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Back from left Aarun Langton, Alexander Moss, Wiremu Henry, Jaree Summerfield, Cameron Quinnell, Liam Kidd, Eva Langton, Aria Brophy. Front row Bon Lord Almazan, Puke Te Riri Chase, CrisJohn Abad, Harry Gibson, Luke Forsyth.

Opunake National Champions

Winning the Small Schools National Basketball title has topped off a successful year for our Opunake High School Senior Boys basketball team. Finishing third at the Regional qualifying tournament in September, helped us to work on certain areas of our game, making us stronger coming into the Small Schools' National tournament.

At the National tournament, the boys went through being undefeated in all seven games. Our second game against Te Aroha was a pivotal game, where Alex Moss' 3-pointer sent us into overtime against them for the second time this season. We managed to keep Te Aroha from scoring any points in overtime. Our next important match was against Manukura, a great start from our starting group meant we were able to control the game and won by five points. This set us up for an easier semifinal against Hato Paora

College, which we won 81-53, with Cameron Quinnell scoring 31 points, Jaree Summerfield 19 points, Harry Gibson 11 points and Liam Kidd 10 points. This was our opportunity for all players to experience finals basketball, with Wiremu Henry and Bon Lord Almazan also scoring.

The final was against Nga Taiatea Wharekura, which is the only school team we have lost against this year. The game was played in front of a loud crowd, thanks to all those who travelled down from Opunake. The boys started well with a 20 point lead and maintained this lead until midway through the fourth quarter. Puke Chase, Luke Forsyth and Alex Moss all had strong games off the bench. Strong on-ball defence was led by CrisJohn Abad, supported by Puke and Luke which also led to a couple of fast break points for the team. Nga

Taiatea Wharekura staged a comeback to be within five points with four minutes to play. The boys regained their composure and held the game out for the win.

Three of our players were rewarded with being named in the Tournament team; Harry Gibson, Jaree Summerfield & Cameron Quinnell, with Cameron

being MVP for the tournament averaging over 35 points a game. This was a well deserved achievement for all the hard work he has put in over the last couple of seasons.

We also had a successful season with the Secondary Schools Basketball League going unbeaten and winning the final against FDMC.

A highlight would be Cameron averaging over 40 points a game. He and Jaree made the All Star Five team for the year

All players have shown their dedication this season, with off court training which included running drills during lunch breaks. It has been a pleasure to watch these boys grow and develop during the season. They are great ambassadors for our school and town.

Thank you to all the parents, school and sponsors for their support, Eva Langton for her knowledge as the Assistant Coach, Angelo Hill for scouting the other teams before the tournament and Tui Karena's basketball team for training with us. This is truly a community effort and you all helped the team achieve the end result.

Aarun Langton
Coach



Cameron Quinnell, MVP for the tournament cutting the net to celebrate the win.

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Signed up to a joke

Those who are interested in the climate change debate may care to download the Measurement Standards Regulations 2019, in which the government has signed us up to a joke in weights and measures. It concerns unit kelvin in temperature, now blithely equated to some constant proportion of the joule in thermal energies. There are many simple facts of science to teach us this cannot work.

Once upon a time, all this was well known (hush). In those days, there was a constant volume gas thermometer and a derivative with respect to an extensive property to point the way in temperature. The latter was probably last

seen in the days before New Mathematics, before sets and functions rolled in with their blithe canon for every-school mathematics.

The derivative corresponds to a certain formula, sadly like a banned spell in Hogwarts under The Great Delorus Umbridge, wherein deltas (as in Δx and pronounced ‘delta-x’ for any x) can be defined, while the variables implicit are not functions but extensive properties and other creatures unlike functions. With these deltas, one gets rates of change, through a formulaic criterion. The idea of the derivative - as the rate-of-change quantity - is central in calculus but almost indecently narrowed down in the constructivist take behind New Mathematics. Nothing much seems to have changed since the woeful

Xmas break of 1968-1969? The new unit kelvin may suggest as much.

The answer could be this: go the government under section 155 of the Crimes Act, 1961. The trouble is that one would need best-tribe barristers and they would probably need to take it through to the Supreme Court before the dark clouds could be lifted.

In a team of five million, there should be more than merely average talent to attend the emergency in our climate change. However there could also be products of degenerate tuition lining up for work at the Ministry for the Environment. The big headache going forward in many wings of government offices, with a spotlight on MFE, is how to unsay dead-brain vows.

1961 was a good year, as were all the years of the early 1960s. It would be a tribute to the law-writers of that time if now the moral crimes section of their Crimes Act could be leveraged to

unsay dead-brain vows. Concerning the scrupulous analysis of climate change, there is a blockage like a public nuisance, and the 1961 law-writers were able to think of it as crime.

*Russell Christensen
Eltham*

Thank you

I would like to thank all the people who voted for me in the recent Regional Council Elections. I hope to represent all the interests of the public and look forward to hearing from you either to deal with a personal matter or general one associated with the Regional Council. There will be many issues that need all of our attention over the next three years and I welcome the opportunity of hearing your views. I can be contacted any time by cell phone 027-278-2667

Thanks again.

*Neil Walker.
Hawera*

ADELPHOS

Taste and see

Have you ever tried to convince a young child who’s a picky eater to taste a healthy new food? “Come on, Trevor. Just try a very small bit on a spoon.” It can be emotionally taxing. Numerous studies show that it typically takes 5-15 tries for four year olds to accept a certain food.

Then there’s us adults. A preponderance of studies in first world Western countries, like New Zealand, indicate that almost 30% of adults today are picky eaters. In recent years diet crazes and dire food warnings have bombarded our cell phones

and computers. Of course, it’s not primarily about your health. It’s about making money for the advertisers every time we become “clickbait” out of sheer curiosity.

Food is essential to life. Eating for survival is and has always been a part of life. Historically, being picky with dozens of diets and food prohibitions wasn’t an option. It’s no wonder that food is referenced 1207 times in the Bible as essential to life. As my beloved mother-in-law often said to her seven children, “Eat your dinner or go

without.” Some of them did just that, and no snacks were permitted. As a result, she had no adult picky eaters. That was her mandated law.

In contrast, God doesn’t issue a stern mandate. He “invites” us to, “Taste and see that the Lord is good...” (Psalm 34:8). If we cultivate a desire and hunger to have God in our life, He will speak to our hearts: “Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me (Revelation 3:20, RSV).

With that child who’s a picky eater, a caring parent keeps lovingly

trying. Likewise, with us adults, God keeps trying to communicate His love for us in life’s challenging situations.

Today, Jesus continues to knock at the door of our hearts. It’s a uniquely recognisable sound, inviting each person to taste and see that the Lord is good. Have you ever carefully listened and experienced that gentle invitational knock? It’s our personal free will response to Jesus that opens up heaven’s door. No church or anyone else can do it for us.

Manaakitanga,

Adelphos

Deadlines for copy

We find we are working very late on a Tuesday night to put the paper together for it to be at the printers first thing Wednesday morning.

Our deadline for copy is Monday 10am.

This gives us an opportunity to proofread the copy.

We continue to receive a lot of material on Tuesday and are struggling to process it all as well as put together the paper.

If you have trouble meeting this deadline can you let us know.

This deadline does not apply to the Cops and Fire Service columns where incidents can occur on the Monday and Tuesday.

We do appreciate your contributions, so thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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Resounding victory for Mayor Phil Nixon in South Taranaki

The mayor of South Taranaki District Council Phil Nixon overwhelmed his opponent Walter Smith securing almost ten times as many votes – over 5000 in total. Mr Nixon will now enjoy a second term in office. “I would like to thank the community for voting me back to lead our district for the next three years. I am very passionate about our community and have much more to contribute to our growth and prosperity. I am excited to work with all our elected members and community to continue to make South Taranaki the ‘most liveable district.’”



Mayor Phil Nixon.

No election was needed for the councillor elections involving Te Hawera General Ward, as there

were only four nominees for the five positions, so a by-election will be held to fill the remaining position. Andy Beccard, Celine Filbee, Te Aroha Hohaia and Diana Reid were elected unopposed. The same was true for the Coastal General ward; Aaron Langton and Bryan Roach are the councillors. Also unopposed was Mark Bellringer and Steffy MacKay of the Eltham-Kaponga ward. The same situation held for the Patea ward with Robert Northcott and Brian Rook as councillors.

As regards the Community Boards an election was held for the Tr Hawera Community Board with Nikki Watson, Andrew



New to the Council. Leanne Horo was elected to the Te Kurae Maori Ward.

Blanche, Heather Brokenshire and Raymond Buckland duly elected. Celine Filbee gained the most votes, but was elevated

to the council, meaning that Mr Buckland became the fourth member, as the next highest vote getter of those who missed out.

The members of the Taranaki Coastal Community Board include Andy Whitehead, Liz Sinclair, Sharlee Mareikura and Monica Willson.

Elected to the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board are Karen Cave, Sonya Douds, Alan Hawkes and Lindsay Maindonald.

The Te Kurae Maori ward was won by Leanne Horo, with Caroline Waiwiri missing out.

Tuteri Rangihaeta was elected for Te Tai Tonga Maori ward, with Glen Katu unsuccessful.

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Community Board members Lindsay Maindonald and Karen Cave.



South Taranaki District councillors Steffy McKay and Mark Bellringer.



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Neil Holdom sweeps into third term as mayor

With over 13,000 votes incumbent Mayor Neil Holdom swept to his third term as Mayor of New Plymouth District Council. He had more votes than the combined votes of the next two candidates Murray Chong and Dinnie Moeahu respectively.

"I feel incredibly fortunate to have been given a third term and was delighted all councillors who stood were re-elected. I've met with the four new Councillors Te Waka McLeod, Max Brough, Bali Haque and Bryan Vickery and am really excited about building a new team to work through the challenges



Mayor Neil Holdom.

facing our district and region over the next three years. I am also delighted with the interest shown in our community boards for Kaitake, Inglewood, Waitara and Clifton and look forward to collectively rolling our sleeves up and getting to work, building our sustainable lifestyle capital, with an eye firmly on the future."

The final five mayoral candidates were, in order of votes, Sam Bennett, Peter Hardgrave, Greg MacKay and Shaun Clare.

There was a large number of candidates for the New Plymouth wide ward, with

Dinnie Moeahu ending up with the most votes. The other four candidates elected were, in order, former mayor Harry Duynhoven, Sam Bennett, Max Brough and Amanda Clinton-Gohdes.

Murray Chong headed the candidate field in the Kaitake Ngamotu ward. The five other candidates who were elected were, in order Gordon Brown, David Bublitz, Bali Haque, Bryan Vickery and Anneka Carlson. A further eleven candidates missed out on election to the NPDC.

The North ward had just one seat, which Tony Bedford won from Bill

Simpson. In the Te Purutanga Mauri Pumanawa Maori ward Te Waka McLeod won from Maia Bailey.

As regards the Community Boards Christine Fabish received the most votes in the Inglewood Community Board. Also elected were Jono Burrows, Sarah Lucas and Nick Jones. (Not elected were Nathan Ferry and Rex Healy).

Graham Chard topped the votes for the Kaitake Community Board. Also elected were Renee Hohaia, Paul Lobb and Teresa Goodin (Dave Kurth and Elayne Kessler were not elected).

Taranaki Regional Council results reflect definite interest in participating as candidates



Neil Walker.

In the New Plymouth General Constituency Susan Hughes came out on top with the most votes (10,537). The other elected candidates were, in order,



Donna Cram.

Charlotte Littlewood, Tom Cloke, Craig Williamson and David Lean. There were six unsuccessful candidates (Lyll Field, Allen Juffermans, Rusty Kane,



Bonita Bigham.

Darrell Nicholas, Elvira Van Der Leden and Chris Wilkes).

Mike Davey received the most votes for the



Mike Davey.

North Taranaki General Constituency, with Donald McIntyre also being elected. The third candidate Tama Blackburn missed out on this

occasion.

The Stratford General Constituency was won by Alan Jamieson (741 votes), heading off Mary Bourke. The other unsuccessful candidates were Matthew McDonald and Andrew Wood.

Neil Walker won the South Taranaki General Constituency (3354 votes)

and Donna Cram was also elected. Deborah Clough, Alan Murray and Urs Signer were not elected.

No election was needed in the Taranaki Maori Constituency as there was only one candidate in Bonita Bigham, who was duly elected unopposed.

Sir Tim Shadbolt bows out

After five terms as the 42nd mayor of Invercargill Sir Tim Shadbolt KNZM JP lost the race to Nobby Clark (7357 votes), who was deputy mayor in the last term. Sir Tim, now 75, had been mayor for a total 24 years. He came fifth (958 votes) in the voting, with Mr Clark, Toni Biddle, Marcus Lush and Darren Ludlow ahead of him. There was a field of ten mayoral candidates.

He also missed out on one of the twelve positions in Council. He came 26th in the voting with 3411 votes. Nigel Skelt had the most votes with 8390.

Back in March we featured Sir Tim on our front page (March 24 issue) after an interview with the long serving mayor. He spoke of his remarkable life as a protest leader (arrested 33 times, once for saying bullshit), standing for parliament, acting in films, guest appearances on television, writer of books. When asked what were the main highlights of a very full life, Sir Tim said that foremost was his autobiography Bullshit and Jellybeans (1971). "Mine is the only book from that era and I was there at the coalface."



Sir Tim Shadbolt.



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Collision in Opunake's main street



The Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade and Opunake Ambulance were soon on the scene.

Two vehicles collided in Opunake's business area on Wednesday October 12 at around midday fortunately



Shortly after the collision.

without serious injury to anyone. One vehicle approached the side of Napier Street and travelling down the main road from the seaward side of Napier Street and collided with a vehicle street, Tasman Street.

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Sheep stolen in Opunake

Some A-sole has stolen our two sheep. If you can help to track them down please ring 027 497 1727, reads the sign on Graham and Heather's property at 4 Park Place, Opunake, which is adjacent to the lake.

The two Romney one-year-old hoggets went missing about a month ago from the well-fenced paddock adjoining the couple's section. This is the second time this has occurred in 2022, as another two sheep were stolen back in May. "If I don't graze a few sheep, I have to mow. Whoever the deadbeats are, they came back a second time."

He added, "The sheep cost \$140 each."

Graham thought the thieves probably came in the very early morning, probably with a Ute or similar. He was sure it would have taken several individuals to steal the sheep. "They weren't that friendly, they'd have had to chase them down. You can't catch two sheep by yourself."

The sheep must have been lifted over the fence as Graham saw some wool



Graham Payne beside his well-fenced paddock where his two sheep were stolen from.

that was caught on the fence wire on the north part of the paddock. He didn't think the secured gate was opened. Graham used to enjoy seeing children looking at the sheep which stood on their side of the fence, but didn't actually run away. "I was more sad about that than anything.

Lots of kids around town don't see farm animals," he commented. "I'm a little bit pissed off. However, it's not the end of the world, but I won't get any more sheep, at least not before Christmas." The police in Hawera were called, but didn't call by.

"I thought they would have shown a bit more interest." He added, "They must have some idea of the type of person who'd do something like this." Anyway, if you have any information about this theft, please phone Graham and Heather on 027 497 1727.

Tree planting no substitute for cutting dairy emissions

A report shows tree planting is no substitute for cutting dairy emissions.

Greenpeace Aotearoa says that a new report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE) shows New Zealand can't plant its way out of climate pollution from intensive dairy. Instead, the Government has to act - and cut synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and reduce the dairy herd, for the sake of the climate and future generations.

The PCE report finds that each dairy cow in New Zealand would need more than half a hectare of fast-growing pine forest to offset their methane emissions. In total, the PCE report finds 3.9 million hectares would be required to offset the total herd of 6.2 million dairy cows; the equivalent of planting out the entire Canterbury plains. Greenpeace lead agriculture

campaigner Christine Rose says "The numbers speak for themselves. There are too many cows in this country, and the stats show intensive dairy polluters can't plant their way out of dealing with the emissions they create. Rose adds, "To reduce dairy emissions and protect the climate that we all rely on to survive, we must shrink the dairy herd through phasing out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and imported feed. "The PCE report demonstrates that tree planting cannot replace actual emissions reductions. Offsets and technofixes are not the silver bullets the agri-industry claims." The PCE report acknowledges this, noting "While forestry offsets may add to other emissions reduction measures, they are no substitute for reducing emissions."

The report says methane is over 80 times more potent

than CO2.. Each year, New Zealand livestock produces 1.2m tonnes of methane emissions, 89% of the country's total, producing 55% of the country's climate warming. Intensive dairying is the main source, responsible for almost a quarter of New Zealand's climate emissions (23.5%). The agriculture industry as a whole creates half of New Zealand's emissions. "New Zealand must halve the dairy herd and support the regenerative farming revolution.. The government could and should support farmers to shift farming from New Zealand's biggest polluter into an environmental solution. Plant-based regenerative organic farming works with nature, instead of against it. We can have thriving rural communities where the

land, climate and people are healthy. There is no need for food production to - literally - cost the Earth," says Ms Rose.

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While housing supply is ramping up with a record number of new houses consented this year, we know that one of the main barriers to the construction of more homes is a lack of basic infrastructure. Our \$3.8 billion Infrastructure Acceleration Fund – designed to speed up the pace and scale of house building – has taken a big step toward tackling this problem. This initiative is jumpstarting housing developments by funding the vital infrastructure needed for new housing – like roads, water pipes, and flood management systems. When taken together, the

investments that we've made through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund are expected to enable around 20,000 new homes right across the country including around 300 here in Patterson Road, New Plymouth – and there's still more to come. This covers a range of homes, including public, affordable, market and papakāinga housing. This is on top of the Government partnering with Ka Uruora back in May this year. This included infrastructure requirements for up to 172 affordable rentals, plus a further 31 progressive home ownership sites around the maunga,

including Ōpunake and Ōkato. Not only are whānau getting into homes quickly, but they are able to do so on their own whenua, partnership with Māori, taking a by Māori for Māori approach.

The country's housing crisis was decades in the making and we know the only way we're going to solve it, and bring down costs for Taranaki families, is to build more houses. That's why we're also building more public and transitional housing than any Government in decades. To get more houses built, including here in New Plymouth, we need a skilled workforce, so we've focused heavily on upskilling New Zealanders, including through our free trades training and apprenticeship programmes which have already supported more than 200,000 people. I'm really proud of the fact that apprenticeships are more than 50% higher than when we came into

Government, and that there are now 20,000 more construction workers than a year ago.

On top of our work to boost the scale and pace of house building, we've taken a range of steps to support more people here in Taranaki into home ownership. This includes lifting price caps for First Home Grants and removing price caps entirely from the First Home Loan. We've also made renting fairer for Kiwis, for example through banning no-cause terminations and limiting rent increases to once a year. There's no single answer for fixing the housing crisis, but together, the measures we've put in place are making a real difference. Ngā mihi

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MP steps aside from spokesperson role



BARBARA KURIGER MP
TARANAKI-KING COUNTRY

Taranaki-King Country MP Barbara Kuriger has stepped down from her role as a

National Party spokesperson on agriculture, biosecurity and food safety, citing a conflict of interest in a dispute between her family and the Ministry of Primary Industries. "My family has been in a dispute with the Ministry of Primary Industries over events that occurred in

2017," reads a statement she issued on Friday. "This has created a blurred line with my portfolio responsibilities and in order to continue to support my family, I am stepping aside.

Although the dispute is, for me, a personal matter which I have endeavoured

at all times to keep separate from my professional role, I accept there has been a conflict of interest which I should have recognised sooner, and managed.

While the dispute is ongoing, I will not be commenting further on this matter."

On this month in history death penalty abolished

On October 12, 1961 the NZ House of Representatives abolished the death penalty for most crimes by 41 MPs to 30. However, the draconian punishment was retained for treason and similar crimes against the nation.

Only 10 of the National Government MPs at the time, including a convert to the need for abolition Robert Muldoon (later Sir) – he used to be an advocate of capital punishment but was influenced by MP Ralph

Hanan. Earlier Labour had abolished capital punishment (in 1941), but National re-introduced it in 1950 when they came to power. In 1989 capital punishment was abolished for all crimes.

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Hold your horses

Researchers looked at New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing data from 2005 to 2019, and found that 20% of all falls happen on the final fence, and horse falls in steeplechase races (timber and brush fences) were 1.6 times more likely than in hurdle races (padded fences).

They also found that greater jockey and horse experience were associated with lower rates of horse falls. A regulatory change which allows jockeys more discretion when pulling up a horse - stopping the horse



These horses look like avoiding a fall.

when it is out of contention or tired - was associated with a reduction in falls, showing the major impact pragmatic rule changes can have on reducing risk and increasing horse welfare. The researchers say it is

essential for horse welfare, jockey safety, and social licence to operate, that efforts are made to minimise horse falls.

The Veterinary Journal

Reduction proposal not good enough

“The so-called ‘pragmatic proposal’ to reduce agricultural emissions released by the government fails to curb emissions in a significant way and instead locks rural Aotearoa into a pathway of further industrialisation and loss of community life” says Urs Signer, member of Climate Justice Taranaki.

“50% of our emissions are directly from agriculture.

The intensification and industrialisation of the dairy industry - fuelled by importing feed from overseas and the use of synthetic fertilisers like urea - in Taranaki and

elsewhere has increased our emissions while having a negative impact on the local environment. The creeks and streams are struggling, there is a loss of biodiversity and rural communities are literally disappearing with the closure of schools, shops, community halls due to a population decline. While the adverse impacts on our atmosphere can be measured, the social impacts are often forgotten” says Signer.

“Our group sat down with unions, councils and the oil and gas industry to work on a just transition plan for the fossil fuel sector. We now need to do the same for the

dairy industry. Rather than exporting 95% of dairy as a cheap commodity to be sold on the international stock market, we need to work together to localise and diversify our food production. When a dairy farmer on 200ha struggles to pay the bills, meanwhile market gardeners can grow vegetables on half an acre creating three full-time jobs while feeding the local community, it is clear that the agricultural sector has been pushed and trapped into a system created by the banks, farm advisors and industry lobby groups that is failing our planet, rural communities and our local

environment.”

“We need an immediate stop to the import of palm kernel feed made from rainforest destruction in Borneo. We need to ban the import of phosphate from war-torn Western Sahara. We need to stop using synthetic fertilisers made from fossil gas or ‘green’ hydrogen.

Most importantly, we need to work together in rural communities to shift towards regenerative agriculture by diversifying our production, retire land for indigenous reforestation and re-build thriving communities” says Urs Signer.

Older people and sleep

Older people who sleep less are more likely to develop a range of health issues. Adults over 50 who sleep for five hours or less per night have a greater risk of developing more than one chronic disease when compared to their peers who sleep seven hours, according to international scientists. The team looked at data from 7,864 healthy

participants, starting in 1985, which included self-reported sleep duration at age 50, 60 and 70. They found people who reported sleeping five hours or less at age 50 had a 30% greater risk of developing a wide range of chronic health issues, termed ‘multimorbidity’, and a 25% higher risk of dying prematurely, than those who slept for seven hours. At age

60, those who slept five hours or less had a 32% greater risk of multimorbidity, and at 70 had a 40% greater risk, compared with the seven-hour sleepers.

The findings highlight the importance of sleep duration for good health at older ages, the authors conclude.

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Opunake's Lake soon to be generating power

Opunake's Lake should be once again generating electricity early next year says Fred McLay from the Taranaki Regional Council.

The news that the lake will once again be operational after several years whilst the operator of the hydroelectric scheme complies with conditions stipulated by the Resource Management Act will come as a relief to locals who have worried that the lake could end up overgrown with weeds and stagnant. There has been concern about the build up of silt on the lake bed over the years which has meant it can no longer be used for boating and swimming.

The lake has long been the jewel in the crown of Opunake and the Opunake Lions have done – and continue to do – a brilliant job in beautifying the Opunake walkway. The 7 kilometre walkway which goes round the lake, along Opunake Beach rising to a cliff walk and continuing through farmland and various other scenic spots is becoming increasingly popular with locals and tourists.

Lake's history

Opunake's lake is a manmade lake. Its lakebed in fact was once the site of the headquarters of the Armed Constabulary.

In 1922 however the Opunake Hydroelectric Power Scheme was born and the lake was created to provide power to the



Weed on the top end of the lake. Photo taken a year ago.

National Grid. One of a number of small, long-established schemes in New Zealand providing power to the National Grid, the scheme was operated by Egmont Electricity for many years.

In 1996 Egmont Electricity gifted both Opunake Lake and Lake Rotorangi - which they also owned - to the South Taranaki District Council. The South Taranaki District Council soon after controversially sold off some of the land around the lake. Long regarded as a local asset it concerned locals. An agreement was made however at the time to retain

public access round the lake. Subsequently a house was built on the shores of the lake which denied public access to that area. The enterprising Opunake Lions however diverted the usual walk around the lake inland so that locals could still do the lake circuit.

The proceeds from the sale went into an investment fund intended for the benefit of South Taranaki residents and ratepayers.

Currently the lake is on two property titles: the South Taranaki District Council owning the bottom side of the lake – near the sea – and the top half privately owned. The Council maintains some of the areas around the lake.

A company called Opunake Power Limited received consent to operate the hydroelectric scheme – monitored by the Taranaki Regional Council - several years ago.

"It's a complicated piece of land," admits South Taranaki District Council operations manager property and facilities Phil Waite.

Using the lake to generate power

Essentially the generation of power – as in all hydroelectric schemes – involves the diversion of water using an intermediary weir from the Waiaua River via an earth lined tunnel to a water intake canal and

eventually into Opunake's lake. The weir is under the Waiaua River Bridge at the southern entrance to Opunake and is designed to divert the majority of the flow of the Waiaua River for 80 percent of the time.

The water from the lake passes at the seaward side of the lake to the powerhouse and generator located at the southern end of Opunake

Beach (now submerged under steel plate below ground when upgraded in 1996 replacing the older turbines which were located in the original power station) before discharging to the Tasman Sea at Opunake Beach.

To use the Waiaua River and lake to generate power Eight Resource Consents each with various conditions attached must be complied with designed to protect both the fish life and the environment. These include such things as the maintenance of a fish pass which enables fish (such as trout) to move between the lake and the Waiaua River and spawning grounds upstream. Other conditions relate to the flow of water into the lake, regular flushing of the lake to minimise silt build up and the lake environment.

Water is stored in the lake during low flow periods and then typically used during higher demand periods on the power network.

This creates a daily rising and lowering of the lake level controlled by a generator, influenced by factors such as river inflow levels, time of day electricity usage, equipment maintenance and plant failure.



Opunake Lions Club member Rex Langton who lives near the Lake and who has been vocal about the state of the lake. He is standing near the fish race.



The gate in the canal used to remove silt.



Water exiting the tunnel from the weir into the canal that leads to the lake.

and back as the jewel in Opunake's crown



Opunake Lake from the opposite end. Photo taken just a few days ago.

Silt build up on the lake

Inevitably silt ends up in the lake though there are mitigating factors to help deal with this including a gate in the canal near to the entrance to the lake which helps remove silt from the incoming water.

In 1996 however erosion on the mountain caused a major problem. The Oaonui River, high up on the mountain, breached its banks and joined the Waiaua River bringing down vast quantities of sand and silt in the flood and raising the level of the lake.

Though silt build up on the bed of the lake does not significantly affect the lake's hydro electricity generation, it does however affect recreation by making the area unpassable by boats and other craft. It also encourages the growth of weed. Agricultural runoff also contributes to the growth of algae.

Floods also generally carry a lot of debris and especially silt. Intake gates admitting water from the weir should be closed during floods to help prevent silt coming into the lake.

The Opunake Lions Club have in the past been proactive in trying to preserve the lake as both a beauty spot and a centre for recreational water sports. They too however have had to comply with regulations stipulated in the Resource Management Act. Draining the lake for example as was once done regularly to remove silt build up last done

in 2002 was subsequently banned following the release of trout into the lake by the Fish and Game Council.

Producing hydro electricity

Operation of the scheme using Opunake Lake and the Waiaua River to produce hydroelectricity is regulated by 8 resource consent issues under the Resource Management Act 1991.

These relate to water diversions and other requirements designed to protect the environment and wildlife.

Resource Consent to operate the hydroelectric scheme which has to be applied for every few years must be made to the Taranaki

Regional Council and there are criteria that have to be met. This includes new equipment being installed. The fact that the lake has not been used to generate power for several years is due to the challenge in meeting the stringent conditions laid out in the Resource Management Act.

"We're working through the various requirements," says Stephen O'Sullivan the Director of Opunake Power Limited,

The previous operator lived in Auckland says Steve who added that he felt when he took over the scheme it was "functioning marginally." There have been various setbacks such as "two significant floods this year." His aim is to ultimately get it running "one hundred

percent."

Comments Director Resource Management at the Taranaki Regional Council Fred McLay, "There are changes that needed to be made to renew the consent."

He added that these "have been steadily worked through".

Pressed for a date he promises the scheme will be back up and running early next year.

The health of the lake is related to continuous water flow into the lake and discharge as happens when the hydroelectric scheme is in operation.

So early 2003 all going well Opunake will hopefully once again have its lake back in pristine condition generating power.



A black swan and ducks.



Apart from being a place of natural beauty, Opunake's lake is also a birds paradise attracting all sorts of birdlife. At left is a shy pied stilt and at right the usually rare spoonbill. Bred during summer in several South Island locations in autumn they disperse to estuaries throughout New Zealand. Rex Langton says he saw ten recently on the lake.



Once a recreation playground, hopefully people will once again be able to swim, canoe and waterski on the lake.

Co45tal Goodz has something for everyone

Joyleen Sandford took over her new shop Co45tal Goodz back in May and has tried to ensure there is something of interest for every shopper. The shop is located at 38 Tasman Street, Opunake.

Joyleen, who earlier had a shop in Opunake about ten years ago, was aware that her friend Wendy was selling the business and took a definite interest. "I said I'd be quite interested so it all fell into place."

Joyleen is heartened that there is considerable interest in her shop, which has increased even more of late. "It's picked up since calving finished, which has a lot to do with things around here. Also, it's more relaxed with Covid restrictions lifted – you don't have to wear a mask."

One item she is very proud of is her parent's (Alan and Vicki Sandford) collection of salt and pepper shakers – over 3,000 in total. The money raised by this merchandise is being generously donated to the Opunake Cottage Rest



Joyleen Sandford with her parent's collection of pepper and salt shakers.

Home.

Joyleen has a special section she has named the Man Cave, which has a diverse selection of interesting items such as racquets, footwear, clothing, maps, tools, lamps, helmets,

wallpaper and pictures with a huge biography of former All Black captain Richie McCaw in pride of place. There is even a 1950 piano accordion on display.

At Co45tal Goodz Seaweed fertiliser (Sea w45) is also

on offer, which is prepared at Opunake High School by Brody Neilson and Jason Holmes, aided by Pauline Sandford.

Especially interesting is a collection of very old magazines such as The

Listener – going back as far as 1938.

There is a huge number of secondhand books on offer, both fiction and non-fiction for the avid reader to browse.

Vinyl records are now back in fashion, so Joyleen has a good stock of these and there is even a record player so you can listen before you buy. There are also DVDs and CDs for sale.

Space precludes listing everything in the shop, but here is a partial list: clothing and shoes, pictures, plants, crockery, suitcases, crystal, and Joyleen is grateful to her

daughter Grace Gatenby and Aaron Duckett for their great window display, which even include scary items now that Hallowe'en is nearly upon us.

Make sure you find time to visit this intriguing well-stocked shop, with friendly, helpful service by Joyleen. At present the shop is open from Wednesday to Sunday, 10.30am to 3.30pm, although this may change as the season merges into Summer.



The man cave has lots of fascinating items.

Kaponga WI playing golf at 90th birthday

October meeting celebrated our 90th birthday in great style. We met at the Inglewood mini golf course and enjoying a hot drink before organising teams to play. If the laughter was anything to go by there was a lot of fun going on. The winners from the three

teams were Sharyn Hurley, Dorothy Hughes and Nancy Stokes, and holes in one achieved by Sharyn Hurley, Fiona Collins and Nancy Stokes. President Jo Ellis spent quite a bit of her game searching in the gardens for her ball. As we had so much fun it was decided that it will

be a permanent birthday challenge each October followed by lunch. And a trophy is to be made for the winner each year.

We then headed to Tawa Glen for lunch together in the separate room with a small meeting for notices

and then enjoyed a delicious lunch and a birthday cake made by Carolyn Nicholas which was cut by Val Eliason and Fiona Collins who are our longest serving current members.

Carolyn Nicholas



Val Eliason (left) and Fiona Collins cut the cake to celebrate Kaponga WI's ninetieth birthday.

Pandemic worsens obesity epidemic

A New Zealand researcher presenting in Melbourne says the pandemic has made

it easier to become obese – with people stuck at home eating, looking at screens

and not able to exercise, more fast food marketing and home deliveries, and paradoxically, more food insecurity.

For example, in New Zealand, the annual average amount of weight gained by the adult population

increased tenfold to 1.4kg per person over the 2020/2021 lockdowns. The researcher says 40-50% of food consumed in high income countries is ultra-processed, with evidence showing links to obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.



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Two Women's Institutes join forces

Turuturu W.I. were invited by Manaia W.I. to be their guests at the recent September meeting. A most pleasurable and happy occasion was had at the Chisnall home in Hawera.

Manaia conducted their usual business for September, and then, knowing the format for the day, we all became one. It was great.

First of all there was a demonstration by Phyllis Malcolm on constructing a floral display using only single spring flowers with greenery. Some very useful hints were given including the dos and don'ts and methods of assembling. It was most informative and hopefully it will encourage more floral entries at the next Federation meeting in October.

A Show and Tell session followed. This was amazing to hear memories being shared and craft activities being shown and explained.

A special memory was shared by Shirley Barr who was a flower girl 80 years ago. Shirley brought along the dress she wore - an elegant, light floral satin gown treasured for all those years, used for dress ups by her children and it remains a very happy memory. A reason for tears at the time, but now for laughter, Shirley



Phyllis Malcolm demonstrating the stages in making a display using single blooms and greenery.

cried because she couldn't go with the happy couple on their honeymoon.

Remnants of quilting material were assembled by Janice Walsh. One would think she had purchased the material especially to produce such a beautiful quilt which had a floral theme. It also gave a valuable lesson, too. Use remnants, use the imagination, and see what you can make from those left-overs.

Nicola Ashley showed her remarkable skills with paper, producing magnificent displays, cards with lovely insets - all things that make you smile at the delicacy of the work and their beauty.

A little machine called a Cricut.

Knitting by the Manaia Craft group, convened by Daphne Ashley 32 years ago sees the Private midwife in Waitara, Pregnancy help in Stratford, and Hawera Plunket being the very happy recipients of some of their knitting. The Craft Circle also includes Women's Institute members in the happy position of sharing the knitting with babies and little children.

The Private midwife delivered 40 balls of wool with the request that it would be appreciated if some little rugs could be knitted for babies and small children.

Mission accomplished by a number of the women knitting 17 little rugs.

Daphne Ashley showed some beautiful little cardigans she had knitted over winter. Clever knitting allowed three little owls to have an embossed effect in the knitting of each cardigan with each little owl having button eyes. So cute.

Knitting of a different style was done by Ann Chisnall with lovely fingerless mittens knitted to benefit the Cancer Society and sold on Daffodil day.

A perfect little narcissus about the size of a man's thumb was shown which was the first bloom of this season. This came from the

grandmother's garden of Freda McGurk. Its correct name has never been found and possibly was imported from England in the early 1900s, but that is only speculation.

Lunch time was a real treat - the finger food luncheon with huge variety, beautiful eye appeal and superb taste was savoured. It was all conducive to mixing, chatting and just enjoying each other's company.

It was a very happy gathering and very much enjoyed by all. We hope to do it again next year.

Freda McGurk.

Proposal inflates household and business costs

The Climate Change Commission's proposed changes to Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) settings would increase household and business costs, and a more moderate approach should be taken, according to analysis from Energy Resources Aotearoa.

Energy Resources Aotearoa's says that compared to today, an emissions price of \$170 (just short of the Commission's preferred cost containment reserve), could see the average household spend: \$200 (9%) more for electricity each year; \$150 (12%) more for natural gas each year; and \$300 (10%) more for petrol each year.

Energy Resources Aotearoa chief executive John Carnegie says: "The Climate Change

Commission's proposals are a departure from a focus on a least-cost transition and the embracing of gross emissions targets instead of the net targets passed by Parliament."

"The proposals would frontload the costs of the transition at a time when households and businesses are already grappling with rising costs, and supply chain and labour constraints. They don't reflect the reality that innovative technologies become more affordable over time."

"We unambiguously support the goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050. But why make that already challenging task more expensive and disruptive than it needs to be?"

"There is a better way. We support a least-cost

approach based on stable, predictable ETS settings. This would impose far fewer unnecessary costs and make it much easier for households and businesses to plan for the long-term transition."

Carnegie says that that frequent and significant tinkering with the ETS will encourage market speculation and ultimately imperil New Zealand's climate goals.

"New Zealand has a world-leading emissions trading scheme that enjoys widespread public and political support. That support should not be taken for granted."

"We are therefore calling on policymakers to take a more moderate approach that recognises the need for stability and predictability in the ETS."



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First female President for Taranaki Cricket

History has been made for the Taranaki Cricket with Thelma Luxton (QSM) elected President, the first female to hold the role in the association's 127-year existence.

The stalwart team scorer for the Taranaki men's representative side for more than 50 years was elected to the post at the Taranaki Cricket Association AGM on Monday night.

And at the same meeting, celebrated Taranaki cricketer Aimee Watkins was also elected on to the Board of Directors.

Watkins played more than 140 international matches for the White Ferns and captained the side from 2009 until her retirement in 2011, and also enjoyed a long career with both the CD Hinds and the Taranaki Women's side.

John McElroy was also voted back onto the board, having been up for re-election by rotation, and was re-elected Chair.

McElroy said it was great to see Taranaki Cricket had two such high quality female candidates for top positions in the organisation.

"Both Thelma and Aimee have been dedicated servants of Taranaki Cricket for many years and it's great to see their passion for the game continue and their willingness to put their knowledge and experience to use for the future of our



From left. TCA board chair John McElroy, president Thelma Luxton and TCA general manager Ryan Evans.

game," he said.

Luxton replaced long-serving president Neville Frampton, who had held the position for 26 years.

"It will round off my involvement with cricket in Taranaki and I hope to be a strong guiding presence for the association over the next three years," she said.

Luxton replaced long-serving president Neville Frampton, who had held the position for 26 years. McElroy paid tribute to Frampton's dedication and service to the game.

"Neville has given more than 66 years of service to cricket, either as a

player, an administrator or as a volunteer and his contribution to our game cannot be understated," McElroy said.

"As well as the presidency, Neville has been both the association's Secretary and Chair, he has won the prestigious Stainton Cup for outstanding services to Taranaki Cricket not once

but twice, in 1986 and 2019, and was made a life member in 2008.

"We thank him for the tireless work and support he has given for our sport."

Watkins, a teacher at Francis Douglas Memorial College, said she was particularly interested in developing pathways and high performance and

ensuring Taranaki players have the facilities in place to succeed.

She replaced Keryn Baker, who stepped down from the board after a three-year term.

Meanwhile, the Stainton Cup was awarded to Travis Stewart, who finished his tenure as the TCA Operations Manager this year after 15 years working for the association.

As a player, Stewart represented Taranaki in 73 games, scoring four centuries, including a top score of 186 which sits as the third highest of all time, and is the third most prolific wicket-keeper of all time with 130 dismissals.

In 2007, Stewart became the TCA's first full-time employee and in recent years helped oversee a major change in the role of the TCA board from an operational to a governance board.

Hawera United Cricket Club's Rob Northcott was awarded the Fox Hall Memorial Trophy for his club-record premier knock of 174 vs FDMC in a two-day game. Northcott, who has played more than 200 premier matches for Hawera and is the current club captain, scored his runs off just 129 balls with 10 fours and 13 sixes hit. Kerry O'Neill, a former player, coach, selector and major sponsor was made a Life Member of the association while Hawera's Malcolm Greenhill was re-elected as patron.

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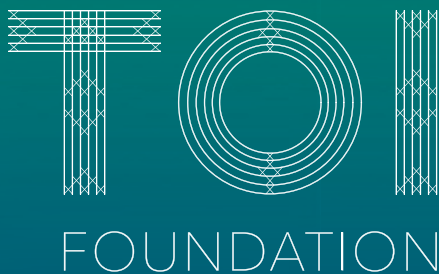
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That's the question that South Taranaki, Stratford and New Plymouth district councils are asking the community as a new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) is prepared for the region.

"We've currently got a vision of Zero Waste to landfill by 2040," says NPDC Resource Recovery Manager Kimberley Hope. "Should we keep this timeframe? Does it need changing? And what developments should we invest in to help us get there?"

As a result of the first WMMP in 2017, bins were brought in for the residential kerbside rubbish, mixed recycling across the region; food scrap collections were rolled out across New Plymouth district, the first stage of The Junction

was built; the Colson Road Landfill was closed, and landfill waste was instead trucked to Bonny Glen Landfill; and various community-based activities were supported through the Zero Waste Fund.

Also, planning is well underway for a recycling centre for commercial/industrial materials on Colson Road, New Plymouth and regionally a facility or facilities to locally process and re-purpose organic waste material is being planned.

To help the three councils develop a new WMMP next year, a discussion document has been released for public feedback.

Kimberley says this is a good opportunity for all Taranaki residents to help shape our future Zero Waste efforts, vision and goals.

"Since the first management plan was released in 2017, awareness has grown about the value of the materials we used



Using reusable containers at a family picnic is an easy way to reduce the amount of waste from packaging that ends up landfill.

to just throw away to the landfill, and how important it is to keep plastics and other harmful materials out of the wider environment. I'm certain that our community will have really useful ideas to share about what we should focus on to reach Zero Waste," she says.

DWN volunteer regional leader finalists announced



Regional leader finalists. Kelly Bavin, Melissa Munnik and Nicola Bryant. Supplied

Taranaki farmer Nicola Bryant one of three finalists for the DWN Regional Leader of the Year Award to be announced on December 8. The others are two Southlanders, Kelly Bavin and Melissa Munnik

Nicola is involved in a large range of community groups and activities, such as the Te Kiri Women connect group, being a PTA Committee member and a Trustee of the Rural Razzle Trust. Her passion for helping kids also extends to helping form Auroa Agri-kids. She's been a mentor for PrimaryITO for seven years to "give back to the dairy sector that has given her so much".

Nicola is described as a force for DWN in Taranaki with incredible community connections, she makes sure that DWN is at the forefront of everyone's minds, "shining that big pink DWN symbol everywhere".

Nicola says, "It's very rewarding seeing connections and friendship formed from those that sometimes most need it. I like to include everyone, so they feel a sense of belonging. I am a firm believer that you always get back what you put in and am passionate about the dairy industry".

Nicola is a Regional Leader and Hub Leader in Taranaki. The DWN Regional Leader of the Year award, showcases inspirational women who demonstrate excellence at grass roots, leadership in their local community, and encompass the DWN values.

Jules Benton, DWN CEO says, "When the nominations come in, it's always so exciting, because the calibre of woman is incredible. Our Regional Leaders, across New Zealand, are women who believe in helping their communities, connecting their rural networks, and in supporting individuals. They often juggle running a farm, families, are heavily involved in their communities - and then are our Regional Leaders; organising, attending and often inspiring events in their communities."

"Thank you to FMG for their ongoing support for this award and for being part of celebrating someone who is truly exceptional. I'm thrilled to see these three amazing women become finalists".

Kelly Bavin farms near Invercargill and is an active member of her local farming community. She is described as someone who

just makes things happen, whether it's arranging a last-minute workshop, or organising cycling events for fun, fitness, wellbeing and connection with others. Kelly is described as being passionate about dairy farming, with a positive outlook for the sector and in life.

Kelly is a Regional Leader in Southland.

Melissa Munnik farms in Otahuti in Southland. Melissa is described as having contagious optimism, supporting women around her with wisdom and encouragement to help them know their worth. As a farmer she understands first-hand the challenges some rural women experience and as a business owner of "The Wardrobe Edit" she has found a unique way to support rural woman.

As someone who comes from a non-dairy farming background, Melissa understands how hard it can be to transition to a completely different lifestyle and work environment.

Melissa says, "every farming woman deserves to have the information to help them build a strong and successful farming business. As a hand-on farmer, who understand the pressures of

dairy farming, I want to be part of women uplifting other women." Melissa is a Regional Leader and Hub Leader in Southland.



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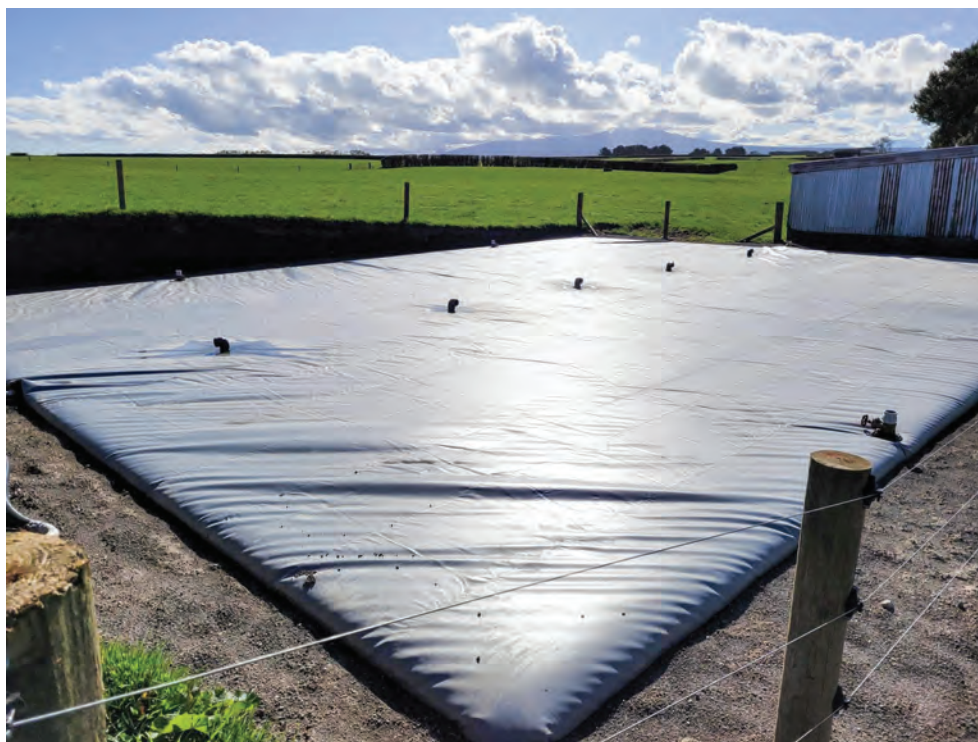
Above ground? Consider effluent bladder tanks

Do you need an above ground effluent storage solution? Effluent ponds were once the easy choice, but with tightening council requirements many farmers are turning to effluent bladder tanks to get the job done. When deciding on effluent storage solutions for a farm, where possible, our first recommendation is usually an effluent pond below ground so that gravity can work to move the effluent from shed to pond. This is the most cost effective and efficient solution where available. However, this is not always possible, or desirable for every farm, and topography and weather patterns can make above ground storage the preferred option. If above ground storage is the way to go for your farm, the common options are:- Dig an effluent pond-Install an above ground tank-Use a bladder tank Effluent ponds installed above ground are



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subject to practice note 21 of the IPENZ. The practice note asks that effluent ponds built above ground be signed off by an environmental engineer to ensure safety and stability. While this is not a new regulation, many councils are now starting to enforce it. While it's always a positive thing to be confident your effluent pond is safe and stable, there can be additional costs and project delays in ensuring a pond is built to engineer's specifications. This is where effluent bladder tanks are rising in popularity.



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Difficult choices for greenhouse future

The Government has proposed a plan of action for farmers to reduce their greenhouse emissions that's now open for consultation.

The proposal has largely adopted the farming sector's recommendations to price emissions at the farm level and has proposed

modifications in the consultation document based on advice from the Climate Change Commission. Consultation is open from now until November 18..

Honorary Professor Troy Baisden, Te Pūnaha Matatini Principal Investigator, Motu Affiliate, and University of Auckland School of Environment comments.

"New Zealand is taking on the challenge of becoming one of the first nations in the world to price agricultural greenhouse gas emissions. We're seeing difficult choices emerge as the Government considers competing proposals that can be implemented by 2025, with meaningful reductions by 2030.

"In many cases, the Government is consulting on options that hide the possibility that reducing emissions can be an opportunity rather than a cost. Prices exceeding \$100

per tonne CO₂-e (carbon dioxide equivalent) mean that farmers can get paid to become more efficient; or, we can continue to see reducing emissions as a cost. If we take the latter, the profitability of some sectors – sheep and beef in particular – will decline. Māori-owned farms may also be disadvantaged unless they have more capacity to innovate.

"So what are the opportunities? Getting farmers credit for trees and other vegetation on their land could be very important for making the overall policy mix work but could also be hard to calculate and verify. Yet credit for sequestration could be very worthwhile if it reduces the expensive purchase of emissions reductions that New Zealand must buy offshore or achieve by planting carbon forests that lock up land.

"While some technologies may come online for reducing animal methane

emissions, the Cabinet Paper and Consultation Report uncover important opportunities for nitrous oxide reduction. While many argue simply for reducing fertiliser, nitrogen fertiliser directly contributes only a small proportion of total nitrous oxide emissions. Even I was surprised to see the number reported as 6% of total agricultural emissions.

"Direct emissions from fertiliser have dominated discussion but are about a fifth of total agricultural nitrous oxide emissions. In between the lines of the report, we can see a real need to develop on-farm calculators able to capture the large remainder of nitrous oxide emissions.

"For every tonne of direct emissions, nearly three tonnes can be attributed to urine and dung. Fertiliser and other nitrogen inputs, including feed and fixation

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Catchment groups support Taranaki farmers

A local advocacy group is playing a key role in helping Taranaki farmers to negotiate a raft of current issues. Taranaki Catchment Communities was founded in 2021, looking to lead, engage and mobilise Taranaki's rural sector in the face of mounting legislative changes.

"There's just so many issues, and a lot of them, like fresh water and on-farm emissions, are really complex and variable among farms," says founder and chairperson Donna Cram.

"We want to help farmers become more sustainable, and that's about more than just environmentally - it's socially and economically as well."

Donna Cram is a member of DairyNZ's Dairy Environment Leaders initiative, and on a trip with the group to Wellington two years ago, she saw how

other regions had catchment groups that were supporting their local farmers.

"All these groups were being driven by farmers, and they were doing great work. We didn't have anything in Taranaki. The Taranaki Regional Council was leading a few projects and doing well, but with the changes coming I believed farmers needed the tools and support to lead their own destiny.

"It was also more than the environment, this was about our communities and businesses, and farming for the future."

Where catchment groups are traditionally focused on environmental issues, particularly related to water quality, Cram saw the opportunity to support farmers in all aspects of farming.

"Farmers are socially isolated, and they have a number of pressures. There

are issues around attracting people to the industry, profitability, animal welfare and so many other things. We started TCC and introduced local catchment communities so farmers have support within their own communities, and also across the whole region."

In the one and a half years since TCC was formed, TCC has established 13 community catchment groups all around Mt. Taranaki. It's had more than 1000 farmers attend community events and committed more than 4,500 volunteer hours to support a range of initiatives.

Donna Cram is a big believer that farmers want to do the right thing, and often it's hard to know what that is. TCC helps to break down complex issues and government regulations to give farmers actionable insights and solutions where possible.

"It's about finding solutions for rural communities. We're not about fighting the politics, it's about finding solutions." Part of our role is to work with supporting partners such as DairyNZ, Beef & Lamb, Rural Support Trust, Federated Farmers, Venture Taranaki and many others.

One of the big takeaways of the last few years is proof that farms can become more environmentally sustainable and profitable at the same time.

"The big opportunity for farmers is to have the tools and knowledge to lead change on the farm resulting in long term sustainability for our rural communities. By doing that, we can continue to be world leaders in premium production, and make farming better for our people in the process."

For more information, or to find your nearest catchment group, head to taranakicc.nz.



Donna Cram.

Difficult choices for greenhouse future

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from legumes such as clover, contribute to more pasture growth and commonly provide animals with more nitrogen than they can utilise. The excretion

of excess nitrogen in urine is the main cause of nitrous oxide emissions. Farmers have management tools available to them now to reduce emissions through improved efficiency.

"Some options in the consultation will enable a

rush to develop calculation tools by 2025 that will enable farmers to reduce nitrous oxide and emissions overall while optimising productivity. These tools will need to innovate and compete for the opportunity to earn their keep in the

value of reducing emissions. The cost borne by farmers of maintaining emissions will be discounted initially, but the value of reducing gross emissions will matter at its face value estimated to be over \$100 per tonne CO₂-e in our national accounts, on

either side of the split-gas ledger. It will pay to get this suite of policy decisions right."

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Connecting animal health and greenhouse gases – it makes sense

New reports released from the UN have cited New Zealand — as part of the Oceania region — as one that could achieve 14-17 per cent reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through focusing on animal health.

The recommended adjustments included altering the animal's diet to best suit seasonal nutrient requirements, increasing animal productivity, and reducing waste — resulting in a lower methane yield.

Methane is a naturally produced by-product of the digestive process in sheep

and cattle and is released into the air as waste — usually by the animal burping or farting. Optimum nutritional inputs are now being proven to increase the efficiency of the digestive system, resulting in less energy expenditure, reduced rates of disease and by-product waste, particularly in cattle.

What you put in is what you get out. Getting the right food in at the right time leads to optimum animal performance, reducing nitrate levels in urine, methane levels in the gut and to accompany higher yields, minimising the resulting greenhouse gases is an added bonus.

Supplementary options such as Red Asparagopsis seaweed are becoming available in the consumer market. Evidence is showing that these supplements can remove methane from the gut metabolism without causing adverse animal health issues, if accompanied by a balanced diet that focuses on premium animal health. Getting the diet right



Cynthia Northcote.

first is still the priority, with supplements appearing to be an additional piece to the puzzle in reducing emissions.

A healthy cow is a productive cow and with lower rates of infertility, lower replacement rates in dairy cow herds are required. Currently 25 per cent of dairy cattle are being held as replacements across New Zealand but with potentially less demand, there is an opportunity to lower stock units across the board, reducing methane emissions by default.

“Cow longevity in a herd is a big one. If you

can get them in, and keep them there healthy and productive for longer, that has the biggest impact on lowering replacement rates,” Zoetis global sustainability manager and veterinarian Kristen Baxter said.

If you don't know exactly what is going into your cows, you won't know exactly what you're getting out. Those who play the guessing game tend to lose in the long-run, so adding scientific backing to your on-farm processes with a tool like DietDecoder™ is worth considering.

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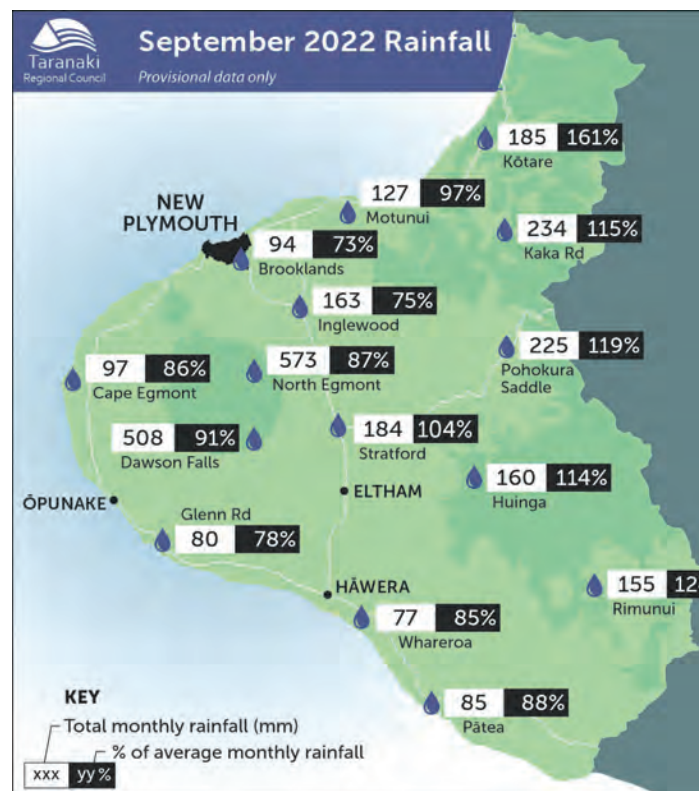
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An average month for rainfall

Rainfall for September was on average 101.1% of the long-term average and ranged from 73% at Brooklands Zoo at New Plymouth to 155% at Whangamomona at Marco Road, according to Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) figures. Rainfall was elevated, relative to typical monthly values, in the south and eastern side of the hill country, and somewhat below typical values north and south of the Maunga, and also in the northern end of the hill country.

Year to date rainfall is sitting between 113% (Kotare at O'Sullivan's) and 170% (Kapoaiaia at Lighthouse) with an average of 129.9% of normal. North and eastern hill country rain gauges are showing rain below normal, while most other locations are close to or above normal.

Mean river flows for September were generally above typical September averages at around 117%. The minimum flows were all well above typical September lows (at 273.9%). Maximum flows at the eight sites were well below (on



average 37.3% of) historic September values.

Mean river water temperatures were 12.2°C, an average of 0.5°C above long-term September values. Night-time-low water temperatures were on average 1°C above historic lows, this fits a general trend to warmer night-time temperatures throughout the region. Peak temperatures were on average -1°C below historic highs.

The average air temperature

for the region, excluding Te Maunga, was 11.7°C.

Mean soil moistures for September were close to typical values. On average, minimum soil moistures were 0.15% above previous lows, and the maxima well below previous highs. The average soil moisture was 34.2%.

Like August, September soil temperatures were generally 0.7°C above the long-term average. ptember values

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Surfing the wave at Gisborne

Up and coming surfers Zion Aldridge (11 years) and Cade Carr (12 years) travelled to Gisborne to represent Opunake at the Primary School Surf Championship on 2 October 1-2. Over 100 boys and girls from across New Zealand met at Gisborne's Midway Beach for this annual event run by Surfing New Zealand. Zion and Cade were supported by fellow Taranaki surfers Joel Becroft (10 years) of Okato, Benjamin Dixon (12 years) and Caden Watts (12 years) of Oākura, and Levi Collins-Devine (12 years) and London Cockerill (11 years) of New Plymouth.

The kids proved their skill finding waves amongst challenging conditions. Dedicated friends and family braved the sideways rain to cheer on the surfers for their amazing effort. Each competitor surfed three heats to gain points for a spot in the final rounds. Zion gained two first places and a second place in his heats to make it to the Year 5 and 6 semi-finals. In his semi-final, Zion surfed two waves strongly and was set to go the final until Gisborne local Archie Alder, caught a wave in the last 30 seconds. Here Alder scored 0.1 point higher than Zion's wave total and took Zion out of the



Taranaki surfers at the national championships. Caden Watts, Cody Carr, Zion Aldridge, Joel Becroft.

final. Alder went on to win the Year 5 and 6 final. Zion was encouraged in knowing he had beaten Alder in a previous heat. Zion placed fifth nationally for his age group and was the highest placing surfer for Taranaki. Cade was in the impressive Year 7 and 8 division and came first, second and third in his heats; narrowly missing out on a semi-final position. Next year Cade will be older than most competitors in this category.

He said, "I'm going to try my best and hopefully make it to the finals."

While having epic fun surfing; the kids at this competition were making new friends and learning to lose and win well; shaking hands as they walked out of the water. The surf competition coincided with the opening of Gisborne's multimillion dollar skatepark upgrade, adding to the fun when the rain stopped.

Taranaki Air Rifle Club

I don't usually report on the mid-week shooters because it is most times a practice and trying different things. Now it would be remiss of me if I didn't say about Paul Kuriger using a new air rifle for the first time managed to knock over 39 /40 silhouettes. An outstanding effort.

Now for Saturday it was Silhouettes at 15 yards. Only two went clear on the rams, Mark Evans and Karyn Cook. Then on the turkeys Mark and Karyn both had a miss and Tim Walker and Brian Cook went clear. It was now down to the hardest smallest targets the pigs and the chickens. Mark Evans brought out his A game and was the only shooter to go clear. A good effort Mark to only drop one all day and

take out a win 39/40.

With very little wind on the outdoor range some shooters tried their luck at 50 metres and some tight groups were shot while others took the opportunity to set elevation settings. It was all a great challenge and we look forward to good scores next week

If I said Wildcat and Maverick I would not be talking about animals but breeds of air rifles. Well Geoff Coubrough has finally tamed his Maverick at 50 metres knocking down 16 metallic chickens from 36 shots in windy conditions on October 8. The chickens are the size of a fingernail and at 50 metres they are but a dot. The pigs are only slightly bigger and John Brogden at 50 metres got 10/10 and

10/12 with his Springer Air Rifle. New to air rifle father and daughter Melissa and Paul Kuriger shot well with Melissa knocking down 5/5 pigs and Paul 6/6 on the tree. Nigel Kay was back on target with 10 /14 after his big Ireland trip. Tim Walker was knocking all the tree targets this way and that John Costain said he was just playing around ("As we all were John") Yes it was just a fun day, but in saying that there was some really good shooting considering the wind switching around all the time. The Eltham range at Pinney Drive is well known in rim fire shooting as being one of the hardest in the North Island and we are trying to tame it with air rifles.

Frank Eustace

Sandfords Manaia golf results

September 24. 1. Dale Symes. 2. Caleb Symes. 3. Oliva Symes. 4. John Oliver. 5. Craig Jones.

End of Month Tournament. 1. Nathan Ngere. 2. Phil Elliott. 3. Denis Hurcomb. 4. H.Caskey.

Junior. Pairs at New Plymouth. 18 Holes at New Plymouth. Carter Symes and Jayden Poole 4th.

9 Full Holes. Hannah Symes and Jude Poole 5th.

Christie's Flooring Mount Open. Sam Jones came second. 66, 67,67. Brother Ethan also did well. 71, 74, 71, 75.

Charles Tour. Tauranga Open. Carrus. Sam Jones winning tournament. 21 shots under. 68,65, 62, 64. Brother Ethan also did well. 70, 70, 69, 70.

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Bronze for High School Girls



Back Row from left Liz Gasson Manager, Lilly Bright, Arna Bright, Holly Gasson, Paige Taylor, Tessa Cook, Simone Cook Coach. Front Row Bella Pivac, Jamie Wineera, Beth Cook, Jorja Symes.

Opunake High School Senior Girls won the bronze medal at the 'A' Secondary School's Nationals.

Heading into the Nationals, we were ranked fourth in the North Island so we knew that playing at our best, we

were in with a chance. At Nationals, the teams were divided into two pools. We were fortunate to be in

the pool with one less team. Having one less pool game helped tremendously with the recovery side of things. Our first goal was to finish top in our pool which would have put us automatically into the semi-finals.

Day 1 was our hardest day. We played Nga Taiatea Wharekura, who when we met at Regionals, we had won one and lost one. After a hard-fought game, we lost by 3 points. The girls bounced back to win against both Greymouth College (ranked Number 1 in the South Island) and Stratford High School. This placed us second in our pool and meant that we had to go to Plan B.

On day 3, we played our preliminary semi-final (second in our pool played third from the other

pool). What a game that was against Te Kura O Te Koutu. It came down to the last second. We were up by 2 and they were inbounding the ball in their half just by the 3 point line. Luckily, we intercepted the ball, securing the win to put us in the semis that night.

The semi-final saw us cross back with Nga Taiatea Wharekura again for the fourth time between the two tournaments. Unfortunately, we couldn't quite get over the hurdle to take the lead. The girls knew what to do, however the nerves and pressure were too much. They finally relaxed in the last 5 minutes but it was just too late in the game.

On the last day, playing off for third and fourth against Manakura, we were a completely different team.

Everything we had been working on and building just came together. It was very rewarding to watch the girls play like they did. They deserved their third place finish.

Bethany Cook and Arna Bright led the team on offence and defence, averaging 28 and 22.2 points a game respectively. Their standout performances across the tournament also earned them a place on the tournament team.

The team wishes all the best to our two Year 13s that were a part of the team, Bella Pivac and Jamie Wineera. You will be missed greatly.

We're excited for next year's season and the growth in the girls' basketball program. As the seniors will be another year older and the juniors coming through.



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Meeting the challenges

Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2021/2022



David MacLeod, Chairman
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Kia ora koutou, welcome to the Taranaki Regional Council 2021/22 Summary Annual Report, our look-back at the Council's achievements over the last year.

Improving lifestyles, taking Taranaki forward and supporting livelihoods are at the heart of everything we do, as we work towards our mission of a thriving and prosperous Taranaki. Our focus remains on working collaboratively with tangata whenua and our community to preserve our environment now and for future generations.

We work to make our mission a reality every day: restoring native habitats, checking the health of our rivers, supporting sustainable farming, promoting riparian planting, controlling predators and pest plants, providing public transport, maintaining the world-class Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens, monitoring rainfall, investing in Yarrow Stadium and much more.

Figures from the 2021/22 financial year show efforts to safeguard our environment by working together with our community continued with the addition of 30 new comprehensive farm plans and 24 biodiversity plans prepared for Key Native Ecosystems. We provided more than 418,000 plants for land owners to plant along the region's rivers and streams, meaning that some 4,631km of streams have now been planted – a rise of around 700km of riparian planting on the year before.

We published a handy guide called Weedbusters Taranaki to help Taranaki folk root out rogue plants and carried out more than 660 property inspections to control pest plants. Our Taranaki Taku Tūranga Towards Predator-Free Taranaki programme continues to grow and support livelihoods with an additional 23,000ha in Ōpunake and Oeo added to the zone for controlling stoats, weasels and ferrets (mustelids).

To ensure we're meeting our commitment as tuari (steward) of Taranaki and safeguarding people and resources from natural and other hazards, we monitor rivers, streams, wetlands and other habitats. We investigated nearly 600 environmental incidents in 2021/22 and carried out 1,600 dairy effluent compliance inspections.

It's no fluke that Taranaki has a lifestyle that's second to none in Aotearoa: our long-term investment in projects, amenities and services continues to improve lifestyles and contribute to the well-being of the 120,000 people who live in our region. Following a downturn caused by the Covid-19 restrictions, public transport usage is rebounding and there was a 40% rise in passengers using the South Taranaki to New Plymouth Connector Service.

Pukeiti, Tūpare and Hollard Gardens visitor numbers were also impacted by the pandemic and have started to recover with 110,000 visits. The redevelopment of Yarrow Stadium gathered pace with the demolition of the East Stand, the installation of international-quality hybrid turf and new LED lights and continued repair work on the West Stand.

The Council has recorded a surplus of \$2.6m. This was significantly ahead of budget and strongly and favourably influenced by property and asset revaluations (\$1.8m) and the non-commencement of expenditure on the Waitara River catchment (following enactment of the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018) and the Kaitake Trail Te Ara a Ruhiiwerapini. Excluding these extraordinary influences, the budget ran close to plan, a pleasing result.

While the facts and figures show how the Council is making a tangible difference, a massive focus is planning for the future and ensuring we can meet the challenges that the reforms being rolled out by central Government will bring.

From Essential Freshwater to Three Waters to the replacement of the Resource Management Act to name but a few, change is a constant and will have a direct impact on how we deliver services to the community in the future. Some of these changes are already in place while many others will come into effect over the next few years and we are doing the hard yakka to ensure we're ready. In 2021/22, we've focused on starting to implement the freshwater reforms but also laid the foundations for the future with work developing our Natural Resources Plan for Taranaki which will set the rules for how we look after freshwater, air and soil.

A key focus has been to improve how we work with Māori. A new Heads of Agreement with the eight iwi of Taranaki detailing how we can work together collaboratively to advance development of a new Natural Resources Plan and the move to introduce a Māori constituency for the 2022 local elections are just two of the ways in which we are creating a platform for a new improved working relationship in the future.

The elections will also see change for Council with my decision and Deputy Chair Michael Joyce's decision not to stand again. I have been on the Council for 22 years and been chair since 2007 while Michael has been on Council for 15 years. We also acknowledge the efforts and achievements of Council staff and all of our elected members over the last year.

A new Council will be elected in October to lead the organisation on the next stage of our journey.

David MacLeod, Chair

Deloitte. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The summary of the consolidated annual report was derived from the annual report of the Taranaki Regional Council (the Regional Council) and its subsidiary and controlled entity (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The summary of the annual report comprises the following summary statements on pages 2 to 4:

- the summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022;
- the summaries of the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in net assets/equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2022;
- the notes to the summary financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the summary performance information.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major matters dealt with in the annual report; an

- the summary statements comply with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Summary of the annual report

The summary of the annual report does not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary of the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full annual report and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary of the annual report does not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full annual report.

The full annual report and our audit report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Council information and a qualified opinion on the Group financial statements that we audited in the full annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 in our auditor's report dated 20 September 2022.

Council's responsibility for the summary of the annual report

The Council is responsible for preparing the summary of the annual report which includes preparing summary statements, in accordance with PBE FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary of the annual report represents, fairly and consistently, the information regarding the major

matters dealt with in the full annual report and whether the summary statements comply with PBE FRS 43: Summary Financial Statements.

Our opinion on the summary of the annual report is based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

In addition to our audit and our report on the disclosure requirements, we have carried out an assurance engagement on trustee reporting, which is compatible with those independence requirements. Other than this engagement we have no relationship with or interests in the Regional Council or its subsidiaries and controlled entities.

Matt Laing, Partner
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Hamilton, New Zealand
20 September 2022



110,000

visits to Tūpare, Pukeiti and Hollard Gardens

Microbiological monitoring

17 marine sites

19 freshwater sites

Enforcing environmental standards

531 environmental incidents investigated

103 infringement notices issued

147 abatement notices issued



Taranaki Our Place

State of the Environment Report published June 2022

Taranaki at a glance



Sustainable land management

30 comprehensive farm plans prepared

217,469 ha

hill country covered by sustainable and land management plans

1,600 inspections

for dairy effluent compliance monitoring

392 compliance inspections of small industrial operations

Habitat protection

24 biodiversity plans prepared for key native ecosystems

59 significant wetlands formally protected



Ensuring clean air

99% air-discharge consent-holders with 'good' or 'high' consent compliance

Environmental heroes

16 recognised at annual Environmental Awards

15 submissions made on key policy issues



Environmental education

11,000 tamariki and rangatahi participated in education programmes



167,000 visits to TRC website

99%

'good' or 'high' level of compliance and performance for major consents



Pest plants

660

property inspections to control pest plants

233

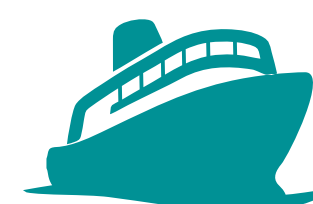
sites with eradication pest plants identified

233

infestations controlled



2 Marine oil spill exercises



Port Taranaki

1,100 vessel movements through Port Taranaki

\$8m

Port Taranaki dividend



Predator-free programme

22,918 ha

additional area added this year

353 responses to public for help controlling pests



73 biosecurity checks at identified sites

Public transport

40%

rise in passengers using South Taranaki to New Plymouth Connector service

43,632

Total Mobility Scheme passenger trips made

544,588

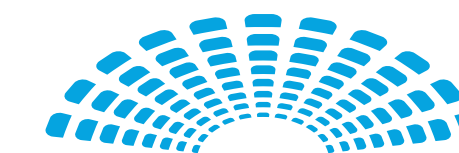
Passengers used public transport

Planting and fencing streambanks

418,312 plants

provided for sustainable land management

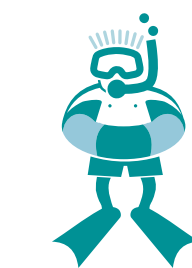
6,065 km of stream banks now fenced



Yarrow Stadium redevelopment

\$10m

additional "shovel ready" Covid infrastructure funding secured



95%

Coastal beaches met bathing guidelines

51

weather warnings received



Sustainable land management

501

comprehensive farm and agroforestry plans

840

hill country farms have plans in place



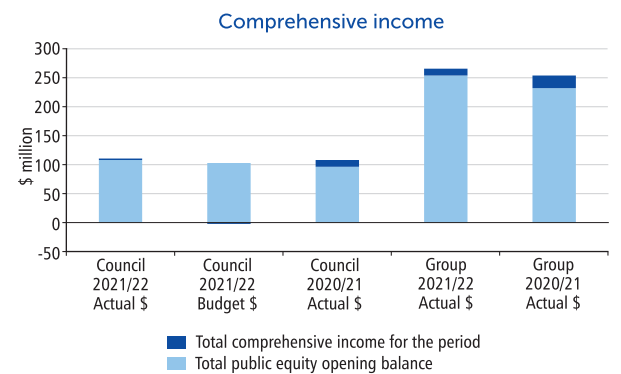
31 river control projects undertaken



Taranaki Regional Council Summary Annual Report 2021/2022

Comprehensive revenue and expense

	Council 2021/22 Actual \$	Council 2021/22 Budget \$	Council 2020/21 Actual \$	Group 2021/22 Actual \$	Group 2020/21 Actual \$
Total expenses	41,220,878	49,667,978	41,208,088	78,561,040	75,958,187
Total income	41,594,543	47,208,154	50,328,557	92,114,983	93,108,901
Operating surplus/(deficit) before finance income and expenses and taxation	373,665	(2,459,824)	9,120,469	13,553,943	17,150,714
Finance income	558,150	647,417	295,970	406,339	276,672
Finance expense	(207,031)	(472,417)	(21,118)	(853,640)	(920,831)
Operating surplus before taxation	724,784	(2,284,824)	9,395,321	13,106,642	16,506,555
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of buildings	-	-	-	(1,296,058)	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment properties	1,144,000	-	2,056,000	1,144,000	2,056,000
Impairment of assets	-	-	-	(91,939)	(161,738)
Income tax expense	67,917	(10,000)	37,240	(4,040,721)	(3,565,332)
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	1,936,701	(2,294,824)	11,488,561	8,821,924	14,835,485
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss when specific conditions met.					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	675,360	-	122,190	1,812,360	6,607,560
Change in cash flow hedge	-	-	-	1,180,954	295,558
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	2,612,061	(2,294,824)	11,610,751	11,815,238	21,738,603



Changes in net assets/equity

The Council's equity grew by \$2.61m in 2021/2022 to \$110.6m. At a Group level, the total community ownership of the Council and the Group grew by \$11.8m to \$265.6m.

The Council's total equity of \$110.6m (Group – \$262.6m) is made up of retained earnings \$73.1m (Group – \$155.9m), special purpose reserves \$31.4m (Group – \$31.4m), asset revaluation reserves \$6.0m (Group – \$76.8m) and a cashflow hedge reserve of nil (Group – \$1.5m).

Comprehensive income

The Council made a net operating surplus (other comprehensive income) of \$2.6m (2020/2021 \$11.6m) compared to a budgeted deficit, before transfers to and from reserves, of \$2.3m. The entire operating surplus is from continuing activities.

Revenue

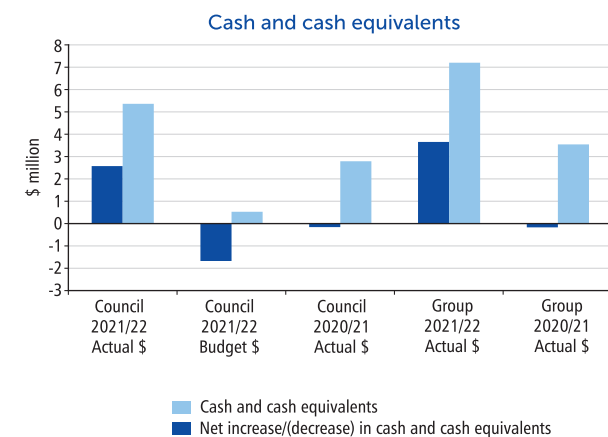
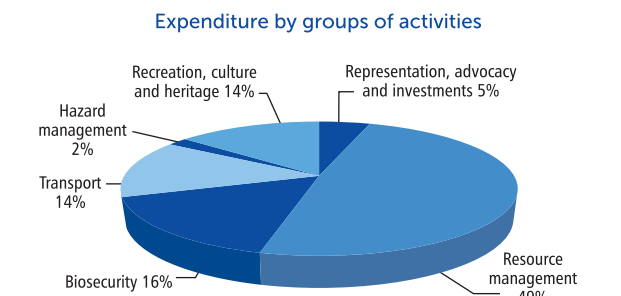
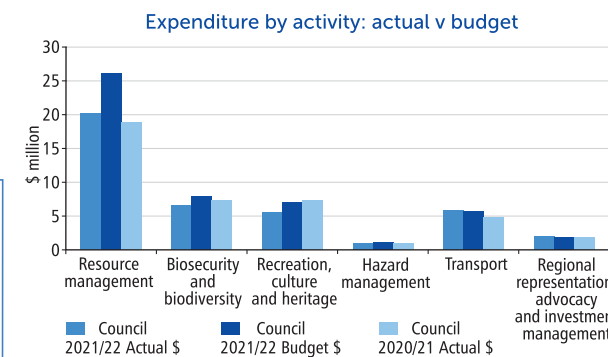
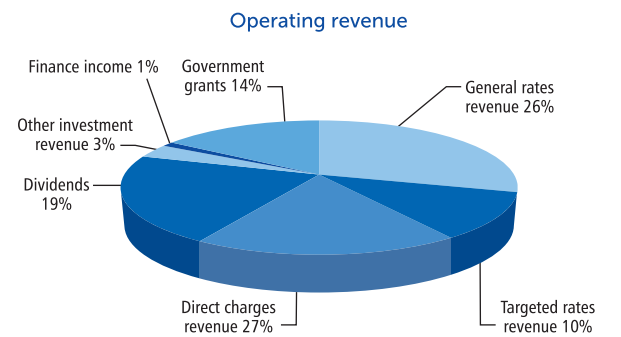
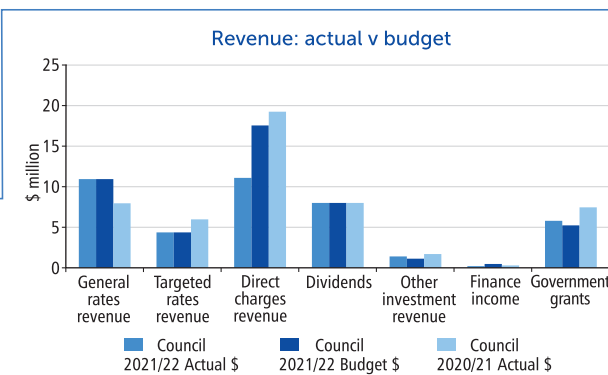
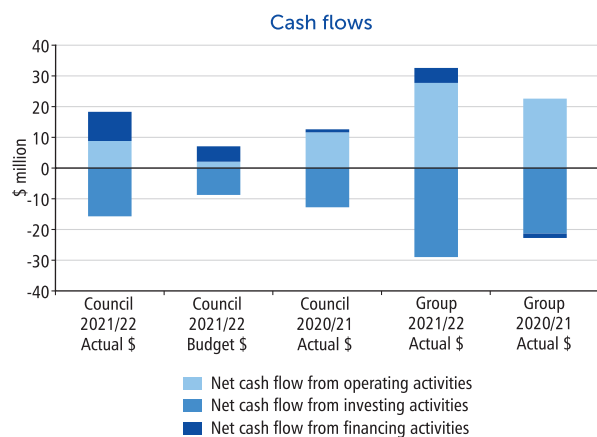
Total Council only revenue (including finance income) was under budget for the year by \$5.7m.

Expenditure

Total Council only operating expenditure (including finance expense) was under budget for the year by \$8.7m.

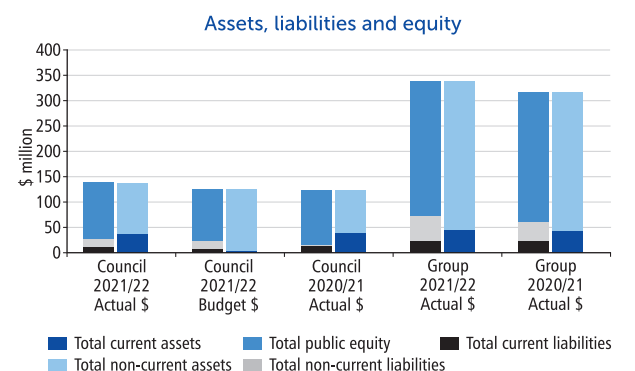
Cash flows

The Council's cash and cash equivalents increased by \$2.57m during the year. Net cash inflows from operating activities was \$8.8m, net cash outflows from investing activities was \$15.7m and net cash inflows from financing activities was \$9.5m. At a Group level cash balances increased by \$3.65m to \$7.2m in total.



Financial position as at 30 June 2022

The assets grew by \$14.95m for the Council and by \$21.8m for the Group. Liabilities increased by \$12.3m for the Council and increased by \$10.0m for the Group. The Council has \$14.5m of public debt.



Notes

These summary financial statements have been prepared in compliance with "Financial Reporting Standard No.43 (PBE)" issued by the External Reporting Board. The summary report cannot provide as complete an understanding as the full Annual Report, which is available free of charge from the Council offices (ph 06 765 7127) or email publications@trc.govt.nz or visit the Council's website www.trc.govt.nz.

This summary financial report has been extracted from the Taranaki Regional Council 2021/2022 Annual Report dated 20 September 2022. The Council received an unmodified audit opinion. The Group received a qualified audit opinion due to uncertainties over the carrying value of building assets for Yarrow Stadium in prior year. The opinion was dated 20 September 2022. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. The Summary Annual Report was adopted and authorised by the Taranaki Regional Council on 20 September 2022.

Taranaki Regional Council is the ultimate parent of the Group and controls two entities being Port Taranaki Ltd and Taranaki Stadium Trust. There have been a number of transactions between Port Taranaki Ltd, the Taranaki Stadium Trust and the Taranaki Regional Council during the year in the normal course of business.

The primary objective of the Taranaki Regional Council is to provide goods or services for the community or social benefit rather than making a financial return. Accordingly, Taranaki Regional Council has designated itself and the Group as public benefit entities for the purposes of International Public Sector Accounting

Standards (IPSAS). The full set of financial statements included in the Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP. The full set complies with IPSAS, and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for public benefit entities. These summary financial statements are in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of IPSAS but do not comply with the presentation and disclosure requirements of IPSAS. The summary financial statements are in respect of the Council and Group's IPSAS full financial statements. This summary annual report has been prepared in accordance with Tier 1 Public Benefit Entity (PBE) standards.

During the 2017/2018 year, detailed seismic assessments were completed on the East and West Stands of Yarrow Stadium. The assessments indicated that the East Stand was 10% of new building standard and the West Stand was 20% of new building standard. As such both stands were earthquake prone buildings and were closed from use.

Yarrow Stadium land and buildings were valued as at 30 June 2022 by TelferYoung Taranaki (Limited) and were adjusted in the financial statements, for the year ending 30 June 2022, to reflect this revaluation. Due to both the eastern and western stands being compromised in terms of earthquake strength the valuers have considered the impairment of the stadium assets. The East Stand has been demolished and will be replaced. The West Stand has been repaired. The total fair value of the Taranaki Stadium Trust land and buildings valued at 30 June 2022 was \$30,279,800.

The Trust is committed to the reinstatement of the stands. The Taranaki Regional Council has approved the repair and refurbishment of Yarrow Stadium. The project will include repairs to the West Stand and demolition and replacement of the East Stand. The repair of the West Stand and the installation of the new sports field and LED lights are complete. The demolition of the East Stand is complete and construction of the new East Stand has commenced.

The estimated total cost is \$70 million, which will be funded by a \$30m "shovel ready" grant from the Government and a 25 year loan through Taranaki Regional Council.

The Taranaki Regional Council has contingent liabilities of \$58,000 as at 30 June 2022 (\$58,000 - 2020/2021). This relates to land purchases as part of the Opunake Flood Control Scheme. As at 30 June 2022, the Council has a contingent asset for fines waiting to be awarded on one prosecution through the Environment Court (2020/2021: one).

Events subsequent to balance date: For the Council, there have been no material events subsequent to balance date. For the Port, on 12 September 2022, the Board resolved to pay a fully imputed final dividend of \$4.0 million at 7.69 cents per share on 11 October 2022. For the Trust, a property was purchased on Maratahu Street, New Plymouth for \$1.15m and the Stadium became operational on 3 September 2022 (2020/2021 Nil).

Ross and Jan Dunlop's farm venue for Taranaki Heritage Month



Ohawe Beach North of Hawera.

Mark this date in your calendar; Sunday October 23. As part of Taranaki Heritage Month (October 1 – November 5), you are invited to the family farm owned by Ross and Jan Dunlop at 174 Ohawe Road. Actually, the initial meeting place will not be at the farm, but in the vicinity of the Military Cemetery at 1pm. What will follow will be a history adventure, as Ross and Jan will point out many points of interest - including the period of moa hunting and early Maori habitation. After a drive through Ohawe

Beach township, viewing items of interest, the destination will be the farm. The farm itself goes back to 1948 when farmed by Ross' father Ian Dunlop. Ross and Jan, who married in 1979, and took over the running of the farm. The farm has evolved over the years, but one old building of interest is a silo, dating from 1920. An early farming family were the Battens, who were the former owners of part of the Dunlop farm and Ross and Jan have an intriguing photo showing the large

family in the late 1800s. One of the fascinating older buildings on the Dunlop's farm is the woolshed, which is situated near the homestead. Around 3.30pm there will be refreshments after some time participating in the historical side. The woolshed has many interesting items of historical interest including an old gig in excellent order. Anyway, make sure you turn up to what will be an intriguing journey through local history.



The Melbourne Cup at the Rahotu Tavern November 1st

Usual opening hours! 11am-11pm

Sweepstakes available now and on the day

Fancy Dress - Prize for best dressed

FREE - Hot chips throughout the day

COME ALONG & ENJOY THE FUN
TAB ON SITE, Courtesy van available

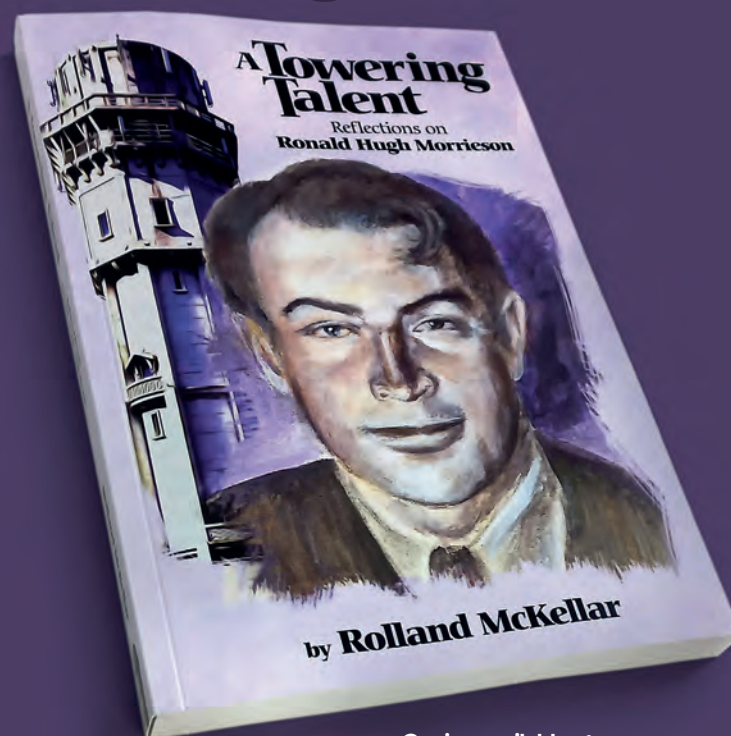
MAIN SOUTH ROAD, RAHOTU | PH 06 763 8787



- Fri 21 October**
Lamb and Calf Day at Coastal Taranaki School Okato from 11.00 am
- Fri 21 October**
6.30 pm, Coastal Taranaki School Hall
The Forgotten Coast -
Listen to Richard Shaw talk of his and his family's history associated with the history of this region. Have you read his book? This will be fascinating.
- Sat 22 October**
11.00 am, Tawhiti Museum
Listen to Nigel Ogle as he discusses the issues around researching, planning and developing his displays
- Sun 23 October**
1.00 – 4.00 pm, Historic Ohawe Beach
Ross Dunlop will guide us over this historic location. Meet at Ohawe Beach Military Cemetery near the car park. Bus leaves Puke Ariki at Midday and returns by 5.00 pm.

Go to www.heritagetaranaki.com for the full month's programme. There you will find live links for registrations as required.

Boldly Celebrating the CENTENARY of Ronald Hugh Morrieson



A Towering Talent
Reflections on
Ronald Hugh Morrieson
by Rolland McKellar

Copies available at:
Pastimes, 87 Tasman St, Opunake
Govett Brewster, 42 Queen St, NP
Poppies, 7 King St, NP
Bookstop Gallery, 21 Brougham St, NP
Tawhiti Museum, 401 Ohangai Rd, Hawera
Paper Plus, 162 High St, Hawera
Paper Plus, 243 Broadway, Stratford
Inglewood Book Centre, 31 Rata St, Inglewood

CONTACT: rtdmckellar@xtra.co.nz

**Book signing at Paper Plus,
Hawera, 162 High Street.
Saturday October 22, 2022.
10.30am to midday**

CY: "Its a good read and captures the time and people of Hawera so well. Congratulations on such a wonderful and worthwhile book. Amazing research and so well put together".

PC: "An amazing excellent book. Congratulations. The cover of the book is amazing too."

FR: "An important read. I'm impressed with the way you have brought Ronald Hugh Morrieson to life. The text and illustrations are lively and evocative, especially Bernice's front and back cover drawings. Congratulations on producing such a fine tribute to a truly remarkable writer."

Taranaki Garden & Arts Festival 2022

Our story - Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival



Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival runs from Friday 28th October – Sunday 6th November 2022.

The Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival is being presented for the 18th time in 2022 from October 28 -November 6. This year, we are excited to share with you 36 gardens and six Places of Interest throughout the region.

We often get asked why Taranaki presents two garden festivals at the same time. The easy answer is that we have so many

gardens worthy of attention, but there's more to it than that.

In 2005 the Taranaki Garden Trust was formed to present real gardens created by real people. This is where we differ from the philosophy and focus of the parallel event. The gardens you will find in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival are unashamedly honest and real, and each garden tells an

impressive story of passion, energy and effort.

We offer a large variety of gardens that range from those that are picture perfect to those that are practical and achievable. This spectrum of gardens is chosen by design. We want you to go away brimming with inspiration and the knowledge that you too can create your own garden of delight regardless of the time, money, or space

you have to hand.

Just as important as the gardens are the gardeners behind them and the Trust seeks to celebrate their passion and achievement. That's why we encourage you to meet the gardeners, share their stories, and learn from their adventures.

We're committed to keeping things personal, and accessible. Entry to any of our gardens is

\$2.00, as it was when we started 18 festivals ago. We acknowledge and thank all the supporters, volunteers, gardeners and others at the Fringe who have contributed their time and energy to what we do and to allow us to keep prices at that level.

Welcome to the 2022 Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival. We're incredibly proud to be different, and to have been so from the outset.

We thank you for your

support and invite you to discover, share, and enjoy our real gardens for (and by) real people.

Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival Friday 28 October – Sunday 6 November 2022.

Website: www.taranakigardens.co.nz

Facebook.com/Taranaki-FringeGardenFestival/

Instagram.com/taranaki-fringegardenfestival/

Taranaki Garden Trust



Gorgeous gardens for real people.



Real Gardens for Real People

Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival

28 October to 6 November 2022

Only \$2 per person, payable at each garden gate

Explore a variety of beautiful gardens

Purchase plants you've seen in the gardens

Get practical advice from garden hosts

Enjoy arts and crafts

Taranaki

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INDOOR PLANTS, SEEDS & MORE

Take time out from visiting the garden festivals and the Taranaki Arts Trail to visit our botanical barn.

Open everyday during the festival season.

Located on Surf Highway 45, five kms out of Hawera towards Opunake (just past Ohawe Beach at the top of Tokaora Hill). Turn down Livingston Rd and you will find us.

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Margaret Scott.

Art by the Sea Studios

Margaret Scott in her studio with Her painting 'Journey to Enlightenment' which depicts the journey through life. Most of us are always striving to be a better person and achieve more, as step by step we climb and search for fulfillment, hence the gold leaf at the top of the painting.

Art by the Sea Studio will be open for all of the garden Festival from the 28th of October until the 6th of November. Margaret has her studio in the Oakura Arts Trail as well as in The Taranaki arts Trail. Her work will also be in the Taranaki Art Award at Sandfords Event Centre, This is the 20th year of this award and Margaret has exhibited in

this exhibition for all of the 20 years.

Congratulations to the Taranaki Art Award committee for 20 years of commitment to this yearly event. We acknowledge you all for your hard work and those from past years as well. Lastly a big thank you to the artists who continue each year to exhibit.

The Emporium Gallery and Art Studio



Rhonda and Michaela ready to welcome you during the Garden and Arts Festival.

The Emporium Gallery and Rhonda's Eclectic Art Studio will be open during the Garden and Arts Festival. Rhonda's studio is part of the Taranaki Arts Trail.

Rhonda enjoys showing visitors her space and her process with works in progress. Stop in and have a chat on your travels. The Emporium hosts a variety of local artists with works for sale. Michaela at the Emporium is happy to share her knowledge of the various artists work and the huge array of talent from our local area.

The Emporium also has a wonderful selection of gifts in store for a special occasion or get in early for great Christmas presents.

Oakura Arts Trail Open Studios

This year the artists of the Oakura Arts Trail members are looking forward to opening their studios to the public. This very popular arts trail coincides with the Fringe Garden Festival and is held on the weekends of October 29-30 and November 5-6.

The Oakura Arts Trail will be celebrating 20 years in 2023 and many of its members have been part of the Trail since it was formed which is a testament to the standard of the artists in our trail. For the last three years the Oakura Arts Trail has been fostering young artists so they have a greater appreciation of how to exhibit and promote their art. It is this diversity of ages and abilities that make our trail different from other arts trails. Those of us who have been painting for many years would have loved to have had these opportunities and the support when we were beginning our art careers.

The opening of the Arts Trail will be at the Vineyard Bistro at Okurukuru on October 26. There are 11 artists in the trail this year, these being Kris Wright, Richard Landers, Rosemary Petterson, Ross Bennett, Margaret Scott, John Newton, Beth Armstrong, Linda Barbour, Sally Laing, Suzanne Bloch-Jorgensen and Lisa Newsome.

Beth Armstrong is new to the Trail this year, her textile designs and botanical watercolours are inspired by New Zealand natural fauna. Susanne Bloch-Jorgensen is a returning artist and her studio is always a popular



Susanne Bloch-Jorgensen in her studio.

place as visitors love her hand sculptured birds, creatures and shells. She

also produces hand thrown domestic ware. Many of the artists are

prepared to demonstrate techniques or are working while visitors pass through their studios. The experience of visiting artists in their own work environment is unique, and leaves a lasting impression on people, who return to buy work or bring other visitors to see the art. The trail provides a nice balance of types of art to view with sculpture, glass art, pottery, jewellery, textile designs, watercolour, mixed media and acrylic painting being some of the variety that can be seen.

Brochures for the trail can be found at all studios, the Information Centre, the Crafty Fox and on the notice board next to the chemist. Look out for the large yellow and blue flags which will help to guide you to the artist studios. For details on the artist and the location of their studios, go to www.oakuraartstrail or join us on Facebook.

Eight of the artists will be open for the whole week of the Garden Festival and you

can check this either in the Oakura Arts Trail Brochure or in the advert in the Fringe

Festival Brochure.

Oakura Arts Trail

Opening hours:
Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm
Sunday & Monday 10am - 2pm
 86 Tasman Street, Opunake
theemporium@outlook.co.nz

Visit studios of 12 local artists.
Oct 29/30
Nov 5/6
 10am - 4 pm
 Look for the blue and orange flags!

Get a trail map from the Oākura Arts stand outside the pharmacy or find it online at:
www.oakuraarts.co.nz

OPEN STUDIO WEEKENDS

Art by the Sea Studio

Home to artist Margaret Scott, the Art by the Sea studio is set in a tropical coastal garden in Oakura. Margaret's paintings reflect her garden and the beautiful Taranaki environment. Her studio has a large range of originals, prints, books and cards. The studio is open all year by appointment and open throughout garden festival.

Margaret Scott
 58 Messenger Terrace, Oakura
 06 752 1116 | 021 130 9200
artbythesea2747@gmail.com
www.margaretscott.co.nz

Koru on Devon



The Okato garden.

Koru on Devon is proud to be hosting exhibitions featuring three of Koru's well known artists plus pieces from the collective members

A number of whom are also exhibiting in the Taranaki and Oakura Arts Trail.

- Maria Brockhill – Ceramics
- Tony Rumball – Painter
- Che` Rogers- Painter
- Dan Mills – Painter
- Richard Ilanders – Glass Artist
- Kris White _ Painter

Featured artists from 28th October are Tony Rumball – Painter, Donna O, Donaghue - Contemporary Photo Realism, and Fay Looney- Art Photographer.

Tony's is a well known New Zealand Artist not only a member of the Koru Group also participating in the Taranaki Arts Trail from his



Above: Tony Rumball Right

home in Queens Rd. New Plymouth.

Donna's contemporary resin creations and paintings bring an exciting art form to our gallery.

Fay Looney discovered a new medium while travelling and exclusively prints only on brushed aluminium which brings permanent colour and light to her work with the ability to be hung inside and outside as its weather proof and light to hang. All images are approx. 110x73 cms some larger. All Limited Editions.

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Pukeiti – 2290 Carrington Rd, New Plymouth

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Hollard Gardens – 1686 Upper Manaia Rd, Kaponga

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The White Sail Gallery worth a visit



Among some of the works of art at the White Sail Gallery in Breakwater Bay, Ngamotu is some exquisite glass art.



A range of paintings at White Sail Gallery by Taranaki artists.

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Time to think about the garden

It's garden festival time. Aren't we fortunate to have this opportunity to visit some of New Zealand's most beautiful gardens right here in Taranaki? Visits to open gardens are worthwhile for both the experienced and newer gardener – offering inspiration and an opportunity to learn about planting and plants. Here are a few tips for developing and improving your garden. Firstly, make a plan and prioritise. A lawn for the kids? Vegetable garden? How big is the space? Consider a theme for your garden – a tropical look perhaps or a garden that attracts birds, bees and butterflies. Foliage is fashionable, with interest and colour introduced through planting a selection of trees and shrubs. Carefully select what colours you want – reds, oranges, yellows for brightness or for a calmer palette, blue, silver, white. At Palmers, our experienced staff can advise you on the best plants for your garden. If you plan to plant trees, it is good to get these in first as they provide structure to your space which you can then plant around. Next plant perennials if you are using these. Perennials last for several years and (usually) flower over summer and die-back during winter. Avoid over-planting, plant in odd numbers (unless you seek a very formal look). Repeat plants and colours across your garden for a unified look. Plant annuals to fill in gaps and for seasonal colour. Finally, like people plants need food, so visit us at Palmers for advice on how best to feed your garden.



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Hikurangi a colourful wonderland

Well worth a visit is Hikurangi, number 43 (page 18) in the Taranaki Fringe Festival handbook. It is located at 143 Upper Newall Road, Okato. Owner Maureen Brophy has been tending her tranquil seven acres of gardening splendour for seven years, with the help of Josh Brophy and David Fleming. She has entered the Fringe Garden Festival each of the seven years she has owned Hikurangi, which is Maori for tall mountain.

Maureen originally bought the property from Barbara Williams, but there was a catch: "I got preference because I was intending to keep Hikurangi open," explains Maureen. Adjoining Hikurangi is 160 acres of land used for dry stock, which Maureen also owns.

A feature of the garden is the myriad of vibrant colours, with many azaleas, rhododendrons, clivia and starxias to name a few, as well as established trees. "I like colour, as well as easy care and maintenance." Maureen adds, "There's a lot of yellow, such as candelabra primulas." She also loves pleasant aromas. "I love rata vines – smells like malt."

Many native birds enjoy the garden, including bellbirds, tuis, kereru and at night kiwis. Maureen says when she hears a nocturnal kiwi call, she rushes outside with a torch, but admits she is yet to spot one.

There is an appealing man-made lake which was once used to drive a turbine to provide electricity, which was used for the mill to produce timber for the woolshed and the house to be built. Canadian geese enjoy the peaceful watery setting.

These days the woolshed no longer has stock, but is modified slightly (character maintained) to provide a venue for weddings and other functions. At one time



The stunning lake.



Maureen in the Woolshed.

a ballet dance studio was established in the building. A series of well-maintained tracks (some grassy) allow easy wandering and there is some wheelchair access (although not total).

Make sure you include Hikurangi as part of your

Fringe Garden Festival experience (October 28-November 6). Picnic tables are available, as well as toilets. Maureen is a friendly well informed person who will guide you where necessary and answer any questions.

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Mike with his 1941 Fordson Standard tractor.

A long-standing Te Kiri favourite will again feature in this year's Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival. Mike and Colleen Starsmore have had their Camtiki Countrt Lodge Garden on Patiki Road in the Festival for the past four years..

When they bought the farm in 2017 off Geoff and Sheryl Campbell they liked the garden that came with it so much that they knew they had to share it with the public. "It's so beautiful we had to keep it going," says Colleen. "It's too nice a garden not to

share it." They had never entered a garden festival before, but with the guidance and support of Tammy their gardener they took the plunge. The garden is sheltered, with perennials, herbaceous plants, shrubs and mature trees. Features include an orchard, summer house, wishing well, fishpond, and a wooded area, out of which protrudes a hay tedder from the days when horses rather than tractors supplied the grunt.



The garden pond.

space available, and a sealed ring road, which was once a tanker track making it easier for larger vehicles to get in and out. There are toilets available. Visitors can enjoy teas and cupcakes from the café, which is a fundraiser for the Opunake Lions Club, or they can bring along their own picnic lunches while taking in the views of the garden and the maunga, and enjoying the sounds of the tui, morepork and other bird life. Colleen says the garden includes a lot of old-fashioned plants, and each year they like to propagate something different. This year it's Granny Bonnets,

and these will be on sale during the festival. One thing that will be new to the garden is the 1941 Fordson Standard tractor which Mike brought to New Zealand from England three years ago. This had been bought for Mike's father brand-new when he started work with the family agricultural contracting business. It was the height of World War II and S.P.Starsmore & Sons were operating in Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire. The original Fordsons had been painted orange, but this one was painted green, to avoid the eyes of Nazi bombers.

"When the German bombers flew over to Birmingham and had a spare bomb, they would drop it on anything that moved," said Mike. The Starsmore contracting business operated for over a century until the 1980s, serving 250 customers. It was a different age and work was more labour intensive. "They had their own inbuilt self-preservation regarding health and safety," said Mike. "They all understood the risks and there were no major injuries." Mike had fully restored the tractor with the help of Nigel Fraser from lassic Auto Repairs.

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An old horse drawn hay tedder.

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Visitors can see how they did things, with scale models of vintage threshing machines and bailers at work, which were made by Mike's father after he retired. All in all, a good time is promised for anyone coming to Camtiki Country Lodge Garden for the festival. "It makes it worthwhile for people to come out here, see the garden, have a coffee and a cupcake," says Mike.

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Above, below and at right: Scenes from the 2019 Taranaki National Art Awards. This years Awards run from Saturday the 29th October to November 6 at Opunake.

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Keeping Opunake as a destination town

There are several reasons behind Clem Coxhead and Lene Croucamp's new business venture. They have bought the Symes Outdoor and Sports on Tasman Street next door to their Opunake Discounter business and reopened it as Coastal Sports Centre. These reasons include keeping a retail tradition going that was built up by Brian Collins and others over the years. Another is to keep Opunake as a destination town and

ensure locals don't have to make special trips to New Plymouth or Hawera to get what they want. They have been open at the Coastal Sports Centre for the last four weeks. As well as offering the services previously supplied by Symes Outdoor and Sports, there are several additions, including selling electric push bikes and scooters. Following the gap left by the closure of the New Life Nursery after the retirement



Clem Coxhead with one of the newest additions to one of Opunake's newest shops.

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to drive to Hawera or New Plymouth to pick up a \$10 bag of mulch when it can be picked up locally. The same goes with repairs as well as fishing gear," says Clem. "The main reason we're taking on the business is to ensure it stays open, as it's been part of the community for more than 50 years. Due to the contribution made by Brian Collins and Warren Crawford we feel quite strongly that it needs to be retained and operated."

COASTAL SPORTS CENTRE
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Our focus this week is on the Coastal Garden Centre as we look forward to welcoming folk into town for the Garden Festival. We have a good selection of garden mulches, fertilizers, bark and garden tools. We are pleased to see Glen coming back to do repairs on Wednesdays as well as ammunition sales through his dealer licence. He may be here on other days but not guaranteed. We had a real buzz week with sale of two electric bicycles. We think they represent really good value for money at \$1,799.00. Come on in to see if we can find a bike that suits your needs. My final message this week is for everyone to realise that Opunake is and should be a destination town. We as retailers look after the locals during the week and every one should welcome visitors on the weekends. People like to meet the locals and to hear about the things we have to do and places to visit. Come on in for a browse. Phone 06 243 6002.

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Clem says they will be making a concerted effort to get a good supply of garden materials, and they will have a range of garden fertilisers and mulches and garden tools on hand.

They will also be setting up a small retail outlet for hand mowers and other garden equipment.

The electric push bikes and scooters are going well.

“We’ve already sold two electric bikes this week,” says Clem. “We’ve become agents for Ezi rider Electric fold up bikes and have one



Coastal Garden Centre stocking seedlings, mulch, potting mix and garden tools.

in stock for people e to try out.”

The business carries a full range of fishing bait and ice including salt ice.

“It’s been a very fast learning curve and we’ve really appreciated the local fishing club people who have been willing to give us the advice and support to make sure we provide a good service to everyone,” says Clem.

One advantage they have is that their Opunake Discounter business is right next door, so they are able to provide service outside the normal trading hours.

“Last night (at 9.15 pm) I ran over here to pump up a ball for a young boy,” says Clem.

They are also available to load products for customers as and when needed.

The shop will be open for extended hours on the festival weekends, and they are already building up supplies in time for Christmas.

“We like to find out what people want, as against filling up the shop with things people might not want to buy,” says Clem. “We’re usually able to get it in 24 hours.”

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Festival of Lights back at Pukekura Park

NPDC's award-winning TSB Festival of Lights is back to light up your summer and New Plymouth's iconic Pukekura Park from 17 December.

After an almost two-year hiatus due to Covid-19 restrictions, planning is well underway for what will be a jam-packed season with an all-new line up of dazzling light installations and a large programme of free entertainment, Festival Kids and Summer Senior events.

The festival will run from Saturday 17 December 2022 to Sunday 22 January 2023 and will feature 13 new installations connecting a three-kilometre light route within Pukekura Park, including *Evanescent* designed by Atelier Sisu from Sydney. The large-scale creation of immersive bubble-structures is sure to be a favourite as visitors experience the vibrant reflections.

A new addition this summer will see the team taking the festival on the road to Waitara and Inglewood with Festival of Lights on Tour events, so be sure to keep an eye out with more details to come.

NPDC Group Manager – Community & Customer



Light feature *Evanescent* – Designed by 'Atelier Sisu' from Sydney

Services Teresa Turner says the festival is almost finalised and organisers were keen to give festival lovers a glimpse of what to expect as people plan their summer holidays.

"Even if you have been many times before, we are always looking to evolve the festival, as we did earlier this year with the Winter Pop-Up event in the CBD, attracting

around 15,000 people over four days," says Ms Turner.

"There's something for everyone as well, from Festival Kids for families to get involved to Summer Seniors, Light Bites and Refreshments, and amazing entertainment."

NPDC's Festival of Lights took home two awards at this year's New Zealand

Event Association Awards (NZEA), including Best Local Government Event and New Zealand's Favourite Event for the 2020/2021 season.

Venture Taranaki, Chief Executive Kelvin Wright says: "We are thrilled the TSB Festival of Lights is back

this summer to light up the world-renowned Pukekura Park, significantly adding to our region's vibrancy and encouraging domestic travel and visitation."

Up to 150,000 people visit the TSB Festival of Lights in New Plymouth's Pukekura Park each summer.

The last season of the festival (2020/2021), 41% of festival attendees were from outside of the New Plymouth District.

Up to 9,000 people attend the festival's free New Year's Eve event.

In 2022 the TSB Festival of Lights won two New Zealand Event Association Awards from their last season, including Best Government Event 2021 and New Zealand's Favourite Event 2021 (as voted by the public).

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**The Potters Exhibition at
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Robyn Smaller, Margaret Foley and Donna Hitchcock.

This exhibition runs from October 24 until November 18. The Village Gallery is open from 10am until 3pm, Monday to Saturday and also Sundays during the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival. (October 28-November 6).

The artists include Margaret Foley and Robyn Smaller and Donna Hitchcock, who are curating the exhibition. They have been exhibiting together for over ten years and make pottery and mixed media pieces for the home and garden to coincide with the Fringe festival. "We all have been potting for decades and still enjoy the buzz of pulling out our creations from the kiln."

The three potters are on the Committee helping to run the Village Gallery, which is at 166 High Street, Eltham. Make sure you make time to see the work of these talented potters. There may well be something that would make a great Christmas present.



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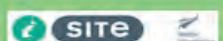
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Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake: 10am every Sunday
Other areas
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Okato Community Church
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TUESDAYS

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.

WEDNESDAYS

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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 4.30 to 6.30pm.

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

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

WEEKENDS

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

OCTOBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 5

Taranaki Heritage month: See article for more info.

OCTOBER 22

Under the Mountain Arts & Crafts fete: Taranaki Diocesan School, Stratford. 10am-3pm.

Opening night, Stratford Speedway: Gates open 4pm. Racing starts 6pm. See advert for details of further events.

OCTOBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 22

The Potters Exhibition: At the Village Gallery, Eltham.

OCTOBER 24 TO DECEMBER 3

A Christmas Crackup: At the Hawera Repertory Theatre, Hawera.

OCTOBER 25

Ngati Tara o Oaonui Sandy Bay Society Incorporated AGM: Oaonui Hall, 5pm.

OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 6

Taranaki Arts Trail

OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 6

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

OCTOBER 29

Opunake Market Day

NOVEMBER 1

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NOVEMBER 2 TO 12

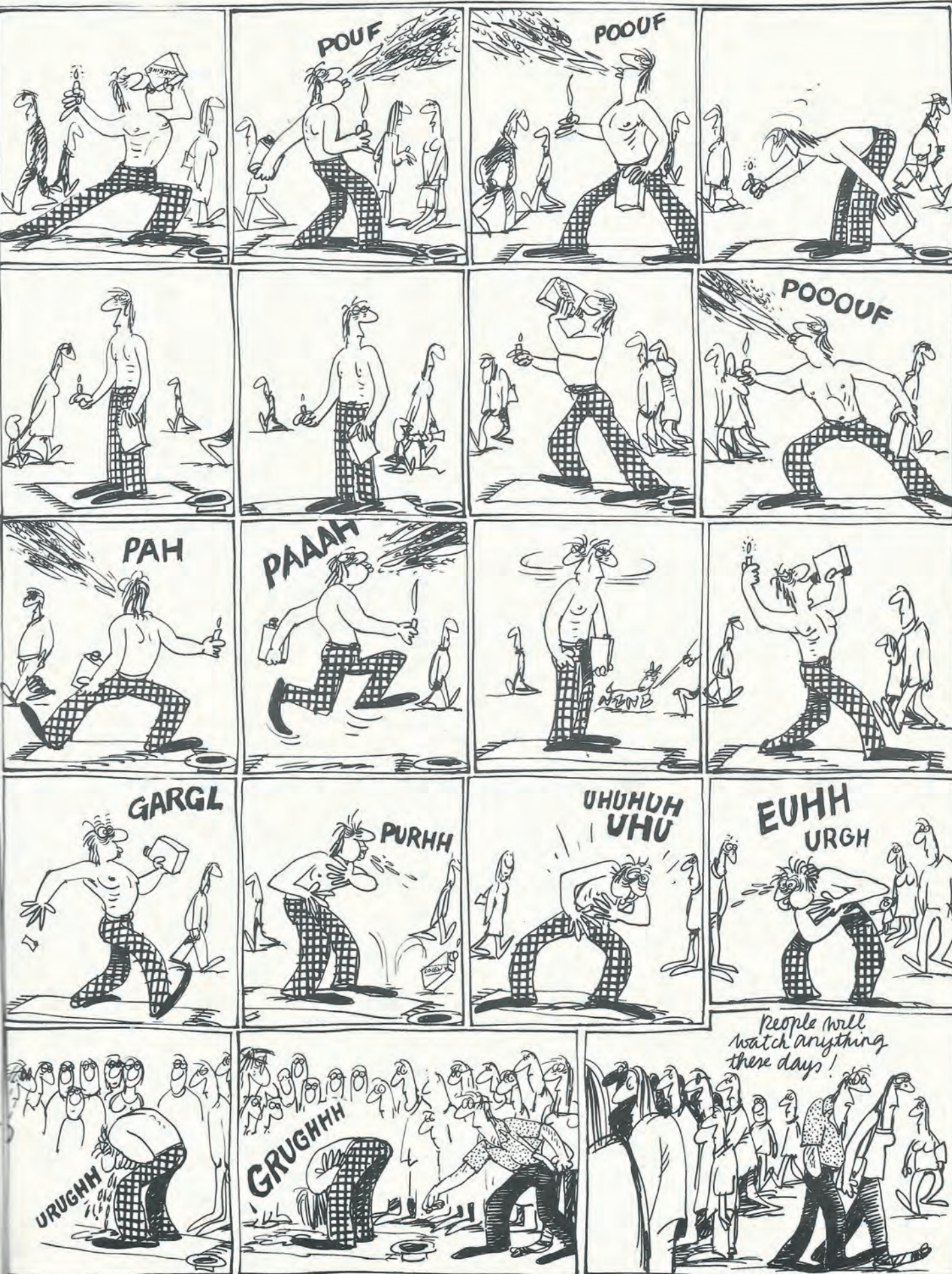
Sex, Drugs & Rick 'n' Noel Cue Theatre, Inglewood.

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DECEMBER 10

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