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Che Rogers has been entering the Taranaki National Art Awards for the last 10 years without any success until this year. On Friday night at the opening of the 2023 Taranaki National Art Awards he took out First Prize in the 2023 Painting Award with *Wave Width*.

"It's nice to finally get something after all that time," the New Plymouth artist said.

He describes his painting as dealing with the relationship between the human and the machine.

"Is it machine-made or is it made by hand? Or a bit of both?" It also deals with sounds and sound waves and the connection from dark to light. More examples of Che's work can be seen on the Taranaki Arts Trail and Che says people can drop in and see his process at work.

The Taranaki National Art Awards have been a regular and popular fixture on the Opunake and Taranaki regional calendar for the past 21 years.

This year the Sinclair Event Centre is again playing host to a multitude of artworks from across the country, with the exhibition running every day from October 28 to November 5, 10am - 4pm.

On Friday October 27 doors opened at 7pm for the opening ceremony. It was a chance for people to get a first look at the artworks and perhaps decide if there was anything they wanted to buy. This year the theme was "Bring the Bling" so it was also an opportunity to dress up. From 8pm the 2023 category winners were announced.

"The Taranaki National Art Awards offers incredible opportunities for established artists and emerging artists,"



Che Rogers with his winning painting *Wave Width*

Monica Willson said in welcoming everybody. "There are over 360 entries in seven different categories from all over Aotearoa."

The Awards has also grown and attracted numerous sponsors, to the extent that there were now \$17,000 in prizes on offer.

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon noted that the Art Awards coincide with the Taranaki Arts Trail and the garden festivals.

"We're being showcased to the entire country over these 10 days. The Arts in South Taranaki are certainly alive and thriving."

Taranaki National Arts Awards chair Megan Symons thanked everyone who had helped organise and stage the awards and exhibition, from artists through to the dedicated committee and team of community volunteers.

"Many people have given their time, talent and mahi," she said. To the artists she said, "Thank you for your courage to create, to share your voice and vision.... you are the beating heart, the pulse of creative energy, you



Committee Choice winner Troy Wood with *Grafted Copper*.

are our why."

Highly Commended and First prizes were announced in the seven categories: Painting, Taranaki Artists, 3D, Works on Paper, Fibre Art, To Taranakitanga and Photography.

This year's judges were

Professor Robert Jahnke, Professor of Maori Visual Arts at Massey University and Taarati Tairaoa, Assistant Curator of Maori Art at Govett-Brewster Gallery. As the awards were being presented they commented on the winning

artworks, sharing their perspectives.

There was an additional prize presented, the Committee Choice, which went to Troy Wood from

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Animal farm

A recent Official Information Act (OIA) request by Erika Whittome (fyi-request-23284-c952da13@requests.fyi.org.nz, 2. 8. 2023), established that between 13 November 2021 and 26 September 2022, Health NZ granted ‘Significant Service Disruption exemptions’ for 11,005 workers, against

the mRNA experimental vaccine. That is, in the midst of the pandemic hysteria; while the ‘team of 5 million’ was being wrangled into the injection rooms under threat of social isolation - 11,005 ‘significant’ workers, according to this OIA, were quietly given exemption by the NZ Health authorities.

I fully realise some of us are more equal than others, but: in the face of the mandated

‘safe and effective’ experimental shot(s) ; what was it these workers knew or suspected, that made them seek exemption ?

Roger Morris
Oeo

New beginnings

New look at New Zealand

after the New Zealand 2023 election.

“Titiro ki mua kia whakatika a muri.

Look to the past to proceed into the future”.

Hopefully new beginnings after all the talk to talk.

Ian McAlpine
New Plymouth

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Judges Robert Jahnke and Taarati Taiaroa with Taranaki National Art Awards chair Megan Symons.

Inglewood for his 3D work *Grafted Copper*. It was Troy’s first time entering the Art awards.

He says he had been working on *Grafted Copper* for the last 4-5 months, including “a couple of weeks solid” to put it together.

“I wanted to create New Zealand natives so I chose kawakawa and kowhai. I wanted to go for the bonsai look. If I grafted the bonsai it gave me the opportunity to show multiple tree’s foliage, and I wanted to showcase the kowhai and kawakawa on the one tree.”

He says he used flame heat and ironed on the copper, with patina, to give it an aged look.

Another first time exhibitor was Jill Fearn who picked up a Highly Commended in photography for *Solid Foundation*.

“I took the photograph in Hokitika of concrete piles lined up in front of the sea. I thought it was quite abstract and different.”

She says she took up photography 5-6 years ago and joined the Inglewood and New Plymouth clubs where she received a lot of

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ADELPHOS

We all have a past, present and future. That’s because you’re still breathing while reading this article. Tihei mauri ora. Many people have recurring anxiety/guilt about past events, others fear an uncertain future.

The American Psychological Association (APA) has demonstrated that mindfulness or living in

the present is one effective solution for those who regurgitate the reflux of past anxieties or live in fear of the future. Dwelling on both the past and future is a double whammy that can only result in a conflicted and joyless present. The mindfulness solution is about discovering the riches of the present moment—enjoying the

journey and not rushing to the destination. It’s about taking time to smell the roses and not simultaneously googling mindless trivia on your cell phone. Mindfulness thinking first started in Hindu, Buddhist and Taoist practices.

The mindfulness of living in the present that Jesus practiced and recommended

was similar to other religious leaders. He said, “Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (Matthew 6:34, NIV). So what ultimate authority claims uniquely differentiate Jesus from the authority claims of other religious leaders? Here are just four: He never sinned; He came from heaven to earth as the Christmas Saviour in the flesh; He claimed to offer forgiveness for our sins by taking them upon Himself on the cross. And lastly He was resurrected by God from the dead, promising us eternal life—if we take up His offer of forgiveness through repentance and turning from sin.

In today’s world it’s hard to ignore the increasing threats of a nuclear war, floods, fires, economic collapse and global warming. God doesn’t want our present to be consumed by reliving past events or fear of the future. Neither heads in the sand nor “tum-ti-tum tum” will nurture our well-being. What works is realising that God desires to walk alongside us as we pray to receive His peace and hope—breathing in the gift of life in each challenging and present moment. Tihei mauri ora.

Peace,
Adelphos

Past, Present and Future

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One prize that was not announced was the People's Choice Award, with votes still to be cast throughout the week and counted at the end of the final exhibition day.

Results

Photography. Highly Commended. Jill Fearn (New Plymouth) *Solid Foundation*. First Prize. Lara Gilks. (Wellington) *From the Deep*. To Taranakitanga. Highly Commended. Reeve Hokopaura (Hawera). *Patu*. First Prize. Jordan Quinnell (Palmerston North) *Young*

Warrior. Fibre Art. Highly Commended. Catherine Parkinson (Te Awamutu)



Amanda and Tony Burne dress up for the occasion.

The Journey. First Prize. Jeanette Verster (New Plymouth) *Cross-rhythms*. Works on Paper. Highly Commended. Pat Greenfield (New Plymouth) *Swan Lake*. First Prize. Deborah Morris (Te Awamutu) *Landscape of Emotions #10*. 3D. Highly Commended. Marion Courtille (Napier) *Galaxie*. First Prize. Johnathan Campbell (Lower Hutt) *Extinction Cord II*. Taranaki Artists. Highly Commended. Waldo Hartley (New Plymouth) *The Cliff*. First Prize. Jasmine Middlebrook (New Plymouth) *Flight*. Painting. Highly

Commended. Reyna Henderson (New Plymouth) *Nothing's going to get me down*. First Prize. Che Rogers (New Plymouth) *Wave Width*. Committee Choice. Troy Wood (Inglewood) *Grafted Copper*.

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Jill Fearn of New Plymouth with her Highly Commended photo *Solid Foundation*.



Winner of the Taranaki Artist category. *Flight* by Jasmine Middlebrook.



Another winner. Fibre Art winner Jeanette Verster (centre) with judge Taarati Taiaroa (left) and Viv Davy.



Winner To Taranakitanga. *Young Warrior*. Jordan Quinnell.

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OBITUARY Margaret Ann (Ann) Hickey

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In her 83 years, Margaret Ann (Ann) Hickey packed in a lifetime of service to Coastal Taranaki. Her years of service to the Coastal community were acknowledged with a Suffrage Medal and a QSM. Involved in many local groups, she was a South Taranaki District councillor for 24 years.

She was born at the Opunake Cottage Hospital, the oldest of 10 children of Hughie and Mary Radford. The Opunake Cottage Hospital is now the Opunake Cottage Rest Home and this was where she passed away with family by her side on October 12.



the former Hawera District Council.

"It was quite an interesting time," recalls Ross. "All those people came together with different priorities. Potentially it could have been really difficult, but people like Ann and others were pretty determined to make it work."

He remembers Ann as "small in size but large in personality."

"Ann and I got to know each other and she continued on as councillor with me as mayor for one term. There was no question that she was there to support the Coastal community. She had definite opinions and would express them pretty strongly at times. Ann worked hard and was a conscientious councillor. She was kind and generous and used to give lollies to staff. She certainly had a strong personality."

Ross says one achievement from her time on Council that stands out is that Ann was chair of the Refuse and Waste Committee when mobile garbage bins, more commonly known as wheelie bins were brought in. This was something Ann had seen working elsewhere and which she thought could work for South Taranaki.

"A few councils were starting to move into using them, and she picked up on that and brought into it," says Ross.

After Ann retired from the Council in 2010 she would still have people ringing her up with queries on Council matters as well as Council staff contacting her to pick her brains.

Ann grew up in Pungarehu and trained to be a teacher at Palmerston North Teachers College. She returned to the coast to teach at Rahotu, met Leo Hickey through the Young Farmers Club and they got married.

"Exactly a year later Chris arrived, quickly followed by Graham, Darrell and Lynette," her daughter Bronwyn said at Ann's funeral service at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. "She took a breath and four years later had me."

Bronwyn recalls her mother's interests in rugby and cars with visits to the stock cars at Stratford being a regular family outing.

Also mentioned at the funeral service was her interest in go carting. At one stage she won the New Zealand Women's Grass Track Championship.

She had a wide range of community interests, including being patron of the Opunake Play Centre. She and Leo had taken an interest in the developing Play Centre movement and had got it going in Opunake. Other interests included school committees, Everybodys Theatre, Toastmistresses and Lions. She was a charter member of the Opunake Lakeside Lions Club and was awarded a life membership of the Lloyd Morgan Trust.

"I'm really sad she's gone," said Gladys Stuart who was also a charter member. "If you wanted to know anything

Margaret Ann (Ann) Hickey.

you rang Ann. She was full of knowledge."

Bronwyn recalled Ann helping Leo with the family contracting business.

"While Hickey Enterprises operated as hay contractors Mum would often be seen driving downtown and to the beach, where anybody who was hanging about was gathered up to come and work in the hay paddock. Gloves and cordial were supplied, along with tomato, cheese and onion sandwiches.

"If a farmer rang to say he'd mown his hay without booking in- well he didn't make the same mistake twice."

After the last of her children left home Ann decided to stand for the Egmont County

Council and she was elected. When Egmont merged with other councils to form the South Taranaki District in 1989 she was elected on to the first South Taranaki District Council.

Also there was Ross Dunlop who had come over from

On this month in history

Martin Luther King Day proclaimed

On November 2, 1983 President Ronald Reagan signs a Bill proclaiming the third Monday in January a national holiday in honour of Martin Luther King.

Dr Martin Luther King, was a Baptist minister who campaigned for equal rights for black people and the end of segregation. He

advocated non-violence and civil disobedience. He won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964.

A stirring moment in history was when he led a march to Washington DC where he made his famous 'I Have A Dream' speech.

He was murdered by an extreme racist on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.



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Flow resumes to Opunake Lake



Looking across Opunake Lake.

Following advice from engineering consultants, the process for refilling Opunake Lake began on Sunday October 29 with the gates being opened at the weir near the Waiaua Bridge at SH45.

South Taranaki District Council (STDC) property and facilities manager Phil Waite says people will start to see the lake level rise slowly over the next few days.

“The refilling process will be managed over the coming weeks with the first part to “flush” the canal. As the water level rises it will flow over the spillway on the eastern side of the Lake

in an effort to clean some of it, before the gate at the southern end of the Lake is opened. This will allow the water to eventually flow through the generation plant and out to sea via the channel at Ōpunakē Beach, for which it was originally designed.”

Phil says it will be good to see the water flowing back into the Lake after it was stopped following the February 2022 storm, where a large part of the embankment between the Lake and Waiaua River failed.

“We lowered the lake level as we were initially concerned that further

pressure on the riverbank could result in a breach of the lake wall, which would drain the Lake into the River,” says Phil.

During the February storms serious erosion also occurred on other sections of the Waiaua River, particularly around the Opunake Transfer Station and near Orimupiko Urupā.

The Council subsequently commissioned engineers to design riverbank protection works using rock to repair the affected sections of riverbank and initial discussions have been held with some of the stakeholders affected by the erosion.

Bird flu outbreaks starting in new places

Deadly bird flu virus outbreaks are now starting in places outside Asia, including in Europe and Africa, suggesting a shift in the global distribution of the viruses, according to new international research.

The deadly H5N1 virus first emerged in China in 1996 but it is now infecting and killing increasing numbers of wild birds and poultry, as well as posing a risk to humans. Since 2014, there have been several outbreaks of similar bird flu viruses in the H5 group, and the research found that while 2016/17 outbreaks started in China, two new H5 group viruses emerged from African and European countries - suggesting a shift of the H5 epicentre away from Asia. The authors suggest that the increasing persistence of bird flu in wild bird populations is driving the evolution and spread of new strains.

Nigel French, Distinguished Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Public Health, Massey University, comments:

“Devastating bird flu viruses are circulating between domestic animals

and wildlife, and recent trends show an alarming increase in mortality, particularly among wild birds and poultry. These viruses also cause incidental infections in mammals, including humans.

“This study provides a unique insight into how these viruses have evolved and why they have emerged and expanded their host and geographical ranges; affecting multiple species across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. This work utilised genome sequence and epidemiological data to infer patterns of evolution, changes in virulence, and the origins and geographical spread of these viruses.

“However, the authors acknowledge the limitations and gaps in available genomic surveillance data,

underlining the need to expand global surveillance to include a wider range of host species and locations. If surveillance, prevention, and control measures are not adequately planned for and implemented, the risk of a pandemic that has a significant impact on both human and animal health is greatly increased.

“Aotearoa New Zealand has not seen an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza to date, but given the rapid changes in the evolution and spread of these viruses we can’t be complacent. With such a rapidly changing global situation, we need to ensure our surveillance systems remain sufficiently sensitive to detect these viruses should they arrive on our shores.”

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Good weather brings out Market Day punters

It was a fine Saturday morning for the annual Opunake Market Day and Opunake Business Association chair Raewyn Cornford said she was pleased with the way things were going.

“It’s a very beautiful day. The town’s vibrant, everybody’s selling their goods and raffles and we’re busy as well.”

Community groups, churches, schools, arts and crafts people, Lions and businesses were all out in force along the Opunake CBD.

For Tui Ora this was their first market day with Carlene Duff and Tracy Morehu setting up outside their Napier Street office.

“So far it’s real busy and the community’s been great,” said Carlene. “We’re just letting people know we’re



Opunake High School students fundraise for Japan. From left, Bonlord Almazan, Justin Field, Alex Moss, Corie Lowe.

year.” Justin Lowe, Alex Moss and Corie Lowe and Bonlord Almazan were raising funds

took all the photographs herself. “People love the views in Opunake and they always



Samantha Smith and her novelty mugs.

for the Opunake High School Boys and Girls Basketball and the Rugby team to visit Japan next year. Bonlord was holding aloft red and white balloons which he said were selling well.

At Citizen Leather Sam McKelvie was blowing

make great gifts.” She would tell passers by that the “rude ones” are “over that end,” and said she had sold some of them. Also displaying her wares was Lesley Jenkins of Hawera who was across the street with her macramé,



Maisey Luttrell peruses the Wesley Church stand while Helen Duff looks on.

here and we thought we’d put it out there about stop smoking practices.”

It was also a first time for Megan Dymond of Opunake

expired. They also wanted people to be familiar with stroke symptoms.

At the Rahotu Wesley Church stall Helen Duff said



Sam McKelvie blowing bubbles.

Outdoors and Service who said they were aiming to get the store going the way the popular Brian Collins had run it.

The Opunake Fire Brigade and St John were also there. Vlad Purgaric of St John said they want to hear from anyone interested in joining. They also encouraged people to check on their First Aid kits to make sure there was nothing in them that had

things had been “steady but it took a while,” noting there had been a Rugby World Cup play-off game earlier that morning.

“What we don’t sell we’ll put into the garage sale at Rahotu in a couple of weeks’ time.”

Across the street Jenny Cavaney at the St Barnabas Church stall was also pleased at the way things were going.

“The good weather has brought the people out, compared to what it was last



Jenny Cavaney and Sheryl Roach at the St Barnabas stand.

bubbles on the bubble sticks which she says were proving popular. Josh McKelvie said the bird feeders were also proving popular.

Samantha Smith and Joshua Vincent were selling novelty mugs. Samantha said she

something she had taken up a couple of years ago.

“This is my retirement hobby,” she said. This is only her second appearance at a market day, having previously been at the Inglewood Market.



Lesley Jenkins and her macrame.



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Opunake High marks another year with senior prize giving

In nineteen months' time Opunake High School will celebrate 100 years. Last week at the senior prizegiving they celebrated another year gone on the road to that milestone, while looking forward to another year ahead.

It was a time to celebrate achievements as well as say goodbyes. MCs for the occasion were students Ella Griggs and Holly Gasson. This year's dux was Jorja Symes. She had been the school's head girl for 2023 and is looking forward to studying health science at Otago University next year. Holly Gasson was proxime accessit to dux.

Arna Bright was Sports Woman of the Year and Harry Gibson was Sports Woman of the Year.

Among the other awards that Jorja picked up was the Cup for Best All Round Girl. Harry Gibson who had been head boy picked up the Cup for Best All Round Boy. Among other awards Harry received was the Opunake Churches Good Character Award which he shared with Ella Griggs.

Jorja and Harry both come from Kaponga and share a love of basketball. This year they broke with tradition and gave the head prefects' speech together rather than give separate speeches.

"As a longtime rugby player I was told that Opunake was a basketball town," recalled Harry. He later caught the bug himself. In Year 10 he was asked to accompany the Senior Boys Team, and two years later he was part



Dux Jorja Symes with parents Vicki and Les.

of a national champion team. "Two people I never knew went out of their way to congratulate me," he recalls. He also recalled the frustration of the School 1st XV having their best season since 2018 with a straight run of wins only to fall at the final hurdle.

Jorja recalled what it was like being part of a national champion girls' team.

"It wasn't just one team there was a whole team of blue back here backing us," he said.

The guest speaker was lawyer Breanna Morgan who had been deputy head girl and dux at Opunake High School. She said that highlights from her high

school years had included winning the Hillary Challenge and being part of a champion national small schools basketball team, as well as actively taking part in a wider range of interests. She said that after school she wanted to do something that would give her the variety of experiences similar to those she had had at Opunake High School. She decided law could offer that, so went to Victoria University where she graduated with degrees in law and commerce. She now works as a senior solicitor in a major Wellington law firm where her work has included advising the government on a wide range of issues.

"I've even helped evacuate

people out of Afghanistan after the Taliban took over," she said.

"I have three top tips I wish somebody had given me when I was in Year 13. My first piece of advice is say yes to opportunities."

Even if these don't work out it's always possible to change direction. She said that for her deciding on law had been a "real gamble."

"Law on TV is not what it's like in real life. I took a jump, and guess what, I landed on my feet."

Other pieces of advice were

to make your own luck and to see the world.

In her address school principal Andrea Hooper-Carr thanked the Opunake community ("I never feel I'm flying solo"), board of trustees chair Liz Gasson, and the school's teachers and support staff ("you make this place rock").

She also paid tribute to the departing Year 13s.

"I will miss the love, life and laughter you bring to our hallways."

As well as saying goodbye to the Year 13s it was also time to say goodbye to departing staff members.

Mark Meyberg who will be retiring to Nelson has been teaching at Opunake High School for the last 25 years. Andrea said Mark had started teaching science before moving into IT.

"He really brought us kicking and screaming into the 21st Century."

She also paid tribute to science teacher Mark Blackstock ("the students really rate him") and Anne Englebretsen who she said had rejuvenated literacy in the junior school and been a driver of teaching Aotearoa history.

Liz Gasson paid tribute to Andrea Hooper-Carr.

"A lot of mahi is done behind the scenes and after 5pm."

She said across the country COVID had meant that school attendance had taken a hit, but at Opunake, attendance was sitting at above the national average.

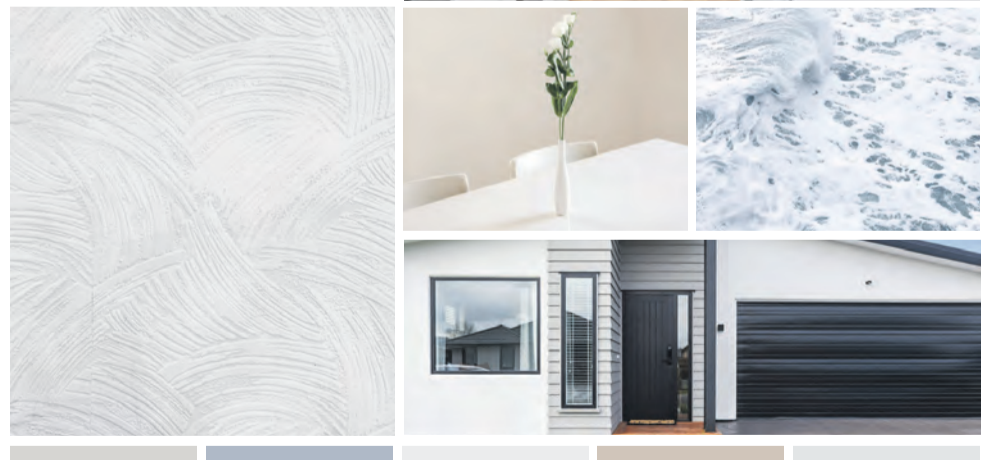
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Ready for the challenge of representing south Taranaki

Carl Bates' official title at the moment is Qualifying Electoral Candidate. He's eagerly awaiting the release of final electoral results at 2pm this Friday, which should confirm him as the MP-elect for Whanganui. Then he waits. Once the Chief Electoral Officer returns the Writ to the Governor-General, the 54th Parliament of New Zealand can be convened, MPs sworn in and a Speaker elected. Only after he is sworn in will Bates formally become the MP for the Whanganui electorate. But he's not letting the grass grow under his feet in the meantime. The first week after the election was spent in Parliament commencing an orientation process. The first week ended with a trip to Auckland where the Class of '23 visited the electorate offices of Christopher Luxon and Simeon Brown to learn best practice about setting up offices for serving their constituents. Bates noted wryly that Brown and Luxon's offices are only 15 minutes apart, even in Auckland's traffic. Many of the new National MPs are from provincial seats where they will have multiple offices to set up and



At Chris Luxon's office. Carl Bates is in the middle.

staff, and a lot of their time will be spent travelling. The second week was spent in the electorate and included visits to Stratford and Hawera, local engagements ranging from the Brunswick School 150th jubilee, the Under the Mountain Arts and Crafts Fête hosted by Taranaki Diocesan School, a function with local party members at the Hawera

Club, school prizegivings and a number of meetings. He has also had telephone discussions with Stratford Mayor Neil Volzke and South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon, with whom he has already established positive relationships. At the same time Carl Bates is searching for suitable office premises in Whanganui and Hawera

whilst developing a three-year and longer term vision for the Whanganui electorate and the role of MP. He returned to Wellington on Tuesday to conclude the orientation programme. All the while the phone has been ringing and his diary is starting to fill up. Bates wants to attend as many events within the electorate as he can and is happy to

receive invitations. Once Parliament is convened Carl will be in Wellington at least three days a week up until December 21, which is when Christopher Luxon has signalled that Parliament will rise for a shorter-than-usual Christmas recess. At some point there will be an opportunity to deliver his Maiden Speech to the House as part of the Address in

Reply Debate. Carl Bates is on a significant upward learning curve, but he is relishing the challenge in front of him and ready to serve constituents as the Whanganui electorate's elected representative.

Lowering of emissions in New Zealand

New Zealand's carbon emissions are 2.335 million tonnes lower every year than they were in 2010, thanks in large part to efficiency and emissions reduction initiatives by New Zealand's energy resources sector. That is one of the key insights from the 2023 progress report released

today, one year after the commencement of the Energy Resources Sector Net Zero Accord. The 2023 update, Powering Our Low-Emissions Future, showcases the work Accord signatories are undertaking to share best practice and improve upon their emissions reductions to date as part of

a managed, affordable, and durable transition to net zero emissions by 2050. John Carnegie of Energy Resources Aotearoa, the Convening Partner of the Energy Resources Sector Net Zero Accord, says: "Energy Resources Aotearoa is very proud to be the Convening Partner of

the Energy Resources Sector New Zero Accord. A year on from the release of the Accord, the energy resources sector has demonstrated meaningful progress in reducing its overall emissions and improving its emissions efficiency. The 2023 update released today showcases this activity on

the ground through several innovative projects being undertaken by the sector. "These innovative projects showcase New Zealand's energy sector's commitment to sustainability, while ensuring Kiwi households and businesses have access to affordable and reliable energy options."

Carnegie says that while the initial signatories of the Energy Resources Sector Net Zero Accord have comprised the major natural gas producers in the country, he encouraged other firms from across the energy value chain to become signatories or supporting partners. "New Zealand's transition to a net zero emissions future requires a community of likeminded organisations working together and sharing best practices. The support partners to the Accord underpin this journey by providing their services, infrastructure, insight, and experience to ensure there is ongoing innovation and collaboration across the sector." "With New Zealand on the cusp of having a regulatory regime that would allow carbon capture projects to proceed, now is a very exciting time for New Zealand's energy sector to play an important role in delivering a net zero emissions economy.

The Accord provides the platform for constructive engagement between the sector and the incoming Government, whomever that might be."

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First home buyers climb property ladder with record high purchases

While the General Election results are set to draw a 'line in the sand' for investors, first home buyers (FHBs) continue to lead the market with nearly 28% of property purchases in September, a record-high.

CoreLogic NZ's Monthly Housing Chart Pack shows residential sales numbers (via estate agents and private transactions) have increased for five consecutive months, with September's figure up 8% on a year ago.

First home buyers dominate the ladder across most main centres, with Auckland and Christchurch markets

making up 29% of property purchases apiece.

CoreLogic NZ Chief Property Economist Kelvin Davidson said strong first home buyer presence is a combined result of lower house prices, less competition from other buyer groups, and support from financing incentives such as LVR low-deposit allowances.

However, that may take a slight turn following government changes.

Relocating owner-occupiers ('movers') and mortgaged MPOs have been relatively quiet compared to normal,

with respectively 26% and 21% of purchases over the third quarter of 2023.

"We may see activity remerge from movers and mortgaged MPOs as 'property friendly' policies are slowly introduced after a change in government but we're not convinced it will radically transform the subdued recovery that has commenced," said Mr Davidson.

"Investors will be feeling more encouraged, but don't seem likely to flood the market because even though tax bills might get smaller, they are still restrained

by 35% required deposits, along with low rental yields and high mortgage rates."

"Therefore, they'll still be required to 'top up' the cashflow on their property purchases out of other jobs or sources of income," he adds.

The average property values bottomed out at a national level in September, after around 18 months of falls. Mr Davidson said part of the reason for the falls in values coming to an end is the listings situation.

The new listings count over the four weeks ending 8 October was 7,316, which is around 15% below the same time last year and the five-year average. Although, they are still rising for Spring.

"We're still seeing low flows of new listings each week which combined with rising sales volumes, are seeing stock of listings on the market drop," he said.

"This means buyers who have secured their finances may start to see more competition. The increased confidence to buy when prices stop falling could bring out a bit of demand too, as no one wants to buy a house and find out they could have got it cheaper later."

"Other key supports include the strong labour market and high net migration, but 'higher for longer' mortgage rates remain a significant challenge."



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Opunake Lions lend a hand



Tracey Crawford (pictured) had plenty to smile about when she helped at the Opunake Lions craft tables. These were located in the potting shed at Sanderson's Garden in South Road near Manaia. Last weekend there was a steady stream of visitors from all over New Zealand and they arrived in search of magnificent gardens. "Everyone loves the Sanderson garden," said Tracey as she sold specially handcrafted goods to the visitors. Proceeds will go to research on prostate cancer.

Kathy Stanley.

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A wounded hero

The World War I letters of Corporal Arthur J. Gilmour of Manaia, Taranaki by Natasha McKinney, Curator/Poutiaki, Puke Ariki

The following letter is not part of Puke Ariki's collections. It was received by Arthur Gilmour's parents in 1916, who later sent it on to their son's high school, Nelson College. The College has given permission for us to reprint the letter, as it was presented in the Old Boys Magazine, *The Nelsonian*. The letter details one of the most dramatic episodes in the story of Arthur's war experience in France, as fighting intensifies. This same episode was also retold in the *Hawera & Normanby Star* (12 January 1917, p.4), from a letter written by Arthur's close friend and All Black, Teddy Roberts, who had been with him in Gallipoli. Teddy described Arthur's "sheer and reckless" bravery in this July raid by the Otago Regiment on the Germans as worthy of a Victoria Cross. Remarkably, news of Arthur being wounded had reached Manaia within a day of the message being sent via a transmitting office on the battlefield in France (*Taranaki Herald*, 7 August 1916). The next issue will feature the last letter in the collections of Puke Ariki.

*France, 17/7/16
I am still well, and am suffering from nothing more than a very slight wound. My name may have gone through the papers as being slightly wounded, but take no notice of it. I have done about the usual amount of duty during the last few days, so must be all right.*

Our company had a terrible time on a raid to the German trenches a few nights ago, and those of us who came through unhurt marvel at it. Anyhow, out of thirteen scouts, of which the raiding party was made up, I am the only one left, the others, with



Arthur J. Gilmour of Manaia. PAColl-9454-01, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, N.Z.

one exception I refer to was a wounded scout who has since returned.

I am telling you this just to give you some idea of what the rest of the company has suffered. I lost many a friend, and am the only one left out of our tent at Moascar Camp.

N ---- M -----, who has been my friend right from my first day at Trentham, was killed by machine-gun fire. He was hit on the shoulder while lying out on No-Man's Land, and with the pain raised himself on to his knees, when he got several hits in the stomach.

We went through a terrific bombardment, confined to a small area. There was damage from our own artillery and trench mortars, and the enemy fired missiles of every description and swept every inch of the ground. I was in a shell hole about two feet deep for most of the time, and once got a smack from a huge piece of earth on my body, and also on my steel helmet. These

helmets save a lot of wounds. I had to feel to find out if everything was all there, but I found everything to be intact.

Once when the bombardment slackened a bit I took two walking wounded men over to a hole near our own parapet, then we got another spasm. I lay in this second hole with five other men, all wounded, for about three-quarters of an hour, then I gave a hand to get wounded in. The first man I went to was a Knox College friend of mine, J ---- W ----- by name. He has a commission. I found him in a shell hole. He had five wounds, the worst being on his lower left leg, the bone being broken, so I hopped over our parapet to look for a man to help me and for a stretcher. Every stretcher was in use, so I had to get a duckboard - that is, a ladder-like arrangement placed along the bed of the trench to walk on. We got him in all right.

A few bombs were coming

our way then, and machine-guns were on all the time. We had just time to rush it when the fire and flares send [sic] up by the Huns allowed us to.

The second man I helped in was a stretcher-bearer weighing 14 stone, and with a big shrapnel wound on his hind-quarters. We had just got him on top of our parapet when two of those beastly flares went up, and the two of us at each end of the duck-board were standing upright. We remained upright while the flares were up. Then the machine-guns got on to us, and we jumped into the trench, and simply had to trip the man off the duck-board and get him the best way we could. The machine-guns simply swept our parapets for a few minutes after that.

The third man I helped to assist in had a frightful wound in the abdomen, and we tried to bandage him up, but it was useless. We gave him morphia to ease his pain. The poor little chap was very brave and said to his sergeant (the only one left) he was glad to have done something for the honour of his company.

When I got down to our dressing station I had to report that I was in and then helped a man down to the nearest receiving hospital, whence he would proceed at night by motor ambulance to the hospital.

I am a lance-corporal, and will be a corporal in three weeks. I am not very keen about stripes, but am needed just now.

We are still in the trenches and will be for another week, and hope then to have a spell, and our nerves certainly need it. The place we are in has become a regular hot-bed lately. By the time we go out well will have been in thirty days on end.

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Hunga-Tonga eruption depletes ozone layer

The 2022 Hunga-Tonga Hunga-Haapai volcanic eruption shot out an unprecedented amount of water vapour into the sky, reaching heights of up to 55km and depleting 5% of the ozone layer in some regions in just one week.

New research published in the journal Science details balloon measurements taken all the way over near Réunion Island in the Indian Ocean to understand how volcanic eruptions influence climate and ozone chemistry. The authors say the increased humidity in the stratosphere led to a series of interactions between other components shot out from the volcano that ultimately broke down ozone over the tropical south-western Pacific and Indian Ocean regions.

Dr Laura Revell,

Associate Professor, School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, University of Canterbury, comments:

“Major volcanic eruptions can inject gases and particles into the stratosphere (approximately 15-50 km above Earth’s surface) where the protective ozone layer resides. It is fairly common to see short-term ozone losses following a major eruption as a result of reactions involving volcanic aerosol and chlorine.

“Scientists would usually combine satellite measurements with modelling to understand how the ozone layer is affected by an eruption. In this study, the researchers launched balloons carrying scientific instruments to understand what was happening inside the volcanic plume as it was carried away from

the volcano. They did this from Réunion Island in the Indian Ocean and obtained a highly detailed data set. Not only that, but they started their field campaign a mere five days after the eruption. Anyone who has been involved in event planning before, from a scientific field campaign to a child’s birthday party, will appreciate the effort that went into making this happen.

“The Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha’apai eruption was surprising because, as has been reported before, it injected such large quantities of water vapour into the stratosphere (10% of the amount of stratospheric water vapor prior to the eruption). The measurements made in this study show that the stratospheric cooling from

the water vapour helped the ozone loss processes involving volcanic aerosol to become more efficient. Ozone decreased rapidly by 5% in just one week over the tropical south-western Pacific and Indian Ocean. This is a significant amount, but not as large as the Antarctic ozone hole, where around 60% of the ozone layer is depleted between September and November each year.

“Overall, the study is a fascinating snapshot of what happened in the stratosphere in the aftermath of the eruption. However, it’s not over: the increased stratospheric water vapour may linger for several years yet. Time – and continued atmospheric monitoring – will tell.”

Francis Douglas Memorial College receives grant

NZCT has awarded a major grant of \$150,000 to Francis Douglas Memorial College in Westown, New Plymouth, for a new, multi-purpose sporting and events centre.

College Principal Tim Stuck says -

“Our current sports hall was built by our community and the boarders at the school in 1962, but in the last twenty years our school roll has doubled. We have well and truly outgrown the hall’s capacity.

This new multi-purpose building is a large-scale, leading-edge facility that will provide a state-of-the-art sporting and performance venue, inspiring current and future students in their respective fields of interest. Multiple work spaces will allow different groups to gather and learn in dynamic ways, enabling flexible learning to take place throughout the school day and beyond,



Students exercising at Francis Douglas Memorial College

accommodating our growing student population and the enhanced learning required in today’s educational landscape.

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of contributing and giving back.

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National Oral Health Day

We advise you to switch to a water challenge on National Oral Health Day

New Zealand's Dental Association (NZDA) is asking Kiwis to ditch sugary drinks for the month of November as part of the NZDA's annual Switch to Water Challenge.

This year's 30-day challenge launches on 1 November to coincide with New Zealand's National Oral Health Day and aims

to put the spotlight squarely on the negative role sugar plays in our diet.

The Dental Association say they are thrilled to have former Olympian and Black Sticks hockey player Brooke Neal back onboard this year to help promote the challenge and support participants.

"Water is my go-to drink of choice for maintaining physical and mental wellbeing," says Neal.

"During my time as a sportswoman, it was important to stay well hydrated and water is the best choice for that. What is less appreciated is its role in supporting positive mental health," she says.

"The 30-day challenge offers everyone a fun way to do something positive for their health and wellbeing ahead of summer and the sugar laden temptations that go with the festive season."

Research reveals Kiwis

consume around 37 teaspoons of sugar per day and that's having a hugely detrimental effect on their health. Adults should ideally not consume more than 6 teaspoons per day, and children not more than 3-4 per day.

Sugary drinks are a leading cause of tooth decay and contribute significantly to obesity, type 2 diabetes, and many other health problems. Currently, nearly two thirds of adults and one

third of children are either overweight or obese in New Zealand.

In recent years, upwards of 30,000 children a year have had one or more teeth removed due to dental decay through the Community Oral Health Service or through the public hospital system.

NZDA President Dr Amanda Johnston says switching from sugary drinks for water has benefits for your whole body, but especially your mouth.

"As a general dentist in Whāngarei, I see so much damage caused by high sugar drinks. They have no health benefits and are a leading cause of tooth decay in children," says Johnston.

"If your children or grandchildren are thirsty show you love them by giving them water. Water is the best option for good health, and it's the cheapest also."

Is anxiety contagious?

Experiencing severe stress in early life can lead to mental health issues such as anxiety, but international researchers have found that witnessing another individual experiencing stress can also have impacts. The team used mice to investigate this idea, by removing some mouse pups from their mums and measuring the response later in life from the littermates who witnessed this occurring. The team found changes in the brain regions responsible for physical and social pain, as well as the transfer of anxiety-like behaviour. While this study is in mice and is not guaranteed to translate to



humans, the researchers say results suggest that witnessing someone else, such as a friend or sibling, experiencing a stressful situation in youth may affect us later in life too, and this research looking at brain responses may help inform future treatments.

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Gardening with Palmers Gardening Centre



Growing veges for beginners

Growing vegetables for the first time can be tricky and it's not easy to know where to start. It's good to grow what you like to eat, but also consider how easy a crop is to grow. For the first time gardener, it's generally easier to grow from seedlings rather than seeds. We find spinach, lettuce, rocket, leek, broccoli, bok choy, cabbage, cauliflower, silverbeet and spring onions are good 'beginner' crops that require little maintenance, are ready to harvest within a short time and suffer few pests and diseases.

Choose a sheltered, sunny spot. Make sure your soil is good. If you're using an existing garden bed, weed,



Growing veges for the first time needn't be difficult.

dig over and add organic matter like compost and sheep pellets. We like planting into Tui Vegetable Mix, but any good quality potting mix will do, and spread this over the top. Grow what you have space for and don't grow your plants too closely together. Around two hand-spans is usually about right. If you are short of garden space vegetables do well in troughs, pots or grow-bags. Avoid planting in the heat

of the day and water your plants after planting. Feed and water regularly (daily) for healthy, strong plants and to help keep them disease and pest-free. Try Tui Fish and Seaweed Solution.

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Bowel screening age to be lowered

Years of advocacy for the screening age to be lowered by Bowel Cancer New Zealand has resulted in a commitment from both major political parties to bring bowel screening from 45 years old.

The charity say they welcome the news from the TV3 leaders' debate as it will save many lives, especially with the rising

incidence of bowel cancer in younger people. Bowel cancer is 90 per cent curable if caught early, and screening is an effective way of doing this.

Stefan Corbett, the Chair of Bowel Cancer New Zealand, says, "This is fantastic news and will mean fewer lives lost to this silent killer. However, the priority is for bowel screening to be fully implemented for Māori and

Pasifika from age 50. The rollout is underway but is taking too long and needs to be sped up to avoid further inequities."

Professor Frank Frizelle, a Bowel Cancer NZ medical advisor, says, "Bowel cancer is increasing dramatically in those aged under 50, in New Zealand and around the world, for unknown reasons. As the risk factors

for the increase are as yet unknown, screening and symptom awareness are the best tools we have to reduce the impact of this trend. So the agreement for those aged 45 to be able to be screened is extremely important."

Stage 4 bowel cancer patient Aimee-Rose Yates, 30, who was present at the leader's debate, says, "The thing is for me, it's a start, but unfortunately, I was diagnosed when I was 29. There will be more and more people like me who will continue getting diagnosed and will keep dying. Dropping the screening age will save lives; the ball is rolling – let's get it done."

Debate moderator Patrick Gower says the debate was for any families out there affected by bowel cancer.

"Last night it was super special that both leaders committed to bringing down the bowel cancer screening age. It is going to save a lot of Kiwi lives and a lot of heartache.

Caught early, bowel cancer can be beaten, and earlier screening gives people a fighting chance. Anything we can do to stop this cruel disease is crucial," says Gower.

Superman surveys the scene over Taranaki



Superman over Taranaki is a new painting by Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk.

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Offshore wind capability study reveals new job and supply chain opportunities

Taranaki Offshore Partnership (TOP), New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) and Ara Ake have released their Industry Capability Mapping Study, which indicates the potential for offshore wind to create many new jobs in the Taranaki region, smoothing the transition away from emissions-intensive industries.

The study, commissioned by TOP and NZTE with the support of Ara Ake, gathered information from more than 100 organisations including the local community, infrastructure experts, industry, iwi, and local government, through workshops, surveys and interviews over a year, as well as analysing case studies from around the world.

Leveraging information from international projects, the study and jobs guide identify the sorts of jobs which are created by the planning, building and operational phases of a wind farm, and with the input of the local community, highlight what skills and capabilities already exist in Taranaki and where more can be done. For example, outlining the types of training that could be beneficial to the workforce,

or where initiatives can be introduced to support local businesses to be a part of the supply chain.

Giacomo Caleffi from Taranaki Offshore Partnership says that as one of the fastest-growing renewable energy technologies globally, offshore wind provides New Zealand with an opportunity to transition from oil and gas, while creating new opportunities for the skilled workers previously working in that industry.

“New Zealand requires a significant increase in renewable energy generation to meet our emissions reduction targets, and to enable the decarbonisation of the economy into the future.

“Offshore wind has a key role to play in New Zealand’s future energy mix. It provides renewable energy at scale and complements many other forms of renewable energy generation. To unlock these benefits, it’s key that we support and develop the New Zealand workforce and supply chain now to enable the development of an offshore wind farm once the feasibility stages of the project are complete,” says Mr Caleffi.

NZTE Investment Manager Hayden Mackenzie says that

leveraging the international experience of offshore wind developers such as Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners has enabled them to accelerate their understanding of what the industry could look like in New Zealand.

“TOP’s combined experience of developing successful offshore wind farms overseas, and the New Zealand infrastructure landscape is vital for beginning to plan how the wider sector can support this new emergent industry, in both workforce and supply chain planning. Coupled with the insights gathered throughout the study, it’s clear that offshore wind presents a unique opportunity for Taranaki and provides more renewable energy for growing domestic and export demand,” says Mr Mackenzie.

Ara Ake Chief Executive, Cristiano Marantes says that the study paints a positive picture of the offshore wind

opportunity for the region.

“Ara Ake has a mandate to accelerate the demonstration, commercialisation, and deployment of low emissions energy solutions, and collaborating with energy innovators, like Taranaki Offshore Partnership in this study, is crucial to fostering a new energy ecosystem in New Zealand,” says Dr Marantes.

TOP is currently hosting regular meetings at its information Hub in Hāwera to establish meaningful relationships with the Taranaki community, and to hear feedback from the general public.

“The study has provided us with great insights into how we can work with the community and industry to prepare the workforce and supply chain. We’re excited to continue these conversations, and maintain momentum in developing an offshore wind industry in New Zealand,” says Mr Caleffi.

Pandemic made Kiwi care about the environment

Many New Zealanders who were previously unconcerned about the environment, have started aspiring for a greener post-Covid future, according to a new survey of nearly 1000 people. The change was seen across demographics, and

regardless of the financial or mental health toll the pandemic took – suggesting that the crisis gave rise to new dimensions of environmental concern that were experienced by most in society.

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Waitara locals asked to share their stormwater stories



Waitara River.

NPDC is kicking off a project using local knowledge to develop a plan to help ease flooding and stormwater issues in Waitara.

The town has a long history of flooding, including stormwater, which NPDC plans to begin tackling through a Waitara Stormwater Catchment Management Plan.

“We’re aware of many

stormwater and flooding issues in the town from previous discussions with residents but we want to make sure we’ve got the full picture,” says NPDC Manger Three Waters, Mark Hall.

“Ultimately, this work will make Waitara more resilient to heavy rainfall, and also lead to better management of the ecological and cultural impacts of stormwater on the river and other waterbodies.”

The first phase of the project involves information-gathering, with locals asked to share their stories of personal experiences with stormwater issues through a survey and online interactive map to highlight areas they know are prone to flood during heavy rainfall or where stormwater causes a problem.

“We also want to know about the community’s

connection with them – like causing loss of mahinga kai (food sources) or amenity,” says Mr Hall.

“This feedback, alongside our investigations into how the built and natural environments contribute to flooding, will help us draft a plan that identifies the challenges and what could be done to address them.”

Waitara is the first of 13 areas throughout the district that will have a catchment management plan developed.

Top greyhound racing trainer faces methamphetamine and neglect charges

One of New Zealand’s top greyhound trainers, John McInerney has been charged by the Racing Integrity Board after one of his dogs tested positive for methamphetamine, and leaving another greyhound, Impressive Isla, suffering in pain and distress for five days. Impressive Isla was ultimately euthanised.

The same trainer was also investigated last year after handing 11 greyhounds over to a rehoming kennel, eight of whom presented with severe signs of neglect and mistreatment.

He has previously been prosecuted and fined after five of his dogs suffocated to death inside a van on a Cook Strait crossing. He has a long history of his

dogs testing positive for banned substances, with incidents occurring in 1997, 2001, 2010, 2013, 2017, and 2023.

SAFE Campaign Manager, Anna de Roo, says the system is clearly not working and a ban on the industry is overdue.

“Greyhounds are abused again and again and by the same trainers, and the penalties do nothing,” says de Roo.

“It’s not surprising that that both Labour and National committed to banning greyhound racing in the lead up to the election. It’s the only way to protect greyhounds.

“Just four months ago another trainer was charged after throwing a greyhound

with enough force that they hit their head on the back of a kennel and throwing another greyhound a metre from the lure. This trainer also had a previous methamphetamine charge.

“The industry is rife with harm and abuse. Once greyhounds are treated as commodities, animal welfare goes out the door.

“The end to greyhound racing can’t come soon enough. Incoming Prime Minister Christopher Luxon has already committed to banning greyhound racing. As soon as a new Government is formed, they must take urgent action to protect greyhounds.”

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The challenge and rewards of Hawera's historic buildings

As part of Taranaki Heritage Month (October 1 to November 5) former mayor of South Taranaki Ross Dunlop conducted a tour of some of Hawera's heritage buildings. The tour started on Saturday October 21 at 2pm.

Although the next door Halliwell Lawyers building was also covered, as well as the nearby (former) Hawera Star building, this article will focus on the 131 High Street building. A later issue will likely feature the other two heritage buildings.

Many people turned up at the corner of High and Regent Streets, Hawera to firstly view the 131 High Street building that Ross and Jan Dunlop bought in 2020.

The building has been unoccupied for about seven years, but under the astute direction of architect Clive Cullen extensive renovations are underway. "It is a challenge, but very satisfying," commented Clive.

Eventually, the downstairs will be an art gallery and upstairs two apartments. Ross explained that he and Jan wanted to maintain as many of the heritage aspects as possible, but also would have some modern development as well. Might the couple eventually live in one of the apartments? "Only if I live to a hundred," Ross joked.

Inside, a number of



The exterior of the building that Ross and Jan Dunlop have bought.

paintings and photographs highlighted the important development that the building and nearby cityscape has undergone. There was also some information such as a time line entitled The Old Chemist Shop.

As regards the history of the site, initially Ezekial Fake built a wooden single

storey chemist shop in 1889.

A decade later (1897-1898) Mr Fake erected a two storied brick building, known as Fakes Chambers, on Regent Street – behind his wooden chemist premises.

The several tenants have included H Halliwell, Solicitor on the ground floor and F Bond, Dentist on the first floor. Other tenants included Taranaki Farmers Mutual Insurance (1924), State Insurance and upstairs David Paul, Photographer in the 1960s -1970s.

In 1902 William Kirby Wallace purchased the Fakes Pharmacy business.

In 1908-09 Mr Wallace sold the front single storey for removal and built the front two storey addition comprising the four bays fronting Regent Street and



Architect Clive Cullen points to the old plaster system which will be replaced by more modern methods of construction.

three fronting High Street.

Mr G Strange bought the business from Mr Wallace in 1921 and later (1950s) sold to Lester Haberfield who formed a partnership with Lewis Howden. The firm Howden Thomas eventuated from Mr Howden forming a partnership with Bob Thomas.

Major structural alterations followed in 1967, which included stairs being changed from the Regent Street entrance to an internal equivalent. The building was enlarged by some internal walls being removed.

In 1990 Butchers Jewellers, the shop next door, was bought leading to a wall to be removed allowing more space to be available.

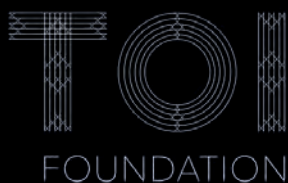
Pharmacist Bob Thomas established a business in the 2000s and he was the last chemist in the building – eventually retiring in the mid-2000s when the building was leased by Oxygen, a clothing business.

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Record fourth win for Pip Harrison in literary awards

Pip Harrison (Hawera), one of Taranaki's most talented short story writers, has won the Lysaght Watt Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary awards for a record fourth time. As well as this year, she also won the Open Short Story section in 2015, 2016, and 2019, as well as her stories garnering several Highly Commended and Commended awards (eg. in 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2017). Her winning short story, this time, was entitled Run.

"I loved this story so much. A wonderful piece of writing," said judge Emma Hislop.

The literary event, named in honour of Taranaki's foremost author, was held at The Hub, Hawera, with the introduction by organizer Katherine Bosworth, who said there were an impressive 181 entries this time. "Wow, we've got some talent here, it's fantastic." She also praised the sponsors including the Lysaght-Watt Trust, Normanby & District Lions, South Taranaki District Council and the Taranaki Daily News. She explained that the winning entries would be read out by the contestant or, in some cases, the judge.

Mayor Phil Nixon spoke next and also paid tribute to the sponsors, as well as the organiser. "Katherine, if it wasn't for you the event wouldn't happen." He also said, "I'd like to commend the 181 entrants." He explained that it was the 36th year of the contest.

Trustee Preston Bulfin spoke and gave a brief history of how the Lysaght-Watt Trust came about with mention of such notables as Mary Watt (Muriel Mary Lysaght 1917-2005), who grew up in Mokoia, south



Pip Harrison, who has won the Lysaght-Watt Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards Open Short Story category a record four times, is pictured with her husband Trevor.

Taranaki and Jack Watt (John Harold Watt 1912-2006), who was born in Waipukurau. Jack and Mary married in 1953 and upon their passing (interred in Hawera Cemetery) left substantial amounts of their estate to establish the Lysaght-Watt Trust, which provides funding within the Taranaki region, and in particular is supportive of Arts, Culture and Heritage.

Thanks to the generosity of Lysaght-Watt Trust, in addition to certificates, cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 are awarded for first, second and third places, respectively, in each section of the literary competition.

Hugh Cameron of Normanby & Districts Lions spoke about Ronald Hugh Morrieson, with his talent both as a writer and musician, concluding, "Despite his colourful life,

most of us are proud to say he is one of us."

Former winners Bruce Finer (Hawera) with his entry The Rabbit and James O'Sullivan (New Plymouth) with Looking for Work were awarded second and third places, respectively by judge Emma Hislop. Bruce Finer won in 2018 and James O'Sullivan in 2020.

In the Secondary Schools Short Story section, also judged by Emma Hislop, Catherine Hurly (Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls), the Head Girl, won with F***. Second place went to Shaney Patel (Te Paepae o Aotea) with Grass Stains and Giggles. Lauren Kalin (Te Paepae o Aotea) came third with Ready to Go.

The Research Article section, judged by Stuff's Matt Rilko, was won by Stacey Lodge (Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls)

with her entry Banana Cup. She is Deputy Head Girl. Stacey is a former student of Opunake Primary School.

The Poetry sections were judged by Mikaela Nyman, who has just received the huge honour of being named as recipient of the prestigious Robert Burns Fellowship at Otago University.

Maria Taylor (Stratford) was awarded first and second place in the Open Poetry section for her poems You Beauty and Sound. Third place went to Tioka and tihi/Chalk and cheese by For my Wairua (Patea). (This is a pseudonym for the poet).

Five poems were Commended; Christine Cameron (Hawera) for Haera ra Little One, Willow Noir (Hawera) for Halloween Bash, Maakere Edwards (Hawera) for Night Musings, Dave Lee (Hawera) for Alone for The Last Stage Of Her

Journey, and Graeme Woller (New Plymouth) for Tui in Pohutukawa On Pukaka Pa.

In the Secondary School Poetry section Zoe Kruse (Opunake High School) was placed first with Older Youth. Second place was awarded to Aria Brophy (Opunake High School) with One Question. Bethany Gyde (Te Paepae o Aotea) came third with Saturday Morning. Commended accolades went to Aria Brophy for Vodka and Shaneya Patel (Te Paepae o Aotea) with Tawhirimatea.

The 2023 event was excellent, accompanied by a great selection of refreshments, and was a definite credit to Katherine Bosworth and her hard-working team.

Congratulations to all the prize winners, as well as the others who supported the event by participating.

Rolland McKellar



Stacey Lodge, winner of the Secondary School's Research category with her proud parents Kylie and Andrew.



LEFT Katherine Bosworth, who must be commended for her excellent organisation of this important cultural event.

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So to farewell our curious, courageous, collaborative Year 13s. We will miss each and everyone of you. You have brought love, light, laughter to our kura, not to mention eclectic poetry, immense mullets, and some seriously visually challenging dress up days. and for this we all thank you.

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Some thoughts to take with you:

Be interested in human people. People who laugh at their mistakes are those who are successful, who understand their calling and don't hide from responsibility. People who defend human dignity and want to be on the side of truth, justice, righteousness. These are the people to seek out.

Give no time to envious people who try to vilify the most capable to grab their positions, talents and achievements.

Surround yourself with people who know how to touch the hearts of others. Even through the blows of fate, are able to rise and maintain the softness of the soul.

But hustle, hustle to live with the intensity.

Nothing happens without intention. Everything that has happened to our world is through human intent.

Be aware.

Be brave.

Be deliberate in living your best life with energy, care, and kindness. There is a moment when we can change the world and make it better: this is the moment!

So to quote, Max Ehrmann:

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

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 Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui

Andrea Hooper Carr
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Senior Prizegiving 2023

It was a very happy occasion to share our Senior Prizegiving with friends, whanau and the wider community. Well done to all our students on their great attitudes and awahi towards one another. Congratulations to all our award winners on all their achievements in another long and challenging year.



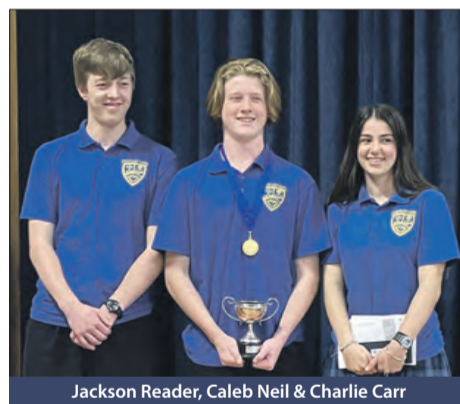
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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

In a change to recent tradition, our 2024 student leadership team was announced at Senior Prizegiving. Congratulations to Charlie Carr & Luke Forsyth, flanked here by Jorja Symes and Harry Gibson, on their announcement as Head Girl and Boy for 2024 respectively. We are confident you'll lead our kura admirably.

The remainder of the Prefect team is made up of Cheska Centeno (Deputy Head Girl), Caleb Neil (Deputy Head Boy, Caris Bradford, Paige Taylor, Shinae Minhinnick, Jackson Reader, Harry Rankin & Te Rau Winiata.



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Te Haumoana | Puanga Festival 2023

Congratulations to our kapa haka roopu on their recent successes at the Puanga Festival held in Whaitara, Friday 27th October. By all our accounts our roopu performed admirably, winning a number of third places for W'aikorero, Waiaata a Ringa and Poi. Will Plunkett & Justyce Puhī Puhī also picked up third place for Kaitataki Tane. Well done to all our students involved and to Whaea Katarina & Matua Clive for countless hours preparing.



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Is effluent a good fertiliser for growing maize?

There are a few reasons why effluent is a great fertiliser when growing maize. One reason is effluent is a natural fertiliser that also operates as a soil conditioner. The organic matter in the effluent helps build up soil structure in order for the soil to hold adequate water and nutrients to encourage plant growth.

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Effluent is a natural fertilizer that also acts as a soil conditioner.

or herd home bunkers, it holds a great amount of potassium that is valuable for higher yields of maize crops.

How to improve soil levels It is important to be mindful of balancing effluent spreading, as over application of effluent can cause animal health issues.

One approach to improving soil is to plant maize. Maize has the ability to take potassium out of the soil and brings the paddock back into good condition.

Utilising inorganic or

mineral fertiliser burns up carbon in the soil, which leaves it without the capacity to improve the soil. Good soil includes soil colloids that have a high cation exchange, which means

it has the ability to hold more nutrients and make it available to the plants within the soil. We recommend a heavy application of effluent when planting maize crops, but be sure to check with the council in your region to ensure you are in compliance with regulations.

Is effluent a good fertiliser for growing maize?

Effluent is an excellent fertiliser for growing maize. While effluent nutrient values can range from farm to farm, we have seen fantastic results from farmers and contractors who had great returns after covering a paddock in effluent. Applying effluent serves as a great fertiliser across different soil types, but it is particularly useful when applied to lighter sandy soils where it can provide the necessary nutrients for effective returns.

Keep in mind the restriction of 150 kg of nitrogen per hectare each annum, which is why we recommend going below the 150 kg mark by spreading effluent over a wider area across the farm. This is where a slurry tanker can be beneficial in regards to reaching further away locations and ensuring nutrients are spread across the farm.

Cultivating for greater returns

Working with heavy slurry from a pond, solid separator, or weeping wall and applying it directly is normally not great for paddocks, unless it is applied to cultivate and prepare for seeding. Chat with our team to learn more how you can utilise effluent management strategies for improved soil health and greater returns for maize crops and pasture growth.

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New chief executive for joint venture

AgriZeroNZ, the public-private joint venture helping farmers reduce their emissions, has appointed Wayne McNee as its chief executive.

AgriZeroNZ is half-owned by major agribusiness companies, with the other half owned by the Crown through the Ministry for Primary Industries. It was setup to deliver a step-change in investment aimed at accelerating



Wayne McNee, newly appointed chief executive of AgriZeroNZ

the development and deployment of emissions reduction tools for farmers.

McNee was initially appointed the JV's interim executive director to support its establishment after being instrumental in setting up the world-first public-private partnership, said Sir Brian Roche AgriZeroNZ Board Chair.

"The Board is pleased to appoint Wayne as chief executive to lead the company through its next stage of development, leveraging his deep industry knowledge and relationships across the agricultural sector and the broader market.

"The appointment will provide much needed certainty as we approach the

important and challenging task of getting affordable and effective emission reductions tools into farmers' hands," said Roche.

McNee said he is excited to take AgriZeroNZ forward beyond its start-up phase and address the critical challenge of reducing emissions from ruminant animals in New Zealand pastoral farming.

"AgriZeroNZ is unique because of the breadth of its sector expertise and commercial focus, along with our collective ambition and advocacy to help farmers reduce their emissions while maintaining profitability.

"We have a great board and supportive shareholders committed to this long-term partnership, and I

look forward to working with them, other funders, the Government, and the companies we are investing in, to get tools into farmers' hands and deliver on our ambition to reduce agricultural emissions by 30 per cent by 2030."

McNee says agriculture is the backbone of the New Zealand economy, but global customers of our milk and meat products are setting ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets which means New Zealand farmers will need to reduce emissions over time.

"AgriZeroNZ is committed to getting farmers the tools they need to meet the targets of our international customers, so they can continue to be the backbone of our economy, help New Zealand achieve its climate goals and lead the way in sustainable pasture-based farming."

Funding to the JV from agribusiness shareholders is being matched by the Government dollar-for-dollar, to provide around \$165 million for the JV's

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Dairy Woman of the Year nominations open

The Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year nominations have opened, marking the 13th year of the awards.

Each year, women from across the New Zealand's food and fibre sector, and who are part of Dairy Women's Network (DWN), are nominated for this award.

Jules Benton, DWN CEO says, "these incredible women have a commitment, drive, and passion for the dairy sector as a whole and are positive role models for women in dairying".

"We encourage our dairy women across Aotearoa New Zealand to put themselves forward for this award. They can either be nominated or apply themselves. Every day I meet women doing amazing things for their community and country and this award goes a small way to recognising their efforts", says Jules.

This year (2023), Donna Cram was named the Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year and says, "I was honoured to be nominated and have been overwhelmed at the difference winning this award has made in my life."

Not only does the Fonterra



Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year award recipients, Loshni Manikam (2018), Belinda Price (2021), Donna Cram (2023), Barbara Kuriger (2012), and Trish Rankin (2019).

Dairy Woman of the Year achieve the coveted title, but this year the recipient will receive a scholarship to the Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme, which includes the programme fee, travel, and accommodation, mentoring and access to DWN and Fonterra platforms to share their research.

Last year (2022) Vanessa Thomson, Te Awamutu sharemilker, a mum and full-time contracts and commercial advisor, received a scholarship to the programme and said, "It's been a life-changing opportunity for me, and I am so grateful for the network that I have made through

Kellogg, and the tools that it has given me. I am excited for the future, and what my leadership journey might bring."

Jules reflects on the MacKenzie study that showcases 960 Kellogg alumni have served in over 26,858 leadership roles, playing a direct role

in creating an estimate of 33,600 FTE roles. There is a high rate of self-employment in the dairy sector (28%), compared to New Zealand as a whole.

Over the years, the judges have had strong criteria to assess the applicants as the nominees are of such high calibre. The selection panel

is led by Donna Smit, DWN Trustee and consists of five judges.

"Our Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year needs to be a strong performer, who is recognised by her peers as a potential leader and who demonstrates leadership within her community and further afield. She is influential in the dairy sector; holding or having held leadership positions on regional or national dairy organisations. Ultimately, she has a vision to add value to the dairy sectors future and is actively working towards achieving that in her leadership aspirations".

All finalists will have a professional video recorded and have conference costs, travel and accommodation paid for to attend the 2024 DWN conference and gala dinner.

Past recipients include Barbara Kuriger (2012), Justine Kidd (2013), Charmaine O'Shea (2014), Katie Milne (2015), Rebecca Keoghan (2016), Jessie Chan (2017), Loshni Manikam (2018), Trish Rankin (2019), Ash-Leigh Campbell (2020), Belinda Price (2021), Donna Cram (2023).

New chief executive for joint venture

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first four years to 2026.

Since being stood up eight months ago, AgriZeroNZ has made four high-impact investments to bring emissions reduction tools to the market for New Zealand farmers worth

over \$12million. It has also appointed a distinguished Board of Directors chaired by Sir Brian Roche, with Jessie Chan, Sir Neville Jordan, Greg Murison, and Fraser Whineray.

The four investments are:

1. a stake in Ruminant Biotech, a NZ start-up

developing a slow-release, biodegradable methane-inhibiting bolus for livestock (\$1.8million)

2. supporting NZ research developing a methane vaccine & inhibitor for use in livestock (\$2.5 million)

3. supporting

construction of a new methane measurement facility at Massey University (\$4 million)

4. lead investor in HoofPrint Biome, a US-based start-up developing novel probiotics and natural enzymes that reduce methane while improving

cow health (\$4.1million).

Prior to AgriZeroNZ, Wayne McNee was chief executive of herd improvement co-op, LIC (2013-2021), and formerly a state sector chief executive for 14 years where he oversaw the merger of the Ministry of Agriculture

with the New Zealand Food Safety Authority and the Ministry of Fisheries to create the Ministry for Primary Industries. He was also chief executive of PHARMAC.



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Transforming Primary Industries

From shed-based creations that have impacted thousands, to industry-transforming primary-sector innovations, the Fieldays Innovations Awards have a rich tradition of recognising ingenuity and innovation and continue to serve as a powerful catalyst for transformational change within Aotearoa's agricultural sector.

With entries now open for Fieldays 2024, taking place from June 12 to 15, it's that time of year for the shed tinkerers, ingenuity enthusiasts, and work shed warriors to mark their calendars. The Fieldays Innovations Awards are a celebration of creativity and resourcefulness, recognising that groundbreaking ideas can emerge from the most unexpected places.

"Whether you're a farmer

with a clever new tool to boost productivity, a visionary engineer with an invention to change the entire industry, or a student with an idea that you think might just work, your innovation can have a lasting impact," says Steve Chappell, Fieldays Programme Manager.

"We also love to see entries from established Fieldays exhibitors showing their new innovative products. It is great for the first-timers to be situated alongside a company that has a global presence. The Hub has a great collaborative atmosphere even though everyone is competing for the same prizes. The Innovation Awards showcase the best innovations from New Zealand and around the world and are a must-see part of Fieldays."

Entries are encouraged

from across the Primary Sector, which refers to: Dairy, Meat & Wool, Forestry, Horticulture - including Viticulture, Seafood - including Aquaculture and Fishing, Arable, and Agri Tech - including Food Tech and Green Tech.

"Last year saw an increase of entrants from the sustainability and green-tech areas, highlighting the diversification of farming currently happening in New Zealand, but we also saw strong representation from the traditional on-farm or on-orchard solutions from across sector," says Chappell.

The globally renowned awards programme encompasses a diverse range of categories ensuring that innovation at every stage of development and from all

walks of life is celebrated and supported.

The Prototype category is the incubator of fresh ideas and early-stage concepts and provides a platform for individuals or teams to showcase their early-stage innovations.

The Early-Stage category highlights innovations that have moved beyond the conceptual phase and have launched commercially as practical, real-world solutions within the last year. It's a stage that demands commitment, creativity, and perseverance, and these innovators deserve recognition for their progress.

Innovations in the Growth & Scale category are making their mark in NZ and globally and have market entry and commercial success in at least two countries within

the last four years. They have the potential to enhance productivity, sustainability, and profitability, and their creators are ready to take their innovations to new international markets.

The Young Innovator of the Year Award once again recognises the importance of fostering the next generation of food and fibre innovators who bring fresh perspectives and bold ideas to the primary sector. Open to entrants in all three categories who are 19 years and under, Young Innovator highlights those innovators unafraid to push boundaries from a young age and think outside the square.

Fieldays continues to evolve the awards each year, and this year there are some exciting changes planned:

- A new look for the

Awards and a redesigned Fieldays Innovation Hub

- A new judging process with shortlisting of finalists in each category, with both online judging pre-event, and onsite judging at Fieldays



- A new People's Choice award (that all exhibiting entrants are eligible for) with a prize for the winner, and also for one lucky voter.

"Year after year, we are continually amazed by the exceptional quality of our entrants. I urge all those innovators out there who have that brilliant idea but might be uncertain about its potential to take a leap of faith and apply. Fieldays is built on innovation, and this is the ultimate platform to showcase your ideas," says Chappell.

Pet Day winners



Among the winners at the recent Pet Day at St Joseph's Opunake Pet Day were six-year-old Monty Julian with his lamb Ninjago who won the Supreme Champion Lamb (left) and Sienna Bourke (right) who won the Supreme Champion Calf with Argyl Bashful Love Lola.

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Eagles Golfing Society Under-17 National Championship has Taranaki Winner

The 2023 Eagles National under 17 Golf Championship was hosted by the Taranaki Society on October 3-4 at the Manukorihi Golf Club. The 54-hole Championship invites a team of three of their best under 17 Boys or Girls from each New Zealand province to compete for the honour of winning the Eagles National title for Girls and Boys. The Society players also compete to win the Team's trophy. The host Society has invitational players to make the field up to a maximum of 60 competitors.

The 2023 Boys champion was Alex Brookes from Taranaki. The Girls Championship was won by Lucia Lee from Auckland.



The Eagles Golf Wellington team.

The winning team of Elise Barber, Caleb Taitua and Layton Prince were from the Wellington Province. For many of the players, this tournament is an

excellent opportunity to be part of a National Tournament, playing with some of the finest



Boys Champion Alex Brookes of Taranaki.



Girls Champion Lucia Lee from Auckland.

young New Zealand golfers. The National Championship over the years has been host to several now Professional players and also National representatives.

The enthusiasm and friendly spirit of the players was

evident throughout the Tournament with many fond friendships created.

The 2024 Eagles Championship is to be held at Cromwell Golf Club on October 7-9 hosted by the Otago Society.

Frustration and elation for Taranaki Men's Cricket team



Taranaki cricket captain Dean Robinson breaking the record for most all-time runs for the Taranaki representative team.

A rearguard fightback from a determined Wairarapa lower order denied the Taranaki Men's Cricket team an outright victory at Pukekura Park over the weekend.

Instead, on a history setting weekend for the side's captain Dean Robinson, the Taranaki team had to settle for a first innings win, as Wairarapa held on for more than hour with just two wickets in hand in their opening Furlong Cup encounter.

The outcome could prove important too, as the

competition heavyweight Hawkes Bay was the only side to pick up an outright win over the weekend, giving them an early buffer over the pack.

The game was there for Taranaki to take, but a brave 9th wicket partnership of 79, led by Jeremy Anderson (74 not out), frustrated the home side through to the end of play.

Everything had gone right for Taranaki up to that point. The side built up a commanding first innings lead, having dismissed Wairarapa for 237, an

innings which featured two wickets on debut for Grant Commerford and a five-wicket bag from Jordan Gard to knock over the tail.

Later on the Saturday, in perfect conditions at the park, spectators were treated to the site of Taranaki captain Robinson notch the record for most ever Taranaki representative runs. In a patient opening effort of 52, he overtook Brian Richards' record of 4947 runs but was then dismissed with just two balls remaining in the day's play.

Early on Sunday, it was

batter Liam Muggeridge's turn to shine, cracking a better than run a ball century, including a 130-run partnership with Mattie Thomas (87) before he was out for 106. His effort included eight fours and seven sixes. With the lower order hitting out, Taranaki

declared on 394 giving themselves plenty of overs to hunt the outright win.

When Wairarapa was reduced to 8/63 it was looking like Taranaki's day, but in the end the visitors hung tough and nothing Taranaki threw at them over the final overs

was enough.

Coach Chris Coombe said while it was frustrating to have left two wickets out there, there was plenty to like about the performance with some strong individual displays, including good

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Celebrating the prolific career of Dean Robinson

Dean Robinson, the Taranaki cricket captain, now into his 16th season of provincial cricket has just broken a 30-year-old record currently held by Taranaki's most capped player Brian Richards, the little dynamo from Patea.

Richards finished his career on 4947 runs, (141 games) which means Robinson, now on 4955, has taken on the mantle as the most prolific of any Taranaki batsmen in the past 128 years.

The weekend's match vs Wairarapa was Robinson's 111th game, third most behind Richards and Jamie Watkins, and he came in off a 2022/23 season where he averaged nearly 60 and added two more centuries to his tally. With a career average of 41.20, 15 centuries under his belt, over twice as many as the next player, and now 20 scores beyond 50, he towers above all others.

This is an achievement of dedication, mental application, and a high level of skill, that very few cricketers can match. As a Taranaki men's representative Robinson is in the top echelon, sitting alongside the likes of Alistair Jordan, Watkins, and Richards.



Dean Robinson hugs batting partner Sam Fastier having just surpassed Brian Richards to become Taranaki's highest scoring representative batter.

With an innings of 202 not out against Wairarapa he holds the record for the highest score ever for a Taranaki batsman, one run ahead of Peter Ingram who scored 201 in an unbroken partnership of 342 with Robinson against Horowhenua, and Rodney Brown's magnificent 200 not out against Hutt Valley thirty-five years back.

The records are staggering. Robinson walked to the crease in Taranaki colours

for the first time in 2007 as an 18-year-old fresh out of school, and following a successful under 19 tournament for Central Districts.

Taranaki were defending the Hawke Cup against Canterbury Country and would lose by one run. The career was underway. Not the way he wanted, but he would soon be more than a nervous youngster.

He loved those early days, which gave him a real

appetite to do well. This was a hard-nosed team captained by Matt Broadmore. They were full of passion and grit and didn't give an inch; none more so than Watkins and his wicket-keeping ally Travis Stewart. He still remembers Broadmore's memorable speech to the team before the Hawke Cup defence. It was fun playing in an environment where all players were as one.

Winning the Chapple Cup final against Hawkes Bay in

2017 is a major highlight. Robinson batted throughout the innings for 104 not out. This was special. He was also part of Ryan Fleming's 2008/09 team who won the Chapple Cup.

Sadly, the two Hawke Cup challenges for which the team qualified were both rained out. It was particularly galling having scored 350 against Manawatu, Robinson 55, and the rain arriving with Manawatu 150 – 6.

The career included five club seasons in England, a NZ Under 19 tour to England under the captaincy of Kane Williamson, two seasons for Central Districts which included a top score of 134 against Canterbury, and a season where he had a Central Districts contract. In amongst all the big games were at least 8500 runs in club cricket.

Robinson credits the coaching and time put in by Debu Banik for much of his success, with similar sentiments towards Watkins. And there was the determination to outplay his two older brothers Michael and Paul on the back lawn which set him up for the many long innings played in future years.

Mum and Dad provided

encouragement and guidance to a young Robinson, taking him to games and practices, these days acting as his No 1 supporters, along with wife Ange and daughter Eva who can often be spotted on the boundary line.

Sport is in the family blood. Mum is a Read, whose brother Bill played prop for Taranaki, and whose nephew is Kieran, also a very handy cricketer.

This season's goals are already in the memory bank. Break the run scoring record, help the team earn a Hawke Cup challenge, enjoy the captaincy, and contribute as much as he can. He loves playing for Taranaki.

Now, with a young child to consider, Robinson will not make a long-term commitment, but there is one thing for sure, so long as he heads out to the batting crease with his single-minded approach, 5000 runs will soon be ticked off, and the target of 5500 will be in his sights.

Robinson deserves nothing more than being ranked No 1 in the province. Long may his success continue.

Ian Snook

Frustration and elation for Taranaki Men's Cricket team

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debut for Commerford and opener Oli Burbidge.

ride, as expected from an opening first game of the season," Coombe said.

"The team faced immense pressure and challenges

in all facets of the game, precisely what we anticipate at this level, and much needed to progress and improve as a team.

"As we look ahead to our next match against Hawkes Bay, there are some significant positives we're carrying with us."

Next stop is Napier, where the team will get a real gauge of their progress when they take on reigning Furlong Cup holder

Hawkes Bay on November 18 and 19 at Nelson Park.

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Maniaia Bowling Club



Shona Lawn with Patty Symes.

On October 7 it was a pleasure to host the Egmont shield which was celebrating 75 years. A cake was presented which was cut by our patron Patty Symes.

Also presented by Patty was an umpire badge to Shona Lawn. A very lovely day was had by all.

Shona Lawn.

Sandfords Manaia Golf results

October 15. Juniors. Field Putting. Seniors. 1. Ramyn Tupuse. 2. Archie Schumacher. 3. Ruby Edwards. Juniors. 1. Lennox Finnigan. 2. Micah Gut. 3. Marlin Severn. 4. Eli Severn.

October 22. Junior Golf. Match Play. 1. Tyler Parata. 2. Nixon Laing.

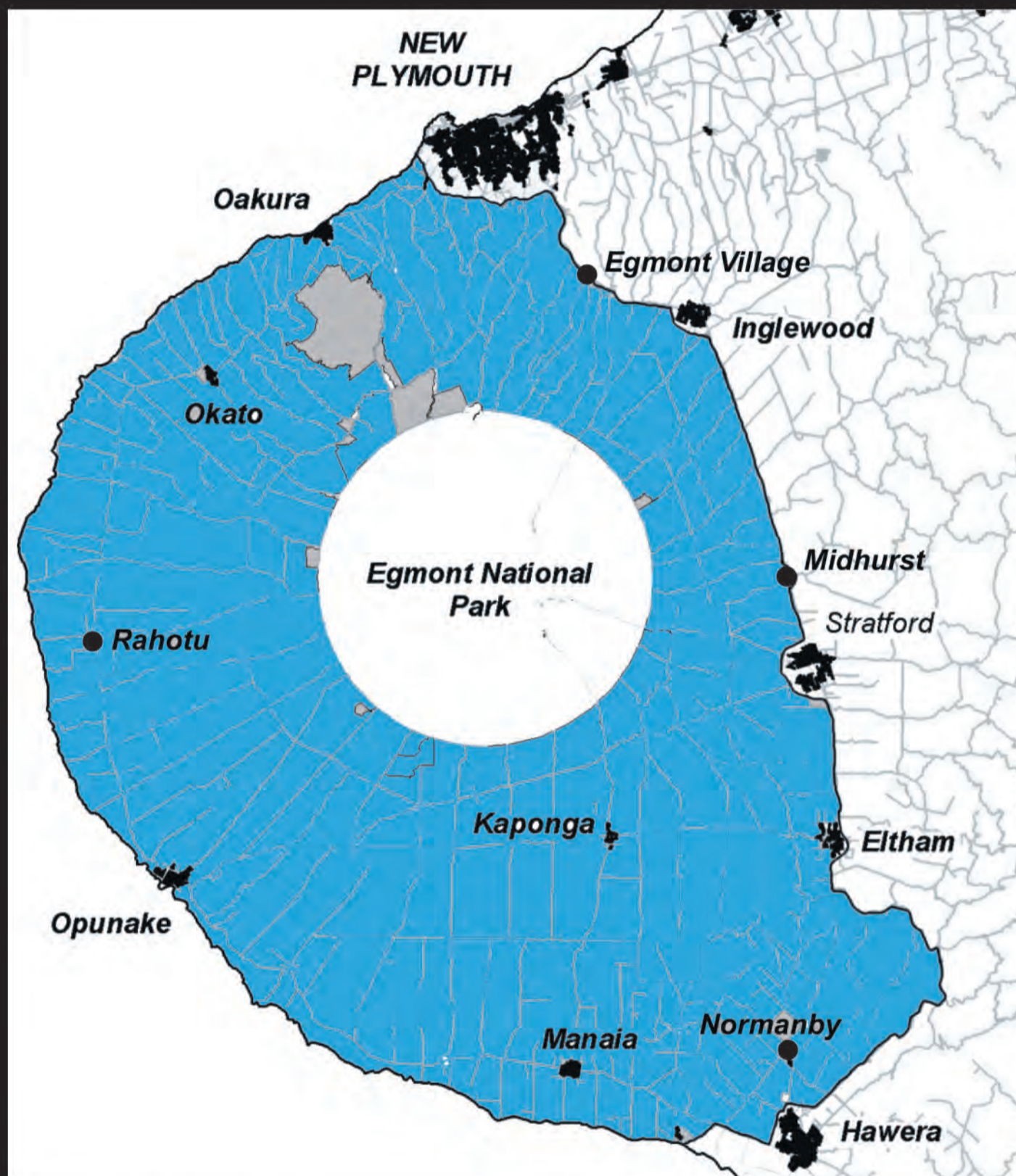
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Stratford Speedway opens for new season

MG Taranaki Stratford Speedway started their season with some big fields and good racing at the R&R Mechanical sponsored opening night on Saturday.

Despite the cold evening that followed a stunning day, plenty of fans and drivers were in attendance to witness and take part in the first racing, the fans there to see the action while the drivers were keen to get track time, chase chequered flags and podiums with some also intent on checking the strength of the concrete wall.

Five classes were scheduled to race with all but the Youth Ministocks racing for their City of New Plymouth Classic events.

Superstocks fronted with a reasonable field of thirteen cars and provided two roll overs as part of their racing during the night. Brad Uhlenberg tipped Tyler Walker over in race two whilst Hayden Hart showed Kihikihi visitor Troy Mace the top of the turn one wall before he landed on his side. Shane Denham was the most consistent driver on the track and won the City of New Plymouth Classic after recording a third and two second placings. Blayke Adamson was second and Matthew Picard third.



Hayden Hart showed Kihikihi racer Troy Mace the top of the concrete wall.

A full field of thirty two Stockcars graced the track for the first race of the night and the season. An issue with the lap scoring system meant this race didn't count towards the points but the next three would and gave the drivers a good opportunity to test their setups. Wellington Contracted driver Sheldon Arapere looked to be in contention for the top step of the podium until midway through the last heat when he tangled with Mason Woods and then had Karl Giddy drive over his bonnet, dropping him back several spots. Todd Duthie was in good form, finishing

seventh, third and second in his races to win the Classic ahead of Mark Woods while Arapere beat Ryan Nolly in a runoff for third place. Minisprints filled the track with a near full field of cars and raced three heats, accumulating points to set the starting order for the winner take-all final race. Karl Uhlenberg raced smartly in the heats to ensure a front row start for the final which he duly won from New Zealand number 2, Daniel Nickel. Cameron Hurley claimed the third step on the podium. The Streetstock class filled the pits and the track with

a full field of twenty cars, something that hasn't been seen at Stratford for some time. Drivers raced, bashed and crashed their way around



A full field of Streetstocks raced for the City of New Plymouth Classic.

the track with the eventual winner of the Classic being Nic Smith ahead of Dylan Smith while Shaun Hall came home in third place. Youth Ministock race wins were shared between Chase Korff, Cory Symes and Bronson Pierce.

Taranaki Stratford Speedway is the Hinton Contracting Fireworks Spectacular this coming Saturday. Find more information and purchase online tickets at www.stratford-speedway.co.nz.

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The next meeting at MG



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Call issued to Taranaki artists

Puke Ariki is inviting local artists to submit new and unseen artworks to feature in 'Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024'. Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024 will be a celebration of the art our region is known for, inspired by the maunga we live beneath, invoking creativity that permeates our way of life in a way that is unique to Taranaki. This exhibition works to acknowledge the vital role art plays in forming a vibrant community by championing established and emerging local talent. Puke Ariki will be selecting and displaying

an impressive and diverse body of paintings, prints, sculptures and more to be shown at Puke Ariki from 6 July 2024 and closing 10 November 2024. Collectively, these artworks aim to represent the art scene in Taranaki. The 2024 title of the exhibition Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024 is a reference to the Maunga as an ongoing inspiration for artists to create, shape and form (auaha) in their respective modes. It is not required for artists to represent the Maunga, or a Taranaki scene literally in their artwork. Submissions are open

from 18 September 2023 until 1 December 2023. A show for all ages, Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024 will put the spotlight on our creative people, our places, our issues and our identity. Artworks in any media are encouraged, from whakairo, raranga, textiles, video work, performances, collaborations, drawing, collage, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, etc. Artists need to be 18 years or over at December 1, 2023. Please select an artwork that has been created in 2021 or later. It is preferable if the chosen artwork has not been

on display in a previous exhibition in Taranaki. Artists must live in Taranaki. The selection panel will only consider one artwork per artist. Submit an artwork that is representative of your creative direction or something you are really proud of. The artworks can vary in size, large or small – the temporary gallery space at Puke Ariki can house large scale artworks, so think big if you wish. If artwork is selected for display in Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024, the artist must deliver the artwork to Puke

Ariki between March 18-22. The Puke Ariki exhibitions team will work with you to arrange a specific time to collect your artwork after the conclusion of Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024. This will be between 11th and 13th November 2024. NPDC's Puke Ariki does not act as a representative seller for any of the artworks on display during the exhibition. If there is an expression of interest from a potential buyer, the artist can negotiate directly with them. The artwork must stay on display at Puke Ariki for the dates specified in the loan agreement.

There are no awards for Home Work Maunga Auaha: Taranaki Art 2024, or fees paid to artists. It's the artist's responsibility to frame their artwork. There will be a public programme, for example, artist's talks and demonstrations hosted at Puke Ariki during this exhibition. If your artwork is selected you will be invited to contribute ideas. All artworks by artists living in Taranaki will be considered by the selection panel.

Potters exhibition at The Village Gallery is superb

The current exhibition at the Village Gallery, Eltham has an outstanding exhibition by Margaret Foley, Robyn Smaller and Donna Hitchcock. The exhibition of pottery and mixed media exhibits will continue until November 17. With Christmas just around the corner this 'cash and carry' event is well worth a visit – creative pieces for the home and garden. Although the gallery is usually open from 10am until 3pm Wednesday to Saturday it will be open the extended days over the Fringe Garden Festival. The three exhibitors are Margaret Foley, Donna Hitchcock and Robyn Smaller and they have held combined exhibitions many times. "It is our 12th exhibition in 12 years," explains Robyn.



From left Margaret Foley, Robyn Smaller and Donna Hitchcock with some of their creations.

and mixed media. I just love adding pottery to driftwood or upcycled wood, but my main passion is always the pottery." Robyn Smaller also was introduced to pottery by attending the night classes run by Margaret Foley and this was over 30 years ago. Back then, she bought a LPG gas-fired kiln. Although, over the years, she has participated in workshops for mosaics, felting and mixed media, clay has remained her passion. "Opening my kiln after a glaze-firing is still a thrill." She adds, "I like to re-purpose treasures I find in thrift shops. These become individually handcrafted, often quirky creations for the home and garden. I never run out of new ideas and enjoy experimenting with a variety of clay bodies, glazes and

oxides." This exhibition has something to suit everyone including jewellery, felted cushions, mugs, wall ornaments,

toys and even inspirational sayings. Make sure you don't miss this first class exhibition. *Rolland McKellar*

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November 12th
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Tauhuri Street
Manaia



More Info:
027 424 8313
Rev Phil Woodmass

Our guest speaker for the night will be Phil Drinkwater, who has lived in Fiji for 18 months as a missionary and has had the privilege of seeing people healed and delivered.

HOME WORK MAUNGA AUAHA TARANAKI ART 2024

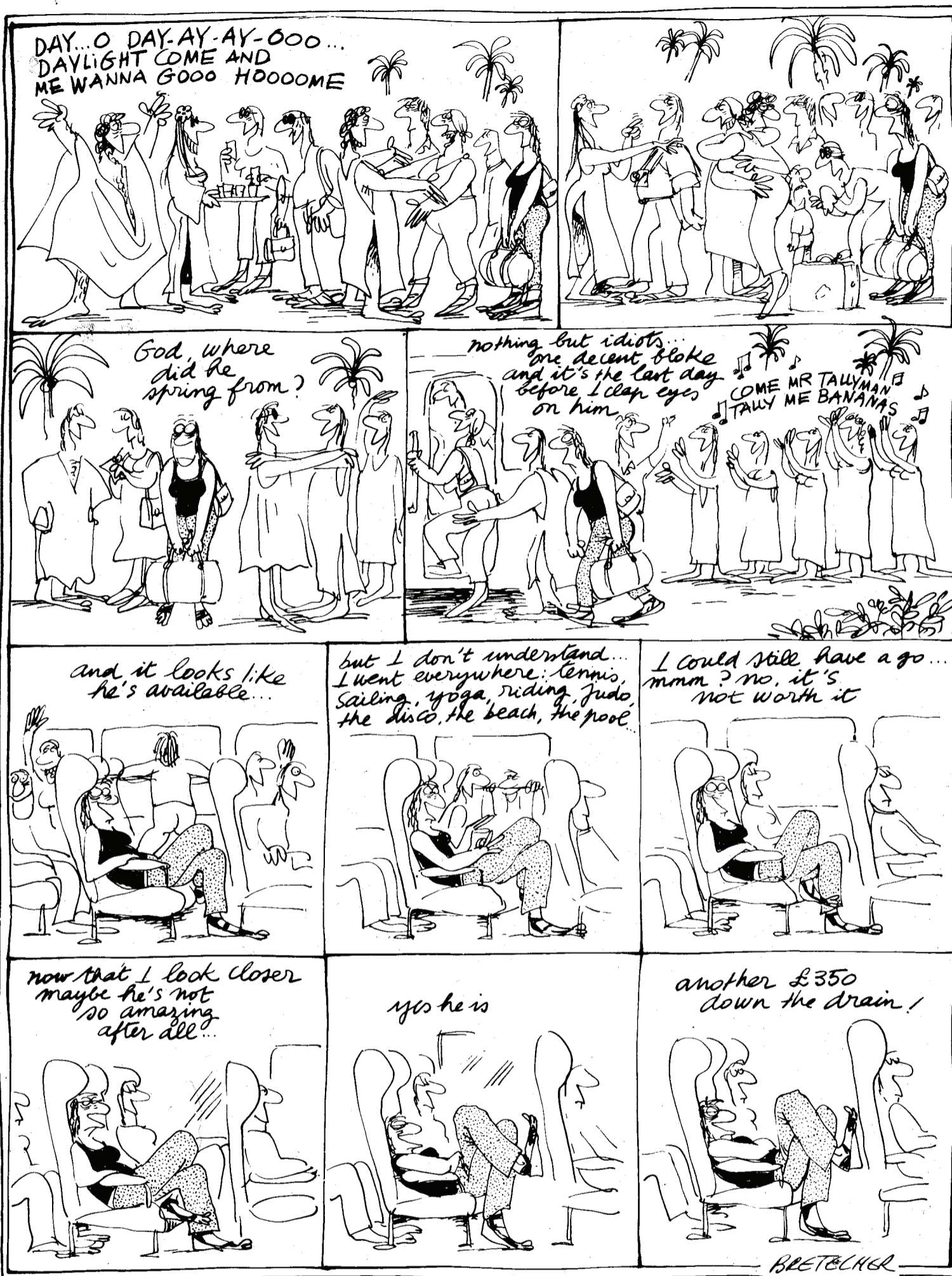
CALL FOR ARTISTS
SUBMISSIONS OPEN 18 SEP - 1 DEC 2023

pukeariki.com/home-work-2024

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What's On Listings

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ONGOING

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

MONDAYS: The Barnabas Centre - St Barnabas Church Hall, 141 Tasman Street Opunake: Each Monday 10 am - 12:30 pm. Information call Jenny 7618080 or Glenys 6558025

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.

Pungarehu Golf Clug Twilight: Tee-off between 4.30 & 6.30pm.

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

Okato Market: In Hempton Hall, Okato 4pm to 5.30pm.

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

THURSDAYS

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

Egmont Euchre Club: Every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club. Inquiries, 06 761 8277 or 06 761 8337

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.

AT THE CLUB HOTEL THIS WEEK:

Monday: Pizza - 2 for \$20; **Tuesday:** Order online for 30% off; **Wednesday:** Pizza night- 2 for \$20;

Thursday: Pensioners Lunch, \$15, Steak Night for \$20; **Friday:** Pensioners Lunch, \$15, Fish & Chips \$20. **Saturday:** Chicken Schnitzel \$20. **Club Hotel Pairs Cup; Sunday:** Roast Night with complimentary dessert for dine-in customers.

APRIL 7 TO NOVEMBER 6

State of Nature exhibition: PukeAriki Museum, New Plymouth

OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 5

Taranaki Garden Festival: Around Taranaki

Taranaki National Art Awards: At Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Event Centre, Opunake.

NOVEMBER 4

Stratford Speedway: Fireworks Spectacular

NOVEMBER 5

The Great Taranaki Steam Band: Presented by Taranaki Jazz Club. At the New Plymouth Club. 4.30pm.

NOVEMBER 9 TO 18

"Try this for Size OR Moustaches, Muffs and Minstrels": A production by Opunake Players. At the Lakeside Playhouse.

NOVEMBER 11

Stratford Speedway: Taranaki Super Saloon & Taranaki Stockcar Champs

NOVEMBER 12

Nexans Fun Run & Walk: Begins at Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Events Centre, 9.30am.

Manaia Community Church Gospel/Healing Meeting: Gibson Hall, Manaia, 6.30pm.

NOVEMBER 13

Opunake Golf Club AGM: At the Clubrooms, Namu Rd, 7pm.

NOVEMBER 18

Stratford Speedway: Taranaki Sprintcar, Saloon & Streetstock Champs

DECEMBER 1

Record Fair: At Everybodys Theatre, Opunake. 2pm-5.30pm.

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Havelock Street, Opunake - St Pauls - 9.30am every Sunday
Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month

Okato Co-operating Parish

Okato - St. Paul's - Sunday Service every 1st and 3rd
Sundays of each month, 10.00am
Oakura - St. James - Sunday Service every 2nd and 4th
Sundays of each month, 10.00am
Mid-week open church - Okato - St. Paul's -
Pew for You, every 3rd Wednesday of each month,
4.30pm-6.00pm

Opunake Catholic Church

St Martins, Pungarehu: 8.30am every 2nd and 4th Sundays
of the month
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
Other areas
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm
(2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)

St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga

2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month Mass at 6pm.
However during winter the time will be 5pm i.e. Saturday
10th June, 24th June and 8th July. After this date the time
will revert back to 6pm.
1st and 3rd Sundays of the month Liturgy of the Word with
Communion at 8.45am.
Thursday Mass 9.30am (subject to change).

St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays

The Wave

Pentecostal Church 64 Domett St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10.30am
Women's Group 10am Tuesday
Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
Come along or contact
Belinda Philp
027 935 6191

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

141 Tasman St, Opunake
Sunday Services 10am
Communion 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday
Prayer & Praise 1st Sunday
Every 5th Sunday all 4 churches gather for
a Combined Service

Okato Community Church

Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.
Everyone welcome

St John's Community Church. Kaponga

Cnr West and Egmont Streets.
Sunday Services 10.30am followed by morning tea

Manaia Union Fellowship

Terou St. Manaia.
Meet 10am every 3rd Sunday of the month with communion

Friend & Fellowship Group

Thursdays @ Manaia
Support our Faith and support each other with Prayer
and Bible study
Encouraging interactive discussion and Praise
All are welcome
We would love it if you could come
Rodney & Val 274 8550 or 0272384187

Stratford A&P Show

It's that time of year again where the Stratford A&P Show Grounds comes alive; it's all happening on the 25th & 26th November 2023 where the biggest Agricultural and Pastoral show in Taranaki is on and you won't want to miss it!

This year's show brings a fantastic new exhibitor, Santa! Santa will arrive on his sleigh and will set up camp in his Santa Cave proudly sponsored by First Gas. The kids can have a photo taken with Santa and tell him what they want for Christmas while the parents shop around for the special gift from over 100 trade exhibitors. Home Industries is BACK!, proudly sponsored by our fantastic new sponsor Milk & Beans Coffee Cart. Home Industries is an entirely new section that can give you a true hands-on experience and even win you prizes. The home industries opens up opportunities for the



Sidney Gibson at McDonalds Farm Barn 2022.

young and young hearted to be creative see the Stratford A&P website for schedule and entry form. So come on guys let's start getting creative, we want to see these master pieces arrive and be entered into the home industries for the public to view.

We can't forget about the massive machinery stalls along with Matahio Kid Zone, Old McDonald Farm KiwiSpan Challenge and livestock exhibits and don't forget about the Farriers, Chopping, Shearing, Vintage machinery and Military vehicles. So pack up the car load the kids and come along to the Stratford A&P Show for a fun day out, something for all ages, town and country folk, young and old we are catering for everyone.

Gate entry \$15.00 for an Adult and 14 and Under are FREE yes that's right FREE.

Francis Douglas Memorial College

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hapū and iwi. We recognise the value gained from extending our connections beyond the school gate and are mindful of the positive and long-lasting impact for our community when we share spaces and experiences together. Building connections and relationships (manaakitanga and whanaungatanga) are central to our philosophy and education provision.

Our school was founded by the community and this next stage is also a community project. As well as serving our student body, it is also our vision that this facility is shared with whanau and the broader community. There are not too many places in the city that can

host 900+ people, and this state-of-the-art facility will be a place to gather, participate and connect for many within the school and our wider neighbourhood, city and beyond. Bringing people together encourages a sense of wellbeing and belonging. This purpose-built facility will provide a learning environment that

weaves together our values (Faith, Service, Community and Excellence) our proud history, the stories of our rohe (region) and our whakapapa. This will ensure all aspects of our school community are acknowledged and celebrated.

The project is estimated to cost \$10-12 million. The College has secured \$8.5m

and are now moving to the fundraising stage of this project, seeking \$2.5M in funding to bring this exciting and much needed facility to fruition for the school and community. They hope to turn soil on this building in June 2024, with a completion date of late 2025.

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

1hr 39mins | PG Sat 04 Nov 1PM

Anatomy of a Fall

2hr 31mins | M Sat 04 Nov 7PM

Shayda

1hr 58mins | M Sun 05 Nov 1PM | Sun 05 Nov 7PM | Thu 16 Nov 7PM

Killers Of The Flower Moon

3hr 26mins | M Thu 09 Nov 7PM | Sun 12 Nov 1PM | Fri 17 Nov 7PM

Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken

1hr 31mins | PG Fri 10 Nov 7PM

HeadSpace

1hr 25mins | PG Sat 11 Nov 1PM

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1hr 43mins | R16 Sat 11 Nov 7PM



Five Nights at Freddy's

Violence, horror & cruelty | 1hr 49mins | Rated: R13
Fri 03 Nov 7PM



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

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Sat 04 Nov 1PM

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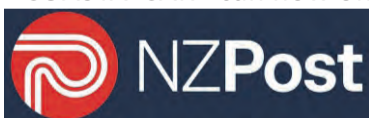
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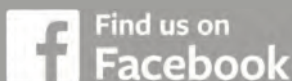
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Lions bring popular event back to Opunake

The Opunake Lions Club is proud to be bringing back the Nexans Fun Run to our district.

After an absence of several years, the popular series event will once again be taking place in Opunake on Sunday November 12.

This event begins from the Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre. All entrants must attend

registration to receive their event number. Entry fees are \$10.00 per person or \$35.00 a family (two adults, three children) until Friday 10 November, 4.00pm. Late entries will be available on the day at the Sinclair Electrical and Refrigeration Events Centre for \$15.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for a family.

Safety briefings will be



Nexans



Fun Run & Walk Series

Sun 12 November,
Opunake

held prior to the start of each event.

- 9.30am - 10.3km walk.
- 10.00am - 10.3km run, along with 2.4km, 5.6km run/walk.

Walkers and those with prams will be asked to move towards the back of the group.

Water will be available at the finish.

This is a cup-free event - please bring your own vessel.

Prizegiving will be held immediately after the last competitor has finished. All entrants go into the spot prize draw. Those who enter before 10 November 2023

go into an early bird prize draw to win one of two prizes of \$20.

Nexans travel prizes will be drawn at the last event on 4 February (Lake Rotokare). To qualify you must complete four or more events.

There will be a sausage sizzle and coffee cart on site.

Dogs are welcome.

See <https://www.sporty.co.nz/nexansopunak/home-1> link to the event.

Sue Huckstep
Secretary
Opunake Lions Club

PUBLIC NOTICES

ŌPUNAKĒ HIGH SCHOOL



LENA N SHARROCK
MEMORIAL
TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP
for Young Women

This scholarship has been established to assist past and present pupils of Ōpunakē High School from Year 12 up to the age of 25 years with overseas travel.

Further information and application forms are available from
The Principal
Ōpunakē High School
P O Box 4,
Opunake 4645.
Applications close on
Friday 1 December, 2023

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SUPPORTING OUR TAONGA SPECIES TO THRIVE - Predator control on Egmont National Park/Te Papakura o Taranaki

Taranaki Mounga Project is an ambitious, landscape-scale project working to enhance our native birds, flora and fauna across Mt Taranaki, Pouakai and Kaitake, as well as Ngā Motu/Sugar Loaf Islands. In 2023, the Department of Conservation (DOC), with the support of the Taranaki Mounga Project, will conduct an aerial 1080 predator control operation to treat more than 34,000 hectares of the National Park. This will target rats, stoats and possums which are the biggest threat to our native species.

Due to weather and timing constraints the original project area has now been split into two projects, the Kaitake Range and the Taranaki Mounga project areas.

The Kaitake Range is planned to be delivered first, before Christmas 2023. The Taranaki Mounga operation is planned for delivery in Autumn 2024.

Why we are doing predator control

Whio (blue duck), titipounamu (rifleman), miromiro (tomtit), rūrū (morepork), kererū (New Zealand pigeon) and many other native bird species are now seen more regularly and in higher numbers in the national park. These species are good indicators predator control operations in Egmont National Park are working. Thanks to intensive trapping complemented with aerial 1080 operations, whio numbers have risen from functionally extinct 20 years ago to around 40 resident pairs across eight intensively monitored rivers. These rivers are now at carrying capacity and spill over of birds is occurring right around the Mounga with at least 200 birds estimated.

Seeing our forest flourish and having even more native birds visit neighbouring communities is another measure of success. Returning other species such as kākā, yellow-crowned kākārīki, kōkako, and more kiwi is also our dream for the future.

Predator control works

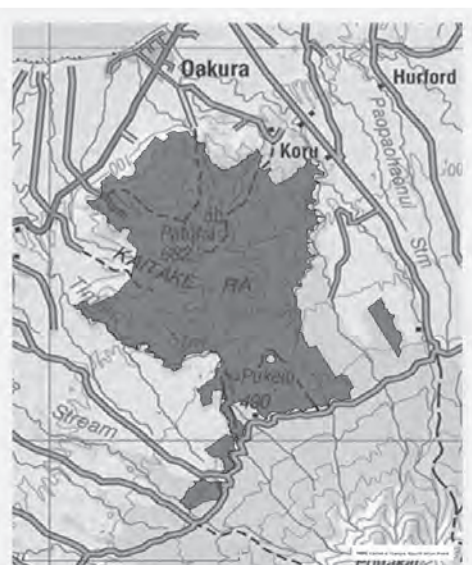
Aerial 1080 remains one of our best tools in protecting native taonga and is the most efficient, effective, and safest way to control predators in the rugged country of the National Park. In particular, it targets all predators in their home ranges at the same time. This is fundamental to the success of the project.

Method of predator control

DOC has worked closely with its treaty partners on desired outcomes and consulted with stakeholders and the community. The Kaitake Range project will be delivered between 25 October 2023 and 31 December 2023 DOC with its contractor Epro Ltd will apply baits containing biodegradable 1080 over the area shown on the map. A pre-feed of non-toxic baits will occur first priming the predators to eat the pellets.

The toxic cereal bait pellets contain 0.15 per cent of 1080, are cylindrical and approximately 2cm in diameter. They are dyed green to deter birds and contain a cinnamon lure to attract rodents.

Non-toxic pre-feed cylindrical pellets are approximately 2cm in diameter and sandy coloured (not dyed).



The aerial operation uses calibrated buckets and GIS mapping technology to ensure bait drops in the designated area. Please see map attached.

1080 is poisonous to humans and domestic animals. Always remember:

- **DO NOT** touch or eat the bait.
- **WATCH CHILDREN** at all times.
- **DO NOT EAT** animals from this area.
- Toxic baits and carcasses are **DEADLY to DOGS**. These may wash downstream and out of the National Park.

Observe these rules whenever you see warning signs placed at the public access ways in the above areas. Warning signs indicate pesticide residues may still remain in baits and carcasses, possibly for more than six months.

If you suspect poisoning

Always contact your local doctor or local hospital or the National Poisons Centre: 0800 764 766 (urgent calls) or 03 479 7248 or dial 111.

For further information, contact:

- Biodiversity ranger, DOC Ngāmotu/New Plymouth Office 55A Rimu Street, Strandon, New Plymouth 4312 Ph: 06 759 0350
- Epro Ltd, 283 Broadlands Road Taupo, 07 378 4852

PUBLIC NOTICES



SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 2

Public notice of extension of closing date for submissions on proposed Plan Change 2 to the South Taranaki District Plan.

In accordance with Clause 5 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the South Taranaki District Council has adopted a private plan change request from Todd Energy Limited to the South Taranaki District Plan.

Plan Change 2 was publicly notified on 28 September 2023 with a closing date for submissions of 27 October 2023. In order to provide appropriate time for those affected landowners to submit if they wish, the Council has extended the submissions period which will now close at 4.00pm on Friday 24 November 2023.

Plan Change 2 seeks to:

- Amend three existing District Plan Maps (Rural Map 08, Rural Map 09 and Special Map 03)
- Add three new Special maps (Proposed Special Map 03A, 03B and 03C).

The proposed map amendments and new maps are designed to introduce nine new Petroleum Activity Risk Contours and one new Petroleum Flare Alert Area. Two Petroleum Activity Risk Contours will be deleted.

The plan change does not propose any new objectives, policies or rules. No consequential amendments to objectives, policies or rules are required because of the proposed map changes.

More information: The proposal can be viewed at www.southtaranaki.com/our-council/consultations. If you have any questions about the proposal or process, please contact the STDC Planning Team at planchange@stdc.govt.nz or on 0800 111 323.

Submissions:

Anyone can make a submission on the proposed plan change. Submissions must be in accordance with Form 5 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003, which is available online at www.southtaranaki.com/our-council/consultations or at the South Taranaki District Council office or your local LibraryPlus.

Submissions close at 4.00pm on Friday 24 November 2023

Next Steps:

After the close of this submission period, the Council will prepare and publicly notify a summary of new or amended submissions. There will be an opportunity for anyone to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, any of those submissions. A hearing will then be arranged to consider all submissions and recommendations. Any submitter will have the right to attend and speak at any hearing. Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision to the Environment Court.

Signature Block of the CE

Public notice of application for OFF Licence Section 101, Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

KUMAR VENTURES LIMITED, 14 Corsham Grove, Churton Park, Wellington, 6037, NZ has made application to the South Taranaki District Licensing Committee for the issue of an OFF licence in respect of the premises situated at 5794 South Road, RD 34/Rahotu, Opunake, 4684, known as Rahotu Super Mart.

The general nature of the business conducted (or to be conducted) under the licence is **Grocery store**.

The days on which and the hours during which alcohol is (or is intended to be) sold under the licence are:
Mon-Sunday- 6am-8pm.

The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the South Taranaki District Licensing Committee at 105/109 Albion Street, Hāwera, 4610.

Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 25 working days after the date of the first publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the South Taranaki District Licensing Committee at:

The Secretary, South Taranaki District Licensing Committee, Private Bag 902, Hāwera, 4640.

No objection to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105(1) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

This is the second publication of this notice.
This notice was first published on: 19/10/2023

PUNGAREHU GOLF CLUB

Twilight starts Tuesday the 14th of November, 2023

Tee off between 4.30pm and 6pm
\$10 entry includes sausage sizzle

Everyone welcome

Enquiries – Alan Crowley 027 9646587

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Long term, short term or casual basis
Building has kitchen facilities, wheelchair access, cleaning services and plenty of parking on Napier Street or at rear of building on King Street.

Inquiries to Clare Moss - Ph 06 278 4169
clare.moss@hughson.co.nz

Our Christmas issue will be out on the 14th of December. Please get your contributions for this issue to us early.

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GARAGE SALES

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FORSYTH, Karly
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