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Business to continue in food trailer

The owners of Opunake Fish Chips and More gutted by fire two weeks ago intend to continue to run their business from a food trailer while their premises are being rebuilt.

Just returned from a nine hour journey from Tauranga Fish Chip and More owner Ali Hayward and her sister Daphne Holley have gone into partnership in the new food trailer which they hope to open by the end of the year.

"I'm excited about it," said Ali. "Watch out for us."

The popular takeaway in the main street of Opunake was gutted when fire swept through the shop two weeks ago.

The alarm was raised at 2:30am on Thursday morning. The landlord who lives in premises that back onto the takeaway, didn't hear anything until the automatic alarm was set off.

"The newspaper delivery man raised the alarm and called the fire brigade," says Ali. The fire fighters were shortly on the scene but by 2:55 it was well alight. Commented one of the fire fighters from the Opunake Fire Service, "the heat was really intense".

There's little salvageable from the fire though Ali thinks "the chipper's OK".

The business was insured and the cause of the blaze is still under investigation.



Ali Hayward with the new food trailer which is to be named Phoenix 45. Phoenix is "a bird that rises from the ashes" Ali explained and the 45 is a reference to Surf Highway 45.

A takeaway has operated from the premises in the main street of Opunake for around 60 years, the new owners Ali and Bill Hayward buying it off Don Gillbanks in 2014.

Ali hopes the new premises will open in around six months but meanwhile when the food trailer opens locals

will once again be able to buy fresh fish locally along with the usual fish and hand made chips and hamburgers.

She added that she would like to thank all the fire brigade volunteers for their amazing efforts on the night of the fire and the community for their support.



Opunake Fish, Chips and More after the fire. The singed soft toy in the foreground a poignant remnant of the yarn bomb which decorated Opunake's main street.

Earthquake risks draw big turnout at Manaia meeting

South Taranaki District Council officers and councillors took a grilling at a public meeting in Manaia last week. About a hundred people

turned up at the Manaia Golf Club for the meeting which discussed the future of public facilities in the town.

The Manaia War Memorial Hall has been closed for more than two years after a seismic assessment ruled it didn't meet required earthquake standards. The town's Sports Complex was closed in similar circumstances earlier this year.

In February the South Taranaki District Council voted to invest a million dollars to go towards the costs of replacing the town hall.

"It's pretty disappointing when we see we are losing facilities," said South Taranaki deputy mayor Phil Nixon who chaired the meeting. "This is one of the few places we are able to meet. Everyone here will have lots of memories about things they did in these facilities."

South Taranaki District Council community facilities

manager Phil Waite said they wanted to hear the views of people at the meeting about what facilities they would want to see serving the town in future. A number of questions were put and people were encouraged to get into groups, discuss these and write down their concerns which would be collected and collated for the Council to consider at a future date.

Cr Nixon said the consultation would continue beyond the meeting.

Manaia RSA president John Graham spoke about the history of the War Memorial Hall, which had always played a leading role in their annual ANZAC Day commemorations. After a fire in 1953 the RSA had donated 6000 pounds to rebuild the hall, which enabled the council to get a government grant

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Letters to the Editor

Help wanted to fill in the gaps

My mother is 89 years old and was born in Opunake to Dorrie and Rod Walker. He was a blacksmith with Jack Judson. As my mother is ageing quite fast now I would like to solve all if not some of the identification of the people in this photograph. It was taken circa 1929 in Opunake for I believe a Christmas performance.

The little girl seated in the middle at the front was my mother's sister Mona Walker. She died in 1930 which by all accounts was devastating for the family. It has not been confirmed but we believe she died in the ambulance on the way from Opunake to New Plymouth from pneumonia peritonitis, secondary to pneumonia meningitis. Mona's older brothers Frank, Guy and especially Roy never got over her death. She was much loved and missed so terribly. My mother was only about 18 months old when Mona passed and she has always felt a gap in her life.

The girl on the far right at the back was Nancy Wilton.

On the wall in my mother's bedroom hangs a beautifully framed photo of Mona lying on her stomach in the fairy



Can anyone help identify these people..

costume with legs crossed - already an angel perhaps?

So, is there anyone out there who can help with recalling the names of the other girls and teacher in this photo? I

do hope so. Perhaps this is the only photo of that day which may ignite a recollection in someone's memory of a great grandmother or great auntie.

If anyone can put names to

faces please let me know via louise.voullaire@gmail.com or PO Box 132, Hawera 4640.

Louise Voullaire-Drake
 Hawera

Plenty of money for teachers' pay claims

While there is sympathy for the plight of teachers seeking better pay and conditions, the common belief is that there is no more money available. Nothing can be further from the truth if our Labour government followed the lead set by the first Labour Government in 1936.

Michael Joseph Savage's Government used Reserve Bank Credit to finance the construction of state houses and vital infrastructure which injected millions of pounds into the economy and enabled New Zealand to emerge from the Great Depression sooner than most countries. The Hansard record (page

157) of the parliamentary debate that introduced the legislation had the following quote from our then Prime Minister: "I was accused by the previous speaker of saying, during the election campaign, that we were going to increase wages, pensions, and the like. I plead guilty, and I want to know from the right honourable gentleman what else is worth living for?"

The election advertisement from the 1930s could almost apply to the current day as the then Labour Government built thousands of state houses with Reserve Bank credit. No need for our Minister Twyford to look overseas

for funding for the current KiwiBuild programme as there is interest free money available right here and now.

The current KiwiBuild programme as there is interest free money available right here and now. Returning to the 1930s, the injection of Government money into the economy put money in people's pockets and freed up tax money to finance a Social Welfare system that became the envy of the world. Such a thing was unthinkable a mere three years prior to the introduction of the legislation.

While things have certainly changed since the 1930s, an IMF discussion paper titled The Chicago Plan Revisited issued in 2012 endorsed a similar approach to that taken by our first Labour government. In fact, it went even further.

The IMF paper said that a system where the central bank (our Reserve Bank) issued the currency would smooth out the boom and bust cycles, eliminate runs on the bank and dramatically reduce both public and private debt. In addition, it would provide productivity gains of 10% and steady state inflation would drop to zero.

We do not need to restrict the legitimate pay claims of our public servants. All that needs to be done is repeat what worked before and enable our Reserve Bank to issue credit for housing and infrastructure projects. A parliamentary petition, calling on the House of Representatives to consider such a move, is being circulated and you can access it at <http://www.positive-money.org.nz/Site/petition/>.

Such a move will free up tax money for other purposes including providing our public servants with proper wages and conditions and stemming the tide of those leaving our shores in search of decent pay.

Don Richards National Spokesperson for Positive Money New Zealand

Start listening to your rural policemen

Lately between Oakura and Opunake, and mainly further afield, many local farmers are still experiencing petrol and diesel being stolen, adults and teenagers having accidents while under the influence of alcohol or maybe drugs going over the speed limit, while family violence and assault charges have been extremely prominent in our province lately.

How many times have Constables Kylie Brophy and Rhys Connell repeatedly told not only farmers, but residents also not to leave keys in their tractors, farm bikes or other vehicles, and to lock up their homes? Some people still aren't listening, and may have to suffer the consequences.

As Christmas isn't that far away, may I give people some positive suggestions? Listen to what your two rural constables are saying to you, and if anyone is feeling somewhat stressed out, don't take it out on your wives, children or partners. Talk to your spouses somewhere quiet. In other words communicate, then seek some positive help together, not as individuals.

Tom Stephens
 New Plymouth

<p>Housing The People Under NATIONAL Rule</p>  <p>Ejections the order of the day. Only 125 State Advances during 1934 and 1935. Only £63,785 loaned for workers' dwellings during same period. Houses built by the Government: None.</p>	<p>Finest In World</p> <p>I had the good fortune to visit the Great Housing Scheme. I have an extensive knowledge of housing schemes - and have visited them all over Europe - and I want to congratulate New Zealand in having the most housing scheme in the world. I trust that nothing occurs to prevent the scheme being carried through to completion.</p> <p>—Dr. A. H. Ryan, Professor of Economic Philosophy at Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland, in a broadcast talk at Auckland.</p>	<p>Housing The People Under LABOUR Rule</p>  <p>Rent Restrictions Act prevented exploitation and gave tenants security. 1,797 State Advances made during 1936 and 1937. £1,155,750 loaned during same period. Government houses being built at rate of 3,500 per annum in 56 towns.</p>
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Earthquake risks draw big turnout at Manaia meeting



From left. Manaia RSA president John Graham speaks at the Manaia public meeting while South taranaki deputy mayor Phil Nixon and community facilities manager Phil waite listen.

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by designating it a War Memorial Hall.

Phil Waite said one of the options previously put forward was combining the town's hall and Library Plus in a future facility, but this idea has been "put to one side for now" as the building which houses the library meets current earthquake standards.

Patricia Green said she wanted to know where any future facility would be placed.

"Do you have the Queen's

seal for what you are doing? Where would we get the money from? Where would we get the land from? Is there a farmer opting to give up their land?"

Ian Harris from the Methodist Church which owns and operates the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall said that rather than spending big on a new facility, this hall could be a good alternative venue. When challenged about a recent increase in user fees he said they charged what they felt was needed to keep the hall going.

The status of the Manaia

Sports Complex which has been closed since March attracted a lot of discussion.

Phil Waite said a seismic report last year showed that the Sports Complex met 22 per cent of new building standards. The legal requirement is 34 per cent. It was decided to keep the complex open until March so that the Cricket and Tennis clubs could finish their seasons.

Alistair Murdoch from the Manaia Tennis Club said teams still play at Manaia

every Saturday.

"We have teams coming from New Plymouth and there are no facilities, no toilets and no water. It's PC gone mad."

Other speakers asked what the Council had done for the complex. The complex had already been set up by the Manaia Sports Complex Trust before the South Taranaki District Council came on board when the councils amalgamated in 1989.

Kelvin Putt said he recalled

an earthquake 40 years ago which shook the ground outside but wasn't felt inside the complex. He questioned why the building was now seen as an earthquake risk.

Cr Nixon said the Council has to abide by government legislation on earthquake standards.

"I agree that it's PC gone mad but we are governed by these laws and have to abide by them. It's not only here that these things are happening."

Cr Bonita Bigham said the assessments are made by qualified people and are peer reviewed.

After the meeting Cr Nixon said he is looking forward to going through suggestions that had come from the meeting.

"I think it's important to have everyone's opinions and we want to look at what themes are coming through. I'm quite excited to see what they all are. We need them and we need them soon."



Discussing the future of public facilities in Manaia at a meeting held in the town's Golf club rooms.

ADELPHOS

For all you card players here's a bit of a brain teaser about playing the odds on God's existence. Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) was a seventeenth century French mathematician, physicist, philosopher and gambler. Yes gambler. Pascal was a bit of a punter himself at the blackjack table. This mathematician fashioned his probability betting logic from the French casinos of his day, where the game was allegedly born. He was even credited with inventing the first roulette machine.

Pascal proposed a new betting strategy because people are betting on their own lives about God's existence every day. It has been called "Pascal's Wager." Here's how it works: Let's say Pascal's Wager is represented by the two sides of a coin. On the coin's one side is "If God Exists." Pascal reasons that

A Game of Cards Anyone?

if we live our lives as though He exists, there is the chance of an "infinite" gain or win (call it heaven). However if we choose not to live as though God exists, there is the chance of an "infinite" loss or eternal unhappiness (call it hell). On the other side of the same coin is written, "If God Does Not Exist". Here Pascal reasoned that even if a person lives like God "does" exist, he/she sustains only a "finite" or small loss by missing out on some worldly pleasures. Therefore, Pascal concluded that even if there is a low probability of God existing, it's a more commonsense wager is to live as though God does exist because of the potential "infinite" gain and a "finite" or minimal loss. That's Pascal's betting tip for rational thinking people. He used the maths symbol of infinity and multiplied by

zeros to make his point about the commonsense odds with gains and losses.

Pascal's didn't mention Jesus in his wagering equation. He just wanted people to "begin" thinking rationally in deciding about God's existence. Simply believing that God exists however doesn't make anyone a Christian, but it's a start. Only belief in Jesus and His claims makes someone a Christian. Jesus minced no words in saying, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Every day, people are betting their lives for or against Jesus' tip. Pascal's Wager coin has two sides, but Jesus' wager coin has only one. Many "almost Christians" have tried to hedge their bets on both sides of Jesus' coin of salvation. But Jesus is clear, "Whoever is not with me is

against me..." (Matthew 12:30). There is no neutral fence sitting. There's only one winning side on Jesus' wager coin. Of course, the convinced atheist will refuse to play at Pascal's gambling table.

Blaise Pascal had a brief but fruitful life as an inventor and innovator of: the mechanical calculator, adding machine, discoveries in barometric pressure and probability theory. Perhaps his lifelong ill health caused him to think

about his own mortality and eternity. He died at age 39.

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Moving ceremony marks 100 years since the signing of the Armistice Treaty

Opunake marked 100 years since the end of World War I on September 11 at 11am with a solemn ceremony at the cenotaph overlooking Opunake Beach.

who came to share in the historic occasion with a graphic description of the horror of World War I and the jubilation that heralded its ending.

“The last death of a combatant in World War I is recorded as being just 60 seconds before 11am

The president of the Opunake RSA Shane Butler welcomed the large crowd



The flags flying at half mast.

when the Armistice was due to come into force. Rats, mud, lice, lead, gas, steel, and fire gave way to relief, joy, tears, and cheers as the guns fell silent. For the first time in four years troops could emerge from their trenches and go, over the top, without fear of losing their lives, dismemberment,

or having their mates beside them fall for the last time.”

At 11am the tolling of the church bell at St Barnabas Church and the sounding of the town’s siren was followed by two minute’s silence. Even the birds seemed to stop their chatter as those gathered reflected in silence on the significance of the ending of the war in which 17,000 New Zealanders perished.

The leaders of all four Opunake churches then spoke in turn beginning with Corbus Blom from St Pauls Co-operating Parish who mentioned those who died in the gas chambers and prisoner of war camps. “The world has become a poorer place and we think of the splendour that might have been.” Rev John Sergeant from St Barnabas Church then read from Ecclesiastics, followed by Father Vijay from Our Lady

Star of the Sea Catholic Church who commented “The world is home to one vast family.”

Rev Geoff Williams from St Barnabas and secretary of the Opunake RSA also spoke reminding everyone that remembrance day is to cover all wars and gave a chronological history of the wars in which New Zealand has fought beginning with the New Zealand Land Wars – from 1843-47 and 1862-70 and the South African ‘Boer’ War (1899-1902). The First World War (1914-1918) in which 16,937 New Zealanders died was the most costly in terms of human life with New Zealand troops stationed at Gallipoli where they landed in one day for a punishing 7 months. Sadly not “the war to end all wars”, the Second World War was to follow. The Korean War (1950-57) claimed further

lives and the controversial Vietnam War in which 37 New Zealanders died including James Gatenby who was recently interned at the Opunake Cemetery.

“There is no greater love that a man should lay down his life for another,” said Geoff ending his address with the advice to “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

School students from various coastal schools then took it in turns to read out the names of local people who died in the wars.

The students then slowly raised the flags flying at half mast as The Last Post was played.

The ceremony ended with Shane Butler informing everyone that the Peter Jackson film They Shall Not Grow Old was screening at Everybodys Theatre at 1pm.



From left: Aimee Abplanalp, (OHS, partly obscured), Harrison Martins (Rahotu School, partly obscured), Stacey Lodge (Opunake Primary School), Ruby Helms (Rahotu School), Jasmine Leatherby (Rahotu School, reading), Rev. Geoff Williams.

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Focus on air force a hundred years on

Three years ago three seedlings were planted in the Manaia Domain descended from the Lone Pine which gave its name to a battle fought on the Gallipoli peninsula 100 years before.

On November 11, a century after the Armistice which ended the First World War the Manaia RSA held their annual Armistice Day service in what is now known as the Lone Pine Grove.

The service began with cadets from No 48 Squadron Stratford Air Training Corps leading everyone to the grove from the nearby Manaia Golf Clubrooms.

In recent years there has always been a different theme to Armistice Day commemorations in Manaia. Last year it was the navy and merchant marine, while the year before that the focus was on the contribution made by

the nurses. This year's theme was the air force.

Manaia RSA president John Graham said he was pleased with the attendance and estimates that around 150 people were there.

He said he was particularly pleased that a large number of relations of Pilot Officer Edgar Lawrence Burke were at the service. Pilot Officer Burke's Lancaster bomber failed to return from a mission over Dortmund, Germany in May 1944. Years later the aircraft was found in a swamp near Overpelt, Belgium. Pilot Officer Burke was the son of well known Rama Road farmer Charlie Burke.

The service was taken by the Rev David Self and speakers included South Taranaki District councillor Bonita Bigham and Flying Officer Sharon Clarke on behalf of the Stratford ATC.



Speaking at the Manaia Armistice Day commemoration. From left RSA president John Graham, Dennis McLean, Rev David Self. Photo Mary Moore.

Otakeho commemorates armistice centenary



Around the world in centres big and small services were held on November 11 to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice which ended World War I. Otakeho was no exception.

Earlier this year a new war memorial remembering those who died in two world wars was installed at the Otakeho Hall in time for ANZAC Day. On November 11 around 20-30 people gathered here for an Armistice Day service.

Piper Andy Davy led

Rod Le Fleming raises the flag at Otakeho.

everyone from the hall to the memorial outside. In welcoming everyone Bryan Kirk said that at the time World War I had been dubbed the War to end all wars, but 100 years later the hopes for world peace had still not been realised. Dee Bakewell read a poem and commented on the surprising camaraderie shown at times by Allied and German troops on the Western Front. Otakeho resident

and Taranaki regional councillor Michael Joyce spoke about his mother Aileen's recollections of earlier Armistice Day commemorations.

The flag was raised and lowered by Rod Le Fleming whose great uncle, William Kelland Le Fleming was among the last casualties of World War I, having died on November 9, 1918.

Armistice Day at Eltham



Over 80 people were at the Eltham Services Cemetery on Armistice Day. Photo Wiratsari Limbangjaya.

Over 80 people were at the Eltham Services Cemetery for an Armistice Day service on November 11. Eltham RSA padre Lindsay Maindonald said he believes this is the first time the RSA has held an Armistice Day service in Eltham, but with it being 100 years since the First World War ended, it seemed a good time to hold one. He said the oldest person there was aged 93.

As well as the traditional two minutes silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, pipers Winston Kerr and Aidan Campbell played, and six wreaths were laid.

Eltham RSA life member Gavin Bennett who acts as parade marshal at Eltham Armistice Day services had a display of memorabilia at the cemetery for visitors to look at.

Layby now for Christmas.

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Early wake up calls for the Opunake Brigade

It has been early wakeup calls for the members of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade over the past two weeks with four call outs attended all in the early hours of the morning.

On Thursday morning November 8 at approximately 02:50am the brigade was called out to one of the local Fish n Chip shops in the main street of Opunake.

On arrival the crews found the premises to be well involved in fire. Assistance was immediately called for from the Rahotu and Kaponga Brigades. Quick work by the crews assisted by the concrete block construction of the party walls helped confine the fire damage to the shop itself. Thankfully everyone was safe.

After the Fire was extinguished the brigade checked the building for hotspots using its recently acquired Thermal Imaging Camera. This was the first time it had been used at an incident so it was good to see how effective this new

technology is in identifying areas that may have flared up later on.

An early morning wake up again happened on Wednesday November 14 at approximately 02:16am when the brigade received a call out to the local resthome. A fault in the fire sprinkler system had caused the alarm to go off. The brigade checked the system out, and when nothing was found all that was left to do was to assist the resthome staff getting the residents back into their beds.

The following night at 1:06am the brigade received a call to a car versus power pole on the Eltham Road. Both the Opunake and Kaponga brigades responded to this incident. On arrival they found a car had hit the power pole which had brought down the wires onto the car. The car had caught fire and was eventually total engulfed in fire.

Due to the wires being across the car there was nothing the brigades could do other than protect the surrounding area until the



The Opunake Fire Brigade attended a fire at Fish Chips'n'More at Opunake on November 8.

power authority isolated the power supply. After this was done the car fire was extinguished. Meanwhile the driver of the car was nowhere to be seen. Brigade members checked the surrounding areas in case someone had been thrown out of the vehicle but found nothing. The matter was then handed over to the police to deal with.

Just as an item of note, should you ever be involved in a vehicle accident that results in power wires coming down over your vehicle, the safest thing to do is to stay in the vehicle (providing it's not on fire) until the power supply is isolated. There is a very high risk of receiving a severe electric shock if you get out of your vehicle.

On Sunday morning November 18 at 00:40am the brigade was called out

to the local high school to investigate an alarm going off. The crews checking out the building couldn't find anything so returned to the station and home to bed to catch up on some sleep.

As mentioned before the brigade is still on the lookout for new members. If you're thinking about this, don't be shy, come down to the station on Monday nights between 7pm and 9pm and see what it's all about. You will be most welcome.

In the meantime stay safe out there

VSO John

The next issue of the Opunake and Coastal News comes out on December 6.

Opunake Blood Drive here at last

The NZ Blood Service Mobile Blood drive will be visiting Opunake at Sanford's Event Centre - 156 Tasman St, on Tuesday November 27 from 9.00am till 2.00pm.

This is due to the hard work and dedication of the Coastal Care Facility in Opunake. Aretha Lemon has collected about 100 names of locals, encouraging them to donate blood.

NZ Blood Service is in the process of ringing or emailing these people asking for a commitment to donate blood.

Please feel free to ring 0800 448 325 or book online www.nzblood.co.nz Alternatively call in on the day.

Opunake comes under the 'umbrella' of Waikato which covers as far as Coromandel, Bay of Plenty, and Gisborne, plus Taranaki. We require over 500 people each week in the region to donate blood to keep up with the demand from hospitals, whose patients are reliant

on blood and blood products daily.

Why should I donate blood? To ensure that adequate supplies of blood are available for you, as well as your family friends and neighbours. Red blood cells only last 35 days so a continual stream of blood donors is required. Your one blood donation can save up to three lives. Blood contains life-saving components that can help treat many illnesses and injuries.

You may be eligible to donate if you are a new donor aged 16-65 years, weigh over 50 kg (First time donors must meet height and weight criteria- check <https://www.nzblood.co.nz/give-blood/donating/am-i-eligible/>

For recent tattoos or piercings there is a four month stand down from date of procedure.

If you have been in the UK, Scotland, Ireland or France between January 1 1980 until December 31 1996 for a period of six months cumulatively you are unable

to donate due to the 'Mad Cow' outbreak during that time.

Overseas travel to areas where tropical diseases are endemic (e.g. malaria) may result in a temporary deferral but this will depend on a number of factors so please check Donating after Travelling on the NZBS website before booking your appointment.

No coughs, colds, sore throats or cold sores. Low haemoglobin counts: NZBS temporarily defers blood donors whose haemoglobin test falls below the standard of 120 g/L (females) and 130 g/L (males). This is an indication that you may be low in iron.

ID is essential - I.E. Driver's Licence, Passport or donor card. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids (water, sports drinks) and also something to eat at least 3-4 hours before you donate to ensure a good donation experience.

Process- Present ID upon arrival, fill out Health questionnaire of yes/no

answers, go and sit with the nurse for a confidential interview. A finger prick to test your haemoglobin level, then escorted to the donor bed where the procedure takes place (it only takes a few minutes). Your donation is complete. The best part is being served tea, coffee, or fruit juice afterwards where you can eat your weight in chocolate biscuits.

It is very inspiring to hear what motivates blood donors to donate. Quite often it is their personal connections that encourage them, especially if they know someone who has needed life-saving blood or blood products in the past.

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Brigade honours 50 years of fighting fires

The Opunake Fire Brigade recently celebrated a half century of service by two of their senior officers.

Firefighters from around Taranaki joined family, friends, wellwishers and Opunake brigade members as chief fire officer Rodney Woods and station officer Gordon Wells received their Gold Stars for 25 years service. South Taranaki District mayor Ross Dunlop and New Plymouth MP Jonathan Young were also there, and the messages of congratulations included one from Internal Affairs minister Tracey Martin.

Brigade members formed a guard of honour as Rodney and Gordon, together with wives Anne and Michelle arrived at the station on a sunny Opunake afternoon.

"It's quite unusual to have two gold stars awarded on the one day," said Taranaki Gold Star Association president Merv Watt, himself a 33 year veteran with Okaiawa and Hawera. "Usually it would go to one. To have it go to two is quite good for a station like Opunake to have 50 years of service to the community." Rodney and Gordon both



Rodney Woods(second from left) and Gordon Wells(second from right) who have received gold stars for 25 years with the fire service. With them are wives Anne and Michelle.

say they joined the brigade because they wanted to put something back into the community. "I enjoy the camaraderie. It's like a family really," says Rodney. He joined the fire service in 1975 when he started with the Hawera Brigade. He was there for four years and rejoined the fire service when he signed up with the Opunake brigade in 1996.

He has been here ever since. For the last 13 years he has been chief fire officer.

Gordon joined the Rahotu Brigade in 1993. He was there for 20 years, 13 of these as deputy chief fire officer, before he came to Opunake as station officer in 2013.

It was through the fire service that he met his wife Michelle. She has served 11

years with the fire service, and was with the Hawera Brigade when they met.

"I've had interesting callouts, good ones, bad ones and funny ones," Gordon said. "I'm quite lucky to have a wife in the brigade as after those bad ones we can go home and have a debrief about it. Some of these guys don't have that."

Gordon's and Rodney's attendance records were both noted, Gordon's at 99.44 per cent, Rodney's at 88.15 per cent.

Taranaki area commander Jeremy Bunting said Rodney has led a number of firewise initiatives in his time as chief fire officer.

"He's done a lot for the community out here," he said.

His predecessor Pat Fitzell who was Taranaki area commander for 16 years appointed Rodney as chief fire officer not long after he arrived in Taranaki.

"I knew of his organisational and his management skills," says Pat, who himself served 50 years with the fire service. "He worked his way through the ranks and was ready for

the next step." Also there to help celebrate the occasion was John Hall who first joined the fire service as a 15 year-old 70 years ago. He recalls coming out to Opunake for championships which would be held near the cliff face. He was station officer at Hawera when Rodney joined the brigade back in the 1970s. As well as tributes to Rodney and Gordon, tributes were also paid to the work done by the Fire Service(now Fire and Service NZ).

"There are lots of groups in society that contribute, but there's not that many that contribute and put their lives on the line," said New Plymouth MP Jonathan Young. "It's so easy to take these people and what they give for granted until you are in a situation where you have no idea what to do. It's

good that we have the people who do know what to do." He said he was able to appreciate what the fire service do after he had a fire in his own house.

Murray Weir who acted as MC for the afternoon paid tribute to Rodney and Gordon, who he said were "born for this job." He talked about the history of firefighting in Opunake, and said the United Fire Brigades Association, due to celebrate its 140th birthday is one of the oldest organisations in the country.

"I enjoy the camaraderie. It's like a family really,"
Rodney Woods



Rodney Woods(right front) and wife Anne, and Gordon Wells and wife Michelle inspect the guard of honour made up of members of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade.



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It's always great to be in Opunake

The demands on a Member of Parliament's time often mean we don't get a chance to truly enjoy the attractions of our own part of the country.

MPs like to brag about their electorates and I always have plenty of highlights to talk about, but earlier this month I had an experience to really make my colleagues jealous. I was fortunate to be able to spend some time at Fox Cottage in Opunake and pretty much be a tourist in my own back yard. In fact



**JONATHAN YOUNG MP
FOR NEW PLYMOUTH**

I talked about it in one of my speeches in Parliament, and Trevor Mallard, the speaker

told me to get to the point. I did ... the point was I was very impressed.

For a start, Fox Cottage itself is a tourism success story, named this month as the Bookabach NZ People's Choice in Bach of the Year 2018, while also earning a Silver Award for Hospitality for offering extraordinary service and unforgettable guest experiences. We also visited Pihama Lavender and enjoyed fish and chips from Ali's fish shop a week before it burned down - we

were shocked and sorry to hear that news.

It's always great to be in Opunake, but this was a very special time, with the Powerco Taranaki Garden Festival and Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival in full swing; the annual Taranaki Art Awards, and Yarn Bomb adding more colour... It all added up to lots of buzz from the multitude of locals and visitors around town.

NIWA is forecasting near-normal temperatures, rainfall and soil moisture levels

between now and January, so hopefully Opunake and the coast will be in for a bumper tourist season. Certainly I know a lot of planning is going into some exciting events and I'm sure they'll be well-supported. Of course, we need rain for our farmers - but let's hope we receive that between midnight and 4am each day. Parliament has been in recess for the last fortnight meaning I have been able to get out and catch up with people around the electorate.

We're about to close out the year with a four-week run up to Christmas, so I'll be in Wellington for most of the next month. However, if you'd like to get in touch, please contact my office 06 759 1363.

*Jonathan Young
MP for New Plymouth*

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PGF to support commercialisation at Taranaki sawmill

The Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) will provide a loan of up to \$1.8 million to TaranakiPine to allow the company to diversify and create new jobs says Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones.

TaranakiPine is in the early stages of producing factory finished engineered timber panels, which can be used in the construction of floors and roofs in buildings.

"With support from the PGF, the company will now be able to accelerate the project from pilot stages to full commercialisation.

"This will generate seven new jobs directly and 13 new jobs indirectly and is

an exciting investment that supports a locally-based business to fast-track new product to market, which will in turn help to unlock new economic opportunities in Taranaki.

"This diversification will also support the retention of the existing 170 jobs at the mill.

"This demonstrates the value of the PGF and the ability we have to partner with the private sector to bring forward projects which will make a real difference for our regions.

"Importantly, this investment also aligns strongly with the Government's priorities, including KiwiBuild and the One Billion Trees

programme. Finished timber panels will help to increase productivity in housing construction.

"The commercialisation of the project highlights the potential for the wood processing sector to transition from a focus on volume to value and the production of high-value products.

"For years people have talked about adding value to the industry by increasing our on-shore processing and manufacturing capability and now, through the PGF, we're able to do exactly that," Shane Jones said.



Logs at New Plymouth wharf

More housed in Taranaki

There are 36 more households housed in Taranaki than last quarter says Housing and Urban Development Minister Phil Twyford.

Latest figures from the Public Housing Quarterly Report show that the Government is pulling out all the stops to house and support people in the face of the housing crisis, Phil Twyford said.

"In the September quarter, in Taranaki, we housed 36 households from the public housing waiting list.

"At the same time, we're seeing more people coming forward for help, which is particularly telling, considering we made 1,742 addi-

tional public housing, transitional housing and Housing First places across the country available for people in need this winter.

"The continuing demand for public housing and other housing support shows that it's going to take a concerted effort over many years to end homelessness. The housing crisis was created over a decade and isn't going to be fixed overnight.

"In Taranaki, there are now 1,227 households in public housing, with 159 households on the wait list for public housing. This shows the hidden homeless that we warned about at the begin-

ning of the year are continuing to come forward," Phil Twyford said.

The number of Taranaki individuals or families seeking Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants rose to 71 in the September quarter - more than double compared to the last quarter.

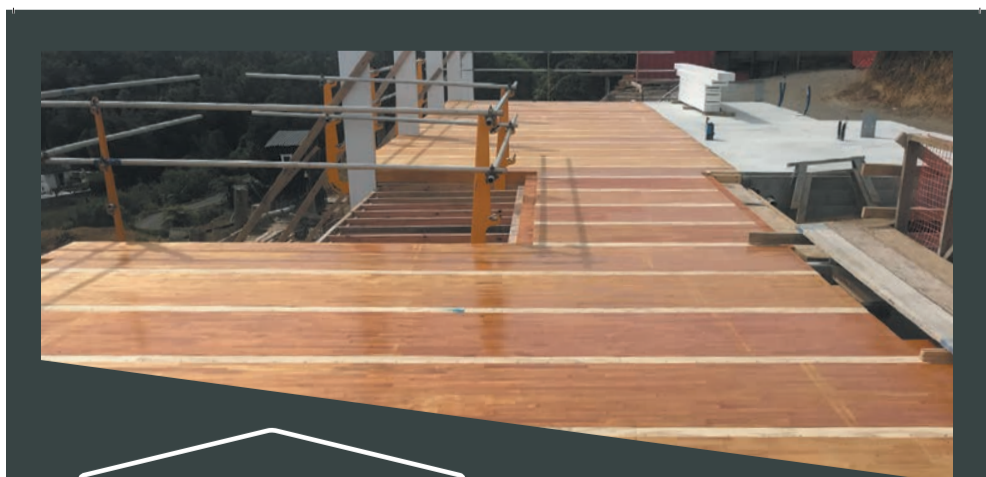
"While we build New Zealand out of the national housing crisis, including 55 more public housing places in the Taranaki region over the next four years, we'll continue to do whatever it takes to support people and families in need," Phil Twyford said.

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Cooking from scratch a hit at Coastal Taranaki

When TV chef Michael van de Elzen spoke at Coastal Taranaki School, he had students eating out of his hand.

Cooking smells were wafting through the hall as he spoke to an audience comprising Year 3-10 students and a smattering of adults.

"I need one person to help me," he says.

A sea of hands reaches for the ceiling.

The chef, known for his highly popular TV series The Food Truck was at the halfway point of a tour of New Zealand promoting his book Good from Scratch Kids Cookbook: Healthy Food for Kiwi Kids.

The previous day he had visited Matapu School, the only other Taranaki school on the itinerary. Two hundred schools had applied to be part of Michael's tour, but he had only been able to include 50 on an eight week tour.

"That's eight weeks away from my little munchkins," he says, referring to daughters Hazel(7) and Ivy(5).

He says it's a shame he had to turn away the other 150 schools that wanted to be included.

"This should be a thing that's put through all the schools," he says. "I've had fantastic attendances, which shows there's a real interest out there."

He does one session a day. Although the one at Coastal Taranaki School was held in class time, generally his sessions are held at night as he wants to bring the parents in as well, to encourage families to cook together. The book has been in the making since his TV show The Food Truck finished four years ago.

"I had always been that healthy food guy so the book's been in the making for a number of years," he said.

With a family of two daughters writing the book seemed to make good sense. "When you have your own kids you are a lot more aware

of what they are eating. The kids are our next generation, and what we show them is so, so important to get them cooking as early as we can, so they can get a good repertoire of dishes."

While the food should be healthy it should also taste good.

"It's food they want to eat, not what we think they should have," he says.

His tour has taken him to a wide variety of schools, but the message remains the same.

"I might change what I say, but not what I do," he says.

The message revolves around the benefits of making a meal from scratch, because when you make it from scratch, you know what's in it.

Who would know that a drink containing 37 tablespoons of sugar could just as easily be made with two tablespoons of honey instead?

"Honey has flavour. Sugar is just sweet," he says.

After the cooking demonstration came a question and answer session. What made him want to be a chef? Interestingly enough it all began when he was working as a dishwasher at a big restaurant.

"The place had such an amazing energy about it, I couldn't wait to get back there."

His CV had included working under some very well known names.

"I worked with Gordon Ramsay in London and he was really good. I worked with Jamie Oliver and he was not so good."

His favourite chef? Anthony Bourdain.

Has he ever set the kitchen on fire? Has he ever injured himself? Yes to both counts. He had a question of his own.

"Who wants to be a chef?" Arms head skywards.

"Can I talk you out of it?" he says.

After Coastal Taranaki School and Okato he was on his way. Ahead lay a five hour drive and his next stop, Napier.



Michael van de Elzen wows his audience at Coastal Taranaki School

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MIDDLETON'S BAY BEACH CLEAN-UP

Did you know the Opunake Kindergarten has been picking up the rubbish at Middleton's Bay for the past 6 years? This term we invited Katie Sinclair to talk to us about "Healthy Oceans", and how she organises volunteers to keep our beaches free of rubbish. The tamariki were so excited to find rubbish because they know that rubbish in the ocean can kill and harm our marine life. We found heaps of micro plastics and litter that people have most likely dropped on the ground. Tamariki are being kaitiaki, learning about looking after and taking care of our environment.



Tamariki are looking for the micro plastics bits in the sand.



A group photo of the tamariki with Katie Sinclair and Monique Sinclair.

PET DAYS

We had a couple of Pet Days and the tamariki had the opportunity to meet some very cool pets. Melissa even brought "Teddy" the pony to Kindy.

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ABOVE LEFT: Melissa Drayson (4) with Teddy.
 ABOVE RIGHT: Minnie James (4) brought Peppa Pig to Kindy. Bede Ratahi & Georgina Mullin (4) get to know Peppa.

PATTERNS

For the first 5 weeks of the term our Math focus is Patterns. Our intended learning outcomes for tamariki are – understanding that patterns repeat, that they make their own patterns, that patterns can be found everywhere and that there are lots of different types of patterns with varying complexities. For the last half of Term 4 we will be focusing on measuring.



LEFT: This was a pattern in the sandpit that we named the plastic, shiny pattern. Nixon could read the pattern - shiny, plastic, shiny, plastic, shiny, plastic. We played a game where we took turns covering our eyes and taking one plate away and then figuring out which one was missing using the pattern.

THE MOANA ROOM

In the Moana Room the Math focus this term has been counting and shapes. We have been exploring our environment and promoting counting, sequencing and number recognition. We have been enabling the tamariki to see that numbers have a purpose and are fun to use. We have been counting in English, te reo Māori, Mandarin, Korean, Hindi, Afrikaans, French and German! It's great to see the children valuing and respecting the languages and cultures of their peers. It helps the children with their cultural identity.

We have also been looking at shapes and their attributes. The children have enjoyed discovering shapes in their environment and recreating them.

We have been investigating which shapes have curves, sides, edges and points. The tamariki have been learning the names for shapes and their attributes in both English and te reo Māori. We have been using the funds of knowledge the children bring from home.



TOP RIGHT: Aria making hexagons out of six triangles.
 BOTTOM RIGHT: Charlie makes a cube with six squares.

FIRE BRICKS

We recycle our paper and unnamed paintings to make firebricks. This way we minimize our paper waste and learn about reusing and sustainability. The warmer weather is perfect for drying the firebricks out, so we always make heaps during Term 4 and Term 1!



Minnie James (4) and Sapphire Wilson (3) working co-operatively to make a firebrick.

OPUNAKE LIBRARY PLUS BOOK REVIEW

The Darkest Place by Jo Spain.

This suspense novel is a nice twist of thriller with the usual police work mixed it. Set on a small island in Ireland, a mass grave is found within view of an old mental hospital. Foul play is suspected when the body of a respected doctor who has been missing for over 40 years is found among the bodies of patients

buried there. The doctor was presumed to have simply abandoned his work and family all those years ago yet his widow Miriam has faithfully waited for news every Christmas to the angst of her children who have finally reached a limit with her dedication and refuse to join her for yet another hopeful Christmas.

Inspector Tom Reynolds' manipulative boss sends him and his team on Christmas day to solve this very old cold case.

Throughout the book the reader is made privy to parts of an old diary belonging to the dead doctor and gradually the indignities and atrocities the residents were submitted to and why various former

staff members never left the island after the asylum closed start to surface. Absolutely nothing is what it seems in this very well paced read with its blatant unsettling characters and ominous surroundings. There is a very nice twist to the end that you don't see coming. This is a very well written novel focusing on the drama

behind psychiatric treatment patients received in Ireland some half a century ago.

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

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New day new link for bus users

Some of South Taranaki's Southlink bus services will change next month but coverage will remain the same.

A new return service on Thursdays will link Opunake, Kaponga and Manaia with Hāwera. This will replace current services linking Manaia with Hāwera (Tuesdays) and Opunake with Hāwera (Fridays).

"The key point for these townships is that from early December onwards, their weekly bus service to Hāwera will run on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays or Fridays," says Chris Clarke, transport services manager for the Taranaki Regional Council, which provides the services through contracted operators.

Current weekly Southlink services from Waverley and Patea to Hāwera (Thursdays), and from Opunake to New Plymouth



(Fridays) remain unchanged.

The new Opunake route does not incorporate Eltham or Normanby, which are now served by the Hāwera-New Plymouth Connector with four return services each weekday.

The new route will be operated by Pickering Motors, taking over from Weir Bros who operated the two services being replaced.

"We appreciate the service and professionalism provided by Weir Bros," says Chris. "The only reason for changing the operator is that Pickering's are based in Opunake, so we can achieve greater financial and environmental efficiencies on behalf of ratepayers."

Weir Bros will continue to operate the Waverley-Hāwera services on Fridays.

The new route arrangements will apply from the first week in December.

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and supported this event at Everybody's Theatre. Thank You for being there. It was another successful event with awesome community support and over 250 people attending. We will continue making this bigger and better each year. If you would like to get involved for next year as a decorator or scarer then please get in contact 027 383 7926.

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PRIZEGIVING 2018

Held on November 1st, our 2018 Senior Prizegiving was truly one out of the box, and for Opunake High School we took another step forward in embracing the future by live-streaming the entire event. Below is a list of our Art, Cultural & Special award winners, the full list of winners is in our Yearbook, due out December 7th.

ART & CULTURAL

- Opunake High School Prize Senior Literature
Dylan Coleman
- Christine C.P.S Trophy Senior Public Speaking
Stevee-Jai Kelly
- Joy Williamson Cup Music
Soviet-Knight Bishop & Daniel Potier
- Talia Maree Patene Memorial Trophy Female Leader
Teina Ngaia
- Pei Te Hurinui Jones Trophy Manu Korero Senior Maori Speech
Soviet-Knight Bishop
- Te Whiwhia Trophy Manu Korero Senior English Speech
Stevee-Jai Kelly
- Egmont Community Arts Council Award Performing Arts
Sarah Haden
- Egmont Community Arts Council Award Cultural Arts Cup
Stevee-Jai Kelly
- Egmont Community Arts Council Award Visual Arts Cup
Jacob Symons
- Egmont Community Arts Council Award Musical Arts
Soviet-Knight Bishop & Daniel Potier
- Egmont Community Arts Council Award Arts & Culture Supreme Award
Jacob Symons

SPECIAL AWARDS

- University of Otago Leaders of tomorrow Entrance Scholarship 2019
Dylan Coleman
- University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship 2019
Keegan Grey & Sarah Haden
- The South Taranaki RSA Centennial Scholarship
Christopher Seyb & Dylan Coleman
- A & V Sandford Trophy For care of the environment
Katie Sinclair
- McKay Cup and OHS Medal Head Girl
Aimee Abplanalp
- Crawford Cup and OHS Medal Head Boy
Dylan Coleman
- OHS Board of Trustees Cup For Student BOT Representative
Dylan Coleman
- Bolger Cup For Leadership of the Student Council
Aimee Abplanalp
- James Trophy All Round Contribution to the School Year 9 – 11
Meg Gibson
- Woolford Cup Sportsman of the Year
Nico Hill
- Nicholas Cup Sportswoman of the Year
Isabelle Cook
- OHS DREAM Trophy For DREAM Values in school and Extra-Curricular
Katie Sinclair
- Minister of Education Cup For Services to the School
Katie Sinclair

- The Combined Churches Award For Outstanding Character
Stevee-Jai Kelly & Dylan Coleman
- Wotton Award For Diligence and Commitment to the School
Stevee-Jai Kelly
- OHS 2013 Prefect Cup Most Outstanding Prefect
Katie Sinclair
- Taonga Te Maunga Tuu Recognising High Levels of Academic Achievement For Senior Maori Students
Gianni Dear
- Griffith Merit Cup For Best All Round Girl
Katie Sinclair
- Graham Sulzberger Memorial Cup For Best All Round Boy
Dylan Coleman
- Lena Sharrock Award for Runner-Up in Year 11 Subjects
Jamie Siciliano and Ariana Dingle
- Pam Morris Cup & Medal for Excellence in Year 11 Subjects
Brydee Hunt
- Sue Spindler Award Runner-Up in Year 12 Subjects
Lia Harrop & Isabelle Cook
- Sue Spindler Cup & Award Excellence in Year 12 Subjects
Regan Bloemen & Sam McNeil
- The Scott Oliver Memorial Scholarship For Tertiary Studies in the Creative Industries
Jacob Symons
- OHS Medal and Award For Proxime Accessit
Aimee Abplanalp, Gianni Dear & Jacob Symons
- McNeil Adams Cup, OHS Medal and Ikaroa Lodge Award For Dux of the School
Laura Hickey



Isabelle Cook & Nico Hill



Aimee Abplanalp & Dylan Coleman



Stevee-Jai Kelly, Katie Sinclair & Jacob Symons



Brydee Hunt



Regan Bloemen & Sam McNeil



2018 Dux - Laura Hickey with her parents.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Nga mihi o te wa ki a koe me to whanau Greetings to you and your family

2018 has been a busy year with many changes, but it is an exciting time as change is fast becoming the new norm in education. Here we have a great team which thrives on change, diversity and progress. The staff are all incredibly dedicated and a hard working team, I appreciate your expertise and encouragement of all of our students to get the education and academic success they deserve.

I look back this year on what our students have achieved and how far they have come and I'm filled with pride and the satisfaction that our communities future will be in good hands. I have been incredibly impressed with all of our students this year, while not all have been recognised formally at senior prizegiving, I know that they have all progressed so much both educationally and socially.

There is a famous quote which reads "when you've reached the top, send the elevator back down for the rest of us". All of us can send the elevator back down because it doesn't matter what floor you're on; in life there is always someone below, just waiting for the chance to be invited up.

At Opunake High School our job is to make sure the floors we live on are not so high that we no longer hear the voices of young people crying out for opportunity, or experience that will help shape a better future and grow good people for a rapidly changing world. With outstanding senior students we know you will continue to send the elevator back down for the rest of us.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.

Noho ora mai ano
Peter O'Leary - Principal

WHATS HAPPENING AT OPUNAKE HIGH?

- Just a few weeks left until the school year ends, here are the remaining key dates:
- Y13 Leavers Dinner** - November 26th
- Junior Prizegiving** - December 7th
- 2018 Yearbook** - Available for collection December 7th, from the school office.
- Junior Camps** - December 10-12th

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Managing surplus pasture growth in early summer is important in achieving ongoing pasture performance. In November/December, reproductive tillers appear, elongating into less easily-digested stems and seed heads, dropping pasture quality.

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DM/ha above that, DM/ha pastures should be closed for 1.4 days less.

Preparing silage and feeding out

Minimise exposure to air when harvesting pasture and stacking or baling it up for silage. Even in good harvesting conditions, you can lose between five to 10 percent of pasture: in the worst, up to 25 percent. Select paddocks that minimise machinery turns (corners, obstacles).

If you're using a stack or pit, make sure it's well-packed and covered promptly. All silage should be given time to ferment before feeding out. Depending on the inoculants used, any silage stack or bale should not be opened for three to four weeks after closing.

Shape stacks and pits to suit herd size and clean the stack face daily, so it's not exposed to air for longer than 24 hours. Movement of the silage within a stack should be minimised (use a block cutter/shear grab).

Wastage at feeding out is best reduced by using a feed pad so cows cannot trample the silage into the ground.

Silage alternatives

If silage is not an option, consider leaving a paddock as standing feed for grazing instead; top paddocks or speed up grazing rotations if your surplus is small; or take paddocks out of rotation and grow summer crops on them.

*Maitland Manning
Dairy NZ farm performance
developer.*

Farmers improve biosecurity practice

Farmers are upping their on-farm biosecurity by making greater use of the National Animal Identification and Tracing scheme, Biosecurity Minister Damien O'Connor said.

Speaking with farmers at the New Zealand Agricultural Show in Canterbury, Mr O'Connor said biosecurity was front of mind.

"The Government has been making changes to ensure NAIT is easier to use and a more effective biosecurity tool following its poor performance during the Mycoplasma bovis outbreak," Damien O'Connor said.

"While hundreds of warning letters and more than 70 fines have been issued for those breaking the rules, thousands of farmers have upped their game.



Damian O'Connor

"Feet on the ground matter and about 30 NAIT compliance staff are in the field or completing training over the next month to help farmers use NAIT consistently.

"While they will chiefly offer a hand to those who need help to meet their

obligations, they will be penalising those breaking the rules.

"More and more I'm hearing that the dairy and beef industries want those in the sector who are blatantly disregarding the rules to be dealt with swiftly and firmly.

"I want to thank everyone

who has improved their record keeping on farm and encourage them to continue to use NAIT consistently as not just a biosecurity tool, but an essential part of business.

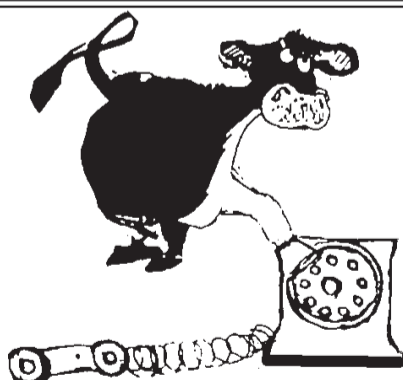
"I also thank those helping strengthen the NAIT system by having their say on MPI's regulatory consultation," Damien O'Connor said.

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Getting the next generation interested

Organisers of the Stratford A & P Show are looking towards the future with a sale to be held on the evening before the show gets underway.

The Next Generation Sale aims to give younger people an interest in showing cattle. Cattle breeders from Taranaki and further afield are being asked to bring a calf which could be bought for a younger person to

show further down the line. Purchasers would then go into a security club run in conjunction with the Waikato Show and the New Zealand Dairy Event Show in Feilding. They would then be able to have their stock shown by nominated younger people in the Futurity classes at these events, not only as calves, but further down the track as yearlings and two year-olds. The concept has already

proved a success at the Waikato Show and organisers hope this success can be replicated in Taranaki, says executive committee member and organiser Paul Vanner.

“The idea is to introduce more and more younger people into the idea of showing, and hopefully bring Mum and Dad along as well,” he says.

He says that at Waikato, the first placegetter for the

two year-old section had been able to pick up a \$2000 prize.

As well as picking up an interest in handling cattle, Paul says younger people could also end up taking an interest in their animal’s pedigree.

“Within Taranaki there are a lot of breeders who are comfortable in supporting young people.”

The evening gets underway at the showgrounds with a

barbecue at 6pm, with the sale starting at 7pm. Around 25 calves will be auctioned at the sale, including Jerseys, Friesians, Ayrshires and Shorthorns. Most are from Taranaki, but some come from Waikato and Manawatu.

Like other A & P Shows, Stratford is having a break this year from showing cattle due to Mycoplasma Bovis, but Paul says he hopes that as we know more about the

disease it may be possible to have cattle showing again at Stratford, in which case the Next Generation Sale will prove a good springboard to get younger people interested. He says safeguards have been put in place at the sale to deal with problems of cross contamination.

He hopes that in future years a Taranaki-wide sale could be held.

An unusual October

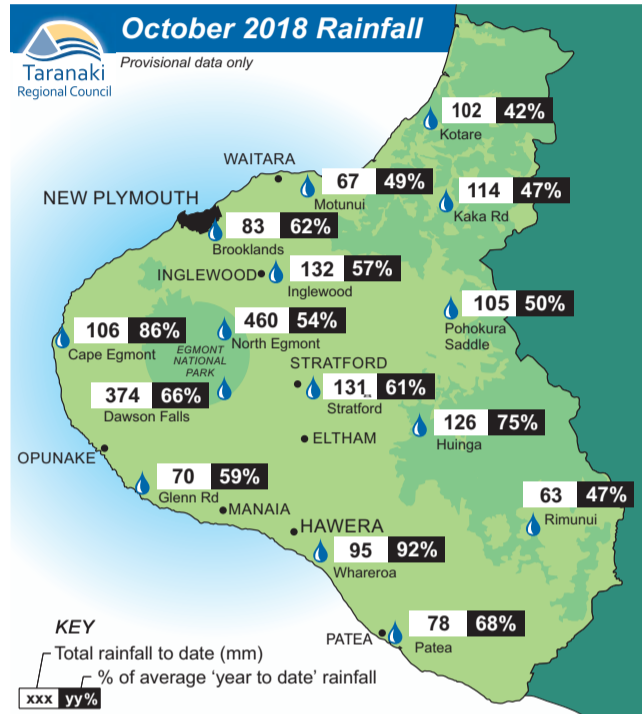
Rainfall for October was well below normal with totals ranging between 42 and 93 %, with a regional average of 62 % of normal according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures.

Rainfall was only recorded on between seven and 13 days for the month, which is very low as October has historically been known as the wettest month of the year. Kotare (Tongaporutu) recorded just 42 % of normal October rainfall with 102.0 mm. Four other sites also recorded less than 50 % of their October rainfall and

these were: Motunui (49 %), Okoki (47 %), Charlie’s Clearing (44 %) and Waitotara Valley (47 %).

Year to date rainfall totals are sitting between 88 % and 129 % of normal, with an average of 108 % for the region.

Only five of the rainfall sites that are monitored have recorded below normal rainfall to date. These sites are: North Egmont (88 %), Hillsborough (93 %), Mangati (91 %), Egmont Village (95 %), and Cape Egmont (99 %). Duffys Farm



near Whareroa has recorded the highest percentage of rainfall to date with 1137.5 mm (or 129 % normal).

Rainfall as a percentage of the full calendar year is sitting between 74 % and 109 %, with an average of 91 %. Four sites (Dawson Falls, Duffys Farm, Patea

and Charlie’s Clearing) have already recorded above their mean annual rainfall, and three (Stratford, Mangaehu (Toko) and Kaupokonui (Manaia)) are likely to be added to that list in the coming weeks, as they have already recorded 98 % of normal.

New Zealand a world leader

A government research programme has positioned New Zealand as a world-leader in research into mitigating greenhouse gases from agriculture and adapting to climate change, a recent independent review has found.

The Ministry for Primary Industries’ (MPI’s) Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change (SLMACC) research programme supports the generation of new climate change knowledge across New Zealand’s agriculture and forestry sectors.

The independent review found SLMACC has triggered new research, and boosted New Zealand’s understanding of the potential impacts and implications of climate change for a range of primary industries, particularly

pastoral farming systems and responding to drought.

“Climate change affects every one of New Zealand’s land-based producers, from farmers, growers and foresters, to the communities that support them,” says Steve Penno, Director Investment Programmes at MPI.

“New Zealand relies heavily on its natural environment and the primary production it supports. A warming planet poses challenges and unknowns, so it’s vital to invest in research to better understand the land-based sector’s future operating environment and, importantly, how a country like ours must adapt.”

“SLMACC has contributed heavily towards growing this understanding and enhancing the science capability needed.”

“The review found it’s creating high quality research, engaging stakeholders and end-users, growing climate change science capability in New Zealand, enabling international collaborations and supporting researchers early in their careers to build their capability and experience.

“A number of other SLMACC benefits were supported by the review, such as building more accurate knowledge about long-term carbon storage in our forests and providing resources to increase awareness of climate change and practical options for use on-farm.”

The SLMACC research programme recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary, marking an investment of around \$50 million in more than 150 targeted basic, applied and policy research projects.

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CEO wraps up North Island road trip

NZ Young Farmers' new chief executive Lynda Coppersmith has wrapped up a whirlwind road trip across the North Island.

The trip enabled Lynda to attend NZYF-organised events and club meetings in Hawke's Bay, Taranaki and the Waikato.

She joined 35 teachers on a Teachers' Day Out event in Hawke's Bay last week.

"We visited Patangata Station and the well-known Waipawa Butchery, and the Zeffer Cider Company," said Lynda.

"Zeffer Cider is an award-winning company which has just relocated from Auckland to Hawke's Bay, where its fruit is grown."

Teachers' Day Out is an annual event which gets teachers out of the classroom and into fields and factories.

"They loved it. They were absolutely blown away. The teachers met lots of inspiring people who really got their imaginations going," she said.

It's one of six being held this year. The event is part of the vital work NZ Young Farmers carries out in schools to promote the primary industries.

"One of the Beef + Lamb New Zealand guest speakers talked about the huge range of careers on offer for

students," she said.

"The primary sector needs another 50,000 qualified workers by 2025. We are playing a key role in helping to achieve that target."

NZ Young Farmers clubs organised meetings in Waipukurau, Hamilton and Toko enabling Lynda to meet members.

More than 30 Central Taranaki Young Farmers attended a meeting at the Toko Tavern.

"Those social gatherings helped me realise just how important clubs and members are to our identity," she said.

"I met some really engaged members who are passionate about the role our organisation plays in helping young people connect and grow."

"One of the topics of discussion in Hamilton was about widening the diversity of members," she said.

Lynda started at NZ Young Farmers on October 1 and is based in Christchurch.

"It's handy that our office is surrounded by NZ Young Farmers clubs," she laughed.

Lynda attended the Lincoln Young Farmers AGM and a meeting of the Tasman Region executive last month.

Brad Markham



Lynda on a member's dairy farm in Coastal Taranaki.



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Thunder returns

The Taranaki Thunder Women's Basketball Team has retained its Tier 1 status for 2019.

After a disappointing seventh place finish in this year's competition, the chance of the Taranaki Thunder holding its spot in the top division of the Basketball New Zealand Women's Basketball Championship (WBC) for the following year was unlikely. Basketball New Zealand had made the decision that only six teams would be eligible to play in the top tier of their competition in 2019, and their selection as to who those teams would be, was based on placings

gained in the 2018 league. Fortunately for the Thunder, the Waikato Country Cannons team, who finished sixth in the 2018 competition, made the decision to enter the Tier 2 division for 2019, thus opening up the Tier 1 spot for the Thunder. Basketball New Zealand had complimented the Thunder on their efforts over the 2018 season, stating that they were one of the best 'off court' teams, both in terms of promoting the women's game in a positive manner and in providing opportunities for the growth and development of women's basketball in the Taranaki region. Next year's competition follows a similar format to

the 2018 competition where teams will compete in an initial tournament, play home and away games, and then finally participate in a 'finals' weekend tournament. Where these tournaments will take place, and who the Thunder will face in the home and away series is yet to be decided. Having successfully hosted the Harbour Breeze and the Auckland Dream at home in 2018, with games in both Opunake and New Plymouth, the Thunder look forward to the possibility of sharing their Taranaki hospitality with the Canterbury Wildcats, the Otago Gold Rush and the Waikato Wizards. The intention for the home series is to host games in New Plymouth, Hawera and Opunake to ensure



The Taranaki Thunder Women's Basketball Team.

the wider Taranaki public have the opportunity to get along and be a part of the National elite women's basketball competition. The season will begin in mid May and will conclude in early July.

New Zealand's top two ranked singles players playing Taranaki series

Ajeet Rai from New Plymouth turned into a tennis professional in May of this year and played his first tournament in Uganda. Rai won through two rounds of qualifying and then his main draw first round match to earn his first ever ATP Ranking point in his first ever tournament. Over the next three tournaments, Rai picked up a further four ranking points. Little

steps, but this 19 year old has ambitions to be the best tennis player in the world. Four more tournaments in July and August throughout Asia saw a few more ranking points via a couple of first round wins and making his first quarter final.

Rai then achieved one of his goals by being named in the New Zealand Davis Cup team to play in Korea in

September. With four other experienced team members, the expectation was that he may be required only to play a dead rubber if the tie had already been decided. That changed quickly and drastically when Marcus Daniell had to withdraw due to injury and Rai was thrust into the live doubles rubber with Artem Sitak. He made a brilliant Davis Cup debut becoming probably the first

New Zealand teenager to make a winning debut in a live Davis Cup match, when they won 7-5 6-3.

Two tournaments later, and only in his 10th tournament as a professional, Rai broke through for his initial tournament victory in Thailand. Ranked at over 1000 in the world, Rai beat the No.1 seed, ranked in the 300s, in the first round and kept up the momentum winning five matches to take out the singles title, defeating the No.2 seed in the final 6-3 4-6 6-4. Rai almost made it a tournament clean sweep, losing in the final of the doubles in a match tiebreak 6-1 1-6 10-6. This saw him collect 18 ATP Ranking points and saw him jump to 718 in the world, and the number two ranked New Zealand singles player behind Rubin Statham.

This has led to the formation of a Taranaki-based series of exhibition matches

between the two players, cheekily entitled "Who is The Real No.1?" The initial match will be on the natural grass courts at Hawera on Monday December 3 and the concluding match in the series will be held Tuesday December 4 at the Rotokare Tennis Club's astroturf courts in New Plymouth. Both nights will feature not only the main Singles duel but will be accompanied by a celebrity doubles match, interviews with the players about their Davis Cup and professional careers, and a sports memorabilia auction.

Rubin Statham, at age 31, has been a stalwart for New Zealand tennis especially in Davis Cup. Statham first played Davis Cup in 2005 and has played more Davis Cup ties (30) for his country than any other player. He has also won the most Davis Cup singles matches (25) of any New Zealander. In 2013, Statham was awarded

a Davis Cup Commitment Award alongside Novak Djokovic; an award bestowed to only four other New Zealanders.

Statham has a current ATP Ranking of 497 but has been as high as 279 in the world. He has won 410 ATP/ITF main draw singles matches and 325 main draw, which have led to 12 singles titles and 21 doubles titles.



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Swimming carnival a success

Over 80 swimmers from within Taranaki attended the combined Opunake Swimming Club and Camlow Swim Squad from Hawera's joint annual swimming carnival held at the Opunake community Pools on Saturday November 10.

The carnival was supported by Major sponsor "Beach Energy" who own and operate the Kupe Gas Production Station at Manaia and "New Plymouth Underwater".

Medals were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing for Overall event finalists in Boys and Girls - 11 years and under; 12-14 years and 15 years and over. One hundred percent Personal Best time achievements over all events throughout the day were awarded with an "Achievement medal" at the end of the meet.

Ribbons were awarded to 1st 2nd and 3rd placing in



Steven Wereta and Luca Zabel take a breather before the swim off in the boys Skins race.

each heat. In total 19 events making up 65 races were swum with the addition of a 'Skins Race' a highlight of the afternoon. In the 'Skins Race' the fastest six boys from the 50m freestyle

event and the fastest six girls from the same event compete. An elimination event, six swimmers start in the first heat and the 6th placed swimmer drops out. The remaining five

swimmers have a 60 second break before heat 2 when the 5th placed swimmer is eliminated. Another 60 second break follows and so on, until there are only two swimmers left in a head to head battle for the final.

The boys race was won

by Luca Zabel from Flyers Swim squad Stratford and Steven Wereta from Camlow Swim Squad Hawera placed second. Less than 0.2 second separated the two boys in the final race after sprinting over 5 x 50 metre events in the qualifying rounds.

The girls race was won by Nina Goble from Flyers Swim squad Stratford and Emma Baldock also from Flyers second. Fitness was the final winner of the girl's race with less than 0.4 second separating the penultimate event but 2.5 seconds separating the final two girls in the last race.

Opunake Swimming club and the Camlow Swim Squad would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge 'Beach Energy' for their

sponsorship of the medals and 'New Plymouth Underwater' for their sponsorship of the two premier 'Skins' races contributing in making the annual swimming carnival such a success.

Commented Murray How, Committee Member from the Opunake Swimming Club delighted with the carnival's success, "the sponsors support ensured the success of the carnival and gave the competitors the motivation to swim their very best which as parents is all that anyone can ask of their swimmers."

Planning of next year's carnival is already under way, he added to ensure the event remains a fixture on the swimming calendar.

Mixed emotions for young swimmer's last meeting

Attending his last meeting with mixed emotions was Steven Wereta (17) from Hawera who attended his first Opunake meeting 6 years ago.

Steven is moving to Auckland next year where he intends to enter the navy. "This is more an emotional meeting than a competitive

meeting," admitted Steven.

Part way through his final meeting the young swimmer had already clocked up a couple of firsts.

Steven started as a junior national representing Taranaki in the Aquanights, which was made up of the Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Wakato and Taranaki and had

slowly worked his way up to zonal championship which was televised on Sky last year.

"I was the first swimmer to make the team. It was an awesome experience," Says Steven.

When he goes to Auckland Steven hopes to join the North Shore Swimming Club.

And he has ambitions. "I'd love to make a New Zealand swimming team before I'm 21," says Steven. "That's my main goal," says Steven adding that as regards swimming "I love it - everything about it. I meet loads of people. It's just awesome."



Girls show off their bling at the carnival.

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Basketball is in the Blood

Mitchell Langton had little choice but to become a basketball coach. And at 22 years old he can be proud of fact that he has successfully coached the Otago University Mens' team to a New Zealand National title, something that has eluded many other experienced coaches.

After playing basketball from a very early age under the watchful eye of his dad Haydn, Mitchell's fate as a basketball player and coach was sealed. Representing Opunake High School, Taranaki Country Basketball, Basketball Pacific, Taranaki, and finally, the University of Otago, Mitchell's love and knowledge of the game continued to grow, but recurring injuries forced him to pick up the coaching whiteboard rather than donning a playing jersey.

As an 18 year old, in his first year of university,

Mitchell was invited to be an assistant coach for a Taranaki Country representative team at the Easter tournament in Tauranga. His ability to relate positively to the players and to communicate his game plan effectively fueled his passion for coaching.

Dunedin has provided Mitchell with the platform to extend his coaching experience. He has coached the Otago University Men's and Women's teams for the past two years, in both the 3x3 and 5 player formats, as well as this year coaching the U23 Otago Basketball Association team. A number of players in these teams are either the same age or older than Mitchell, but he has earned their respect with his mature attitude and genuine desire to improve with every game they play. He also, as a part of the PE component of his double degree of Physical Education and



Mitchell Langton and the Otago University Mens' team.

Management, coached the Kaikorai High school senior and junior boys' teams.

Mitchell also volunteers his time to the administration side of basketball. With his heritage, he again has no choice but to 'give back' to the sport that he loves. The Langton's - Rex, Lorraine,

Haydn, Bex, Aaron and Steph, have all been involved in the administration aspect of basketball as members on various committees in the Taranaki region. Mitchell has been set a fine example of the, 'you get out what you put in' mantra that his family upholds. Mitchell

is the current University of Otago Basketball Club's president, the University of Otago's representative on the National Tertiary School's Sporting body, and was recently appointed as the Vice President of this national committee.

It was a proud moment

for Haydn, as Mitchell's assistant coach, at the recent New Zealand tertiary games when Mitchell, coached his way to the National title, beating favourites Lincoln, 109 to 102, securing the game with a 13-0 scoring run in the final stanza of the game.

Top score for veteran shooter

The indoor smallbore season has now come to an end and while there have been many successes both within the Eltham Club and at outside competitions, the Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club would like to especially point out one member's achievements.

Murray Chinery, a patron of the Taranaki Association and life member to the ESBRC, shot a 100.2 score - the highest possible score on a single target card is 100.10, so he wasn't that far away.

At 86 years old, Murray is one of the older shooters within Taranaki and the Eltham Club believes he is

one of the oldest shooters to shoot a 100 card in New Zealand. Murray managed to not only shoot a score many shooters would be jealous of, he also managed to shoot it in a postal competition. He also won the Taranaki C-grade postal competition and was awarded a medal at the Taranaki Association prizegiving dinner, beating out many younger competitors within his grade.

Murray has been shooting for over 50 years and was in the Eltham club in its very early days, before they started shooting in their current location.

Clare Bramley



Murray Chinery holding his 100.2 card and rifle.

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Taranaki webs the surf

The 'surfing the web' cliché has been turned on its head in Taranaki, where surfers can now go online to suss out current conditions at their favourite breaks – even before they get out of bed.

The new online Surfwatch offers a mix of real-time and forecast data covering wind, swell, tides, weather and water and air temperature at nine key surfing locations spanning the entire Taranaki coastline, with live webcams at some.

Surfwatch is at www.taranakisurf.nz (external link) and functions as a smartphone app when users save it to their home screen. The new online tool is the result of collaborative effort involving the surfing community, data providers and web developers, led by the Taranaki Regional Council.

It incorporates the Council's own real-time wind data, as well as

forecasts or data from NIWA and MetOcean Solutions' SwellMap covering swell conditions, air and water temperature and weather.

One of those involved in its development was Craig Williamson, a Taranaki Regional Councillor who is also Chief Executive of Surfing Taranaki Inc. "Surfwatch is a one-stop shop that's very useful for surfers," he says. "Someone in New Plymouth, for example, isn't going to want to drive 45 minutes down the coast if they're unsure what the conditions will be like. Surfwatch will give them certainty as they plan their day."

The Council's Director-Corporate Services, Mike Nield, says Surfwatch is already getting good feedback.

"A small focus group of surfers gave us invaluable feedback as we developed this new feature, and a wider group tried out a prototype,



Surfing in Taranaki.

which allowed us to make more improvements before it was launched," says Mike. "We're keen to hear from more users, so take a look at it and tell us what you think."

He says the Council is keen to collaborate with others and share its data in a way that the community finds

accessible, useful and user-friendly.

"We intend to develop online tools for more sectors in the region," says Mike. "Surfwatch is a first step and it's been an enjoyable project. We got great input from the surfing community and we appreciated it very much."

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club news

This weekend (November 24-25) our volunteer patrols begin. We will have a team of lifeguards patrolling the beach between 11.30-4.30pm. The hours have adjusted this year so that they can be there later in the day, because last season, we found we had a lot of after hours beach patrons, so we wanted to make sure we were there at the right times.

We will have our beach information sign/board up on the lawn in front of the club rooms which will update beach users on the risks, waves, and any hazards. We also have sunscreen available to the public - be safe in the sun and Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap.

Junior Surf is under way with over 90 juniors signing up this season. Add to that the more than 20 seniors and our club numbers sit over 110 active members. That is very exciting and means that our club is bustling with action. If you haven't registered yet, but plan to, please contact the club asap using facebook page or email opunakesurflifesaving@gmail.com.

On November 18 with the weather looking a little dodgy at the start of the day we had our older juniors training on beach skills, sprints, fitness and wading in the water.

Alongside them, we had our lifeguards training, with rookies learning the ropes and doing their study too.

Coming up on November 25, our Junior Club heads to NPOB Surf Life Saving in Oakura, so there will

be no junior surf held at our clubrooms. Then the following weekend, NPOB come to Opunake. It's great for our junior club kids to meet other kids and learn about other beaches too.

On December 9, we host the first Taranaki Junior Surf Club carnival. This is where juniors from the other three Taranaki Surf Clubs come down and compete in beach and water based sports. This

is always a busy day for the club. Competition starts at 9.30am and OSLSNZ members are asked to please be there by 8.45am. This is for all ages - we run a nippers fun session too.

We remind everyone to always have an adult within arms-reach of children in the water. We've had reports of young children popping down for a swim after school without adults. Please if you

see younger children in the water, check if they have an adult with them. We ask that people swim at the North end of the beach in front of the clubrooms between the Norfolk pines on the hill. If you see anyone in trouble please phone 111. We look forward to seeing you between the flags from November 24.

Opunake Surf Life Saving Club

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Hughsons & Associates Boardroom at the Opunake Business Centre, 23 Napier St, Opunake
(opposite the CoastalCare Medical Centre)



SECOND RATES INSTALMENT

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2018/2019 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday **28 November 2018.**

WD Crockett
Chief Executive



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The Board has determined that there are likely to be 10 vacancies available for 2019. These vacancies are mostly in Year 1 and New Entrant with limited vacancies in Year's 2 to 8.

Applications can be made by applying in writing to the school by either post or email and by visiting the school office.

The deadline for applications is 3pm, Thursday 29th November. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. Ballots, if required, will be held on the 30th November.

Rodney Mullin
Board of Trustees

Apology

We apologise for an error in the last edition of the Opunake & Coastal News.

In the article on the Taranaki Art Awards the caption should have read: Jordan Quinnell was Highly Commended in the Te Puni Kokiri To Taranakitanga Award. The error was corrected on our online edition of the paper.

Editor

CHURCH NOTICES

Opunake & Okato Co-operating Parish CHURCH SERVICES

St Paul's Opunake Co-op & Rahotu Opunake Cooperating Parish St Pauls, Havelock St 9.30am every Sunday and the Rahotu - Wesley - 11am first Sunday of the month Oakura - St James - 10am, 2nd & 4th Sundays Okato - St Pauls - 10am, 1st & 3rd Sundays

Opunake Catholic Church

Sunday 8.30am at Pungarehu (St Martins), 10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star of the Sea) Other areas
Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st, 3rd Sat at 5pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs)
Kaponga - St Patricks, Sunday 8.45am All welcome

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Men's Group 7pm Wednesday
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Changes to Weekly Southlink Bus Services



Weekly Southlink bus services will change from the beginning of December 2018. Details:

- A new Opunake-Kaponga-Manaia-Hawera service will run on Thursdays, operated by Pickering Motors.
- The Tuesday Manaia-Hawera and Friday Opunake-Hawera services operated by Weir Bros will no longer operate.

People in these communities should note that their weekly services to Hawera will run on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays or Fridays.

Eltham and Normanby are served by the Hawera-New Plymouth Connector with four return services each weekday. Southlink's Waverley-Patea-Hawera Thursday services and Opunake-New Plymouth Friday services remain unchanged.

Timetables are available from bus drivers or online at www.taranakibus.info or via Taranaki Public Transport on Facebook.

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What's On Listings



ONGOING

Jonathan Young: Need to chat with your Local MP Jonathan Young? Jonathan will now hold his meetings at Coastal Care. For more information phone: 06 7591363. Or email newplymouthmp@parliament.govt.nz

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

Pregnancy Help Taranaki: Is now in OPUNAKE! Are you pregnant? Do you have a baby or young family? To hear more, like us on facebook www.facebook.com/preghelptaranaki/. Please come and meet us and find out how we may be able to help you.

SUNDAYS

Opunake Country Music Club: Second Sunday of each month at the Opunake Town Hall, 1-4pm. All welcome

MONDAYS

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

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

Opunake Business Association: Usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month.

TUESDAYS

Club Hotel Pool: Tuesday Nights. New players welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Schnitzel Night: Every Wednesday at the Stony River Hotel, Okato

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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

THURSDAYS

Club Hotel Texas Holdem Poker: Wednesday and Thursday Nights at the Club Hotel.

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

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

Egmont Euchre Club: Meets every Thursday 1pm at the Opunake Bowling Club

FRIDAYS

Eltham Business Association Friday Markets: 8am to 1pm, Carpark of Touch Point, High Street, Eltham.

WEEKENDS

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

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22 TO FRIDAY DECEMBER 14

The Annual Members Christmas exhibition 'Festive Flair': At the Village gallery, Eltham. Refer ad for details.

FROM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23

Rowan Oldfield "Practically New" exhibition At Koru Galleries, Devon St East, NP. Refer advert for details.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23

Taranaki Region Surf Photo Exhibition: At Lahar, Carthew St, Okato. Refer ad for details.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24

Stratford A & P Show: At the Strtford Showgrounds. Refer article and advert for details.

Fair and Garage Sale: At St Barnabas Church Hall and Grounds, 141 Tasman St, Opunake. Please see full details in adverttishment.

NZ Tattoo & Art Festival: At the TSB Stadium, NP. Refer advert for details.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25

Stratford A & P Show: At the Strtford Showgrounds. Refer article and advert for details.

The Ladykillers Audition: At CUE Theatre, Matai St, Inglewood. Refer ad in previous issue for details.

NZ Tattoo & Art Festival: At the TSB Stadium, NP. Refer advert for details.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28

Opunake Cottage Rest Home AGM: At Coastal Care Meeting Rooms 7pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

Opunake Lakeside Lions Christmas Homes on the Coast: From 9am to 4pm. Refer advert for details.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

Paper Road Trail Event: Fundraiser for Rahotu School. Starts at Komene Rd at 10am. Refer advert for details.

Blue Christmas: St Barnabas Anglican Church, 141 Tasman Street, Opunake. Extends a Warm Welcome to BLUE CHRISTMAS at 7 pm, this service is for everyone, but especially those seeking comfort after losing a dear one or a time of distress..

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2

The Royal Opunake Christmas Variety Show: Presented by Opunake Players. Matinee show at 1.30pm. Refer ad for details.

MONDAY DECEMBER 3 TO THURSDAY DECEMBER 6 DAILY

The Royal Opunake Christmas Variety Show: Presented by Opunake Players. Evening show at 7pm. Refer ad for details.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5 TO SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

Three One Act Plays + a little more: By Hawera Repertory Society at Reper.tory House, Hawera. Refer advert in previous issue for details.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

Christmas for Little Fighters Trust: At Soul Kitchen. \$69pp. Proceeds from ticket sales donated to Little Fighters Trust. Refer advert in previous issue for details.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE



LOOKING FOR WORK?

At the suggestion of a regular advertiser, the Opunake & Coastal News is considering starting a Work Wanted column in the classified section of the paper which will be free. This is partly to fill a gap in the media. Another newspaper used to run such a column. Anyone seeking work is invited to submit their details to the paper. Your skills, experience, availability etc, is a suggestion but this will be up to the person.



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Stratford A & P Show 2018

Royal Event Equestrian
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Kids Fun Spot
Come show weekend, and rain, hail or shine, we will have an amazing ginormous marquee to keep us safe from the elements, whatever they may be.

It will be very hard to miss the Kids Zone with this bad boy..... all thanks to the The Trusts Community Foundation.

The kids are going to love our extra special guests Little Pony Parties, Morph face painting, Magic Works with Josh, plus many games and activity free to the children. Come join the fun for your chance to also receive a spot prize. Watch facebook.com/kidszone2018show for updates of activity.

Taranaki Toughest Fire

Fighter
The Taranaki toughest fire fighter competition is back, bigger and stronger. See these men and women compete in the event which consists of lifting and carrying a 70mm bandoleer hose up a three storey scaffold, pull up a rescue line using a hand over hand tactic, run back down hit a kaiser machine, run an obstacle course, pick up a charge hose and drag a dummy. On Sunday the kids fire fighter fitness challenge will be held.

Central North Island Wajax Competition
This competition is new to Stratford Show this year. These rural fire fighters bring the Wajax competition, a four person team, timed in three events, the Standard Wajax run, the Replacement length wajax run and the Replacement length tohatsu run. Sunday will be the kids' day.

Clydesdale Horses
To keep the horse show theme, Steve Mugeridge from Wairarapa with his five horse Clydesdale team will be giving free wagon rides on Sunday at the show. The team will be competing against other Clydesdales in the Clydesdale classes on the Saturday.

Music Medley
There will be live music all day with a wide range of Taranaki's premier acts, ranging from acoustic originals through to rocky covers. The line-up includes the following artists, Serious Happiness (four-piece rock band), Feelgood Beatdown

(three-piece rock band), Gypsy Blue (trio) Dan Marks, Ian Wallace, Emily Riordan, Liana Hart, Rory MacDonald and Crystal Star. Come listen to the sounds while chill out and enjoy foods from many cultures.

Taranaki Shears
Taranaki Shears is being

hosted by the Stratford A & P Show for the first time. The change from a March event to November will make the competition available to many overseas shearers. Always popular entertainment, come see over 60 shearers in action. Saturday only.

Taranaki Axeman
Wood chopping competition is back with team events, singles and doubles in standing and underhand chopping and sawing races over the two day event at the Stratford A & P Show. All events are great to watch but the Tree Championship is one not to be missed and will be run as two heats. Chopping will start around 11am and 1pm with the final event being held on Sunday around 1pm. Also the Brian Herlihy Memorial 300mm Open Standing will be another event not to miss. This will be held on Saturday around 2pm.

Vintage Machinery
The vintage machinery and Military vehicles will also be on display.

Lamb, Goat (Kid), Piglet
A fun event for the children, bringing pets to the show for judging of Leading and Dress Up. Open to all children under the age of 14 years. The age will be as at show day. Email the show office on stratfordshow@xtra.co.nz for entry form.

General
Show committee president Ian McCaul says "the

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Atticus Carr-Tamatea (4) and his Lamb Indy . Children under 14 bring a dressed up Lamb , Goat (kid) or pig to the Show this year.

Stratford A & P Show 2018

Royal Event Equestrian

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Pet Events

Sideshows

Music Medley

Farm Barn Animals

Stratford A & P Show 2018



farmers enjoy the animal competitions.”

“Getting a fine day for the show is all important, fingers are crossed,” added Ian.

Show secretary Vicki Jagersma says “this event is only a success with the support of many volunteers and thanks go

to the committee, judges, stewards, recorders and many others for their efforts. Thank you also to all our sponsors.” The show opens on Friday November 23 with equestrian events, and the big public days are on Saturday 24 and Sunday November 25 from 9am to 4pm.

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Kidding around in the Old McDonalds Farm Barn.

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association is delighted with the turnout in recent years, with people coming from all over Taranaki for the 109 year-old event.”

“Many urban people don't have so much to do with rural life these days. Urban kids live in a different world, with so much on, and technology a big part of their lives, and it's great to see them experience rural activities.”

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Plunket and the community: What do we want for our under 5s?

Opunake Plunket operate out of the Coastal Care centre, a hub for supporting community activities. Plunket are keen to get parents and caregivers involved and aware of what's available and also get feedback on what they want in the community. "We're aiming to increase community engagement in the area," says Zara Smith, Community Services Co-ordinator for Plunket for

the Taranaki region. "We want feedback from the community as to what they would like to see in the area for families with under 5s."

Current activities include a playgroup for babies and toddlers held fortnightly on Monday's at Coastal Care. Sessions begin at 10am. It's a great opportunity for those caring for children to meet socially over a cup of coffee. Zara says they're particularly

keen to see Dads and other minority caregivers such as grandparents or extended family involved and putting them in contact with other parents. "Mothers, fathers and grandparents are all welcome to come along."

Other services which operate out of Coastal Care include Plunket Nurse, Marlene Goodreds who is there one day a week.

Working alongside



At the Opunake Playgroup on November 19 were from left Kristia Walsh with Elliott, Sarah Base with son Haig and Tabitha Fleming with daughter Grace. The next meeting of the group which meets fortnightly is on December 3 at Coastal Care, 10am.

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Marlene also is Gaye Moore, Community Karitane. Gaye provides additional support and education in areas such as breast feeding, nutrition and behaviour. Gaye endeavours to attend the playgroups monthly to answer any questions or concerns.

There are also plans to hold Parent Education courses or topic talks if there is the demand so people don't have to travel to New Plymouth to attend them. They also plan to hold a photo fundraiser next April which could be a lot of fun.

But there's room for lots more activities. Gaye who has been running parenting tips on "toddler challenges" cites swimming classes, further playgroups and other groups such as those that promote healthy living as some options.

Plunket are looking forward to gaining some coastal engagement and welcome



Aretha Lemon (left), Manager of Coastal Care with from left Zara Smith, Marlene Goodreds and Gaye Moore.

feedback and engagement can be made directly with to start through Facebook: Zara: zara.smith@plunket.org.nz or 027 216 0970

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Crowds throng at the New Zealand Tattoo Festival in New Plymouth.

The New Zealand Tattoo & Art Festival is back for the eighth time at the TSB Stadium in New Plymouth on November 24-25. This year's event features more entertainment than ever before. Music highlights include New Zealand punk legends Sticky Filth live at 7.30pm on Saturday night on the Mad Mex stage, Head

Like A Hole playing at 5.30pm, and Dead Favours earlier in the afternoon.

Wellington band Beastwars, fresh from supporting Shihad nationwide will be on stage at 4.30pm on Sunday. In addition to the live music there are three FMX and BMX shows daily by New Zealand and Australia's best riders including Nitro Circus stars Brayden Davies, Nick Franklin and Paul Langlands in the Professionals Real

Estate Action Sports Arena. The world's most tattooed person Lucky Diamond Rich will be performing his unique circus style show on the outdoor stage. See him juggling atop his 12ft unicycle and much more both days at the festival.

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Exhibition will trick your senses and blow your mind

Prepare to question your own eyes, test your senses and have your mind boggled at NPDC's Puke Ariki's new exhibition, Illusion: Nothing is as It seems.

Illusion, which opened in the Temporary Exhibitions Gallery on November 10 is a perception-shattering insight into the human mind, playfully combining the techniques used by magicians and explored by psychologists.

Puke Ariki will be Illusion's one and only stop in New Zealand.

With more than 19 exhibits designed to blow the mind and featuring a host of installations that deceive the eyes of the visitor, Illusion shows that what we perceive is often radically different from the reality of what our eyes observe.

"We want to challenge perception, boggle the minds of visitors and inspire some future scientists," says Puke Ariki Manager, Kelvin Day.

"People are fascinated by illusions because they challenge everything we take for granted on a daily basis, they have the power to distort what we see and trick our minds. Prepare to be delighted, bewildered and surprised when you step into the exhibition and experience just how warped our perceptions can be."

Illusion was curated by psychologist, author and magician Richard Wiseman, and was researched by deception artist Paul Gleeson, who is also the world's

youngest professional escapologist.

"Magic is an inspiring force for learning. I have worked with Science Gallery to create an exhibition that will inspire and educate people of any age," says Mr Wiseman.

"Each piece in the show deceives the brain with either an optical, perceptual or audio illusion. Illusions give us a greater appreciation of how we view the world and this exhibition brings us closer to understanding the magic of the mind."

Some of the mind-bending illusions at the exhibition include All the Universe is Full of the Lives of Perfect Creatures which features a mirror where visitors get to see their inner animal.

Delicate Boundaries creates a space that allows the worlds inside our digital devices to move into the physical realm as bugs crawl off the screen and onto visitors' bodies.

Counter, using a trompe l'oeil art effect, tries to convince visitors that a two dimensional object is actually in three dimensions.

The exhibition, which runs until March 5 next year comes as Puke Ariki celebrates a



record-breaking year for exhibitions with Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs attracting a new record total of 75,000 visitors.

Illusion is created by Science Gallery at Trinity College Dublin, part of the Global Science Gallery Network.

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See the countryside and raise money for the school

This year as part of Rahoitu Schools strategic plan we aim to make connections with our community and provide avenues for our children and whanau to experience opportunities outside the classroom that allow them to interact with the whenua in which they live and play. The Home and School are organising the adventure bike ride as a fundraiser for the School, on Saturday

December 1 which will start at 10 am an event that will be open to the wider community. The Ride will start from the Komene Road and go through to Kahui Road, which is a total of 34km before finishing with a BBQ at the Rahoitu Tavern. Thanks to some incredible sponsors all participants will receive a free ice cream and bbq at the end of the ride and we also have some amazing spot

prizes to give away. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. 8.30 am registrations open 9.45am Compulsory Health and Safety briefing. **Komene Road** - The starting point for the ride. If you arrive early you could stroll along the sandy beach to the mouth of the Stony River. Stony River Hotel will be on site with their cart for breakfast, alongside a coffee cart, so rock up early people. **Lower Puniho Road** - You will pass along the bottom of Puniho Road.

tide is right. **Cape Road** - Here you will see the Cape Egmont Light House. It marks the western most point of the Taranaki coast. It has been shining its light since 1881, telling ships up to 22 nautical miles away exactly where they are. **Lower Parihaka Road** - You'll be passing along the bottom of Lower Parihaka Road. Parihaka Pa and the village of Parihaka is above the main road. There is a fishing estuary reserve on the sea front here,

looked after by Parihaka The family of Lord Ernest Rutherford, the first man to split the atom, lived on Lower Parihaka Road. He spent several of his university holidays at home in Pungarehu. Where the homestead was is now marked with two Norfolk pines if you were to drive down the road. **Tipoka Road** - You will also pass by the House for Karen, a home by the beach, a haven for families suffering from cancer.

Lower Kahui Road/ Rahoitu Tavern - Where it all ends, Kahui Road and the Rahoitu Tavern. Here you will get your free sausage off the bbq and your free ice cream. There will be spot prizes and you will be entertained by Moose from Seismic Events. The Rahoitu School will have the bbq cranking with our famous burgers and sausage sizzle.

Rahoitu Primary School Home and School Association



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Christmas cheer at the Lakeside

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An osteopath for the coast

A passion for surfing led Aguirre Bonzon into osteopathy and it led him to Taranaki.

He and wife Manon Buisson run the Taranaki Osteopath practice in New Plymouth, and Aguirre has just started weekly Tuesday clinics at CoastalCare in Opunake.

For the past two years he has taken a weekly Thursday clinic in Stratford, which he has handed on to Manon while he visits Opunake.

"We want to help all Taranaki and not only New Plymouth," he says.

He has been asked when he would be coming to Hawera, and he thinks this is something he could be doing one day.

Aguirre was born in France but lived in Brazil from the ages of six months to 18 years. His father who was working in French Guiana had gone to Brazil for a holiday and decided he would stay there.

"My Dad fell in love with the place and loved the culture, so he said let's go for it," says Aguirre.

After leaving school Aguirre worked as a surf instructor and while living on the Gold Coast in Australia he suffered what

he described as a "traumatic shoulder event."

It was then that he heard of osteopathy and decided that this was the path he wanted to follow. He was not an Australian citizen, and being French, studying in the United Kingdom was a more affordable option. Until then he had always seen Britain as the last place he would want to go, particularly given his interest in surfing and a desire for warmer climes.

He now thinks differently. "Looking back it was the best thing I ever did," he says.

After graduating from the European School of

Osteopathy at Maidstone, Kent, he and Manon started applying for jobs and decided that wherever they could both get offers would be where they would go. So they ended up in Whangarei. New Zealand was not entirely uncharted territory. Aguirre had previously been here while doing his OE.

With Manon being a keen skier and given Aguirre's love of surfing, Taranaki with its combination of mountain and sea seemed a good next step. The couple have two daughters, Anouk(4) and Moana(16 months).

He says people come in

with anything from Sciatica, lower back to head and neck pain. Clients can range from expectant mothers through to the elderly and everyone in between, even newborns, as well as children and teenagers. Although younger people maybe more likely to come in with sports injuries, these do still have the potential to have effects later in life.

As he is ACC registered, Aguirre sees his work as complementing that of other therapists like doctors, physiotherapists, nutritionists, midwives, acupuncturists, orthopaedic



Aguirre Bonzon.

surgeons and massage therapists.

"Working on your own you get nowhere. Most people need more than one therapist," he says. This

also means he can refer clients who may have other issues on to somebody who can give the appropriate treatment.

Practically new at Koru

This month Koru Galleries is celebrating one of the collective's regular artists Rowan Oldfield

"Practically New" is a 35 year collection Rowan has created for enjoyment and personal fulfilment, much of it a surprise to those who have known him over the years of his school teaching career and sport involvement, unless of course they have been in his back shed.

Nothing is wasted and

turns up in the most creative forms. The 1000 Air New Zealand plastic spoons in a fish tank, lit by a strange blue haze, have become the best conversational piece in Koru on Koru gallery.

This exhibition is Rowan's first public exhibition that gathers all the work together in one gallery. That gallery is Koru on Devon, Koru Galleries city based Not-for-profit art space.

Rowan's work focuses on giving regular and irregular

items a new purpose, often resulting in an entirely new role that brings into question the validity of the original.

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Festive flair at The Village Gallery



Gallery committee members set up the Christmas display. Sue Morton, Donna Hitchcock and Lorna Davies.

The Village Gallery was buzzing on Monday as committee members set up the annual Members

Christmas exhibition, 'Festive Flair'.

Twenty one exhibitors have submitted pieces for

this impressive display. Paintings in oils, watercolour and acrylic are joined by photography, papier-mâché,

pottery, and mixed media.

There is a range of fibre art embracing techniques like felting, spinning, knitting, stitching and weaving. First time exhibitor Martyn Hodder has an impressive wooden sculpture on display.

With this range of work there should be something to interest all visitors. The exhibition continues till December 14 then the gallery closes for the helpers to take a well earned break over Christmas and the New Year.

Wednesday December 5 will be a special open night for the gallery when the traditional 'Ladies Shopping Night' takes place in Eltham. There will be refreshments at the gallery and felting demonstrations for those interested.

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The Exhibition at Lahar is called An action a moment and features over a hundred surf action photos of Taranaki surfers at local breaks taken by Shaun Coffey who has worked with surf company O Neil.

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Shaun Coffey setting up the exhibition at Lahar in Okato.

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