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Taking the jab to the country

With Gypsy Day and the busy calving season behind them, farmers around Taranaki have been getting the COVID jab.

The Taranaki District Health Board has been holding a series of Rural Community Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics in country halls around the province. In the last two weeks it has been the turn of the coast, with clinics held in Rahotu, Oaonui, Pihama, Te Kiri, Okato and Auroa, as well as Kaponga and Eltham.

On October 8 they were at Oaonui Hall. At 1.30pm, there had already been about 60 people through to get their jab, said Oaonui farmer and Hall Committee chairman Andy Whitehead. Although there were a couple who had come for their second jab, most of them were getting their first vaccination. The Hall Committee had put on breakfast, with savouries and sandwiches being available all day.

"We're grateful that they've been coming out to the rural communities to take it to the people and support the whole community. It's been a great success from our point of



Andy Whitehead with Jennie Woods.

view," said Andy. Jennie Woods who was there carrying out the vaccinations said they had appreciated the way the Hall Committee had supported them. As

well as the hospitality this had included having a sign outside letting locals and passing motorists along the Surf Highway know that the clinic was coming to Oaonui.

For Margaret Peters (nee Bishop) who was helping out with the vaccinations, coming to the Oaonui Hall was something of a trip down memory lane, having

grown up around there. She remembers the hall being the scene of dances, flower shows and other events. Helping out with the clinic was also a time to re-acquaint herself with some of the locals.

"I used to go on the school bus past here every day. It's been cool to come back to my old stamping ground," she said.

Margaret, who now lives in New Plymouth had retired from nursing four years ago, but had come out of retirement to help with the vaccination programme.

"I've been a nurse all my life and I've been retired for the last seven years," she says. "I've been doing this for the last four months. People think you just come out of retirement, but there's a lot of online learning to do. I've had to re-register and join the New Zealand Nurses Organisation again.

"This Covid is quite scary really," she says. "Before I retired I spent quite a bit of time with ICUs and ventilators., and that's what's going to cause us problems if it gets out of hand."

"They're overcoming their hesitancy"

Coastal Care in Opunake was a hive of activity with the Super Saturday Vaxathon. "It's been good. We've done a lot of people having their first vaccine. They're overcoming their hesitancy," said Karen Ellerton, site co-ordinator for the mobile team who were operating out of Coastal Care.

The fact that the feared Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 is creeping south had clearly brought home the reality of the danger of it becoming possible in their lives.

"It means they've overcome that mental barrier and will likely come back for a second."

Karen added it was also good to see a few multigenerational families turning up.

"A few had questions and some previously had definitely been working on misinformation from social media, friends and family," she said adding "Sometimes these things take on a life of their own."

With a big screen continuously broadcasting the Vaxathon at Coastal Care a big cheer among the six vaccination staff when the Prime Minister appeared just



The mobile Covid team had a busy day in Opunake.

after 3pm to announce that a record 100,000 people had been vaccinated that day surpassing the previous record of 70,000 vaccinated in one day.

There were other mobile vaccination units on Saturday at other centres round the mountain including at Okato, Hawera and Stratford. Said Karen, the mobile unit

had been travelling round the Mountain the last week and had been at smaller centres such as Manaia and Kaponga during the week. There had been a permanent clinic in

Hawera for the past five months.

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We still need electricity

The idea of decommissioning our oil and gas fields in our province and country would be totally disastrous regardless of what Greenpeace, our climate change commissioner or anyone else really thinks.

At the moment we need every little ounce of electricity our whole country needs, simply because it would take away jobs. We still need motorised vehicles, both petrol and diesel, just like our farming industry does.

So instead of cutting our electricity off, our country’s biggest problem is pollution which needs addressing all the time, especially with the ever growing population, and it’s still slowly increasing. Also

know that our government has given permission to any one with our oil and gas explorations, while in the meantime looking for alternative power sources to keep our electricity going throughout the country as our rest homes, hospitals, offices, retail shops, restaurants, hotels, people’s homes, schools, cinemas, and so on all require electricity to become a viable entity for us all, and not just a few.

There’s been no concrete evidence that oil and gas explorations, hurricanes, cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and heavy rains is all caused by climate change, as this has been taking place for billions upon billions of years, well before any human being

stepped foot on or walked this earth, as the animal kingdom was here well before man ever stepped foot on this planet we all call Earth.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Racism

This is my second letter this week as I was not in receipt of your October 7 edition. In respect to the letter of Mr Rex Ward (October 7 issue) regarding Alison Cole, I made phone contact with Mr Ward and had a great respectful friendly conversation and, as Alison’s uncle, I will ask her to contact Mr Ward. By doing this it could mean your newspaper need not reply. My second comment

is on Rolland McKellar’s comments (Editorial, page 3, October 7 issue) on Debbie Ngarewa-Packer and Rawiri Waititi regarding replacing place names back to Maori. Debbie is overusing the word racism, which seems to be a key word in nearly all her comments, but to me they are as racist as the words could mean colour against white, but being a realist people using the word will continue, but in most cases (the accusation) has no foundation, but simply employed to bolster up a weak point.

It may be hard for Debbie of Rawiri to accept that Maori girls are marrying Pakeha boys or the reverse. This grey coloured coloured person,

Gordon (Mac) Sole.
Hawera

ADELPHOS

High and low, black and white, hot and cold and day and night. Do you remember those colourful children’s books teaching about opposite words? They were written to teach little children how to make sense in a grownup’s world. Children under five live in two worlds: their little world and the adult world.

Jesus taught His followers they’ll face similar challenges living in two different worlds: The kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world. Both kingdoms have always presented opposite sets of values. This tension will continue until the Lord returns. We’ll see in this article that Christianity has never been for the faint-hearted.

But let’s first examine two cornerstone examples of

Living in the Land of Opposites

opposite values and how Christians can victoriously live in two worlds. The first one is forgiveness vs. unforgiveness. Have you noticed how high profile people who make comments considered to be offensive/racist in the media rarely have their apologies accepted? Despite repeated pleadings for forgiveness, their employers are pressurised into firing and blackballing their careers. The opposite of this unforgiving vengeance is the kingdom value of forgiveness: It frees people from the self-poisoning retribution that separates them from God and others.

The second cornerstone example of opposite values is morality vs. immorality. The apostle Paul paints a picture of a foul boiling cauldron of immorality,

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like...” (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV). In the next two verses he lists some life-giving kingdom value and virtues to replace them: “...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.... Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.” Kingdom Christianity is certainly not for the faint-hearted. But it involves courageously “crucifying” one’s own sinful nature.

C.S. Lewis’ book and TV production, *The Lion, the Witch and the*

Wardrobe, is about such courage. Aslan (the great kingly Lion) supported Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter. Only through their courage and faith in Him did they finally defeat the evil Queen of Narnia in battle. Aslan was always there but they couldn’t always see Him. A victorious life in a new Narnia awaits them now that Aslan will forever have their backs.

So friends, the great news is this, “...Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” In 2021 Jesus still promises to have the backs of those who live by the gospel’s kingdom principles and not by the world’s opposite values and practices. Because He still loves, cares and died for everyone in the land of opposites. No reira, kia kaha. Kia kaha. Kia kaha! Be strong!

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.

Editor

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Letters to the Editor

Risk

It is difficult to argue un-sourced numbers (letters B.Dixon.Oct.7) but I'll wager every opinion can find numbers online to support it.

In this case, my understanding is; VAERS/ UKyellow card/ EuroVigilance numbers are administered by Medical Authorities in UK, EU and USA. It is a medical system requiring Data as input (latest numbers : <http://www.adrreports.eu/en/index.html> 12,184 deaths/ 1,196,190 injuries. <https://yellowcard.uk-column.org/yellow-card-reports> /1,672 Deaths/368,001 total reports. openvaers.com /16,310 vaccine reported deaths/ 778,683 covid vaccine adverse event reports) VAERS numbers are gen-

erally thought to represent less than actual harms suffered, by orders of magnitude depending - as ever - on who you read. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33039207/> But the consensus is that VAERS under-reports numbers of VAX adverse events.

The suggestion that 'Covid would be a non-issue if US fully vaccinated,' is also perplexing. Lab Tzar FAUCI - linked to Gain-of-Function bioweapons programs creating the 'virus' - is pushing for a third dose, to be 'fully vaxxed' and Israel is already calling for the fourth <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/covid-vaccine-israel-fourth-dose-b1915076.html>

So, what is 'full vaccination' if last-

ing only 3-6 months? If it doesn't stop transmission or infection?

In fact; according to Geert Vanden Bossche [DMV, PhD, virologist/vaccine expert former employee GAVI / The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation] and Luc Montagnier [Nobel Laureate/discoverer of HIV]; mass vaccination during pandemic creates the super variant. So why force it?

Michael Yeadon, ex Vice President and Chief Science Officer of Pfizer; argues similarly.

Of course, experts can be found for every argument; but; with so much data pointing toward adverse event/ADE/Myocarditis/ and other serious risks evidenced in the VAERS numbers; the 'odds' Mr Dixon quotes to keep us safe; are getting ever narrower.

Roger Morris
Oeo.

Highway dilemma

One can understand where Councillor Bryan Roach's concerns are, as I don't know

much about our highways sinking, but what I do know , that under nine years of a National Government they did absolutely completely nothing , and as for safety, it really doesn't matter how money is spent on them now and in the future, I am afraid there will always be accidents.

Once we did have separate county councils like the Clifton County, Waitara Borough Council, the New Plymouth City Council, Stratford and Hawera County Councils and the Ministry of Works, but when Roger Douglas brought in privatisation, all our highways and other roads went backwards until now.

So maybe Councillor, if you have a spare moment or two, I'd drive around the mountain and just see what some motorists really do, like passing on double yellow lines, overtaking another vehicle while there's oncoming traffic, not giving way or even stopping at intersections, drivers talking on their cellphones, or eating while speeding.

I do know it's been the

wettest spring I've known myself in the last 25 years, but we still can't do without our great farming industry, despite what our Climate Change Commissioner says, as I don't think these people have ever been on a farm, but like our oil and gas they get blamed for climate change, which is absolutely ludicrous, as there's no concrete proof or evidence to say this.

Tom Stephens
New Plymouth

Brian Tamaki and COVID

I forward this letter in disbelief of seeing on television a person and the leader of a cult named Brian, or is it "No Brain" Tamaki, leader of the so-called Destiny Church," which in conscience is not a Christian group, but, as I wrote above, a cult, which could fall into cult groups such as Jones in Guyana, Davidians of Waco, and Marshall Applewhite's sect who wished to be called Do/Doti and believe in Terrestrials. In 1997, he and his followers had a last supper, and then they all committed suicide, so as to

join the Terrestrials.

Tamaki addressed his followers, advising them not to wear masks, or have the anti-COVID injection. His followers looked as if they are of criminal groups and escapers from mental institutional premises. I believe they pay Tamaki some of their income, known as tithing, which saves him working. He surely would now qualify to be part of the present day Maori political party with such ideas. I was in the past a supporter of the Maori Party in the times of Tariana Turia.

One can only hope that the authorities take Tamaki to task for his idiotic address, putting thousands of people in mortal danger, and this must surely be a criminal act and treated accordingly.

I have no respect for those who will not have the injection, excluding those who will not for medical reasons.

(Noho ora mai I o koutou kainga. Stay well in your homes).

Gordon(Mac)Sole.
Hawera.

"They're overcoming their hesitancy"

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She noticed there had bit of a pattern regarding vaccinations. After the Delta virus was detected in Sydney there had been a surge of vaccinations followed by a period of complacency, then when the Delta variant came to Auckland, another surge of vaccinations and when it got to Waikato yet another surge.

The Government stance on mandatory vaccination for health professionals and those in education had shown the Government was taking the Delta threat seriously.

Karen pointed out however that the vaccine doesn't take effect immediately. It takes two weeks following the jab before the antibodies build

up and you're fully protected.

Karen said the Delta virus symptoms were unpleasant. She spoke of someone she knew who had caught it who became very sick. Her friend described aching in his bones which "felt like they were breaking". He also referred to the pain in his muscles. The man ended up on oxygen with an IV line giving him steroids every day. This was all some months ago and he was still not a hundred percent she said. There was also the potential of long term lung damage as happens with "long COVID" which has a host of health implications.

Overall it had been a successful day, agreed the Covid team in Opunake.

We have had some criticism for publishing a range of opinions in our Letters to the Editor.

Our policy generally with letters is to pretty much put in any letters subject to their not being defamatory and risk our getting sued.

To paraphrase Voltaire, We may not agree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it.

All of us here at the Opunake & Coastal News have had at least one jab.

As the Delta variant of the Covid 19 virus that first made its appearance last year creeps south, however, it is clear that the situation is serious and worsening. At the time of going to print a record 94 cases of Covid-19 were reported in the community today, the largest number of new cases reported in one day since the start of the pandemic.

In June we featured on the front page the pitiful situation in India and the effect of the Delta virus. People were dying so fast they struggled with funeral arrangements. Many new immigrants in New Zealand had relatives and friends back in India who were suffering.

The Delta virus, which has now reached our shores, is taking hold.

While elimination worked with the less virulent original corona virus it's not going to work with the Delta variant.

With 94% of doctors vaccinated and pretty much the entire scientific community urging vaccination, it is folly to not

EDITORIAL

United we stand, divided we fall



A memorial near Ngamotu Beach to those who lost their lives in the 1918 Influenza Epidemic.

listen to the experts.

Our best and indeed only armour, as the failure of the lockdown has proved against this terrible virus, is to vaccinate. Vaccination has worked with other debilitating and deadly diseases such as polio, diphtheria and smallpox. In

the last weeks a vaccine has been found to protect against malaria which in 2019, the last year with complete statistics, killed 409,000 people.

The memorial at Ngamotu Beach to those who died in the 1918 flu epidemic is a salutary lesson to us all.

More people died in the 1918 flu epidemic than died in the First World War.

We're in a world war against Covid.

So we urge everyone to get on board and get vaccinated.

United we stand. Divided we fall.



Laura Duffy gives Joe Gibson his jab at the Kaponga Rural Pop-Up Clinic on Friday.

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The world could have done with a vaccine in 1918

With the contagious Delta variant of Covid 19 heading south and the rallying call headed by the Prime Minister to get vaccinated gaining momentum it is perhaps timely to remember the 1918 flu which ravaged the world over a century ago. In New Zealand it killed 9000 people – over half of all New Zealanders those who lost their life in the First World War. Worldwide 50 million were estimated to have died from it. The 1918 Spanish flu as it was dubbed was also caused - like COVID 19 - by a virus, though thought to be of avian origin. The death rate was highest among the very young and

the elderly. At its height in the US, so infectious was it that 28% of people who caught it, died. It particularly spread among troops living as they were in close proximity. The symptoms of the 1918 influenza were similar to those of the current corona virus pandemic; fever, fluid in the lungs and head and body aches. Of those that survived some faced lifelong health issues due to the flu. Back in 1918 isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, the wearing of masks etc. were practised. Quinine and codeine were used to treat coughing but there was no cure. And there were no vaccines.

Viruses

Viruses are small particles of genetic material (either DNA or RNA) that are surrounded by a protein coat. Viruses are incapable of reproducing on their own – unlike bacteria. They need a host (ie a living cell) to reproduce and depend on the organisms they infect for their survival. They infect a host by either attaching or ‘budding’ to it, or by directly inserting their genetic material into the cells and hijacking the cells own genetic material to make more virus particles, which then replicate. Eventually the invader destroys the host cell liberating the newly formed virus particles.

The corona virus belongs to a group of RNA viruses previously associated with the common cold. All corona viruses consist of a single strand of mRNA encased in a protein structure with characteristic projections - protein spikes - that extend outwards into space from its roughly spherical viral particle. The projections help the virus infect its host by latching onto healthy cells.

The Covid19 corona virus strain which first made its appearance in December 2019 was a new strain not previously identified in humans. It was particularly contagious and deadly.

The Covid 19 virus’ particular virulence was traced to the fact that the spikes on this new strain made it even more ideally suited for invading and taking over cells than the corona virus responsible for the common cold. Furthermore this new strain as well as being highly contagious and causing lung injury, resulted in damaging the vascular cells by affecting the mitochondria causing mitochondria fragmentation. It has also been shown to be capable of infecting other cell types, including the heart and brain.

The virus itself was also able to mutate into even more virulent forms as has happened with new variants subsequently found in the UK, in South Africa and Brazil. The delta variant of the original Covid 19 virus is one of the even more contagious variants of the new strain of Covid 19.

Vaccines

Vaccines date back to 1796 when Edward Jenner was the first to protect against smallpox in a scientific manner though he did not go on and develop the vaccine. Others did however.

By 1926 there was a vaccine against diphtheria and in 1938 a vaccine against tetanus. In 1955 a vaccine

against polio which had assumed the realms of an epidemic causing paralysis and sometimes death in its victims, was rolled out. It had taken 20 years to come up with the polio vaccine. Smallpox soon followed.

By the mid-1980s, measles, mumps, rubella and polio had been added. Others since include chicken pox, hepatitis and HPV. These vaccines are now typically given to babies as a matter of course.

It is estimated that a child born in 2019 has a 72% better chance of survival against 10 major fatal diseases thanks to vaccines than an unimmunised child.

Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak there had already been considerable research dating back 20 years into corona virus and the common cold. Fortunately, the spike protein is one of the major proteins that our immune system recognised to begin to fight off the virus and is targeted in the creation of vaccines.

When the recent pandemic struck there was a worldwide effort to find a vaccine which accelerated the process. There are now several vaccines available. These are the Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca/Oxford and Novatex vaccines.

Though no vaccine is 100%

effective, trials on the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were conducted on around 75,000 people. The vaccines had around a 95% success rate. When cases did occur in the vaccine group they were mild. It is still not certain how long these vaccines will provide people with protection.

Pfizer vaccine

The vaccine produced by Pfizer and Moderna is perhaps the one most used and well known.

It doesn’t contain any viral protein and acts by giving instructions to our immune system to make our own version of the spike protein which happens shortly after immunisation.

Production of the spike which is recognised as an alien inside our cells then starts the process of summoning protective antibodies and T cell production that latch onto the real corona virus spikes effectively disabling the coronavirus cells and preventing them from infecting other cells.

Other vaccines, such as the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine use double stranded DNA in a harmless virus which, though able to enter cells, cannot replicate in them. Once again it triggers the production of T and B lymphocytes to fight the virus.



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Long haul ahead with Long Covid

Two years since the Covid-19 pandemic began, more evidence is emerging about its long-term health impacts - often called Long Covid. Baz MacDonald breaks it down and looks at what it means for New Zealand and the world.

"To be clear, Long Covid is real," Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield said at the 1pm conference on September 30.

Long Covid is the term New Zealand uses for a range of long-term health impacts some people who have recovered from Covid-19 experience.

Around the world, this is also referred to as Chronic Covid Syndrome and Long-haul Covid.

Dr Bloomfield's comments come after new research found 37 percent of Covid-19 survivors experienced one or more health impacts between three and six months after recovering from the virus.

These patients often refer to themselves as Covid long haulers.

The research, from the University of Oxford and the UK National Institute for Health Research, show symptoms include abnormal breathing (19 percent), abdominal issues (16 percent), and fatigue (13 percent).

However, the most common symptom was depression and anxiety, with 23 percent of long haulers experiencing these.

Young people and women were the most likely groups to experience Long Covid symptoms, the paper showed, as well as those who experienced severe symptoms when infected



Dr Ashley Bloomfield

with Covid-19.

And while people could experience long-term health impacts from contracting the Influenza virus, the paper found the occurrence of long-term impacts from Covid was significantly higher.

New Zealand's Covid long haulers

Dr Anna Brooks is a cellular immunologist at the University of Auckland, and has been a vocal advocate for Long Covid sufferers in Aotearoa. She also runs a New Zealand Long Covid support group, called New Zealand Covid Long Haulers..

It has nearly 300 members, with most having caught Covid during New Zealand's first outbreak at the start of 2020.

The most common symptoms they discuss are neurological ones, like fatigue and brain fog, as

well as the more commonly discussed Covid symptoms such as shortness of breath and chest pain.

"There are many people who haven't been able to return to work because these are very difficult symptoms to deal with," Dr Brooks said.

It's also not clear from research or the experience of these long haulers how long these symptoms are likely to persist, Dr Brooks said.

For context, the new research from Oxford University and the UK National Institute for Health Research was the largest survey on Long Covid yet. It analysed the health records of 81 million patients, including over 270,000 Covid-19 survivors.

Dr Brooks says "Ttere is a spectrum of recovery."

"Most long haulers from March 2020 are still very sick, and experience relapses

of symptoms or even new symptoms appearing. Within our group, that is a significant portion."

"We have no idea even now whether someone might recover, or they will have symptoms long term," she said.

Why Long Covid is a huge health issue everywhere

So far, there have been 219 million cases of Covid-19 worldwide.

If one in three survivors will experience long-term health impacts as this paper suggests, the world is going to have a huge health challenge ahead of it, Dr Brooks said.

New Zealand's elimination strategy has spared us the huge scale long-term health impacts, Dr Brooks said, but we still need to be prepared to treat people who do suffer from Long Covid in Aotearoa.

While Long Covid clinics in the UK and US have been overwhelmed by patients, Dr Brooks said New Zealand long haulers have had the opposite problem - with many encountering doctors unaware of these long-term symptoms or how to diagnose and treat them.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has a conference on Long Covid planned, and is expected to present definitions for diagnosis of this condition.

"People tend to sideline it because it is difficult to diagnose. [The WHO definition] should help with that," Dr Brooks said.

An ongoing issue with

dealing with Long Covid will be understanding the scale of the issue, she said, particularly because countries around the world have been thorough in reporting new cases of Covid-19, but less so in tracking recovered cases or survivors experiencing long-term symptoms.

What we're doing at home

In New Zealand, while we have tracked the number of recovered cases, it is not clear if we have kept a record of the number of people who have contracted and recovered from Covid-19 overseas before returning to New Zealand.

"Some people might be reluctant to even share that in New Zealand," Dr Brooks said.

"There is a real stigma around getting Covid in New Zealand - which doesn't exist elsewhere where Covid is prevalent."

To deal with the long-term

effects of Long Covid, more research is needed to understand how it presents, for how long, and how it can be treated, Dr Brooks said.

The Ministry of Health has commissioned a study to better understand the ongoing health impacts of long haulers in New Zealand.

But, in the short term, Dr Brooks said the high proportion of Long Covid sufferers should be an extra incentive for everyone to get vaccinated.

"You don't hear people balancing the damage this virus can do to your body long term, with the very low harms we are seeing from the vaccine," she said.

"The vaccine will help. If you get less symptoms from infection, you are going to get fewer Long Covid symptoms."



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On this month in history Lord Rutherford dies

On October 19, 1937 Lord Ernest Rutherford died aged 66. His death was avoidable; a hernia had not been treated and became strangulated leading to intestinal paralysis.

He was born in Brightwater (near Nelson) on August 30, 1871.

After university he had a laboratory in Christchurch

which is now the Art Centre (old university site). Overseas he worked in Canada and the United Kingdom (in 1919 he was appointed Director of the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge University). A physicist he was known as 'the father of physics'.

In 1908 he won the Nobel prize for Chemistry for his

investigation of the elements and the chemistry of radioactive substances. He is more simply known as the scientist who split the atom.

After cremation his remains were buried in Westminster Abbey near Sir Issac Newton's resting place.

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Fire in timber stack at HCL Builders

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the main building could have been threatened. A huge cloud of smoke extended down Whitcombe Road. A second fire engine arrived at 10.08, as did a fire police vehicle, but the containment was well underway. The water to fight the fire came from a hydrant immediately opposite from



Opunake Volunteer fire-fighters busy extinguishing a fire in the wood timber storage area at 48 Allison Street (Corner of Allison Street and Whitcombe Road, Opunake).

the premises on Whitcombe Road. The situation was well under control within half an hour.

There were quite a few people watching the fire and one resident commented, "This is the second time

there has been a fire here (at HCL) in the last 12 months." Last time he said a fence was on fire. This time, he thought

that the cause has been a rubbish fire, which had got out of control, although this has not confirmed.

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Tender Closes
4pm, Friday 19th November 2021
at McDonald Real Estate Ltd
50 Tasman Street, Opunake

Located on Arawhata Road this 31.03Ha (76.68 acre) West Coast Lease block is currently grazing 107 May-to-May dairy heifers and cutting supplements.

Open Days

Wednesday 27 October
10:30am-11:00am
Wednesday 03 November
10:30am-11:00am
Wednesday 10 November
10:30am-11:00am

Being rectangular in shape, the farm is well fenced into 10 paddocks, and has the reliable Oaonui water supplied to the front half of the farm with the remainder being of natural sources.

The land is of easy contour with some small Lahar at the front running back to more easy and flatter contoured land at the back where the vendor cuts approximately 7ha for supplements annually.

There is a large barn with a capacity to hold approximately 165 bales of hay (15's) and a handy set of cattle yards with load out on the Arawhata Road frontage.

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Mangatoki WI

Our August meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall on August 4, when 15 members attended, and five apologies were received. It was the first time we had met "at home" for some months and took the form of a soup and bun lunch. Prior to lunch, the business meeting was held and we were welcomed by Robyn Roberts, our president and aspirations said. The minutes were read by Secretary Helen Whyte, correspondence read, and a sympathy card sent. Treasurer Cathy White read the bank statement, a number of donations were made and a letter to the bank was read regarding the banking system.

Business: baking for Daffodil Day to be taken

to Robyn on August 26th for 27th. Bed socks to be donated, either hand knitted or bought and to be machine washable. "Money for the Price of a Bake", as an August effort, to be donated to medical Research. The sick visiting was done.

Competitions: - Flower. 1. Denise Carter. 2. Lucy Moger. 3. Helen Whyte. Shrub. 1. Bev Marx. 2. Denise Carter. 3. Cathy White. The raffles were won by Lucy Moger and Kathy Cameron.

After the business meeting, we all enjoyed the soup and bun lunch. The soups had been made by the hostesses for the month, Karen Joblin and Jenny Brown. Also, some members had made slices to have after the soup,

very nice, thank you to them. There was no meeting in September due to the covid restrictions. On October 6, 12 members were welcomed by President Robyn Roberts (and two of Karen Joblin's granddaughters) to the Mangatoki Hall, for a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea Fundraiser, provided by our hostesses for the month, Kathy Cameron and Barbara Waite and was enjoyed by members.

Our business meeting followed the morning tea, starting with the aspirations. Secretary Helen Whyte then read the minutes and the South Taranaki Newsletter and functions which had been cancelled. Sympathy cards had been sent and "thanks" received for previous

ones sent. Our Treasurer Cathy White, read the bank statement and a letter from the National Federation regarding banking. Denise read an amusing reading she had found and had previously sent via email, some covid humour to cheer us up. Thanks Denise.

Competitions: Flower. 1. Helen Whyte. 2. Bev Marx. 3. Cathy White and Lucy Moger. Shrub. 1. Robyn Roberts. 2. Maree Kemp, 3. Denise Carter.

A large number of bed socks were donated. The raffle was won by Lucy Moger. was no church cleaning done this month and Helen Whyte was going to take an evening meal to Liz and Mike later in the day.

Lucy Moger.

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Open Days

Wednesday 27 October
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Wednesday 03 November
11:15am-11:45am
Wednesday 10 November
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This is a top little block and is flat in contour, well fenced and as an extra is on the Oaonui water scheme. The home comprises an older but very tidy 4-bedroomed villa which is set back off the road and support buildings include a 3-bay storage shed/barn, separate barn and a disused cowshed with yards.

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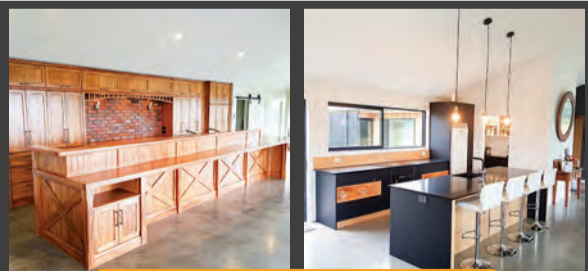


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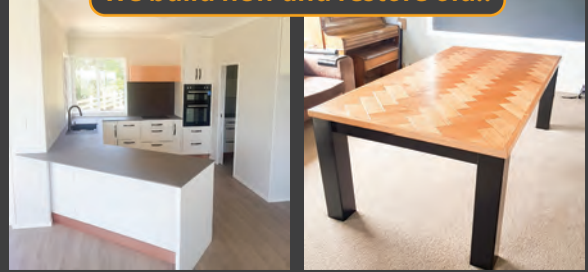
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Super Saturday in Okato

There was a steady stream of people calling at Hempton Hall, Okato on Saturday October 16 where a team of health professionals were administering the Covid-19 vaccine (Pfizer). Unite against Covid 19 was the rallying slogan for Super Saturday in countless locations all over New Zealand. The overall aim is for as many New Zealanders as possible to be vaccinated – with an ideal goal of at least 90%.

The Okato team was led by registered nurse Karena Taylor. Assisting Karena were vaccinators Ian Anderson, Maree Bayliss and Hannah Hofmans (Administrator).

With the programme starting at 10am (and continuing until 3pm), by 11.30am over 30 people had been vaccinated. One of these was local man Brian Doyle. With a smile he made this comment about the injection, “I didn’t feel it. I didn’t even know they’d done it.”

A number of well-spaced chairs had been set out in the hall. After their injection people are requested to sit on chair for a while just in case there is an adverse



The Rapid Relief Team tent at Okato on Super Saturday.

reaction, which could need attention from one of the health professionals. This monitoring is a standard precaution when vaccinations are being carried out.

Outside the hall in support was the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), who, apart from being very welcoming had sausages and chocolate for people who turned up to be vaccinated. They

are well-equipped with custom-designed and built equipment including a fully equipped catering trailer, a refrigeration unit and a colourful marquee. Manning the RRT were

Ashley and Brandi. RRT is a volunteer not-for-profit organisation which serves local communities in times of need. The organisation arose in New Zealand from the plight of Christchurch people at the time of the two earthquakes. The volunteers are also members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church. “We strive to practice true Christianity in our way of life which includes being caring, active and contributing citizens and doing what we can to help.” The vaccines are free and available to all those 12 years and older. The vaccine

works by triggering immune cells to produce antibodies and blood cells that work against the Covid-19 virus. People need two doses of the vaccine six weeks apart or more. The vaccine is safe, although there have been a very small number of allergic reactions or inflammation of the heart. There are some minor side effects vaccinated people have experienced on a short term basis, such as headache, nausea, and swelling or pain at the injection site and these are more common after the second dose.



Above: This Super-Man was just one of many who go a vaccine dose vaccine at Okato.

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A super Super Saturday

Thank you to everyone in Taranaki who participated in Super Saturday on 16 October. It was a massive community effort that saw over 2880 people in Taranaki step up to receive a vaccination

dose on Super Saturday. Our sincerest thanks goes out to the hard working staff and volunteers behind the scenes, who helped with sausage sizzles and made phone calls to people with offers of help to get to a



STEPH LEWIS
MP FOR WHANGANUI

help drive up vaccination rates to get us even closer to getting back to doing the things we love and seeing the people we love. Getting vaccinated is the best way we can ensure we have a good kiwi summer with as few restrictions as possible. For us, Super Saturday started on Friday with our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, visiting Taranaki to encourage our people to get vaccinated. Saturday morning had us leaping out of the gates. As MP for New Plymouth, Glen, travelled throughout the electorate, starting in Opunake and finishing in Waitara. At Coastal Care, the vaccination clinic was in full swing with a lively fun atmosphere. Okato was the same, with the community getting behind the drive to ensure we vaccinate as many people as we could.



GLEN BENNETT
MP FOR NEW PLYMOUTH

In the week leading up to Super Saturday Steph spent time with health workers in Hawera and Eltham, and worked with the Mt View Lions to organise a BBQ for those getting vaccinated at the TSB Hub in Hawera. From our visits to vaccination centres, we can both agree, it was humbling to see so many people behind the scenes, helping to make Super Saturday such a success. If you have already had your

first dose, or you're fully vaccinated, we are asking you to support your family and friends to get vaccinated too. Share your vaccination experience with your friends and whanua or offer to drive your friends to your local vaccination centre. We are also interested to hear your reason for getting vaccinated. Send us an email to, glen.bennettmp@parliament.govt.nz and steph.lewismp@parliament.govt.nz, telling us why you got vaccinated in 50 words or less and we may feature your reason on our social media pages. Your message could encourage someone else to get their first dose, and save lives.

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vaccination centre. To all the medical professionals and teams at vaccination sites who worked extra hours to ensure people could get vaccinated, we can't thank you enough. Finally, we want to thank all those who came and got their vaccine, helping to ensure our community is better protected from COVID-19. Together we are all much stronger and safer. There is still more to do to

Vets need dedicated MIQ spaces now

“An acute shortage of vets could lead to animal welfare issues if the Government does not respond to the New Zealand Veterinary Association.” National Agriculture spokesperson Barbara Kuriger says the association contacted her after months of lobbying the Government for managed isolation and quarantine spaces (MIQ) to get overseas vets into NZ. “Earlier this year, MPI and Minister O'Connor advocated for 50 border exceptions for vets to enter the country. “But these vets are unable to



BARBARA KURIGER
MP FOR TARANAKI KING COUNTRY

book spaces, in the lottery that is, this country's MIQ system. Mrs Kuriger says: “Since

then, the association has been lobbying for a dedicated MIQ allowance of two spaces per week to let those 50 vets in. “Association CEO Kevin Bryant tells me vets are exhausted, working long hours, are on call 24/7 and some are at breaking point. They are concerned animal welfare issues are emerging because of time delays due to them being unable to meet client needs. “Vets are postponing routine procedures and doing their best to play catchup after lockdowns. On top of this there has been urgent

seasonal demands from the primary sector during calving and lambing, and now there are the impending puppy and kitten seasons.” She says vets who were keen to come to New Zealand are now abandoning the idea, and taking up job offers in other countries. “It's unacceptable that the Government cannot sort the whole debacle of the MIQ system. They need to prioritise the critical need for specialists like veterinarians and they need to do that right now.

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On this month in history Justin Trudeau becomes Canada's prime minister

On October 19, 2015 Justin Trudeau leads his Liberal Party to a win in Canada's parliamentary election (He assumed leadership of the

party in April 2013). He therefore became prime minister 47 years after his famous father Pierre. Justin was born on Christmas Day 1971 to Pierre and Margaret (nee Sinclair). Sadly, the

marriage of his parents was not a happy match, leading to a divorce. Before entering parliament Justin had a succession of jobs including nightclub bouncer, snowboard and white water rafting

instructor, radio host and maths teacher. Upon becoming PM he insisted that at least 50% of his Cabinet be women. He sought a new, truly national movement of progressive Canadians.

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Mike Davey sweeps in as Area 5 director

In stunning result Mike Davey dominated the recent Area 5 Directors ballot for the New Zealand Ravensdown directorate. Against five other candidates he achieved 51% of the shareholders' vote, representing 18,902,799 shares. "I was elated," enthused Mike. He heard the good news from John Henderson, who is Chairperson of the Ravensbourne directors, in a phone call to Mike's Inglewood residence. The tenure of Mike's position is three years.

The nearest candidate was Nathan Guy, who was a Cabinet Minister in the last National Government. He secured votes representing 8,786,970 shares. "Nathan was first to congratulate me and wish me the best." This tribute from the former parliamentarian has meant a lot to Mike.

The other candidates results were as follows:

- Rick Alexander 6,204,881
- Stuart Campbell 1,162,339
- Ellen Bartlett 1,050,743
- Gordon McKellar 778,479

Area 5 is a huge area which encompasses the Manawatu, Rangitikei, as well as Taranaki. The geographical area extends as far south as Wellington.

Mike's election is unique in that he is the only Taranaki domiciled director since the late Keith Collier 25 years ago. Since then there have



Mike Davey who secured 51 per cent of the vote as Ravensdown director for Area 5 against five other candidates.

been two elected directors representing Area 5, but they lived elsewhere – one in the Manawatu and the other in the King Country. "Both directors were very good. We were well represented," comments Mike.

Before his retirement Mike was the Regional Manager for Taranaki Ravensdown for 25 years and he is looking forward to his

governance role after so long in management.

His modest demeanour belies Mike's longstanding contribution to making Taranaki better place through organisations he is a member of. For example, he is currently a Director of the Taranaki District Health Board and has been a member of the Regional Council for the last 12 years.

In his term as Director he is keen to promote more collaboration between other farming co-operatives such as Silver Fern and Fonterra. Mike is also determined to ensure that there is a greater science base to so much of the recent parliamentary legislation impacting on the rural sector and farmers in particular. "At present there is a tsunami of legislation which reflects more emotion than science," he explains. He adds, "It's got to be factual, not emotional."

Mike also intends to promote more connection with the rural and urban sectors. "There needs to be a better understanding of the place of farming in New Zealand Inc."

He points out that yearly exports from the agricultural sector add up to fifty billion dollars. He mentions examples such as wine, kiwifruit, lamb & beef, vegetables and dairy products. "It's easily our biggest export earner."

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said in its report. NPDC's financial position was also supported by the district's Perpetual Investment Fund (PIF), which hit a record \$346 million in the last financial year and cut the total rates requirement by \$9m. "New Plymouth's liquidity, which is buttressed by its \$346 million PIF, remains excellent," said the report.

The AA+ stable rating reflects the sound financial approach to fixing long-term infrastructure issues while managing debt for

future residents, said NPDC Chief Financial Officer Joy Buckingham.

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The mystery of Tauranga-Ika

On 2 February 1869, a colonist army of 1000 men arrived before Tauranga-Ika, some 25km from Wanganui, intending the next day to storm what was later described as one of the strongest fortresses ever seen in New Zealand. But when dawn came on 3 February, scouting parties from the army went right up to the palisades to find Titokowaru's newest, biggest and most fearsome pa starkly empty.

The mystery of why Titokowaru abandoned a fortress that his opponent, Colonel George Whitmore, himself termed

imperial history, anyone who might give it a definitive nod is long dead and the issue left to theorists. Perhaps even conspiracy theorists.

So: two explanations of Tauranga-Ika have been advanced. The longest-standing says that Titokowaru lost his mana over a sexual liaison with the wife of one of his commanders; a more recent version suggests that his army deserted him because of war-weariness.

I find both explanations unconvincing, and want to look at them in the contexts of the backgrounds; the principal and the witness.

Mutiny immediately after clearly showed how bold and decisive action could hold the empire together when danger threatened any part of it.

We can easily see the New Zealand Wars of the 1860s as just such a time and, although Britain much preferred to see its newest colony running its own affairs, some of the major reasons for having outposts of empire include the mother country's need for resources and raw materials, military bases 'just in case' and a place to relieve her overcrowding. New Zealand wasn't the biggest or richest of imperial possessions, but it was definitely useful for those things.

The local background.

So the wars that began in 1845 and flared across Northland, Waikato and Taranaki for roughly quarter of a century irritated Britain because they threatened those uses and got right in the way of colonist self-reliance. Reluctantly, the mother country sent troops but made it clear that the settler government was expected to step up to the mark in the near future. The catalogue of defeats suffered at the hands of Titokowaru by McDonnell, von Tempsky and Whitmore, three of the colony's leading soldiers, offered no hope that the government would ever be able to do so.

In fact, a parallel might make the point clearer. When the East India Company, a private concern just like the New Zealand Company, lost control of India in 1857 it took Britain two expensive and bloody years to regain it. The lasting effect was the abolition of the East India Company and its replacement by direct rule from Britain after the line regiments of regulars had

restored British control in a series of punitive campaigns so ferocious and bloody that Indian historians still refer to them as 'The Devil's Wind'.

The Principal

Riwha Titokowaru was a man of two worlds who had been a Methodist lay preacher and whose knowledge of Pakeha manners, customs and patterns of thought, says Professor James Belich, 'was much deeper than that of most Maori'. Added to this were his immense store of Maori learning, his descent from the captain of the Aotea canoe and his lineage as son of one of the leading chiefs of Nga Ruahine. When he became the spiritual heir of Te Ua Haumene as well, it all added up to an amount of mana that was almost royal.

It is in this context that the accusation of adultery needs to be assessed for, turning again to Belich, he notes that Titokowaru "made strong friendships with both men and women and may have been very active sexually with the latter."

Again, a parallel can be informative. European history is rife with royal mistresses who enjoyed the attentions of sovereigns who, like Titokowaru, combined the functions of head of state, head of religion and war-leader. Royal marriage was about politics and not love, and the position of royal mistress was considered acceptable in the British court as late as the early twentieth century. In our own day we have seen the marriage of the heir to that throne to his longtime mistress, who will almost certainly take the title of his queen.

All of this makes the point that not all levels of society are held to the same set of rules, and there is at least a possibility that Titokowaru's status entitled him to a level of freedom not granted to

others. It is also arguable that an episode of adultery would have raised no eyebrows were Titokowaru known to be partial to women, which seems to be the case. We may, then, consider the 'adultery' explanation as 'possible' rather than 'probable' and turn to the suggestion of war-weariness.

This is even less likely. Titokowaru's success against the best the colony could throw at him—and that's important—was undoubted. As I've written elsewhere, the man was a master strategist, a tactician without peer and a field engineer of genius who had a superb eye for ground and who used it to teach lessons that military academies still study today. On top of all that, and given the strength of Tauranga-Ika, did Titokowaru's army have any cause to doubt that the coming battle would see yet another victory and perhaps even the end of the last colonist army? In sporting terms, why on earth would people give up a winning habit?

Only one reason seems likely to me, and it is grounded in the fact that Titokowaru's life among the Pakeha led him to know their mind better than any Pakeha knew his. I believe he realised that if another victory destroyed the last colonist army, it would see London order the return of the regulars under men like Sir Trevor Chute, to re-create in New Zealand the "Devil's Wind" that had only recently been so effective in nailing down India.

That could be done quite easily. The bush habitat so favourable to Titokowaru's guerrilla warfare would be erased by burning; the paucity of his numbers would then be obvious; his army would be crushed by superior numbers and

modern weapons; the 'Aotea Canoe' would be emptied by genocide, transportation or both, and the land would pass to the Pakeha farmer anyway.

How could this be averted? So far from being 'war-weariness' were his people morale was as high as only repeated success could make it. In every sense, Titokowaru was the victim of his own success and he needed a convincing reason to bring the war to an end, for a simple decision to give up the fight wouldn't sit well with a people high on victories,

That was the source of the 'adultery' explanation but, as we have seen, it lacks conviction, and it's my belief that there was—there needed to be—something more. As that 'something more' forms the conclusion of my book 'An End of Honour' I'm not going to go into more detail, but turn, instead, to the man who spread the 'adultery' explanation.

The witness

Kimble Bent has been described by a modern Maori historian as '... a liar, thief and drunkard...' but this did not make Bent unusual, for that legendary British general the Duke of Wellington, himself described the British soldier of his day as '... the scum of the earth, enlisted for drink...' What did make Bent unusual was his refusal to put up with a system of regular army discipline that relied on flogging every ounce of initiative out of men and reducing them to automatons.

The story of Bent's flogging and subsequent desertion is well-enough known to need no further elaboration, but what is often not understood when we forget that history is all about people, is the lifeline he received when he eventually linked up with

An End of Honour



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'impregnable', and walked away from what would have been his greatest victory has never been unequivocally or satisfactorily explained, and what I offer below won't change that, for it is an opinion only. While the opinion is grounded in a lifetime's study of British

The general background. Britain had been an imperial power for two and a half centuries at the time of Titokowaru's War, but the empire was still growing in the mid-19th century. At that time, success in the Crimean War and the suppression of the Indian

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The mystery of Tauranga-Ika

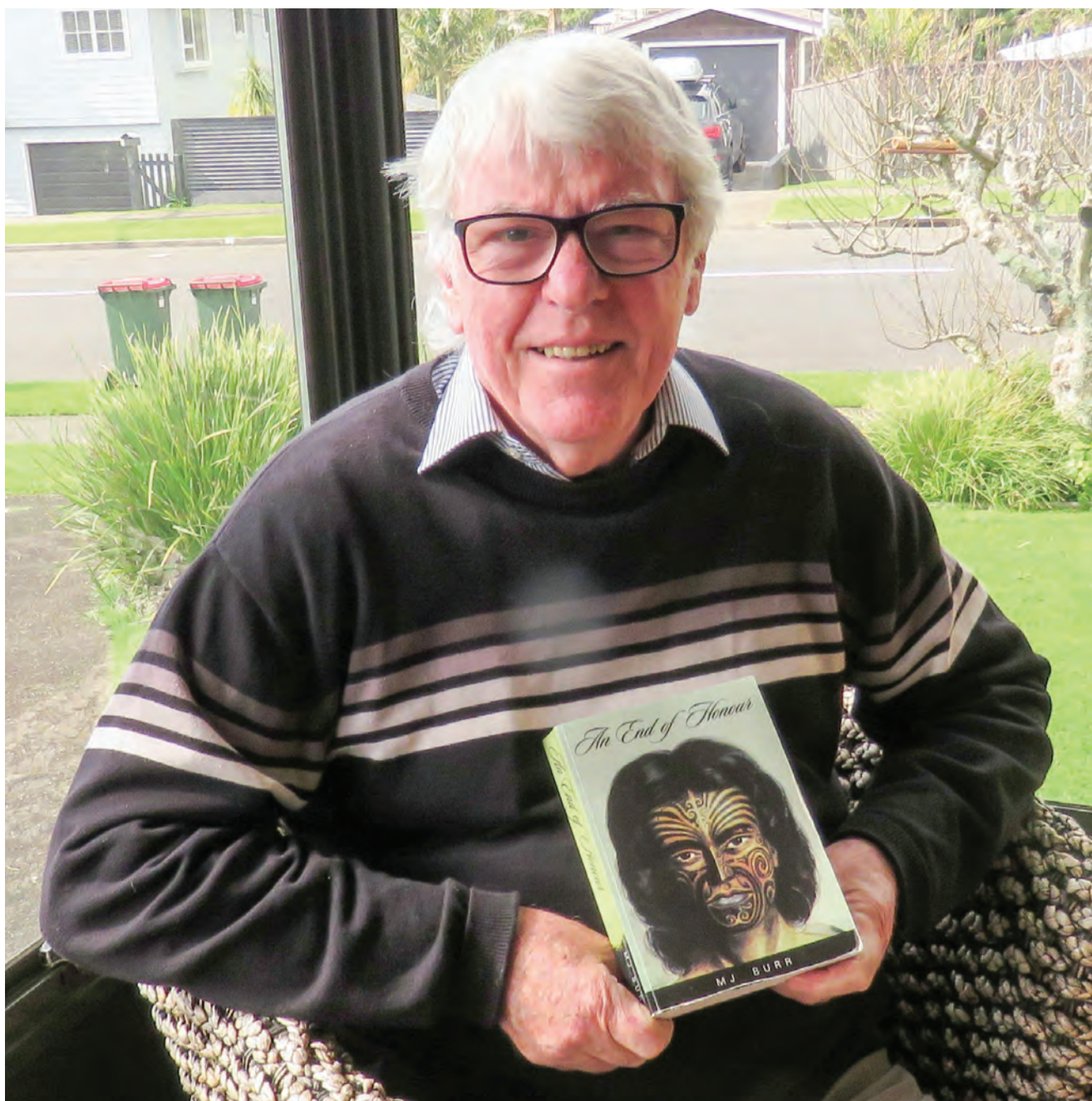
Titokowaru, and its effect upon him.

In gratitude, the ‘liar, thief and drunkard’ with a better than average knowledge of weapons became extremely useful as an armourer to a beleaguered war-chief with munitions and logistics problems, and it seems very likely that the matua’s ongoing kind and generous treatment of him engendered a deep gratitude that lasted even into the 20th century. Our knowledge of the events surrounding the night of 2 February 1869 comes from 1903 when Kimble Bent recounted the first and only ‘explanation’ of Tauranga-Ika to James Cowan.

I’ll make two points about this ‘explanation’. The first of them is that we need to

see the event against the background of its time and purpose. Delivered thirty-four years after the event and fifteen years after Titokowaru’s death, it was intended for those still alive at the time who knew something of Titokowaru’s foibles and predilections so that it would be believable in those terms. Hence the tale of a sexual liaison.

The second point about Bent’s explanation rests on his relationship with Titokowaru. The matua was Bent’s lifeline as a



Mike Burr with the biography he wrote.

Pakeha-Maori and that protection extended to his adoption by Titokowaru as a grandson, Tu-nui-a-Moa. In a very real sense, then, Titokowaru saved Bent’s life and the contrast between the matua and Bent’s ex-comrades could not have been greater, for they wanted to hang him as a deserter and traitor. The deep bond between Bent and Titokowaru, made the deserter eternally loyal both to Titokowaru and to his memory.

More than quarter of a century after the events, and as his last service to Titokowaru, Bent served up the story I am convinced the two of them concocted to ‘explain’ how his army deserted a war-leader without peer and the man whom James Belich terms “arguably New Zealand’s greatest general”.

And what was the real reason? Well, that’s in my book, and out of deference to my subscribers, I’ll say only that it went beyond adultery. But the pun in the title is not without significance . . .

Thank you for sharing my journey and my fascination.

Mike Burr.

Report outlines risks to natural gas supply

A new report by the Gas Industry Company (GIC) has confirmed the need for new investment into natural gas to help us transition and avoid risks to energy security, says Energy Resources Aotearoa.

“This confirms the importance of creating the right investment climate now, so that we can help keep the lights on and deliver a smoother transition to lower emissions,” says chief executive John Carnegie.

The report says natural gas lessens demand for coal and helps keep electricity affordable and reliable during times when renewable sources can’t keep up with demand.

It also highlights the importance of major industrial users of natural gas in the wider system, as their demand makes gas production economically viable.

“Expensive and impractical policies like

the 100% renewable electricity target by 2030, the Lake Onslow proposal, phasing out gas from process heat, and extreme decommissioning proposals have unsurprisingly created massive uncertainty for gas producers and users.

“If we keep undermining the natural gas industry then we shouldn’t be surprised that our energy security and affordability is also undermined.

“The power blackouts in August were a clear warning of the dangers in trying to

phase out natural gas before realistic and affordable alternatives are ready.

“The best approach would use the ETS as the main policy tool for lowering emissions, because it is fuel and technology agnostic.

“We strongly support the recommendation for the industry and Government to work together to improve investment confidence. We have long advocated for an Energy Accord as the best way to achieve this.

“It’s vital this work happens now, because as the report

notes “security of supply for both electricity generation and major users could therefore be compromised during the transition to 2030

and beyond.”

“It’s important we get this right because increases to the cost of living hurt the most vulnerable New Zealanders.

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Taranaki Foundation welcomes fund to benefit Taranaki children

The Taranaki Foundation say they are honoured to welcome Help a Taranaki Child Trust Fund. The trustees have made the decision to wind up the Trust and transfer the proceeds to the Taranaki Foundation, which will administer the funds as per the trust wishes going forward, and see the funds safeguarded in perpetuity.

Help a Taranaki Child (HATCH) is a charity that has represented the interests of children in the Taranaki community for the past 17 years. The trust was established to help Taranaki children achieve access to health, sporting, educational and cultural facilities. Taranaki Foundation will continue the original trust vision and purposes through the Help a Taranaki Child Trust Fund.

Michelle Brennan, the Chair of HATCH believes that this is the right decision and honours the vision of the founding trustees.

“The income from the fund will remain in Taranaki and continue to be distributed according to our wishes for perpetuity, which is



Taranaki Foundation chair Bryce Barnett and HATCH chair Michelle Brennan.

most important to us. It is comforting for us to know the fund will continue to be well-managed and get a better return than our term deposits, which means more help for the community”.

Taranaki Foundation Chair, Bryce Barnett, says he and the board are delighted to be working with HATCH and congratulate their trustees for their foresight and considered stewardship of these funds.

“Our aim at Taranaki Foundation is to provide local charities with sustainable long-term income, through the revenue generated from the investment of funds. It is a privilege to provide this service for HATCH and to support them into the

future,” Bryce says.

HATCH Trustee Lindsay Thomson says the transfer of their Trust to the Foundation was straight forward, with all involved working for the common good and they look forward to seeing the outcome and impact it will now continue to have.

“The Taranaki Foundation is a wonderful organisation to be involved with. You can choose where you want your money to go, even while it is managed by the Foundation. It guarantees continuity,” says Lindsay.

Taranaki Foundation (formerly Te Karaka Foundation) is one of 17 community foundations throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. Its aim is to provide

a simple, effective, long-lasting way for individuals, families and organisations to leave legacies or create funds to support local causes, and to ensure these gifts will achieve enduring benefits for our community.

The Taranaki Foundation is unique in that it specialises in endowment gifting. Individuals, families and organisations can establish their own endowment fund or make contributions to an existing fund within the foundation. Donated funds are invested by the foundation and the annual income used to make grants to the community in line with donors’ wishes.



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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, voted for abolition, 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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Not a good look for the town

Murray Baylis has been involved in the horticultural sector for the last 45 years. Until around Christmas time last year he owned and operated the New Life Nursery in Opunake. On October 5 he was at the Taranaki Coastal Community Board meeting at the Cape Egmont Boat Club to express his concerns about the state of the gardens in the Opunake town centre.

"The Opunake gardens are really going back and looking quite tatty," he told the community board.

He singled out the gardens on the corner of Tasman and Allison Streets.

"There's a lot of weed mat flapping in the wind, and not much there as well," for someone coming into town it's not a good look."

He said there are other gardens around the town centre which also need attention.

"They really do need a real revamp big time."

Board member Liz Sinclair said she had made a complaint about the state of the gardens at the Opunake Town Hall.

Murray Baylis said as far as he knew there was only



The gardens on the corner of Tasman and Allison Streets are in need of a revamp says Opunake horticultural identity Murray Baylis.

one person looking after the gardens in the town centre, and although he was doing a good job, this might be too much for one person to handle.

"It's quite a tough climate in Opunake for Opunake for gardens. The wind blows right up the main street and you can't have anything too big blocking the vision for the traffic."

South Taranaki District mayor Phil Nixon said he has heard similar concerns expressed, and Year 2 of the Long Term Plan will include more funding for parks and reserves.

"The Parks and Reserves team do go out, and we're putting out a whole lot of plants out for different towns and areas. There is work being done, though it

might seem a bit slow at the moment."

He said Opunake, like other towns in the district has a state highway going through it, which comes under the control of Waka Kotahi. The council therefore had to work with them about what happens to gardens at the corners of the highway and local town streets, he said.

Murray Baylis also

expressed concern at the number of pot holes in the road leading out to the lookout, particularly when a road sign may encourage people passing through town to go out there and have a look.

Mayor Phil Nixon said the Council will try to get the pot holes fixed, although this is something that gets worse in the winter months. Cr Aaron Langton said that putting more seal on the road could encourage cars to go faster on a stretch of road where there was already a problem.

The Taranaki Coastal Community Board voted \$1500 towards a proposed mural at the Manaia Swimming Pool.

Board member and Manaia resident Bonita Bigham said this had been in the pipeline for over a year.

"It's been driven and led by Michaela (Stoneman) working with the tamariki at the school," she said. "It's been exciting to see their enthusiasm for the project. It will be a great thing for our pool and a great thing for our community."

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Forgotten World Highway sealing to start next month

Work to seal State Highway 43, an iconic New Zealand journey and one of only two remaining unsealed sections of state highway in the country, will get underway in November.

The project will improve safety and boost the region's economy, while retaining the picturesque journey and protecting the natural environment.

Funded through Kānoa – Regional Economic Development and Investment unit, the project will see the unsealed road through the Tangarakau Gorge on the Forgotten World Highway sealed.

Safety improvements such as signage, line markings and guardrail will be installed through the gorge and the

speed limit will be reviewed as part of the sealing project.

Director of Regional Relationships Linda Stewart says sealing the road through the gorge will make it much safer for locals and visitors.

"It will encourage more tourists to the area as many rental car businesses don't let drivers travel on unsealed roads.

"This project will result in many benefits for the community and the region as a whole. We know there will be lots of people happy to see it get underway."

The sealing project is part of a \$25.7 million package of works for the Forgotten World Highway funded through Kānoa – Regional Economic Development and Investment Unit and the regional package of the NZ

Upgrade Programme. This package of works aims to increase economic activity by helping to create jobs and contributing an estimated \$35m to \$45m to the region, while significantly improving safety for everyone using the route.

Stratford District Council Mayor Neil Volzke says there will be many benefits that accrue from upgrading this road and the whole region will gain by having an improved third access route into the Taranaki region.

"Successive Stratford Mayors and the wider community have been calling for this for decades, so naturally I'm stoked that the first part of the sealing work in the gorge is about to begin.

"The total package of

improvements will make the Forgotten World Highway a much safer drive and be much more inviting for visitors to the region to use," says Mayor Volzke.

The Forgotten World Highway is one of Aotearoa's iconic back country journeys, so retaining the character of the area and protecting the natural environment has been a key objective in designing the sealing project.

"Our project team has been working closely with iwi and the Department of Conservation to ensure the sealing project has minimal impact on the surrounding environment, and that the picturesque journey through the gorge is retained," says Ms Stewart.



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David has been in business in the present location for about 18 years. Originally, the business was in Whanganui – about 23 years ago. Other ventures have included a fish and chips shop in Hunterville, truck driving and working for Kirbys. After arriving in this country from England in 1974 David was a sergeant in the New Zealand Air Force.

At present David is turning his attention to repairing a rugged loggers boot, including heels and inners. "I'll have a go at anything,"



Owner David Deacon with some of his quality footwear.

he comments. Scarpas has any type of footwear anyone could possibly need including school shoes (made in New

Plymouth), jandals and slippers. He stocks respected brands such as Prophets. Some new summer stock is expected any day.

David has a huge range of accessories, such as laces, shoe polish, heel caps and heel cushions.

A specialty is footwear

for people with health issues, such as orthotic insoles, bamboo socks for diabetics and extra wide shoes for those with arthritic conditions. He has a special gadget to stretch shoes for people with painful condition such as bunions.

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David is repairing this rugged loggers boot.

On this month in history Jean Batten lands at Mangere Airport to complete first solo flight from England to New Zealand

On October 16, 1936 Jean Batten landed at Mangere, Auckland to complete the first solo flight from England to New Zealand. A huge crowd of 6,000 welcomed

her. She had left England on October 5 and travelled the 22,891 kilometres in 11 days and 45 minutes (including two days in Sydney).

She also became the first

woman to fly the Tasman Sea, broke the England to Australia solo record and the record for any flight between Australia and New Zealand.

Her last major flight was

from October 19 to October 24 1937 when she flew from Australia to England in 5 days, 18 hours and 15 minutes in record time.

She died after

complications from a dog's bite on November 22 1982 in Palma Majorca, Spain and, despite being the most famous New Zealander in the world, the local

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Mangatoki WI members finally meet up

Our August meeting was held at the Mangatoki Hall on August 4, when 15 members attended, and five apologies were received. It was the first time we had met "at home" for some months and took the form of a soup and bun lunch.

Prior to lunch, the business meeting was held and we were welcomed by Robyn Roberts, our president and aspirations said. The minutes were read by Secretary Helen Whyte, correspondence read, and a sympathy card sent. Treasurer Cathy White read the bank statement, a number of donations were made and a letter to the bank was read regarding the banking system.

Business: baking for Daffodil Day to be taken to Robyn on August 26th for 27th. Bed socks to be donated, either hand knitted or bought and to be machine washable. "Money for the Price of a Bake", as an



The Mangatoki WI were delighted to finally meet up with each other.

August effort, to be donated to medical Research. The sick visiting was done.

Competitions: - Flower.

1. Denise Carter. 2. Lucy Moger. 3. Helen Whyte. Shrub. 1. Bev Marx. 2. Denise Carter. 3. Cathy

White. The raffles were won by Lucy Moger and Kathy Cameron.

After the business meeting,

we all enjoyed the soup and bun lunch. The soups had been made by the hostesses for the month, Karen Joblin and Jenny Brown. Also, some members had made slices to have after the soup, very nice, thank you to them.

There was no meeting in September due to the covid restrictions. On October 6, 12 members were welcomed by President Robyn Roberts (and two of Karen Joblin's granddaughters) to the Mangatoki Hall, for a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea Fundraiser, provided by our hostesses for the month, Kathy Cameron and Barbara Waite and was enjoyed by members.

Our business meeting followed the morning tea, starting with the aspirations. Secretary Helen Whyte then read the minutes and the South Taranaki Newsletter and functions which had been cancelled. Sympathy cards had been sent and

"thanks" received for previous ones sent. Our Treasurer Cathy White, read the bank statement and a letter from the National Federation regarding banking. Denise read an amusing reading she had found and had previously sent via email, some covid humour to cheer us up. Thanks Denise.

Competitions: Flower. 1. Helen Whyte. 2. Bev Marx. 3. Cathy White and Lucy Moger. Shrub. 1. Robyn Roberts. 2. Maree Kemp, 3. Denise Carter.

A large number of bed socks were donated. The raffle was won by Lucy Moger.

No church cleaning was done this month and Helen Whyte was going to take an evening meal to Liz and Mike later in the day.

Lucy Moger.

On this month in history the first woman jury member is selected

On October 20, 1943 Elaine Kingsford of Takapuna, Auckland became the first woman in New Zealand to

be a member of a jury. A law change the year before had allowed this to happen. The case being heard was before

the Auckland Supreme Court where the defendant was accused of burglary. (After the trial Elaine commented

that she hoped that women could be judges in the near future).

Did this open the

floodgates? No, in the next 16 years only one other woman was a jury member. In 1963 all men and woman

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Waste sorting facility to open for region's businesses

A \$1.2 million rubbish facility for building and business waste is coming to New Plymouth District. The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) will open a waste sorting facility on Colson Road for business waste in the first half of next year. The Ministry for the Environment is paying \$420,550 with the rest coming from NPDC's Solid Waste fund and user charges. NPDC Councillor Richard Handley says this new waste sorting facility for business waste will make a huge dent in the amount of rubbish the district generates.

"Currently, 60% or about 45,000 tonnes of the rubbish we send to the landfill is commercial and industrial waste. We're talking about skips of building materials heading to the dump and



Jacob Clements loads a skip of commercial waste that will be able to taken to a new sorting facility next year.

we're aiming to divert 5,000 tonnes of those materials – reuse and recycle them through local businesses – in the first year the commercial waste sorting facility is open, as we strive for Zero Waste 2040. It's got huge potential and will create six new jobs," says Councillor Handley.

Businesses will be able to bring sorted and unsorted waste to the new facility, where staff will sort out items that can be reused or recycled, such as quality native timbers, fittings, fixtures and building materials, and on-sell or give them to local reuse businesses. The facility will also look to progressively establish new markets for some materials that have not been able to be recycled locally before, such as

plasterboard, tyres and polystyrene.

Common barriers for local businesses when it comes to improving how they handle their waste are cost, not knowing what materials can be recycled, or not producing enough waste to find viable solutions on their own.

A similar facility exists in Marlborough and has diverted 30% of waste from landfill.

NPDC's zero-waste initiative has the goal of sending no waste from New Plymouth District residents and businesses to landfill by 2040. In 2020/21, New Plymouth District sent 25,000 tonnes of waste to landfill. An additional 30% of waste to landfill from our district doesn't go through council facilities

Coastal flooding likely to be main driver for adaptation

New NIWA-led research shows increasing flood risk is going to be what leads people to make changes to adapt to sea-level rise.

"Rising seas are slowly causing a trifecta of impacts along coastlines in Aotearoa: increasingly frequent flooding, coastal erosion and even permanent inundation," says Dr Scott Stephens,

NIWA Chief Scientist for Coasts & Estuaries.

"Our research shows that it's the first of these three impacts - increasing flood risk - that's likely to be the main driver of adaptation efforts by coastal communities, and this tipping point is likely to be reached within two to three decades - sooner than many

of us expect."

The research was carried out in Tauranga after councils in the area commissioned coastal modelling by NIWA and Tonkin & Taylor. Dr Stephens says the findings are likely to be applicable across the country.

"There are a number of properties around Tauranga Harbour that are built high

on coastal cliffs, and for these people, erosion is the number one concern.

"But far more properties are built in places that currently experience coastal flooding, or soon will. This might currently only happen once every hundred years on average, but with rising seas it could increase to at least a five-yearly event within just two to three decades.

"Many New Zealand

councils already have maps of one-in-100-year coastal-flood zones. These maps provide two to three decades 'lead-in' time for an undesirably frequent 'adaptation tipping point' for coastal property."

Coastal flooding is defined as flooding of the land by the sea rather than rainfall or rivers. It can occur during very high tides and is often exacerbated by storm surges

- when low atmospheric pressure and strong winds drive the sea over land, resulting in very high storm tides.

"Frequent flooding is undesirable for communities. Adaptation actions include things like building new seawalls or other protections to mitigate coastal flooding, but these may not be the best long-term solution," says Dr Stephens.

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Representation Arrangements Final Proposal

On 11 October 2021 the South Taranaki District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding representation arrangements for the South Taranaki District, to apply for at least the local body elections to be held on 8 October 2022.

The Council received 39 submissions on its proposal. 22 submissions supported the Council's initial proposal, five supported the proposal with some changes to boundaries and the number of councillors, and six submissions did not support the proposal.

In addition, four submissions were unable to be considered as they did not relate to the representation review.

Key findings from the submissions were:

- 24 submissions agreed to retain 13 councillors;
- 3 submissions considered that 13 councillors were too many for the District;
- 2 submissions considered that there should be an additional councillor added to the Taranaki-Coastal General Ward;
- 2 submissions suggested that the Te Hāwera General Ward should be divided in two;
- 4 submissions did not support the proposed boundary along Ōeo Road between the Eltham-Kaponga and Taranaki Coastal General Wards;
- 27 submissions agreed to establish two Māori wards;
- 26 submissions agreed to retain the four community boards;
- 5 submissions proposed names for the two Māori wards.

As a result of the submissions received and to reflect communities of interest, the Council amended the boundary between the Taranaki Coastal and Eltham-Kaponga general wards. The boundary has been moved from Ōeo Road to Auroa Road and follows the mesh block boundaries south of Skeet Road.

The Council also resolved to name the proposed West Māori Ward, Te Kūrae Māori Ward and the proposed East Māori Ward, Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward as these names are considered more appropriate for these wards.

The Council rejected some matters raised in submissions for the following reasons:

- The points raised to increase the number of councillors were rejected based on the support received in other submissions to retain the proposed number of 13 councillors;
- The points raised to decrease the number of councillors were rejected based on the support received in other submissions to retain the proposed number of 13 councillors and reducing the number of councillors would not provide effective representation;
- The submissions recommending the Te Hāwera General Ward be divided into two was rejected as this would split a community of interest;
- Submissions received on the principle of Māori wards were out of the scope of the representation review process.

Appeals and Objections

Any person who has made a submission on the Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Any person may lodge an objection to the Council's final proposal. An objection must specify the matters to which the objection relates.

Appeals and objections must be made in writing and must be received by the Council no later than 5 pm on Friday 26 November 2021.

Appeal/objection forms are available from the Hāwera Administration office or any LibraryPlus and from the Council's website

www.southtaranaki.com and should state your name, address, telephone number and email address. Appeals and objections are to be addressed to:

Waid Crockett, Chief Executive

- Send an email to policy@stdc.govt.nz
- Post it to us at Private Bag 902, Hāwera, 4640

Further information

Please direct any queries regarding the Council's decision to Becky Wolland phone 0800 111 323 or 06 278 0555.

Waid Crockett
Chief Executive
South Taranaki District Council
21 October 2021



The final proposal is:

Council Representation

It is proposed that the South Taranaki District Council comprise the mayor elected at large and 13 councillors elected from six wards that reflect the identified communities of interest:



Ward Name	# of Elected Members	Ward Boundaries and Changes
Te Kūrae Māori Ward	1	A new Māori Ward bounded to the north by the District boundary; its east boundary following State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District through Eltham to the intersection with Mountain Road; Mountain Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; a line north west to Boylan Road; Boylan Road to Austin Road; Austin Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; Ketemarae Road to its intersection with State Highway 3; State Highway 3 south to South Road; west along South Road to the Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast; and the coast to the south and west. This ward largely encompasses the parts of the Taranaki Iwi and Ngāruahine rohe that are within the South Taranaki District. This ward does not meet the +/-10% population requirement but the boundary was defined by Ngāruahine and Ngāti Ruanui.
Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward	1	A new Māori Ward bounded to the north and east by the District boundary; its west boundary following State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District through Eltham to the intersection with Mountain Road; Mountain Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; a line north-west to Boylan Road; Boylan Road to Austin Road; Austin Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; Ketemarae Road to its intersection with State Highway 3; State Highway 3 south to South Road; west along South Road to the Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast; and the coast to the southwest. This ward largely encompasses the parts of the Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāa Rauru Kīitahi rohe that are within the South Taranaki District. This ward does not meet the +/-10% population requirement but the boundary was defined by Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāa Rauru Kīitahi.
Taranaki Coastal General Ward	2	Bounded to the north by the District boundary; to the northeast by Auroa Road; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road; to the southeast by Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward	2	Bounded to the west by Auroa Road; to the north by the District boundary; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road; Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the south and east of Moeroa and north to the District boundary.
Te Hāwera General Ward	5	Bounded to the west by Inaha Road; to the north by Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the Moeawatea Stream and south west to the Manawapou River and the coast; and to the south by the coast.
Pātea General Ward	2	Bounded by the current ward boundaries from the coast at the Manawapou River northeast to the Moeawatea Stream and north to the District boundary; to the east by the District boundary and to the south by the coast.

Community Board Representation

It is proposed that the South Taranaki District Council will include four community boards, each represented by four community board elected members and one appointed member (a councillor representative):

Community Board Name	Number of Representatives	Description of Community Board Area
Taranaki Coastal Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member being a Taranaki-Coastal General Ward councillor or Te Kūrae Māori Ward councillor	Same as the Taranaki Coastal General Ward
Eltham-Kaponga Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member, being an Eltham-Kaponga general ward councillor or the Te Tai Tonga Māori ward councillor or the Te Kūrae Māori ward councillor	Same as the Eltham-Kaponga General Ward
Te Hāwera Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member, being a Te Hāwera General Ward councillor or the Te Tai Tonga Māori ward councillor or the Te Kūrae Māori ward councillor	Same as the Te Hāwera General Ward
Pātea Community Board	4 elected members and 1 appointed member, being a Pātea General Ward councillor or the Te Tai Tonga Māori Ward councillor	Same as the Pātea General Ward

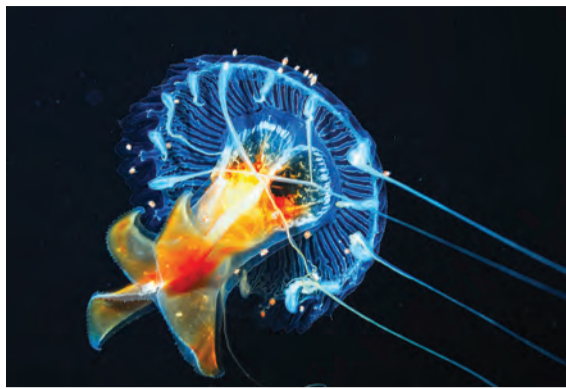
Researchers produce stunning images

A break in the clouds in a remote Fiordland valley and a chance encounter with a jellyfish under the Antarctic ice provide just some of the highlights from this year's

NIWA Staff Photography competition. Science takes NIWA employees to some stunning locations and leads to some special encounters, and



A moody Fiordland landscape. Photo Shannan Crow.



New Harbour Medusa.

Photo: Rod Budd

every year the research organisation holds a photographic competition for staff working across its climate, oceans and freshwater platforms.

This year attracted more than 400 entries and has produced another batch of spectacular results.

A moody Fiordland landscape, captured by freshwater ecologist Shannan Crow, has won the public vote for the 2021 People's Choice award.

Christchurch-based Shannan was in the headwaters of the Eglinton River working on the release of juvenile eels when the sun peeked through the clouds and he reached for his camera.

"The scene was looking

pretty poor with the dark cloud and flat light, but as I started heading back there was a small break in the clouds which let in some light further down the valley," Shannan says.

The "view from the office" can certainly be one of the perks of the job for NIWA's environmental research staff.

Scientific dive specialist Rod Budd was working in the chilly waters of the Ross Sea when he snapped an Antarctic jellyfish drifting past, while algal ecologist Anita Pearson was on freshwater survey duties in the scenic MacKenzie Country when she noticed a surreal grouping of ducks on Lake Pukaki's glacial waters.

By contrast, Lauder-based technician Penny Smale was squarely on home turf when she framed one of her colleagues releasing a scientific balloon to gather atmospheric information from the Central Otago skies.

The external judges settled on the following competition awards: Our People - Mark Murphy; Our Work - Crispin Middleton; Our Places - Jochen Bind; Emerging Photographer - Penny Smale; Special - Mark Murphy.



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Planning a new cow shed? Important effluent management considerations...

Building a new cow shed creates some big opportunities to maximise efficiencies around the farm. Fences will likely be moved, and paddock shapes may change, so it's a great time to revamp your effluent system so it's futureproofed, council compliant, and suits the functioning of your operations. Here's some things to consider when planning your new cow shed...



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system to suit your needs.

Site placement

Best practice is to place the cow shed on slightly elevated ground so that gravity can be used for effluent to flow into your storage. Not only is this the most efficient method for collecting effluent, but it means you are not reliant on pumps or electricity.

Processing

For most dairy farms, effluent requires very little processing. Floodwash can

still be used without solids separation. Installing a large stone trap is recommended to remove heavy solids like stones and silt. Your stone trap needs to be big enough to cope with the sudden deluge from floodwashing. It's also important to position the inlets and outlets correctly for it to work effectively.

Storage

HDPE lined effluent ponds are the best option where viable. They are the most cost effective and widely used form of wastewater containment. They can be customised to suit the different characteristics of each site. When it comes to size, bigger is always better. You want to have plenty of storage to cover council compliance, additional effluent volumes over wet seasons or unusual weather events, and potential increases in cow numbers. Consider any possible future changes such as winter-milking and/or adding a feedpad as this will influence the size.

Equipment

Stirring/Mixing – thoroughly mixing the effluent before pumping is essential to ensure all the nutrients are utilised, but also to prolong the life of your pump. If electricity is available, a shore mounted electric stirrer is the safest,



A new cow shed is a great opportunity to future-proof your effluent system.

most cost effective option, requiring minimal labour. PTO tractor driven stirrers can be ideal for multi-farms and contractors, hard to reach storage, or where electricity is not available.

Pumps – Electric is again the recommended option being easy to automate with much lower running costs than diesel or PTO driven pumps. Modern shore mounted progressive cavity (PC) pumps provide the best performance in safety,

reliability and consistency for use with in-ground systems and most effluent irrigators.

Spreading – Your choice of spreading system will depend on the new paddock layout, availability of labour, and how the farm operates. Underground systems with travelling irrigators are the least labour intensive option, and ideal for long regular shaped paddocks. However, an underground system alone will limit your spreading

area. A slurry tanker is less labour intensive than many farmers think, and is a good option for being able to spread when and where required. It can also be used for cleaning out the stone trap. Alternatively, an umbilical drag hose system with RainWave™ applicator is ideal for spreading over large areas and dropping pond levels fast.

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Federated Farmers whistle up support for the whio

Federated Farmers is once again championing the whio (blue duck) to take the Bird of the Year title.

New Zealanders sticking to their home bubble under COVID alert levels should feel some affinity for this plucky and endangered native duck because they also live rather isolated lives in the less modified catchments of the Urewera, East Cape and central North Island, and on the West Coast of the South Island from Nelson to Fiordland.

Whio - which don't quack

but growl and whistle - revel in clean, clear water. That's a state of affairs that farmers also strive for with their significant investment in fencing, riparian planting and covenanting of special areas of biodiversity, Federated Farmers environment spokesperson Chris Allen said.

"We can relate to the whio. It's a tough little guy, and there aren't too many of them, like farmers.

"It's paddling away, head down, bum up, getting its work done the best it can."

The whio's conservation status is described as "in serious trouble". Feds encourages everyone to vote and make sure the whio is not forgotten. Voting closes 31 October.



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Investment needed to back emissions plan

DairyNZ says it broadly supports the approach outlined in the Government's Emissions Reduction Plan discussion document, but will push hard for more R&D investment.

Te hau mārohi ki anamata - Transitioning to a low-emissions and climate-resilient future, acknowledges Kiwi dairy farmers have the world's lowest carbon footprint. It reinforces agriculture needs R&D and extension investment to be even more sustainable and meet Government targets.

The approach aligns with the dairy sector's commitment to do more, to stay ahead of the competition and reduce environmental impact, while supporting farmers to run successful businesses.

"The approach endorses He Waka Eke Noa – the primary sector, Government and Māori partnership – as a key pathway for farmers and growers to play our part in reducing emissions alongside all kiwis," said DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle.

"It's positive to see the Government recognising the importance of He Waka Eke Noa. The partnership is achieving milestones to measure, manage and reduce



DairyNZ chief executive Dr Tim Mackle.

emissions. "But we also need adaptable regulations so farmers can start using new technologies as they become available. We're lagging behind other countries in the tools to fight climate change right now, because the flexibility is not there.

"We also call on the Government to start reporting on the warming effect of the different gases,

as well as emissions. This aligns with international climate change science and would improve decision-making by being grounded in evidence.

"Addressing climate change requires an economy-wide shift. The document sets pathways for all sectors and all greenhouse gases such as long-lived [CO2] and short-lived [methane]."

Under the Government's

Fit for a Better World Strategy, DairyNZ is working alongside Government, industry, Māori and the science sector to develop a shared R&D plan. This will accelerate new mitigations to reduce methane and nitrous oxide emissions for farmers.

"Our work with the Fit for a Better World Strategy will provide guidance on where to invest additional funding to get emission reduction technologies in the hands of our farmers," said Dr Mackle

The document also recognises reducing emissions on-farm is about supporting farmers through change, by increasing extension services and farm

planning investment.

"We want to understand the Government's extension proposals so we can input into how they will best meet farmers' needs."

Since 2019, DairyNZ's nationwide Step Change programme has supported farmers to reduce emissions and improve water quality while running profitable businesses.

Successful farming businesses contribute to the national and regional economies, and local communities.

"We'll continue working with farmers, sector partners and Government as the Government's Emissions Reduction Plan progresses, to ensure the best outcomes for dairy farmers and New Zealand," said Dr Mackle.

"We encourage dairy farmers to have a say on the discussion document."

Change to regulations wanted

DairyNZ say they are pleased with progress to improve winter grazing regulations but want further changes so new rules are fair, practical and workable on-farm.

Dr David Burger, DairyNZ's strategy and investment leader – responsible dairy, says positive changes have been made to winter grazing regulations, including removing the deadline for spring resowing after grazing and changes to how slopes are assessed.

DairyNZ has outlined further suggested changes in its submission on the Government's new winter grazing rules.

"We support farmers being able to carry out winter grazing on a larger area than proposed, without needing a consent," says Dr Burger. "A larger area enables farmers to have more cropping options and better manage their environmental impact."

DairyNZ wants a consent requirement to only apply if over 100 hectares is used for winter grazing, or 10 percent of the farm area (whichever is greater). The Government proposal would require a consent if more than 50 hectares, or over 10 percent of the farm, is used for winter grazing.

DairyNZ would also like to see pugging requirements removed.

"Farmers are focused

on caring for their cows and shifting them out of muddy areas, for their welfare," says Dr Burger. "We fully support careful management of critical source areas. Farmers are identifying where water and nutrients can pool, and avoid cultivating or grazing them to protect the environment."

Dr Burger says he is pleased the Government has adopted changes to winter grazing rules recommended by the primary sector.

"We support delaying the introduction of the new regulations until November 2022. In future, farmers will use freshwater farm plans to manage wintering practices, and the plans will be phased in by 2025."

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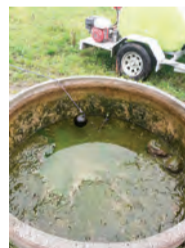
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Egmont A & P Show cancelled

The 138th Egmont A & P Show will not go ahead this year.

“The current COVID-19 level uncertainty means that the decision to cancel is in the best interest of all our

stakeholders during this difficult time,” Egmont A & P Association president Helena McLeod said. “We strongly believe the show plays an important part in our community. Because of

this we will be working hard behind the scenes to deliver a show in 2022 under what we understand will be the new normal.

“The great news is that we have already had the all

go to host a twilight World Cup Show Jumping round in 2022 and 2023. Running the World Cup Show Jumping round on the Saturday Night will free up our beautiful oval on the Sunday where

we will be showcasing the prestigious “Royal Equestrian Event” where show riders will travel from throughout New Zealand to win the coveted RAS Medals and the stunning Tri

Sashes in Royal Colours for our Supreme Champions.

In the meantime, take care of one another and we cannot wait to see you all in 2022, for what we know will be an incredible show for all.”

Stratford A&P Show postponed

On the evening of Monday October 18 the Executive Committee of the Stratford A&P Association made the heart breaking, but necessary, decision to postpone this year's Stratford A&P Show.

This decision was not taken lightly, as we have been honoured to be granted Royal Event status for dairy, beef and pigs, and

the North Island champions for Holstein Friesian cattle, which really puts Stratford on the national map. Several of our associates hold their annual competitions at the Stratford Show and a huge amount of background work and preparation has already been done.

However, the risk to the community, competitors and visitors was considered



All Breeds at the Stratford A & P Show.

to be too great to continue to plan the usual full, all-encompassing event.

This is the first time in 112 years that the Stratford Show won't be held annually in November.

On the upside, the committee are considering other options and possibilities for the New

Year, including a return to holding Home Industries competitions, a night Show and engaging new non-traditional associates to exhibit and participate.

We would like to

acknowledge and thank our sponsors, supporters and volunteers, without whom there would be no Show. If you would like to become involved or have any novel ideas please feel free to ring

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Nominations open for prestigious dairy award

Nominations are once again open for the Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year award, which sees women dedicated to the future of New Zealand's dairy industry recognised and celebrated nationwide.

Women are encouraged to nominate their rural role models before March when finalists will be put before a judging panel comprised of Dairy Women's Network Trustee Sophie Stanley, 2020 Dairy Woman of the Year Ash-Leigh Campbell, and representatives from Fonterra, Global Women and Ballance Agri-Nutrients. The recipient will be announced at a gala dinner at the Dairy Women's Network conference in Invercargill in April.

“The Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year award is a prestigious award recognising the hard mahi and leadership that women contribute to this very important sector,” said Stanley.

“While the last two years have thrown us uncertainty in many ways, we have seen so many examples of women stepping up and leading themselves, their peers and the industry through these challenging times. Leadership has never been more important, and we encourage all women in the sector to consider self-nominating or nominating a peer who you think has demonstrated the leadership qualities we need for the future.”



Fonterra Chief Executive Miles Hurrell presenting the 2021 Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year award.

Fonterra CEO Miles Hurrell said, “No other award in New Zealand specifically recognises the capability and success of women in the dairy industry and we are proud to sponsor it. In these challenging times it's more important than ever to recognise the outstanding women who are passionate about dairying, who are leaders in their communities and who work to be positive role models, bringing good people together to achieve good things and enabling the next generation of farmers to succeed.”

Previous award recipients are encouraging those in the industry to remember the new opportunities and pathways that the award creates for other women in dairy, when making or agreeing to a nomination.

Collectively, they describe the next Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year as courageous with motivation, drive and a passion for the industry, as well as for her own community and circles of influence. She may

demonstrate leadership in a different way to holding roles on governance boards or leading new industry initiatives.

“The award is about real and demonstrated contribution of leadership to the dairy sector in all its forms, whether that be consistently at local and regional levels or at national levels,” said Stanley. “It's about women who our industry can look up to, to guide us through the challenges of the future. It's about women who tirelessly give back to the industry through support of others and the relentless pursuit of passion for the future. If you're reading these words and a woman springs to mind, make sure you submit a nomination!”

The 2022 Fonterra Dairy Woman of the Year will receive a scholarship of up to \$20,000 to undertake a development programme, professional and business coaching, a learning experience, or a combination of all three.



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Taranaki remembers Sean Wainui

Tributes have been paid to former Taranaki rugby representative player Sean Wainui who died in a car accident near Tauranga on Monday morning.

Taranaki Rugby Chief Executive Officer Laurence Corlett said the thoughts and support of players and staff were with Sean's wife Paige, children Kawariki and Arahia, and their wider whānau.

"A humble man who carried his culture on and off the field. A proud Maori who was a role model for us all. Our heart goes out to Paige and his two tamariki Kawariki and Arahia". Corlett said.

"It was a real shock for the staff, players, and management who had watched Sean grow from a young 18 year old boy to the man we have lost."

"Sean played a part in developing our team waiata, which is sung after every victory. He will be remembered as a Taranaki man who gave so much for the Amber and Black. Sean will not be forgotten."

Yarrows Taranaki Bulls Head Coach Neil Barnes worked with Wainui in both the Chiefs and Taranaki environment.

"I guess the depth of feeling expressed in our



Sean Wainui.

huddle when we were told of Seany's tragic death, epitomises the depth of feeling there is in our team for one of our most respected players.

The respect he has earned, is not just about his attitude, commitment and performance on field, but more the leader, good human being, and family man off it.

Life's travels weren't always smooth for Sean, but his family should be so proud of how he faced adversity and achieved what he has in life.

Our love and sympathy goes out to his whole family in such a tragic situation."

Wainui was contracted to Taranaki Rugby as an 18 year old in 2014 and was a proud member of the New Plymouth Old Boys Rugby Club.

In his first year out of school he was a part of the historic 2014 national provincial championship winning squad, making his debut that year as a replacement against Waikato.

Wainui made 53 appearances for the Amber & Blacks between 2014 and 2020 before transferring to Bay of Plenty for the 2021 season.

Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

On Monday October 10, the night belonged to Garry with his 100.6. He also scored a 98.4 while close on his heels was Bob with a 98.5. Paul shot an impressive 98.4 and 96.5 after a hiatus of quite a few weeks. Not too far behind was Clare with 97.6. Blayke took the family honour for the night scoring 96.5 and 94.3, while Di wasn't far behind with 95.3 and Caden shot 87.1 and 92.2. It has been a very exciting first season for our new shooters with grade wins, prizes and placings in numerous competitions. The Eltham Smallbore Club has enjoyed helping in the success of all the shooters, especially the new ones, and looks forward to next season and how they

will continue improving and impressing!

On Thursday October 14, the Taranaki team made it through to the final of their division in NDC (National District Championships) which unfortunately due to Covid, had to be shot on separate ranges. There were some very good scores from Eltham shooters while others had an 'off night,' however we are proud of all our shooters who represented Taranaki through the season.

Top score of the night went to Garry who shot 99.6 and a double 99.6, 97.6 while close behind him was Paul with 97.4, double 99.3, 95.3. Bob 97.3, double 94.4, 91.3; Clare 94.3, double 96.4, 93.0; Di 95.4, double 92.1, 93.3. Junior shooter Blayke

92.1, 93.2.

On Friday October 15, top honours went to Stephen with two 97.5 scores, followed by his father Brian scoring two consistent 93.1 scores. In the second father-son combination, son Bradley also took out the win with 85.0 and 90.0 while father Chris scored 80.1 and 89.2.

The official indoor season is now finished. While Eltham is able to shoot throughout the year, we await level 1 to be able to welcome back members of the public. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates as to when this will be able to happen.

Eltham Smallbore Rifle Club

Sandfords Manaia Golf Results

On Saturday October 9 the golf results were as follows:

First: Logan Symes. Second: Fabian Ru. Third: Wayne Baker. Fourth: Paul Hunn. Fifth: Grant Gibbs. and Sixth: Gregg Marsh.

these were the results:

First: Trevor Larsen. Second: Grant Gopperth. Third: Jim Ngere. Fourth: John Oliver. Fifth: Logan Symes. Sixth: Kingsly Young.

Juniors.

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The results were as follows:

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Oakura Arts Trail Open Studios

Once again this year the artists of the Oakura Arts Trail will open their studios to the public. This very popular arts trail coincides with the Fringe Garden Festival and is held on the weekends of the 30th and 31st of October and the 6th and 7th of November.

The opening for this Trail will be held at the Vineyard Bistro, Okurukuru on Wednesday 27th of October. For the last 2 years the Oakura arts Trail has been fostering young artists so they have a greater appreciation of how to exhibit and promote their art. The Newton twins George and Louis both exhibited with us last year and both went on to be accepted for the Emergence Award for young Taranaki Artists at the Percy Thomson Gallery. George won the Secondary School Section with his work Colour and Composure. Portia Roper



George Newton, their father John Newton and Louie Newton will all have work at the Vineyard Bistro at Okurukuru.

another young artist had work accepted in this exhibition as well and also won the Taranaki Artists Award at the Taranaki

Art Awards in Opunake. 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. There are 11 artists on the trail this year these being Kris Wright, Richard

Landers, Rose Petterson, Ross Bennett, Margaret Scott, Lizzy McNaught, Brian Clark, John Newton, Linda Barbour, Sally Laing and Lisa Newsome. John Newton is new to the Trail this Year and Linda Barbour is a returning artist. There are 4 Places of Interest, Hall of Design, Ringcraft Moana, Lumen Gallery and The Vineyard Bistro where the exhibition of all artists work will be.

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, furniture art, felting, weaving, mixed media and 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.

The Emporium Gallery and Art Studio



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.

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is on. We're excited to be celebrating the trail's fifth year. Thank you to our sponsors, Stratford New World, Fulton Hogan, Stratford ITM and Stratford Business Association for your support in making it happen.

2021 Art Awards cancelled

It is with regret and disappointment that the Taranaki National Art Awards Committee have decided to cancel the 20th anniversary awards ceremony, and now the competition and exhibition for 2021.

The current Covid-19 level uncertainty means that the decision to cancel is in the best interests of all our stakeholders during this challenging time.

We strongly believe the Taranaki National Art Awards competition and exhibition is a focal point for our community. Therefore, we know the news will be received with mixed emotions, but we have considered the mental and physical wellbeing of the numerous people who are involved with this event, as being of paramount importance.

We would like to acknowledge all the artists who have entered this year for all their hard work, creative expression, and willingness to share their voice and

vision. We look forward to viewing and appreciating the eclectic array of vibrant artworks in 2022. We will be in touch early next week to discuss refund options, returns and reimbursements for any artwork already delivered.

To our many supportive sponsors, we would like to thank you for your ongoing contribution to our event and hope that we can count on you, moving forward into 2022 when we will regroup for an extra special 20th anniversary celebration.

We would also like to thank our two incredible judges who have offered their time and expertise. We value their professionalism and their contribution to maintaining the integrity and high calibre of entries to our National Art Awards. Their perception, discussion and commentary are invaluable for all, enhancing our appreciation and understanding of the artworks exhibited.

We know the many local community groups,

businesses and volunteers who contribute to making our event awesome will be disappointed, but we know we can count on you as we navigate through this tricky phase. We will emerge as a stronger collective reflecting the positivity and resilience of our wonderful community here on the coast.

And finally, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the TNAA committee members who have been tirelessly meeting and organising for this year's event. We have carefully considered and deliberated on many factors in coming to this difficult decision. The committee are saddened and disappointed to have to make this announcement to cancel, and we hope you will be understanding of us at this difficult time.

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Taranaki National Art Awards Team

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Stony River Pottery is not to be missed

With the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival just around the corner (29 October to November 7), there is one place that is a *must see*. It is Stony River Pottery (43), which is situated at 20 Upper Kaihihi Road, Okato 4335.



A large Azalea blooms in the garden.

It's just 200 metres from State Highway 45. Travelling south from north you turn left at Stony River House.

Lynn and Mike Spencer have transformed a two acre paddock (to the front of the house) over 50 years into an intriguing garden with the emphasis on native bush. They are especially proud of the proliferation of many Nikau

Palms. Other native trees include Totaras, Karakas and Kowhais. "Kereru (native pigeons) eat the yellow flowers," says Mike.

Also appealing are their exotics including blossoming Azaleas and Rhododendrons, as well as Magnolias "Splendid in Spring." One colourful Azalea is still here since the couple arrived in 1972.

"There are so many shades of red and soft pink Japanese Maples – it's amazing when you look at the range of colours," comments Lynn.

They have a huge array of quality high fired porcelain pottery in their pottery showroom, ranging from tableware to larger pieces. They have pottery on display from a wood-fired kiln (no longer in use) and also from their more recent electricity-fired kiln – both methods yield different finishes. "The glaze is completely different - 100 degrees," explains Mike. The house itself has an



Some of the pottery for sale.

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Mike and Lynn Spencer in their pottery showroom.

interesting history. It was built in 1904 by Dr Livinge where it served, not only as his surgery, but also as a small hospital. He lived there with his wife and two children – a daughter and a son. When not seeing patients, he used to enjoy gazing through his telescope

at the night sky. While he served the community well and doubtless saved lives, he wasn't to everyone's taste; "He was a grumpy old man," said one resident. The doctor sold the property in 1910.

Flourishing in one part of the property (the entire property is 10 acres) are five

Kauri trees, in the vicinity of the river. Others planted some time ago, in the front two acres, did not thrive for some reason.

This tranquil peaceful property is well worth a visit. Also, with Christmas not too far off, here is a chance to buy some quality porcelain

from talented potters.

Entry is free and Stony River Pottery is open from 10am to 4pm, October 29 to November 7. Please note they are closed, however, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Garden Edge has an interesting competition

During the Garden Festival (29 October to November 7) Garden Edge in Hawera has an exciting competition for garden enthusiasts, young and old, to take part in. The idea is to create a travel suitcase using elements of flora and fauna. There are some monetary prizes and vouchers for the most creative participants, but

the deadline is Thursday 28 October (5pm) so don't be late.

There will be a prize giving ceremony on Friday October 29 from 5.30pm at Garden Edge. Maybe you will be a winner.

"I know how much we all love to travel," says Lynne. "So this year our fauna and flora competition lets your

imagination focus on creating your travel bag. Maybe it's a long holiday needing a big case or a weekend away just needs an overnight bag or backpack. You can add some clothing and/or shoes in there if you like or leave it empty to bring home your shopping." Lynne and Peter will display all entries at Garden Edge during the duration of the

Taranaki Garden festival. They are looking forward to this year's entries as last year's ones were impressive. "They were amazing," comments Lynne, adding "We were blown away." If you'd like to know about the competition please phone 021 142 5030 or call by at Garden Edge, 52 Fantham Street, Hawera.

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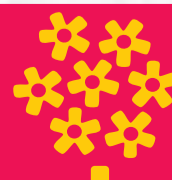


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New garden was half a century in the making



Denise Wilkins, Bev and Andy Davy in the Davy Garden.

A garden which combines the old, the new and the quirky is among the latest additions to the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival.

Although Bev and Andy Davy have been at their Oeo Road, Auroa home for nearly 60 years, it was a suggestion from a friend that prompted them to take the plunge and enter their garden in the festival for the first time. "I had been nagged to go in by Denise my gardener," says Bev.

Denise Wilkins has been helping out with the garden since she first met Bev three years ago.

"Denise and I went to a lot of gardens last year, and

Denise said your garden is as good as a lot of the gardens, so you should enter," says Bev. "We've been here coming up to 57 years, and the garden has changed massively during that time. There have probably been three major revamps over the years, and this has been the last one. I've learned a lot from being in the festival for the first time, and there are things I would have done differently."

Bev says she has tried different things through the year. She cites hostas, heucheras, roses, pansies, petunias, lobelias and sweet Williams as being among her favourites.

"Some years pansies do really well, but if it's a bit wet they tend to rust," she says.

The plants are watered by hand.

"In the summer it takes two hours each for us to do all the watering," she says. As well as Denise, a number of friends have helped out with the garden over the years like retired farmer Gib Baxter who has helped out with painting and brickwork.

The garden's quirkiest features include a number of disused electric power poles and collections of watering cans and toilets which contain clay pots where plants are grown.

Bev's collection of toilets began with eight or nine from the old Hawera Hospital site. She now has 37 of them.

The garden's mixture of the old and new extends from some of the original stonework first put together nearly sixty years ago to the garden's newer areas like The Dell, which apart from ringaringa and more mature trees, has been largely developed in the last year. The Dell's features include a collection of piled up tyres with plants which are still at the establishment stage.

From The Dell a stroll downhill leads to a toilet with the words The Bog overhead, and the entrance to the area

known as The Bog Garden. The name of the garden however has less to do with personal ablutions and more to do with the creek which runs alongside Oeo Road. Three times the creek has flooded into the bottom part of the Davy house, the most recent being the floods of June 2015. Since then a larger pipe has been put in.

Beginning with a waterfall, Andy went on to develop the Bog Garden further in the next four or five years, so that it now includes a bridge and circular track.

The Davys have a long connection with the Auroa area. Andy's parents Perce and Jean had started farming on the current farm back in the early 1950s. Before then



Entry to the Bog Garden.

the original Davy farm had been across the road and is now farmed by Chris Young.



Gib Baxter and Andy Davy laying bricks.

'from out of the blue' studio gallery

The new collection on display 'From My Land' features works done by Viv Davy. This is open now for people to enjoy and it is running until 8th November.

The gallery is getting ready to be part of the annual Taranaki Arts Trail and will have special hours being open from 9.30 - 5.00pm daily from 28th

October to 8 November.

Viv explains the processes behind this current collection:

"This past year my normal focus and concentration has been disrupted. Many creatives are experiencing this sensation as we adjust to a new reality. Although, in fact, the changes in my personal life have been small, in comparison to

most on a global scale, I feel disjointed from my old concerns and ways of being.

"Arising out of this I have turned more and more to my land, my garden, my township, the beach and the walks I take my dog companions on. I find the need for beauty and a feeling of security, safety, based in enduring nature is strong.

"My annual Taranaki Arts Trail collection reflects this. The works are less

conceptual and more of an emotive response to this grounding process I have been practicing. They reflect my awareness of the need to be mindful of the small things, the place and the present, seeking contentment and gratitude".

For the Arts Trail Viv is also making available elements for making so other creators can meld her particular experiences and processes into their own

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Meandering Paths. Artist: Viv Davy.

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Palettes replace mallets in Eltham studio

Well worth a visit on the Taranaki Art Trail is Art Gallery 67 (Lindsay Maindonald - Painting). It is situated at 80 King Edward Street, Eltham, where Lindsay lives with his wife Anita and daughter Elizabeth. You can make contact by phoning 027 434 9267. The email address is linant.mdonald@hotmail.com

Lindsay is an elected member of the Eltham-Kaponga Community Board under the auspices of the South Taranaki District Council.

When painting – often Taranaki mountain scenes - he always uses oil paints. However, recently, he has completed a number of pencil sketches, which are characterised by their fine detail.

Eltham's one-time croquet pavilion (established 1912) has taken on a new identity as an artist's studio.

The Redwood Oaks Gallery and Art Studio will be open at the same time that the gardens in the Taranaki Fringe and Powerco Garden Festivals are open to the public (October 29 to November 7). Although not officially in the Garden



Elizabeth and Lindsay in the art studio with a selection of Lindsay's art.

winner still remains. Lindsay has taken over the pavilion, believed to be about a century old, as well as the adjoining croquet grounds. Lindsay decided to use the building as an artist's studio. "Some friends gave me some white carpet, and

a picturesque garden and look at the studio. Why not have it open as gallery/art studio when the festival is open?" Before then his studio had been a building in the northeast quadrant of his property. "I'm scratching my head as

visitors can see the artist at work decked out in white coat and cloth cap, with an easel that Lindsay believes could be a century old. "A few artists have had their eyes on this," he says. "I've had it for 50 years and it was old when I bought it." He had attracted a deal of

attention while painting at Te Popo Gardens a while ago. "I had my easel out, in Te Popo and also Stratford while painting on the street. I had my coat and hat on and people were absolutely intrigued to see this. They said you only see this in Paris or in London.

He has a preference for landscapes, particularly of Taranaki. Included in his gallery is his first ever painting, painted in 1969-70. "I was meant to be sitting School Certificate Art," he says.

He put his art on hold as mountain climbing took its place. Later he got into photography and painting mountain scenes. "Now it's come full circle," he says.

He even has one of his paintings which he thought he had long seen the last of, after finding it in the Hospice Shop at Stratford 40 years after he painted it.

"I would love to have known who originally bought it from me. The sale of it must have been part of an estate for it to have been returned to me," he says. I am pleased I repurchased it.

Other paintings of his have gone to Australia and Switzerland. He even sold

one (a Taranaki mountain scene), which was destined to be a wedding gift for one of Sir Paul Reeves' daughters. Sir Paul was the 15th Governor-General of New Zealand (1985-1990).

With the garden, which once attracted visitors in the Fringe Garden Festival (Lindsay was one of the founding people), the studio/gallery is somewhere he enjoys spending his time. As a musician he can also sing and play his guitar and banjo. "I think it's come up good. I can come over here, sit down and play my classical music," he says.

Especially appealing is his huge painting entitled *Musterers Paradise*, which depicts the Arahare Valley in the South Island.

Lindsay's visitors book has many positive comments including "Amazing," "Brilliant," "Awesome" and "What an amazing story you tell." The artist himself puts it quite simply, "I just want them to enjoy the property, not just the art." So Lindsay welcomes you to come by to enjoy his art and garden. Feel free to bring a picnic hamper. Bearing in mind that it is not a show garden don't be surprised if you see a few weeds. Entry is free.



Lindsay and his oil painting *Musterers Paradise*.

Festival, Lindsay welcomes visitors to stroll through and view his expansive (1.5 acre) garden and grass tennis court, which he is justifiably proud of with colourful Camelia and Rhododendron bushes, goldfish ponds and even the occasional sheep. Jack the ram likes his head being stroked, but don't get in the paddock with him, Lindsay warns.

Lindsay says that when he came to Eltham over 20 years ago the Eltham Croquet Club would be playing next door to his King Edward Street home.

"They used to be here in their whites and in their dresses. It was all very English," recalls Lindsay. The Eltham Croquet Club has since folded, but the Honours Board of trophy

they said why not put it in the old pavilion?" Then I thought this wouldn't be bad for a studio," he says. "People could come through

to why I never had my studio here before," he says. As well as his paintings and memorabilia left over from the Eltham Croquet Club,

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- **Taranaki Arts Trail:** 29 October - 7 November. Various locations, look for the brochure
- **Opunake Market Day:** 30 October, 9.30am - 1pm, Main St, Opunake
- **The Lakeside Lions Great Opunake Yarn Bomb:** 30 October - 8 November all over Opunake
- **Everybody's Theatre Opunake:** Boutique Night - Juniper, 7 November, 7pm

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Climate explained: how much of the world's energy comes from fossil fuels and could we replace it all with renewables?

How are fossil fuels formed, why do they release carbon dioxide and how much of the world's energy do they provide? And what are the renewable energy sources that could replace fossil fuels?

Fossil fuels were formed over millions of years from the remains of plants and animals trapped in sediments and then transformed by heat and pressure.

Most coal was formed in the Carboniferous Period (360–300 million years ago), an age of amphibians and vast swampy forests. Fossilisation of trees moved enormous amounts of carbon from the air to underground, leading to a decline in atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels — enough to bring the Earth close to a completely frozen state.

This change in the climate, combined with the evolution of fungi that could digest dead wood and release its carbon back into the air, brought the coal-forming period to an end

Oil and natural gas (methane, CH₄ were formed similarly, not from trees but from ocean plankton, and over a longer period. New Zealand's Maui oil field is relatively young, dating from the Eocene, some 50



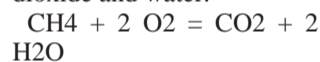
Above: Climate explained - Building a new system.

million years ago.

Burning buried sunshine

When fossil fuels are burnt, their carbon reacts with oxygen to form carbon dioxide. The energy originally provided by the Sun, stored in chemical bonds for millions of years, is released and the carbon

returns to the air. A simple example is the burning of natural gas: one molecule of methane and two of oxygen combine to produce carbon dioxide and water.



Burning a kilogram of natural gas releases 15kWh

of energy in the form of infrared radiation (radiant heat). This is a sizeable amount.

To stop continuously worsening climate change, we need to stop burning fossil fuels for energy. That's a tall order, because fossil fuels provide 84% of all the energy used by human civilisation. (New Zealand is less reliant on fossil fuels, at 65%.)

There are many possible sources of renewable or low-carbon energy: nuclear, hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, biomass (burning plants for energy) and biofuel (making liquid or gaseous fuels out of plants). A handful of tidal power stations are in operation, and experiments are under way with wave and ocean current generation.

But, among these, the only two with the capacity to scale up to the staggering amount of energy we use are wind and solar. Despite impressive growth (doubling in less than five years), wind provides only 2.2% of all energy, and solar 1.1%.

The renewables transition

One saving grace, which suggests a complete transformation to renewable energy may be possible, is

that a lot of the energy from fossil fuels is wasted.

First, extraction, refining and transport of fossil fuels accounts for 12% of all energy use. Second, fossil fuels are often burnt in very inefficient ways, for example in internal combustion engines in cars. A world based on renewable energy would need half as energy in the first place.

The potential solar and wind resource is enormous, and costs have fallen rapidly. Some have argued we could transition to fully renewable energy, including transmission lines and energy storage as well as fully synthetic liquid fuels, by 2050.

One scenario sees New Zealand building 20GW of solar and 9GW of wind power. That's not unreasonable — Australia has built that much in five years. We should hurry. Renewable power plants take time to build and industries take time to scale up.

Other factors to consider

Switching to renewable energy solves the problems of fuel and climate change, but not those of escalating resource use. Building a whole new energy system

takes a lot of material, some of it rare and difficult to extract. Unlike burnt fuel, metal can be recycled, but that won't help while building a new system for the first time.

Research concluded that although some metals are scarce (particularly cobalt, cadmium, nickel, gold and silver), "a fully renewable energy system is unlikely to deplete metal reserves and resources up to 2050". There are also opportunities to substitute more common materials, at some loss of efficiency.

But many metals are highly localised. Half the world's cobalt reserves are in the Democratic Republic of Congo, half the lithium is in Chile, and 70% of rare earths, used in wind turbines and electric motors, are in China.

Wasteful consumption is another issue. New technologies (robots, drones, internet) and economic growth lead to increased use of energy and resources. Rich people use a disproportionate amount of energy and model excessive consumption and waste others aspire to, including the emerging rich in developing countries.

Research analysing household-level emissions across European countries found the top 1% of the population with the highest carbon footprints produced 55 tonnes of CO₂-equivalent emissions each, compared to a European median of 10 tonnes.

Scientists have warned about consumption by the affluent and there is vigorous debate about how to reduce it while preserving a stable society.

One way of turning these questions around is to start from the bottom and ask: what is the minimum energy required for basic human needs?

One study considered "decent living" to include comfortable housing, enough food and water, 10,000km of travel a year, education, healthcare and telecommunications for everyone on Earth — clearly not something we have managed to achieve so far. It found this would need about 4,000kWh of energy per person per year, less than a tenth of what New Zealanders currently use, and an amount easily supplied by renewable energy.

All that carbon under the ground was energy ripe for the picking. We picked it. But now it is time to stop.

Robert McLachlan.
Planetary Ecology.
Republished in *The Conversation*.

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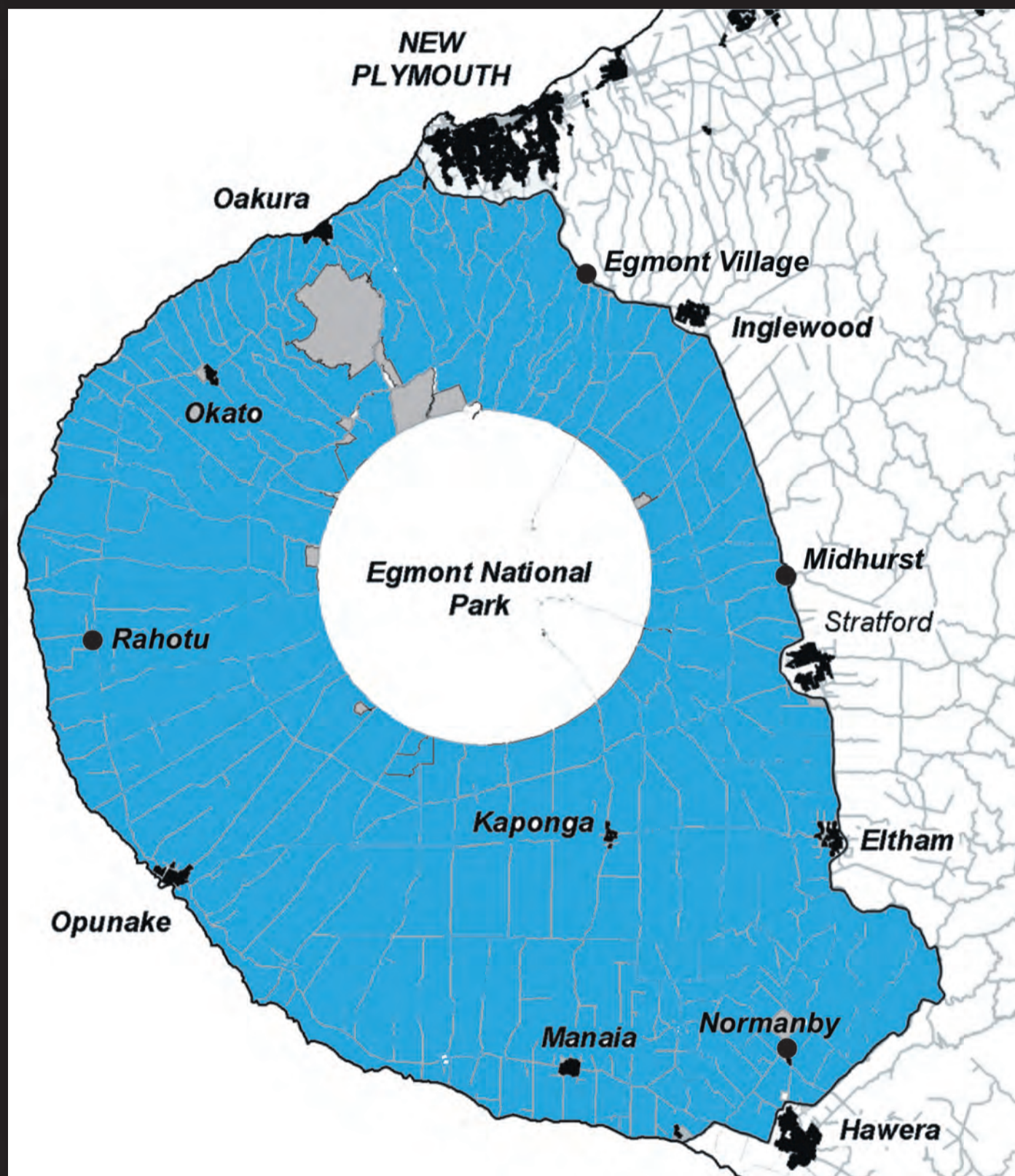
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Mamma Mia here I go again



Mamma Mia! is coming to South Taranaki with Hawera Repertory planning to present this wonderful feel-good musical featuring the music of ABBA in June next year.

Hawera Repertory has a proven track record for producing many of the world's block-buster musicals including Beauty and the Beast and Les Miserables and Mamma Mia! looks set to join the society's long list of stage triumphs.

Clive Cullen will direct the show. This is his debut musical and he comes to it with a long list of direction credits for Repertory, including Shakespeare's classics as well as modern dramas and comedies. Alongside him as musical director is the very experienced Charles Pittams who is well-known on and off-stage for his work in many society musicals and plays over many years.

Joining them at the helm will be choreographer Greer Anderson who comes to the show with Bachelor in Performing and Screen Arts (majoring in Contemporary Dance), many years of dance experience, including working with Footnote,

one of New Zealand's leading contemporary dance companies. Since returning to Taranaki in 2017, Greer has been teaching contemporary dance and ballet in Hawera and Stratford.

Cullen and his team are looking for a wide range of performers to bring Mamma Mia! to life. The show revolves around mother and daughter Donna and Sophie who are planning Sophie's wedding on the small Greek island where Donna runs a taverna. Things get complicated when Sophie decides she wants her father to attend her wedding and give her away. Her mother has never told her who he is and there are three possible candidates - so she invites them all.

Also in the mix are Donna's gal-pals from her days of performing in the rock band Donna and the Dynamos, plus there are a host of wedding guests and islanders ready to party to the iconic music of ABBA which forms the basis of this hit musical by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus.

Everyone is welcome to audition for the show which has a huge variety of roles available - from leading singers/actors to cameo roles and a large ensemble who are the backbone of the show. The success of Mamma Mia! relies heavily on the spectacle these performers

create as residents of the island, taverna staff and wedding guests. Dancers (who do not necessarily have to sing) are included in the ensemble. An off-stage backing vocal group also adds to the variety of roles in this exciting and tuneful musical.

Auditions for Mamma Mia! will be held next month starting with an introductory evening on Sunday, November 7 at Repertory House when all aspects of the production will be discussed

and anyone interested in being involved can go along and find out what the show is all about. This will be followed with dance workshops on November 9 and 10 to introduce aspiring cast members to the high-energy movement that is such a feature of this show.

Auditions will be held on the following weekend, November 12-14 and rehearsals will start on January 31, 2022. The show will go on stage in the Hawera Memorial Theatre from June 11 to June 25, 2022.

For more information and an audition pack contact mammamia@hawerarep.org.nz or phone Felicity Willis 027 476 1946 or Clive Cullen 027 551 9979.



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Yarn Bomb strikes Opunake Again

Pictured at right is Yo Hoogenberg surrounded by her knitted pennant contribution to this year's yarn bomb. Yo is 92 years of age and has lived in Taranaki for 69 years. She immigrated from the Netherlands in the 1950s, married; and she and her late husband had various businesses around this area, including the Pihama Store and Post Office for 32 years before retirement.

Yo is a regular attendee at the Tainui Day Centre, which is held every Monday morning in the St Barnabas Hall. These past three years members have contributed more than one hundred pieces of knitting and crocheting for the Yarn Bomb event. This year there have been mandalas, pennants, squares and a lamppost covering, which has been a valuable contribution to the cause of making the Yarn Bomb bigger and brighter every year.

In its fourth year the Yarn Bomb in Opunake's main street has enthralled locals and drawn many visitors to view all the hand crafted decorations. Lampposts, rubbish bins, seats, window displays and any gap



between poles have become areas to decorate. The main street is filled with colour and knitted 'scenes'.

Opunake Lakeside Lions members have been the generators of this yearly event that is assembled in conjunction with the Taranaki National Art Awards, Market Day and the Taranaki Garden Festival. In recent years more contributions have come from other places in the lower North Island; such is its popularity.

Lakeside Lions is looking for others to help with this exciting event so that it can continue to be a popular attraction for the town.

Left: Yo Hoogenberg
Below left: Knitted pennants made by Yo.
Right: Opunake Lakeside Lions members (from left) Kay Mourie, Monique Sinclair and Louise Knapman.



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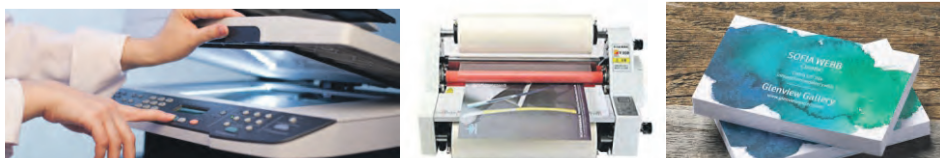
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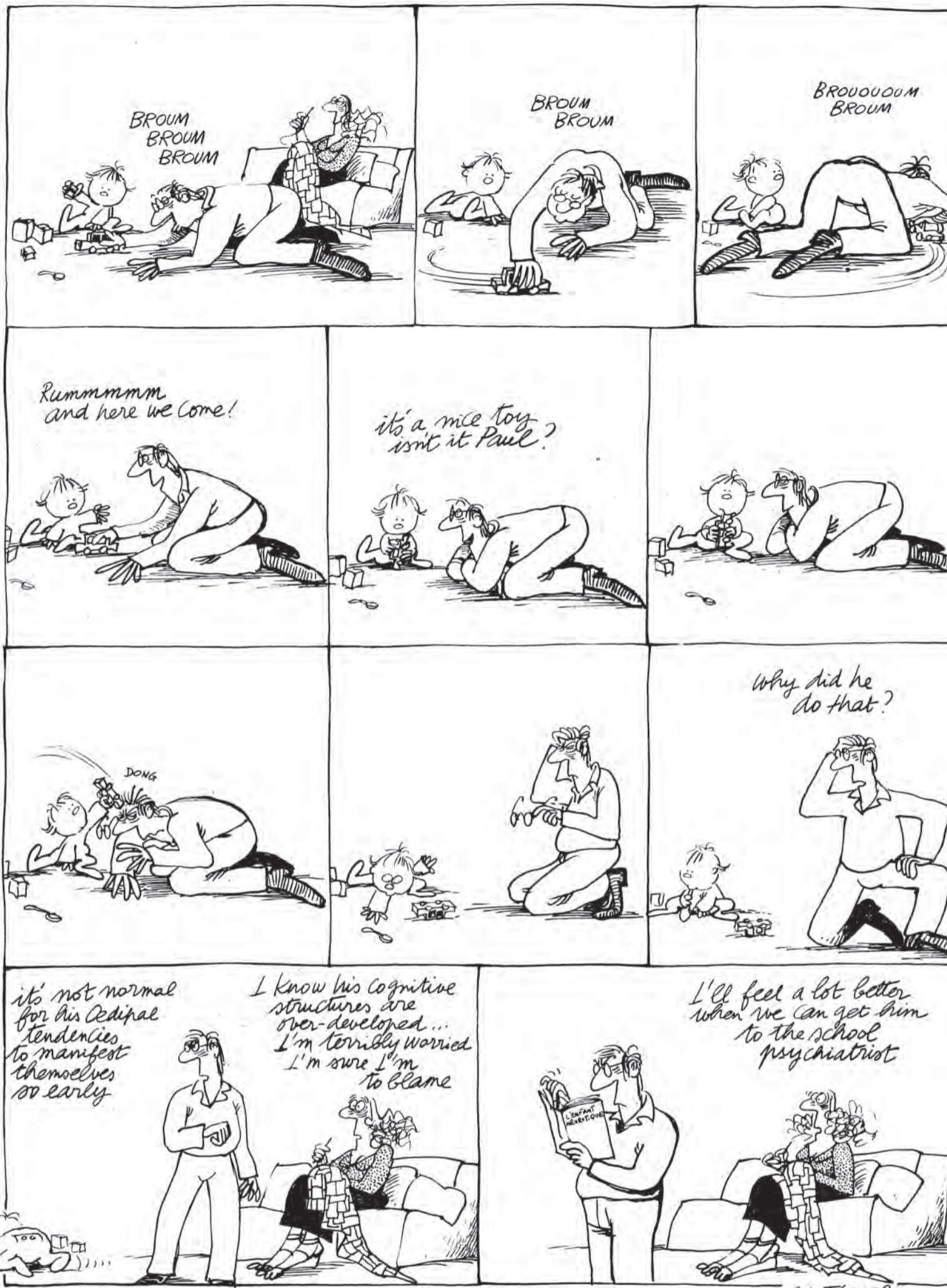
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Opunake Friendship Club: Meeting last Monday of each month in Opunake Town Hall at 1.30pm. All welcome.

TUESDAYS
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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.

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

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