings. The Bishop challenge the congregation: "Do we love those in need of mental health services in our community?" Could our country not provide them with the support they need, perhaps learning from Australia? These were political

questions and the Bishop urged parishioners to reflect on them in an election year. This is not a Party political matter but a matter of love and human need, he said. Senior politicians, being parents themselves, relate strongly to this issue and many see it as transcending Party politics. It would be helpful if citizens reflect on what politicians say about the funding and policy for youth suicide, before they vote. People should ask political candidates about these matters. At the end of his speech, Bishop Philip indicated the printed text of his sermon. "You are welcome to read it if you wish. I did not say any of it". The St Barnabas service was followed by a light luncheon and further discussion about the Bishop's clarion call. It was remarked that he was a powerful, logical and relevant speaker, well able to connect with people on a personal level, and well able to relate the events and the mood of the times to the prophetic word.

# Let's update that map

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 Where else in the world can you swim or surf in the sea and climb a mountain in the same day?  
 Then of course there is the Opunake Walkway, built up by locals through the years, and still being added to.  
 Why then are we not prepared to do more to celebrate these achievements?  
 Across the road from the cinema of which we are justifiably proud is a map of Opunake which visitors passing along the Surf Highway can peruse to find their way around our town. Sadly much of the information is obsolete,

with businesses listed which have long since changed hands or are operating under new names. The medical centre is on Havelock Street. CoastalCare doesn't even rate a mention. So come on Opunake.

You pride yourself as a go-ahead place, let's give that impression for our visitors passing along Surf Highway. Update that old relic with some new information. Let's live in the 21st century, not the 20th.



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**COUNCILLOR'S COMMENT**

**A lot has been happening**



CRAIG DINGLE

Opunake's Clifftop Committee have been working hard on their stage one clean up along Halse Place. Next is the placement of some donated rocks for a 20 metre trial rock bollard.

The "No Dog" signage is now in place at Opunake Beach. This means no dogs past the cliff top. Middleton Beach is your dog friendly beach. Speaking of Middleton Bay, good progress is being made on the new concrete steps and

weather permitting this project will be completed by the end of this month. Safety fencing has been put

up and the final result will be a much more stable structure than what was there in the past.

A big thank you to Jan Arthur, for her drive and passion in support of the Manaia skate park. The next stage is to concrete the back of the ramps to stop erosion. Stage two is a scooter path similar to Hawera's skate park. Stage three is gardens, more picnic tables and tree planting.

Finally it was great to

see the opening of the new Recreation Centre at Eltham's Taumata Park last Saturday. This new facility was funded by the Council with help from TSB Community Trust, the Lion Foundation, New Zealand Community Trust as well as the Eltham Football Club and Eltham Athletics Club.

Till next time  
Stay warm and safe

Craig Dingle - Egmont Plains Community Board

**The welcome mat**



CLEM COXHEAD

We are in the beginning of a tourism era in Taranaki that will encompass all of our province if we climb on board.

Over the past few months we have been monitoring the numbers of tourist coming to Opunake via locals going for their morning walk and counting the tourist at the lake and Middleton's Bay.

We also have a world map on a wall at the fish and chip shop that gives a good indication of people from other lands who come to visit. Unfortunately the area of Europe was full of pins after some 10 days so it doesn't reflect the true number over the year except to say that it is obviously large.

There has been the talk of people not using toilets etc but I guess if we don't have enough then we leave people with little choice. I often think when confronted with these complaints about our guests that it is not a lot different to some of our own people's behaviour after a party.

Funding requirements for new facilities in our towns within the Council are very large and we cannot expect our ratepayers to suddenly fork out extra rates for these (hopefully) pay as you go

projects

The Government recently made funding available for these sorts of things and we managed to obtain some funding for Lake Rotokare facilities. That funding dried up within days and the Government has just made available an extra \$100 million or thereabouts for councils throughout New Zealand to address the good situation of providing the best facilities we can for guests who are rapidly increasing our local income.

I recently attended an economic forum in Stratford, with the four main stakeholders being the three councils and Regional Council. I recall that dairy returns around \$1 billion in revenue to our province with a similar amount from the oil and gas industry. Engineering is not far behind.

Tourism has been growing at 10 per cent per year for some time and is expected

to be around \$750 million by 2025( currently \$335 million). This is knocking on the door of being one of our major income earners in Taranaki within the next 10 years.

How do we approach this potential provider of income and careers for our people, especially the young?

We post-war baby boomer's are moving through the end of our lives and we have a gap brought about by a lack of breeding interest by baby boomers. However it appears that our children have come to the rescue and we see a large growth of young people who are currently in primary school.

Watch out because in five (yes five) years they will be looking at where they want to go or be in life. They will make decisions that could take them away forever to our great loss, or take them away for a while.

Either way we as current citizens are charged with providing the best facilities and opportunities we can for our young people of the future

The Egmont Plains area is well endowed with some very good facilities such as the Sandford centre and the medical centre. These are just great and a talking point and envy of many communities that lack the

drive and commitment that our area has.

However these facilities will be white elephants just as the rest home will be in a few years time if we do not have some good job and career prospects available within the next five years.

I have been very keen to see how we can fund young people who would like a career in medicine, dentistry or any other associated industry. So far my enquires have been very positive from some charities within the province. I would think that we could pay off a student loan if one of our own returned to practice medicine or other associated careers in our area.

What opportunities do we have in the area of tourism? I would say many, from serving coffee to walking trails around our coast and over the ranges that include bikes trials etc. The most important tourism attraction to Taranaki is walkways. How is that for a relatively low cost attraction that can easily be utilised in our area?

I would like to see Mrs Trolove and Mrs Ratahi honoured in some way for the creation and maintenance of the cliff top garden. I have noted that there is no major public garden between Pukekura Park in New

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# South Taranaki free from Myrtle Rust - so far

Checks have been made on feijoa plants in South Taranaki as people look for Myrtle Rust.

“So far Taranaki seems to be free of the disease” said Taranaki-Whanganui Conservation Board member Dr Robert Shaw, who lives in Opunake.

Dr Shaw said the Department of Conservation in Taranaki are extremely busy as they respond to the Myrtle Rust emergency. The rust is a fungus which is quite common overseas but until recently New Zealand was free of the disease. It is likely it was blown over here from Australia.

“It is possible that it has been here for some time and only recently come to the attention of the authorities. The rust came to the attention



Plants infected with Myrtle Rust.

of authorities because it appeared in plant nurseries.”

The rust attacks the important edible plants feijoa and guava, as well as iconic New Zealand plants including pohutukawa, manuka, rata, kanuka, swamp maire and ramarama.

People should keep an eye

out for the yellow spores which appear on new leaves. If they find anything they should not touch the plant and phone DOC on 0800 80 99 66 for advice on how to proceed.

Myrtle Rust only affects plants in the myrtle family. It generally attacks soft,

new growth, including leaf surfaces, shoots, buds, flowers, and fruit.

Symptoms to look out for on myrtle plants are: (1) bright yellow powdery eruptions appearing on the underside of the leaf - young infection; (2) bright yellow powdery eruptions on both sides of the leaf - mature infection; brown/grey rust pustules (older spores) on older lesions. Some leaves may become buckled or twisted and die off.

“If we do find an infection in South Taranaki it is possible it can be contained by prompt action”, although ultimately it is likely the whole country will be infected. “This is because the spores are tiny and blow in the wind”, said a pessimistic Dr Shaw.

# Teen whisperer engages adolescents

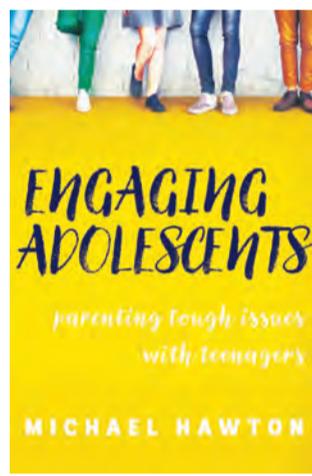
The ‘teen whisperer’, Michael Hawton, is a psychologist who has helped over 100,000 Australian parents and professionals learn to better manage teens. He reveals the biggest mistake time-pressed parents make, and what they can do to get their kids back on track.

Parenting teenagers can be tricky at the best of times. But when the tough issues arise — behavioural problems, unacceptable risk-taking, bullying, alcohol abuse — things can get extremely difficult and parents can struggle with what to do. Drawing on psychologist Michael Hawton’s 30 years of experience, Engaging Adolescents is a practical guide to help you steer your teenager through the challenging times with confidence.

Hawton says the rushed “drive-by” conversations

stressed parents have with their teens can be counter-productive. People dealing with adolescents need tools to defuse their own reactive responses, learn how to slow down and come to important conversations with their kids better prepared.

Young adults, whose identities are emerging, need to be given the opportunity to learn to control impulses and self-regulate behaviour, to problem solve and negotiate. To facilitate this, the adults in their lives need to commit to having those important conversations, without being in the vice grip of emotions that can derail the communication. Just like paramedics, who train so they are prepared to deal with crisis situations, Hawton says parents can learn to ditch reactive responses and focus on solutions by being well prepared when they engage with



kids on important issues. Using case studies and based on universally-accepted mediation techniques, Engaging Adolescents covers the following areas: teenagers and what helps them develop personal control, how to sort out behaviour so you don’t over react, and proven, practical methods for managing tempestuous teenagers.

This is a highly practical, skills-based book that gives you the tools to resolve conflict and build better family relationships. Michael Hawton is a registered psychologist with over 30 years experience.

He is a listed clinical expert with the NSW Children’s Court and an expert witness in the Family Court of Australia.

A former teacher, Michael has spent much of his career working with parents and their children, and has been teaching family services workers and educational leaders in the area of behaviour management for over a decade..

A father of two, Michael brings a clear and unambiguous method-based approach to help parents experiencing difficulties with their teenagers’ behavior.

# New suicide prevention resource from the Mental Health Foundation

The Mental Health Foundation is proud to share its newest resource, Having Suicidal Thoughts and Finding a Way Back.

“If you are having suicidal thoughts, you are not alone,” chief executive Shaun Robinson says.

“Many people have thought about taking their own lives and found a way out of the pain.

“For those having thoughts of suicide right now and needing to find a way back, this resource will help.”

The booklet offers advice and honest quotes by people who have lived through suicidal thoughts and experiences.

“It can pass. It’s not everlasting even though it feels like it is,” shares Lena, 37.

The resource is a journey that gives people hope to find a way back. Featured throughout it are symbols of manawa - a beating heart.

It provides practical ways to cope with and manage distressing thoughts, and how

to share them with whānau or a health professional. Included in the resource is a Personal Safety Plan to be filled out to help if the thoughts return.

The resource is available to download from the [Mental Health Foundation webstore](#). The Personal Safety Plan [can be ordered separately](#) if the whole resource isn’t needed.

A soft launch for the booklet has taken place and an official launch will be on Matariki, 28 June 2017.

“Kei roto i te kōrero, he

rongoa. Kei roto i te reo, te rongoa hei mirimiri mō te hinangaro mō te wairua - Talking is a healing for the mind and spirit,” Moe Milne.

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Plymouth and King Edward Park around the coast. Is it possible for us to create a “Coastal garden” on the old BMX track that follows the current contours of hills and valleys?

I envisage the current walkway to “Dudley’s Bridge” could return to the

# The welcome mat

end of Allison Street for those folk who would like to just take a small walk or walk through the garden full of coastal type plants and features.

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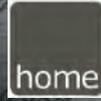
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## FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

## Fire Brigade jubilee coming up

We need your help. At present we are trying to get a collection of old photos of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade underway for our 75th Jubilee in 18 months and we were wondering if you are able to help. There must have been a lot of shots taken at various incidents and it would be great to get a photocopy of them. Things like the Christmas parades, past members, motor vehicle accidents, fire calls, the opening of both of the fire stations and the old fire engines etc. Anything that is related to our brigade would be wonderful. On occasions we have assisted the St Johns ambulance and the police so hopefully, there may be photos of us together at an incident. There is a photo out there of two St John vehicles and our pick-up type fire engine parked outside of the old ambulance building. This would be great to get hold of. If you do have something that you think may be of interest, please contact Beau on 761 7242 and he will make arrangements to photocopy them and give them straight back. If you have any other

fire brigade memorabilia that you think we would like to view, please give us a call.

With winter fast approaching, I thought I would remind you of a few fire - safety tips to help keep you and your family safe and warm.

Please don't overload power points - use multi boxes with circuit breakers instead. We have attended four extremely bad house fires that have either been caused by this practice or by running extension cords under mats from one side of the room to the other. If you are guilty, please change your ways as we don't want to visit in the middle of the night to put out a fire.

Candles are very popular

around this time of the year, but they do come with their own set of problems. Unfortunately children love to muck about with them in their bedrooms and I don't have to tell you what the end result can be with that. It may be a good time to have a general chat with them and explain the dangers of candles, lighters and matches. Make the children aware of what could happen to their house and family if they "play" about with these sorts of things. If you are worried that your children are lighting matches etc. around the home, we do have brochures at the fire station that may be helpful. Just get in touch with our chief Rodney Woods (Monday

nights at the station) and he will be quite happy to get a few brochures together.

The last one I will touch on in this edition is ensure all of your electric appliances, especially heaters and electric blankets are in good working order. If your electric blankets have been folded instead of rolled, please get them tested to see if there are any broken wires. Years ago we attended a major house fire at Rahotu caused by an electric blanket that had been stored over summer folded up. Sadly, the very first time it was used, the home owners lost everything with a fire.

Our only call, I am pleased to report in this two week period has been to an incident on Domett Street. We were called out on Wednesday 10th to check on what was thought to be power wires, that had come down onto the road. On arrival, we ascertained it to be a telephone wire and not a power line so we rolled it up, tied it to the telegraph pole and headed back to the station.



Stay Safe this Winter

The Flaming Candle

## Specials not that Special



Consumer NZ chief executive Sue Chetwin says constant sales and exaggerated discounts are prevalent in the retail trade.

"Our investigations have found stores routinely promoting the same items as 'specials', giving consumers a misleading impression about the savings available. If a product is regularly discounted, the retailer can't claim a reduced price is all that special."

Ms Chetwin says special offers are so pervasive that more than half the products in its 2016 supermarket price survey were regularly on promotion.

In 2015, Consumer NZ also tracked prices for selected products at Farmers and Briscoes for three months and found items that were on "special" almost every week.

At Farmers, an \$800 espresso machine was on "special" for 12 of the 13 weeks prices were tracked. For most of the period, it

was priced at \$560.

"Retailers use 'special offers' to lure customers with the promise of a bargain. These offers make it look like you're getting a discount but products can be on special so often the savings aren't really genuine," Ms Chetwin says.

In an open letter to retailers, the Commerce Commission warns stores the Fair Trading Act prohibits misleading pricing practices. The commission says pricing was the largest source of complaints last year.

Consumer NZ has called for regular price monitoring to ensure consumers aren't being duped by "specials."

Stores advertising special offers must be offering a genuine deal. "Price promotions can save consumers money. But we've found products being discounted so often, shoppers have grounds to question whether the specials are really all that special," Ms Chetwin said.

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# Mining plan not good for Taranaki or New Zealand says Shaw

An Opunake resident and former Wellington Regional councillor says he doesn't believe Trans Tasman Resources Ltd's (TTRL) plan to mine ironsands off the coast of Taranaki would be in the best interests of Taranaki or New Zealand.

"It is probably correct to say that most of the people where I live – in the coastal northern region of South Taranaki – have not heard of the application or have little idea of what it entails," Dr Robert Shaw says in his submission to the Environmental Protection Authority.

"The company consultants state that on 10/7/2015 there was consultation with the Opunake Boat Club. Apart from the fact it was a Friday, I have not been able to discover anything about this consultation: who was involved, what opportunity they had to gain expert advice, the duration of the meetings, and the concerns people raised. Next time, it would be helpful to advertise consultations in the Opunake & Coastal News."

Dr Shaw has been a Porirua City councillor and a Wellington Regional councillor. He has been a columnist with the Opunake and Coastal News and last year was a candidate for the Taranaki Regional Council. He is a professor



ROBERT SHAW

in the School of Business at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies and occasionally teaches at the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki.

"Typically, extractive industries seek to transfer the risks of market downturn to others. For example, they own as little as possible, employ people on short-term contracts and sub-contract work," he says.

"South Taranaki District already suffers from this business model in the oil and gas industry. Company shareholder newsletters (for example, from Tag Oil which has extensive holdings in Taranaki) are positive and congratulatory in the current price downturn. In contrast, the information gathered at the hairdressers and op shops in Hawera indicates families suffer as employment dwindles and local business activity declines. In the pubs at Opunake you can learn about the fate of families who lost financial

support because of earlier "downturns".

Dr Shaw says TTRL is likely to use "partners" or sub-contracted companies rather than invest in any onshore developments themselves.

"Accordingly, TTRL brings little that is material and permanent to Taranaki. The risks of any capital investment will be carried by the (Taranaki) partner organisations," he says.

He says TTR expects to receive a price of US\$81.80 tonne, but the iron ore spot price for the last five years has seldom reached this level.

"Hence, we may conclude demand is volatile and prices can be depressed for long periods.

"It is highly likely that South Taranaki workers, businesses and government coffers will suffer the effects of overseas market volatility. The return to the New Zealand taxpayer is uncertain and depends on policy settings and the price received for the material.

"Claims that the TTRL proposal is for a "sustainable" business are debateable. It is not the volume of resource that determines the sustainability of the proposal, but the price that may be achieved for the resource and the ability of the company to avoid

the costs of downturns. I make no comment on whether or not the proposal is "environmentally" sustainable.

"It is most likely that in the long-term, the business model adopted by extractive industries leaves South Taranaki worse off than it would be had they not arrived. There is an urgent need to make a full economic assessment of the context for the present application and any similar proposals.

"In my opinion, it is unlikely the proposal will in the longer-term generate economic benefits for South Taranaki. Extractive industries depend on global prices and demand. The risk of price volatility will be transferred to the people of South Taranaki. The oil and gas industry in Taranaki demonstrates this phenomenon.

"It would be possible to ameliorate the community risks and costs by having the company contractually committed to long-term projects with the South Taranaki District Council or the Western Institute of Technology. Financial consideration could be tied to the iron ore price or shares issued to establish meaningful partnerships.

"To assess the economic benefits to New Zealand as a whole it is important to take a longer-term view and assess the likely impacts from a down-turn in the industry. Primarily, there are costs to the taxpayer which derive from the subsequent unemployment of contracted employees and business failure. It may be possible to ameliorate these by establishing appropriate protections for workers in their contracted employment

conditions and longer-term contracts for local suppliers.

"I submit, the present application fails because it does not demonstrate "economic benefits to New Zealand" as is required. Nor does it provide any serious attempt to mitigate the likely cost to the community".

Robert Shaw

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For the Central West region which includes Taranaki and Waikato, this means an extra 73 emergency medical and paramedic roles over the next four years to support this new policy.

Emergency road ambulance call outs are already almost entirely double crewed within the Wellington region. For the rest of the country, last year nearly 38,500 of



JONATHAN YOUNG MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

the 393,000 call outs were single crewed, that's around 10 per cent.

Double crewing all road ambulance call outs will help ensure patients are provided with the best care possible, as well as support the safety and wellbeing of our dedi-

cated paramedic workforce. It's up to St John to decide how they can best utilise their workforce and to ensure they have the right mix of staff across the country.

The new policy is also expected to create a significant operational efficiency with around 6,000 fewer incidents each year requiring two ambulances to respond.

To ensure this new policy is in place by 2021, in Budget 2017, we're investing \$59.2 million over four years, with \$31.2 million coming from Vote Health and \$28 million coming from ACC.

In addition to this investment, we're also committing a further \$21 million over the next four years through Vote Health to support a new funding arrangement for emergency air ambulance services and ambulance

communications centres.

The new arrangement will address financial sustainability issues by ensuring a clearer funding path that providers can work within. The additional funding will also maintain air ambulance services as they face significant increases in demand.

In total, the emergency ambulance services will receive \$134 million over the next four years. I understand that this is the single biggest increase that has gone into our emergency ambulance services. The Government's prudent fiscal management over the last nine years means we now have choices over how we spend the accumulating surpluses.

*Jonathan Young MP*

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## Ultra-fast broadband uptake high

More Taranaki locals now have access to faster and more reliable internet, says New Plymouth MP Jonathan Young.

"It's great to see the number of households, business, schools and hospitals connected to Ultra-fast broadband (UFB) in Taranaki has increased 35.3 per cent in the past three months to 11,115 (this is above the national average of 33.3 per cent).

"Across the country, the

number of households, business, schools and hospitals connected to UFB has increased 12 per cent in the past three months to 367,788. With the UFB build in New Plymouth 100 per cent complete with 26,625 households and businesses able to connect, the government alone has invested more than \$25million in New Plymouth.

"This is great news for New Zealand, and especially great news for Taranaki. Improved

connectivity is valuable in growing our regional economy, driving innovation, and supporting our local education and health services," says Jonathan Young.

Alongside the UFB programme, the Government's Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) is continuing to deliver faster broadband to priority users and rural communities outside of UFB areas.

"The Government is investing approximately \$2 billion

in UFB and RBI programmes which will allow 85 per cent of New Zealanders to access UFB by the end of 2024, and provide vastly improved broadband in New Zealand's rural communities.

"The uptake means more locals will be better connected, and able to reap the benefits of a world-class broadband service," says Jonathan Young.

## Make way for Taranaki

Taranaki's Regional Economic Development Strategy Lead Team has launched Make Way for Taranaki – a project to prepare an economic strategy and plan of action for the region for the next 10 years.

The 'Team Taranaki' approach draws from local businesses and organisations, iwi, and central and local government.

"The Make Way for Taranaki project will focus on un-

locking the best opportunities for regional economic growth and the ongoing success of the region. I'm pleased to work alongside a team of talented and enthusiastic individuals," says Lead Team Chair Peter Tennent.

The Taranaki Mayoral Forum is the sponsor of the project.

"The point of difference in this project is the focus on a whole-of-region approach with business and

government working as one," says South Taranaki District Mayor Ross Dunlop.

"The region's Mayoral Forum is keen to see everyone working as one team towards successful outcomes that the region can grab with both hands."

The project has involved interviews, workshops and focus groups with Taranaki people. Statistical analysis and other research will be undertaken. Once completed,

it is likely that hundreds of people will have been involved in the exercise.

"The work to date has involved many conversations with dozens of Taranaki people and the same messages keep emerging – Taranaki has huge potential beyond its known dairy and energy sectors," says New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom.

Taranaki Regional Council Chair David MacLeod agrees: "This project will be about identifying emerging growth opportunities and identifying future industries – some of which may still simply be 'bright ideas'. Technology and markets are moving fast and so must we," he says.

At its first meeting, the Lead Team considered a draft list of opportunities that have emerged from research to date. They have identified a preferred 'direction of travel' for the Make Way for Taranaki strategy that will set the tone for work over the next few months. The final

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# Make way for Taranaki

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Action Plan is due for release in October 2017.

Māori will be a key contributor.

“Māori are a major emerging force in our economy and therefore will play a key role in future prosperity of our region. We’re pleased to be

part of this planning while at the same time acknowledging the Te Ao Māori (the Māori World),” says Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Chair Liana Poutu.

The Mayor of Stratford District Neil Volzke says Make Way for Taranaki will

be good for the province.

“The region is on the cusp of unlocking some amazing opportunities, so Make Way for Taranaki New Zealand, ‘cause here we come.”

The Lead Team is: Peter Tennent (Chair), Neil Holdom, David MacLeod,

Bronwyn Muir, Dan Radcliffe, Robin Brockie, Mark Robinson, Scott Walls, Kevin Murphy, Sophie Braggins, Andrew Clennett, Wharehoka Wano, Te Pahunga (Marty) Davis, Liana Poutu, Al Morrison.

# New management team have settled in well at Cottage Rest Home

Nearly half the year has gone. The new management team have settled in well and things are going very smoothly at The Cottage.

We have appointed a new activities coordinator, Melanie Brown, who is doing a great job taking the residents on outings and visits, and involving them in calendar events such as Americarna, Easter, ANZAC Day and Mother’s Day. Recent outings have included day trips and picnic lunches at Brooklands Zoo, Dawsons Falls, and Pihama Lavender. Melanie also takes the residents on “special request” drives to visit places that have special meaning or memories for them. If you would like to volunteer to accompany

Melanie and the residents on some of these outings or drives, we would love to see you; just give us a ring at the Rest Home to see what is coming up. The Cottage has an on-going petanque challenge with Eltham Care Rest Home. The two Homes alternate visits once a month, so someone always has the “home team” advantage. A small trophy is fiercely competed for with a lot of friendly rivalry, and much hilarity. The trophy changes hands quite frequently, and Eltham are the current holders, but The Cottage will get its revenge.



Picnic bliss at Brooklands.

Coming up on 24<sup>th</sup> May we are having a special “Pink Ribbon Day”. We have invited our Meals on Wheels clients, and others from the community to spend the day with us. We will be holding a special “pink” morning tea to which families are invited and encouraged to wear pink, staff can wear pink for the day (for a gold coin donation), and there will be a raffle. All proceeds from the day will go to the Pink Ribbon Trust.

Plans for our new stainless steel kitchen upgrade are progressing. Due to unforeseen delays and the preference to

do the refurbishment in the summer months, it now looks likely that the work will be done during November. We are lucky enough to have the use of a temporary kitchen portacom for the duration of the build, so it will be “business as usual” as far as meals go, and we will still be able to provide the Meals on Wheels to the community.

In addition to Meals on Wheels, we provide both Day Care and Respite Care at the Cottage. If you know of anyone in our community that struggles with the general day to day living at home, drop in and have a chat with our staff,

or otherwise talk to your GP and they can refer them to us. This could include people that have just had surgery, or who are recovering from an illness or accident, or, maybe in a household that someone needs full time care.

We could take the person under our wing for a short period and give the carer a wee break. At the moment we do have a couple of empty rooms that are ready now for new guests. Our doors are always open, so please come in and have a chat and see how we may be able to help you.

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# Mangatoki WI sample some Mokau history

On March 29, about 12 members met at The Shakee Pear Café at the Pioneer Village to celebrate our honorary

member Betty Skedgewell’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a morning tea. Our president, Karen Joblin, collected Betty from

her home and returned her afterwards. A bouquet of flowers was presented to her for the occasion.

April is our Birthday month, so on April 5, 15 members met at The Event Cinemas, New Plymouth, to see the film “Lion,” which everyone enjoyed. From here we drove to Tukapa Street and had lunch at a very new café there. We then returned to the city and visited Uncle Bill’s shop. Quite a few purchases were made.

On May 3, about 20 members and partners met at the Midhurst Tavern for a meal and to listen to the speaker Allan Beck. Allan spoke on his time as a helicopter pilot, starting 51 years ago

as a weed sprayer. He is involved in maintenance and training in eight countries, has three Iroquois helicopters with three in storage. His firm which now includes his son David, works in precision lifting, concrete pouring, fertiliser spreading and firefighting, recently helping with the fires on the Port Hills, Christchurch. He passed some photos around of this for us to see.

May 10 was a day out, when 12 members met at the Mokau River Boat Tours Ramp. Ian, our guide, gave us the history of the river as we travelled the 28 km up

stream. He also showed us photos of how life was on the river in years gone by. We tied up and climbed a few steps up to a grassy area where there were wooden tables, chairs and benches, and we ate our picnic lunches.

Afterwards, Ian took us along the pathway to show us what would have been the remains of Maori buildings. He then showed some of us the remains of a whare.

*Lucy Moger  
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# RSA Poppy Day Appeal in Opunake raises \$1515

The Opunake District RSA thanks our community for your great support of our annual Poppy Day Appeal again this year. You have helped us raise \$1515. Your gift will be going to help returned, former and current servicemen and women and their dependents in our local area. These funds are used in many ways, ranging from contributing towards doctors' fees and dental costs, through to specialist surgery, such as cataract operations, spectacle costs and purchase and maintenance of mobility scooters, heating costs and minor home maintenance.

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The poppy represents sacrifice, remembrance and hope.

families to maintain their quality of life (i.e. health and wellbeing). We can assist in the maintenance of performance and resilience with a focus on prevention, for a range of physical and psychological injuries and illnesses brought on by their service.

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there have been wars. In the past people were shot for 'cowardice' or it would have been referred to as shell shock. Today it is recognised for the disabling condition it is.

Currently in its 95th year (2017) few appeals can claim the history and public recognition as that of the RSA's Poppy Day Appeal. The Poppy is not only visible on Poppy Day and Anzac Day but at funerals of returned servicemen and women. It is also taken on

pilgrimages to be laid at New Zealand war memorials and war graves around the world. The RSA Poppy is truly a national icon. Today, the poppy still represents sacrifice, remembrance and hope, but the appeal now helps many more.

The Opunake District RSA wants more members of the community aged 18 and over to join us. You do not need to have had any military service. You just need to share our passion and commitment for remembrance and support. We can be found on Facebook @opkdistrictrsa. We are in the process of completing a website at [www.opunakedistrictrsa.nz](http://www.opunakedistrictrsa.nz).

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# Battle for Crete remembered 76 years on

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The Battle for Crete began just after dawn on 20 May 1941. Many of the 7700 New Zealand soldiers stationed on Crete were finishing breakfast when hundreds of German transport aircraft – some towing gliders – rumbled in over the Mediterranean island. The air above was suddenly filled with parachutes as thousands of elite German paratroops began to descend from the sky.

This was the start of what is known as the Battle for Crete. For 12 dramatic days New Zealanders, British, Australian and Greek troops, assisted by local civilians, tried to repel a huge airborne assault by the Germans. They almost succeeded. In the battle, 1751 Allied and over



German Junkers Ju 52 transport planes drop paratroops over Heraklion, 20 May 1941. These troops were part of a second wave of German airborne landings on the opening day of the battle. They met strong resistance and suffered heavy casualties.

3000 German troops were killed.

Many New Zealanders made it off Crete, but thousands were left behind: more than 2000 were taken

prisoner; 671 died. Among those evacuated were Charles Upham and Alfred Hulme, both of whom won the Victoria Cross (VC) for their actions on Crete. A few

New Zealanders took to the hills, sheltered by the locals of Crete who, to this day, remember New Zealand's role in the battle.

Each year on the anniversary of the battle, locals, veterans and dignitaries gather in Crete to remember and honour those who participated in the fighting. In 2016, four out of the 12 surviving New Zealand veterans of the battle travelled to Crete for the 75th commemorations.

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# Graduates

## A B.Comm for Tara

## Brother and sister graduate



Tara Potter graduated on May 16 from Victoria University of Wellington with a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Management.

Tara is now living back in Taranaki, working in secondary school sport as the Regional Events Coordinator for TSSSA (Taranaki Secondary Schools' Sports Association).

Two children of Calum and Susan Roach recently graduated from university.

Elaine Anne Roach graduated with a Diploma in Agriculture from Lincoln University and

Philip Jaiden Roach graduated with a Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) from Massey University.

## Jessie Humphries



Jessie Humphries, daughter of Rae and the late William Humphries graduated from the University of Waikato with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science majoring in Applied Computing.

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# New facility opened at Eltham's Taumata Park



used by the various clubs during their seasons, as well as being available to the wider community for small events and functions," says Mr Nixon.

"The end result looks absolutely fantastic and I can see that it's going to get a huge amount of use," he says.

Brendan Coles from the Eltham Soccer and Stephy Mackay from Eltham Athletics both spoke at the opening and were complimentary of the South

Taranaki District Council's commitment to providing good quality facilities and services to its smaller communities.

"This new facility has given the club a great sense of pride. It's a fantastic asset for the Eltham community and we wish to thank the Council for their vision as well as all those who have contributed to fund the project," says Mr Coles.

The building was blessed early in the morning with the official opening and cutting of the ribbon occurring a little later on the same day.

Deputy mayor Phil Nixon cuts the ribbon.

The new Taumata Recreation Centre at Eltham's Taumata Park was officially opened by

South Taranaki Deputy Mayor, Phil Nixon, on Saturday May 20 in front of a large contingent of facility

users and locals. The new \$500,000 facility includes a large social area, kitchen, bar and toilets,

along with indoor and outdoor storage for the Eltham Football and Eltham Athletic Clubs who are the

most regular users of the facility and Taumata Park sportsground. "The new facility will be

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# Waimate Hotel

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"It's cold out there, but it's like being in a good quality house. It's got double glazing, six inch batts in the ceiling and under floor insulation. It's a really nice environment to be in I think it's a great asset for Manaia and I hope they do really well."

Judy, who wouldn't give her last name, agreed that the new hotel would be an asset to Manaia.

"We're very lucky to have a new pub in town after two had burned down. The community needs a gathering place and we have missed not having somewhere to go. It will bring people in, and hopefully tourists will stop by."

Also there was Guy Byrne who three months ago moved from Hamilton to Manaia.

"I think I'm a local already," he says. "I've had nothing but incredible hospitality since I first arrived. The whole community is really friendly."

Shortly before the hotel reopened on Saturday morning, Manaia identity Elizabeth McAllister passed by to have a look. She recalls when she and husband Ken came to Manaia in 1986 from Auckland to take over the Waimate Hotel.

"The Tavern was here, along with the New Commercial. It used to be hard work," she said. She recalls customers buying "on tick" at the Waimate and then doing likewise at the town's other pubs.

"Once the liquor act was changed which allowed sports clubs to sell liquor, our liquor sales dropped 22 per cent which was quite a big drop."

Nevertheless she said they had run a successful



Mine hosts. From left Steve Kahotea, Leonie Dixon, Lloyd Tritt, Sophie Coulson.

catering business providing employment for a number of local women.

She and her husband were at the hotel for five years. Then she opened a bookshop across the road, and retired after the lease ran out.

"We've made friends here, and never wanted to go back to Auckland," she said.

When the doors opened for business at 11 o'clock there was some good natured banter between John Close and John Strawbridge as to who would have the honour of buying the first beer.

"It's awesome to have our first beer in the new Waimate," John Close said. "There's a good feeling here. It's well set out and it's going to be good for the town. I hope people come here and support it."

It was then time to challenge Kevin Picard to a game of pool.

With an icy chill outside, and a warm fire inside, there was a steady flow of

customers coming in as the day wore on. Conversation flowed and introductions were made. It was a time for some to reminisce as well as looking forward to the future.

Otakeho farmer Kelvin Putt recalled the days when the former hotel had a horseshoe-shaped bar before Russell Hosie changed everything around.

Enjoying a drink together were former long serving Waimate Hotel employee Fay Hohaia and former hotel owners, Wayne Thomson and Gwen Thomson.

Wayne has a lifelong association with Coastal Taranaki. He grew up on the Watino Road at Pihama and had a hotel in Foxton before returning to Taranaki to be the last owner of the Manaia Tavern.

"Noel (Yarrow) said to me one day, will you sell me the pub?" he recalls. "I wanted Yarrow's to carry on so I sold the tavern to Noel Yarrow and bought the Waimate Hotel. I had the Waimate

Hotel for eight years and then I sold it and went to Tauranga where I had a fish and chip shop. It was one of the best fish and chip shops in New Zealand, and I have the plaque at home to prove it."

Fay says her memories of the Waimate Hotel go back a long way.

"I've seen about seven or eight publicans go through here, she said. "I started when Russell Hosie was here. My husband Dennis, who has since passed away worked at the Waimate Hotel when Theo and Marie Weydon were here. There's been a lot of history here."

She admits it takes a bit of getting used to something other than the familiar two-storey building being here.

"We're very fortunate to have this. It's beautiful. It is on a smaller scale to what we had before and very compact, but I'm very happy with what they have given us. All congratulations must go for presenting us with this beautiful facility."



Kevin Picard lines up a shot at the pool table while John Close looks on.

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## Hotel fires nothing new for the coast

For a long time Manaia was known as the town which had three pubs. There was the Manaia Tavern, the Waimate Hotel and the New Commercial.

The Manaia Tavern was bought by Yarrows and is now part of their bakery complex. The New Commercial went up in flames in 2006 and the Waimate Hotel burned down nearly 10 years later in 2016, leaving the town which once had three pubs with none. Now that the Waimate Hotel is once again open, Manaia once more has its own pub.

It appeared that the fire which destroyed the Waimate Hotel on February 29, 2016 had already been going for some time before the Manaia fire brigade were alerted at 4.15am.

As well as Manaia, fire trucks from Opunake, Okaiawa, Hawera, Eltham, Kaponga and New Plymouth attended.

At the peak there were 13 trucks and 35-40 firemen on the ground. With an alleyway separating the Hotel from Manaia Four Square there was at one point concerns for the future of this building as



Reminiscing about old times in a new pub. Former owners Gwen Thomson and Wayne Thomson and long serving employee Fay Hohaia.

well as other neighbouring buildings.

This is not the first time the Waimate Hotel has been replaced after being burned to the ground.

On July 15 1901, the Waimate Hotel and several adjoining shops went up in flames.

"Fortunately there was little wind, otherwise other

places would have been burnt," the Hawera and Normanby Star reported. "No one in the hotel was up and the inmates barely had time to escape. Nothing was saved except the private papers of the licensee."

Insurance on the hotel was 800 pounds and 400 pounds on the stock and furniture.

Memories of the fire was

one of the factors which led to the setting up of a Manaia Fire Brigade in 1908.

A little under 10 years before the 110 year-old Waimate Hotel burned down last year, the New Commercial Hotel went up in flames on the night of ANZAC Day 2006. The blaze was reported at 9.15pm and seven appliances from Manaia, Hawera, Kaponga, Okaiawa, Eltham and New Plymouth attended. All the guests and staff were able to get away.

Neither was Manaia alone in having to deal with its wooden buildings being engulfed in flames. Fires in the Hawera CBD led to Hawera acquiring its iconic water tower.

Seven kilometres west of Manaia, the Otakeho Hotel burned down in 1907. The proprietor Adam Beattie jumped from the top storey window and got away with only a sprained ankle. The former two-storey building at the Otakeho crossroad was replaced by a single storey building on the same site which itself burned down in mid-January 1980.



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# Tourism infrastructure fund appreciated

Farmers and other ratepayers in tourist hotspots will be pleased the Government has upped the ante in co-funding new infrastructure, Federated Farmers local government spokesman Katie Milne says.

"Earlier this year Federated Farmers described a \$12 million regional tourism infrastructure fund to help councils cope with tens of thousands of freedom campers as 'a damp tea towel on a bonfire'.

"It seems the Government

has heard our message, and that of others, and called out the fire brigade," Katie says.

Tourism Minister Paula Bennett has announced \$60.5m of new money, and \$41.5m of re-prioritised existing Tourism NZ budget, to be spent over the next four years on projects such as new carparks, toilets and freedom camping facilities. Approved projects must be co-funded by the applicants, which will be local councils and other community organisations.

"A \$102 million fund is better recognition that for some rural towns and districts, often with small ratepayer bases, the tide of freedom campers and other tourists is overwhelming," Katie says.

The first round of grants from the now-superseded fund have gone towards the kinds of facilities desperately needed up and down the country - for example, \$452,335 for toilets and carparking at Ohau Waterfall Stream, Kaikoura; \$405,000

for new toilet blocks at Tekapo; \$166,667 towards construction of an effluent treatment and disposal at Hot Water Beach, Coromandel.

"As Ms Bennett noted, last year international tourism expenditure reached \$14.5 billion, which is more than 20 per cent of New Zealand's total exports of goods and services. It's only right that the government invest money back into regions coping with this influx rather than leaving it as a cost for ratepayers to shoulder."

# Risks ignored in proposed new airport terminal

The New Plymouth District Council proposes to borrow close to \$30 million on a new, larger airport terminal with a unique cultural design. Climate Justice Taranaki Inc. raises serious questions about the risk assessment and business case behind the proposal.

"I was gobsmacked when I arrived at the airport, and there was a huge drill rig right there in front of the café. It was last September. It was apparently there to plug old wells.

There is no relief in thinking that the airport wells are not producing and are therefore safe. In fact, the likelihood of an abandoned well leaking increases over time. The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has made it clear that once a well is abandoned and 'signed off', any leaks or other problems become the responsibility of the landowner," said Catherine Cheung, Researcher of Climate Justice Taranaki Inc..

"The danger of oil and gas activities, whether it is current or historic, is real.



Just last month, a Colorado home was blasted to the ground, killing two people. The cause of the explosion was a gas leak from a cut pipeline that's connected to an old gas well that was recently restarted.

"Did Council take such risks and liability into account when conducting the risk analysis for the new airport terminal? What if an oil company decides to resume drilling, fracking, production or injection activities onsite? Is Council certain that the health and safety risks associated with the increase in aviation and passenger traffic that they hope will follow, are justified or manageable?" Cheung asked. "Currently in the New Plymouth District Plan, there are no rules specifying the minimum separation distances required between

hazardous facilities like wellsites and sensitive landuse like schools and airports where people congregate.

"The South Taranaki District Council, under pressure from the oil companies, dropped all the specified setback requirements, despite Taranaki Energy Watch's expert witnesses arguing strongly for minimum setbacks based on analysis of effects and risks to human health, property and the environment.

"We are gutted that NPDC has joined the oil companies and Stratford District Council in opposition to Taranaki Energy Watch's appeal on STDC's decisions. We expect Council to care for our health and safety, not to ally with oil companies when considering rules that

could potentially jeopardise people's lives," Cheung said.

There are other risks that Council must evaluate when considering the airport expansion - the impacts of climate change and the associated extreme weather events and sea level rise.

"There is no doubt that coastal hazards are increasing over time. The Environment Commissioner has warned that even a small amount of sea level rise will substantially exacerbate the costs of flooding and storm surges. When risks become uneconomic, an asset like the airport could become uninsurable'. Council's business case on the proposed airport expansion totally ignores climate change and the financial risks and liability associated with it," Cheung said.

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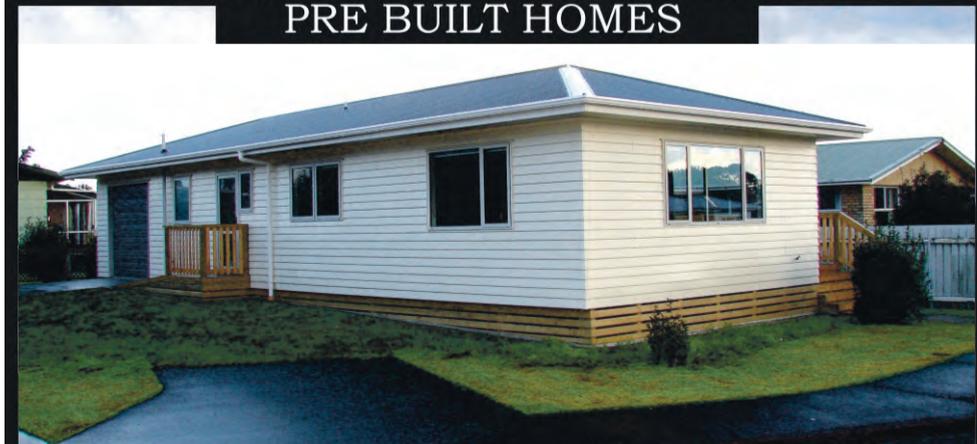


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# Matapu farmer shows what can be done

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Wetlands and seeps act like sponges by storing water and allowing it to seep out in an even and continuous flow, says Land Services Manager Don Shearman.

“They’re also important for maintaining and improving water quality, and they provide vital habitat for rare and threatened species.”

He says ‘regionally significant wetlands’ contain predominantly native plant species or are habitats for nationally threatened or regionally distinctive animal species.

“Ringplain and coastal terrace farmers are required to fence off their regionally significant wetlands as part of having their riparian management plan completed by 2020. But we do also encourage people to protect and enhance all wetlands, not just those that are regionally significant.”

He says farmers should talk to their land management officers about what funding is available for the region’s ring plain, coastal terrace and hill country wetlands.

The Council is boosting its funding towards the removal of invasive willows in rivers, riparian margins and regionally significant wetlands. These willows can choke waterways and cause flooding, so their removal helps wetlands and seeps function better.

Near Matapu is a 180-hectare dairy farm that increasingly showcases healthy wetlands and good riparian management. The Inaha Stream flows through Andrew and Penny Meuli’s farm, and the couple have worked hard to protect and enhance the river and its borders.

“It’s mainly the stream that runs across the farm, but wetlands seep into it,” Andrew explains.

The Meulis, who have received Council money for willow removal, have poisoned then removed more than two kilometres of willows from their already fenced-off stream, wetlands and riparian areas, and planted those areas with native vegetation.

The couple milk 600 Friesian-cross cows, and started implementing their riparian management plan in 2009 with help from the Council’s Land Management Officers. Having removed the willows, they put 12,660 plants in their riparian and wetlands areas, with another 1500 ordered for 2017/18.

Andrew says the willow removal tidied the river and



Andrew Meuli and his wife Penny have worked hard to protect and enhance the stream and wetlands on their property.

improved its channel and flow. “There’s less bank erosion and in adverse weather it sticks to its course, rather than flooding and doing damage.”

He figures the waterway is also cleaner, and says their wider riparian work has brought improvements in health and safety, wildlife, aesthetics and stock safety.

Land Management Officer Claire Robertson says the Meulis are proactive, take on ideas quickly, and want to do their best for the environment.

Andrew is a fifth-generation farmer who’s been on the farm for 15 years and recently took over from his parents.

“The dirty dairying thing – we need to knock that on the head. I don’t know an industry that’s been as pro-active about the environment,” he says.

“We’ve personally been

progressive every year with the (riparian) planting. It’s been blocked into the farm maintenance system as a cost, even in low payout years. The major benefit is that we’re done – we’re not behind. The Council’s been fantastic. Claire’s been great. We have the plans they prepared for us, and they come out and see what we’ve done – see what we need to do.

“I’ve had great support from them and they’ve come in with a good attitude. They haven’t said, ‘you’ve got to do this, do that’. They’ve worked with the farmer, which always goes down well. We work in well together.

And he has this advice for farmers who’ve been reluctant to embrace riparian management:

“Just get your head around that it needs to be done and

do it properly from the start. Too many people have made narrow margins and fenced, and they haven’t saved themselves anything. Do a bit every year and keep on top of it. Don’t hold it off.

’cause you’re going to have to catch up.”

Andrew now aims to maintain and finish the work in their plan and in other marginal spots. He talks of spot-planting areas; of keeping them well-fenced to keep stock out.

“It’s great. I love riding past it,” he says of their clean stream. “We’re definitely doing a good thing. On a nice day we see more birds

down there, and ducks taking shelter. I’ve shown our daughters what it was and what we’ve got now.

“Before, it was choked upstream with willows, with possums hanging out of the willows. Now it’s an open, flowing waterway with flax and grass and tui hanging out of it. I think a fantail is a sign of a happy place and there’s a few of them around,” he says.

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## Wilson boosts Taranaki ranks

The chance to work hands-on with cows, as opposed to with the milk they produce, has led Kirby Wilson to the team at World Wide Sires (WWS) in Taranaki. WWS is the most established and successful importer of US dairy genetics into New Zealand and now boasts two consultants in the Taranaki

region, with Wilson joining Claire Bourke on staff. Wilson has a Bachelor of Science majoring in agriculture, and previously worked as a dairy shed assessor and milk quality consultant. "I'd much rather be walking around a herd of cows than climbing over a plant. I'm more passionate about the animals that make the primary industry possible," Ms Wilson says.

"It's great to be able to offer a world class service with world class genetics. In the foreseeable future I can see inbreeding in the New Zealand industry becoming an increasing issue and the impact of hybrid vigour slowly declining because of it. "The gene pool in New Zealand is shrinking. It is time for something fresh that is going to give the farmer a leading edge in genetics, that will also give

them a leading edge in the vat. Like me, farmers need to join the revolution." Ms Wilson is looking forward to working with the diverse range of farmers on the Northern side of Mt Taranaki. "The thing about WWS is that every customer is treated as an individual. One size does not fit all, and this personalised approach ensures they get the best possible outcomes."



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# Is this the 'Naki's most expensive wheelbarrow?

An Okato couple has the unique honour of owning Taranaki's most expensive wheelbarrow.

Jimmy and Catherine Lawn paid \$750 for the piece of garden equipment at a heart-racing auction in Hawera.

The auction was hosted by comedian Te Radar during the Taranaki/Manawatu FMG Young Farmer of the Year regional final.

The plastic wheelbarrow normally retails for about \$119 at local hardware stores.

Jimmy and Catherine are related to James Lawn, who was named the region's Young Farmer of the Year at the event.

James was sitting at the couple's table during the auction, and said Jimmy was determined to win.

"It was quite a laugh actually. I've been told from Jimmy he was prepared to go a bit higher, but he certainly scared the rest of the bidders out of the water quite early," James said.

"The Wellington crew bid

\$501, just beating him - and then Jimmy comes out with \$750. The whole crowd went quiet."

Te Radar was shocked by the generous bid, but Jimmy Lawn has no regrets on the splurge.

His wife had been wanting a wheelbarrow for three years after their old one seized up.

"I paid that much for it because it was for a good cause," Jimmy said.

James, who is a founding member of Coastal Young Farmers, said the auctions are a good opportunity to raise money that will cover costs and activities for the club.

The 27-year-old will be competing in the FMG Young Farmer of the Year grand final in the Manawatu in July.

"He should go alright, we hope he wins," Jimmy said.

The prized green wheelbarrow has affectionately been named 'The Wheelbarrow'.

**Bridget Kelly**  
Wintec journalism student



Jimmy and Catherine Lawn with their wheelbarrow.

## Competition winners crowned

Teamwork and attention to detail has helped an Okaiawa family produce an award-winning fodder beet crop.

Barry and Annette Orchard took out first place in the fodder beet category of Taranaki Federated Farmers' crop competition.

The competition was revived after old trophies dating back to the 1920s were discovered in a cupboard last year.

This is the Orchard's fourth season growing the crop, which is increasing in popularity - especially with dairy farmers.

"We've got 10ha in fodder beet. The first year we grew it we had one paddock, this year we have five," said Barry.

The Orchard's son and daughter-in-law Kieran and Jodie 50/50 sharemilk 300 cows on the 85ha (effective) farm.

"Preparation is the key; everything from selecting the paddocks to making sure the nutrient and PH levels are correct," said Kieran Orchard. "There are a lot of little things that go into

achieving a bumper crop."

Spraying is one of them, which is also Kieran's responsibility.

"It is important paddocks are sprayed out properly before cultivation, and that weeds and pests are targeted at the right times," Kieran said.

Soil cultivation and sowing is done by Kieran's brother Damian, who runs an agricultural contracting business. The crop achieved a yield of over 30t/ha.

"Once you hit yields that high, fodder beet costs us about 8c/kg/DM which is a pretty cheap feed," said Kieran.

The Orchards split-calve and feed the crop from April through until August.

Manutahi farmer Richard Brewer won the Turnip Trophy, after producing a 20t/ha crop. He planted 6.2ha of Barkant turnips. They're fed to the 230-cow herd of his 50/50 sharemilkers Chris and Tina Harvie from January until the end of March.

"In a normal season, it's only dry for six to seven

weeks and turnips give you a bulk of feed to fill that gap well," said Richard. The crop cost between 6-7c/kg/DM. He credits his Cross Slot no-till drill with his crop's success.

"The drill follows the contour of the paddock, placing the seed at the correct depth and producing an even germination," said Richard. "It also puts fertiliser beside the seed, which helps it get off to a flying start."

Richard said good management before and after drilling was also vital. A wet summer helped produce high-yielding turnip crops across Taranaki.

"We had to measure some of the crops several times because we didn't believe the figures," said judge Ian Robinson.

Placings. Fodder beet competition: 1. Barry and Annette Orchard. 2. James Phillips. 3. Matthew Herbert. Turnip competition: 1. Richard Brewer. 2. Rusty Campbell. 3. Matthew Herbert.

**Brad Markham**

## Myrtle rust puts distribution on hold

The planned distribution of thousands of riparian plants in Taranaki has been put on hold because of the discovery of myrtle rust.

Farmers with Taranaki Regional Council riparian plans were to begin collecting approximately 360,000 plants from five depots around the region on Monday 22 May. But the Council's Director-Operations, Stephen Hall,

says that on the instructions of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), the distribution of plants has been postponed.

The Ministry for Primary Industries is leading the myrtle rust response nationally and in Taranaki. On Saturday 20 May the Ministry confirmed positive myrtle rust infection at a number of locations in North Taranaki. Further updates

on infected locations will be made by the Ministry.

Myrtle rust was found on one pohutukawa plant at the Council's plant depot at Lepperton, one of five collection points for the plants. The Lepperton plant depot has been closed and is under treatment. The movement of plants from the other four depots has been restricted while investigations continue.

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## First round title for Premiers



Logan Crowley goes on a typical sniping run as the Premiers ground out a 24-18 win over Spotswood in bruising game.

Saturday May 13th was the last game of round 1 for the Coastal Premiers. A Coastal win would guarantee the first round title, so the boys had plenty to play for. Two first half tries and a conversion had Coastal leading 12-3 at the break. Spotswood scored early in the second half to make a statement that they were still in the game. Coastal bounced back with two tries

in five minutes to lead 24-8 with 25 minutes to play. The game looked safe but Spotswood came back with another try and a penalty, to bring the score back to 24-18 with 10 minutes to play. The final score was 24-18. Coastal try scorers were Emmett Hurley, Sam Lawn, Thys Vanderpoel and Cal Davies. The rest of the points came from the boot

of Thys Vanderpoel. Player of the Day was shared by Jacob Gopperth and Troy Stevenson.

The first game of round 2 was against Stratford/Eltham in Stratford. The conditions were the worst that anyone could remember with sleet and rain leaving the field covered with surface water. Coastal led 10-6 at the break after a converted try

and a penalty. The second half saw the conditions start to take their toll on the players. Both sides were feeling the cold and many of them started showing signs of hypothermia. Credit must go to the boys for sticking to the job and soldiering on. Another penalty and converted try stretched the

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lead to 20 - 6. Stratford/Eltham scored a late try to make the final score 20 - 13. Coastal tries were scored by Dylan Juffermans and Troy Stevenson and two conversions and two penalties kicked by Thys VanderPoel. Dylan Schuler was Player of the Day.

Next week Coastal are on the road again and travel to New Plymouth to take on Old Boys. NPOB will be after revenge following their first round loss to the Coast, so get behind the boys and come up to Vogeltown Park in New Plymouth. Kick off is 3.45.

Brian Olliver.

**Beauden and Jordie Barrett Show us their true colours at a recent Hurricanes game**



## Winning Run Continues

Coastal Division 1 played Spotswood at Yarrows Stadium on May 13 on a blustery day. This was a top of the table clash to complete the first round and it showed with both teams reluctant to give either side possession. A tight first half had the score locked in at 0-0. With a quick try after the break to David Hughes under the posts, it felt like the tide was about to turn, but Spotswood threw everything at us and only good defence by the

whole team restricted them to 10-10 draw. Player of the Day was Richard Beckett. This draw saw us finish on top after round one.

In Stratford last Saturday we continued our winning way with a comprehensive 27-0 win. Players battled hypothermia in atrocious conditions, with hail and icy cold wind to contend with. Everyone showed commitment to get the bonus point win. Tries were scored by David White,

Richard Beckett and Paddy Beer, and also a penalty try was awarded for constant infringing by Stratford close to the line.

Player of the Day was Joe Brophy who scrummaged

well, and his general play was outstanding in the freezing conditions. This week we play NPOB at Vogeltown 1-00pm.

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**Colts come away with icy win**



Alex Bell tip toes on the sideline and leaves a defender in his wake. Unfortunately Spotswood had the last laugh in a 38 - 5 win.

On May 13, the Coastal Colts travelled to Yarrow Stadium to play Spotswood.

The boys played well on attack but unfortunately their defence let them down

and they ended up losing 38 - 5. Player of the Day Jared Hunt played well. He was everywhere, backed up by the forwards with strong pick and goes.

For their next game they

travelled to Stratford to play Stratford-Eltham in very trying conditions, with wind, rain, hail, and a wet field. It was a very close game with both teams struggling in the icy cold conditions, with

Coastal coming out winners 22 - 20.

Player of the Day was Joel Perrett. The boys did well and will have a bye next week

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Coastal Cobras players and supporters celebrate their 32-26 win against the Kia Ora Warriors. Photo Nanz Ngeru.

# Cobras are Coast to Coast winners

On Saturday the Coltons Coastal Cobras travelled to Palmerston North to play the Kia Ora Warriors in the first Coast to Coast Rugby league final. The Coast to Coast competition is played between clubs from Hawkes Bay, Manawatu and Taranaki which make up the Mid Central Zone. Coastal qualified by winning the Western Alliance, while Kia Ora finished top of the Eastern.

The Cobras got off to an excellent start with evergreen fullback Darren Parata touching down first, and they were soon in again through halfback Whai Hohaia, who successfully converted both tries to have his side ahead 12-0. Kia Ora, needing to score next did just that and after adding two penalty goals were behind by 2 with a quarter of the game gone. Coastal with the introduction of live-wire dummy half Herewini Karena seemed to up the ante and in the next 20 minutes scored some beautiful rugby league tries. None better than the one scored by captain and stand-off Mark Davis. He started the play with a chip over the top of the defence, Parata gathered in the ball and passed back inside to Hohaia who managed to stand in the tackle and off-load to Davis for the try. Halftime score was 26-10 to Coastal.

The Warriors had the majority of the ball early in the second half and the Cobras were having to work hard as the home side received some favourable penalties to put them in good attacking positions. It soon took its toll and Kia Ora managed to level the scores at 26-26 with time ticking away. The many Cobra supporters who had made the journey were soon in full voice and this seemed to lift the team, who responded with Hohaia getting his second for the game, and sealing the win 32-26.

For the Coastal side every player contributed but 19 year old prop Johnathan Tahau really led from the front with some strong runs and defence. He was ably



Nohorua Parata, Mark Davis and Maloni Tuitupou. Photo Ange Hapeta.

assisted in the pack by work Baylis who put their bodies horses Stacy Hill and Mark on the line all day. Substitute

hooker Karena also added the spark from the bench. In the backs, it was Davis and Parata directing the team and new half Hohaia was outstanding in setting up and scoring tries. Both Coastal centres, Arepa Bishop and Tui Karena were solid on defence and took some strong runs to give their forwards a break at vital times.

The Coastal Cobras will now turn the attention to a potential Lile Shield Competition in Taranaki as well as the Taranaki Sharks playing the Wellington Orcas in Wellington on Queens Birthday weekend.

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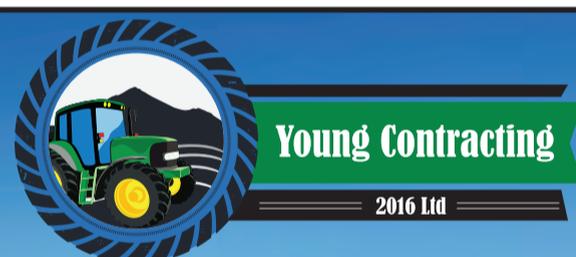
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# Eltham shooters coming into form

There were some impressive at the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club's Monday Club night. The Master graders shot some impressive scores with Garry Rowlands just pipping Paul Tidswell, although both shot possibles (100s). In the lower grades, there was also some competitive shooting and the group card shooters are steadily improving too. Garry Rowlands 100.8, 99.7, 98.4; Paul Tidswell 97.3, 100.7, 98.6. A grade shooter Adrian Clark shot a consistent 97.5 and 97.5. Alan Drake with 97.4 and 96.5 topped B grade followed by Paul Longstaff 93.2, 96.0, 95.2; Brian Hicks 94.2 and 95.4; Don Litchfield 93.4 and 94.2. C grade scores continue to improve Murray Chinery 95.4 and 93.3; Bob Bramley

93.2, 89.0, 93.2; Clare Bramley 95.2, 97.6. Group cards shooters Dave and Katie McGregor continue their family battle with Dave coming out on top, but only just. Dave 100, 100; Katie 98, 99. Shirley Hills also shooting group cards shot 95, 96, 97. Visiting shooter Frank Eustace shot 97.3 and 97.4. Meanwhile Friday's shooting saw more close shooting between grades and shooters with Paul Tidswell shooting the only possible (100.6), but Garry Rowlands and Clare Bramley coming close with a 99.5 and 99.4 respectively. Paul Tidswell 97.6, 99.8, 100.6; Garry Rowlands 99.7, 99.5; Bob Bramley 97.6, 97.5, 96.3; Paul Longstaff 96.3, Clare Bramley 99.4, 95.2; Brian Hicks 96.6, 97.1; Stephan Hicks 93.1, 91.0. Returning

after a break, Matt McLeish shot two respective 100 group cards while Keira McLeish shot 67 and 73. New shooters Katie Adlam and Ryan Murray showed their competitive spirits shooting group cards with scores of 97, 98, 98 and 97, 100, 98 respectively.

A week earlier, scores were: Master Grade shooters Paul Tidswell 99.6, 99.7, 100.6, 97.5, 99.7, 99.6; Garry Rowlands 97.6, 99.6, 100.7, 98.5, 99.7, 98.4;

In B Grade Alan Drake 97.6, 95.1, 96.2; Paul Longstaff 96.2, 95.2, 94.3; Don Litchfield 97.5, 91.1;

Clare Bramley shooting in the C Grade achieved 95.4, 95.2, 96.3, 98.5, 94.2, 96.3; Bob Bramley scored 92.1, 90.2, 92.3, 97.5, 97.4; Stephen Hicks 92.1, 89.0, 97.6, 90.0; Brian Hicks 96.2,

88.0, 95.3, 96.2; Murray Chinery 95.3, 95.3.

New shooters achieved some high scores on the grouping cards and are showing good potential: Dave McGregor 99, 100; Katie McGregor 92, 97; Michelle Hofmans 100;

The senior shooters were coming into top form before the North Island Inter-provincial Champs at Napier. Paul Tidswell, Garry Rowlands and Clare Bramley will be the Eltham contingent forming part of the Taranaki team, and they are wished well.

Next weekend, 26 and 27 May, sees the Taranaki Open being held at the Eltham Range, Pinney Drive, Eltham. The following day, Sunday 28 May, the Hawera Open is being held in Hawera at the Hub.

# Midgley gets 28th title

The Taranaki Indoor Bowls Open Pairs Tournament was played at the Kapuni Hall on May 14.

After section play of five rounds there were nine qualifiers. T.Bourne defeated B.Schrader 13-4

Quarter final results. J.Soothill defeated T.Bourne 9-8. M.Harding defeated A.Podjursky 9-6.

D.Semple defeated G.Hamley 10-8. K.Hughes defeated E.Smailes 9-5.

Semi final results. M.Harding defeated J.Soothill 6-4. K.Hughes defeated D.Semple 10-1.

Final result. Martin Harding Skip and Nigel Berry lead from the Normanby club defeated Karl Hughes Skip and Andrea Berry lead also from the Normanby club in a very close and low scoring game 7-5.

This gave Nigel Berry his second Taranaki Centre title in successive weekends.

The Taranaki Indoor Bowling Centre Open Singles tournament was played at the Kapuni Hall a week later.

The event was dominated by members from the Otakeho Club. Paul Midgley won the Open Singles event to win his 28th Taranaki Indoor Bowls Centre title and Kevin Boothby Trophy, and club member Sam Landers won the Gordon and Jenny Hamley for the junior player going the furthest in the singles competition.

The Waipipi cup was won by Rose Ratahi for the lady going furthest in the singles competition.

Results were. Juniors playoff. Jamie Pretty beat Rebecca Schrader 11-9. Sam Landers beat Megan Jackson 12-6. Final. Sam Landers beat Jamie Pretty 13-7.

After section play there were seven qualifiers. Rose Ratahi drew the bye.

Quarter final results. Ray Finlay beat Trevor Bourne 12-2. Paul Midgley beat Nigel Berry 13-4.

Karl Hughes beat Arthur Podgersky 11-9.

Semi final results. Paul Midgley beat Ray Finlay 16-2. Rose Ratahi beat Karl Hughes 10-3.

Final result. Paul Midgley played accurate correctly weighted bowls to beat Rose Ratahi 13-6.

The third and final round of the inter association competition was played at the Stratford Memorial Hall on Friday May 19. The Waimate Association finished the competition strongly. Waimate A scored 16 points and Waimate B also scored 16 points giving them a grand total of 85 points for the three nights. Central A scored 12 points and Central B scored 7 points to give them a total of 74 points for second placing. South A scored 13 points and South B scored 8 points to give them a total of 57 points and third placing.

# Cameron on fire

In the last two weeks Jason Cameron has been right on target at the Hawera target shooting, with the hundreds starting to flow. Jason led the charge with 100.8, Hayden Andreoli was close behind with a 100.7 as was Gary Rowlands 100.7. Bruce Cameron who has been Hawera Champ for quite some years has challengers chasing him but it is early days yet. Scores were: Grouping cards J. McCrae 95gr, 96gr., P. Mills 84.0, 90.1, G. Rowlands 99.4, 100.7, H. Andreoli

97.5, 95.2, 94.2, 197.11, T. C. Conchie 90.2, 88.3, S. Gooding 97.5, 97.4, 98.3, C. Burr 91.1, 94.3, B. Cameron 198.11, 195.9, 99.6, J. Cameron 99.3, 198.11. This week Jason Cameron was once again was on form only dropping 4 shots over 4 cards including two 100.6 cards. Scores were: McRea 91gr, 92gr, R.S. Patterson 92.2, A. Munroe 85.0, T.C. Conchie 89.1, 90.2, B. Cameron 98.6, 99.7, 99.6, J. Cameron 98.5, 98.3, 100.6, 100.6.

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# Therese brings home basketball gold

Sport Taranaki's Therese Campbell's basketball team at the World Masters Games in Auckland came away with gold.

In the spirit of the games, which promotes friendship rather than country rivalry, Therese's basketball team was made up of New Zealanders, NZ Samoans, Japanese and a NZ Cook Islander. Her team overcame language barriers, cultural quirks and a myriad of injuries to win gold, beating an Australian team by just 1 point in the final.

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The next World Masters Games will be in Kansai, Japan in 2021 where the team plan on reuniting and going for gold once again.



Team photo upon receiving their gold medals.

## Taranaki Target shooters compete at Hastings

The Taranaki Tigers Target shooting team of 10 travelled to Hastings to compete against teams from throughout the North Island in this annual event on May 13. The Waikato team proved too strong for the second placed team Manawatu by a clear 38 points. Third place was a real battle between Wellington, Hutt Valley and Taranaki who were only separated by 8 points. Taranaki at the half way point were sitting at third but in the end took out 5th place. There were 15 teams competing so Taranaki shooters have the right to be proud of their

efforts. Well done. Taranaki scores were: D.Fake393.16, B .Cameron 391.23, D. Gibson 388.15, G. Rowlands 379.11, J. Cameron 392.19, S. Gooding 388.12, P. Tidswell 388.14, H. Jupp 376.7, C. Clealand 379.13, H. Andreoli 381.13, reserve. C. Bramley 379.12 Team total 3850 145.

On May 18, the Taranaki Tigers shooting team were up against The Plainsmen from Otago in the N.D.C. National Districts Championship second round Telephone shoot. The Tigers open squad all shot well but were still four points shy for a win against the

Plainsmen. The composite team was even closer with only a one point loss to the Plainsmen. The junior squad was always going to struggle against a team with A and B Grade shooters against a D Grade team and so it proved, nevertheless they shot very

well . At the end of the day congratulations to the Plainsmen on a fine win . For the Tigers Jason Cameron had the top score 297.18. Trevor Jupp shot well with 294.12. In the composite squad Clare Bramley had a 98.6. Scores were: J.

Cameron 297.18, D. Fake 295.17, G. Rowlands 294.18, T. Jupp 294.12, B. Cameron 293.19, P. Tidswell 293.11, S. Gooding 291.16, B. Moratti 191.15, F. Eustace 291.14, C. Clealand 284.09 total 2923. 149, Composite Squad: D. Gibson 291.15,

G. Moratti 289.8, H. Jupp 288.11, C. Bramley 288.11, P. Longstaff 285.11, total 1441. 56 Junior Squad: M. Michael, 188.6, A. Stuart 188.5, T. C , Crump 185.1 Team total, 4953. 221.

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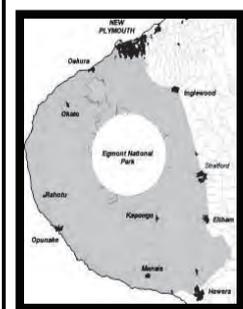
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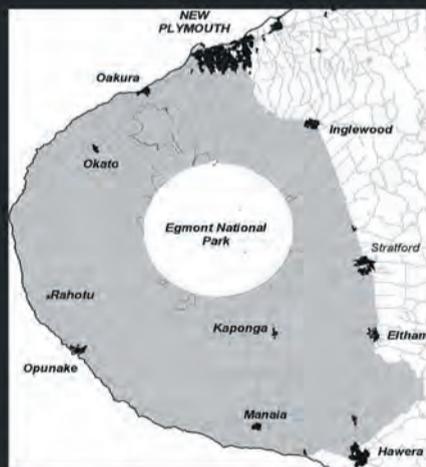


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After having an enforced absence from the Hawera Memorial Theatre due to earthquake strengthening, Hawera Repertory and the cast and crew cannot wait to return to the Memorial Theatre on May 25-June 3. This show has been a huge undertaking with an equally large budget required to bring the audience a musical theatre experience that will leave them buzzing and wanting to come back for more.

Samantha Turner is directing the show and has enjoyed bringing together her first musical and largest show to date as a director. Samantha has bought us some great shows in the past in the director's role. Ladies Night, Dirty Dusting and Calendar Girls were all successful shows and you

can expect the same high attention to detail, a stunning set and a cast in tune with their characters when Beauty and the Beast comes to life under the lights.

The musical director for this show is Shaun Campbell. Shaun was the director and musical director of Hawera Repertory's "Little Shop of Horrors". Well known for his musical attributes, one of Shaun's strengths is getting the harmonies and layers from the rehearsal rooms to the red hot atmosphere of the stage.

Making a welcome return to the choreographer's role is Kirsty Bourke. This show will be the third musical Kirsty has worked on as choreographer for Hawera Repertory. Having been in charge of Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat in 2007 and Little Shop of Horrors in 2012, you can expect high tempo dance routines often with a dash of humour.

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This show has many special elements which will combine to make it a "not to be missed" experience. The costumes have been made by Weta Workshops in Wellington and are stunning. A huge set has been constructed and will be enhanced with a LED screen backdrop. This is something new for Hawera Repertory. Sound and lighting are also key elements of live musical theatre and professionals are bought in to guarantee the audience can see and hear all the onstage action.

The icing on the cake for what will be an amazing show is the venue, the Hawera Memorial Theatre. The whole Theatre has been recently refurbished and offers a visual, warm and comfortable ambience conducive to great theatre. With a cast from right around the province Beauty and the Beast will not disappoint and will be the must have ticket, so don't delay and get yours today.

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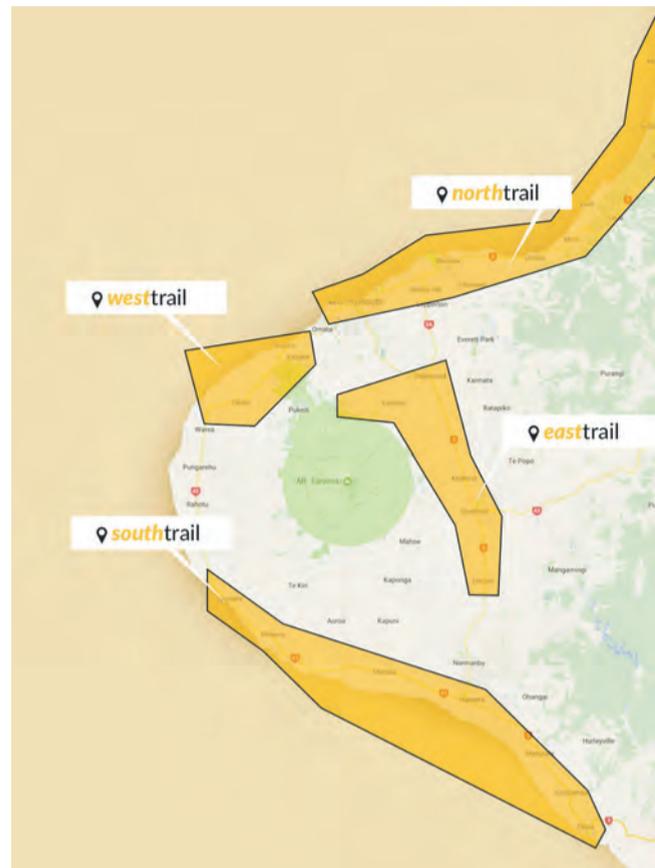
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# Arts Trail lifts lid on Taranaki creativity

In a region better known for its dairy, oil, and gas industries, a large number of creative people reside and work, drawing inspiration from the dramatic land and seascapes that surround Mt Taranaki/Egmont. The launch of the 2017 Taranaki Arts Trail is on June 10-11 and is timed to coincide with the Puke Ariki exhibition 'Home Work: Taranaki Art 2017'. With three main entry points into the Taranaki region, north, south, and for the more adventurous via the Forgotten Highway, visitors can join the Trail, visiting participating artists in their studios and workshops.

With less than a month to go, the artists – over 60 in total – are getting their studios, workshops and dining room tables ready for the influx of visitors who want to lift the lid on how all types of art are produced. The artists are supported by 15 places of interest and four hospitality venues which are dotted right around the mountain. There is a refreshingly broad spectrum of career stages, from the emerging artist through to the very established and world renowned. The Mokau Museum and Art Gallery greets visitors coming into Taranaki from the North, and from the South we have four local artists as well as the Gallery Patea and Aotea Utanganui Museum welcoming those travelling from the southern direction.

The complimentary Taranaki Arts Trail booklets



2017 Arts Trail Map

and maps are now out and located at i-sites, cafes and galleries all around the country. For those in New Plymouth you can also pick up a copy from the Novotel New Plymouth Hobson. The Trail is geographically divided into four trails covering the North, East, South and West of the province.

An exhibition involving all the registered artists on the Trail will be on at the Percy Thompson Gallery in Stratford from June 2-25. Taranaki has recently

been voted the number two destination in the world to visit by the Lonely Planet Guide so the Arts Trail is a great opportunity to experience the local hospitality first hand.

For out of town guests the Novotel New Plymouth Hobson have special rates for all Arts Trail visitors – simply quote the code ARTS TRAIL when booking.

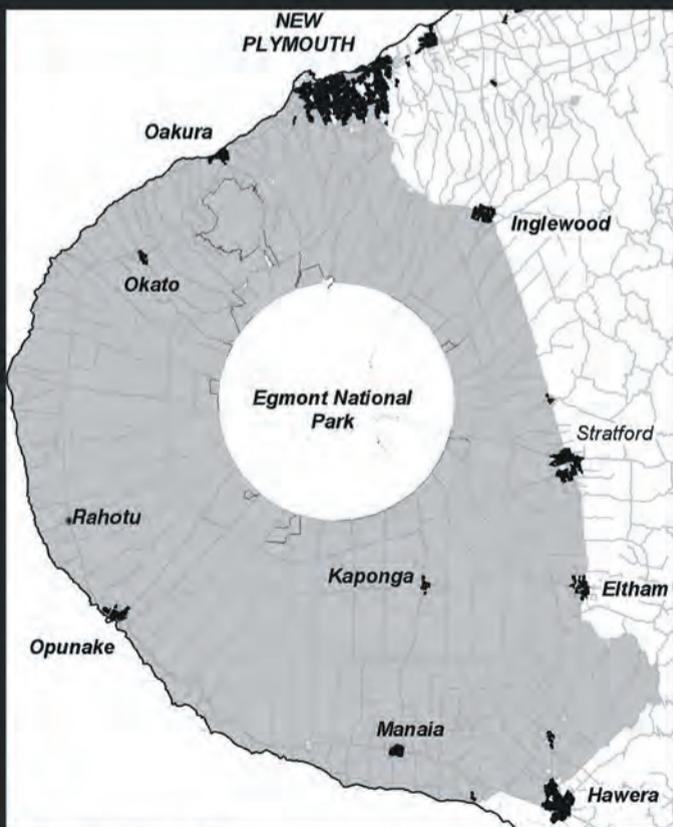
Right around the mountain there are so many studios to discover, and if last year is anything to go by, it will be hard to pick a favourite.



Taranakiartstrail  
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# Te Kiri scholarships keep on giving

There was never anything positive to come out of the Labour government's closure of our five rural schools in Coastal Taranaki area back in 2003. However the Te Kiri community does have a bright light in its annual award of a number of scholarships to applicants who meet the criteria of having attended Te Kiri School or lived in the immediate Te Kiri area for at least two years. These scholarships were made possible by investing funds the Te Kiri Home and School had raised, and sales of the pine trees earlier school families had planted. Last month was no exception when we posted cheques totalling \$1350 to five successful candidates who will use these funds to assist

with tertiary or post graduate studies and representative level basketball. We began with \$50,000 invested and awarded the first scholarships in 2005. Since then there have been 92 recipients of the Te Kiri Scholarship awarded to make a total \$22,750. Every year we have used the interest to inflation-proof the principal invested, as well as awarding scholarship money. This base fund has also been increased with some rearing bull calves for the November sales, and then donating the profit. Applications are called for between December and February 20, and successful applicants are paid by mid-April.

Judith Armstrong



Jordan Smith (back) who represents Taranaki at basketball was awarded a scholarship this year.

# Opunake Country Music Club

Our Club has been around for the past 40 years. If you have not heard of us it is because we are not too loud. We have a band that plays for our singers – both visitors and locals and have a special guest every month. If there is a talented person – an instrumentalist, singer, poet or comedian we would love to see and hear you. Or even if you would like to come along and play in the band

one afternoon you would be more than welcome. We hold our afternoons in the Opunake Town Hall on the first Sunday of every month from 1pm-4pm. The entry fee is \$3.00 and this includes afternoon tea. Please note – our June meeting will be on June 11 as we are hosting the Rhinestone Club from New Plymouth. You can contact us on 06 761 8485.

Pat Dudley.

## OPUNAKE COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

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# Cans Family Film Festival

Produced and directed by Opunake Foodbank

No plans for Queen's Birthday weekend? Not attending the celebrations at Buckingham Palace? Well, this promises to be a fun alternative.

On Monday June 5 at 1.00 pm at Everybody's Theatre there will be a special screening of the ever popular movie "Moana."

Thank you to Everybody's Theatre who is offering a discounted ticket price of \$6.00 per person. Each person attending is also asked to donate a non-perishable food item, a can or a packet to the Opunake Foodbank as part of the

entry fee.

This is the first time such an event has been held with the purpose of not only boosting the number of food items in the Foodbank stores but also to raise awareness of the vital role we have to play in our local community.

In the first five months of this year we have distributed 64 food parcels to those in need, with the parcels going to 105 adults and 92 children.

Without the help of our team of dedicated volunteers who keep the Foodbank ticking over this would not be possible.

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individuals and businesses who continue to donate food. Whether it is a bag of apples, a few cans of baked beans or home kill meat for our freezer, all donations are received with gratitude.

Our request is that as many people as possible support this event by attending and donating food. There can be no better way of spending a (probably raining) public holiday afternoon than with your children.

I am sure that Her Majesty would approve.

Jenny Bennett.  
Committee Opunake Foodbank



Queen's Birthday Weekend. Monday  
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# Beauty and the Beast stunningly good

Hawera Repertory's latest production, Beauty and the Beast is truly remarkable - with something to suit all tastes - high energy dancing, memorable songs, comedy and drama, spectacular sets and costumes. This review was of their dress rehearsal and with the season due to start on May 25 at the Hawera Memorial Theatre, everything is already 'on the button'. The season runs until June 3 and this show is an absolute 'must see' for everyone whatever their age.

The production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast has music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Tim Rice - well known for his collaboration with Andrew Lloyd-Webber in Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita and many others.

The show is superbly directed by Samantha Turner, who adds to her string of accomplished directive accolades, although this is her first musical. She has excellent support bin skilful musical direction by Shaun Campbell and inspired choreography by Kirsty Bourke, as well as great captaincy behind the scenes by Donnella Weir (Production Manager), Sandra Richards (Stage Manager) and many others



Beauty and the Beast is showing at the Hawera Memorial Theatre.

in the backstage team. The story revolves around an assertive beauty Belle (played by Krystal Leuthard) and the misunderstood grumpy Beast (played by Bergen Raikes). These actors played their parts with great finesse and passion, complemented by tuneful singing.

The cast have been carefully chosen and all play their parts with excellent comic timing. It would be

hard to pick out any player for special praise, although Bergen Raikes Beast will long stay in my memory - it was hard to believe that the handsome prince was the loathsome Beast. A huge talent here.

The sets and costumes are simply remarkable - I don't think I have ever seen better. The LED screen backdrop, which changed as the show progresses, was breathtaking in its colourful character. I

loved the olde world scenes of stonework, mills, ancient cottages and village wells.

All people (from all sides of the stage and beyond) who have worked hard to make this show as good as it definitely is - and it would be hard to imagine better - must be complimented. Last word - don't delay, go and buy your ticket before they sell out.

Rolland McKellar

## Your basket buddy is your friend

We are a Lions Foundation Young Enterprise Business Scheme team from Opunake High School and are running a business for a year to learn about running businesses and producing products for what the market may have demands for. Our product is the Basket Buddy, an

attachment for a standard rotary clothesline that folds up to form a table for your washing basket to sit in. This amazing product means that you no longer have to bend down to pick up the heavy, wet washing from your basket that would otherwise be sitting on the ground.

The Basket Buddy comes as a package deal, with the washing basket and peg basket included. To finish off, it will be powder coated to any colour that you wish, whether it be lime green or hot pink, as the powder coating prevents rusting of the materials being out in the weather. This costs \$90 overall but requires a \$30 deposit when you order it. Brian Sinclair is our mentor, giving us tips and helping us to make the best decisions for our business to move forward. Check out the

Basket Buddy Facebook page @basketbuddyohs to keep up to date with markets and ordering opportunities. We will also update the page with our progress in the Young Enterprise Scheme. Email us at basketbuddies72@gmail.com for any orders or inquiries you wish to make. We hope to help someone out by making it easier to do chores and hopefully prevent any back injuries. We want your washing game to be better than your neighbours.

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*Shhhh, they're very quiet*



Katie and Janis with the Basket Buddy.

# Pregnancy Help comes to Opunake

Pregnancy Help Taranaki is Stratford-based and has been operating for nearly 40 years. Now it is also available in Opunake.

On May 18 at their first session in Opunake, administrator Lorna Hobo and volunteers Raewyn McDonald and Kay Walmsley introduced themselves to the Plunket group at CoastalCare.

For the next three months on a trial basis, Raewyn and Kay will be operating Pregnancy Help Taranaki out of CoastalCare every second Thursday from 10am to midday.

Pregnancy Help Taranaki began with a Pregnancy Aid group set up in Eltham. In 1979 they affiliated with the national organisation and became Pregnancy Help Taranaki.

"Eventually we became Taranaki-wide but found that we were under-represented in the coastal area. We knew people were needing our help, but they just weren't accessing our services, so we chose Opunake as our first outreach on the coast," Lorna said.

Last year Pregnancy Help Taranaki distributed



From left, Pregnancy Help administrator Lorna Hobo, Alysha Trethewy with Kenzie Field (19 months) and Jadene Billot with Zaree Thompson (22 months).

parcels to over 300 families from Waverley to Mokau. These parcels which are put together by volunteers totalled over 3000 items of clothing and 2000 items of bedding.

They also provide advocacy and information on services available to pregnant women including benefits.

Pregnancy Help caters for children from premature and new-borns up to two years-old, and has specific clothing for the needs of smaller babies.

Services also include a Nappy Bank where reusable nappies are available for

clients to work out what best suits their baby's needs before going on to make any purchases themselves.

Maternity wear is available for loan, whether it be maternity jeans and tops or feeding bras.

They also lend out equipment including bassinets, baths, changing tables and other equipment.

Pregnancy Help services are free and there is no criteria for assistance.

"Anyone can approach us for help. It can be solo dads, grandparents, the whole whanau. It can be a self referral, or referral through a

plunket nurse, social worker or friend," Lorna said. "And we have the ability to refer onward if help is needed."

Pregnancy Help is volunteer driven and donations of goods are always welcome. Raewyn cites the contribution made by of a supporter who wishes to remain anonymous who regularly makes up pyjamas for both boys and girls.

Donations of pre-loved baby clothes and bedding are welcomed in clean good order and can be brought to Coastal Care on Thursdays when Kay and Raewyn are present.

# Going in style at Boutique Night

A movie starring three lovable old codgers planning a bank robbery will be screened at the next Everybods Theatre Boutique Night.

Going in Style is a 2017 American heist comedy film directed by Zach Braff and written by Theodore Melfi stars screen legends Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin as three retirees who plan a bank robbery after their pension entitlements become a casualty of the company

they work for having been bought out.. Also starring Joey King, Mat Dillon, Christopher Lloyd and Ann-Margret.

It is a remake of a 1979 film of the same name which starred George Burns, Art Carney, Lee Strasberg and Charles Hallahan.

The film premiered on March 30, and was released in the United States on April 7.

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# Opunake Music Workshop

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# Music at CoastalCare a winner

Smiles all round on Tuesday May 16, as Opunake Music Workshop regulars experienced a warm, welcoming atmosphere in their new meeting place at CoastalCare's health and community centre, in the community lounge. The wheelchairs down the passageway reminded us we were in a medical facility, a place of healing, and the colourful assortment of Plunket toys in the crèche area highlighted the presence of young children, and a strong sense of community. It's a credit to all those who funded this project, and we are grateful to be able to use it.

Running a community group like this in a relatively new state-of-the-art building is a big responsibility, as you want everything to remain intact for others in the community to utilise. My motto is, 'leave things the way you find them, i.e. When you walk into a room, it should look the same when you leave, as if you've never been in there. It's always a concern that others may not



Learning a new piece of music.

share those same boundaries of respect and care of other people's belongings. I'm relieved to report though, that at our first meeting, the adults demonstrated respectful behaviour.

Configuring the sound equipment to accommodate the new space didn't take long to achieve, as many musicians pitched in and

set up their gear ready for an evening of musical togetherness.

All ages and genres are welcome to join us, as we work toward future concerts. The next Opunake Music Workshop meeting is at 7:30pm, Tuesday May 30 at the new venue, CoastalCare - Community Lounge, 26 Napier Street, Opunake

(opposite Opunake & Coastal News). This centre relies on your continued support to maintain the facility in Opunake, with grants from various sources, including, donations from ordinary people just like us. Please bring along your \$2 coin, which will be donated to the CoastalCare Trust.

*Anne Montgomery*

## Taranaki Art in Paris

With apologies for taking so long (it's been gloriously hectic) I've put some images of the exhibition in Paris online. On [tart.co.nz/59Rivoli.htm](http://tart.co.nz/59Rivoli.htm). It looks really good. Six hundred artworks from 30 different artists. It was a big task.

Now I'm in Belgium to visit the Verbeke Foundation where last year's collage collection is housed.

Exciting times.  
*Dale Copeland*

## Getting upcycled and recycled at NZ Craft and Design Show

Getting upcycled and recycled at NZ Craft and Design Show

Taranaki farmer John Parry has used products from his farm to create a growing off-farm business. Along the way he has inadvertently found the fountain of youth.

That's right. Soap made in Manaia holds an anti ageing secret that celebrities have known about for some time.

The Parry soap tradition started in the early 1900's with Millie Parry, who would creatively draw from limited ingredients to produce a natural craft soap that was used in the Parry household's bathroom and laundry.

Today, this beautiful line of soaps is hand-crafted by Millie's grandson, skilled third generation craftsman John Parry, who believes in encompassing the completeness of Millie's timeless creation. The first milk, or colostrum produced on the Parry farm is rich in repairing qualities and makes up the base of the unique soaps. Locally sourced herbs and scents compliment the individual combinations, and the high quality vitamin-rich oils nourish thirsty skin, resulting in a body

care range that is natural, sensitive-skin friendly and completely made by hand in New Zealand.

Parry's Soap will join New Zealand's biggest crafting supplier Kalsbeek Creative Crafts at the NZ Craft and Design Show., Another Taranaki farming local, Megan Brocklehurst from Wishy Washi Tapes and many other of New Zealand's leading cottage industry crafters, artists and designers will also be there.

The NZ Craft and Design Show is a new show to Taranaki and is here to revive the craft scene with inspired talks, workshops and a focus this year on upcycled and recycled products.

Fitting in nicely with this theme is Claire Jensen from Made Up Design, producing unique art and design objects from waste materials such as wood, metal and plastic.

This year's New Plymouth show has the theme: 'Repurpose, Recreate, Renew' Reignite your creative soul and contemporary mindset."

This show is about creating the opportunity to meet and connect with the creative community of producers, inspirational artists and makers who are passionate

about bringing the best.

Learn about object art, food art and beverage culture, as well as decorating and enhancing the home and garden environment.

There will be speakers, artists, workshops and local entertainment from performing artists and musicians.

It's a great chance to shop for designer crafts, art, fashion, and supplies, and also tasting delicious food and beverages.

As well as all this, there will be two exciting community projects to get involved in.

The Upcycling Art competition is about turning recycled or upcycled material into carefully crafted art and design. Categories are Object Art with Style, Home and Garden, and Fashion and Design. Winners can get prizes worth up to \$500.

Then there is Trade-A-Craft Table where crafts can be exchanged.

The NZ Craft & Design Show is being held at the TSB Stadium from June 2-4. June 10am - 4.30pm

Entry \$6.50 (\$5 plus ticket fees). To enter the Upcycling competition or to exhibit your crafts and design products please call Jackie 06 2113442

**NZ  
craft  
& design  
show**

TSB STADIUM 10am - 4.30pm  
Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th June

**'Repurpose, Recreate, Renew'**  
*Reignite your creative soul and contemporary mindset!*

**Make and take crafts at \$5 station for families and kids.**

**Shop for designer crafts, art, fashion, and supplies.**

**Taste delicious food and beverages**

**Upcycling art competition**

Show us your 'repurposed' with recycled or upcycled material turned into carefully crafted art and design.

Here are the three categories.

Winner gets sponsor prizes worth up to \$500!



- Object Art with Style
- Home and Garden
- Fashion and Design

\*By judges vote. \*By popular vote. (Live and on social media)

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