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# Many highlights at prize giving

Opunake High School Prizegiving was held on Wednesday November 4 in the hall and there were many highlights, including Blake Harkness being awarded the McNeil Adams Cup, OHS Medal and Ikaroa Lodge Award for Dux.

Kaiah Bloor won the OHS medal and award for Proxime Accessit (Runner Up to the Dux).

Both of these students won a host of other awards.

The event had the admirable MC services of Jamiee Siciliano, Tamara Turnbull and Jackson Henare. After a karakia, school waiata and National Anthem Andy Whitehead, chairperson of the Board of Trustees gave a wide ranging address about "the best school in Taranaki if not in New Zealand." He paid tribute to all who are involved with the school including its "amazing staff."

Interestingly, he explained that the schools DREAM values (Diligence, Respect, Exceeding Expectations, Aroha, Mana) will, with the community's backing, become plural with Sustainability being added - hence DREAMS.

The keynote speech was delivered by former Head Boy Troy Whitehead and it was inspirational. He explained that when he came to the school he was four years behind his peers in the literacy skills and was made fun of and bullied. Through determination and extra help he overcame this and graduated from



**Troy Whitehead's inspirational speech was probably the overall highlight of the Opunake High School Prizegiving.**

university. He has also set up an engineering firm at the age of 22 in Wellington. "Be proud of your achievements and be sure you leave here with your head held high." He outlined eleven "life rules" to guide students towards optimal success. He admitted that success for him did not

come easy, in fact "I worked my arse off." He concluded, "Remember to smell the roses. It is a journey not a race."

There were a number of musical interludes, but none more moving than Ariana Dingle (accompanied by Teague Mullin), surely one

of the best vocalists around. Also impressive were Declan Mullin, Reuben Kuriger and Xzealeah Eustice)

The Head students Blake Harkness and Meg Gibson both gave speeches. Blake's was very humorous, but he

concluded on a serious note, "Make the most of your opportunities. Everyone here cares about you, so don't be afraid to ask for help."

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**Board of Trustees Chairperson Andy Whitehead delivers an award to talented vocalist Ariana Dingle.**

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## Letters to the Editor

### Pouakai Crossing Trek project

There seems to be some confusion with the two Egmont National Park New Zealand funded projects, first the 3.4 million for the Pouakai Crossing Trek funded in 2017, National Government for a five year upgrade project 2017-2021, and the Taranaki Crossing Trek project funded by the Labour Government for the 13.4 million 2019.

It seems that the Department of Conservation is trying to put both funding projects into one with comments by Carl Whittleston in the Daily News 5th November. The tracks stated for the upgrade on the Pouakai Ranges are tracks being upgraded for the Pouakai Crossing Trek. DoC keep it safe, keep it finished on time!

Also now that Maunga Taranaki has been given a legal personality, <living person> status it has to take its responsibility for its actions, just

like all New Zealand persons. When the local mountain, Mr Taranaki blows its top, and erupts causing major disruption in Taranaki, Maunga Taranaki should just like any other person who causes a violent act. The question asked to the whanau is who is going to take the responsibility for Mt Taranaki/Maunga Taranaki's anger and violent mode, and destroying the surrounding environment.

Question, will Nga Iwi o Taranaki group take the responsibility for its behavior and pay for the cost it makes.

Ian McAlpine  
New Plymouth

### A letter to the Maori Party MPs

Dear Debbie and Rawiri. It's such a thrill to learn that you are both to be MPs. Especially good news to those of us who share your

opposition to the TPPA.

This message is also to offer our support in your battle to conserve the ecological integrity of our seabeds. As you may know, Social Credit economics regards the prefix "eco" seriously, understanding the original Greek word to mean "good housekeeping." Ripping up the seabeds for whatever purpose is neither sound economics or sound ecologies.

Not long after SoCred leader Chris Leitch lodged our objection with the courts to the OIO (Official Investment Office) permitting the sale of Westland Milk to a large Chinese corporation, I heard a radio item about the Hon. David Parker having plans to review the OIO. Thinking this would be news to Chris, I telephoned him - only to learn that Mr Parker's plans were months old - obviously no genuine intention to implement them.

I am not at liberty to update you on the Westland Milk debacle as yet - but I can assure you of our support with the TTR confrontation. Every good wish

Kia Ora  
Heather Marion Smith  
Western Region President,  
Social Credit NZ

### Get a life

A current television advert depicts a man described as a "life-long misser" acting like a total smuck and unable to aim a fly-spray can...

Now, let's put a woman in his place and describe her similarly. The feminists would be shrieking from the roof tops.

They want to brainwash girls young and old with this utter nonsense. They should get a life, if not a man.

R. Herdson  
Manaiia

### ADELPHOS

A hot summer's day is a brilliant time for making a cool and refreshing fruit salad. It's just a matter of choosing fruits that suit your fancy. There are nine fruits of God's Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Let's take a brief snapshot of each one as a test for our own Christian lives. Why? Because they show us the very character of God and the personality traits that Jesus demonstrated as examples for us.

Love: He commanded His followers to, "...love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:12). It's fair enough to love your family and friends. But Jesus raised the bar. He commanded us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. He loved Judas as much as you or me.

Joy: Jesus emanated a charismatic joy as He attracted

crowds of many thousands. Children were magnetically drawn to Him. Because Jesus would have smiled and radiated an inner joy: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).

Peace: In the gospels Jesus was a cool customer. He didn't rush off to Bethany in panic mode when His good mate Lazarus was at death's door. But, He stayed where he was for two days longer at the height of His healing ministry. His words echo in our 2020 world, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27).

Patience: Jesus was patient with Peter who denied Him three times the day before His crucifixion. He never held it against Him during the forty days after His resurrection.

He didn't scold doubting Thomas who insisted on seeing and touching the scars in His resurrected body before believing He was resurrected.

Kindness: It's being thoughtful, compassionate and merciful to everyone, even our enemies.

Goodness: If we're good just to show how virtuous we are, it's self-centred and not genuine goodness. The Greek word "agathosume" means a genuine uprightness of heart centred on others.

Faithfulness: This involves showing patience, endurance and loyalty towards God and others, and being sure of God's promises in the Bible (Hebrews 11:1).

Gentleness: Gentle people are confidently humble. They aren't filled with superiority and pride, lose their temper or seek utu and revenge. Many using the highly politicised social media worlds of Google, Facebook and Twitter too often view gentleness

as a weakness and aggressively attack individuals.

Self-control: It's thinking carefully before speaking and acting. Jesus wasn't angry when He should be peaceful and wasn't peaceful when He had a just anger.

These are the nine fruits of the Spirit that can draw us closer to God and each other. No one is perfect. Which fruits do you desire to cultivate in your life? It's a matter of first sincerely praying for God's help and then practicing them as a daily habit.

Adelphos

### Opunake place names

(Notes produced by J.S. Stronge)

The first survey of the Opunake Township area was made in October 1867 by Nelson Carrington. It was not until 1879-80, however, that a complete and comprehensive survey was completed - this time by C. Finnerty.

The origins of some of the place names in the Township are as follows:

#### Tennyson Street

There must have been a surveyor or perhaps a Town Councillor with poet leanings, as this, and the next street were named for the two most popular though not necessarily the best poets of Britain and the United States towards the end of last century.

Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809 - 1892) was Poet Laureat and is remembered today by his beautiful "In Memoriam"; "Locksley Hall" and the "Idylls of the King".

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Meg pointed out that few schools have the teacher-student connection that OHS has. She paid tribute to her teachers and made particular mention of one, Kerry Walsh. "I'm 100% confident my life here would have been different if it hadn't been for my mentor."

The principal Peter O'Leary outlined the many achievements that make him a "proud principal." He continued, "This year we are again on target to achieve our NCEA goals of 85% pass rates at Years 11 and 12 and a 75% pass rate at Year 13. The students also did well in the Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards taking four of the six secondary school places in the Short Story and Poetry sections."

Peter mentioned property initiatives such as the science, gymnasium and admin blocks.

He had praise for all who

contribute to the school such as the "superb Board of Trustees" for their "dedication, guidance and support."

At the end of a comprehensive speech he asked the 2020 prefect team to present badges to the 2021 prefect team: these include Joe Gibson, Tyran Jones, Pero Brophy, Jaden Siciliano, Travis Klaasen, Madaline Symes, Dinah Symons, Elise Dixon, Elizabeth Andersen-Gardiner, Christelle Centeno and Romimate Hape.

After a rousing haka everyone enjoyed light refreshments in the Pivac Centre Block.

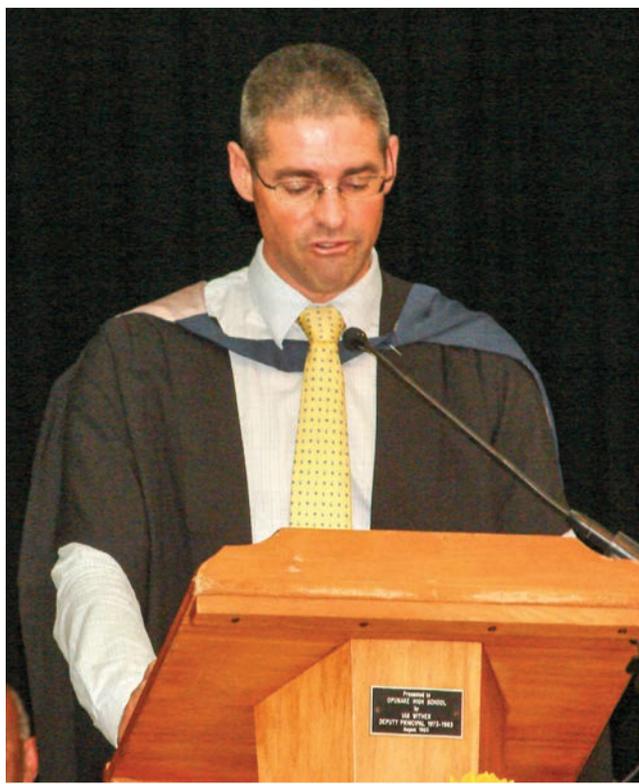
### Special Awards

A & V Sandford Trophy for Care of the Environment: Jamiee Siciliano.

McKay Cup, Head Girl: Meg Gibson.

Crawford Cup, Head Boy: Blake Harkness.

OHS Board of Trustees Cop for Student BOT Representative: Pero Brophy.



Principal Peter O'Leary mentioned many highlights.

James Trophy, All Round Contribution to School Year (-11): Thomas Tito-Green.

Woolford Cup, Sportsman of the Year: Cameron Quinnell.

Nicholas Cup, Sports-woman of the Year: Hayley Quinnell.

OHS DREAM Trophy for DREAM values in School and Extra-curricular: Emma Wineera.

Minister of Education Cup for Services to the School: Blake Harkness and Emma Wineera.

The Combined Churches Award for Outstanding Character: Blake Harkness, Emma Wineera and Meg Gibson.

Wotton Award for Diligence and Commitment to the School: Treyjhan Walker-Thomas.

OHS Prefect Cup for Most outstanding Prefect: Kaiah Bloor.

Taonga Te Maunga Tuu, recognising High Levels of Academic Achievement for Senior Maori Students: Kaiah Bloor.

Griffith Merit Cup for Best All Round Girl: Meg Gibson.

Graham Sulzberger Memorial Cup for Best All Round

Boy: Blake Harkness.

Lena Sharrock Award for Runner-Up in Year 11: Lexi McQuaig.

Pam Morris Cup and Medal for Top Year 11 Student: Lorin Symons.

Sue Spindler Award for Runner-Up in Year 12: Dinah Symons.

Sue Spindler Cup and Award for Top Year 12 Student: Madaline Symes.

Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award: Ashleigh George.

The University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship: Danielle Kidd and Jaimee Siciliano.

Victoria University of Wellington Te Herenga Waka School Leaver Scholarship: Ariana Dingle and Tamara Turnbull.

OHS Medal and Award for Proxime Accessit: Kaiah Bloor.

McNeil Adams Cup, OHS Medal and Ikaroa Lodge Award for dux of the School: Blake Harkness.



Kaiah Bloor, winner of the Proxime Accessit award and Blake Harkness who was named as Dux.

## Homicide investigation launched

The death of a 25 year-old man is being investigated by police following an altercation between two men at Opunake.

Police were called to an Opunake address early on the morning of November 4 following reports of an altercation between two men who were known to each other.

One of the men, Xenan Daniel Ratahi was unresponsive when police arrived and CPR was performed. Ratahi was taken to Taranaki Base Hospital in a critical condition and died two days later.

Police have since launched a homicide investigation. Detective Sergeant Chris Allemann said there were also two males and a female

home at the time, who are all related to each other. He said a post mortem has been carried out and it fitted a number of statements that had been taken.

Police were working on establishing culpability.

"No one has been arrested," he said. "We're not looking for anyone further. No arrests have been made."



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# Council votes to supports Māori Ward

At an extraordinary meeting, the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) decided to introduce a Māori Ward/s for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections.

South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon says the decision, which was unanimously supported by all Councillors, was about demonstrating leadership and simply doing

the right thing. "This decision is good for our community. As Tangata whenua, residents and ratepayers, Māori (who make up almost 20% of South Taranaki's population) have been underrepresented at the Council table and disengaged from the electoral process for too long. This will encourage more Māori to participate in the governance of our District and will see Council be more representative of

our whole community," says Mayor Nixon. "Research clearly shows that diverse boards operating with high levels of trust are far more successful and effective than those that don't. We will be stronger as we work together in partnership for the good of South Taranaki – which is ultimately what we are all here for." The current structure of Council will change with the inclusion of a Māori Ward/s

though this detail will be worked through as the process develops. As an example under the Council's current structure of 12 Councillors, the introduction of a Māori ward would mean that 10 Councillors would be elected from the general electoral population and two from the Māori electoral population, with the Mayor still being elected at large. "The South Taranaki District Council has always

been a leader and innovator – not just in what we do, but in the way we do things. I was extremely pleased with the robust discussion and persuasive arguments put forward with dignity and respect by both members of the public and Councillors. It demonstrated a maturity and self-confidence sadly lacking in many parts of society today and really made me very proud of the way our community works together."

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Esther Ward-Campbell of the Opunake Loop Trail Committee and Opunake High School deputy principal Andrea Hooper with members of the school's Sustainability Academy.

## Loop Trail and High School share plaudits

Among the Environment Awards the Taranaki Regional Council has awarded this year was a joint one to the Opunake Loop Trail Committee and to Opunake High School. The school's Sustainability Academy has been working on the Loop Trail since the start of this year, but the school has been involved with the Loop Trail, whether through building steps or other sporadic projects "since its fruition," says Opunake

High School deputy principal Andrea Hooper. Opunake High School teacher Peter Clement had been one of the driving forces behind getting the Loop Trail started. The Loop Trail had its origins as an Opunake Lions Club project, but other local organisations and groups had since come on board and made the trail their own. Students from the Sustainability Academy meet every second Friday and put aside the entire day to work on the Loop Trail. This year they have planted 2500 trees supplied by Trees that Count, an environmental charity

formed in 2016 that promotes the planting of native trees. A further 2500 are planned for next year. Esther Ward-Campbell of the Opunake Loop Trail Committee says the overall plan is to plant 20,000 trees. "There's no native ecosystem in Opunake, so the idea is to bring back the birds," she says. At least two members of the Sustainability Academy say they can point to some success in achieving this. Aria Brophy and Holly Gasson who both live on the east side of Opunake where a lot of planting has been done

say they have noticed tuis coming back to the area. "There were two main ones who used to hang around, and then they disappeared, but they've come back recently," says Aria. Holly says she has noticed them around the gates of her home and in nearby pohutukawa trees. Academy member Caleb Neale says what they are doing will still be here after they have gone. Charlie Carr says she gets satisfaction from knowing that what they are doing is making a difference. As well as the Sustainability Academy, other groups at

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Since then, services have been held at 11am on November 11 every year, all around the world to remember those who fell not just in the war that was also known as the Great War and the War to end all Wars, but other conflicts before and since.

On November 11 a short Remembrance Day ceremony was held at the TSB Square in Opunake. Students from Opunake High School raised the flags which represented New Zealand and its armed services and Opunake RSA padre Geoff Williams spoke about the armed conflicts New Zealanders had been involved in.

“Even in this country of Aotearoa New Zealand we have had our Land Wars, and we remember all those who died fighting for their cause,” he said.

Before World War I there was the Anglo-Boer War when New Zealand troops first served overseas and established New Zealand as a valued member of the Commonwealth.

This was followed by World War I and the Gallipoli campaign from which came ANZAC Day.

“They were there seven months. They landed in the dark and they left in the dark,” said Geoff. After Gallipoli there were the horrors of the Western Front.

In World War II New Zealand troops served in Greece, Crete, the Western Desert, Italy and the Pacific. New Zealand seamen distinguished themselves at the Battle of the River Plate and elsewhere, and in 1941 the Royal New Zealand Navy

was formed. New Zealand airmen served in the RAF, many of these in Bomber Command, while Fighter Command's Keith Park was the hero of the Battle of Britain.

Conflicts since then have included the Vietnam War where many veterans have had to battle the after effects of Agent Orange.

The Ode was recited and the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia, the two countries making up the ANZAC acronym were played. .

**RIGHT: Opunake High School students Aria Brophy and Thomas Tito-Green raise the flag**



**Opunake RSA padre Geoff Williams speaking at the Remembrance Day commemoration, with Bill Hayward (left) and Brian Vincent (right).**

## Loop Trail and High School share plaudits

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difference.

As well as the Sustainability Academy, other groups at the High School, like the Outdoor Education Academy have also been working on the Loop Trail. There has also been a group cutting out carpet squares which are used to suppress weeds when planting. Future plans include having students who

are now involved in trapping predators carrying out bird counts as well.

The High School's conservation commitment can be seen it being named a Silver Enviro School.

As well as the high school, other groups have taken an interest in the Loop Trail. These include the Pihama WI who have been planting near the dam on the Otahi Stream, and individual farmers have donated flax. Andrea singles

out David Knapman for his planting efforts on the trail over a number of years. She says lockdown was another stimulus in getting people interested. A combination of fine weather and not much else to do prompted a renewed interest in the town's loop trail.

“I've never seen so many people there,” she says.

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# Consumer NZ welcomes supermarket investigation

Consumer NZ is welcoming the government's announcement the supermarket industry will be investigated in a market study to be done by the Commerce Commission.

Consumer NZ chief executive Jon Duffy said his organisation had been campaigning for an investigation into the supermarket sector and the announcement was good news for shoppers. "New Zealand has one of the most concentrated supermarket industries in the world, dominated by two players. When you've got a market like this, there's a

big risk that consumers will end up paying higher prices because the usual competitive pressures don't apply," Duffy said.

Despite the high degree of concentration, the industry hadn't been subject to any significant scrutiny from regulators.

"We need a wide-ranging investigation to gauge the degree to which the stores' market power is affecting how much consumers pay," he said.

Consumer NZ wanted the investigation not only to look at supermarkets' contracts with their suppliers, but also the stores' pricing practices

and promotion of their private label brands. Private labels – the supermarkets' own brands – offer the stores' higher returns but mean other brands can be pushed off shop shelves.

"Supermarkets have a huge influence on the food supply chain, from the farm gate to the dinner table. Their practices not only affect what choices are available to consumers – and which brands end up on shop shelves – but also what we pay at the checkout. Consumers have the right to know whether this market power is being misused."

In September, Consumer

NZ made a complaint to the commission asking it to use its market study powers to investigate levels of competition in the industry. It also asked the commission to investigate supermarkets price promotions.

"The stores employ a confusing array of price promotions, which risk misleading consumers about the discount they may be getting. Based on our research, we think there are good grounds to question whether some of these discounts are genuine."

The commission is required to complete its market study by 23 November 2021.

### Times Past

Vern Coxhead from Opunake found a stash of old newspapers which he brought into the Opunake & Coastal News for us to look at. We've scanned some of the articles which we think may interest or amuse our readers.

This light hearted offering comes from the Evening Post dated July 21 1877. Thank you Vern. We will be publishing some of these fascinating glimpse into the past in subsequent issues.

Editor

### BUGBY IS STILL UNMARRIED.

However much nerve the young man must possess before he can ask a lady to become his wife, it certainly requires more for him to work himself up to that pitch where he can unblushingly ask her father for his consent in the matter. One Sunday night, last summer, Bugby was drawing near the abode of his affianced, when he saw her father seated under a cherry-tree in the yard. What better opportunity would ever present itself? He thought to himself none. He turned about and walked around the square just as the man who has a tooth to be extracted will walk rapidly by the dentist's—a number of times before he ventures in. Bugby's head grew first hot and then cold, as he thought of the fearful undertaking before him. He reached the garden gate and entered. He had passed through the gate many times before, but he never felt as he did now; nor was the feeling imaginary, it was terribly real. With a trembling step and giddy brain he approached to within ten feet of where the old gentleman was seated, and gasped, "Please, sir." The person addressed made no response. If a force-pump of 40-horse power had been injecting hot blood into his head, it could not have felt worse. He moved forward about two inches. "Please, sir, I—I—I—" this was as far as he got, for his tongue seemed to be about as thick as an Arctic overshoe. The party addressed did not seem to move a muscle, but everything else was swimming about promiscuously. Bugby moistened his feverish lips with his tongue, and then began where he left off. "I love yo—" He could proceed no further. If that little word love had been a green apple lodged in his throat, it could not have come any nearer to choking him. It stuck there almost as solid as though it was a lump of cold glue. He wished in his heart that he hadn't undertaken the task; but there he was, and no power of himself to get away. He was about to speak again, when his heart gave such a thump against his vest that it frightened the hat off his head. Composing himself a little, he began at the beginning. "Please, sir, I love your daughter, and—" This was about one-third of what he had to say, but it seemed far less, there was so much remaining. It was now getting to be quite dark. The old gentleman's indifference made Bugby more desperate, and he determined to finish what he had to say, come life or death. "Please, sir, I love your daughter, and wish to make her my wife. Do you give your consent?" And with this question he rushed forward and flung himself on his knees before the old gentleman. Just then a gust of wind shook the tree, and the old gentleman, which proved to be a scarecrow placed there to frighten away the robins, fell over on Bugby and tipped him into the mud. Bugby is still unmarried.—Danbury News.



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The Home Sewn event, held on November 9 in Okato.

# Home Sewn had something for everyone

Home Sewn 2020 was held in Hempton Hall, Okato on Sunday November 9 from 10am to 2pm. This event is a major fundraiser for Vision Okato. The popular annual event attracts stall holders from as far afield as

New Plymouth and Waitara. The many browsers had an impressive selection of goods to buy. With Christmas beckoning, it was great chance to choose.

Some of the merchandise on offer included surfboard

art, honey and gear for bee farmers, leather goods, plants, placemats, books, pictures (such as attractive paintings of native birds), jewellery, soy wax candles and even pain relief products. Make sure you attend the

next Home Sewn event as it is a chance to buy quality products at a good price, as well as encouraging local craft in Taranaki.

# Diabetes Support Group

A new support group for people with diabetes, their whanau, significant others and care givers is starting at the Opunake Coastal Care Centre on Friday November 20 at 10.00 am till 12pm.

This is being run by the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club, once a month on the third Friday. Everyone is very welcome. We plan to

have a different type of food prepared for sampling with the recipe available if you like it. There will be a cup of tea or coffee available. We hope people will come, chat, share, learn and ask about any concerns they may have.

We are supported by the Opunake Medical Centre and the New Zealand Diabetes Association. We have health

information, food choices, personal care information and what diabetes is and how it affects our bodies.

There will be information available about new technology for testing blood glucose levels and the cost as much as possible.

Our aim is to encourage those with a lot of experience to help and support those

newly diagnosed or struggling to manage or understand their health condition.

Please feel free to come along on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, we would love to see you and have a chat. We want to have an open friendly atmosphere with no pressure, just support and caring in a friendly way.

Daphne Holley and Rosemarie Knapman-Smith are leading and co-ordinating this programme for Lakeside Lions. Look for our posters in the Four Squares and the Chemists.

If you would like to know more then please contact Daphne Holley on 021 128 1680 or 06 761 7556.

*Daphne Holley*



ABOVE One of the more ingenious exhibits at the recent Taranaki Art Awards entered in the Taranaki category was this rural Taranaki scene made out of an old saw by Rose Frear from Waverley. Entitled Sleeping Giant, the freehand plasma art using locally sourced recycled antique handsaw has a selling price of \$750. A novel present for someone?

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# Community board defers funding application

The historic Cape Egmont Lighthouse has been a victim of its own success according to the chairman of the Cape Egmont Lighthouse Trust. Ron Thompson has been chair of the Cape Egmont

Lighthouse Trust 2000 for 20 years. He and Len Pentelow were at the November meeting of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board held in Opunake on Tuesday. The Cape Egmont

Lighthouse Trust 2000 was seeking \$4000 as their contribution to tidying up the area around the historic Cape Egmont Lighthouse. "The light was given to the Community Board and

entrusted to us to show it, so you are really part owners of it," Mr Thompson told the community board members. The money was needed to reseal and repair the area which contained the lighthouse, the Cape Egmont Boat Club and Sea Rescue. The project would be organised by the Boat Club and cost around \$18,000. The Lighthouse Trust considered that \$4000 would be their share of the cost.

"It's been blamed on our traffic to the lighthouse and tourism. We've been a victim of our own success," he said. "We feel that when we get tourist buses, campervans and bits and pieces, we feel obliged to help the Boat Club."

There is no set charge to go into the lighthouse and entry is by donation. The Visitor Book indicates 7376 visitors in two years.

In deciding whether to make a grant from the Board's Discretionary Fund, board members discussed whether it was a roading issue in which case other sources of

Council funding might be more appropriate. The Board voted to defer the application to their next meeting to give the Council an opportunity to investigate other options for funding.

The Community Board voted to grant \$880 to the Opunake Board Riders Inc towards paying for members to attend a coaching course in Mt Maunganui. Club secretary Sherie Flanagan said an increase in membership meant a need to upskill.

"Our numbers increased this year, and increased last year, so we have to consider this for our health and safety," she said.

The Community Board also voted \$620 to the Manaia and District Lions Club to go towards the running of the annual Manaia Christmas Parade.

Board members noted the success of the Opunake Community meeting where

local groups were invited to introduce themselves and tell the public what they did. Board members discussed holding similar meetings in other parts of the ward.

"I don't know a lot about what happens in Otakeho and Puniho, but I know a lot about what happens in Oaonui," said board chairman Andy Whitehead.

There was some discussion about the number of users of the Opunake Town Hall. South Taranaki District mayor Robert Northcott said he had lived in Pihama and gone to Opunake High School but admitted to not knowing where the town hall is located.

Mr Whitehead said that while country halls might be vital to their local communities, in Opunake things are different.

"There are so many other facilities that if it disappeared, things wouldn't change much," he said.

## Correction



In the November 5 issue of the Opunake and Coastal News the incorrect caption was given in the story about the Rahotu Hall fundraiser. The correct caption should have read. From left. Murray Garrett (Pool co-ordinator), Chris Bishop, Andy Gray (Team Jedi), Doug Wallace(Hall committee). We apologise for the error.

## Quarantine pressure thwarts worker flow

Serious gaps in the agricultural contracting workforce have consequences such as animal feed shortages and risks to getting arable crops in next summer, Federated Farmers says.

"After favourable rain in many parts of the North Island in the last month, there's a big emphasis on making grass silage to help cope if predicted droughts take hold," Federated Farmers employment spokesperson Chris Lewis says.

"There's so much work out there and not nearly enough operators." Federated Farmers is deeply concerned by a statement from Rural Contractors New Zealand that a lack of spaces in Managed Isolation Quarantine (MIQ) facilities is thwarting the government-sanctioned flow of a limited

number of foreign skilled agricultural machinery operators into the country.

"Farmers applauded the government for its decision in September to allow in 210 of these operators, most of them from Ireland and the UK, even though twice that number were needed to meet seasonal demand," Lewis said.

"We're really dismayed to learn only 58 have arrived to be either in MIQ or working, with 16 more with flights booked and holding MIQ vouchers. But another 61 still overseas cannot confirm places in MIQ facilities, and won't arrive until mid-February - if then."

Federated Farmers say that some South Island farmers were getting silage/baleage cut in wet conditions out of desperation and fear that if they didn't make use of contractors when they were available, there would be no-one available later on. Others were working extremely long hours and pushing the boundaries of safe operation. Feds Dairy Chair Wayne Langford said these sorts of decisions ultimately affected on-farm profitability, some of which is seen immediately and the rest later in the season when poorer quality feed is fed to animals.

Arable Chair Colin Hurst said traditionally the silage/baleage contracting workforce moved on to harvesting grain from mid-January. Operator delays or shortages could have a big impact.

"Farming is often all about the weather; timeliness is important and you seize your chances when the weather plays ball. Workforce gaps will just have a domino effect all over the place."

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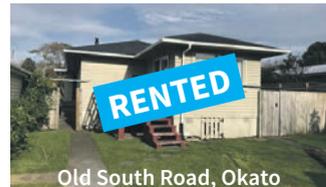
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# Fun guaranteed at Friendship Club

The Opunake Friendship Club has been in existence providing fun, friendship and food to the people of Opunake for 50 years on the last Monday of each month. A small group of dedicated people plan the year's activities which are then hosted by various community organisations to run once a month.

Opunake Lions Club cater a Christmas luncheon in December, January is a holiday, February and March are run by the Friendship committee, April is the Wave Church, May is the Catholic

Women's Group, June is the Te Kiri Women's Institute, July is St Paul's Fellowship, August is the Anglican Guild, September is Pihama Women's Institute, October is the Friendship Committee again. There is no meeting in November as the Lions Lunch is held on the first Monday of December. A Christmas gift is given to all those present at the Christmas lunch. There is music, a funny skit, and Father Christmas. Last year his pants fell off, the year before poor Father Christmas was shut in a

room and forgotten, lots of good fun. Every month is a surprise. It could be a musical entertainer or a film or a quiz or Bingo, but every month there is a yummy afternoon tea provided by the group running the programme. It costs \$2.00 and that is your entry and a ticket in the raffle. If you want more raffle tickets they cost \$1.00 each. The Birthday people for the month get a wee gift and a boisterous Happy Birthday sung to them. There is no age limit, for it is open to everybody, old

or not so young, middle aged and younger, male and female. We are at the Opunake Town Hall on Domett Street from 1 pm with a 1.30 start. We are usually finished by 3.30. It is always held on the last Monday of the month and we ring to remind people that it is happening and where we will be if it is not at the Town Hall. So please feel free to come along to a friendly, happy afternoon of fun and fellowship and enjoy the activity of the day, brush up on your general knowledge, your vocal

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# Footage of Rodeo cruelty in New Zealand reaches UK

New footage from this year's Winchester and Methven rodeos has been published by the Independent. The footage shows bulls strapped with irritating flank straps bucking wildly, and calves lassoed by so-called 'cowboys' on horseback, then thrown to the ground, before being tied by their legs.

The article links the meat, dairy and wool products that the British buy from New Zealand to the same farmers who bully and abuse animals

in rodeo events. SAFE spokesperson Will Appelbe said the UK is now aware that New Zealand still allows these cruel practices to continue, and what they as consumers are supporting by purchasing these products. "We know that rodeo events inflict fear, panic and pain on animals. Rodeo is animal cruelty. It's not who we are as a nation, and it's now become a risk to our reputation."

While rodeo organisers are marketing the events

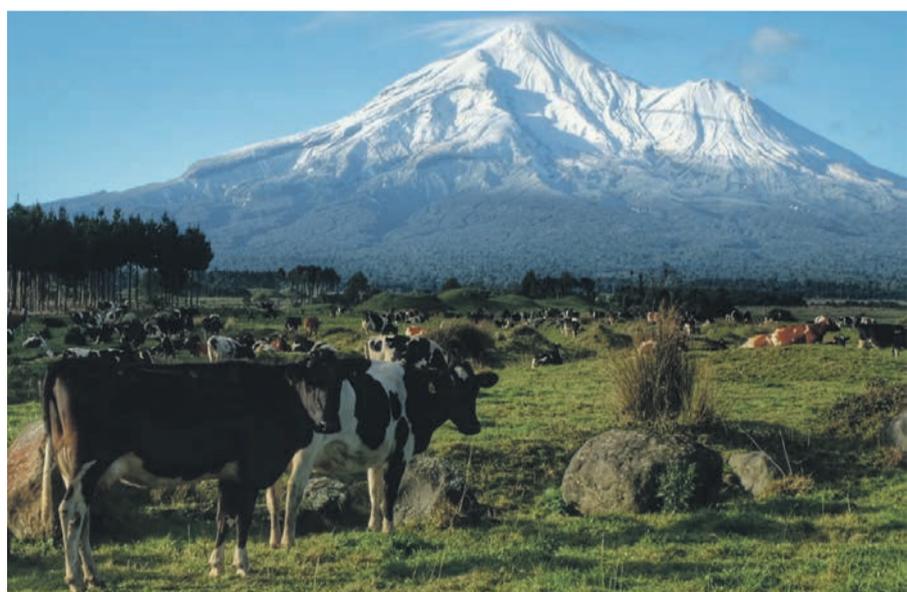
as 'family-friendly,' many are actively seeking a ban, as rodeo events are seen as promoting bullying and glorifying violence.

In 2017, the Labour Party promised to ban the use of calves under 12 months of age, bucking straps, electric prods and rope burning at rodeo events.

"The Labour Party have an overwhelming mandate to move forward on their promises, including this one. We have a new cabinet now, and the reinstatement

of the Minister responsible for Animal Welfare, Meka Whaitiri."

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# MAC SOLE Episode 29 Golf, the South Island and a new business

Another sport, nearly overlooked, that I liked was golf. Sometimes I played two rounds a day. I was a member of the Te Ngutu o – Te Manu Golf Club for a number of years. However, because of rugby I only played the odd Sunday, although I had more time in summer. I got down to a 14 handicap, which is not bad for a social player.

The great time was when I went out with a gang of guys and the social side was also enjoyable. Some of the other miscreants were Eddy Malcombe, Dick Nuku, Tui Hakaria, Rus Harrison, a barman from the back bar at Normanby and others whom I think are residing in Heaven; it would be nice to meet them again but I'm not in a hurry.



Fore. Have I made the fairway?

In 1956 I broke my leg playing rugby. Later that year I thought I would head somewhere else for a change so away I went to the South Island. Nelson was where

I lived for two years. At the start of my time there I wanted to get away from the painting trade so for the first part of the two years I worked for a carpenter as his only labourer. Every Monday we drove to a place called Kikiwa, about 60 miles south of Nelson, which we returned to on Fridays. Probably worth recalling is the work we carried out which was to put down the concrete base which was for the power pylons to enable power being relayed to the South Island.

The second part in Nelson was back painting for a Mr Jess Weir who I had met at the rugby Club (Rivals) I

played for. Jess is a nice man. In 1958 I returned to Hawera and, not long after, started my own painting and decorating business. Money was not plentiful, but I had to try. I went into partnership with a Jack Syme, which worked fairly well, although at times our age difference, at times, came to the fore. (Jack was in his late 40s and I was in my mid 20s). We employed three staff, one an apprentice Danny Ngeru and the other name does not come to mind. After a couple of years we terminated the partnership and I was then into my own business. Danny and the apprentice wanted to stay with me and so it was.

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## Mangatoki WI enjoy a garden

On October 7, 15 members met at Lorraine Mullen's place on Patiki Road where we looked around her mainly new garden of about six years. Some members bought iris rizome and dahlia tubers from her, as she had them for sale. We then drove out to the Headlands Restaurant where Lorraine and her daughter joined us for a delicious Indian lunch. Robyn Roberts, our President conducted a short business session. The Secretary, Helen White read the minutes and correspondence and the Treasurer, Cathy White read the bank statement. The Mangatoki Church was cleaned and the sick and bereaved were visited.



Mangatoki WI enjoy a day out.

Everyone thought it was a great day out, thanks to the organisers. Our November meeting started with a 9.30am start at the Mangatoki Hall to pool cars and then members did garden visits. We started at a garden on Manaia Road, where a few more members joined us, bringing the total to 12 plus one member's little granddaughter. After this cottage garden, we visited another garden on Kaipi Street, Manaia, which

was also a lovely garden and with plants for sale. Our next two visits were two gardens on Patiki Road, Opunake, both different from each other, both lovely. From Patiki Road we drove into Opunake, where a table had been booked at Sugar Juice Cafe, where we had an enjoyable lunch. After lunch we visited the 19th Annual Taranaki National Arts Festival, held at the Sandfords Event Centre. I didn't hear of any

purchases being made, but we all found it interesting. Some of us knew of some of the artists. We then went on to walk along the Coastal Walkway to see the interesting gardens there. From Opunake, members drove to Riverlea and looked at Lucy Moger's garden (although not much had been done in it this year) on Mangawhero Road, where we had afternoon tea. Afterwards we visited Bev Marx's lovely garden on Duthie Road. A very enjoyable day out for us all and the weather improved as the day went on. A short business meeting was held, while waiting for our lunch at the cafe. Three members brought baking for the elderly and three members brought their "Favourite Vase" as the competition. The raffle was won by Robyn Roberts.

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# Regional banking hubs set to go

A trial of Regional Banking Hubs to test the demand for basic banking services in regional communities will begin in November.

The trial, which includes ANZ, ASB, BNZ, Kiwibank, TSB and Westpac, will run in four regional centres: Twizel, Martinborough, Stoke and Opunake. Three of the sites will have community partners, who will host the Hub and provide staff services.

The Hubs will be based around a Smart ATM that provides for deposits and withdrawals. Other basic transactions will be available on tablets and phones, with staff to assist.

Staff will not be able to provide financial advice or assist with individual bank products such as home loans, but can help direct customers to phone or internet banking. The year-long trial was set to begin in May but was delayed by Covid-19.

“I am delighted to see that this unique partnership of six banks looking at innovative ways to support smaller communities is ready to go,” says New Zealand Bankers’ Association chief executive Roger Beaumont.

“During the Covid-19 lockdowns, banks helped thousands of New Zealanders get better at using online and mobile banking. Those customers aren’t looking

back. However, we know that some customers still prefer face-to-face banking and that’s what this Banking Hub trial is designed to test.”

The six participating banks have voluntarily chosen not to close regional branches since the trial was announced in September 2019. This commitment will continue until the end of the year. From 1 January 2021, the six participating banks will not close any branches or ATMs within the boundaries of the district councils hosting the Hubs, for the remainder of the 12 month trial.

The Banking Hub locations, community partners and launch dates are as follows:

Twizel: The ANZ branch on Market Place will be converted to Twizel Banking Hub for a year. Opens 17 November.

Martinborough: Martinborough Banking Hub will be hosted in the Waihinga Community Centre in partnership with Destination Wairarapa. Opens 27 November.

Stoke: Stoke Banking Hub will partner with Hardy St Pharmacy (John’s Stoke Pharmacy) in Putaitai Street. Opens 3 December.

Opunake: Opunake Banking Hub will be hosted in the Opunake Library Plus, in partnership with South Taranaki District Council. Opens 7 December



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# Be wary of scam phone calls

The New Zealand Telecommunications Forum (TCF) is marking International Fraud Awareness Week by urging New Zealanders to follow the “two golden rules” to minimise their risk of falling victim to scam phone calls.

“Firstly, go with your instinct - if something doesn’t feel right it probably isn’t. Hang up and report the call to your phone provider,” says TCF CEO Geoff Thorn.

“Secondly, be wary of any ‘out of the blue contact’ by an organisation. A telecommunications company would never call a customer out of the blue and request remote access to



**Be careful when answering this.**

their devices. If this happens to you, it is a scam, and the best action you can take is to hang up.”

Thorn advises: “It is only when a customer has requested assistance to troubleshoot a technical issue, that a provider will suggest remote access. So, the request will always be initiated by the customer and additional security measures

will be in place. Similarly, a telco would never ask for credit card details over the phone to fix or diagnose a problem.”

TCF is encouraging consumers to familiarise themselves with some of the warning signs and more common types of scams we experience in New Zealand.

“Scam callers can be clever and persuasive, and in particular like to target those who may be more vulnerable. We are encouraging Kiwis to check in with their friends and family who might fall into this category and help them be more aware of the sorts of scams that are around,”

says Thorn.

“The TCF has a scam prevention process in place which enables scam calls to be notified and blocked across all New Zealand networks. While this process does a good job at keeping many scam calls at bay, the sheer volume of scams means there are calls which still reach consumers, so we urge Kiwis to be vigilant”, says Geoff Thorn, TCF CEO.

Main types of scam calls

1. “Wangiri” (One Ring) Fraud – typically a missed call from an overseas number, with caller hanging up after one ring or less. The intention of the scammer is to entice you to call back, upon which you are charged premium rates from the overseas provider while a message plays to encourage you to stay on the line for as long as possible. Best action - do not call an unknown overseas number back, wait for the caller to contact you again to ensure it is genuine.

2. “Technical Support” Scam –scammers will often purport to be from a trusted provider (often a computer company or your telecommunications

provider) seeking to gain remote access to your computer to “fix” some issue, or to sell unnecessary and overpriced “support packages.” Usually these callers are from overseas, but disguise themselves by routing their call through a New Zealand phone number. Best action - hang up and contact the company directly on their number listed in the phone book or on their website.

3. “Government Grant” Scam – Calls made from someone offering free money in the form of a Government grant or similar. Best action - hang up and contact the organisation directly on their number listed in the phone book or on their website.

4. “Inland Revenue” Scam - Calls made from someone claiming to be from the IRD, and attempting to collect payment over the phone. Best action - hang up and contact the IRD directly on their number listed in the phone book or on their website.

5. “Telco provider” Scam - Calls made from someone claiming to be from your telecommunications

provider, and attempting to collect payment over the phone on billing arrears, may be made by scammers. Best action - hang up and contact the company directly on their number listed in the phone book or on their website.

6. “Targeted Impersonation” Scams - Impersonation scams come in several guises (commonly police or community scams). The defining characteristic of these scams is that scammers will specifically target you and your friends/family members as victims. These scams may be elaborate and involve several steps in order to research and capture your personal information. Best action – if you receive a suspicious call, do not engage with caller, but hang up immediately and report the suspicious call to the Police.

Thorn says: “While these are the main types of phone scams we can currently identify throughout New Zealand, scams are constantly evolving and changing. The TCF website is a good point of reference to keep updated on phone

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## New Plymouth Airport a winner at awards

The New Plymouth Airport’s new terminal was a gold winner at the Designers Institute of New Zealand Best Design Awards on Friday night.

It recognises Maori storytelling and artistic expression and how that is infused into a resulting design through collaboration between designers, culture and environment.

The terminal was built on Puketapu’s ancestral land and the hapu collaborated with the project team, design consultants, Beca, and builders, Clelands, to ensure their cultural heritage was reflected in the build.

The terminal was also a

finalist in the Spatial Design Communication category which reflects how a project uses its allocated space to create a tone and vibe while also acknowledges the tools, processes and efforts required to bring a project to fruition.

The Designers Institute

awards are the biggest of their kind in Australasia.

Beca Project Manager, Matt Low, says it’s a thrill to have the Te Hono project recognised by the Toitanga award.

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# New Plymouth Airport a winner at awards

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The award-winning New Plymouth Airport.

“It’s been a huge collaborative effort by the whole project team and we are honoured to have this recognition for all those involved.”

The airport terminal was also a finalist at last month’s New Zealand Building

Industry Awards. Meanwhile a short film depicting the design and construction of the terminal is currently playing at the airport and is expected to debut at Puke Ariki early next year.

## City Centre comes alive

Some of New Plymouth’s landmark buildings are looking sharp and more could be in line for a makeover thanks to a boost to NPDC’s Main Street Building Fund.

The old ASB building on the corner of Devon Street and Currie Street and the Webster’s Building on the same block have both been restored to their former glory with a fresh coat of paint. In between, the Flora and Co Indoor Plant Studio building is blooming with

its new green frontage. Property and business owners in the centres of New Plymouth, Waitara and Inglewood can apply to the Main Street Building Fund for help to freshen up their frontages and spruce-up their signs.

After this year’s fund of \$50,000 was invested, NPDC has decided to top it up with another \$150,000 as part of the Back On Our Feet \$20 million relief package to help the District’s economy recover from Covid-19.

“This is a great way to keep our town centres vibrant and give a helping hand to shops, restaurants and cafes. Beautiful buildings and town centres help bring in people and keep the tills ringing, and the upgrades also help keep tradies in work,” says NPDC Deputy Chief Executive Kelvin Wright.

“This extra funding will help to transform business at street level, and these are mostly small and medium-sized businesses, which are the lifeblood of our

community.”

Property owner John Shewry says the way buildings look is a measure of the success of the town and city centres, and the facelift was making the high street look more attractive and prosperous.

“Many businesses have had a hard year this year, so it’s great to see NPDC helping to renew and reinvigorate our main streets,” says Mr Shewry.

## On this month in history the Aramoana tragedy occurred

On November 12, 1990 David Malcolm Gray, aged 33, went on a shooting spree in Aramoana, near Dunedin and killed 13 people including a Port Chalmers policeman Stewart Guthrie.

The tragedy started, it is thought, by an argument with his next door neighbour Gary Holden and he became the first victim. He also killed Holden’s daughter in their house next door (and her friend also was killed) then Gray set

the building on fire. Gray went from house to house evading capture, but eventually fled from one demanding, with obscenities, that the police to shoot him which they duly did. Gray’s injuries were fatal.

A policeman was shot in the ankle.

Until the recent killings of Muslim people in Christchurch this was New Zealand’s worst crime in terms of people murdered.

Ironically, just weeks before the killings Gary Holden sat up night with David Gray to dissuade him from committing suicide.

He commented to a friend about his neighbour, saying he was somewhat disturbed. He added, “Luckily he’s harmless.”

As events tragically showed, Gary was incorrect in his assessment and it cost him his life.

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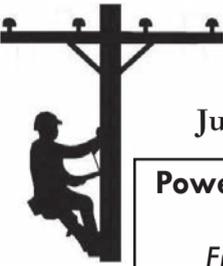
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Hadden Ryan (right) and Chris from Oakura Automotive.

## A comprehensive service

Oakura Automotive continues to offer a comprehensive service including mechanical repairs, warrants of fitness, panel beating and general hire.

Located just north of Oakura opposite picturesque Corbett Park, it's a tranquil setting with a rural outlook. "It's nice to come to work in a non industrial setting," says owner Hadden Ryan. Formerly from Inglewood, Hadden moved to Okato after buying the business 8

years ago. He grew up on a dairy farm in the Waikato. A fully qualified mechanic with 30 years experience, Hadden is very much hands on and does the mechanical side of the business. He also repairs farm bikes, farm vehicles and farm machinery. Chris who is also a local, takes care of the panel beating side of the business. They do all insurance work, says Hadden. The third member of the team is Amanda who lives in Oakura and works part time on administration. The general hire side is a small part of Oakura Automotive, says Hadden. They hire out everything from concrete gear through

to equipment needed for home maintenance, handyman tools and wood splitters. It's the only place on the coast where you can hire things like trestles which the editor hired a while back when staining her house. Prior to buying the business, Hadden worked mainly in the rural sector in Taranaki. He says he thoroughly enjoys the challenge of smaller business ownership in New Zealand. "It makes you get up to go to work every day." He adds "post Covid the panel side of the business has picked up again but it got quite quiet while everyone was at home." "We cater for all shapes

and sizes of vehicles," he says including campervans, horse trucks and small buses. In the 8 years he's owned the business Hadden has noticed a growing interest in the electric vehicle sector. "As per normal it's buyer beware," he says. In his spare time Hadden enjoys hunting and fishing and also likes the odd game of tennis. He says he tries to live "a healthy work/home lifestyle". When not working, Chris is also a keen fisherman who does up old boats and sells them. "We enjoy the long term client relationships we have built up," says Hadden.



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**On this month in history**

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**NZ's worst aeroplane tragedy**

main reason for the crash as pilot error - flying too low. Later, a commission of inquiry led by High Court judge Peter Mahon found that the pilots had not been informed of flight plan changes. Later, the Court of Appeal and Privy Council found that Mahon had exceeded his terms of reference.

**NZ's first mass shooting**

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**Muldoon wins election**

On November 29, 1975 the National Party under Robert (later Sir) Muldoon easily won the general election. They won 55 seats to 32 held by Labour who were led by Bill (later Sir Wallace) Rowling.



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# Covid injection plan helps local residents and businesses

Local businesses, grassroots groups and residents are getting Back On Their Feet thanks to NPDC's \$20million economic stimulus package. As the global pandemic continues, new figures show the measures are helping the district's economy with nearly \$2m in extra investment by NPDC to more than 400 local suppliers and the \$7.5m expansion of the Home Energy Scheme has helped tradies to get back on the job with nearly 50 businesses now signed up to get work.

New Plymouth District Mayor Neil Holdom says the Back On Our Feet package has created a platform to support the District and it was fantastic to see the

measures providing a shot in the arm for local businesses. "We listened to nearly 1000 pieces of public feedback before finalising our Back On Our Feet package as we wanted to help as much as possible the Central Government led recovery in what's been a tumultuous year. I'm absolutely delighted to see that investment starting to bear fruit as we Go Local and continue the fight against Covid," says Mayor Holdom.

Figures for the three months to 30 September show: 47 new applications were approved under the expanded Home Energy Scheme totalling \$355k to support tradies.

There were 752 businesses

helped by the cuts in fees and charges, totalling \$266k, for things like cafes, restaurants, hairdressers and house builders.

There were 410 procurements from local suppliers - including 36 new firms - with spending up \$1.9m compared to the same time in 2019. There was a 92% rise in building applications to 775. \$300,000 was approved for the funding of grassroots groups in August. Six applications for rates deferral were approved with 99% of first instalment rates collected.

NPDC has also supported its commercial and community group tenants with nearly \$56k in rent relief and has provided

\$165k to help small and medium businesses.

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People general manager Clare McLaughlin says the charity was in danger of going under until NPDC stepped up with additional funding in August. "The \$8,500 has helped Hearing Dogs to continue to exist and provide life-changing dogs for deaf people."



The Hearing Dogs for Deaf People's Delwyn Gavin with Meg. The group received an \$8,500 lifeline from NPDC in August.

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# Waterways report card 2020



Tēnā koutou. This year more than ever, it's fitting to take stock of Taranaki's progress in improving the health of our rivers and streams, and discuss where we need to go from here.

As a region and as a nation, we're at a turning point in the way we manage our precious freshwater resource. We're embarking on a new journey and everyone should be on board.

But first, how have we been doing so far? As in recent years, our monitoring results are encouraging. This is particularly the case for the overall ecological health of our rivers and streams, and for summer swimmability at popular recreational sites inland (fresh water) as well as on the coast (marine). Our rivers and streams also stack up pretty well against existing national standards.

It's worth pointing out again that our progress is not just a matter of good luck. It's the result of investment and hard work – by farmers, fencing and planting their streambanks, and by industry and communities eliminating waste discharges to waterways, or significantly reducing their impact. We're talking about millions of dollars and thousands of hours of work. And in the case of farmers, it's been voluntary.

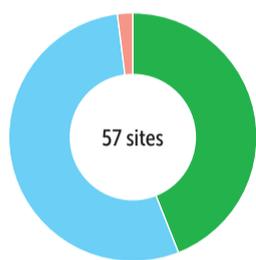
But there's more work ahead of us. The Government is taking a fresh approach to freshwater management, and new requirements have started to emerge. Those of you involved in activities that may affect rivers and streams should already be aware that new regulations probably require your urgent attention. The Council is working directly with consent holders and sector groups to ensure efficient and effective compliance.

On a broader horizon, regional councils are now also required to 'consider and recognise' Te Mana o te Wai in freshwater management, and to identify and reflect tangata whenua values and interests in the management of freshwater and in decision-making around freshwater planning.

This gives fresh impetus to ongoing Iwi-Council discussions in Taranaki to find a meaningful and workable framework for iwi participation in freshwater management. The path ahead is both exciting and challenging. We'll see changes in decision-making processes and the development of extra monitoring methods based on mātauranga Māori. Other possibilities will become apparent as discussions continue.

We cannot and should not opt out of this new journey. The challenge is to find the smartest and most efficient way forward. And I have every confidence that you, the resilient and resourceful people of Taranaki, can rise to the challenge.

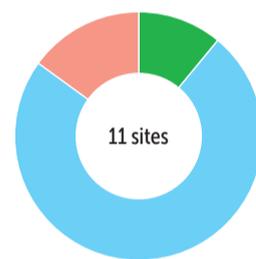
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### River ecology trends 1995-2019

The ecological health of waterways is assessed by studying the small critters and organisms in streams and rivers, and is the primary measure of freshwater quality. Across the region, almost all our rivers and streams are improving or not showing any significant changes. At many sites, we're seeing the best results since monitoring began in 1995. Report: [www.trc.govt.nz/FWecology19](http://www.trc.govt.nz/FWecology19)

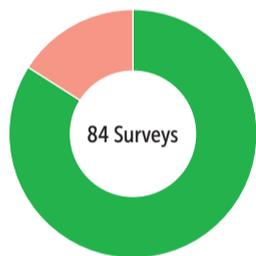
44% Improvement 54% No obvious trend 2% Deterioration



### Physical and chemical trends 2012-2019

Measuring organic contamination, nutrient concentrations and aesthetic quality can flag pressures on waterways and indicate where to best focus our attention. The picture in Taranaki is largely stable but our aim is to achieve more improvements and fewer declines. More sites are showing improvement, particularly in nutrient concentrations. Report: [www.trc.govt.nz/FWchemical19](http://www.trc.govt.nz/FWchemical19)

11% Improvement 74% No obvious trend 15% Deterioration



### Algae growth 2018-2020

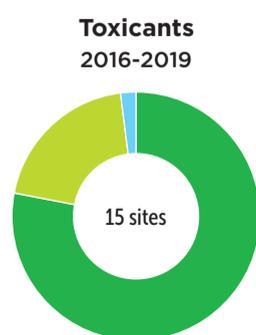
Algae, or periphyton, is essential for aquatic ecosystems but excessive levels can cause environmental and/or health problems. Just about all of Taranaki's 21 monitored sites meet national guidelines all the time.

84% Surveys met guidelines 16% Surveys exceeded guidelines

## National standards

The Government has set compulsory standards for a number of water-quality measures year round. All the toxicant measurements at 15 Taranaki sites meet the ecological standards, with more than two-thirds achieving the best score. Report: [www.trc.govt.nz/FWchemical19](http://www.trc.govt.nz/FWchemical19)

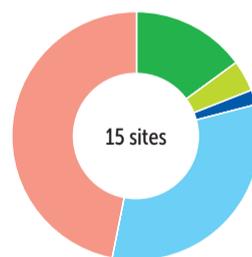
Note: ecological and human health measures are based on attribute states detailed in the 2017 amendment to 2014 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) and were current for the period of analysis. The NPS-FM has undergone further amendments as of August 2020 and some of the measures have since been modified.



78% A Best  
20% B Intermediate  
2% C Acceptable  
0% D Unacceptable

### Recreational suitability at non-recreational sites 2016-2019

- Sampled all year, all flow conditions.
- Many of the sites are too shallow, cold and/or small for recreational bathing activities.

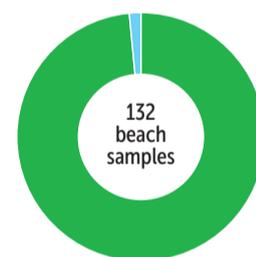


17% A 1% risk of infection  
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3% C 3% risk of infection  
33% D Over 3% risk of infection  
44% E Over 7% risk of infection

## Can I swim?

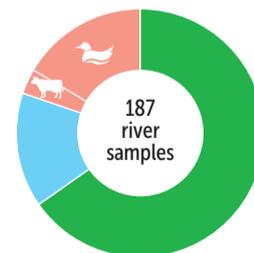
Over summer, the Council monitors popular swimming spots on the coast (where most people swim) and at our rivers and streams. In general, most freshwater sites show water quality is acceptable for recreational bathing activities like swimming. The majority of unacceptable samples were detected at three sites, near the mouths of the Waiwhakaiho River, and the Te Henui and Waimoku streams. Contamination at these sites is most likely from wild populations of water fowl, gulls and pigeons. Coastal sites were consistently acceptable, with all sites meeting the recreational guidelines. Note: only 11 of the planned 13 surveys were successfully completed over the 2019/2020 summer sampling period. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown between 25 March and 27 April 2020, the final two scheduled sampling surveys could not be carried out.

### Coastal recreational water quality - popular bathing beaches Summer 2019-2020



130 Acceptable  
2 Acceptable (monitoring alert)  
0 Unacceptable

### Recreational freshwater quality - popular bathing sites Summer 2019-2020



122 Acceptable  
28 Acceptable (monitoring alert)  
31 Unacceptable (source: birds)  
6 Unacceptable (source: cows)



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# Wind farm forum for New Plymouth

Venture Taranaki, together with Ara Ake and WITT, are presenting a New Zealand Offshore Wind Forum this December.

Consisting of a pre-cursor online webinar and an in-person event, the forum will bring together speakers and perspectives from the New Zealand energy sector, government, and the international stage.

The need for the event was evident after Venture Taranaki released a discussion paper earlier in the year, highlighting offshore wind as an important energy opportunity for the region.

“The discussion paper resulted in a large volume of interest, locally and internationally so we are thrilled to be able to present this event. Offshore wind generation is a technology already in effect internationally but hasn’t been fully explored in a New Zealand context,” says Venture Taranaki Chief Executive Justine Gilliland.

The forum will investigate further all the aspects of offshore wind energy in Aotearoa and Taranaki. A key focus will be on the



Wind turbines on the Waipipi Wind Farm between Patea and Waverley.

current and future New Zealand energy market, Taranaki’s infrastructure and capabilities, what the global landscape looks like for offshore wind, and include the New Zealand and Australian regulatory environment.

“The Offshore Wind Forum is an opportunity for Taranaki and New Zealand to showcase our national

renewable energy resource, learn from the rest of the world, share world class knowledge, and engage in thought provoking conversations about the role of off-shore wind in the transition to a low emissions future,” says Ara Ake Chief Executive Dr Cristiano Marantes

The webinar and event aim to also give international

interested parties the information they need to decide if they would consider investing in the New Zealand market.

“Offshore wind energy is a proven technology being developed and harnessed internationally. This is a considerable resource and if fully developed, could provide sufficient, sustainable energy for

New Zealand to meet its projected needs for the next three decades, or support an energy export industry,” continues Justine.

Many elements need to be considered before any developments can occur. The discussion paper and now the forum are steps forward in supporting the Energy Pathway Action Plan for Taranaki’s 2050

Roadmap. “WITT is moving steadily into the renewable energy space, preparing Taranaki to become the centre of New Zealand’s vocational education for engineering and energy. Supporting the Offshore Wind Forum makes sense to us; not only does it spark conversation and innovation in the energy space, it means we’re able to work closely with Venture Taranaki and Are Ake toward the objectives of Taranaki’s 2050 Roadmap and New Zealand’s net zero emissions target,” adds Kyle Hall, Director of WITT’s School of Engineering, Energy & Infrastructure – NZIHT

“There is a real opportunity to grow offshore wind as a renewable energy resource that could provide large quantities of low-emissions energy while using many of the complementary skills and resources in Taranaki that service the existing energy sector in New Zealand,” Justine says.

The New Zealand Offshore Wind Forum will take place on Wednesday December 9.

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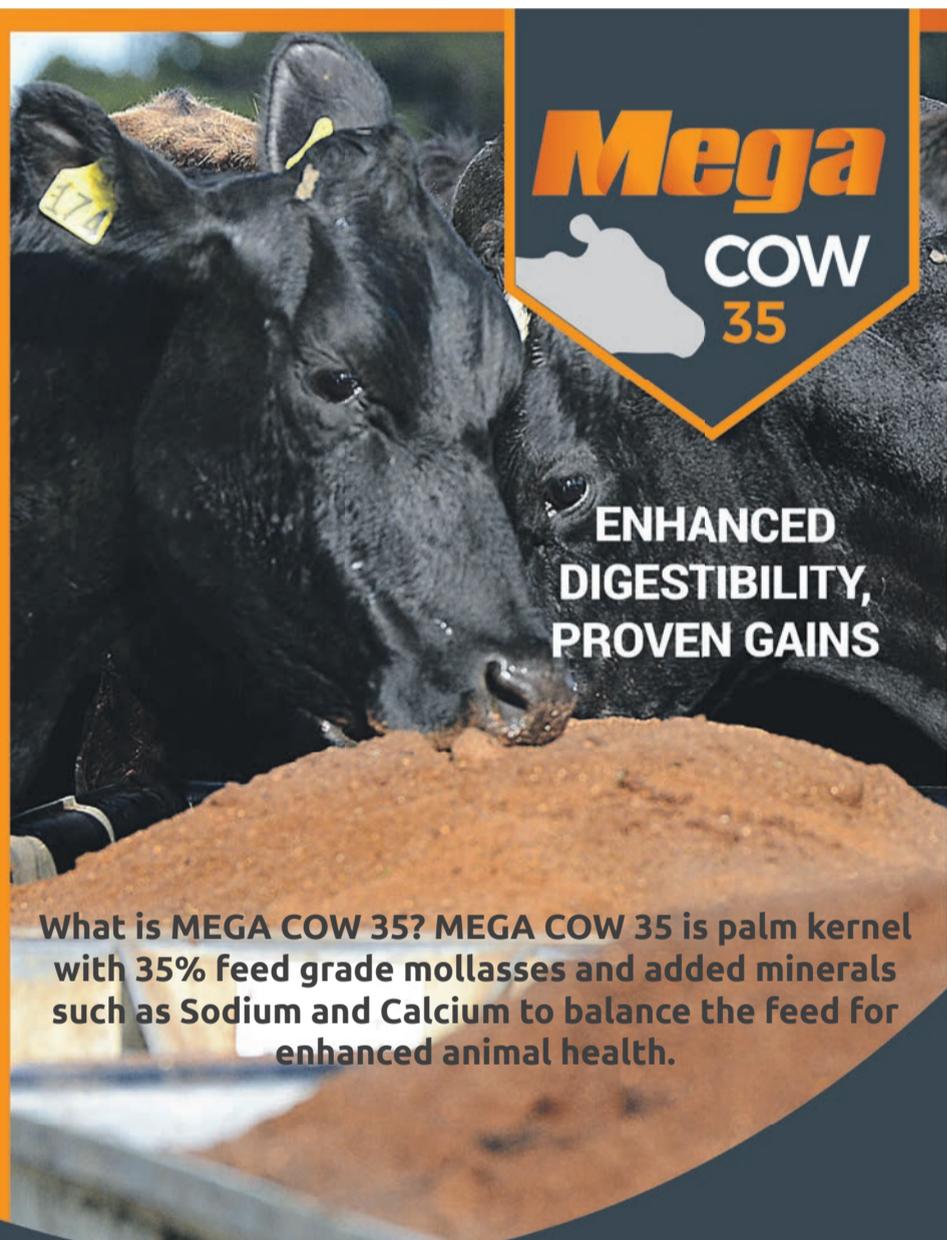
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# Taranaki farmers invited to swap gumboots for wetsuits



attending the first evening.” says Mark.

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**Surfing for Farmers is coming to Taranaki.**

Surfing for Farmers takes off in New Plymouth from 5.30pm on Tuesday December 1 with free learn to surf lessons run by the New Plymouth Surfriders Club, with support of Bayleys Real Estate Taranaki and the Taranaki Rural Support Trust.

Started in Gisborne in 2018, the initiative aimed at helping the mental health and wellbeing of farmers is growing around the country, says Club President Mark Dwyer.

“We’re inviting farmers to come down to the Club on Tuesday evenings where we will provide surf boards and wetsuits as well as surf lessons throughout the summer,” says Mark.

“They can have a few cold ones and a BBQ afterwards so it’s a great way to get farmers away from the stress of their farms, to exercise and socialise with their farming mates.”

According to Statistics

NZ, suicide rates are higher in rural areas at 16 per 100,000 people compared with 11.2 in cities.

“Our Gisborne surf club colleagues were getting up to 30 - 40 farmers on some nights last summer so we hope it will be as popular here and help get those terrible statistics down,” says Mark. “While this initiative is for farmers, male or female, it is an ideal opportunity to bring their families down so the family can share some time at the beach off the farm, while Mum or Dad are involved in the programme.”

Nationwide, Surfing for Farmers is supported by Bayleys Real Estate and this summer will be in 16 regions around New Zealand including Whangarei, Coromandel, Waihi Beach, Mt Manganui, Raglan, Whakatane, Tolaga Bay, Gisborne, Taranaki, Napier / Hastings, Central Hawke’s Bay, Wairarapa, Sumner,

Gore Bay, Oamaru and Southland, says Dean File, the GM of Bayleys Taranaki.

“The national goal is to reach at least 3,000 farmers over summer,” says Dean. “Most regions are starting in the first week of December for two or three weeks then kicking back off mid-January. We really appreciate the growing list of sponsors that are getting on board, no pun intended, to make this possible in the region.”

Also supporting the initiative with surf coaching is the New Plymouth Boys High surf team.

“The Club’s purpose is to promote surfing in New Plymouth and this is a great new community initiative in addition to the learn to surf lessons for the local Big Brothers Big Sisters organisation we ran in previous summers. While there is no cost to farmers, we do need them to register with Dean or myself, prior to



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# Council issues essential freshwater guidance for Taranaki farmers

Excellent progress is being made on the implementation of the Government's Essential Freshwater package in Taranaki however there is a lot of work ahead, says Taranaki Regional Council chief executive Steve Ruru.

It's been two months since the first Essential Freshwater regulations came into force, bringing with them significant implications for farmers and rural landowners. In particular, the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (NES-F) has widened the range of activities requiring resource consents and tightened restrictions for many activities covered by existing rules.

Mr Ruru says Council staff have been working hard to develop a comprehensive implementation plan. The regulations are wide-



TRC chief executive Steve Ruru.

reaching and will affect most of the Council's activities, including policy and planning, consenting and enforcement, land management, monitoring and investigations, and mana whenua engagement.

With more regulations still to come, implementation is an ongoing challenge that will impact how the Council operates and the resources it needs.

But Mr Ruru is confident both the Council and the region's farmers will rise to the challenge, as they have in the past.

"From the outset our goal has been to implement the new rules in a smart, practical and efficient way and that remains our focus."

He says the Council has been working closely with mana whenua and primary sector groups. It has also been collaborating where appropriate with other regional councils, who are all working through the same process.

One of the first priorities for Council staff was to compile a set of factsheets on topics

– that is, what these rule changes mean for farmers and landowners in practical terms."

The factsheets cover intensive winter grazing, stock exclusion regulations, wetlands, structures in rivers and lakes (fish passage), feedlots and stockholding areas and the application of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser.

Mr Ruru says the Council knows there are a lot of changes for farmers to take in.

"Our staff are here to help. Get in touch with us if you have any questions, big or small. That's especially important if you are undertaking or planning works in or near waterways – talk to us first and we will help you comply with the new rules."

relevant to Taranaki farmers. These have been welcomed by the community, Mr Ruru says.

"We put a lot of effort into making them easy to understand and meaningful

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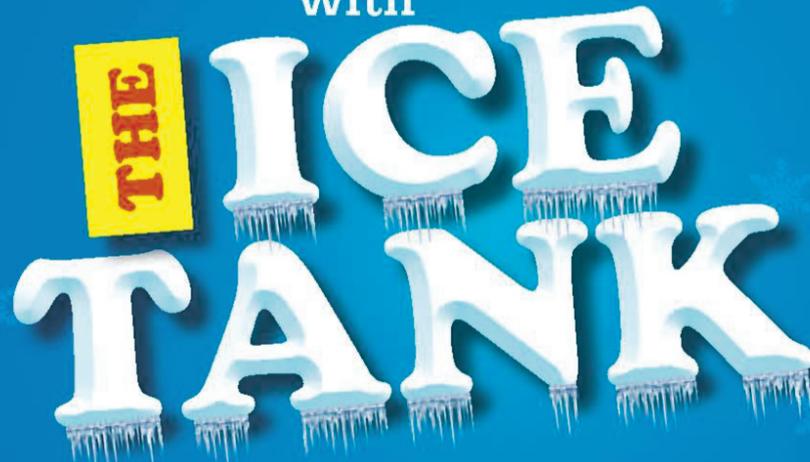
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# Opunake Bowling Club

On October 17 our very own Chris Commane won the Champion of Champions Women's Singles played on the Finals Day at Paritutu Bowling Club. She won the title against Jane Augustine by 21 shots to 15. Congratulations. An awesome result. Our men were also in the final of the Champion of Champion Triples, but went down to a Paritutu team. Our team was Paddy Deegan, Levi Davis and Kewene Ratahi. Some wonderful bowls were played in this final.

The winners of the Club Triples Carol Gatenby Trophy played on October 15 were Eileen Rothwell, Heather Radford and Kay Fleming, who beat Joy Collins, Nell L'Ami and Val Coombe.

The Mixed Club Day was held on October 18, and two trophies were played for in windy and tricky conditions.

The winners of the Peg Barrett Memorial were Heather Radford, Val Coombe and Carter McKenzie. The winners of the Scottish Quaife were Bev Robinson, Levi Davis and Eddie Eves.

The Championship Fours was held on November 8. Four teams entered and a



**Chris Commane. Winner of the Champion of Champions Singles 2019-2020.**

Round Robin was played.

The winners, by 15 points to 10 were Bev Robinson, Nell L'Ami, Heather Radford and Val Langton. The Runners

Up were Pauline Davy, Eileen Rothwell, Rita Davey and Julie Hemahema.

*Kay Fleming*

# Sandfords Manaia Golf Club results

November 7. Saturday Men. 1. Lennie Symes. Rod Le Fleming, Phil Elliott, Grant Hastie.

Ethan Jones equalled the course record at Waverley (64 Gross).

Juniors. Kobi Symes Simpson 1st Gross. Jaxon Symes Simpson 2nd Gross.

A group of juniors went to Westown and had a great time.

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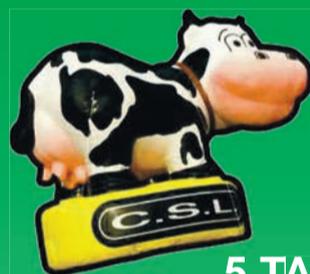
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# Royal Event at Stratford A & P Show 2020

On behalf of Royal Agricultural Society of NZ, Stratford A & P Show 2020 is to host a Royal Event in Dairy, Beef and Pig. It is with much excitement that on the show days of Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November the best livestock pedigree breeders from around New Zealand will come together to compete for the accolades. The overall supreme champion dairy cow will be the RAS NZ Cow for 2020, the first time that this accolade has been awarded at a Taranaki event.

The RAS is delighted to support Stratford A&P Association with their hosting of a Royal Event in Dairy, Beef and Pig sections. RAS CEO, Debbie Cameron said, "The competitors aspire to win in each of the affiliated breed sections the Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes, plus the overall breed winners receive the special tri coloured Supreme Champion medals and ribbons. Many competitors who have won a Supreme ribbon in the past at a Royal Show or Event have commented how special they are, using



**Champion All Breeds Dairy Cow – Stratford A&P Show 2019 ‘Makuri Goldwyn Hazel’ exhibited by Mark Rowland.**

a mix of the RAS colours of red/white/blue. We wish the Stratford committee, supporting volunteers and the competitors all the very best for their Show."

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.

The Equestrian competition has something for all equine lovers. A new Show Horse grass arena has been developed for the Horse Breed competitions, making it safer for horses

as they jump and parade. Show Hunter and Jumping which are being held in the HTL Insurance arena have great participants numbers. New this year and exciting to watch is Carriage Driving within the speedway oval. Don't miss the Scurry Competition on Saturday with Man verses Beast verses Machine at approximately 2pm. Livestock competitions also

include Sheep Dog Trial competition on Saturday, The Boys and Girls Calf and Lamb sections are on Sunday. New entertainment to the show will be the Bumper Balls, Lawn Mower racing display and the Motorsport Trust display. Check these out.

The Show programme also includes Kids Zone in the big Marquee with plenty of free activity and a chance to also receive a spot prize. The kids are going to love our extra special guests. Come join the fun. At Old McDonald Farm you can snuggle, stroke, play with the pet animals, so soothing for the soul.

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a drawcard. There are interactive public experience in the expanded Poultry shed with workshop by local vet, on both the Saturday and Sunday. In the Farrier heavy horse team competition participants compete to take a piece of steel, forge and fit a horse shoe within a time limit.

The Taranaki Shears will have more than 60 shearers in action on Saturday. The Wood chopping competition will have team events, singles and doubles in standing and underhand chopping and sawing races over the two day event. Vintage machinery, Military vehicles and 48 Squadron ATC will also be on display.

The Stratford A&P show is the closest A&P Show to New Plymouth and meets the vision of where rural and urban meet. The gates open to the public on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November from 9.00am to 4pm, gate entry \$15 with children 14 years and under free. The annual Show is an all-encompassing event that has something for everyone. Don't miss out on all the fun.

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From left, performers Jane (Chloe Danz), Dutch (Donna McCarty), Mod (Lynelle Kuriger), Egypt (Alexandra Lawn), Miss Witcherley (Christine Ryan), Betty (Michelle Julian), and Mimi (Lisa Beynon).

## Murder and Mayhem and Mirth

Opunake players latest show is thoroughly entertaining, very funny and of great value. Make sure you see it if you haven't already. The final show is on Saturday November 21.

The event consists of four segments including Rinse the Blood Off My Toga, The Time Clock, Heatwave and Night of the Dolls, in that order.

Rinse the Blood Off My Toga is a very funny take off of the murder of Julius Caesar, complete with American accents. It was ably directed by Wendy and Mike Smith. We heard a lot of the iconic sayings we are all familiar with such as 'Rome wasn't built in a day', each one delivered in a funny fashion. The audience were almost rolling in the aisles with laughter.

The characters included Flavius Maximus (John McCarty), Statistica Vitalia (Wendy Smith), Brutus (Brian Gasson), Calphurnia

(Diane Baldie), Claudius (Andreas Danz), Taxi Driver (Terry Simpson), Mark Antony (Paul Kuriger), Sergeant (Andreas Danz) and two Centurions (Paul Kuriger and Terry Simpson).

Next was The Time Clock which was a humorous voice over involving two characters (Man and Woman) who we didn't get to see, played by Bert Treffers and Alexandra Lawn.

Thirdly, was Heatwave which was a musical and dance item. We were treated to a melodic selection of songs. I especially enjoyed the Blondie hit The Tide is High and Halleluia. The only trouble was I didn't want Halleluia to end as it was so poignant. The singers sang very well, it was a memorable item. The singers included Lauren Napier, Sherrie Flanagan, Monica Wilson, Stephanie MacKenzie and Bert Treffers (convenor).

Finally, there was an eerie play called Night of the Dolls whereby a strange lady, Miss Witcherley (Christine Ryan) who collects dolls, is being interviewed by a nervous reporter, Jane (Chloe Danz). Miss Witcherley has a collection of life size dolls, but how did they get there? It was very amusing, but also a bit creepy, with lots of suspense. The dolls included Egypt (Alexandra Lawn), Mimi (Lisa Beynon), Betty (Michelle Julian), Mod (Lynelle Kuriger) and Dutch (Donna McCarty). The costumes were amazing.

It was great show and we all went home after being thoroughly entertained. Congratulations to all who made this show so memorable, not only the actors and singers, but also "hooray for the backstage heroes" including stage manager Bert Treffers and many others.

*Rolland McKellar*

## A show within a show

Taranaki Rural Support Trust is one of 14 Trusts throughout NZ working to support farmers facing climatic or personal adversity. Taranaki has supported 826 farmers one-on-one since 2015 leading to the list of topics being delivered at a "Show within A Show" at the Hawera A & P Show 2020, Expo Hall on Saturday November 21.

Marcia Paurini, Coordinator of the Rural Support Trust believes the Show speakers will unravel the mystique that may be a stress factor for urban and rural people. For some, a tiny task can become a major obstacle pretty quickly. The art of prioritising gets lost amid the many other tasks requiring attention and the constant mental stress puts a heavy load on body-systems as they shut down to 'fight/flight or freeze from too many decisions. This puts huge pressure on physical body functions and emotional stability which, as we know erupts in anger or other mood swings which impact on relationships, finances and previously well-managed tasks.

"Some of the people we visit have unopened envelopes piling up on the

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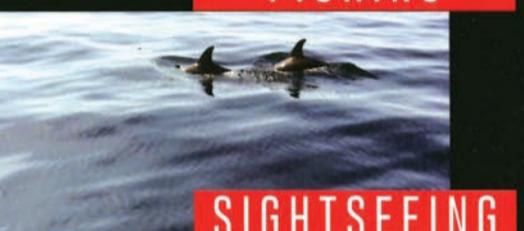
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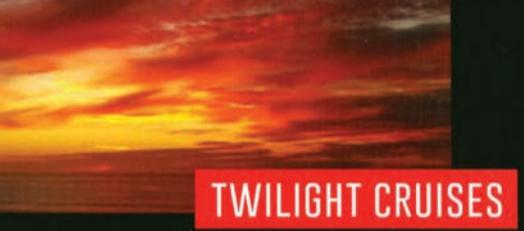
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The couple who were running a pub in Te Aroha made their first visit to Taranaki back in August with their three year-old daughter Anika, and were on their way to check out Kaupokonui Beach.

"We stopped here to use the toilet and ended up

buying," says Maggie.

Charlie says they liked the look of the building, as well as having beaches close to hand

"There are great beaches within five minutes driving, and our daughter loves beaches," he said.

On November 2 they took over the Waimate Hotel.

"The locals have been nice and welcoming and given us great confidence," says Maggie. "They have been really positive. We want to make this a happening place where everybody can hang out."

Charlie says they want to be part of the local community and are interested in any suggestions the locals might have as to what events they would like to see at the hotel. They are also looking to sponsor local community projects.

"We will go the extra mile to support the local community," says Charlie.

Helping Charlie and Maggie are chef Konner and Casey, who works part-time. They have brought in a new menu, which Maggie says is proving popular with the customers. Children dine free on Sundays.

"Since we opened our kitchen, the locals have given it a five star rating," says Maggie. "Konner is very passionate and wants to give the best food he can possibly give. The locals know him and everyone

loves his food."

Charlie and Maggie are both from South India. Charlie has been in New Zealand for nearly 12 years, Maggie for five. Initially they lived in Auckland before moving to Te Aroha and taking over the Grand Tavern.

While at Te Aroha, they faced the challenges of the lockdown.

"We said if there was anybody in need we would buy groceries for them," says Maggie. "We always tell people don't go to bed on an empty stomach. It's in our culture. If you don't have the money we will see what we can do for the day. If the situation demands we will definitely try to give our best for the locals again."

Outside the Waimate Hotel is a blackboard which reads "Free Open. Hubby Daycare. Drop your Hubby here & Shop until you drop. No Sir Charge."

"I like keeping blackboards busy, so that people passing by can know what's happening," says Maggie.



The interior of the beautiful Waimate Hotel in Manaia.

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- **EVERYBODY'S THEATRE XMAS EVE CHILDRENS MOVIE** 24 December 1pm - Visit their website for all listings.
- **OPUNAKE BEACH CARNIVAL** 9 January 10am - 3pm Free Entry, includes Miss Opunake Pageant & Mr Muscles, The Big Dig, Raffles, Music, Food & Activities for all ages! [www.opunakebeachcarnival.com](http://www.opunakebeachcarnival.com)
- **TAKE A KID FISHING DAY** Thursday 7 January. Sponsored by and registrations at Symes Outdoor and Sports. Call 06 761 8778 to register.
- **OPUNAKE COMMUNITY BATHS POOL PARTY** Longfellow Road, Friday 8 Jan 5-7pm
- **OPUNAKE SURF CLUB DISCO** Saturday 9 Jan 6.30 - 8pm at Opunake Beach Surf Club

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# Baby Done

**Comedy, Romance | 1 hr 31 mins**

**M: Language, sexual references and drug use.**

Screening at Everybody's Theatre on Saturday November 21 at 7 pm and Wednesday November 25 at 1 pm.

Starring: Rose Matefeo, Mathew Lewis, Madeleine Sami, Rachel House. Director: Curtis Vowell

Writer: Sophie Henderson  
Stand-up comedian Rose Matefeo is superb on stage, and didn't disappoint on screen either. I remember seeing her at The Classic in Auckland about ten years ago. My recycled ex-boyfriend stand-up comedian womaniser alcoholic drug-addict said she was destined for greatness. He was right. Her successes are many, including the prestigious Billy T Award. Matefeo portrays mother-to-be Zoe with Kiwi realism, head buried firmly in the sand about her unplanned bun in the oven. Not an unusual scenario, I was convinced my first son was just a stomach bug, and unlike Zoe's parents who are way too adamant she was planned, I'm pretty upfront to my surprises.

Zoe goes through a range of ups and downs, giving partner and father to be, Tim (Mathew Lewis), a rollercoaster bungee jumping ride. Lewis is a UK actor famed for his role as Neville Longbottom in several of the Harry Potter movies. It's a great casting match allowing character idiosyncrasies to bounce off one other in a script that pans out with interest. I love the way us Kiwis build movies. As we do things in life; we just get on with it.

Zoe embodies that same mindset, carrying on as

normal, until the inevitable excruciating day. I was caught off guard by a poignant moment. No, not when the baby finally made an appearance, though for some reason that always turns on the waterworks. My friend Lisa is the same. The scene happened before the birth. Credit to Sophie Henderson, and to her husband, Director Curtis Vowell. This is their second movie together, the first being Fantail (2013), for which Vowell was nominated Best Director at the New Zealand Film Awards. Their own baby caused the seven-year pause in between projects. Henderson wrote the script from her perspective of baby denial. Taika Waititi is one of the executive producers and could be attributed some creative contribution.

Madeleine Sami, another

well-known New Zealander in the comedy world popped in as the birthing nurse. I'm not usually a big fan of hers (nothing to do with the fact that recycled ex-boyfriend stand-up comedian womaniser alcoholic drug-addict had a huge crush), but enjoyed her performance and would've liked to have seen more of her entertaining character. The same could be said for Rachel House (Hunt for the Wilderpeople) who played the Principal.

So, whether you've followed the "married, house, Baby Done" path, or as in my case, the "house, baby, married, more babies, divorced" path – go see this movie. It's Kiwi comedy, made by (mostly) Kiwis, and one of our best films this year.

Jane Forkert



## OPUNAKE LIBRARY PLUS BOOK REVIEW

# The Wisdom of Wolves

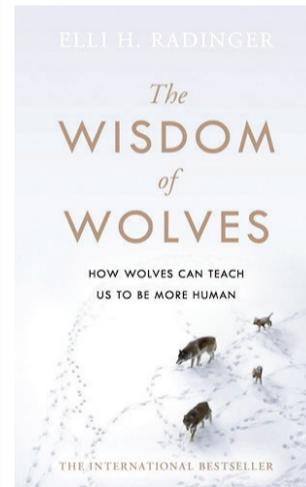
What an enjoyable read, it made me want to go to Yellowstone to watch the wolves to get my own insights into their lives. I am a lover of wolves and have always thought we can learn a lot from them, and this book made that true for me. Family is of huge importance to wolves; they live in the moment and don't seem to harbour ill will or stress about things that cannot be changed. They adapt with ease and their driving force is family and survival. They're certainly not the big bad wolves from fairy tales.

This book is a great insight into the lives of wolves and worth a read.

You can reserve this book at any South Taranaki LibraryPlus branch in person, or call us on 0800 111 323.

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The Wisdom of Wolves.

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Thanks for your patience while we fixed the projector – as a one off we have a few Wednesday screenings back to catch up on screenings.

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# A show within a show

Continued from page 23.

The speaker from Taranaki Drug Detection Agency Joanne Stevenson said "This is a great opportunity for the both the rural and town communities to hear about the issues drugs raise in a working environment and how employers or loved ones can help, so I'm pleased I can provide some insights on this topic at the Show." The topic of keeping your farm and assets secure by Constable Matt Stone of Rural Security Group will also be valuable in keeping your work environment a safe space.

such as water quality, protecting the environment and Adverse events create a lot of anxiety and Kelly Langton, Taranaki Regional Council, Trish Rankin, farmer and recycling guru and Glenn Hansen, Civil Defence Chief for South Taranaki District Council will provide information to reduce the clutter. Sarah Johnson from OSPRI will talk about Biosecurity and Joe Clough will talk about his role around the Rural Advisory Group table during an Adverse Event.

The goal of a "Show Within A Show" is to remove

stress by reducing layers of complex information so it becomes clearer and easier to take control, to act and therefore mitigate risks of being caught out. Another way to remove unhealthy mind traps is to 'get physical' a topic dear to Kane Briscoe's heart so he is keen to share tips and tricks.

"We are really excited with the caliber of speakers and their willingness to come and talk for up to 30 minutes on a busy Saturday and I hope the audience finds their time spent listening and learning worthwhile too"

Taranaki Rural Support Trust

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### ONGOING

**Movies at Everybodys Theatre in Opunake:** Playing several days and nights each week. Refer timetable in newspaper.

**MONDAYS: Tainui Day Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake:** Each Monday 10 am - 12:230 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

**Opunake Friendship Club:** Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

### TUESDAYS

**Opunake Walking Group:** Every Tuesday 10am. Meet outside Club Hotel on Havelock St. Phone Margaret 027 477 5600 for more info if needed, or just turn up.

**Life Drawing Group:** Weekly at the Emporium, 86 Tasman St, Opunake 7pm to 9pm. \$10 to pay for the model. Models always wanted; male, female, any age. If anyone is interested please call Marianne Muggeridge on 06 274 5713.

### 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.

### THURSDAYS

**Coastal Young Farmers:** Meet 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Okato Bowling Club.

**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.

**Opunake Bowling Club Twilight Bowls: 5.30pm at the Club.**

### WEEKENDS

**The Historic Cape Light & Museum:** Open 11am - 3pm weekends, Bayly Road, Warea. **SEPTEMBER 26 2020 TO FEBRUARY 8 2021**

**'Home Work' Taranaki Art 2020 Exhibition:** At Puke Ariki Museum, New Plymouth. **NOVEMBER 19, 20 & 21**

**Opunake Players present 'Murder and Mayhem':** Refer advert for more details.. **NOVEMBER 20**

**Summer of Racing :** At the New Plymouth Raceway.

**NOVEMBER 20 & 21**

**Egmont A&P Show:** At the Showgrounds.

**NOVEMBER 28**

**Annual Fair:** 9 am - noon. St Barnabas Church Hall. 141 Tasman St. Opunake.

**NOVEMBER 28 & 29**

**Stratford A&P Show:** Stratford Showgrounds

**DECEMBER 3**

**Summer of Racing :** At the New Plymouth Raceway.

**DECEMBER 7**

**Opunake Banking Hub Launch :** At the Opunake Library Plus, Tasman St, Opunake.

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Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays

**Opunake Catholic Church**

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th  
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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday  
Other areas  
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**The deadline for applications is 3pm, Wednesday 2nd December.**

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. Ballots, if required, will be held on the 3rd December.

**Rodney Mullin, Board of Trustees**



**SECOND RATES INSTALMENT**

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**WD Crockett**  
Chief Executive



Next Meeting is on  
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