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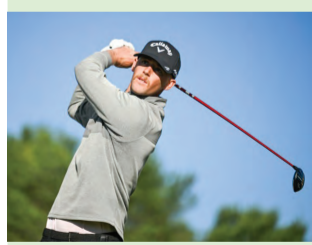
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Above left, Len James, Kevin Harvey, Peter Newport, Ivan Heal, Dennis Wan, Tom Waite and Marjorie Harvey hanging out at Opunake Beach circa early 1960s/early 1970s.

## Surfing the Unruly Coast

Opunake veretan surfer Murray Baylis has written a comprehensibly researched book about surfing in and around Opunake called *Surfing the Unruly Coast* which features the famous surf breaks in and around Opunake..

The book is dedicated 'to the one who created the waves which we love to surf,' which alludes to Murray's Christian commitment.

This excellent account deals with the early history of surfing, dating from the 1950s, as well as information about notable personalities such as Mike Gardiner, Dada (Jason Lellman), Mike Norris, Tupaia Cooksley, Murray McEwan, Chris Fuller and from overseas (United States) Bing Copeland and Rick Stoner. There is also a chapter on Murray's own significant surfing experience and definite contribution to the sport.

Perhaps the most notable

of these personalities was Mike Gardiner: 'In 1962, a 23-year-old surfer named Mike Gardiner arrived in Opunake who was to have a huge influence on surfing in the area. When Murray was researching for this book he wondered where Mike was or even if he was still alive. With Mike now in his mid-eighties, Murray tracked him down to his home in the Coromandel and they were photographed together the next year from the debilitating illness Motor Neurone disease. Well worth a mention is Graeme Lay, one of New Zealand's best writers, who spent his formative years in Opunake (See page 5). Graeme was a keen surfer and life-saver.

The book is richly endowed with a plethora of intriguing photographs, mostly in colour, which number well over a hundred. Also, there are a number of interesting newspaper clippings, such as those relating to the ill-fated

artificial reef, which wasted about two million dollars of ratepayers hard-earned money.

The book concludes with a tilt at the future – Grommets are the future. These are the youngsters of today who are taking up the sport, such as Mayana Larsen: 'She recently won the primary school competition in New Plymouth, her first ever contest, a major achievement for a girl so young' Cain Aldridge and his Freesurf initiative, as well as the Opunake Boardriders Surf School, have helped promote the sport, especially amongst younger surfers.

I thoroughly recommend this informative and thought-provoking book written by Murray Baylis. Books are available at the Dreamtime Surf Club, 102 Tasman Street, Opunake, the Opunake and Coastal News, 23 Napier Street or you can email Murray at [murraybaylis@gmail.com](mailto:murraybaylis@gmail.com)

The book launch is on Friday December 1 at the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club, Opunake Beach. (7pm). Complimentary drinks and nibbles. All

welcome.  
*Reviewed by  
Rolland McKellar*  
**See What's On for further details of the book launch of *Surfing the Unruly Coast*.**



Murray Baylis with his stunning book.





# Letters to the Editor

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## A lot to be thankful for

The Truth is we have a lot to thank the Jews for as being the root of our civilized society! The Bible is written solely by Jews in Israel over several thousand years ago and is the foundation of our modern civilized society.

For instance, the ten commandments have formed the basis of our law system, Remember the Shabbat. Honour thy father and mother. Thou shalt not murder. Thou shalt not lie. Thou shalt not steal. These have formed the basis of respect in our society, given us the weekend and safety on our streets. As our government departs from these laws so does our respect and safety.

The recent attack on Israel is a direct attack on the foundations of all civilized society. Sixty per cent of the population of New Zealand worship the God and King of Israel through one

denomination or another. In our courts, to swear the truth and allegiance to the court is sworn on the Holy Scriptures whose origin is out of the Jewish nation, so help me God, and it is the God of Israel.

After the recent events of 7th Oct, Black Shabbat, a heinous, murderous regime, Hamas against Israel, we should be supporting Israel more in our media and monies than letting murderers rant lies in our streets or soon bloodshed will be here.

C. B. and C. M. Salisbury  
Manaiia

## Access road a nightmare

I very much agree with the article in the paper 16 November, dicey daring dart up to Dawson Falls. The access roadway from the Egmont National Park boundary to the road-end is a nightmare, narrow and windy. Over the years

I personally nearly got cleaned out by other drivers, especially one time by a bus on the wrong side. This highway is a health and safety risk, and every time Department of Conservation staff travel up the road to work they say they are at risk especially when foreign visitors are travelling on the wrong side. This access road was first built up to Dawson Falls back in the 1880s for horse and carts, since then little has changed other than now it is tar seal. Park-users, the Department of Conservation, the local iwi Ngaruahine, Mt Egmont Alpine Club, Venture Taranaki and the local councils and MPs need to get behind upgrading if not widening the road. What is the point of building a new accommodation lodge up there and having the Taranaki Crossing trek starting up there if the roading is poor and dangerous?

Ian McAlpine  
New Plymouth

## The state of senior housing in New Zealand.

You are 30,50, or 60 years old. Life is going to plan. Or is it?

New Zealand is the first English-speaking country in the world to offer the old age pension but is now facing a crisis. More of us are now living out our twilight years without somewhere comfortable to live, even as the retirement industry booms.

These are the stats from the retirement industry in New Zealand: The five top retirement villages made over \$1.8billion between them, and together hold \$25 billion in assets. Forty new units are being built every week and completed, with 21,400 more in development. Every week 100 people move into sprawling villages around the country’s cities, and this is increasing.

## ADELPHOS

Hard times are not new to our coastal area. When milk prices fall it means that dairy farmers and our region are left in an increasing state of insecurity. This has a trickle-down effect on our middle and low income families already struggling to make ends meet. Sheep and beef farmers are also trying to cope with the highest on-farm inflation (16.3%) since the 1980s as well as uncertain global markets for many agricultural sectors in New Zealand. Tropical

cyclones and numerous natural disasters in New Zealand have created the perfect storm named, “Uncertainty.”

Friends with a small rural holding here in Taranaki have received a 50% rates increase and are uncertain about keeping their property. A 25% insurance hike only made matters worse. Some of you may have also been surprised at your new rates and insurance increases. The challenge will be how we, local bodies and

## Uncertainty

the government handle ever increasing costs and pressures on resources.

A good night’s sleep has never been so important in times of stressful uncertainty. And a living faith in God goes a long way to reduce anxiety. In a 2014 Baylor University Religion Survey using 1714 volunteers, Professor of Sociology Dr. Matt Bradshaw found the following: That prayer, belief and a perceived attachment to God provide the psychological and social

resources that promote strength, emotional comfort health and well-being in helping people cope with anxiety related situations. He has published over three dozen related articles.

In these uncertain times, faith-filled Christians are finding it increasingly difficult as they are confronted to conform to a secular morality. In Western countries around the world quoting Scripture on social media is being prosecuted as hate speech. More than ever there’s a need for like-minded friendships, supportive prayer and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. God’s promise of His living presence within the minds and hearts of believers.

In this Christmas season, may the hope and certainty of Jesus’ promises strengthen and encourage each of you.

Kia kaha,  
Adelphos

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## Letters to the Editor

Meanwhile other options like social housing or council housing for pensioners are extremely limited. So, what will happen to those who are basically left out in the cold?

Every year 2000 more seniors apply to receive the accommodation allowance, the vast majority renting in the public market. The hardship grant given to seniors doubled between 2012 -2018. There are now four times as many seniors on the social housing register as there were in 2017. 3000 people in 2021/2022. Two U.N. experts on older people raised concerns, stating that the country was in breach of its Human Rights obligations.

Today one in four seniors are entering retirement age without owning the home they live in. The proportion of those retiring with an outstanding mortgage continues to rise, and by 2053 half the population of seniors will be renting.

In 2020 Retirement Commissioner Jane Wrightson, and housing researcher Dr. Bev James, said there are indications the majority of people who rent in later life owned their own property at some point in their lives. The 2020 study showed 61% of renters aged over 55 were former homeowners, and not by choice- often bought about by crisis in their lives.

Stephanie Clare, C.E.O. for Age Concern, says seniors

on a fixed income will often forego life's pleasures and necessities to make ends meet. They will stop eating, lose the joys of life and often end up with worsening health and mounting mental issues. The ultimate result is that they will move in with their adult children or move into unsuitable flats or unaffordable rentals, often left with not enough money to eat. This is unfolding at an alarming rate.

In 1938 councils built the first pensioner units in Christchurch and from then on councils throughout the country built tens of thousands largely for seniors, helping them live with dignity, safety being paramount in their communities, through to the end of their lives. Councils were the most successful providers of pensioner housing through to 1991. Since then, councils have sold off thousands of units, leaving increasing numbers of the elderly literally out in the cold.

Massive action is clearly long overdue. Councils across the nation must act in concert and speak with one voice, engaging with the government to secure a long term (30+ years) development and support plan with locked in cross-party agreement.

*Jackie Morrow*

*Secretary on behalf of Grey Power South Taranaki*

## Gaza protest

We have to understand Hamas is not Isis.

Israeli efforts to conflate the two, are a deception, designed to divert the thinker away from historical truths that legitimise Palestinian resistance: through Hamas; against Zionist Israel's 75-year-long occupation and ethnic cleansing of Palestine.

Many reports of the October 7th atrocity have been propagandised to generate the hate required to allow a genocide to begin. 'Forty beheaded babies' never happened. But such incendiary, uncorroborated, 'networked' reporting, allowed the ferocity and disproportionate war behaviour of the Zionists to occur in response - weeks of carpet-bombing hospitals, residential areas, schools, refugee centres -14,500+ civilians known killed. Up to 7000 under the rubble.

Resistance to the ghettoisation of the Palestinian people in the concentration camp of Gaza, is the same spirited resistance the Jewish people made against the Nazi in the ghetto of Warsaw, WW2.

*Roger Morris  
Oeo*

## New swing bridge saga

Great news for Egmont National Park park-users, with the start of the new swing bridge over the Manganui River Gorge, with 160 days' work for its completion by the end of April 2024. The great exciting news comes after years/decades of problems with the gorge accessing both erosion and huge avalanches risks. In the summer of 2012, an erosion slip came across the gorge and access. At the time the Department of Conservation built a temporary walk through the gorge. During 2012-13 the department received a safety report which stated the gorge access was deemed unsafe



Protesters in New Plymouth last Saturday. Ongoing protests are taking place each Saturday.

and dangerous to park-users. When it comes to health and safety on Mt Taranaki, it takes a lot of deep thoughts and decisions to come up with this plan for our bridge, only 10 years. We hope it is worth the waiting, and the risky access crossings while we cross the rocky gorge. We will be looking forward to it. I believe the gorge access will be open during the building of it.

*Ian McAlpine  
New Plymouth*

## Smelly pig farm

How do others feel about the overwhelming stench of pigsh\*t that wafts into Opunake township every time there is a northerly wind blowing? I for one find it offensive. The location

of an intensive pig farming operation near the main road entry to our town is quite a shame. Welcome to Opunake! Hopefully the next time this farming operation applies for resource

consents, the local Councils will at least consider all residents of Opunake to be affected.

*Joe Bloggs  
Opunake*

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# When Christmas comes early



The Christmas Parade is always a highlight on the Manaia calendar.

It was a time of good cheer at the Taranaki Coastal Community Board's last meeting of the year.

At the meeting held at the Otakeho Hall on November 15 all four groups applying for funding from either the board's discretionary fund or the Waimate Plains Development Levy were successful in their applications.

First up was the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade who were asking for \$5062.97 from the board's discretionary fund to help connect the emergency generator at the Opunake Coastal Health Centre to the fire station.

Chris Harvey of the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade said that in a recent storm power had been unavailable for some time so the brigade was wanting to dig a cable so they could make use of the generator at the medical centre.

He said that in a natural disaster the Event Centre would act as the evacuation centre, but the fire station would have to be a focus for anything happening on the other side of town, so the fire station needed to have power available.

"We need to get power from the medical centre so we can

have better facilities for us and for the community," he said.

Board member Monica Willson moved that the board vote the full amount being asked for.

"I believe it's essential to have essential services functioning at all times," she said.

South Taranaki District councillor Aaron Langton said that if the brigade had to get their own generator it would cost more.

The board voted to grant the full amount. South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said he wanted to commend the board for their decision.

With Christmas approaching it was perhaps appropriate that two of these applications were in support of Christmas parades at Opunake and Manaia.

Speaking in support of an application for funding for the Opunake Christmas Parade, Opunake and District Business Association secretary Bryan Kirk said that a time when smaller centres are losing amenities, events such as these play an important part in maintaining social

cohesion and connectivity.

He said the Opunake parade which is traditionally held on Christmas Eve is well supported and has become an iconic local event.

"It's one of Santa's last assignments before he heads off on his world trip."

Board member Liz Sinclair who is a member of the Opunake and District Business Association declared an interest and did not take part in the funding decision. The board voted to grant \$1600.

Manaia Community Services president John Close spoke in support of their funding application for the Manaia Christmas Parade. He said their group is involved in a number of activities in Manaia including looking after the Manaia Walkway, running the Maara Kai (community garden), crop swap and fundraising Las Vegas evenings as well as organising the Manaia Christmas Parade.

He said that with costs going up they were looking for a "little bit extra."

The board's deputy chair Sharlee Mariekura said she would move they receive the full amount of \$950 asked for in recognition of the extra work they do around Manaia.

"I want to congratulate the group for how proactive they are in the area," said Cr Aaron Langton.

Another group from Manaia applying for funding was the Manaia Golf Club who were seeking \$4641.73 from the Waimate Plains Development Levy to help refurbish the veranda linking the carpark and the Manaia Golf clubhouse. The Waimate Plains Development Levy is a fund for projects in the area covered by the former Waimate Plains District Council.

Sharlee Mariekura said the Golf Club rooms are used by other groups and is part of the Manaia Walkway. It is also one of the few venues in Manaia currently available for public use.

The board voted to grant the full amount being asked for.

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# Bank building remains vacant

On September 28 Opunake lost its last bank when the Taranaki Savings Bank (TSB) closed its doors for the last time.

A question mark now hangs over the future of the property at 47 Tasman Street where the bank was based.

The Opunake branch was one of several including Eltham which TSB had announced it would close citing a shift to online banking.

The closure drew protests from Opunake residents arguing that given Opunake's locality it was over 40 km to the nearest bank. It was also argued that the Yep family who were the previous owners of the site had wanted the land used to benefit the local community.

Among those opposed to the closure was the Opunake and District Business Association. On September 20 they wrote to the South



A question mark hangs over the building which housed Opunake's last bank.

Taranaki District Council. The letter stated the property had been given by the Yep family for community use and was eventually vested in the name of the STDC.

The letter said a 290 square metre area was subdivided and sold to the TSB bank in 1985. In October 1992 an easement was granted for a party wall when the library

and bank were built.

"This suggests the sale was to allow a community service (banking) to be provided. The question is posed that if the property was no longer to be used as a community service was the land to be returned to the community via the STDC," the letter read.

The site is also in a strategic community location, is integral to the Town Revitalisation Plan and was given to the community.

"It is imperative that this strategic corner site remains in the community by way of the STDC," the letter read." It is the Association's belief that the STDC buy back the property for the long-term benefit of Opunake and seek to mitigate the value

recognising the original ethos of the original property owners."

A letter from South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said the Council has no plans to purchase the building.

"According to our records Mr Yep sold the original site of 1019m2 (TSB Bank building, service land, courtyard and library) to TSB Bank Ltd (TSB) for \$37,000 in 1985. It is noted that no interest in the community was registered on the Memorandum of Transfer.

"In 1986 a deed was signed between TSB and Egmont County Council which stipulated that the courtyard in front of the TSB building be used in perpetuity as an outdoor community space.

"In 1986-1987 a joint venture agreement between TSB and the County Council

was established to lend the County Council funds to build a library and a formal application to subdivide the land into four lots was submitted by TSB and approved in 1992.

"The four lots now consist of Lot 1. The TSB building owned by TSB Bank Limited. Lot 2. Opunake Library purchased by the STDC. Lot 3 Vested service lane with STDC. Lot 4. Local Purposes Reserve (community courtyard) vested to STDC.

"While we understand that the community would like to retain the TSB building, as TSB privately purchased the full section with no interest in the community noted, STDC is unable to impose any restrictions on them in regard to how the building and land are used."

# Makeover for Goat Track



The goat track leading to Opunake Beach.

A walking track used to access Opunake Beach maybe about to have a makeover.

The track, popularly known as the Goat Track begins at the road linking the Cliff Top Garden and lookout with the cenotaph and leads to the west end of the beach.

South Taranaki District Council community development advisor Fran Levings told the Taranaki

Coastal Community Board that Council staff are looking at extending the roadway to the steps that lead down to the beach and properly draining the area.

Community Board chair Andy Whitehead asked if it could be joined through to the road leading through to the cenotaph.

Fran also said further progress was being made

on the Opunake Pump Track with shrub and toxic vegetation along Tasman Street and Longfellow Road cleared to allow more space to build the pump track.

Quotes have been asked for from professional track builders with quotes closing on November 20.

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There was a strong police presence in Opunake last week after a man with a warrant for his arrest fled from the scene.

# Police search Opunake for wanted man

Police combed the streets of Opunake on Thursday last week (November 23) following the sighting of a wanted man. Sergeant Andrew Stilton said the man who had a warrant for his arrest had been seen in a vehicle heading south along the Surf Highway in the direction

of Opunake. Police had lost sight of him, but he was later seen fleeing from the scene between Allyson and Havelock Streets in Opunake. A number of police officers including members of the Police Dog Handling Unit were patrolling streets on the

north side of town around midday.

Sergeant Stilton said the vehicle the wanted man was

seen in has been located. A police media spokesperson

says they had not been able to locate the man.



Turkey The Bird and The Hawera Brass Band performing in Opunake.

# Originals and old favourites, a great afternoon's entertainment

Opunake enjoyed a memorable afternoon's entertainment when Turkey The Bird, a folk trio, joined the Hawera Brass Band last Sunday afternoon at Opunake's Everybody's Theatre.

One of three performances around Taranaki, the programme included an interesting mix of original songs and some well known favourites.

Compere and member of the trio, Andre Manella also kept up an entertaining and interesting banter between numbers which drew laughs from the large appreciative audience.

Beginning with a rousing opening song with the brass band accompanying the trio, next came a catchy original composition You're Hot by Andre to which the audience were invited to participate. "I wrote the song to encourage people to believe in themselves," said Andre. Next followed another original number from Turkey The Bird, the trio playing mandolin, guitar and banjo adding some lovely harmonising.

A rendition of the Cindy Lauper hit Girls Just Wanna Have Fun followed. Then the 40 piece Hawera Brass Band took centre stage with a nostalgic medley of well

known hits which the audience clearly loved. They got everyone tapping their feet.

After intermission, the Hawera Brass Band again showed their chops with a lovely rather haunting and beautiful introduction rising to a crescendo as the three amigos, this time dressed in glittering gold, returned.

An intriguing performance on the spoons by Adrian Whelan from Ireland and a member of Turkey The Bird with brass accompaniment followed then a lovely catchy original by Andre accompanied by some melancholy brass which showcased his fine voice.

The concert ended with an

inspirational piece with the lyrics, Let's Get Together which the audience spontaneously joining in clapping.

As the music died and performers exited the stage the audience were not having it. They brayed for more and an encore followed.

In all a very satisfying musical afternoon, a lovely combination of instruments and voice, the brass arrangements by the flamboyant Hawera Brass band conductor showcasing the beauty of brass particularly evident in some of the more melancholy numbers.

It was also lovely to hear some great original music along with old favourites. Great stuff.



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# Opunake airman remembered in Dutch ceremony

The heroic actions of an Opunake airman 81 years ago have been remembered in a ceremony in the Netherlands.

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (October 19) A ceremony was being planned at the site where Vickers Wellington BJ 767 piloted by Flight Lieutenant Laurence Dobbin of Opunake came down on the night of August 11-12 1942. It was one of nine New

Zealand bombers bound for Mainz Germany when it was buzzed by a German Messerschmitt 110 night fighter.

While the other crew members escaped to safety Dobbin and another crew member Sergeant Jack Jury stayed on the aircraft which he unsuccessfully tried to crash land. Both occupants were killed.

Dutch historian Bas Bruls took an interest in the crash and after a bit of detective work tracked down where the aircraft came down and made contact with the families of the crew members.

On November 9 a ceremony was held to unveil a memorial and plaque at the site of the crash near the town of Vaals, which included students from the local school.

Bas says the ceremony went well.

“There were a lot of people visiting the ceremony. The mayor of Vaals spoke to the people about war and that it is a topic that still is there in



A brass band plays while an audience including students of the local school look on.



Flt Lt Laurence Dobbin.

the world with Russia and Gaza.

“After that I was talking to the people about the crash, what had happened, the stories of the family survivors of Sergeant Jack

Jury and Pilot Laurence Dobbin.

“We had a flag from Taranaki, received from the Dobbin family, because Laurence grew up in Taranaki. The flag will

be donated to the primary school in Vaals.

“After my speech, the national anthem of Holland was played by a little brass band. Then the children of the primary school of Vaals put the letters from the Dobbin family forward to the visitors and Jo from the local history association put a letter of Lorraine Dobbin forward to the

visitors because Lorraine also had a birthday on the 9th of November and she is named after Laurence. Then we had a minute of silence. Then the brass band played the national anthem of New Zealand. After that the children unveiled the memorial plaque with the names of the crew members. “It was a very good day and the weather was good.”

## DOC prepares for sell-out summer

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is gearing up to host approximately 60,000 campers over the upcoming summer at more than 300 campsites spread across New Zealand.

Popular holiday destinations include the Coromandel, Hauraki Gulf Islands, and Northland, some of which are expected to sell out during the peak summer season.

DOC staff have worked hard to address the aftermath of last summer’s cyclone which impacted some campsites across the North Island, says the Department’s Heritage and Visitors Director, Cat Wilson.

“Although a number are booked out over the busy two-week period, some still have space – and many do if you look to book in off-peak times.”

The cyclone recovery efforts

have included repairing water infrastructure, rebuilding internal roads within the campsites, fixing bridges and culverts, repairing toilets, and clearing debris and fallen trees.

“The main impact visitors will experience from last year’s turbulent summer is reduced capacity of up to 30 per cent at some Coromandel and Northland campsites,” Wilson says. DOC campsites affected by adjusted capacities are listed below.

Coromandel: Port Jackson reduced from 250 to 185 visitors; Fletcher Bay reduced from 300 to 200 visitors; Fantail Bay reduced from 80 to 60 visitors.

Whangarei: Uretiti Beach reduced from 1000 to 750 visitors. Although floodwaters have receded over the past year, two main pools alongside the ring-road appear to be permanent.

DOC campsites availability for the upcoming summer:

Northland: Otamure Campsite: Full from December 24 to late January.

Puriri Campsite and Urupukapuka Campsite: Full from December 25 to the end of the first week of January.

Trounson Kauri Park Campsite, Puketi Campsite, Uretiti: All have space available for Christmas/New Year bookings.

Coromandel: Port Jackson Campsite, Fantail Bay Campsite, and Waikawau Bay Campsite: Full from December 25 to the end of the first week of January.

Fletcher Bay Campsite and Stoney Bay Campsite: Have space available for Christmas/New Year bookings.

Kauaeranga Valley campsites: Plenty of capacity, but visitors are

encouraged to book early, particularly for the busy Christmas-New Year period. Inner Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana campsites Motuora Island Campsite: Full from December 25 to the end of the first week of January.

Home Bay / Motutapu Island Campsite and Motuihe Campsite: Space available for Christmas/New Year bookings.

Aotea/Great Barrier Island: Akapoua Bay, Awana Beach, The Green, Whangapoua, Harataonga, and Medlands Beach Campsites: All have space available for Christmas/New Year bookings.

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# Quitting smoking can have big benefits after ten years

For former smokers, ten years after quitting, the rate of death from smoking is reduced to one-third that

of continuing smokers, according to international researchers. They say that by 20-29 years

the death rate was similar to that of people who have never smoked. The study investigated the

chances of death for over 430,000 people in the US, and the team say that their findings emphasize that

sustained quitting can mean former smokers have almost the same smoking-specific death rates as people who

have never smoked.

*JAMA Internal Medicine*

# Animal advocacy groups unite

In an historic move, fifteen of New Zealand's leading animal advocacy groups have united to urgently call on the new Government to establish an independent Commissioner for Animals.

The Alliance partner advocacy groups work across the spectrum of animal welfare issues - from animals used on farms, in entertainment, in the wild, and in laboratories, to those who reside in our own backyards. Alliance members include the New Zealand Animal Law Association, SAFE,

NZAVS, HUHA, World Animal Protection, Greenpeace Aotearoa, Animals Aotearoa, BirdCare Aotearoa, Animal Evac NZ, Goat Welfare NZ, the Community Cat Coalition, Chained Dog Awareness, Wellington Rabbit Rescue, Wellington Bird Rehabilitation Trust and the Australian Alliance for Animals. Spokesperson for the Alliance, Debra Ashton, says an independent voice for animals is urgently needed to ensure their voices are heard at the highest level. "Currently, animal welfare

regulation is heavily influenced by the industries profiting from New Zealand's animals, rather than the consideration of their welfare needs and legal rights," says Ashton. "Our leaders trade on the 'world-leading' Animal Welfare Act, to sell New Zealand products at a premium. However, without proper oversight, the Act isn't worth the paper it's written on. "A voice for animals at the political table has never been more urgent, with many animal rescue, shelter and rehabilitation organisations

struggling under high rates of abandonment, rising operational costs and little to no government support." Together, the Alliance is calling on Prime Minister Christopher Luxon, along with his coalition partners, to give animals an independent voice and uphold their legal rights. The call for a Commissioner for Animals has widespread support, with multiple animal law experts backing the call, as well as over 50 animal welfare organisations highlighting the need for a Commissioner for Animals in a 2018 hui.

The issue also remains critical to voters, with a poll revealing 89% of New Zealanders find animal welfare important. "New Zealanders - and those across the world who look to us as leaders in this space - would be appalled to learn that across the country, animals are currently subjected to systematic abuse on farms, in cages, on racetracks, in labs and backyards, blatantly breaching their legal rights under the Animal Welfare Act," says Ashton. "We can't market our Animal Welfare Act as

'world-leading' when it is not enforced in practice." "If we want to trade on a reputation of world-leading animal welfare, we need to stand behind it. It is time the concerns of animals are taken seriously at the political table."

The Alliance has launched a petition which has already gained over 20,000 signatures. The site which houses the petition can be found here: [www.commissionerforanimals.nz](http://www.commissionerforanimals.nz)

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# Survey claims attitudes towards animal testing ill-informed

New Zealanders care about the use of animals in scientific research, but are ill-informed about how it is regulated, according to a detailed new survey of more than 1300 people.

While the use of animals for cosmetic testing is banned in Aotearoa, almost 30% of survey participants thought it was permitted, and 40% were unsure. In another area, while the use of animals to safety test products used in industry and farming is allowed in New Zealand, more than half of survey respondents were unsure if this was the case.

The survey, commissioned by the New Zealand Board of the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART), found that New Zealanders have strong and diverse views about when the use of animals is and isn't acceptable and which animals should and shouldn't be used, as well as strong expectations around transparency from scientific institutions.

"What we are reading



Maybe it's now safe to come out from my hideaway under the blankets.

from this report are some very positive shifts in public perception and understanding of animals being sentient creatures, capable of feeling emotions and experiencing pain and trauma," writes Dr Christine Summer, SPCA Science Officer.

"It features very strong signals to those who use animals in research, testing, and teaching – and to the government – that the public expects more development and implementation of alternatives to animals

in research, testing, and teaching. Namely, that

New Zealanders have high expectations for the welfare of animals used in research, testing, and teaching, that they want more transparency around this topic and that there is significant interest in alternatives to alleviate animal suffering.

"These points all align with our organisational position at SPCA – which is that we only support the keeping of animals for research, testing, and teaching when the

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# Gardeners celebrate another successful Festival

Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival hosts met at Lima Heights in Tikorangi to celebrate another successful event and share their experiences and feedback from visitors.

It is a long 10 days but the appreciation of visitors

makes it all worthwhile, along with making new friends and catching up with old ones. New Garden opener Jum Rumbal was thrilled to welcome over 40 old colleagues from his working days at Duncan and Davies.

Over the 10 days 35,342



Lima Heights Garden.

returning home with carloads of plants and in the case of one group from the Waikato, arriving with a trailer. Word is getting around that our garden centres and private growers have a wider range of plants available than many other regions.

Anne says feedback from visitors on our website has been overwhelmingly positive, summed up by this message from C.Browne.

“We came from Pukekohe to visit gardens. Had only 5 days.....a huge THANK YOU. All gardens we visited were different, and stunning. As for the Gardeners..... couldn't ask for any more. Helpful, welcoming, lovely people willing to share their knowledge, and the icing on the garden cake....PLANTS FOR SALE!! Back seat of our vehicle was loaded up with plants

that had to find room amongst our luggage. Please do not change the format.

visits were recorded, generating a contribution of approximately 2.7 million to the Taranaki economy.

How visitors travelled has an impact on accommodation and spending during their stay. Visitors from the Waikato, South and Central North Island are generally self-drive, including motor homes and there was a noted increase in travellers from the East and Kapiti Coasts this year.

Visitors from Auckland and further north formed the majority of our organised tours while those from Christchurch and the lower South Island were taking advantage of direct flights from Christchurch to New Plymouth. We also welcomed increasing numbers from overseas including USA, Canada, Japan, Singapore, UK and Europe, along with repeat visitors from Australia. With the exception of covid travel restrictions, one

retired couple from Brisbane have been making an annual pilgrimage to the Fringe Festival for over 10 years.

Keeping track of the

Festival Coordinator Anne Clough says “feedback from visitors indicates our focus on accessibility and affordability and direct



At the debriefing.

number of campervans visiting can be challenging but those gardeners who could were counting upward of 60 campers and comments from these about the cost and standard of Taranaki's campgrounds were very positive.”

marketing to gardening groups throughout Aotearoa is paying off, with the number of visitors from outside the region consistently around 80% percent.”

The economic benefits are not limited to the hospitality sector as visitors were

It works well. \$2.00 per garden.”

Garden Hosts enjoying a well-earned celebration at Lima Heights garden.



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# Stephanie Clifton principal of Coastal Taranaki School loves the new role

Eight weeks in and I can safely say that I love my new job. Every day our tamariki stop for a chat in the corridor in the loveliest engaging way. Every day I relish the opportunity to gain a little more knowledge about this place that has such a vibrancy, direction, and drive. All thanks to the strong and visionary leader in our previous Principal Scott Walden and his dynamic team. From the moment I stepped into Coastal at the pōwhiri, where I and our new tamariki and whānau were warmly welcomed to our school, I have been overwhelmed by the warmth and generosity of spirit from all the people that I have met, in this wonderful community school. It's been a bit of a whirlwind, finding out who everyone is, getting a feel for this place and listening to the heartbeat of our school.



Principal Stephanie Clifton.

Mā te whānau te tamaiti e puāwai! Through collaboration our learners will thrive, encapsulating the spirit of our school's journey, the spirit of the staff and community. It's the message we are giving to each tamaiti too: work hard; aim high - with all the joy, wonder and personal fulfilment that connection, learning and achievement bring.

It feels like we're on a mission and the commitment from everyone associated with our school is magnificent. I couldn't ask for better conditions or better people to deliver the ambitious goals we've got for our school that is very exciting.

Moving with my family from Hawke's Bay, where we had such a turbulent start to our year and the destruction of so many homes, businesses, and two schools, community became even more important. It was the community that provided what was required, the people who supported one another.

It is through our

community of volunteers that I continue to be reminded of the important truth of the following whakatauki,

He aha te mea nui o te ao  
What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

It is true to say that all of us in this world are but constant travellers. We are always at a point in our lives when we are about to embark on a journey, in transit or have just arrived at a terminal, not always knowing which direction to choose but gearing up again to take another journey, another challenge, a course of action that drives us forward and impacts the rich tapestry that we weave, in this precious thing called life.

Some of us just pass by each destination seemingly unnoticed, leaving nothing more than mere footprints. But some of us leave an imprint so visible and firmly etched among those

they passed by. For they are no ordinary traveller, but someone whose deeds and actions are worth remembering by all who encounter them. A driving force that others see are

worth emulating.

I have been fortunate to meet people along the way who have been worth emulating. Guiding lights and educationalists like Geraldine Travers MNZM JP who has been hugely influential in my journey to principalship.

We can never underestimate the power of connections and we will all fondly recall the people who influenced our lives in often the most seemingly small, but yet, most impactful ways. We are all the protectors and nurturers of our next generation, and

we as a school have a duty to provide high quality education in a caring, hauora/well-being focused and inclusive setting. Working together, with a seamless and supportive connection with school and home, enables us to create a learning environment that fosters confident, enthusiastic, cooperative, and inquisitive ākonga/learners, who enjoy new challenges. Our tamariki are encouraged to question, discover, and persevere, as they engage with and apply new knowledge, skills and understanding. Each taking

their next step along their personalised learning journey, to be happy, tolerant, kind, healthy, safe and successful.

It is a reminder that we embrace all aspects of school life within and beyond the classroom. Through such activities we encapsulate the vitality, the diversity, the excitement, the sense of fun, the sense of belonging and most of all the great sense of spirit that burns brightly in our tamariki.

Ngā manaakitanga  
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# Mangatoki WI

On October 4th eleven members and two visitors met together at The Forgotten Highway Brewery, Stratford. We placed our lunch orders and while being prepared, our meeting was opened by President Robyn Roberts then the minutes were read by Secretary Denise Carter. The correspondence was read notifying us of the main events coming up. The financial report was given by Treasurer Cathy White

also telling that bookings for the November Christmas shopping trip were paid for. Business: the church cleaning and gardens to be done on October 11th with morning tea at the Shakee Pear Café afterwards. Garden visits in November to be organised. Nola Johnson was visited following her breaking her wrist recently. The church at the Pioneer Village had been cleaned in September.

One of our visitors, Sandra Sherley, from Hamilton and who was visiting family at Matapu, gave us a very interesting talk of her life story about her liver condition. Afterwards she was thanked and given a gift. Members donated pet food, litter, cat milk etc. for the Scratching Post, Stratford. We also donated hospital emergency kits for women. The raffle was won by Marie Kemp. Nine members took photos of their tulips, the meeting was closed and we enjoyed our lunches and much talking was done.

On October 27th, 14 ladies carpooled for a day out and around gardens and places of interest. Our first stop was the Hilltop Garden owned by Ruth Taunt. A lovely garden full of all sorts. On to Inglewood and a stop at the Clever Living Show Home on the main road near the high school. Well worth the stop. Into New Plymouth and our next stop was at the Hospice. Here we viewed and did a photo shoot of the Mangatoki WI wall plaque which is now attached to the garden wall. This has come about through the annual donation made by Mangatoki Women's Institute. An enjoyable lunch was then had at The Kitchen Table by the Vogeltown Countdown. After lunch we headed to Three Elms on Anne Street. A city garden built on the hillside behind

the house. Heading up Carrington Road we stopped at Hurworth Country Garden. Here we all enjoyed the summer house. The Worthingtons then pointed us further up the road to Tropical Treasures. Tropical Treasures is a sub-tropical garden with two shops. One selling outdoor sub-tropical plants and the other selling indoor plants.

On the way home two ladies called in at Paul Burgham's glass studio on Julian Street in Eltham. Here we saw beautiful glass lamps on display in a lounge of the house and then glass work and woodwork in an outside studio. A lovely day had by all but an oh so windy day.

On November 1st twelve members and Charmain's daughter met up at Karen Joblin's car park and pooled cars for a day visiting gardens, a stonemason and The Art's Trail up in the Bell Block area. Our first visit

was to Windsong on Airport Drive, this was a lovely established garden. Next was to a stonemason, plaques and signs, where they made some very interesting signs and would fit your personal needs.

Our next visits were to two gardens. The first was to Orchard Inn, a peaceful rural garden with new and old plantings, trees, vegetable garden and orchard. Next was just round the corner to Townsend Retreat. This was a colourful garden which added splendour to the old family homestead, exotic and native planting and with wood pigeons, tuis, blackbirds and others in the trees.

We then drove into Bell Block's shopping centre and had a very nice lunch at the White Pear Café, where another member joined us making the number up to 14.

After lunch we visited Jungle Nurseries by Michael

Mansvelt on Colson Road where a few members bought plants. We then went off to Smart Road's Arts Trail where we met a Belgian stone carver who showed us her work mainly carved from imported stone. Next door, we saw artwork made up of plastic tags off bread bags, etc. which was quite impressive. We then turned towards home and visited Leonie's Garden on Upper Stuart Road, Eltham. This is a beautiful, mainly established garden, but in the past few years, a few more paddocks have been made into modern gardens which has made it very interesting. From Leonie's, we all departed for home after a lovely day out and the weather was beautiful. Many thanks to the organisers of the two days out to visit gardens and other interesting places.

Lucy Moger

## The benefits of fruit and veges

New research from the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research shows that compounds derived from eating fruit and vegetables interact with molecules that control the migration of

immune cells from the blood to the gastrointestinal tract.

offers treatment clues for conditions such as ulcerative colitis.

Authors of the study say their research sheds light on how fruit and veggies reduce inflammation in the gut, and

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## Olivia de Havilland above Back Beach



Another creation from Coastal Taranaki artist Graham Kirk.

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# Kaponga WI gets arty

The November meeting of Kaponga WI was held at the Kaponga health centre and members were warmly welcomed by president Jo Ellis. A minutes silence was held in honour of our past respected and loyal member Shirley O'Rorke who passed away recently. Several members attended the funeral and formed a guard of honour to farewell a much loved member.

The roll call was 'The best event in 2023' and the replies were varied but included grandchildren, holidays and good health.

Rayleen McDonald presented the roll call "Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up."

Three members will attend Federations International Day and a report was given on the 90th birthday celebrations for Rawhitiroa WI held recently which was a memorable event.

Our Christmas celebration

dinner is planned for December 3 at the TET centre in Stratford.

The raffle was won by Joy Eliason.

Competition Results. Christmas earrings. 1. Jo Ellis. 2. Diane West. 3. Joy Eliason.

Sweet muffins. 1. Jo Ellis. 2. Nancy Stokes. 3. Diane West. Best Christmas card received. 1. Dorothy Hughes. 2. Rayleen McDonald. 3. Joy Eliason and Diane West.

After a shared lunch President Jo Ellis shared her expert knowledge and art supplies to show us how to do Mandala painting on stones. Most were reluctant at first but soon got into it and enjoyed the technique which is using dots of paint. Hoping to have another go sometime in the future.

Thanks to hostess Jo Ellis for organising a lovely day together.

*Carolyn Nicholas*

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Kaponga WI members at their November meeting.

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# Opunake High School's sports and cultural trip to Japan

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This trip will offer opportunities for the 35 students to experience an entirely new culture, while also exposing Japanese schools to tikanga maori, and the kiwi way. The trip further allows students to participate internationally in their sporting endeavours and gain a global perspective. It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The plan is to spend four days in Nagoya, then five days in Tokyo. In both areas we plan to have several school exchanges



Opunake High School students looking forward to their trip to Japan.

Barret/Aaron Smith club), Panda zoo, Disneyland/Fuji Q, Skytree, aquarium and riding the bullet train.

The traveling students will fund half the costs themselves, with the other half being raised through a wide range of fundraising activities. An active fundraising committee have events planned for the next nine months and are already onto offering firewood loads, monthly hangis, event stalls, raffles, cull cows, reverse draws and food truck events.

Future events include a golf tournament, quizzes, Oxfam trail shifts/involvement, black tie dinner and garage

sale/junction.

Support for these activities will obviously be well appreciated, as well as any offerings of other jobs, tasks, events to assist with financial targets.

Individual students are offering their mahi in tasks such as babysitting, milking, farm work (haymaking, rocks, riparian planting) home/section maintenance. If you are interested in offering work for the above please contact Luke Forsyth (027 33130268) and/or Charlie Carr (021 049 0490) who have suitable students ready and willing to help out.

## Genetics could cause childhood attention issues more than screen time

DNA patterns could actually be one of the reasons why kids who spend lots of time on screens often also have more attention or emotional issues, US

researchers suggest.

After looking at more than 4,200 children, researchers found that genes were also involved in most of the observed links between

attention issues and screen time, and 42% of the observed links between emotional issues and screen time. Researchers say that if their results hold up, then

restricting childhood screen time could be a less effective tool to prevent attention and emotional issues than expected, which would be consistent with other

findings around the role genetics play in social media use and mental health.

However they do not suggest unrestricted screen

time, as it could still cause other risk factors like reduced physical or academic activities.

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# Opunake High School's Head Boy and Head Girl

For 2024 Charlie Carr (16) is the Head Girl and Luke Forsyth (16) is the Head Boy.



Charlie Carr and Luke Forsyth

**Charlie Carr:**  
What primary school did you attend?

I attended St Josephs, Opunake.

Did you join this school in year nine or later? If later, what high school did you attend previously?

I joined this school in year nine.

What subjects are you taking in year 13?

Statistics, English, PE, Level 3 Biology and Scholarship Biology.

What are your plans post-school? Are you planning to go to university, which one and what will you study? Are you planning to travel? Where?

I'm thinking I would like to head to university after finishing high school, preferably Canterbury or Victoria. I'm not sure what I would like to study yet, but I would be keen to do something involving biology and the outdoors. I also would love to travel, really anywhere and everywhere.

What do you want to do for a career?

I'm not sure yet but something involving

travelling, the outdoors and land or marine wildlife.

Did you always have this role in your sights, - why did you apply?

I thought applying would give me the opportunity to give back to the school and all the individuals who have made my time full of great memories.

What one thing are you most excited about for year 13 at school?

The sports, making the

most of spending time with all my friends in our last year and the possible opportunities.

What are your favourite subjects?  
PE and biology.

What other school stuff do you do? - sports, councils, drama etc

I play several sports which I really enjoy - soccer, hockey, basketball and netball.

I am also involved in the student council and committees.

Best memory of your years so far at school?

The team van rides and maccas run after soccer games, especially after winning.

What is your advice to new pupils coming to the school next year?

Don't let other people's judgment matter, always try your best and take

opportunities that come your way.

**Luke Forsyth:**  
What primary school did you attend?

I attended Opunake Primary School

Did you join this school in year nine or later?

I joined Opunake High from the start of year 9

What subjects are you taking in year 13?

Maths with stats, physics, rec, PE, biology

What are your plans post-school? Are planning to go to university, which one and what will you study? Are you planning to travel? Where?

I've not decided completely, but I'm looking to head down an outdoor or sport related path and I would like to travel a bit of everywhere to cool places like Maldives and Santorini.

What would you want to do as a career?

I would like to be playing professional rugby

Did you always have this role in your sights? Why did you apply?

I had thoughts about the role, but wasn't super confident on how'd I'd do and was unaware of what the workload would be. I applied because I was being

supported by many teachers and people to give it a go.

What one thing are you most excited about for your year 13 at school?

I'm most excited about seeing what impact I can make being given the opportunity as Head Boy. Also mufti everyday is pretty cool!

What are your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects would be PE or rec.

What other school stuff do you do?

I'm involved in many sporting activities and sports and am yet to choose our committees.

What is your best memory so far at school?

My best memory, or at least one of them, is spending my junior years doing flips every break time. Another great memory is my junior year camps.

What is your best advice to new students coming to the school next year?

My advice for new students would to enjoy your years at high school in a respectful manner, but still have fun with doing what you're doing at school because the years really do go as fast as people say they do!

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# Vegan cats challenge carnivorous expectations

Cats may not be quite as carnivorous as once thought. Whilst biologically carnivorous, cats are increasingly being fed vegan diets - and thriving. In fact, a ground-breaking new study has just found that cats are healthier, when fed vegan diets. The study, just published in leading scientific journal PLOS ONE, is the largest such study to date. It resulted from an international collaboration led by veterinary Professor Andrew Knight (UK) and co-authored by statisticians Dr Alexander Bauer (Germany) and Hazel Brown (UK). It studied 1,369 cats fed vegan or meat-based pet food, for at least one year. Cats fed vegan diets had better health outcomes for each of seven general health indicators studied.

Average cats fed vegan diets had a 15% lowered risk of needing medication and were 7% less likely to visit vets more often, which could indicate illness. Forty two percent of cats fed meat suffered from at least one health disorder, whereas this fell to 37% amongst vegan cats. Of the 22 most

common health disorders, 15 were most common in cats fed meat, and seven most common in those fed vegan diets. Although these reductions were not statistically significant, collectively they reveal a strong trend. They also translate into cost savings for pet guardians, which may be considerable over the lifetime of a cat, given the costs of illness and veterinary care. Vegan pet foods also offer significant environmental benefits..

Stated Andrew Knight, a Veterinary Professor of Animal Welfare and the study leader:

“For every single general health indicator studied, these cats had better health outcomes when fed vegan diets. This represents a strong and consistent trend. It indicates that pet food manufacturers are now designing and creating vegan pet foods to include all necessary nutrients, but with fewer of the dietary hazards that are prevalent within meat-based pet foods. Cats consuming vegan diets have better health outcomes, as a result.”

These results concur with those of other, recent studies. In 2021, leading veterinary nutritionist Dr Sarah Dodd and colleagues published a study of 1,026 cats, of whom 187 were fed vegan diets. Cats fed vegan diets were more frequently reported by their guardians to be in very good health. They had more ideal body condition scores, and were less likely to suffer from gastrointestinal and liver disorders, than cats fed meat. No health disorders were more likely, for cats fed vegan diets. These studies are available via [www.SustainablePetFood.info](http://www.SustainablePetFood.info) > health.

Prof. Knight stated: “This offers exciting potential to improve not only feline health, but also to address the very significant environmental impacts of the livestock sector created through pet food production. However, to safeguard the health of our feline friends, it is important that pet guardians feed only commercial vegan pet foods labelled as nutritionally complete, produced by reputable companies with good standards.”



Minnie Julian from Opunake with Mum Cheree at the Stratford A & P Show last weekend.

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## Sitting in traffic can raise your blood pressure

Inhaling unfiltered air pollution while sitting in traffic is associated with a 4.5 mm Hg increase in blood pressure, according to international research. The team drove 16 people aged 22 to 45 through traffic in a busy US city for three days, either using filter to clean the air in the car, or a fake one that allowed unfiltered air through. Monitoring their blood pressure before, during and after the drives, the researchers say drives in unfiltered vehicles were

associated with increases in blood pressure compared to drives with the filter - suggesting there are health risks associated with

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## Kids who drink a lot of caffeinated fizzy drinks try alcohol earlier

Kids aged 9-10 who drink caffeinated soft drinks daily tend to try alcohol at a younger age and may have different brain activity than those who drink them less often, according to an international study of more than 2,000 children.

The team says a year after asking the children about their soft drink consumption, those who drank caffeinated soft drinks daily were twice as likely to have sipped alcohol. They also looked

at the kids' brain activity as they performed a series of tasks, and say daily drinkers had different brain activity - including more impulsive behaviours and poorer working memory. The researchers say this study can't show if the caffeinated soft drinks are causing the differences in behaviour and brain activity, and it's possible that kids who are more impulsive are more likely to drink caffeinated soft drinks regularly, and try alcohol at an earlier age.

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# St Joseph's mural adds to Opunake's portfolio



Students and staff in front of the new mural at St Josephs School, Opunake.

On Thursday 9 November St Joseph's School Opunake celebrated the completion of their new mural;

"Te Ara o te Kereru" - The Path of the Kereru.

Local artist and project lead Chris Fuller said "This mural is a symbol of unity, of oneness. That is what it has taken to create it." Original artist of the 1988 mural,

Audrey Quin, teamed up with Chris to design and paint the mural with the children. Past Principal and mural coordinator, Ryan Fleming said, "we have successfully linked the past with the present and created something that symbolises a prosperous future." A beautiful karakia was shared by Taranaki Iwi representative and mural advisor, Tonga Karena, to

anchor the mural and its story to the school.

Chris' story within the mural:

The Kereru is a symbol of fertility, peace and health. It also symbolises guardianship and kaitiakitanga - taking care of yourself, others and Papatuanuku (earth mother). In our mural the Kereru is flying towards the mountain, showing the way, by the star of Puanga. The children



Artists Chris Fuller and Audrey Quinn, with students working on the mural.

represent unity, looking toward the mountain, working together to achieve their goals. The rising sun with the promise of a new day, bathing us in the light

of Great Spirit. So follow the many paths up the mountain, your own path in life, but remember there is only one mountain top, one summit and that

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## On this month in history the Caroline Face on Mt Cook climbed

On November 7, 1970 Aoraki Mount Cook's treacherous Caroline face was climbed by John Glasgow and Peter Gough. They were members of the NZ Alpine Club. The long-haired pair said the 2000 metres climb up a sheer

ice wall was a "triumph for hippies."

It is possible that in November 1962 the Caroline Face was climbed by John Cousins and Michael Goldsmith, but they died in the attempt. Their bodies

were eventually discovered in 1999.

Mount Cook was first climbed on Christmas Day 1894 by Tom Fyfe, George Graham and Jack Clarke. Their route was the North Ridge.



# Finer days for October

On average October rainfall was 115mm, 30% less than usual, ranging from 48% less rain at Brooklands Zoo at New Plymouth, and 9% less at Omaru at Charlies, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures.

Year to date rainfall ranges from 13% less rainfall at Uruti at Kaka Rd, and 10% more rainfall at Omaru at Charlies, with an average of 3% less than normal. Compared to typical full year totals, on average sites have already received 81% of a typical year's rainfall, with the highest value at Omaru at Charlies, 93% of normal, whereas Uruti at Kaka Rd sits at 71% of the typical years total.

Mean river flows for October were 28.3% lower than typical values, low flows were 26.1% greater, and high flows 33.1% lower than typical values. The maximum river flow recorded in October was 172m<sup>3</sup>/sec at Waitara at Bertrand Rd.

Mean river (non-mountain) water temperatures were 12.9°C, the same as long-term October values. Nighttime-low water temperatures were on average 0.1°C cooler than historic lows, and day-time high temperatures were similar to historic highs. The maximum river water temperature recorded in October was 19.4°C at Kapoiaia at Lighthouse.

The average air temperature for the region (excluding Te Maunga sites) was 12.3°C, which is the same as long-term October averages.

Low air temperatures for October were on average 0.2°C cooler than previous years.

Day-time high temperatures were on average 0.1°C warmer than historic highs. The maximum air temperature

recorded in October was 25.6°C at Brooklands Zoo at New Plymouth.

The average soil moisture for October across sites in Taranaki region was 34.1%. Soil moistures were on average 1.5% wetter than typical October values.

On average, low soil moistures were 4.4% wetter than previous lows, and highs were on average 0.7% drier than previous highs for October.

October soil temperatures were generally the same as long-term averages. Average nighttime low soil temperatures were 0.3°C cooler than recorded lows, and upper day-time soil temperatures were on average the same as long-term October highs.

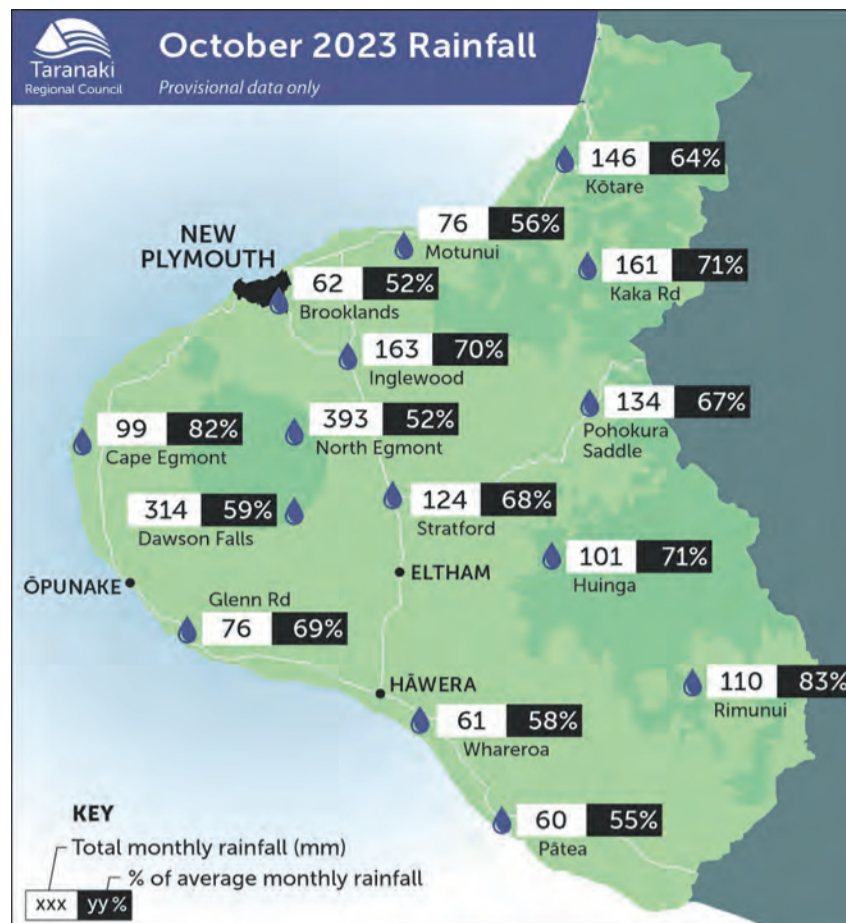
The maximum soil

temperature recorded in October was 23.4°C at Kapoiaia at Lighthouse.

October average wind speeds were 18.2km/hr, with average gust strength of 48.9km/hr, these were 0.6km/hr stronger, and 1.5km/hr gustier than the long-term average.

Average calm weather wind speeds were 1.4km/hr stronger than recorded lows, and windy conditions were on average 0.7km/hr lighter than long-term October highs.

The maximum wind gust recorded in October was 130km/hr at Waitotara at Ngutuweru. Cape Egmont is generally the windiest station the TRC monitors, and Stratford is often the calmest.



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# Benefits of spreading effluent in a dry summer

There are a few benefits to spreading effluent during the dry season that positively impact soil conditions on your farm to help your paddocks stay lush throughout the year.

## Increases water holding capacity

Irrigating has the ability to improve paddocks by increasing the water holding capacity of the soil to ensure the pasture recovers effectively. One approach to applying effluent to assist with improving pasture conditions is to utilise



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A dry summer is also a perfect time to empty ponds or storage holdings to get effluent out efficiently across the farm. In general, you will want to lower storage during spring, summer, and autumn to ensure there is maximum

holding capacity ready for the winter season.

## Improves soil conditions

Paddocks that do not have farm dairy effluent applied to the soil do not turn out as lush as paddocks that have proper spreading of effluent across the farm. However,

during the summertime it is important to remember to not spread effluent with heavy solids. Spreading with too heavy solids can burn the grass if the spread pattern is very fine particles, like mist. Which is why a Nevada RainWave™ is a good option for optimal spreading. The effluent doesn't remain on the leaf of the grass, but instead due to its weight drops to the root zone, which lessens the need for rain to wash the effluent into the soil.

Rather than evaporating the pond during the dry season, you can utilise a valuable nutrient rich resource that is already on your farm. Dry summers can be difficult, but with the right strategy in place you can experience the benefits of spreading effluent throughout the summer months.

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## Mt Messenger Bypass project plants a legacy

A stretch of North Taranaki streambank is being given a new lease of life by Te Ara o Te Ata – Mt Messenger Bypass.

The project's riparian

or riverside planting programme has seen 16,635 plants going into a 3.75 hectare area alongside the Mimi River.

Riparian planting helps prevent erosion, filters sediment and nutrients and improves the habitat for native water dwellers by providing shade to keep the water cool in summer.

Many of our native freshwater fish species prefer cool water conditions that are typically found under a bush or forest canopy.

The riparian zone just south of Mt Messenger extends 10 metres either side of the waterway and is fenced to keep stock out.

Mt Messenger Alliance lead ecologist Roger MacGibbon says years of planning have gone into the project's mitigation, restoration and riparian planting programmes and it's great to see boots on the

ground.

He says they've tried to keep a local focus, cultivating seeds from the area and employing local contractors including a team from Tāmoremorenui, an affiliate and project partner to Ngāti Tama.

Mr MacGibbon says along with the iwi, nearby landowners have been crucial to developing the programme and the project team is appreciative of their support, and commitment to care for the plantings into the future.

"In years to come, people driving past will be able to enjoy the trees and shrubs, while the wildlife in the stream will be much better off with more shade and better water quality," says Mr MacGibbon.

"As the project progresses, more than 289,000 natives will ultimately be planted, across 46 hectares and nearly

90,000 of those natives are destined to go into riparian offset planting across 17 hectares."

Planting will also cover six hectares of kahikatea swamp forest, 9 hectares of dryland bush, and 15 hectares of roadside margins and fill slopes.

"Sedges and rushes will thrive in open wetlands, while hardy shrubs, small trees, and towering canopy species will flourish in dryland bush and wetland margins," says Mr MacGibbon.

The mitigation and restoration programme is part of a comprehensive environmental strategy which includes pest management and aims to leave the wider project area in much better condition for future generations

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# Branching out across Taranaki

Te Puna Umanga Venture Taranaki, the regional development agency for Taranaki, has announced significant progress in its Branching Out project.

Six botanical trial sites, each growing a combination of medicinal plant and gin botanical crops, now have plants in the ground marking another milestone and a step forward in this long-term strategic project for Taranaki.

In March, the regional development agency made a call out to landowners to participate in the growing trials and received significant interest spanning the region's three districts.

Branching Out Project Manager Michelle Bauer says, "We're thrilled to get started with growing botanicals at trial sites across South Taranaki, Stratford, New Plymouth, and North Taranaki, and to be working with committed landowners of whānau, horticulturalists, and dairy farmers, some of whom are organic."

Branching Out aims to support the diversification of food and fibre value chains to increase resilience, create value farming businesses, develop new related enterprises, create new jobs, and attract fresh revenue and investment to Taranaki.

Pihama organic dairy farmer Janet Fleming is one of the botanical trialists and says, "We have been dairy farming organically since 2004 and are currently in



Janet Fleming on her Pihama farm.

our sixth season of milking once a day. Organic and milking once a day are my non-negotiables for dairy farming, both considered to be outside of mainstream land use and practice, so we have diversified within the dairy industry up until now, and we're excited about branching into complementary land use with these trials".

"My vision has always been 'to be proud of what we produce', knowing the goodness of the milk and meat produced on our land. Getting involved with the botanicals growing trials

aligns with our vision and provides an opportunity to test our knowledge, assess soil capacity, and embrace stepping outside of what we do well already, and continue our learning journey."

Rawiri McClutchie, a North Taranaki landowner, explains his reasons for being involved in the trials, "We as a whānau are looking for ways we can farm our land ourselves and ways to make it financially viable for generations to come. Grazing to the neighbour is not an ideal long-term

solution for us.

We have been looking at different avenues that may be suited to a property of our size and what benefits there might be. Ideally, we want to be commercially viable and a business that will provide employment for our whānau.

"Our lawyer first put us onto Venture Taranaki, and it sounded like it was exactly what we were looking for. We think it's an industry that has real potential for massive growth and for it to be sustainable. To me, it makes sense to grow these botanicals locally if the land and conditions are suitable.

We are also exploring opportunities to grow Māori medicinal plants. It is really exciting times for us, and we can't wait for it to progress and grow," says McClutchie.

The botanical growing sites follow the sustainable crop rotation trials that began in July this year in North and South Taranaki, with the planting of garlic and faba beans. Garlic trials are also being held at eight Taranaki secondary schools.

The botanical crop selection includes angelica (gin botanicals), ashwagandha (medicinal plants),

liquorice (gin botanicals) and Calendula officinalis (medicinal plants).

Echinacea was originally another crop on the table to be planted. However, Venture Taranaki has relied on market intelligence shared by industry experts to adapt the trials to changing market demands.

"We've responded to insights from the medicinal plant industry and have made the strategic decision to embark on a trial featuring Calendula officinalis, a crop initially shortlisted during the first phase of the project and verified by further market research. This shift not only aligns with industry data but also equips the trialists with valuable experience in growing, harvesting, and processing aerial parts crops, and broadening their expertise beyond root crops such as angelica, ashwagandha, and liquorice," explains Bauer.

The sowing and planting of other trials including hemp for fibre production and the remaining rotational crops of kumara, sorghum and sweetcorn, will be completed by the end of November. In the new year, there will be public open days at growing trial sites for anyone interested in learning more.

Branching Out is a long-term strategic project for Taranaki, developed from Tapuae Roa and aligns with the Taranaki 2050 Roadmap, the region's strategic vision for a low-emissions future.



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# Online boxing event proves popular

James (Batman) Langton says he is pleased with how his initial Fight Club online event went. While the event held at the Barbwire Boxing Gym in Opunake on November 22 had the usual trappings of a professional referee and timekeeper it was the online audience who decided the winners of the four fights.

"This is an absolute world first and I'm very proud of Barbwire Boxing for bringing this innovation to the world," says James. "We had just under 500 people registered and about 350 people viewing online

at various points which is really outstanding numbers for a first event. I really believe in the concept of bringing in the audience and the viewers."

As reported in the Opunake and Coastal News (November 16) James had been due to face off against Lance Bryant in a rematch of their last fight at the 2016 Coastal Rumble which had been awarded to Bryant.

James says an apologetic Lance had contacted him the morning of the fight to say that he had come down with COVID so couldn't take part. James had been



Fighters reflect after the Fight Night.

thinking about calling the event off but decided to go ahead with Beau Petley agreeing to come in at short

notice and take Bryant's place.

"Beau stepped in and put on one hell of a fight," says

James. "He put a straight right to drop me to the canvas in the first round, but I was able to shake it off and gather my thoughts. I won the next couple of rounds to win the audience approval and to win the fight."

In other results Bobby Katene beat Jack Hooper, Rangwhetu Robinson beat Greg Hughes and Leilani Leatherby beat Tenaeya Sutcliffe.

"All the fights were fantastic and all the fighters were well matched. I couldn't think of a better way for them to prepare for the Stratford Rumble on

December 9."

James says as well as the online audience there was a good crowd of people who had turned up to watch the fight night at the gym. After looking at the video he can see some things that could be improved on and is already planning another fight night on February 28. So far there has already been a lot of interest he says.

"I'd like to thank the fighters from the Fight Club who believed in this event and my team of Ange, Mark, Deanne and Terry for being the MC," says James.

# From Manaia to DP World Tour

Two weeks after turning professional Sam Jones has played his way onto the DP World Tour.

This marks another step in the upward moving career of the 27-year-old golfer who learned his golf at the Manaia Golf Club in Taranaki.

For Jones it has been a busy couple of months. He was in the New Zealand team for the Eisenhower Trophy played in Abu Dhabi, along with Jayden Ford and Kazuma Kubori. They finished fifth equal alongside defending champions Italy.

From there it was on to the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship in Melbourne where he finished 24th.

He turned professional and went on to Spain to compete in the second stage of the DP World Tour qualifying



Sam Jones. Image. Octavio Passos. Getty Images.

school, where he finished fourth to qualify for the final stage. He fired rounds of 68, 69, 70 and 65 at Infinitum Golf to make the 72-hole cut and earn full Challenge Tour status before improving

his ranking to category-18 DP World Tour status after shooting 68 and 66 in the final two rounds to finish seventh overall.

The Tour takes in 39 events across 26 countries. Among

others on next year's DP World Tour will be fellow New Zealanders Ryan Fox and Daniel Hillier.

Sam Jones was 12 years-old when he and brother Ethan took up golf at the Manaia Golf Club.

Manaia Junior Golf convenor Margaret Putt says they were both conscientious and loyal to the Manaia Club, and remembers them going to tournaments in Dunedin and Hamilton.

"They just got the bug and would be out practicing all the time," she says. "When they went to Hamilton you could see that they were good enough to be there. Whatever these boys are going to be doing, they are going to do good."

Sam later took up a golfing scholarship at the University of West Georgia and captained the golf team. While he was on holiday back in New Zealand in 2017 he won the New Zealand Long Drive title.

In 2019 he became the first Taranaki player in 70 years to win the New Zealand Amateur Golf championship. Two years ago he led Taranaki to its first Inter-provincial Men's title. He is a two-time Jennian Homes Charles Tour winner.



Aarun Langton.

# Opunake's master golfer

Opunake golfer Aarun Langton first represented Taranaki in golf as a junior back in 1984. Thirty nine years later he was in the Taranaki team at the New Zealand Masters where he won three games and lost one.

"That's the most wins I've had since I've been going," says Aarun who has played in 14 of the last 15 Masters.

"I'm getting to be one of the few older ones now," he said, reflecting on the number of players younger than him who are coming through.

"There would be five or six my age now."

Overall the Taranaki team

finished 10th out of 15. Each year the Masters are held in a different place and this year it was the turn of the Poverty Bay Golf Club in Gisborne to play host to the event which was held from November 6-10. Each province fielded a six-strong team of five players and a substitute.

Aarun is selector/manager of the Taranaki Men's team which will be competing at the upcoming national tournament in Wellington.

As a player his next event will be the New Zealand Seniors where players are over 50 years old to be held in Hawkes Bay in February

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# Arna Bright wins many awards as a talented basketball player



Arna Bright, with a selection of some of her awards for basketball, as well as a Community Award (South Taranaki Youth Citizen Award).

Arna Bright wins many awards as a talented basketball player

Coastal sportswoman Arna Bright (17) has many accolades reflecting her outstanding basketball prowess, but the one she most treasures is being named (July) in the Under 17 New Zealand team – the Junior Tall Ferns. This led to an international tournament in Papua New Guinea, the Oceania Championship, in which teams from Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Australia competed with the New Zealand team. The Junior Tall Ferns came second to the Australian team in the October tournament.

This creditable placing entitles the team to play in the 2024 Oceania Championships. “We needed to be in the top two to qualify,” explains Arna.

Arna, who plays at point guard or shooting guard, is

incredibly committed to her sport. “I train pretty much every day, either shooting, dribbling or going for a run,” she comments.

A scholarship to the United States is a recent honour she has gained, which will see Arna travelling to Gillette College, Wyoming where she will be based for the next two years. She heads off in late January 2024. “I think it’s pretty cool.” Apart from her basketball commitment to the college, she will study exercise science for her degree. Eventually, she intends a career in physiotherapy or as a personal trainer.

One day her ambition is to be selected for the Tall Ferns – the New Zealand Women’s basketball team. Additionally, she would like to play in Australia.

Arna has received many medals and certificates marking her outstanding

ability in basketball. For example, she was named as MVP (Most Valuable Player) after the New Zealand Secondary Schools tournament in September of this year. “I was surprised,” she said modestly. As Arna’s younger sister Lilly was also playing this was a bonus.

When she played in the Taranaki Under 17 team she was also chosen as MVP.

This year she was named as Taranaki’s Junior Player of the year for her outstanding performance in basketball. Her certificate is signed by CEO Kevin Fenwick.

A special memory is playing for the Thunder (Taranaki) Women’s team in Auckland where teams from such provinces as Otago, Waikato and Auckland competed; “It was cool because my two sisters Ella and Olivia were in the same team.” Her team was placed fifth and Arna was selected

for the Tournament team - a real honour.

She has also won a Community Award this year, specifically a South Taranaki Youth Citizen Award recognising outstanding contribution to the wellbeing of our community. The certificate was signed by Mayor Phil Nixon, CEO Fiona Aitkin and Board Chairperson Andy Whitehead.

Her coaches, including Angelo Hill, Brenton Hughes

and Aled Jones certainly merit her praise. Of Angelo, her coach at Opunake High School she says, “He certainly knows his stuff about basketball.” Since the age of 12 independent coach Brenton Hughes has coached Arna. “He has spent lots of time and effort into helping me.” Of Aled Jones (coach of the Taranaki team) she shares, “I like his cool, helpful style. He is different to other coaches – he has different concepts about

how to play.” She is also grateful to parents Tracey and Paul, and the family generally, for their support.

Although basketball dominates her time she still finds time to play soccer she’s a midfielder - as well as swimming.

We wish Arna, an outstanding basketball player and quality young woman, all the best for her future.

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# Rumble will be a first for Stratford

On December 9 the Rumble will come to Stratford with 30 boxers taking part in one professional and 14 corporate fights.

Previous Rumbles have been held mainly in Opunake, with one held in Hawera. The Stratford Rumble will be the first one to be held in Stratford says organiser Ange Hapeta.

"We've got about seven or eight fighters from Stratford and it's quite nice for the event to be held over there in front of their hometown."

She said the Rumble was attracting interest from gyms in other towns as well as smaller centres like Kaponga.

"They're coming from all over the South Taranaki area which is quite exciting. It's not exclusive to one gym. We've got a range of gyms and small communities. This is going to bring the small communities together which will be great."

The main card will see Opunake's Trish MacKenzie take on Talei Aldiss from Wellington. They last faced each other in Wellington last year when Trish won by a technical knockout.

Ange says that in previous years they had only managed to have one or two female fights. This time they have four. These include the



Preparing for the Rumble. From left. Rangiwhehu Robinson, Greg Hughes, Liam Kupe, Jack Hooper, Adediz Hawkins (supporter), Leilani Hawkins, Bobby Katene, Beau Petley.

matchup between Sandra Gargan and Jorja O'Neil who are both having their third fights.

Ange says other fights

of interest include the one between Quinton Wilson and Jack Hooper. Quinton had been due to fight in the Hawera Rumble a year

ago but the Rumble was abandoned and his fight did not go ahead. Jack is coming back to boxing after a long break. He says his bout at last week's Fight Club event had been his first serious sparring session since his last fight as an amateur 10 years ago.

He remembers starting with Terry Simpson as his first trainer and James Langton as his sparring partner.

"I've missed it the whole time and decided this year I wanted to get back into it."

Any thoughts on his opponent?

"All I know is he's a heavy hitter."

Jack was one of several at the Barbwire Boxing Gym preparing themselves for the Rumble.

Greg Hughes and Rangiwhehu Robinson are both from Stratford and make the trip to train at Barbwire Boxing in Opunake twice a week.

They are mates but still ended up facing off against each other at the Fight Club event. With that behind them they are looking forward to their own fights at the Rumble.

"I'm doing this for my health, but also for myself to learn some new things," says Rangiwhehu. "I've got to show my kids that their Dad can still do some sport."

Greg who says he had been diagnosed with diabetes and high cholesterol a year ago expresses similar sentiments.

"My youngest is only seven so I've got to be around for a while," he says.

Leilani Leatherby has been with Barbwire Boxing for the last year and a half and is looking forward to her first Rumble. She said she had seen other females taking part and was keen to have a go herself.

Bobby Katene has been at Barbwire Boxing for the last three and a half years. His last fight was last month in Auckland which he won by a technical knockout.

Another taking part is Beau Petley who had earlier taken a year off boxing to recover from a knee reconstruction. Last week he gave a strong performance against James (Batman) Langton coming in at short notice to fill in for Lance Bryant at the Fight Club.

"It felt good and it went surprisingly well," he said of his performance.

Liam Kupe said he had returned to boxing "in the last year or so." He was one of a group of Barbwire boxers who had gone to an event in Cambridge in March and had won his fight by a knockout in his first round.

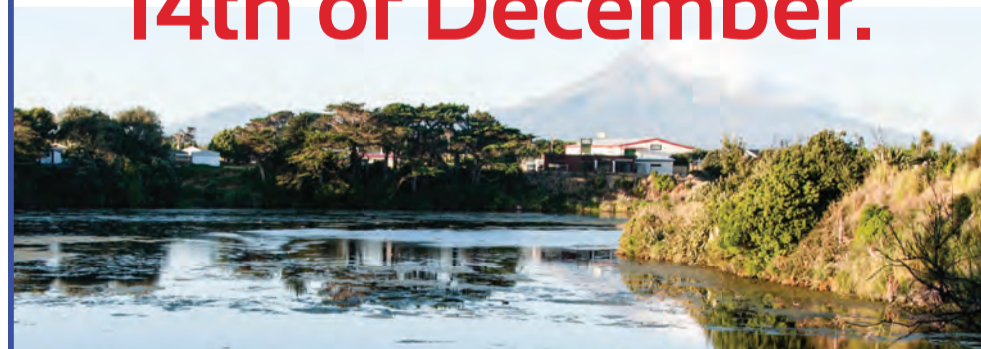
"I hope this one goes all three rounds," he said of his upcoming Stratford fight.

Doors open at the Stratford TET Event Centre at 5.30pm and the first fight starts at 6pm

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Arts in the Park is on Saturday December 2 at King Edward Park, Hawera.

# Arts in the Park

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If you are looking for that perfect Christmas gift or a new piece of art, then this is just the day for you. With everything from handmade jewellery to garden art, woodturning to knitting, there is sure to be something

for everyone.

Music will fill the park throughout the day from various performers and keep you entertained, as well as roving entertainment to keep the kids preoccupied while you shop. Have a seat, pick up something to eat and soak up the vibe.

There will be a kid's zone with free face painting and games. Taranaki Kidz Kartz will be there again this year offering pony rides, as well as a bouncy castle and train rides. South Taranaki District

Council Arts Coordinator Michaela Stoneman will be on hand in the Arts Tipi, a creative space for some fun hands-on activities for the kids.

This free event runs from 10am – 3pm on Saturday 2 December at King Edward Park, Hawera.

Unfortunately, due to the TSB Hub being booked, there is no wet weather alternative this year. Please keep an eye out on the Council's Facebook page, mobile app Antenno or the Council website for any updates.

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# Christmas Cabaret

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South Taranaki District Council is once again hosting the popular end of year Christmas Cabaret, so get a group together and come and celebrate the festive season with us at the TSB Hub on Friday 8 December.

South Taranaki District Council TSB Hub Team Leader Tash Willison says this is the perfect end of year social event for local businesses, friends' groups or just someone who wants a good night out.

Live entertainment will treat you throughout the evening. The night will start off with an incredible interactive performance from Flash Mob Entertainment's very own Drag Queens as they put on a Disco/ABBA themed cabaret. To finish off the evening, DJ Coco will no doubt keep the dance floor alive well into the night.

"We will provide a delicious Christmas buffet with all the trimmings, so get your workmates, social club or group of friends together and come dance the night away with us," says Tash.

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm show start. Email [events@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:events@stdc.govt.nz) for more information.

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Mike Gardiner showing his finesse at Great barrier. Photo supplied by Luke Hardwood. From *Surfing The Unruly Coast*, by Murray Baylis.

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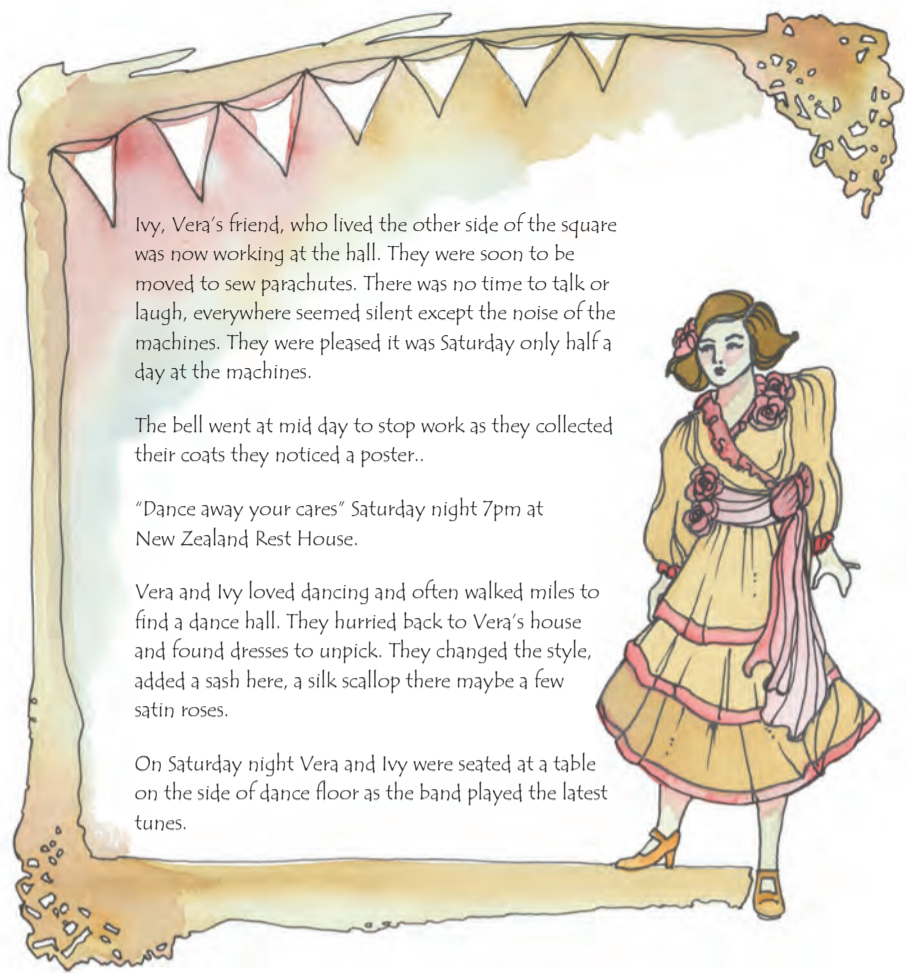
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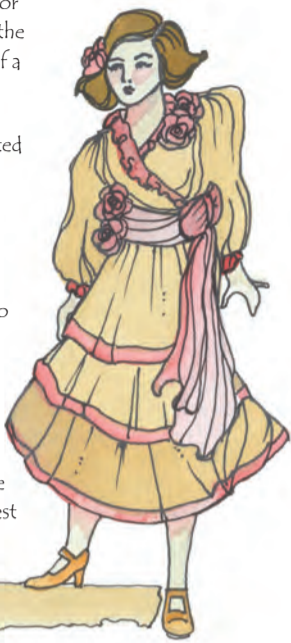
Ivy, Vera's friend, who lived the other side of the square was now working at the hall. They were soon to be moved to sew parachutes. There was no time to talk or laugh, everywhere seemed silent except the noise of the machines. They were pleased it was Saturday only half a day at the machines.

The bell went at mid day to stop work as they collected their coats they noticed a poster..

"Dance away your cares" Saturday night 7pm at New Zealand Rest House.

Vera and Ivy loved dancing and often walked miles to find a dance hall. They hurried back to Vera's house and found dresses to unpick. They changed the style, added a sash here, a silk scallop there maybe a few satin roses.

On Saturday night Vera and Ivy were seated at a table on the side of dance floor as the band played the latest tunes.



Clyde Putt and his friend Manu entered wearing the New Zealand traditional Army hat.

The only two spare seats were at Vera's table and before long Vera and Ivy were listening all about a country miles away.

Clyde explained he lived under the backdrop of a mountain with rolling countryside in a place called Taranaki New Zealand. He took his hat and showed it had the shape of the mountain where he lived. It was nick named Lemon squeeze because it had the shape of a lemon squeezer.



An excerpt from Home Before the Acorns Fall.

# Home Before the Acorns Fall book launch

Lesley Dowding who has just written a children's book Home Before the Acorns Fall based on the historic tree at Okato in the grounds of St Pauls Church, Carthew Street, Okato which is being launched on Saturday is

a well-known international storyteller, presenter and published author. She is a member of the International Reading Association and Literacy Association of New Zealand where her research has been published. She has

a Diploma in Children Literature, Post Grad Dip in Education (Literacy) and Cert Master Storytelling (USA).

Lesley is a literacy consultant. In the role of literacy consultant, Lesley has worked to raise student achievement in reading and writing in the Literacy Professional Development Project and Best Evidence Synthesis. She was the Special Education Adviser and Literacy Adviser for Massey University. She has been a teacher of history and english (secondary and primary).

She is a performer at international festivals in the UK, Ireland, USA and at WO-

MAD Living Books, as well as Duffy Book role model, involved in Storylines NZ and is an IBBY member.

Lesley organises monthly storytelling groups.

Lesley facilitates workshops for teachers in the classroom, working alongside teachers and students.

She performs adult Grimm tales. She is an audio recorder for publishing houses. Lesley has her own weekly show

*Pick a Tale*. One adult story and two children tales on Access radio 104.4FM, Taranaki, live or archived.

Lesley has published three books for children *Midnight at the Lighthouse*, *Tip Tap*

*Toe*, a whimsical tale and *The Travels of an Extraordinary Bear*, which set in Nepal for Band Aid.

Lesley Dowding is well known for her storytelling skills, captivating an audience as she transfers them to the world of imagination. This book is no exception, part truth part fiction.

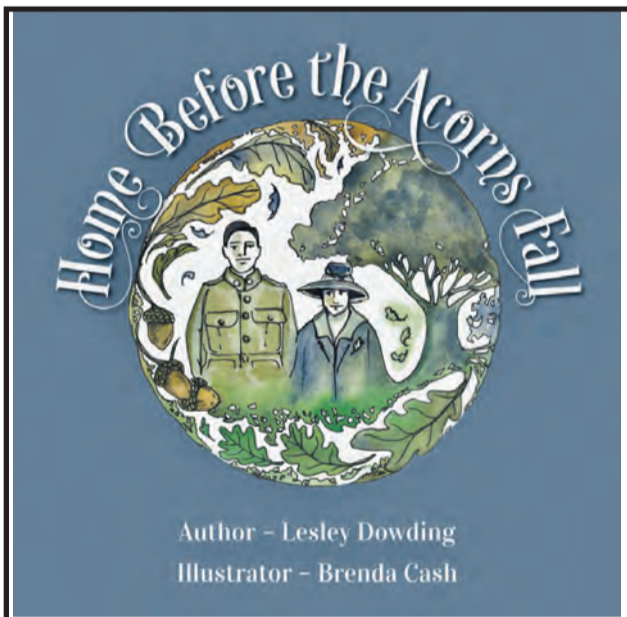
Lesley believes through story we can walk through walls, fly like Pegasus, or enter a room through a keyhole.

Two years of research and working with the Putt family, *Home Before Acorns Falls* takes the essence of the lives of Vera and Clyde and in true storyteller style Lesley

has crafted a tale of depth. It captures not only the characters, but also the feelings of an acorn transported across the world.

The passage of time links two world wars, two continents, complemented by audio with perfectly chosen sound effects, thus setting the mood of the story, as do the illustrations.

Brenda Cash uses the subtle tones of watercolour to set the scene and it hardly seems possible that this is her first book. They perfectly complement this crafted text creating complete harmony of text and pictures.



Author - Lesley Dowding  
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We know just how special it is, and the Green Flag award helps spread the word to people outside the country," says NPDC Pukekura Park Lead Sheryl Clyma. "We have a small team focused on keeping Pukekura Park in top condition for

residents and visitors to enjoy - both today and for future generations - so it's fantastic to have that excellence acknowledged by international judges year after year. "I'm proud of our skilled and dedicated team for

maintaining this outstanding park for the public." Experts assess a park for a Green Flag award on 27 criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, community involvement and providing a warm welcome.

The park is also a 5 Star Garden of National Significance, as judged by the New Zealand Gardens Trust. Pukekura Park is unique with its diverse range of landscapes, from remnant native bush to vast lawn areas and garden displays and has a world-renowned sportsground. It also includes the Bowl of Brooklands, the Fernery and Display Houses and the popular Brooklands Zoo. Pukekura Park covers 52 hectares, and was established in 1876 when lawyer Robert Hughes persuaded the Taranaki Provincial Government to buy 12 hectares of wasteland as a recreational reserve. It became known as Pukekura Park ('red hill' park) in 1907.



NPDC Pukekura Park Lead Sheryl Clyma.

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Sunday 10 December 2023

at the Kaponga Town Hall @ 7pm.

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Next issue of the Opunake & Coastal News is on December 14 2023. Our final issue for the year.

OPUNAKE AND DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
Presents  
**Opunake Christmas Parade 2023**  
Sunday December 24. Gather from 6.15pm onwards for 7pm start.  
Tasman Street, Opunake

Welcome to our celebration. Please complete and return the bottom portion of this official entry form by December 18 to guarantee your position in the parade lineup.  
All entries will be judged this year and prizes will be awarded based on the following criteria.

**Best Effort and Most Creative**

Please review the parade safety rules and guidelines on the back of this page keep this portion for your records.

Return the bottom portion to Agrimec, Ihaia Rd or email agrimecauto2022@gmail.com

Name of entry: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of entry (mtr): \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 PARADE ENTRY FORM**  
My printed name or signature below is my bond that I understand the rules and guidelines for the 2023 Santa Parade and warrant that my/our entry will fully comply.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Rules and Guidelines

Special note: The parade begins at 7pm on December 24

OPUNAKE AND DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
Christmas Parade 2023  
**Safety Rules & Guidelines**

1. Parade officials will inspect all entries and reserve the right to eliminate any entry that is in violation of these rules.
2. The 2023 parade will start at Tasman Street and Ihaia Road corner and end again at that corner.
3. Once your entry has started along the parade route, no one may board your float.
4. Cover all open wheels for safety so marchers cannot snag clothing or be pulled under wheels.
5. Your entry must not exit the parade before the end of the parade.
6. No alcohol is allowed.
7. For public safety, nothing may be thrown from your entry.
8. All motorized fleets must have wheel watchers on both sides.
9. All entries must have clear identification signage.
10. Changes in the parade line-up the day of the parade will be made at the sole discretion of the parade officials.
11. A representative of your entry must make themselves known to the officials upon arrival.

Keep this portion for your records

Entries must be received by 18th December 2023.  
Entries received after that time will be placed at the end of the parade.

Please email your completed form to agrimecauto2022@gmail.com  
Or drop it into Agrimec Auto, Ihaia Rd, Opunake.



**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Opunake Co-operating Parish**

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

**Okato Co-operating Parish**

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

**Opunake Catholic Church**

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

**St Patricks Catholic Church, Kaponga**

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

Thursday Mass 9.30am (subject to change).

**St Patricks Catholic Church, Okato**

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

**The Wave**

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 Sunday Services 10am  
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 a Combined Service

**Okato Community Church**

Meets 10.30am Sunday at Hempton Hall.  
 Everyone welcome

**St John's Community Church. Kaponga**

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

**Manaia Union Fellowship**

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Work by Taranaki youth guided by arts practitioner Haoro Hond, feature in Puke Ariki Museum's new exhibition, *Mā wai kē atu*.

# Taranaki's youth unleash creativity for Earth's future at Puke Ariki Museum

Work by rangatahi (youth) from around Taranaki maunga are taking centre stage at NPDC's Puke Ariki Museum's new exhibition, *Mā wai kē atu*.

Presented by respected arts practitioner Haoro Hond-Goffe (Haoro Hond), students from Opunake and Waitara high schools, and Te Kura o Ngā Ruahinerangi in Eltham, have worked with Hond to create pieces for the exhibition.

Open until July 2024, *Mā wai kē atu* poses a crucial question, "Who shall take responsibility for safeguarding our earth mother Papatūānuku and her resources when our respected elders leave this world?"

The exhibition, comprising nine mural-like paintings at Puke Ariki Museum's Wall Gallery, will feature items

representing the rangatahi's creative journey as well as objects from Hond's work.

*Mā wai kē atu* is a call to action for each generation to ensure the successful transmission of sacred knowledge, sowing the seeds of hope to restore balance within te tai ao (environment).

"We are thrilled to showcase *Mā wai kē atu* at Puke Ariki Museum. Exhibitions like these carry the responsibility we have to engage our community in vital discussions, urging us all to contemplate our role in safeguarding Papatūānuku," said NPDC Puke Ariki Museum manager, Dyane Hosler..

"It aligns seamlessly with

our mission to learn from the past, examine the present, and inspire a future where cultural and environmental responsibilities intertwine."

**40th Jim McCarty  
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Memorial Cricket Match**



**Auroa Primary School  
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 1hr 26mins | Rated: R16  
**Fri 01 Dec 7PM**



COMMON PROGRAMME

What's On Listings



ONGOING

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

AT THE CLUB HOTEL THIS WEEK:

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

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DECEMBER 1

**Record Fair:** At Everybodys Theatre, Opunake. 2pm-5.30pm.  
**Book Launch - Surfing the Unruly Coast:** At Opunake Surf Club, 7pm.

DECEMBER 2

**Arts in the Park:** At King Edward Park, Hawera. 10am-3pm.  
**Book Launch - Home Before the Acorns Fall:** St Pauls Church Oak Tree, Okato. 2pm

DECEMBER 3

**Ladies Fish Together Day:** At Middleton Bay, Opunake. 10am - 1pm.  
**So This Is Christmas concert:** At St Barnabas, Opunake. 7pm..

DECEMBER 8

**Oh What Fun Christmas Cabaret:** TSB Hub, Hawera.  
**Eltham Christmas Parade:** 6pm start.

DECEMBER 9 AND 10

**Val Deakin Dance School annual recital:** At the Dance Centre St Auburn St, New Plymouth. 1pm. There will be many different dance genres on display including ballet, tap, contemporary and character dance with performers aged 5 to adult. Lots of wonderful music, colourful costumes and lighting effects on display as well. Tickets are available at the door Adults \$ 15, children \$ 10 with family and group discounts available. For more information contact 027 694 0933

DECEMBER 9

**Fight Night:** At Stratford TET Event Centre. See ad and article in this issue for more details.  
**North Island Saloon Championships:** At Stratford Speedway. Racing starts 6.30pm.

DECEMBER 17

**A Blue Christmas Service:** At St Barnabas, Opunake. 7pm.

DECEMBER 24

**2023 Opunake Christmas Parade:** Parade starts at 7pm, Tasman St, Opunake.

DECEMBER 30

**40th Jim McCarty Ian Bright Memorial Cricket Match:** At Auroa School, 10am.

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**Management of Customary Fishing:**

*Notification of Tangata Kaitiaki/Tiaki – Ngāti Haumia – Orimupiko Marae*

Orimupiko Marae has notified **Aroha Stewart** to the Minister for Oceans and Fisheries under r 5 of the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998 as a tangata kaitiaki/tiaki to manage customary food gathering in an area between the Rahutoetoe Stream and the northern extremity of Waiwiri Bay, and extending seaward 5 km.

Enquiries about this notification may be made to the Ministry for Primary Industries, Ruakura Research Centre, 10 Bisley Road, Hamilton, or by phoning 027 553 2925.

Submissions in response to this notification are invited from people who belong to:

- The tangata whenua on whose behalf the notification is made.
- The iwi, rūnanga, tribal trust board, or other organisation representing the relevant iwi interest.
- Any other whānau, hapū, or iwi claiming manawhenua manamoana in respect of customary food-gathering in any part of the above area.

A submission may indicate a dispute if it relates to:

- Who should be tāngata kaitiaki/tiaki; or
- The boundaries for the area/rohe moana concerned; or
- Who are tangata whenua.

Submissions must be made by 29 January 2024 and be addressed to:

Orimupiko Marae Tangata Kaitiaki/Tiaki Notification, Fisheries New Zealand, PO Box 966, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240.

*This is the first publication of this notice, which is made under the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998.*



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