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New leadership for Labour in Andrew Little



The Labour Party's new leader Andrew Little

Andrew Little, a regular columnist in this paper is the new Labour Party leader.

He attained the leadership of the Labour Party by a narrow margin over Grant Robertson.

The result was announced on November 18. After the complex system whereby the MP caucus (40%), membership (40%) and unions (20%) all had a numerical input, Mr

Little prevailed. In the end Mr Little had 50.52% of the overall vote to Mr Robertson's 49.48%. Mr Little's strongest showing was in the union part of the vote.

Father denies charges

A 50-year-old man has denied a charge of murdering his son. Name suppression has been lifted for David Roigard whose son Aaron(27) of Opunake has been missing since June 2. The officer in charge of the investigation, Detective senior sergeant Blair Burnett

said information gathered in the previous four months had resulted in the arrest being made last month.

Last week Justice Paul Heath in the High Court at New Plymouth ordered the lifting of name suppression. David Roigard has also de-

nied eight charges of theft by someone in a special relationship.

There will be a case review on December 22, with a trial set for April.

On this month in history Parihaka invaded

On November 5, 1881 Parihaka, the Maori village in Taranaki was invaded by about 1600 armed constabulary and settler volunteers. The invasion was in retaliation of protest action by the Maori people, who were outraged by confiscation of their tribal land. Many of the armed party came from nearby Pungarehu, while others came from Opunake.

Parihaka had been founded by Maori 'prophets' Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi. These two leaders were jailed for 16 months as punishment for their leadership of the peaceful protests which included pulling up surveyors pegs and the removal of fences.

These days Parihaka, is a symbol of peace and yearly celebration of peace.

Jonathan Young MP for New Plymouth felt that Mr Little's elevation to the leadership will mean less of his time, and therefore effectiveness, in representing Taranaki's interests. "In my view this will make him less effective as he will have nationwide and party responsibilities," explained Mr Young.

On November 24 Mr Little announced his new team as regards changed rankings and responsibilities. Annette King has emerged as Deputy leader, but it has been hinted that there may be a change in 12 months with Jacinda Ardern a possible new Deputy leader. Jacinda Ardern is currently ranked ninth and is spokesperson for Justice,

formerly Mr Little's role.

Grant Robertson is now ranked third and is spokesperson for Finance. Mr Little spoke admiringly of Mr Robertson's intellectual prowess.

Mr Little has generally elevated the Maori MPs in his caucus, with Nanaia Mahuta. She is also spokesperson for Maori Development. Carmel Sepuloni is now ranked seventh and spokesperson for Social Development, as well as Junior Whip. Kelvin Davis is ranked eighth and is spokesperson for Police and Corrections.

The Senior Whip is Chris Hipkins, who is ranked sixth. He is spokesperson

Arrested man denies involvement in stabbing incident

A 37-year-old Opunake man was left fighting for his life after a stabbing incident early on the morning of Saturday November 15.

Simon Foley had been playing basketball earlier on Friday, and was at Surf Inn, Opunake when the incident happened at around 1.30am.

Chaz Paki Garrett Phillips (24) was arrested and charged with assault with intent to caused grievous bodily harm. He denied the

charge when he appeared in New Plymouth District Court later that week.

Four others, who were with Simon Foley, also received injuries. Surgeons at Taranaki Base Hospital worked on Mr Foley before transferring him to the high dependency unit at Waikato Hospital that night. He then underwent more surgery in an attempt to save the nerves in his face. He has since been transferred back to Taranaki Base Hospital.



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Letters to the editor

Eltham Saga

New Plymouth District Council recently voted "yes" to a proposal by Councillor Jordan who said that "New Plymouth District had to learn to live within its means and to keep rates capped at 3% for the next ten years". Councillors had been told behind closed doors that this could result in the closure of swimming pools in Inglewood, Okato and Waitara. Predictably, NPDC looking for savings, quickly target satellite towns, which in the case of Okato, already has minimal services. Eltham's Councillor Geographically South Ballantyne and the buttermilk saga has people in that town wanting to leave

the South Taranaki District Council and join Stratford District Council. Stratford Mayor Volzke says that, "if Eltham people managed to get the Local Government Commission to investigate, it may look at Taranaki's council boundaries in their entirety, meaning Eltham's itchy feet could foment the amalgamation of all three Taranaki district councils, so should be very very careful". If that happened, undoubtedly Taranaki's amalgamated council would operate from New Plymouth. Geographically South Taranaki District and Stratford District towns and rural areas situated further

away from New Plymouth than Inglewood, Okato and Waitara, can be assured will certainly find they will have much more difficulty keeping, maintaining and improving services and infrastructure with one Taranaki District Council.

*Jim Lawn
Okato.*

Thank you

Peter Hunt suffered a massive heart attack on the 4th November 2014, and without the skill and dedication of the following people, Opunake Medical Centre, St John Ambulance, Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust and NZ Fire Service Opunake, the outcome would have been very different. So many people to thank, Rose and Les Ratahi for organising our festival garden to keep going with, our wonderful Helen and Cliff Hunt family and friends who manned the

fort. Denise Deans, who gave up two days to transport me to Waikato, a very treasured friend, and her husband Marcus and gals for their love and support. Merryn Clouston, who secured the house, organised the dog, informed people, we couldn't have done it without you. We have been inundated with txts, cards, even donations. Little Miss Cup Cakes of Hawera and Mum Gail organised a facebook donation. So many people to name a few. Peter, Liz and family wish to thank everyone for their kindness, help and support through a most difficult time. It has been truly overwhelming. Thank you to you all.

*Peter and Liz Hunt
Auroa*

Let there be Light

Here in Opunake we have awesome decorative lights

on Havelock Street which are unique to this town. To those who designed, made and installed them, thank you for your time and workmanship. Now my grumble is that these lights have not all been working and that's been the case for at least 18 months. This I can only label as a disrespectful insult to the creators. I'm quite certain I would be correct in saying that the cost of maintenance and repairs, which would be minimal is up to South Taranaki District Council to fund. If this is correct, then why have they not had them sorted? It would be nice to see them all going for the upcoming summer holiday visitors to admire, as they should be all year around. Why have these lights been neglected? Has any councillor or Business Association member rattled the STDC cage about this?

I do not want to hear any feeble excuse that there is

no funding available, as we ratepayers in this neck of the woods and other areas deserve to have a piece of that \$1.8 Million surplus cake that has come about by expenditures being down. That all too often is created by cost cutting through lack of maintenance and services that we as rate payers are entitled to, but obviously been denied, when seeing the state of our small towns thanks to the organization called STDC.

*Unimpressed rate payer
Opunake.*



One of Opunake's Christmas lights.

On this month in history Erebus aeroplane crash

On November 28, 1979 NZ's worst aeroplane crash occurred. The Air NZ DC10 plane, with 257 sightseers on board, crashed into the volcanic Mt Erebus, in Antarctica. There were no survivors.

Initially, the pilot Jim Collins was blamed for flying too low into whiteout conditions. However, later High Court Judge Peter Mahon accused the airline's top executives of a "litany of lies". He found that a flight path alteration had not been explained to the pilot, as well as other mistakes.

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Okato and District 150 years

Progress is being made towards the Okato and Districts 150 year celebration. Some events for the weekend have been confirmed such as the street markets, formal dinner, cocktail party, entertainers, production etc. Please view web site www.Okato150.com to register and view events.

Funding for the occasion has been a major concern to

the organising committee, although we have secured some funding to help towards our requirements with further projects being put in place.

It is the intension of the committee to raise monies over the celebrations to put towards a feature to identify and commemorate Okato in the province.

We are asking the

community to submit their thoughts which will be put to a panel for consideration.

Your ideas can be emailed to okato150@gmail.com or posted to Catherine Heads 46 Carthew Street, Okato.

*Anthony Williams
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B.B.C. Three piggies

Once upon a time there were three little piggies; Calvin, Arminius and Grace. These three little pigs all considered themselves Christians.

Calvin was absolutely sure he was a Christian. He believed in predestination, or rather he believed that he was one of the elect. This was not because of anything he did, but because of what he believed. He didn't have to do good works, he was justified by faith alone.

Arminius was not so sure about his salvation. He was a worker. He balanced his good deeds against

his failures rather as an accountant balances a ledger or a Hindu looks to see if he will ascend in the next circle of life. Arminius was sanctified, and he relied on doing enough good works to make it heaven.

All three had a piggy body and a piggy nature, but Grace had one big difference. She had a lamb's heart. Grace had bypassed religious doctrine and met God. She had been born again. Of course all piggies love mud and sticking their snouts into things. It is their nature. And all three piggies did just that from time to time.

This was a real worry for Arminius. With his need to keep the scales of justice with good deeds outweighing the bad, he was ever aware of the impact of a shady deal, a white lie, or a glance at a forbidden web site. Those things weighed heavily. They also did with Calvin. Such desires shook his confidence in his "electness". Surely an elect person shouldn't have such leanings.

Grace piggy did wrong things too, but she had an additional nature, an additional spirit, and it was holy. That additional lamb

nature didn't want to do those bad things.

For all little piggies, and for us, life is really about the laws of reproduction. A pig is a pig because it came from pigs. Humans are humans because we came from humans. But a true Christian is only a true Christian when he came from God.

Sure there is still the piggy or human nature, but God doesn't look at that, He looks only to see if there is a Lamb life in a person. That is the only token God accepts. And only Grace has it.

References Romans 7 v14-25 & 8 v1, John 3 v1-8

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Sixty years a Mason

Dan Holmes 60 years as a member of Opunake's Ikaroa Masonic Lodge, was marked at a special function held at Sandfords Events Centre on Sunday November 23, 60 years to the day since Dan joined the organisation.

He was presented with his award by his son - also called Dan - after he delivered a moving tribute to his father. As he attached the special pin to his father's lapel and those present rose in a standing ovation followed by a rousing rendition of For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, a visibly moved Dan senior seemed lost for words. "I don't know what to say," he said.

Around 90 people from all over the North Island including the Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge John Litton attended the occasion. Other dignitaries present included the mayor of South Taranaki Ross Dunlop and former Member of Parliament Shane Ardern.

Prior to presenting the award there were several speeches. Past president of the World Federation of the New Zealand Justice Association Anthony Israel QSM, JP beginning the speeches, spoke a little about Freemasonry. "We do good in the community but we don't talk about it," he said.

Quoting former US president Harry Truman he said "There is no limit to the good men can do if someone doesn't get credit for it."

He then went on to list envy, lust and sarcasm as among the undesirable traits in people and added "the measure of the man as a Freemason is what he is prepared to give up to fulfil principles." He described Dan Holmes as "a shining example of a freemason who has led the way" and who



Dan Holmes (centre) with John Litton, present Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge (left) and Dan Holmes' son Dan.

has "served the community far beyond the call of duty." Fellow mason David Lusk then spoke.

"Leaders are born - that is what I believe," he began and then spoke of Dan's life and many achievements.

Born in 1932 and educated at Pihama Primary School, then Opunake High School where, recognised as a leader, he was chosen as Head Prefect, Dan excelled in sports and represented the Taranaki Colts and Taranaki B team in rugby.

He was the third generation of his family to farm 411 acres in Watino Road, Pihama, breaking it into productive dairy farm land.

Dan Holmes long list of achievements ranged over many fields. These included politics - he was heavily involved in the National Party, religion - he served as secretary for 21 years and Treasurer for 9 years on

the Board of Managers of the Opunake Presbyterian Church, and music - he was a drummer in the Aura Pipe Band, and later drum major.

Dan's colourful history included eleven years in the Armed Forces in the Territorials where he attained the rank of Temporary Captain. He has been a member of the RSA since 1965. Created a Justice of the peace in 1971, he was also a marriage celebrant for many years.

Dan has served on numerous committees. He was Chairperson of the Opunake Cottage Resthome Trust. Other organisations with which he has been involved include St Johns Ambulance and the Cancer Society. He was also a Civil Defence County Warden. Dan was also an elected member of the Taranaki Hospital Board, later the Taranaki Area Health Board,

occupying the position of Chairperson from 1983-1991; from 1991-1993 he was the Government appointed Commissioner of the THB.

Dan is currently Chairperson of the Coastal Care Health Trust, a position he has held since its inception in 2006. The new Opunake Health Centre under construction is to open in March next year.

In Freemasonry Dan achieved the highest pinnacle becoming Grand

Master (for New Zealand) of the Masonic Lodge from 1994-1996.

Dan was awarded the Queens Service Order (QSO) in 1988 and in 1990 the NZ Commemorative Medal (NZCM) for services

to New Zealand, the public and the community.

These days Dan is chairman and partner owner of the Pacific International Hotel Management School at Bell Block.

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On keeping in touch with your council



Bryan Roach, Councillor STDC.

well as responding to emails every day. Opunake Beach is progressing well. The new grass around the picnic area is growing, and council has started on installing the new Surf Lifesaving boat ramp which will include a retaining wall, and will be a lot safer to use than the old one. This is all part of the Opunake Beach Master Plan.

I have had several complaints about the excessive use of spray on the road verge in the rural zone. I have had an on-site meeting with our roading manager about this matter, and we are all in agreement that there was too much spraying in our area. Council officers are looking into the contract, and will be talking to the contractor concerned. The less we spray the better, as STDC has approximately 1600 kms of roads.

Freedom camping and livestock bylaws are hot topics at the moment. We have had lots of submissions about

these, and some really good ideas. Thank you to all the people who had the time and effort to put a submission in. Submissions are very valuable to a council. It's a way of having your say. Mayor Ross Dunlop and your councillors have already visited the hot spots that came from the submission process, and personally, it's really good

to see first-hand. A big thank you to Sharon Arlidge for all the work she has done on the Egmont Plains Community Board. Sharon was first elected to the EPCB in 2004. She has resigned from the community board and is moving to Wana. We wish her and her family all the best. A by-election will have to be held, and

nominations are open for this vacant position. If you would like to be on this Community Board, fill out a nomination form that is available on the council website www.southtaranaki.com or at the Manaia and Opunake LibraryPlus centres. The election will be held on February 11, 2015. The current EPCB members are Andy Whitehead, Craig

Dingle, Brian Vincent, and the council appointed representative, Bonita Bingham. To my fellow dairy farmers, milk is up, grass is up, cycling cows are up, but pay-out per milksolid is down. Three out of four isn't bad. As this is my last article for the year, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Roachy from the Coast

Erosion blamed for Stony River discolouration

A natural erosion event in Egmont National Park has caused discolouration of the Stony River.

The milky white discolouration is being investigated by the Taranaki Regional Council, which says the source is clearly within Egmont National Park. A water sample

was taken and the discolouration was found to be have been caused by fine sediment consistent with the effects of an erosion event.

Evidence of recent slips was observed above the park boundary when the water sample was taken "It's another reminder of

how our ring plain waterways can be contaminated by natural events on the mountain, where erosion is commonplace and can be quite significant," says the Council's Director-Environment Quality, Gary Bedford.

"A year ago, the Waiwhakaho River ran orange because

of naturally occurring iron oxide from a source on the mountain. This time it's the Stony's turn to be discoloured."

The Taranaki Regional Council will continue to monitor the river.

Opunake programme among oral health grant recipients announced

Dental aid to remote Fijian islands, ensuring Taranaki's young people have access to oral health services and the study of developmental defects among children are just three of the projects being supported by the Wrigley Company Foundation and the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA).

Among the groups benefiting from the 2014 community grants scheme programme is the Opunake Smiles programme in Opunake. An oral health awareness day in Opunake will have a team of District Health Board professionals visit preschool and school-aged children to promote the importance of oral care. The team will deliver advice around early enrolment, the availability of oral health services, and encouraging a daily tooth brushing routine. All children will receive toothbrushes and fluoride toothpaste, tooth

brushing reminder charts, and balloons from Dr Rabbit and the dental team. This grant will involve a mobile dental van visiting many education centres within the rural township, which does not have a fluoridated water supply, and will integrate with other health professionals that deliver health care to the community. Local media will deliver key oral health messages to further drive awareness of good oral health.

The 2014 Community Service Grants programme will directly make a difference to high risk and underserved groups such as children, physically disabled, visually impaired, geographically isolated, Maori and Filipino.

The Wrigley Company Foundation and the NZDA have awarded a total of US\$23,000 to 12 organisations working to improve the oral health in New Zealanders

and the Pacific islands Andrew Leakey, General Manager of Wrigley Pacific, says Wrigley is committed to improving the oral health of New Zealanders.

"The grants and the hard-working volunteers who run the successful programmes help to bridge the gap in access to oral care services and dental education throughout New Zealand. Wrigley is committed to improving the state of dental health in New Zealand and around the globe.

"The Extra Oral Healthcare Programme operates in 47 countries worldwide to engage dentists on the benefits of sugarfree gum as part of good oral healthcare routine, and initiatives such as the Community Service Grants are dedicated to supporting the communities where oral care support is needed most," he says.

The grants programme was introduced by the Wrigley Company Foundation in collaboration with the NZDA in 2012 and provides a total of US\$84,000 in grant funds across three years to support the implementation of oral health projects in at risk communities.

Dr David Crum, chief executive officer of the New Zealand Dental Association, says the Wrigley Company Foundation NZDA Community Service Grants support dentists across the country who volunteer their time and services to assist some of New Zealand's most at risk communities.

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Third life for once contentious water treatment plant

Forty years ago, even having a Waimate West water scheme was a contentious topic on the Waimate Plains. On November 13, such dis-sension was long forgotten, when the third and latest model of the Waimate West water treatment plant on Rowan Road plant was opened by South Taranaki district mayor Ross Dunlop.

The first plant was opened in 1975, while a need for new clarifiers and filters had prompted another opening in 1996. The latest upgrade was prompted by the need to keep pace with new government drinking water standards.

Work on the plant had started in mid-2012 and commissioning trials had begun in April this year. The plant had reached full production in June-July, South Taranaki District Council water supply manager Peter Cook said.

"In the last month, all the niggly bugs have been ironed out. We're fully complete now, over the hurdle and pleased with the product."

Mr Cook said state of the



If the mayor's prepared to drink it then it must be good. Mayor Ross Dunlop about to drink a glass of water from the Waimate West water treatment station.

art engineering and computer technology had enabled efficiencies to be made, and long lasting products were used to put the plant together.

"I would expect 50 years

of life out of this concrete, and the structure should last a hundred. I don't expect to be standing here in 20 years reopening this plant."

The plant uses clarifiers and

deep bed sand filters to ensure drinking water standards are met. The plant also comes with its own power supply, providing more than enough for the plant's power needs.

The Waimate West water scheme takes 17.5 million litres of water a day from the Otakeho, Mangawhere and Mangawhero-iti streams, and serves 2500 people and 800

connections.

Mr Dunlop said the South Taranaki District Council runs 14 water schemes, and the Waimate West scheme is the biggest by volume.

"It's really like what a small city would have, similar to places like Wanganui."

Given the district's reliance on farming, schemes like this are important, he said.

This was particularly appreciated by farmers not on schemes like this, who have to rely instead on pumped water.

"There would probably be 350,000 cows in South Taranaki, and over half of them would be in this area," Mr Dunlop said.

The very idea of Waimate West having a water scheme at all had been a controversial one before the first plant was opened in 1975. The original plant had comprised mainly steel tanks, only one of which is still standing.

Manaia farmer Grant Gibbs who chairs the scheme's liaison committee credits the introduction of the scheme with a boost in dairy production on the Waimate Plains.

"When this was first put in, there was a lift in production, because for the first time everyone had good quality water which was on tap and always there," he said "Before then, everyone had been relying on groundwater which was very variable."

Mr Dunlop said the council wants to connect its various water schemes, so that in the event of a water shortage, Hawera could service Waimate West or vice versa.

The council began a 10 year programme to improve the district's water infrastructure in 2005, and the opening of the Waimate West scheme had come after the opening of the Opunake, Rahotu and Eltham water treatment plants.

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Upstairs at the Waimate West water treatment plant. From left Mark Gerrand project manager, Clive Briggs STDC project manager, Peter Cook STDC water supply manager, Philip La Roche supervisor, and Joe Fluhler project engineer.

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Coastal Coppers- A word from the Area Commander



Constable Kylie Brophy

I am sure many of you have read or are aware of what has been written in The Taranaki Daily News over recent days about our great town. This column has been written by Taranaki Area Commander - Inspector Ross Grantham in regards to questions asked by the Taranaki Daily News. Little of his response was used in their publication,

so with his permission this is his full reply. Opunake has two enthusiastic full-time police constables who work hard to serve their community, and with the introduction of mobility devices all officers are able to spend more time out in the community where we want them than in the police station. The Opunake officers are also part of the wider Central Police District with all the resources of the district available as and when required to effectively respond to incidents. While the station is not manned 24 hours a day there a number of ways people can pass information to police at any time.

Opunake is a great community, and we have no evidence that there is more gang or methamphetamine crime there than in other areas. Like many other towns there is a minority of people engaged in methamphetamine abuse and violence. Police have an ongoing Organised Crime strategy as well as the Whole of Government methamphetamine action plan which targets gangs and drug manufacturers. We take every opportunity to disrupt their offending and seize their assets. Every police officer plays a

role in reducing drug crime, from early intervention with our officers in schools, to major operations targeting organised criminal networks. Police are also actively working with the South Taranaki Social Sector Trial focusing on youth. The annual cannabis and crime operation dismantles criminal networks and removes drugs off our streets and out of our communities. Most importantly it prevents social harm and brings to justice those who profit from illegal and destructive activities. The Opunake community is our eyes and ears and we need them to report to Police locations of drug manufacture, cultivation or dealing, and any suspicious activity. Anyone with any information about drug cultivation, manufacture or supply rings is asked to contact their local police. Alternatively information can be provided anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. It is important to note that all information is useful to police. One person may not know the whole

story, but every piece of information is analysed and fed into our intelligence system which helps us build a picture of criminal activity in a particular area. All types of criminal activity can be found wherever there is methamphetamine use commonly theft, family violence, standover tactics and violence are all associated with drug manufacture and use. Crime attacks the fabric of our community and it is vital that we work together to reduce offending including family violence and drug manufacture and use. We also encourage individuals, families, and friends to identify those who need help and to support them in seeking help to change their behaviour. If you know someone who you think needs support below are some useful contacts: For information about family violence, what it is, and where to get help, visit the Are You OK website. Family Violence Information Line (0800 456 450) provides self-help information and connects people to services where

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New generator purchased for Rahoitu Volunteer Fire Brigade

At the October meeting of the Rahoitu Pungarehu Lions Club, a cheque was presented to the Rahoitu Volunteer Fire Brigade to purchase a community generator that would be housed at the Fire Station and used for Civil Defence emergencies and at other times when power outages occur. Kelvin Jordan from the Rahoitu Volunteer Fire Brigade explained the need of the generator and gave a very informative speech on the role that the Fire Brigade play today in the community.

Wendy Mullan the President of the Rahoitu Pungarehu Lions Club presenting the cheque to Kelvin Jordan from the Rahoitu Fire Brigade.



Newspaper delivery in Kaponga



Our newspapers now being delivered to letterboxes in Kaponga. This issue of the Opunake and Coastal News (and henceforth) will be delivered to each occupied house and business in Kaponga. We have noticed that some properties do not have letterboxes or newspaper cylinders. It would be appreciated if this could be remedied in the near future. The delivery person for Kaponga is Chrystal Cornwall who lives in the township. Thank you to the other people who offered to deliver the newspaper. We appreciate your interest.

A day enjoying local gardens with Te Kiri Womens Institute

Members enjoyed a garden safari and drive to Auroa, meeting at Openlands Garden. Jill Campbell had her beautiful craft articles set out around the grounds. These were very cery clever and lovely, and added to the beauty of the grounds. Members enjoyed a very nice morning tea, and then set off to Logans Garden on Hastings Road. This is a beautiful

garden, with some interesting statues dotted around the grounds, which added an interesting talking point. Walking around gardens brings on an appetite, so it was off to Hathaway House for lunch. Members had time for a chat, and a stroll round the garden and lake. Mount Taranaki-Egmont was just magnificent with the sun shining on the snow

making a pretty picture. Members decided to come home through Eltham, visiting a very pretty garden on the way. This was followed by a spur of the moment visit to Eltham Art Gallery and a look around the shops, and enjoying lovely articles in the Art and Craft Shop. This was fun and added to a happy day of companionship and laughter.

Homeward-bound with the sun still shining and all members looking forward to our Christmas time together. Yes it is nice to be home, to kick off your shoes and wriggle your toes and flop down in your favourite chair with a cup of tea, and decide where in your garden you're going to plant the plants you bought. A busy day tomorrow out in the garden. Just great.

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WITT going crackers



Hon Chester Borrows, Whanganui MP

They say "if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and sounds like a duck, it is probably a duck." You have to say that with all accusations, allegations and scrutiny of student achievement in the Maori Performing Arts Levels four

and six at WITT recently 'it' is still quacking, swimming and now defecating all over the lawn, proving without doubt, it is what it is, a duck. I have to applaud the CE Barbara George and Chair Mary Bourke for the no nonsense way in which they have fronted on this issue which goes back a few years. Thankfully, it seems, those involved no longer work or contract to WITT, but it isn't over yet. Students either did or didn't do what was asked of them in order to pass their certificates. They either knew or didn't know whether they had done enough, but those clipping the ticket had to know for sure.

In spite of all measures put in place for registration, with all the proof of identity required, and assessment with moderation to show that requisite work was done, sometimes people get away with breaking the rules. That is because sometimes people accept the assurances given without the level of required scrutiny to show up what are breaches in protocols to ensure that rules are complied with. It is in the interests of an institution that actual student achievement is always as high as possible. Everyone wants people to succeed, and no more so than their tutors, and providers who get kudos, but also get paid on the

basis either 'bums on seats' or on student achievement. That means if some enrolled students don't really exist, the provider is paid, and if students who fail are shown as passing, they also get paid.

These are the reported allegations at WITT. Government subsidies for student numbers fund the institution. These are passed on to contracted providers, and good number help the institution look good. The institution looking good has a flow on effect for staff, management and board. It is all good news. When the news is good, sometimes those checks and balances are not used to ensure the

good news is as good as it sounds. But that is the job of management. To check and see how well things are going with substantive evidence to prove results. That is why the buck stops with management when operational issues are proven to fail, and why it stops with governors when policy directions are the flaw.

Governors require managers to give reliable reports on achievement, and are entitled to rely on those reports, but the managers are paid the biggest bucks to get it right, prove it is right and stand by those results. At the end of the day it is what it is. If students are marked present when they are absent, or if they are

enrolled when deceased, and graduate with a qualification in that extinct state, as has been reported in the case of this particular course at WITT, then you have to ask who was benefitting and who should have been watching. In the end there is still quacking, and this whole incident looks, sounds smells and walks suspiciously like a duck to me.

Those current and former students, staff, managers, board, and the taxpayer deserve to know what has gone on here. I look forward to an investigation that digs deep into the liabilities of those responsible and holds them to account.

*Chester Borrows
MP for Whanganui*

The Last Night of the Proms

2014 held on November 8 at New Plymouth's TSB Theatre, TSB Showplace ended with a frenzied Union Jack waving crowd joining the Ars Nova Choir in Land of Hope and Glory amid a sea of red white and blue balloons. It was a tumultuous and fitting end to a fantastic concert, a collaboration between music directors Adam Jasinski and Christopher Luke.

A varied repertoire preceded the dramatic conclusion and began with Wagner's Flying Chapman Overture followed by the Bridal Chorus from 'Lohengrin' then the Procession of Nobles from "Miada" by Rimsky-Korsakov. These were all enjoyable. It was Handel's exquisite aria "Michiamano Mimi" from La Boheme however which enthralled me. Beautifully

and sensitively performed, it was perhaps the highlight of the concert for me.

"Cosa Sento!" from Mozart's famous opera "The Marriage of Figaro" with soloists Clarissa Dunn, Derek Hill, Anna Mahon and Edward McKnight was another treat. It was charmingly performed by the four who were dressed in character. Verdi's Hymn and Triumphal March from "Aida" followed.

The second half began with We Shall Walk Through The Valley by New Zealand composer David Hamilton. Performed by The Tanners from New Plymouth's Sacred Heart College it was a nice to see a contemporary New Zealand work included in the programme and the audience seemed to enjoy it. Rossini's comical Cat Duet was an un-

expected surprise, executed endearingly by singers Clarissa Dunn and Anna Mahon.

The hymn I vow to Thee My Country performed by the Ars Nova Choir accompanied by the orchestra - and many in the audience - was another inspired choice. Arranged by Christopher Luke, I had never before appreciated the beauty of the hymn which was Princess Diana's favourite and sung at the Royal Wedding.

Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance followed to conclude the concert.

Comperes Bryan Vickery and Stuart Trundle supplied some entertaining and informative repartee as they introduced the acts.

It was a great privilege to get to share in a great tradition and monument to classical music.

Bernice McKellar

On this month in history Apologue wins Melbourne Cup

On November 5, 1907 Apologue won the Melbourne Cup, the first NZ-owned horse to do so. The horse was owned by Auckland bookmaker Bob Cleland.

Two months before the big

event Bob Cleland sent the horse to Sydney under the care of trainer Ike Earnslaw, who had won the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups with his horse Poseidon in 1906. He was keen to complete the

double in 1907. This time Poseidon (again) won the Caulfield Cup, with Apologue second. However, in the Melbourne Cup Apologue won with Poseidon just eighth.



Antiques roadshow

Just some of the intriguing items down at Beachcombers Second hand shop in Opunake.

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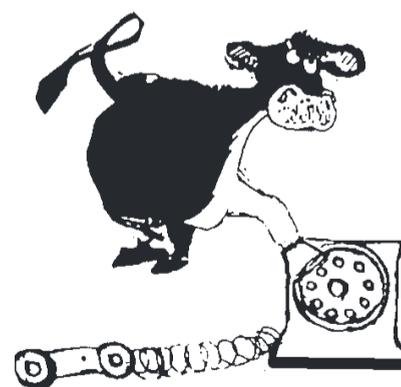
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On sale in the shop & gallery are a range of lavender-derived products such as bath salts, lotions and lip balm, as well as other organic products such as soy candles. Liz also sells colourful greeting cards which she makes herself, often based on another of her many interests – photography. The lavender is grown on the property and also processed on site to yield oil, hydrosol and other products, such as dried lavender to fill therapeutic 'heat' cushions. On the subject of therapeutic advantage, lavender is



Liz Sinclair standing by her lavender crop.

reportedly good for reducing anxiety, promoting restful sleep, alleviating headaches and even combating skin ailments such as eczema and acne.

Also on display in the shop & gallery is a selection of Liz Sinclair's own art. She enjoys working in oils and pastels. Many of her works reflect her

interest in animals and birds, as well as landscapes. There are also creations by other artists on display. All works are for sale.

Liz is often visited by people interested in the fascinating history of the place. The original dairy factory was established in 1897, although this was later decimated by fire. The current factory was rebuilt in 1922 by J Symons, although there was another fire in 1977. At the time of the latter fire the factory was used as a piggery.

Liz pays tribute to the last owners the Knapmans from whom she bought the property in 2013. They have put much effort into developing the property, including the fernery and intriguing courtyard.

One development was converting the original pumphouse into the Punehu Stream Cottage, where quality accommodation can be had. Liz says it is a real hit with her overseas guests. Not only is it tastefully appointed it is also nice and warm with under floor heating and a wood burner. 'Bed and breakfast' is available on

request, as well as Christmas dinner.

At present the shop & gallery is open on both days of the weekend from 10am to 5pm. Make sure you call – if you make a purchase you are in the draw (drawn Christmas Eve) to win a free nights accommodation for two people, and a bottle of wine. EFTPOS is now available.

Want to know more? Look up Liz Sinclair's websites www.punehustreamcottage.com and www.pihamalavender.com – well worth a look. Make sure you visit soon. The Pihama Lavender Farm Shop & Gallery is at 3510 South Road, about 6km south of Opunake on the mountain side of the road on a bend in the road. Established trees screen the site ensuring privacy. You can phone Liz on 06 215 8169 for inquiries and bookings.

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The most important relationship

Relationships – what a huge topic to write a column about. I guess the best place to start from my years experience as a mum and a counsellor, is the parent child relationship. This relationship sets the child up for the future with resilience, good self-esteem and confidence. Empathy is also good to have – caring about others – plus of course all the knowledge about how to be a responsible new adult, a good parent, good worker, and a healthy individual. That sounds simple enough, but parenting is rarely that. To me it can be the hardest, but the most important job in the world. When our kids are older, and we look back on

how we parented, often we can see things we could have done better. There are plenty of books on how to parent, but we don't need permission or a license, so it is a bit like being thrown in at the deep end and doing the best we can. If we think back to our childhood, then we might have thought about what sort of parents we might like to become. Like our parents or not like our parents? Did we want to be the kind of parents that yelled, screamed and hit, or treated our kids like servants or nuisances? Or did we want to be the kind of parents who cared, listened, understood,

and protected? Moulding and teaching the next generation is not an easy task, but at any time in this story we can still be the parents that we would like our children to have. Really? Yes. Praise them for doing good, tell them they're special, care and support and keep them safe. Encourage, listen to, play with and cherish. Bite back what we might be tempted to say in anger or frustration – once it's out of your mouth you can't get it back. Don't hit with words or fists. Kids need to feel safe, loved and cared for. Are you the kind of parent that you wanted your



Sylvia Huitson (MNZAC) of Active Intentions Counselling and South Taranaki Counselling. kids to have? It's not too late. Take care and Merry Xmas. Sylvia Huitson.

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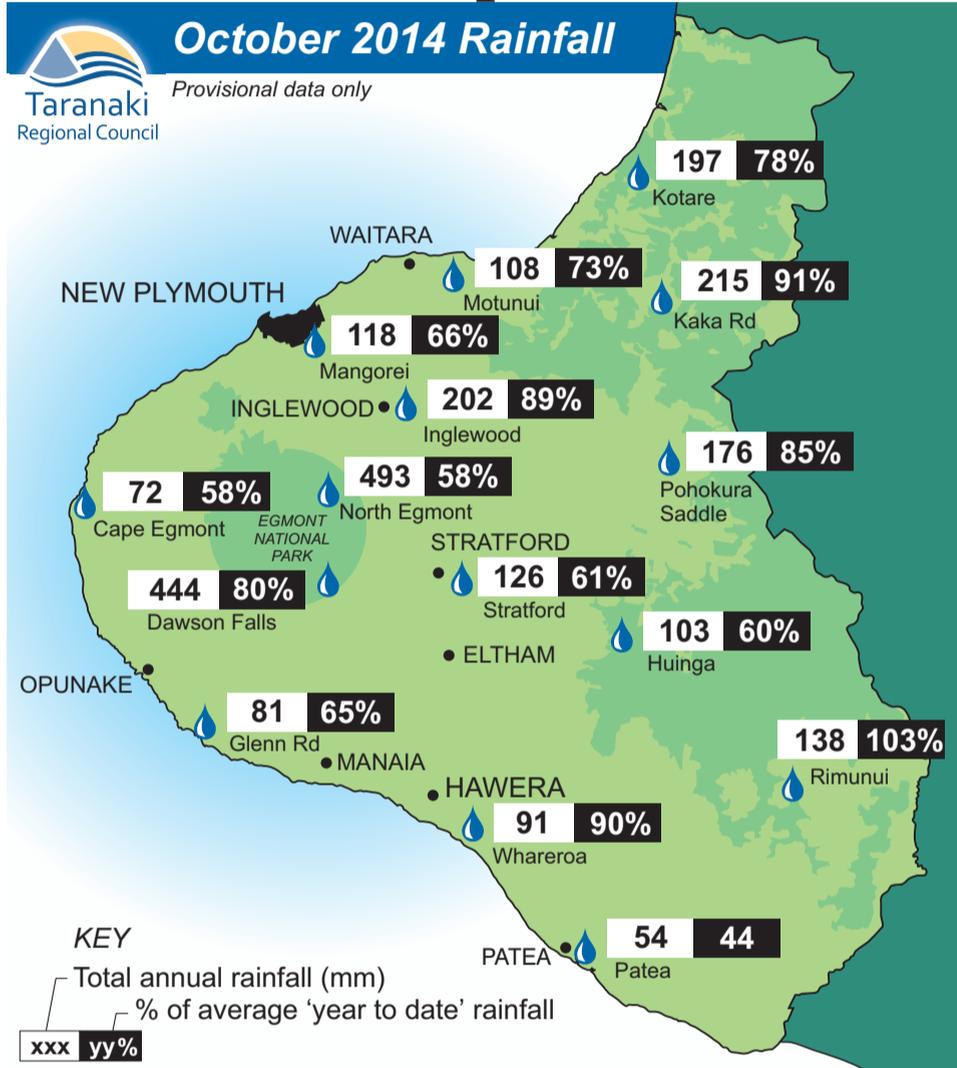
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where a weather system went up the ranges of the North Island and spilled over into the eastern hill country of Taranaki. The sites had 50.5 mm and 51.0 mm respectively during that event, which equated to about a third of the rainfall the sites

recorded for the entire month. Of note, Patea recorded only 44% of normal rainfall with 53.8 mm, with 22.0mm of this falling in the same event on Labour Day. The mountain recorded between 58% and 80% of normal for the month. Year to date rainfall was

ranging between 83% and 112% of normal, with Dawson Falls, Manaia and Whareroa being the only sites at present to have received above normal rainfall to date.

Trade Aid Speaker for Kaponga WI International Month

Jill Winter from Trade Aid was speaker at Kaponga WI's November meeting. She spoke about the organisation which buys handmade articles from village people in many struggling countries around the world. Toys, basketwork, carved ornaments, a decorated jute bag, and stationary were

some of the articles on display, and were a small sample of the good quality products Trade Aid sells. Nan Stokes from New Plymouth hosted the November meeting, which was attended by members from New Plymouth, and those who travelled from Kaponga, Hawera and

Stratford. Rayleen McDonald read the Thought which was "The older I get, the older "old" is". The Japan Theme for International Day at The Fat Cow has been organised by Dorothy Hughes, Jo Jones and Joy Eliason, and eight members plan to attend on the day.

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A South Canterbury-based environmental consultancy duo are the Supreme Winners of this year's Enterprising Rural Women Awards, which were announced at the Rural Women national conference in Rotorua. Keri Johnston and Haidee McCabe, principals of Irricon Resource Solutions, have gone from strength to strength since they established their joint consultancy in 2010. They now employ nine staff located from Motonau in North Canterbury to Duntroun in North Otago,

with expertise ranging from ecology to engineering, and planning to field technicians. A key feature of their business is Johnston and McCabe's philosophy of fitting work around family and farming life, wherever that might be. Keri Johnston, a natural resources engineer, says, "Where we are today was born out of a desire to have professional careers, but on our terms – working from home, around children and farming." Keri and her husband farm just out of Geraldine

in South Canterbury. Haidee McCabe, an environmental consultant from Albury, explains.

"Five of our consultants are women who would not be working professionally if they didn't work for Irricon. Working from home means the best of all worlds for these women, and it allows them the opportunity to work, but be wives, mums and farm workers as well. "Unless we're in a hearing, we're not a "suit and tie" type of business – our jeans and gumboots are well

worn! Our clients really appreciate having someone turn up who knows farming. We can talk to them in their language about the issues. "Because of the expertise we have, we can handle almost any job from start to finish – design, consenting, implementation and compliance. We have over 500 clients, and this number is still growing." The business focuses on improving or maintaining the sustainability of natural resources, such as land, water and waste, and is also involved in irrigation

and catchment management. Other category winners in this year's Enterprising Rural Women Awards are Renee De Luca of Putake Honey based out of Blenheim. The Making it in Rural section was hotly contested, with the main award going to Nicola Wright of Wrights Winery and Vineyard in Gisborne, and a special merit award to Dot Kettle and Georgia Richards of Dove River Peonies from Wakefield, near Nelson. The winner of the Stay, Play Rural Award was Bobbie Mulgrew of Easyhike, a

car relocation service based at Glenorchy, servicing hikers of the Routeburn and Milford tracks. In congratulating all the winners, Rural Women New Zealand national president, Wendy McGowan said, "Through the Enterprising Rural Women Awards we are keen to raise awareness of women's entrepreneurship and their input into rural communities. Women are not always good at promoting themselves, but we want to raise their profiles and give them credit for the huge amount of effort involved."

Smell much reduced in Eltham



The passage of time and initiatives by the South Taranaki District Council have seemingly had an impact on the odour problem in Eltham, associated with the dumping of dairy waste at the Eltham wastewater treatment facility in Castle Street. Examination of the area, at least on a Opunake and Coastal News report-

ers visit last Wednesday revealed very little smell. One resident had the following to say, "It's (the smells) gone now. It's all sorted. It's just the aftermath. We don't want to go there any more." She also added, "There are two sides to every story". She asked that her name not be used and this has been respected.

High noon for Fonterra and Council

The long running Eltham milk saga had its day in court this week. The Taranaki Regional Council had brought charges against Fonterra and the South Taranaki District Council over the effects of the dumping of three million litres of buttermilk and 150,000 litres of raw milk in the Eltham Wastewater treatment plant during the flush of last year's dairy season.

The STDC pleaded guilty to the charge brought under the Resource Management Act and was fined \$115,000. En-

vironment Court judge Brian Dwyer said the Council had failed to check whether the plant's eader system would have been able to contain the odours before it agreed to let Fonterra dump the waste, and had no backup plan if problems arose.

The regional council had verified eight complaints about the smell from the waste in March and May of this year. Fonterra has denied nine charges brought by the regional council, and will appear in court again on December 10

The treatment pond in Eltham where the dairy waste was dumped by Fonterra.

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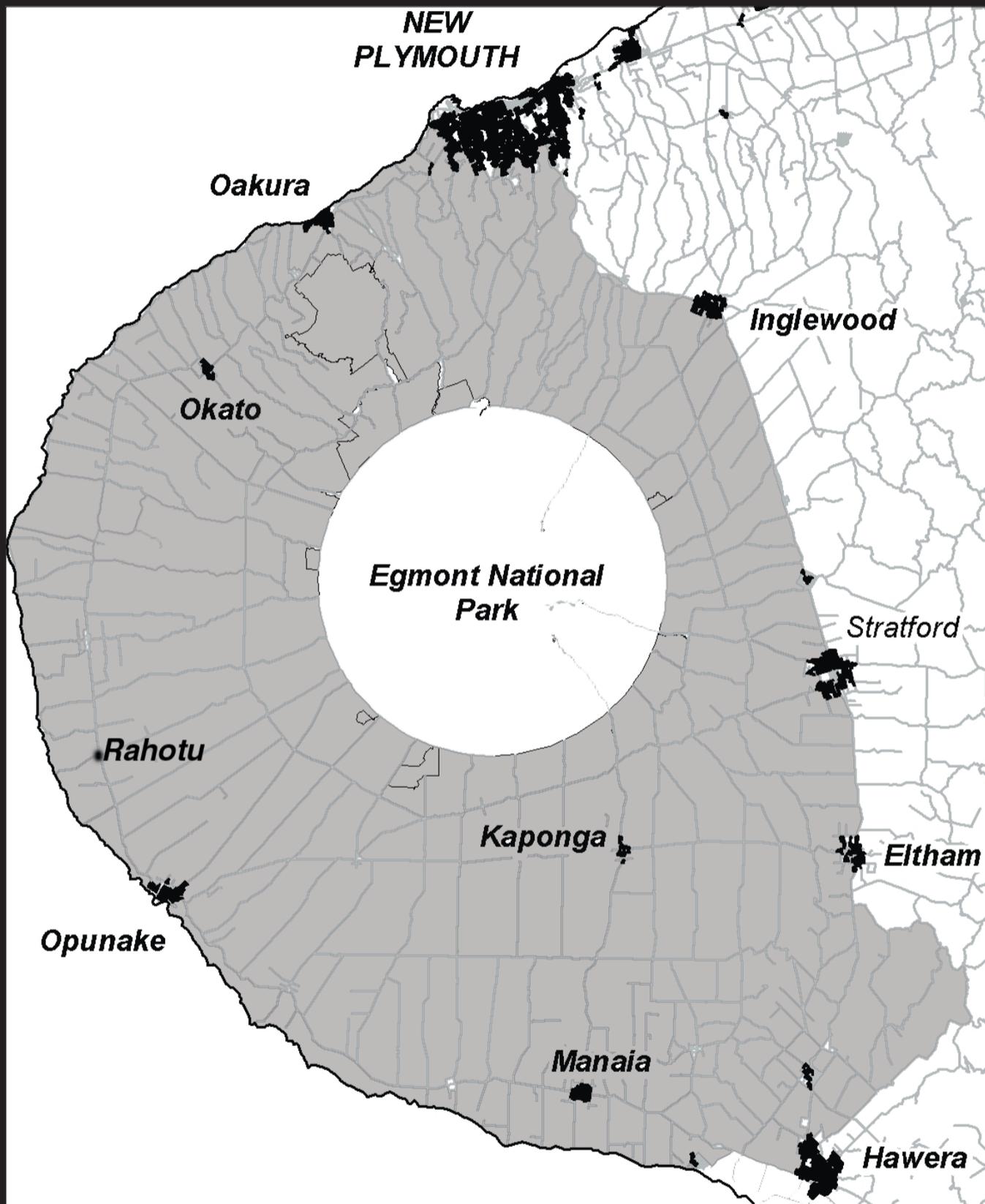
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Farmers alerted after tick-carried disease hits

DairyNZ is alerting all farmers, including graziers, to keep an eye out for signs of a tick-carried disease that causes anaemia in cattle, and to actively manage the risks

of ticks to their herds. Theileriosis is a disease caused by a species of Theileria, a blood-borne parasite that only affects cattle, and is primarily transmitted by

ticks. A new strain of Theileria orientalis called ikeda was first identified in Northland in late 2012. This strain has been associated with anaemia and death in cattle.

The DairyNZ warning comes after the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) confirmed that a case of Theileria had hit a South Island West Coast farm this Spring. MPI has concluded that a local population of infected ticks in Canterbury or the West Coast was responsible for transmitting infection to the 188-cow dairy herd.

DairyNZ technical veterinary advisor, Dr Nita Harding, says cattle are at risk when moved to areas where infected ticks are present. Likewise, if an infected animal is transported, it can spread infection to ticks in the new location, in turn spreading disease to uninfected

animals. "We are concerned that there may be infected tick populations in the South Island now. This latest case was linked to cows being grazed in the Canterbury area and then being brought back to the West Coast," says Dr Harding.

"It's important that farmers remain vigilant and monitor stock, particularly weaned calves at this time of year."

"Cases of Theileriosis are usually higher in Autumn and Spring. However, at any time of year, if animals present with signs of anaemia, a veterinarian should be consulted.

"We are advising farmers to consider the risk of moving young stock to grazer or run-off properties where the level of tick activity and Theileria may be greater than on the home property. Tick treatments may be helpful for reducing the tick load

and severity of infection, and farmers should seek veterinary advice regarding the most appropriate treatment for their animals. This is a disease that can result in serious illness and death of cattle, and has affected some herds quite badly."

Dr Harding says more South Island cases are likely now that the disease has been diagnosed there, especially in Nelson/Marlborough, where ticks are known to be present.

"At this stage, we just don't know exactly the degree of infestation or location of local tick populations and therefore the level of risk to different regions in the South Island," she says.

Dr Harding says Theileria is now widespread over the northern half of the North Island with cases diagnosed across Northland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, the King Country, Whanganui

and Hawke's Bay. Cases have also been reported from the lower half of the North Island. MPI has reported around 116 new cases since September.

Farmers should regularly check stock for ticks and treat animals as necessary. They should treat any new animals - particularly before moving cattle from one property to another. Farmers should ease underlying disease or stress, looking at transition management, trace element deficiency, BVD (bovine viral diarrhoea) and facial eczema.

Signs of anaemia in dairy cows include cows straggling on the walk to the shed. Other things to look for include increased respiratory and heart rate, pale, rather than healthy pink, vulva, a pale udder, yellow eyes, and cows with no strength or energy to do anything.



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Thumbs up for sitting directors

Fonterra shareholders have stuck to the status quo returning two sitting members at this year's board of directors' elections.

David MacLeod of Hawera who has been a board member since 2011 was elected to another term, as was John Monaghan from the Wairarapa, who has been a board member since 2008. Both men were due to retire in accordance with Fonterra's constitution, as was Jim van der Poel from the Waikato who did not seek re-election.

Fonterra has nine farmer-elected directors, and four independent non-farmer directors.

Mr MacLeod is chairman of the Taranaki Regional Council and is also well known in Taranaki through other business interests. These include owning A.J. Greaves Electrical in Hawera, and being a director of PKW farms, the largest Taranaki supplier to Fonterra.

Mr Monaghan from the Wairarapa had served as chairman of the Fonterra Shareholders Council before being elected a Fonterra director.

Leonie Guiney of Fairlie will fill the vacancy left by Mr van der Poel's retirement. She is a director of four farming companies and has previous experience as a consulting officer and dairy production lecturer. She has studied overseas co-operatives in



David MacLeod

Ireland and the Netherlands. She is also a winner of the low input dairy business of the year.

It is second time unlucky for Putaruru farmer and LIC and Balance Agri-Nutrients director Gray Baldwin who had stood unsuccessfully in 2011. Also unsuccessful were Grant Rowan who farms in Southland, and Cambridge farmer Garry Reymer.

The election was carried out under the STV (Single Transferrable Vote system), and the result announced on November 10. The directors took up their positions at the Fonterra annual meeting in Palmerston North two days later.



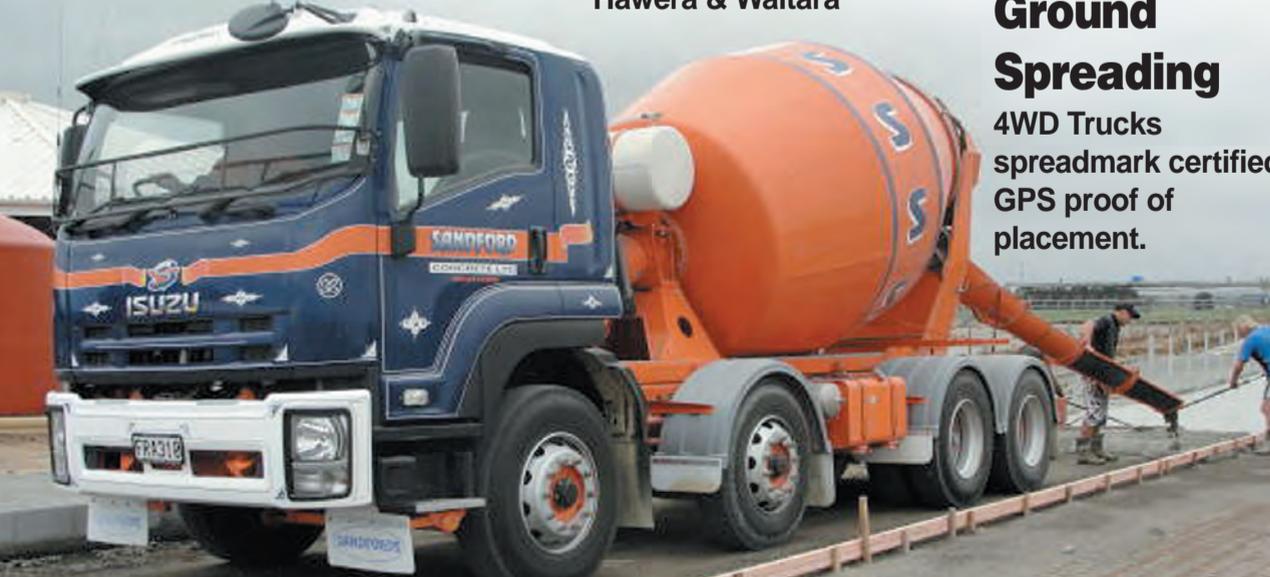
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Mangamingi Timber, & Supplies now has a branch in Eltham and is making a significant impact. Situated at 25A North Street, Eltham under the management of Kevin Lozell, there is little the business does not provide in the way of timber supplies and anything related to rural or urban construction. The branch is an offshoot of the highly respected Mangamingi-based enterprise, owned by the Menzies family.

Joe Menzies, under the auspices of Mangamingi Transport, Milling and Contracting, focuses on digger and drainage work, fencing, as well as all general contracting. You can contact him on 06 764 5068 or 027 385 3251.

Here is just a selection of what the Eltham firm has to offer with their 'down to earth retailing'; fencing supplies, such as posts, strainers, battens and wire, and timber supplies including Macrocarpa (rough sawn and dressed) or Pine (rough sawn and dressed), either of which can be treated or untreated. There is a huge selection of nuts, bolts and nails, as well as gates, drainage pipes, cargo straps, Plascourse and even concrete retaining blocks (weighing 1.25 tonnes each). The blocks are used for retaining walls and to shore up breaches after flood damage. All prices for the wide range of products are "very competitive" explains Kevin.

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Kevin, who has been with the firm for over 20 years, mostly in a management role, points out that they are there to do their utmost to carry out the wishes of their customers. "Even if we don't have what is requested, we'll make sure we get it in, with minimal delay," he promises.



Mangamingi Timber & Supplies Manager Kevin Lozell in his yard.



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is mangamingitimber@xtra.co.nz Their website www.mangamingitimber.co.nz is well worth a look.

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Former Opunake High School Student and Head Boy Mark Robinson. Fairfax.

Here's to you Mr Robinson

Not only can Opunake High School claim an All Black captain, it can now add one of the top men in world rugby to its list of distinguished alumni.

Everyone knows about how Graham Mourie captained the Opunake High School 1st XV as a fifth former, then went on to captain the All Blacks. Now another one of the school's ex All Blacks has made it to the game's boardroom. When Mark Robinson, attended Opunake High School, he made it to head prefect. Last week in Dublin, he was elected to a four year term as New Zealand's first representative on the 10 member executive committee of the World Rugby Board. At about the same time, the

World Rugby Board had changed its name from the International Rugby Board, whose last New Zealand representative had been fellow Opunake High School old boy Graham Mourie. Anyone unhappy about the current state of the game played in Heaven maybe interested to know that Robinson has also been elected to the committee which oversees the rules of rugby. Robinson was born in Stratford in 1974 and grew up in Kaponga. After attending Opunake High School he studied at Victoria University, where he played rugby for Wellington and New Zealand Universities. In 1994, he played in the farewell tribute match for Kieran Crowley in New Plymouth.

After Victoria he studied philosophy and political studies at Cambridge, gaining a Masters degree with honours. He played twice in the iconic Varsity match against Oxford, and earned a couple of rugby blues. In 1997-8 he was back playing rugby for Taranaki. He was part of the 1997 team which made it through to the NPC semifinals. En route Robinson scored five tries in one match against Southland. Robinson switched to Canterbury in 1999, and was part of the Crusaders Super 12 winning teams in 2000 and 2002. In 2000, as a 26 year-old was selected for the All Blacks, making his debut against Scotland, where he scored a try in New Zealand's 48-14 win at Auckland. Robinson went on to play nine tests for the All Blacks. At one stage during the 2002 domestic season, he was even sometimes favoured as Centre over the great Tana Umaga. His rugby career was

however hampered by injuries, keeping him out of Canterbury's 2001 NPC season. His last test was against Wales at Cardiff on November 23, 2002. Another spell of injuries meant he missed the next season for the Crusaders, as well as keeping him out of consideration for the 2003 World Cup side. In 2007 he was appointed chief executive of Taranaki Rugby, a position which he quit in 2011, when appointed head of the transport company, Symons Group. During his time at the Taranaki Rugby Union, he was credited with playing a big part in bringing the All Blacks to New Plymouth. After that, his rise to the top table of world rugby was a meteoric one. It was only last year he was elected to the board of the New Zealand Rugby Union, taking over the seat held, in a precursor of things to come, by Graham Mourie.

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The Future Black Sticks team at Stratford

The Future Black Sticks Women have closed out their six test hockey series against the India Juniors undefeated with a 2-2 draw in the final game at TET Multisports Centre in Stratford on Thursday. New Zealand went ahead early through Felicity Reidy before the Indians wrestled back the momentum and went ahead by one goal. Once again the Kiwis refused to let the game slip and delivered an equaliser in the third quarter thanks to a goal from Deanna Ritchie. The result draws a close to the series with the Future Black Sticks coming out on top with three wins and three draws.

Head coach Jude Menezes said the girls really stepped up against an improved Indian side and finished strongly. "I'm really pleased with our effort. We played like it was a final and managed to finish the series undefeated.

Throughout the series the games have become much faster and our basics have improved," he said. "We didn't have a chance to spend much time together as a team before the series - in fact some of the girls only met on the bus ride down to Stratford. It's hard to build cohesion as a team but I thought we did that really well in a short space of time."

Valerie Adams is now Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon ambassador



seven to 15-years-old and the event, which has become a rite-of-passage for Kiwi kids, will be held at Ngamotu Beach on April 1, 2015 Valerie Adams has attended TRYathlon events in previous years, and is thrilled to make her support of the 2014-2015 series official. The opportunity to encourage New Zealand children to get outdoors, get active and get moving is what convinced her to dedicate her summer to the role, she says. "I was really sporty growing up and saw the benefits, so I'm an advocate for getting kids active at a young age. With childhood obesity on the rise it is even more important that we work together to get our kids outdoors and involved in activities that boost their fitness levels and their self-esteem. The TRYathlon provides a fun

and rewarding environment for kids to give sport a try, and it's great to be involved. "The atmosphere at every event is always electric. There are so many kids who dream of becoming a professional sportsperson, and for me, it is just awesome to meet them and give them a bit of advice," she says. Pierre van Heerden, General Manager for Sanitarium Health and Wellbeing Company is thrilled to have Valerie on board in the TRYathlon's 23rd year. "The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is the world's largest triathlon Series for under 16s, and it's important role within our New Zealand communities is highlighted by the fact that one of our greatest sporting stars has signed on to encourage Kiwi kids to take part," he says. "Valerie is a perfect example that anything is possible if you give it a try - an important message for youngsters to remember."

Myah Newton is the poster girl for the 2014 Weet Bix TRYathlon . Myah is the daughter of Melissa and Brent Newton and her proud Nana and Grandad are Lynette and Brian Collins of Opunake.

Olympic gold medallist and shot put superstar Valerie Adams is encouraging Kiwi kids nationwide to get moving this summer after signing on as the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Ambassador for the 2014-15 series. Registrations for the New Plymouth TRYathlon are now open for kids aged

Local surf lifeguards begin patrol season



Jemma Pentelow (left) and Abby Weir will be patrolling Opunake Beach this summer.

Surf Life Saving officially launched its patrol season over Labour Weekend and local lifeguards in the Taranaki region are gearing up to start their patrols. Traditionally, voluntary patrols begin at Labour Weekend and continue through to Easter for most areas of the North Island. But in other parts of the country, patrols begin as the warmer weather arrives. Volunteer lifeguards from Opunake, New Plymouth

Old Boys, East End and Fitzroy are now on patrol through to March 9, 2015. Adam Fraser, chairperson of the Local Lifesaving Committee, says Taranaki lifeguards have been working hard over the winter period, upskilling and training in all aspects of surf lifesaving such as first aid through the support of Wood Group PSN. "When visiting the beach this summer, choose a patrolled beach and swim

between the flags, always swim within your limits and never swim alone," he says. During an average season, around 1,200 people are rescued from life-threatening situations nationwide. This season around 4,000 volunteer lifeguards will spend over 200,000 hours keeping a watchful eye on over 80 beaches throughout the country, helping to make them a safer place for Kiwis and their families

to enjoy their summer. Surf Life Saving New Zealand CEO Paul Dalton says Surf Life Saving is committed to making our national playground as safe as possible. "The beach is New Zealand's favourite playground but it can also be a dangerous place. Learning about the risks and preparing yourself will mean you can enjoy the sun, sea and sand safely this summer," he says. Surf Life Saving New Zealand encourages beachgoers to adhere to a few simple rules. Be prepared, watch out for yourself and others, be aware of the dangers and know your limits.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION, NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES AND CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTORAL ROLL

An election will be held by postal vote on Wednesday 11 February 2015 to fill an extraordinary vacancy of one member for the Egmont Plains Community Board. The election will use the first past the post electoral system.

In the event an election is required, candidate names will be listed in pseudo random order on the voting documents. The process for selecting the order of candidates' names will take place at 4pm on Tuesday 16 December 2014 at the South Taranaki District Council Administration Building, Albion Street, Hawera.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the above position open on Tuesday 18 November 2014 and must be made on the appropriate nomination paper available from the Electoral Officer. Completed nomination documents for the position must be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 16 December 2014 and may be lodged at South Taranaki District Council Administration Building, Albion Street, Hawera or New Plymouth District Council, Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of \$200 including GST (payable by cash, cheque or electronic transfer).

Candidates may submit a candidate profile statement and recent photograph for sending out with voting documents to electors. The requirements for profile statements and photos are set out in a candidate handbook which is available with the nomination papers.

Nomination paper, deposit and candidate profile statement must all be lodged together.

ELECTORAL ROLL

A preliminary electoral roll for the above election can be inspected at the following district council locations during normal office hours from Tuesday 18 November 2014.

- South Taranaki District Council Administration Building, Albion Street, Hawera.
- Manaia Library Plus, South Road, Manaia.
- Opunake Library Plus, Tasman Street, Opunake.
- New Plymouth District Council, Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

Electors may enrol or amend their enrolment details on the Residential Electoral Roll by:

- Completing an enrolment form available at Post Shops, LibraryPlus centres and the Hawera Administration Building, Albion St, Hawera
- Calling 0800 ENROL NOW (0800 367 656).

Updates to the preliminary electoral roll close at 5pm on Tuesday 16 December 2014.

Applications for registration as a ratepayer elector are to be made on the ratepayer elector enrolment form available wherever copies of the electoral rolls are displayed and must be returned to one of the locations listed above before 5pm Tuesday 16 December 2014.

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Opunake Catholic Church

SUNDAY 8.30 am at Pungarehu (St Martins), 10am at Opunake (Our Lady Star Of The Sea).

Other areas

Manaia - Sacred Heart - 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 5pm (2nd, 4th and 5th Sat at Hawera's St Josephs).
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Orimupiko 1
Marae, Urupa and Land Block

TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the Beneficiaries and Owners will be held as follows

6 December 2014

3611 Eltham Road, RD 32, Opunake 4682 at 10am

AGENDA

1. Karakia
2. Apologies
3. Chairman's Report
4. Minutes of Previous AGM
5. Finance Report
6. General Business

For further information contact
David Tamatea - Chairman

WHAT'S ON

OPUNAKE COMMUNITY POOLS

Aquafit & lane swimming. A/F – Mon 6:30pm, Tues/Thurs 5:30pm & 6:30pm, Tues/Fri 9am. Lanes – Mon-Fri 6:30-8:30am. Mon 6:30-7:30pm, Tues – Thurs 5-7:30pm. Public swimming Weekends & Public Holidays 1-4pm.

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STRATFORD ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Wednesday November 26 at 7.30pm.

STRATFORD A & P SHOW

Saturday & Sunday Nov 29 & 30, 9am – 4pm.

THE VILLAGE GALLERY – CHRISTMAS CAPERS

Opening November

OPUNAKE SURF INN

Live Band – Saturday November 29 from 8.30pm. Refer advert.

XMAS IN BRIDGER PARK, ELTHAM

November 30, BBQ from 6pm, Concert/Carols 7pm.

BUTLERS REEF – SUMMER BAND LINE UP

Clash of the Titans – Friday December 26
Shihad, Airbourne, I am Giant, Cairo Knife Fight – Monday December 2014
NEW YEARS EVE – KATCHAFIRE, BLACKSEEDS, SONS OF ZION, Devilskin – January 2nd
Refer advert for further information.

LADIES SHOPPING NIGHT – ELTHAM

Wednesday 3rd December 5pm-9pm, Eltham. Refer advert

SANTAS CAVE – TOUCHPOINT ELTHAM

December 6, 10, 13 10am – 2pm.

A BLUE CHRISTMAS – ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

Sunday December 7 at 7.30pm. Refer advert.

OPUNAKE PLAYERS – OLD TIME VARIETY

December 8-12, 8pm at the Lakeside Playhouse

ELTHAM CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 13 at 12 noon.

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What's On **butlers reef**
Summer Bands!
 Fri 26 December - Clash of the Titans
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NEW YEARS EVE
 Katchafire - Blackseeds - Sons of Zion
 Fri 2 January 2015 - Devilskin

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Members' Exhibition

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OPUNAKE & COASTAL NEWS

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO ADVERTISE!

We are again producing our popular Holiday guide in our Christmas edition of the paper, to promote activities and events over the summer months. This is a pull out reference to activities on during summer in Taranaki. If you would like to include your Business, event or activity in our guide please contact us at

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Our Christmas Issue and Holiday Guide issue will be out on the 18th of December. The Deadline for the issue is 5pm Friday Dec 12



Out and about

Country Connections in Opunake has a wide range of quirky and original gift ideas -stroll in and take a look around if you're on the hunt for a treasure this Christmas.



EVENTS

Get out and about - check out our What's On listings on pages 20-24

St. Barnabas Anglican Church
Welcomes you to

A Blue Christmas



Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first christmas without a loved family member or friend who has died this year; or the pain of a broken relationship, the insecurity of unemployment, ill health, isolation. We can feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. Our spirits sink and we need encouragement.

Come and join us as we share prayers, scripture and music that acknowledges that God cares for those who mourn and struggle.

EVERYONE, regardless of church background or lack of it is WELCOME.

VENUE: ST. BARNABAS CHURCH
SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER AT 7.30pm
A short service followed by light refreshments



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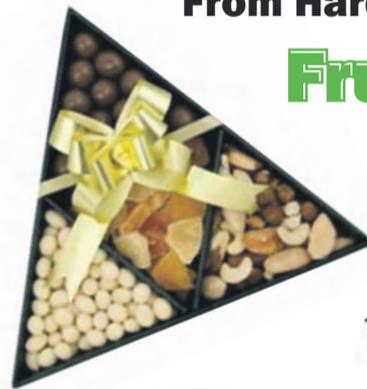


Ashton Sharpe at last years Stratford A & P Show.

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Lots to see at Stratford Art Society Exhibition

An event to mark in your diaries is the always popular and diverse Stratford Art Society exhibition opening on Wednesday 26th November at 7:30pm. We have already started to receive works for this show and they are looking great. This promises to showcase a wide range of art works to suit everyone's taste, including pottery, jewellery, prints, photography,

paintings, sculpture and fibre works. A sales table will feature donated art associated items and includes a selection of pieces from the Estate of the late Joan Fitzpatrick and a raffle for a pottery cat made by local potter Robyn Smaller. All proceeds to the Stratford Art Society. Come and enjoy our local talent and purchase a unique gift for Christmas.



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Wednesday 3rd December 2014 - 5pm - 9pm

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30th November - Christmas in Bridger Park
BBQ from 6pm - Concert & Carols 7.00pm

13th December - CHRISTMAS PARADE - 12 noon

6th, 10th, 13th Dec Santas Cave 10am - 2pm at Touchpoint

Opunake hosts one and only New Zealand showing of German film

A German film producer liked Opunake so much he decided Everybody's Theatre would be the ideal place to have the only New Zealand showing of his latest movie.

"...and the Rest is History," produced by Niko Kuhnel will have its one and only New Zealand screening at Everybody's Theatre at 7.30pm on November 27.

"He loves Opunake, and thought the theatre was pretty cool when he was here last year," Everybody's Theatre chairperson Debbie Campbell said.

The film, which is in German with English subtitles even includes four minutes of film shot in and around Opunake. The rest of the movie was shot in New York, Vienna and Frankfurt.

Niko said the film took about a year and a half to two years to make, in between one of his actors dropping out, and Niko breaking his foot. Nevertheless he is pleased with the reaction it got when the premiere was shown in his home town of Frankfurt.

"I played around with a lot of genres. The film has a bit of crime, a bit of comedy, a bit of fake documentary," he said.

This is Niko's third feature film. He has also made 10 short films.

Niko had done a semester of film studies at Victoria University in 2006 and visited Opunake a number of times, reacquainting himself with old friends Arnold and Adrienne Hickey, who he had first met in 2003. The Hickeys are friends of Leigh Offord and Detlef Schultz who had bought a house in Opunake in 2002. Detlef had been a colleague of Niko's father.

Arnold said he had even managed to get Niko interested in surfing while in Opunake.

"I took him to Opunake beach, and loaned him a board, and he managed to learn," Arnold said. "He really took a liking to New Zealand."

Arnold and Adrienne visited Germany in 2005, and caught up with Niko and his family.

Niko was back in New Zealand in 2012 when he was starting work on his third feature film.

"I happened to be traveling to New Zealand with my girlfriend and had the idea of shooting something for the film during that trip," he said. "And of course the place that came to mind was Opunake, since it is such a special and peculiar little town and especially to central European eyes has a very unique and unusual feel to it. Plus by that time it had become a place I knew really well, so when I was working on the script it was very easy to picture what everything looked like and where we could go to get the shots we needed."

"So my girlfriend Carolin and I spent two days in and around Opunake filming some shots, which I later worked into a script which had only been an outline until then. And looking at the finished product I'm very happy to say that everything worked out the way I was hoping and looks great in the movie."

Ulrich Junghut
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Michael Kinzer

'Down Under' Movie Premiere held at Everybody's Theatre, Opunake.

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM. BYO. \$10. Light Supper provided.

... and the rest is History

Featuring 4 minutes filmed in Opunake.

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German Film Producer NIKO KÜHNEL.

Film contains sub titles in English or come and practice your German language skills.

Synopsis: Two shady guys in dark suits. A mysterious girl out of nowhere. A gloomy figure in a parking garage. All of them looking for the same thing, a black folder from New York. And all of them seem to think that it's Tim who can lead them to it and help them understand its contents. For a few days Tim thought, his girlfriend leaving him would be the most drastic event in his life for a while. But all of the sudden he has to discover, there is something very strange going on around him and he better figure out what it is. Does he maybe know more than he thinks?

Watch the trailer http://www.khartoumproductions.com/?page_id=566

EVENTS AT EVERYBODYS THEATRE OPUNAKE

And the rest is history...

Movie on Saturday 29 November @ 7:30PM \$10
Light supper provided
Director Niko Kuhnel from Germany will be attending this first public screening in New Zealand.
German with subtitles.

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A Walk among the Tombstones
Action, Thriller | 1hr 54mins | R16 violence, sexual violence & offensive language
Liam Neeson is Matt Scudder, a disgraced ex-NYPD cop now working as an unlicensed private investigator operating on the edge of the law. Based on Lawrence Sanders' bestselling mystery novel.
Fri 14th November @ 7pm

The Maze Runner
Family, Fantasy, Science-Fiction, Thriller | 1hr 53mins | M | Violence
In a dystopian future, a group of boys are delivered to The Glade - a large, open expanse ringed by a looming stone maze - with no memory of who they are or how they got there. Their only chance for escape is through The Maze. **Sat 15th @ 1pm, Sun 16th November @ 7pm**

Get On Up
Biography, Drama, Music, True Story | 2hr 19mins | M | Violence, language, drug & sex scenes
Chronicle of funk legend James Brown, his rise from poverty to becoming the Godfather of Soul and one of music's most influential artists. **Wed 19th @ 1pm, Sat 22nd November @ 1pm**

Fury
Action, Drama, War | 2hr 15mins | M | Violence, offensive language, drug & sex scenes
Brad Pitt is Sergeant Wardaddy in this WWII action drama, the master and commander of a Sherman tank and her crew. Outnumbered and outgunned, the five-man outfit breach enemy lines in an attempt to strike at the heart of Nazi Germany. **Fri 21st & Sun 30th November @ 7pm**

Gone Girl
Drama, Mystery, Thriller | 2hr 29mins | R16 |
Graphic Violence, sex scenes & offensive language
The disappearance of Amy Dunne on her wedding anniversary and the who dunnit investigation - centering on the woman's evasive husband Nick. **Sun 23rd & Fri 28th November @ 7pm**

The Lunch Box
Drama, Romance | 1hr 44mins | PG |
Irrfan Khan leads the romance, where a mistaken delivery in Mumbai connects a young housewife to an older man. AS they exchange notes to find the correct address, a relationship is triggered, built on the fantasy of their letters. **Wed 26th & Sat 29th November @ 1pm**

...and the Rest is History (SPECIAL SCREENING)
German movie with subtitles | 1hr 28mins |
Two shady guys in dark suits. A mysterious girl out of nowhere. A gloomy figure in a parking garage. All of them looking for the same thing, a black folder from New York. And all of them seem to think that it's Tim who can lead them to it and help them understand its contents. For a few days Tim thought, his girlfriend leaving him would be the most drastic event in his life for a while. But all of the sudden he has to discover, there is something very strange going on around him and he better figure out what it is.
Sat 29th November @ 7:30pm \$10 includes light supper / Niko Kuhnel producer will be attending the one and only screening of this movie in New Zealand

Wed	Fri	Sat	Sun
12 Planes: Fire and Rescue @ 3:30pm	14 A Walk among the Tombstones @ 7pm	15 Maze Runner @ 1pm	16 Maze Runner @ 7pm
19 Get On Up @ 1pm	21 Fury @ 7pm	22 Get On Up @ 1pm	23 Gone Girl @ 7pm
26 Lunch Box @ 1pm	28 Gone Girl @ 7pm	29 Lunch Box @ 1pm	30 Fury @ 7pm
		..And the rest is history @ 7:30. A German movie premier.	



Gearing up for Stratford's big A and P Show

For over 100 years Taranaki folk of all ages have flocked to the Stratford A and P showgrounds to enjoy the annual show and its wide range of attractions.

In the early days, dressed up to the nines, they walked, rode on horseback and arrived in gigs and drays for one of the big events on the Taranaki calendar.

Farmers, townfolk and kids of all ages were drawn to a social event that drew people

by their thousands.

With the advent of the motorcar, numbers increased and today, despite the huge range of other social activities on offer, the show still pulls in huge crowds.

Last year 15,000 people came through the gates, and this year, a similar sized crowd is expected.

Show secretary Christine Hughes said there's a huge amount of work putting the show together.

"I really start right after the previous show finishes," she said.

"We wind up the previous show, and then start looking for activities and entertainment.

"From February we really get into it. There's a lot to do to pull off a show of this size together."

Christine is supported by a committee of about 20, and voluntary workers make the whole event possible.

There are 92 A and P Shows around New Zealand, and the Stratford event is up there with the best of them.

The emphasis this year is on children and families. Peneloberry the clown will entertain, and Mickey and Minnie Mouse and Elmo will be mixing with the kids for photo opportunities.

A special area for kids will also feature children's games, including giant noughts and crosses, Jenga and Connect Four. Old fashioned games like sack races and egg and spoon races will be run by local students.

A special guest that was a hit last year will be returning - Chelsea Marriner of Rotorua and her performing working dogs. Chelsea's Dogmatic Trick Dog Team has entranced people of all ages all over the country, and they have twice appeared on



Having fun at last year's Stratford A&P Show.

New Zealand's Got Talent. McDonalds Farm Barn is a big attraction for youngsters.

A huge array of animals is on show, including many young animals that can be petted and handled. This is always a big drawcard at the show.

The Stratford Community Childcare Centre will be painting children's faces and Taranaki Kids Carts will be providing pony rides,

Stratford Scouts will be running bamboo raft building, to give kids a chance to build a mini raft and float it.

Country Show Kids, a variety/talent show for children, will be held on Saturday and Sunday between 11.30am and 12.30. They are encouraged to dress up in

country garb and show off their talents.

To make life easy for families there will be free sunscreen and filtered water available, plus baby changing facilities and a sit-down area with a cup of tea for those needing a break.

You can also watch cows being milked and sheep being shorn. As always there's an impressive line-up of livestock at the show. Exhibitors of dairy and beef cattle, horses and pigs are invited to compete against some of the country's top-bred animals for great prize money and recognition. For children there is a calf club section as well as a class for pet lambs.

There will also be dog trials and vintage farm machinery on show.

The popular pig racing is back, and will be held three times a day, and there's wood chopping and sawing by the world-famous Taranaki Axemen's Association.

There will be over 100 trade exhibits on display this year. Food stalls will cater to the hungry, and the ever-popular sideshows will be up and running for all ages.

The show kicks off on Friday November 28 with the equestrian events, and the gates open to the public on Saturday and Sunday November 29 and 30 for non-activities from 9am to 4pm.

Visit us at Site 17 at the Stratford Show!



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Saturday and Sunday Nov 29 & 30
9am - 4pm 10.30am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm - Both days

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PIG RACES



Show Timetable

Saturday 29th November
8.00 Sheep Dog - Commencement of competitions
8.30 Horse Events - Commencement of Judging
9.30 Cattle Section - Commencement of Judging for all Dairy Animals including Boys and Girls section
Free Sunscreen and Water
9.00 Pig Section - Commencement of Judging
Free Sunscreen and water available from outside the office (behind the Grandstand)
9.30 Chopping - Commencement of competitions
10.00 Shearing - Commencement of competitions
EFTPOS Facilities
Available at the office (behind the Grandstand)
10.30 Family Entertainment in the MORE FM TAG Oil Kidz Fun Spot - including pig races, Chelsea and her performing dogs, cow milking and sheep shearing
11.00 Chopping - Tree Climb
11.30 Pet Lamb - Commencement of Judging
11.30-12.30 MORE FM TAG Oil Kidz Fun Spot - Country Show Kid Competition
12.30 Family Entertainment MORE FM TAG Oil Kidz Fun Spot - including pig races, Chelsea and her performing dogs, cow milking and sheep shearing
1.00 Chopping - Tree Climb
1.30 Chopping - A Grade Underhand Championship
2.30 Family Entertainment in the MORE FM TAG Oil Kidz Fun Spot - including pig races, Chelsea and her performing dogs, cow milking and sheep shearing

2.30 Chopping - Teams Race - Taranaki vs Rest of the World
Sunday 30th November
8.00 Horse Events - Commencement of Judging
8.30 Cattle Section - Commencement of judging for Dairy All Breeds
9.30 Cattle Section - Commencement of judging for All Beef Breeds
9.30 Chopping - Commencement of competitions
10.30 Family Entertainment in the MORE FM TAG Oil Kidz Fun Spot - including pig races, Chelsea and her performing dogs, cow milking and sheep shearing
11.00 Chopping - Tree Climb
11.30-12.30 MORE FM TAG Oil Kidz Fun Spot - Country Show Kid Competition
11.45 Best Trade Exhibit Announced
12.00 Chopping - Under 21 Championship
12.00 Taranaki Kidz Kartz - Racing in the Oval
12.30 MORE FM TAG Oil Family Entertainment - including pig races, Chelsea and her performing dogs, cow milking and sheep shearing
1.00 Chopping - Tree Climb
1.30 Chopping - A Grade Standing Championship
2.30 Family Entertainment in the MORE FM TAG Oil Kidz Fun Spot - including pig races, Chelsea and her performing dogs, cow milking and sheep shearing
2.30 Chopping - Teams Race - Taranaki vs Rest of the World

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