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Fans after being told to leave are unsure of what to do next. Police later stopped the fights.

Brawling yobbos trash boxing night

About 750 people turned up to the Hawera Rumble on November 12 expecting a good night's boxing entertainment. Everything was going according to plan with five fights under the belt, when during the intermission there was a brawl near the general admission stand, police were called in, the fire alarm went off and everybody was instructed to leave the building. With fighters, fans and supporters waiting outside at the TSB Hub carpark in the dark, it was announced that the remaining fights would not be held. Police were closing the event.

Standing outside was Trish MacKenzie who had been due to fight Maria Hajdu in the main event.

"I'm pretty angry right now," she said. "I'm

disappointed not just for me, but for everybody, for the fans who came out to show their support and for the fighters who have been training for the last 10 weeks.

"That's the shittiest thing I've seen at an event, and all because of those ones who were not even in the ring, but spoil it for those in the ring. It's something that people in the crowd thought would be funny to have a fight. Well, it's not funny."

Another fighter who missed out was Caleb Parete, who like Trish boxes out of Barbwire Boxing.

"This was meant to be my first fight," said Caleb. For the past nine weeks he had been preparing for his bout against Te Ringa O'Brien of Palmerston North with three trainings a week.

"It pisses me off that a

bunch of people came out and ruined the evening for everyone, the fighters and the people who paid money to watch their friends.

"I have another fight in Wellington in two weeks, so I was hoping to get a bit of first blood in before then."

Promoter James (Batman) Langton from Barbwire Boxing said that looking at video footage it appeared a small group of people had been fighting and nearby spectators were trying to separate them.

"It was just a group of about seven people. They were young idiots," said James. "All the rest of them were trying to break it up."

He says he had since been told that a carload of people had arrived earlier, and a fight had started outside the Hub. Maori wardens had shut this

fight down and the police had been informed. During the intermission this group with the crowd and the fight began again.

"It was a bloody good show up to that point," said James. "Everything was going according to plan. The standard of corporate fights on show were some of the

highest quality corporate fights I've seen."

"I felt that as the Barbwire Boxing promoter I needed to put on a good event. I felt that Brett at the Hub Catering had to put on a good event with the food, and that had been outstanding. Most importantly I felt that Hawera needed to put on a good show,

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Tuki Seiuli and Kenan Sionetama eye each other up.



All was sweet until things turned ugly. Crystelle Deegan, Jorja O'Neil, and Lexi McQuaig look forward to their fights.



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Power station to be reopened

Thanks to our Taranaki Regional Council they have given their permission under the Resource Management Act 1991 to grant a resource consent to operate the hydro-electric scheme to generate power from Opunake’s power station using the Opunake Lake and the Waiaua River, which lay idle for some time as resource management director Fred McLay stated there will be changes, while according to Stephen

O’Sullivan, Opunake Power Ltd director they are working through the various requirements, and hopefully it will be back up and running early next year, which to me will be great to see happening.

Look, the township of Opunake is extremely lucky to have such a lake which provides sanctuary for many of our wildlife, and one day people can not only swim, but be able to go canoeing, water skiing, and maybe be out boating or on other craft, yet this lake has also had its setbacks.

It’s extremely essential that

If I were a boy

If I were a boy?

One of the utmost common questions asked by any female, The idea of sex being the currency of life, For the Y chromosome is an invaluable commodity, One I’ll never afford

See if I were a boy,
I wonder if you will see me?

For the way my hair falls naturally,
For the cloth hanging from my frame
For the way I’m just as good at figuring out the value of x
For the way I grip the ball as I run down the line
For the sweat, the dirt, the mahi
For the strength in my arms
For the way I can dominate that manual drive
For the way I could chug back a cold one with ya

See if I were a boy,
I wonder if you will see me?

For the careless nature of my being
For the way I stride through life,
Untouched
Unbothered
For the way I throw my fists in anger
For the way my foot edges closer to the ground,
Driving 60 in a 50,
For the blonde chicks in my dms
And the beer in my hand
For the way I’m not annoyingly happy
Or frustratingly weak
For the power in my body
The power in my pants

See if I were a boy,
I wonder if you will see me?

Would you see me cry into my knees at the bottom of the shower?

Would you see me put on this facade?

Real men. Real men. Real men.

Would you see me sweat the small stuff?

A life consumed by anxiety and expectation

But it’s okay for me not to smile right?

Be a man, do you proud

The only signs of weakness should be the apparent cracks in my working hands

But maybe the cracks stretch far beyond this

Maybe I’m not the man you need me to be

Maybe I’m not a man at all

If I were a boy,
A little less timid,
A little less caring,
A little less tidy,
A little less me.

Would you see me any different?

For you love my brothers, but until I am a boy,

You will never love me.

The winning poem in the 2022 Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards Secondary School category, by Lexi McQuaig.

all of us, no matter where we are and what we do in our province, that we all must play our part in keeping our waterways, streams and lakes, rivers, beach frontage and our ocean pollution-free, yet I am still hearing about a company in Auckland polluting a waterway which it cost them a huge \$900,000 fine, and also remember that our planet, Earth is extremely precious to us all, while our earth’s population is 7.9 billion people, so let’s show the rest of the country and the world what our province of Taranaki can do about having a pollution-free planet.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Where does the money go?

Have you wondered where the money goes the Maori collect from the treasury?

A snippet of where the money goes...and our nurse, doctors, police and firemen struggle to get paid fair, I say not.

The Māori economy has been growing steadily by more than 5% per annum, based on payouts from treasury.. These trends are expected to continue and could see the value of Māori assets grow from \$50 billion to \$100 billion by 2030.

It is expected that Māori will invest approximately NZ\$1.5-\$2 billion annually over the next 10 to 15 years, and some of this investment will be enhanced through joint ventures and partnerships.

Then why is the taxpayer still paying? 9.5% not 17% of the nation is Maori and barely that. Payouts...and not all of Ardern’s plans. Do you see the needless waste? \$1.5 billion Maori Development.

\$4 million boost to funding for Te Matatani. \$1 million Museum Hardship Fund. \$3 million Waitangi National Trust Board for Treaty Grounds maintenance. \$42.9 million in Te Papa Spirit Collection Area, for Maori. \$18 million to celebrate Matariki and Waitangi Day

\$10 million Matariki & Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund. \$4 million to Te Matatani, kapa haka. \$1 million to the Museum Hardship Fund. \$3 million additional to the Waitangi National Trust Board. \$500 million to the Maori Health Board. \$200 million to Maori education. \$30 million Health providers “sustain capital infrastructure.” \$39 million for Māori health workers within the new health system. \$200 million to Māori education Plan.

Two iwi have quietly been paid huge top-ups, to their supposed “full and final” Treaty of Waitangi settlements. Waikato-Tainui received \$190m and the South Island’ Ngāi Tahu \$180m — more than they originally settled for in 1995 and 1998, respectively. Double dipped.

\$6.2 billion is the total value of all finalised settlements.

Budget 2020: \$1.9 billion allocated to Maori Mental Health...no audit to justify where this went to. The Government gave \$900 million in Budget 2020 to support whānau, hapū and iwi to deal with the fall-out of Covid-19. \$400m on Māori education, - failure. \$137m boost to Whānau Ora — for what was never explained.. just a free handout. \$200m on a Maori Employment Package target — failure — never happened. \$1.95 billion dollars over 5 years...for drug rehabilitation. \$6 million for Maori and Pacifica for midwife education? \$5.7 million for Tamariki sports. \$110m to Maori Health over and above the \$1.9 billion allocated in the 2020 budget?

.\$229.4 million Manukau superclinic (Otara) — Maori only. Finance Minister Grant Robertson said the freebee handout softens the impact of the Covid-19 virus on Māori, \$229.4 million particularly in terms of unemployment — but Maori still collect the dole and benefits, therefore double dipping. Hardly fair on the taxpayers of New Zealand.

Ewen Luskie
Katikati

To be continued...

The Queen

Not only has the Commonwealth endured the death of the Duke of Edinburgh, aged 89, but Queen Elizabeth II, aged 96 who reigned for 70 years passed away, who lived with dignity and decency, and was extremely loyal to the Commonwealth.

I would have liked to have met her personally, as many people have had that great luxury, yet I still remember her and the duke in 1953 visiting our province while attending primary school.

I have no doubt our Commonwealth will duly miss her and the duke’s presence, but let’s all now hope that King Charles III will fulfil his duty as our king. It seems that Charles’ interest lies in the environment, which is really good, so maybe he can be able to convince our Commonwealth countries that pollution is our very greatest problem, or maybe the whole world.

Again, I’ve heard that our country should become a republic, so my question is, what for? It won’t make our country of New Zealand any better, as it would make it any worse. Look, all Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth countries have their problems, so I’m saying stay as we are, as it will be more beneficial to us, as we are only a small country, and we cannot be an individual republic, as we can’t afford to do it or be it.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Do the thing you're passionate about advises ex pupil

Do the thing that you're passionate about advised Dylan Arlidge, a former student of Opunake High School who was guest speaker at Opunake High School's 2022 senior prizegiving.

Dylan who left Opunake High School 8 years ago gave an interesting account of the circuitous route by which he eventually found what he wanted to do.

He addressed particularly the departing students who were "setting out in the world wondering what to do with the rest of your life."

Dylan who attended Opunake Primary School then Opunake High School for his schooling has been in the Air Force for 7 years.

Cutting a dashing figure in full uniform which the Opunake High School principal Andrea Hooper amusingly later noted, Dylan insisted he was "not dux material" but had an ambition to get into the aviation industry and "learn to fly planes". He found however "it cost a lot of money".

He decided to join the Air Force by way of achieving his goal but was initially rejected for a pilot's course. "I was afraid of failure,"



Guest speaker Dylan Arlidge.

he said but overcame his fears and applied again and this time was accepted for a pilot's course in the New Zealand Air Force and says it's a career he's found "incredibly rewarding." He particularly enjoyed their role in giving aid as part of the job.

He urged the pupils to find the thing you're

passionate about and seek guidance to achieve it.

After the presentation of the 2022 Arts and Cultural awards, the Head Pupils Lexi McQuaig and Thomas Tito-Green spoke.

Lexi acknowledged that she and her contemporaries were at an age when "your emotions are all over the show" and had some sage advice.

People will always challenge you she said but "you have to do it anyway. If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you."

She also urged the students to "follow your dreams."

For Thomas who is leaving after referring humorously to "five long, very long years" at Opunake High, a highlight of the final year had clearly been going to Parliament as the youth representative and "meeting politicians including the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern." He hoped the experience would mean he would be able to strengthen relationships between the community and local iwi and hapu.



Head Boy Thomas Tito-Green is intending to go to Otago to do a Bachelor of Laws and "Maori and Political Science."

ADELPHOS

Leonardo Da Vinci, our last universal genius, said it best, "Everything connects to everything else." The Covid-19 viral pandemic is a prime example. We see its global cause and effect relationships to health, economics, job losses, food shortages, the energy crisis and the open threat of a "limited" nuclear attack by Putin on the Ukraine and NATO countries. Each cause is partly responsible for the effect and each effect is partly responsible for the cause. It's the perfect storm being stirred up in a boiling political cauldron of politicians and the media. No one is exempt, and, be assured that the media makes sure they get their ratings up by keeping us quivering in fear and trembling. That's not

the way to live.

But it's not all doom and gloom. Learning how to cope with stress in a healthy way can help you and those around you to become more resilient. Stress can physically weaken your immune system making you more susceptible to sickness and existing chronic health problems. Excessive alcohol consumption and prescription drug use isn't the way to go either. Instead, build resilience.

Here are some other tips to build resilience and be healthy: Try eating plenty of fruits, vegetables, lean meats and less sugary foods. Go to sleep at the same time each night, including weekends. Move around and sit less. Try connecting with other people in the community or a church. It's natural to have

anxiety, grief and worry in these troubled times but don't be consumed by constantly getting Covid and Ukraine updates. Try limiting phone use, disconnecting the TV and "sleeping" the computer screen. Help a neighbour. Weed the garden. Listen to your favourite music. Plant some vegetables and flowers. Close your eyes and feel the sun on your face.

In these times God is speaking through His Word, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10 NIV). His hand is reaching out to hold each of us.

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New Plymouth member of Parliament Glen Bennett who was among the dignitaries sharing the stage which also included South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon, also spoke of "the years of young mischief" which he recalled.

The Year 12 awards were then presented by Dylan Arlidge after which the principal Andrea Hooper summed up another successful year.

Several teachers would be leaving including Alyssa Poole, in charge of music who will be moving to New Plymouth, and Abbey Buckley who is moving to Spotswood

New teachers will include Rochelle Griggs who will be teaching English and Jared Hill who will be in charge of music. The Principal ended her interesting address with the inspirational Theodore Roosevelt quote: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

"This is your call to courage," The Opunake High School principal ended. After the Year 13 awards, the prefects for 2023 were announced and mounted the stage in front of the departing prefects who formally handed over of their prefects badges to the new prefects.

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From left Lorin Symons holding the McNeil Adams Cup for 2022 Dux of Opunake High School and Lexi McQuaig, Proxime Accessit (Deputy Dux).

Lorin is intending to go to Victoria University to study chemistry and calculus. Beyond that she says she doesn't really have any long term plans though said she would like to possibly do beekeeping - as a hobby or career - and is keen on water skiing. Lexi McQuaig who was also Head Girl for 2022 is intending to go to Massey University in Albany next year to do a Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition with the goal of becoming a registered dietician. Of her year as Head Girl she commented "It's been an incredible year," and that she had learnt so much. Dealing with people had presented "challenges" she said, in particular "learning how to adapt" and "having to change your approach. It's been a learning curve."

Lexi's poem If I were a boy won the Ronald Hugh Morrieson 2022 Secondary School award and has agreed we could publish it (see page 2),



Cameron Quinnell, who shared the Combined Churches Award for Outstanding Character with Kyla Coleman. He also got the Woolford Cup for Sportsman of the year, is going to America to play basketball next year where he will be continuing his studies.



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Science and engineering projects show bright future for energy



Young scientists hard at work, surrounded by many types of scientific apparatus.

Energy Resource Aotearoa has congratulated prize winners and entrants of the recent Taranaki Primary Schools Science & Engineering Fair 2022. The two-day fair is a fantastic opportunity for Year 4 - 6 Taranaki students to learn more about science and engineering and showcase the projects they spent many months working on.

This year's Fair was the largest to date, with more than 250 children from across Taranaki taking part in the event.

The overall winning student was Emme Laird, a Year 5 student from Fitzroy Primary School. This is Emme's second year to win the supreme award. On receiving her award Emme said she loved working on her science project and intends to return in 2023, her final year, to contest the top spot once again.

Energy Resources Aotearoa Chief Executive John Carnegie says:

"Our team was blown away by the quality of the projects on display. They showed a great depth

of thought, enquiry, and creativity. We want to extend our congratulations to all participants and prize winners for the effort they put into their projects."

Projects were varied and included: the science behind bees and their use in our environment, wind farms to produce electricity, coastal erosion, and how glider aircrafts fly.

"We are really encouraged by the levels of participation and enthusiasm from the students this year. Making science and engineering fun and engaging for young learners will help inspire them to take up careers in these areas in these fields."

Carnegie says that the annual Fair is a great way to harness children's enthusiasm for science and engineering and show them the opportunities that exist in the sectors.

"If New Zealand is to have a highly educated,

productive, and competitive economy, it is so important that we incubate and foster than enthusiasm from primary school through to tertiary education and the workforce."

"Participants in this Fair could well be powering New Zealand's energy sector of the future."

Prize winners Overall Award for best overall project of Engineering and Science. First: Fitzroy Primary School, Emme Laird. School Participation Award. Winning School: Egmont Village Primary School. Engineering Challenge Category Awards. 1.: Oakura Primary School, Max Looney. 2. Welbourn Primary School, Arlo Rhodes. 3. Prize Fitzroy Primary School, Insiya Mahdi and Jazib Mahdi, and, Emily Maxner. 4. Central Primary School, Jeremiah Reynolds and Tenzing

Galligee.

Super Science Category Awards. 1.: Fitzroy Primary School, Emme Laird. 2. Fitzroy Primary School, Elly McLeod and Mannat Kaur. 3. Omata Primary School, Olive Glasgow, Mckenna Bray, Amber Haldane, and Egmont Village Primary, Connor Herbert and James Southall. 4.: Fitzroy Primary School, Finley Kane, Ben Landreth and Cole Tanswell.

Most creative/artistic entry award. Welbourn Primary School, Oliver Pascoe and Rowan Lord. Best use of materials award: Omata Primary School, Douglas Beggs, Riley McIntyre, Phoenix Ardell, Tyler Tate Best Technical Accurate Design Award: Fitzroy Primary School. James Hasse Best Poster Award: The four teams from Manaia Primary School's combined effort on Bees .

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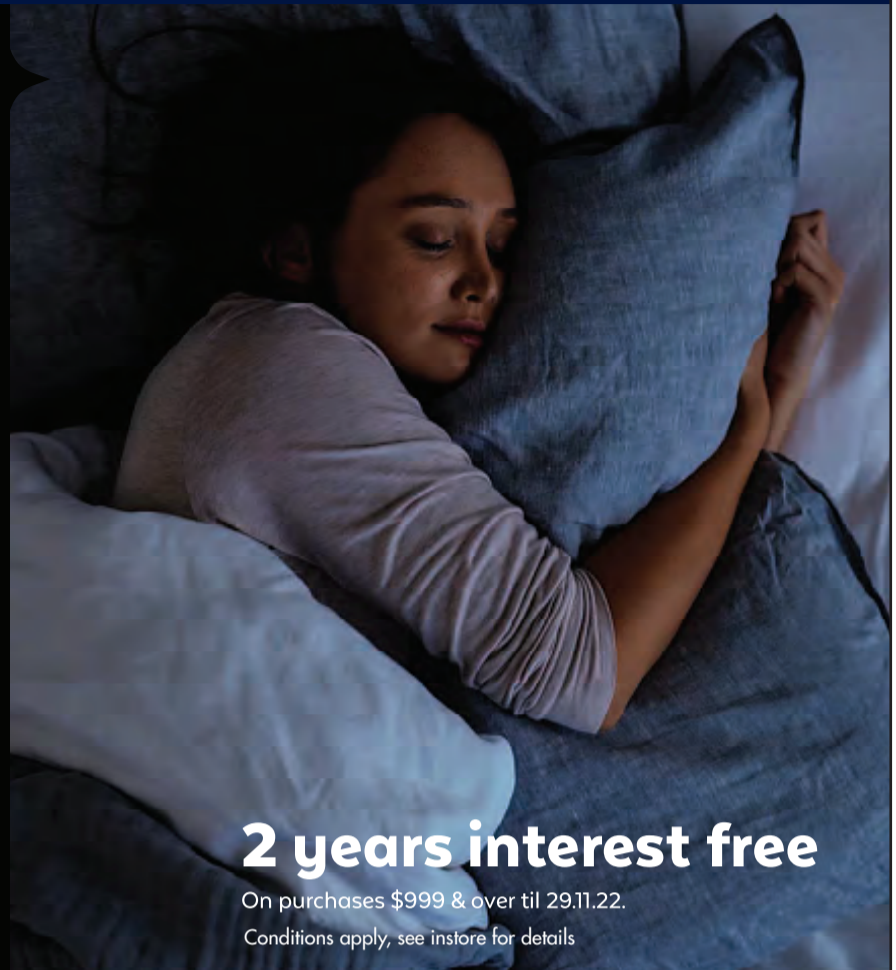
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Student artist's take on confronting issue wins scholarship

An artistic take on a confronting issue by artist Sukena Shah has seen the student win this year's George Mason Visual Arts Scholarship.

The Year 13 New Plymouth Girls' High School student took out the \$3000 scholarship, managed by NPDC's Govett- Brewster Art Gallery, for her work To Be a Brown Woman.

The piece is the artist's critical examination of the experience of women in post-colonization South Asia.

Sukena hopes to attend the University of Auckland next year to do a conjoint degree in law and the Fine Arts and says art can play a significant role in shining a light on situations people are going through.



Sukena's work To Be a Brown Woman.



Sukena Shah.

"I hope this will help me change the lives of women in South Asia who suffer at the hand of uneducated men. Fortunately for me, my parents encourage me to participate in the arts (Visual Art and Drama) and to use it as a tool to expose the archaic mindsets that still linger in South Asia today." Administered by Govett-

Brewster Art Gallery the scholarship encourages young artists that are not only academic achievers but also those who demonstrates drive and motivation towards a career in visual arts. Students submit one piece from their school portfolio accompanied by a statement from the artist, the decision made by a selection panel.

From Opunake High School to Reserve Bank

Former Deputy Head Girl of Opunake High School Alexandra Puanani Tahau recently graduated from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington with a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law.

She also attended Te Kohanga Reo o Te Namu and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Tamarongo in Opunake.

Puanani is currently working at Te Pūtea Matua the Reserve Bank of New Zealand in Wellington in the People and Capability (HR) and Diversity and Inclusion Department where she worked part

time while studying. She intends to move into the Finance Department where she will study towards becoming a chartered accountant.

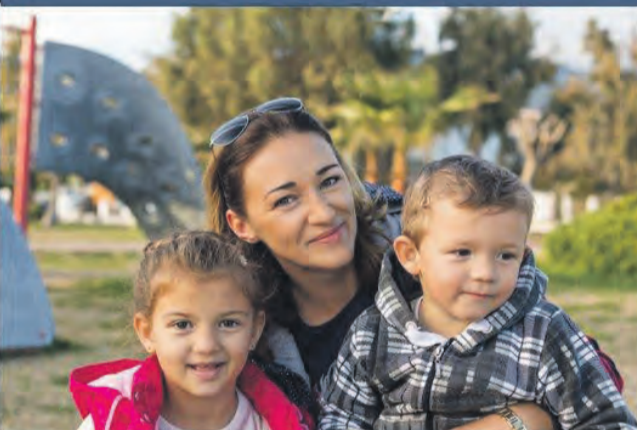
She is pictured with Reserve Bank Governor Adrian Orr who has been her mentor while studying and now working full-time. Adrian who is of Cook Island descent is a great supporter of Te Ao Māori Te Reo Maori and has been tutored in Te Reo by Puanani. One of Puanani's daily tasks includes tutoring Te Reo Māori to kaimahi (employees) of the Reserve Bank.

Puanani is the daughter of Whaea Robyn Davey and Dennis Tahau and sister to Johnathan, Shaun and Corey. She is granddaughter to Kapo and Raewyn Davey and great granddaughter of Kui Wai Richter.



Puanani Tahau with Reserve Bank governor Adrian Orr.

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Offshore wind farm could be history making opportunity

Known for magnificent views of surf and maunga, Opunake is set to add turbines out at sea to that mix.

The Opunake headland will be one of three places from where the turbines of the 900MW Offshore South Taranaki Wind Farm is most likely to be visible. The other two places are Patea and Ohawe Beach.

“If it’s raining you can’t see them, but on a beautiful day you can,” Brett Rogers of the Elemental Group told a meeting held in Hawera to announce the launch of the project attended by industry, business and local government leaders.

There will be about 60 turbines, with rotor blades 236 metres in diameter, which will be larger than those seen at the Waipipi Wind Farm near Waverley. They will be based on 150 metre towers, with a maximum height of 268 metres. When they are up and running they are set to generate the equivalent of enough electricity to power 440,000 homes. The wind farm will be located 22km off the South Taranaki coast and will cover an area of approximately 230 square kilometres beyond the 12 mile nautical zone and outside the West Coast North Island Marine Mammal Sanctuary.

Elemental Group is part of the consortium with BlueFloat Energy and Energy Estate behind the project. The wind farm will be the first of four they are planning around the country. They are looking to generate electricity by 2030, but Brett says that could happen



At the Wind Farm launch event. From left. Taranaki Regional Council chair Charlotte Littlewood, New Plymouth MP Glen Bennett, Stratford mayor Neil Volzke, South Taranaki mayor Phil Nixon, Partnerships director Justine Gilliland, Arun Chaudhury (Taranaki Chamber of Commerce), Anne Probert (Venture Taranaki), Brett Rogers (Elemental Group), Allie Hemara-Wahanui (WITT).

sooner. Although there is currently no legal framework governing offshore wind electricity, the government had indicated they would be working on putting that in place, he said.

Speakers at the meeting spoke about New Zealand, and South Taranaki being ideally suited for developing wind energy. Another theme was wind energy filling the gap left by the move away from fossil fuels, including new job opportunities for those who had gained experience in oil and gas being able to use their offshore energy skills and knowledge in wind energy.

Justine Gilliland, who is partnerships director for the Joint Venture said South Taranaki has a world class offshore wind resource, as well as the only deep-water port on the west coast of the North Island, an existing energy sector, and a work force already used to working in the offshore

energy sector.

Brett Rogers said the South Taranaki Bight is shallow and suitable for fixed foundations.

Speaking by video, Simon Currie of Energy Estate said New Zealand has the world’s ninth largest coast lines and one of the world’s largest economic zones.

Others spoke about the province’s existing energy baser.

“We’ve been the energy capital for a long time, starting with the discovery of oil back in 1860,” said South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon. “For us in South Taranaki there was the discovery of the Kapuni field back in 1959. We have a lot of skills already that are going to be repurposed.”

Brett Rogers likened the development of wind energy to that of refrigerated shipping and the impact that had on New Zealand’s history.

“We have a vision of achieving not 100 per cent renewable energy, but 600 per cent,” he said. “Refrigeration was a moment of opportunity for New Zealand as an exporter of our food to the world. Offshore wind is an opportunity for the export of our energy in a world crying out for green energy.”

Justine Gilliland they are wanting to work alongside iwi. She says they believe there will be at least 600 jobs created in construction and maintenance, most of which

would be ongoing, as well as more jobs beyond that.

Deputy chief executive of WITT Allie Hemara-Wahanui said they are looking forward to the challenge.

“We are proudly parochial about our community, and we’re really interested in supporting skill development in the region, including the new work force for this new sector, and how do we tap into the existing work force to transition into this whole new energy sector,” she said.

Also at the meeting was Grenville Gaskell, chief executive of the New Zealand Wind Energy Association.

“This could be huge,” he said. “There’s the potential for Taranaki to be a global energy centre.”

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The power of the ballot box

The power of the ballot box
My congratulations and best wishes to all my electorate councils and mayors.

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Being in public office is not easy, but it has its own rewards, as I have discovered in the past eight years.

As incoming local leaders you will shape our regions and determine what happens in the next three years and beyond. But you may face some difficulty as you go



BARBARA KURIGER MP
TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

about that.

National's review of the Government's 'Future for Local Government' report released on October 28 shows it is yet another attack on local democracy.

Local Government

spokesperson Simon Watts describes it as "a whole lot of ideological waffle that does nothing to deliver on the core issues facing communities around the country".

If you read the report's almost 300 pages there is little in it to deliver infrastructure, housing and the other essential services, local government provides. Yet it does include how seats around the council table will be filled, with the inclusion of mana whenua representatives, appointed without having to go through a public voting process and who cannot be removed at the ballot box.

We reject this co-government proposal, just like we reject the co-governance of public services.

One person, one vote is the founding principle of any democracy — a tenet going

back through the millennia. The very word 'democracy' is from the Ancient Greeks to mean 'rule of the people'. Our other major objections to the report are lowering the voting age to 16 and to make the term between elections longer.

Two unnecessary changes, while roads remain broken, community services are at breaking point and reforms like Three Waters and resource management continue.

Plus there are references that more local functions could be centralised like animal control, sale of alcohol and building regulations.

As I move about the electorate and beyond, the stresses of Labour's agenda are showing.

Cost of living, followed by law and order, housing, education and health, are the major topics of conversation.

National identified these as Labour's top five fails for a recent poll. More than 23,000 respondents agreed placing the cost of living crisis at No 1.

As we battle the fallout from these in the House, and in the media, my electorate team is also dealing with the results at home.

Individual stresses like people trying to obtain visas to allow family members into New Zealand in time for Christmas and summer weddings.

Or local business owners being told they are not eligible for the Government's \$6 million 'ram raid' fund because it's only for Auckland.

Then there's the stress of the whole raft of government regulations (proposed and enacted), falling on our rural communities and world-leading agricultural sector.

Submissions on the report close on February 28, before the panel presents its final report to the Minister in June.

It will require careful consideration not only by councils and their teams, but us all.

By this time next year, we will have a new government in place.

Who that will be, is reliant on people using their one vote, wisely.

Because the ballot box is the most powerful weapon we have to combat the stress under which we are currently living.

Barbara Kuriger
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Childcare more affordable for Taranaki families



GLEN BENNETT
MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

For many working families here in Opunake, childcare is one of the biggest household costs. That's why, as part of our Government's work to support New Zealanders with the cost of living, we're making childcare more affordable for low and middle income families.

We recently announced that we're significantly expanding childcare assistance, cutting costs for working parents and supporting more children into early education. On top of this, we're further boosting Working for Families and the Best Start payment, providing more support to help ease the pressure.

These changes will kick in from 1 April next year. The exact amount families will save on childcare costs will depend on the number of hours you work, the wages you are on, the number of

hours of childcare per day, and the cost of your early childcare education centre.

See if you can find your scenario below* or check msd.govt.nz;

An Opunake family with 2 parents working (80 hours per week) on \$26 per hour, \$108,160 per year, with 2 children under 5 who will not have been eligible for childcare assistance, now will be eligible for \$252 per week.

An Opunake family with 2 parents working (80 hours per week) on minimum wage, \$88,192 per year, with 2 children aged 2 and 4 years, now will be eligible for \$360 per week.

A sole parent working (40 hours per week) on \$26 per hour, \$54,080 per year, with 2 children aged 2 and 4 years, now will be eligible for \$452 per week.

(Based on the above assumptions needs 9.5 hours of childcare per day and

47.5 hours per week, and not eligible for any subsidy under current settings and eligible for various level subsidy rates under new income thresholds).

Childcare assistance has been neglected for more than a decade, since income thresholds were frozen by National in 2010. I'm really proud that the changes we're making will see thousands of parents given back the choice to do what's best for their family.

These next steps build on the work that our Government has already done to ease cost of living pressures on New Zealanders in the face of global inflation, including our cost of living package, which includes half price public transport, fuel tax cut and more.

We're also taking action on supermarkets to make

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Steph Lewis
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Making childcare more affordable for Taranaki families

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sure Kiwis are paying a fair price at the checkout,

because we're fed up with supermarkets earning \$1 million a day in excess profits while people are

paying a premium for the basics. At a time when families are feeling the cost-of-living

spike, our Government is investing in what matters most. I'm really proud that we're now taking the next

step to make sure childcare is within reach for parents and that families here in Opunake have more support

to cover other costs.
Glen Bennett
Member of Parliament for
Ngāmotu New Plymouth

MacLeod to stand for National

Former Taranaki Regional Council chair David MacLeod is having a tilt at national office.

David, whose other roles have included being a director of Fonterra, PKW and Port Taranaki has been selected as the National Party candidate for the New Plymouth seat, currently held by Glen Bennett (Labour) at next year's general election. At this year's Local Body elections he had stepped down after 22 years on the Taranaki Regional Council, 15 of them as chair.

"I had decided earlier on in the local government term to retire at the upcoming local government election," he says. "I had reached a fork in the road, and I had to make a decision as to whether to carry on in my governance career which I had been in for over 20 years or try something else."

At about this time he had been "shoulder tapped," and asked if he would be interested in standing for National. He said he had doubts about whether he wanted to be involved in the kind of life that came with national politics. His initial response was to say "no."

"National and ACT had been going through a settling down phase, and National had been through a number of leaders. It wasn't until when Christopher Luxon and Nicola Willis came in and steadied the ship that I reconsidered whether I had



David MacLeod.

an appetite to be involved in politics." He says he had been impressed with Nicola when she worked for Fonterra and David had been a director. He also liked comments that Chris Luxon had been making.

David says he had come from a National Party background. His father Nigel had been a well-known Manaia farming, community and sporting identity who had played rugby alongside Venn Young who later became a National Party MP and cabinet minister. Venn's son Jonathan was National Party MP for New Plymouth from 2008 to 2020, the seat which David is now seeking to represent. Venn Young

had been David's godfather, and Nigel MacLeod had encouraged Venn to put his name forward for the National nomination for Egmont in 1966.

"I was brought up in a blue household, but there had to be more to it than that," says David. "I looked at how different governments governed the country, and I realised the way in which National governed the country, compared with the way Labour did aligned closer to my way of thinking."

He cites transport, the future of dairying, oil and gas and immigration as being among his main concerns.

"Education, health, hospitality and the rural

sector are all important areas producing prosperous communities, and they are stressed because they don't have the people," he says. "I don't believe this government has been quick enough to bring in the policies we need to make this country prosperous."

He says dairying is an important part of the economy and he wants to see the government support it while it faces the challenges posed by climate change.

"Dairying is not only incredibly important for our region, but it's critical for our economy. It was the agricultural sector which allowed the country to survive through COVID."

David says he had talked things over with his family and friends before agreeing to put his name forward for the New Plymouth nomination. He is now looking forward to the challenge.

"Hopefully I will be part of a National-formed government. I'm giving it a hundred per cent. It's important to be out there physically, do a lot of door knocking, and engage with everybody from Opunake right through to Waitara. I'm under no illusions that a lot of hard work is required."

David MacLeod.

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Can I subdivide and build on my section?

The prospect of subdividing your section and building a new home on it can be a great way to maximise its value or change your living situation. It's a huge undertaking though, so we've compiled eight important points to help you decide if it's the right move for you.

What is subdividing?

Subdividing is the act of dividing up one piece of land into two or more smaller sections.

The motivation behind subdividing in New Zealand is often to sell some (or all) of the sections for a profit, or to build a new home to live in on one of the sections; either selling the remaining sections on the property market or to a family member.

If one of the new sections is suitable, the latter scenario lends itself to Manor Build prefab homes, which can be built and delivered to your new section in as little as 10-12 weeks.

Can I build a new home on my land without subdividing?

If you intend to build a second dwelling on your



Subdividing can be a huge undertaking.

property, you may not need to subdivide. This might be the case if you want one of the dwellings to be the residence of family members or friends.

Depending on where you live in New Zealand, the Medium Density Residential

Standards (amended in August 2022) means you may be able to have three homes of up to three storeys, with up to 50 percent maximum coverage of your site.

This would mean no subdividing or resource consent, saving a lot of time, money and effort. However, this isn't a suitable solution for selling the additional dwelling. In that case, a clean new title and clear distinction between the two homes would be preferable.

Can I subdivide in my area?

Each local council defines their zoning and building laws, so checking these should be your first step when considering subdividing. If your region's relevant District or City Plan doesn't permit subdivision, the thought will be a moot point.

You can learn about your local subdivision regulations by contacting your council, an expert in the area (e.g., a surveyor), or the knowledgeable team at Manor Build.

What local rules might apply to my subdivision?

Rules included in your area's District or City Plan may relate to the following:

- The minimum allotment

size — will this work for your particular property and the size of house you'd like to build?

- If the properties created by the subdivision need to be serviced with a water supply, sewerage and stormwater disposal.
- Whether or not the building platform is suitable for a new home (i.e., resistant to stability or flooding issues).
- If the new dwelling will add additional users on a right-of-way.
- Whether the proposed subdivision meets peripheral planning requirements like existing buildings needing to be a minimum distance from the boundary.

Types of subdivision

There are three main types of property subdivision in New Zealand, and which category yours will fall into will depend on how the property is divided up and the resulting land titles. The three different types of property subdivision are:

1. Fee simple (also known as freehold) — this sees an existing property divided into two or more sections and is the form of subdivision most commonly seen in Aotearoa.
2. Unit title — this

is where each house on the property has an individual title. The housing units enter into a body corporate and share the common property areas like gardens, access ways, etc.

3. Cross lease — this type of property title is applied when multiple people are invested in the land. Each person is a part owner of the overall property but has leasehold on their particular area of the land and their dwelling. Cross-lease titles are commonplace when a house is built on the back of an existing house's section.

How big does a section have to be to subdivide?

There are multiple size considerations when it comes to subdividing. The first is simply, 'is the property big enough to divide into two (or more) appropriately sized sections?' This then begs the question; what is the appropriate section size?

First of all, your section must be big enough to be divided into (at least) two sections that are equal to or larger than the minimum allotment size, as ruled by your local council.

Then you need to decide if the new section will be large enough for the new build you want.

Choosing a prefab plan to suit the size of the subdivided section

The house-to-section ratio reaches a point of diminishing returns as the design grows and yard and access space is sacrificed for more space inside the home.

More space is always better — both inside and outside the house — but the ratio of internal living space and outdoor land will be determined by the target market. This is a simple equation if the new dwelling is for you (or family or friends), but if you're going to sell it or rent it, it takes some thinking.

If you're targeting families, they'll be after more outdoor space for the kids to play in. If it's young professionals or downsizing Gen Xers you're after, they'll potentially value smaller grounds

requiring less maintenance.

It's worth looking at house plans that are 20-30% smaller than the section, as an upper limit.

Is the new section access suitable for a prefab home?

Prefab homes are ideal when subdividing your existing property as the build times (and potential complications) are greatly reduced from traditional new builds.

The section must of course be suitable for the delivery of a prefab home, though. Is the driveway wide enough? Are there overhanging power cables? Some of these obstacles can be easily overcome with prefab professionals on the case, so contact the Manor Build team for a free site assessment if you're unsure.

How to finance a new build on your backyard subdivision

Financing a prefab home build for your subdivided section can in some cases be easier than purchasing a new home elsewhere.

If you don't have the cash available, you may be able to borrow against the existing house on the section. When you have the security of the main house, banks and registered lenders are more willing to lend the amount needed to build the second house.

Professionals you'll work with on your backyard subdivision

Subdividing a section to add another house can be a life-changing experience, and it's one that's only possible with help from multiple professionals. Throughout the process, you'll likely deal with surveyors, members of local councils, property lawyers, and various tradies.

If you're thinking about a prefab for your subdivision or backyard building, we suggest contacting the Manor Build team from the outset. We harness a wealth of experience in the process of subdividing and building a prefab home for your land and can help you achieve the best possible outcome.

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The Opunake Branch Line's interesting history

We are grateful to Bruce Davy of Opunake for showing us a booklet entitled *The Opunake Branch Line* outlining the history of the local railway.

On Monday July 12, 1926 the first train set off at 9.30am from Hawera on the Opunake Branch Line. However, with just three passengers in a carriage, the main focus was goods as there were six trucks holding seventy tons of manure as well as general goods. There was a guards van with Guard F.T. Bickness, who was in charge of the train, which was driven by L.Toy. (There were earlier trains but they only travelled over a part of the route; for example a goods train was run to Kapuni from August 1, 1923).

At Te Roti Junction, about 8 miles away, where the Opunake line branches off from the main system, connection was made with the 6.50am train from New Plymouth. Another 27 trucks were attached containing more manure, farm machinery and general



Opunake Railway Station.

goods.

Heading west the train climbed the gradient to Matapu Station where two travellers got on and two trucks were disengaged. Other stations on the train's journey included Duthie Road, Palmer Road, Kapuni, Mangawhero Road, Auroa Road Pihama, Punehu and Waiteika where various goods transactions were made (at most of them). Finally, the train crossed the Waiana Viaduct and into Opunake where the



three remaining passengers stepped onto the platform. The trip had taken about two hours.

The construction of the line had an uneven history,

starting in 1912 when authorisation was first made to link Opunake with the New Plymouth-Wanganui Railway line. The cost was budgeted at \$800,000.

Surveys were carried out the next year, to determine the best route.

Work on the railway started in 1914, but the good progress was hindered by World War 1 and the consequent lack of manpower and materials. Work was suspended in December 1917 until March 1919. As many as 200 men were employed and progress was impressive; one mile of track per month was laid by fifteen employees, a record of the day.

An important part of the work was the building of bridges, such as the Waingongoro Railway River Bridge (completed in 1921), which is the only railway bridge in New Zealand with ballast the complete length. A shortage of steel (because of the War) meant that reinforced concrete needed to be used. A total of 23 bridges were built.

Station buildings, signals, communications and staff houses had to be completed.

The first trains were steam driven, but around 1967 they were replaced by diesel fuelled locomotives.

The Opunake Branch line was worked from Hawera until May 13, 1961. Originally the schedule was three times weekly, but this varied over the years as a result of the Great Depression and times when there was a shortage of coal.

Over the 23 miles branch line there were originally nine railway stations although in 1963 three were closed (Matapu, Punehu and Waiteika). The others included Duthie Road, Palmer Road, Mangawhero Road, Auroa Road and Pihama).

Sadly, November 1, 1966 marked the end of the Opunake Branch Line, as the last locomotive (Ad 707) departed Opunake for Stratford.

Information for this article was taken from information supplied by the NZ railways and Advertising Branch of the NZ Railway and Locomotive Society. The booklet was compiled by CE Julian for the Taranaki Locomotive Society's excursion on the Opunake Branch Line.

Green fingered kiwis urges to guard against Legionnaires Disease

Te Whatu Ora is urging green fingered kiwis to guard against Legionnaires' disease during the spring and summer gardening season.

Legionnaires' disease or Legionellosis is an uncommon but dangerous 'gardener's' pneumonia. There are various types, but one of the main strains is often caused by bacteria found in compost and

potting mixes.

Medical Officer of Health Dr David Sinclair from the National Public Health Service says case numbers in New Zealand often spike in September, October and November during spring gardening season.

"Legionnaires' disease can be fatal, but it's also very easy for gardeners to protect themselves against it" said Dr Sinclair.

"By following a few simple precautions you can reduce your risk when handling compost and potting mix. Most importantly dig out a well-fitting facemask to wear, put on gloves, damp down soil and wash your hands when you're done."

Public health services across New Zealand have already started seeing an uptick in spring time

Legionnaires' disease notifications.

In the Auckland region case numbers for all types of Legionnaires' disease in 2022 are the highest they've been in five years, while nationally there have been more than 140 cases in the year to date.

Typically, around 60% of Legionnaires' disease cases each year are the Longbeachae type, which is

linked to the bacteria found in compost and potting mix.

Te Whatu Ora is keen to reduce the risk of further cases this year particularly given the serious health outcomes Legionnaires' disease can cause.

"The disease is uncommon but it can be really severe, so it's important to take it seriously" added Dr Sinclair.

"The risk is higher for older

people, as well as those who smoke, have lung conditions or a weakened immune system. As it can't be spread from person to person it's quite simple to keep yourself safe.

"Gardeners just need to remember to gear up when they get out there this Labour weekend and beyond."

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Hopwood Architects now located in Opunake Business Centre

Hopwood Architects, is now located in the Opunake Business Centre at 23 Napier Street. The office is on the immediate left as you come in the main entrance. "This makes me more accessible and visible," explains Tom Hopwood, who operated from home for a while.

Tom, who qualified at Auckland Unitech with a Bachelor of Architecture eight years ago, has a depth of eight year's experience,

including working for two respected architectural firms in Auckland including Bossley Architects "one of New Zealand's top architectural practices." Tom gained a lot from the expertise and experience of Pete Bossley; "Pete was one of the leading designers of Te Papa Museum," he comments. "He's very successful and well recognised." Tom's experience included



Tom Hopwood in his office at the Opunake Business Centre at 23 Napier Street.

architectural work on the Park Hyatt Hotel at the Viaduct in downtown Auckland and "I did residential and multi-residential work in the community, as well as low rise apartments."

Scarlet Architects employed Tom for the remainder of his time in Auckland. "They specialised in high end residential projects." Tom gained a lot from his work experience with these two firms, which he describes as "across a broad range in architecture."

Returning to Opunake two years ago, Tom has been kept busy. Everything is going pretty well and has exceeded my expectations." One of his projects has been converting an ablution block and corridor at Opunake High School into a music teaching area. He sees this completed quality architectural project as a "highlight" of his work in Taranaki. "It was very satisfying" to see the final result of the ten months commitment and to be improving our community.

Tom used to work with Phil Brophy of HCL Builders (formerly Heartland Construction) in Opunake and has found his renewed contact positive. "There have been plenty of connections" resulting from association with his former business partner.

Tom's background as a builder enables him to still push the design envelope, but do so in a pragmatic/

feasible way.

Such important aspects as sustainable design, and keeping budget under control, as well as designing so that the building responds positively to the site and environment enhancing its location – not detracting from it, are all concerns that underpin much of Tom's architectural considerations. "A key focus for my practice is quality design and I want to attract clients to push the design envelope, or who just want quality design."

As an architect, we are trained to offer a broader

range of services beyond just drafting to result in a successful project; we offer services including construction observation, contractor procurement, and contract administration – enabling better design."

There were a number of reasons as to why Tom returned to Opunake despite his successful vocational time in Auckland which he admits "was always my plan," as he kept the house he owned in the locality. "There is a better lifestyle here, I like the people and the cost of living in Auckland is just

excruciating." Also, from a professional and personal standpoint, "There was already a network of people who trusted me here." All in all, "it was easier to start my own architectural business here," he concludes.

Tom looks forward to clients contacting him for expert and friendly architectural advice. He invites people to catch up for a coffee to discuss their projects. You can call at his office and he is happy to visit your premises.



The conversion of what was once an ablution block and corridor to a well lit, well-resourced appealing music area is a project Tom is understandably proud of. He is pictured in the premises.

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Remembering one war and all wars

Throughout the world, 11am on November 11 is remembered as when the war dubbed The War to end all Wars ended. In Opunake a small gathering, including students from Opunake High School and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Tamarongo gathered outside the Opunake Library Plus to remember the fallen of not only the Great War, but all the other wars which have touched this country. On a rainy morning the various service flags were hoisted on each of the corners of the crossroad connecting Tasman and Napier Streets. This year there was a new flag, that of the Merchant Navy.

“After all these years we’ve remembered all those who took the supplies to war,” Opunake RSA identity Geoff Williams commented.

The Rev Ian Sargeant greeted everybody.

“Even in this country of Aotearoa-New Zealand we had our land wars. Let us remember all those who died fighting for their cause,” he said.

RSA members spoke about the various overseas conflicts New Zealand had been involved, beginning with the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902, through the campaigns of World War I, starting with Gallipoli.

“A battle of errors and a battle of horrors,” said Cobus Blom. “They landed in the dark and they left in the dark.”

From World War I it was on to the Second World War and campaigns on air, land and sea, in which New Zealanders played a part. These included the New Zealander Keith Park of Fighter Command who played a pivotal role in the Battle of Britain. This war also saw the setting up of the Royal New Zealand Navy in 1941. After World



Speaking at the Armistice Day commemoration is, from left: Rev Ian Sargeant, Brian Vincent and Cobus Blom.

War II there were different kinds of wars, with different kinds of fighting in Korea, Malaya and Borneo, and Vietnam, as well as various peacekeeping missions.

The Rev Ian Sargeant quoted the words of Jesus.

“Greater love hath no man than to lay down his life for his friends.”

“Jesus is saying I did that. He gave us a new commandment, which he fulfilled. To love your neighbour as you love yourself is one of the hardest things to do.”

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New term begins for community board

Last year COVID restrictions prompted Manaia residents to come up with their own take on running a Christmas parade. While Santa and his entourage still visited town, people were encouraged to see him over the fence as he passed by, rather than gathering along the main street for the traditional parade.

This year, with restrictions gone, Manaia Santa Parade organisers are looking to do things closer to the way they were done pre-COVID. There will however be some differences. In previous years the parade was organised

by the Manaia Lions Club. The baton has now been passed on to the Manaia Community Services Group, which includes people who had been involved with the Lions. There will also be a change of date. In previous years it was held closer to Christmas. This year it will be held on December 10.

When the Taranaki Coastal Community Board held their first meeting after the local body election at the Otakeho Hall, John Close and Te Oti Katene of the Manaia Services Group were there to speak in support of their application for \$830 from the Community Board's

Discretionary Fund for the Santa Parade.

Te Oti said they had decided on the earlier date so that groups like the pre-school, primary school and kohanga reo could take part. He said they also hoped to take advantage of the interest in the Manaia parade by people from outside Manaia.

"Everybody wants to come to the centre of the universe," he said.

John Close who had been a past president of the Manaia Lions Club said the Manaia Services Group existed to keep things going in Manaia, like the Christmas Parade.

"We're doing the same



John Close and Te Oti Katene from the Manaia Services Group were at the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting last week.

Gardening with Palmers Gardening Centre



Growing Chillies



Now is the time to plant chillies. They are easy to grow, and from one plant you can get handfuls of chillies to put in the freezer for winter, or to dry and make instant flavour.

Some of the most popular chillies are: Hungarian Hot Wax – popular in Indian cuisine; Jalapeno-these are great in Mexican food such as nachos, in salsas and pickled; Habanero- if you like it extremely spicy, these are small but extra hot, and usually the smaller the chilli the hotter; Thai Hot – great in pots and popular in Asian cuisine; Ghost Chilli - a super

hot!; California Reaper – not for the faint hearted – twice as hot as Ghost Chilli.

Chillies get their heat from the sun. Protect them from strong winds in a spot that gets at least 6 hours a day of sunlight. They are great in containers. Choose a pot or container that is around the size of a 9L bucket or larger for the plant to thrive. Fill with Tui Tomato mix and water frequently (every day or two in summer).

If planting in the garden add plenty of Palmers Garden x Compost. Chillies are very hungry and need lots of nutrients. Soil should

be loose and free draining. Space chillies about 40 to 50cm apart if planting more than one.

Extra tips from Palmers are to: Stake plants as the stems can be brittle and feed with Tui Seaweed and Fish fertilizer every two weeks. Tomato food is also a great option. Harvest chillies when green or wait until they are red for a hotter chilli. Wash hands after harvesting or wear gloves when handling chillies. Chillies can be frozen, dried or pickled for winter.

stuff as the Lions Club, but under our own umbrella."

He thanked the South Taranaki District Council for the use of the land behind the Plunket rooms where the Community Services Group are developing a community garden.

South Taranaki District Council mayor Phil Nixon congratulated the Community Services Group for the work they are doing in Manaia.

"You have stood up with the community garden, and you are carrying on with the Christmas parade," he said.

Similar sentiments were voiced by community board chair Andy Whitehead.

"It's cool that you've reached out to people who have just moved into the community in the last couple of years." He congratulated them on the success of last year's Christmas Parade.

The Community Board voted to grant the Manaia Services Group the full amount.

Nigel Cliffe and Diana Hall from the Pungarehu Community Society were also at the Community Board meeting in support of their application for \$622.39 from the discretionary fund to go towards cleaning chemicals and the cost of a new gate and latch for the Pungarehu Community Swimming Pool. The pool is funded through key subscriptions and not for profit funding. Nigel says the group had decided this year to keep the subs at the same level.

"It's a great facility where I was lucky enough to swim in when I wanted to years ago, but it does need maintenance in the next few years," he said.

The pool is due to open on

December 18, and the season usually runs to March-April, although in colder years it may close earlier.

"It's a marvellous facility which is under-utilised, and unique in size and location," said Diana.

Cr Aaron Langton said the pool is "definitely good for the community," and the board voted to grant the full amount asked for.

The Community Board voted to grant the New Plymouth Rotary Club \$250 for their project of creating a Taranaki Blokes' Book and turned down a funding application from the Makers & Creators group for a one day event.

The Community Board voted to grant \$8092.23 to the Kapuni War Memorial Hall to help complete

painting and building repairs from the Waimate Plains Development Levy, a fund for projects in the area taken up by the former Waimate Plains District Council.

In its first meeting since the local body election the Taranaki Coastal Community Board opted for the status quo, with Andy Whitehead continuing as chair and Sharlee Mariekura as deputy chair, with Aaron Langton as the South Taranaki District Council representative. Liz Sinclair will be the board's representative on the South Taranaki District Council Creative Communities Assessment Committee, and new board member Monica Willson will represent them on the Policy and Strategy Committee.

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Taranaki environmental heroes honoured in annual awards

Restoring the Waiwhakaiho Awa, zero waste gigs, wool water filters and stopping the decline in kiwi numbers were among many initiatives praised at this year's Taranaki Regional Council Environmental Awards.

In an awards ceremony held in New Plymouth on Tuesday night, 19 winners were congratulated for leading by example with their efforts to be more sustainable, and protect our precious taiao (natural resources).

Taranaki Regional Council chairperson Charlotte Littlewood says the awards are pivotal in recognising those who are ground-breaking in their efforts to build sustainable communities, reduce carbon emissions, improve native biodiversity and protect wetlands and other native habitat.

"There are thousands of people all over Taranaki doing incredible mahi to protect and enhance our environment. While none of them do it for the recognition, they all deserve our thanks.

"It was an absolute privilege to hear the stories

of this year's winners. I hope they inspire others to think about how they too can live and work more sustainably."

This year's 19 awards bring the total to 348 since they began in 1993.

This year's winners in the five award categories are:

Environmental action in education. Matapu Preschool. Spotswood College. Green School. Waitoriki School. Nicola Stanton -

Environmental leadership in land management. Robin and Jacqueline Blackwell-Mat and Vanessa Vujcich. Mark and Rob Hooper. Airport Farm Trust..

Environmental leadership in business. Todd Energy. Webster Energy Services.

Environmental leadership in dairy farming. Tony and Lorraine Lash. Brent and Deborah Rawlinson. Damian, Jane and Jack Roper..

Environmental action in the community. Sustainable Taranaki. Jacob Waterman. Taranaki Kōhanga Kiwi at Rotokare.. Ka whakaaraara te tangata, ka whakaora te wai, ka whakahoki te taonga.

Brian Gasson.



Parts of Ōpunake have been transformed thanks to the mahi of Brian Gasson and the volunteers he has inspired from around the South Taranaki township. What was once a weed infested area popular with fly-tippers near the Waiua Stream is now a beautiful entranceway planted with native trees and shrubs. The mahi by Brian is restoring the native ecosystem and eradicating weeds which is helping native fauna to return. Brian has co-ordinated planting at an old dairy factory in the township and Hurst Park and is a driving force behind eliminating invasive weed species around the Ōpunake Loop Trail. Key to the success of Brian's work is his people skills which has helped motivate volunteers to clean up areas, pull out weeds and plant native species. Collaborations include St Joseph's Primary School, Ōpunake High School, the local Lions Club, Ōpunake Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Fonterra and the local community. Brian has worked with Taranaki Regional Council while Enviroschools have used the restoration projects as a way to educate tamariki from the local schools.



Congratulations to the 2022

Environmental Award winners

Environmental leadership in business

- Todd Energy
- Webster Energy Services



Environmental action in education

- Green School
- Matapu Preschool
- Spotswood College
- Nicola Stanton
- Waitoriki School



Environmental leadership in dairy farming

- Tony & Lorraine Lash
- Brent & Debbie Rawlinson
- Damian, Jane & Jack Roper



Environmental leadership in land management

- Airport Farm Trust
- Robyn & Jacqueline Blackwell
- Mark & Rob Hooper
- Mat & Vanessa Vujcich



Environmental action in the community

- Brian Gasson
- Sustainable Taranaki
- Taranaki Kōhanga Kiwi at Rotokare
- Jacob Waterman
- Ka whakaaraara te tangata, ka whakaora te wai, ka whakahoki te taonga



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Taranaki Kōhanga Kiwi at Rotokare



Spotswood College

For details of all winners, including videos, visit: www.trc.govt.nz or [Taranaki Regional Council](#)

Mangatoki WI

On October 5 10 members met at the Mangatoki Hall. Secretary Helen Whyte read the minutes and the correspondence. There were thanks given for the visits and baking, done in September. The Treasurer read the bank statement.

We then had a minute's silence for our Honouree and 70-year member, Betty Skedgwell and for the late Queen Elizabeth II, both having passed away in September.

Ninety five items of toiletries and laundry were donated to the Stratford Food Bank.

The Mangatoki Church had been cleaned and the sick visiting done.

Competitions: Flower: 1. Cathy White. 2. Lucy Moger. 3. Marie Kemp. Shrub: 1. Denise Carte. 2. Cathy Whit. 3. Charmaine Robert. The raffle was won by Jocelyn Hicks.

After the meeting we had a finger food potluck lunch, after which Dianne Roberts and Linda Whittington came and gave us a talk on the Stratford Food Bank, which was quite interesting. They were thanked and given a gift each by Karen Joblin and were given the



Mangatoki WI members at Galleys Garden.

donations of laundry and toiletry items to take back. On November 2, 11

members met up at Karen Joblin's place to pool cars, leaving soon after 9 am, to

visit gardens and a few other interesting places. Our first stop was at the Norfolk Hall

to see some arts and crafts by local people and some purchases were made. Off to our first garden, Jersey Lane, 651 Mountain Road, Lepperton, where we were joined by Olwyn and her two daughters and their two little boys. It's a country garden with a children's playground, fruit orchard and vegetables garden, lovely.

Our next garden visit was to Galleys Garden, 500 Richmond Road, which has been planted over the past three years, apart from the mature trees. They had made two garden pools, one with a turtle in it and one with goldfish, very nice. Next garden was Millfield Garden, 32 Te Arei Road East, a lovely garden of mixed plantings, Hosta and rose gardens, cherry and dogwood trees, clematis and an orchard.

Time for lunch at the local café, still in Lepperton, which we all enjoyed. We then popped on next door to St. Mark's Anglican Church to see the floral, craft and hobbies displays in its hall. From here we visited The Christmas Village on Egmont Road and the some of us drove along the road and visited Frog Lodge

Garden, 39 Bishop Road, New Plymouth, which had a large amount of new and old tree plantings, walkways and an old reconditioned railway station down the hill in the paddock, very different and interesting.

We then drove back to Inglewood and visited The Potters Shed, where they made very interesting decorated totems, bird baths fountains, flowers, murals, boats, hanging baskets, etc.

At lunch time we held a short business meeting where a day was organised to clean up the garden of the Mangatoki Church at the Pioneer Village, with coffee to follow at Shakee Pear Café. A "Thank You" letter was received from the Stratford Food Bank for the laundry and toiletries items, donated at the October meeting. Olwyn Duthie was to be reimbursed for the bus, to be used for the Christmas Shopping trip later in November.

This was a great day out and enjoyed by us all and thanks must go to the members who organised it.

Lucy Moger
Mangatoki WI Reporter

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Taking vaccinations to Taranaki communities

Are you or your whānau overdue for a COVID-19, MMR, antenatal or childhood immunisation? No need to worry; whether you're in Uruti, Whangamomona, Pātea, Ōkato, or somewhere in between, the vaccination teams at Te Whatu Ora - Taranaki and its healthcare partners are here to help, with free, walk-in clinics being held in communities all the way round the maunga!

Megan O'Donnell, Te Whatu Ora - Taranaki vaccination clinic nurse says she really loves being able to take the vaccination service out into the community.

"We know it's not always

easy for people to get to town or to their usual GP, so we're making it easier for people to protect themselves and their whānau by staying up to date with their vaccinations."

All of the clinics are walk-in, so no bookings are needed. No GP? That's no problem either; come on in and the team will take care of all your vaccination needs, including any questions you may have.

In the last couple of years, for one reason or another, a significant number of Taranaki children have fallen behind in their routine childhood vaccinations, so these are now also available at the community clinics.

The recent increase in

COVID-19 cases throughout New Zealand also shows there is a real need for people to ensure they are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters.

Megan says, "Having COVID-19 does not provide the same level of immunity as getting vaccinated, and boosters give an extra layer of protection, providing stronger, longer lasting immunity. Keep your immunity levels up by visiting me and my friendly colleagues at any of the walk-in vaccination clinics in New Plymouth, Hāwera and around the maunga."

Okato Lions seek more members



John Cuthbert, who is president of Okato Lions.

The Okato Lions are keen to see an increase in their numbers; at present they have just 18, but would like to see a significant increase. Colin Tyler and president John Cuthbert are publicising the need for more members to be optimally effective in helping the community. "When I first was involved in Okato Lions ten years ago, there were about 30 members," comments John. In particular John and Colin would like to encourage some younger members to join, as quite a few of existing members are now in their eighties.

Throughout New Zealand there are 389 clubs in seven districts involving a total of over 10,000 members. Internationally, Lions exist in 208 countries with members totalling 1.5 million members. Their motto is We Serve. "If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that." The Lions organisation, established back in 1970,

is renowned for helping communities in so many ways under the umbrella of such needs as alleviating diabetes, child cancer, hunger, defective vision, as well as protecting the environment.

Last weekend Okato Lions were involved in ensuring traffic safety in the Around the Mountain event. They act as traffic marshalls to ensure no participant is hurt by passing vehicles.

Back in September they organised a successful Meet the Local Bodies candidate event, which was held at the Hempton Hall, Okato.

Soon they will be involved in the 125th celebrations of St Paul's Church by upgrading the pathway to the church.

Early next year Okato Lions will be involved in the Four Wheel Drive event, which is held over Taranaki Anniversary weekend.

Lions are well-known for their fundraising to promote more dogs trained to help people who are profoundly deaf - known as Hearing

Dogs. This is a New Zealand-wide undertaking.

Another project is raising money to provide more police surveillance cameras to discourage burglaries in the area.

Both John and Colin experience great satisfaction in helping those in the community, especially those in need. "I also enjoy meeting new people," explains Colin. John also enjoys the fellowship aspect and "It enabled me to meet guys in the Vintage Machinery Club." He is now very involved in that organisation.

Okato Lions meet in the first Wednesday of the month in Hempton Hall at 6.30pm. There is a meal provided and often a guest speaker, such as Matt Stone the local policeman. You are welcome to come along if interested in maybe joining, or you can phone John on 027 296 0033. His email address is motorhome04@gmail.com

Magnificent Raj



This is Raj one of the white peacocks at Stoney Oaks, looking proud with his amazing tail. Photo Gail Simons



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Taranaki Cancer Care centre design first look



a lengthy stay away from friends, whānau and other support networks. Around 80% of cancer patients that require radiation treatment in the Taranaki district can have all their treatment locally apart from one planning visit to Palmerston North.

“This centre will directly enhance the patient pathway, experience and overall outcome for Taranaki people diagnosed with cancer,” says Gillian Campbell, Te Whatu Ora Taranaki Interim District Director.

“The benefits that being able to access radiation treatment in Taranaki will bring to those who need it should not be under-estimated, along with having our specialists and other oncology services under one roof”.

“This project is an exciting addition to the Project Maunga Stage 2 facility development work already underway to ensure that people living in the region have access to modern secondary healthcare for years to come.”

Construction work is expected to start early 2023, with a targeted construction completion date of late 2024.

An external impression of the new centre. Image ‘Te Whatu Ora – Taranaki’.

The first look at the Taranaki Cancer Care Centre design has been released - with patient well-being and environmental sustainability given top priority.

The purpose-built facility on the Base Hospital campus in New Plymouth will house a new linear accelerator (LINAC) – which uses radiation to destroy cancer cells while leaving surrounding tissue undamaged - and bring all related oncology outpatient services under one roof.

When commissioned in late 2024, the facility will not only be a 5-star Green Star certified building but will have the latest in modern cancer treatment technologies and user design.

The design for the new Taranaki Cancer Centre includes;

LINAC Radiotherapy Unit
Ten chairs and two single isolation rooms for chemotherapy

Eight outpatient consult rooms with video conferencing capability

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To be considered for the 5-star Green Star rating, a building needs to have strong sustainability principles ingrained into the design and construction.

This includes reduced energy and water consumption, improved indoor environments (natural light, thermal

comfort, and air quality), the use of sustainable materials and reduced impact on the surrounding environment. Not only will this mean that the building will help reduce Te Whatu Ora Taranaki’s carbon and energy footprint, it is also expected to have a significant benefit to staff, patient and whānau wellbeing.

The integration of cancer

treatment services means that Taranaki patients will no longer have to attend their appointments at multiple locations and facilities.

This will particularly benefit the more than 300 Taranaki people each year who require radiation treatment having to make what is often a difficult journey to Palmerston North and endure what can be

Tackling pancreatic cancer



Nyree Smith cancer survivor.

Every year more than 700 New Zealanders are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. This cancer has one of the lowest survival rates of all major cancers, and tragically, around 600 of those Kiwis diagnosed will lose their lives.

Ministry of Health (MOH) data shows that the need to tackle this cancer is growing more urgent with a 40 percent increase in rates in the two decades to 2017. More recent MOH data has showed that in 2019, pancreatic cancer rates were 80 percent higher among Māori than non-Māori.

Liam Willis, Gut Cancer Foundation Executive Officer, says, “Alarmingly, incidence of pancreatic cancer is on the rise in New Zealand, and survival rates have barely shifted over the last 40 years. Currently

there is no screening programme, and symptoms are often mild, vague, or ignored, resulting in 80 to 95 percent of those diagnosed being stage 3 or 4.

November has been chosen as World Pancreatic Cancer Month by the Gut Cancer Foundation (GCF) who are on a mission to educate and raise awareness for early diagnosis, improve support for patients and their whānau, and drive research funding to change outcomes of the disease. GCF is calling on all New Zealanders to participate in a range of initiatives throughout the month.

The 2022 PanCan Gala, set for the 18th of November, is the only gala event in Aotearoa New Zealand dedicated to improving outcomes for Kiwis with pancreatic cancer.

Spearheaded by pancreatic cancer survivors and advocates, the PanCan Gala Committee will hold a formal cocktail-style event with live music by talented NZ musicians Nathan Haines and Phil Madson at the Auckland War memorial Museum. All proceeds from the gala will support GCF’s pancreatic cancer research funding and new resources to support patients and whānau affected by pancreatic cancer.

At the time of going to press, this event was rather late to advertise in this paper. However, a suggestion is for other local events to be held, with the colour purple as part of the theme. The website www.gutcancer.org.nz provides lots of information, including a list of symptoms and ways people can donate to this worthy cause.



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High UV prompts SunSmart warnings

Experts are warning Kiwis to be extra cautious this summer, with ultraviolet (UV) radiation levels averaging higher compared to 2021.

UV radiation is produced by the sun and too much exposure can damage our health by causing sunburn, premature aging, and increasing the risk of skin cancer.

According to NIWA, peak clear sky UV index levels between noon and 1pm at Leigh, Auckland have been 5% more on average and up to 10% higher over the last month compared with the same period last year.

The higher the UV index, the stronger the sun's UV rays and the faster you may burn. A UV index level of 3 or more is enough to cause skin damage.

NIWA meteorologist Dr Richard Turner says that New Zealand is likely experiencing elevated clear sky UV levels due to a slight depletion of the ozone layer over the past few months.

"Our atmosphere shields us from a lot of the sun's radiation because of the thin ozone layer in



This is Raj one of the white peacocks at Stoney Oaks, looking amazing with his stunning fan.

Photo Gail Simons

phased out in the 1990s but linger in our atmosphere for decades.

Another cause of ozone depletion is volcanic eruptions. This is leading some scientists to think that January's eruption of the underwater Tongan volcano - which caused the biggest explosion in modern times - could be factor in what we're now experiencing.

Recent research suggests that the Tongan volcano injected so much water into the stratosphere that it may have created conditions that caused further loss of ozone. Luckily, any effect from the Tongan volcano on the ozone is reversible, as the water will be removed from the stratosphere in a few years.

Hazel Potterton, National Advisor: SunSmart from Cancer Society of New Zealand said that until then, this is of particular concern in New Zealand due to our ozone already being some of the thinnest in the world.

"New Zealand often ranks highest in the world for skin cancer rates. Even on cloudy days, you can burn within minutes, and people are often caught out at this time of year," said Hazel Potterton.

"The good news is, you can help protect yourself by being SunSmart and remembering to slip, slop, slap, and wrap. This means slipping on clothes to cover as much skin as possible; slipping into shade, especially during the middle of the day; slopping on sunscreen of at least SPF 30 every two hours; slapping on a wide-brimmed hat; and wrapping on close-fitting, sun-protective sunglasses."

our stratosphere, which absorbs most of the UV. However, values taken at our atmospheric research station in Lauder show that ozone levels are at or near the lower end of what we'd expect at this time of the year," said Dr Turner.

The ozone layer naturally breaks down and restores, but it has become thinner over time. This is particularly prominent over Antarctica, where a large hole forms in the spring with the effects felt in New Zealand over summer.

The most common cause is manufactured chemicals such as CFCs, which were

The researchers conclude that although alcohol is energy dense, drinking it need not necessarily lead to weight gain.

However, in the current obesogenic food environment, low-protein, high-fat snack foods are abundant and in-expensive, and so alcohol may indeed be contributing to the obesity epidemic.

Dr Grech adds: "When consuming alcohol and your appetite is elevated, make sure you select healthier lean protein sources such as lean red meat, chicken, fish, seafood or legumes and avoid the urge to snack on low-protein, savoury snack foods.

"This will ensure that your protein appetite is satisfied without over consuming energy, leading to weight gain.

"Above all, be sure to stick within the guidelines for alcohol intake, which poses health risks other than weight gain and obesity."

The researchers suggest that those who wish to eat healthily while consuming alcohol snack before, rather than instead of, a meal. Suitable snacks include a serving of cheese (40g), unsalted nuts, chickpeas and vegetable sticks with tzatziki or hummus made with fresh ingredients.

International Congress on Obesity (ICO)

alcohol and, if they do, whether the satiating effect of additional dietary protein leads to them taking in fewer calories overall, despite the additional energy from alcohol itself."

Dr Grech analysed data on 9,341 adults who took part in the Australian National Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey, the largest and most comprehensive health survey ever conducted in Australia. The team used an approach called nutritional geometry, which was invented by team members Professors David Raubenheimer and Stephen Simpson, to detect complex nutritional associations in diets. It untangles the multidimensionality of diet as when one nutrient changes, other nutrients change as a consequence. The approach allows multiple components to be observed at the same time and to observe how nutrients interact.

The data included information on the food and drink each participant had consumed over a 24-hour period, the total amount of energy consumed during that period and how much of that energy came from protein, fat, carbohydrate and other nutrients. 40% of the participants had consumed alcohol.

The analysis showed that, as expected, participants who had consumed alcohol consumed more savoury foods than those who didn't

have any alcohol.

"Surprisingly," says Professor David Raubenheimer, senior author of the study, "this was associated with decreased energy intake in some consumers of alcohol, but increased energy intake in others".

Around two-thirds of those who consumed alcohol chose foods high in protein but low in carbohydrate and fat, such as lean meats, poultry, fish, seafood, nuts, legumes and other foods that are high in protein.

They consumed 1,749kcal (calories), on average. The figure, which includes the calories from the alcohol they consumed, is 577kcal fewer than they needed to maintain their current weight (known as EER or estimated energy requirement) and 451kcal fewer than the 2,200kcal consumed by the non-drinkers.

The other one-third of participants who consumed alcohol chose "protein decoys." These are crisps, sausage rolls, processed meats, garlic bread, spring rolls, potato wedges and other savoury snacks that have umami taste of high-protein foods but are, in fact, low in protein and high in fat.

They consumed 3,051kcal on average. This meant they were taking in more calories (813kcal) more than their EER which, over time, can lead to weight gain.

Booze makes us reach for the savoury snacks

Drinking alcohol increases appetite for savoury food - but needn't necessarily lead to weight gain, according to new research presented at the International Congress on Obesity in Melbourne.

Alcohol is energy dense but the evidence that it contributes to weight gain is inconclusive. One reason for this may be that research to date has typically looked at the effect of alcohol in isolation, rather than in conjunction with other dietary components.

To find out more, Dr Amanda Grech, of The University of Sydney, Australia and colleagues examined how alcohol affects the appetite for different types of food and the subsequent calorie intake.

"It's known that alcohol increases appetite, particularly for savoury food, a phenomenon that's known as the 'aperitif effect'," says Dr Grech, lead author of the study.

"Recent research has shown that levels of FGF-21, a hormone that increases protein appetite and suppresses appetite for sweetness, increases after alcohol is consumed.

"It's also known that protein has a satiating effect. We wanted to find out whether people select more protein-rich savoury foods when drinking



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Flood pumps are the new norm for farmers

Once bitten, twice shy. Flood pumps are becoming the new norm as farmers experience more extreme weather events that threaten operations. By all accounts the wild weather is here to stay so there's no time like the present to get prepared, rather than get caught out.

Simply put, flood pumps are becoming one of those things you can't afford not to have. While Councils often have systems in place to reduce flooding, these systems shouldn't be relied upon. We often hear of farmers experiencing flooding from heavy rain, but it hasn't been enough to trigger the council system to start running. Increasing weather events and budget restrictions mean



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councils are not always able to maintain or upgrade these systems to the level required. So it's best to be proactive when it comes to ensuring your farm isn't left underwater for days on end.

If your land is prone to flooding, a flood pump is a good investment. All it takes is 100mm of water on 1ha of land to make 1000m³, and



Extreme weather events make flood pumps increasingly necessary.

there's no other pump like a flood pump for moving large volumes of water fast.

Neighbouring farms often share the same flooding issues, so some farmers like to share in the investment.

Flood pumps are also something many contractors are investing in seeing as flooding is becoming a more frequent issue. Using your local contractor is a good option for unusual weather events, however if flooding is likely to be an ongoing issue, there's never a better time than now to get yourself sorted.

*Nick Callow
Nevada Effluent
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Resource Management Act to go

The government has announced that the RMA will be replaced by three new bills: The Natural and

Built Environment Bill, Spatial Planning Bill, and the Climate Adaptation Act. The RMA, and its reform, is at the centre of some of the biggest issues facing our time and country – housing, infrastructure development, environmental protection and climate change adaption

The Natural and Built Environment Bill and the Spatial Planning Bill are reforms being lead by Environment Minister, David Parker, whose aim is to speed up the resource consenting process, reduce costs, and increase

environmental protections. Both bills will proceed to a full select committee process, with the Government aiming to pass them into law before the next election. The third piece of the reform, the Climate Adaptation Act, will be introduced later. This is to come from Climate Change Minister James Shaw.

The current RMA is described as one of NZ's most complex pieces of law, the original Bill in 1991 being 314 pages, but is now over 900 pages. Local councils, business and individuals have described it as being significantly time consuming and convoluted while Environment Minister David Parker has previously said the RMA had failed at two of its key tasks: allowing development and protecting the environment.

Major reform of the bill has been on the agenda with successive governments trying since 2008, yet not making it through Parliament. The John Key government hoped to "rip up" the legislation, but the coalition at that time made it impossible. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern recently described it at a Business NZ function as a "patchwork that isn't working any more".

It is reported that the draft legislation shifts

the emphasis towards earlier decision-making, with the aim of avoiding costly disputes later on. It also involves some centralisation as currently there are 100 RMA plans produced by regional and territorial authorities which is to be reduced to 14. The streamlining is hoped to reduce costs to both developers and local government, and encourage more national-level direction about how resources are to be managed. Initially three regions will model the project to test the system.

As to be expected this announcement has been met with a range of reactions. Christopher Luxon, Leader of the Opposition has said the new Bills will be too bureaucratic and led to legal actions and be "worse than what we have now", while the Deputy Prime Minister claims the changes will result in cheaper, faster and better management.

Experts such as Professor John Tookey, Professor of Construction, Built Environment Engineering, Auckland University of Technology, have commented that if the changes to the RMA deliver, then they are welcomed as the plethora of consents

have slowed development. The fast track will help the urban development process, provided there is a matching process for infrastructure around the built environment.. and that the devil will be in the detail and a challenge to get consistent across authorities.

Associate Professor Linda Te Aho (Ngaati Koroki Kahukura, Ngaati Mahuta, Waikato), University of Waikato, commented:

"These bills are the result of an intensive work programme over the past three years, and has been opportunity for input from iwi and hapuu and other Maaori organisations ... "From a Maaori perspective, the sheer magnitude of change will require further and deeper analysis. ...Also strengthened is the requirement to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, where the current RMA requirement for decision makers was merely to 'take into account' the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.... Other highlights include the move to a new model for water allocation that promises to be more equitable and efficient. The introduction of a polluter pays regime requires further

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Quinn Cup for Junior Champion Lamb. Ryan Taylor with 'Buddy'. Junior Reserve Champion Lamb Edie Lynskey with 'Nibbles'. Mullin-James Family Cup for Intermediate Champion Lamb. Isla Brown with 'Bob'. Intermediate Reserve Champion Lamb, Kourtney Gulliver with 'Rosie'. Gatenby Family Cup for Senior Champion Lamb, Ellie Lynskey with 'Sunny'. Senior Reserve Champion Lamb, Amy Gulliver with 'Bubba'. Kidd Family Cup for Supreme Champion Lamb. Ellie Lynskey with 'Sunny'. LIC Most Loved Lamb. Kourtney Gulliver with 'Rosie'. Margy Radford Cup for Junior Champion Calf. Fergus Bourke with 'Marie'. Mullin Family Cup for Junior Reserve Champion Calf. Katie Starr with 'Lulu'. Quinell Cup for Junior Leading. Katie Starr with 'Lulu'. Francis Mullan Cup for Senior Champion Calf. Amy O'Rorke with 'Sandy'. Mont Hickey Memorial Cup for Senior Reserve Champion

Calf. Cady-Maree Barriball with 'Spice'. PJ O'Hanlon Cup for Senior Leading. Cady-Maree Barriball with 'Spice'. Fever Family Cup for Supreme Champion Calf. Amy O'Rorke with 'Sandy'. LIC Most Loved Calf. Sienna Bourke with 'Kate'. Pet Junior 1st. Harper Mellow with 'Indy' the Rabbit. Pet Junior 2nd. Charlotte Campbell, 'Billy' the Dog. Pet Junior 3rd. Ava Haste with 'Sparkle' the Rabbit. Pet Junior 4th. Tobias Lark with 'Winston' the Dog. Pet Senior 1st. Zion Aldridge with 'Salty' the Cat. Pet Senior 2nd. Jayden Hales with 'Jack' the Dog. Pet Senior 3rd. Lillian Cox with 'Nirvana' the Dog. Pet Senior 4th. Toby Smith with 'Gin' the Dog. LIC Overall Winning Pet. Skyler Hunn with 'Tide' the Dog. Lawrence Joyce Memorial Cup - Top Y8 Student. Dedication to Agriculture, Cady-Maree Barriball with 'Spice' the Calf.



Skyler Hunn won the title of LIC Overall Winning Pet with 'Tide' the dog.

St Josephs Captions Ellie Lynskey won the Kidd Family Cup for Supreme Champion Lamb with 'Sunny' the lamb.

Resource Management Act to go

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analysis. Professor Iain White, Environmental Planning Programme, University of Waikato, commented that: "I think it is fantastic to see the long-awaited replacement to the RMA finally taking shape. It's been a huge undertaking and credit goes to the government that sought to move beyond the easy critique of the RMA, to the much harder task of providing a new national planning framework... This new scale of planning will also provide more certainty over infrastructure investment, and so holds potential in increasing our ability to build homes, transition transport practices,

or adapt to climate change. "I am more sceptical as to whether it will provide the three stated goals of being 'faster, cheaper, and better', which tends to be the claim of every planning reform process that has ever occurred. While one or two of these may be attainable, I suspect realising all three may prove much more elusive. These efficiencies seem achievable if you understand planning as a technical exercise, but while it is good to see the language of outcomes used, I do wonder if the government underestimate the politics associated with outcomes, from the (re)allocation of space or resources, or the consequent (re)distribution

of environmental goods or bads for existing communities. For example, one of the ways that the new legislation seeks to minimise friction is via an increased role for consensus in spatial plans, but there is a 40-year+ history of the problems of consensus seeking in planning, such as how it can gravitate decisions to the mainstream, or privilege those with most power. The selected processes will be one to watch.

"The reality is you can try to streamline planning, but you can never depoliticise the outcomes; views on urban and environmental futures are contested. So overall, yes, it's an important and welcome milestone - and there was also much in the RMA that could be improved upon - but monitoring how implementation occurs in practice at the regional and local levels will be very important."

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Why do we stop supplementing with lime flour in December?

We aren't far off the end of the year and as the off-farm holiday begins to draw closer, it's easy to settle into a "I'll just do what I did last year" mindset.

One of the jobs that falls into this category is supplementing with lime flour. It's common to drop lime flour supplementation in December, but why?

Stopping lime flour supplementation is underpinned by the general assumption that summer pastures have higher calcium levels as the plants mature. This is true, but it doesn't guarantee these levels are high enough to support the calcium requirements of your herd, even though calcium requirements will be lower in mid-late lactation as milk production drops.

Calcium supplementation requirements are unique to your farming situation and will depend on the diet being fed and herd lactation requirements.



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With pasture making up the majority of the diet, pasture calcium levels are the main determinant of overall dietary calcium levels but if you're feeding low calcium supplementary feeds such as PKE or maize then this needs to be taken into account.

Taranaki ryegrass/clover pastures are generally at the lower end of common pasture calcium levels. Over half of our Taranaki dairy clients have pasture levels in summer <0.6 per cent

dry matter (DM). Including supplementary increases this number as many supplementary feeds will lower dietary calcium levels.

Indicators that you may need to continue lime flour supplementation through December include:

- Higher than expected rates of lameness — calcium deficiency is a risk factor for lameness as calcium promotes hoof hardness
- Higher than expected Somatic Cell Counts or mastitis cases — calcium helps to mitigate mastitis and uterine inflammation

The only way to know if you're providing enough is to measure calcium levels in the diet through pasture sampling. Pasture calcium levels will vary with soil type, soil calcium levels and pasture sward composition. Swards dominated by grass will be lower in calcium than



Don't stick with the same old method this summer.

those with a higher legume and herb (plantain/chicory) concentration.

If you don't want to supplement, over sowing of plantain or chicory is a very effective way of improving pasture calcium levels in the longer term.

Ultimately, with animal health costs on the line, it's important to know where your farm stands on the calcium scale. Calcium levels higher than 1.2 per cent DM offers no nutritional or economic benefits so pasture testing is the best way to find that sweet spot.

Don't stick with the 'same old' method this summer and make an informed decision. Regardless of whether you need more or less calcium, not knowing is costing you. Get in touch with the team at 5th Biz Agri and pop some more cash in your summer holiday fund.

Emily House
5th Business Agri

'No deal is better than bad deal

When it comes to emissions pricing, DairyNZ says no deal is better than

a bad deal — and only a fair and reasonable system will be accepted for farmers.

The industry organisation's chair, Jim van der Poel, says the Government's

emissions pricing proposal threatens the viability of farming businesses and rural communities, and is not acceptable for farmers.

"DairyNZ is committed to securing a fair pricing system for farmers and we would like to see the Government revert to the He Waka Eke Noa recommendations put forward in May," said Mr van der Poel.

"He Waka Eke Noa was designed as a whole farm system approach to reduce emissions, meet targets and give fair recognition and reward for planting farmers

have done on their farms.

"We believe the Government's significant and unnecessary changes have undermined farmer confidence in the process and needlessly put the finely balanced cross-sector consensus at risk," said Mr van der Poel.

"The Government's suggestion it has given the sector what we asked for — with 'small tweaks' — is incorrect. The changes are significant and cut to the very core of the He Waka Eke Noa partnership.

"Changes to the way price

will be set and limiting the recognition farmers can get for planting has thrown the proposal off-kilter. We want an enduring system and that means we need to get back to a place that works for everyone."

DairyNZ stands firmly behind the sector's original He Waka Eke Noa proposal that was co-designed in good faith, with the Government sitting around the table. It sets out an equitable, effective and credible plan to reduce emissions while protecting the viability of farming in New Zealand.

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Racing and fireworks entertain crowd

A small technical difficulty that saw a mere one mortar launched into the night sky followed by silence didn't deter the enthusiasm of the large crowd that had filled MG Taranaki Stratford Speedway for the Hinton Contracting Fireworks Spectacular on November 5. Several minutes after the initial launch, the issue was sorted, and the display continued as planned. Prior to that though, there was plenty of on track action to keep the crowd entertained, including top notch racing in all classes, some biff in the stockcars and a spectacular roll over by Gary Johnson in the Superstocks.

Tyler Walker continued the dominance that he displayed on opening night two weeks ago in the Superstock class to win the first race of the night. He then went on to record third and fifth places in the next two races which when matched with Mike Kiser's placings gave the pair overall honors in the Best Pairs event that the class was racing for. After his car having sat idle in the shed for the best part of the last two years, Logan Sharpe's late decision at 10pm on Friday night to ready his car and go racing paid dividends when he was



Josh Walsh (#35) makes his way through the field during Stockcar racing at MG Taranaki Stratford Speedway on Saturday night. Walsh won both the Michael Walker and Allan Hancock Memorials.

immediately on the pace and recorded a strong win in race three as well as second overall in the Best Pairs with his pairing partner Shane Denham. Wayne Moss and Lance Mitchell were third.

The Stockcar class had a busy night with three memorial trophies up for grabs. Josh Walsh was in very good form and won both the Michael Walker and Warren Lowry Memorials after recording a third, second, first and second over the four races. William Hughes placed second in the Michael Walker Memorial ahead of Tyler Walker whilst Walker placed second in the Allan Hancock Memorial ahead of Mark Duthie who he beat in a four-lap run off. Haydin Barker earned the

Warren Lowry memorial for his stirring antics on the track.

Minisprints made their first appearance of the season locally and raced for the City of New Plymouth Classic. Cameron Hurley, who is known for often coming in fifth place stayed well clear of that position to win the first race, place fourth in race two and third in race three to win the Classic by one point from his nearest rival and second placegetter Donald Kuriger while Karl Uhlenberg was third

It was a Smith trifecta in the Streetstock class with Nic Smith winning the City of New Plymouth Classic by two points from Connor Smith and Dylan Smith who was a further two points

behind in third. The three drivers also won a race each. Saloons raced for the

first round of the Taranaki Champs (the second and final round will run on



Cameron Hurley won the Minisprint City of New Plymouth Classic at MG Taranaki Stratford Speedway on Saturday night.

December 10). Races were won by Andrew Tippet, Bradley Korff and Jarrod MacBeth who just managed to get around Thomas Korff on the last lap of race three. Current points standings see Andrew Tippet at the head of the field with 17 points, B.Korff with 16 and MacBeth and T.Korff with 15.

Youth Ministocks completed the race program with wins going to Blake Luscombe, Regan Ogle, Sophie Pilcher, Riley Booker and Lucas Hurley.

Jarrod MacBeth

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Kendra calls it quits on a high note



are made up as 19 tries, 102 points for conversions and 33 points as penalties.

Currently based in Canterbury she has played many games in the Farah Palmer Cup, notching up 98 games (and 504 points) for Canterbury. She made her debut as a nineteen-year-old in 2007, while studying at Lincoln University.

As a player (halfback) she has been described as a resourceful intuitive player, having all round skills with goal kicking a feature. She is a forceful tackler. In all forms of the game it is

estimated she has scored about 800 points.

She also has been a sevens NZ player. In 2013 she was a member of the winning team in the Women's Sevens World series.

Back in May Kendra played for the Frontrunner Coastal Women's team against the Women's Clifton team. The score was a 27-27 draw.

In the 2021 New Years Honours list she was awarded a MNZM (Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit).



Coastal Rugby proud Photo taken by Victoria McCullough (Coastal Rugby Womens Team member).

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

November 5. Saturday Men. 1. John Oliver. 2. Nod Symes. 3. Wayne Baker.

Nov 12. Saturday Men. 1. John Oliver. 2. Wayne Baker. 3. Nod Symes.

Congratulations to Caleb Symes for winning the overall gross for the Australian Fire Service Golf Tournament held in Cypress Lakes, New South Wales, Australia. Gross scores 75, 71.

Juniors. 1. Carter Symes. 2. Jayden Poole. 3. Jude Poole.

Taranaki Air Rifles



Taranaki Air Rifle 50/30 metre champs John Costain (left) receiving the trophy from President Geoff Coubrough.

One set of targets we had on November 5 were chicken silhouettes at 50 metres and they are as big as your thumb nail. Geoff Coubrough was knocking them down with ease. Mark Evans with a break barrelled Springer took 8/10 rams down and John Costain hit a 83 score at 30 metres.

We have just run the 50/30 metre champs and once again I couldn't pick the winner. It was a strong field

of shooters but none could beat John Costain who was right on target in challenging fickle wind conditions.

John's scores showed a consistency with a spread of a lowest score of 88 and a highest of 90. for a well-deserved win. Second place went to Geoff Coubrough who had had a handy lead until a disaster on one card of 81 let John in front. Charlene Roberts took one card to get her eye in only scoring a 76 apart for that one score. She was in the high 80s which got her up to fifth place. As I said before the wind had a big say in the scores and some shooters handled it better than others, even so shooting was of a high standard, considering at one time we wouldn't have shot targets at 50 metres, thinking it was a target too far away. It is an indication of how far Air Rifles have come. Scores were: John Costain 356, Geoff Coubrough 352, John Brogden 303, Frank Eustace 345, Mark Evans 333, Nigel Kay 302, Tim W 311, Shane Roberts 295, Charlene Roberts 330.

Frank Eustace

Kendra kisses the cup nicknamed Nancy.

Outstanding rugby union player Kendra Cocksedge has ended her career on a high after being a member of the winning Black Ferns team in the Women's World Cup as they beat the favoured England team, which had won their previous 30 games. Kendra has been in two World Cup winning teams previously (2010 and 2017). Born in New Plymouth on July 1, 1988 Kendra had rugby success very early. She played for the Coastal team and was selected for the Taranaki and Hurricanes Secondary School teams.

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accolades but none arguably better than being the first woman to win the Kelvin R Tremain Player of the Year Award at the 2018 NZ Rugby Awards. "Winning the premier award was pretty special for my family after all the hard work and sacrifices they made for me." She has also been named as the Women's World Rugby Player of the Year, also in 2018.

First named in the New Zealand team in 2014, she has played in 64 tests, making her the most capped NZ women's player ever. The 388 points she has scored

Surf up on west coast



Waves are projected to get taller along the west and south coasts of Aotearoa, and shorter across the north and east coasts, according to new research. The study authors simulated ocean and climate conditions until 2100, with their models showing wave directions are also projected to change around the country - with a counterclockwise rotation along the west coast, and a clockwise shift along the east.

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and unfortunately that didn't happen.

"I've just had so many people come up to me and thank me for what an outstanding show that it was and what a fantastic time they had. It's a shame they didn't get to see the rest of the night."

The evening had begun with a fight that pitted two fighters from Barbwire Boxing, Alana Lawn and Jorja O'Neil against each other, with Alana declared the winner.

Caleb Thomas, also from Barbwire Boxing turned into the Comeback Kid. When he appeared in the Coastal Rumble in July the referee ended his fight early, awarding it to his opponent. This time round the referee ended the fight in the third round and awarded it to Caleb over his opponent, Whetu Cameron of Olympus Fitness.

Jacqui Tulloch of the Eltham Hydras won a majority decision over Crystelle Deegan of Barbwire Boxing, a win that proved



Caleb Thomas faces up tin his fight with Whetu Cameron.



Jorja O'Neil between rounds.



Lexi McQuaig(left) and Ashleigh Hoyte.

popular with the large group of supporters who were there to cheer her on.

The fight between Tuki Seiuli of Kiwilife Health and Fitness and Kenan Sionetama

of Barbwire Boxing began with the fighters sizing each other up before the tempo changed into a slug fest. With the fight over, the boxers embraced, and Kenan was declared the winner in a split decision.

The final fight before the intermission, and the final fight of the evening pitted two Barbwire boxers against each other, Opunake High School head girl Lexi McQuaig and Ashleigh Hoyte of Barbwire Boxing, with Ashleigh winning in a unanimous decision.

James says one reason why the corporate fights were so good was the strong interest shown by the other Taranaki boxing gyms.

"At the end of the day there's a whole lot of positives to take out of this. If you look at the fights we had, like the one between Lexi and Ashleigh. I really admire Lexi for doing what

she did. I don't think I found a fighter who trained the way she trained. I don't think I've

seen a girl cry emotionally at training but still have that mental hardness and determination to get into the ring. Caleb Thomas turned it around from his previous fight in Opunake and had an outstanding performance and won his fight. Alana Lawn happened to be at training, and I told her one of my

opponents had pulled out. With four weeks' notice she got right in, trained her butt off, and won a very close fight against Jorja."

James says he will be contacting the fighters whose fights were called off and would try to have these rescheduled at some time in the new year.



The winner. Alana Lawn over Jorja O'Neil.



..and Jacqui Tulloch over Crystelle Deegan.



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Wrap it up at The Village Gallery



The Village Gallery,
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**Wrap it Up
Members' Christmas
Exhibition 22 Nov - 16 Dec,
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This is the last exhibition
for the year to be held in The
Village Gallery hence the
title "Wrap it up".

The exhibition will include

works from the Gallery's
supporting members and
covers the usual wide range
of media and content. This
will be an ideal opportunity
for unique and creative gift
options with Christmas fast
looming on the horizon.

The Gallery has had a
productive year and staged
many inspiring exhibitions

and assisted in ensuring the
Art Scene in Taranaki is
alive and thriving. There
will be a well-earned rest for
the crew when the exhibition
closes on the 16th Dec.
They wish to thank all of
those who have supported
the Village Gallery over the
2022 year.

The Village Gallery
will be ready to reopen on
Monday 16 January in 2022
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Opunake Lions and Friendship Club Christmas Dinner



Daphne Holley handles the ham at a previous dinner.

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Prince Percy at Players Panto

The opening night of Opunake Players end of year pantomime Cinderella is on track for December 1. As can be seen by the photo, Prince Percy couldn't be happier. The same can be said for director Samantha Allison. Written by Amanda Stone, Cinderella is set in an Opunake of a parallel universe and features a fantasy castle and other locations we would all love to visit.

"I'm so happy with the way rehearsals are going." enthuses Samantha. "I'm very proud of the cast and crew. I know audiences are going to love it."

Anticipation and excitement are building throughout Taranaki. A few of the comments Players have received on social media.

"I'm so excited I can't stop laughing. Ha ha ha snort." - Kylie from Kaponga

"Wow! Weird! Whacky! Wonderful!" - Wanda from Warea.

"Cor! That Prince Percy! He can hang his crown on my coat hook any day." - Buxom and Beautiful from Bell Block.

Re Prince Percy's future wife. "I'm not going to let



Right: Why is Prince Percy so happy? All will be revealed at Opunake Players Cinderella.

a bedraggled tattered little strumpet ruin my daughter's chances." - Baroness Hardup, Parallel Opunake.

Tickets for Cinderella are now available from Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration, Opunake. (this universe)

Playing dates, December 1,2,3,7,8,9,10. Note early start - 7pm. (So your little ones aren't up too late.)

Matinee 10th December 1pm. Adults \$20, 5 - 13 years \$10. Under 5- free on a knee.

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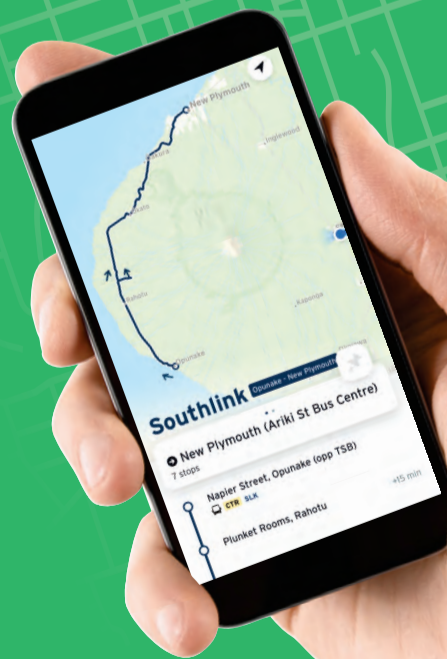
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It's Show time in Taranaki



Lacey Taylor Auroa and Fletcher Lawrence Ngare have a discussion about going to visit the pigs at the 2018 Stratford A & P show in the Boys and Girls Club Dairy Type class.

The biggest A&P show in the lower North Island is coming and it brings two days of fun-filled action to Taranaki. Stratford A&P Show is celebrating its 112th offering a unique combination of agriculture and entertainment, kicks off on Saturday, November 26.

In today's fast paced times where memories are often short, the Stratford A&P Show remains a steady and beloved event deeply rooted in the heritage of Taranaki

and its surrounding districts. Held in the showgrounds under the mountain, it's an institution that has created many memories for the locals and participants.

What makes the event unique is there's something for everyone. Old McDonald Farm where children can enjoy cuddles with pet animals is a must-see for youngsters, and the Matahio Kids Zone will have lots of free games plus fun activities and special

guests. Teenagers will love the sideshow rides and road safety activity, while adults can enjoy the trade exhibits with the latest innovations on display and lots of opportunity for Christmas shopping. The Farrier competition is host to the National Title with overseas entrants coming, this generates plenty of heat and interest as horseshoes are made from steel and fitted to the horses within a time frame. The popular

wood chopping, shearing and vintage machinery are back.

The livestock competitions are a big drawcard for farmers. Exhibitors from the country's top-bred animals will be taking part in the Royal Event Pig and Beef section. The Dairy includes the Ayrshire NZ, North Island Championship. A huge array of horses will be at the show for judging in many sections and Sheep Dog Trials run the course on Saturday and the pet calf and lamb sections run on Sunday. To support and encourage entry to the competitions a drive for sponsorship has been successful which is being returned to the exhibitors in prize money.

Paul Vanner A&P president says "It can be costly to show animals and the great prize money will help support the exhibitors' cost. Thank you to the businesses and past and present exhibitors for your support, this is much appreciated, also marquees to accommodate all the animals are required. Thank you to TET for the generous grant." Head down the lane to find the livestock competing for the top prize, and not to be missed is the fun The Beef Collective have awaiting you.

And yes there will be food stalls that will cater to the hungry. The Stratford A&P Show is an institution with many fantastic and hilarious stories to tell. This year's

show aims to make more such memories and create new history for all the locals, participants and visitors. Accompanied by live stage entertainment, including the KiwispanNZ Community Challenge it promises to be a real day in the country for families.

WHEN: Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November, 9:00am - 4:00pm

WHERE: Stratford Showgrounds, 9 Flint Road East, Stratford, Taranaki

RESTRICTIONS: All Ages

TICKETS: \$15.00; Children (14 years and under) Free, thanks to TOI Foundation



The newly hatched chicks at the 2018 Stratford A&P show were a huge hit with young and old in the Old McDonalds Farm Barn.

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Community Lunch at Eltham Town Hall

Danna Wulf-Alvarez, an Eltham local, is hosting a community lunch for residents of Eltham and surrounding districts to benefit Foster Hope, a foundation that supports children going into foster care. The event will be held on Sunday, November 20th at the Eltham Town Hall. There is no admission, and the lunch runs from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be a sumptuous vegetarian feast served, music, and activities for children, and all donations go to charity. Wulf-Alvarez created the project while participating in a Landmark leadership program. Part of the coursework was to create a project that benefits the community. Landmark is an international training and development company, who is known for offering



Danna with friend.

their flagship course The Landmark Forum (www.landmarkworldwide.com).

Danna states, "Our long-term goal is to develop a foster home in our land - to raise children in a permanent, stable environment in order for them to grow with consistency, stability, and love, and in an environment close to nature, where they grow their own food and live with animals. We have cows, cats, and rescue chickens. We are a vegetarian family, so we don't eat any of the animals - they are part of our family... we follow the spiritual pathway of Krishna Consciousness.

"I wanted to do an event that would connect the local community and increase our resilience," Wulf-Alvarez said. "The last couple of years have been socially and economically stressful, and that has an impact. And at the same time, I want to make a difference for children in the wider community who need support the most.

When it came time to find a venue, the Eltham Town Hall seemed like a natural choice - it was built to be the centre of the community. Everyone in the surrounding districts is welcome to come as local businesses have stepped up to support the event, including sponsoring

the cost of hiring. We are cooking for three hundred people."

Josh and Danna Wulf, who came to Eltham at the beginning of this year, have two children of their own, son Prahlad, and daughter Isabela. Danna is originally from Peru and works as a nurse and therapist, while Josh works in IT. They say

they have been planning to leave the city for the last couple of years, and with everything happening with the pandemic and the flow-on effects, the time was right.

Please join us with you family and friends on Sunday 20 November at the Eltham Town Hall, between 12pm and 3pm.





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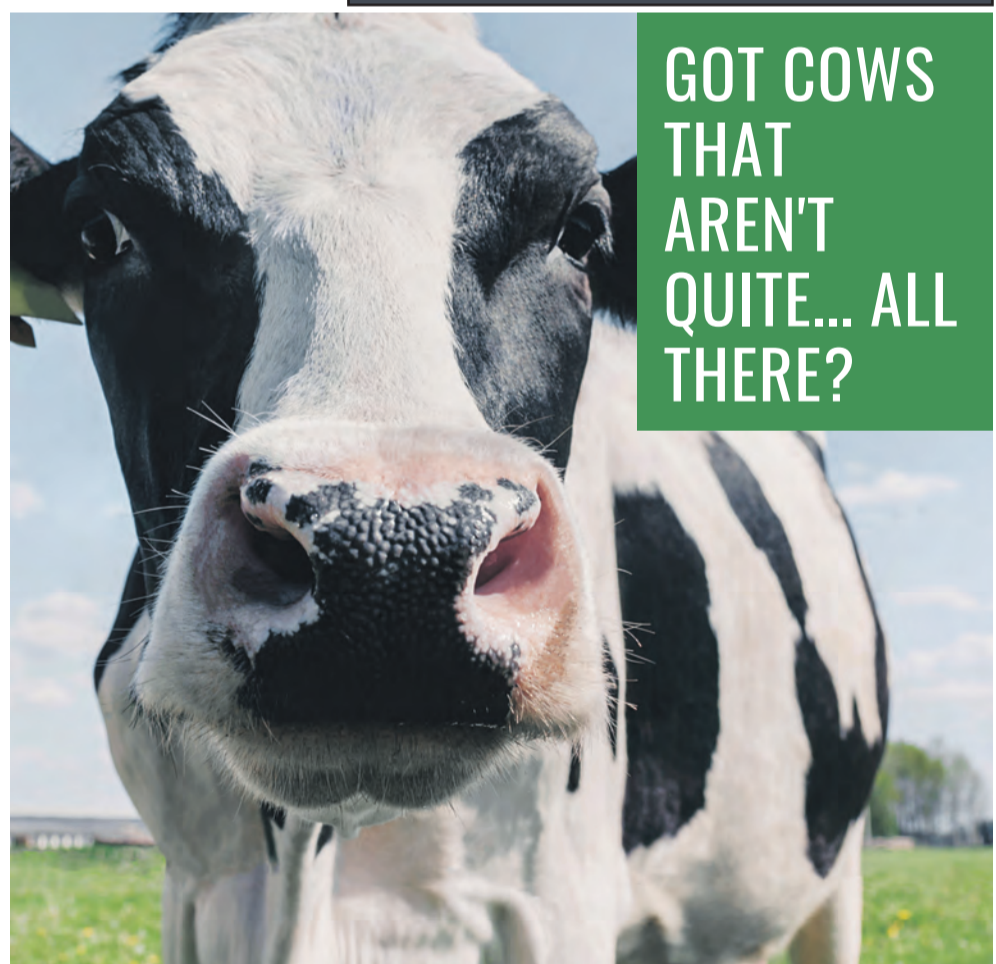
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TUESDAYS

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WEDNESDAYS

Lisa Keen Audiology at Coastal Care, Opunake: Wednesdays 9am - 5pm, for an appointment call 027 591 4222 - 0800 555 676

Okato & District Historical Society open every Wednesday: At the Okato Community Trust Hall, 47 Cumming St, Okato. phone Meg on 06 752 4566.

Opunake Embroiders Guild: Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am-3pm at the Opunake Business Centre, Napier St, Opunake. Just come along or phone Sheryl 06 761 8769.

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Free singing experience with Taranaki Harmony Chorus: Meet every Wednesday at Inglewood Mamaku Centre, 7-9.30 pm Phone Helen 021 296 0700.

THURSDAYS

Coastal Young Farmers: Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Butlers Reef Bar & Cafe, Oakura.

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Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame, Manaia: Running every Thursday night from 7.30pm, 11 Surf Highway, South Road, Manaia.

FRIDAYS

Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 9:30am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

Singer Songwriters, New Plymouth: Last Friday of the month at Little Theatre, 29 Aubrey St, NP from 7-11pm.

WEEKENDS

The Historic Cape Light & Museum: Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea.

OCTOBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 22

The Potters Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

OCTOBER 24 TO DECEMBER 3

A Christmas Crackup: At the Hawera Repertory Theatre, Hawera.

NOVEMBER 10 TO 20

Spiegelfest: Around Taranaki

NOVEMBER 18

Twilight Fiesta: Twilight racing at the New Plymouth Racecourse. First race at 2.50pm.

NOVEMBER 22

Oaonui Water Supply AGM: At the Opunake Golf Club, Namu Rd. 6pm.

NOVEMBER 22 TO DEC 17

Wrap it Up Members' Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

NOVEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 10

The Golding Girls: At the New Plymouth Little Theatre. See ad for event times.

NOVEMBER 26, 27

2022 Stratford A&P Show: Stratford Showgrounds. 9am-4pm.

St George's Church Patea Community Event: Saturday from 10am-3pm - Market Day and Art. Mason Brothers "50 years of "Nature" music event. 7.30pm Entry \$20.00

Sunday - Service in the Church at 10.00am

NOVEMBER 28

Maintaining Your Wellbeing: In conjunction with Rural Support and Taranaki Catchment Communities. At Auroa Hall from 6.30pm.

DECEMBER 1

Christmas at the Races: At New Plymouth Raceway. Gates open 12 noon.

DECEMBER 1 TO 10

Opunake Players presents Cinderella: See advertisement and article in the Nov 17 issue of OCN for show times.

DECEMBER 4

Opunake & District Business Association monthly meeting: At the Opunake Business Centre, 5.30pm.

DECEMBER 5

Opunake Lions and Friendship Club Community Free Christmas Dinner: At the Opunake Town Hall from 11am

DECEMBER 7

Manaia Golf Club AGM: At the Clubrooms, Bennett Drive, Manaia. 7pm.

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If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

Claire Mullin, Board of Trustees



Next Meeting is on Monday December 5, 2022 at 5.30pm

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