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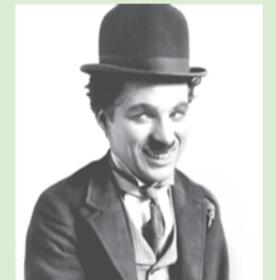
# Coastal Care Manager looking forward to the challenge



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Aretha Lemon, the newly appointed Facility Manager at Coastal Care in the entrance to the new health and community centre.

Opunake's newly opened health and community centre, Coastal Care, has a new facility manager.

Aretha Lemon who has recently moved to Taranaki from Nelson has been appointed to the full time position.

Aretha has spent the last eight years at Manuka Street Hospital Ltd, a private surgi-

cal hospital in Nelson, where she was an accountant and second-In-charge. She has a Bachelor of Commerce degree in accounting and information systems.

As facility manager, Aretha will be following up on people who have expressed interest in working from CoastalCare, and approaching new services that could

operate from the facility. She will be seeking funding for future projects to extend the services provided; organising meetings with the existing users, "ensuring we're meeting their needs and sorting out any problems they have." As well as doing the day to day administration and financial support, she will also be involved in managing

a repairs and maintenance programme for the building and equipment. "One of my first mini projects, is to organise a garage sale of all the surplus furniture and equipment from the users within the building. It will be Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - watch out for our advertisements. If you like retro furniture, you won't want to be late or miss out altogether." Said Aretha

She has two children and one grandson, aged two. Aretha admits that was the hardest thing about leaving Nelson where her son lives. She also has a married daughter who lives in Wellington.

After graduating in 2003, Aretha lived in Samoa for two years where she taught computing, accounting and management.

Aretha's partner works for McLeod Cranes, which is partly why she came to Taranaki, though she says there was "a whole combination of things there," including feeling she was ready for a change.

Managing CoastalCare will be "an exciting new challenge."

CoastalCare was a lovely community facility, she commented, adding the Coastal Taranaki Health Trustees had done a wonderful job.

"This is a beautiful building, very well designed with thought for the community, the service and the future." She liked both the structure

of the building and also the idea behind it.

"Bringing the community together in one place is quite important in smaller communities."

She was also impressed with the design, and liked the way that people from the main reception were funnelled off into the services they've come for.

Aretha was also amazed that the facility was debt free. "A lot of fundraising must have been done for it to be debt free."

So far everyone had been warm, welcoming and friendly, which is very nice," Aretha said, "and is why I like small communities. I'm a bit of a country girl at heart."

In the past, she's been involved in community work and has done quite a lot of work with Coastguard Over the years she's also been involved in the children's various sports and clubs. "I'd generally end up treasurer," she says with a laugh.

She enjoys yoga and is keen to find some yoga classes to attend, and is interested in exploring some evening hobby she can attend in Opunake. Initially however being quite new to Taranaki, she comments "I'll give myself a bit of down time to find my way around."

Aretha will be working at CoastalCare full time from 8:30am till 5pm, Monday to Friday. She can be contacted on 06 761 8488

## Te Kiri continues ANZAC tradition

Throughout Australia and New Zealand, big cities, provincial towns, and smaller country settlements remem-

bered their war dead on ANZAC Day. Te Kiri was no exception.

When Te Kiri had a school, classes would stop and a ceremony would be held at the cenotaph to remember those who had died serving their country. The school closed

in 2003, but the people of Te Kiri wanted to carry on having a service, and have been doing so on ANZAC Day ever since. This year, being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, they did so again.

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The Rev Geoff Williams speaks at the Te Kiri ANZAC Day service.

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## Letters to the Editor

### 2015-2016 Leadership roles

Mrs McKerrow, Chief Executive of New Plymouth District Council has revealed a proposed new "streamlined leadership structure" for her staff of about 500. Inevitably this will affect up to 140 business managers, team leaders and

supervisors with leadership roles. Every leader at council therefore has an average 2.5 full time staff equivalents to lead. This again reinforces and illustrates what many have been advising the CEO and council for years, that it has too many employees

especially in leadership roles, and too many levels of management. It is refreshing that council are at long last taking notice of that advice. Now hopefully there will be a meaningful restructure of its leadership, with a significant monetary saving

to over taxed ratepayers, even though the CEO says, which is difficult to understand, "saving money is not the objective of the changes but to create an agile an efficient business".

Jim Lawn, Okato

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## EDITORIAL: ANZAC Day and war

It is a story I grew up on. I also share her name - one of my middle names was given in honour of her.

Her name was Connie and she was my mother's best friend. The pair vied for dux and runner up dux at the primary school they attended. Connie won.

She was engaged to a chap called Curley. He was a lovely chap my mother says, good looking and great fun, and she recalls he kissed her goodbye." I would have been happy to have him," she says in jest.

Like many other young men, attracted in part by the prospect of adventure,

Curley went off to fight in the Second World War. Connie wasn't enthusiastic, but she couldn't stop him going.

He was killed in action and my mother recalls when Connie received the terrible news.

It made a lasting impression. Connie walking down the path, her shoulders slumped in grief. I knew straight away says my mother. They later heard the details. A soldier fighting alongside Curly found his body and turned him over to identify him. Yes, that's Curley, he said.

Connie died several years

ago. She never really got over it claims my mother. She never married.

It's a story that could be repeated many times, in many countries, by all nationalities who ever risked their life for a cause in which they believed.

A personal story that I guess drives home the tragedy of war. Connie went on to fight her own battle, the grief of losing her soulmate who she was never able to replace.

It makes you think.

We grew up among Quakers who are of course pacifists. As children we attended their meetings.

An autobiography 'We Will Not Cease' was written by Archibald Baxter - father of the poet James K. He was a conscientious objector during the First World War. I read it years ago and it too made a lasting impression. It's pretty harrowing reading in parts. They too suffered for their beliefs.

The ANZAC Day commemorations this year mark a century since Allied troops landed on the shores of Gallipoli.

It is indeed a time for remembering and reflecting.

## BBC: Church and state

A monster is created whenever state and religion become one. This is happening now as Muslims aim to create Islamic states. Their bigoted cruelty is hard for western minds to grasp. I was in Kenya recently when ISIS attacked the university at Garissa. The terrorists took cell phones from the students and used them to phone their parents. They demanded that Kenyan troops be withdrawn from Somalia and stop attacking their terrorist training centres. Then, with the parents still on the line, the terrorists shot the students.

While much can be said against Islam as a religion the real problem is, and

always has been, religion and state being one. It has all happened before. When the Roman Catholic Church became the state religion it used political processes to create the Crusades. It also held inquisitions to force people to conform through terror, just as many Muslim states do today. The Protestants did the same when they too gained political power. It is that same historical spirit of hate and terror that is currently working through sections of Islam.

The problem is not religion. The problem is state and religion becoming one.

In many Islamic states any one preaching any other

religion is liable for the death penalty. This penalty also applies to a Muslim convert to any other religion. It is only the fear of death that holds many to Islam.

While Islam plans and works to make this world an all-Muslim one, the founder of Christianity said that His kingdom was not of this world. His followers would not fight to gain this world. Biblical Christianity acknowledges that not all people will believe, and yet that all have a right to make their own choice. That is free will. There is no free will in Islam.

Any religion that needs political power to convert people cannot be a true

religion. The god of that religion is a failure, as he is obviously not powerful enough to bring people to himself.

Our western religious PC view leaves us open to invasion, defeat and slavery. Would it really be so wrong to counter the Muslim claim that "Allah is God and Mohammed his prophet" with "Jesus is God, our Prophet, our Priest and our King"?

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# Together we can do anything



Ali Hayward, who continues as President of the Opunake Business Association. Ali's late mother Bev was president of the organisation for many years.

The Opunake Business Association held their AGM at Opunake's Everybodys Theatre with attendees enjoying a buffet meal.

Ali Hayward who took over as president of the Opunake Business Association when Jason McLachlan resigned early last year due to business commitments, retains the role of president. Liz Sinclair is the new secretary and Margaret Holmes takes over as treasurer from Graeme Dodd who has held the position since 1987. Graeme was thanked for all his long years of service to the Opunake Business

association and also to the community. His many roles have included patron of the Opunake Athletic Club, and a long involvement in Taranaki Children's Athletics He was also on the committee of Keep Opunake Beautiful, Coastal Promotions and Everybodys Theatre. He has also been involved in the Opunake Surf Club, the Opunake Swimming Club, and the Opunake High School PTA. He has a long association with the student exchange programme ASSE, and in that time, Graeme and Judy have hosted 12-14 overseas

students. Judy and Graeme spent 33 years running the postal service in Opunake, known in latter years as Opunake Post and Lotto.

A new Opunake Business Association committee was sworn in. They are: Jenny Cavaney, Robyn Chard, Colleen Schmidt, Mary Mundell, Carol Dodunski, Judy Dodd, Rosie Corkill and Bernie Karam.

In her report the president noted changes in the Opunake Business district during the last year. These included a fire at Opunake Surf Inn which caused extensive damage, the closure of part of the Op Shop, and the addition of a new business, Shontelles. Beachcomber had recently relocated to Stratford, and another new business the Dance Company/physiotherapy had now moved into their premises.

Other changes included the opening of a new business Agripinoy selling Asian supplies and offering a milking related business, the closure of Opunake Post and Lotto with most of the postal services shifting next door to Pastimes, and the Lotto arm of the business moving to Four Square 45. CoastalCare, Opunake's new health and community centre has just opened with

the Opunake Pharmacy relocating to CoastalCare.

Ali said that while the association had struggled the last year to maintain committee members and drive, the usual events organised by the business association including the market day, the Christmas Parade and the Christmas raffle had all taken place. "An early coffee morning at Headlands was well supported with renewed support to our group."

Ali who with her husband Bill became business owners just over a year ago when they bought Gillbanks Fish Supply conceded the difficulty of running a business and doing community work, but that it was easier if we work together.

"After a year of owning our own business in Opunake I can see that the better the service we offer to our customers and visitors, the more we can achieve to ensure that Opunake continues to exist. We have much to be proud of in our community, and we are certainly attracting a lot of visitors to our area." Bill and Ali have been keeping a record of out-of-towners who patronise their business, Opunake Fish, Chips and More.

She ended her address with a rallying call.

"The Business Association is an opportunity for our business and community members to foster development of our unique town. There is only one Opunake in the whole world. Visitors envy us.

"Together we can do anything." After the official business

guest speaker Michael Roach, gave an interesting and informative address during which he outlined his job as manager of Farmlands in Opunake.

Michael has also been very active in the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club and spoke of his experiences in this valuable service club.



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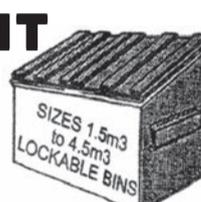
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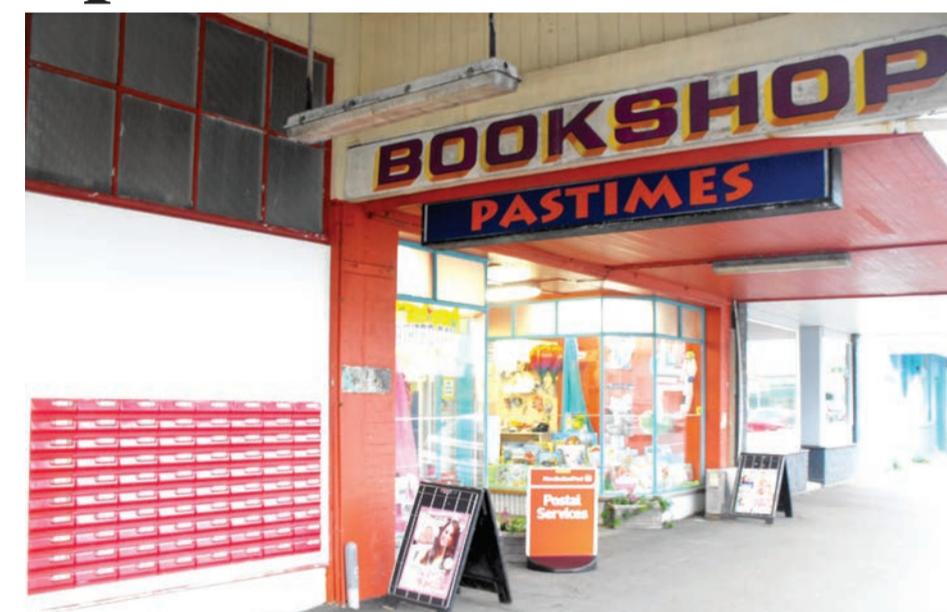
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Pilot Computing which was next door to Pastimes and where the new post office boxes will be, has moved several doors further up the street into the old BNZ building beyond Four Square 45.

"Yes", Postal services are still available in Opunake.

Rosie Corkill, the owner of Pastimes in Opunake has purchased the postal service services from Judy and Graeme Dodd however they will be unable to process bill payments.

People will also be able to renew car licences in the near future. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Rosie said she and the team at Pastimes "wish Judy and Graeme all the best for the future and thank them for all they have done in the shop and the Opunake community."

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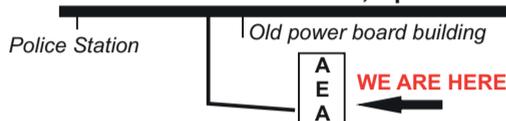


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# Craig Dingle Egmont Plains Community Board Chairman



Craig Dingle, Chairman of Egmont Plains Community Board.

Since January local businessman Craig Dingle has been chairing the Egmont Plains Community Board, taking over from Sharon

Arlidge.

"I'm really enjoying it, it's a good challenge and rewarding," Craig comments.

In many ways it was a

natural progression as Craig was the Deputy Chairperson and had chaired meetings in Sharon's occasional absence.

Also, he has been around the Community Board the longest as he is now in his third term. He has clocked up about eight years on the Community Board.

Craig considers he is helped by his very capable Community Board members who represent a wide spectrum of the community. "I think we've got a really good Community Board," he concludes. He also notes that he has a very young Board compared to others.

Craig has a positive style as he promotes ways of enriching the community. He mentions a few projects such as the proposed skate park in Manaia and the planting of

nikau palms in Opunake.

He is also involved, as part of a team, devising an effective civil defence plan for the region in case of emergencies. Another important issue is the variable status of earthquake prone buildings.

However, it's not all plain sailing as some issues and proposed projects can be contentious and he admits raised voices are not unknown at times. "There are quite a wide range of different views and you have to be very PC correct. "He admits, "There's a lot to think about."

Craig has an open door policy towards member of the community with a concern. "If people have problems they are welcome to see me at the Dreamtime Surf Shop at any time."

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## Bright lights beckon Daniel

Opunake electrical apprentice Daniel Carson said he didn't really know what he wanted to do until he did work experience as a high school student at Sinclair Electrical in Opunake. Four years on he has made it through to the national finals of the 2015 Master Electricians Challenge.

All the contestants are apprentice electricians, mostly final year, who are combining on-job training with their employer with off-job training with their training provider.

The competition, now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year has two divisions - Domestic/Commercial and Industrial. The finalists were those who achieved the highest marks overall from seven regional knockout heats held throughout the country during March and April.

Daniel was 17 and a student at Opunake High School when he did his work experience. A year later he was back at Sinclair Electrical, starting his apprenticeship. At the end of this year, he will have been there four years. He works in Opunake during the week, while furthering his training through etco with night



Daniel Carson.

classes in Hawera on Monday nights, and block courses in Wellington.

Now aged 21, he was runner up to Jamie Newell of Wanganui in this year's Domestic/Commercial category of the regional competition, but when the scores were toted up, it was found he was one of the top five in the country. This means he will be heading for the two-day final to be held at Hamilton's Claudelands Events Centre on May 26-8.

"I'm nervous and excited at the same time," Daniel said. "I don't know what to expect up there really."

This is his second time in the competition, having en-

tered last year.

His boss, Brian Sinclair said he is "stoked" about Daniel's success which is a first for the business.

"He's done very well. We've had a guy who has won the Taranaki title before, but this is the first to go through to the nationals. He's been with us for three years, and always done very good work."

Master Electricians operations manager Bernie McLaughlin said finalists will each face five workstations and have two hours to complete a range of tough tasks, designed to replicate a 'real industry' setting and applying the latest available

technology.

"The scenarios are designed to test whether they can respond swiftly and efficiently to challenging tasks they may face in their working life," he said.

"The industrial category will be slanted towards programmable logic controllers, and motors and motor starters. We are introducing more technology into the domestic/commercial category - so they could be doing anything from wiring through to programming lighting controllers."

Previous contestants have tackled challenges such as automating the operating system for a rock quarry conveyor belt or automating a simulated motel room with features for guest comfort, such as underfloor heating and motion sensitive lighting.

The winners in each category will win a range of prizes and the title of Master Electricians Electrical Apprentice of the Year.

As well as this lofty title, Daniel has an additional ambition in mind.

"I'm wanting to finish my apprenticeship. I'm aiming to have it done at the end of the year," he said.

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# The day the animals came

On Friday the animals came to the Opunake Cottage Rest Home. Llamas, guinea pigs and tortoises were among the guests at the rest home's first ever pets day.

There were even seven kittens in need of a home.

"The residents go round to different places to see the pets. This is the first time people have brought the pets here," resthome manager Daphne Holley said.

Alpacas Zorro and Monique, brought in by Daryl and Diane Lehmann proved particularly popular.

"You get the odd one who wants to be a bit of a lad and jump around, but once they are halter trained they are all good," Daryl said.

The alpacas were aged four and eight months. Their life expectancy is around 25 years.

Maida Rolfe was cradling a puppy in her lap.

"As soon as they give me a puppy or a kitten, they go to sleep," she said.

**Top: Bill Adams and Monique.**

**Bottom Left: Charles Short and Zorro.**

**Bottom Right: Elizabeth Guthrie and guinea pig.**



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# School celebrates 25 years with Lynne

Apart from a term off to take part in the 1999 World Masters Athletics Championships in Gateshead, England, Lynne Mackay has been teaching at Rahotu School since the start of 1990. On Friday, work colleagues put on a morning tea for her to celebrate 25 years at the school.

Originally from Palmerston North, she has taught in Auckland, Wellington, New Plymouth, Feilding and Ohakune. At one time, she

taught at the tiny Rangitawa School near Ohakune, including one term as principal.

"I decided that being principal wasn't for me, and I'd rather be teaching," she said.

She had trained at Palmerston North along with Mike Johnson who was principal at Rahotu when she first started teaching there.

Along the way she has seen a lot of change.

"We've been through the mergers and school closures, which was quite traumatic at

times," she said.

She is currently the school's Year 1-2 teacher, but has also taught Years three and four. She has worked with maths and reading recovery groups, and been involved in the school's programme for children who need support in learning.

In keeping with her athletic interests, she is in charge of cross country at the school, and has coached basketball, a sport she used to play herself until "broken fingers"

stopped her taking it any further.

School principal Brigitte Luke paid tribute to Lynne.

"I am very fortunate to have such an experienced dedicated teacher with us at Rahotu. We place a lot of focus on the first two years of school, so that when at five years old, they come through the door, they have such a good deal in reading, writing, and establishing good work habits for life," she said.



Brigitte Luke (left) with Lynne Mackay.

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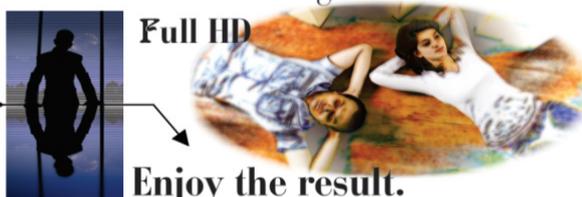
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# OPUNAKE Busy time for police on the coast

Greetings and our apologies for not keeping you informed in recent Coastal News issues. It has been some time since I have put pen to paper, for it is with your help that we keep our community safer.

It has been pretty busy of late with a number of people coming to police attention for various offending. Two local males are currently before the courts on differing assault matters including, assault with a weapon, injures with intent to injure and male assaults female.

There have also been a number of reported dishonesty offences in our area, including both urban and rural



Constable Kylie Brophy

properties.

Overnight Thursday 30th and Friday May 1, two cars were broken into at separate addresses in Opunake. Property from one of the vehicles was located on a property on Tasman Street. The young

2-year old owner of the property stolen was grateful to the person who found his Kindy bag and clothing, but told Police that the person who took his clothes is not a very nice person at all.

There have been a spate of reported rural burglaries recently where property stolen include, a quad bike, chainsaw, welder and water blaster.

Overnight May 1-2, a tractor with spray unit was taken from an address on Kahui Road, Rahotu. It had been for a joy ride and driven up Kahui Road along Wiremu Road, and was located outside an address on Kina

Road. Possibly tired legs from walking home from a nearby party.

Enquiries are ongoing in regards to all these matters.

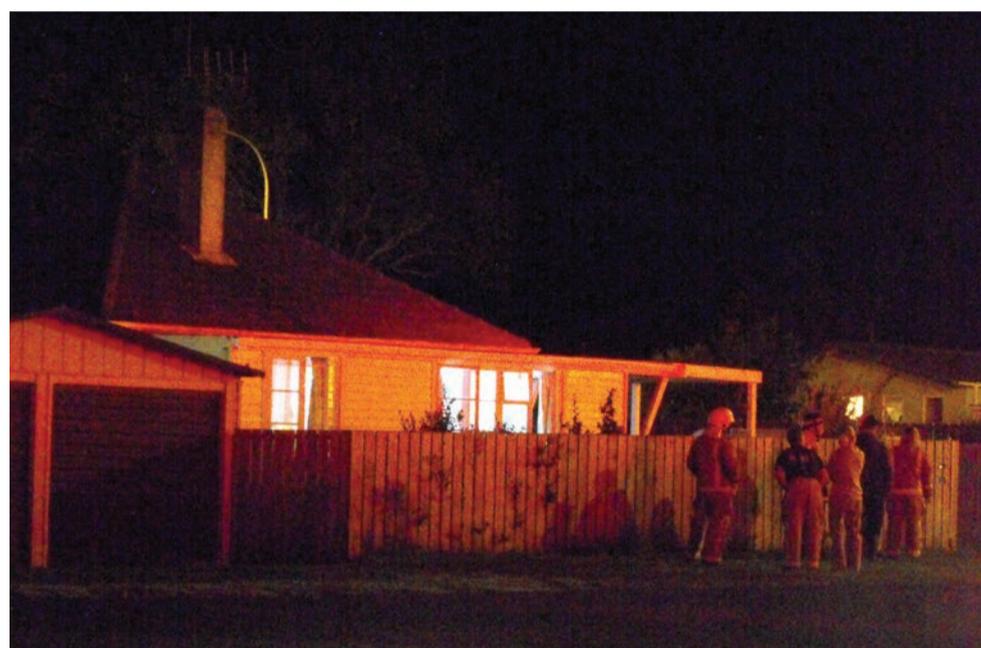
Although there is less recorded crime in rural areas, we are aware that crime does happen and quite often goes unreported. We ask that you report anything suspicious and call us immediately if you become a victim of crime.

That's about it for now. Remember, if you have any info for us give us a call we are more than happy to help. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers at 0800 555111 with all anonymous information.

## Opunake Fire Station news and safety hints

With winter just around the corner, many electric blankets will be brought out and put on beds. If you stored your electric blankets folded up, rather than rolling them up, you should get them checked by an electrician. I say this because if a wire is broken when the blanket is folded, all kinds of fun could happen when it is turned on. Your loved one could receive a nasty electric shock, or a fire could result and you would get to see a big red truck arrive up your driveway. Both scenarios could actually result in death, so for the cost of a local electrician testing your blankets, you will safeguard your family. In fact if your electric blankets are over ten year old, if would probably be a wise move to replace them with a modern model as they will be safer and be more efficient to run.

Surprisingly, the biggest cause of electric blanket fires are the control wires being twisted, usually between the base of the bed and the mattress. Always have the electric blanket tightly secured and laid flat on the mattress, and don't place any heavy objects on the bed when then blanket is turned on. It probably goes without saying, but please do not use an electric blanket on a baby's bed, or on any bed that the person is prone to wetting. Water



Opunake Fire Brigade on a recent call out.

and electricity don't go well together.

One of the main things to remember about an electric blanket is never sleep with them on. They should only be used to warm the bed prior to jumping into it, and should be turned off when someone is actually in bed. If you do sleep with your blanket on and it causes a fire, you won't get a chance to see the big red truck and the burly fire fighters come up your driveway.

As far as fire calls over this two week period, I am happy to report we have only been called out twice. The first was caused by a fire which was lit earlier in the day spreading into a line of fallen, dry trees. This filled in three hours of our day, and gave us a very dirty fire truck to wash when we got back to the station. If you are going to light a fire,

please check on the weather forecast to see if wind gusts are predicted, and keep a check on the fire to see if it is going according to plan. The second incident we attended was also caused by inattention. Never leave a pan on a stove top and wander away. Luckily a household fire extinguisher was used and the fire was out prior to our arrival. It did leave one of the occupants with a slightly burnt hand, one ingesting a little smoke, and smoke damage on the wall above the stove.

The Opunake and Rahotu Volunteer Fire Brigades attended a house fire many years ago caused by an electric blanket which had been folded when stored. It resulted in the house being completely ruined and the family displaced. We also attended

another fire behind the Opunake Lake that ended with similar results. A stove top element was left on when the home owners went to New Plymouth for a family night out. Imagine the surprise they got when they arrived home.

To sum up, always store your electric blankets rolled up, and get them checked if you think there could be an issue. Don't leave cooking pans unattended, and also check regularly on burn off fires once they are lit. If you do these, we all get to enjoy our evening meal and get a good night's sleep. Remember, we are all volunteers and are happy to help, but we do get a little annoyed when we attend incidents that have been caused by negligence or inattention.

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# Sixty years together for the Van der Sars

Jack (Jacob) and Ielk (Eelkje) Van der Sar agree that "give and take" is the key to their having stayed together for 60 years.

From their Opunake home they have a view of Middleton's Bay and the Tasman Sea, half a world away from Holland where they grew up. "I met the love of my life when I was at primary school during the war," Jack said. He was in the seventh year at school, she was in the fourth.

World War II was a tough time for Holland. In the winter of 1944 there was widespread hunger, particularly in the cities. Coming from farming families, Jack and Ielk were better off, so their parents provided help for displaced city dwellers who came in search of food for their families. This had to be done while avoiding the prying eyes of the Nazi occupiers.

Also ever present were the allied bombing raids. Ielk recalls coming across the bodies of allied airmen washed up on the Dutch coast. She also remembers a cousin who had a beautiful skirt made of silk from parachutes.

Jack remembers the night one bomber, probably oblivious to what was beneath,

dropping nine bombs on the town. Nobody was killed, although the local doctor was injured through walking on glass from the blasted-out windows of his house.

Then in April, 1945, with VE Day in sight, the Germans who still occupied their part of Holland blew up the dyke, flooding 500 farms. A whole year's worth of production was lost.

After the war, Jack spent some time in the army stationed in the Dutch possession of present-day Indonesia. The irony wasn't lost on him.

"It was no fun being a soldier over there. They didn't like us. For five years we had been occupied, and here we were trying to tell the people over there that they aren't the boss," he said.

Back in Holland, he was involved in a short-lived newspaper venture with his former sergeant major.

"In those days, there was only mail coming into people's mailboxes. If you could get the shop owning fraternity in town, you could give people something to read and have a paper that costs them nothing," he said.

He found the paperwork of running his paper, The Ad-



Ielk and Jack Van der Sar.

vertisement, took up a lot of his time, while still milking cows for his father.

"At one time, I had 18 hours sleep in five days," he said. By this stage, he was getting to know Ielk better, and wanting to spend more time with her, so he decided to sell up.

The two got engaged in 1953. She had family who had immigrated to Manitoba, Canada, but life over there, with temperatures fluctuating 38 degrees either side of zero didn't appeal, so Jack left for New Zealand, with the inten-

tion of Ielk following later.

"My father advised me to stick to what you know, and that's mixed farming. Mixed farming in Holland is crops and cows. When I got to New Zealand I was told that for mixed farming I would have to go to Canterbury," he said.

On arriving in Canterbury, he found that mixed farming in New Zealand meant crops and sheep. He was later told about a job on a dairy farm in Taranaki, and ended up working on a farm on Lower Duthie Road near Kaponga.

Ielk later arrived in New Zealand, and the two were married in 1955.

They later spent six years sharemilking on the Eltham Road. By then Jack discovered that money could be made from growing and selling potatoes. At a time when farmers carried their milk by tractor or truck to the local dairy factory, their stretch of Eltham Road was a busy one, and customers would often stop by to get their stock of Jack and Ielk's home grown potatoes. After 60 years, the digger they had then is still in use, and has the original chain.

After their stint sharemilking, they made a trip back to Holland, before buying their own farm at Awatuna.

Jack recalls an elderly couple inviting him round to their

place after church 10 years before this, and telling him about their son, a war veteran trying to make a go of a run-down farm which Jack later visited, and was not initially impressed with.

"There was gorse, ragwort, and a lot of draining needed to be done. Ten years later I bought that farm. God has a hand in these things," he said.

Jack promised the previous owner he would preserve a stand of native bush on the farm. When the Van der Sars left that farm to retire to Opunake 25 years later, the bush was still there.

Today Jack and Ielk have five children and 11 grandchildren, and keep themselves busy in the Opunake community, reluctant to list the many groups they are involved with.



Ielk and Jack's engagement photo.



David Deacon of Scarpas hard at work.

## Scarpas Shoes in Stratford offers sheer quality

David Deacon, proprietor of Scarpas Shoes and Repairs in Stratford, offers the best in quality, be it shoe and leather repairs - or new shoes. The pile of work to be attended to attests to the many repeat customers who come back happily for David's expert service.

"Bring it in and I'll give my opinion as to whether I can fix it," he says. He adds, "I'll always do quality repairs at a reasonable price."

David has just got in an impressive quantity of winter shoes, which he is keen to sell at competitive prices. "You are welcome to check my prices against anyone else," he states confidently.

He also offers a layby system for customers who need that service.

David has an impressive range of products for sale. Not only does he sell the usual goods such as shoes, slippers, jandals, laces, polishes, shoe

dyes and insoles, he also has many specialty items such as socks designed for people with diabetes, Scholl supportive braces (e.g. knee braces, elbow braces) and orthopaedic heels. David says doctors often send their clients to him, such is the compressive range of health-related products he stocks.

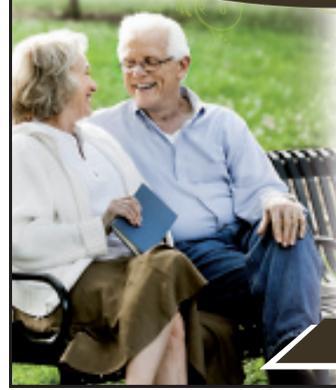
One intriguing item he stocks is heel caps, which are designed to prevent stiletto heels leaving their annoy-

ing indents on your parquet floors.

Anyway, call by at Scarpas Shoes and Repairs, at 244 Broadway, Stratford which is usually open 9am to 4.30pm Tuesday to Friday, with Mondays opening at 9.30am. On Saturdays Scarpas is open 9.30am to midday.

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# New Zealand's primary industries - heading in the right direction

Taranaki is a strong region for primary industries, and we pride ourselves on excellence and production. The National Government is committed to the continued growth, innovation, research, skills and training to ensure New Zealand continues to be a world leader in primary industries.

The national dairy milking area has grown from 1.3 to 1.7 million ha over the last 15 years, with two periods of high expansion – 2000 to 2002 and 2008 to 2010 – when relative returns were very favourable.

The Secretary of the Treasury conveyed strong confidence in the overall value of



**Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth**

New Zealand dairy opportunities in a growing Asian market over the next decade.

There was also a better-than-expected growth of \$933 million across the meat and wool, horticulture, fisheries

and other sectors, which will partially offset the current fall from dairy. Also global beef prices are expected to stay high for the next two years.

However innovation is key to growth, and the primary industries are transforming rapidly and adding greater value to what we produce. Some examples of this transformation include greater automation and precision agriculture, greater use of engineered timber, and a shifting focus towards Asian markets.

The Government is committed to investing in science and technology to help measure and reduce the environmental impact of our primary

industries.

The primary industries currently employ 350,000 people and account for one in six jobs. In some regions the primary industries account for nearly one in three jobs. Improvements in primary industry skills are required, and we need to attract, train and retain talented people to take full advantage of the opportunities.

The Government launched the Enterprising Primary Industries Career Challenge (EPIC) in May 2014 to raise awareness about the many and varied careers that can be found in the primary industries.

The 2014 Budget also pro-

vided an additional 8.5 per cent or \$8.47 million over four years to increase tuition subsidy rates for degree-level and above for agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, forestry studies and other agriculture, environmental and related studies.

The government has a goal of doubling the value of exports by 2025. Around half our exports are food, so our food safety systems are closely linked to this goal. New Zealand's food exports were worth around \$30 billion last year, which was almost a twenty percent increase from the year before.

New Zealand prides itself as a producer of safe,

high quality food – sold here and overseas. Having a well regulated food safety system means consumers can have confidence that the risks to public health from foodborne illness are minimised. We are currently in the consultation phase of the Food Safety Law Reform Bill and are seeking feedback from the public and those in the food industry to ensure the proposed changes are usable and practical for all involved.

As we continue to grow and innovate our primary industries will only continue to strengthen.

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## Here's to all the mums .....



**Andrew Little MP**

My mum, Cicely, became a first-time mother at 38. She's now 92, so she's celebrated more Mother's Days than years I've been alive.

I got to thinking about what she really means to me for a story that's just appeared in the NZ Woman's Weekly.

She had a tough life growing up in the UK, and was in London during the bombings in World War II.

She was secretary to the Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Navy (Surgeon Rear Admiral Robert Milne), worked for six years at the Cancer Hospital in London (now called the Royal Marsden Hospital) and was medical secretary for other top

surgeons in London, including Sir Daniel Davies, Royal Physician to the Queen.

She married for the first time in 1951 and was widowed in 1955.

She was strong, independent and feisty (and still is).

I owe a huge amount to her. She's one of those focussed, passionate people who seem to inspire everyone she meets.

It's only as you get older you realise the sacrifices your parents make for you - I'm sure that during those angsty teenage years I would never have thought I would be writing about my mum like this.

But looking back I can see how selfless she was with me and my siblings, and she had

five of us under the age of five to deal with and no close relatives to help at one stage.

Honouring mum these days is about me doing my best, about not giving up. It's about sticking to my values and doing what's right. It might sound trite, but it's true.

While my son Cam will be at home making breakfast in bed for Leigh on Sunday, I won't be able to do the same for my mum - I'll be in Dunedin for work. She'll be home in New Plymouth. Still, she knows she's the best in the world.

*Andrew Little MP. Leader of the Opposition*

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## On this month in history: Richard Seddon becomes Premier

On May 1, 1893 Richard Seddon, who was deputy leader of the Liberals, became Premier (later called Prime Minister) upon the death of John Ballance, who died in April. 'King Dick' Seddon, who was born in Lancashire, England became New Zealand's longest serving leader,

eventually dying in office after being leader for 13 years and 44 days.

He died while aboard a ship returning from Australia in 1906. He was 61.

Under Seddon's leadership many reforms were enacted including the first old age pension in 1898 (now known

as superannuation), sweeping industrial legislation (1894), the protection of children from workplace exploitation, and women being allowed to vote (1893), although he was lukewarm on the idea. Yet, upon the latter reform being made he became very proud of it and it got significant

mentions in his speeches. Women, however, had to wait longer before being eligible to enter Parliament.

We were the first nation in the world to allow women to vote, so Hon Chester Borrows MP is correct to describe NZ as the oldest true democracy.

## Helicopter winches man off mountain

On April 24, the Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter winched a man in his 30s off the slopes of Mt Taranaki.

The man, who was with a companion, was on the north side of the mountain, 1000 feet below the summit, and unable to descend following an accident.

They had been able to pass their location on to the crew of the helicopter, allowing them to identify the location of the two climbers, Ben Wallbank of the Taranaki Community Rescue Helicopter said.

The helicopter took a St Johns paramedic and mountain rescue climber to the scene, and the rescue took



**A man is winched to safety** place at 5.09pm. The patient was winched up to the heli-

copter and the rescue climber stayed on the ground to es-

cort the climber's companion off the mountain.

## A tribute from Hawera Rep cast

The wreath laid by Donnella Weir, Samantha Turner, Ron Scott, Clive Cullen and Rangi Abraham at the Dawn Service in Hawera on behalf of the cast and crew of the Hawera Repertory production of ANZAC.



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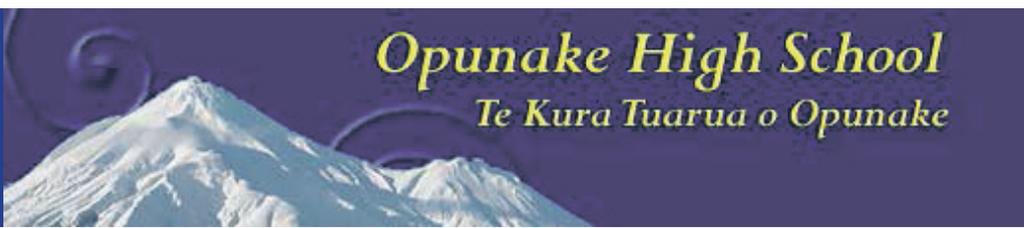
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**ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS**



**Back Row:** William Andersen-Gardiner, Brody Chapman, Amber Norton, Xavier Langton, Johnathan Tahau, Jake Corrigan, Dylan Roach, Simon Fuller (Principal)  
**Front Row:** Krysten Johnson, Taylah Smith, Ashleigh Tito-Collins, Sadonie James, Brylee Kendall, Simone Cook, Daniellee Bridson, Jessica Roach, Jevyn Churchill

Students, families and staff attended both our school ANZAC commemoration and the dawn services in Opunake and Manaia. It was great to see the whole community come together to remember the sacrifices that have provided the freedom we enjoy today.

Head Girl Ashleigh Tito-Collins and Head Boy Brody Chapman gave heartfelt speeches at the function at the Opunake Town Hall, which was followed by a cuppa and sandwiches.

Photo below: Fl.Lt.Laurence Dobbin, and quilt constructed by Cindy Dobbin for the ANZAC commemorations which were held at Opunake High School.

**MANAWATU EXCHANGE  
50TH CELEBRATIONS**

Opunake High School and Manawatu have been holding annual sports exchanges for 50 years this year. The exchange is to be held at Manawatu College this year.

If you are an ex-pupil of the school and would like to be involved in this years exchange please email your interest to Sharon Quinnell at sq@opunake.school.nz or Sara Bourke sb@opunake.school.nz. The exchange is taking place from the 26th to the 28th May. There will be 'old boys & girls' sports and a dinner (cost \$20 to be paid to the school office to confirm your attendance). You will need to organise your own transport and accommodation but it would be great to have as many people as possible involved in the event particularly on this special occasion.

For the school groups travelling on the buses, if there is anyone that has a bus drivers licence and would be able to drive and stay for the two days we would appreciate your help, please make contact with Sharon or Sara.

**Extract from OHS 1965 Year Book**

*This year a new event was introduced to the schools annual fixtures. A party of 58 pupils and four teachers travelled to Foxton to participate in the first of a series of social, culture and sporting exchanges between Manawatu College and Opunake High School.*

*The party left opunake at 9:30 on Friday the 13th of August 'Black Friday' and it seemed as through that notorious day would have a bad effect on the trip when one of the buses suffered a blow-out. However the rest of the trip was uneventful, apart from a brief stop at Wanganui.*

*At 1:30 the party arrived at Foxton where we were met by Principal, Mr. Irving. Then we were taken on a conducted tour of 'New Zealand's Woolpacks and Textiles' a flax mill opposite the College. After this very interesting sand educational tour we returned to the school to meet our billets and separated until 8pm that night at the Debate and singing.*

*This was the first time such a trip has been undertaken by the school and judging by the success of it, it indicates strong future relationships between Manawatu College and Opunake High School. Our thanks must go to the teachers who accompanied us and to all those who made the trip possible.*

*D. Stevens*

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# An invite to stop and have a chat

Hi everyone  
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Should we have electoral wards and community boards?

How many Councillors should there be?

New Plymouth District Council is holding a representation review and as a first step we're talking with locals to see what they think.

Currently we have 14 Councillors who are elected via three wards (New Plymouth City Ward, North Ward and South-West Ward), one



New Plymouth mayor  
Andrew Judd.

Mayor elected at large (everyone in the district gets to vote), and four community boards each with four elected members.

Should this change? Do you think you'd get better

representation with more or fewer councillors, or with councillors voted in by wards or at large?

We want to receive as much preliminary feedback as possible on these questions so that when we prepare the Council's proposal, it is solidly based on our community's views.

Coming up are two community conversations on the representation review: at Okato's Hempton Hall at 7pm on 21 May, and at the Oakura Town Hall at 7pm on 26 May.

I'd really like to see as many people as possible at these conversations so that we can

get a picture of what is important to our communities. But right now you can go online and use a new feature to literally draw around the area you consider to be your community, which can be as big or as small as necessary, and also fill in a survey form. Once we get all this public feedback, we'll prepare a proposal and release it for formal submissions.

Please get involved and let us know what you think is the best way for our local government representatives to be elected in New Plymouth District.

Mayor Andrew Judd  
New Plymouth District

## Former Opunake High Student graduates



Past pupil of Opunake High School, Lacey Noonan, pictured here with Dad Willie Noonan, partner Darryl, Mum Judi-Ann Noonan and proud nana Jenny Cavaney, has just completed her Bachelor of Sport, majoring in Physical Education, and is a teachers college student this year studying for a Post Graduate Diploma in secondary school teaching.

## Mangatoki WI

Our February meeting was held in the Mangatoki Hall on the evening of February 4, when 12 members and visitors, including Lucy's sister from the U.K, Vivianne Strange, attended. Robyn Roberts presided over the business session which was followed by a quiz evening. Each person submitted two questions and read them out. Cathy White got the most correct.

On March 4, 12 members travelled down to Feilding to visit our previous secretary who had moved down there in November 2014. Lunch was had at her home followed by the AGM. Officers elected: President: Robyn Roberts, Secretary: Olwyn Duthie, Treasurer: Cathy White is continuing as treasurer at present. Committee members - Susan Johnson, Cathy White, Phillipa Joblin, Helen Whyte and Karen Cook.

Competitions: Bev Marx. Reporter Lucy Moger  
**Competition results:** Flower, Shrub, baking and handcraft: 1<sup>st</sup> overall: Bev Marx 2<sup>nd</sup> equal Lucy Moger and Cathy White, 3<sup>rd</sup> equal Marlene Henn and Robyn Roberts.

On the way home, a stop was made in Wanganui for an evening meal. Our birthday month is April so on April 1, 16 members, one visitor, two children and seven ex Mangatoki members now living in New Plymouth, met at Gustos Restaurant, New Plymouth for lunch. It was decided that we send Shoe Boxed gifts to the children of Vanuatu, at an early date. The raffles were won by Shirley Brown and Cathy White. Much talking was done catching up with old friends and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Lucy Moger

## Te Kiri WI

We were welcomed to the April meeting by our President Sue Muggeridge. Sue announced Judith Armstrong had been awarded a Good Service Badge. Judith works very hard for our institute and the use of her computer is very helpful. Several members had attended the opening of the Medical Centre and final arrangements were made for help to Pihama in their cancer walk. Members were reminded of the Council meeting to be held at the Kapuni Hall with several members attending. Judith thanked members for the wedding present given to her daughter, and said Paula was thrilled and would find her gift very useful. Our table of the month had some lovely articles displayed. We get some very

good ideas for making gifts, and members are always helpful in explaining how to make them.

Rita told us that several other institutes were busy threading the knitted poppies on a string to display them on Anzac Day. Competition Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Joy Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Clough 3<sup>rd</sup> Merle Clement. Shrub. 1<sup>st</sup> Merle Clement 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Radford 3<sup>rd</sup> equal Aileen Simpson and Gwen Flavell. Handcraft 1<sup>st</sup> Joy Collins.

1<sup>st</sup> equal Joy Collins and Heather Radford. A delicious afternoon tea was served by Aileen and Judith. It was a very happy and exciting meeting celebrating Judith's award, making a damp and dull day very bright, as did the two vases of flowers on our table.

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# War remembered one hundred years on

The Opunake Dawn Parade attracted a huge turnout commemorating ANZAC Day, a century since the landing of Allied troops at ANZAC Cove in Turkey.

Estimated to be at least four times the usual turnout for the Dawn Parade, as Reverend Ian Sargeant read from Chapter 3 Ecclesiastics, the sun rose to silhouette the cenotaph perched on the cliff above Opunake Beach, a was a beautiful golden backdrop to an otherwise sad occasion.

Everything has its time, to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven he began. "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal, a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away, a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace..."

After the traditional laying of wreaths, the solemn procession lead by a pipe



**Dawn Parade at Opunake.**

band made their way down Havelock Street to the Opunake Town Hall where there were further speeches.

Opunake High School Head students Brody Chapman, a descendent of one of those who fought in the war, and Ashleigh Tito-Collins gave speeches.

"As the ranks of our older veterans continue to diminish, let us be determined to maintain this special day to honour them. May us, the youth of New Zealand, always recognise that our peace and freedom has required a huge sacrifice in the past. Those we honour today have left to us a tradition of courage, selflessness and a fine

reputation to follow in the future and for that I wholeheartedly thank them. Let us strive to be worthy of the memory of those we honour," said Brody who concluded by reading out a touching poem written by D. Morgan:

*"Sir - would it help if I shed a tear*

*I swear it's the first time since this time last year*

*My spine is a tingle - my throat is all dry*

*As I stand to attention for all those who died*

*I watch the flag dancing half way down the pole*

*That damn bugle player sends chills to my soul*

*I feel the pride and the sorrow - there's nothing the*

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*As standing to attention on ANZAC Day*

*So Sir - on behalf of the young and the free*

*Will you take a message when you finally do leave*

*To your mates that are lying from Tobruk to the Somme*

*The legend of your bravery will always live on*

*I've welcomed Olympians back to our shore*

*I've cheered on black caps and watched the all blacks score*

*But when I watch you marching (Sir) in that parade*

*I know these are the memories that never will fade*

*So Sir - on behalf of the young and the free*

*Will you take a message when you finally do leave* - *Lest We Forget*  
*It's the least we can do (Sir) to repay the debt*  
*We'll always remember you*

It was in all a time to reflect and learn from the tragedy that is war.



**Those who perished. Photo: Stacey Foley.**

## Te Kiri continues ANZAC tradition

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"Today's attendance is as good as we have ever had," Eric Arden said, after this year's ceremony. "People realise that 100 years is pretty special."

The Rev Geoff Williams spoke about the 1915 Gallipoli campaign, and the coming ashore on what one New Zealand private described as "bloody rough terrain."

Over 2700 New Zealanders were killed in Gallipoli,

but there are only 265 known graves on the peninsula.

"What have we learned in these hundred years? Not a great deal," Mr Williams said.

Like other centres around the country, it was a time to reflect on the names listed on the local cenotaph. Private Alan Lawson Simpson was the first to go, died of wounds at Gallipoli in 1915. Private John Whitton Coupe died of meningitis in 1916. Private Samuel William Gilbert and Lance Corporal Rob-

ert Mawhinney were killed within 15 days of each other on the battlefields of Belgium in June 1917.

Gunner Leo Victor Hawton, Rifleman George William Tindle and Sergeant Christopher John Hurst all died in France within a month of each other in October-November 1918, just as the war was entering its final stages. The one World War II death listed on the cenotaph is that of Allan Kirk, killed at Monte Cassino in 1944.



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# Big ANZAC attendance at Manaia

An estimated 500 people turned up at dawn for Manaia's ANZAC Day parade.

"This is absolutely marvelous. We've never had this many people at our parade," Manaia RSA president John Graham said.

He said he was particularly pleased with the large numbers of young people present, and the contributions made by the schools, and the Maori choir who sung at the Band Rotunda.

Similar sentiments were voiced by David Self, known in Manaia as a nurseryman, Anglican minister, RSA stalwart and local identity.

"This is greater than last year, and that was a good year too," he said. For the second year running, his grandson, Able Seaman Robert Self, who serves on HMNZS Taupo was parade marshal.

Military connections in Robert's family include a great great grandfather who served in the Coldstream Guards and was wounded at the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

Among the veterans at the parade was 94 year-old Jim Washer. Known as a farmer in Otakeho and former di-



The parade make their way to the band rotunda

rector of the Kiwi Dairy Co-operative, he served with 31 Battery of the 7<sup>th</sup> Anti Tank Regiment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> NZEF. Also there was Eric Cresswell, formerly of 14 Fighter Squadron of the RNZAF, who served in J Force, and

Rex Binns, veteran of a more recent conflict, the 1961-3 Malaya Emergency.

The parade began at the Town Hall and proceeded to the band rotunda. As befitting the trans-Tasman nature of the occasion, Ad-

vance Australia Fair and God Defend New Zealand were both played. Wreaths were laid, items performed, prayers said, and speeches given. South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Big-ham said this was a time to remember the men from the Waimate West County who had left their families and homes forever.

As well as the world wars and conflicts overseas, this was a time to remember those who perished in conflicts closer to home, she said. These included the members of Ngaruahine who defended their land, not with guns, but with ploughshares, and were shipped off to the South Island, many never to return. She also spoke of her own father, who returned from World War II, but died in the 1970s when she was



Parade marshal Able seaman Robert Self (left) with his grandfather David Self.

still a girl. "I can remember the shrapnel wounds on his body," she said.

With the formalities over, it was back to the town hall, to the sounds of the World War

II favourite, Maori Battalion, followed by a cuppa, get-together and chance to reflect on the meaning of that day 100 years ago when the ANZACs landed on a Turkish beach.

## Gates back in time for ANZAC



David Bruce and the Opunake Cemetery gate.

The gates are back at the Opunake Cemetery. South Taranaki District Council parks curator David Bruce placed the larger of the two sets of gates he had been restoring back at the cemetery on April 23, in time for the ANZAC Day centennial commemorations.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News, a smaller

gate which he had restored had gone missing, believed stolen after he had placed it back at the cemetery.

"I'm still hoping for somebody to bring it back, but I don't think it ever will come back to us," he said. "I would look at having to make another one."

David said he was looking to put a concrete base to stop

mud splashing on to the gate, a contributing factor to the rot which led to the gate needing to be restored.

As much as possible, he tried to restore the gates as they were originally built.

"The gates would be 80-90 years old, and should last as long again," he said.

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# ANZAC commemorations in Okato has "brilliant" support



Vice President of the Okato RSA sub-branch Graham Chard (centre) presenting a special award to Ivor Ellis CJX376844 Royal Navy (ret), the retiring Okato RSA sub-branch President. On the left is the Very Rev Michael Bent, who conducted the religious service.

Pleasant weather and high attendance marked the Okato ANZAC day commemoration, which involved a Parade, a ceremony beside the Cenotaph and a church service. A special presentation was made during the church service to outstanding RSA leader of many years Ivor Ellis.

On ANZAC Day, Saturday April 25 the commemorations in Okato began with a silent march down Carthew Street, which started at 9.30am sharp. A "quick march" by RSA's Ivor Ellis and they set off. The Okato Fire Service was also a significant part of the parade, as well as military dignitaries.

Upon reaching the Cenotaph various wreaths were laid. The Last Post was played by bugler Bruce Gray



The ANZAC Day Parade was silent as it set off down Carthew Street in Okato.

of both World Wars. The flag was lowered by Danielle Hasler, one of several members of the City Of New Plymouth Cadet units, in formation around the Cenotaph in respectful silence.

Ivor Ellis recited Bunyan's Ode concluding with the line

entered the Hempton Hall for the church service, which was conducted by the Very Reverend Michael Bent. The organist was Maree Prestcott.

On the stage was the retiring Okato RSA sub-branch President Ivor Ellis, Vice

speaker Mike Murdock Cpt. MIIMS, as well as the Very Rev Bent. Representing the St Paul's Church was lay minister Lesley Dowding.

The Okato Lions had spent a considerable amount of time preparing the hall, including mounting the various flags namely the NZ flag, the RNZAF Ensign, the NZ Navy Ensign, the NZ Merchant Navy, and the Royal New Zealand Navy Ensign. They also put on a splendid supper after the service. The students of Coastal Taranaki School had spelled out 'ANZAC' in poppies, which looked impressive.

The speakers gave interesting speeches. Mike Murdoch gave a detailed history of the various conflicts - past and present - New Zealand has been involved in. He pointed out that it was a century

for his outstanding contribution of over 20 years, who - modest as always - commented, "I'm not sure I deserve this."

Graham Chard described

the Okato celebrations as "a brilliant turnout" and also mentioned the New Plymouth Dawn Service as "The biggest attendance I have ever seen."





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A huge crowd watched the ceremony at the Cenotaph.

while the NZ flag was lowered in honour of the dead

"We will remember them." The dignitaries and crowd

President Graham Chard, Ivor Ellis and the guest

since the Gallipoli landing on the coast of Turkey. "It is important to honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Apart from his solemn service, Very Rev Bent also spoke of the futility of war, noting that the 'war to end all wars' (World War 1) patently *wasn't*. He spoke of the "fiasco" of Gallipoli, "with all the horror and all of the bloodshed." Near the end he said, "We look forward in prayer for peace."

A moving screen (developed by Karen Chard) listed all fourteen individuals who lived and departed from Okato and died in World War I, such people as GP O'Connor and EG Tunnecliffe.

A collection was taken near the end of the service with the money going to Okato Lions for their various community projects.

Graham Chard gave a special presentation to Ivor Ellis

## On this month in history: The first NZ born Prime Minister

On May 14, 1925 Sir Francis Henry Dillon Bell became the first NZ born prime minister. He replaced William Massey who had

died four days earlier. Francis Bell first entered Parliament in 1893 and had held several portfolios as part of the Reform Party. He was

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However, Sir Francis only

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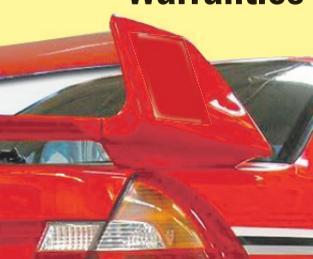
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# Otakeho couple third in the country

Rob and Mel Van den Brand have finished third out of 11 finalists in the New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards Sharemilker/Equity Farmer of the Year.

The Van den Brands milk 210 cows on the Bashford Trust farm at Rama Road, Otakeho and will be taking home \$13,400 in prizes.

The winners were announced at a dinner held in Auckland on Saturday night. Justin and Melissa Slattery from Culverden took the title, with Johan and Theona Blom from Central Plateau finishing second.

"We went up there with the view that the whole trip was a bonus, and weren't expecting anything. So we were stoked when we got third," Mel said.

The path to the national title included on-farm judging, as well as interviews.

"We met some really great people from all walks of life. The guys who came second were from South Africa, and got into dairyfarming when they came to New Zealand," she said. The regional



Mel and Rob Van den Brand with son Riley.

winners included a former teacher and former police officer. She even came

across a former classmate. Richard Ash, the Manawatu winner was at Hawera High School the same time as her.

Among the activities put on for the regional winners was a talk from John Kirwan.

"He was a really great speaker," Mel said. He covered depression, which could potentially be topical, given the payout coming

down. He spoke about how people should focus on the little things to get themselves through."

Having met the other regional winners, she said there are a number of places she and Rob would like to visit.

"We would like to go and check out what they do. We would like to see some

of these things in action, and whether our current constraints would allow us to do what they do."

It was the Van den Brands' second crack at the title. Two years ago, on their first they finished in the top six for the Taranaki sharemilker of the year. After taking a break last year, they decided to enter this time round and

took the Taranaki title.

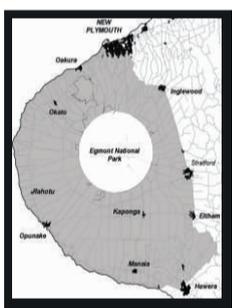
The Van den Brands follow in the footsteps of Mel's parents, Murray and Judy Brown of Hawera who were Taranaki Sharemilkers of the Year in 1981. Last year's Taranaki winners Charlie and Jody McCaig, who at the time were based near Manaia, went on to take the national title.

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## Conviction upheld in wild goat meat case

A Waitara man has lost his high court appeal against a conviction of selling illegally processed wild goat meat for human consumption.

Brian Terrence Crow, 64, had earlier been charged with three counts of selling non-complying animal product, together with another person, by the Ministry for Primary Industries.

He was convicted on October 16 last year in the

New Plymouth District Court and sentenced to 150 hours community work.

Crow pleaded not guilty, largely on the grounds he was selling the goats alive to another party, and although allowing them to be processed on his property, this was not part of the purchase agreement. Crow appealed his conviction, but it was upheld by the High Court in New Plymouth on

March 26.

The charges related to Crow rounding up wild goats around the Taranaki region and bringing them to his property where they were killed, processed and sold.

People supplying meat for sale for human consumption must source the meat from appropriate MPI registered suppliers to ensure that they are getting the meat from areas where there are no

poison residues and the meat is inspected and processed at a registered facility.

MPI Compliance General Investigator, Niamh Murphy, says these regulations are in place to ensure the meat does not contain any poisons, diseases or bacterial contamination from processing.

"These regulations are to protect the health of consumers and MPI takes any breaches very seriously."

MPI began investigating the slaughter and sale of goats at Crow's property after receiving a tip-off in January 2013.

MPI investigators executed a search warrant at Crow's house on 26 March 2013 finding about \$2000 in cash which Crow referred to as "goat money".

Investigators also found four deposit books dating back to 2005 showing more than \$43,000 deposited with goats referenced on the stubs.

Evidence produced in court described Crow and other parties rounding up and killing goats, skinning and gutting them and hanging them in a tree.

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# We fell in love with Okato say new business owners

We fell in love with Okato, say Michael and Theresa Barker the new owners of Okato Meat Processors.

After the earthquake they travelled around New Zealand in a motorhome trying to decide where they'd like to live.

"We wanted to buy a new business," says Michael. They noticed that the business was for sale and came to have a look.

"The area's magic and the business jumped out at us," he said. "Everything about it."

Michael and Theresa have bought the business from Dee and Graham Mumby who have owned it for eight years.

Michael has been involved in numerous aspects of the meat industry for over 22 years, which has included gourmet small goods on the retail side as well as being experienced in home kill and beef boning. It's a combination of skills which "gives us the ability to offer a perfectly produced product for our customers," says Michael.

They are hoping to offer the same service, but "we will add our personal touches" adds Michael which will include the retail ready packaging side. "Most of our products will be vacuum sealed for a longer shelf life for the customer."

They also aim to offer the best possible service to their customers, and will be listening to them.

The couple who have two small children are currently renting a house in Okato, but eventually hope to buy in the town, and are very keen to be part of the community. "We want to live right in Okato," they say.

They are keen on tramping. Not surfers, but "paddle boarding looks fun" says Michael who's also a keen spear fisherman.

While the earthquake was not the reason they decided to move - they already had plans to explore New Zealand - they say they won't miss the earthquakes.

"I'm happy to hand it over to someone who's got the enthusiasm and fresh ideas," says Graham.



Deanne and Graham Mumby with Michael and Theresa Barker and their two children Lexi who is three and a half Zeva, four months.

In an interesting twist Deanne and Graham who live in Urenui have bought Michael and Theresa's motorhome and ultimately intend to go off travelling.

In the meantime, however, they'll be giving Michael a hand with the changeover.

Reflecting over the time they've owned the business Deanne recalls "One hairy experience" on the Ahu Ahu straight just south of Oakura when they had a trailer load full of beef and their landcruiser "blew a tyre". The trailer jack knifed and they ended up on two wheels

heading towards "a van full of kids". They managed to get the vehicle back on four wheels "but it was a close shave".

Graham and Deanne say they are looking forward to semi-retirement and for now to "just look after their two farms" but ultimately do some travelling.

As far as the business goes, Deanne who originally hailed from the South Island believes things will go well for the couple, and quips "Good things come from the South Island."

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# New general manager appointed



Andrew Reid

DairyNZ has appointed Andrew Reid as its new general manager of extension, the role that leads the industry body's regional consulting officer teams. Andrew will start in the position on 4 May.

Andrew was previously general manager of sales with Ballance Agri-Nutrients, leading a field team of 120. He has also worked as a consultant for Agriculture New Zealand, has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree from Massey University and is from a family dairy farm in the Bay of Plenty.

DairyNZ chief executive Tim Mackle says Andrew will be a great addition to his senior leadership team.

"This is a very important role for our organisation as our regional teams connect every day directly to farmers across the country through leading our events, focus farms and discussion groups.

Andrew is very passionate about the opportunity to help dairy farmers with their challenges and opportunities and he has extensive experience in coaching teams. I'm delighted he's coming on board."

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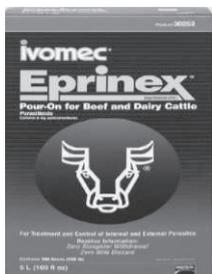
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Dylan Juffermans hits the ball up and is supported by Brett Goodin, Rangi Schuler and Scott Mellow.

# Four up two down for Coastal

RD1/Ballance Coastal Premiers kicked off the 2015 season against Southern in Hawera on Saturday March 29. A typical close encounter to start the season saw Coastal come out on top at the end of the match. Tries to Brett Goodin, Troy Stevenson and Dylan Juffermans along with three penalties and three conversions by Rick McKenna gave Coastal 30 points, while a late try to Southern gave them a total of 25 points. Good to start the season with a win, but plenty for the coaching staff to work on.

Week 2 had Spotswood visiting Rahunu. John Julian and Kelvin Weir scored first half tries, and two conversions and two penalties gave

Coastal a 20-10 half time lead. Dave Walker, Dylan Juffermans and Thys Van der Poel scored second half tries along with a conversion and penalty by Rick McKenna made the final score 38-22.

Week 3 meant a visit to Vogeltown to take on NPOB. Three minutes in and Old Boys had their first try. Coastal were falling off tackles and trailed by 17-0 at half time. The game was far from gone but would need a big effort to come back. Three tries in eight minutes of the second half by Old boys blew the score out to 36-0, and all Coastal had to play for was pride. Tries to Thys Van Der Poel and Brett Goodin along with a conver-

sion by Rick McKenna put Coastal on the scoreboard, but Old Boys were not done, and went on to win the match 53-12. Back to the drawing board.

Week 4 and Coastal hosted Stratford in Opunake. In a low scoring match, Coastal scored a single try by Hamish Mellow and a conversion plus two penalties. A 13-10 win at least put four points on the championship ladder.

Week 5 fell on ANZAC Day and a good crowd turned out in Rahunu to see Coastal versus Clifton. Thomas Watt, Jeremy Newell and Rick McKenna scored tries. Rick McKenna added two conversions and two penalties. The final whistle had the final score 25-17.

Week 6 took Coastal to

## COMING EVENTS

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# Division 1

The season has started off well with a group of keen young players and we have welcomed some new faces to the team. Coastal Division 1 team is being coached by Alan Crowley and our Captain is Nathan Joyce. We have started off well with wins against Southern 19-14, (Man of the match Ben Brophy) and Spotswood 41-8, with man of the match Cody Morgan. We then came up against a very experienced NPOB side losing 36-15. Man of the match was Nathan Joyce. The following week was against Stratford at Opunake in wet windy conditions and we went down 24-7. Man of the match Jacob Gopperth. Next up were our close rivals Eltham / Kaponga, and after being down at half time 10-22, we managed to fight back and win 30-29 with a well executed penalty kick by Thys van der Poel on full time. Man of the match was Jamie Fevre. Last Saturday we played Inglewood at Okato. The boys began slowly, letting in a couple of soft tries, but showed character to come from behind again and draw the match 17-17. Man of the match Alex Gawler. So we've played 6 won 3 lost 2 and drawn 1. This week we play Tukapa at Sanders Park at 1.00 which completes the first round of the competition.

**Colts**  
With a loss of 42 - 12 to Tukapa for the first round, I thought the boys did ok considering the chooks, had plenty of numbers and

strived to win.

Clifton. Second round, and a good start holding them out for the first 20 minutes, allowing us to put the first points on the board.

We were low on numbers and had to enlist a couple of local ring ins to help out the boys. An outstanding committed effort across the field and good ball control, and the boys came up with a win 19-5. This was an outstanding effort by everyone involved, good team effort. Well done boys, shows what can be achieved when everyone works together.

**Inglewood**

Lacking numbers but with big hearts we took to Inglewood with a huge effort. Hard work and dedication saw a half time score of 10-7 to Inglewood. Unfortunately Inglewood had the luxury of sub and with five changes to Inglewood at the half, our boys did well to keep them out as long as they did, but unfortunately fresh legs got the better of us taking the game 32-7.

**FDMC**

Knowing we had a big task ahead with Francis Douglas we played to their conditions, working hard with an intercept from Winter, which put a smile on the boys' faces, then a conversion. The eight up front got stuck into their forwards and upset them, which resulted in a penalty goal to make it 22-10 at half time. After half time FDMC managed to put in a few more tries which wasn't enough to take a win, leaving us 48-10. Hard luck boys. As from last year, team

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Jordan Fleming puts in a nice body swerve for Div 1 against Inglewood. Final result 17-17.

spirit is a much heartier feeling. With a lack of numbers we could do with a few more lads, so get off your butt and get to training Tuesday and Thursday 6:30pm.

**Southern**

With a good start to both teams, it seems like it was about to be a good game on the number one field at Okato, but a missed tackle from our boys gave Southern an opportunity to strike back, and strike they did.

Working harder, things didn't change that much. A try from Kape in the first, and a try from Winter in the second half still weren't enough to beat Southern,

leaving us 38-12. Hard luck boys, playing against much bigger lads. We really struggled with referee interpretations in this game, and you could argue his performance was below par. Regardless of the frustration at the time, we just have to soldier on and adapt. Let's have a fresh start and a couple of good trainings before we take to Stratford who are up next at Stratford this weekend. Any new players very welcome. Also if there is anyone interested in managing give me a ring 027 6818 083 or get in touch with the club.

Big Dave.



Michael Winter gets the ball away for the Colts against Southern.

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# The world will be watching Taranaki

The Under-20 FIFAS World Cup is coming to Taranaki.

Nigeria take on Brazil at Stadium Taranaki in New Plymouth on June 1 with a 1pm kick off before games against Korea DPR and Hungary, all at the same venue.

The matches will be broadcast to around 100 countries around the world with a global TV audience of 170 million.

Nigeria's delegation sent to assess venues and facilities they will encounter at the FIFA U-20 World Cup New

Zealand 2015 went home more than satisfied and confident in their ability to triumph at the tournament.

Nigerian spokesman Aliyu Lawal Ibrahim was impressed after his scouting visit to New Plymouth "Well the stadium was fantastic, the LOC received us very well, we saw hotels, training grounds, everything was superb and we were very happy."

He also indicated the New Zealand climate would not unduly trouble the Nigerians "Seven of our players play in European leagues, so they

are very used to colder conditions. They should have no problem adjusting to the conditions in New Zealand."

Despite having Brazil in their group, the Nigerians insist they have nothing to fear and are confident in their ability to go all the way with Ibrahim putting his cards on the table

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## Opunake Ladies Golf results

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April 14. Annie O'Sullivan R2. Stableford. W.Vickers 33. Twos L.Simpson 11<sup>th</sup>.

April 21. Rouse Cup Putting. A.Siciliano 27. D.Fokrsyth 31. L.Simpson J.Deegan 32. Twos

## On this month in history: Scott Dixon wins Indianapolis 500

K.Pointon 9<sup>th</sup>.

April 28. Top Dog R1. J.Deegan and W.Vickers defeated D.Williams and T.Hurly. L.Simpson and K.Williams defeated D.Forsyth and J.Forsyth. M.Wellington and K.Pointon defeated J.Cathie and P.Smith.

Pungarehu won the Teams Event final held at Opunake on April 22. Congratulations to them. Opunake finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

On April 21, the Ladies held a pot luck lunch to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of life member Mourie Robinson.

Congratulations Mourie.



On May 25, 2008 New Zealander Scott Dixon won the Indianapolis 500 one of the world's greatest motorsport events. He was the first from NZ to accomplish the feat. Starting from the pole position (he'd secured the fastest pre-race time) he led for 115 of the 200 laps. He managed to keep out of trouble in an event known for crashes and other mishaps.

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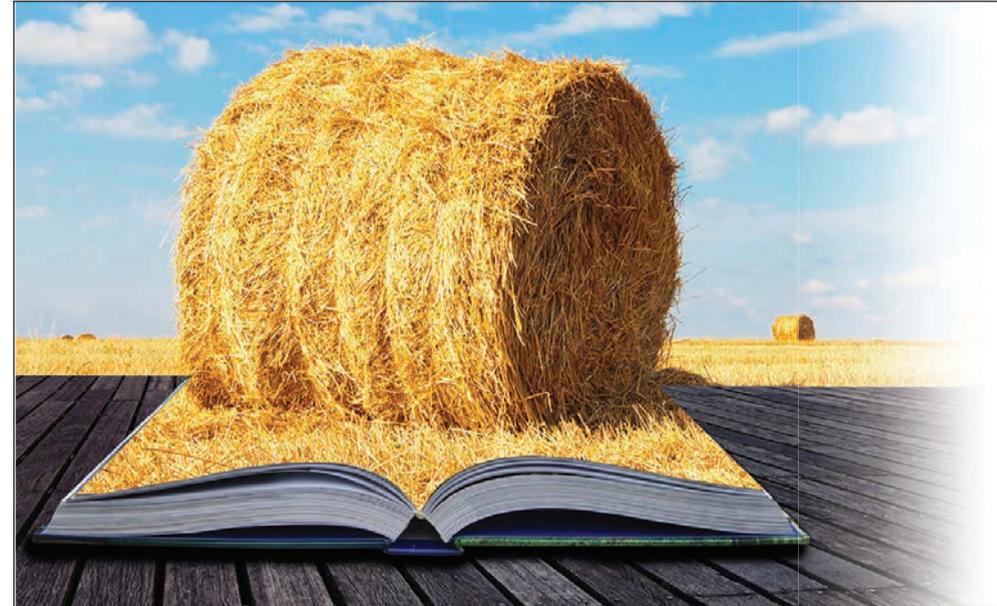
My personal opinion is that he is not. I find him a very boring boxer to watch, he is often fighting on the back foot so he rarely puts a good combination of punches together. So then what makes him great? It's his



**James Langton**  
ability to turn defence into attack. There has never been a boxer better at doing that.

I don't believe that the fight itself will make history as one of the all-time greats. It was a "good" fight and Mayweather deserved his victory. His opponent Manny Pacquiao didn't have a good night inside the ring Anybody that has watched Pacquiao over the years knows that he is usually a lot busier and throws a lot more punches than he did against Mayweather. The boxing experts would say that Mayweather makes every boxer look ordinary because he is just that good. Maybe they are right. There was talk of Pacquiao having a shoulder injury and that could have been a factor contributing to his lacklustre performance.

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# Jason Shon Bennett shares his healthy eating secrets

**What inspired you to become a health researcher?**  
I was sick every day for the first 20 years of my life; on daily medications for asthma and hay fever...and catching every cold, flu, virus that went around...and with fatigue, pain and skin issues... and I was told I was incurable. I was sick of being sick so I started researching the healthiest people in the world and adjustment my diet, lifestyle and environment to align with theirs. All of my illnesses were cured and remained well. People started asking me about my secrets and what had I done to make such a massive shift, so I started relaying what I had learned and teaching others. People were getting the same results in their health and energy as I did so I kept on going and here I am today!

**How did you make the connection that diet was affecting your health?**  
Once I changed what I ate, I got well and have not been sick since. This experience, alongside my exhaustive daily research for the last 25 years has proven it beyond doubt. It is not your genetics or family history – the good news is that it is up to you and just about everyone can enjoy exceptional health.

**What was the hardest lifestyle change you had to make?**  
Understanding that preparation was the key. Being ahead of yourself with food choices and planning for good meals rather than just getting hungry and reaching for whatever is easiest or fastest.

**What's the premise behind your latest book, my 20 golden rules?**  
My 20 golden rules is about taking control of your genetic expression via your diet, lifestyle and environment, in a natural and balanced way, to optimise your health and longevity. **Golden** stands for genetics optimised by lifestyle, diet and environment, naturally. This book has my personal 20 golden rules for healthy, disease-free longevity. These have been inspired and honed during my own journey from extreme sickness to wellness and exceptional health. They have



Jason Shon Bennett

also been informed by nearly 30 years of research and study on the world's longest lived and healthiest peoples (the centenarians), and the best international scientific evidence. I have remained exceptionally healthy for over 25 years while helping to raise four strong, vital children (two of whom are now adults) and one granddaughter!

**Is healthy eating just a fad or do you think it is here to stay?**  
Healthy eating is here to stay. People are becoming more and more aware that their health is in their own hands. The statistics are showing that we are dying now from mostly preventable illness; heart disease, obesity, diabetes and lifestyle cancers of the breast, bowel, liver, lung and prostate – They can all be prevented, but there are no silver bullets or magic pills that fix lifestyle diseases. You cannot eat yourself sick and drug yourself well. The thousands of people I have worked with in our programmes are testament to the miracle of diet, lifestyle and attitude change.

**How does it make you feel to see people applying your findings to their own lives?**

I am just overwhelmed and delighted. As I was getting well, I was very much on my own and didn't have any helping guidance other than my books. I feel so moved that I can help and inspire people and give them hope. They can have exceptional health if they are willing to make small changes...

**If you could give people one simple tip to improve their health what would it be?**  
Eat less overall and; Eat. More. Plants.

**Meeting people in your seminars around NZ, what are the most common health complaints people ask for your help on?**  
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**If there was one thing you wish all New Zealanders knew what would it be?**  
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day and what you eat and drink. It is up to you. It is what you do eat – not what you don't eat, that gives you exceptional health or poor health.

**What is your favourite part of travelling around NZ on your seminar tour?**  
Meeting the most awesome people in the best little country in the world and helping them to get well. I have had people in tears at seminars saying "I wish someone had shown me this thirty years ago..." when they learn their skin, heart, bone and digestive health can be so easily fixed. That is what it makes it all worth it, that is why I do what I do.

Jason Shon Bennett is a self-cured health researcher, international speaker and best-selling author, he will be speaking in Tauranga on Tuesday the 26th of May and Indulge have 3x double pass tickets to giveaway.

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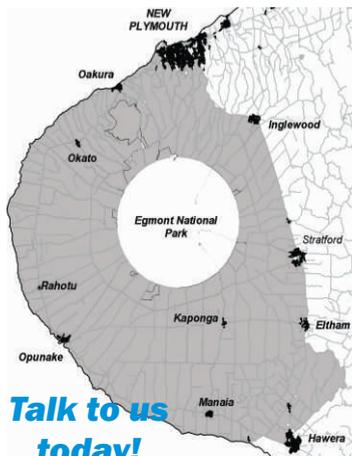
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8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham

**PERCY THOMSON GALLERY**

2015 Members Exhibition

May 1 – May 24. Refer advert.

**KORVER MOLLEY GALLERY**

Blacksmithing Workshop and sculpture exhibition - Public viewing 9th - 10th May. 10am - 4pm.

**TREVOR'S SHOW AND SHINE**

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**TUPARE WORKSHOP**

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**EVERYBODY'S THEATRE, OPUNAKE – SILENT COMEDY**

Thursday May 14 – 2pm and 7.30pm.

**HAWERA DOG TRAINING CLUB**

Agility Jumpers Show, Normanby Domain, May 17. Refer advert in What's On section for full details.

**GARAGE SALE**

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**TARANAKI BRIDE OF THE YEAR**

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**Black smithing workshop & sculpture exhibition**

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# Silent classics a treat for Everybody

Paekakariki-based Gilbert Haisman has made a name for himself as a writer and a jazz and silent movie pianist. He will be at Everybody's Theatre on May 14, and bringing a couple of silent movie classics with him, to which he will play the musical accompaniment.

His show "Rough Notes and Silent Comedy" features "Easy Street," made in 1917, which stars Charlie Chaplin as a reformed tramp who takes on the local bully, while "Neighbours," made in 1920 stars Buster Keaton and Virginia Fox as two star-crossed lovers.

Both movies are around 20 minutes long, and there will be two showings, at 2pm and 7.30pm.

It all began when Gilbert was driving through town, and decided he liked what he saw.

"I was driving through Opunake coming back from WOMAD and saw this theatre with Charlie Chaplin and Marilyn Monroe on it, saw the phone number, rang up Debbie(Campbell) and everything flowed from there," he said.

"I found that people who turn up really enjoy it, especially children who like to see grownups being

stupid and making fools of themselves."

While some might find the thought of watching a black and white movie without sound rather strange, the comedic gifts of Chaplin and Keaton stand the test of time, as do the themes of the movies themselves.

"Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton with their funny use of facial expressions and the body are up there with Rowan Atkinson and other new comedians. These comedies were often based on the poorest of the poor and the underdog coming out on top, like Billy.T.James who always played the part

of the poor Maori boy who outwitted all those who had the power."

This theme is reflected in the 'rough notes,' which are the stories, poems and piano pieces with which Haisman opens each half of the two-hour show.

"As it happens, these pieces are also about the underdog," says Haisman. "I was surprised when I realised that, because I didn't plan the show with that in mind. Even the piano pieces come from musical traditions that were happily defiant in the face of suffering."

Gilbert says his interest in silent movies is one that he

has been able to develop only in recent years, now that he is semi-retired. It has, however, always been part of his family history. Back in 1929, his mother, who was then living in the Ureweras was the only person in her construction development who could play the piano, and therefore much in demand as a pianist.



Charlie Chaplin

## Spot the dog...



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There is plenty to do at the club once the Beginners Obedience course is completed. Dog agility is a very popular sport New Zealand-wide, and members train on Thursday evenings each week. There is also a group which takes part in Flygility, others who compete in Rally-O, and a group has recently begun training for Canine Good Citizen qualifications.

Each year the club holds a Championship Obedience Show, three Agility/Jumpers championship shows, a two-day Flygility show, and Ribbon Trials in both Agility and Obedience. The club also hosts the Taranaki Master Dog Agility Tournament.



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Fri 8, Sun 24 May @ 7pm

**Samba** 'ARTHOUSE French with subtitles'

Romance, Comedy 1hr 58min

'Samba migrated to France ten years ago from Senegal, and has since been plugging away at various lowly jobs. Alice is a senior executive who has recently undergone a burn-out. Both struggle to get out of their dead-end lives. Samba's willing to do whatever it takes to get working papers, while Alice tries to get her life back on track until fate draws them together.'

Sun 10 May, Wed 20 May @ 7pm

**The Age of Adaline**

Drama, Fantasy, Romance | 1hr 53mins | M | Sexual ref

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Sun 17<sup>th</sup> & Fri 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm. *Rialto*

**The Book of Life**

Animated, Fantasy, Romance | 1hr 35mins | PG | Violence

Animated, *Romeo and Juliet*-inspired love story set during a Day of the Dead celebration. Co-produced by Guillermo del Toro (*Pan's Labyrinth*), featuring the voices of Channing Tatum, Zoe Saldana and Ron Perlman.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm. *Fox*

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm. *Rialto*

**Spongebob: Sponge out of water**

Animated, Comedy, Family, Kids | 1hr 33mins | PG | Violence Sat 9 & 23 May @ 1pm

**ROUGH NOTES AND SILENT COMEDY** Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton feature in 'Rough Notes and Silent Comedy,' a show with live music and humorous stories at Everybody's Theatre. "The show might seem as retro as you can get," says pianist and writer Gilbert Haisman who is presenting the show, "but there's not a thing in it that isn't of today" Tickets on Eventfinder & Door Sales. **\$8 Adults \$4 students Thursday 14 May - 2pm & 7.30pm**

Wednesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	8 May @ 7pm Chappie	9 May @ 1pm Spongebob - Sponge out of Water	10 May @ 7pm Samba
13 May @ 7pm Fast & Furious 7	15 May @ 7pm Fast & Furious 7	16 May @ 1pm The Book of Life	17 May @ 7pm The Age of Adaline
20 May @ 7pm Samba "ARTHOUSE"	22 May @ 7pm It Follows -R16	23 May @ 1pm Spongebob- Sponge out of Water	24 May @ 7pm Chappie



# Great diversity at Stratford Art Society's Members Exhibition

Percy Thomson Art Gallery in Stratford has an excellent exhibition on show at present. A feature of the exhibition is the impressive layout of the very diverse works of art on display. Director Maree Wilson and her staff must again be highly commended, as well as the exhibiting members and Trust. Maree has paid tribute to the huge effort the Stratford Art Society Committee put into mounting and placing the exhibits.

The 'Member May Exhibition' exhibition opened on May 1, by the new CEO of Stratford District Council Matt O'Mara.

"What absolutely amazing talent we have here," he commented. He also pointed out there were 51 exhibitors responsible for the many exhibits on display.

President of the Percy Thomson Trust Lyal Barrett pointed out that there were 182 members of the Stratford



Artist Stephen Franklin with his exhibit 'Robin Williams' (acrylic).

Art Society, who came as far afield as Wellington and even Australia to take part. He gave a detailed history of the organisation, which goes back to 1960 in one form or another.

There was also a raffle on offer with a watercolour entitled 'Survivor' by the late great Jim Hayward. The winner will be drawn on May 24 at the Stratford District Council chambers, so - don't miss out - come in and buy your ticket.

Most of the exhibits were on sale at reasonable prices. As usual Jennifer Patterson's brilliantly coloured scarves sold out within minutes of the opening.

One interesting exhibit was

an acrylic painting by Stephen Franklin of the late actor Robin Williams. Stephen pointed out that the enclosed box symbolized that Robin was feeling boxed in by Hollywood and the remnants of torn paper suggested that the actor's feelings of depression meant that even breaking out of a paper bag was a huge effort, such as his supposed fragile state of mind. "This is a paradox, which I'm trying to portray," explained the artist. Stephen explained that he greatly admired the actor.

The range of exhibits included paintings, pottery, porcelain, glass, photographs, pastel ink, Indian ink/varnish, intaglio print, mono print, audio-visual, collage,

tapestry, stitched fibre, felt, stoneware, earthenware, clay, and mixed media - to mention just a selection.

Well well worth seeing include those exhibits by Robyn Smaller ('Blue Lady'/pottery), Sue Morton ('Dog-gone it was my Turn'/photograph), Lyal Barret ('Perilous Perch'/photograph), Tony Waterson ('Lidded Box#1'/wood carving), Maree Wilson ('Mountain Reflection'/oil canvas), Joanne O'Connor ('Mirror Me'/mixed media), and newcomer Sue Ellis ('Light Seeking Gnome'/oil painting).

Karen Waterson's 'Reflection of Flight' (acrylic/spider web) was outstanding and one of the very best in the

exhibition.

From an ANZAC perspective there was 'Lest We Forget' by Anne Holloway and - with the same title - Michelle Rowland (pastel).

This is the hundred anniversary of the birth of our most famous composer Douglas Lilburn so Mike Capener-hurst's 'From a Back Road; Marton to Turakina Valley' (mixed media) was as interesting as it was excellent. This shows (some of the) the farm Lilburn was raised on.

Make sure you find time to see this excellently diverse exhibition at the Percy Thomson Gallery, Prospero place, Stratford. The exhibition runs until May 24.

*Rolland McKellar*



'Reflections of Flight' (spider web/acrylic) with the artist Karen Waterson.

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